

PRESS RELEASE

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Independent quality mark for Cosmetic Practitioners – The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners

Today, the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) register of persons providing non-surgical treatments and hair restoration surgery has been accredited by the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care, an independent statutory body, accountable to Parliament.

The JCCP has been established as a registered charity with the primary aim of raising awareness amongst the public/patients of the risks involved in these treatments and to provide information to enable them to select a 'safe practitioner' who has met the rigorous standards set by the JCCP in collaboration with its sister body the Cosmetic Standards Practice Authority (CPSA).

www.jccp.org.uk

Under the Accredited Registers programme, practitioners on the JCCP register will be able to display the Accredited Register quality mark, a sign that they belong to a register which meets the Professional Standards Authority's robust standards.

Professor David Sines CBE, JCCP Chair said: "The JCCP is delighted to have been able to demonstrate compliance with the rigorous standards mandated by the Professional Standards Authority in recognition of the Council's declared commitment to patient safety and public protection.

The co-design and implementation of both a new Practitioner Register and a Register of Approved Education and Training Providers has been informed by the engagement of more than two hundred organisations and stakeholders, including patients, members of the public, professional associations, professional statutory regulators, government advisors, product manufacturers, pharmacies, education/training providers, industry experts, individual practitioners and many others.

I regard this to be a major step forward in the quest to deliver a new system of voluntary regulation within the rapidly developing and complex area of aesthetic treatments. Accreditation of the JCCP's Register and the application of the Accredited Register quality mark will provide the public with the confidence and assurance they require to obtain treatment from those practitioners who practise safely and in accordance with our published practice and educational standards"

Harry Cayton, Chief Executive of the Professional Standards Authority said: “We are very pleased to accredit the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners register. Bringing these practitioners into a broad framework of assurance is good for patients, the public and is the best way to promote patient safety.

Accreditation does not imply that the Authority has assessed the merits of individuals on the register. This remains the responsibility of the JCCP. Accreditation means that the JCCP’s register meets the Professional Standards Authority’s high standards in governance, standard-setting, education and training, management of the register, complaints handling and information.

Accredited Registers encompass a growing range of occupations and organisations and the Professional Standards Authority may accredit more than one register in any particular occupation. Further information about Accredited Registers is available at:

www.professionalstandards.org.uk/what-we-do/accredited-registers

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Notes to the Editor

1. The Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care oversees nine statutory bodies that regulate health and social care professionals in the UK.
2. We assess their performance and report to Parliament. We also conduct audits and investigations and can appeal fitness to practise cases to the courts if we consider that sanctions are unduly lenient and it is in the public interest.
3. We also set standards for organisations holding registers for health and social care occupations not regulated by law and accredit those that meet them.
4. Accredited registers can encompass a wide range of occupations and organisations and the Professional Standards Authority may accredit more than one register in any particular occupation. Those accredited are entitled to use the Authority’s accreditation mark so that they can be distinguished easily

5. Accredited registration is different from statutory professional registration. It is voluntary, not compulsory. Whilst practitioners can work in unregulated occupations without being on any register, the Authority's Accreditation Scheme now offers people the option of seeking practitioners on a register that has been vetted and approved.
6. We do this to promote the health, safety and well-being of users of health and social care services and the public. We are an independent body, accountable to the UK Parliament.
7. Our values are at the heart of who we are and what we do. We are committed to being impartial, fair, accessible and consistent in the application of our values.
8. More information about our work and the approach we take is available at www.professionalstandards.org.uk.