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## Charity status achieved by Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority

[The Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority](#) (CPSA) has been formally recognised as a charity (no. 1186220). We were added to the Register of Charities in November this year and details are available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

The CPSA was originally founded in response to a review into cosmetic practice lead by [Professor Sir Bruce Keogh in 2013](#). This review was carried out in the wake of the [PIP](#) implant (Poly Implant Prosthèse) scandal. The review focussed also on non-surgical cosmetics and highlighted several areas of concern.

‘In fact, a person having a non-surgical cosmetic intervention has no more protection and redress than someone buying a ballpoint pen or a toothbrush.’ Stark statements such as this led to calls from the government to establish education objectives and standards. [The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners](#) (JCCP) was formed as a regulatory body and register. They commissioned an independent group of experts to write and maintain the standards for the industry to adhere to; this is the CPSA.

The industry has exponentially expanded in recent times and it is estimated that non-surgical cosmetic procedures account for 9 out of 10 of all cosmetic interventions carried out (the remaining being surgical). Despite this there is currently no legislation to protect patients and limited regulation.

Our work must and will continue. We will continue to lobby for legislation to provide the protection that our patients so deserve and working with our sister body the JCCP will seek to secure the statutory infrastructure required for public protection.

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### Notes to editors:

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