



## Press Release 24: House of Commons – Westminster Debate – 13/02/2019 – Non-Surgical Cosmetic Procedures: Regulation

The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) welcomes the Westminster Debate on 'Non-surgical Cosmetic Procedures: Regulation'. The debate was led by Alberto Costa (Member of Parliament - South Leicestershire) following representation from a constituent Rachael Knappier about her experience when undergoing non-surgical treatments. In response to various interventions by Hon.Members, Mr Costa said,

'I agree that regulation is required and that legislation should underpin that regulation. Indeed, I would go further and say that, although I do not profess to know what type of expertise somebody should have to carry out these procedures, the regulator should identify the training, the expertise and the qualifications required and what products should be permitted in the market'.

The case for regulation was also supported by Dr Dan Poulter (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich) who was previously involved with the original review of the sector by Sir Bruce Keogh.

After a number of further interventions Mr Costa asked the Minister and the Government 'to at least consider setting out a cohesive and comprehensive plan to properly regulate the non-surgical cosmetic industry'.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (Jackie Doyle-Price) responded to the issues raised by Mr. Costa and other Honourable members:

'It is important to ensure that the public understand the risks associated with the procedures, and we need to do our best to improve standards throughout the industry'.

'The Government have acted to improve the regulation and registration of those performing cosmetic interventions, but we clearly need to make much more rapid and substantial progress if we to protect consumers properly'.

The Minister made specific reference to the establishment of the JCCP and its Practitioner Register being able to 'provide a framework for regulation'.

The Minister also referred to the JCCP Education and Training Provider Register:

‘We need to work closely with the JCCP to develop hallmarks that people who wish to undergo these procedures can look for, so that they can be sure they are obtaining treatment from a regulated practitioner’.

The Minister also confirmed the Government position with regard to the use of dermal fillers:

‘I can also advise my Hon.Friend that we will be making dermal fillers a regulated medical device, which will remove some of the risks associated with them’.

Professor David Sines – Executive Chair – JCCP said,

‘We strongly welcome the intervention by Mr. Alberto Costa MP that has really highlighted so many of the issues around regulation in the non-surgical sector and the contributions made by a number of other MPs to this critical issue. The JCCP has been actively involved in discussions with the DHSC and the Minister’.

‘We also find the response by the Minister as extremely helpful highlighting a number of ways in which the JCCP can assist in this difficult area. Our position is very clear in that we believe only regulation backed by legislation will fully safeguard the public.’

‘We know that this is very difficult and will take time but would encourage all practitioners to join our register and education and training providers to do the same’.

## **Key Contacts**

### **The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners**

Professor David Sines, CBE

Chair – JCCP

Email: [david.sines@jccp.org.uk](mailto:david.sines@jccp.org.uk)

Telephone: 07787 002297

## **Notes to Editors:**

The JCCP Practitioner Register is open for practitioners. Please go to:

[www.jccp.org.uk](http://www.jccp.org.uk)

to see details on how to join.

The JCCP Education and Training Register is open for Awarding Organizations and Education and Training providers to join.

For further information on the role of the JCCP and its activities in the field of education and training please contact:

Professor David Sines CBE – executive Chair JCCP

[david.sines@jccp.org.uk](mailto:david.sines@jccp.org.uk)

For information or to make general enquiries about the JCCP go to:

[admin@jccp.org.uk](mailto:admin@jccp.org.uk)

[www.jccp.org.uk](http://www.jccp.org.uk)

For further information on standards for non-surgical aesthetic treatments and hair restoration surgery please go to:

[www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk](http://www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk)