

# The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

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The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to set out a framework to support the working relationship between the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social Care. Both parties have also agreed to work to promote safe practice through the forum of the JCCP's Clinical Advisory Group (CAG).

The MoU defines a joint agreement between the two parties and indicates a common line of action and seeks to promote a clear understanding of the operational expectations and governance arrangements required to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship.

In particular the parties will exchange lawful communication where:

- either JCCP or the Agency identifies concerns about the health and wellbeing of the public, particularly in relation to the use of medicines or medical devices in the non-surgical aesthetic industry and those concerns are considered to be relevant to the other organisation's regulatory functions; and;
- a resolution to a concern would benefit from a coordinated multi-agency response and provision of information to

users and/or the public where necessary’.

The full Memorandum of Understanding is available to view [here](#)

**Janine Jolly, MHRA Safety and Surveillance Group Manager, Devices Division said:**

“We are very pleased to have formalised our collaborative efforts with the JCCP to further our commitment to public safety. Together, we will work to support the promotion of good practice and the protection of consumer safety in aesthetics.”

**Professor David Sines, CBE – Chair – JCCP said:**

‘The JCCP is delighted to be working with such a renowned and prestigious organisation at the MHRA. Both organizations are aligned in their commitment to promote and disseminate best practice with regard to public safety and health protection in the aesthetics industry in the UK. By working together with the best interest of members of the public as the number one priority this partnership will be to the benefit of all’.

**Background:**

The MHRA is an Executive Agency of the Department of Health and Social Care and was established on 1 April 2003. It is the UK regulator of medicines, medical devices and blood components for transfusion. Some of the Agency’s priorities are:

- making our regulation more supportive of safe innovation
- supporting the government’s growth agenda through the life science strategy
- introducing a combined reporting system for adverse incidents, medicines, medical devices, blood and counterfeit products under the established Yellow Card brand to ensure patient safety
- building effective international partnerships to strengthen regulatory systems to protect public health worldwide
- engaging and networking with healthcare professionals, patients and the public, including working jointly with others in the health and social care system

The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) is a UK Charity (accredited by the Professional Standards Authority) and functions as a recognised self-regulator of the non-surgical aesthetic industry in the UK and as a point of access for the public seeking information about this area of practice and where appropriate for raising concerns about practitioners. The JCCP places public protection and patient safety as the focus of its activities. The JCCP works seamlessly with the Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority (CPSA) and adopts and implements standards set by that organisation.

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### Additional notes:

The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP), was formally launched In February 2018 as a 'self-regulating' voluntary organisation and charity for the non-surgical aesthetics and hair restoration sector in the United Kingdom and has achieved Professional Standards Authority (PSA) recognition and charitable status. The charitable status reflects the overarching not-for-profit mission of the JCCP which is to improve patient safety and public protection. The concept of the JCCP was envisioned by the Department of Health and was instigated by Health Education England on behalf of NHS England and the Department of Health in 2015.

### Notes to Editors:

For general information and enquiries on the JCCP go to:

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

For general information and enquiries on the RSPH go to:

<https://www.rsph.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)

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