

Press Release 11: Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the General Medical Council (GMC) and the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP)

The JCCP and the GMC are committed to the principle of accrediting non-surgical medical practitioners against an agreed set of educational, clinical and practice-based standards who work to an agreed Code of Practice and best practice guidelines (para 12 – Principles of Co-operation).

Both the JCCP and the GMC are committed to the principle of accrediting medical cosmetic practitioners against an agreed set of educational, clinical and practice-based standards who work to an agreed Code of Practice. Accordingly, the JCCP has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the GMC for the sharing of information regarding Fitness to Practice cases that might arise against registrants. The MOU provides for the JCCP to share any concerns it has about GMC registrants with the GMC and work collaboratively in the interests of public protection. The JCCP considers that this will assist the GMC to raise concerns efficiently and act to protect the public in line with the GMC's subsequent actions.

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to set out a framework between the General Medical Council (GMC) and the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) to ensure that:

- effective channels of communication and information sharing are established and maintained between the GMC and the JCCP, to promote patient safety and high quality services for patients receiving non-surgical aesthetic treatments (including hair restoration surgery)
- where appropriate and necessary, the processes and procedures adopted by the JCCP and the GMC, with regard to matters of 'fitness to practice' for doctors involved in the provision of non-surgical aesthetic treatments and hair restoration surgery, are aligned to promote patient safety and public protection.

The JCCP and the GMC intend that their working relationship will be characterized by the following principles:

- the need to promote patient safety and public protection in the non-surgical treatment sector (including hair restoration surgery)
- respect for each other's independent status
- the need to maintain public confidence in the ways in which the GMC and the JCCP seek to protect the public
- openness and transparency between the two organisations as to when cooperation is and is not considered necessary or appropriate
- the need to use resources effectively and efficiently.

The Memorandum of Understanding will be managed on behalf of the two bodies by the following contacts:

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Notes to Editors:

The JCCP practitioner register is open for practitioners to join. It will be freely available for the public to view in April.

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

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