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Dear President/Chair,

**Invitation for Members to join the JCCP Practitioner Register**

Over the last three years the Professional Associations allied to non-surgical aesthetic treatments and hair restoration surgery sector have been working with the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) and the Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority (CPSA) to produce the following:

1. Clinical practice and training standards for the 5 key procedural modalities (Botulinum toxin, fillers, skin rejuvenation (including chemical peels and microneedling), Lasers and Light and Hair Restoration Surgery) – responsibility of the CPSA.
2. A Government PSA approved Practitioner Register for professionals working in this field – responsibility of the JCCP.
3. A Government PSA approved Register of Approved Education and Training Providers – responsibility of the JCCP.

The CPSA Standards, the Practitioner Register and the Code of Conduct are now available on our websites and have been recognised by all of the major health care Professional Statutory Regulatory Bodies (PSRB’s) who have each signed Memoranda of Understanding with the JCCP which formally recognises the JCCP Competence Framework and the CPSA Standards and facilitates the sharing of Practitioner related information and fitness to practice concerns. We strongly believe that practitioner registration, underpinned by the adoption of rigorous practice and education and training standards, will lead to greater patient and public protection.

The register provides a portal to allow the CPSA to view activity, record outcomes - including patient reported outcomes and evaluate product efficacy and complications. For many years professional organisations involved in this sector have argued that fillers should be
prescription only medicines. The reason that they are not, despite strong anecdotal evidence to support considerable harm associated with inexpert use, is the lack of data evidence. The register allows the CPSA to provide this much needed data. It is only by engagement with the process that we will be in a position to drive change and be the recognised authorities to do so.

The JCCP has responsibility for the ongoing function and management of both the Practitioner Register and the Approved Education and Training Register. The CPSA is responsible for maintaining the practice Standards, horizon scan for emerging treatments that carry risk and collect and analyse outcome data. This activity has been progressed in the context of major change in the sector and a campaign for statutory regulation. Both the JCCP and the CPSA is continuing to press Government for statutory regulation.

As the Chairs of the JCCP and the CPSA we are both writing to your organisation to encourage your members to join the JCCP Practitioner Register. This is a voluntary register but we believe that the greater the numbers of registrants the easier it will be to demonstrate a robust model that is transferable to statutory regulation.

We strongly believe membership of the JCCP demonstrates to the public that you are recognised by an independent charitable body as being competent and safe in this field. Practitioners have been assessed against a robust set of overarching principles, underpinned by a core commitment patient and public protection.

Alongside the standards and Practitioner Register is also a ‘Competency Framework’ that has been written based on the agreed JCCP CPSA standards. This enables the JCCP to register approved education and training providers and qualifications which will ‘future proof’ the next generation of aesthetic practitioners against a benchmarked and validated standard of safe practice.

We recognise that this is a significant change and will take time to be fully adopted by practitioners. We are therefore requesting that your Association encourages its members
to join the JCCP register and continue to support of the JCCP. In this context we are offering the following:

1. Experts to address your members as to the benefits of joining the JCCP.
2. A dedicated ‘Membership Support Officer’ to work with your members and facilitate joining the register.
3. A special discounted joining fee of £300 for all your members for the 1st year of membership – this represents a discount of £150 on the published joining fee of £450.
4. Support with marketing the JCCP and in developing marketing materials for all your communication platforms.
5. Access to ‘Fast Track Assessment’ process for a limited period of time from January 2019 to January 2020 for those members who do not have recognised qualifications.

The JCCP is a registered UK charity so all income generated is reinvested into achieving its primary objective of ensuring patient safety and public protection – initiatives in this area will be announced soon. Membership fees also qualify as tax deductible and by way of a donation to a charity.

We would be most grateful if you could present this proposal to your respective Boards and join us in this hugely important venture.

Yours sincerely,

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