

Dear Medical Board,

I wish to provide my official objection to the recently proposed changes regarding the face to face prescribing of schedule 4 cosmetic injections.

I currently work in the industry whilst also studying to become a nurse for the sole purpose of becoming a cosmetic nurse injector. Once qualified, I will be injecting at a cosmetic clinic that utilise three-way video conferencing consultations between the nurses and patients on site and off site doctors. I have spent a lot of time, money and hard work studying and if you implement this proposal it would mean it was all in vain.

What is most frustrating is that I don't understand what the issue is here, in my experience, this process is working totally fine and patients are happy with it as it is. I do not believe it is fair to suddenly change the rules in regards to this as it will mean people such as myself have wasted time and money becoming qualified nurses and worse it will ruin the careers of many highly skilled nurse injectors who use video conferencing with doctors in this way. I believe this proposal is totally unnecessary and appears to be regulation for the sake of it. I think that at the very least, if such a proposal was to be implemented, which it shouldn't, then it must be after a significant period of fore-warning such that existing nurse injectors and nursing students have the option to do their Masters and become nurse practitioners so they can prescribe in their own right. In which case I would say three years warning would be the minimum fair time-frame.

I sincerely hope you consider the implications on people lives that this proposal will have. Most of the other proposals in the consultation paper seem reasonable as they do not have serious negative effects on both practitioners and patients, they simply put some guidelines around practices. By all means, insist that video conference consultations include a set of standard questions and information but please do not remove this option altogether without at least a few years warning as this would be profoundly unfair.

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