

Consultation: Registered medical practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to draft guidelines for registered medical practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures. In particular I am writing in regards to Section 7b page 58 of the proposed document.

7.2 Medical practitioners must not prescribe schedule 4 (prescription only) cosmetic injectables unless they have had a face-to-face consultation with the patient. A face-to-face consultation is required for each course of injections. Remote prescribing (for example, by phone, email, or video conferencing) of cosmetic injectables is not appropriate.

Over the past year I have been working for a very reputable organisation offering Cosmetic medical procedures. The majority of these procedures are carried out by me, a qualified senior Cosmetic Nurse. The time, in which I have been practicing, I have adhered to the current regulations as well as maintaining high standards of nursing care.

Unfortunately, there are always individuals or other organisations which don't share my and my company's strong values in providing excellent care and safe practice.

I feel that by implementing this change to the current guidelines will significantly impact on the way in which we provide treatments to our clientele. We are living in a society which readily accepts the advances in technology which is video conference consultations.

During my nursing profession I have never had any concerns or complaints regarding this service of video conferencing, as both Face to face and video conferencing are delivered in a professional manner without compromising service and quality.

By offering clients video conferencing when a Medical Practitioner is not on site presents the client with flexibility and understanding. Understanding that each individual has their own daily routine which may involve work, home duties, school pick up or any other stressful daily task society adopts over time.

By offering clients video conferencing when a Medical Practitioner is not on site and having a professional like myself care for the client alone, the issue of inflicting a financial burden on the client is avoided. It is an unfortunate fact that if costs were to increase, many people will no longer have treatment.

It is quite sad that the current legislation is not being upheld by all companies or medical practitioners to date. I feel that due to this, honest and ethical practitioners like me are being bullied to a point by threatening to restrict the full service I thrive to offer my clients. However I do most definitely encourage re-enforcement of the current legislation.

I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. I trust as a unit, our voice is heard and my proposal taken with great consideration.

With sincerest regards,

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