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Subject: RE: Meeting SQA and Scottish Government - Non-surgical cosmetic procedures

Good afternoon, [REDACTED]

Please find attached an updated copy of our paper that we sent last week. We've added your questions at the bottom and responded accordingly. Hopefully, the responses will make things a little clearer.

However, if you need any further clarification let me know. [REDACTED] and I will be happy to meet you or your colleagues again early in the New Year to discuss further.

Meantime, I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 2:55 PM

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Subject: RE: Meeting SQA and Scottish Government - Non-surgical cosmetic procedures

Hi [REDACTED],

I echo everyone's thanks for meeting up with us and for your very helpful information. Not fully understanding everything you covered, I personally have a few questions.

- As [REDACTED] said we are looking at the work being undertaken by UK government (UKG) for licensing of non-surgical cosmetic procedures in England and we are considering the procedures in the 'red, amber, green' list for Scotland. We do appreciate that the UKG will need to undertake further consultation and work to address the qualifications that may be required under licensing however, are you able to you give an indication of the number of procedures in the UKG list that are already covered by regulated accreditation? Apologies if I've got the wrong terminology.
- If Scotland regulates non-surgical cosmetic procedures and requires people to have an accredited qualification to carry out the procedures, what would the accreditation process be from start to finish should a new procedure come onto the market and be regulated? For example, who sets the standards required for the qualification right through to SQA accreditation and the selection of awarding bodies and approved training providers? You did cover this but I'm trying to get it clear in my head.

- Can you clarify the roles of Awarding Bodies (e.g. VCTC) and other organisations such as HABIA in regards to accreditation and qualifications?
- You mentioned offering progression to Level 11 for those people (beauty therapists?) who may wish to be qualified in Aesthetic Injectable Therapies. If a decision is made to restrict these therapies to healthcare professionals, would you still need a progression pathway for the non-healthcare professionals?
- On a linked but separate matter, we are often made aware of companies claiming to offer accredited training in aesthetics. I know that the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) has responsibility to follow up misleading advertising but does SQA also have a role if companies wrongly claim to provide accredited training? Or do you link in with ASA?

There is no rush to answer but I would be grateful if you could copy my colleagues into your response.

In the meantime, have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

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Subject: RE: Meeting SQA and Scottish Government - Non-surgical cosmetic procedures

Hi [REDACTED]

Yes, we were aware of the UK Government consultation, but thanks for the information on the classification of the procedures etc.

[REDACTED] and I have produced a briefing paper, see attached which we hope will aid further discussions on Monday when we meet.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot [REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 4:38 PM

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Subject: RE: Meeting SQA and Scottish Government - Non-surgical cosmetic procedures

Dear [REDACTED].

You will most probably be aware of the attached list of procedures from the UK Government's consultation on the licensing of non-surgical cosmetic procedures. The Scottish Cosmetics Intervention Expert Group discussed these procedures and their red, amber and green classification at the meeting in November. I thought I would share the list with you in advance of our meeting to assist with discussions about current and proposed qualifications that may link with the procedures.

If there are any papers that you would like me to share with anyone for the meeting, please let me know.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]@sqa.org.uk>

Sent: 29 November 2023 13:50

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Subject: RE: Meeting SQA and Scottish Government - Non-surgical cosmetic procedures

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Nice to hear from you and hope you and colleagues are well.

Yes, for our sins, [REDACTED] and I remain the relevant contacts for this sector. Happy to meet and discuss current developments from a qualification standpoint. The most suitable date for us both would be Monday 11th at 11 am.

Hope that suits.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:00 PM

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Subject: Meeting SQA and Scottish Government - Non-surgical cosmetic procedures

Dear [REDACTED],

I'm not sure if you are still in the same role as back in 2021 when we last contacted each other. If not, I would be most grateful if you could pass on this request to the appropriate person and/or advise who we should now contact at SQA.

We recently held a meeting of the Scottish Cosmetics Interventions Expert Group (SCIEG) in regards to possible regulation of non-surgical cosmetic procedures in Scotland. At that meeting we discussed the various non-surgical procedures. We will have a follow-up meeting with SCIEG towards the end of January at which we would like to discuss qualifications and training for non-surgical cosmetic procedures.

In 2021, you very kindly provided us with information on available provision and the potential role of SQA accreditation in regards to non-surgical cosmetic procedures. In advance of the next meeting of SCIEG, we would find it very helpful if you could spare time to meet with us to provide an update and any further information. If you could let me know if either of the following times would suit you to meet up, I can send you a Teams calendar invitation.

- Monday 11th December at 11am
- Tuesday 12th December at 2pm

Thank you in advance.

John

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