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Dear ██████████

We were grateful for the opportunity to meet ██████████ on 10 November to discuss the College's Royal Charter Petition again.

At the meeting, ██████████ explained that you have decided to hold the Petition in abeyance until all the current complaints levied against chiropractors in respect of alleged advertising breaches have been processed by the General Chiropractic Council.

Before commenting on this, I thought it would be helpful to recap on recent events in relation to our Petition:

- At our first meeting with you on 13 May 2008, you noted the widespread support for our proposed Royal Charter bid, but asked us to seek the support of the osteopathic profession. Both the General Osteopathic Council and the British Osteopathic Association subsequently provided letters of support.
- At our next meeting on 15 October 2008, you informed us that no-one at the Department had any problems with our bid and that we could proceed. We duly submitted the Petition, Draft Charter and Draft Byelaws to the Privy Council Office on 30 March 2009.
- As you know, the Petition was referred by Her Majesty in Council to a Committee of the Privy Council on 13 May 2009, and this was advertised in the London Gazette between 15 May 2009 and 25 June 2009. No Counter Petitions were lodged.
- Prior to our recent meeting with ██████████, we understand key stakeholders were contacted by the Department to establish whether they still support our bid. ██████████ informed us that all remain supportive.

While we understand there are sensitivities in relation to the complaints from two individuals about the nature of some chiropractors' online advertising, the College of Chiropractors has no involvement in this matter. The College continues to actively develop its role complementing the GCC in key areas, as we described to ██████████ during our meeting last month. Recent activities, in addition to those previously detailed, include:

- Development and operation of the national Chiropractic Patient Incident Reporting and Learning System (www.CPIRLS.org);
- Launch of a national patient outcome measurement project using MYMOP and central processing to foster routine collection and publication of self-reported outcome data – a similar initiative is currently being piloted for patient satisfaction;
- Assessment of 80 more applicants for the award of the Patient Partnership Quality Mark and/or the Clinical Management Quality Mark for the period 2010-2012, ensuring their clinics meet patient expectations and operate a well-managed environment.

In our discussions, [REDACTED] commented that all the complementary healthcare professions should be doing these things. We have always been clear that we wished to petition for the Royal Charter in close liaison with the Department of Health, so setting an appropriate standard for other regulated complementary health professions in the future.

We also now contribute to the GCC's Revalidation Working Group and latterly the Revalidation Expert Group, and were a contractor to the GCC for the analysis of CPD activity during the summer.

I was interested to note recently that the Social Work Taskforce recommended the creation of a national college of social work to drive up standards in the face of the profession's problems, and Children's Secretary Ed Balls said he would push for such a college to be given royal status as quickly as possible. This clearly illustrates how a national professional college such as our own is seen as part of the solution to any public perception difficulties, not part of the problem. As we explained to [REDACTED] the Royal Charter would serve to bring more chiropractors into our organisation, thereby ensuring that an even greater proportion of the profession participates in our important activities.

In conclusion, on the basis that we have done all that has been asked of us, have met no opposition from the public or any other stakeholders and are helping to provide solutions to the current difficulties, I ask that you reconsider the holding of our Royal Charter Petition in abeyance. Allowing the Petition to progress will encourage and assist us in our endeavours to raise the standards of safety, quality and excellence of the chiropractic profession in the public interest.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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cc. Ceri King, Privy Council Office ✓

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Attachments: DoH letter.pdf; College of Chiropractors Byelaws_ (Revised June 09)050609.doc; College of Chiropractors Charter_260309.doc; College of Chiropractors Petition_260309.doc

All,

You may recall that the College of Chiropractor's application for a Royal Charter – which was submitted in 2009 – was put into abeyance following a number of unrelated (to the College) complaints to the General Chiropractic Council (GCC) from two members of the public against 544 individual Chiropractors. It was deemed that, because of this and a campaign against the regulation of complementary medicine, to proceed with the application at the time may have risked embroiling Her Majesty in unwelcome controversy. I understand that the GCC has now dealt with all the complaints against the various Chiropractors.

Tim Jay, President of the College, has sent me a copy of Dan Poulter's letter of 26th September (attached) which states that the Department of Health is now content to advise the Privy Council that the College of Chiropractor's Charter application can be taken out of abeyance.

This being the case, I am now required to write to you formally, as a Privy Council Advisors, to confirm that you are content to recommend the grant of a Royal Charter to the College.

As with most Privy Council business these days, recommendations of the Privy Council are obtained through paper-exercise referrals by this office. Once all replies are received, the collective recommendation is reported to Her Majesty as the Privy Council's recommendation on a course of action.

As with all decisions and recommendations made by civil servants, they are made under the delegated authority of the Ministerial head of the Department. Whether or not you deem a decision sufficiently important to submit it to a Minister for approval is a matter for your Department.

I would be grateful for your confirmation, on behalf of your Secretary of State (as Privy Counsellor with policy responsibility) that you are content with the proposals, by 19th October.

Happy to discuss any queries.

Ceri