

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BY DEPUTY C.S. ALVES OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020**

Question

What measures or regulations, if any, are either currently in place, or have been considered, to ensure that those people who provide cosmetic procedures which involve injecting are adequately qualified to treat patients and that patients have adequate protection should any such procedure go wrong?

Answer

The Jersey Care Commission ('the Commission') is responsible for the regulation of the practices of acupuncture, body and ear piercing, electrolysis and tattooing and the premises on which those practices are conducted. These responsibilities are set out in the Piercing and Tattooing (Jersey) Law 2002. These practices do not include cosmetic procedures which involve injecting people.

However, it is the Commission's expectation that any medical or nursing professional providing cosmetic procedures which involve injecting people are registered with the Jersey Care Commission (in accordance with the Health Care (Registration) Law 1995 and the Medical Practitioners (Registration) (Jersey) Law 1960). These individuals are registered with the Commission by virtue of their registration with a UK professional regulatory body (i.e. the Nursing and Midwifery Council or the General Medical Council).

The Commission has no jurisdiction over the regulation of the practice of individuals who are not on a professional register or those who hold no qualification. However, the Commission may consider it an offence for any person who is not registered to engage in a registrable occupation or to hold himself or herself out as being entitled to engage in that occupation.

Trading Standards has legislation in place to address false claims of qualifications, association with approved bodies or membership of organisations. In the event of a procedure going wrong, the consumer has access to civil routes to redress.

The Minister is aware of the risks raised by the questioner, but at the current time there are no plans to legislate on the issue.