

General Dental Council

17<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Dear [REDACTED]

I can only claim to be very surprised with your response to me. You suggest that, considering the situation, it would not be appropriate for the Council to open a debate or discuss Orthotropics with me. Having reread my letter in detail I can confirm that at no point in it did I mention Orthotropics, not once. I have asked that you open a debate on the aetiology or causes of malocclusion.

The present situation is that a third of the children of this country are being treated for malocclusion without knowing its cause. There is a large body of excellent quality research suggesting that the cause is due to the environment while the current treatment assumes a genetic cause. Consequently the treatment being provided may be inappropriate and not in the best interests of the patients who you are charged with protecting. Your own logo is "Protecting Patients".

Two months have passed already despite my request "to deal with this matter with haste as I feel that the implications cannot be understated". The time to act is now, inaction is unacceptable. It is the Council's responsibility to hear the concerns that I have raised.

The very best wishes, I look forward to reading your response.

Michael Mew

P.S. Could you please update my address to the one below to avoid any further delays?

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