

Mr M. Mew,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

7 June 2010

Dear Mr Mew,

I write further to your letters to [REDACTED] Chair of Council which have been passed to me to respond to.

I apologise for the delay in dealing with the matters you have raised, which was caused partly by a need to consult within the GDC professional team and with Council, including with the relevant Council committee.

It would seem that you have a fundamental misunderstanding of the role of the GDC. The GDC's role is as a regulator, and this is set out in the Dentists Act and other legislation. The role of the GDC has changed over time, in accordance with changes in best practice of healthcare regulation. It no longer prescribes on clinical issues, but rather sets guidance on ethical issues.

The GDC's role does not include the discussion of different forms of treatment, or the moderating of views in this regard.

The GDC would advise you that it is more likely that you will receive recognition of orthotropics as an alternative treatment to jaw surgery and extractions by the production of well researched data; with proven clinical trials; with learned papers and research from independence sources (peer review) who have investigated and analysed your methods. If, as you suggest, this evidence is available, I would suggest that it can then be placed before the relevant bodies.

I am sorry that I am unable to help you further. I would suggest that there is little point in a meeting with [REDACTED] as she would not be in a position to give you a different answer to that in this letter.

[REDACTED]