

## THE ROYAL SOCIETY

Mr Mike Mew



From the Executive Secretary 11 February 2011
Our ref: SJC/WP

Dear Her Mew,

Thank you for your recent letters which have just been brought to my attention.

If, as you say, contemporary orthodontics is not evidence based, the way forward is to undertake or encourage others to undertake the experiments, collect the evidence and publish the findings in a peer reviewed journal. This is, of course, easier written than done but you seem to have made a start in what you have described in your letters and attachments and the next step would be to seek (or encourage others to seek) funding for the work needed to collect the evidence.

I am afraid that I do not know the details of research funding for dentistry and in particular whether it falls within the remit of the Medical Research Council or the Wellcome Trust but they would be your first port of call and I am sure they would be able to advise. In addition I suggest you also contact your own school of dentistry where I am sure the research dentists would also be able to help. As you will have gathered from this, the Royal Society is not itself competent to deal with your concerns but I wish you every success in pursuing your interest in orthodontic research.





President Executive Director

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