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Dear Sir

Thank you very much for you letter dated 10th Feb 2011, in which you referred to my Father and mine's approach to orthodontics. I did take care not to mention our approach to orthodontics in the letter or I hope any other correspondence that I have sent to you. Please do not feel that I am in any way trying to promote one philosophy over another or that this is a clinical debate in any way.

It is interesting that the CHCE sent me a very similar response, which I enclose, and the response that I have written back to them. It seems that the concerns that we have raised are being sidelined and treated as a clinical debate between competing ideologies, which is not the case. Have you read the dialog that I have had in the BDJ?

Where is this going to go? We must talk about these problems; it seems that we are sweeping them under the carpet. We have to find the answers out together. The state is sponsoring treatment for nearly a third of the children of this country, it is admitted that we do not know the cause of these problems and it can now be stated that there is strong resistance to debating the cause. This is not how science progresses, how does the state respond? How would the public react if they knew that no action was happening on this matter?

I would be only too happy to discuss this matter with you in person or alternatively you could approach the GDC on my behalf and suggest that they take the time to discuss this with me.

Best wishes,

Mike Mew