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Dear Mr Mew,

Thank you for your letter of 6 November to [REDACTED] about your concerns regarding the General Dental Council (GDC). I have been asked to reply.

I am sorry that you feel that [REDACTED] response of 8 September did not adequately address your concerns. However, the GDC is an independent statutory body and it would therefore be inappropriate for ministers to intervene in the actions of the GDC.

You may therefore wish to contact the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence (CHRE), as it oversees the nine health professional regulators, including the General Dental Council. The CHRE is an independent UK-wide statutory body established in 2003 to ensure consistency and good practice in healthcare regulation. The CHRE's annual performance reviews look at how each regulator carries out its functions and general performance against agreed standards. More information is available on their website at [www.chre.org.uk/regulators](http://www.chre.org.uk/regulators). The contact details are:

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I hope this reply is helpful.

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