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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you very much for your response. Having already corresponded with the GDC I am fully aware that the GDC, for sensible reasons does not engage in scientific discussions. Although I am surprised that the revised version does not make allowances for such important issues.

This is not a normal situation; there is a strong and provable suggestion that contemporary orthodontics is not evidence based. Using principles founded on the assumption of a genetic origin the profession is treating a third of the population while openly acknowledging that it does not know the cause of the problem while ignoring calls for a debate on the issue.

This is a fundamental test of our role as a self-governing profession. This is not the time to quote the regulations to defend inaction, but to act, and act now, for the interests of the patients, the profession and science. All I am calling for is that we follow due scientific process and open debate the cause of the aetiology of malocclusion. We must hear the evidence and make a full, fair and free assessment of the facts

Here I call for you personally to stand up in your official position and take action for the good of the profession. The truth always comes out eventually; and how then will the profession be judged. Could then the GDC be accused of having hidden behind the letter of the rules to maintain the comfortable status quo for the good of a section of the profession rather than the public that the GDC is entrusted to protect? Considering the current public trust in the medical profession as a whole, the GDC must do the right thing and act quickly.

In no way am I asking you to promote any form of treatment or philosophy. I am not claiming to have all the answers, but I do claim to be asking the right questions, which must be answered.

Best wishes,

Mike Mew