

Subject: Re: Debate
Date: Tuesday, 16 June 2009 at 11:00:16 British Summer Time
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In a message dated 16/06/2009 10:08:32 GMT Standard Time, mikemew@gmail.com writes:

Dear Colleges,

I feel very strongly about this issue, and I would like to have your attention again. In the recent editorial, that I placed in the BDJ, was an invitation for an open debate on the aetiology of malocclusion, which has been dismissed by Nigel Harradine and others. It was felt that there was inadequate difference of opinion to warrant a discussion and that debates are confrontational and do not have a good history of advancing knowledge. Subsequently you have declined either to enter a debate or to assist me in finding a debating opponent and while Nigel was willing to respond to me in private, he declined to respond more openly with a letter to the BDJ.

As the executives and trustees of the British Orthodontic Society, I felt that it was important to cc you earlier in this conversation to seek your opinion and so far I have received no responses from you at all disagreeing in any way with my call for an open discussion within the profession. However I am now calling for your active support in promoting an open debate. Such a debate is essential given that we are treating a third of the population without really knowing what causes the problem.

Ignoring these issues, avoiding an open discussion, and hoping that this will all go away is not scientific protocol. I must therefore insist that that you either support my call for an open debate within the profession or I will have no option but to refer matters to the GDC.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Mew

Dear Michael

I have been following your correspondence with Nigel Harradine on this subject and stand by and support his view as spokesperson and Chairman of BOS.

There is nothing I wish to add to Nigel's statements to you.

It is just disappointing that you have to resort to veiled threats (the last line of your email above) when you should be concentrating your time and efforts in providing well controlled research to back up and prove your views.

Yours sincerely

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