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Copied to Jane Ellison MP

Dear Sir Paul,

I hope all is well in the New Year for you, I have not had a response back from my last letter dated 22nd Nov 2010 and wanted to chase you on this important issue. The situation still stands that we are treating a third of the population of this country with orthodontics without an understanding of its cause and all avenues for an open debate to find the cause are blocked. Although the GDC is entrusted to protect the patients within a legal framework in which dentistry is granted a monopoly, they have not granted me audience to hear my concerns. The BOS, a self appointed representative body for orthodontist, do not feel that it would be in their interest to enter any discussion.

The scientific process stops when people stop engaging in the process. It is our ethical duty to discover the truth in these matters and move this process forward. I am in the process of writing to the CHRE, as advised by Earl Howe. I understand your reluctance to approach the GDC on this issue as they are an independent body however I feel that they are misguided in their responsibilities and hiding behind the small print of their responsibilities as they feel that my concerns are irrelevant and unimportant. Government has granted dentistry with a legal monopoly and appointment the GDC to regulate this in the interests of the patients, it is clearly in the interest of the patients to open debate so it should be the government that acts to clear this impasse, so again I approach the all party committee on dentistry through yourself to ask what can be done.

Best wishes,

Mike Mew