

# Supportive Statements

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## **Statement from the British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (BAPRAS) on RCS new standards for cosmetic surgery**

The British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (BAPRAS) today welcomes the launch of both the Professional Standards for Cosmetic Surgery by the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) and the Guidance for Doctors who Offer Cosmetic Interventions by the General Medical Council (GMC).

David Ward, BAPRAS Deputy President, Deputy Chair of the RCS Cosmetic Surgery Interspecialty Committee (CSIC) and a Consultant Plastic Surgeon, said:

“BAPRAS is very pleased to have been involved in the extensive work done by the RCS and GMC to ensure the highest standards of patient safety and care in cosmetic surgery. These documents represent a collaboration between organisations and surgical specialities to ensure that all surgeons adhere to rigorous professional standards.

“BAPRAS welcomes the call for better regulation of cosmetic surgery and believes a robust framework that includes pre-operative consultation, the opportunity for a second consultation and time for reflection is required to protect every patient.

“BAPRAS fully supports regulation of cosmetic surgery and better protection of cosmetic surgery patients. BAPRAS continues to emphasise that cosmetic surgery should only be performed when it's the right thing for the patient and done only by surgeons fully trained in cosmetic surgery.”

BAPRAS, the British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons, is the voice of plastic surgery in the UK. BAPRAS represents plastic surgeons on behalf of the Royal Colleges and is a proud member of the CSIC.

## **BAOMS welcomes RCS new standards for cosmetic surgery and moves to develop certification for peripatetic surgeons working in the private sector**

Welcoming the launch today of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng) Professional Standards for Cosmetic Surgery, Caroline Mills, British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS) Surgical Specialty Interest Group Lead on Aesthetic/Cosmetic Surgery and

Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon at Great Ormond Street Hospital, said:

“Robust regulation for cosmetic surgery is vital to protect patients and help them identify a highly trained surgeon. More and more people are using cosmetic surgery and it is essential they access the right information easily to help them make an informed choice about treatment and practitioner. I also welcome the decision by the RCS to develop certification in consultation with BAOMS and across all specialities for peripatetic surgeons from abroad working in the private sector and who are not covered by the new standards.

"The new self-regulation framework is an important step to ensure agreed professional standards for facial surgeons working across the healthcare sector. BAOMS represents a group of highly specialised facial surgeons many of whom sub specialise in facial aesthetic (cosmetic) surgery, and we will encourage colleagues providing facial aesthetics to certify."

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Notes to editors

1. The Royal College of Surgeons of England is a professional membership organisation and registered charity, which exists to advance surgical standards and improve patient care.
2. For more information, or for a copy of the RCS's Professional Standards for Cosmetic Surgery, please contact the RCS Press Office on: 020 7869 6047/6052; or email: [pressoffice@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:pressoffice@rcseng.ac.uk)