

PE2137/B: Fair regulation for non-medical aesthetic injectors

Scottish Government written submission, 11 April 2025

Thank you for your letter dated 8 March 2025, following your consideration of petition PE2137 which called for fair regulation for non-medical aesthetic injectors.

The Committee requested:

- a timeline for the publication of the consultation analysis and the work to bring forward regulation
- an assessment of how the proposed groupings for procedures will impact aesthetic businesses, in particular the suggestion that Botox and dermal filler procedures could be restricted to premises regulated by Healthcare Improvement Scotland

The consultation closed on 14 February 2025 and the Scottish Government are currently analysing the over 2200 responses that were received. Subject to that analysis, the proposals will be refined and this includes reviewing the groupings of procedures. Decisions on what any legislation or regulation will look like have not been taken yet. We will publish the analysis and our response before Parliament's summer recess. Licensing or regulation of this sector is expected to require legislation to be put to the Scottish Parliament, and so any proposals will remain subject to parliamentary process.

In addition to the consultation, we have taken forward a number of engagement sessions with businesses working in this sector to gain further understanding of how our proposals might impact them; and are undertaking a Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment. The evidence collected will also inform our understanding of the impact on businesses.

I hope you find my response helpful and informative.

**Chief Operating Officer
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