

By email

11th July 2022

Vivienne Donnelly
City Protection Manager
Belfast City Council
City Hall
Belfast
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Dear Ms Donnelly,

RE: REGULATION OF COSMETIC TREATMENTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

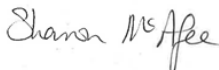
The popularity of aesthetic non-surgical cosmetic treatments has grown rapidly in recent years, with new non-surgical cosmetic procedures continually emerging on the market. The existing legislation available to Environmental Health Officers in Northern Ireland to regulate this sector is considered no longer fit for purpose.

The introduction of a national licensing scheme to govern the oversight of advanced aesthetic non-surgical cosmetic treatments was one of seventeen recommendations made by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Beauty, Aesthetics and Wellbeing following their Inquiry into advanced aesthetic non-surgical cosmetic treatments.

The UK Government have recently agreed to amend the Health and Care Bill in England to introduce a licensing scheme for non-surgical cosmetic procedures to better regulate the cosmetic industry in England.

The Local Authority Health and Safety Liaison Group (HSLG) is seeking the support of Belfast City Council on this issue and is requesting consideration be given to writing to the Health Minister to request better regulation of cosmetic treatments in Northern Ireland, along with the introduction of a licensing scheme for non-surgical cosmetic procedures.

Yours sincerely



Sharon McAfee

Chair of Local Authority Health and Safety Liaison Group (HSLG)