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Beauty aesthetics timeline, 2013–2026

How UK standards, training and regulation for non-surgical cosmetic procedures have developed since the Keogh review, and where I have played a part.

My role or involvement · Sector, government and Parliament milestone

2013

APRIL
Review of the Regulation of Cosmetic Interventions published, led by Professor Sir Bruce Keogh

2015

JANUARY
National Occupational Standards reviewed for beauty advanced practices: cosmetic peels, skin needling, and laser and light

NOVEMBER
Health Education England sets out qualification requirements for delivering cosmetic procedures, with an implementation report following in July 2016

2016

JULY
CIBTAC Level 4 Diploma in Aesthetic Practice and Level 4 Award in Core Knowledge open for registrations

AUGUST
JCCP, Habia and CPSA meet on implementing the recommendations; memorandum of understanding signed

MY ROLE
SEPTEMBER
First meeting of the Aesthetic Practitioner Working Group (APWG), which I chair at Habia

MY ROLE
2016 TO 2017
Six-weekly APWG meetings support the development and establishment of the CPSA and JCCP

2017

SEPTEMBER
CPSA consults on its standards and supervision matrix

MY ROLE
OCTOBER
APWG letter to the JCCP and CPSA raising concerns about the published standards, the consultation findings, transparency and inclusion

MY ROLE
NOVEMBER
Second APWG letter, as the group's concerns had not been taken into account before the matrix was published

2018

FEBRUARY
JCCP launched at the House of Commons on 22 February

MARCH
Extraordinary meeting of the beauty alliance (Habia, BABTAC, FHT, NHF and APWG members) on the structure of the JCCP and CPSA register

MAY
Health Education England confirms the JCCP's ownership of its 2015 education and training framework for cosmetic procedures

MAY
UK-wide review of the beauty aesthetics National Occupational Standards begins

JULY
JCCP approved as a Professional Standards Authority accredited register

AUGUST
JCCP suspends non-healthcare practitioners' access to Part B of its register (Level 7 injectables and fillers) for three years, pending a review of patient safety and risk

NOVEMBER
Beauty Aesthetics Special Interest Committee (BASIC) established, later dissolved

2019

MARCH
The first National Occupational Standards for beauty non-surgical cosmetic procedures published

MAY
All-Party Parliamentary Group on Beauty, Aesthetics and Wellbeing established

MY ROLE
JULY
Beauty Industry Group (BIG) founded to raise the profile of the beauty sector and tackle its issues together. I chair it

OCTOBER
Qualifi Level 5 and Level 7 Certificates in Aesthetic Practice open for registrations

2020

MY ROLE
JANUARY
NHBF survey of beauty and aesthetic procedures, giving the APPG evidence on who performs them

APRIL
National Occupational Standards published for aesthetic procedures

MAY
APPG panel session on the impact of COVID-19 on the beauty, aesthetics and wellbeing industry

MAY
Findings on the state of the UK beauty and aesthetics industry published

MY ROLE
JUNE
APPG inquiry into advanced non-surgical cosmetic procedures launched. I give evidence

MY ROLE
NOVEMBER
BIG sets out the beauty, cosmetics, hair and wellbeing sector's key asks of government

2021

MARCH
Further National Occupational Standards for beauty advanced practices (aesthetics) published

APRIL
Botulinum Toxin and Cosmetic Fillers (Children) Act 2021 becomes law

JULY
APPG report on aesthetic non-surgical cosmetic procedures published

OCTOBER
Joint letter to the Minister for Patient Safety and Primary Care calling for a national licensing scheme for all non-surgical cosmetic procedures

NOVEMBER
Joint parliamentary briefing completed

MY ROLE
NOVEMBER
BIG licensing task and finish group set up. As BIG chair, I support Diane Hey, who leads it

2022

MARCH
Parliamentary briefing and joint briefing infographic

APRIL
Health and Care Act 2022 receives Royal Assent. Section 180 gives the power to license non-surgical cosmetic procedures in England

AUGUST
Health and Social Care Committee reports on the impact of body image on mental and physical health

2023

MARCH
Consultation on the Level 5 Aesthetic Practitioner apprenticeship standard

MY ROLE
SEPTEMBER
DHSC consults on licensing non-surgical cosmetic procedures. BIG publishes FAQs to help the sector respond

OCTOBER
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health beauty conference on licensing

MY ROLE
NOVEMBER
I become Chief Executive of the National Hair & Beauty Federation

2024

MY ROLE
JUNE
I step down as a founding Trustee of the JCCP after five years

2025

APRIL
Women and Equalities Committee opens its inquiry into breast implants and other cosmetic procedures

MY ROLE
MAY
Scottish Government commits to a Non-Surgical Cosmetic Procedures Bill. I welcome it for the NHBF and call for proportionate, evidence-based regulation

AUGUST
DHSC responds to the 2023 consultation: a three-tier licensing scheme, starting with the highest-risk procedures

OCTOBER
Non-surgical procedures bill introduced in the Scottish Parliament

2026

FEBRUARY
Women and Equalities Committee report on cosmetic procedures calls for licensing of green and amber procedures

MARCH
Scottish Parliament passes the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill, the first such law in the UK

MY ROLE
MAY
I relaunch Tricky Solutions, offering independent advice on standards, qualifications and licensing

MY ROLE
SEPTEMBER
Working group reviewing the assessment plans for the Level 5 Aesthetic Practitioner and Level 3 Advanced Beauty Therapist apprenticeships

OCTOBER
DHSC consults on restricting high-risk cosmetic and wellbeing procedures in England

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