



We look forward to hearing from you

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On Thu, 22 Aug 2024 at 10:51, Dr Jeanette Dickson [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Dr Marks

I can confirm receipt of your email.

Having taking soundings the Colleges do not feel the need for a briefing call.

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**From:** Richard Marks <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2024 11:04 AM  
**To:** Dr Jeanette Dickson <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Briefing on Anaesthetists United legal challenge to the GMC over Associates

Dear President

As you may be aware, Anaesthetists United have taken legal advice on the way that regulation for AAs and PAs has been introduced by the GMC. Our particular interest is in delineating what AAs and PAs can and cannot do, what levels of supervision there should be, and what are the processes for patients to give informed consent to treatment by an Associate.

This action is entirely separate to the BMA legal action, which is focussed on the terminology of 'medical professionals'.

In the opinion of our lawyers the GMC has failed to introduce 'safe and lawful practice measures'. This overlaps with, but is not synonymous with, Scope of Practise - SoP refers to the practise of one individual; whereas what we are interested in is the limits of the roles themselves.

I attach a copy of their letter which has been sent to the GMC but is not yet in the public domain.

Our ideal solution to this would be that the Royal Colleges and Faculties are empowered by the GMC to define these roles and that the GMC would authorise and empower them. Clearly it will take some time for such definitions to be worked out and there may need to be a delayed or staged approach, which can also address the issues of 'grandfathering' those Associates presently in established practise that is outside those defined roles.

We thought it might be helpful to offer a briefing on this to the College Presidents, or their nominated representatives, and am writing to ask whether you would support this. Our suggestion would be that we hold it on Zoom, and would propose either 9am or 4pm on the 13th August, if this works for you.

I look forward to hearing from you, kind regards

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