

**Enclosure 4**  
**Paper HPC36/06**

**Health Professions Council**  
**Council 11 May 2006**

**Regulation of New Professions by the HPC**

**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

**Introduction**

The Council is requested to further consider the application for regulation submitted by Society of Sports Therapists (SST) on behalf of sports therapists.

**Recommendations**

Council is requested to:

1. **Discuss the application from the SST and the executive's scoring of the further information (submitted in April 2006);**
2. **Consider the presentation given by representatives of SST;**
3. **Take cognizance of the views of others, both those which have been submitted by the SST with their application and those which have been submitted directly to HPC.**

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

None

**Background Papers**

None

**Appendices**

The following appendices are enclosed for reference:-

1. Each criteria to be addressed (taken from the Guidance Notes)

*Appendix 1*

Date	Ver.	Dept/Cmt	Doc Type	Title	Status	Int. Aud
2006-05-11	1	HRM	PPR	SST Paper 2006 - May 11 Council	Final Draft	Public None

2. Executive's scoring for each of the criteria in Parts A and B of the application which Council considered in March 2006 (background information)

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3. Executive's scoring of the further information submitted by SST in April 2006 to be considered by Council (11<sup>th</sup> May 2006)

*Appendix 3.1* Overview : the executive's overall assessment of the Further information submitted by SST

*Appendix 3.2* Each criterion to be addressed by SST.

[Note to Council: The executive has assessed the documentary evidence submitted by the Society in response to questions and/or comments raised when Council first considered the application in March 2006.

The executive has scored against each criterion as to whether or not the evidence was submitted and therefore whether Council's questions and/or comments have been addressed. Council is requested to note that this will differ from the original scoring for each criterion.

Where a question or comment remains unanswered (i.e. was not evident in the documentary evidence submitted) Council will need to ensure that these have been addressed in the presentation from members of the SST's Executive and through any additional questions that members might wish to raise.]

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4. Views of Others

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Each criteria to be addressed (taken from the Guidance Notes)

## Each criteria to be addressed (taken from the Guidance Notes)

### Part A of the assessment

The Council will first assess whether an occupation is eligible for regulation. Only those occupations involving at least one of the following activities are eligible:

- Invasive procedures
- Clinical intervention with the potential for harm
- Exercise of judgment by unsupervised professionals which can substantially impact on patient health or welfare.

Additionally, occupations where these activities are already regulated by other means will be ineligible. This includes occupations that already have a regulator (such as nurses and medical practitioners) or do not make independent clinical judgments. In general, the Council regulates health workers who are not otherwise supervised, practising autonomously, making professional and independent judgments on treatment, and taking full responsibility for their actions.

### Part B of the assessment

The criteria that the Council will apply in Part B of the assessment were settled following a public consultation in the summer of 2002. The criteria will each have equal weight. Each occupation wishing to be regulated will be required to:

1. Cover a discrete area of activity displaying some homogeneity
2. Apply a defined body of knowledge
3. Practise based on evidence of efficacy
4. Have at least one established professional body which accounts for a significant proportion of that occupational group
5. Operate a voluntary register
6. Have defined routes of entry to the profession
7. Have independently assessed entry qualifications
8. Have standards in relation to conduct, performance and ethics
9. Have fitness to practise procedures to enforce those standards
10. Be committed to continuous professional development (CPD)

#### ***1. The occupation must cover a discrete area of activity displaying some homogeneity***

This criterion covers **what a profession's scope of practice is**. The Council will assess applications for evidence that demonstrates that the applicant occupation practises activities that:

- Are distinctly its own
- Are common across the occupation
- Are distinct from the scope of practice of other occupations, although there may be some overlap.

2. ***The occupation must apply a defined body of knowledge***

The *body of knowledge* criterion covers **what a profession does**. Frequently, the *body of knowledge* of a health profession will overlap those of other professions. However, each profession that the Council regulates has its own distinct *body of knowledge* and applications will not be successful if the Council considers that the applicant occupation has not provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that it, too, has a distinct *body of knowledge*.

3. ***The occupation must practise based on evidence of efficacy***

This criterion covers **how a profession practises**. The Council recognizes the centrality of evidence-based practice to modern health care and will assess applicant occupations for evidence that demonstrates that:

- Their practice is subject to research into its effectiveness. Suitable evidence would include publication in journals that are accepted as learned by the health sciences and/or social care communities
- There is an established scientific and measurable basis for measuring outcomes of their practice. This is a minimum—the Council welcomes evidence of there being a scientific basis for other aspects of practice and the *body of knowledge* of an applicant occupation
- It subscribes to the ethos of evidence-based practice, including being open to changing treatment strategies when the evidence is in favour of doing so.

4. ***The occupation must have at least one established professional body which accounts for a significant proportion of that occupational group***

This criterion covers **how a profession has established itself**. The Council will assess applications for evidence that there is at least one established professional body. The Council will assess the application for evidence that membership of the body or bodies accounts for a significant proportion—at least 25%—of the occupation's practitioners. Suitable evidence for the existence of established professional body or bodies would include:

- A constitution or rules
- Minutes
- Standing Orders for the body or bodies and committees
- Election Rules and results

Where there is more than one professional body or representative organization for an applicant occupation, the Council will additionally seek evidence that all the bodies are involved in, and supportive of, the application process. The Council would welcome evidence of the existence of a steering group with representatives from all the bodies, and that a fair and effective decision-making process is in place. The Council would expect to work primarily with such a steering group and would also expect evidence that the steering group, and not an individual professional body, was involved in drawing up the application for regulation.

The Council will require an attestation from the applicant that there are no professional bodies or other representative organizations in existence for the profession that have not been informed of the application.

The Council will also seek evidence that practitioners who do not belong to the professional body or bodies or representative organization(s) are also supportive of the application. If any of these practitioners are likely not to have followed the applicant occupation's entry routes as described in sections 6 and 7 below, then the Council will require information about likely grandparenting requirements.

**5. *The occupation must operate a voluntary register(s)***

This criterion covers **how a profession accounts for its members**. The Council's Register is its primary mechanism for protecting the public. The Council will seek to assess whether workers in an applicant occupation have accepted the principles, benefits and obligations of registration, by enrolling on a voluntary register or registers. The Council will require evidence that the voluntary register(s) cover at least 25% of an applicant occupation's workforce. These requirements are a minimum and the Council would consider very favourably evidence of plans to inform an applicant occupation's practitioners of the consequences of regulation by the Council. Such plans should cover issues that will be of particular importance to those members, particularly:

- Regulation of the practice of the profession's members. As explained in the introduction, members of the profession will be subject to the Council's regulatory authority, which it will exercise to protect the public.
- Arrangements for applying for entry to the Council's Register
- Protection of title
- Fees and other potential financial implications

The Council has published leaflets on these topics.

**6. *The occupation must have defined routes of entry***

This criterion covers **how a profession ensures its practitioners have the requisite knowledge and skills on entry**. The Council will assess evidence of how entry to the applicant occupation is controlled. The Council will seek evidence that only individuals who have chosen defined routes of entry are recognized as being practitioners of the profession, in the eyes of educational institutions, employers, professional bodies and (where appropriate) the public at large. The Council will also assess evidence that the applicant occupation either already has a Subject Benchmark from the Quality Assurance Agency or equivalent body, or intends to work towards one as part of the process of becoming a regulated profession.

**7. *The occupation must have independently assessed entry qualifications***

This criterion covers **how a profession ensures its recognized qualifications are valid**. The Council will require evidence that there are qualifications that are recognized as being a necessity for entry to the profession, awarded by recognized educational institutions and independently assessed and monitored through a system of quality control.

**8. The occupation must have standards of conduct, performance and ethics**

This criterion covers **how a profession ensures high standards**. The Council will assess evidence that an applicant occupation has written standards of conduct, performance and ethics, covering the behaviour it expects of practitioners. The standards should cover similar ground to the Council's standards, and include health, character and competence, among other topics.

**9. The occupation must have fitness to practise procedures to enforce those standards**

This criterion covers **how a profession polices the behaviour of its practitioners**. The Council will assess evidence that an applicant occupation has a system for disciplining practitioners on its voluntary register (including striking-off) when it is determined that they are unfit to practice by reason of:

- Incompetence
- Misconduct
- Health

The Council will also assess evidence that breaches of the applicant occupation's code of ethics are taken into account when deciding whether a practitioner is unfit to practise. The Council will assess evidence of written procedures covering the administration of the system, and requires applicant occupations to submit anonymised information regarding cases that have been dealt with through the system.

**10. The occupation must require commitment to continuous professional development (CPD)**

This criterion covers **how a profession ensures its practitioners engage in life-long learning**. The Council is committed to the principles underpinning CPD, and will be requiring all registrants to undertake CPD from August 2005. Many of the currently regulated professions run CPD schemes at present. The Council will therefore be seeking evidence from applicant occupations that they are also committed to the principles of CPD. Suitable evidence would include written details of planned or existing CPD schemes.

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## *Appendix 2*

Executive's scoring for each of the criteria in Parts A and B of the application which Council considered in March 2006 (background information)



## Scoring new professions -- SST: Overview

Para	Number	Criteria	Score	Comments
A		At least 1 of invasive procedures, clinical intervention with potential for harm, exercise of judgement by unsupervised professionals	Met	The profession meets the criteria: exercising professional judgment by unsupervised professionals and clinical intervention with a potential for harm.
B	1	Discrete area of activity displaying some homogeneity	Partly met	The extent to which their activity is already regulated by the HPC and other bodies needs to be considered.
B	2	Defined body of knowledge	Met	The profession has defined the body of knowledge in documents but the question of overlap with other practitioners remains to be resolved.
B	3	Evidence of efficacy	Partly met	The practice of the applicant occupation is evidence-based but how are the outcomes measured?
B	4	At least 1 established professional body a/c for significant proportion of occupation	Partly met	The SST was established in 1990.
B	5	Voluntary register(s)	Failed to meet	No indication as to when the voluntary register was established.
B	6	Defined routes of entry to the profession	Partly met	There are defined routes of entry to the profession.
B	7	Independently assessed entry qualifications	Partly met	This exists for the academic qualifications.
B	8	Conduct, performance and ethics standards	Met	These standards are in place.
B	9	Disciplinary procedures to enforce those standards	Met	SST has a formal disciplinary and appeals procedure in place.
B	10	Commitment to continuous professional development (CPD)	Met	There is good evidence of commitment to CPD.
		Overall		The applicant occupation presents a <b>moderate</b> case for regulation. The shortfalls identified may be due to lack of understanding as to the documentary evidence which should have been submitted to support the Society's application and stated claims. The recommendation is that the applicant occupation should be regulated but Council must determine whether this application might well have been strengthened by means of a joint application from other similar professions within this field. Similarly, even though the profession shares a scope of practice with physiotherapists, the Council will need to satisfy itself that the body of knowledge is distinctly its own and the scope of practice is unique to this profession. There are several letters of support from Members of Parliament, a professional body, the British Association of Sports & Exercise Medicine, a number of football clubs, NHS Trusts and a number of athletes, sportsmen, and user groups. The Council will need to request from the Society whether the views of other professional bodies such as the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists (CSP), the British Association of Sports Rehabilitators & Trainers (BASRaT) and the Sports Massage Association (SMA) were sought and if so what were they.

# Scoring new professions -- SST: A

CRITERIA:	SCORE:
<i>Either invasive procedures or clinical intervention with the potential for harm or exercise of judgment by unsupervised professionals which can substantially impact on patient health or welfare</i>	Met
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
The profession meets the criteria: exercising professional judgment by unsupervised professionals and clinical intervention with a potential for harm.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
Sports Therapists exercise professional judgment by unsupervised practitioners.	
The majority of Sports therapists are employed in healthcare, gyms and fitness centres and in private practice.	
The practitioner may work autonomously or in private practice.	
Some examples of clinical intervention include: performing CPR, first aid, manual therapy, remedial massage and electrotherapy.	
Some examples of exercising judgement include: decision making relating to first aid, CPR and spinal conditions.	
<b>Questions to be asked by Council and comments:</b>	
Does the practitioner have full responsibility for any diagnosis made or is diagnosis made in conjunction with another healthcare practitioner?	

## Scoring new professions -- SST: 1

<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<b>SCORE:</b>
<b>Discrete area of activity displaying some homogeneity</b>	Partly met
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
The extent to which their activity is already regulated by the HPC and other bodies needs to be considered.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
Sports therapists clearly undertake work that falls within a discrete area of activity, i.e. sports and exercise. There is a substantive overlap between the work undertaken by sports therapists and the work undertaken by professions regulated by the HPC such as physiotherapists or perhaps to a lesser extent, occupational therapists. It may be possible for physiotherapists to also work solely within sports therapy. The SST has failed to address which practices amongst the scope of practices listed are the sole preserve of sports therapists.	
<b>Questions to be asked by Council and comments:</b>	
<b>Is there any overlap with professions regulated by other bodies such as osteopaths and chiropractors?</b> It may be that some of these functions can be carried out by a physiotherapist with an extended scope of practice as well.	
<b>To what extent is the work of a sports therapist distinct to that of a sports rehabilitator or a sports massage therapist?</b> The extent of overlap with currently regulated professions will need to be determined by the Council. The SST submits that no other profession undertakes all aspects of the sports therapists role.	
It will be important, for example, to understand the extent to which the work of sports therapists are separate from the work of physiotherapists or other related sports practitioners or osteopaths.	
It may be that these are very different roles, but advice may need to be sought from the Society.	
<b>Does the practitioner use problem solving skills to determine appropriate action?</b>	
<b>In what profession specific areas would the Standards of Proficiency for a sports therapist differ from that of a physiotherapist?</b>	

# Scoring new professions -- SST: 2

CRITERIA:	SCORE: Met
<b>Defined body of knowledge</b>	
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
The profession has defined the body of knowledge in documents but the question of overlap with other practitioners remains to be resolved.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
Evidence submitted to demonstrate that the profession does have a defined body of knowledge. It is stated that the educational pathways should enable the development of academic ability and clinical competence. The degree programme should equip the student to be competent in the following areas: prevention of injury, recognition and evaluation of injury, management, treatment and referral, rehabilitation and education and counselling. There may also be some overlap in terms of practice, vocational skills and the level of knowledge required to understand the principles of the discipline with physiotherapists.	
<b>Questions to be asked by Council and comments:</b>	
It is not clear what body of knowledge is truly unique to sports therapists that is not currently shared by a profession currently regulated by HPC. <b>HPC would seek clarification to what extent the body of knowledge would appear to be shared with others practitioners, regulated and unregulated.</b>	
<b>How does a practitioner apply the distinct body of knowledge?</b>	
Given this overlap, Council must consider whether this profession should be regulated as a separate entity by HPC.	

# Scoring new professions -- SST: 3

CRITERIA:	SCORE:
<b>Evidence of efficacy</b>	Partly met
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
The practice of the applicant occupation is evidence-based but how are the outcomes measured?	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
Evidence was submitted of evidence based improvements (as opposed to initiation of evidence based practice). Documentary evidence was submitted of research undertaken and published in journals such as the British Journal of Sports Medicine. References were submitted of involvement by Society members presenting evidence of research into sports therapy practice in national and European journals and at international conferences/symposia.	
Examples of extracts were also submitted. The Society submitted in evidence, European Resuscitation Council Guidelines 2005 for resuscitation and a number of extracts but did not indicate what was unique to the sports therapist that had influenced changes in treatment strategies in these areas of activity. No evidence of measurable outcome-based practice.	
<b>Questions to be asked by Council and comments:</b>	
Not clear as to the autonomy that a sports therapist would have in the implementation of evidence based practice. It may be that this must be overseen by a registered practitioner.	
<b>Is SST involved in expert groups to develop new ways of working, roles and practice? If so, with whom does it have a collaborative relationship?</b>	
The professional body should be asked to provide explicit data/description as to how the profession measures outcomes of practice.	

# Scoring new professions -- SST: 4

CRITERIA:	SCORE:
<b>At least 1 established professional body a/c. for significant proportion of occupation</b>	Partly met
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
The SST was established in 1990.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
The SST was established in 1990.	
SST was incorporated in August 2002 as a Company Limited by Guarantee.	
The aims of SST are:	
(i) to provide a professional body for sports therapists	
(ii) to validate educational qualifications and use these as a basis for membership with the Society	
(iii) to accredit vocational and post-registration courses	
(iv) to act as an advisory body and	
(v) to provide insurance facilities for its members (such as professional indemnity and public liability).	
Documentary evidence was submitted of the organisation's Memorandum & Articles of Association.	
There are 4 Directors of the Society including the Chairman.	
There is a Company Secretary and an appointed solicitor and auditor.	
SST has undertaken a wide ranging communications campaign primarily via newsletter & the SST website to members regarding the proposals and consequences of statutory regulation. Members are able to submit comments via the website on their views on regulation.	
<b>Questions to be asked by Council and comments:</b>	
<b>No documentary evidence was submitted of a recent ballot of members regarding the issue of seeking statutory regulation.</b>	
There is evidence submitted of a newsletter sent to members in September 2005 informing them of the Society's intention to seek statutory regulation.	
<b>No evidence submitted as to work undertaken from amongst the wider profession to gauge the attitude to the proposals to seek regulation.</b>	
<b>What actual numbers of sports therapy practitioners are currently practising in the UK?</b>	
<b>What other professional bodies exist that represent sports therapy or have a section of their membership who may specialise in sports therapy?</b>	
<b>Are the Society's elections to the Board carried out by an external body and if so whom?</b>	
No evidence of the views of those who are not members of the professional body in relation to regulation.	

# Scoring new professions -- SST: 5

CRITERIA:	SCORE:
<b>Voluntary register(s)</b>	Failed to meet
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
No indication as to when the voluntary register was established.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
The number of registered SST members are: Students - 1,060 Members - 1,426 <b>TOTAL : 2,486</b>	
No documentary evidence was submitted that the membership figures are independently audited. No estimates from the Department of Health or the Department for Education & Skills as to the total number of practitioners in the UK. No documentary evidence submitted of the percentage of the workforce to which the membership accounts for Entry onto the register is via an accredited BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy from one of the SST accredited universities or colleges of higher education. No documentary evidence (i.e. application form, process and criteria) submitted that the Society operates a grandparenting scheme for the indicative register.	
<b>Questions to be asked by Council and comments:</b>	
<b>What percentage of the total sports therapy workforce are members of the Society?</b> <b>Where did the Society gain its information/estimate as to the number of practitioners?</b> (SST estimated that some 70,000 practitioners would be practising in 10 years time) but no documentary evidence from an external body was submitted to substantiate this claim.	
[Note: the date that the Society was established is not necessarily the date at which a voluntary register was instituted.]	

# Scoring new professions -- SST: 6

	SCORE:
	Partly met
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	
<b>Defined routes of entry to the profession.</b>	
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
There are defined routes of entry to the profession.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
Historically entry to the profession was via a diploma though since 1996 entry to the profession has been through a first degree. Degrees are delivered through education providers who undergo the normal quality assurance processes. In 1993 the SST explored the development of occupational standards with an external organisation but no further evidence was submitted with this application as to the progress/outcome of this project. Evidence in the Society's own literature of a "grandparenting scheme" (see (iii) below).	
<b>Routes of entry into the profession as at November 2003:-</b>	
(i) Graduates with a degree from an education provider with a collaborative agreement with SST are eligible for member status without insurance though they may move to member status on completion of 25 CPD hours over a 1 year period.	
(ii) Holders of another sports therapy qualification or persons who have been working as sports therapists are eligible for member status without insurance, though they may move to member status on completion of 80 CPD hours over a 2 year period.	
<b>Membership/Registration Procedure:</b>	
No documentary evidence (i.e. application form, guidance notes) submitted of the membership/registration procedures.	
<b>Other information:</b>	
Documentary evidence was submitted of communications with members via newsletter, letter and website regarding moves to statutory regulation.	
<b>Questions to be asked by Council and comments:</b>	
Have National Occupational Standards been developed?	
Does the degree programme combine theory with the practice placement element and ongoing work based training? If so, who accredits the practice placement?	
Who within the Society approves applications for membership?	



## Scoring new professions -- SST: 7

<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<b>SCORE:</b>
<b>Independently assessed entry qualifications</b>	Partly met
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
This exists for the academic qualifications.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
<p>The documentation states that 3 universities are developing in collaboration with the Society an MSc Sports Therapy for commencement in 2006/7. 10 education providers offering the BSc(Hons) Sports Therapy degree in collaboration with SST: Universities of London Metropolitan, Central Lancashire, Teesside, Huddersfield, Hertfordshire, Kent, University College Chichester and Colleges: Birmingham College of Food, Tourism and Creative Studies, Edgell College of Higher Education and North East Sussex College of Technology.</p> <p>Entry requirements to the degree qualifications range from standard universities entry requirements or alternative qualifications*.</p> <p>The Society has developed its own award: * Advanced Diploma in Academic &amp; Clinical Sports Therapy.</p> <p>In relation to the degree qualifications these would be quality assured through the further education sector.</p> <p>SST appoints moderators and examiners whose role is to accredit the degree programmes which would enable a graduate to apply for membership of The Society.</p>	
<b>Questions to be asked by Council and comments:</b>	
<b>Who accredits the Society's own award - Advanced Diploma in Academic &amp; Clinical Sports Therapy ?</b>	
No documentary evidence submitted of the accreditation process between the education provider and SST.	
There is no evidence of the SST accreditation scheme being assessed or externally verified by an independent body.	
There is no evidence of QAA Benchmark Statements in sports therapy nor a commitment to develop these in conjunction with QAA.	
<b>Has the profession produced a Curriculum Guidance Document?*</b>	
<b>What does the profession propose to be the threshold entry level standard for those entering onto the HPC Register?</b>	
(* the Society submitted examples of a mapping exercise against competencies for the degree programme)	

# Scoring new professions -- SST: 8

CRITERIA:	SCORE:
<b>Conduct, performance and ethics standards</b>	Met
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
These standards are in place.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
The SST has a Code of Conduct, Performance & Ethics which was revised in 2003 and covers health, competence and conduct.	
The Code of Code of Conduct, Performance & Ethics is regularly reviewed.	
Members are advised of the need to maintain high professional standards, to keep their skills and knowledge current and to act within their scope of practice.	
The Code sets out what is required of a registered practitioner in terms of respectable behaviour, and their knowledge and understanding.	
<b>Questions to be asked by Council and comments:</b>	
Who reviews the Code of Performance, Conduct & Ethics?	
Does the Code also apply to Students? If so, are students given a copy of the Code at the commencement of the programme.	

## Scoring new professions -- SST: 9

CRITERIA:	SCORE:
<b>Disciplinary procedures to enforce those standards</b>	
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
SST has a formal disciplinary and appeals procedure in place.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
Process of investigating a complaint:	
A complaint is initially reviewed by the solicitor appointed by and representing the Society.	
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If there is a case to answer the matter is referred to the Chairperson of the Preliminary Hearing Board Panel.	
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The complaint is then heard by the Preliminary Hearing Board Panel comprising not less than 6 members appointed by the Executive Committee.	
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If the complaint is unresolved the matter is referred to the Preliminary Hearing Board comprising 3 members of Preliminary Hearing Board Panel.	
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If mediation by the Preliminary Hearing Board is unsuccessful then the matter of referred to the Chairperson of the Professional Conduct Board Panel.	
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The Professional Conduct Board Panel will then appoint a Professional Conduct Board comprising 3 members of the Professional Conduct Board Panel to hear the matter and carry out any further investigations that it sees fit.	
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The Professional Conduct Board will assess the complaint against the member against the Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics.	
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There are four options open to the Professional Conduct Board: to strike the member off the register; suspension of the member for a specified time period; order imposing conditions of membership for a specified time period; a caution with indication on the register of members as to the conditions of the caution.	
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The Disciplinary and Appeals Procedure was adopted in 2004 and is available on the Society's website.	
<b>To date only one case (still ongoing) has been heard under the new disciplinary procedure and the anonymised details were submitted in evidence.</b>	
Members do have a right of appeal to an Appeals Board.	
There are full guidelines in place for the appeals process.	
<b>Question to be asked by Council and comment:</b>	
<b>As it appears that the current system has only been in place a short while, the Society may need to provide documentary evidence of affidavits to it, at a subsequent meeting of HPC Council, as to the previous system used.</b>	

# Scoring new professions -- SST: 10

CRITERIA	SCORE
<b>Commitment to continuous professional development (CPD)</b>	Met
<b>Summary comments (10 words max.)</b>	
There is good evidence of commitment to CPD.	
<b>Detailed comments</b>	
<p>It is a requirement of membership since 1996 that members are committed to undertaking CPD.</p> <p>All members receive an information leaflet on the requirements of CPD.</p> <p>Members at the point of renewal must submit their CPD portfolio with supporting evidence for the preceding 12 months.</p> <p>Each member must complete a minimum of 15 hours of relevant CPD per annum.</p> <p>The CPD portfolio is scrutinised by the Society's CPD officer.</p> <p>The SST CPD scheme is aimed at advancing the therapists body of knowledge.</p> <p>There is evidence submitted of what form CPD should take.</p>	

*Appendix 3*

Executive's scoring of the further information submitted by SST in April 2006  
to be considered by Council (11<sup>th</sup> May 2006)

## ***Appendix 3.1: Overview ~ Council's consideration of further information provided by the Society of Sports Therapists, May 2006***

Summary of the Executive's scoring:-

At the Council meeting in March 2006, the executive's scoring of the Society of Sport's Therapists' application for regulation, reported in the Overview section of the scoring reported the following:

“The Council will need to satisfy itself that the body of knowledge is distinctly its own and the scope of practice is unique to this profession. There are several letters of support from Members of Parliament, a professional body, the British Association of Sports & Exercise Medicine, a number of football clubs, NHS Trusts and a number of athletes, sportsmen, and user groups.

### Question posed

The Council will need to request from the Society whether the views of other professional bodies such as the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists (CSP), the British Association of Sports Rehabilitators & Trainers (BASRaT) and the Sports Massage Association (SMA) were sought and if so what were they?”

1. The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy - The Society's response for Council's consideration in May 2006 is:

Following written requests from the SST to the CSP it was reported that a meeting was held with the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists (CSP) on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2006. No minutes if this meeting were submitted.

### Further clarification to be sought by Council:

- 1.1 **Council must request that why it appears there was neither contact nor meetings held with the CSP before 25<sup>th</sup> January 2006** when the SST had been informed by HPC that their application for regulation would be considered by Council in March 2006?
- 1.2 **No minutes were submitted of a meeting held between the CSP and SST on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at which the issue of regulation was discussed.**
- 1.3 In a letter to the Chief Executive of the CSP, Mr Phil Gray, dated September 2005 the Chairman of the SST, Professor Graham Smith intimated that a consultation exercise had been undertaken with a number of organisations, professional bodies and education providers concerning the intention to seek regulation of the profession of sports therapy. **No minutes or letters in relation to this consultation exercise were submitted by the SST.**

- 1.4 **Are there any minutes of meetings or letters of support from the CSP's clinical interest group, the Association of Chartered Physiotherapy in Sports Medicine (ACPSM), in support of or commenting on the SST's proposed application to HPC?**
- 1.5 **No letters of support from the CSP supporting this application were submitted for scrutiny.**

**CONCLUSION: It remains unclear what the CSP's views are and there were no letters of support from the CSP submitted by the SST.**

2. The Sports Massage Association - The Society's response for Council's consideration in May 2006 is:
  - 2.1 The SST requested a meeting with representatives of the Sports Massage Association (SMA) in April 2004. No minutes were submitted by SST, and despite attempts by SST it appears no further meetings have been held between the two organisations.
  - 2.2 SST submitted an extract of minutes of a Board meeting of the Society held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2004 indicating that a meeting had been held with representatives of the SMA but no indication as to the date of that earlier meeting.
  - 2.3 **Council must request why no further meetings have been held between SST and the SMA since April 2004.**
  - 2.4 **Council must request from SST whether a formal letter was written to SMA informing them of the intention to seek regulation through the Health Professions Council, prior to HPC considering the application in March 2006?**

**CONCLUSION: It remains unclear what the SMA's views are and there were no letters of support or comment on the application to seek regulation, from the SMA submitted by the SST.**

3. The British Association of Sports Rehabilitators & Trainers - The Society's response for Council's consideration in May 2006 is:
  - 3.1 **Council must seek further clarification from the officers of SST as to why a joint application with the British Association of Sports Rehabilitators & Trainers (BASRaT) was not pursued. This is in response to correspondence between both parties (between October – November 2005). Council will need to ensure that these issues have since been resolved. If resolution has been achieved, Council should request minutes of meetings or correspondence between both parties to that respect.**
  - 3.2 There were no minutes submitted of meetings held between SST and BASRaT.

4. General

- 4.1 The SST submitted a copy of a standard letter (dated May 2005) sent to the following organisations, inviting them to attend a forum in June 2005 to discuss the proposed application for regulation:

Active Health  
British Association of Sport & Exercise Medicine  
London Open College Network  
Scottish Qualifications Authorities  
International Therapy Examination Council  
The Football Association.  
Raworth International  
Stonebridge Associated Colleges  
Skills Active  
British Association of Sports Rehabilitators & Trainers  
Federation of Holistic Therapies  
Sports Therapy Organisation  
The Northern Institute of Massage.  
UKADIS  
Sports Therapy UK

**There were no letters in response to the SST's letter of May 2005 from the organisations above submitted by the Society.**

- 4.2 The SST submitted a copy of an information letter (dated September 2003) sent to the following organisations informing them of the intention to apply to HPC for statutory regulation, the implications of regulation and the proposed timetable from the SST's perspective. The letter also sought their views:

London Open College Network  
International Therapy Examination Council  
Scottish Qualifications Authorities  
Vocational Training Charitable Trust  
Skills Active.

One letter in response from the London Open College Network was submitted.

- 4.3 SST published information (in January 2005) on their website updating readers on the process of seeking regulation through HPC.



**second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: Overview**

A	At least 1 of invasive procedures, clinical intervention with potential for harm, exercise of judgement by unsupervised professionals.	Partly met	The profession meets the criteria: exercising professional judgment by unsupervised professionals and clinical intervention with a potential for harm.
B	Discrete area of activity displaying some homogeneity	Failed to meet	Council should consider the extent to which their activity is already regulated by the HPC.
B	Defined body of knowledge	Failed to meet	It remains unclear as to what body of knowledge is uniquely within that of a sports therapist.
B	Evidence of efficacy	Partly met	Evidence was submitted as to how outcomes are measured but no evidence was submitted regarding involvement in expert groups.
B	At least 1 established professional body a/c for significant proportion of occupation	Partly met	No evidence of the views of practitioners who are not members of SST as to the proposals for regulation.
B	Voluntary register(s)	Failed to meet	No indication as to when the voluntary register was established.
B	Defined routes of entry to the profession		There are defined routes of entry to the profession.
B	Independently assessed entry qualifications	Partly met	A number of questions/comments remain outstanding.
B	Conduct, performance and ethics standards		These standards are in place.
B	Disciplinary procedures to enforce those standards		SST has a formal fitness to practise and appeals procedures in place.
B	Commitment to continuous professional development (CPD)		There is good evidence of commitment to CPD.
Overall:	<p><b>SST's responses to comments made at the Council meeting held in March 2006:</b> (1) The Society has failed to submit direct evidence of support or views from some of the professional bodies closely allied to sports therapy, physiotherapy, sports rehabilitation, sports massage and holistic therapies supporting the application for regulation. (2) The SST submitted reasons as to why a joint application was not submitted with other allied professions, including: offering the opportunity to members of other professional bodies to join SST on completion of a degree + CPD and the late request by one professional body to be incorporated into the SST's application but by that time the SST's application had neared completion, prior to submission to HPC. (3) It remains unclear exactly what scope of practice of a sports therapist is uniquely its own. (4) There has been subject review of one sports therapy degree programme by QAA run at the University of Teeside. (5) The Society has stated that no members have been removed from its register. (6) The Society proposes that the title of <b>sports therapist</b> be the pro</p>		

## second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: A

**Either invasive procedures or clinical intervention with the potential for harm or exercise of judgment by unsupervised professionals which can substantially impact on patient health or welfare**

The profession meets the criteria: exercising professional judgment by unsupervised professionals and clinical intervention with a potential for harm.

Sports Therapists exercise professional judgment by unsupervised practitioners.

The majority of Sports therapists are employed in healthcare, gyms and fitness centres and in private practice.

The practitioner may work autonomously in private practice.

Some examples of clinical intervention include: performing CPR, first aid, manual therapy, remedial massage and electrotherapy.

Some examples of exercising judgement include: decision making relating to first aid, CPR and spinal conditions.

Questions to be asked by Council and comments in March 2006:

Does the practitioner have full responsibility for any diagnosis made or is diagnosis made in conjunction with another healthcare practitioner?

Question (above): Though the SST met this criterion in March 2006, there was no documentary evidence submitted in response to Council's comment above. Council should satisfy itself that this question has been addressed by the Society.

## second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: 1

### CRITERIA:

**Discrete area of activity displaying some homogeneity**

**Summary comments (10 words max.)**

Council should consider the extent to which their activity is already regulated by the HPC.

### Detailed comments

#### Questions & comments asked by Council in March 2006:

1. **Is there any overlap with professions regulated by other bodies such as osteopaths and chiropractors?**

It may be that some of these functions can be carried out by a physiotherapist with an extended scope of practice as well.

2. **To what extent is the work of a sports therapist distinct to that of a sports rehabilitator or a sports massage therapist?**

The extent of overlap with currently regulated professions will need to be determined by the Council. The SST submits that no other

profession undertakes all aspects of the sports therapists role

It will be important, for example, to understand the extent to which the work of sports therapists are separate from the work of physiotherapists or other

related sports practitioners or osteopaths.

It may be that these are very different roles, but advice may need to be sought from the Society.

3. **Does the practitioner use problem solving skills to determine appropriate action?**

4. **In what profession specific areas would the Standards of Proficiency for a sports therapist differ from that of a physiotherapist?**

#### Response from the SST May 2006:

The 5 competency areas highlighted by the Society, which would grant a graduate member status upon completion of an SST accredited course are:

prevention of injury, recognition and evaluation of injury, management, treatment & referral, rehabilitation, and education & counselling.

**Comment:** The above areas of competency are also shared by other healthcare practitioners such as physiotherapists and sports rehabilitators.

The SST states that the sports therapists utilises critical analysis, synthesis and evaluation in the areas of injury prevention using a combination of invasive and non-invasive diagnostic tests.

**Comment:** Information from the universities of Teesside and Central Lancashire highlight the scope of practice of a sports therapist as concentrating

on sports injury and its prevention using rehabilitation skills, diagnosis and treatments. It is further stated that a physiotherapist would only gain the

scope of practice of a sports therapists after post graduate study or an extended scope of practice (compared with that which a sports therapist has at the

point of graduation from an accredited programme).

**Comment:** SST's response to question 1 (above) - there is overlap in the underpinning knowledge required but the Society states that the difference

between sports therapy and other professions is that for this profession the skills required specifically relate to sports and exercise.

SST's response to question 2 (above) - the Society states that the competencies of a sports therapists encompass those of a sports rehabilitator and sports

massage therapist. **This question remains unresolved** as the scope of practice for this profession could not be compared with that of the others.

SST's response to question 3 (above) - the Society states that within its Standards of Conduct, Performance & Ethics is a section on the Standards of

**SCORE:**

Partly met

## second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: 2

### Defined body of knowledge

Failed to meet

It remains unclear as to what body of knowledge is uniquely within that of a sports therapist.

### Questions asked by Council and comments in March 2006:

It is not clear what body of knowledge is truly unique to sports therapists; that is not currently shared by a profession currently regulated by HPC. HPC would seek clarification to what extent the body of knowledge would appear to be shared with others practitioners, regulated and unregulated.

Given this overlap, Council must consider whether this profession should be regulated as a separate entity by HPC.

### How does a practitioner apply the distinct body of knowledge?

#### Response from the SST May 2006:

The SST believe that some of the skills and competencies of a sports therapist are gained at graduate level and those same skills are not gained by a physiotherapist until post graduate level. A sports therapist's skills and competencies are confined to sport and exercise.

SST states that sports rehabilitation is within the scope of practice of a sports therapist and as such this would negate the need for a joint application with the British Association of Sports Rehabilitators & Trainers (BASRaT)

Comment: It remains unclear as to what body of knowledge is uniquely within that of a sports therapist and is not shared with other professions regulated or unregulated.

# second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: 3

## Evidence of efficacy

Partly met

Evidence was submitted as to how outcomes are measured, but no evidence was submitted regarding involvement in expert groups.

### Questions asked by Council and comments in March 2006:

1. Not clear as to the autonomy that a sports therapist would have in the implementation of evidence based practice. It may be that this must be overseen by a registered practitioner.
2. Is SST involved in expert groups to develop new ways of working, roles and practice? If so, with whom does it have a collaborative relationship?
3. The professional body should be asked to provide explicit data/description as to how the profession measures outcomes of practice.

### Response from SST May 2006:

Comment 1 (above) : no response submitted by SST. Council should satisfy itself that this comment has been addressed by the Society.

Question 2 (above) : Individual practitioners were involved in a collaborative workshop to explore the possibility of developing the National Centre for Safety in Children's Sport and Exercise.  
Council must seek further clarification from SST as to the aims of this Centre and importantly SST's own role within this collaborative framework. No other examples of involvement in expert groups were submitted (it should be noted however, that SST has partnership arrangements with education providers in order to accredit sport therapy programmes and SST also responds to consultation exercises but there was no evidence submitted of direct involvement in expert groups who may develop new ways of working, roles and practice.

Question 3 (above) : descriptions were provided by SST as to how the professions measures outcomes of practice, for example:

- (i) using clinical measuring techniques in relation to motion tests and stress tests;
- (ii) use of muscle testing and neurological techniques;
- (iii) measurement techniques.

## second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: 4

### CRITERIA:

At least 1 established professional body a/c for significant proportion of occupation

Summary comments (10 words max.)

No evidence of the views of practitioners who are not members of SST as to the proposals for regulation.

SCORE:

Partly met

### Detailed comments

Questions asked by Council and comments in March 2006:

1. No documentary evidence was submitted of a recent ballot of members regarding the issue of seeking statutory regulation.

There is evidence submitted of a newsletter sent to members in September 2005 informing them of the Society's intention to seek statutory regulation.

2. No evidence submitted as to work undertaken from amongst the wider profession to gauge the attitude to the proposals to seek regulation.

3. What actual numbers of sports therapy practitioners are currently practising in the UK?

4. What other professional bodies exist that represent sports therapy or have a section of their membership who may specialise in sports therapy?

5. Are the Society's elections to the Board carried out by an external body and if so whom?

No evidence of the views of those who are not members of the professional body in relation to regulation.

### The response from SST May 2006:

Question 1 (above): Whilst there is no legal obligation for an applicant group to conduct a ballot of members, the Council would wish to see the level of support from amongst members for regulation, those who voted for and against. The Society was unable to provide documentary evidence of results of the ballot conducted amongst its members, despite being advised by HPC on previous occasions.

Question 2 (above): The Society has been unable to ascertain how many sports therapist practitioners who are not members of the SST are currently practising (the SST has a membership base of 2,486) and therefore the level of support for regulation from those outside of its membership base.

Question 3 (above): No evidence submitted. Council should satisfy itself that this question has been addressed by the Society.

Question 4 (above): The SST acknowledges that the Sports Therapy Organisation (STO) and The Federation of Holistic Therapists (FHT) have sections within their membership who are sports therapists. There were no letters of support from STO or FHT in support of the Society's application for regulation. The CSP has a special interest group (ACPSM) involved in some aspects of sports therapy but there does not appear to have been any meetings held between SST and this group. HPC has received, independently from the Society's application for regulation a letter from the FHT. SST acknowledges a number of other professional bodies or special interest groups in existence with an interest in or sections of membership involved in sports therapy.

Question 5 (above): Elections to the SST Board are not carried out by an external body. The election process is carried out in accordance with the

## second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: 5

### Voluntary register(s)

Failed to meet

No indication as to when the voluntary register was established.

Questions asked by Council and comments in March 2006:

1. What percentage of the total sports therapy workforce are members of the Society?
2. Where did the Society gain its information/estimate as to the number of practitioners? (SST estimated that some 70,000 practitioners would be practising in 10 years time) but no documentary evidence from an external body was submitted to substantiate this claim.

[Note: the date that the Society was established is not necessarily the date at which a voluntary register was instituted.]

### The response from SST May 2006:

Question 1 (above): The Society has been unable to ascertain how many sports therapist practitioners are currently practising, and thereby the % of the workforce who are members of the SST.

Question 2 (above): the figure of 70,000 practitioners quoted in the SST's application in March 2006 was not an estimate of the number practitioners but an extrapolation based on the SST's own "estimation" of practitioners. Therefore, there are no figures available upon which to gauge the number of unregulated practitioners in the UK. The extrapolation was based on 25 students per year graduating from 300 courses but Council should seek further clarification from SST as to the nature of the course content and the details of some of the 300 courses quoted as no documentary evidence was submitted by the Society to support this statement. Previous evidence from the SST stated that programmes could range from weekend courses to 3 year undergraduate programmes.

## second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: 6

### Defined routes of entry to the profession

There are defined routes of entry to the profession.

Questions to be asked by Council and comments in March 2006:

1. Have National Occupational Standards been developed?
2. Does the degree programme combine theory with the practice placement element and ongoing work based training? If so, who accredits the practice placement?
3. Who within the Society approves applications for membership?

Response from SST May 2006:

Question 1 (above): SST stated that following the March 2006 Council meeting, they contacted HPC and were informed that "the development of National Occupational Standards were inappropriate and unnecessary as these had not been developed for other regulated professions". This information is incorrect and HPC would not have advised an applicant body in this way.

The Society further states that it held exploratory discussions with Skills Active in the mid 1990s to develop National Occupational Standards but was informed by this group that development of these standards was inappropriate at this stage.

Question 2 (above): All degree programmes combine theory with the practice placement element which are validated by the university's own internal validation procedures and by QAA. The practice placement element can occur within a sports therapy clinic run by the university's sports therapy department, or within sports clubs or sports teams.

Question 3 (above): Applications for membership are scrutinised against the membership criteria by the Society's administration staff. All applications are forwarded to the Director with responsibility for membership for final approval. Any application for membership where a query exists is referred to the SST's Board of Directors for final decision.



## second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: 7

### Independently assessed entry qualifications

Partly met

A number of questions/comments remain outstanding.

#### Questions asked by Council and comments in March 2006:

1. Who accredits the Society's own award Advanced Diploma in Academic & Clinical Sports Therapy ?
2. No documentary evidence submitted of the accreditation process between the education provider and SST
3. There is no evidence of the SST accreditation scheme being assessed or externally verified by an independent body.
4. There is no evidence of QAA Benchmark Statements in sports therapy not a commitment to develop these in conjunction with QAA.
5. Has the profession produced a Curriculum Guidance Document?\*
6. What does the profession propose to be the threshold entry level standard for those entering onto the HPC Register?

(\* the Society submitted examples of a mapping exercise against competencies for the degree programme)

#### Response from SST May 2006:

Question 1 (above): The Society stated that the Advanced Diploma in Academic & Clinical Sports Therapy was in fact not their own award but a programme run by a private company (Sports Rehab & Education Services) which was accredited by the Society. The course ceased to run in 2005. This programme was used as a "top-up" qualification for students as a route of entry on to a BSc (Hons) Applied Sports Therapy programme at one university.

Comments 2, 3 and 4 (above): The comments remain unresolved by SST.

Question 5 (above): The Society states that the curriculum guidance is in the form of competencies required of a practitioner and the scope of practice for Sports Therapy.

Question 6 (above): The Society proposes a threshold entry level to be at a minimum graduate level entry i.e. BSc (Hons) in Sports Therapy.

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### *Conduct, performance and ethics standards*

These standards are in place.

Questions asked by Council and comments in March 2006:

1. Who reviews the Code of Performance, Conduct & Ethics?
2. Does the Code also apply to Students? If so, are students given a copy of the Code at the commencement of the programme.

Response from SST May 2006-

Question 1 (above) the Code of Performance, Conduct & Ethics was developed to be of a similar format to that of the HPC. The Code is reviewed by the Board of Directors of SST.

Question 2 (above): The Society states that their Code of Performance, Conduct & Ethics does not apply to students. However, students are bound by the articles and bye-laws and any related regulations and procedures of the SST. Students may access the Code via a dedicated area of the SST website. The professionalism and ethics expected of a sports therapist are covered in the undergraduate programme.

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### Disciplinary procedures to enforce the standards

SST has a formal fitness to practise and appeals procedures in place.

**Question to be asked by Council and comment in March 2006:**

As it appears that the current system has only been in place a short while, the Society may need to provide documentary evidence of allude to it, at a subsequent meeting of HPC Council, as to the previous system used.

**Response from SST May 2006:**

The Society has had fitness to practise processes in place since 1990.

The current process was introduced in 2004, taking into account changes in legislation such as the Human Rights Act, 1998.

**second Scoring new professions -- SST - May 2006: 10**

**Commitment to continuing professional development (CPD)**

There is good evidence of commitment to CPD.

This criterion was met in March 2006.

*Appendix 4*      Views of others

Views of others submitted to HPC

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13<sup>th</sup> April 2006

Your ref: MJB/jm/L2680

Dear Michael

**Re: Sports Therapists – Protection of Title**

Thank you for the copy of your letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> April addressed to Professor Brook. Norma has requested me to respond to the issues that you raised in your letter.

The Health Professions Council uses a two stage process when considering whether or not to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Health that an Aspirant Group should or should not be statutorily regulated.

The HPC considered the application from the Society of Sports Therapists (SST) on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The second step of the process will occur at the next Council meeting which is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> May. At the meeting the SST has been requested to make a presentation and in particular to address a range of issues that were of concern to the Council. The Council meeting, as are all our meetings, is open to the public and it may be beneficial if you or one of your colleagues were to attend so that you could hear the presentation and subsequent discussion at first hand.

I anticipate that a number of key issues will be discussed at the meeting.

They include:

- The demonstrable level of support that the SST has from other organizations and individuals for the application.
- The appropriate training for sports therapists.
- Which title should be protected.

- Whether sports therapy should be statutorily regulated.
- The difference between physiotherapy and sports therapy.

If the Council decides that sports therapy should be regulated the Department of Health will then have to undertake a consultation. The process is detailed in the HPC document "Guidance for Occupations Considering Applying for Regulation by the Health Professions Council". I have attached a copy of the document for your reference.

I would also like to draw to your attention the section entitled "Views of Others" on page 7 of the document. Your views will therefore be brought to the attention of the Council.

If you have any additional questions or points of clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I would be most grateful if you would forward my letter to those on your cc list, as I unfortunately do not have their addresses.

Yours sincerely



**Marc Seale**  
**Chief Executive and Registrar**

cc Cathy Savage  
Norma Brook

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5<sup>th</sup> April 2006

Our Ref: MJB/jm/L2680

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Dear Professor Brook,

**Re: Sports Therapist's - Protection of Title**

I am given to understand that an application has been made to the Health Professions Council by the recently formed Society of Sports Therapists to protect the title of 'Sports Therapist's'.

We have been training Physiotherapists/Sports Therapists for decades and we have a very active association Sports Therapists (The British Association of Sports Therapists). We are therefore somewhat concerned at what we see as an opportunist approach by a body - The Society of Sports Therapists, who have been in existence for about ten years endeavouring to restrict this title.

At no time have they ever consulted us, nor in fact have we really taken any notice of them. We knew they existed and one or two of our members have been members of that society as well.

As you know our history goes back to 1919 and we have been training such Sports Therapists who are employed by leading football clubs and other professional sports associations.

You will recall that when the plan to restrict the title Chiropodist, Podiatrist and Physiotherapist etc came about in 2003, we met with your good self and Roz Mead in Leeds via a video conference at Richmond House consisting on our part of Michael Paynton (Chairman of The British Chiropody & Podiatry Association), Marcel Pooke (then an advisor) and myself. Indeed you kindly suggested that we used the title Sports Therapist from then onwards because we were not planning to undertake a degree course for Physiotherapy. There is a tremendous demand for a diploma lead study basis because it is felt in many respects to be very hands on. Naturally, if there are discussions on closing this title, then we should play the major part within

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it. On our part we really object to the restriction, or proposal to restrict, this title with one relatively new body attempting to control the training and regulation of it through the HPC. | ✓

We do not share some of their points because we have checked through and cannot find any problems relating to the public requiring such protection. Indeed all our members are protected for any medical malpractice to the extent of five million pounds, and we have a clean and enviable record over the many decades for which we have been operating. | ✓

This is a very well regulated small area and therefore we are writing to you, and copying this to The Chief Executive, because we are registering our objection to what we consider to be a cavalier approach. Our membership is equally concerned about this matter. | ✓

I very much look forward to hearing from you further that our concerns are being taken into account, and that there will be proper consultation on this matter. |

Yours sincerely,



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Re-HPC Meeting 1st March 2006 – SOST Application

Cathy Savage

Dear Cathy:

Further to my recent visit to the HPC and the viewing of the SOST application for statutory regulation. I feel that it may be pertinent to clarify our position, prior to your meeting with the SOST on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

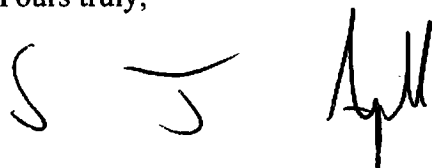
Over the last ten months, the BASRaT executive committee have repeatedly attempted to organise a meeting with the SOST to discuss the viability of a joint application, unfortunately, for whatever reason, this is something the SOST have been unable or unwilling to do. On the other hand, BASRaT have been able to meet with the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy to discuss its application.

The SOST are applying for the regulation of degree qualified Sports Therapists and the first SOST institution to offer this degree commenced in 1996, with the majority of their institutions only coming on line relatively recently. The bulk of their members currently hold sub degree level qualifications. I only highlight these facts to demonstrate that in the area of the applicant profession, BASRaT has a considerable amount of specific experience that will improve the strength and quality of the application for our respective professions. BASRaT degree programs were set up prior to 1996, and institutional accreditation and BASRaT membership has always been equitable with regards to education and training. Only high quality degree programs, with specific content, delivery and appropriately qualified staff have been given BASRaT accreditation. Since the inception of BASRaT, we have worked alongside institutions to constantly improve and refine the education process, and obviously feel that this expertise will be of benefit to this applicant profession.

Although we do have a separate application for submission, the role delineation provided by the SOST is extremely similar to the role delineation for the Sport Rehabilitator that has been in the public domain for several years. In light of this, we would welcome the chance to meet with both the SOST and the HPC to discuss the most appropriate way forwards.

Thank you for your continued help and guidance and I look forward to hearing from you as appropriate.

Yours truly,

Handwritten signature of Stephen Aspinall, consisting of three distinct cursive initials: 'S', 'A', and 'Spall'.

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29<sup>th</sup> November 2005

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you in my capacity as chair of the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Sports Medicine. I understand that a number of groups of sports therapists have made contact regarding registration as new professions with HPC. I know of two; the British Association of Sports Rehabilitators and Trainers and the Society of Sports Therapists, although the latter is the group that I am immediately referring to as I believe they intend to submit an application in the new year. However, both of these groups appear to claim very similar scopes of practice.

In view of the guidelines published regarding new profession applications, I am writing to advise you of the current scope of practice of sports physiotherapists. I have enclosed a document covering the competencies of the specialisation of physiotherapy, compiled by the International Federation of Sports Physiotherapy and funded by the European Union. This should help clarify our area of expertise.

The recognition of sport and exercise medicine as a clinical specialty within medicine provides an excellent model for developing skilled sports medicine practitioners. This is done through an initial broad medical training with subsequent postgraduate specialisation within sport to ensure that mature clinical reasoning skills are facilitated and to provide the best quality of care for the active population. Physiotherapists follow a similar pattern in developing their skills within the sports and exercise field. Unfortunately there are no short cuts to providing this quality of care as instilling the appropriate balance of general medical knowledge and skills with sports specific ones takes a great deal of time. I have also enclosed details of the continuous professional development programme provided by the ACPSM towards recognition as a specialist sports physiotherapist with the International Federation of Sports Physiotherapy.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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19<sup>th</sup> May 2005

Dear Karen,

I have received a letter from the Society of Sports Therapists, regarding registration through HPC, and am attending a forum they are holding. I'm hoping you can clarify a few points for me, so that I can address these at the forum:

- Has the Society of Sports Therapists been working with the Health Professions Council towards regulation for the past 3 years? If not, for how long have they been working with you?
- Are they correct in using the term state registration? (Enclosed copy of a letter passed on to me, signed by yourself)
- What is the agreed provisional timetable?
- Who is the allocated mentor from HPC, and are their contact details available to us?

Unfortunately in the past I have had no response from the Society to any questions, and have found lots of information from different sources, which may not be correct, and I want to attend this forum with all the facts and not just hearsay.

I would be extremely grateful if you could answer the above questions, as this not only affects my own company, but also all of our graduates.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Richard Johnson  
Training Director

Ring Richard 20.5.05  
to explain the process.  
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# THE SOCIETY OF SPORTS THERAPISTS

(Established 1990)



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Dear Mr Johnson,

## State Registration Application – an update and information forum

As you are no doubt aware over the past 3 years **The Society of Sports Therapists** has been working with the Health Professions Council towards the regulation and state registration of sports therapy and sports therapists. This process, facilitated by **The Society of Sports Therapists**, is reaching its conclusion with the petition document now in the final stages of preparation. Moreover, the Society has also negotiated with the Health Professions Council a provisional date for the petition and application to be presented to its full Council.

As you will appreciate, this impending regulation and registration for sports therapy and sports therapists will have major implications regarding the training, recognition and status of this vibrant and exciting new profession. Such implications need to be outlined, justified and discussed. To this end **The Society of Sports Therapists** cordially invites you to send a representative from your organisation to a forum that is being held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005. The venue for this forum is the Ibis Hotel, London Euston and the event will commence at 2pm and be concluded by 4.30pm.

The main aims of this forum are:

1. To allow **The Society of Sports Therapists** to explain fully the rationale for facilitating this process with the Health Professions Council.
2. To enable **The Society of Sports Therapists** to clarify the process and level of qualification that is being recommended to the Health Professions Council for registration to be implemented.
3. To give **The Society of Sports Therapists** an opportunity of answering and correcting many of the misconceptions and misinformation that is currently circulating regarding this very necessary legislative measure which is to be introduced. Misinformation and misconceptions which do not do the profession of sports therapy and its practitioners, at whatever level they are operating, any good at all.

4. To give representatives from other organisations, trading providers and professional bodies who will be directly affected by this regulatory process an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.
5. To give organisations involved in any aspect of sports therapy, an opportunity to meet, discuss and (hopefully) unite under two common and agreed goals. These being:
  - i. The protection of the public
  - ii. The protection of sports therapists and sports therapy as a highly recognised, valued and regulated profession

Both of the above will only be possible through registration by the Health Professions Council as quickly and affectively as possible.

If you feel that it is appropriate for your organisation to send a representative to the above event on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at the Ibis Hotel, London Euston then **The Society of Sports Therapists** would be pleased to see one there. Consequently, to assist in planning the event if you could confirm the name of the attending representative to **The Society of Sports Therapists** at [admin@society-of-sports-therapists.org](mailto:admin@society-of-sports-therapists.org) by 4pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 it would be appreciated. As stated earlier, the event will commence at 2pm. Also, for your information the Ibis Hotel is situated immediately adjacent to Euston mainline railway station and can be accessed by departing the main concourse through the doors by platforms 15 and 16.

Finally, we hope that your organisation will be in a position to send a representative to the above event. However, if you are unable to do so or do not feel that it is appropriate may I take this opportunity of confirming that the application for the regulation and registration of sports therapy and sports therapists is going ahead. It is a process that has been facilitated by **The Society of Sports Therapists** and one that has required significant consultation, work and commitment. It also has an agreed provisional timetable and an allocated mentor from the Health Professions Council. Furthermore, it is a legislative process that meets the ethos and philosophy under which the Health Professions Council was established and is necessary to protect both patients and practitioners alike. Consequently, it is important that all organisations have a clear understanding of the situation and we do hope that a representative of your organisation will be able to attend.

With Regards & Best wishes,



Professor Graham N Smith  
Chairman



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14 March 2005

Dear .....

**RE: Your letter regarding "*More REPS*" Issue 5**

Thank you for your letter regarding misleading information contained in Issue 5 of the *More REPS* publication of the Register of Exercise Professionals, which was received at the HPC on 11 March 2005.

I have since written to Mr Collins, the Registrar of the Register of Exercise Professionals, requesting a retraction of the statement in the next issue of its publication.

Your letter addressed the following concerns which I have outlined the HPCs response to below:

- 1) *"The Society of Sports Therapists is now recognised as the professional body with whom the Health Professions Council is working for the State Registration and Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists"*.

While the HPC has been involved in discussions with the Society of Sports Therapists, it does not officially *recognise* them as the sole body representative of sports therapy as a profession, of or sports therapists. Further, the term "State Regulation" implies government regulation. The HPC was set up by an act of parliament and is independent of the government. As such regulation with the HPC is 'Statutory' rather than 'State'.

- 2) *"Some people working in the fitness industry refer to themselves as "sports therapists" but they must make sure they are compliant with the qualifications and standards required by the society"*.

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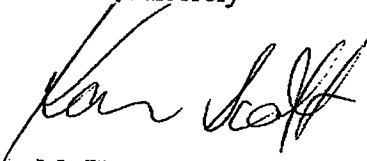
At this point, there is no requirement for any individual, unless registered with the Society of Sports Therapists, to be compliant with their qualifications and standards. Generally speaking, when a profession becomes regulated by the HPC, the voluntary register of the group or professional body/bodies who make the application to the HPC, are automatically transferred to the HPC register. Any individuals who are not on the register at that stage, are given a two year period, known as a grandparenting period, in which to apply for registration. Thus, while the process is easier for those individuals registered with the group or professional body/bodies in question, all those who intend to practice under the protected title are given ample opportunity to register with the HPC.

- 3) *"We have a category of registration, at level 3 called "sport specific" and this should not be confused in any way with the professional and protected title for Sports Therapists".*

Before a profession can be regulated by the HPC, and indeed before a title can be protected, a lengthy public consultation must be undertaken by the Department of Health. This consultation, in large part, determines exactly what professional title will be protected. At this stage, as there is no statutory regulation of sport therapy as a profession, there is no protected title under which sports therapists practice.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Ms Karen Scott  
Acting Manager of CPD and Aspirant Groups

Views of others submitted by the Society of  
Sports Therapists in March 2006

Kate Hoey MP  
Member of Parliament for Vauxhall



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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7-Dec-05

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**Re: The Application by the Society of Sports Therapists for Health Professions Council Regulation of Sports Therapy & Sports Therapists.**

Having been involved with the Society of Sports Therapists for several years regarding the regulation of Sports Therapy by the Health Professions Council, I am delighted to endorse this application for State Registration and Regulation.

The sporting public, indeed the active public, are deserving of a high quality service in the prevention, treatment and management of injury. The Society of Sports Therapists has demonstrated the need for this service and has worked diligently to facilitate the process of recognition by the Health Professions Council.

Recognition of Sports Medicine as a specialism within the Health Service is a major step forward. This needs to be followed by recognition of Sports Therapy by the HPC in order to ensure the protection of the public from unqualified practitioners calling themselves Sports Therapists.

Yours sincerely,

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Kate Hoey MP

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12<sup>th</sup> January 2006

**Re: The Application by the Society of Sports Therapists for Health Professions Council Regulation of Sports Therapy & Sports Therapists.**

Throughout my career, I have recognised the need for specialisation in certain aspects of sport. This is especially true with regard to the prevention of injury and the rehabilitation process. However, there is currently no State Registered profession in this country to deliver that service. The numbers of sports participants and active individuals in this country is rising due in part to Government encouragement and while some aspects of sport provision are improving, the specialist medical services required to prevent and treat injuries have been sadly lacking. I am therefore delighted to endorse this application for State Registration and Regulation.

The Society of Sports Therapists is at the forefront of this initiative. They have clearly demonstrated the need for this service and have worked diligently to facilitate the process of recognition by the Health Professions Council.

Recognition of Sports Therapy by the HPC is vital both as a service to all of those involved in sport and exercise and also to ensure the protection of the public from unqualified practitioners calling themselves Sports Therapists.

Yours sincerely

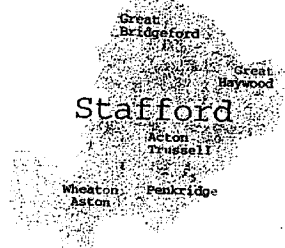
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**Lord Moynihan**



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DAVID KIDNEY MP  
*Working for all in Stafford Constituency*



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3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006.

Dear Sir or Madam,

**APPLICATION FOR STATUTORY REGULATION OF SPORTS THERAPY**

At the request of my constituent, Mr. John Mayer of 22, Linksfield Grove, Parkside, Stafford ST16 1TG, an excellent sports therapist, this is to confirm my support for the above application.

I understand that your Society is seeking the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council.

I believe that such regulation would enhance public protection and give your members the recognition that they deserve. The regulation would improve public confidence and the public standing of your members and your Society.

I would envisage benefits of statutory regulation including clearer standards for education, training and conduct of Sports Therapists in the future. It would mean that anyone calling himself or herself a Sports Therapist in the future will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organisation that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.

I therefore support your application and I congratulate you on taking this initiative.

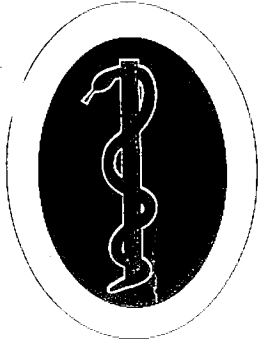
Yours sincerely,

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### **Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council**

Dear Sir / Madam,

The British Association of Sport and Exercise Medicine (BASEM) supports the application by the Society of Sports Therapists for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council.

At present anyone completing even the most basic training can assume the title of Sports Therapist and we firmly believe that the current lack of regulation leaves the individual member of the public seeking treatment very vulnerable to receiving substandard care. Regulation will ensure that anyone calling himself or herself a Sports Therapist will have undertaken appropriate training and committed to a process of continuing professional development, ensuring that both knowledge and skills are constantly updated.

BASEM congratulate the Society of Sports Therapists in providing a lead in facilitating this process and look forward to hearing of a positive outcome to the application for statutory regulation.

Yours Sincerely,

Professor Michael Cullen

Chairperson BASEM



Professor Graham Smith  
C/o The Society of Sports Therapists  
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6<sup>th</sup> January 2006

Dear Graham,

I strongly support the application for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy & Sports Therapists.

Sports Therapists provide a crucial area of support for athletes around the world. Sports Therapists have become an integral part of the medical team at Chelsea Football Club and provide a key role in the treatment of acute injuries as well as providing high quality maintenance work for the prevention of possible further injury. The way that they have been trained results in a team member who coordinates exceptionally well with other members of the medical team and this is largely down to the high quality training and code of ethics that has been adopted by the Society of Sports Therapy.

I wish you the greatest success with your application and if there is anything further that I can do to support this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Yours sincerely,



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29<sup>th</sup> December 2005

Dear Sir

**Support for the Application by The Society of Sports Therapists  
for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports  
Therapists by the Health Professions Council**

This is to confirm that I fully support and endorse the application being made by **The Society of Sports Therapists** for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council. I believe that this process is overdue and must be implemented in order that the public are protected and that the profession is recognised and regulated accordingly. Without this statutory regulation members of the public are unclear with regards to the education, training and standards of any Sports Therapist seen by them. Therefore, regulation of the profession will ensure that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organisation that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.

I, therefore, unequivocally support the application being made by **The Society of Sports Therapists** to the Health Professions Council. I further congratulate **The Society of Sports Therapists** for its initiative in facilitating this extremely important process.

Yours faithfully,

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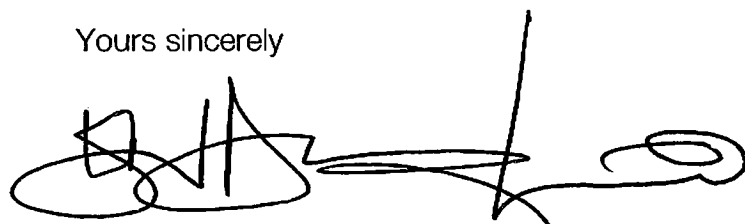
Dear Professor Smith

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Yours sincerely



Lawrence Dallaglio MBE

# SALLY GUNNELL

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To whom it may concern,

During my athletic career I used the services of Sports Therapists so often, keeping me injury free for many years. Therefore I fully support and endorse the application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council. I believe that this process is overdue and must be implemented in order that the public are protected and that the profession is recognised and regulated accordingly. Without this statutory regulation, members of the public will continue to be unclear about the education, training and standards of any Sports Therapist they might see. Therefore, regulation of the profession will ensure that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organisation that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.

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Yours sincerely,



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4<sup>th</sup> October 2005

Dear Sir or Madam,

**State Registration**

We have been associated with the above Clinic since 1999 and having seen the development of the practice over those years, we consider it to be vital for the Society of Sports Therapists to be recognised for state registration.

Having worked with Mr Harris and Miss Budd, we see the valuable service they offer to the community and the high level of treatment they offer and it is imperative that they gain a nationally recognised status within the therapy world.

Having both competed at international level in sport, we realise how important it is for sportsmen and women to be protected from unregulated practitioners, but also how important it is to have the provision of recognised, specialised sports therapy services in the overall prevention, treatment and management of sports injuries.

Yours faithfully

Mr M A Winch B.Sc.

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17<sup>th</sup> October 2005.



Dear Members of the Board of Directors &  
Executive Committee of **The Society of Sports Therapists**,

**RE: Support for the Application by The Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council**



This is to confirm that I fully support and endorse the application being made by **The Society of Sports Therapists** for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council.

I think that Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists should be a recognised profession and protected by law, and that the controlling body should be the Health Professions Council, which in turn will give protection to the public.

I propose the leading body should be **The Society of Sports Therapists**, because of their extensive knowledge and training in the profession and that other Sports Therapy Organisations should have to comply with the standards, qualification and recognition of this Organisation.

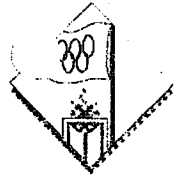


I therefore support the application being made by **The Society of Sports Therapists** to the Health Professions Council, and considering this extremely and important process they should be encouraged for their initiative.

Yours faithfully,

*Prof Ken S. Wright*

Professor Ken S Wright (Neuroscience).



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27<sup>th</sup> October 2005

Dear Professor Brook

**RE: Application for Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists**

I am writing to confirm my full support for the application for the statutory regulation of the sports therapy profession.

Within the Faculty of Health at UCLan we have a very successful BSc (Hons) Degree that is integrated with Degrees and Foundation Degrees in Physiotherapy and Health and Social Care within the Department of Allied Health Professions. There is a successful programme of inter-professional learning both within the department and across other departments within the Faculty and with other Faculties. Physiotherapy and Sports Therapy students are taught together for aspects of the curriculum to encourage a multidisciplinary and inter-disciplinary approach to rehabilitation and patient care.

It has become clear that sports therapy and sports therapists will play an important role in contributing to caring for those people injured participating in sport and exercise. In order to protect the public it is imperative that the profession is regulated at a graduate level in order to meet high standards of professional care and practice. Without regulation members of the public will continue to be unclear about the education, training and standards of a sports therapist.

I have been aware through working with the Society of Sports Therapists of their high standards of professional practice.

I am fully confident that the sports therapy students that graduate from this Faculty will be well prepared to continue to the work of the health professions.

I fully support the Society of Sports Therapists in their initiative for statutory regulation and look forward to a successful outcome.

Yours Sincerely

Eileen Martin  
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25 October 2005

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**Support for the application by The Society of Sports Therapists for the  
Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health  
Professions Council**

This is to confirm that the Sports Therapy Department at London Metropolitan University fully support and endorse the application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council. We believe that this process is overdue and must be implemented in order that the public are protected and that the profession is recognised and regulated accordingly.

Without this statutory regulation, members of the public will continue to be unclear about the education, training and standards of any Sports Therapist they might see. Therefore, regulation of the profession will ensure that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organisation that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained. London Metropolitan (as the former University of North London) was the first university in the UK to deliver the BSc (Hons) degree programme in Sports Therapy. We fully support the application being made and intend to continue providing high quality education for Sports Therapists to enhance the reputation and professionalism of Sports Therapy.

We unequivocally support the application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council.

Yours sincerely

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**SALLY SMITH**  
Course Leader, Sports Therapy  
for and on behalf of the Sports Therapy Department

Our Ref: RDS/JH

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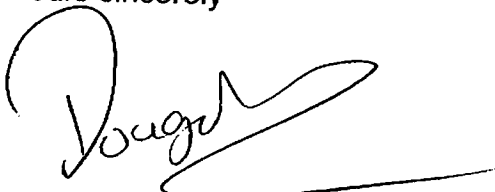
Dear Andy

Thank you for your letter and brief note. I would gladly support the application of the Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council for statutory regulation of Sport Therapists and Sports Therapy. I base this support on the fact that anybody working in any medical profession needs to have regulation. If there is no regulation, then there is no accountability for the actions performed by people purporting to have a skill. Any person who has a medical need and accesses a perceived clinician with an area of specialist interest, should have the right to expect this person to be appropriately trained and be regulated by a regulatory body. This goes for sportsmen and women as well as any other patient who have a health concern.

I also suspect that having a regulatory authority will give your profession more professional kudos and recognition of the skills that your training can provide. Once the profession is regulated, I could foresee with the recent recognition of Sports Medicine as a medical specialty in it's own right, that Allied Professions will be in great demand for supporting the sports medical practitioners and individual practitioners will develop skills to help support patients alongside the other, already accepted, professions. I can see the increase in provision of care for teams and supervision of recovery from injuries becoming a more recognised role of the Sports Therapist.

I wish you good luck with your application and hope you are successful.

Yours sincerely



Mr R D Southward  
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09/10/05

Dear Professor Smith,

**RE: Support for the application by the Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council.**

As an England Institute of Sport Athlete and a student of BSc(hons) Sports Therapy Degree at London Metropolitan University, I fully support and endorse the application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory regulation of sports therapy and sports therapists.

As an international hockey athlete it has been made extremely clear to me that we should only ever be treated for injuries by qualified, reputable, and regulated professionals. There are too many so-called 'Sports Therapists' that have not undertaken a recognised qualification and have no regulation from an organisation that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.

Also being a student of a Sports Therapy degree I feel it imperative that the society gains statutory regulation of sports therapy & sports therapists so that my peers and I gain the enhanced respect that the regulation will bring for all our efforts in gaining a degree. It will ensure that the public and sporting industry are better educated into the services we can provide as regulated sports therapists.

I, therefore, wholeheartedly and unequivocally support this application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professional Council. It is an extremely important process for the future of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists. Congratulations for initiating this application.

Your sincerely,

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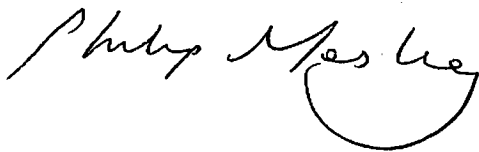
Re: Application by The Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professionals Council

I am writing in support of The Society of Sports Therapists application for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists.

As a professional athlete I know that many of my fellow athletes are often confused about whom to consult in the event of an injury, and often feel unsure about the level of training associated with the increasing number of people calling themselves Sports Therapists. I think it is extremely important that the profession is regulated so that athletes in Britain will know that Sports Therapists have undertaken a suitable level of qualification and that the profession is regulated by an organisation such as the Society of Sports Therapists that seek to protect the interests of the public.

I foresee the level of sports participation in Britain greatly increasing in the coming years in the lead up to the 2012 Olympics in London, and I therefore feel that the regulation of Sports Therapy is most important at this stage. I therefore wholeheartedly support the application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council.

Yours Faithfully,



Philip Mosley

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To whom it may concern

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Participants in sport and exercise frequently need the services provided by specialist sports therapists in the prevention, treatment and management of injuries. Without statutory regulation members of the public, whether professional sportsman or pure fun runners, will continue to be unclear about the education, training and standards of any Sports Therapists they call upon for advice.

Therefore, statutory regulation of the profession will ensure that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organisation that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.

As a member of the support team for the England Commonwealth Games Athletics Team competing in Melbourne in March 2006 I am aware of the important work done in conjunction with the coaches and medical staff by sports therapists with recognised qualifications in ensuring the Athletics Team are in the best possible condition at the time of their competition

I, therefore unequivocally support the application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council. I, further, congratulate The Society of Sports Therapists for its initiative in facilitating this extremely important process.

Yours sincerely



Christopher S. Carter

Barry Smith  
Dundee Football Club  
Dens Park Stadium  
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19 October 2005

Dear Sir / Madam

This is to confirm that I support the application for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists.

Being a professional footballer for the past 15 years I have received excellent standards of care from qualified Society of Sports Therapists practitioners on numerous occasions. This has ranged from specific pitch side care through to rehabilitation of injuries. Participants in Sports and exercise should be protected from unregulated practitioners by the statutory regulation of sports Therapy and Sports Therapists providing specialised sport therapy services both to the general public and to professional athletes.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Smith', written in a cursive style.

Barry Smith  
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15<sup>th</sup> November 2005

Dear Professor Smith,

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This is to confirm that I fully support and endorse the application being made by **The Society of Sports Therapists** for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports therapists by the health Professions Council. I believe that this process is overdue and must be implemented in order that the public are protected and that the profession is recognized and regulated accordingly. Without this statutory regulation, members of the public will continue to be unclear about the education, training and standards of the Sports Therapist they might see. Therefore, regulation of the profession will ensure that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organization that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.

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Yours sincerely

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**Dr Cameron Ramsey  
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1st November 2005

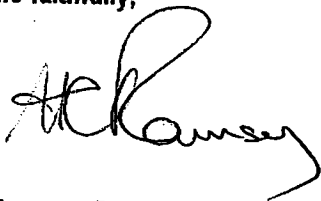
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Yours faithfully,



**Dr Cameron Ramsey.  
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I, therefore, unequivocally support the application being made by **The Society of Sports Therapists** for its initiative in facilitating this extremely important process.

Yours sincerely

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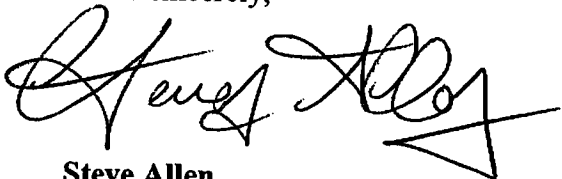
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Yours sincerely,



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18<sup>th</sup> December 2005

Dear Sirs

**Ref: Support for the Application by The Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council.**

As a leisure industry professional for over 40 years and a Fellow of the Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management, this is to confirm that I fully support and endorse the application being made by *The Society of Sports Therapists* for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council.

I believe that this process is a logical professional development that is entirely valid, greatly needed and long overdue. It must surely be implemented for the sports therapy profession to be properly recognised and accordingly regulated and for the public to be rightly protected. Failure to implement this will only result in members of the public continuing to be unclear about the education, training and professional standards of any Sports Therapists they may see. Furthermore it will remain an area of activity open to potential abuse.

If successful, as surely this application must be, incoming regulation will thereby ensure that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have, of necessity, undergone a process of professional qualification and accreditation. As a result the public will be reassured and professional standards will be maintained.

I therefore unequivocally support the application being made by *The Society of Sports Therapists* to the Health Professions Council. I congratulate them in their decision to take this essential and extremely important step and I wish them every success.

Yours truly,



Nick Balmforth ACP FILAM

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19 October 2005

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Dear Sir's

**SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION BY THE SOCIETY OF SPORTS THERAPISTS FOR THE  
STATUTORY REGULATIO OF SPORTS THERAPY AND SPORTS THERAPISTS BY THE  
HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL**

1. This is to confirm that I very much fully support and endorse the application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council. I believe that this process is overdue and must be implemented in order that the public are protected and that the profession is recognised and regulated accordingly. Without this statutory regulation, the public will continue to be unclear about the education, training and standards of any Sports Therapists they might see. Therefore regulation of the profession will ensure that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organisation that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.
2. I, therefore, unequivocally support the application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council. I, further, congratulate The Society of Sports Therapist for their continued service and hard work for its initiative in facilitating this extremely important process.

Yours sincerely

Captain Andrew Rance

13<sup>th</sup> October 2005

WHITGIFT

**Support for the Application by the Society of Sports Therapists  
For the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports  
Therapists by the Health professionals Council**

This is to confirm that I fully support the application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists for the regulation of Sports Therapy by the Health Professionals Council. Without this regulation, which is long overdue, members of the public will continue to be unclear about the education, training and standards of any Sports Therapist they might see. Regulation of the profession will ensure that a recognised qualification will be held by anyone calling himself a Sports Therapist and continuous professional development will maintain up to date understanding and procedures by the Therapist.

For five years, Whitgift School has used the services of Sally Kibble, a member of the Society of Sports Therapists. She works, in particular with School Sports Teams, both pitch side and also treatment and rehabilitation of injuries. I therefore unequivocally support the application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professionals Council.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Sir / Madam

**Support for the Application by the Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council.**

I believe that it is high time that The Society of Sports Therapists achieved statutory regulation by the Health Professions Council.

It is essential that as a consumer I am protected and that the profession is regulated accordingly. Professional qualification and regulation of its practitioners is a most important and crucial part of that protection. Additionally, I believe that not to regulate such practice is selling sports professionals, participants and Therapists short.

As a professional karate instructor, I have been a regular and committed user of Sports Therapy services for a good many years and have always recommended their services (above any other) to my students. This is because I have found that injury prevention and rehabilitation for sports people is best served by those who are committed to and understanding of the very particular pressures placed upon professional sports coaches and practitioners. I have always found this to be the case with sports therapists – as opposed to any others.

I therefore urge the Health Professions Council to endorse the application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists and progress the 'professionalisation' as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

*Julia Turley*



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**Date** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005

Dear Sir/Madam,

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I, therefore, unequivocally support the application being made by **The Society of Sports Therapists** to the Health Professions Council. I, further, congratulate **The Society of Sports Therapists** for its initiative in facilitating this extremely important process.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J Martin  
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FOOTBALL CLUB

Dear Sir/Madam

**Support for the Application by the Society of Sports Therapists for the  
Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the  
Health Professions Council**

I write to confirm that I fully support the application for the Statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists.

In my capacity as Director of Football at Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club specialising in youth development, I believe that it is vital that our players receive individual treatment by Sports Therapists with recognised qualifications who are able, through their specialised knowledge, to facilitate their rehabilitation and further injury.

The provision of specialised sports therapy services in the prevention, treatment and managements of injuries should be subject to statutory regulation in order to protect participants in sport from unregulated practitioners.

I therefore unequivocally support the introduction of statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists and congratulate the Society of Sports Therapists for its initiative in facilitating this extremely important process.

Yours sincerely

**Martin Hinshelwood**  
Director of Football



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Mr Justin Edinburgh  
Billericay Town FC  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write in support of the application by The Society of Sports Therapists for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy.

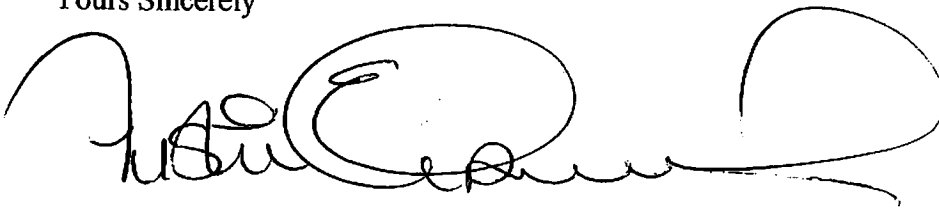
As in many other industries the public, as well as sports people and clubs, deserve the right to know that the Sports Therapist they are receiving treatment from has a recognised standard of qualifications.

They deserve the right to know that they are protected from unregulated practitioners by the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists.

As the manager of a non-league football club I currently employ a member of The Society of Sports Therapists to carry out the management and treatment of injuries to my players as well as providing pitch side first aid. I am more than satisfied with the professionalism and high standard of work that is carried out.

I, therefore, whole-heartedly support the application made by The Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Edinburgh', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mr J Edinburgh



18 October 2005

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Professor Graham Smith  
Society of Sports Therapists  
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Dear Professor Smith

As a GP practice manager, I write to support the Society's application for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy by the Health Professional Council.

I am concerned that so many people appear to be offering services to members of the public but are not appropriately qualified. Sporting injuries are becoming more common and hence the need for professionally trained staff to deal with this type of injury.

Unfortunately, in our area there is a shortage of physiotherapists with a long waiting list for GP referral treatment. I am sure a skilled sports therapist would be an asset to many GP surgeries but I am concerned that the body has not yet been regulated.

Good luck with your application.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Maryanne Leigh

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Yours sincerely

Chris Reave

Professional Golfer

The Society of Sports Therapy  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Support for the Application by the Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professionals Council**

This is to confirm that I fully support and endorse the application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professionals Council.

I think that is extremely important that the Societies efforts are recognised in order for the public to be protected and that the profession is recognised and regulated accordingly. Without this statutory regulation, members of the public will continue to be unclear about the education, training and standards of any Sports Therapist that they may see. Therefore, regulations of the profession will ensure that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organization that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.

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Yours sincerely

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Your Sincerely,



Mrs M Moffat

(Patient of Sports Therapist – Gael Moffat)

**Support for the application by The Society of Sports Therapists for this Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council**

To whom it may concern

I would like to support the application for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists

Participations in sport and exercise deserve the provision of specialist sports therapy service in prevention, treatment and management and injuries

Participants in Sport and exercise should be protected from unregulated practitioners by the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists

The type of treatment and rehabilitation by Sports Therapists who have the recognised qualifications in this field of treatment and rehabilitation can only be of benefit to the general public and myself

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Support for the Application by the Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council**

I have been asked to lend my support to the Application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council. This I am more than happy to do. As a medically qualified osteopath, I am fully aware of the processes involved in gaining statutory regulation, and I believe that such regulation will benefit both public and practitioners in a number of ways. Firstly, the public will be clear about the education, training and standards of any Sports Therapist that they might consult, so that they will be assured of a competent practitioner who has full indemnity insurance. Secondly, the registered practitioners will be assured that there are no 'rogue' practitioners who do not have the proper training, skills and professional standards, including Continuing Professional Development.

I work in a Clinic where there is a fully qualified Sports Therapist, and I am more than happy to refer patients to his care, content in the knowledge that they will be consulting a professional and skilled practitioner who will discuss any problems in our regular team meetings.

I therefore unequivocally support the application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council. I congratulate the Society for its initiative in this process and I wish it as much success as the General Osteopathic Council has achieved in the regulation of Osteopathy and Osteopaths.

Yours sincerely



**Dr P D Spencer BSc, MBBS, PhD, DO**  
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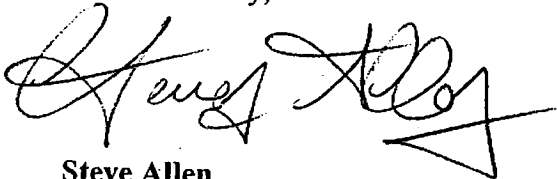
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2<sup>nd</sup> October 2005

Dear Sir,

**Support for an Application by the Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council**

I am a 67 year old male Type 2 Insulin-Dependent Diabetic and I must exercise regularly and appropriately to avoid the complications that can arise from narrowed arteries and poor circulation in an arm and limb. Clearly I must take great care over the choice of therapist in view of the risks associated with my condition. I need someone who can formulate an appropriate exercise plan, closely supervise me during exercise, advise on diet and monitor blood/sugar levels.. Ideally my feet need massaging regularly to maintain a good circulation. I am fortunate in having a therapist who meets these requirements, is fully informed about Diabetes and works in a university environment. However I am surprised to find that there is no statutory regulation of Sports Therapists and that their education and training is not prescribed. Furthermore there is no system of monitoring standards and discipline. It is disturbing to think that anyone can call themselves a "sports therapist" and I am certain that more should be done to protect the public from opportunists wanting to make a quick buck. Clearly the regulation of Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council is in wider the public interest because it would ensure that professional standards were maintained. I fully support the application made by The Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council.



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16/10/2005

To whom it may concern:

I write in support of the formal application by the Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council.

There is a serious gap in health care provision in many sports. While high profile professional teams and wealthy minority sports often have immediate access to sports medicine specialists and chartered physiotherapists, the majority of sportsmen and women have little or access to immediate touch line care. Appropriate immediate care can make a major difference to health, wellbeing, and reduce time off work related to injury.

Quality assurance is important. Inadequate or inappropriate immediate care of a major injury may cause paralysis or death. Incorrect management may worsen an injury or prolong the recovery. Quality assurance requires standards, regulation, and continued professional development. This can only be monitored by a regulatory body. Vulnerable athletes can only be protected from unscrupulous or untrained volunteers by setting and maintaining standards and a protected title.

With increasing litigation and an awareness of risk management, it is likely that sports organisations will be expected to provide medical or paramedical care at all events at some time in the future. The Society of Sports Therapists support the training of people skilled in pitch side care, management of injury, and advice on rehabilitation. I have been very impressed with the genuine efforts of the Society to meet this need and, in particular, through my involvement with the University of Central Lancashire.

As former International sportsman, as a sports medicine specialist, and as an academic, I write to support the application for statutory regulation and protected title.

Yours faithfully,

Professor Domhnall MacAuley

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Support for the Application by the Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council**

I am writing to express my full support of the application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council. I am an accredited Sports Dietitian and have concerns for the protection of the title Sports Therapist within the sports medicine team. I feel that it is imperative that the public are protected from under qualified individuals describing themselves as Sports Therapists. This ultimately creates confusion about the abilities and standards of Sports Therapists from the public and other sports medicine professionals. It is therefore essential that regulation of the profession is made to ensure that Sports Therapists are qualified to an appropriate regulated standard in the interest of public protection.

I therefore give my full support for the essential application being made to the Health Professions Council by The Society of Sports Therapists.

Yours sincerely



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10<sup>th</sup> October 2005

Dear Sir / Madam

This is confirm that I fully support and endorse the application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists for statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council.

I believe that this process is overdue and must be implemented in order that the public are protected and that the profession is recognised and regulated accordingly.

Without this statutory regulation, members of the public will continue to be unclear about education, training and standards of any Sports Therapist they might see. Therefore, regulation of the profession will ensure that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organisation that has been established solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.

I, therefore, unequivocally support the application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council. I, further, congratulate The Society of Sports Therapists for its initiative in facilitating this extreme important process.

Yours sincerely



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**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2005**

The Society of Sports Therapists  
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For the attention of Professor Smith

Dear Professor Smith

Statutory Regulation

I would like to confirm that I support the application being made by the Society of Sports Therapists for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists By the Health Professions Council.

Regulation will help ensure that members of the public are fully protected, that they will be able recognise properly qualified and competent sports therapists. Regulation will ensure that the treatment they receive will be safe and effective.

Yours sincerely

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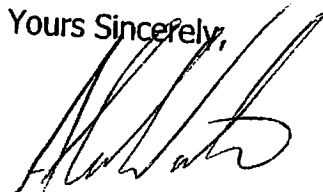
Josephine Mitchell is a highly respected Sports Therapist at the BiMAL clinic and has been for the last five years. She has generated and maintained a large client base and been a great asset to the company.

For this reason I am writing to confirm that I fully support and endorse the application being made by **The Society of Sports Therapists** for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council. I believe that this process is overdue and must be implemented in order for the public to be protected and to ensure that the profession is recognised and regulated accordingly.

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Yours Sincerely,



Alan Watson  
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**Tony Heffernan** msst / pei  
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Dear Sir / Madam

**Support for the application by the society of sports therapists for the statutory regulation of sports therapy and sports therapists by the health professions council**

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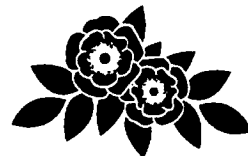
Yours Sincerely

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As a Sports Therapist myself, qualified to degree level, I feel it is imperative to protect the reputation of my profession. Since qualifying over two years ago I have worked clinically and have encountered many people who currently have the right to use the title 'Sports Therapist' despite having little or no relevant training. Having experienced the three years of concentrated hard work to gain my qualification, I do not feel that it is fair to the public or the profession that there is no distinction between the Sports Therapist qualified to degree level and the 'sports therapist' who has little or no training. The title, **Sports Therapist** should reflect a professional trained to, and practicing at, a regulated level of competence.

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Yours Sincerely

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**Research Assistant**



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### **Support for the Application by The Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council.**

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Yours sincerely,

Gary Henderson BSc. Hons Sports Therapy.

# Rich Barnes DipST

## Sports Therapy Services

Member of the Society of Sports Therapists

29 September 2005

Dear Professor Smith

### **Support for the Application by The Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council**

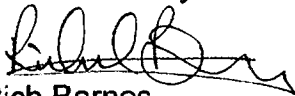
Many thanks for your recent update on the society's continuing efforts with regard to future regulation by the HPC. It was great to hear that such huge leaps had been made in the process, and that we as a profession are now some way towards gaining the recognition that I am sure every member feels we deserve.

To that end I have no hesitation in giving my fullest support and endorsement to the application for statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists being made by The Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council.

It is vital for the future of Sports Therapy in this country that statutory regulation be implemented as soon as possible. Firstly, to ensure protection of the general public from unethical or improper practice and also so that the profession becomes recognised and is regulated accordingly. Without such regulation both the general public and the healthcare community as a whole will remain unclear as to the level of professional education and training required to work in the Sports Therapy industry. It is heartening to hear therefore, that under current proposals only those who have undertaken a recognised course of education or training will be admitted onto the HPC register, and be able to use the protected title of Sports Therapist - a factor that will improve our standing amongst both the public and other Allied Health Professions.

It only remains for me to congratulate both you and the society on the excellent progress made so far and to once again highlight my unequivocal support for the application being made to the HPC. Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely



Rich Barnes  
DipST, MSST

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3rd October 2005

## **Support for the Application by The Society of Sports Therapists for the Statutory Regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists by the Health Professions Council**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that, as a member of The Society of Sports Therapists and practicing Sports Therapist, I fully endorse the application for statutory regulation of the profession by the Health Professions Council.

This process is both necessary and overdue so that the public are protected and the profession is recognized and regulated. Without statutory regulation members of the public will continue to be unclear about the education, training and standards of any Sports Therapist they may come across. Therefore, regulation of the profession will ensure that every professional calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken the necessary qualifications and be regulated by an organization set up solely to protect the public and ensure that professional standards are maintained.

I therefore, unequivocally support the application being made by The Society of Sports Therapists to the Health Professions Council. I also congratulate the Society of Sports Therapists in undertaking this vital process.

Sincerely

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Yours sincerely

J A Reeves BEM MSST Dip ST



14<sup>th</sup> October 2005

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Yours sincerely

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Dear Sirs

**Support for the application by The Society of Sports Therapists  
for the statutory regulation of Sports Therapy and Sports Therapists  
by the Health professions Council**

As a full time Sports Therapist and Physiotherapist I wish to register my full support for the above application by the Society of Sports Therapists who I believe provide a true and professional representation for the needs of Sports Therapy at a national level.

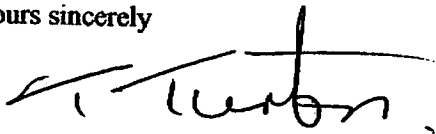
I believe that this process is overdue and should be implemented in order that the public are protected and that the profession is recognised and regulated accordingly. Without statutory regulation members of the public and many sporting associations will continue to be unaware of the education, training standards and continuing professional development required to provide a safe and professional service.

Regulation of the profession will ensure that the public and sports governing bodies have confidence that anyone calling themselves a Sports Therapist will have undertaken a process of qualification and recognition that is regulated by an organisation that has been established to protect the public and ensure professional standards are maintained.

Having worked as a therapist at the 2004 Athens Paralympics and 2005 Inaugural Paralympic World Cup I feel that this application is especially important with the awarding of the 2012 Olympics to London. The host countries professional services will be highlighted and scrutinised by all the partaking countries.

I therefore, unequivocally support the application being made by **The Society of Sports Therapists** to the Health professions Council. I further, congratulate **The Society of Sports Therapists** for its initiative in facilitating this extremely important process.

Yours sincerely



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October 18, 2005

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Yours sincerely

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