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Dear Dr Wollaston,

We write further to our most recent accountability hearing by the Committee which took place in January 2014.

In the Committee's report of its hearing with us, the Committee said that it wished to see further debate on the question of which currently unregulated professions should be brought into statutory regulation. Since 2003, we have made eleven recommendations for the statutory regulation of further professions. However, disappointingly, to date nine of these recommendations are still outstanding. The Committee has said that it wished to hear more from us about the 'compelling public safety case' for extending statutory regulation.

We have attached a briefing paper which we consider sets out a compelling case, on the basis of public safety, for the statutory regulation of these nine groups. We hope that this paper will be helpful in informing thinking about extension of statutory regulation to further professions in the future.

We hope that the attached paper is useful to the Committee. Please do let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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Marc Seale
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