

The National Board of Registration of Medical Illustrators

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Please reply to:

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Dear Registrant,

I am very disappointed to inform you that the timetable for state registration of Clinical Photographers has been further delayed by the Department of Health. This is as a direct result of recommendations arising from the Shipman enquiry and subsequent reviews of both the medical and non-medical professions in the healthcare sector.

In February 2007 the Government published the White Paper: *Trust, Assurance and Safety – The Regulation of Health Professionals in the 21st Century*. This document sets out a programme of significant reform to the United Kingdom's system for the regulation of health professionals and whilst the Department of Health remains committed to regulate Healthcare Scientists and has identified them as a priority group of workers to be regulated, it is necessary to address other aspects of regulation first.

While this is hugely discouraging, we must not lose sight of the overall goal and we remain confident that our profession will be statutorily regulated in the future. To this end it is vital that the CAMIP Voluntary Register continues and we would encourage you to ensure you keep your membership up-to-date. The Department of Health has informed us that although the legislation process is delayed it is their intention to write to all NHS Trusts and other healthcare providers in the public and private sectors, recommending that they only employ Healthcare Scientists who are on a voluntary register. We expect this letter to be sent out in late April and at the same time expect the Department of Health to publish further information about the current situation.

As we receive more information it will be posted on the CAMIP and associated supporting organisations' websites.

Yours sincerely



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