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Subject: APC fee consultation.

Dear Dental Council

I am just one of the dentists who pays my fees every year and I am also part of a large corporate. I do appreciate that your purpose is to ensure practitioner competence and identifying risky or unsafe practitioners.

I am concerned you are spending too much money and this is passed on to us with fees. Your language has gotten very corporate (which many of us detest) and there is a risk with chief executives and policy staff that you need to make yourself relevant by increasing your remit. Clearly it is a real balance in trying to give value for money and regulating . I have worked for 9 years in the UK where the industry is highly regulated but I dont think it makes better dentists.

But I also understand that you need to regulate the industry and one of the ways to do this is to copy other countries. However I dont believe we need to do it.

Or if it is to be done should be done keeping fees stable.

We have very low amount of discipline processes necessary compared to Brits and Israelis and I think it is because of a different attitude to our practice and small town mentality.

I hope you keep this in mind and I am sure you will make the best decision.

Regards

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