

Save Face Advisory Board – Meeting Summary

Date: 21 April 2026

Format: Online

Attendance

Present: Ashton Collins, Brett Collins, Emma Davies, Lorna Jackson, Claire McLoughlin, Manav Bawa and Mel Recchia

Apologies: Sophie Riddell, Helen Blanchard, Sam Robson, Mike Regan, Victoria Hume and Nina Bal

Practitioner eligibility

The Board reviewed whether to extend Save Face's eligibility criteria to include dental nurses, dental hygienists and dental therapists. It agreed that the current criteria remain unchanged. Registration remains open to:

- GMC-registered doctors
- NMC-registered nurses and midwives
- GDC-registered dentists
- GPhC-registered prescribing pharmacists

Policy and regulatory update

Save Face contributed to Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) stakeholder meetings regarding proposed regulation of high-risk aesthetic procedures. Ashton Collins (AC) provided the Board with an update on the meetings and discussions concerning these procedures.

Practical training

The Board reviewed its approach to online-only training for practical treatments. It agreed that online learning can support theoretical study and refresher training, but is not sufficient on its own as initial training for a hands-on procedure.

Save Face will require relevant practical training to include supervised, hands-on learning and assessment of competence. The policy will be updated and communicated to members as appropriate.

Public awareness and campaigns

The Board discussed ongoing public-awareness work, including:

- Raising awareness of potent skincare products marketed to children and teenagers.
- Campaigns addressing risks associated with high-risk aesthetic procedures.
- Public education about unqualified individuals performing surgical procedures in unsuitable settings.

Prescribing guidance

The Board discussed concerns that guidance on prescribing and face-to-face reviews may be unclear for practitioners and patients. Members agreed that clearer communication would help reduce confusion.

Close

The Chair thanked members for their contributions. The next meeting is expected to take place in approximately three months.