



BAPRAS

British Association of Plastic
Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

STATEMENT

BAPRAS supports the Sun's campaign for greater regulation of dermal fillers

BAPRAS are pleased to support The Sun's #HadOurFill campaign alongside Save Face, the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, and the Royal Society for Public Health. Launched this week, the campaign calls for greater regulation of dermal fillers in order to reduce the number of injuries and botched procedures.

This includes:

- fillers to be made illegal for under 18s
- a crackdown on social media sites plugging fillers
- a Government-backed central register for practitioners with accredited qualifications

Dermal filler products are currently classified as 'medical devices' in Europe, and so do not undergo the same level of clinical trials as 'medicines' such as Botox (Botulinum toxin) – requiring only a Conformité Européenne (CE) mark. They can currently legally be bought and injected by members of the general public with no qualifications.

BAPRAS has been calling for changes in regulation for over a year after Members reported seeing an increase in patients requiring corrective procedures – tabling a motion resulting in a debate in Parliament on the topic last year.

President of BAPRAS, Mark Henley, commented:

“It is incredibly easy – and legal – for untrained beauticians or members of the public to purchase cheap dermal filler kits online and carry out procedures themselves. The risk that this poses to the safety of individuals is evident in the rising number of corrective procedures being required and we urge the Government to introduce tighter regulation as a priority.”

BAPRAS Member Mr Niall Kirkpatrick is a specialist in correcting dermal filler complications and added:

“I see significant complications arising from the use of dermal fillers in almost every clinic I hold. Many distressed patients come with severe injuries resulting from incorrectly administered fillers and require extensive and complicated reconstructive surgery. Sadly, most patients I meet are unaware of the risks of dermal fillers and the costs associated with repairing significant damage as a result. The materials used by individuals who have little to no medical training are often cheap, even bought from the internet, and unregulated. Due to a lack of patient records however, it is often difficult to track exactly which materials have been injected into the patient and by whom.”

To learn more about the campaign, visit: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/topic/had-our-fill/>