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Q - Your reply poses another three related issues which I hope you can clarify.

1- The CNHC states that it "is the UK regulator for complementary healthcare practitioners". Does this mean that the organisation is mis-representing their role as they have no endorsement from the Scottish Government as stated in your reply therefore not being UK-wide?

As you may already know, the Department of Health in England instigated the creation of the CNHC in order to give GPs and other medical practitioners the confidence to be able to refer patients to CAM when they think this may be beneficial. This has been a long standing issue for medical professionals as they are ultimately responsible for the welfare of their patients (according to nearly all GPs with whom I have had contact in the past).

2 - If the CNHC is not recognised in Scotland (my understanding of 'no endorsement'), and the Scottish Government has no intention of creating a CAM regulatory body, how would NHS Boards in Scotland be able to provide CAM treatments to patients deemed to benefit from such treatments?

And how would clinicians in Scotland be able to make direct referrals if they judged it appropriate for their patients if there is not a way for them to recognise properly qualified therapists and they cannot commission directly as is the case in England?

3- As you mention the HPC in relation to my original question, is the intention of the Scottish Government to appoint the HPC as a regulatory body for CAM in the near future?