Information Note for General Practitioners
(Recognised qualifications)

About the General Chiropractic Council
The General Chiropractic Council (GCC) is a UK-wide statutory body with regulatory powers, established by the Chiropractors Act 1994. It has two main duties:

- To protect the public by establishing and operating a scheme of statutory regulation for chiropractors, similar to the schemes for other health professionals such as medical doctors and dentists
- To ensure the development of the profession of chiropractic, using a model of continuous improvement in practice

Under Rule 4(2)(b) and 4(3) of the General Chiropractic Council (Registration) Rules 1999 [SI 1999 No. 1856] “the Rules”, an applicant for registration is required to provide a report about his or her mental and physical health.

The report must be provided by a medical practitioner who must:

- Be a registered medical practitioner i.e. registered with the General Medical Council
- not be related to the applicant by birth or marriage
- have known the applicant for at least four years; or who prepares a medical report based on having reviewed at least the last four years worth of the applicants patient records

The Registrar is also empowered to request additional information or refer the applicant for further examination.

Further information
Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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About the Report on Mental & Physical Health
At present, the GCC does not issue a standard form for medical practitioners to complete when providing the report as to mental and physical health, preferring to rely upon the professional judgement of the registered medical practitioner.

However, a number of medical practitioners have requested guidance and this is outlined below.

A medical report must include the following information about the applicant:

General Information
1. Full name;
2. Date of birth;
3. Indicate the number of years the applicant has been your patient
4. A medical report must be written based on the last four or more years of medical notes. Therefore, when giving the report, please state the date when the records you hold began

Current Health Status
Please indicate whether the chiropractor has any physical or mental health problems and, if so, what treatment the chiropractor is receiving.

Past Medical History
Please indicate:

1. If the patient has had any physical or mental health problems which may recur
2. Any past medical history you may feel is significant or appropriate for the GCC to know about.

Under “the Rules” all Medical Reports must be dated and signed by a registered medical practitioner. Any reports not signed and dated will be rejected.

Consent form
Attached to this note is a consent form for applicants to sign should you require one to be completed.

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Form of Consent for disclosure of health records

Dr: ____________________________
Address of Dr: ____________________________

Patient: ____________________________
Address of patient: ____________________________

I hereby consent to the disclosure, to the Registrar of the General Chiropractic Council or another officer thereof, of information relating to my physical and mental health as held by you.

I understand that such information is required by Rule 12 General Chiropractic Council (Registration of Chiropractors With Foreign Qualifications) Rules 2002 and Rule 4(2)(b) of the General Chiropractic Council (Registration) Rules 1999 and is an integral part of the registration process.

Signed: ____________________________ Dated: ____________________________