

## Alert Mechanism

The Alert Mechanism allows regulators throughout Europe to share information on professionals whose ability to practise their profession has been prohibited or restricted either on a permanent or temporary basis.

This means that when a decision is made by the GCC that either restricts or prohibits a registrant's ability to practice as a chiropractor in the UK, we will send an alert through the European Commission Internal Market Information system (IMI), which will be disseminated to other regulators across the European Economic Area. In addition, the GCC receives alerts from other regulators where a chiropractor has either been restricted or prohibited from practise.

### What type of decision will trigger an alert?

The GCC has agreed with the other 8 health regulators in the UK principles that will trigger an alert; you will find a copy [\[here\]](#). These will include:

- suspensions
- interim suspensions
- erasure from the Register
- conditions of practice orders.

### What will not trigger an alert?

We do not intend sending alerts where registrants are removed from the Register for administrative reasons, for example, where registration lapses or a registrant fails to send in a CPD record summary.

### When will an alert be sent?

It is our intention to only send an alert at the point a sanction comes into force which, in accordance with our disclosure policy, is normally 28 days after the decision is made and will allow time for any period of appeal. In serious cases where a sanction has immediate effect, we will send an alert at that point. The GCC is obliged to send the alert within 3 days of the sanction coming into force.

### How will I know if the GCC has sent an alert?

The GCC has a duty to inform a registrant at the point that an alert is sent. We will normally notify the registrant concerned by email where we hold an email address, in other cases we will send a letter by post.

### What happens if I disagree with a decision to send an alert?

Decisions to send an alert can be appealed within a period of 28 days from the date of notification. Applications for appeal are through the GCC (Appeals against decisions of the Registrar) Rules, and further details of the appeals process can be found on our website [\[here\]](#).

In addition, there is also provision for access to remedies for damaged caused by false alerts are sent to relevant European states.

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