



**Information note**  
**2 July 2010**

**Care Quality Commission guidance about the scope of its new system of registration: how are chiropractors affected?**

1. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is a statutory regulator of health and adult social care services provided by the NHS, local authorities, private companies or voluntary organisations in England. And it protects the interests of people held under the Mental Health Act.
2. From 1 April 2010 CQC registration became mandatory for certain categories of:
  - service provider
  - services, described as 'regulated activities'
3. CQC recently issued guidance on the scope of its new system of registration, which can be read via the following link:  
[http://www.cqc.org.uk/publications.cfm?fde\\_id=13185](http://www.cqc.org.uk/publications.cfm?fde_id=13185)

**Will chiropractors have to register with the CQC?**

4. While the CQC defines chiropractors as health professionals and makes clear that it does not categorise chiropractic as an alternative or complementary treatment, most chiropractors will not fall within the scope of the CQC's definitions of 'regulated activity' or service provider.
5. Chiropractors who **must** register with the CQC are those who provide services within a multidisciplinary team that includes one of the health professions listed below:

Medical practitioner	Nurse
Dental practitioner	Midwife*
Dental hygienist	Biomedical scientist
Dental therapist	Clinical scientist
Dental nurse	Operating department practitioner
Dental technician	Paramedic
Orthodontic therapist	Radiographer
* Independent midwives who meet specified criteria are not required to register	

**More information**

6. For further information chiropractors are advised to explore the detailed information on the CQC's website: [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk) or contact the CQC at:

CQC Healthcare Registrations

Citygate

Gallowgate

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 4PA

Email: [enquiries@cqc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cqc.org.uk)

7. Chiropractors who are members of chiropractic professional associations may also find it helpful to contact them for further advice.

8. This GCC information note is intended to provide helpful information to chiropractors. It is based on publicly available information and is not an exhaustive guide to chiropractors' legal responsibilities or the remit and processes of the CQC.

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