

Dear Mr Guthrie

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I note that you say I have not commented on the concluding comments in your email as these are matters for Government.

Are you referring to the main point in the White Paper, which sets out that the question of whether statutory regulation is required needs to be answered?

I would be interested in your view of the impact of the Amicarelli Report.

With such major revisions and work remaining outstanding, I would respectfully suggest that any recommendations made to Government can only be flawed at this point.

If so many professionals are also reporting to you that they do not recognise their profession in the current drafts that have been forwarded as recommendations, then how can work progress in the knowledge that it is correct? I submit that it is not correct due to major issues remaining outstanding, that it has not been proved that statutory regulation is necessary (the main question set out in the White Paper), and that currently the recommendations submitted do nothing else than alienate the profession (I refer you to the meeting with Anne Milton) and invite legal challenge (the Amicarelli Report).

We are not against regulation. The vast majority of us are voluntarily registered with regulatory bodies and pay handsomely for such registrations and insurances to protect ourselves and our clients. However, the current direction of the work of the HPC is raising sufficient question to invite opposition from major professional bodies (the BACP and the NCP) and surely until such time as the main legal questions have been fully addressed, work should be suspended.

Sincerely,

Mrs Young.