

## 60995 Implementation of the Non-Surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

This request relates to the Non-Surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 77), which passed its final parliamentary stages on 24 February 2026. Under the Bill, Scottish local authorities will hold licensing responsibility for lower-risk (Group 1) non-surgical cosmetic procedures carried out from premises within their area. This request seeks information about your council's preparedness to implement that function and any communications your council has received in connection with it.

### **Section A — Communications from the Scottish Government**

Please provide all recorded information your council holds — including correspondence, emails, guidance notes, briefings, circulars, and committee papers — received from the Scottish Government or any Scottish Government agency regarding the council's licensing role under SP Bill 77 or any predecessor consultation on non-surgical cosmetic procedure regulation, from 1 January 2020 to the date of this request.

The City of Edinburgh Council has responded to past consultations by the Scottish Government on the proposed implementation of the framework of regulation of cosmetic procedures in Scotland. The Council's responses can be viewed at:

[https://consult.gov.scot/healthcare-quality-and-improvement/regulation-of-non-surgical-cosmetic-procedures/consultation/view\\_respondent?show\\_all\\_questions=0&sort=submitted&order=ascending&q\\_text=edinburgh&uuld=653482136](https://consult.gov.scot/healthcare-quality-and-improvement/regulation-of-non-surgical-cosmetic-procedures/consultation/view_respondent?show_all_questions=0&sort=submitted&order=ascending&q_text=edinburgh&uuld=653482136)

<https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/committees/health-social-care-and-sport-committee/correspondence/2026/city-of-edinburgh-council-submission-non-surgical-procedures-order.pdf>

Has your council been given any indication by the Scottish Government of the expected timeline for commencement of the council licensing provisions under SP Bill 77?

If so, please provide that information.

No.

Has your council received any draft guidance, model conditions, or implementation framework from the Scottish Government for the Group 1 licensing function?

If so, please provide copies.

No.

### **Section B — Communications from Industry Bodies**

Please provide all recorded information your council holds — including correspondence, emails, and meeting notes — received from any of the following organisations in connection with the regulation, licensing, or oversight of non-surgical cosmetic procedures, from 1 January 2018 to the date of this request:

Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP)

British Association of Medical Aesthetic Nurses (BAMAN)

Scottish Medical Aesthetics Safety Group (SMASG)

Save Face

British College of Aesthetic Medicine (BCAM)

Hamilton Fraser Insurance or HF Resolution Limited

[There are no such records held.](#)

Has any representative of any of the above organisations attended any council meeting, licensing committee, or council-convened event in connection with cosmetic procedure regulation?

If so, please provide details of any such meeting, including dates, attendees, and any recorded outcomes or minutes.

[No.](#)

### **Section C — Implementation Readiness**

Has your council conducted any assessment of the number of businesses or premises within your council area that will be affected by the Group 1 licensing provisions of SP Bill 77?

If so, please provide that assessment.

[No.](#)

Has your council assessed the staffing and resource implications of administering and enforcing the Group 1 licensing function under SP Bill 77?

If so, please provide that assessment.

[No.](#)

Has any budget been allocated or earmarked by your council for implementing the Group 1 licensing function under SP Bill 77?

If so, please state the amount and the source of the funding.

[No.](#)

Has your council received any funding commitment or grant from the Scottish Government to cover the costs of implementing the Group 1 licensing function?

If so, please provide details.

[No.](#)

Does your council currently have sufficient Environmental Health or Licensing officer capacity to administer and enforce the new licensing regime without additional staffing?

If additional staffing will be required, please provide any recorded estimate of that requirement.

[There is insufficient information available at present to analyse the capacity of staffing resource required.](#)

## Section D — Equalities and Impact

Has your council undertaken any equalities impact assessment in relation to the implementation of SP Bill 77 within your area, including its potential impact on women-led businesses?

If so, please provide a copy.

No. There is insufficient information available at present to do so.

Has your council received or considered any information about the potential economic impact of SP Bill 77 on small businesses operating within your area?

If so, please provide that information.

No.

## Section E — Existing Licensing Activity

How many premises licences, registrations, or equivalent approvals does your council currently hold on its records for businesses carrying out beauty therapy or non-surgical cosmetic procedures of any kind within your area?

Please provide figures as at the date of this request, or the most recent date for which figures are available.

Beauty therapists and non-surgical cosmetic providers are not required by law to register or seek approval by the Council for carrying out such treatments. Licensing only applies to procedures specified under The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Order 2006.

Details of the legislation are published at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2006/43/contents>

How many inspections of beauty therapy or cosmetic procedure premises did your council carry out in each of the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25?

Data is only available from 1 April 2023/24.

In 2023/24 - 1 inspection

In 2024/5 – 14 inspections

How many complaints did your council receive relating to beauty therapy or cosmetic procedure premises or practitioners in each of those financial years, and how many enforcement actions were taken?

Data is only available from 1 April 2023/24.

In 2023/24 - 3 complaints

In 2024/5 - 5 complaints

The City of Edinburgh Council issued a total of 24 Prohibition Notices under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 during the whole period of 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025. 12 were issued in the 2023/24 financial year, and 12 were issued in the 2024/25 financial year.

These related to a range of injectable and other non-surgical cosmetic procedures. The reasons primarily being lack of operator competency, lack of adequate infection control measures, unhygienic environment in which the procedures were being undertaken.