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Press Release

**GRCCT Comment on launch of CnHc
Register for Massage and Nutritional Therapists**

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The General Regulatory Council for Complementary Therapies was established in 2007 as the first and only profession supported Regulator for Complementary Therapies in the United Kingdom. We are greatly saddened by the actions of the company now calling itself the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council.

This CnHc is a small group consisting mostly of nurses, dentists, pharmacologists and a physiotherapist with no voting rights for Complementary Therapy expertise on its various regulatory councils and functional committees. This exclusion of voting professional expertise is unique to the CnHc. No other regulator in the UK is structured in this way. To date this group together with its precursors has spent almost £3m of public money in the formation of a regulatory process considered unfit for purpose by the vast majority of practitioners.

Whilst accepting that this new body is only offering registration to some Massage Therapists and a percentage of the Nutritional Therapy sector is has, at a single stroke, confused the whole issue of regulating Complementary and Alternative Medicine and devalued the concept in the eyes of public and professions alike.

Since 2007 the public have needed to check only the single National Register administered by the GRCCT to establish if their chosen practitioner in the disciplines of Aromatherapy, Energy Therapies, Massage, Reflexology, and Reiki had committed to the industry voluntary regulator. Should this new body succeed in recruiting the 10,000 practitioners it requires to fund the innumerate positions in its complex management structure the public will need to check both registers for their Massage Therapist.

Regrettably, when the 15 seconds of fame has expired and the funding has again run out it is not the unelected few at the CnHc who will be tasked with rebuilding the reputation of Complementary Medicine.

Notes

The GRCCT is a self-funding regulatory body **established in 2007**

The GRCCT lists **30 Professional Associations and Organisations** across **6 major therapy disciplines** from which applications for Admissions to the National Register may be accepted. The CnHc lists **2 organisations from 2 therapies**.

The GRCCT currently regulates an industry sector of some **60,000 practitioners**.

The CnHc **cannot STOP practitioners** from conducting their business

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