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I have read the complete copy of the second consultation document and feel its wording is not yet satisfactory.

I have also read and support the submission of

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and his suggested amendments to the second consultation document.

I would also like to comment on appendix 1

"providing the participant with a business card at their request, but should not include obtaining contact information from participants or the making of appointments at the time of the screening"

In my opinion this clause is unnecessary. The principle here should be the practitioners ability to offer a more comprehensive evaluation that would be of value to the public at a reasonable price, and the publics right to choose whether to use that service or not.

Furthermore, not only would it be unreasonable constraint to not allow a practitioner to take bookings on the day, but it would also be unreasonable constraint to not allow practitioners to collect payment for this booking in advance. From my experience doing screenings, only those who genuinely want a further follow up will book and pay on the day. These clients are almost always very appreciative of the chance to gain access to your professional services at a special rate.

This part of appendix 1 assumes the publics inability to say 'no', and should therefore be removed.

And appendix 3...

"Should any patient elect to undergo regular chiropractic examination or treatment in the absence of symptoms..."

I would prefer the use of 'adjustment' rather than the use of 'treatment'

And i propose that the word 'sign' be used in conjunction with symptom. Eg., someone may be pain free, but still be showing a loss of neurophysiological integrity that can be measured with appropriate instrumentation and other relevant outcome measures.

So this may therefore read,
"Should any patient elect to undergo regular
chiropractic examination or adjustment in the absence
of clinically relevant signs or symptoms,
it is the responsibility of the practitioner
to provide the patient (parent /guardian for children)
with a balanced view of the clinical justification for
such procedures..."

Thankyou for allowing me the chance to contribute my thoughts and ideas in this submission, and I look forward to reading the third consultation document, with appropriate amendments.

Kind regards,

Alex Rodwell

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