



Mr H V Thomas  
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Dear Mr Thomas

Thanks for your letter in reply, to our original letter sent to you in February, which I received last April. I am sorry that I have not replied sooner, on behalf of the steering committee. However, I do have to say that after writing a number of draft replies I came to the conclusion that it makes no difference what VLP have to say, the Board will continue to do what it sees fit, as with the recent increase in the Registration Fee which will be starting in 2013.

However, I can inform you that during this period VLP has not been wasting our time. On the contrary we have under taken a survey with our membership (currently 332 qualified interpreters) on a number of issues. This did include a question on, C.P.D., The Registry and should we become a qualified only organisation.

The results from this survey showed a majority of members wanting VLP to continue to oppose the NRCPD's decision to impose compulsory CPD. In fact this agrees with NRCPD's own survey results, in which there was a clear opposition to the imposition of CPD.

I would like to further this discussion with the Board, and present the reasons as to why we oppose this move to compulsory CPD, and to present what we feel is a more equitable solution to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Alan Haythornthwaite'.

Alan Haythornthwaite  
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