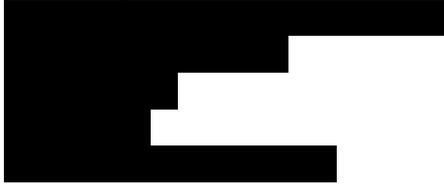


10 January 2013

Alan Haythornthwaite



Dear Alan

Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2012, which gives the board an update on your organisation's activities. Unfortunately I cannot find in it the constructive proposals promised by [your letter of 11 September](#).

In a few days' time, annual revalidation becomes an eligibility requirement for registration. In my [letter of 5 April 2012](#) I clearly set out the process of consultation, information gathering and decision making that lead to the introduction of the scheme. We are content that the legal basis of the scheme is sound.

The revalidation scheme is our way of monitoring professionals' compliance with the commitment each makes to improve their professional standards and status through continuing professional development when they sign up to the [Code of Conduct for Communication Professionals](#) on applying for Registration. The requirement will improve the service experienced by the public and strengthen the professional status of Registered Sign Language Interpreters and other NRCPD regulated communication professionals. NRCPD does not act as, or purport to be, an employer in the sense that your letter implies. The decision to meet the eligibility criteria and apply for registration is for the individual practitioner, it is not a mandatory requirement to entering or remaining in the profession. We will endeavour to expand and protect the significant benefits NRCPD Registered status brings for those professionals who make the on-going personal commitment and investment required to meet the eligibility criteria.

It has always been the case that the names of applicants who do not meet the required eligibility criteria do not appear on NRCPD Registers.

Thank you once again for taking the time to set out your members' concerns. We are pleased to be building such a strong working relationship between our organisations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Huw Vaughan Thomas'.

Huw Vaughan Thomas
NRCPD Chair