



David

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Dear David

REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information under FOIA.

The information you have requested is as follows:

*Could you please indicate your policy on employing/admitting chiropractors with police cautions and how this might affect the recruiting process? Please indicate whether you have considered persons with cautions in the past. Please give examples of what types of cautions would debar someone from a position or practise.*

For a point of clarification, the GCC do not recruit.

Applicants will apply initially for initial registration and complete a form that contains a section to be filled in relating to criminal offences. After initial registration, chiropractors apply on an annual basis for retention on the register. Again, on this form there is a relevant section which needs to be completed and asks for any criminal offences since the last declaration.

There is no set policy but the Chiropractors Act 1994 requires the Registrar to be satisfied that the applicant is of good character. Furthermore, the Registration Rules 1999, state that:

5. - (1) In order to satisfy himself about the good character of the applicant, the Registrar shall take account of the reference provided under Rule 4(2)(a), any criminal offence for which the applicant has been convicted, and any other matters which appear to the Registrar to be relevant to the issue.

The GCC has considered individuals with cautions in the past and every case is dealt with on its own merits.

As already stated there is no set policy as the range of criminal offences is extremely large and that all applications are dealt with on a case by case basis.

You have the right to write to the Chief Executive & Registrar of the GCC at the above address if you are not happy with this response.

If you remain dissatisfied, then you have the right to seek a further review from the Information Commissioner. Please see [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) or contact the Commissioner's office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, or telephone 01625 545700 for details.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Ghuman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Ghuman  
GCC Data Controller