



At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

The following Report of a Committee of the Privy Council dated 5th November 2012 was today considered:—

“YOUR MAJESTY was pleased, by Your Order of 13th May 2009, to refer to this Committee a Petition on behalf of The College of Chiropractors, praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation:

“THE COMMITTEE have accordingly considered the Petition and have agreed to report it as their opinion that a Charter may be granted in terms of the annexed Draft.”

HER MAJESTY, having taken the Report and the Draft Charter accompanying it into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve them. It is accordingly ordered that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain should cause a Warrant to be prepared for Her Majesty's Royal Signature for passing under the Great Seal a Charter in conformity with the annexed Draft.

Richard Tilbrook

ELIZABETH THE SECOND

by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS The College of Chiropractic (“the Former College”), a voluntary organisation, private company limited by guarantee registered under the Companies Act 2006 and registered charity, was founded in 1998:

AND WHEREAS in 1999 the name of the Former College was changed by resolution to “The College of Chiropractors”:

AND WHEREAS a humble Petition has been presented unto Us by the Former College praying that We would be graciously pleased to grant it a Charter of Incorporation:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW KNOW YE that We, by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have willed and ordained and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors do will and ordain as follows:

1. The persons who at the date hereof are members of the Former College and all such persons who may hereafter become members of the College hereby constituted shall forever hereafter be one Body Corporate and Politic by the name

of “The College of Chiropractors” and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at the will and pleasure of the College and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts, and in all manner of actions and suits, and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate.

2. In this Our Charter:

“Byelaws” mean the Byelaws of the College set out in the Schedule to this our Charter as amended from time to time as provided below;

“the College” means the College of Chiropractors constituted by this Our Charter;

“Connected Person” means any spouse, civil partner, partner, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild of a member of Council, any firm or body corporate (including a limited liability partnership) of which a member of Council is a partner, member or employee and any company of which a member of Council is a director, employee or shareholder having a beneficial interest in more than one per cent of the share capital;

“the Council” means the Council of the College;

“Financial Expert” means an individual, company or firm who is authorised to give investment advice under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as re-enacted or modified);

“the Former College” means The College of Chiropractors incorporated on 16 October 1998;

“Members” means the members of the College;

“Objects” means the objects of the College as defined in Article 3;

“President” means the President of the College;

“Regulations” means regulations made by the Council under this Our Charter;

“Seal” means the Common Seal of the College;

“Special Resolution” means a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Members convened and held in accordance with the Byelaws and Regulations and passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members present in person or by proxy and voting at the meeting;

“Trustee” means ‘charity trustee’ as defined by section 177 of the Charities Act 2011 (as modified or re-enacted).

3. The objects of the College shall be:

- (a) to promote the art, science and practice of chiropractic;
- (b) to improve and maintain standards in the practice of chiropractic for the benefit of the public;
- (c) to promote awareness and understanding of chiropractic amongst medical practitioners and other healthcare professionals and the public;
- (d) to educate and train practitioners in the art, science and practice of chiropractic;
- (e) to advance the study of and research in chiropractic.

4. For the purpose of attaining the Objects, but not otherwise, the College shall have the power to do any lawful thing and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, shall have power:

- (a) to examine practitioners for entry to the College Membership;
- (b) to award diplomas, certificates, prizes or other equivalent recognition of special knowledge or proficiency or standard in chiropractic either alone or in association with other bodies enabling chiropractic professionalism to be advanced for the benefit of patients and public;
- (c) to promote and advance continuing professional development by organising lectures, seminars, conferences and instructional courses and by any other means, and to use the College’s authority to approve the same offered by other bodies;
- (d) to promote and advance postgraduate chiropractic training by organising programmes of practice-based study to support the development of clinical proficiency among chiropractic graduates in the public interest;
- (e) to institute and establish such Clinical Specialist Faculties of the College as the Council may think fit in order to recognise, and ensure the professional development of, chiropractors in areas of special clinical interest defined by the College, and to foster the development of other relevant interests among chiropractors through the establishment of College societies;
- (f) to institute or assist in instituting, and provide continuing support for, any research, which may involve:
 - (i) co-operation with persons carrying on research relating to chiropractic in any part of the world;
 - (ii) ethical review and approval for chiropractic research;
 - (iii) endowment of Chairs, Readerships, Scholarships, Fellowships and Lectureships at, and provide other support to, appropriate institutions to facilitate the conduct of study and research;
- (g) to foster active patient and public involvement in attaining the Objects through patient and public representation on College committees and through cooperation and collaboration with the Chiropractic Patients’ Association and/or other appropriate patient and public bodies;
- (h) to promote best practice in risk management and patient safety through active involvement in the development of incident reporting and other forms of cooperative learning;

- (i) to cause to be written, published, produced and circulated, and to encourage contributions to and publication and production of, periodicals, journals, books, papers, abstracts, pamphlets, posters and other documents and films, videos, recorded discs and communications in any medium;
- (j) to apply for, purchase or otherwise acquire and hold or use any patents, copyrights, trademarks, design rights and other intellectual property rights, licences, concessions and the like, conferring any right to use or publish any information, and to use, exercise, develop or grant licences in respect of the property, rights or information so acquired;
- (k) to act as a consultative body on chiropractic to any Government Department, public or private institution or body of persons on matters pertaining to the Objects;
- (l) to foster and promote contacts and exchange of information and ideas among persons working in chiropractic and other health professions, and the public, and to provide a forum to this end;
- (m) to take over and acquire all the property, assets and undertakings of the Former College and to assume all the obligations and liabilities of the Former College and to do all such acts and things as may be incidental thereto;
- (n) to cooperate or associate with other bodies and statutory authorities and to exchange information and advice with them;
- (o) to foster and promote greater interest and knowledge of the practice of chiropractic among the medical community, the public and patients and to this end to assist the media in providing factual information on the subject;
- (p) to maintain an overarching register of Members, and to maintain supplementary registers for those Members with demonstrable experience and qualifications in areas of special clinical interest defined by the College;
- (q) to:
 - (i) engage a Financial Expert as a professional fund manager and to delegate the management of investments to such a manager;
 - (ii) arrange for the investments or other property of the College to be held in the name of a nominee;

- (r) to provide indemnity insurance for members of Council in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, Section 189 of the Charities Act 2011 (as modified or re-enacted);
- (s) to establish or acquire companies;
- (t) to raise funds provided that, in so doing, the College must not undertake any trading activity in respect of which some or all of the profits are liable to tax;
- (u) to borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of the property of the College as security for the repayment of the money borrowed or as security for a grant or the discharge of an obligation;
- (v) to acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any persons, trusts, corporations, associations or other bodies pursuing the Objects or to merge with any other charity;
- (w) to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue bills, cheques and other instruments and to operate bank or building society accounts in the name of the College;
- (x) to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire and hold any real or personal property or rights, and to construct, alter, improve, develop, manage and maintain any of the same as are necessary or convenient for the Objects and (subject to such consents as may be required by law) sell, let or otherwise dispose of, turn to account or charge any such real or personal property as may be thought expedient in furtherance of the Objects;
- (y) to invest the monies of the College not immediately required for the Objects in or on such investments, securities or property and in such manner as may be thought fit (subject to such conditions and such consents as may be required by law) and to dispose of or otherwise deal with any investments so made;
- (z) to make any donation either in cash or assets;
- (aa) to establish or support, or aid in the establishment or support of, subscribe to or become a member of any body having charitable purposes in any way connected with all or any of the Objects or calculated to further any of the Objects and to guarantee money for charitable purposes in any way connected with all or any of the Objects or calculated to further all or any of

the Objects, and to undertake and execute any charitable trusts which may lawfully be undertaken by the College and may promote the Objects;

(bb) to employ such staff as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the Objects and to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation to or on behalf of employees, their widows or widowers, and other dependants;

(cc) to enter into contracts to provide services;

(dd) to insure and arrange insurance cover for and to indemnify employees, voluntary workers and Members from and against all such risks incurred in the course of the performance of their duties in relation to the College, provided that such persons shall not be indemnified against any wilful or individual fraud and shall be sought to be made liable for such acts;

(ee) to pay out of the funds of the College the costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the incorporation of the College and its registration as a charity.

5. The property and monies of the Former College (including any property or monies held by them as trustees) shall from the date of this Our Charter become and be deemed to be the property and monies of the College and shall as soon as possible be formally transferred to the College.

6. The income and property of the College shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects and shall not be paid or transferred directly or indirectly in any way by way of profits to its Members or to any member of Council provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment by the College:

a) of reasonable expenses properly incurred by a member of Council when acting on behalf of the College;

b) of any premium for trustee indemnity insurance purchased in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 189 of the Charities Act 2011 (as modified or re-enacted);

c) of an indemnity from the College for the benefit of members of Council in the circumstances specified in the Byelaws;

d) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member who is not a member of Council for any goods or services supplied to the College;

e) of interest on money lent to the College at a reasonable rate by a Member or member of Council or Connected Person;

f) of rent for premises let by a Member, member of Council or Connected Person to the College if the amount of the rent and the other terms of the lease are reasonable and provided that the member of Council concerned shall withdraw from any meeting at which such a proposal or the rent or other terms of the lease are under discussion;

g) to a member of Council or Connected Person pursuant to a contract entered into by him or it for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the College where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 185 of the Charities Act 2011 (as modified or re-enacted).

7. The College shall have such classes of Members of the College as shall be specified in the Byelaws which shall prescribe the requirements for admission to, and all other rights, privileges and obligations of, membership of the College.

8. There shall be a President and such other officers of the College who shall be elected or appointed in such manner and shall hold office for such period and on such terms as to re-election, re-appointment and otherwise as the Byelaws shall direct.

9. The government and control of the College and its affairs shall be vested in a Council which shall be constituted as set out in the Byelaws. The Council, who shall be the Trustees of the College, may exercise all the powers of the College under this Our Charter except those reserved by this Our Charter or the Byelaws to the Members in general meeting. The business of the Council shall be conducted in such manner as set out in the Byelaws.

10. The Byelaws set forth in the Schedule hereto shall be the first Byelaws of the College and shall remain in force until the same shall be amended in manner hereinafter provided.

11. The Council may revoke, amend or add to the Byelaws for the time being in force; but no such revocation, amendment or addition shall have effect until approved by a Special Resolution in that behalf and by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

12. The Byelaws may direct that any matter which pursuant to this Our Charter may be prescribed or regulated in the Byelaws may be further prescribed or regulated by Regulations; provided that any such Regulations shall not be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter or the Byelaws. Regulations shall be made, and may be amended or repealed, by a resolution of the Council.
13. The College may by Special Resolution amend, or add to or revoke any of the provisions of this Our Charter and such amendments, additions or revocations shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual, and this Our Charter shall thenceforth continue to operate as if it had originally been granted and made accordingly. This clause shall apply to this Our Charter as amended, added to or revoked in manner aforesaid.
14. The College may by Special Resolution determine to surrender this Our Charter and any Supplemental Charter subject to the sanction of Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council and upon such terms as We or They may consider fit and wind up or otherwise deal with the affairs of the College in such manner as shall be directed in such Special Resolution or in default of such direction as the Council shall think expedient having due regard to the liabilities of the College for the time being and if on the winding up or dissolution of the College there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the College or any of them but shall (subject to any special trusts affecting the same) be given or transferred to

some other body or bodies having objects similar to the object of the College and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the College under or by virtue of this Our Charter, such College or Societies to be determined by the Members of the College at or before the time of dissolution thereof and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the foregoing provisions then to some charitable object.

15. In any case of conflict, the provisions of this Our Charter shall prevail over those of the Byelaws and Regulations, and the provisions of the Byelaws shall prevail over those of the Regulations.

16. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Charter shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to the College and the promotion of the Objects.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the day of

 in the year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL