

## International Cranial Association (ICrA) and CNHC working together

Dear ICrA member

You'll be pleased to know that although CNHC and ICrA have quite distinctly different roles, we're working together to ensure standards of practice for Craniosacral Therapists are maintained and improved. The key difference in our roles is that CNHC was established with government support to act in the interests of the public, while ICrA is there to act in your interests and those of the profession, and to provide support and services to you. ICrA encourages its members to register with CNHC – and CNHC encourages all of its registrants to be members of a professional association. It really isn't a question of choosing between us.

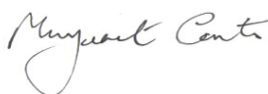
You're already familiar with the benefits of ICrA membership, so we're taking this opportunity to highlight some of the professional advantages of CNHC registration.

- CNHC's Register is approved as an Accredited Register by the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (PSA). "Both the Government and the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) recommend that when a patient or service user chooses to visit a health or care practitioner who is unregulated, only those on an accredited register are consulted". (Jane Ellison MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health, November 2015).
- All CNHC registrants appear on our online Accredited Register, which has had over 314,000 searches as at November 2015.
- Following a suggestion made by CNHC, the General Medical Council (GMC) has amended its referral guidance to make clear that doctors can refer patients to practitioners on a PSA Accredited Register.
- As far back as 2010, the Department of Health recommended that where people are looking for complementary healthcare practitioners, they use someone who is CNHC-registered.
- CNHC registered practitioners have been gaining a wide range of local coverage by using PR support provided by CNHC. Therapists from around the UK have been featured in local newspapers, magazines and local radio with many seeing an increase in enquiries and clients as a result.

If you haven't already registered with us, and wish to do so, then please complete the 'request to register' form on the back of this letter and return it to ICrA, who will confirm that you meet our education and training requirements. Then they will provide us with your contact details so that we can email you with details of how to complete the process of CNHC registration.

You can find out more about us by visiting our website [www.cnhc.org.uk](http://www.cnhc.org.uk). You can also find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Coats  
Chief Executive & Registrar

**Application to Register with the Complementary & Natural Healthcare Council (CNHC)**

Name of Professional Association

International Cranial Association (ICrA)

ICrA Membership Number

Email Address

Date of Birth

I give permission for you to check my details and then confirm that I am eligible for CNHC registration in the following discipline(s) (*please tick*):

Craniosacral Therapy

Name

Signature

Date

Please return your completed Request to Register form direct to ICrA, 1 Highcroft Cottages, Station Road, Sharpthorne, West Sussex, RH19 4NY

As soon as ICrA has provided your details to us you will be sent an automated email from the CNHC inviting you to complete your registration online.

The CNHC registration fee is £63 for your first discipline.  
Each additional discipline costs £10 up to your 4th discipline, after which there is no fee for additional disciplines.

*If you do not have an email address you can apply offline. Once the ICrA has verified your application CNHC will send you postal information to complete and return to them to process. You will then receive a hard copy registration certificate via post.*

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