

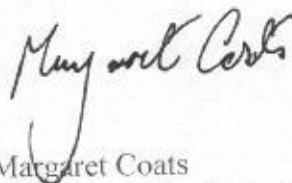
- common treatments of neck pain. These are
- (a) association of neck adjustment and risk of stroke
 - (b) risk of gastrointestinal (GI) haemorrhage or death from GI haemorrhage associated with prescription of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for neck pain
- The Chiropractic Neck Study: a case control study to assess the risk of stroke associated with chiropractic neck adjustment

Chiropractic is currently a small profession in the UK, which cannot match the resources available to the examples of international research mentioned above. It will clearly pay great attention to the outcomes of those studies as well as the current research commissioned by the British Chiropractic Association.

- 12. The term "subluxation" is not fundamental to the overall practice of chiropractic in the UK, nor is it mentioned in the definition of chiropractic published by the World Federation of Chiropractic.
- 13/14. Subluxation has been defined medically as a partial abnormal separation of the articular surfaces. Where the term is used by chiropractors it has been explained as meaning a complex of functional and/or structural and/or pathological articular changes that compromise neural integrity and may influence organ system function and general health.
- 15. The legislative framework for the practice of chiropractic in the UK does not specify the scope or the style of practice. What is required is that all registrants of the GCC comply with the published Standard of Proficiency and Code of Practice.

I do hope that all of the above detail is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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