



Trichology Professional Development Programme

Executive Summary  
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### **Background:**

In the UK, Trichology as a field currently lacks recognised standards, accredited education (other than one L4 course for hairdressers from TrichoCare), and a register of accredited practitioners at and above Level 4. Trichology (and ‘Trichologists’) therefore lack credibility both to the public and to established medical professionals. Trichology as a field can be compared to where Podiatry was 65 years ago. The Trichology Professional Development Programme (TPDP) was established to address this.

### **TPDP Aims:**

To promote the health, safety, and well being of the public by the development and promotion of high standards of practice among practitioners of Trichology by standardising training and professional practice, guiding the future development of the profession of Trichology, promoting Trichology as a valued and respected profession, and giving Trichologists a pathway for continuing education and professional development.

### **TPDP Objectives:**

To establish formal legal organisations that would apply for regulation via recognised national bodies (such as the Professional Standards Authority and the Health and Care Professions Council) to deliver 3 core pillars in the professionalisation of Trichology:

- 1. Standards in terminology, education, practice, premises**
- 2. Regulation of accredited Trichologists at Level 4 to level 7**  
(including a voluntary register of all Trichologists)
- 3. Education for Trichologists within a recognised accredited pathway**

### **Constraints/risks:**

Since the field of Trichology is completely unregulated, there is no unified agreement on what would constitute the 3 core pillars and who should run them. Existing organisations might not want to collaborate and thus a nationally recognised service may not emerge.

### **Stakeholders:**

All current Trichologists

The general public with hair and scalp conditions

Other professionals with an interest in hair and scalp care

### **Key Parties:**

TPDP steering group

Institute of Trichologists

TrichoCare

Association of Registered Trichologists

The Trichological Society (College of Trichology)

### Potential Supporters:

International Association of Trichologists  
 World Trichology Society  
 British Hair and Nail Society (British Association of Dermatologists)  
 British Association of Hair Restoration Surgery  
 Society of Cosmetic Scientists  
 Alopecia UK

### Outcomes:

- Attract higher numbers of students from a diverse variety of educational backgrounds to enter the field of Trichology
- Create an education progression route to access further study in Trichology as well as in other allied health and science-based fields.
- Establish Trichologists who are qualified to carry out invasive interventions, raising the value and respect of the field of Trichology
- Establish a widely recognised register of Trichologists for the public to access
- Ultimately, establish a system where Trichologists can only practice if they meet rigorous clinical and professional standards.

### Timeline:

Activity	Target date
Establish the Trichology Standards Authority	In progress
Develop and publish a set of standards for education and practice in Trichology	TBC
Establish the College of Trichological Science and Practice	04/2020
Write L4 and L5 education courses in Trichology	TBC
Achieve accreditation for L4 and L5 education courses in Trichology	07/2020
Commence online training for L4 and L5	10/2020

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