

After my talk with Year 1 this morning I thought some of you might find useful a summary of issues we discussed in class particularly in the light of various discussions and views circulating after our recent visit by external speakers.

In particular is a recent correspondence I had with the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation (FVS) that is associated with the Journal of Vertebral Subluxation concerning a Facebook post (immediately below) and my response to it (below that).

I hold to the position that such views are deeply harmful to the profession, and that means you and I.

Just like these individuals have the right to articulate their views however ridiculous, it is important that those of you that feel the same way as I do stand up and shout just as loudly in disagreement with such views.

Although these are extreme and only represent a relatively small number of clinicians, these individuals use the name of our profession as if we all agreed with them .

Well....most of us definitely do not and we need to say so.

I have had the fortunate luck to have taught many individuals at some point in their career within the profession both here in the UK and internationally. The vast majority are rational, compassionate, responsible and professional individuals whose patients respect and trust to do the right thing.

These are the sort of professionals I hope most of you will be, and I find it deeply hurtful that they and you are associated by name with such dangerous and damaging views.

Please do not engage with a long e mail conversation as that's not really what the colleges e mail is for but do come and talk to me or other faculty if you wish to discuss these sorts of issues further.

These are my own views although many here at college share them.

However, as I promised a number of students that I would share this with them I thought it worthwhile to let you know that we don't have to stay silent when circumstances demand we speak out.