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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am aware of the [Open Letter about Vaccine Mandates](#) which was submitted to you on February 23rd 2022 by Therapists for Medical Freedom and was signed by over 100 therapists, including a number of therapists within BPS.

I have read this letter and it resonated with me as being of great importance for me as a therapy client, and for the health and wellbeing of the UK population more generally.

I understand from Therapists for Medical Freedom that they haven't yet received a response from you about the concerns they raised, or even a timeline for your considered response. I was very disappointed to learn that this is the case, as the issues raised within the letter are very important to me as a client of one of your practitioners.

I am writing to you to formally request that you provide Therapists for Medical Freedom with a response to their open letter, which clarifies your position as a professional body on the issues they have raised.

In particular, I would like clarification on:

The issue of vaccine mandates in the counselling profession and how you anticipate this might impact clients of affected therapists / services? The impact on clients who are unvaccinated.

This issue is important to me because:

I am a client and my therapy is really important to me, and essential for recovery from the things I'm going through at the moment.

It is disappointing to me that as a professional body that is representing counsellors and psychological therapists, the BPS is not engaging with dialogue around the issue of Vaccine Mandates when these issues are so important to many of your members and their clients.

It is especially concerning when you consider there are over 5 million unvaccinated people in the UK, representing a significant number of BPS therapists and current/potential clients.

As such, I respectfully request that you provide Therapists for Medical Freedom with a formal response to their collective concerns by the 30th of April 2022, and to engage with them and other concerned groups in an ongoing process of dialogue.

If you could directly send me a copy of your response to the email listed above, I will look forward to reading your position on these matters.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms. Jo Freedom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ms. Jo Freedom', written in a cursive style.