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Ms Phil Dunne
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Dear Ms Dunne

We are writing regarding a concern that was raised at one of the Northern Ireland Board meetings. We were informed there may be some occupational therapists advertising on the AOTI website as being available to work in Northern Ireland, but who are not registered in the United Kingdom with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

The occupational therapist title is protected by law in Northern Ireland. Anyone using this title in Northern Ireland must be registered with the HCPC or they may be subject to prosecution and a fine of up to £5000. We hope you find this information helpful. We felt it was important to bring this to your attention so that you may inform any of your members wishing to practise in Northern Ireland.

We do hope we can meet up again soon to follow up on the very successful collaborations achieved at the joint All Ireland Conference in 2011.

Yours sincerely

Dr Patricia McClure
Chair
Northern Ireland Board