

Personal Statement of Peter E Sanders a Patient Advocate

To the NICE HealOzone Appraisal Committee Meeting on the 9-2-05

I am a Manufacturing Consultant committed to volunteering my experience to the Public and Voluntary Sectors for a number of days each month.

I have been a regional appointee to a Community Health Council.

I have been a Committee Member for three separate years, of the NHS and Social Services, National Awards Committees.

I have been a Lay Member and now Chairman of the Lay Advisory Group to the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners (UK) at The Royal College of Surgeons of England.

I have read the general information supplied by NICE and the Tooth Decay-HealOzone Assessment Report.

My statement after reading this Assessment Report was, "I recognise the need for further research which must also clearly identify any cost and pain reductions to the patient"

Before joining the Lay Advisory Group at the Faculty I asked the then Chairman of the Association of Community Health Councils for the main issues concerning the public about Dentists. Some of the issues identified to me were:

- 1 Access to Dentists is a serious problem in both rural and urban areas.
- 2 A lack of clarity exists over what Dentists do and don't do on the NHS.
- 3 The cost of treatment.
- 4 The pain experienced by the patient before, during and after treatment.

I would welcome any treatment and procedure which even slightly improves any of the above issues for the patient.

The impression I have gained of the HealOzone treatment is that it could mean further costs to the patient and so I wish to state to The Appraisal Committee that further research must establish the full cost and treatment implications for the patient.

Peter E Sanders 30-1-05