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Page 4: Area for change one: public assurance

## Consultation on recertifying our oral health practitioners

**Q5** Each of the seven statements below are equally important components of good oral health care. We want to identify where there are gaps or weaknesses in the way our oral health practitioners serve the public.Please rank the components from 1-7, with one being the component you think needs the most improvement and seven being the component you think needs the least improvement:

Patients are confident their practitioner will not harm them 5

Patients receive appropriate information about their treatment and care

6

Patients feel confident their practitioner has the knowledge and skills to treat them

7

**Q6** Do you think the Dental Council needs to equip patients and the public to recognise poor practise?

No, Please give your reasons:: Public are critical enough of the profession!

Page 5: Area for change two: right-touch risk-based regulation

**Q7** Do you feel you have adequate information about the Dental Council's approach to regulation?

Yes

**Q8** A risk pyramid illustrates the connection between the desired actions and/or behaviours of a practitioner and the differing level of responses a regulator can use to encourage and/or achieve the desired action and/or behaviour.Do you think the Dental Council should develop a risk pyramid/matrix to explain the types and levels of risk and corresponding regulatory responses?

Yes, Please give your reasons:: High risk practitioners should require more regulation

Page 6: Area for change three: risk identification

**Q9** Which (if any) of these tools and mechanisms do you think the Dental Council should be using to identify and manage risk?

Practice	,
audits	
Practice	3
questionnaires	<b>;</b>
Risk factors for practitioners,	
Competence a	nd recertification
programmes	

**Q10** Are you aware of any other tools or mechanisms the Dental Council should be using to identify and manage risk?

No

**Q11** Do you think any of these risk tools or mechanisms are more effective than others?

No

Page 7: Area for change four: early intervention

**Q12** Do you think the Dental Council should explore the use of risk analysis and risk-profiling to identify poor practise sooner?

Yes, Please give your reasons:: If this approach is proven to work then it should be used.

Page 8: Area for change five: compliance

**Q13** Do you think the Dental Council should explore the use of incentives to encourage practitioner compliance?

Yes, Please give your reasons:: Everyone responds to a discounted APC! **Q14** What do you think the Dental Council could do differently to encourage practitioner compliance with its recertification requirements? Please explain:

I think the council generally does a great job.

Page 9: Area for change six: ongoing education and learning opportunities

**Q15** Do you think the Dental Council should change its current amount of prescribed hours and peer activities?

No - the hours are about right

**Q16** Do you think the Dental Council should change the current length of its education and learning opportunities (CPD) cycle?

No - the cycle length is about right

**Q17** Please rank the following statements (with one being most important and eight being least important) according to the following question: Which actions should the Dental Council prioritise when considering its approach to ongoing education and learning opportunities?

Requiring practitioners to maintain an accurate record of their education and learning activities

8

Permitting practitioners to choose some of their education and learning opportunities from prescribed categories

6

Permitting practitioners to choose all of their education and learning opportunities from prescribed categories

4

Setting some mandatory education and learning opportunities based on the Dental Council's Practice Standards

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**Q18** Do you think the Dental Council needs to make any other changes or improvements to the ongoing education and learning process?

## Yes - but only minor changes or improvements

Please tell us what other changes or improvements should be made and why::

Need to be able to assess clinical competence. Opinions of others in work place should be taken into account. E.g.: dental assistants know whether a dentist is competent!

Page 10: Final thoughts and comments

**Q19** Do you have any other comments, suggestions or information you want to share with the Dental Council about recertification?

**Respondent skipped this question**