

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 11 June 2012

The Dental Council is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions. This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meeting held in June 2012.

Development of Codes of Practice

The current Council Policy on the development of Codes of Practice (COPs) – *Policy Guidelines on Codes of Practice, Council Statements and Policy Guidelines* was formulated in July 2005. Council resolved to consider making changes to the *Policy Guidelines on Codes of Practice, Council Statements and Policy Guidelines*. Council will carefully manage important stakeholder relationships during this process.

Australian Dental Council Memorandum of Understanding

Council has been working with the ADC to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two organisations. Significant work and changes have been made to the MoU with further changes to be made in the area of examinations especially as ADC looks to review their examinations format. With the pending retirement of Robert Broadbent as the Chief Executive of the ADC, Council has endorsed and approved in principle what has been achieved on the document to date and delegated authority to the Chair of the Dental Council to agree minor changes and finalise the MoU.

ACC Memorandum of Understanding

The HRANZ operational group has worked with the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) over the past six months to develop a MoU. The document has been developed to a generic stage and it is now up to each regulatory authority to determine if it was acceptable or specific changes were required. The Dental Council noted that the draft MoU did not cover the reporting of practitioner conduct issues and will be seeking clarification on this before proceeding further.

Dentist/Dental Specialist Recertification Working Group

The Dentist/Dental specialist Recertification Working Group met on 26 March and 29 May 2012. The working papers of the group were presented at Council's June meeting along with a verbal update from the Chair of the working group. The working group will present its recommendations for Council to consider at the July 2012 meeting.

University of Otago BDS (Honours) Accreditation

The University of Otago advised the Dental Council that the Faculty of Dentistry is planning to introduce a BDS (Honours) programme in 2013. Council has requested the 2010 BDS accreditation team to review the proposal and the team has submitted its recommendation to the ADC/Dental Council joint accreditation committee. A draft consultation document with a proposal to publish the University of Otago BDS (Honours) programme as a prescribed qualification for the general dental scope of practice will be prepared after the University has approved the BDS (Honours) programme.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Accreditation FRACDS (OMS)

The Dental Council has appointed John Bridgeman as the New Zealand co-chair to the ADC/AMC/Dental Council accreditation review team for the FRACDS(OMS) programme. Council will also initiate discussions with the Australian Medical Council to convey Council's concern with the extension of the

accreditation for a further four year for the FRACDS(OMS) programme without a formal accreditation review.

University of Otago MDS/MBChB(OMS) accreditation

The Dental Council will propose a limited accreditation review for the University of the Otago MDS/MBChB(OMS) programme for the four year period while it transitions to the DClinDent (OMS) programme.

New Zealand Defence Force – Adult Care

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) advised Council that the required information from the NZDF's proposal partner for the Adult Care training programme has not been forthcoming. The NZDF will now withdraw its course proposal from the University of Otago and submit an application with the Auckland University of Technology as its course partner in due course.

2012-13 APC Fee Dentist

The Dental Council approved the 2012-13 APC fee for dentists of \$730.11 and a disciplinary levy of \$29.71 (together totalling \$759.82) to be issued for consultation with stakeholders.

Fees for Competence, Recertification and Health Monitoring Programmes

The Dental Council Approved the proposed fees for Competence & Recertification Programmes and Health Monitoring Programmes to be issued for consultation with practitioners and other key stakeholders.

Accreditation standards for New Zealand Clinical Dental Technology Programmes

The Dental Council approved the ADC/Dental Council joint accreditation committee's recommendation for Council to adopt a separate accreditation standard document for New Zealand clinical dental technology programmes. The intention is for a single accreditation standard to be developed for dental prosthetists/clinical dental technicians in the next formal standards review process.