

## Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 7 July 2014

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 July 2014.

### Vulnerable Children's Bill

Council resolved to invite Dr Russell Wills, Children's Commissioner to a Council meeting to discuss the Vulnerable Children's Bill.

### OHP practitioners with Shortfall of Continuing Professional Development

Council resolved that:

- (a) where 75% or more of the required number of hours had been completed, require the practitioner, in addition to meeting the requirements of the current recertification cycle, to make up the shortfall by 28 February 2015 and provide satisfactory evidence of having done so by that date;
- (b) where an OHP practitioner has achieved less than 75% of their total required CPD hours for the CPD cycle ended 31 December 2013, that practitioner will be referred to Council for consideration; and
- (c) OHP practitioners on retention and with a shortfall of CPD hours for the CPD cycle ended 31 December 2013 would be cautioned about the potential difficulties they faced with insufficient CPD hours.

### Specialist Competencies and Qualifications Framework

Council approved the amended draft specialist qualifications framework and draft competencies by specialty (endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral medicine, oral pathology, special needs dentistry, oral maxillofacial surgery, oral surgery, orthodontics, paediatric dentistry, public health dentistry and forensic odontology), for release for targeted information gathering with stakeholders.

### Year End Financials – 31 March 2014

Council approved the year end financials, for sign off by the Chair and Chief Executive.

## Financial Management Information System (FMIS)

Council approved the implementation of Greentree FMIS during the July to September 2014 quarter.

## Certificate of Good Standing (COGS)

Council agreed there would be no reduction or waiver of the COGS fee for volunteers as it would not be fair to other practitioners who would have to bear the additional costs. This matter would be reconsidered as part of the 2015/16 budget round where practitioners affected would have an opportunity to comment.

## Health and Safety

Council approved an independent review of Dental Council Health & Safety policies and processes to assess compliance with Health and Safety legislation and recommended best practice.

## Review of Level of Reserves Policy

Council approved the amended Level of Reserves Policy.

## Review of Workplace Bullying Guidelines

Council approved the Dental Council Secretariat Human Resource Policy & Guidelines Harassment Prevention and Complaints Resolution, subject to the changes as suggested by Claro Law.

## Orthodontic Auxiliary Prescribed Qualifications

Council was made aware of concerns about the two day clinical programme for prospective orthodontic auxiliaries, which is restricted to the employees of specialist orthodontists who are members of the New Zealand Association of Orthodontists (NZAO).

Council agreed there were several issues around this matter. Accordingly, it resolved to undertake an information gathering consultation with affected stakeholders to determine the extent to which the current prescribed qualifications for orthodontics auxiliaries were causing difficulty.

Council is currently preparing the consultation documents that will be released shortly.