

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 6 October 2014

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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 October 2014.

Online discount deals for dental treatment

The New Zealand Dental Association expressed concerns regarding practitioners not complying with informed consent requirements when advertising discount deals online. Council agreed that it would issue a Council statement for practitioners advertising discount deals online; and all practitioners would be reminded of their ethical responsibility under the informed consent Code of Practice.

Oral Health Therapy Scope of Practice Consultation

Council considered and approved the draft consultation document on the proposed Oral Health Therapy Scope of Practice to be issued to stakeholders in October 2014, subject to some minor wording changes. It was agreed that an extended consultation period be allowed due to the holiday period.

Transmissible Major Viral Infections (TMVI) Working Group Report and draft TMVI code of practice

A preliminary review of the current Council Transmissible Major Viral Infections (TMVI) codes of practice against local and international standards, guidelines, protocols and research was undertaken by the Standards Committee's TMVI work stream in 2013.

A TMVI working group was established with membership comprised Professor Anita Nolan (Chair), Kim Gear and Arlo Upton.

The TMVI working group reviewed local and international policy documents initially reviewed by the TMVI work stream, along with additional relevant literature; and held discussions with the Medical Council of New Zealand related to their TMVI guidelines review.

The TMVI working group developed a report with recommendations related to the specific areas noted in the terms of reference. A proposed draft Code of Practice Transmissible Major Viral Infections was developed.

- Council accepted the working group recommendations and draft TMVI code of practice, as considered by the standards review committee, subject to minor changes for preparing the consultation document.

NZ Association of Orthodontists (NZAO) Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme

Council considered the accreditation report submitted by the NZAO on the programme condition to create a clinical position for the NZAO orthodontic auxiliary training programme by June 2014. Council was satisfied that the NZAO Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme had met the accreditation

condition; and the accreditation status was changed to full accreditation, with the accreditation period until 31 December 2018.