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Submission from Simply Dental

My apologies for the late submission, I hope it can still be included.

Q1. We agree with the proposed changes to the OHT scope of practice with the exception of removal of adult scope of practice: We feel that as oral health therapists will be trained and able to manage complex restorations on those up to age 17 years and 364 days that it is logical that they should be able to manage these restorations on older people.

We understand that there may in certain circumstances be more complexity involved in say heavily restored dentitions/endodontically treated teeth etc, however, the OHT, as a professional should be able to make the decision as to what level they are competent to treat to. Just as they are able to make a decision as to when it is safe to administer LA or treat someone with complex medical issues and when it is best to refer to a colleague (dentist or specialist).

We believe that OHT's trained to provide restorations to adults would provide benefit to New Zealand communities by offering access to more affordable dental care particularly those in lower socioeconomic groups.

Q2. Agree

Q3. Agree

Q4. Agree

Q5. Agree with the exception of adult scope as discussed in Q1. response above.

Q6. Agree

Kind regards,

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