



Page 2: Information about the person or organisation completing this submission

Q1 This submission was completed by:

Name **Bridget**



Q2 Are you making this submission **as a registered practitioner**

Q3 Please tell us which part of the sector your submission represents **a registered oral health therapist**

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

Q4 What, if anything, do you like about our proposed core recertification programme?

I like that it's focused on quality not quantity of professional development as I think the current process isn't focussed on quality at all.

Q5 Is there anything about our proposed core recertification programme you would change?

Yes,

Please explain.:

I think the time frame is too short, I believe this would put too much pressure on the oral health professionals with long working hours, spending quality time with family and maintaining a home life and child plus finding added time for peer contact work/ training/conference/lectures and or work shops in such a short amount of time. We wouldn't be able to focus on providing the best possible care for our patients along with everything else that you are wanting for this core recertification process I believe.

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Q6 Do you support our proposal to change the recertification cycle to 12 months?

No,

Please explain.:

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Q7 Do you think our proposed core recertification programme should include a requirement for practitioners to complete an online open-book assessment of their technical and clinical knowledge and skills?

No,

Please explain.:

No I do not, if all other requirements are covered I do not believe this is needed. This just adds more stress and pressure to clinicians that is not needed.

Q8 If a proposal about an online open-book assessment of a practitioner's technical and clinical skills and knowledge is supported, how often should practitioners be required to complete an assessment?

Every five years ,

Please explain.:

I believe with everything we will be doing this is not a necessity and our focus should be on providing the best possible care to our patients. We also have to factor in working hours, workshops and learning sessions; home life, our children, time spent with peers to achieve all these goals you are wanting, in such a short time if it ends up being a year.

Q9 Do you have other proposals about our proposed core recertification programme you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

Q10 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for supporting new registrants?

Mentoring for new grads when they aren't confident.

Q11 Is there anything about the draft proposals for supporting new registrants you would change?

No

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Q12 Do you think the proposed two year minimum period for the mentoring relationship is:

**too ,
long**

Please explain.:

I believe a year would be enough, the choice should be made by the two clinicians as to weather they need a longer mentoring period

Q13 Do you think all new registrants should participate in a mentoring programme, or are there some new registrants who should not be required to participate in a mentoring programme?

No,

Please explain.:

I believe it should be up to the new registrant if they believe they need mentoring. As some like myself who came from a dental environment working in the dental environment for 12 years plus before training as an oral health professional having a mentor would not have been nessersary however the option should be given and the choice made by the clinician

Q14 Do you have other proposals about supporting new registrants you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Area three: addressing health-related competence decline concerns

Q15 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns?

I believe an eye and health examination should definitely be done from a certain age yearly. I believe this is extremely important and is needed.

Q16 Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would change?

No

Q17 Do you have other proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 6: Area four: addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours

Q18 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19 Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours you would change?

No

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Q20 Do you have other proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 7: Final thoughts and comments

Q21 Do you have any other comments, suggestions or information you want to share with us about the draft proposals for improving our approach to recertification?

Respondent skipped this question