

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

**Q1** This submission was completed by:

Name **Gill Bird**

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

**Q3** Please tell us which part of the sector your submission represents **a registered dental therapist,  
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 agree with the issues that the DC has addressed

**Q5** Is there anything about our proposed core recertification programme you would change? **No**

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

**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? **Yes**

**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 two years**

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

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

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

I like all of your proposals, this is what we already provide for our new graduates now

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**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:

**just right,**

Please explain.:

Obviously every new grad is different, could there be some component to allow some new grads to fast track there mentorship to under two years.

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**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?

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

As above, all need some help but level of skills vary so much, I have had some new grads that are competent after 6 months and others that still require some mentoring after 2 years, both will make great OHT eventually

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

No I think your plans are excellent

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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?

Eye exam

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

I feel that some assessment for mental decline and physical decline needs to be assessed after the age of 65, and that a possible restriction in scope could be offered for some competent practitioners that have just slowed down and are doing less than younger colleagues.

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

Physical fitness, including Minor motor skills could be assessed

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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?

All of it well done

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**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.

A peer review of competence, in serious situations where patients are shared

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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**

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