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Q1 This submission was completed by:

Name

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Q2 Are you making this submission

as a registered practitioner

Q3 Please tell us which part of the sector your submission represents

a registered dentist or dental specialist

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

It provides a good structure for practitioners with competency issues

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

Yes,
Please explain.:
Make the cycle two years Don't make changes for the vast majority of dentists who are competent

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

No,
Please explain.:
It is too challenging for practitioners who need to take extended leave eg maternity leave / sick leave It's too difficult and expensive for practitioners who are outside the main areas as they are more likely to attend conferences rather than courses Overheads will increase and jeopardize part timers

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.:
It's a lot of bureaucracy and expense for little gain

Phase two consultation on recertification

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

Please explain.:

It seems about right - easier to do it regularly so not such a "big thing " but expensive to organised from the dental councils point of view

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?

I like these proposals

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

No

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

just right

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

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 like these proposals

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,

Please explain.:

I feel the proposals in part one are very relevant to these practitioners in addition to the mentoring but having been a mentor (albeit many years ago) I felt there was not sufficient training and support for mentors and that the dental council just put the mentoring in place and then didn't follow it up. Hopefully things have changed. So there needs to be proper follow up of these cases and a proper system for monitoring le more time spent on these and less on the huge majority of clinicians who are compliant and spend time picking the brains of colleagues and generally just talk dentistry

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
