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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 dental hygienist

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

The increased emphasis on peer contact

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

The written PDP. We operate in an environment where we attend meetings and conferences where the topics are predetermined by the organizing committee. Having a self-directed plan with learning objectives will be hard to implement if my own learning objectives are not covered in that session. Earlier this year I wrote a plan for the next two years. The practicality of following this plan has been interesting. Over the last two years the best and most interesting CPD I have attended has been from meetings and seminars that have come up at short notice and certainly not ones I had planned at the start of the year. The idea that Association or industry led CPD topics are directed by the individual practitioners is somewhat naive. I do realise there are a lot of courses online but they must be verified. I think self-directed learning is good but also needs to be flexible and adaptable to circumstance.

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

No,

Please explain.:

I would like to see a two year cycle. I think there are too many life circumstances that can make it impossible to get the prescribed number of hours required. For instance, a year's maternity leave would make CPD difficult. Also the cost of both attending course/conferences and not receiving income within a 12 month cycle has to be factored in as well, especially as most dental hygienists are on a fixed income. I think 24 months is more achievable and less stressful for busy people.

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,

Please explain.:

But I want to say no! I think most practitioners would be insulted by this suggestion but it would be one way of measuring competency. I have a lot of questions around this proposal though: who is able to see the answers? what will happen with information collected? what remedial action of incorrect answers? who sets the questions? has this been trialed anywhere else? Also this is creating a huge amount of work for the council and since it is self funded, I can see the APC getting even larger and unsustainable for dental hygienists.

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 don't see any reason for it to be any less than five years unless you were going to vary the topics

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

This proposal is going to be very interesting to implement in private practice. Patients expect a competent practitioner and any new registrant should be that. I have mentored new graduates in the past and it is a time consuming process. With busy lives and working in busy practices committing to a two year mentoring scheme is a lot.

Phase two consultation on recertification

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

**too ,
long**

Please explain.:

Its a long time for the mentor to commit to

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 think all new registrants should go through the programme

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

I am keen for more information on this subject

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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