

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

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?

Nothing

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

I would keep to the existing 2 year CPD system because it is working. Dentists naturally fill in gaps in their knowledge throughout their career, as new techniques, materials, philosophies come onto the scene.

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

No,

Please explain.:

The current system is working.

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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.:

This is completely unnecessary. I think this is treating dentists like children who cannot be trusted. Dentists study a five year degree, gain valuable practical experience treating patient in hospitals and practices, and continue to build on their knowledge over their careers.

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?

Please explain.:

Never.

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

Keep with the status quo.

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 graduates is a good idea.

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

I would opt for a 2 year vocational training program similar to the UK.

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 have no concerns over older dentists practising.

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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.:

Compulsory eye tests are unnecessary because dentists self-manage this effectively, by wearing spectacles, loupes, and keeping up with regular eye tests.

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

I find older dentists do better dentistry. Perhaps dentists over 70 could be monitored though.

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.:

It seems reasonable.

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?

99.9% of dentists are competent, and self-manage new regulations, continuing education, eye tests, so don't punish the majority for the sake a tiny minority.
