

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

**Q1** This submission was completed by:

Name

**Michael Thompson**

**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.

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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?

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**

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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?

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.

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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.

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

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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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

It seems reasonable.

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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.

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**Respondent skipped this question**

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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?

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.

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