

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?

I like the fact we are reviewing the current system, it has many issues. I like the concept of developing a personal education plan as something to work toward. I like the concept of the health (eye) checks. I like the thoughts about more practice audits either self audits or from the outside. I like the thought of quality rather than quantity.

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

I think using a peer to help guide a lot of this is asking a lot of other people. Really is this going to be any more of a valid proxy I dont think so. I think this asks a lot of other people time, is a responsibility we should not have to take on and we are not trained for. I dont know how necessary and valuable it will be. The people who currently take a responsible attitude towards there ongoing work always have and will. Those who don't will work around it.

Phase two consultation on recertification

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

No,

Please explain.:

I think 12 months is too short. Life is very demanding these days to try and balance everything can be difficult. At different times in our life these demands can vary and the need to put time into the various activities can come and go. A year allows no room for movement in these demands. A longer period allows a bit more flexibility.

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.:

I think it could be useful. I think the logistics will be difficult and everyone can have different interpretations of the same thing. Doesn't mean they are wrong. Maybe time consuming at the DC end.

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 four years

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

I really think there needs to be more on the ground audit and advice services offered by the council.

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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 the concept of eye testing.

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.

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?

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?

I think there needs to be some sort of registration for practice owners. The model of employment of Dentists and other Oral Health workers has changed. Many are employed by either other dentists, non dentists or corporate owners. As employees they often don't have the ability to change or encourage change within the practice they work in. There is often an imbalance of power in these environments and junior staff can not necessarily initiate change. So the dentist can find they may be non compliant in some of the things they need to tick off on their recertification application but struggle to get things changed. There needs to be some responsibility on the owners to be compliant. Also the council needs to be aware just because they send out emails etc to dentists regarding amended and new requirements for recertification this does not mean these are read let alone carried out.