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Comments for New Core Registration Programme -dentists

Is there a big problem with sub standard clinicians? As a long standing clinician, there does not appear to be a big problem. Most clinicians are diligent, hard working, ethical practitioners who try to do the best for their patients. I fail to see how these new proposals will identify clinicians who are at risk or unsafe. DCNZ is shifting the onus to clinicians and subjecting them to a additional stress and compliance costs. In this day and age of evidence based dentistry, where is the evidence that all this change will achieve the objectives of DCNZ?. I note that no other national dental regulatory body has anything similar.

Regarding the professional peer (PP) as proposed-what are the qualifications for PP?
How will DCNZ prevent dentists who may be practising below an acceptable standard from becoming a PP? How on earth can any PP actually determine competency of another dentist? They have to rely on the information provided by the dentist. Will the PP be liable if the dentist they are responsible for is deemed by DCNZ to be incompetent? Do you think it is reasonable to ask dentists to judge other dentists?

Dental practitioners are highly qualified and trained professional, who have undergone a rigorous training regime. Why are you treating them all like imbeciles? How an earth can an open book assessment determine their technical and clinical skills? All it will do is prove they are good at completing their assessment.

It is unfair to assess dentists every 12 months? What if they are sick for a prolong period that year? or they were on maternity leave? Or they took a year off work? Does that make them incompetent?

In conclusion, I fail to see how these proposed changes can assure the public that their oral health practitioners are competent and fit to practice, manage practitioner competence and prevent of competence decline, and identify at risk or unsafe practitioners. All it will do will add a significant additional burden on an already stressed workforce.

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