

Page 2: Your demographics

#### Q1 Your details

Email

Name **Frazier Johnston** Company/organisation

City/town

Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as

dentist or dental specialist

Page 3: The proposal

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the 18-year age limit for restorative activities from the OHT scope of practice including: accredited, gazetted programmes allowing oral health therapists to perform restorative treatment on patients 18 years and older an exclusion, such as "Restorative treatment on patients 18 years and older", being placed on oral health therapists' scopes of practice until they complete an accredited adult restorative programme which will allow them to apply to have the exclusion removed (noting that the activities registered oral health therapists can currently perform within their scope of practice remain unchanged).

Strongly disagree

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Your concerns

## Consultation on the age limit for restorative activities in the oral health therapy scope of practice

## Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

My major concern is that by increasing the scope of OHTs, this will drag OHTs away from the DHB services that they currently provide. The DHB is currently under massive strain as it is, surely this can only result in longer waiting times and more untreated children, which results in far bigger dental issues and costs in the future.

It also seems dangerous to have people that are not fully trained in every aspect of dentistry (including and understanding of the often complex medical issues of patients) being responsible for correct diagnosis, providing informed consent, and issuing thorough treatment plans, let alone carrying out the treatment- what if something goes wrong?

# Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies

**Q6** Do you have any specific feedback on the proposed amendments to the OHT scope of practice, prescribed qualifications or competencies as set out in appendices 1 & 2?

### Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

**Q7** Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.

Respondent skipped this question

## Page 8: Anything else

**Q8** Do you have any further comments on the proposal?

No

## Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Respondent skipped this question