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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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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
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Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal	Respondent skipped this question
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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

Diagnosing, treatment planning and carrying out complex treatment takes skill knowledge and experience which I genuinely don't think possible for the OHTs to acquire with the training they have. They also are not put through the same rigorous entrance process that Dentists are and do not have the same academic testing that is necessary to learn the complex nature of the oral cavity.

I was trained for five years as a Dentist to deal with complex medical histories that I don't believe is possible for the OHTs to have learnt and therefore puts patients at risk.

There is unmet need and high wait lists within the current age restriction where therapists should be utilised. Children that don't get treatment by these therapists will go on to have issues in adulthood which puts more pressure of the already extended public health system.

We should be improving the standard of care for dental patients in New Zealand!! This is not achieved by allowing a lesser-trained workforce to treat patients beyond the scope of their training.

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? **Yes**

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? **Yes**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Lets focus on prevention and good health, increase education and awareness - this should be the focus of the OHTs not providing limited treatment options on people who deserve the treatment of properly trained health professionals
