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



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details	
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Company/organisation	
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Email	
Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as	dentist or dental specialist

Disagree

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).

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Your concerns

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Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

There is already a real lack of workforce to treat under 18s, and removing the age limit will continue to increase this problem. Restorative activities on adults are far different to restorative activities on adolescents and children, as the adult dentition is far more complex, and should be done under supervision and prescription of a dentist, who has undergone the training to fully understand all treatment options available and recommended to an adult patient. A training programme for restorative activities for oral health therapists should then be as robust and lengthy as a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree in order for them to have the ability to do this safely.

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?	Νο
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	Na
Q8 Do you have any further comments on the proposal?	Νο
Page 10: Last thoughts	
Q9 Please provide us your feedback	Respondent skipped this question