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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). **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

The existing OHSA & school dental therapy system should be improved instead. The oral health therapists will make a bigger difference to adults (when they reach the age of 18) if the existing government-funded oral health care system is improved, compared to lifting the age restriction. As we all know, upstream interventions will make a bigger difference compared to downstream interventions.

The adult tooth may be the same but the adult body isn't always the same. Systemic diseases and medications complicate dental treatments. As other dentists have pointed out, there needs to be a good foundation in diagnosing other aspects of dentistry such as occlusion and orthodontics. It may be a better idea to have the oral health therapists who is qualified to carryout the restorative aspect of a treatment planned by a dentist or specialist.

What is unsettling is that the treatment price for fillings under an OHT can potentially increase to be equal to that of a dentist in the private dental practices.

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? **No**

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**
