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## Page 2: Your demographics

### Q1 Your details

Name **Sam Thompson**

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as **dentist or dental specialist**

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## 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**

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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

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

My concerns are that the changes will divert clinicians away from already stretched DHB services. Also that sufficient endodontic skills are required when treating permanent dentition as there are anatomical and radiographical reasons that endodontic treatment cannot always be avoided, despite adequate planning.

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## 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**

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Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

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

An Adult restorative program should be secondary to dealing with the shortage of paediatric services among DHBs. A course or strategy to involve more dentists in mobile clinics may be necessary if clinicians are going to be redirected via an adult course for OHT

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Page 8: Anything else

**Q8** Do you have any further comments on the proposal? **No**

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Page 10: Last thoughts

**Q9** Please provide us your feedback **Respondent skipped this question**

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