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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

If you extend the scope and allow therapists to treat over 18s and be paid for this in private practice, who will look after the children under the SDS contract?

It is hard enough for our therapist who works for the DHB 4 days a week to see all the children she needs to over a 15 week period.

Kids teeth are so important and the therapist role is so vital currently as they can get the kids straight out of class and do their checkups, without having the parents to drive them to a dentist for a checkup.

This is where the funding needs to go instead.....to increase the number of therapists to check all the kids teeth.

Parents are not going to prioritise their kids teeth if there aren't any therapists at the schools to see the kids coz they are seeing over 18s.

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.

Therapists have a very poor understanding of caries near the pulp and treatment of this. If they want to increase their scope, why did they not become a dentist in the first place? Or why don't they apply to be a dentist instead? There will not be sufficient training for them to achieve optimal outcomes for patients when there aren't enough patients even for the dental students to practice with also.

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**
