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Dental Council
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Dear Dental Council

Re: Dental Council Consultation on the age limit for restorative activities in the oral health therapy scope of practice - Submission

I agree with the proposal to remove the 18-year age limit for restorative activities from the Oral Health Therapists (OHT) scope of practice

- 1) From my experience of having worked with a recent graduate of the Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH- Otago) at my dental practice, their Oral Health Therapy (OHT) knowledge and clinical skills exceeded my expectations of them.
- 2) They are obviously very well trained and equipped with the requirements of *modern dentistry*. The BOH- Otago, training must expose them to sufficient experience in a well supervised Dental School setting. Therefore, I would not expect an Oral Health Therapist (adult scope), to require extended supervision.

regards
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