

Page 2: Your demographics

## Q1 Your details

Name Karen Hobbs

Company/organisation

City/town

Email

Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as

oral health therapist

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 agree

Page 4: Your support

## Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

There is still an inequality in oral health for those who cannot afford dental care once they become over 18 years of age. We could provide dental care for those who cannot afford private fees of a dentist. There could be continuing care from our patients who turn 18 and often don't come back after their birthday. This could encourage them to keep up with their routine appointments which will prevent them from getting into the habit of only coming when there is a problem because its not affordable for them to do routine appointments with a private practice dentist. There could also be opportunities to be able to treat class V cavities for the elderly who also may not be able to afford to have this done by a dentist due to cost.

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 Respondent skipped this question proposal Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies Q6 Do you have any specific feedback on the proposed No amendments to the OHT scope of practice, prescribed qualifications or competencies as set out in appendices 1 & 2? Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal Q7 Please provide us specific comments related to the Respondent skipped this question OHT scope, qualifications and competencies. Page 8: Anything else Q8 Do you have any further comments on the No proposal?

Q9 Please provide us your feedback Respondent skipped this question