Consultation on the age limit for restorative activities in the oral health therapy scope of practice



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details	
Name	Martin Lee
Company/organisation	
City/town	
Email	
Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as	District Health Board

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

This change corrects an anomaly where dental therapists are currently enabled to provide restorative treatment for adults through an additional scope but oral health therapists are not (albeit the proposed mechanism is different)

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

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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?	Νο
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?	Yes
Page 10: Last thoughts	

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

We consider the development of teams of dental professionals to be important for improving access to dental services for New Zealanders of all ages.