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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as **educational institution**

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).

Agree

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

The University agrees to the proposal only if:

There is transparency around what additional training is being undertaken to enable oral health therapists to be competent to treat patients over 18 years old.

It is also the University's opinion that adult restorative treatment programme should be provided as a post graduate qualification for oral health therapists and dental therapists and not immersed in the under graduate programme unless it is an additional period of study, e.g., Year 1-3 for oral health therapists, Year 4 for oral health therapists with 18 year age limit removed for adult treatment. In that way dental therapists could also enrol in the additional programme content.

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

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.

The council should have added in a specific years of oral health therapy experience after graduating, for example, five years of practice before oral health therapists are able to proceed with adult care. This is just so that the new oral health therapists are more confident with their skills and to prevent a quick transition for anyone to get into treating adult dental patients. This may in itself help alleviate any concerns about having the market flooded with oral health therapists and also not deprive the under 18's of any care.

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
