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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name

Andrei Tantoy

City/town

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Email

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as

Other (please specify):
Student

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

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

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

I believe that removal of the age restriction in our scope of practice will help increase accessibility to dental care for Kiwis. Due to the high costs, dental care in NZ is seen as a luxury for most, rather than an essential care.

As an OHT, our treatment plans are not hindered by an individual's financial position. We are able to provide vital care to our patients under the age of 18 without the financial burden. With the removal of the age restriction we will be able to perform simple restorative work on adult patients that are not in a position to financially afford to attend a private dental clinic. Hopefully, with the success of this submission it will help jumpstart a further restructure of the NZ dental system. In the future, OHTs in the DHBs will be able to provide simple restorative treatment at a subsidised cost for adults. Public funding for adult dental care is limited at the moment, increasing the same is a goal we should all work towards to meet the demands of NZ's ageing population.

I have received training in appropriately and safely treating the permanent dentition (treating adolescents and dental hygiene care for adults) and patients with comprehensive medical histories. However, OHT's are prepared to undergo additional post-graduate training to alleviate Dentist's concerns of incompetency. OHT's will be able to help reduce Dentists' workload by treating patients with simple restorative work. Therefore, a collaborative effort between the two professions will hopefully be able to make a difference in the overall oral health status of NZ.

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? **No**

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?

No

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Respondent skipped this question