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

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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details		
Name	sweta devi	
City/town		
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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

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Clinicians with the Oral Health Therapy scope of practice have gained the experience and understanding of how to treat adult patients. Not only are we currently treating adults with dental hygiene skills but we are already practicing restorative treatment on permanent dentition.

Dental costs in NZ are quite high and a lot of people seem to avoid getting their teeth checked mainly due to the costs hence it would mean that we could provide lower-costing care to lower socio- economic households. Patients also save time because they won't have to be waitlisted after being referred to a dentist to do work we as oral health therapists are capable of.

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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?	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?	Νο
Page 10: Last thoughts	
Q9 Please provide us your feedback	Respondent skipped this question