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



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name **Ashley Mason** Company/organisation City/town Email Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as Other (please specify):

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

I find it extremely strange that we, as Oral Health Therapist (students currently), are able to perform restorations on people up until the age of 18 however once they turn 18 it somehow "changes" our ability to treat them. I believe that we should have an age restriction but a "complexity" restriction on treatment and referring when necessary which we do anyway

Page 5: Your concerns

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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 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 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

I think it is a fantastic idea! Many dental students I know already don't like doing "easy" fillings so if we could do them instead that would be fantastic. Such a great idea.