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**Q1**

Your details

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**Q2** dentist or dental specialist

Your submission is in the capacity as

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**Q3** Respondent skipped this question

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**Q4**  
Please add your Dental Council Person ID registration number

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Page 5: Please provide your feedback by responding to the following question

**Q5**

**No**

Do you support the proposed Supplementary risk management principles for oral health during the COVID-19 pandemic? If you do not support the draft, please share your concerns, reasons for your view, and proposed alternatives if you have any.

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**Q6**

Please share any comments you have below:

In general I support this document. It is a very complex, fluid situation which makes the decision the dental council has to make difficult.

As a Paediatric Specialist I only see children, most who are under the age of 12 in a specialist hospital setting. From the standard proposed I will need to wear N95 masks and full face shields because I wear loupes to examine my patients. We will also have to have a stand down period for our patients because we have individual rooms in our hospital setting. It is impossible to schedule children at the end of the day because I only see children. I realise that we will one day get vaccination for our young children but I believe this will not be as large an uptake as in adults.

The children that come into our hospital require specialist care. Wearing full face shields and N95 are not helpful for patient management on these often nervous patient group.

Our waiting list for first specialist appointment and for general anaesthetic is very long and with the new protocols we will need longer with the proposed stand down period for children. This means that the access to care for these children will be significantly affected in our DHB.

Could the committee please reconsider the effect the standard will have on our children prior to their immunisation and also when we continue to have unvaccinated children in the future.

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