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Page 2: Your information

**Q1**

Your details

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**Q2** dentist or dental specialist

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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:

On the whole, I support the proposal and am grateful for the Dental Council's efforts to keep the profession and the general public safe.

I do, not, however, support the PPE requirements for low risk patients that require the scrubs/gown to be changed after every patient, or to wear a disposable plastic apron over top of the scrubs to be changed after every patient. This PPE requirement does not distinguish between AGP and non-AGP and short, minimally-invasive procedures such as suture removals or consultations are highly unlikely to result in contamination of the fabric to a level where transmission could later occur. In fact, in the consultation document, it states that transmission via fomites is lower risk than previously thought.

Although we are in the midst of a pandemic, we are also suffering a major environmental crisis. Dentists may see over 20 patients a day- which means the disposal of 20+ plastic aprons per dentist, per day, which cannot be recycled and will likely be incinerated, contributing to toxic emissions. This is a frightening thought when considered in balance of the transmission risk and likely a negligible benefit. The proposed alternative- changing scrubs between every patient- is also prohibitive. This will create an extraordinary amount of laundry, which is not sustainable. I urge the Dental Council to reconsider this point and limit the requirement for plastic aprons/scrub changes to higher risk patients or AGPs only.

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