

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo

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Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 3 September 2012

The Dental Council is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions. This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meeting held in 3 September 2012.

Dental Therapist Professional Agreement Structure

The Council proposed to review whether the professional relationship structure provided in the current codes of practice for dental therapy was sufficient. Council members Ms Minnie McGibbon as the dental therapist member on Council and Dr Robin Whyman with his expert knowledge of the DHB environment will work with the secretariat to consider the professional agreement structure and identify any issues with a view to developing a review of the dental therapy code of practice if required.

Review of the HPCA Act 2003

The Council has received a discussion document from Health Workforce New Zealand on the 2012 review of the Health Practitioner Competence Assurance Act 2013 (The Act). Council's draft response to the discussion document will be discussed in detail at the October Council meeting.

Oral Surgery

The Council approved the oral surgery follow-up consultation document to be issued to all relevant stakeholders, including the medical specialists included in the first consultation cycle. The consultation document proposes that both oral surgery and oral and maxillofacial surgery scopes of practice remain as dental specialty scopes of practice in New Zealand, with the intent to accredit a prescribed qualification for the oral surgery scope of practice.

Medical Emergencies Code of Practice review

The Council approved the terms of reference for Medical Emergencies code of practice and appointed Dr Robin Whyman as a Council representative and Chair of the working group.

FRACDS – AMC/ADC/Dental Council comprehensive report outline

The Council approved a response to go to the RACDS advising the college of Council's position on the extension of the FRACDS(OMS) programme's accreditation period to provide transparency to the College on the issues at hand as there are differences in standards and accreditation policies across the three Councils involved in the accreditation.

Reserves Policy

The Council agreed that where a professions' disciplinary reserves are depleted, the operational reserve of that profession is applied to fund the profession's disciplinary reserve. Further, to avoid cross subsidisation across professions, where there is an overall negative reserve for a profession then interest is to be charged to the overdrawn profession (at Council's average term deposit investment rate).

HPCA Act cases

The Council noted the disciplinary cases and the costs incurred in these cases since 1 April 2011. Council requested the secretariat to investigate in what possible form the costs of discipline cases can be made available to the practitioner via the Council newsletter.

Debit Management Policy

The Council approved the revised Credit and Debt Management Policy.

Legislative Compliance

The Council approved the Legislative Compliance Policy.