

## Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting 12 March 2018

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The Dental Council (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 March 2018.

### HPCA Act Amendment Bill

The Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Amendment Bill (the Bill) was introduced into the House of Parliament on 20 February 2018, and was read for the first time. The Bill was the product of the functional review of the HPACA Act undertaken in 2008/09 to ensure that it was performing as intended; and, a fundamental review undertaken in 2012/13 to determine whether the original policy settings remained appropriate.

The Bill focused on implementing the five policy recommendations of the 2012/13 fundamental review; together with some amendments that have their genesis in the functional review of 2008/9.

Council noted submissions on the Bill closes on 5 April and agreed that it would make a submission.

### Orthodontic Patient information leaflets - feedback

Feedback on the draft orthodontic patient information was received from the NZ Association of Orthodontists (NZAO), NZ Dental Association (NZDA) and NZ Dentists Orthodontic Society (NZDOS). Council considered all the feedback and proposed changes to the orthodontic material.

Council approved the draft brochures for finalisation. The animation would now be progressed and submitted to Council for approval. A launch plan for the material would be presented to the Council at the same time.

### Informed consent practice standard consultation

The draft Informed consent practice standard was issued to all stakeholders for consultation on 10 November 2017, with submissions closing on 5 February 2018.

A total of nine submissions were received, primarily from professional associations and regulatory authorities.

Following its consideration of the submission feedback, detailed analysis and the proposed responses to the feedback, Council approved the draft Informed consent practice standard, subject to further refinements. The practice standard would take effect from 1 May 2018.

### Audit and Risk Management (ARM) Committee appointments

Council appointed the following members to the ARM Committee:

- Brent Kennerley – Chair
- John Aarts – Deputy Chair

- Karen Ferns – Lay member