Chief Executive



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Dear Ms Warner

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2017/18 Dental Council draft budget and proposed fees for oral health practitioners.

Hawke's Bay District Health Board notes the detailed review of the budget that has been undertaken and thanks the Dental Council for the clear explanation of the proposed Annual Practising Certificate fees.

We note that the proposed changes are essentially around the levels of competence, health and discipline activity with the professions and that the Dental Council is making a significant capital investment in IT infrastructure.

We are pleased to note the proposed overall decrease for dental therapist fees and note the slight increase for dentist fees.

Yours sincerely

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