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Oral Health Department**

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Response from the Oral Health Department to the Follow-up consultation on a proposed oral health therapy scope of practice

The Oral Health Department responded to the following questions:

1. Do you agree with the proposed changes to the oral health therapy scope of practice?

Yes, we agree

2. Do you agree with the proposed consultative professional relationship between an oral health therapist and one or more dentist/dental specialist, without the need for signed agreement?

Yes, we agree

3. Do you agree that the following orthodontic activities from the oral health therapy scope of practice be moved from direct clinical supervision to be being performed within the consultative professional relationship:

- a. Tracing cephalometric radiographs
- b. Fabricating retainer and undertaking simple laboratory procedures of an orthodontic nature?

Yes, we agree

4. Do you agree with the proposal to end-date the two oral health programmes as prescribed qualifications for the orthodontic auxiliary scope of practice? Consequently, oral health graduates that register as an oral health therapist will be removed from the orthodontic auxiliary scope of practice – if registered in the orthodontic auxiliary scope of practice. If you do not agree with the proposal, please explain.

Yes, we agree

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5. Do you agree with the proposed competency standards for oral health therapists? If not, please explain.

Yes, we agree

6. Do you agree with the proposed registration transition for oral health graduates? If not, please explain.

Yes, we agree