Oral health therapy scope of practice implementation timeline

October 2016	Oral health therapy scope of practice approved by the Dental Council
January 2017	 Council applied to the Minister of Health for recognition of oral health therapy as a profession under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act Council applied to the Medicines Classification Committee for the reclassification of local anaesthetic medicines for use by oral health therapists
May 2017	•Medicines Classification Committee considered Council's application
July 2017	Council met with the Ministry of Health to discuss adding oral health therapists to the Radiation Safety Regulations list of health practitioners exempted from the need of a use licence
August 2017	•Reclassification of medicines published in the New Zealand Gazette
September 2017	•Further information to be sent to practitioners on the implementation of the new scope
November 2017	 OHT scope of practice to come into effect on 1 November 2017 Eligible oral health graduates with current APCs in both dental hygiene and dental therapy to be issued with new registration certificate and APC Remaining oral health graduates can contact Council if they choose to move to the new scope
End of 2017	•We expect the legislative amendments associated with formally recognising OHT as a profession and amending the Radiation Safety Regulations to be complete.