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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as **dental therapist**

Page 3: The proposal

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the 18-year age limit for restorative activities from the OHT scope of practice including: accredited, gazetted programmes allowing oral health therapists to perform restorative treatment on patients 18 years and older an exclusion, such as "Restorative treatment on patients 18 years and older", being placed on oral health therapists' scopes of practice until they complete an accredited adult restorative programme which will allow them to apply to have the exclusion removed (noting that the activities registered oral health therapists can currently perform within their scope of practice remain unchanged). **Strongly agree**

Page 4: Your support

Consultation on the age limit for restorative activities in the oral health therapy scope of practice

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Because dental therapists and oral health therapists are more than capable of treating px beyond the current age of 18. Especially allowing us to treat ROP and at some point allowing us to also issue scripts for AB cover and or antibiotics for abscesses which are clearly identified in a PA.

The pharmaceutical knowledge would have to be offered to those therapists interested, and tested.

This would make a big difference in treating low socioeconomic communities, lowering decay rates and keeping people out of pain long term.

Treatment for adults at the dentist ,as we all know is not cheap and most cringe at the thought , therefore put off going to the dentist time after time year in and year out.

Then when they do decide to go either because of the fear of the treatment needed and or the bill at the end it's big treatment needed, and its often too late to save the teeth.

Taking the age limit away would benefit so many people in many ways.

People do worry about their oral health, and that in itself isn't ideal.

And by helping treat those patients we are educating them and their families and make a huge change in New Zealand's oral health. And in turn this would decrease diabetes, obesity, heart disease, and smoke addictions.

Those therapists who would feel uncomfortable treating over 18's, wouldn't have to.

And those who do want to advance their skills would really benefit and be empowered to step up confidently and competently.

From my point of view it's an awesome opportunity which really has to happen.

Affordable dentistry available to everyone

So we can all smile

And take care of one another

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies

Q6 Do you have any specific feedback on the proposed amendments to the OHT scope of practice, prescribed qualifications or competencies as set out in appendices 1 & 2? **No**

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

Q7 Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 8: Anything else

Q8 Do you have any further comments on the proposal?

No

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Respondent skipped this question
