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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as

dentist or dental specialist

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).

Agree

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

This proposal appears to be tidying up the legislation to be in line with the Dental Therapist scope

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? **Yes**

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

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

I note that diagnosis only relates to caries and periodontal disease; this may cause confusion in the public who may not understand the subtleties of this compared to what a dentist or dental specialist can diagnose

Page 8: Anything else

Q8 Do you have any further comments on the proposal? **Yes**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

I welcome the requirement for training for adult scope. I believe that OHT will refer when something is outside their scope. My concern is that there is not enough time in their course to fully appreciate the implications of lots of medical conditions in order to understand why a particular individual may be outside their scope for medical reasons. However, this doesn't relate to this part of the change, but more to the approval of the additional training.
