

About respondent

I am responding on behalf of:

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us about yourself:

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What is your interaction with the ADC? Check all that apply.

Peer response from Irish Dental Council/dental regulator

Please tell us about yourself:

Name:

Paul Lyons

Organisation:

Consultation questions

Do you consider the draft Competencies outline what is required of a newly qualified dental practitioner to practice safely and ethically?

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

The competencies are a clear articulation of the expectations of dental professionals, and are thorough both in the amount of individual detail provided per competence, and also in terms in their overall reach within the six suggested overarching competency headings.

Do you agree with the proposal to combine the Competencies for all five divisions of registration into one document?

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

There are a number of advantages to this proposal :- Assist with streamlining of education for the full dental team Harmonisation of the expectations of each member of the dental team, and enhanced understanding of the strengths and obligations of colleagues within the team Support for a positive dental team 'identity' by consolidating material into a single document

Do you have any comments on the format or structure of the draft Competencies?

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

The overarching six competency headings are well considered and provide a solid framework within which additional competences could be added to over time. The proposal to confirm the three competences that apply to all professions is excellent and should help to ensure that these common expectations are widely understood by the dental team and the public.

Proposed changes to the Competencies

A change of name to Domain 1 from 'Professionalism' to 'Social responsibility and professionalism'

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Yes

Please give a reason for your answer:

It more accurately reflects the range of competences that comfortably sit together as a theme that encompasses societal and individual aspects.

The introduction of a definition of 'Cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' into the Terminology section consistent with the National Scheme's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy 2020-2025.

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Yes

Please give a reason for your answer:

Appears to be a proportionate and appropriate reflection of the obligations that fall to health professionals in this important area. Language and framing is important and a mutually agreed set of key definitions is vital.

The introduction of a definition for At-risk groups or populations into the Terminology section of the introduction and the use of the term 'at-risk' within the Competency statements.

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Yes

Please give a reason for your answer:

It minimises the chance of subjective interpretation, and the risk that particular cohorts of patient could be underserved or overlooked.

<p>The introduction of a definition of interprofessional collaborative practice and the use of the term within Competency statements.</p> <p>(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)</p>	<p>Partly</p>
<p>Please give a reason for your answer:</p>	<p>It would be important to reach a consensus of this definition with the other professions with whom the dental team are likely to engage</p>
<p>The change of terminology from patient-centred care' to 'person-centred care', including the updated definition and the use of the terms 'person' or individual' within the Competency statements.</p> <p>(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)</p>	<p>Do not know</p>
<p>Please give a reason for your answer:</p>	<p>Respondent skipped this question</p>
<p>The revisions to Competency statements in Domain 1, which are consistent with the National Scheme's definition of cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, specifically Competency statements 2 to 5.</p> <p>(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Please give a reason for your answer:</p>	<p>A positive move to embrace inclusive and respectful language and terminology</p>
<p>The inclusion in Domain 1 of Competency 11 which requires the practitioner to 'understand the environmental impacts of health care provision and use resources responsibly, making decisions that support environmentally sustainable healthcare.'</p> <p>(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Please give a reason for your answer:</p>	<p>Reflects the increased general visibility and awareness in this area, and reflects the traditional environmental impact of dental care e.g. mercury use</p>
<p>The revision of communication related Competencies in Domain 2 and Domain 6,</p>	<p>Yes</p>

which aim to better reflect the needs of those receiving care.

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

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The inclusion in Domain 2 of Competency 4 which requires the practitioner to be able to 'recognise, assess, and respond to domestic and family violence risk, prioritise safety, provide information, and refer as required'.

Partly

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

On the likelihood that this competence is tacitly making reference to specific (but non-dental specific) obligations that fall to those in public facing care roles, it may be worthwhile to name the specific legislation, initiative or framework in question.

The inclusion in Domain 2 of identifying opportunities for improvement and advocating for improved oral health outcomes.

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

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The revision of terminology used in Domain 5 to require the application and demonstration of knowledge'

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

Respondent skipped this question

Other changes to the Competencies

Are there any additional Competencies that should be added?

No

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

The proposed competencies are comprehensive and well articulated.

Are there any Competencies that should be deleted or reworded? No

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer As above

Other comments

Do you have any other comments on the Competencies? It is a significant body of work that has been undertaken and ADC are to be congratulated on it.
