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To whom it may concern,

I am very worried with the suggested change of practice of therapists, hygienists and prosthesis's. I don't believe that these groups have the required training or sufficient medical knowledge to enable them to safely practice under the expanded practice guidelines suggested.

I think it is important to maintain the current team arrangements in which the dentist whom has sufficient training and diagnostic skills, undertakes a leadership role to help direct and supervise the other members of the team.

I think the change of practice suggested is irresponsible and will possibly lead to public harm, by inexperienced operators.

Also believe that the change of scope to change all team members to dental practitioners will lead to confusion throughout the public.

I strongly disagree with all the proposed changes to the scope of practice suggested with regard to therapists, hygienists and prosthesis's.

Should you like to discuss the matter with me further please contact me.

Kind regard,
Dr. Michael Bowes