Subject: BOH equivalent

I am writing to you regarding the Consultation document looking at overseas qualifications and note that you are accepting an Oral Health Therapist only at 3 year Bachelors degree level.

There are two excellent schools in the UK training Oral Health Therapists (dual qualification) in a 27 month Diploma awarded by the Royal College of Surgeons of England – The Eastman Dental Hospital and The Greater Manchester School for Dental Care Professionals. This qualification is regarded as equivalent to a BOH and graduates have exactly the same scope of practice. The Diploma program is run on a 44 week year (as opposed to a 32 week year for a Bachelor degree) and students therefore spend the equivalent amount of time being trained.

Yours sincerely

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