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Scope of Practice

In early 2011 the General Dental Council launched a review of its '*Scope of Practice*' document. An open call for feedback was launched which gave people the opportunity to give their views on whether the document is useful in helping the dental team work more effectively together and what skills may need to be added or amended for each of the seven registrant groups. A special working group - whose membership includes representatives from all the professional bodies – was set up and proposed their amendments for consultation to the Council at its 8 December 2011 meeting. At that meeting Council decided that '*Scope of Practice*' should be considered alongside other policy issues such as the review of *Standards for Dental Professionals* and 'direct access' for dental care professionals. The working group will meet one more time to hand over their work to the Council's Policy Advisory Committee to progress it.

Therefore the current version of the '*Scope of Practice*' document still stands and is the version that should be used at present.

We value your feedback on the document and appreciate the time you have already taken to tell us what you think about the current version. We will keep you informed on the progress of the review and the next opportunity to have your say.

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