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**CRITERIA:**

*Discrete area of activity displaying some homogeneity*

**Summary comments (10 words max.)**

MPT's have a discrete area of activity which is common across the profession, however there is some overlap of duties with other professions

**SCORE:**

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**Detailed comments**

MPT's clearly have a discrete area of activity. While there is some overlap with duties of Dental Technicians, OT's and Prosthetists and Orthotists, the overlap is minimal and would not be considered an impediment to regulation by the HPC.

A prerequisite for entry to the MPT profession requires individuals to hold a basic qualification in Dental Technology. Dental Technologists are not currently statutory regulated.

The profession has sought the views of a number of professional groups, patient groups and IMPT members in regard to regulation with the HPC.

The applicant group itself raises concern that the dental-related duties undertaken by MPT's be covered by regulation with the HPC.

The profession has applied for regulation with the General Dental Council (GDC) but withdrew the application on advice from the DoH - January 2004. This advice was given on the basis that:

- 1) only 30% of MPT work is done on referral from oral/maxillofacial surgeons who are currently regulated by the GDC and the GMC
- 2) the DoH considers that MPT's have more in common with healthcare scientists and in order to create future development pathways for them, HPC regulation is the preferred regulatory route.

The profession has worked with the DoH to develop National Occupational Standards (NOS)

The profession has a descriptive title for the role of MPT: *"Provide scientific and advisory services to patients for their rehabilitation by restoration, using implants, splints and prosthesis"*



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