

BDA BENEVOLENT FUND

LDC Conference – June 2023



CHARITY FOR ALL
DENTISTS



OUR MISSION

We discover and provide practical, emotional, and financial support to dental students, dentists, and their dependants, living in the UK.

WHAT WE DO

We help:

- Dental students (on BDS or BChD courses)
- Dentists who are or who have been on the GDC register (i.e., current, previous & retired)
- Their dependants

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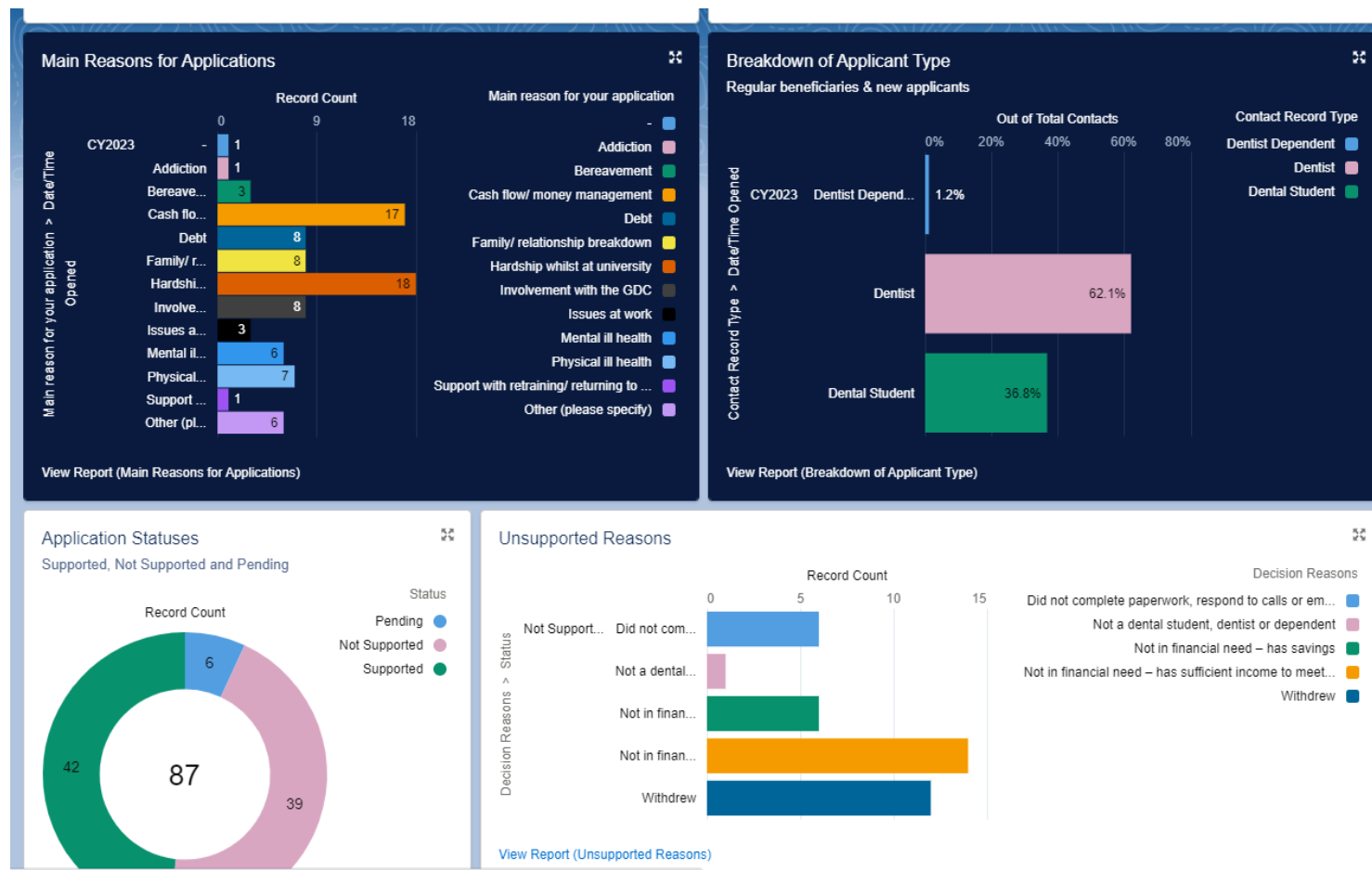
- Live in the UK

And;

- Are in 'financial hardship' i.e., have insufficient income and/ or savings to manage their essential expenditure.

N.B. We help all dental students and dentists. You do not need to be a member of the British Dental Association to seek support.

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SOME STATS FROM 2023 SO FAR...

- 87 applications from 43 new applicants (people apply more than once)
- 62% dentist, 37% students and 1% dependants
- 49% supported and 44% unsupported and 7% pending (as at 07/06/23)
- Reasons for not supported –
 1. not in financial hardship due to sufficient income (36%)
 2. level of savings (15%)
 3. withdrew (30%)
- Top three reasons for applying –
 1. Hardship at university (21%)
 2. Cashflow/ money management (20%)
 3. Debt(9%) or Involvement with the GDC (9%) or Family & relationship breakdown (9%)

FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

We are humbled to continue to be given contributions from LDCs across the country and for your generosity.

- You are our biggest (collective) funders.
- In 2022 we received £119,415 – over £46,000 higher in 2022 than in 2021 (£77,770).
- A breakdown of donations received by each LDC that contributed is in our annual report and accounts for 2022 (pages 26 & 27) <https://www.bdabenevolentfund.org.uk/news/2023-agm-notice/>

ACTIVITIES IN 2023

Launched the report from the second student survey into the financial and wellbeing needs of dental students (April 2023).

- **42% of survey respondents** said they cannot meet the costs of essential bills (**up from 18% in 2021**). The share of respondents who reported difficulties affording their rent and bills increased to around 40% which is more than twice as much as in 2021.
- **31%** reported difficulties with affording food shopping and several students gave accounts of **cutting back on food purchases** due to the increased prices.

[Link to the report and short video is on our website.](#)

12PM ON 4 JULY 2023 – AGM

The agenda includes:

- Welcome and introduction from our Patron – Dr. John Milne
- Apologies
- Minutes of the last AGM – held on Wednesday 29th June 2022
- Matters arising from the last AGM
- Chairman's report – Dr. Ros Keeton
- Receipt of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2022 and report from the Treasurer – Dr. Chris Hayward
- Re-election of the following Trustees:
 - Dr. Peter Crooks
 - Dr. Molly Deykin
 - Dr. Alex Gormley
- Resolution to amend the charity's objects
- Board nomination for the Chairman position
- AOB
- Closing remarks

2PM ON 4 JULY 2023 – EVENT

After the AGM, you are welcome to join us to celebrate 140 years of the organisation.

At 2 pm there will be a panel discussion discussing the 'Future of Dentistry'.

Followed by drinks and cake.

We hope to see you there!



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