

# BDA BENEVOLENT FUND

LDC Conference– June 2024



CHARITY FOR ALL  
**DENTISTS**



# OUR MISSION

We proactively support the **financial** and **emotional** needs of dental students, dentists and their dependants.

# WHO WE HELP

We offer support to:

- Dental students (on BDS or BChD courses)
- Dentists who are or who have been on the GDC register (i.e., current, previous & retired)
- Dentists (through qualification, registration or equivalent) who has asylum seeker or refugee status in the UK
- Their dependants

Who

- 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.

# HOW WE HELP...

## **PRACTICAL** – signposting

- To other available organisations/sources of help e.g., other advice agencies including debt support, university hardship funds, state benefit, other charities.
- Free budget calculator on our website
- Link to find nearest debt advice agency on our website
- Hosting and promotion of the [Wellbeing Support for the Dental Teams](#) resource

## **EMOTIONAL** – wellbeing/ mental health

- Free [wellbeing and mental health support](#) through our provider – Health Assured. Includes an online portal with webinars, an app, a 24/7 helpline for advice and access to up to 6 sessions of free counselling.

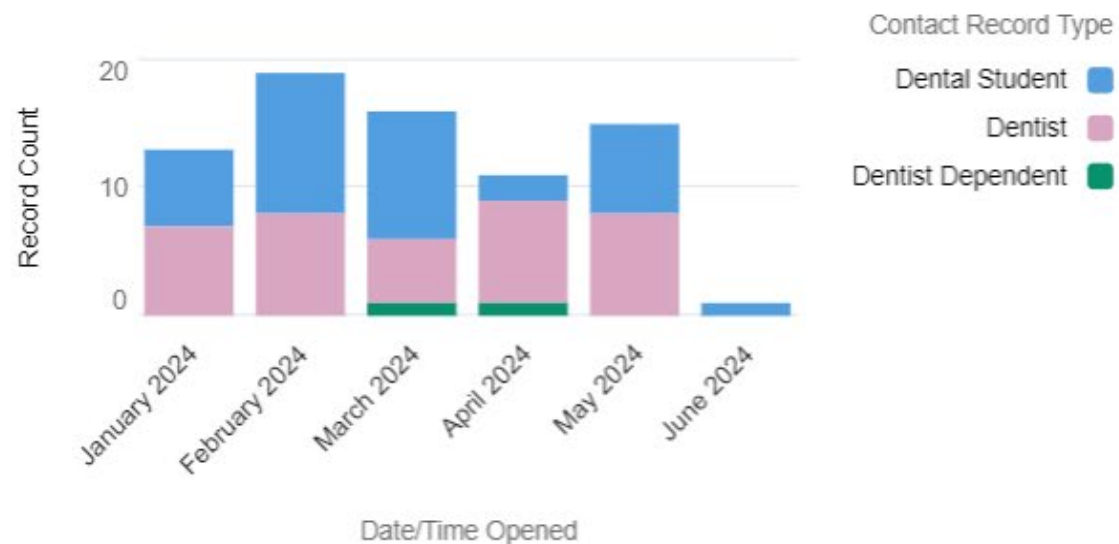
## **FINANCIAL** – grant funding

- Grants to individuals to help cover general living costs and / or professional expenses. Usually one off (up to three months) but people can reapply. No funding limit but limitations on what we support with.

# SOME STATS FROM 2024 SO FAR...

- 75 applications from 51 new applicants (people apply more than once)

Month with the most grant applications



[View Report \(Grant applications - month & type\)](#)

Applications received by new Applicants



[View Report \(Month with the most applications\)](#)

# SOME STATS FROM 2024 SO FAR...

- 49% dental student, 48% dentists and 3% dependants
- 44% supported and 43% unsupported (financially) + 13% pending
- Top three reasons for applying in 2024–
  1. Hardship at university (39%)
  2. Cashflow/ money management (20%)
  3. Other(9%)

# FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

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

- You are our biggest (collective) funders. We couldn't do it without you!
- We've received £60,393 so far this year – up to 30/04/24.
- In 2023 we received £108,152 (2022: £119,415)
- We provide a breakdown of donations received by each LDC in our Annual Report and Accounts (available online on our website) after the AGM (27 June).

# PLEASE SHARE OUR DETAILS

So, your friends and colleagues know where to turn when they need help



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