

The British Society of Prosthodontics Membership Survey 2013/14:

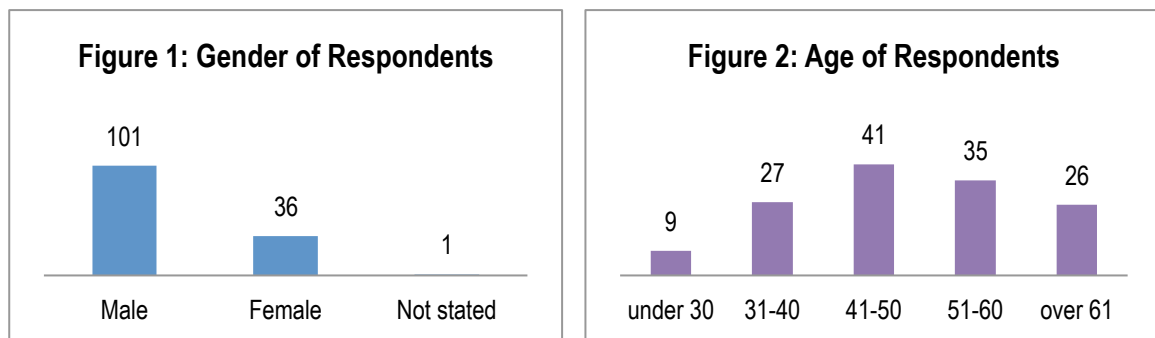
Survey on Specialist Activity in NHS and Private Practice

This survey was carried out in order to gain a better understanding of specialist activity of members of the British Society of Prosthodontics and potentially inform workforce planning for the future. The Society was initially asked whether it would be prepared to carry out a survey by the SAC in Restorative Dentistry and subsequently the Council agreed that there would be benefits in having a better understanding of the work patterns and backgrounds of its members.

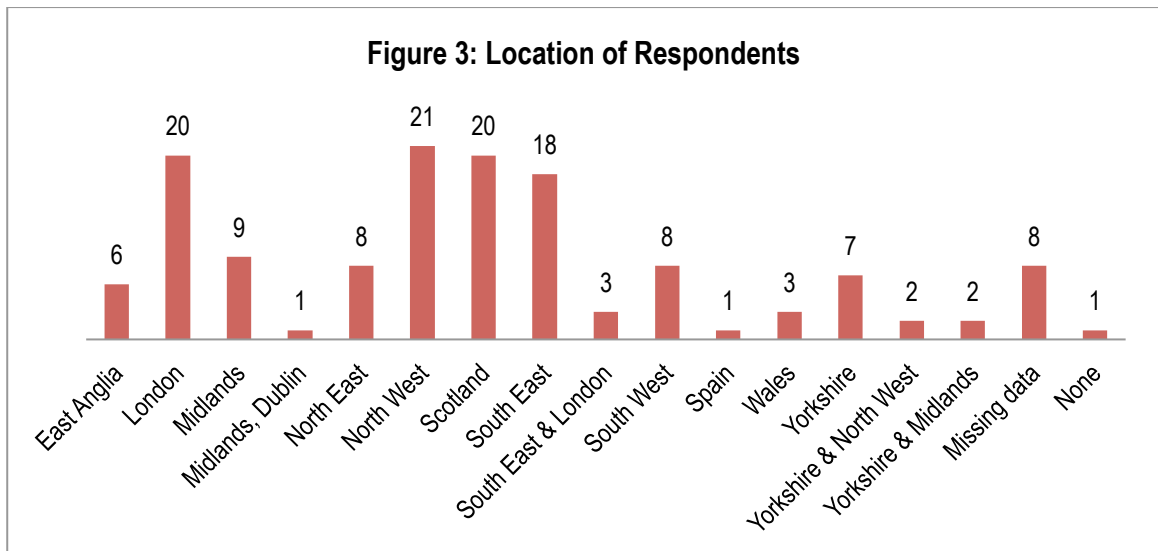
The invitation letter sent to members of the Society is shown in Appendix 1 and the questionnaire itself is shown in Appendix 2. The administrator of the society held a database of members contacted (entire membership), in order to send reminders and ensure each member only completed the questionnaire once. The data was anonymised and entered into a spreadsheet by the administrator. The anonymised data was analysed by the Honorary Secretary.

The survey was carried out from November 2013 to January 2014. A total of 370 questionnaires were sent to the BSSPD membership by post. 138 completed questionnaires were returned which gave a response rate of 37.2%.

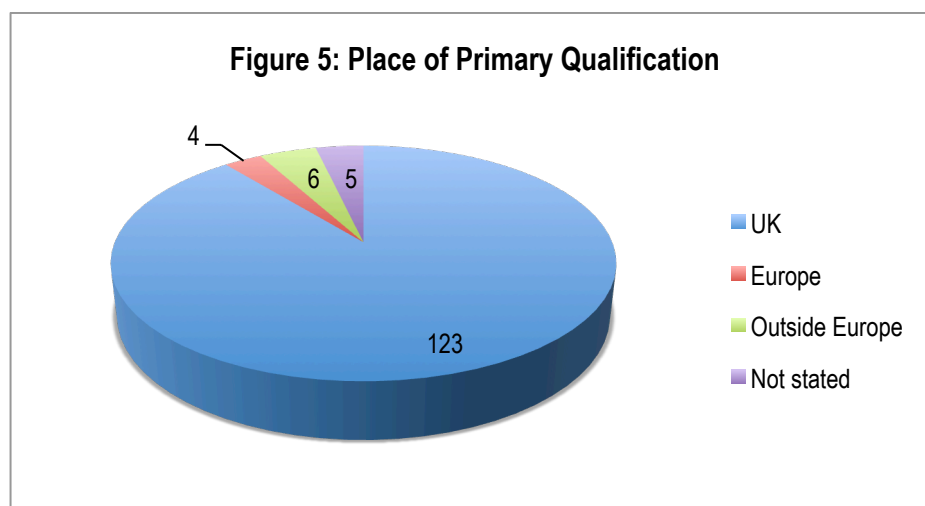
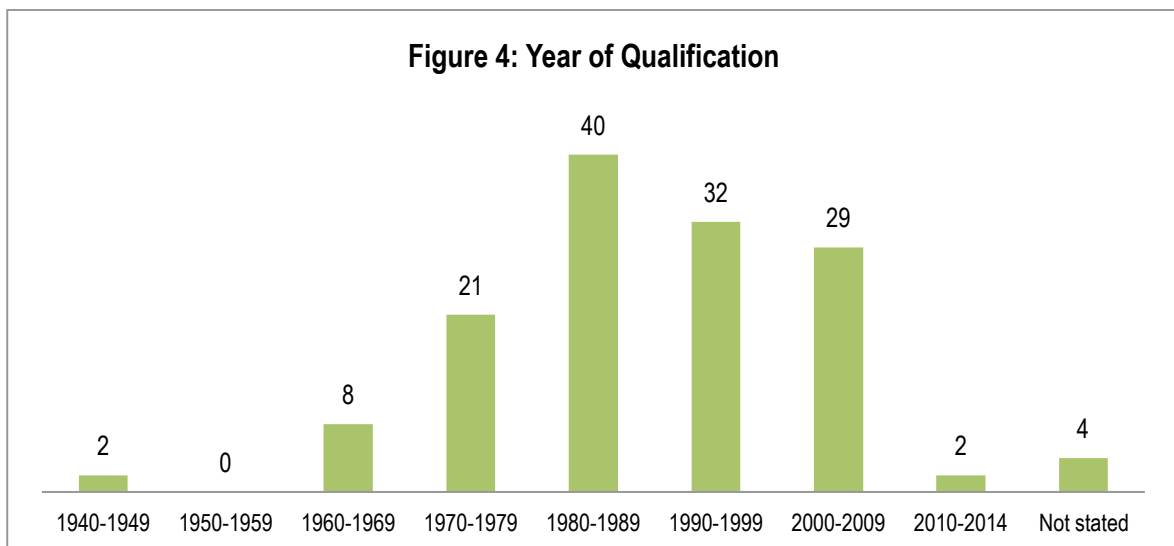
The majority of the respondents (73.2%) were male (Figure 1) and a variety of age groups were represented in the responses (Figure 2). 55.8% of respondents were under the age of 51 years of age and 18.8% were over 61 years of age.



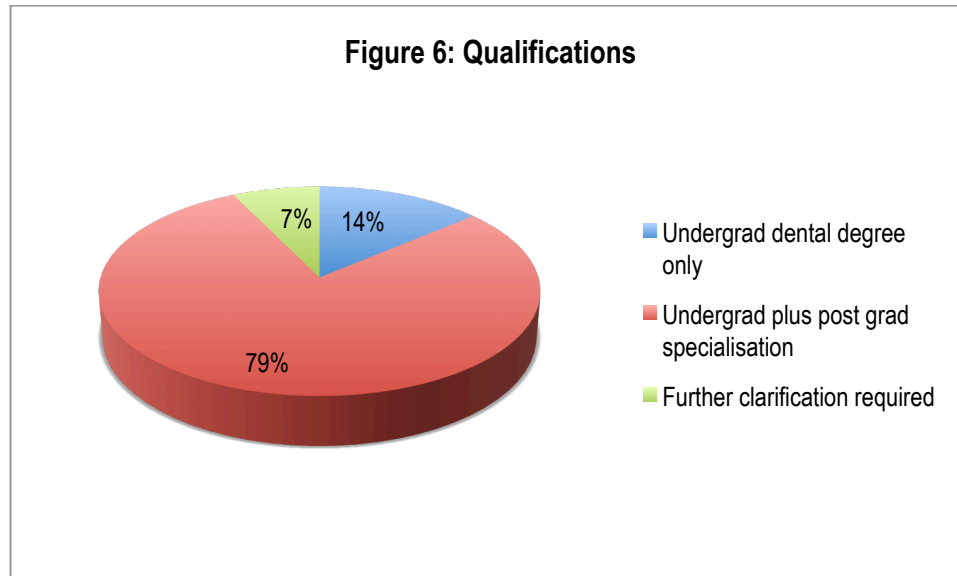
The respondents indicated that they worked in a range of locations, however the majority were from London, the North West, Scotland or the South East (Figure 3). As will be evident on the bar chart, some respondents worked in more than one geographical area.



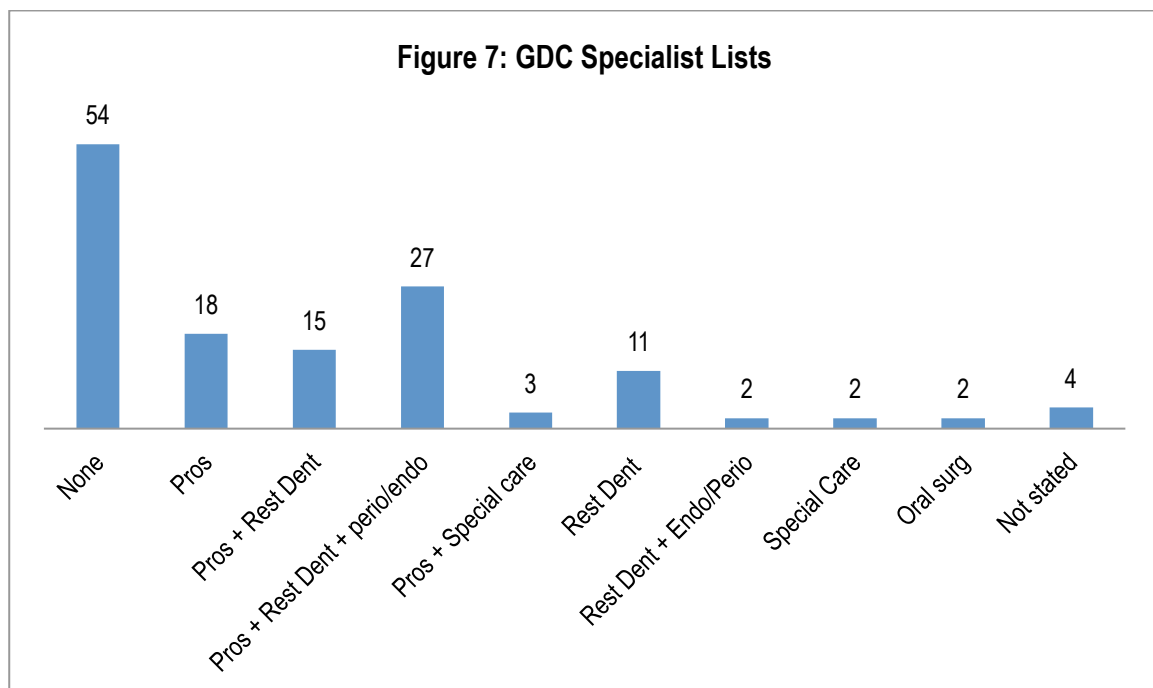
The majority (88.4%) of respondents qualified between 1970 and 2009 (Figure 4). 89.1% qualified from within the UK (Figure 5).



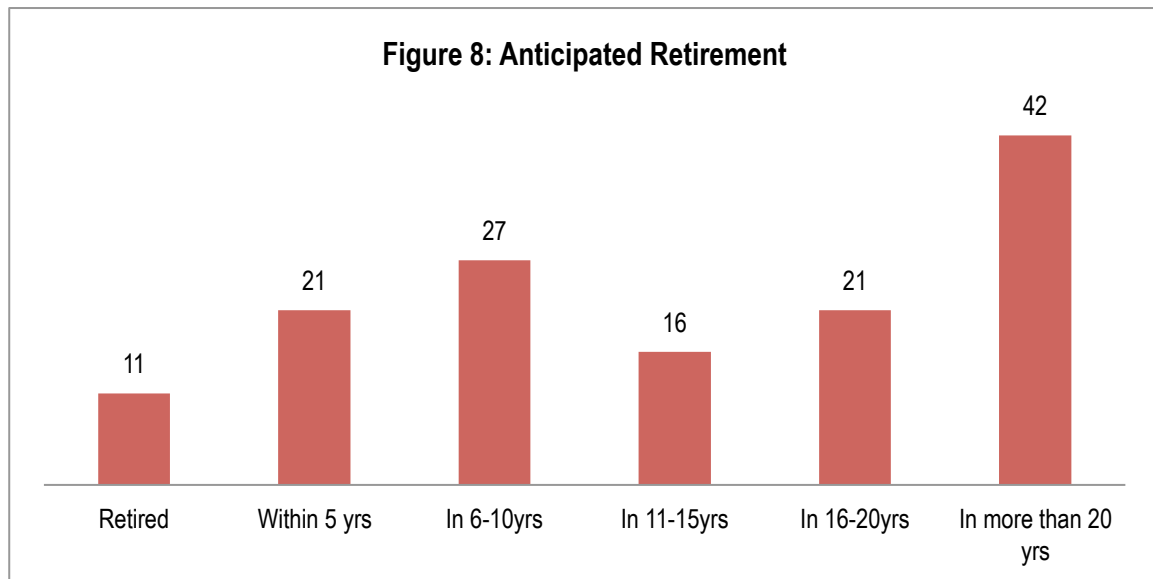
79% of the respondents (109 individuals) indicated that they had a postgraduate specialisation qualification (Figure 6). For a small number of respondents it was not possible to fully interpret their qualifications. This may have been for example that they might have qualified outside of the UK.



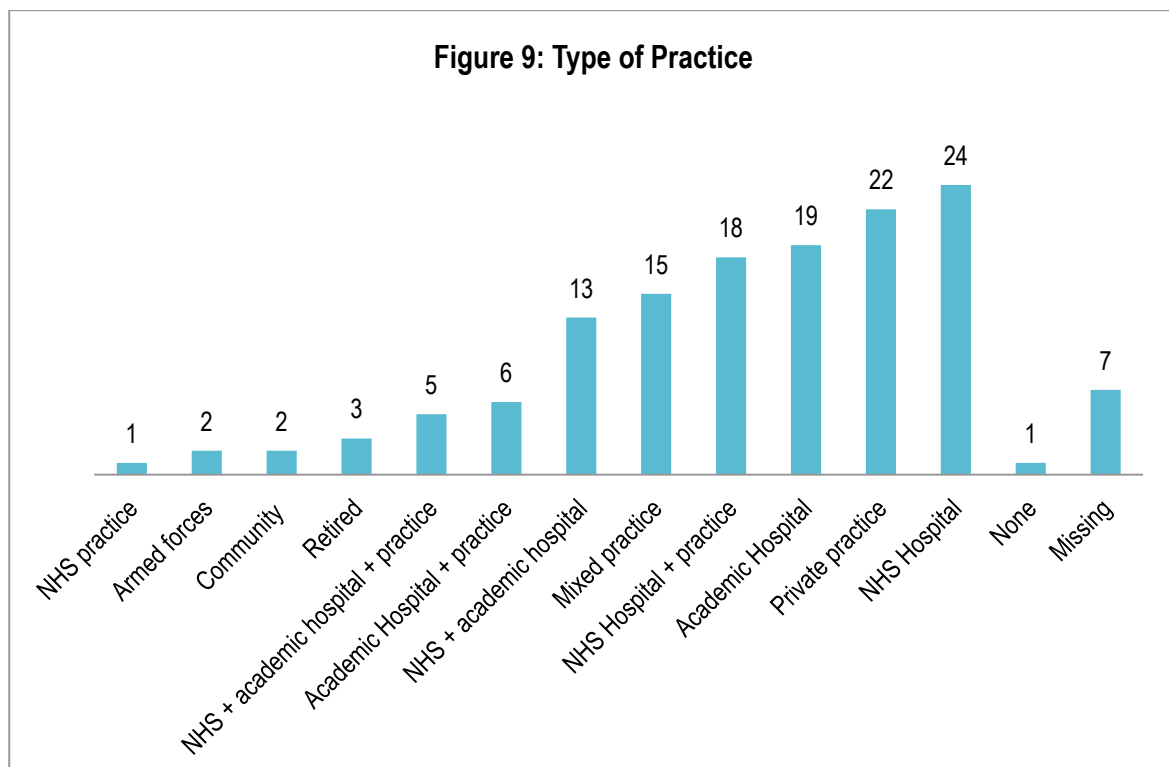
39.1% were not currently on any of the GDC Specialist Lists and 34.1% were on 2 lists or more (Figure 7).



Eight percent of the respondents were already retired, 15.2% stated that they were due to retire within the next five years. The largest proportion of respondents (30.4%) stated that they were due to retire in more than 20 years (Figure 8).



26% of respondents worked in a mixture of NHS Hospital, Academic Hospital and Practice (36 respondents). 17.4% described their practice to be purely within NHS Hospital, 15.9% described their practice to be purely Private Practice, 13.8% described their practice to be purely within Academic Hospital and 10.8% stated that they worked in mixed NHS and Private Practice (Figure 9). Separately from the bar chart, 27 respondents (19.6%) stated that they worked specifically in Specialist Practice.



Just under half of respondents (48%) worked 5 days per week (Figure 10) and 60% worked 46-48 weeks per year (Figure 11).

Figure 10: Days of work per week

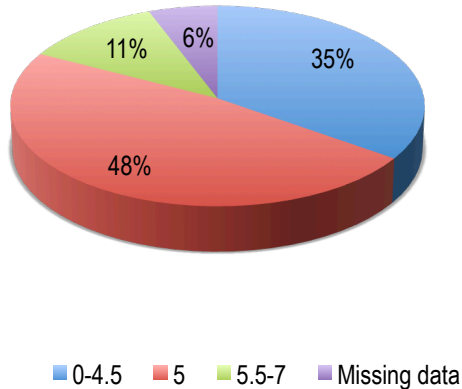
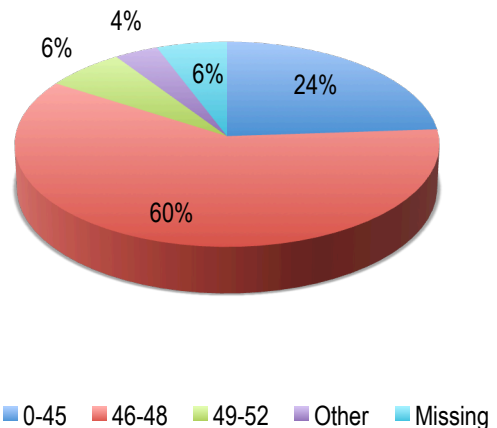


Figure 11: Weeks of work per year



114 respondents performed both fixed and removable prosthodontics (82.6%). Two respondents (1.4%) carries out fixed prosthodontics only, 5 respondents (3.6%) carried out removable prosthodontics only, ten respondents (7.2%) carried out neither fixed nor removable prosthodontics and the data was missing for 7 respondents (5.1%). The assumption is that those respondents who were carrying out no fixed or removable prosthodontics work were those that were retired.

97 respondents (70.3%) were involved in teaching. The level and aspects of teaching were varied as can be seen in Figures 12 and 13.

Figure 12: Level of Teaching

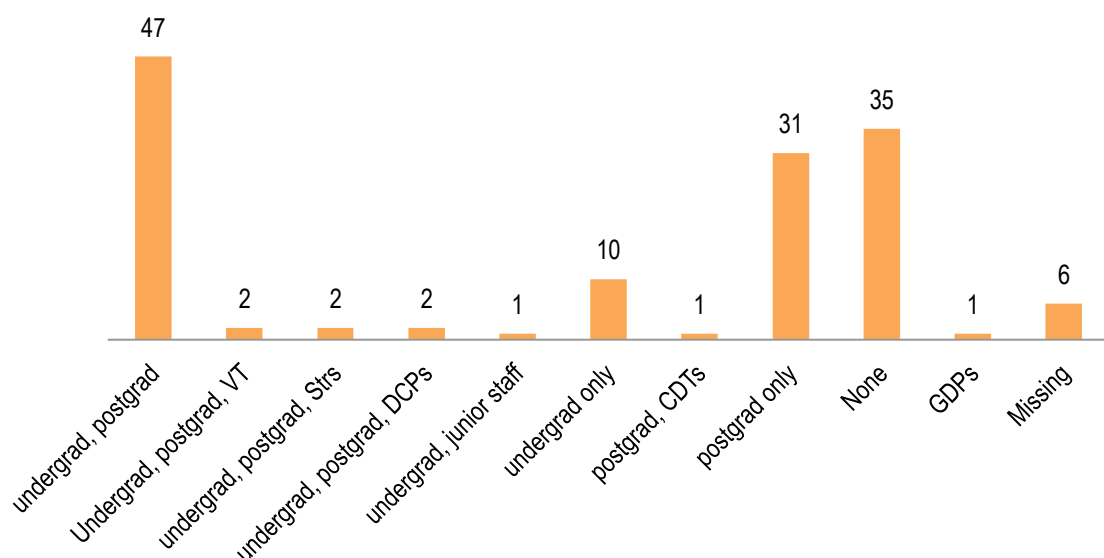
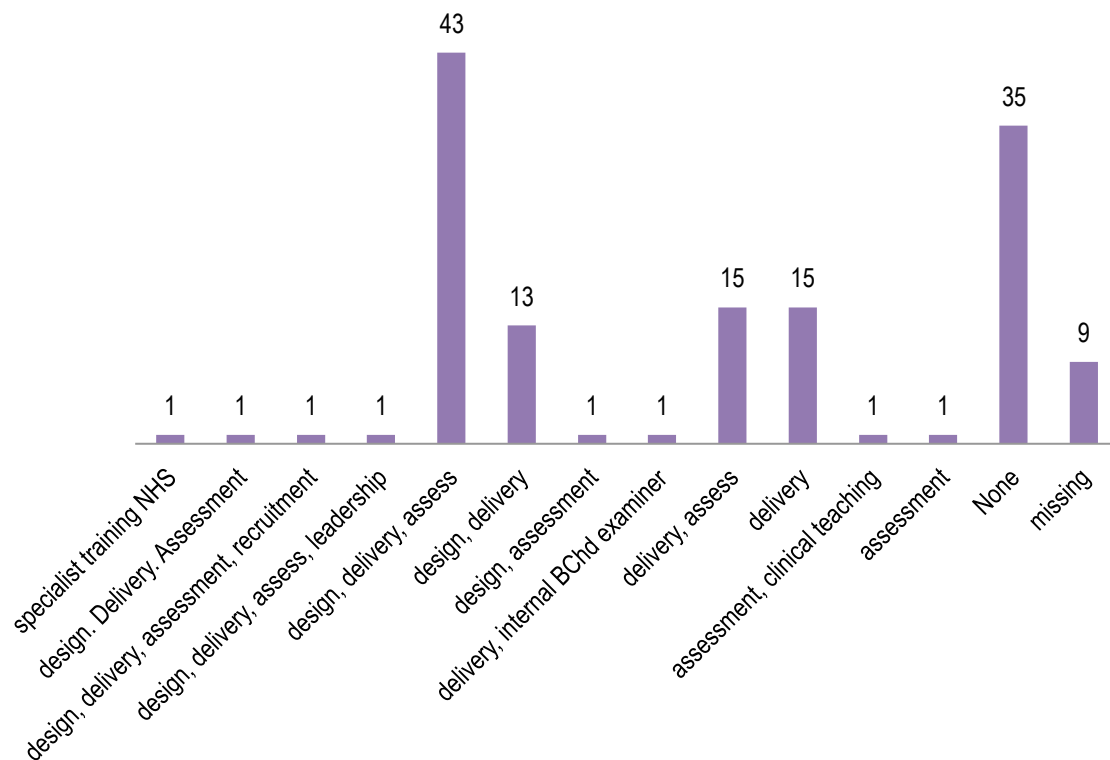


Figure 13: Aspects of teaching that respondents are involved in

Overall the data suggest that many respondents work in a range of different roles and often in more than one setting. It was of particular interest to note that the largest proportion of respondents do not anticipate retiring for more than 20 years. This may well be a reflection of the age of members who participated, however it could also suggest the possibility that at least some respondents might see themselves working beyond what has been a traditional understanding of normal retirement ages. Finally it has to be acknowledged that although the results are of interest, the response rate of 37% will mean that at the present time the data can only allow a partial understanding to be gained of the work patterns and backgrounds of members of the BSSPD.

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Appendix 1 – The covering letter to BSSPD members

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1st November 2013

Dear Colleague,

The Council of the BSSPD wish to undertake a small survey on the scope of practice undertaken by members of the Society. The Council have a particular interest in getting a feel for the settings in which specialist activity is being undertaken, both in relation to the geographical area of work and the type of practice, as well some idea of how much teaching is being undertaken, and, looking to the future, the level of projected retirements over the next 20 years.

The questionnaire should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. If you choose to participate your responses will be kept confidential. Any summaries of the results will be anonymised; however one of the organisers of the project will have access to the database for the purpose of reviewing response rates only.

The Society may wish to share any summary of its findings with other bodies such as the Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC) in Restorative Dentistry, the Centre for Workforce Intelligence in the UK and Higher Education England (HEE).

If you have any further questions about this survey before participating please do not hesitate to make contact with the Society using the details above.

It would be very much appreciated if you could take a few minutes to complete and return the questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope enclosed.

Thank you for your help.

Kind regards,

Kirstin Berridge,
BSSPD Administrative Manager

Appendix 2 – The circulated questionnaire

1. What is your age group? Under 30 years old ☐
 31-40 years ☐
 41-50 years ☐
 51-60 years ☐
 Over 61 years ☐
2. What is your gender? Male ☐ Female ☐
3. Which year did you qualify?
4. From which University did you qualify?
5. What are your professional qualifications? (Please tick all that apply)
- | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| BDS | <input type="checkbox"/> | MRD | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MSc | <input type="checkbox"/> | M. Pros | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MClinDent | <input type="checkbox"/> | FDS Rest Dent | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PhD | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify) | |
6. What GDC Specialist Lists are you currently on? (Please tick all that apply)
- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Prosthodontics | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Restorative Dentistry | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Endodontics | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Periodontics | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | |
7. When do you anticipate retiring?
- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Within 5 years | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In 6 - 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In 11 – 15 years | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In 16 – 20 years | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In more than 20 years | <input type="checkbox"/> |
8. What type of practice do you work in? (Please tick all that apply)
- | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| NHS general practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Private general practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Mixed practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | % NHS..... % Private..... |
| Specialist Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| NHS Hospital Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | % |
| Academic Hospital Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | % |
| Community Dental practice | <input type="checkbox"/> | % |
| Dental Defence Union | <input type="checkbox"/> | % |
| Other (please specify) | | |
9. What is the location of your place of work? (Please tick all that apply)
- | | | | |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| South East | <input type="checkbox"/> | East Anglia | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| North East | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yorkshire | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| South West | <input type="checkbox"/> | North West | <input type="checkbox"/> |

London ☐
 Midlands ☐
 Northern Ireland ☐

Wales ☐
 Scotland ☐
 Other (please specify)

10. How many days a week do you work?

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11. How many weeks per year do you work?

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12. Do you carry out fixed or removable prosthodontic procedures?

Fixed Yes ☐ No ☐ if no, go to Q14
 Removable Yes ☐ No ☐ if no, go to Q14

13. How many fixed or removable prosthodontic procedures do you undertake in a week?

Fixed
 Removable

14. How many non-prosthodontic procedures do you undertake in a week?

15. In which setting do you carry out non-prosthodontic procedures?

16. Do you provide any teaching? Yes ☐ No ☐

- a. If yes, how many days a year do you provide teaching?
- b. If yes, in what setting do you provide teaching?
- c. If yes, in which location do you provide teaching?
- d. If yes, to what level? Undergraduate ☐ Postgraduate ☐
 Other (please specify)

17. What aspects of teaching are you responsible for? (Please tick all that apply)

Design of course ☐
 Delivery of course ☐
 Assessment of course ☐
 Other (please specify)

Do you have any further comments regarding workforce planning or specialist education?

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Please return this as soon as possible. Thank you for taking part in this survey.