

Realities of being a Young Dentist in the age of the 'Dental Desert'

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The promise of
a 'fulfilling'
career

UDA 'handcuffs'

Demanding patients

Threat of litigation

Unclear career pathways

Low moral

Burnout

Imposter syndrome

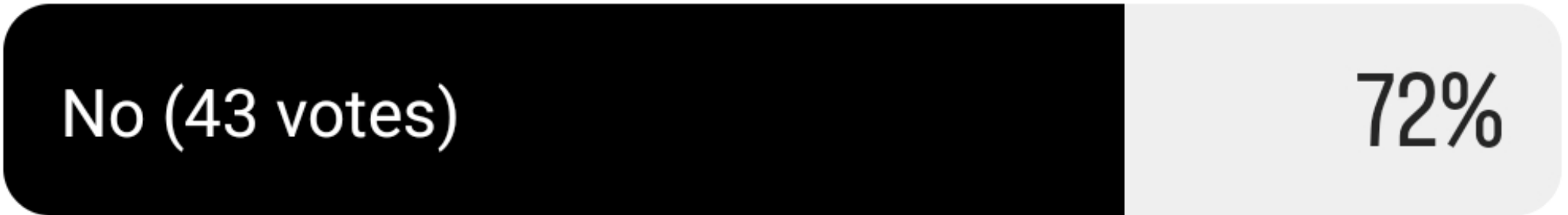
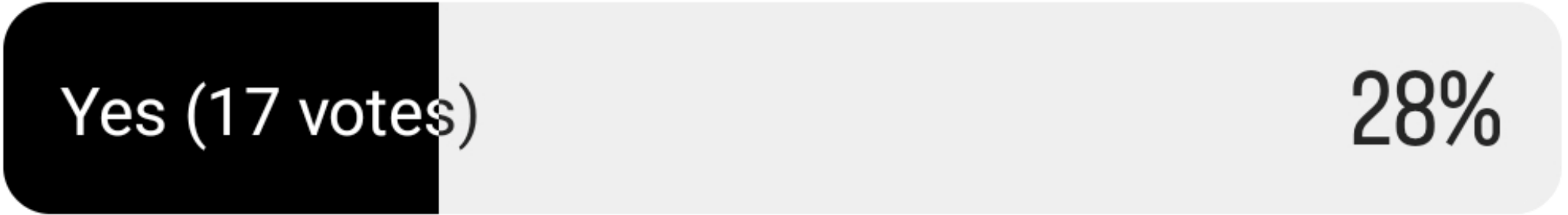
'You look young to be a dentist'

Long waiting lists

Inadequate pay

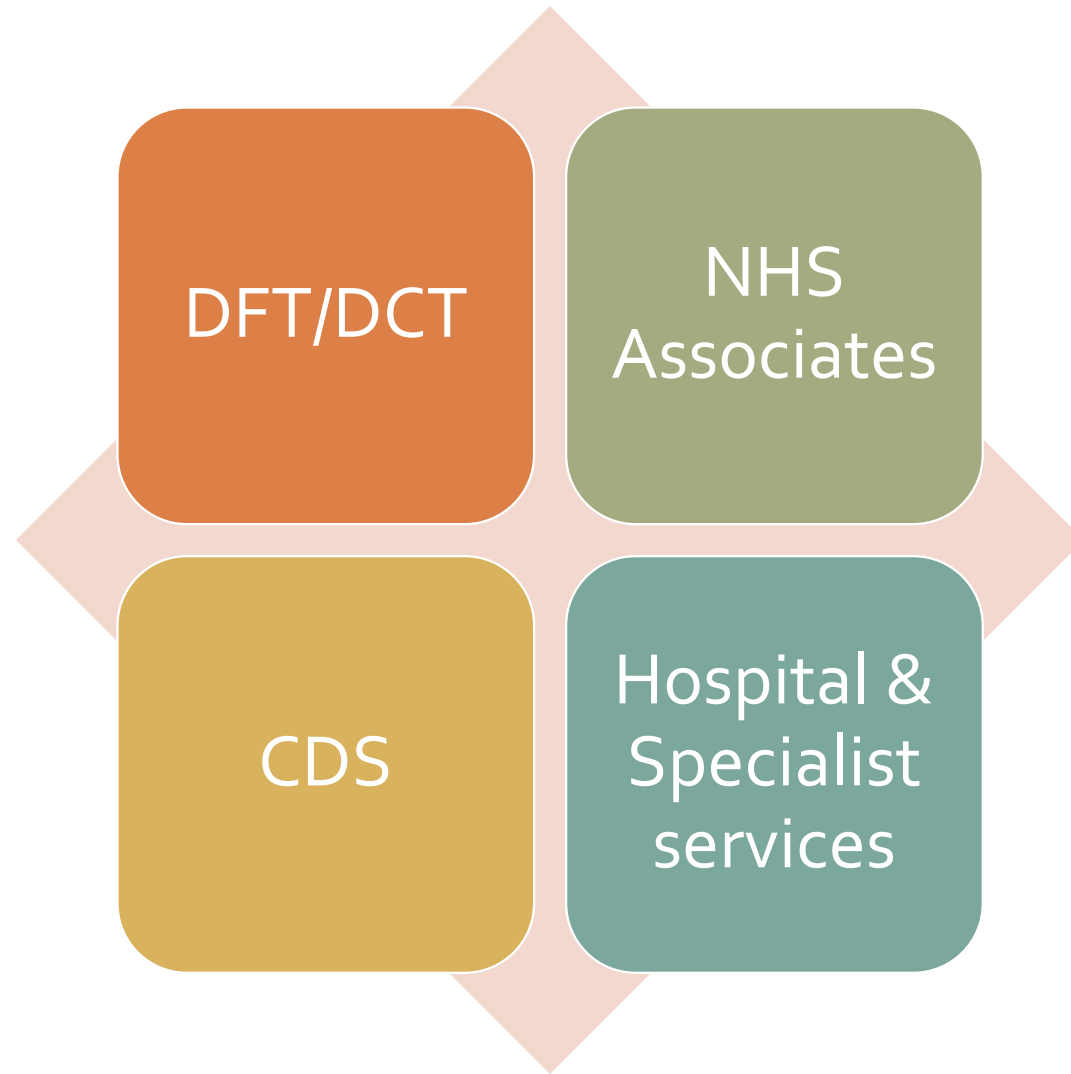
High levels of student debt

Lack of clinical experience



How many young dentists see their future in NHS dentistry?

The effect on
all areas of
NHS dentistry





So what would
'good' look like?

Salaried posts for
job security

Portfolio careers

Mentorship

Job satisfaction

Ability to deliver
holistic care

Proper
remuneration

Ability to develop
additional skills &
qualification

Work-life balance

Career
progression

Improved public
perception about
dentistry

Equitable access
to care for
patients

Working within a
MDT



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