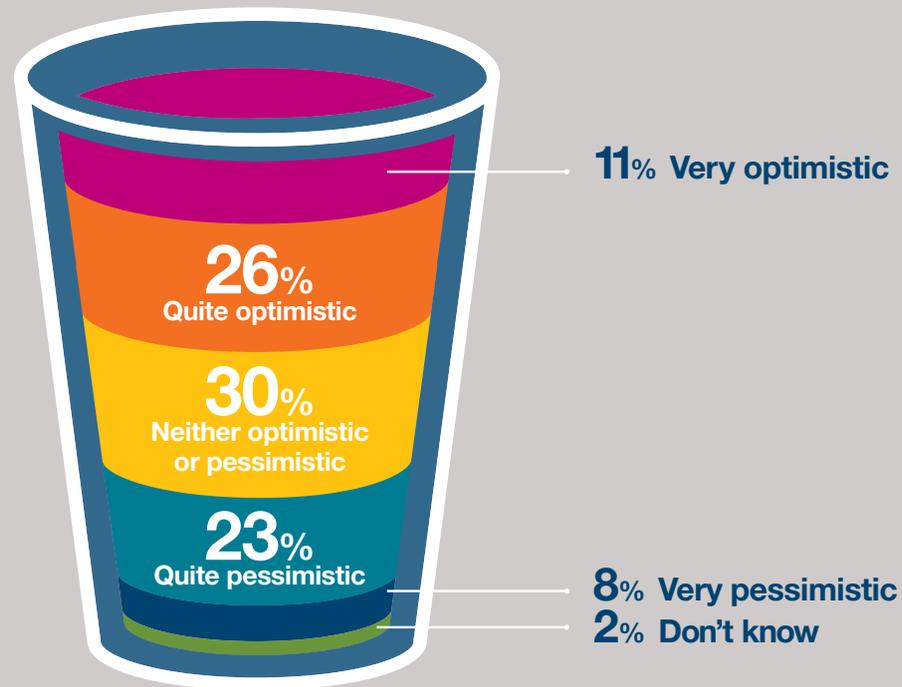


Glass half empty? Glass half full?

Would you say you are optimistic or pessimistic about the future of your profession over the next two years?



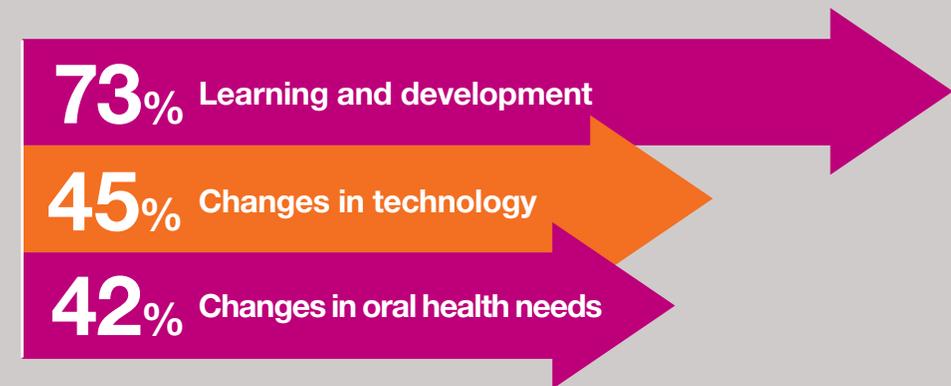
Some registrants are more likely to feel optimistic than others

- 44% of dental care professionals (DCPs) were optimistic about the future of the profession, compared to 25% of dentists.
- The longer dental professionals have been on the register, the more likely they are to be pessimistic. Dental professionals that have been on the register for 21 years or more are more than 5 times as likely to be very pessimistic as those on the register for 2 years or less (16% compared to 3%).

Base: All respondents (3611)
Source: Enventure Research

What areas do you feel optimistic/pessimistic about?

Top three areas that dental professionals are optimistic about



Top three areas that dental professionals are pessimistic about



Base: All who answered 'optimistic' (1320)
All who answered 'pessimistic' (1113)
Source: Enventure Research, 2013

Respondents could choose more than one option.

Raising a concern about the practice or behaviour of a dental professional

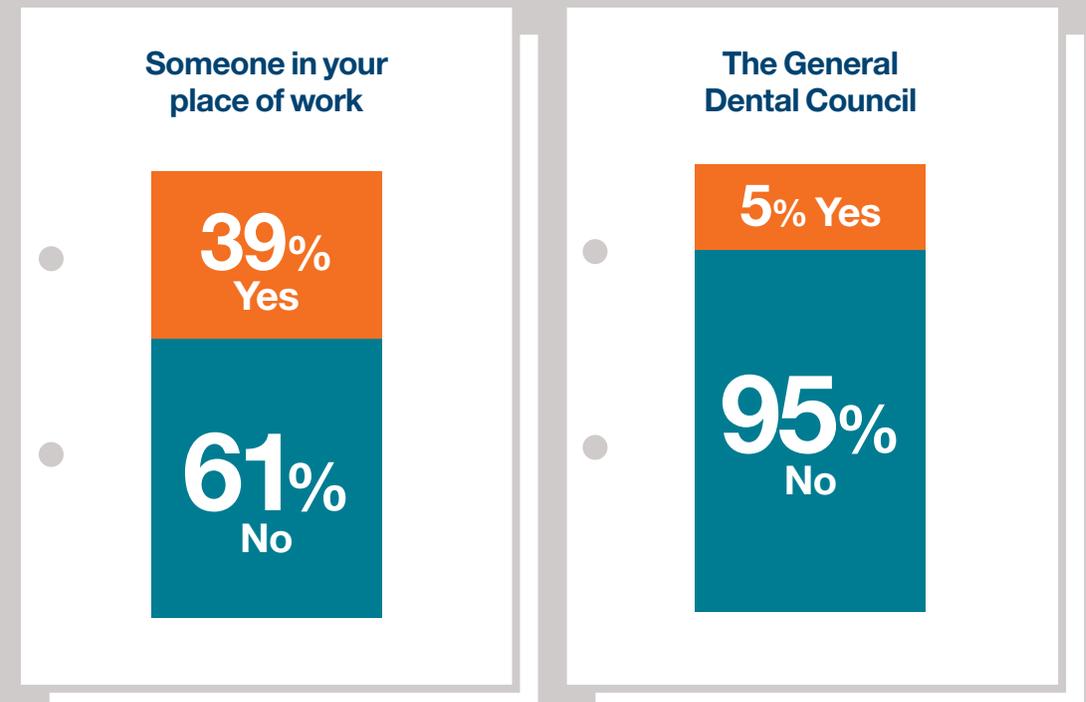
How often, if ever, have you come across an issue that you feel should have been raised as a concern?



Almost half of all dental professionals (46%) said they had come across an issue that they felt should have been raised as a concern.

Base: All respondents (3611)
Source: Enventure Research

Have you ever raised a concern about the practice or behaviour of a dental professional to someone in your place of work or to the General Dental Council?



Two in five dental professionals said they had raised a concern to someone in their place of work (39%).

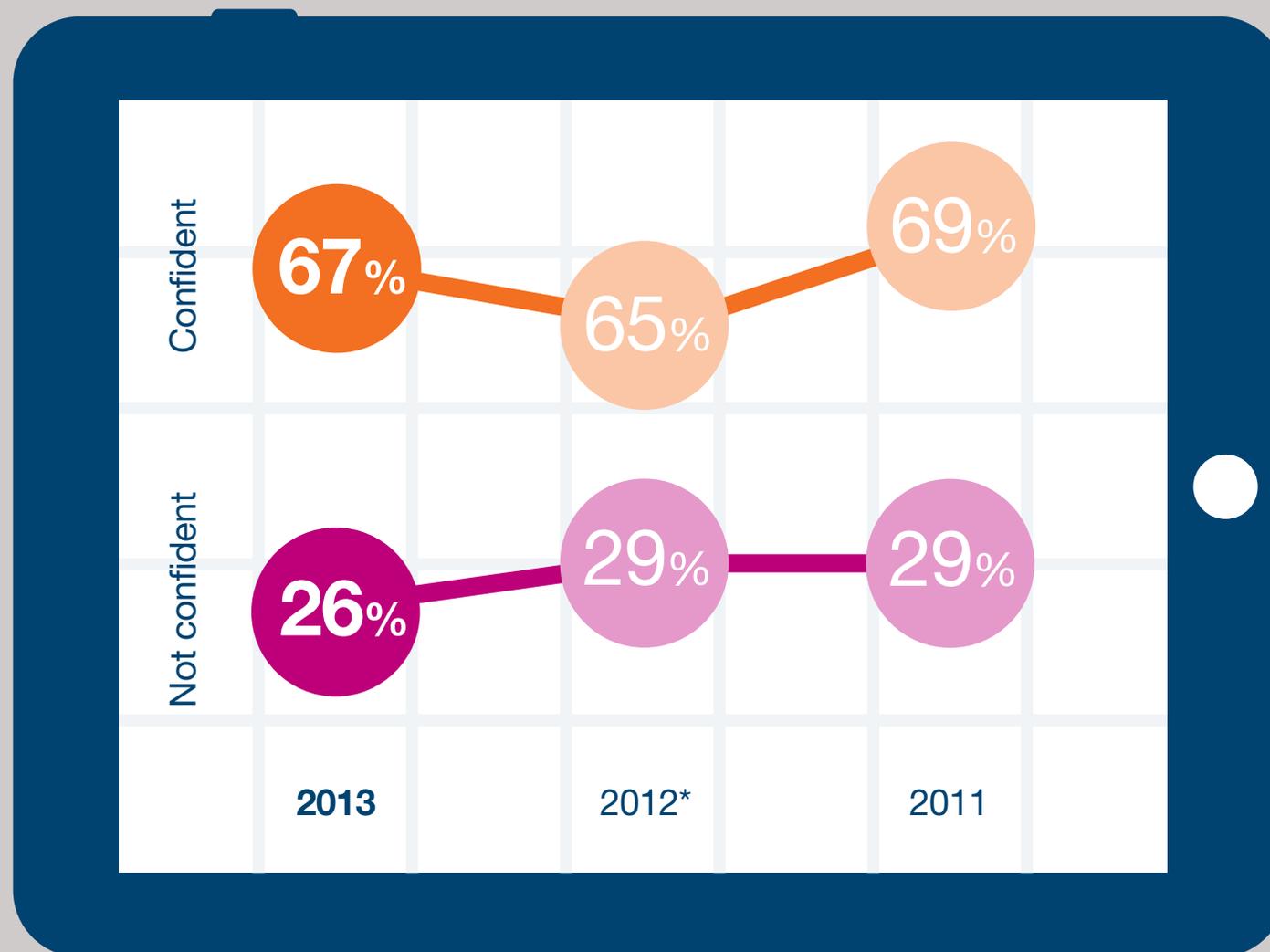
How confident are dental professionals in the GDC as a dental regulator?

Overall, how confident, if at all, are you that the GDC is regulating dentists and DCPs effectively?

	2013	2012*	2011
Very confident	10%	11%	14%
Fairly confident	57%	54%	54%
Not very confident	19%	20%	21%
Not at all confident	7%	9%	8%
Don't know	7%	7%	3%

More than two thirds of dental professionals (67%) are confident in the GDC, an increase of 2% on 2012, while the number who are not confident has decreased by 3%.

* Individual percentages from the registrant survey results are rounded to the nearest whole number so the total amounts to 101%.



Providing an explanation when something has gone wrong

How likely do you think it is that a dental professional would provide an explanation to a patient when something has gone wrong in their care or treatment?

39% Very likely

48% Fairly likely

9% Not very likely

1% Not at all likely

2% Don't know

A similar question was asked in the 2013 GDC Annual Patient and Public survey. Fewer patients than dental professionals thought an explanation was very likely (19% of patients compared with 39% of dental professionals) and more patients than registrants thought it was not very likely (21% of patients, compared with 9% of dental professionals).

Individual percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number so the total amounts to 99%.

