

Closed lists

Survey of dentists

Nearly 88 per cent of dentists are refusing to take new National Health Service patients, according to a *Daily Mail* newspaper survey of 155 dental practices.

Ten of these practices

which had closed their lists to new patients were reported to be accepting children for NHS care, only if their parents joined as private patients.

The survey of dentists was taken in Hampshire, South

Leeds, Bath and East Somerset, Solihull and Swindon.

BDA figures suggest that nationwide there is a shortage of 4,000 dentists, according to Lester Ellman.■