Survey indicates great concern over high dental care costs in Singapore

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SINGAPORE: A recent survey commissioned by a standing committee appointed by the Singapore Dental Association (SDA) has inquired into the public’s confidence in dentists and assessed the overall level of concern about dental care costs in Singapore. The data revealed that the majority of the study participants struggle to meet rising dental care costs in the country.

The survey interviewed a total of 1,438 members of the public aged between 25 and 60 years. All the respondents were Singaporeans, except for 26 permanent residents. More than two-thirds of the respondents (72%) visited private dental practitioners and 29% visited public healthcare institutions.

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