

Annual Survey of Domestic Abuse Champions

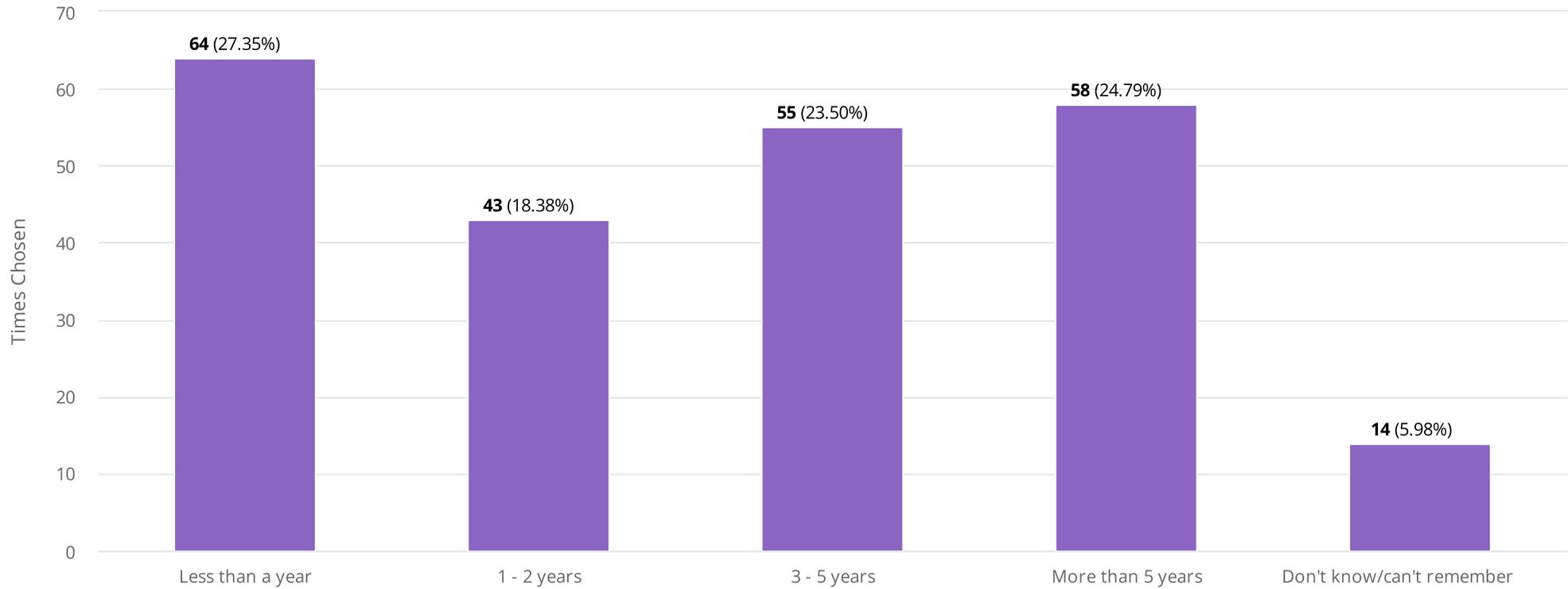
2021

This is a compilation of all responses to our survey

2021 Annual DA Champions Survey

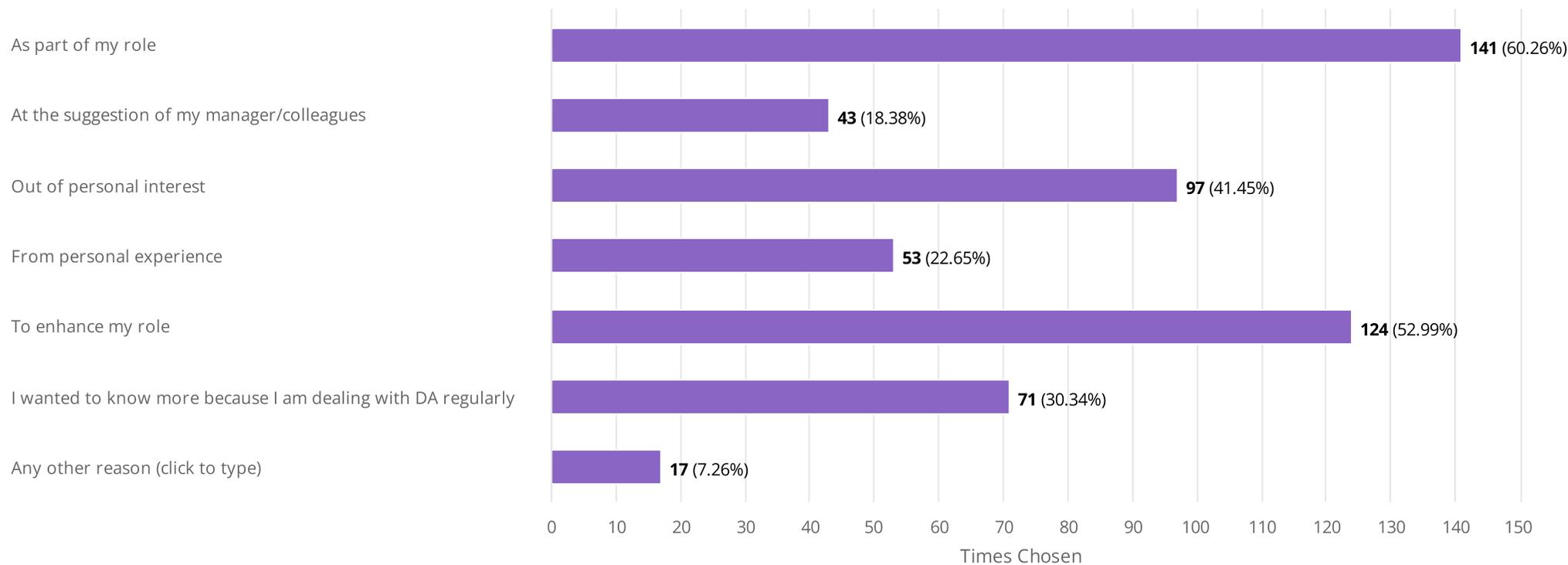
1. How long have you been a Domestic Abuse (DA) Champion?

Number of responses: 234



2. What prompted you to become a DA Champion?

Number of responses: 234



"Any other reason (click to type)" text answers:

To enable me to provide appropriate support and guidance to my teams

I was a volunteer for Women's Aid and delivered the Freedom Prog at the time. I am now Chair of the board for AVMKSAASS (sexual assault service)

I feel too many professional no so little about DA

Any other reason (click to type)

I will be around others in the future that I can share this education with

TO support patients and staff well

To support my community

to recognise DA if I come across it, and what to do if I do see signs through my work when visiting people at home.

The training had been highly recommended

To form links with other agencies in the local area after moving from another area

Not yet trained to be a DA Champion - I keep trying to book on to relevant courses but I cannot.

To ensure that DA/DV, in respect of the LGBT+ Community is taken into account and not overlooked

Any other reason (click to type)

I was dealing with DA regularly at the time

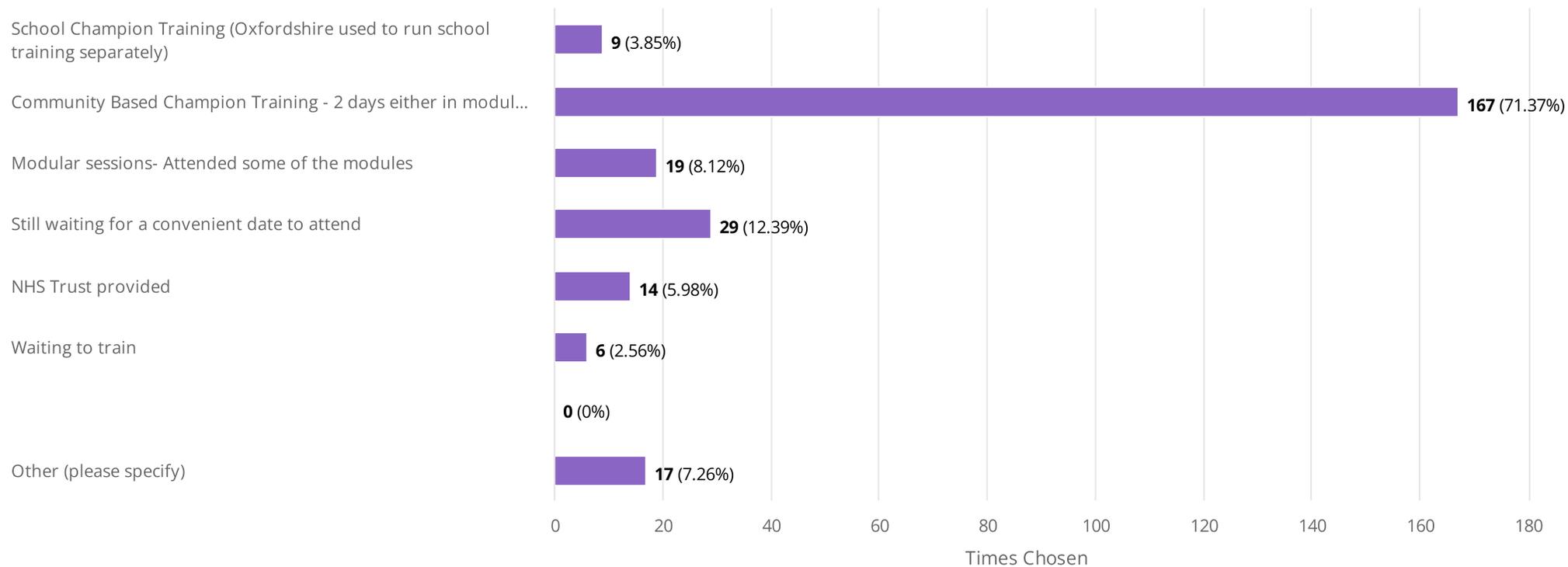
wasn't aware I was one

Its important that we get this right

networking with professionals

3. What type of DA Champion training have you had?

Number of responses: 234



"Other (please specify)" text answers:

I attended training that was held at the fire service headquarters in reading

coercive control

Police based courses.

Any platforms that provide education and knowledge of DA DV

Currently on IDVA training

None

DASH assessment training

I am no longer working for the CCG hence I did not attend any further training

I must have done online as I haven't been anywhere for training.

Waiting for training

IDVA

DA Awareness Registered for Champion training in February 15th 2022

Other (please specify)

One day course in person

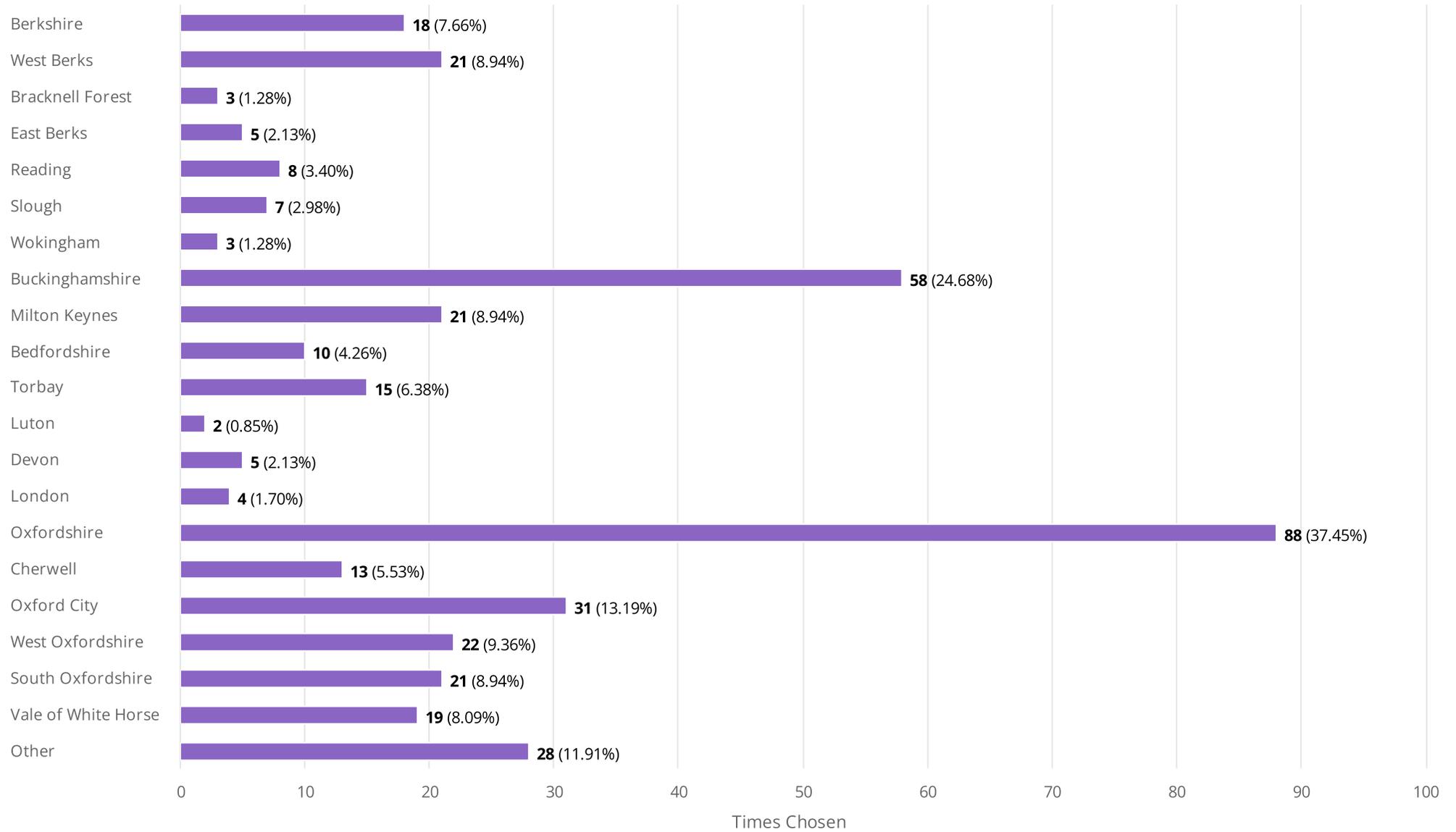
Other (please specify)

DASH and local adults Safeguarding Board Training, Police training

Women's aid, MARAC trained

4. Which area(s) do you currently work in?

Number of responses: 235



"Other" text answers:

Hertfordshire

CESHIRE

Hertfordshire

Hampshire & Channel Islands

Norfolk

Remotely nationwide. By ohine

UK Wide

Self employed

Yorkshire

West Suffolk

Norfolk

cumbria

Plymouth

Norfolk

Manchester

control room

Sussex

Aylesbury Vale

Gloucestershire

London borough of Enfield

surrey sussex and kent

Lincoln

UK wide

Cover Devon , Cornwall and Dorset

Vale of Glamorgan

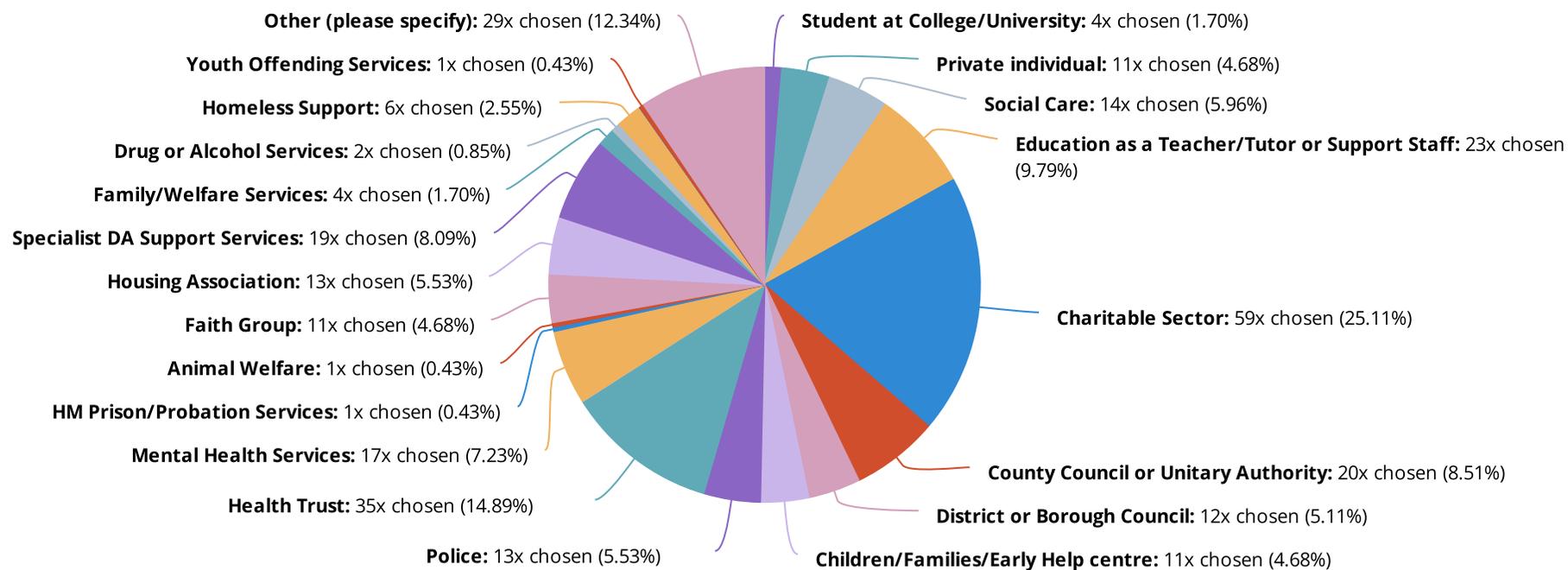
Cardiff

Wiltshire

Basingstoke & Deane

5. Which type of organisation do you have a role in or work for?

Number of responses: 235



"Other (please specify)" text answers:

Sexual Health

GP practice

Volunteer for sexual assault charity

Integrated Lifestyle Service

Animals and humans

Mental health charity

I deliver parenting sessions and 1-1 Parenting Support

Pre-school

Education but not a teacher

Young Carers Service

DA second tier service

Trading Standards

Home Office

Own abuse and trauma recovery coaching business

safeguarding

Standing Tall Partnership

Primary Care - GP surgery

City Council

Mental health charity

Retail

Civil servant in Westminster home working at present

Community centre and church

local authority

community short breaks for children with disabilities

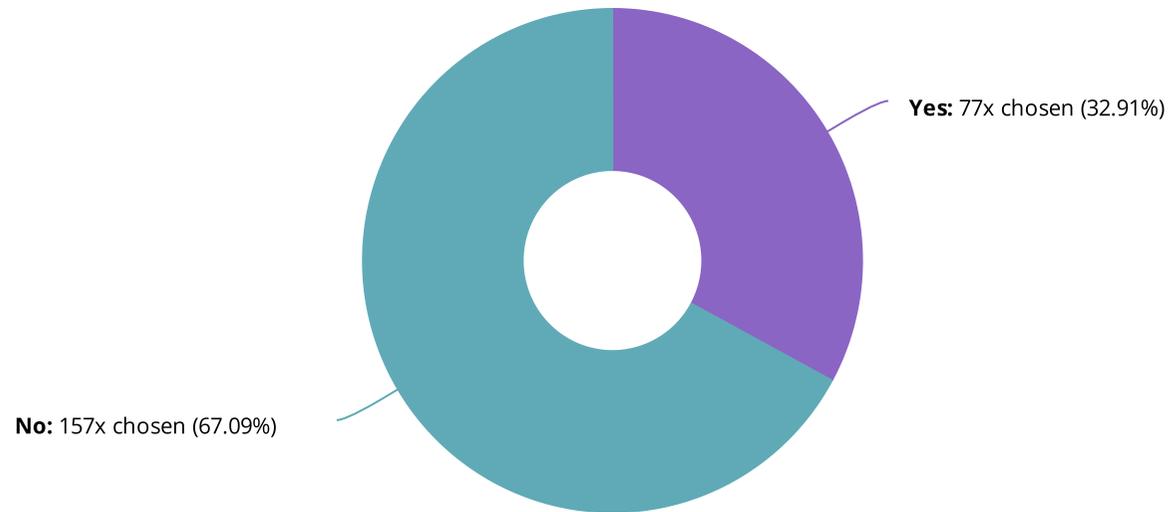
Safeguarding Officer

Voluntary Sector

Other (please specify)

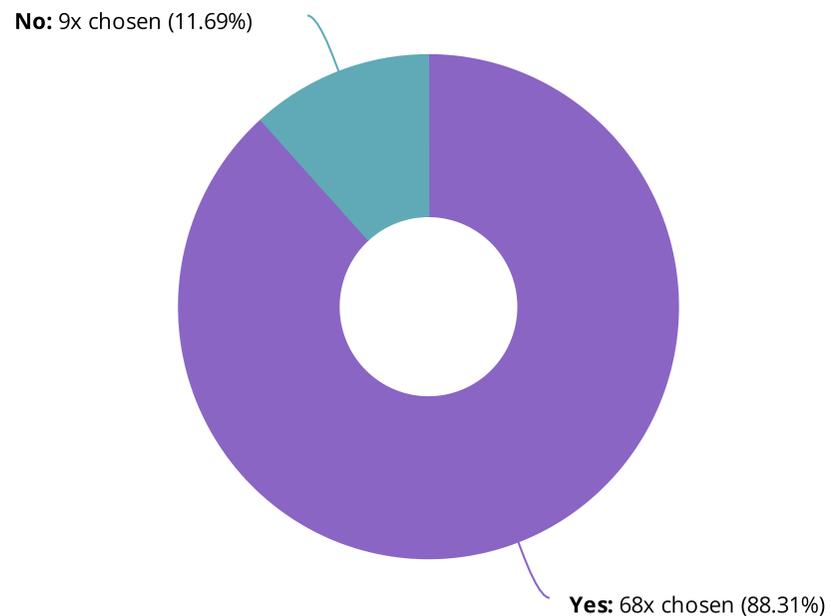
6. Have you changed your main role or job since becoming a DA Champion?

Number of responses: 234



6a. Have you been able to continue as a DA Champion in your new job/role?

Number of responses: 77



6b. Any comments?

Number of responses: 15

Text answers:

I work in community engagement and development and this is relevant for a community safety project I deliver. I also support the welfare team with cases and many have experienced DVA.

Currently on IDVA training

Although my role has changed, I am able to take the knowledge with me in my (client-facing) facilitation work and also share info with my organisation

Would like more up to date training since DA bill covid-19 has happened

Although I never hear anything from anyone about still being a DA Champion.

Thank you for the training and allowing me to join, it was amazing and the trainers were brilliant.

More opportunity to use my skills in my current role

I'm a private counsellor and member of a new group of volunteers for Oxfordshire CC looking at the DA strategy

I am self-employed and provide, advice, guidance, healing and recovery after domestic and narcissistic abuse

I can advocate with colleagues to train as DA Champions, as they have more face to face activity with potential individuals who might need support through this pathway

Now also DMO for organisation

No

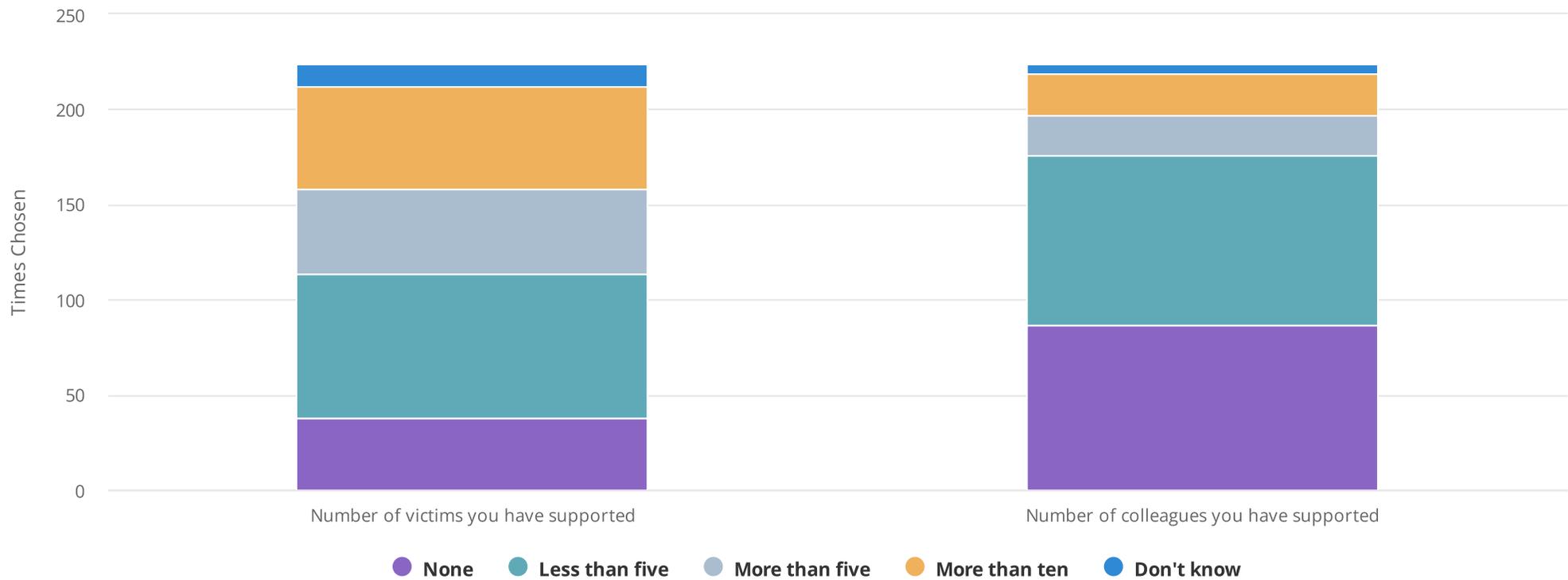
It was because of the Champions training that I felt I had the knowledge to do the job I am in now

best training ever still !

New manager welcomed it as they know how useful champs can be

7. In the past year, can you estimate how many victims or colleagues you have supported in your role as a DA Champion?

Number of responses: 224



8. Any comments?

Number of responses: 44

Text answers:

We have recently started to ask the question, routinely, as part of the consultation. We have had a few disclosures as a result of this.

Was able to direct a colleague in the direction of an agency that supports DA victims

This question doesn't quite apply to me as I work for a specialist DV charity, so we only support women who have experienced DV!

I am also an experienced Gateway programme facilitator

Not presently interacting with charity groups due to covid and rules before now.

I do not directly always hear about peoples DA situations or experiences when we start our work together, however it often comes up as the relationship grows.

I need to be able to make my role more visible to my team members. I need to find a place for the role to sit alongside our current safeguarding procedures and policies

role is to support staff at university so there are other forms of support available to them depending on their situation. My role is as a backup.

Not yet had the DA Champion training so have not 'advertised' myself, however we work with many children, and parents who are affected by DA

Alot of people in my community have disclosed to me outside of work

I'm a trustee so many of these questions are not relevant

I support some through a helpline and others individually although this they also have support from other group volunteers

I am trying to raise awareness that I am a DA champion but nobody has approached me as yet for advice/support

As I am still awaiting training i did not think it would be appropriate to offer anyone support.

Face to face work with clients minimal over the past year.

N?A

Not come across any need

I have had less contact with victims due to the pandemic.

I worked with these abuse survivors as a SAASS counsellor. The abuse was historical.

I'm not in the key sectors I think, and home working means fewer interactions generally

No comments

I work for a local domestic abuse service

Most of the time I use what I know for personal friends and relatives as it is not a part of my role at work

I work for West Berkshire and Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline & Access team, so regularly in contact with victims

Quite a number coming through on the Helpline

I regularly support colleagues by advising them on case work, not because they are victims

no comments

No

I feel I am better equipped personally, however due to remote working I am unable to support colleagues as much as I had planned

It is my job to support practitioners with DA related safeguarding concerns and also to support staff members who may be affected themselves and wish to have support

Usually dealing with historical DA

I would sincerely like to do more in this area

being asked what support there is for perps

I have supported a couple of clients who have experienced DA.

I would like a refresher

We currently run two social groups which also incorporates some LGBT+ DA/DV Advocacy and Safeguarding

N/a

Due to the change of role, I very rarely deal with DA professionally, however some of my colleagues still occasionally ask my advice

I am a student social worker only 4 months into my placement

none

None

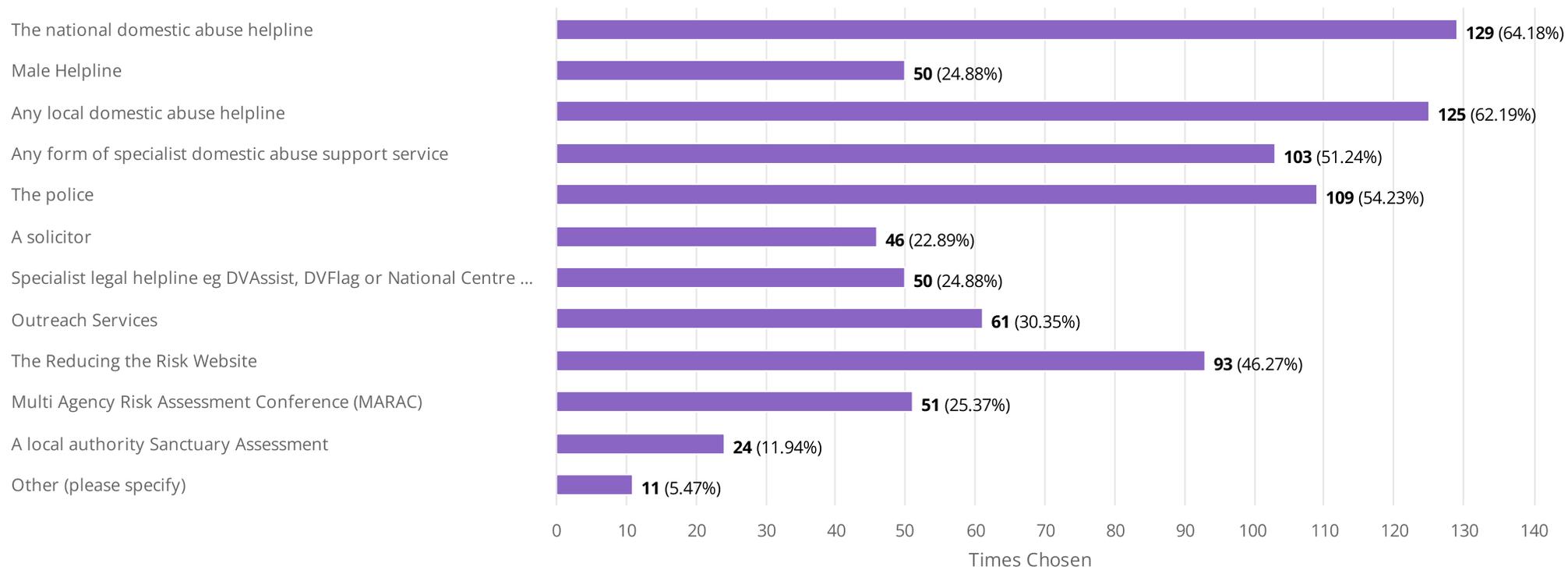
I started my role in June 2021,

I am regularly approached and not just at work either

I am regularly contacted by victims and professionals. I utilise the great training I received, the website and now the hub- all are so useful. You just need to know where to look. I have also contacted other champs and worked together on some cases to good effect.

9. In the past year, have you signposted victims of domestic abuse or advised a colleague to signpost victims to any of the following?

Number of responses: 201



"Other (please specify)" text answers:

IDVA

I will be using all education for 2022 when charitable organisations open up more.

I would have but haven't had any referrals

MKAct

Clare's Law

Other (please specify)

Victims First, Safe Project, Browns Counselling service (Berkshire), OSARCC, Paladin Stalking

Support service that's part of Standing Tall Partnership (Torbay)

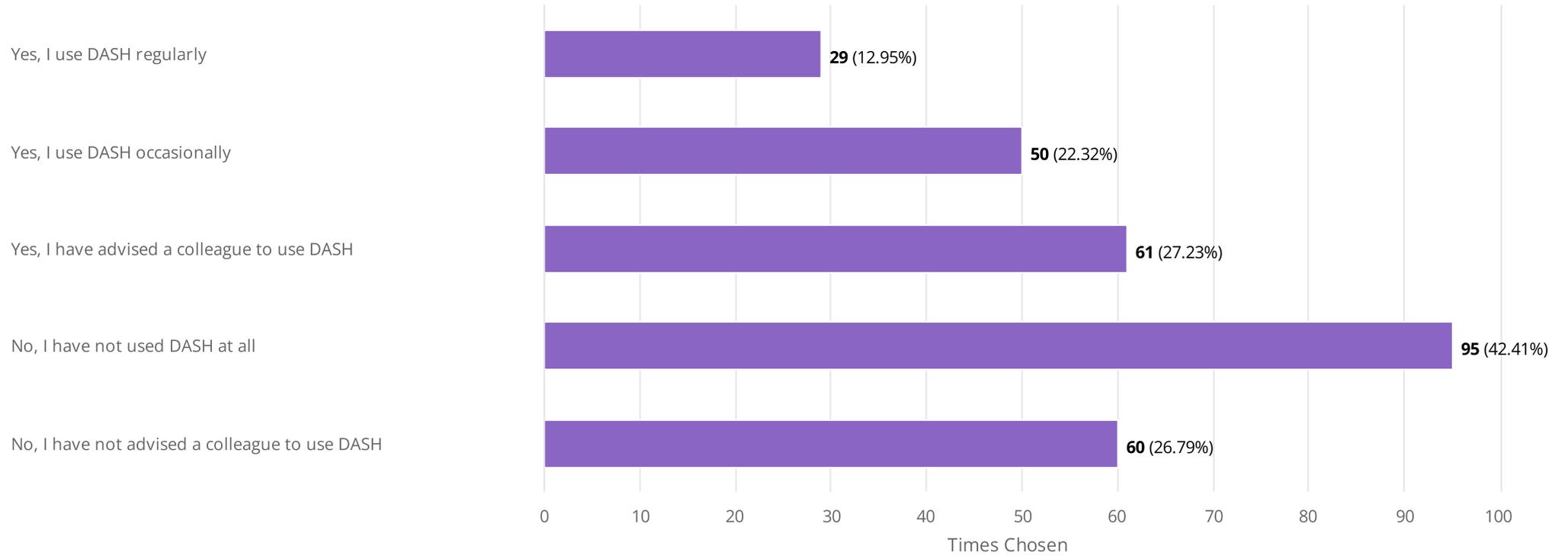
Clean Slate - support after Domestic Abuse

not yet but would be able to

early help, standing tall

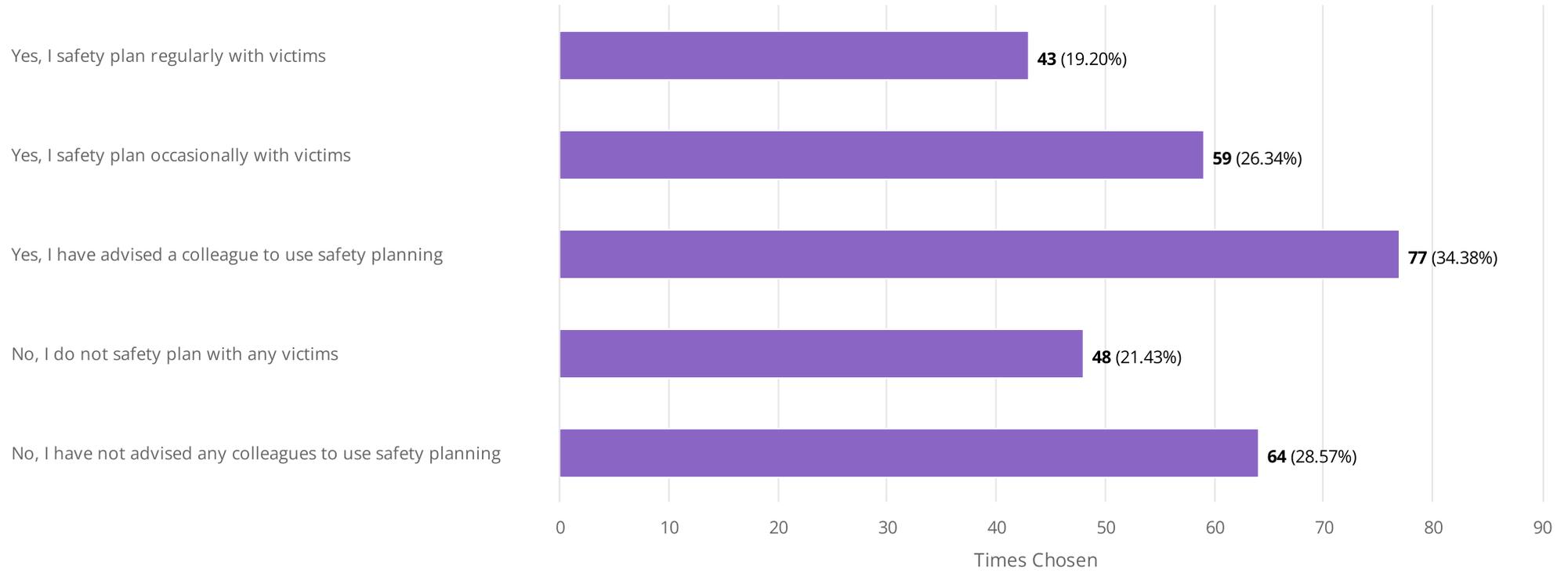
10. Have you used or advised a colleague to use a DASH risk assessment form?

Number of responses: 224



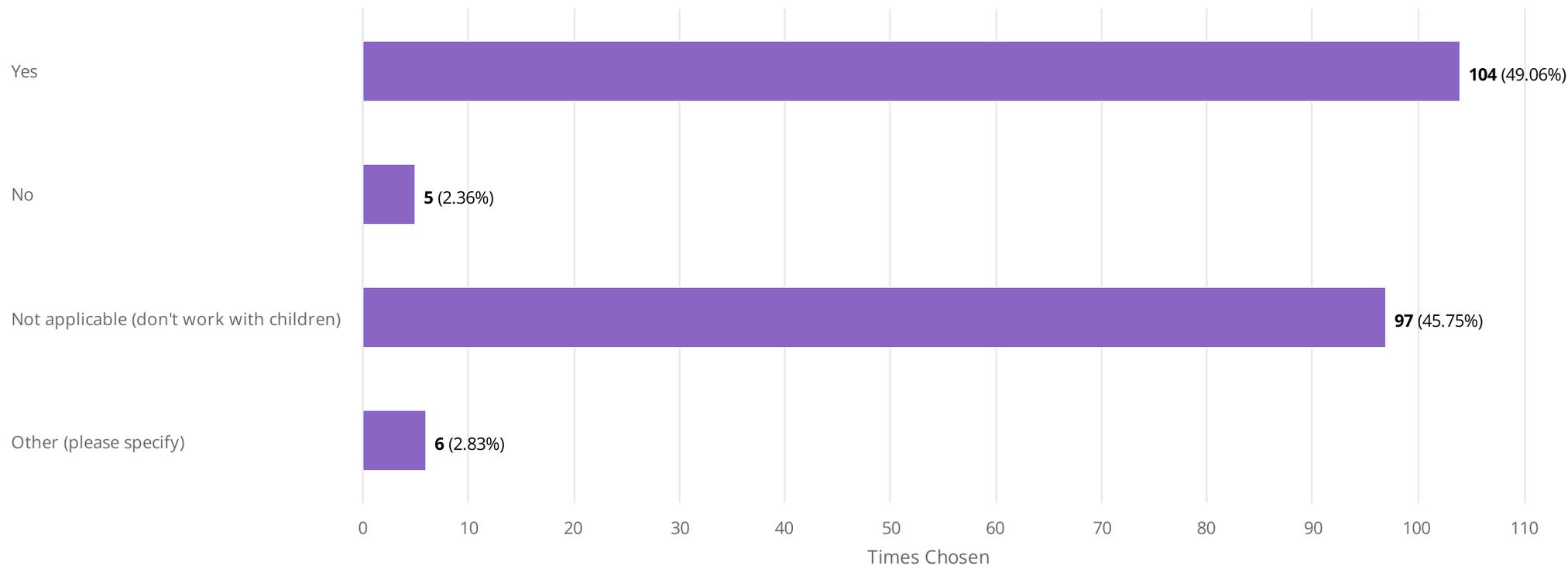
11. Have you carried out or advised a colleague to carry out any safety planning with a victim?

Number of responses: 224



12. For DA Champions working with children - does the DA Champion training help you in safeguarding?

Number of responses: 212



"Other (please specify)" text answers:

It would help but the situation has not yet arisen

Primarily over age 16 attend CP/CIN Meetings

I need to be able to link this role with current organisation policies and procedures

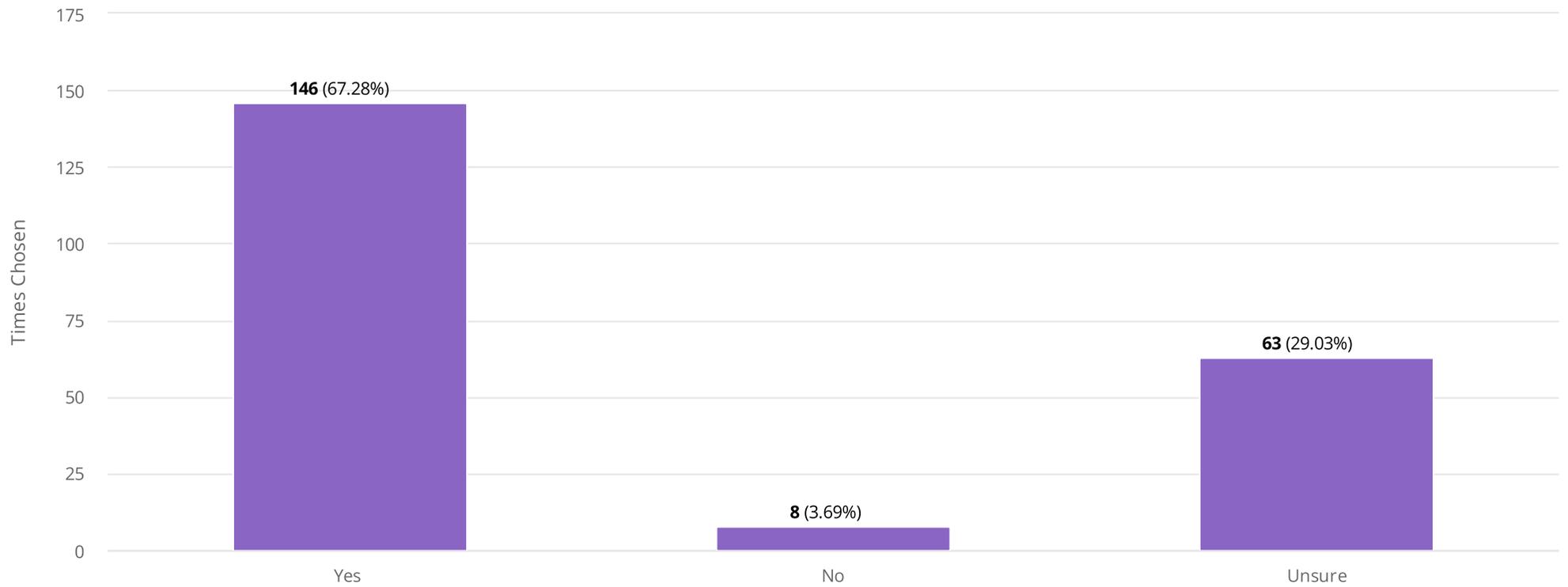
Not yet trained

haven't had training yet

rarely work with children and not dealt with DA with a young person so far

13. Do you think your role as a DA Champion has made a difference to victims of domestic abuse?

Number of responses: 217



Please comment if you wish

Number of responses: 38

Text answers:

i have not long returned off of mat leave so nothing recently but prior to this I was regularly helping victims move etc

increased signposting

I became more aware of the long term effects of DA on children especially.

Yes but not this year

School able to assist victims quickly, colleagues more confident to help and seek help themselves.

This training along with in-house training gives me a good indepth knowledge.

A lot of the people i speak to are from overseas and have no idea what support is available

The training and knowledge helps to advise as to safety planning, approaching police, agencies and domestic abuse services and also the DV laws

The DA champion refresher training helps me give an appropriate response to the situation with more confidence

Raising awareness of what DA is and support available

By advocating for this training, there are now a number of colleagues in my organisation who have also completed the training

I feel being a champion has broadened my knowledge and understanding of DA, in order to best support my staff with issues in this area.

I feel giving the victim someone to open up to and rationalise what is going on with them helps 100%

Been able to offer refreshers and support the team

it gave me a basic understanding before embarking on my role at a local domestic abuse service

advice and guidance has been helpful to enable the victim to learn more about what's available

It makes me feel more confident about the advice and signposting I do

It has raised awareness and ensure signposting takes place

Better links with other services and access to resources

It allows you to see things that others don't/can't (especially the small things) which makes all the difference when helping a victim.

I am more aware of the help that is out there - or should be out there

the training is informative and enhances my practice

i believe that if my learning is up to date and i work in partnership with other agencies then i am better able to advise any of my customers.

Better knowledge and skills to help

The non-tangible aspects (i.e. the understanding and perspective you get from the Training) have been invaluable

I hope so as the more proficient we get the better for those we represent

Giving the right info at the right time does make a difference

confidence and knowing support services help

I was able to signpost one client to the training courses run by Reducing the Risk to help those with DA. She found this training invaluable.

feel more knowledgeable, easier to spot safeguarding issues and coercive control

In my previous role as a response PC, I was able to offer more information about support available to DA victims/witnesses provided by non-police organisations and gained better understanding of the services provided, e.g. it led to an increased number of referrals to NCDV

Because I know more than I did I feel more confident in talking to people involved

Knowing that their housing association is there to support them

I feel it gives the DA victims some extra support.

Making links to advocate with other DA champs

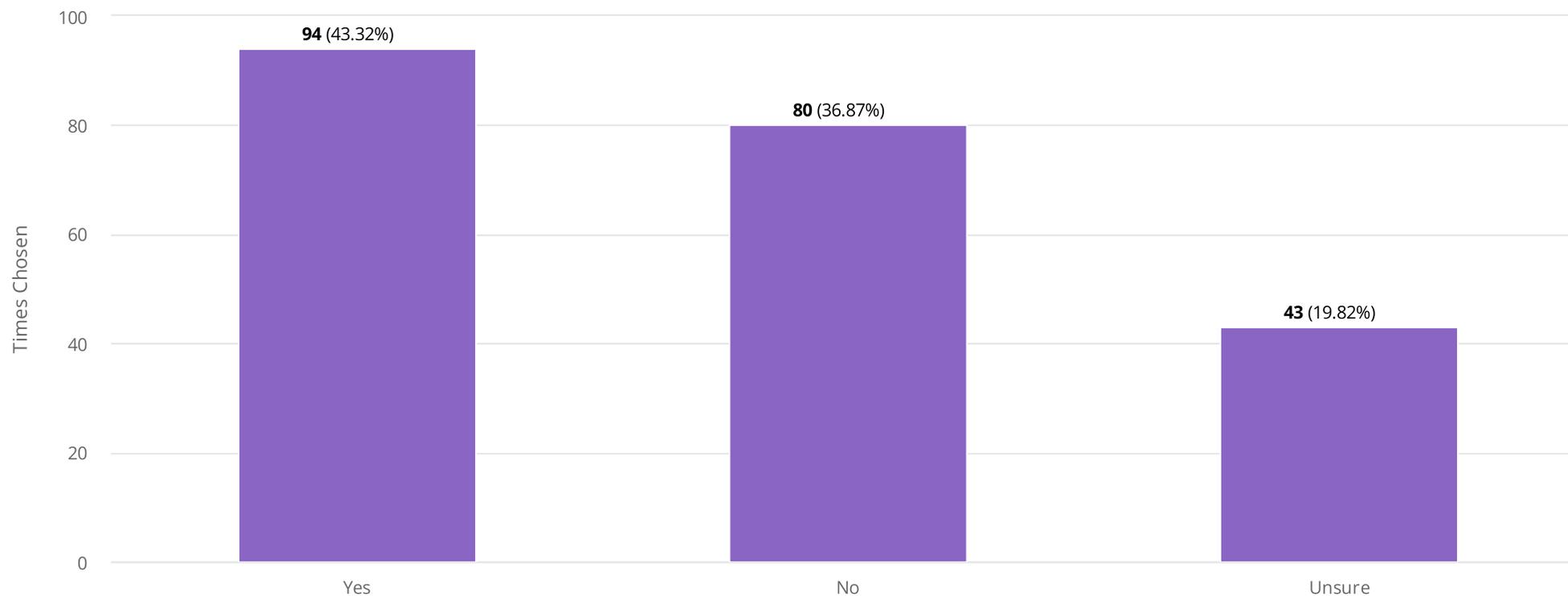
The training gives me the confidence to ask when safe to do so and people can tell you understand the issues.

better awareness of options available to support and latest developments in the area

Just having the badge can start a conversation. I bang on about how great the training is and how useful it is to have other people whose brains, skills and agency I can access.

14. In the past year, have you had any experience of victims being passed between multiple agencies before accessing services?

Number of responses: 217



Please comment if you wish

Number of responses: 41

Text answers:

usually repeat victims where there isn't ownership and they fall through the cracks

Women often still don't always know about our service (we are a specialist DV service)

Still an issue with gatekeeping when victims of DA are presenting as homeless

Male victims have particular difficulty, many agencies perceived as anti male, with good reason.

DA often goes unnoticed in mental health services. I consider there should be a DA champion in all CMHTs

Not yet come across anyone requiring the support

I myself found help difficult to be there.

Local Authorities - Emergency Housing as to who will take the duty on

Unable to get through to services

Unsure of this but do know access is difficult especially to therapeutic services

I'm

Waiting lists can be daunting

lack of communication between police, social services and IDVAs e.g. no joined-up working/information sharing

tdas do not seem to be very helpful

ADAS and IDVA - had 17 ticks on DASH but we did not feel that it was high risk so went through MARAC but IDVA not appropriate. Had to wait for this before ADAS would reconsider.

Not experienced it so this question is not relevant

One police area not speaking to another, this is absurd

The abuse was historical, I don't have details of teh agencies involved

Womens Aid, Police, Social Services, Mental health teams and NHS (GP/ specialist unit). Not connected and fairly disjointed which waits for a crisis to occur before change is implemented from my experience and observations of cases.

I am not in a key sector- not providing services direct to the public

being on a waiting list is preventing support needed in that moment

Police - Victims First - Helpline

as oxford has no reciprocal arrangment with housing authorities, vicitms don't always get the service they need promptly

It is challenging to find agencies that agree on the levels of risks - also if risk is deemed 'too high' some agencies won't accept referral. In addition, the police are still not acting appropriately with domestic abuse concerns.

As I said before the DA champion's training was brilliant and gave me the confidence and knowledge to apply for this specialist role however I am not really sure I get a lot out of being a Champion now as there are so many other sources of training out there not sure I get much benefit out of being a champion now

A shocking lack of support from Met police

The Standing Tall Partnership (Torbay) is working!

Long waiting lists for example OSARCC

Family Solutions Plus model is really helping to coordinate support for individuals and building a holistic team.

VCS set up Standing tall to prevent this. one front door with easy quick application form

Getting suitable housing seems to be a huge issue

In our experience, the local police seem either unwilling or unable to offer support

N/a

victims being marginalised / failed by social care and children removed because of the behavioural impact of past trauma when support and help could have prevented social care intervention and broken inter-generational cycles of trauma.

student social worker not worked with anyone with experience of domestic abuse yet

Family court

different risk levels being assessed and this creates delay / disruption to referrals

It can happen but through lack of training and awareness rather than deliberately sending people round the houses.

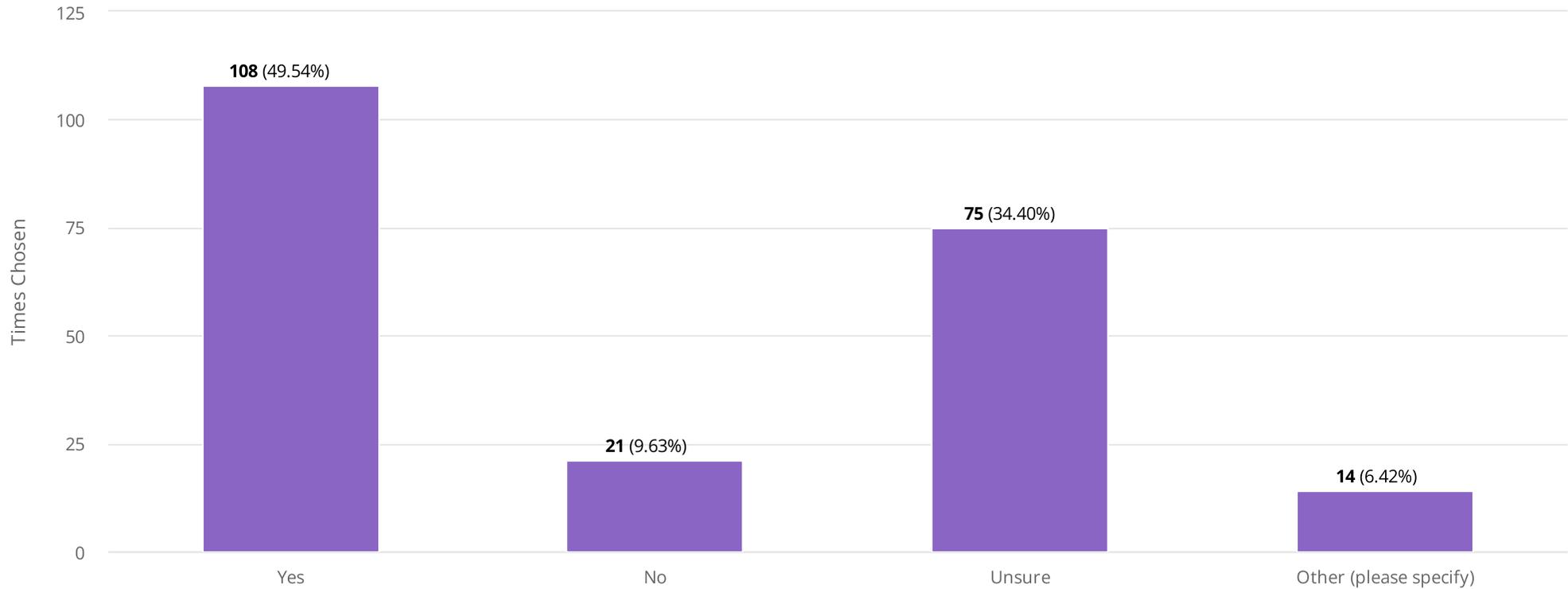
This course was very good. Thank you

and waiting lists have been an issue for clients seeking help

It is getting better but still too many.

15. Has your role of DA Champion made any difference to your organisation?

Number of responses: 218



Other (please specify) or comments:

Number of responses: 54

Text answers:

I am new to role- only in post for 2 months and only had a caseload for 1 month so i haven't had the opportunity yet to see any differences

Across the organisation teams are made aware of Champions and the links they have with services

To a small extent - able to signpost colleagues to IDVAs

awareness for others

I have chosen 'unsure' because we are a specialist DV service, so this question doesn't quite apply to us.

Has supported policy changes, implementation of guidance and elearning for managers to support staff experiencing DA, spot the signs training, introduction of DA lead in the organisation

Difficult to say as I receive alot of in house training aswell.

I've been able to highlight where DA may get as b issue in a case

Not yet come across anyone requiring the support

I know it will make a real difference to have the knowledge and brilliant education delivered online whilst in lock down.

I am the go to person

Relooking at forms used improving training

I feel I need to make my voice heard about this role

It is good to have been listed but I don't know whether it is a visible enough role

This does not apply as we have very clear guidance and policies

Not yet trained

I haven't encouraged it - I should!

Although, my organisation could communicate better with me as a DV Champion. I do not hear anything.

I'm an individual

Don't use my training in a DV champion capacity often in my outside employment/not in an official capacity

in my previous role

Policy changes that include the CQC

Our service is more likely to work with perpetrators. I feel I make a difference in spreading knowledge of DA amongst my colleagues and improving our casework.

not applicable

As per my comment above, but to add to that I think that the regular dissemination of my knowledge in DA to my team has also upskilled them in this area - both to feel more confident in their response to survivors of DA, and to better signpost.a

Ask for ANI meant they had to quickly understand more, though retail has pressures it l'd difficult to give people time.

I have found resistance in certain areas

I am still waiting for the 2 day training as signed up last year and really feel this will aid my works with families / partners of addiction who often do not realise they are experiencing DV.

Not yet! But I think I can raise awareness in future

Increased awareness

Refreshers presented

We have gone through a major restructure so not yet but I think Champions will make a huge difference very soon

Joined up working

People know they can approach me for advice and support.

im new in role

I have been able to link directly with my colleagues in housing to try and move customers to safer addresses and link in with social services.

I have more specific knowledge to carry-out my role

I am not really sure who in our organisation is a Champion.

the more staff that are trained the the better

i think our team were already able to signpost but we do now discuss cases more

all singing from the same hymn page

We now have a dedicated Safeguarding lead at Aspire which is something we didn't have before.

senior team not used my knowledge

Other colleagues are also DA champions

N/a

I could offer quick advice to colleagues who had lesser experience in dealing with DA which improved the level of service to victims, and saved time those colleagues would have spent having to look for assistance elsewhere, which often wouldn't be immediately accessible (e.g. night shifts/bank holidays)

I am not officially a Champion and I haven't mentioned it as I don't think I am fully trained

Policy changes, raising DA awareness

Having a specific SPOC helps

More transparent conversations with professionals about concerns and what works well in processes

I have seen colleagues grow in confidence and knowledge from the champ training and my support too. We all help each other more.

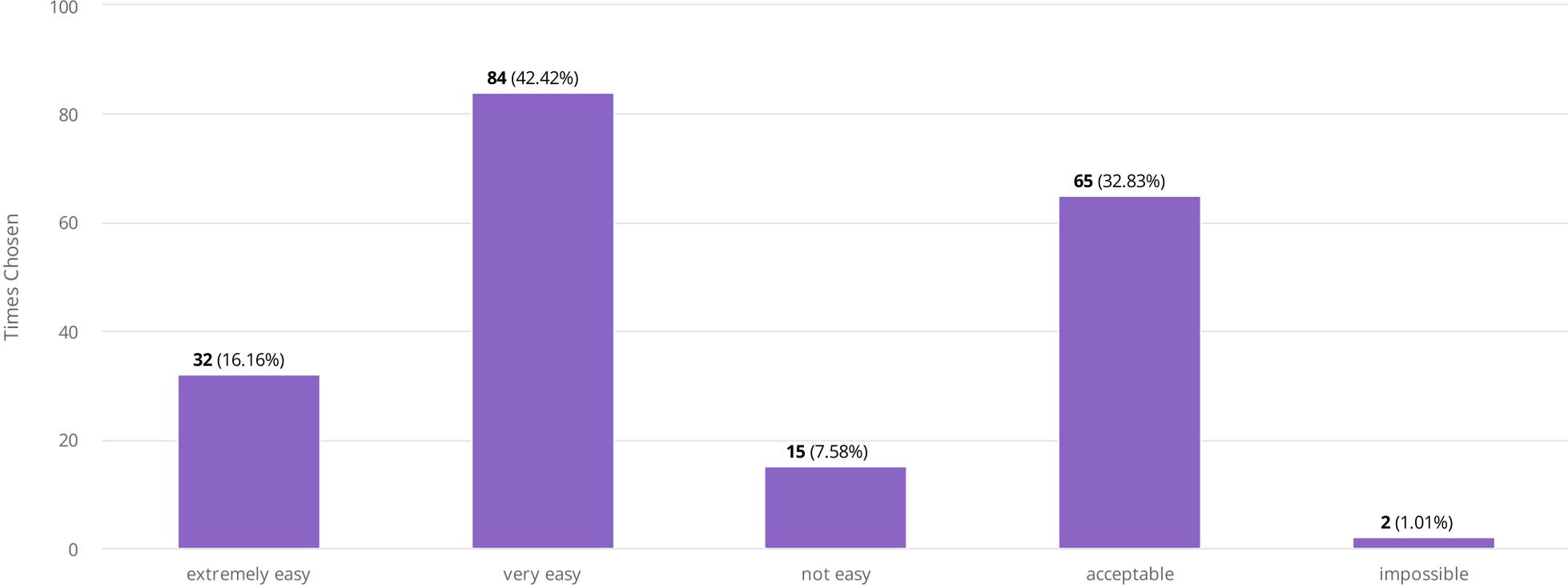
I'm hoping it will make a difference, once I finish my studies and start working

increased knowledge and awareness, improving knowledge of need

I feel colleagues are more aware and I have helped people develop and used policies to help people get help.

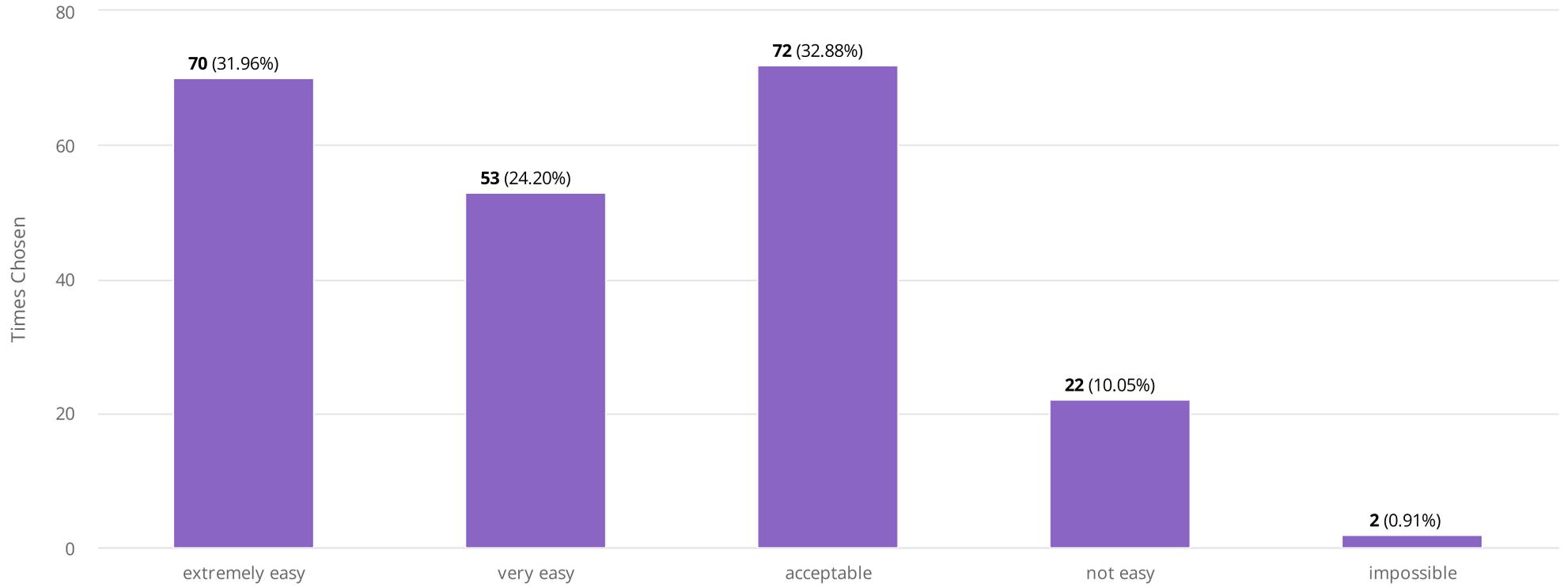
16. How easy is it for you to refer cases to your local domestic abuse services?

Number of responses: 198



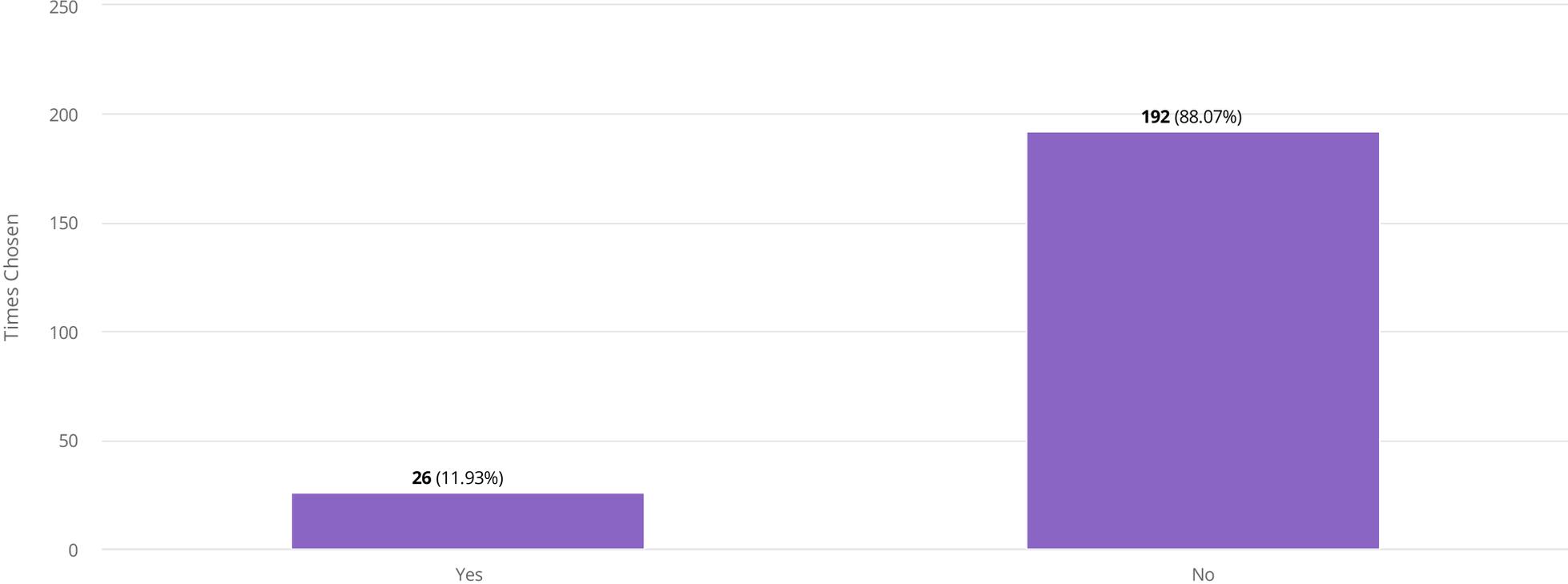
17. How easy is it for you to refer high risk cases to specialist IDVA & MARAC?

Number of responses: 219



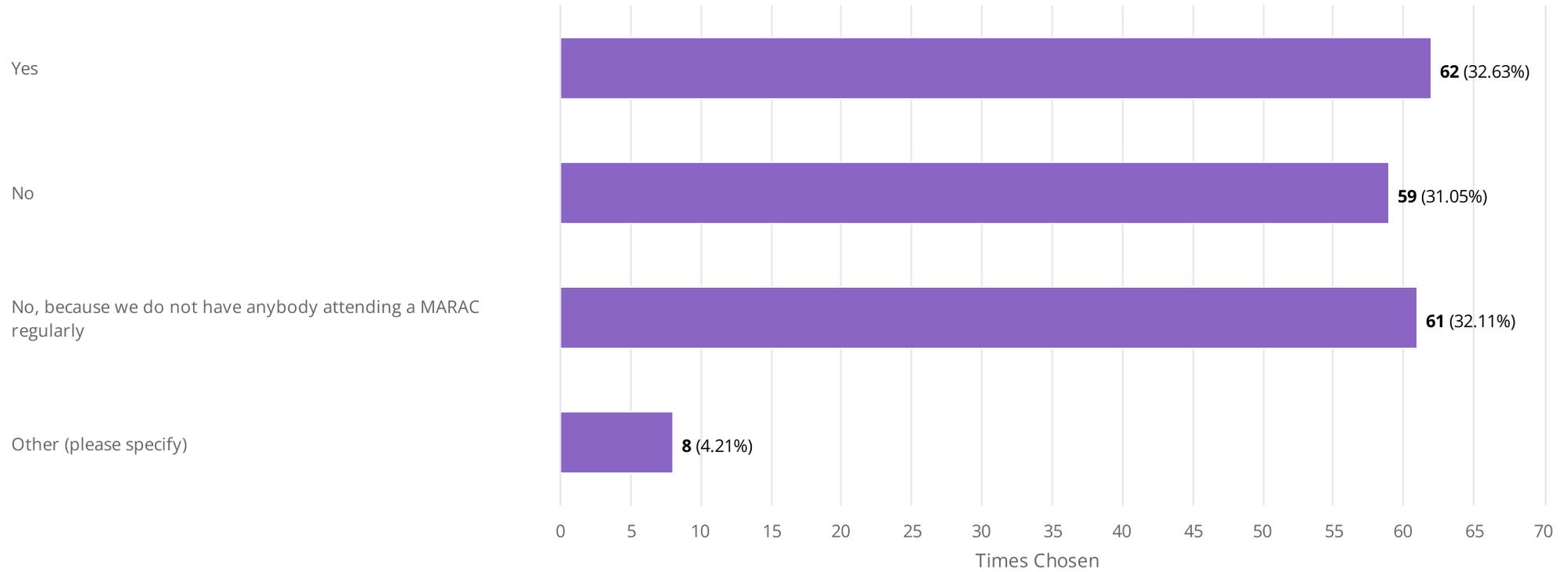
18. Are you a Designated MARAC Officer (DMO)?

Number of responses: 218



19. Do you know who your DMO is?

Number of responses: 190



"Other (please specify)" text answers:

It has changed frequently over the last couple of years with people leaving and service redesign.

I'm an individual

N/a

I did in my previous role

Not sure

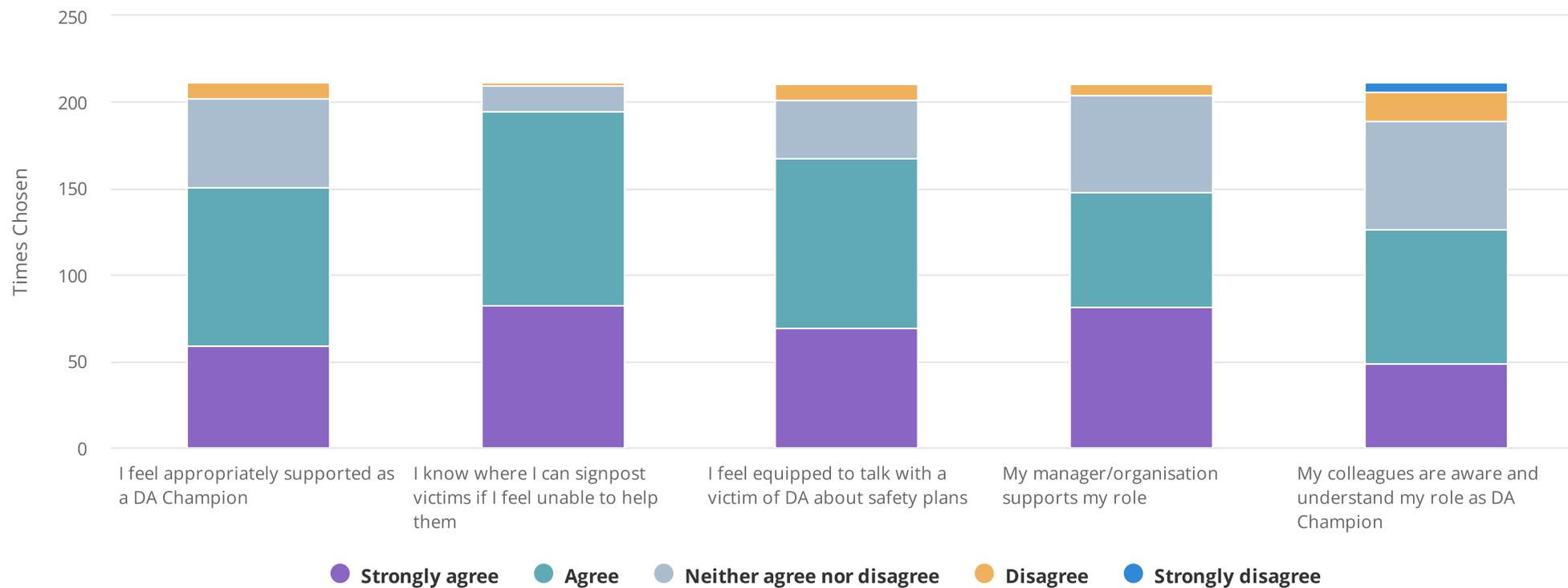
Other (please specify)

Not appropriate

Not currently working

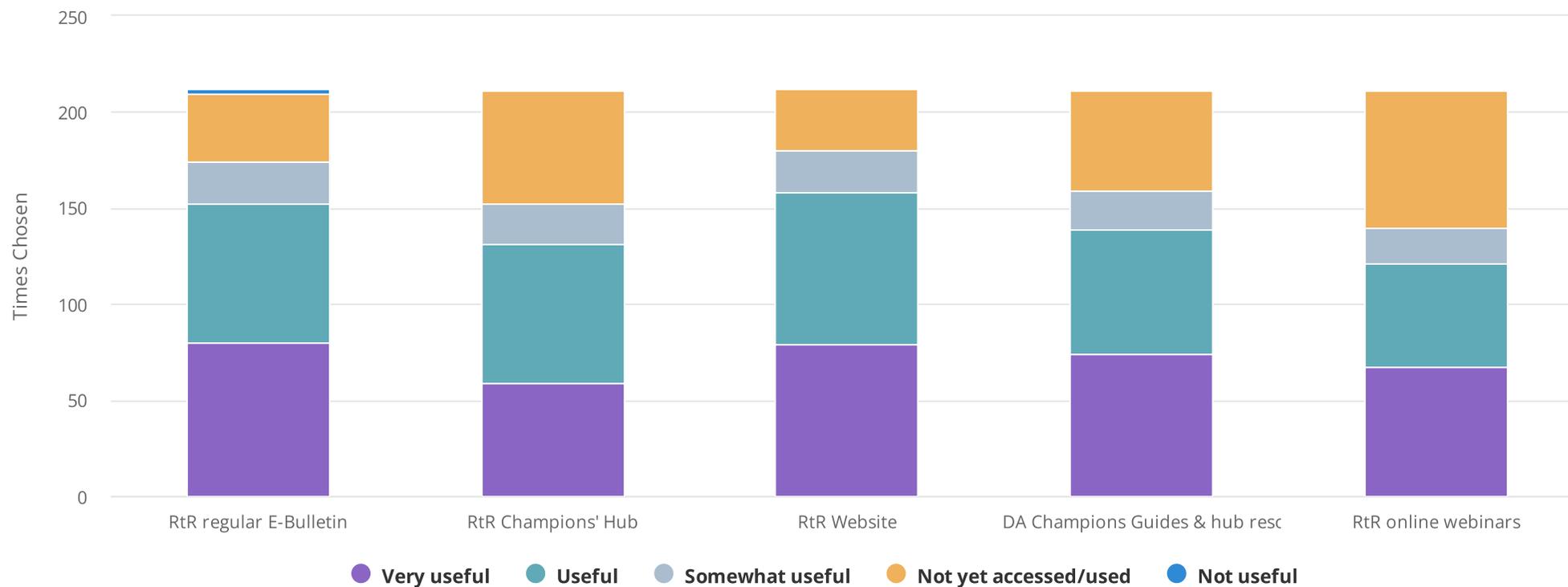
20. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Number of responses: 212



21. In your role as a Reducing the Risk (RtR) DA Champion, how useful do you rate the following resources or materials?

Number of responses: 212



Any comments:

Number of responses: 28

Text answers:

Due to work pressure and probably inexperience with above support network, I haven't actually accessed any of the above.

I would like to see a little more

webinars are excellent

Webinars are excellent

Not yet come across anyone requiring the support

Wonderful training. Such wonderful advice. Due to charities locking down regarding vulnerable and also animal assistance not being as normal and self isolation, this year will be more hands on hopefully.

not yet accessed as on another training programme currently which is not yet finished

Would love more touch based opportunities either f2f or online as I feel quite out of touch with other champions. I have no idea whose who.

I have not been made aware of any of these resources.

I'm still waiting for training! And I never get email updates from RtR

I've been asking for sometime for a password to access the Champions hub as it was 2006 when I first trained (did the update during lockdown) but have not been able to access the hub for years.

I have added Not Useful as I have not been made aware how to access the hub until today

unable to access the hub - issues with password

I attended some fantastic webinars last year - thank you.

I found the new pallet tools so helpful too

Just to say that I am really keen to attend training but it seems only available for Berkshire, Oxfordshire or further afield. I've only attended webinars to date and not sure on what the plans are for Bucks as not a lot of information provided on potential dates. This would help me so much in my work in recovery.

When there are links, some are not available to download, I would sometimes want to download an article to share with colleagues.

Very impressed with the quality and content of information produced and provided by RtR for Champions

i have found it difficult using the hub

unfortunately I don't always have the time I'd like to explore these resources

I haven't used the Hub as much as I thought I would. Tbh I often forget it exists. I found the regular emails very useful because I always read them when received or saved to be read later in an easily accessible place.

I haven't really used any of the resources

N/a

Haven't yet fully used the hub or had time to catch up on CPD

Due to the change of role, I am no longer as invested in my DA Champion role so wouldn't necessary need to access above resources

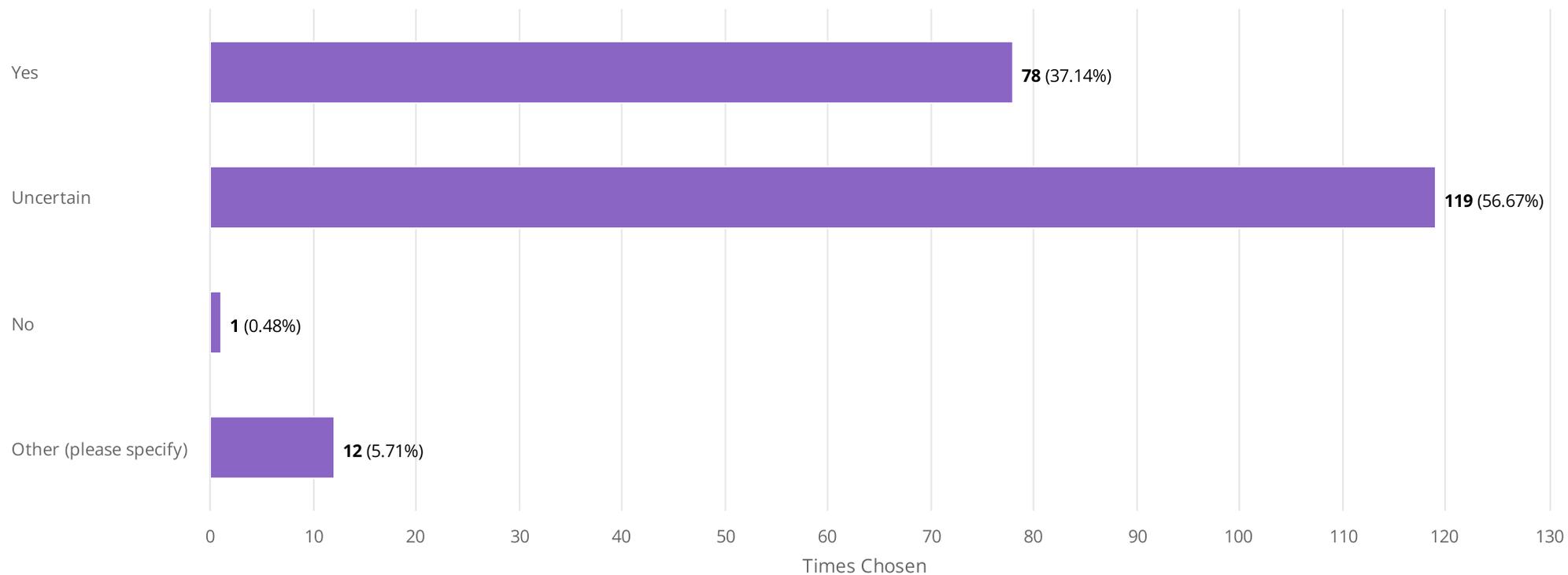
I have also watched the recorded webinars and they are so useful to refer back to.

having these as resources have been a big help in staying up to date and being aware of changes, as well as a resource for further info as required.

I found the webinars so useful and informative and I found them in the hub which is brilliant.

22. In your experience, is the RtR website useful for victims/families to access?

Number of responses: 210



"Other (please specify)" text answers:

Not used it.

Haven't used website with victims yet

Not yet come across anyone requiring the support

not accessed yet

not used

Not yet used

No seen or used

Haven't referred anyone

Not sure not really used it

Not accessed

I have had some technical issues locking me out so I can not post comments which was resolved as understood this affected some users in the past.

not yet accessed

23. Are there any topics you would like to see included in future webinars?

Number of responses: 60

Text answers:

affects on children,
accessing services,
risk assessing
male victims

Any services/support aimed specifically at older/elderly persons

Refresher courses, signposts for courses regarding different abuse such as elderly parents being abused by children, etc

more case studies to highlight what went wrong / right so we can pass on learning both individually and organisationally.

Keeping up to date on the implementation of the new legislation
Working with perpetrators
Support for victims with no recourse to public funds

More support for victims of abuse with children. Less victim blaming in courts, by social workers/CAFCASS. It would be fantastic if judges, SWs completed this training.

I would like to see any work done to explore the links between high suicide rates in men and domestic abuse. In addition, any work done that explores the abuse of men through the threat of child custody - the perception that child custody hearings unfairly favour the mother.

Stigma around men's D/A and more programs for Awareness of D/A make it mandatory.

I would like open conversations about the hidden side of DA where there is total control of the victim, especially elderly vulnerable young adults and children, whereby the first point of contact is the loving caregiver, sibling, parent. The victim has no chance when the very person causing pain and suffering is told of everything the vulnerable shares.

new legislation updates of Domestic Abuse Act 2021 so all aware if not covered already in the training

It would be good to address familial DV eg mothers/mothers-in-law etc

Intersectionality, support for non English speaking victims, unconscious bias

Burnout and self care

Vicarious trauma

Racialised women

Stalking

Disabilities and DA

Older persons and DA

LGBTQIA and DA

Sex workers support specifically

no

no

Court process

My clients have a lot of problems with family courts - e.g. not seeing the children also as vulnerable (having witnessed abuse from their abusive parent/step parent) and favouring father's rights at any cost. Lots of reports of physically abusive parents being granted shared contact/unsupervised contact even where child has been physically/sexually abused by the abusive parent/step parent/parent's partner. So would really appreciate more training on what the family courts should and shouldn't be doing, inc. agencies such as CAFCASS.

How to help with trauma and PTSD arising from Domestic abuse

Impact on children
Therapy for children
Support for perpetrator

N/a

male dv

How to help victims to disclose and confide in me, as my organisation is not specifically a domestic abuse service.

Services for perpetrators

child to parent DA - I have found it very difficult to access wider support for survivors in this specific area - very frustrating. On reflection, I should have asked the network for their input - I will certainly aim to utilise this more this year.

Church groups, more retailers and employers

No

I think some more understanding / information on codependency in DV relationships and how this stops positive change from occurring plus more information on financial abuse / emotional psychological impacts of abuse experienced over many years and what is in place for survivors to recover. As it stands long waiting times for positive change programmes with Womens Aid as nothing was put in place since covid up to two years. More information on signposting to other services would be so helpful.

HBV, same sex relationships

Mental health and Domestic Abuse
Drug and Alcohol misuse and Domestic Abuse

Thinking of the emotional impact on victims, after leaving domestic abuse relationships -

What support groups are there for victims of domestic abuse? Is it only 121 support?

What ongoing support is there for victims of domestic abuse? Is it only general counselling or is there something more specific?

I am not sure if I missed one - but have you done one about male victims and how to support them

Stalking, Online safety, Elder abuse (have a lot of referrals for older people with multiple support needs and perpetrator is often carer - very complex. Would like Champions to have support to understand how to best support this client group)

I'm a schools officer with TVP so anything relating to young people, either as victims, perpetrators, or as witnesses. How to educate young people about DA, recognising the signs for themselves or for peers.

No

yes- not for me as i have personal and professional experience in this - the way in which perpetrators use contact with children to continue control after relationship has ended - i don't think many professionals understand this, especially in childrens social care and it can appear that a man is just a caring dad.

Male victims of abuse

Locality specific information and updates would be very useful. It's too difficult trying to get to the right person. There used to be regular meetings in the area (which could now be online). These were very useful and informative about local contacts and services. I'm not aware of these anymore unless I'm looking in the wrong place. Updates and trading I have tried to access has already always been fully booked.

Older adult 'hidden' abuse

dealing with the family courts

N/A

how the new DA Act may change things for children now they are recognised in law as victims in their own right

Update on new DA bill recently passed

Domestic abuse and trauma

how to support perpetrators who want to change.

animal abuse
FGM

Facilities for men

Services specifically aimed at and for the local LGBT+ Community

Council duty to re-house in emergency / temporary accommodation when refuge is not an option, usually because of older children in family.
Education of DA specialist Advice services to help them realise that it's the council / local authority's duty to re-house in an emergency, not the current landlord (private or social).
Differences between Non-Mols, ROs, Occupation and Prohibitive Steps Orders in basic, layman's terms instead of legal jargon.
Mental health help e.g. therapy / counselling, confidence re-building options especially for those who are not unwell enough to be seen by AMHT, but need more than their GP can provide and must be low cost / free.

Financial abuse of the elderly and vulnerable during lockdown has led me to think about the amount of abuse that occurs in this area by family members

Just more recognition for Male victims

N/a

more attention to the crossover between DV and Sexual violence
parent on child abuse info and resources

Honour based abuse

Impact of faith on DA and feedback from recent case reviews

Bereavement , DA within faith communities, LGBT

n/a

what the family court do. They seem to work in a silo

DASH Training

not sure?

churches, employers and military families I do feel we need to consider how to reach them better.

Any comments?:

Number of responses: 14

Text answers:

more opportunity to deliver in house training

Feel so grateful for the education and knowledge of agencies. Once you have witnessed and been involved in DA, it is a totally different experience then text book studies.

Would really love access to a therapeutic space

Re the MARAC process, I find it challenging that as a voluntary organisation we are not privy to information that comes out of MARAC meetings when we are in the home, supporting parents - for us, this would inform part of our risk assessment for support, considering the safety of our volunteers.

Training employers is so important especially if it is their only safe place

No

The webinars i have attended have been very interesting, well presented, helpful and relevant

Not sure

There feels a lot of info out there and sometimes it can get a bit much so i don't always get time to look at websites, bulletins etc however I found the training invaluable and would support colleagues to attend if there are local courses

social prescribers

N/a

I have had a number of people with weird decisions made by family courts.

No

not at the moment

24. Are there any services, teams or organisations you think should become involved in the DA Champion network?

Number of responses: 46

Text answers:

GP - or links to practises

Gyms, more schools, childrens centres, maybe even people that drive public transport.

Social Care (although they probably are already).

More schools - especially secondary schools to support teenagers to identify healthy/unhealthy relationships, hairdressers/beauty parlours etc

Hairdressers, Tattooists, anyone that gets to spend time with people 1-1 chatting

They are already linked in

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Community mental health teams

IRIS

Social services should be sent on courses and anyone assisting human beings in the community.

schools - especially from a children services perspective they don't always understand how this impact fully on the child & parent (victim) as in behaviour or reluctance to separate from their abusive partner or can collude with the perpetrator

SISTAH SPACE, Manchester Action Street Health. Or organisations that work with similar demographics of people. As well as an older persons and disability org

no

Schools

Youth services; Fire service...Mandatory training for police force

Religious establishments

Hospital navigators at Milton Keynes hospital

Neighbourhood Watch

Employers and HR staff. Retailers could be useful as a safe place.

Barber shops, public houses and night clubs, local football clubs and rugby clubs, youth and adults

No

Any tradesman that works in residential properties and can see what's happening. Fire svc, ambulance, teaching assistants

if not already - SAFE! project and OSARCC

No

I think you have it covered.

Not sure

More police to improve their understanding

police?

Courts, CPS, Family Court, Fire and Rescue service, Employers

Mental health organisations

probation

trust of schools should have a DA champion in all schools

Aylesbury Vale LGBT Social Group

I think certain Housing Associations should attend more than they do e.g. Catalyst

Anyone who works with adults or children in anyway

N/a

CAFCASS / family court - cases of perpetrators grooming court professionals so they are seen as victims and protective parents are seen as obstructive when they are trying to protect their children.

Hairdressers & Beauticians

Military

schools

Education

Courts, CPS, Youth Services and Clubs i.e the FA

. I would also like to hear more about Stalking Orders as police don't seem aware of what they do? I thought the police could get them?

No

not sure

churches

25. Is there anything that you feel would help to improve the DA Champions network?

Number of responses: 41

Text answers:

I will try and access the support net work more. Due to work pressure I can find it difficult to keep up with the general emails that come through.

a couple of socially distanced meet and greets or something

more face to face sessions when we can

I think it is excellent!

meeting face to face and sharing experiences

more training support for other agencies.

I would like to have more time to engage!!

More training and more hands on working with D/A victims

Listening to adults of the tactics that their caregivers gave decades ago, that all authorities ignored.

unable to comment until start the course

regional regular work shops to help keep champions up to date with current information to sign post victims or colleagues

Opportunity for a therapeutic space or access to therapy for champions. More opportunities to link in with champions f2f or zoom

I have not been included in any network communications so I am unaware of this.

no

maybe a yearly conference to network and also gain further skills and knowledge

bi-annual network meetings/zoom calls to connect; More publicity about who we are and what we can do, and help with utilising this role in employment settings with regular support training to do so. And please, access to the hub. I've no password and have requested one a few times but have had no response. Also is there a champions forum on the hub to share, ask questions , connect etc?

I think the trainers are doing great with their chosen topics

I don't feel that I can participate much as over the past year I haven't worked with any one regarding D.A.

I would like to know when the next training for Buckinghamshire will be rolled out

No - it is a really useful resource, I feel lucky to be a part of the network, and aim to use those connections more in the coming year. Thank you. Oh, and I love the idea of a face to face networking day, to be able to meet up with other champions in person, when we are allowed!! for all your hard work.

Keep doing what you do. Great training and reinforcing the support you offer. Stuart has been so helpful in the absence of any advice line for pharmacies.

No

Ways to have more networking opportunities rather than online a chance to meet people who are actively working in different fields as would be so helpful to share and learn from one another, I feel we are all working more independently in our respective fields but could enhance our knowledge and experiences by cross functional working.

I think your doing a great job, more for myself i need to regularly go on the champions hub and RtR website to keep myself updated - more personal responsibility is needed from me and this survey is a helpful prompt! Thank you

I think it is great - thanks for all your hard work

No

the hub- it was tricky to use and to change password and has made it tricky for me to book on training

No

No I can access all information I need.

maybe a couple of network sessions a year? held virtually?

Yearly one-hour online refreshers?

Please, advertise potential training opportunities earlier. My diary gets booked up really quickly and when I only get notified of training within a month it is too late for me to book on.

This is not specifically regarding the DA champion's network, but it does seem like there are many different services that aren't always easy to disentangle for service users, e.g. A2 Dominion, Reducing the Risk, Freedom Programme. Not sure how this would happen, but more streamlined services may help.

no

Completion of 2 day training

Send regular reminders out about the Hub, with links. Also, larger DA Network meetings need to resume with speakers - they can happen online, which is easier for most professionals now.

N/a

Please just continue, you are doing a fantastic job. AND I appreciate being able to access the information and training even though I am on the periphery

More great training- maybe in specific areas such as cultural abuse or men who suffer.

sorry, no useful ideas for now

I think you do a brilliant job with some wonderful training and good references to pick up. I love the local toolbox in the padlit website

