

Community Learning Disability Service

Safeguarding Adults Report 2009/10 Quarters 1-3

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Introduction

The following report displays data recorded from Quarters 1 to 3 of the financial year 2009/10 relating to safeguarding adults within the Community Learning Disability Service. All data is accurate at the time of reporting.

Please note that due to the nature of Safeguarding Adults, some alerts are still open and as yet not all data for the time period is available. Please ensure to read the notes throughout the report for further explanations and other important points.

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Alert Totals

A total of **195** alerts have been recorded so far this year. This number has already surpassed last years total for the full year of **193**.

Current Projection

If current trends continue, the total number of alerts for this year will total around the region of **260**. This would represent an increase of **35%** over the previous year.

Note: It's worth mentioning that September, October and November this year represent 3 of the 4 highest monthly alert totals since tracking began.

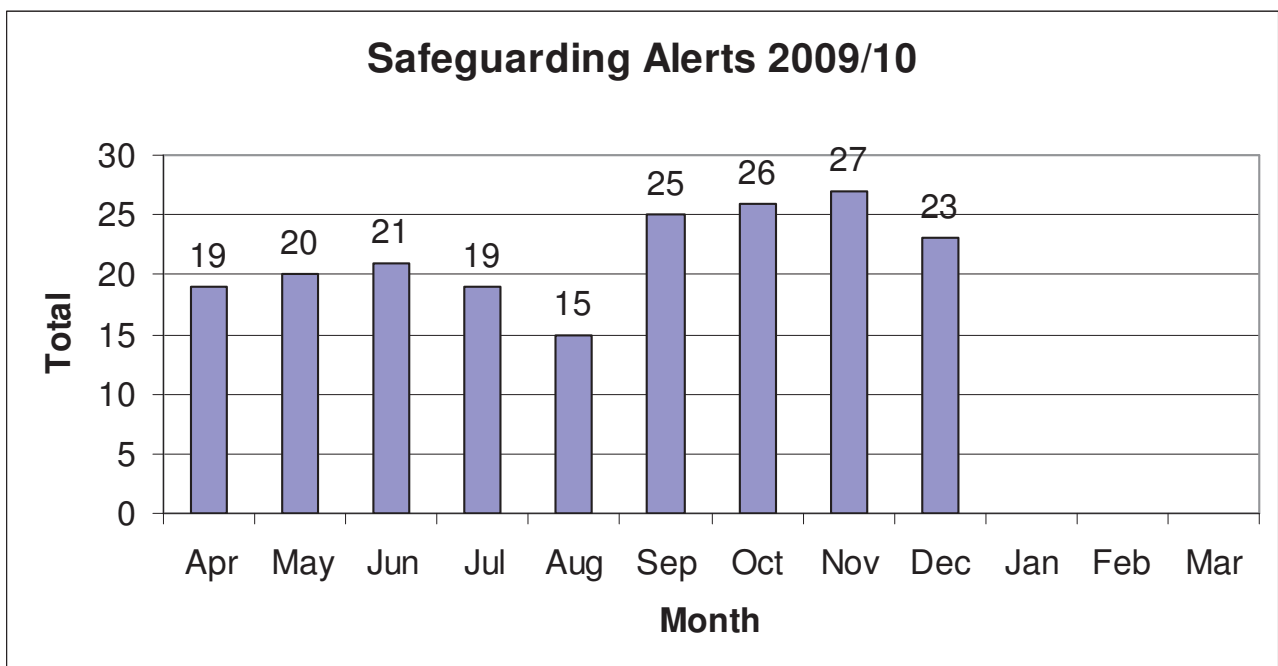


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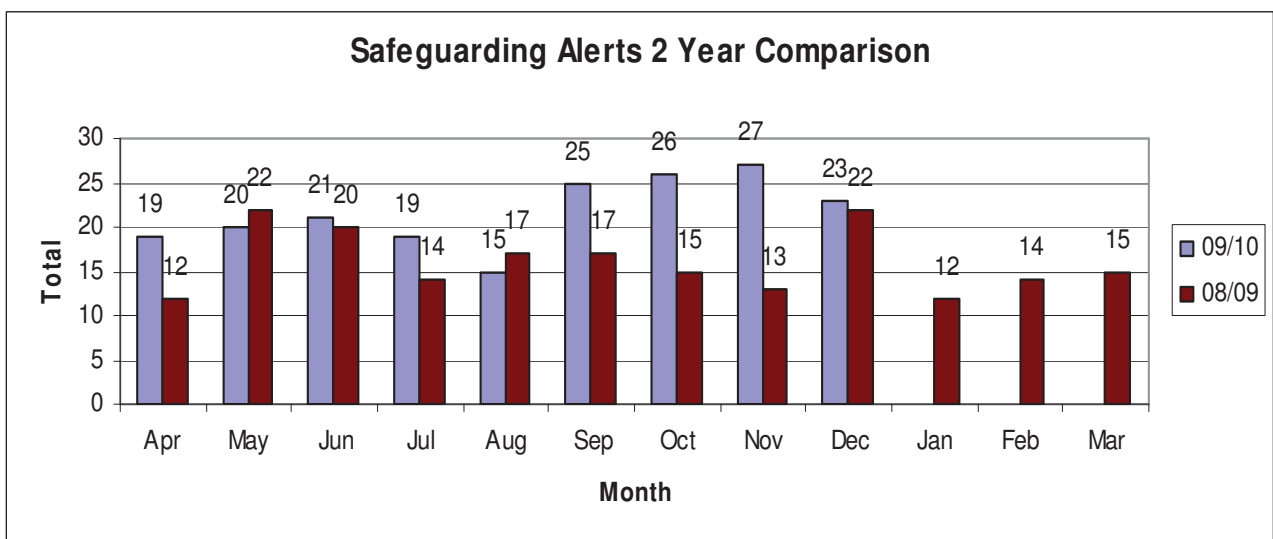


Figure 2

Types of Abuse

Below are the totals for each types of abuse reported for the financial year so far, as well as a three month breakdown for the year so far.

Given the fact that we have just passed the total alerts for last year, overleaf is a comparison of types of abuse compared with the previous financial year.

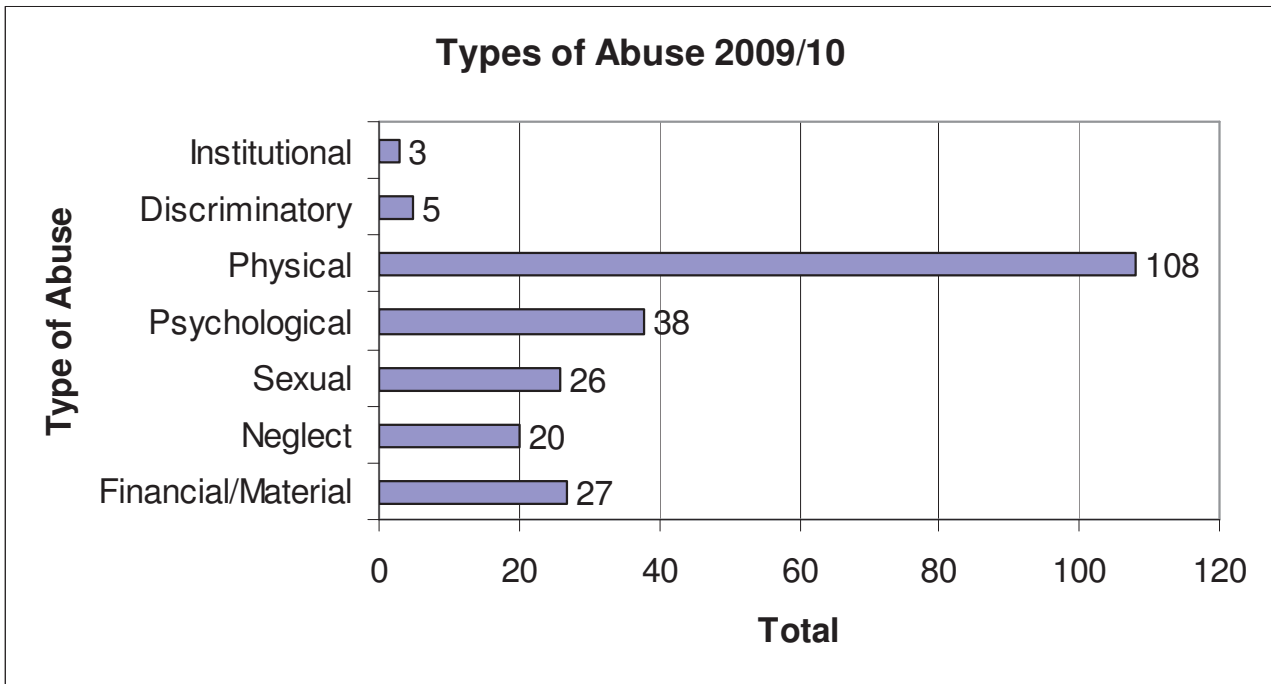


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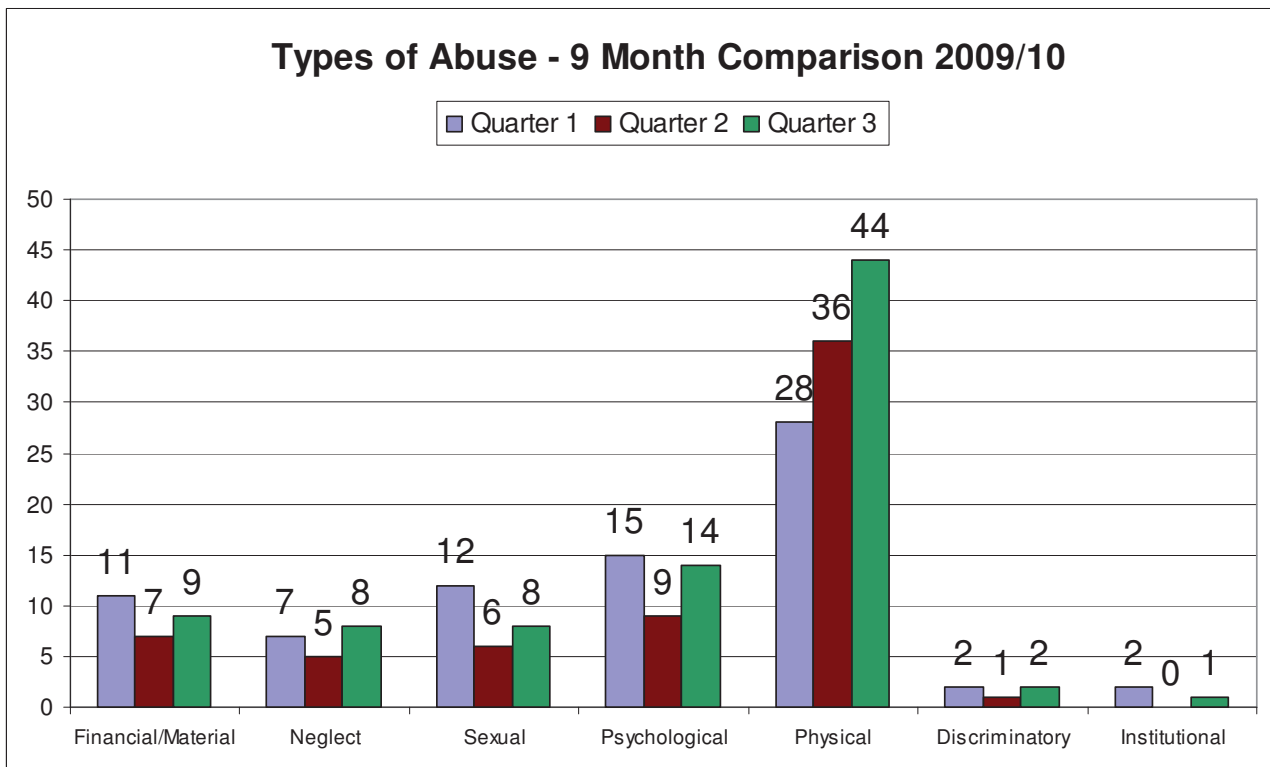


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Note: A single alert can often report more than one type of abuse, so abuse reported is not expected to match alert totals. Points to notice from the graph below are that although Physical, Sexual and Neglect have slightly increased, there has been a substantial drop in Financial/Material and Psychological abuse being reported.

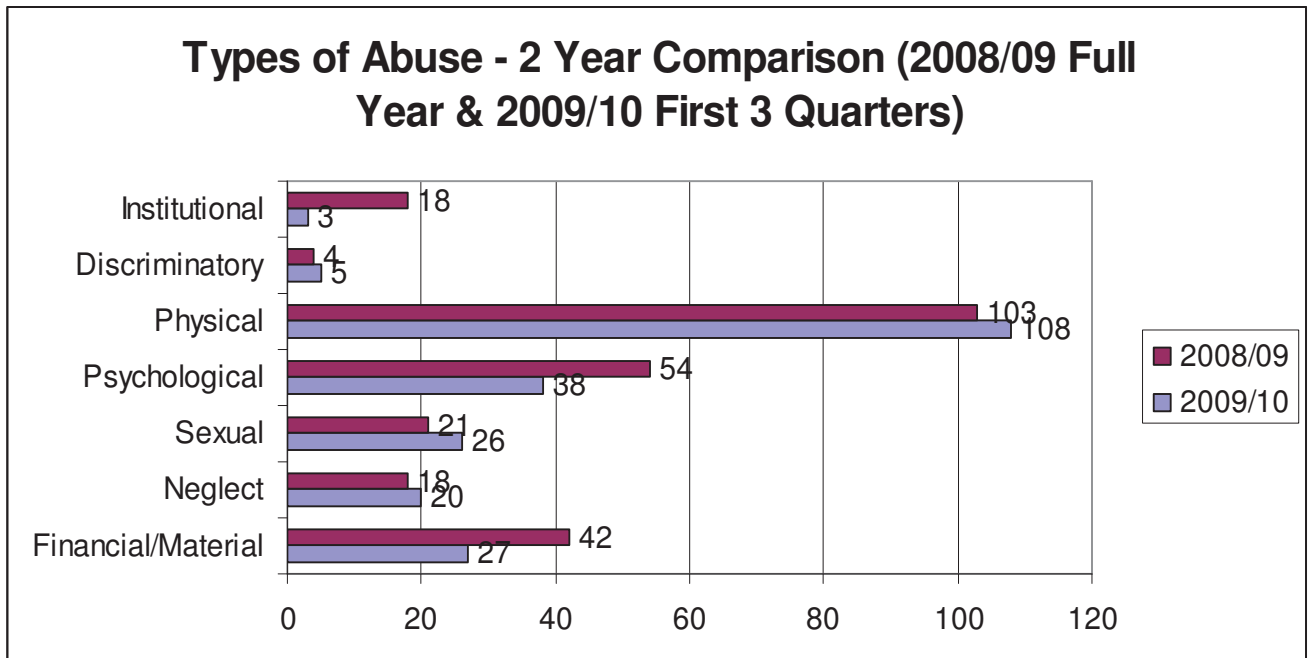


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Note: In 2008/09, a single Level 4 alert reported 10 cases of institutional abuse, hence the unusually high number for last year.

Response Levels

Below are the totals for each Level of a single investigation for the financial year so far, as well as a Quarterly Comparison. Overleaf is a direct comparison with the previous financial year.

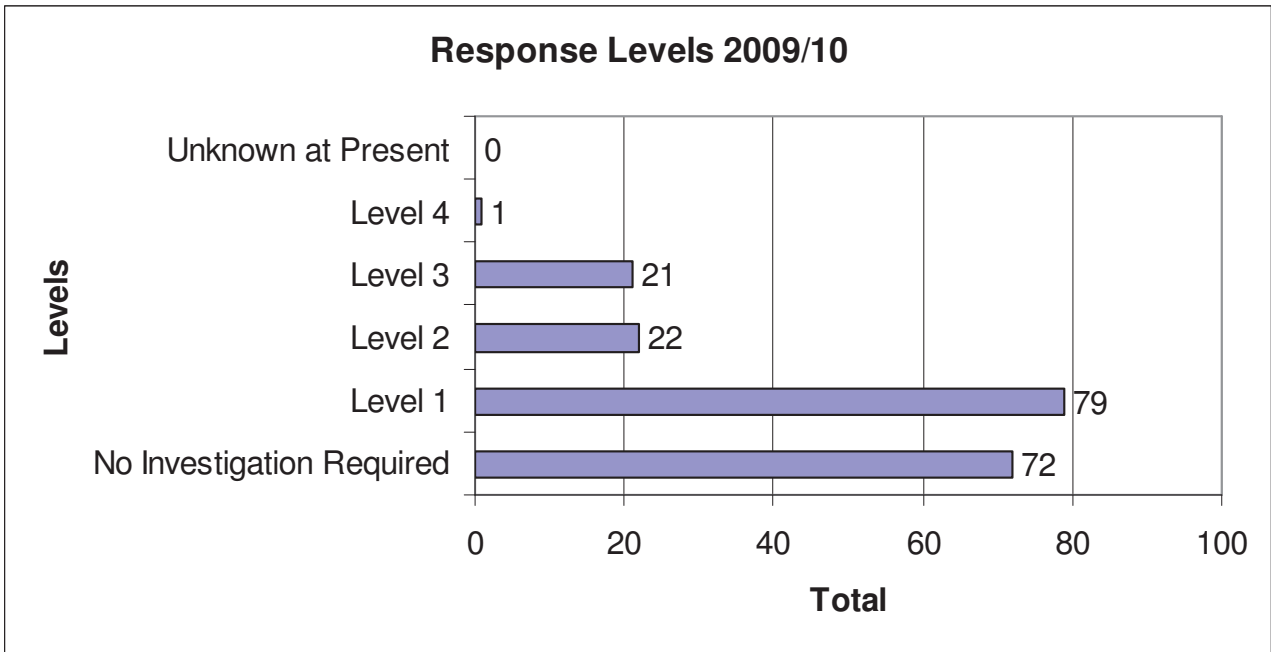


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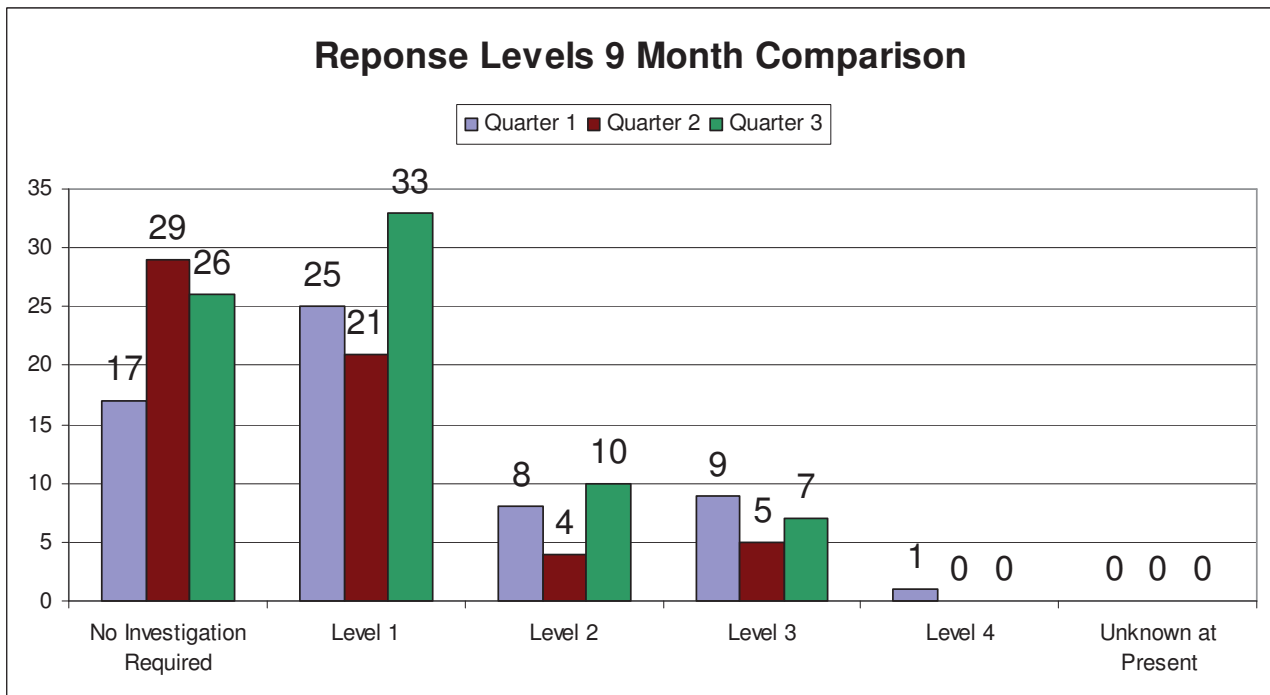


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Response Levels - 2 Year Comparison (2008/09 Full Year & 2009/10 First 3 Quarters)

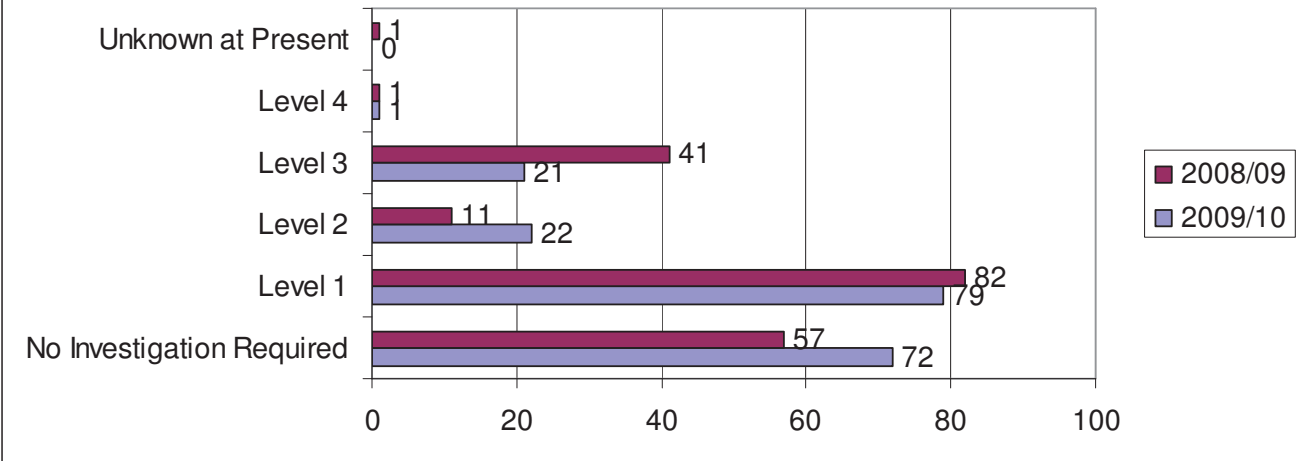


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Note: "No Investigation Required" is the final outcome after a brief investigation of each alert. However this does not mean that no information is gathered and work is not carried out. In many cases multiple people and agencies are contacted and information gathered and assessed before the being given the final outcome of "No Investigation Required".

Alert Outcomes

Below are the outcomes for each single alert for the financial year so far, as well as a comparison for each quarter of the year. Overleaf is a comparison of outcomes compared with the previous year.

Please note that the current high number of yet determined outcomes is due to the on-going nature of investigations.

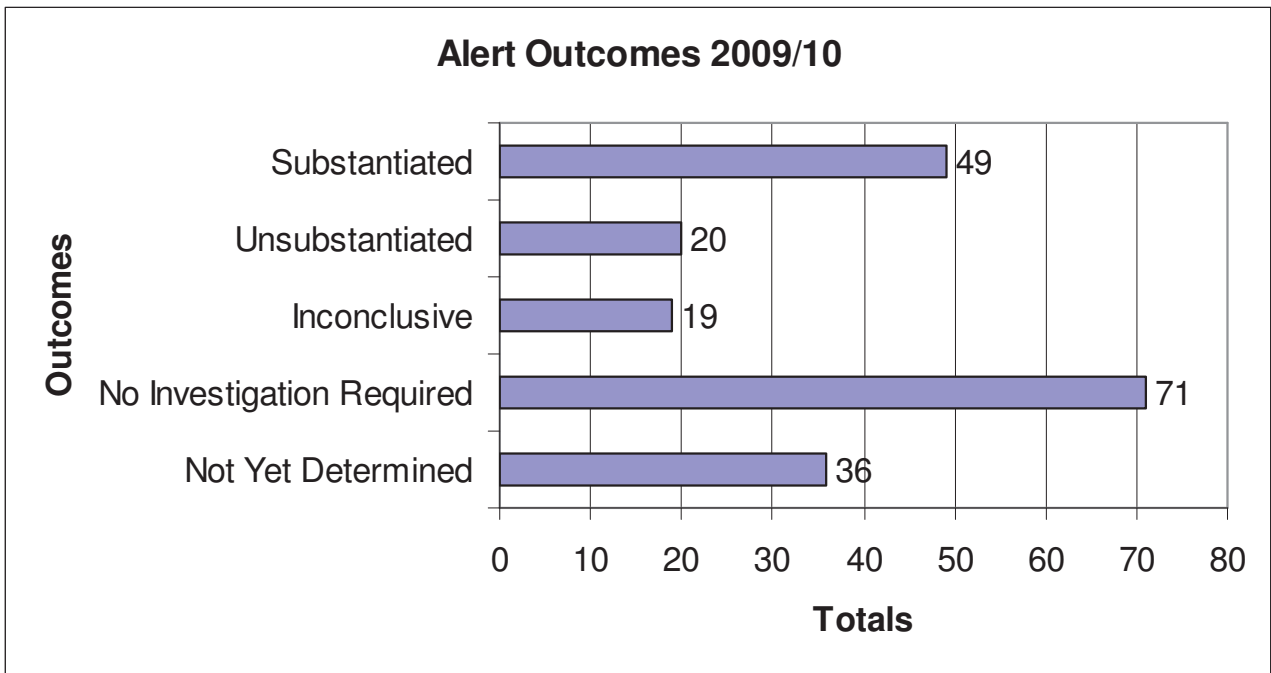


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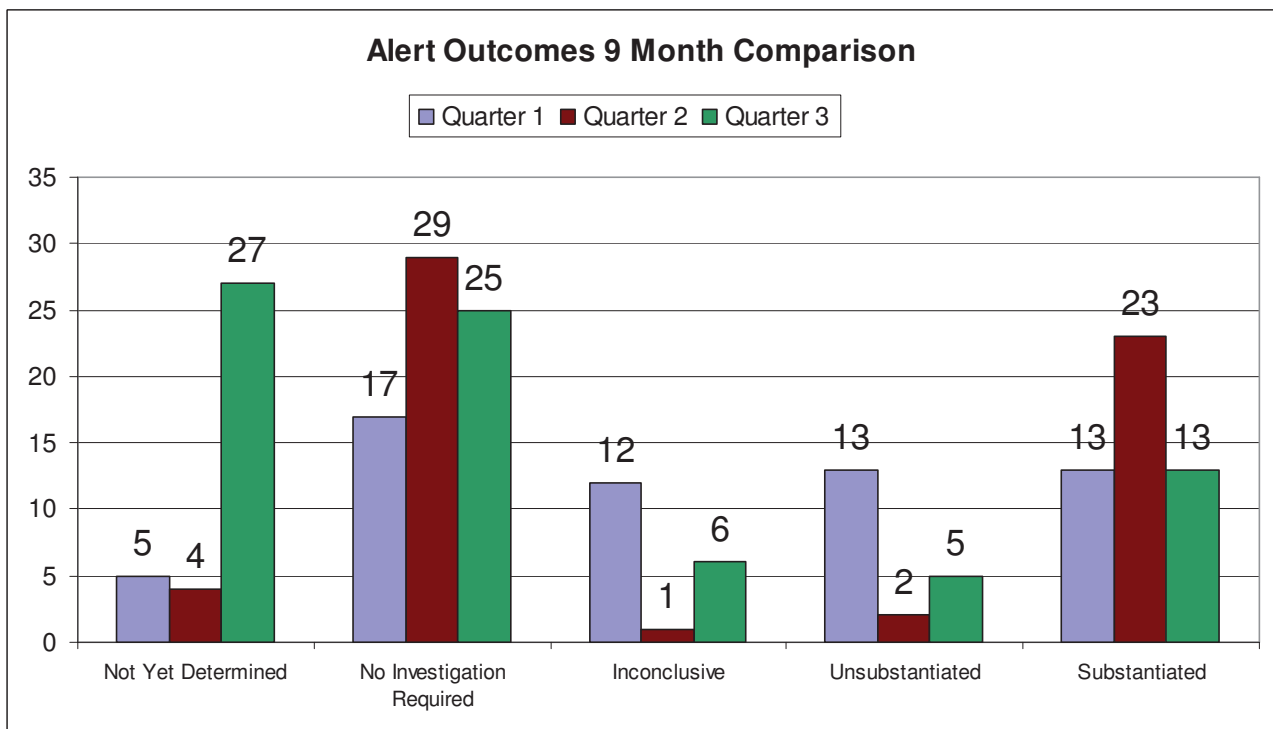


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Note: Substantiated alerts have fallen considerably this year compared to last year's total. This would indicate that although the totals alerts has and will continue to rise this year, the percentage of reports that are substantiated has decreased. At the present time there at 36 alerts that have yet to be given an outcome, however it is likely that this year will see a drop in the percentage of alerts that are given a "Substantiated" outcome.

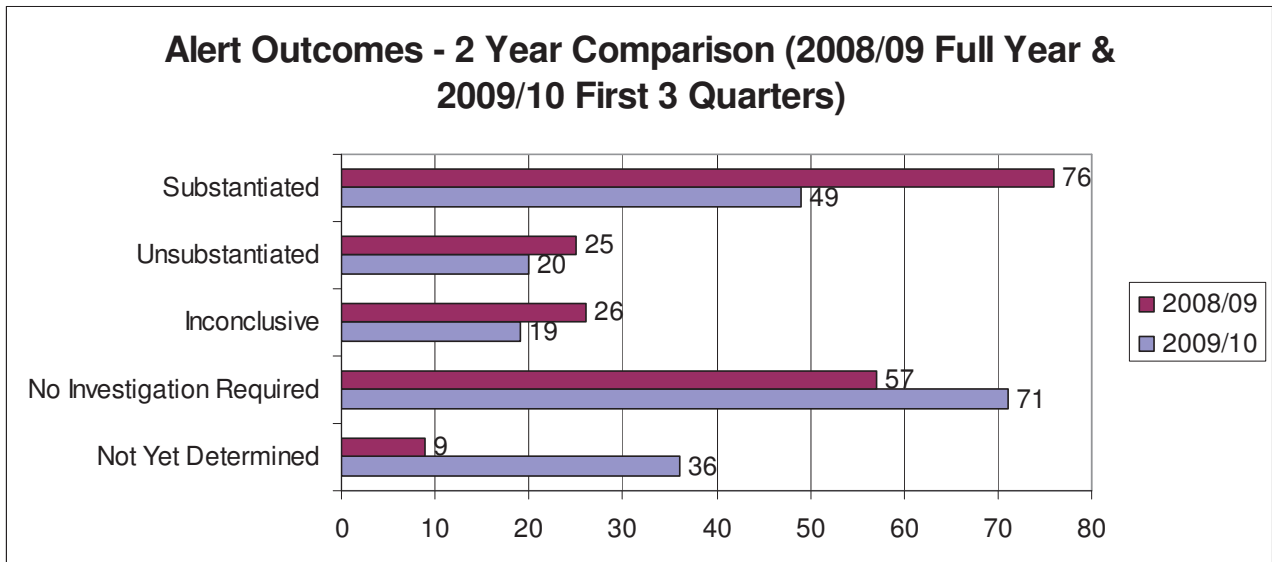


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Strategy Meetings

A total of **26** strategy meetings have been held so far this financial year.

Projection: If current trends continue, a total of **34** strategy meetings will be held this year, which would represent a **13% decrease** when compared to last year's total of 39.

Below are the monthly totals as well as a direct monthly comparison with the previous financial year.

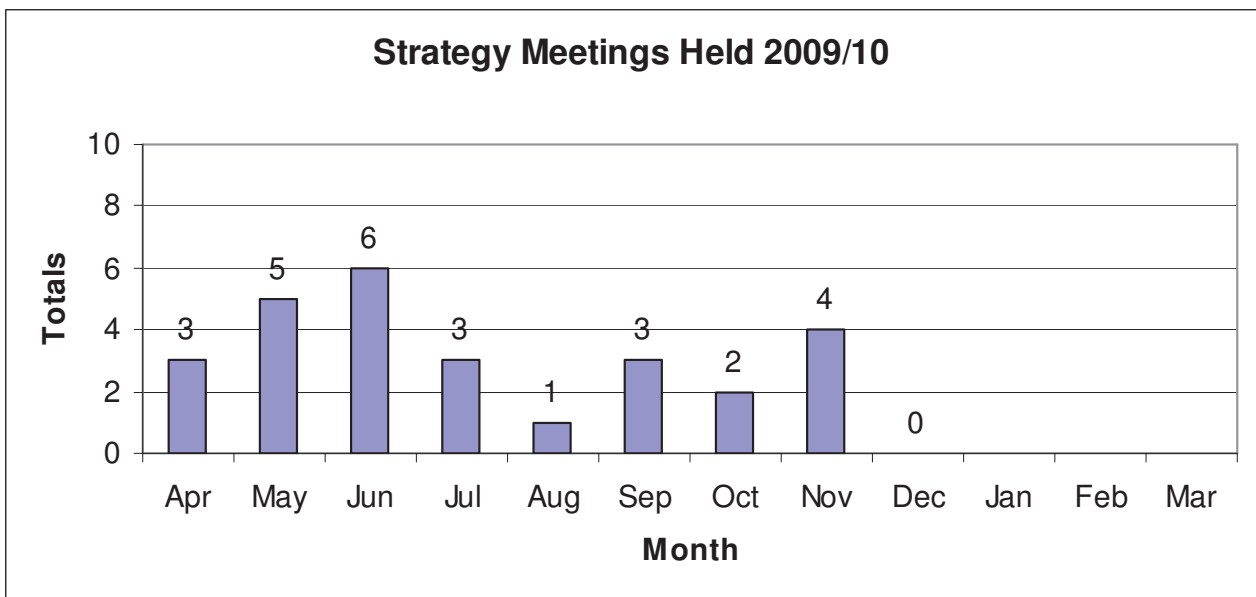


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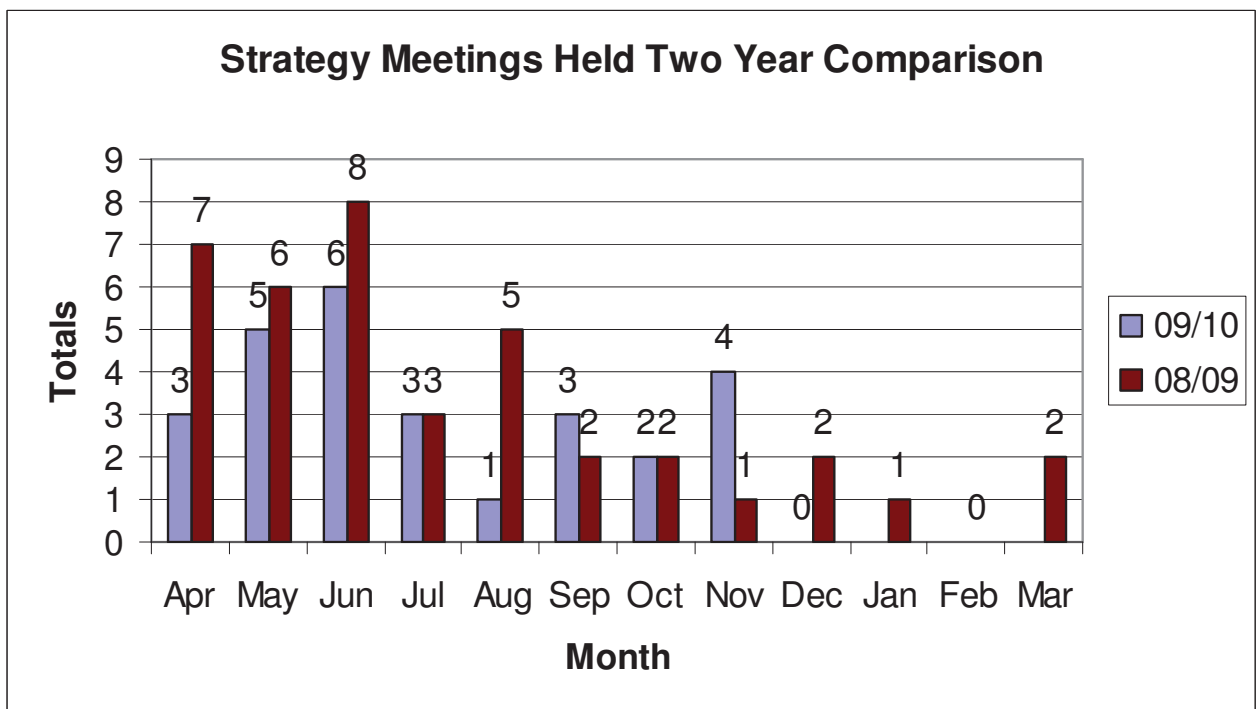


Figure 13

Case Conferences

A total of **10** case conferences have been held so far this year.

Projection: If current trends continue, a total of **13** Case Conferences will be held this year, which would represent a **35% decrease** when compared to last years total of 20.

Below are the monthly totals as well as a direct monthly comparison with the previous financial year.

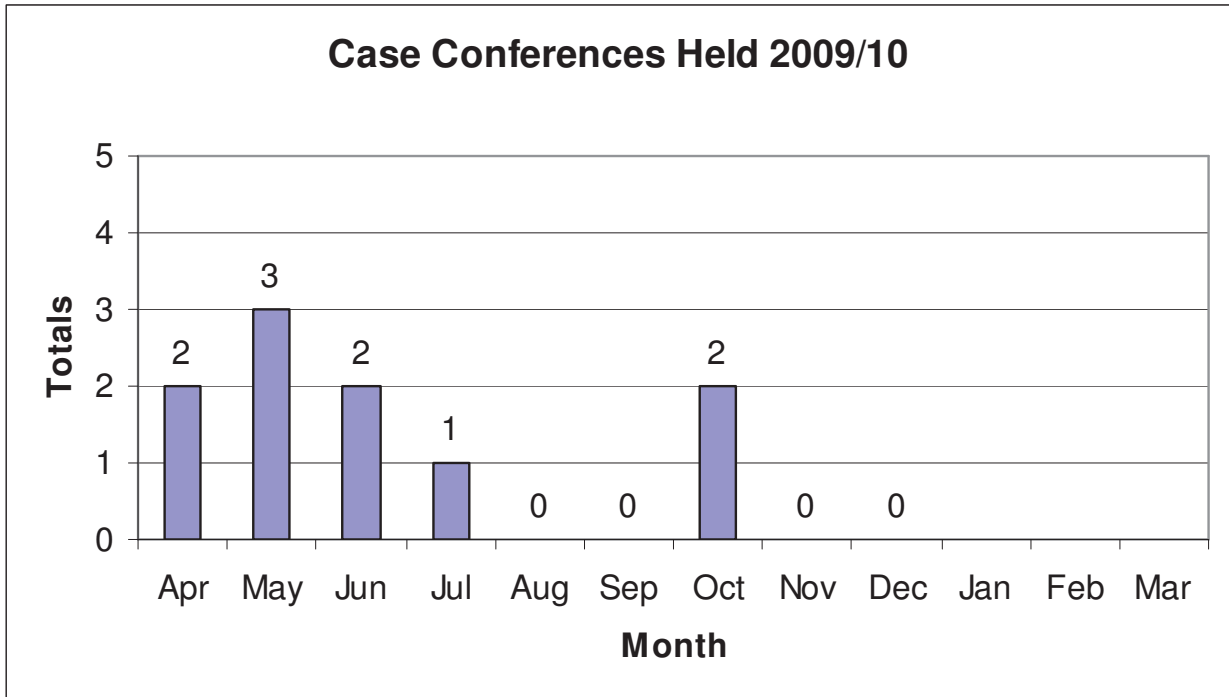


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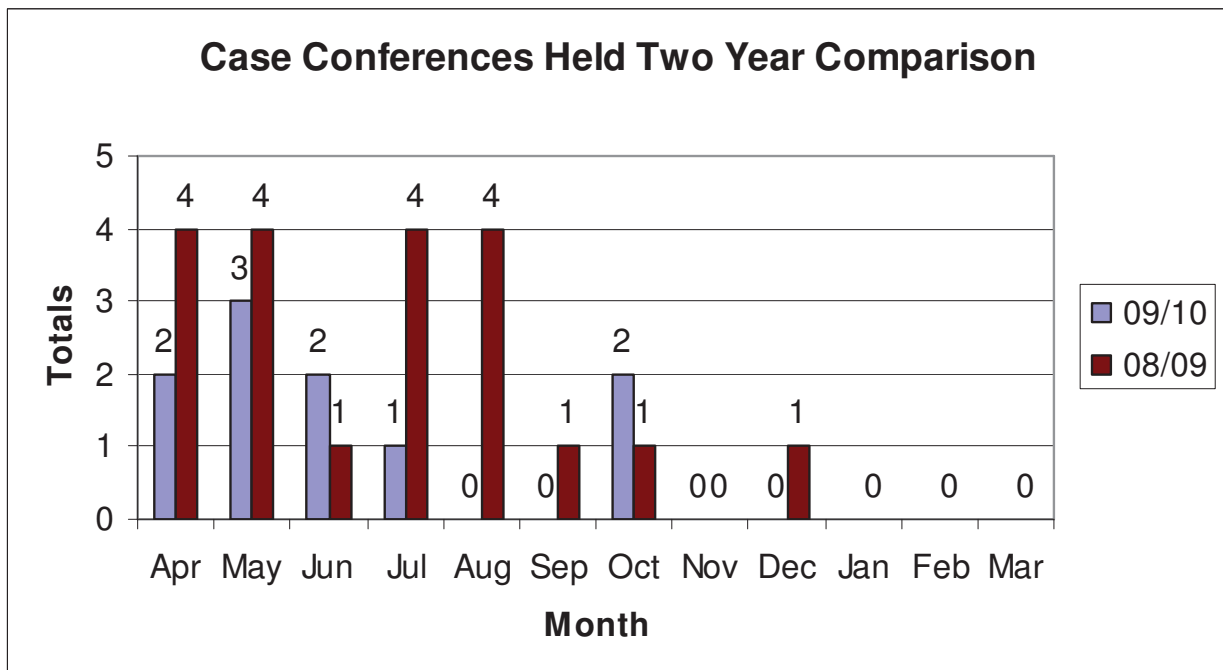


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Substantiated Alerts

A total of **49** alerts have been substantiated this year so far. Below is a monthly breakdown as well as a comparison with the previous financial year.

Note: As stated earlier in this report, it is highly likely that the percentage of total alerts which are substantiated this year will decrease. A complete breakdown will be given in the yearly report due in April 2010.

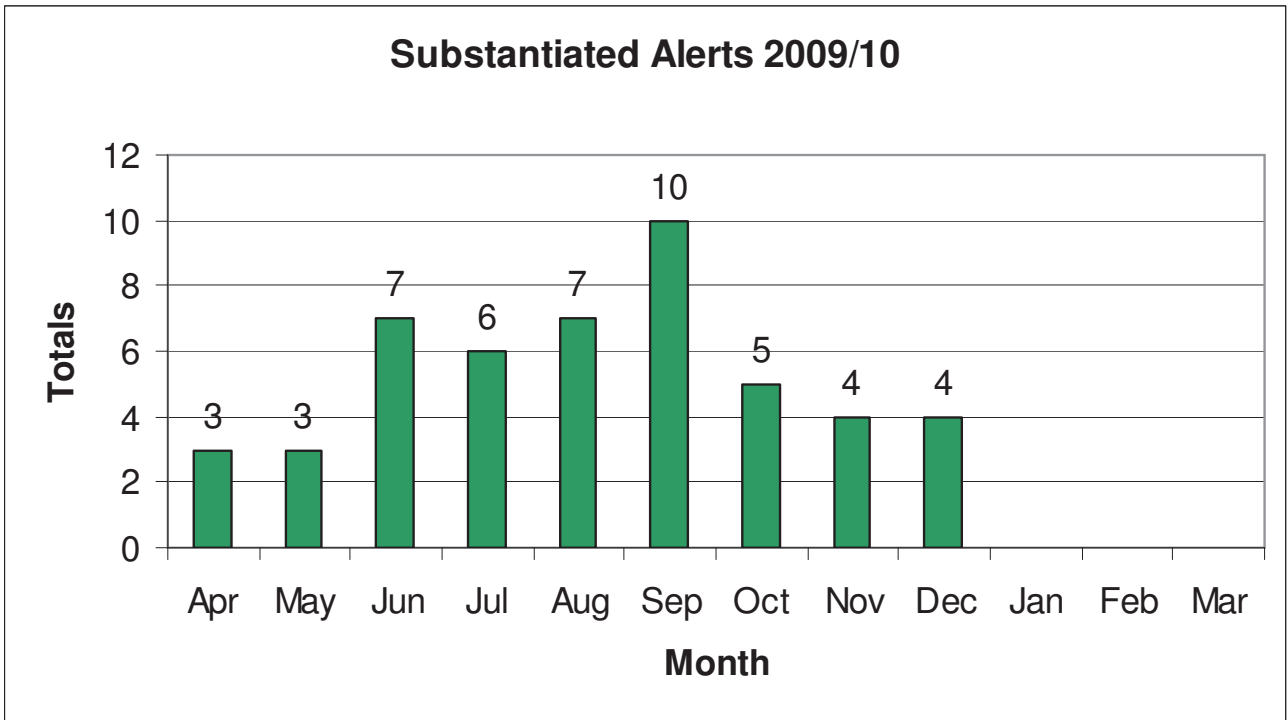


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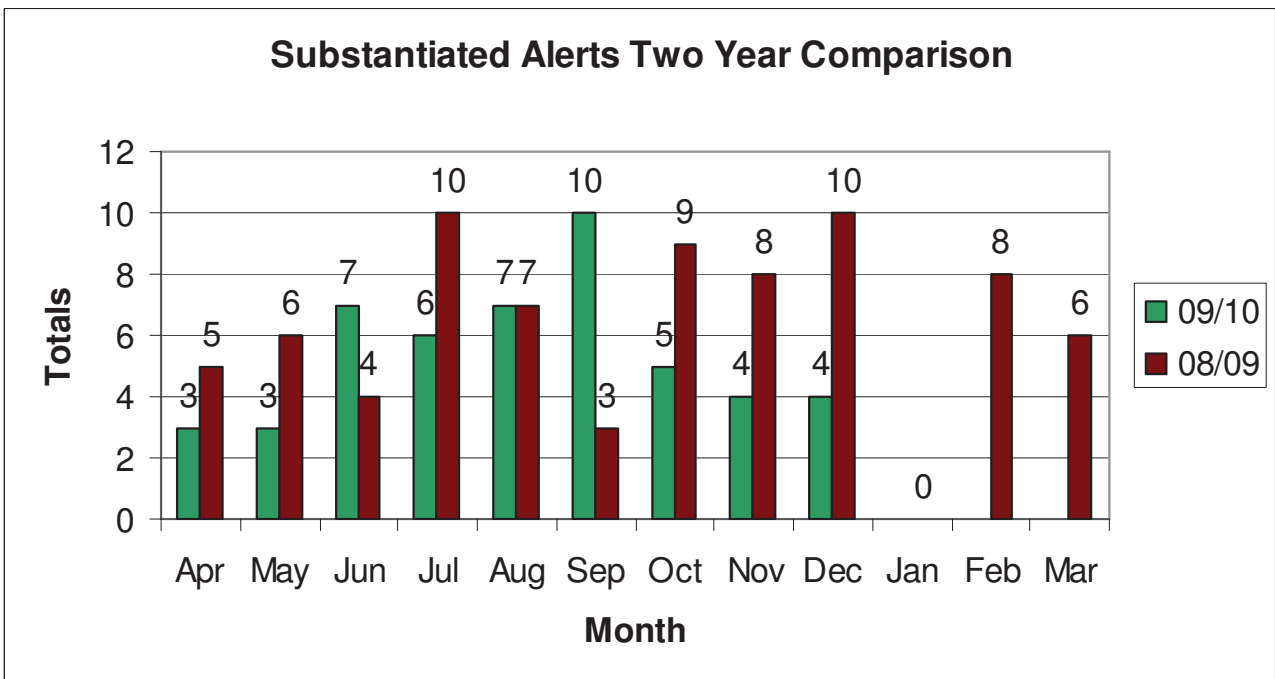


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Response Levels measured against Outcomes

Below are the numbers as well as a graphical representation of the response levels against alert outcomes for the financial year so far.

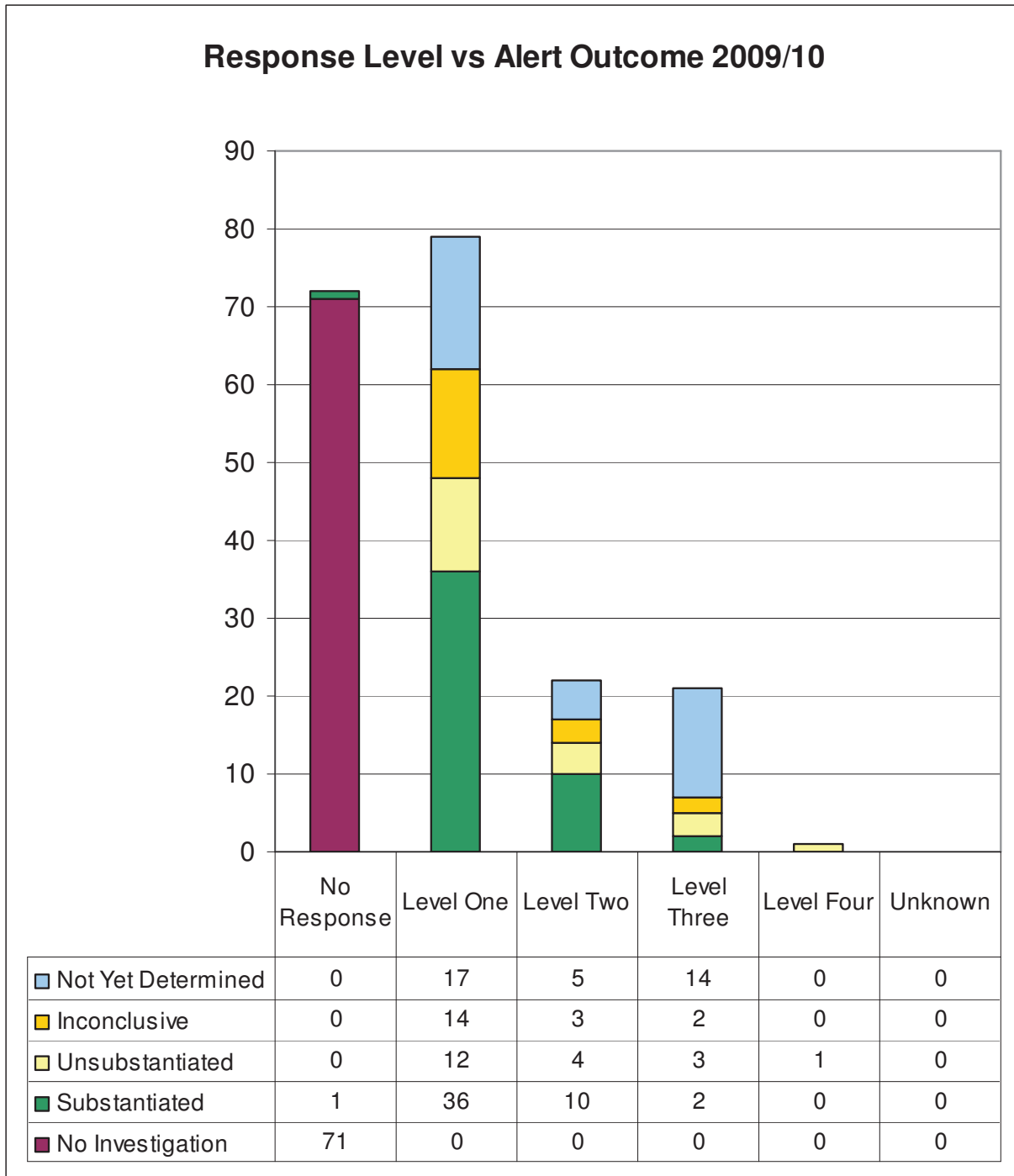


Figure 18

Perpetrator Groups

Below are the totals for each perpetrator group recorded so far this year. A full comparison with the previous financial year will be available in the end of year report due in April 2010.

Note: Over the last three months, **45** alerts have been recorded where the alleged perpetrator group was "Service User". This doubles the total from the previous 6 month report, and accounts for **59%** of all alerts reported in Quarter 3 of this year.

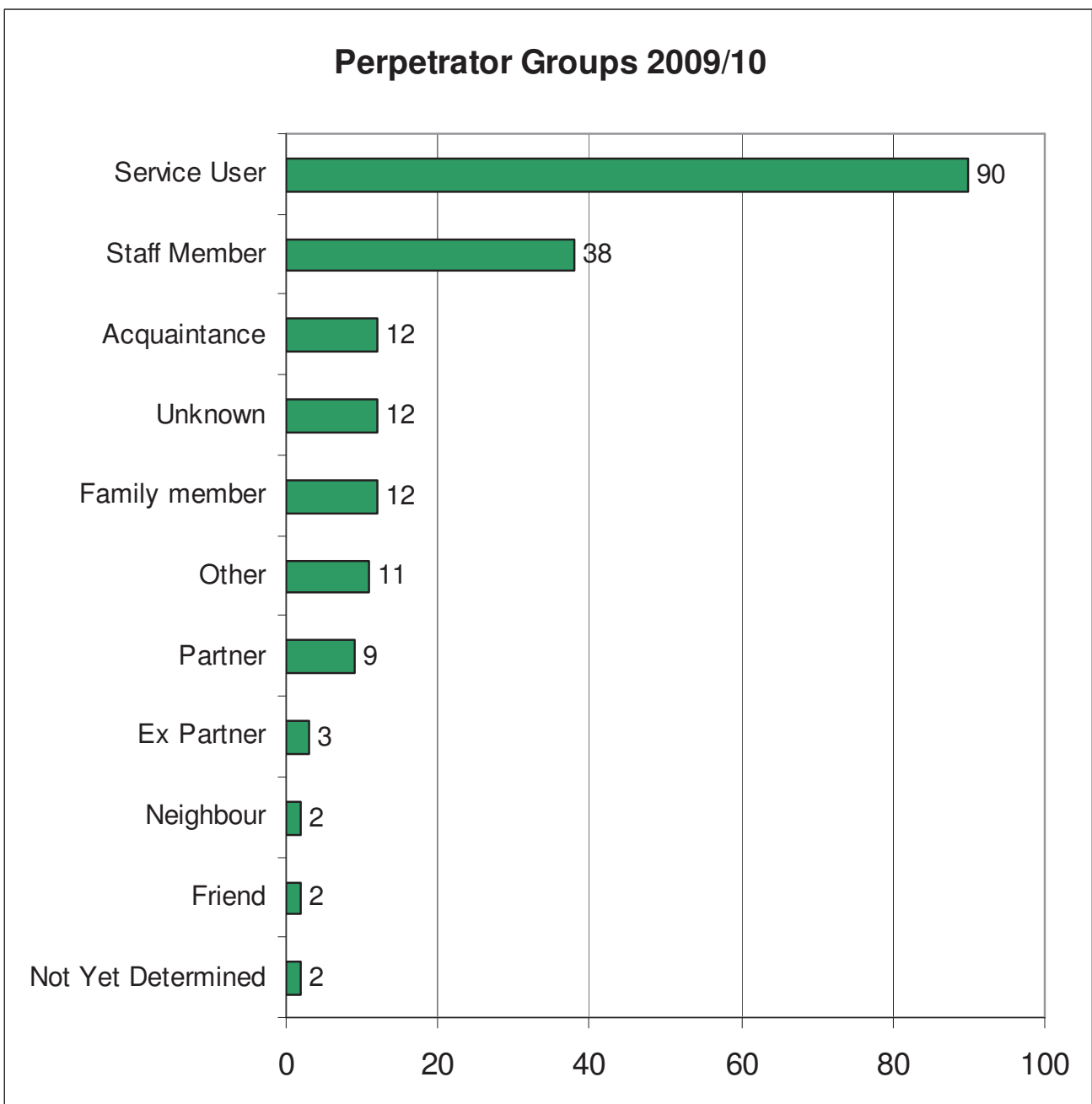


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Incident Locations

Below are the numbers and a graphical representation for the Incident Locations recorded for each Alert this financial year. A full comparison with the previous year will be available in the end of year report due in April 2010.

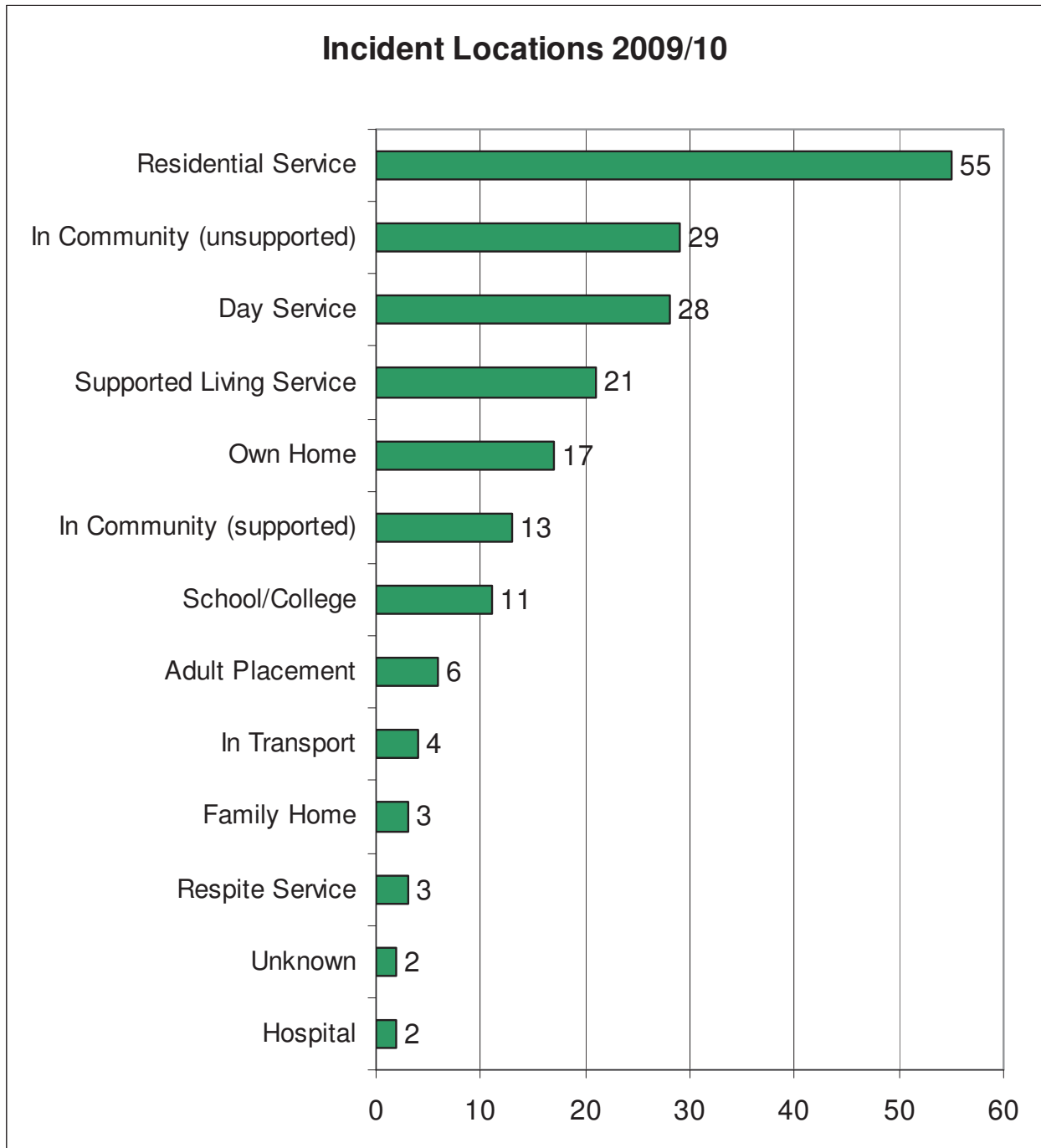


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Personalised Budgets

Recently, the ability to add whether a client is receiving a personalized budget was added to the database; however a certain amount of data still needs to be back audited to give an accurate total of victims who were receiving a personalised Budget at the time the alert was recorded. This will be added to the end of year report in April 2010.

Using current data available, a total of **5** Alerts were recorded where the client in question was receiving a personalised budget, which represents **3%** of all alerts recorded. However as stated, this number may change in the final report.

Note: Only **1** of these 5 alerts recorded reported Financial/Material Abuse taking place.

Client Responsibility & Out of Area

Many clients who come under the responsibility of Brighton & Hove CLDT live outside the city boundaries. As well as this, some clients who live in our area come under the responsibility of other social work teams. Below is a breakdown of clients in and out of the area when reported, as well as whether these clients are the responsibility of Brighton & Hove CLDT.

	Total	Percentage
Alerts reported in our area relating to Brighton & Hove Clients	142	73%
Reported out of area relating to Brighton & Hove Clients	15	8%
Reports in our area relating to non Brighton & Hove Clients	38	19%

Figure 21

Timeframes

Recent changes to the database have allowed users to add timeframes and notes when recording the alleged abuse date. Whilst this has given us far more accurate data relating to each alert, it has become more difficult to track a meaningful timescale from the time of abuse to the time an alert is reported.

The following information is based to the majority of alerts where an actual date of abuse was recorded, and should not be considered 100% accurate at the present time. We shall be looking at a new way to calculate this information in the future given the new sets of data we now record.

Timeframe	Average Time
From Incident Date to Reported Alert	4.0 Days

Figure 22

Comparison: If the current trend continues for the rest of the financial year, this will represent an **11% decrease** when compared to last year's average timeframe of 4.5 days.