

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of the SAFE!

I report on the accounts of the SAFE! for the year ended 31 March 2017,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matter set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Stephen Dexter FCA

Grove

25 October 2017

**Statement of financial activities
 for the year ended 31 March 2017**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2016 £
INCOME					
Income from charitable activities	3	23,745	416,450	440,195	319,685
Investment income	4	64	-	64	94
Total Incoming resources		23,809	416,450	440,259	319,779
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	16,396	458,636	475,032	301,379
Total expenditure		16,396	458,636	475,032	301,379
Net Income (expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		7,413	- 42,186	- 34,773	18,400
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		20,122	67,458	87,580	69,180
Total funds carried forward		27,535	25,272	52,807	87,580

Balance Sheet
 as at 31 March 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Current assets			
Debtors	6	34,500	9,814
Cash at bank		21,704	103,018
		<u>56,204</u>	<u>112,832</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	7	3,397	25,252
Net current assets		<u>52,807</u>	<u>87,580</u>
Total assets		<u>52,807</u>	<u>87,580</u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		24,563	20,122
Restricted income funds	8	28,244	67,458
Total charity funds		<u>52,807</u>	<u>87,580</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") relating to the audit of the financial statements for the period by virtue of Section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Act.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to the members of the company.

These financial statements were approved by trustees on 25 October 2017 and are signed on their behalf by



Peter Wallis
 Chair of Trustees

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value.

Incoming resources

Income comprises grants and donations, interest income and sales of resources, interest income and sales revenues are accounted for when receivable. Donations and grants are only included in the accounts when the charity has unconditional entitlement to them.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Costs of generating funds comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Governance costs includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure by the donor or grantor.

2 LEGAL STATUS OF SAFE!

SAFE! is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted 2017 £	Restricted 2017 £	Unrestricted 2016 £	Restricted 2016 £
Grants/contracts	8,000	416,450	13,000	303,981
Donations from groups and Individuals	10,605	-	1,306	-
Income from training courses	4,250	-	-	-
Fund raising events	-	-	1,333	-
Sale of books and book royalties	890	-	65	-
	<u>23,745</u>	<u>416,450</u>	<u>15,704</u>	<u>303,981</u>

4 INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank interest	<u>64</u>	<u>94</u>
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All of the company's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2017

5 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted 2017 £	Restricted 2017 £	Unrestricted 2016 £	Restricted 2016 £
Core costs				
Salaries and on-costs	7,827	225,480	-	137,244
Project worker fees	138	109,339	28,186	37,031
Office costs	3,812	17,961	6,942	13,079
Training	4,203	14,499	45	4,001
Travel and expenses	-	31,685	-	4,639
Recruitment	-	2,582	-	1,824
Consortium expenses	-	12,336	-	40,213
New website	-	28,457	-	7,828
Group activities	-	16,297	647	18,217
Fund raising	416	-	1,483	-
	<u>16,396</u>	<u>458,636</u>	<u>37,303</u>	<u>264,076</u>

6 DEBTORS

	2017 £	2016 £
PCC - additional contract grant	34,500	-
Building Respectful Families project	-	6,914
Payments in advance	-	2,900
	<u>34,500</u>	<u>9,814</u>

7 CREDITORS

	2017 £	2016 £
Payroll costs	-	5,084
Pension costs not paid	-	3,286
Project workers	1,947	3,177
Police and Crime Commissioners - in advance	-	11,297
Building Respectful Families costs	993	-
Police and Crime Commissioners costs	385	-
IT costs	-	1,625
Office costs	72	783
	<u>3,397</u>	<u>25,252</u>

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Fund at 01 April 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund at 31 March 2017 £
Building Respectful Families project	8,454	34,426	41,282	1,598
Police and Crime Commissioners	50,513	382,024	402,548	29,989
Support after Sexual Abuse project	8,491	-	11,834	3,343
	<u>67,458</u>	<u>416,450</u>	<u>455,664</u>	<u>28,244</u>

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Building Respectful Families project	A group work programme addressing Child on Parent Violence in Oxfordshire
Police and Crime Commissioners	Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Contract for the Provision of services to young victims of crime across the Thames Valley
Support after Sexual Abuse project	Support after Sexual Abuse project Psychotherapeutic support for young people who have been victims of sexual abuse

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2016 are represented by				
Current assets	24,882	31,322	56,204	112,832
Current liabilities	- 319	- 3,078	- 3,397	- 25,252
	<u>24,563</u>	<u>28,244</u>	<u>52,807</u>	<u>87,580</u>

11 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

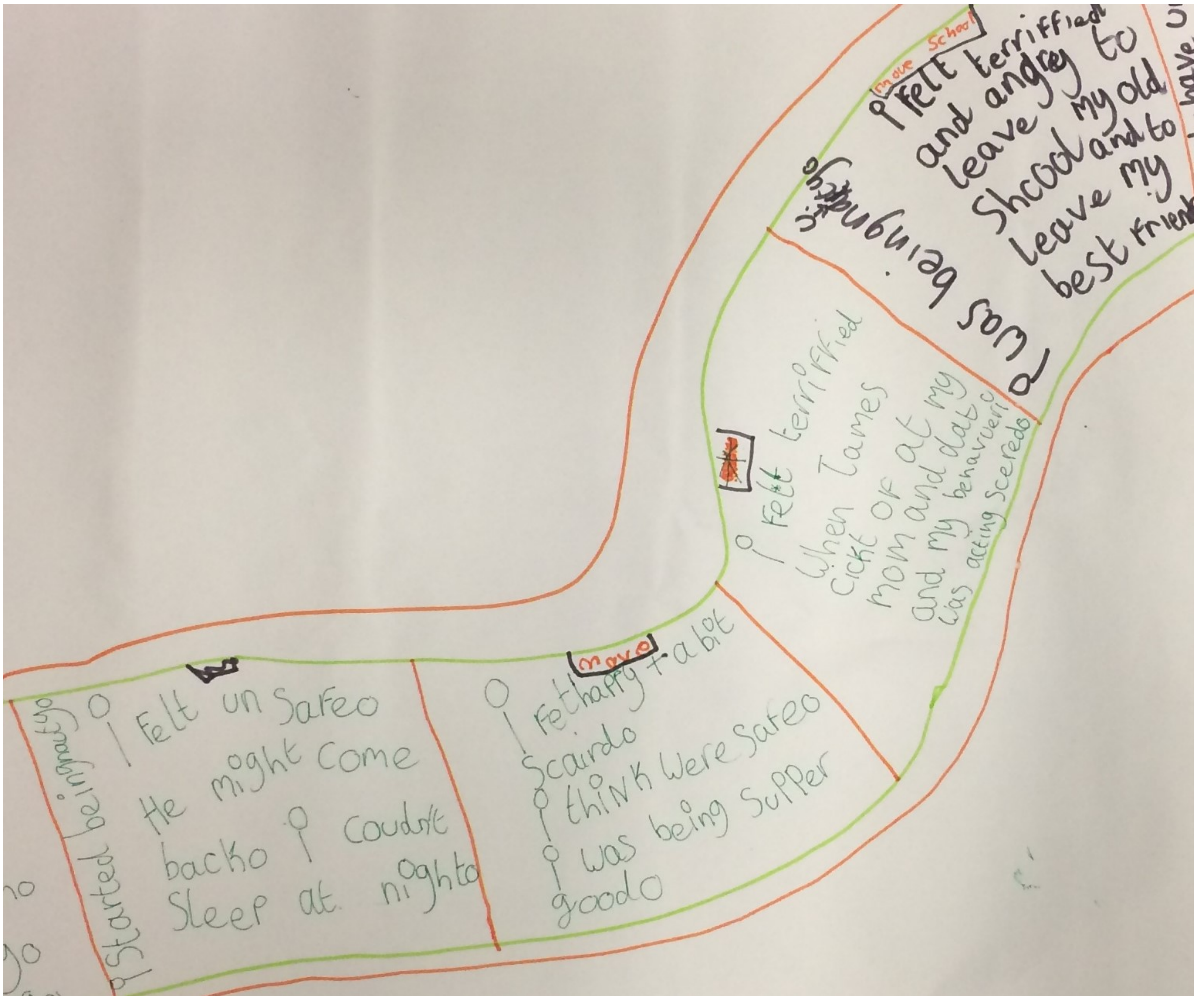
No remuneration was paid to any of the trustees during the year in respect of their duties as trustees.

Safe!

Support for Young People
Affected by Crime



Annual Report 2017



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The organisation

SAFE! Support for Young People Affected by Crime is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 11 May 2011 and registered as a charity on 24 August 2011. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Our mission

SAFE! was established in 2008 from a recognition that experiencing a crime can have an enormous impact, and a concern that it can be especially devastating for children and young adults, who may struggle to cope and recover without appropriate support. SAFE! provides open access, inclusive, and free services for young people and families affected by crime, helping them overcome the effects of what has happened to them and regain their quality of life. SAFE! practitioners offer a range of pragmatic strategies based upon protective behaviours and restorative approaches that are designed to increase confidence, build resilience and improve future safety. By listening attentively and putting their needs at the heart of the process, SAFE! empowers young people, giving them a voice and helping them and those around them to build protective communities where they can feel safe. Working proactively with a wide range of partner agencies, SAFE! promotes the rights of young people, parents and families affected by crime, and by disseminating best practice guidance and resources the charity encourages any adult to feel confident in supporting a young person they know through hard times. With the rise in sexual abuse, domestic violence and internet crime the world can be a scary place, and SAFE!'s unique, innovative and compassionate service seeks to help young people live happy and adventurous lives.

“I am feeling more confident and now I know what respect is and how I should treat others and be treated and I feel a lot less small and I can speak up for myself and make my own decisions and now I know how to take care of myself but also that its OK to need help sometimes”

Introduction from the Chair

It brings me great delight to present the 2016 -17 SAFE! Annual Report and Accounts, and to have an opportunity to reflect back on a full, creative and productive year for the charity.

SAFE!'s core work continues to offer hope and healing for children and young people who have been harmed by crime, through face to face support from our expert team. The rise in referrals for young people who have experienced sexual or domestic abuse has continued, and our outcomes for the year indicate that we are helping hundreds of young people feel happier, regain their confidence and live adventurously. We were pleased to be runner up for this year's Criminal Justice Awards in recognition of this vital work.

As SAFE! continues to expand into Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, we are reaching out to twice as many young people as we did in 2015 -16. It has been a tough year, with significant cuts to statutory services leading to a rise in our workload and an increase in complexity in the needs of our young client group. We are pleased to see a sharp rise in self-referrals, indicating that SAFE! is becoming more widely known across the region and is accessible to those in need.

Recognising the ripple effect of crime on the whole family, SAFE! runs regular parent groups, which is an area we are keen to develop further. Our groupwork project Building Respectful Families, which addresses child on parent violence, is going from strength to strength, following the recruitment of Ruth Donaldson as Co-ordinator. We are regularly contacted by colleagues from around the country and abroad who wish to hear how this innovative programme operates. We are humbled that parents and children who face a daily struggle in the face of violence in the home keep coming to the group week after week, and are so open to talking about their experiences and giving and receiving peer on peer support. Our workshops and assemblies in schools and collaboration with youth groups such as the National Citizenship Programme continues to be well-received, and we have expanded our online presence with the launch this year of Safestories, a web resource addressing online safety.

Other highlights of the year include our three day residential, which involved 14 young people who have all experienced victimisation gathering to share time together in the beautiful scout camp at Youlbury near Oxford; becoming the Protective Behaviours Consortium centre for the Thames Valley region; offering a 70 day work placement to a social work student and collaborating with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver a national conference on safeguarding and supporting young people exposed to sexual harm at St.Hugh's College in Oxford. We are keen to increase opportunities for service user involvement, and one of the most powerful and moving speeches at the conference was given by a brave young woman who spoke directly about her experience of being sexually abused. We also published an inspiring anthology of poetry, prose and artwork, which, like Safestories, was created by young people for young people.

As SAFE! continues to expand, the primary focus of the Board is to ensure that the governance of the charity is sufficiently robust to manage the increase in activity safely, effectively and within budget. Over the year many of our policies have been reviewed and procedures quality assured. We maintain a risk log to help us to identify and manage a range of risks, and have introduced the accountancy package 'SAGE' to assist our Treasurer and Finance Administrator in managing our increasingly complex finances. We are pleased that our main funder, the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner is satisfied with SAFE!'s performance to date, and has expressed faith in our ability to provide quality services to young people and their families affected by crime across the region.

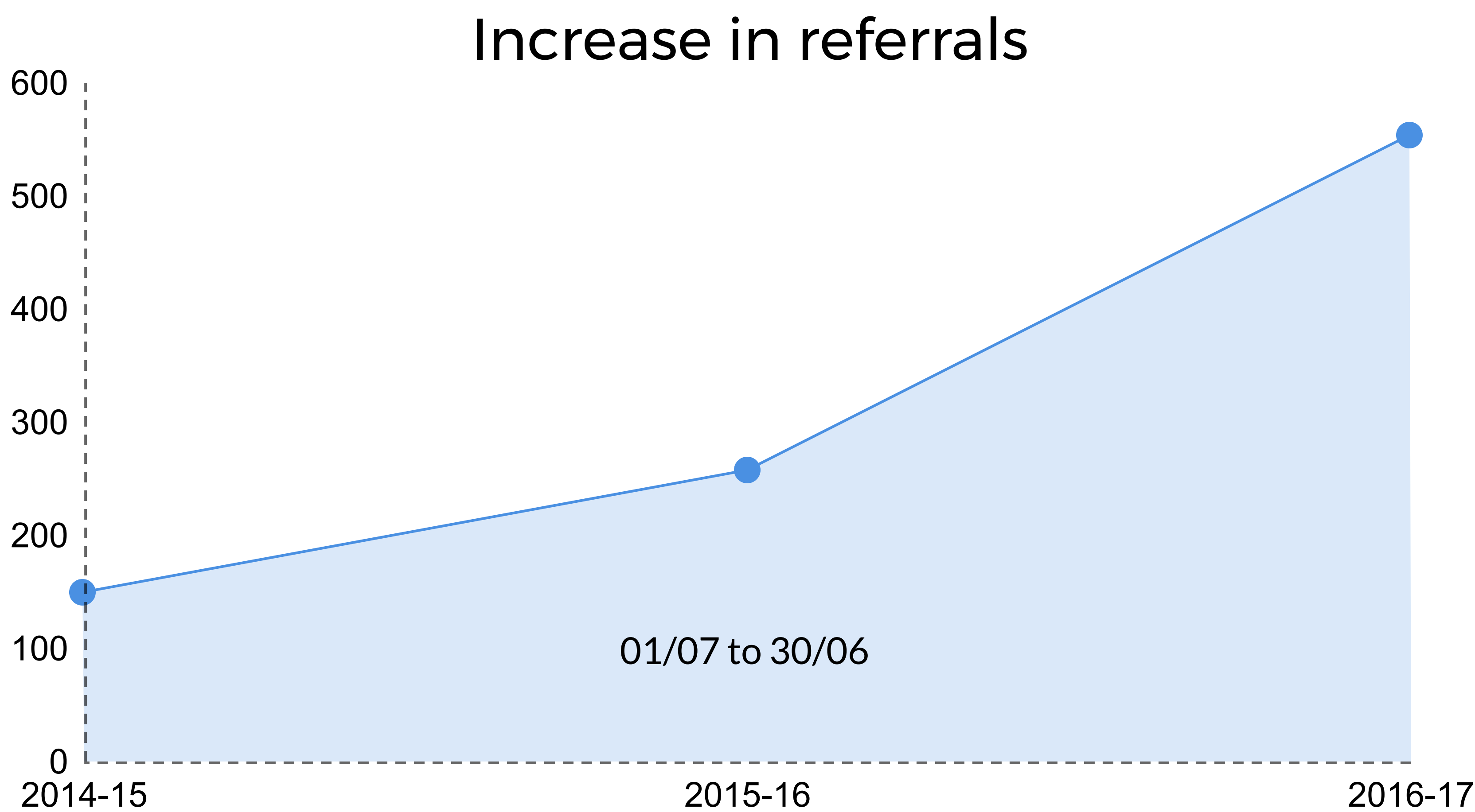
SAFE! couldn't function without the support we receive from a wide range of partners across Thames Valley, and we would particularly like to thank Thames Valley Partnership, Victim Support, Thames Valley Police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Oxfordshire Youth Justice Service and the Horizon team at Oxfordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). The Board would also like to thank our Director Chloe for her exceptional leadership, and her wonderful team of Senior Practitioners, Project Workers, Administrators, Finance staff and volunteers. We are intensely grateful for their work and very proud of their achievements.

Pete Wallis
Chair of the Trustees



Support for Young Victims of Crime

SAFE! provides one to one support to young people aged eight to 18 (up to 25 for those with additional needs) who have been harmed by an experience of crime or bullying, through a contract with the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner. Our professionally trained Project Workers and Senior Practitioners meet young people at home or school and offer up to six or twelve individually tailored support sessions. This support is based primarily on Protective Behaviours and Restorative Approaches and is designed to support young people to feel safer and more confident, and to help them develop resilience so that they can thrive and return to a happy childhood, adolescence and young adulthood. SAFE! offers support to young people affected either directly or indirectly by any type of crime and offers a priority service to those who have experienced sexual or domestic violence. This year has seen referrals increase by over 100%.

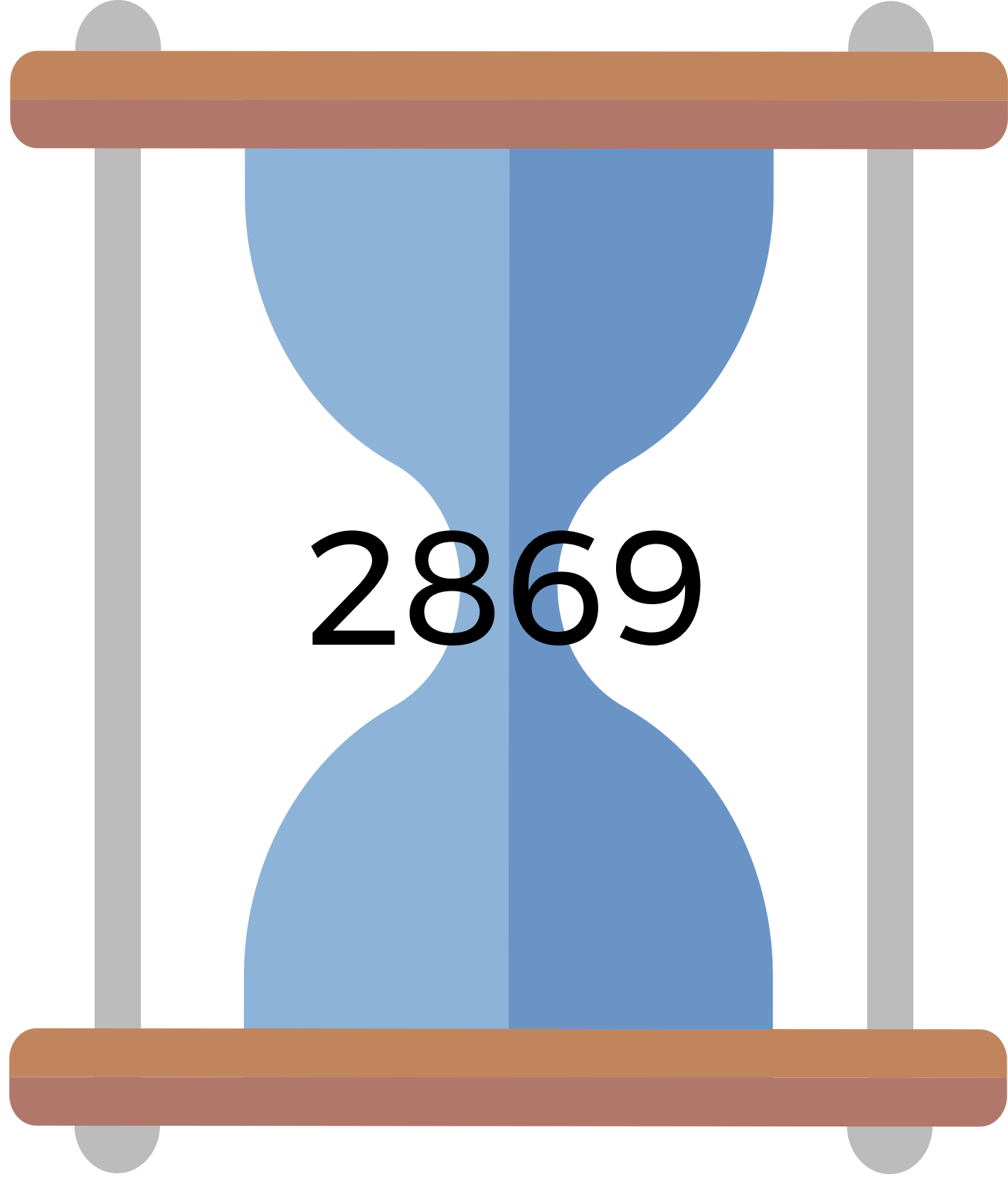


520 young people supported

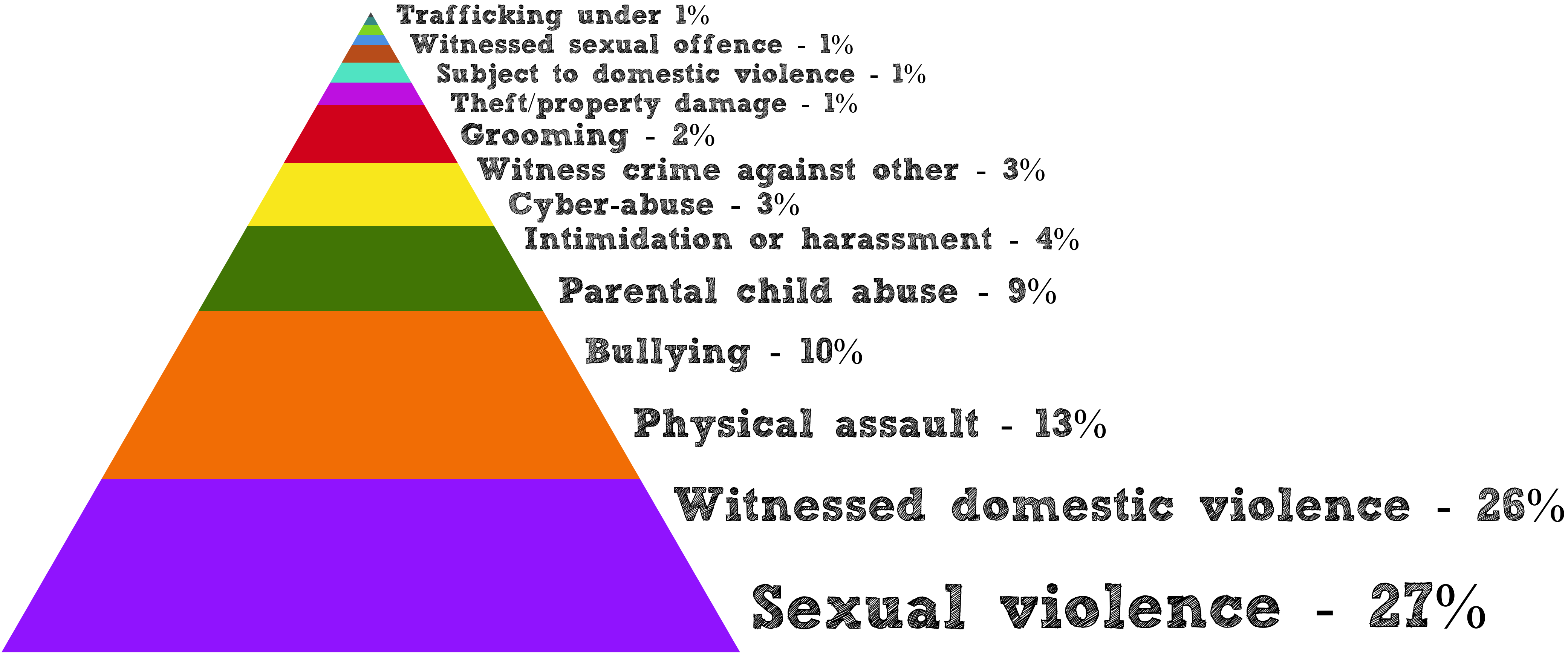


■ Transgender (0.31%) ■ Female (64.09%) ■ Male (35.60%)

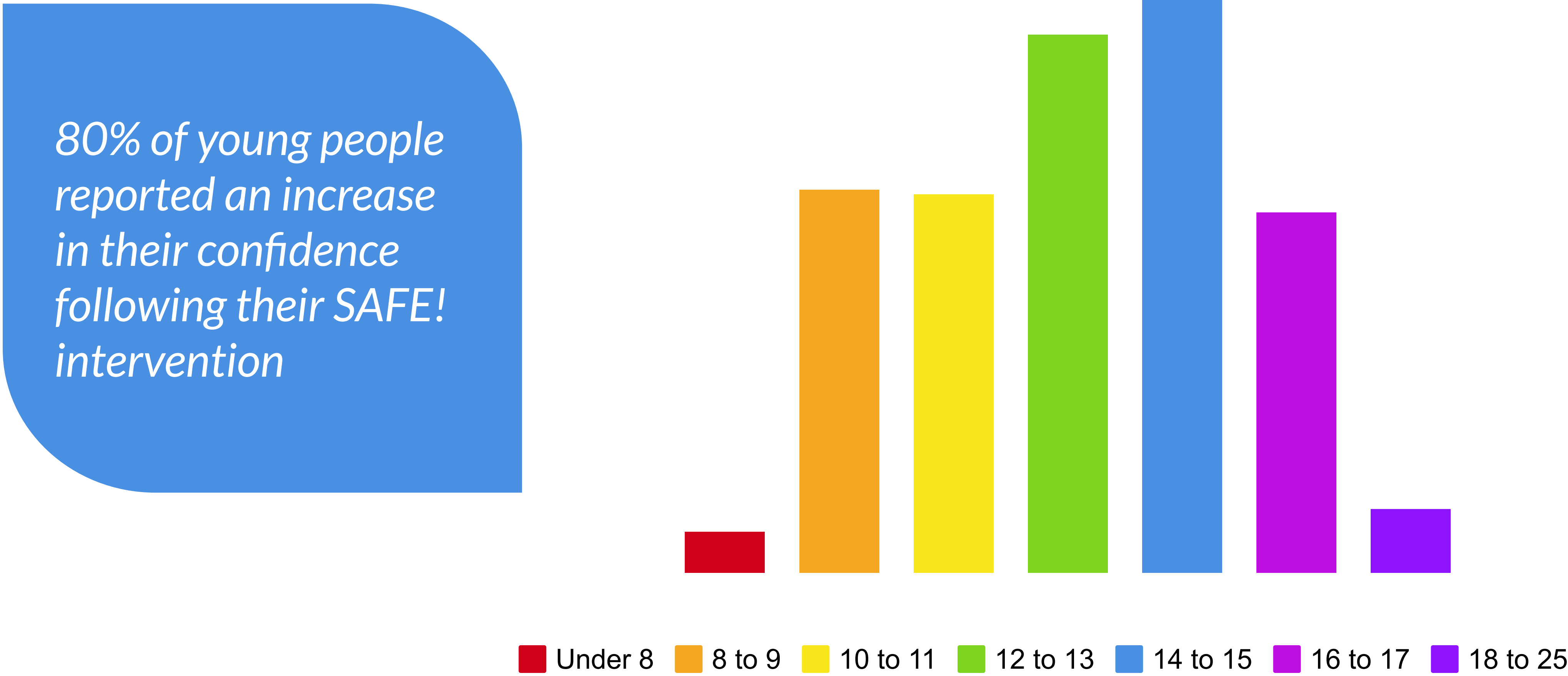
Hours of support provided



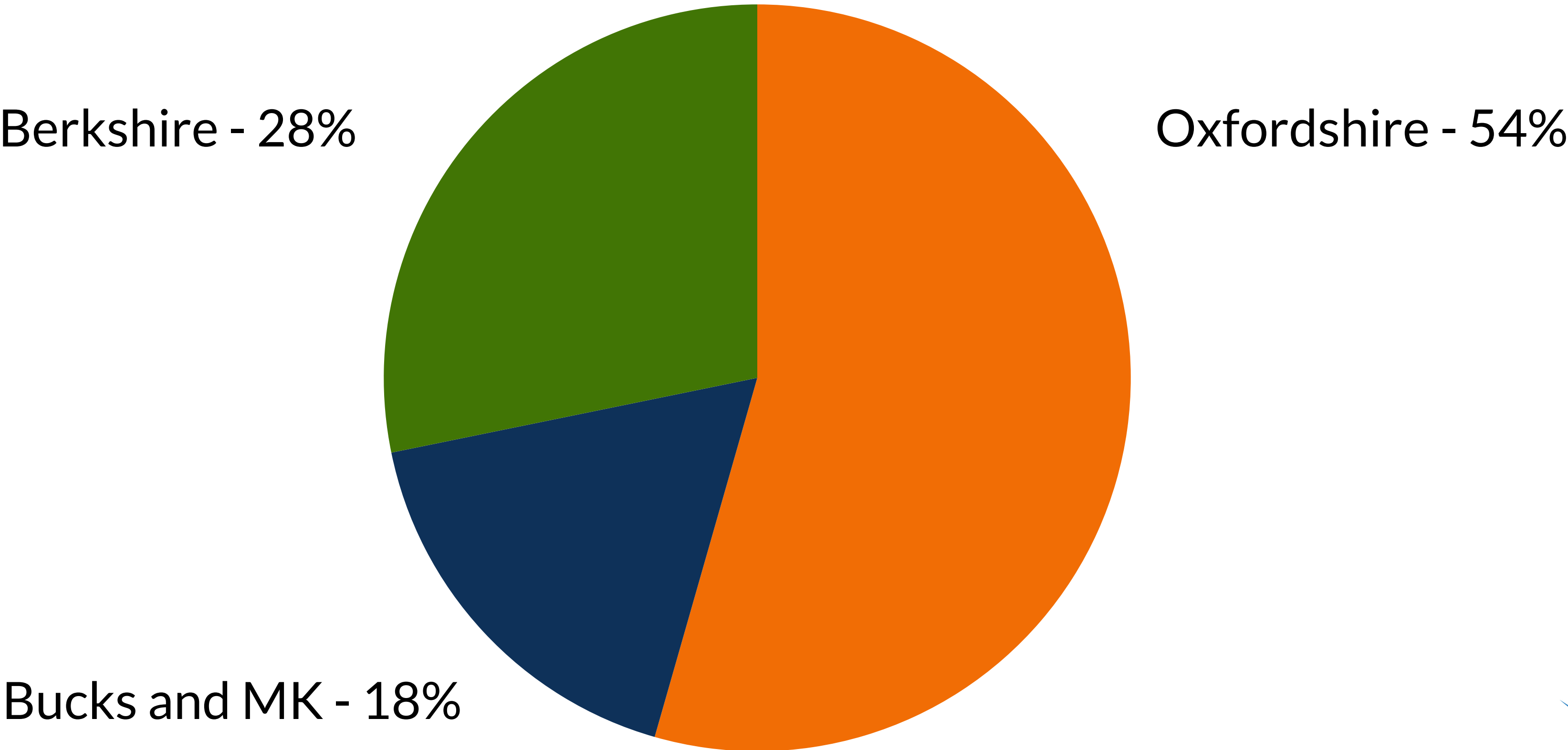
Types of crime experienced - percentage of referrals



Age of service users



County of origin



Sasha's story

14-year-old Sasha was referred to SAFE! having been repeatedly bullied and threatened at school by different individuals. One had threatened to kill her, one to throw her over the banister, to stab her and hit her with a baseball bat. Threats were made against her parents. The parent of one young person also threatened her, and she had been badly beaten by a gang of children two years previously. Sasha was also struggling with constant online bullying including receiving indecent images. When SAFE! first met with the family they were all very unhappy with how things had been dealt with in school and felt that the behaviour had not been addressed and that their daughter was ignored when she asked for help. Sasha's parents eventually removed her from school altogether.

Over six sessions, a SAFE! Project Worker spent time with Sasha covering the safe use of social media; positive self-talk and building self-esteem; discussing trust and honesty; self-worth and personal values and the characteristics and qualities of being a good friend. Sasha started to attend a new school, the bullying stopped and she began to form some positive friendships. SAFE! encouraged her parents to give her some more independence within boundaries to which she responded positively. Following the final session we received an email from her Dad.

"I am taking the time to write to you as I really need to let you know what an asset [the Project Worker] is to SAFE! No words could better describe the work that she has done with my daughter, and what that means to us as a family, as we really appreciate her taking the time to work with her. Not only has this brought value to my daughter, it has also educated my daughter about her surroundings and the 'real world'!"

Charlie's story

Charlie was referred to SAFE! after experiencing two sexual assaults from a peer six months previously. Aged fifteen, he was just entering the final year of his GCSEs. He had been suicidal at times and was really struggling to cope with the stress caused by the impact of the assaults. Although he had weekly support sessions with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), he was desperate for more support, and specifically around the victimisation. He expressed how much he needed consistency and reliability in SAFE! support so sessions were scheduled well in advance and with regularity. He was angry and worried about losing his temper at school.

Sessions looked at his feelings, thoughts and behaviour and gave him strategies for being assertive rather than aggressive, as well as exploring Protective Behaviours and looking at his network for support. As the case continued in the criminal justice process, Charlie and his worker decided to space support out in order to help him through this process. The worker supported him throughout, including through the court process itself. SAFE! worked alongside the witness services to ensure that his experience was the best that it could be. Support was also provided to his parents and included help in applying for compensation through Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority.

When the court ended in a 'not guilty' verdict sessions were spent helping Charlie to process this and move on from the experience. The final session was held almost a year after the referral was first received. Charlie is now at college and is coping with the impact of his experience. The worker received a thank you card:

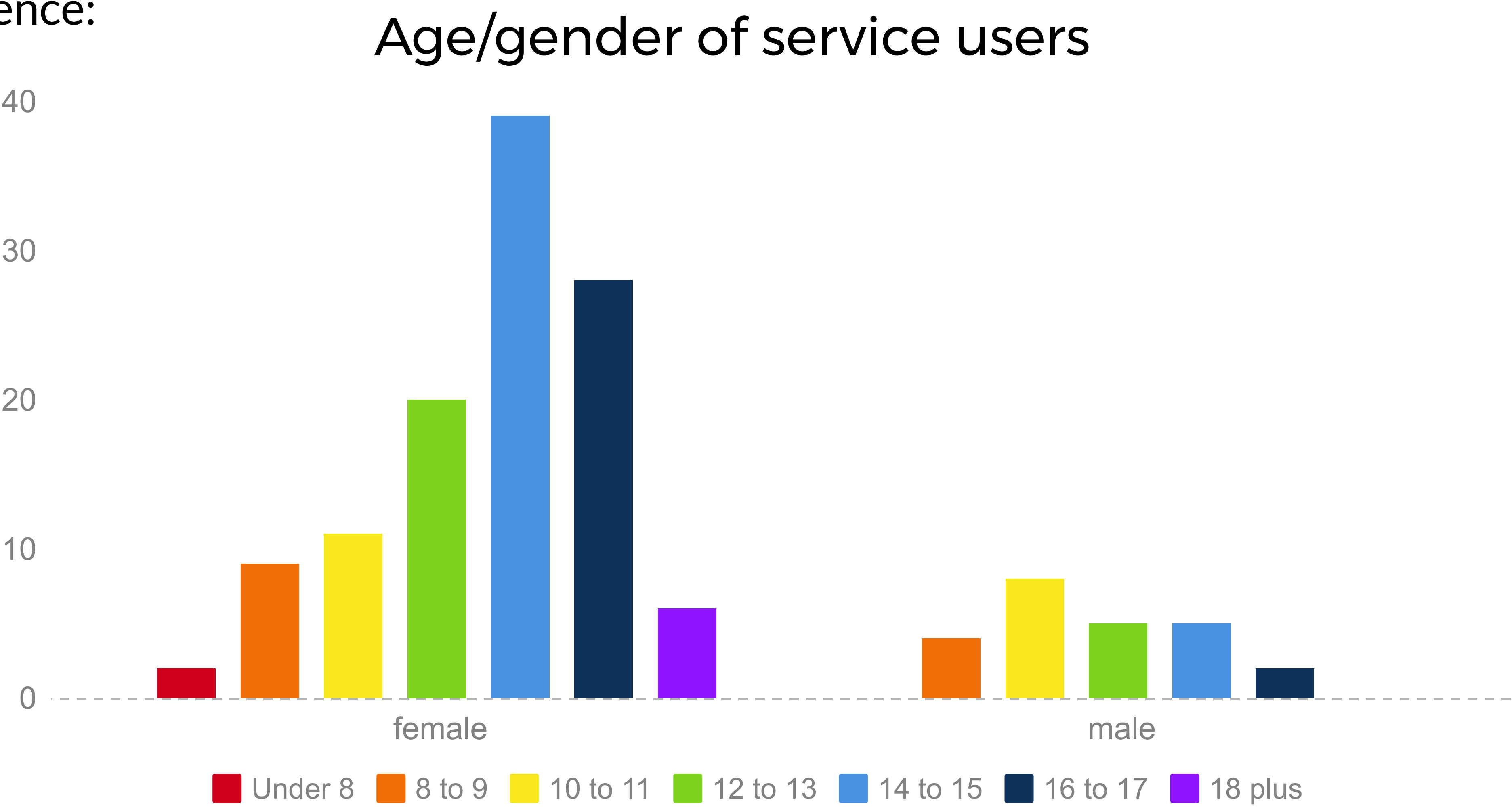
'I just wanted to thank you for all the support and help you have provided me and my family this past year. I know that if I hadn't had support from you or SAFE! I wouldn't be where I am today. I hope you will be able to help others who are in the same position as me or are worse off.'

Spotlight on sexual violence

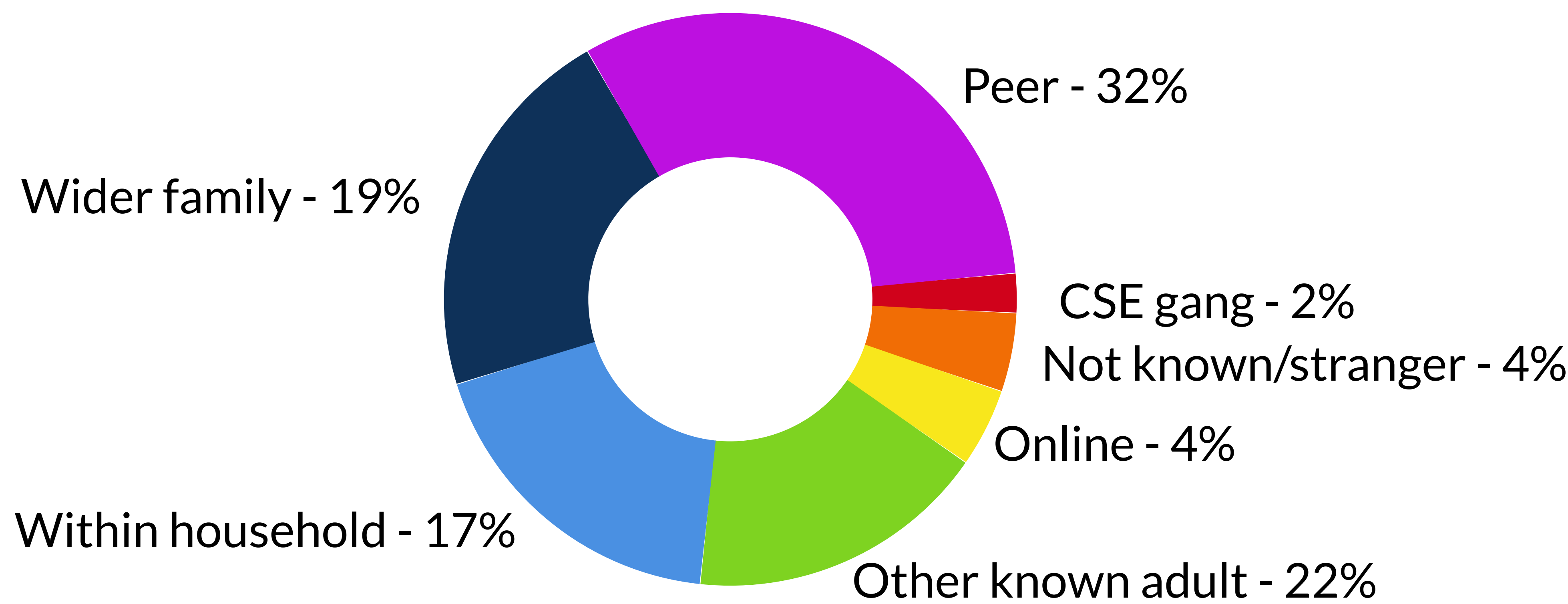
SAFE! provides priority and extended support for those young people referred into the charity following an experience of sexual violence. Unfortunately, this remains the largest reason for referral into the one-to-one service. In response to this trend, each of the Senior Practitioners has trained and qualified as Independent Sexual Violence Advisors ensuring that SAFE! has the specialist knowledge and expertise to support families following an experience of sexual harm.

The past year has seen the further development of a close working relationship with Oxfordshire CAMHS Horizon service. As well as sharing referrals, some joint assessments, and providing ongoing consultation and clinical supervision for our staff, the Horizon and SAFE! teams have been working together to develop new resources for both young people and their parents.

Over the past year SAFE! has supported 139 young people harmed by sexual violence:



Relationship to person who committed the abuse



Safe Stories

SAFE! launched the new website safestories.org in March 2017. Safe Stories was created to highlight some of the issues being faced by teenagers as a result of mobile and internet technologies. These are problems which young people working with SAFE! tell us about every day.

The characters of Maddie, Mitchell, Katie and Jess were created during group sessions with young people who had been supported by SAFE! Their stories are based on their own experiences and whilst the end results are not a 'true story', you can be sure that each element is based on a real situation. SAFE! teamed up with web developers White October, media company 1848 and artist Jordan Henry to turn the young people's ideas into this resource.

The stories are designed to encourage a 'one step removed' approach to talking about an issue and an indirect approach to problem solving. If we can think about what Maddie or Katie might feel, we can reflect on our own experience, and seek personal solutions. The video stories are designed to be accessed directly but can also be used in conversation with young people by professionals and parents. It is also designed to encourage any young person to seek help if they are struggling with this kind of issue.

The resource has been used to deliver presentations in schools and with youth groups, and the response from young people has been very positive. One group of young women involved in a gender empowerment group at Cheney school in Oxford asked if they could use the resource to deliver a session to younger students. SAFE! has been asked by young people and professionals if further videos could be made with male protagonists, so the next story is currently being created.

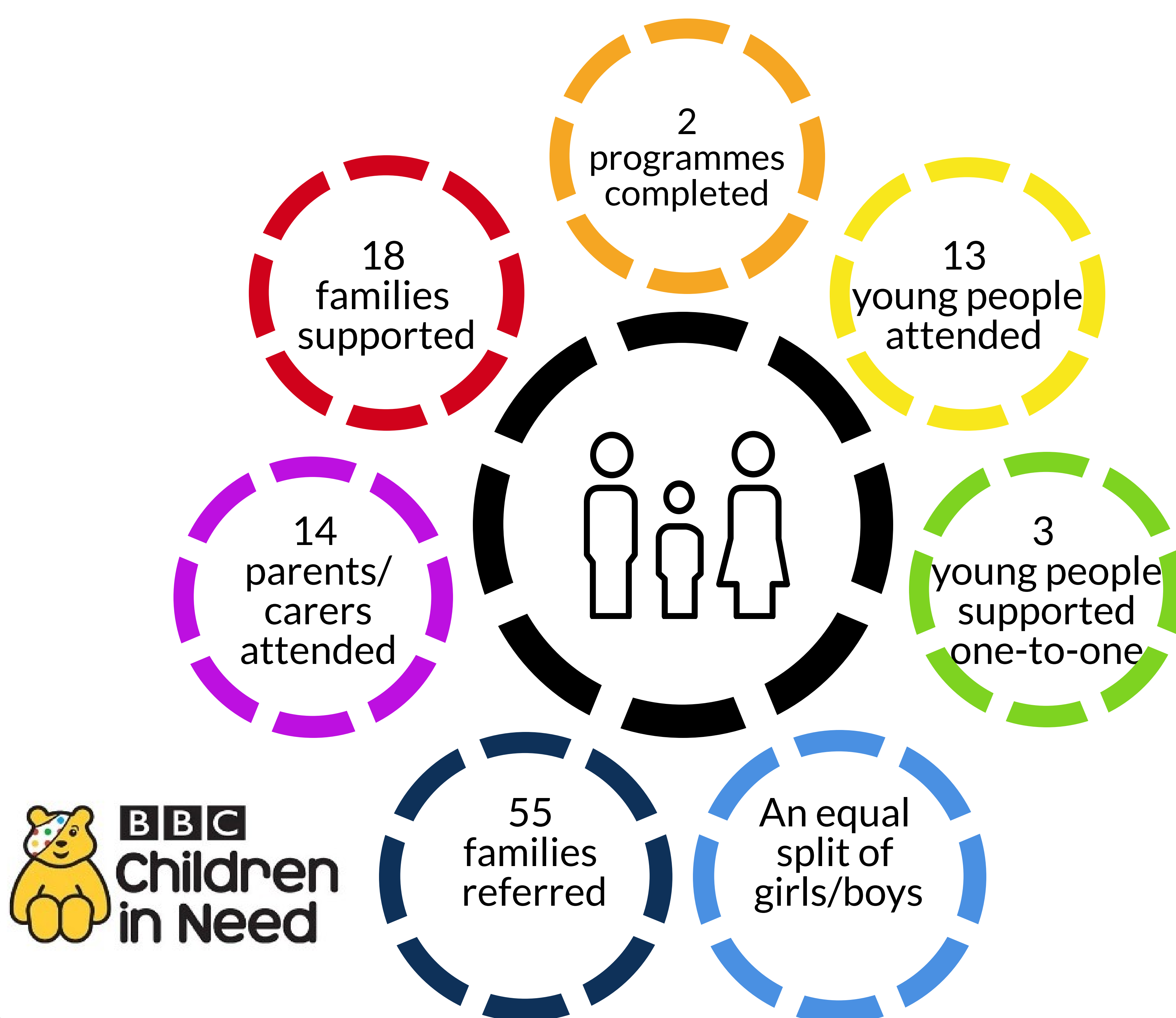


Building Respectful Families

Building Respectful Families (BRF) works with families where there is Child on Parent Violence. The programme has three key areas: Group work for parents and young people, creative activity and film dialogue. The programme runs for 10 sessions of 2 hours with a team of experienced facilitators. The theme that runs through the course is respect and responsibility based on a restorative approach. The use of film is designed to create a conversation between the parent and young person where they can ask questions from each other in a safe space. The families find support from joining others experiencing similar behaviour in their homes.

The programme uses the Break4Change model which runs two groups simultaneously; one for parents and another for their children. The parents group aims to create a belief in the possibility of change and reduce a sense of isolation. It clarifies the boundaries of acceptable behaviour and examines strategies to address the abusive behaviour. It also explores the issue of anger facing parent and child. In short it seeks to empower and equip parents to reduce the violence in the home. The young people's group aims to identify their thoughts and attitudes to abusive behaviour, what they gain from their behaviour and how it affects others. The group explores strategies to address their feelings and behaviours with a positive view to change and goals for the future.

BRF has been funded by Children in Need since July 2016 and SAFE! has run two programmes since the appointment of our new coordinator, Ruth Donaldson, in October 2016. These programmes ran in Blackbird Leys in Oxford, and Kidlington.



Karen and Jake's story

A parent and her son were referred to the Building Respectful Families Programme following months of violent and abusive behaviour that continued to escalate, resulting in police call outs. The relationship between Karen and Jake was at breaking point. The school also had issues with Jake's behaviour and contacted BRF. They subsequently recommended the BRF course to the family at a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting.

On the first visit with Karen to complete the assessment she was in despair. However, she was keen to attend the programme and hoped there was a possibility of change for both. Jake was supported by a family support worker to attend. In their respective groups, they both indicated their desire for the situation to change. Through the film dialogue Jake spoke of valuing the boundaries his mother set even though he challenged them; he wanted to control his behaviour and improve their relationship. Through this dialogue, they began communicating again and realised how much they meant to each other.

Feedback from Karen spoke of the impact of hearing her son voice his need for clear boundaries: it gave her confidence to implement the strategies she learnt in the group. She said “We’ve had a better time, there is genuinely better behaviour”. Jake commented “It’s nice as you can hear things you wouldn’t normally hear from parents”. The family were followed up three months after the programme and life at home was much more settled, with a six week break from school incidents and no police call outs: this was a significant improvement. Karen said that they both continue to use the strategies they learnt at BRF to diffuse hostile incidents. They felt supported by the BRF groups.

“We’ve had a better time, there is genuinely better behaviour”

Trips and activities

SAFE! arranges trips and activities for young people affected by crime during the school holidays. These events enable young people to meet others who have had similar experiences, at the same time as having a fun and sometimes challenging experience. Over the course of the year SAFE! has arranged five activities, some of which have kindly been funded by the charity KIDSout. 42 young people have attended across the following activities: a climbing day in Oxford; a healthy cooking activity; two cinema trips and a residential break.



The SAFE! residential

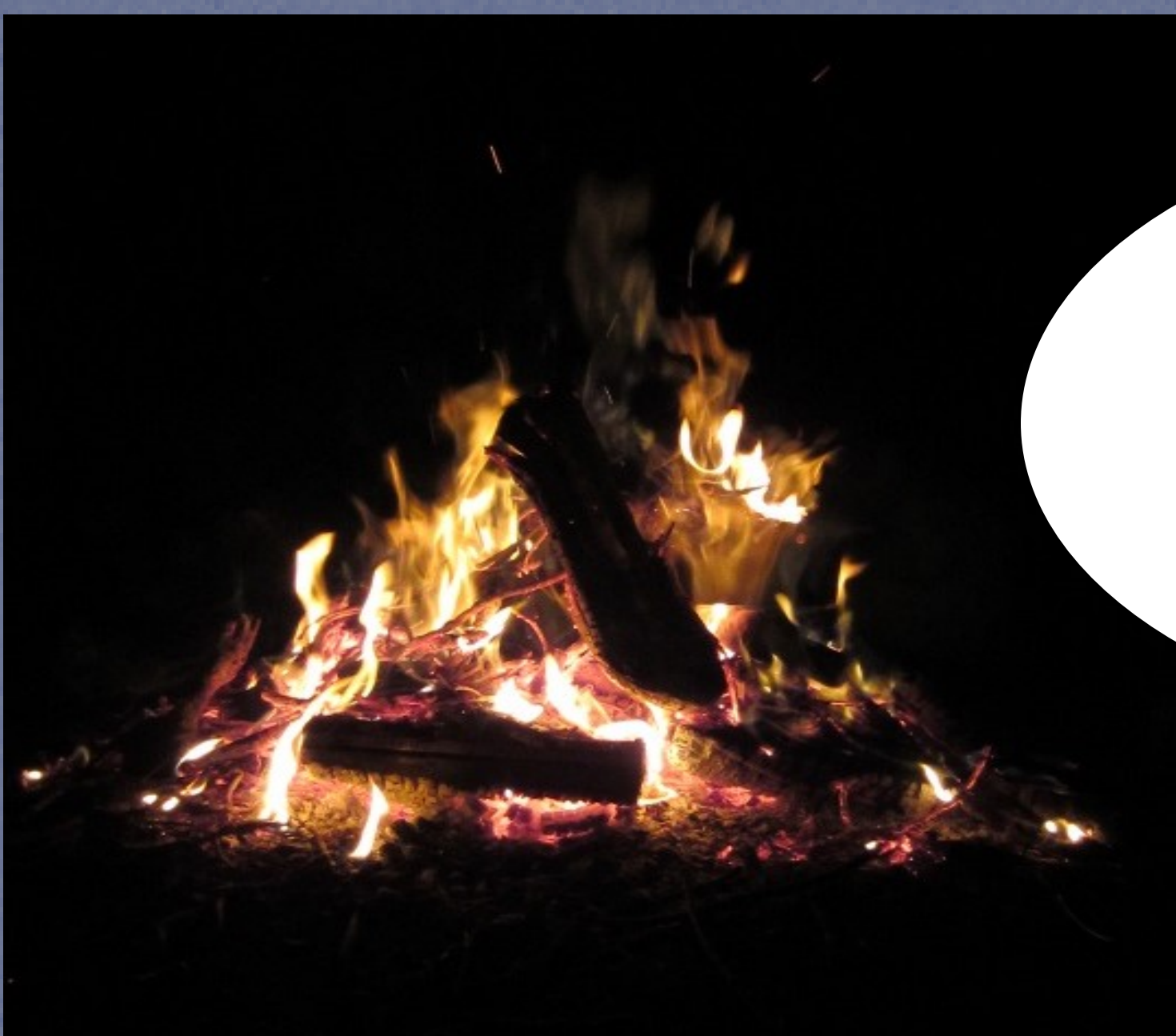
The SAFE! residential took place at Youlbury Scout Camp just outside Oxford and ran for three days in August 2016. 11 girls and 4 boys aged 13 to 16 who had been supported by SAFE! attended the trip.

The young people participated in a range of challenging activities including abseiling, high ropes, go-karting, bush craft and crate-stacking which were designed to boost their confidence and encourage team work.

We ran a series of workshops to get the young people involved in designing the new website Safe Stories, creating the characters and the storylines used to illustrate online issues for young people, as well as a workshop looking at language around consent. The web developers ran a separate workshop to build on the characters and to consult them on the style and approach we should take in the website design.

In addition to the structured activities, one of the most positive elements of the residential was seeing the young people connect with each other, sharing their stories and supporting each other. We had a bonfire on each evening where the young people spoke about what they had enjoyed about the day, and enjoyed informal chats.

Hearing back from the young people that they had enjoyed the residential and felt that it helped them made the hard work feel worthwhile. Around the campfire one evening one of the girls said; "it's great to be around other young people affected by crime, because it's not a common thing so it makes you feel less alone and you can talk about it".



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Support for parents

SAFE! provides some support to parents who are struggling following an experience of victimisation of their child. SAFE! runs a monthly parent support group in West Oxfordshire as well as offering one-to-one sessions. The group has continued to meet on a monthly basis throughout the year. Over the course of the year SAFE! has run 10 group sessions and provided 69 distinct one to one sessions, benefiting 23 parents across the Thames Valley.

Following a successful pitch at the The Funding Network's Oxford Gives event in May, SAFE! now has £4000 funding to develop the parent support group. Joining Chloe pitching for funding was Claire, a parent who had been supported through both one to one and the peer support group after her 11-year-old daughter disclosed she had been sexually abused.

“Last year my life was turned upside down when my daughter told me that she had been sexually abused. I went to the police seeking justice and more importantly support for her to move on with the rest of her life. After various medical examinations, assessments, giving a recorded statement and twelve hours of one-to-one support from SAFE!, the case was closed due to a lack of evidence and all interventions stopped. I have been left to pick up the pieces and my only support now is the SAFE! parent group. Together we are learning the importance of nourishing ourselves emotionally, physically and mentally through self-care. We share insights and strategies to deal with challenging situations and to support each other to become the anchor for our families that is safe, strong and always there. This group gives me the support to carry on and to build my resilience. They listen to, and validate me and I know they will never give up on me. The SAFE! parent group gives my family and many others a lifeline.”

Future plans include running an additional peer support group, training volunteer parent mentors and fundraising to employ a parent support coordinator.

Louise's story

Soon after we received her referral, 14 year old Cara was admitted into a psychiatric unit after a breakdown following her experience of sexual abuse. She was being supported by the local mental health services so we put her case on hold. A year later her Mum Louise called as she was in desperate need of guidance on how to support her daughter. Her daughter had attempted suicide on a number of occasions and was constantly self-harming and suffered from eating disorders. She had been sectioned for some time but was due to be released, and Louise felt worried about managing her own feelings about supporting her.

During one to one sessions at home an allocated worker met with Louise to explore positive and negative feelings and emotions and to prepare for her daughter's release. Her SAFE! worker encouraged her to keep a journal and they explored coping strategies as well as researching local support networks and groups for both the parents and their daughter. This is likely to be a long-term issue for the family and although there is care and support for the young person, the parents are left a little 'shell-shocked' not only with what their child is doing but also the processes and the professionals involved. She said "I do not know what I would have done if it had not been for the support and patience SAFE! has shown me. This has been so hard and no-one bothers to explain or speak to us – thank you for everything".

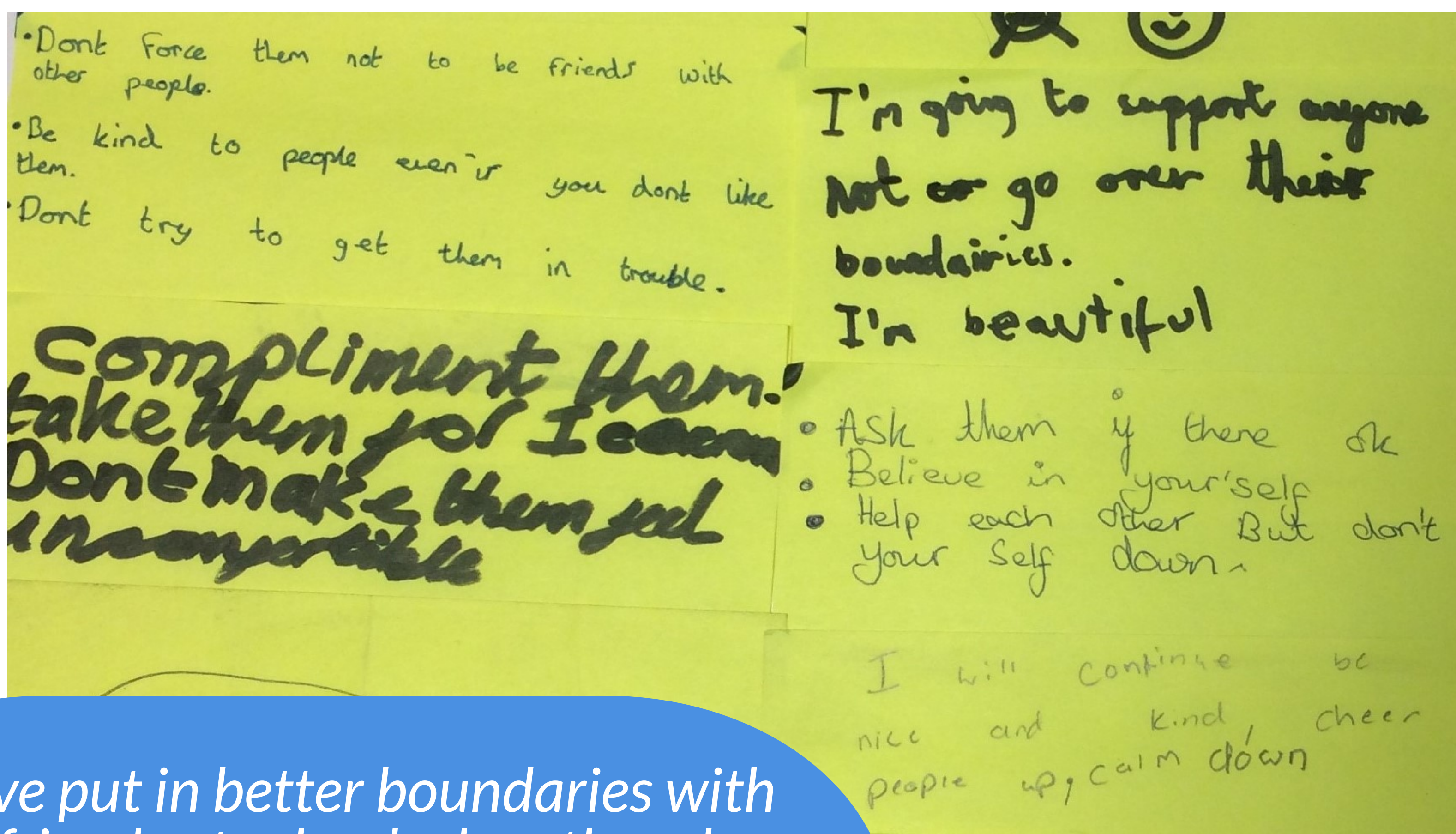
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Schools and group work

SAFE! works closely with a number of schools across the region to provide preventative workshops and assemblies on a number of subjects such as keeping safe, understanding risk, protective behaviours, online safety, consent and healthy relationships. Over the course of the year we have increased our reach to children and young people, delivering workshops in more schools and youth groups than ever before. In addition to universal preventative sessions we have also delivered a number of focused sessions to targeted groups of young people who have witnessed domestic violence or who are experiencing difficult relationships at school.

Over the course of the year SAFE! has:

- Worked in 22 schools*
- Delivered 58 workshops*
- Delivered 8 assemblies*
- Reached over 3000 young people*



"I have put in better boundaries with my friends at school when they do things that upset me and I am getting better at sticking up for myself and I am proud of myself"

Other highlights

Becoming an accredited training centre

In September 2016 SAFE! became a registered centre with the Protective Behaviours Consortium which means that we are accredited to deliver Protective Behaviour training. SAFE! has since run three Protective Behaviour Foundation courses training over forty professionals.

Criminal Justice Alliance award

In November 2016 SAFE! came first runner up in the Criminal Justice Alliance awards for Organisation of the Year, in recognition of our work with young victims of crime. Along with a cheque for £2000, we came away with a shiny trophy.

Conference

On Wednesday 9 November 2017 in collaboration with the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, SAFE! ran our first conference at St Hugh's College in Oxford entitled; "Safeguarding and supporting young people exposed to sexual harm". Over 170 people attended the event which included presentations from the Office of the Children's Commissioner and Lorin LaFave from the Breck Foundation amongst others. Most impressive was the brave address given by 15 year old Amelia about her experience following victimisation. It was a very successful day.



Finances

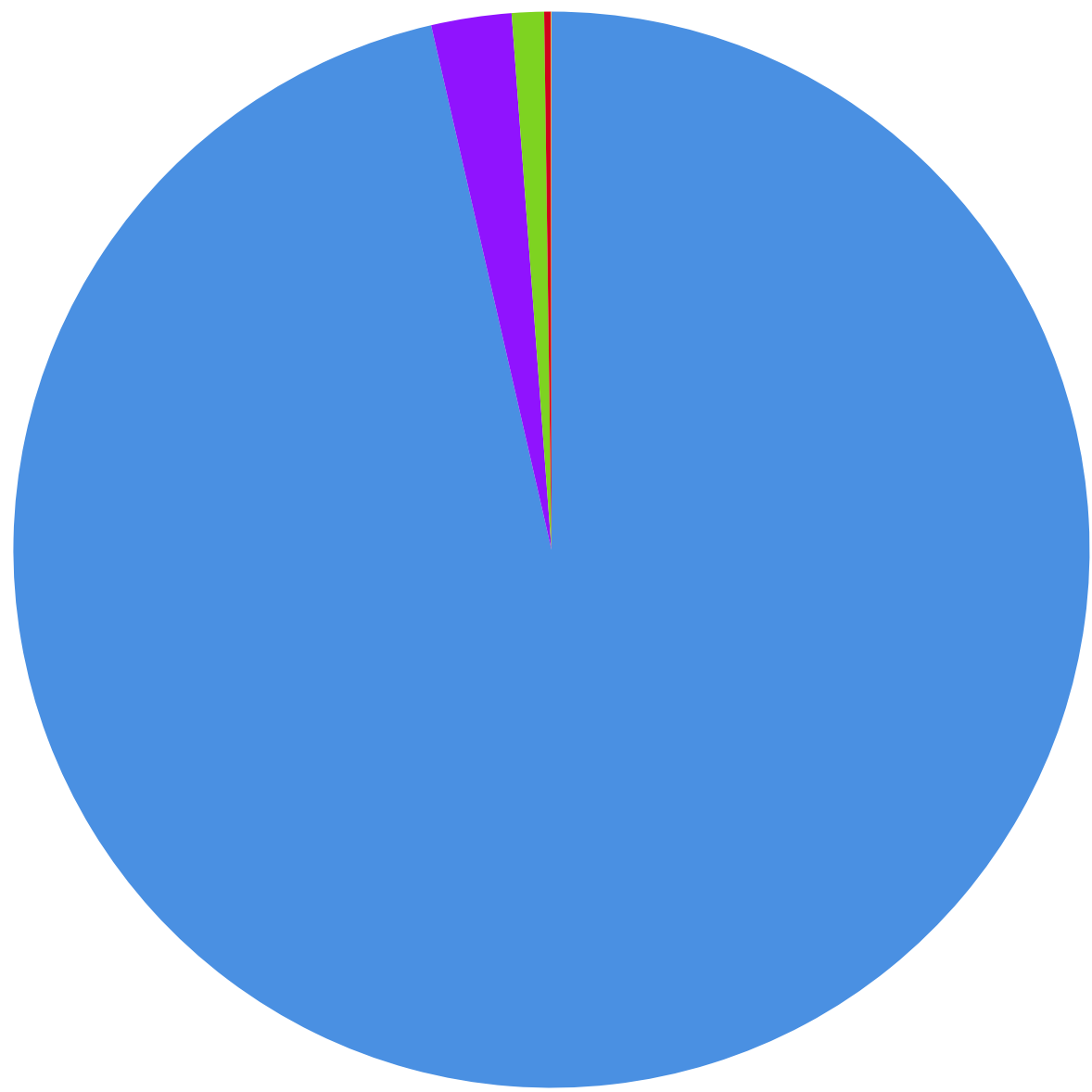
The broad picture of our accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 show a total income of £440,259 against expenditure of £475,032, leaving a deficit of £34,773 for the year under review.

The charity’s income came mainly from the contract with the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner (£382,024) and Building Respectful Families project (£34,426). Unrestricted income to power the charity’s other core work amounted to £23,809. Restricted expenditure for the year amounted to £458,636 whilst unrestricted expenditure came in at £19,368.

The balance sheet shows total assets of £52,807. The trustees have been working very hard to increase our asset base to maintain and secure our core work, if and when current projects end. Improvements in this figure are hoped for in the months ahead.

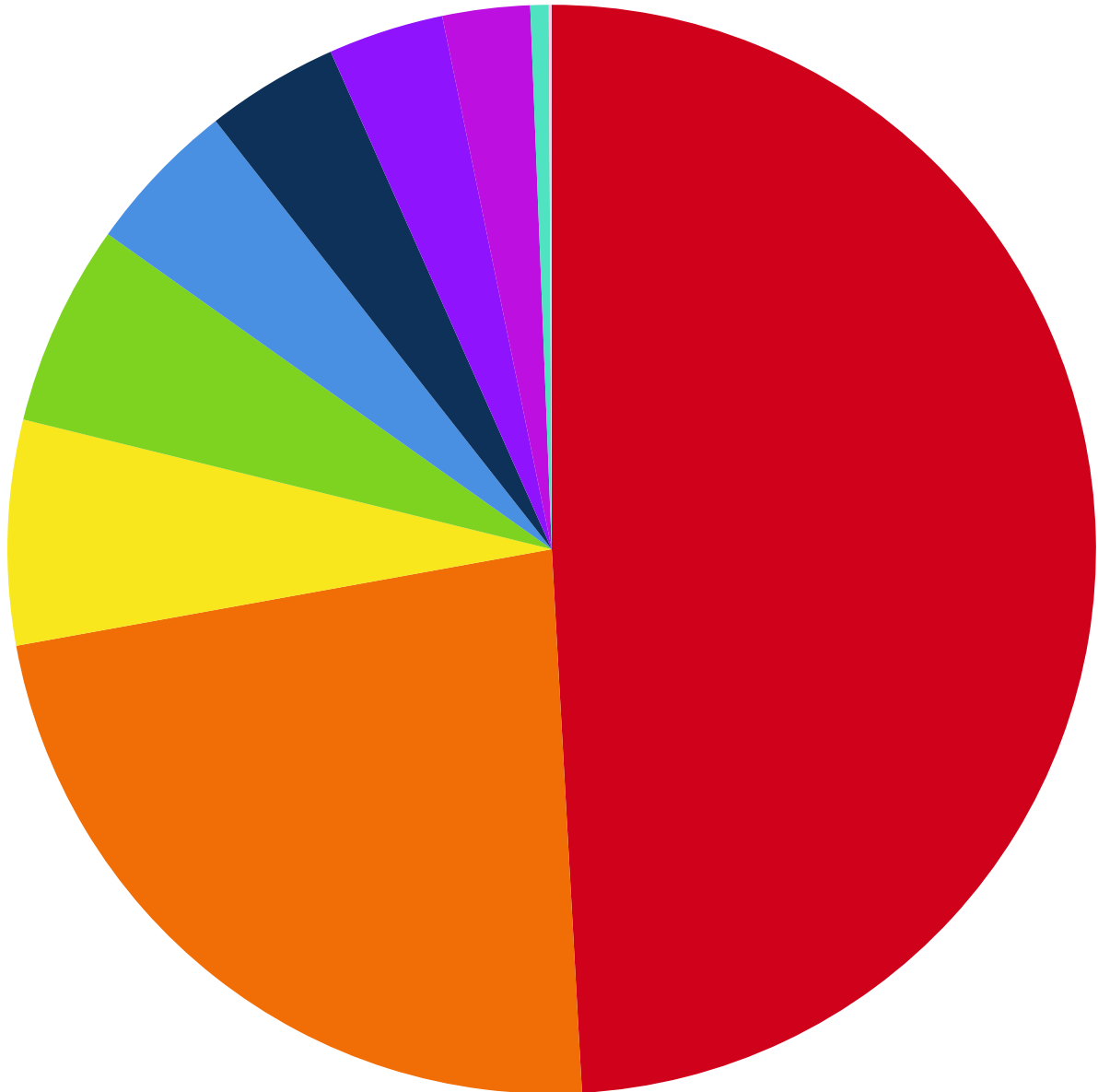
Full details on all the charity’s financial affairs for the year ending 31st March 2017 can be found on the independently examined accounts published on the Charity Commission website. Alternatively, email safe@safeproject.org.uk to request a copy.

**Income year ending
31/03/2017**



- Grants and Contracts - £424,450
- Donations - £10,605
- Income from training - £4,250
- Sale of books - £890
- Bank interest - £64

**Expenditure year ending
31/03/2017**



- Salaries - £233,307
- Project Worker fees - £109,477
- Travel and expenses - £31,685
- New website - £28,457
- Office costs - £21,773
- Staff training - £18,702
- Group activities - £16,297
- Consortium costs - £12,336
- Recruitment - £2,582
- Fundraising expenses - £416

Our supporters & key partnerships

Our thanks go out to all those who have supported the work of SAFE! over the last twelve months. Special thanks go to the following organisations who have generously funded the work of SAFE!:

- Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner
- BBC Children in Need
- Oxfordshire South and Vale Community Safety Partnership
- The Sexual Abuse Support Fund
- The Big Lottery - Awards for All
- Oxford City Council
- Oxfordshire County Council & the Youth Justice Service
- National Citizen Service (NCS the Challenge)
- Chiltern District Council
- The Funding Network
- Waitrose Community Matters
- The Dragon Sale
- William Harding's Charity
- Prudential
- Nationwide
- Tackley Film Club
- East Oxford Choir (Christmas concert)

Our huge thanks also go to the following individuals who fundraised for SAFE! through running, cycling, sponsored crocheting, and holding quiz nights and pamper evenings: Hannah Hughes, Mat Lister, Renata Mliczak, Keren Williams, Olivia Bolam, Chloe Purcell, Samantha Wilson, Jon Butters, Leon McLeggan, Kathryn Rowsell, Thalia Wallis, Patricia Montoya, Jim Katouzian, Jason Manning and Daisy Hampton.

We continue to build strong partnerships with a number of agencies around the region to ensure a joined-up approach to meeting the needs of all young people affected by crime.

As part of our contract with the Police and Crime Commissioner we sub-contract some of our functions such as Human Resources support, financial advice and use of premises through our Consortium partners Victim Support and the Thames Valley Partnership and would like to thank both organisations for their invaluable ongoing support.



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