



Consultation on the future of Concord Lodge

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Background and Objectives

Concord Lodge is an assessment unit currently run by the council for adults with learning difficulties or complex needs. It provides accommodation for seven adults and is set up as an assessment centre. Typically, it is planned for people to stay in Concord Lodge for 24 to 36 weeks.

On 21 February 2023, Bristol's Full Council approved a number of measures that would achieve a balanced budget. One of these measures was a proposal to review the service provided at Concord Lodge.

The savings to be achieved through a review of Concord Lodge are £450,000. This means that the money available each year to run Concord Lodge would be £450,000 less than we have now:

- £350,000 was agreed as part of the 2022/23 budget setting process
- A further £100,000 was agreed in the 2023/24 budget consultation

Following a period of review, it has become clear that it would not be possible to make the required level of savings while still providing the current service in the way we do now. The single biggest cost within the current service budget is staffing, due to the number of staff required during a period of assessment to support individuals with complex needs. Given the present service model, it was found to not be possible to operate the current service with safe and adequate staffing levels and make the required level of savings.

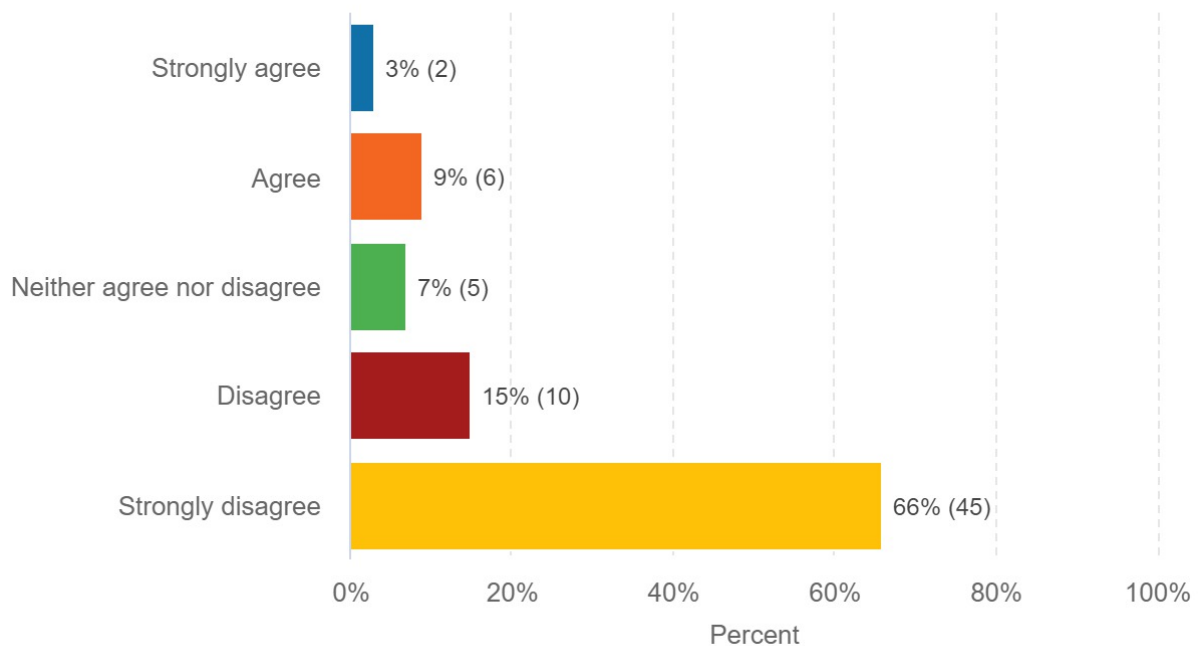
Bristol City Council consulted the public on proposals to stop direct delivery of a council-run service at Concord Lodge. The consultation was open from 12 April 2023 until 30 May 2023. It received 70 responses.

Q1 Do you agree or disagree with the preferred option to stop the council-run service provision at Concord Lodge?

Respondents were asked whether they agree or disagree with the option to stop the council-run service provision at Concord Lodge:

- 12% of respondents agreed or strongly agree with the preferred option
- 7% neither agreed nor disagreed
- 81% disagreed or strongly disagreed

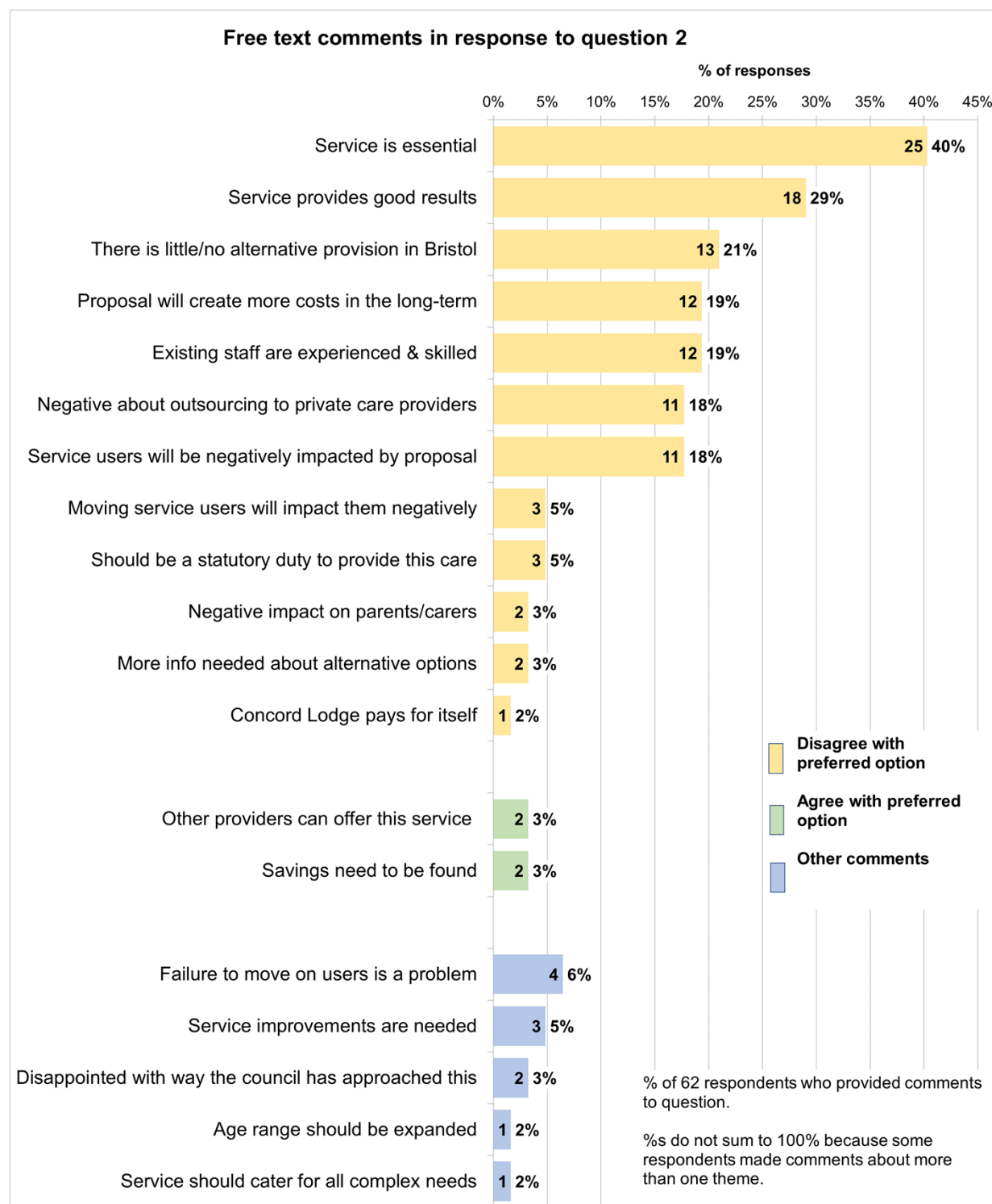
Do you agree or disagree with the preferred option to stop the council-run service provision at Concord Lodge?



Q2 Please explain why you agree or disagree with the preferred option

Respondents were asked to explain why they agreed or disagreed with the preferred option.

63 respondents provided comments. The main themes of the comments are summarised in the chart below.

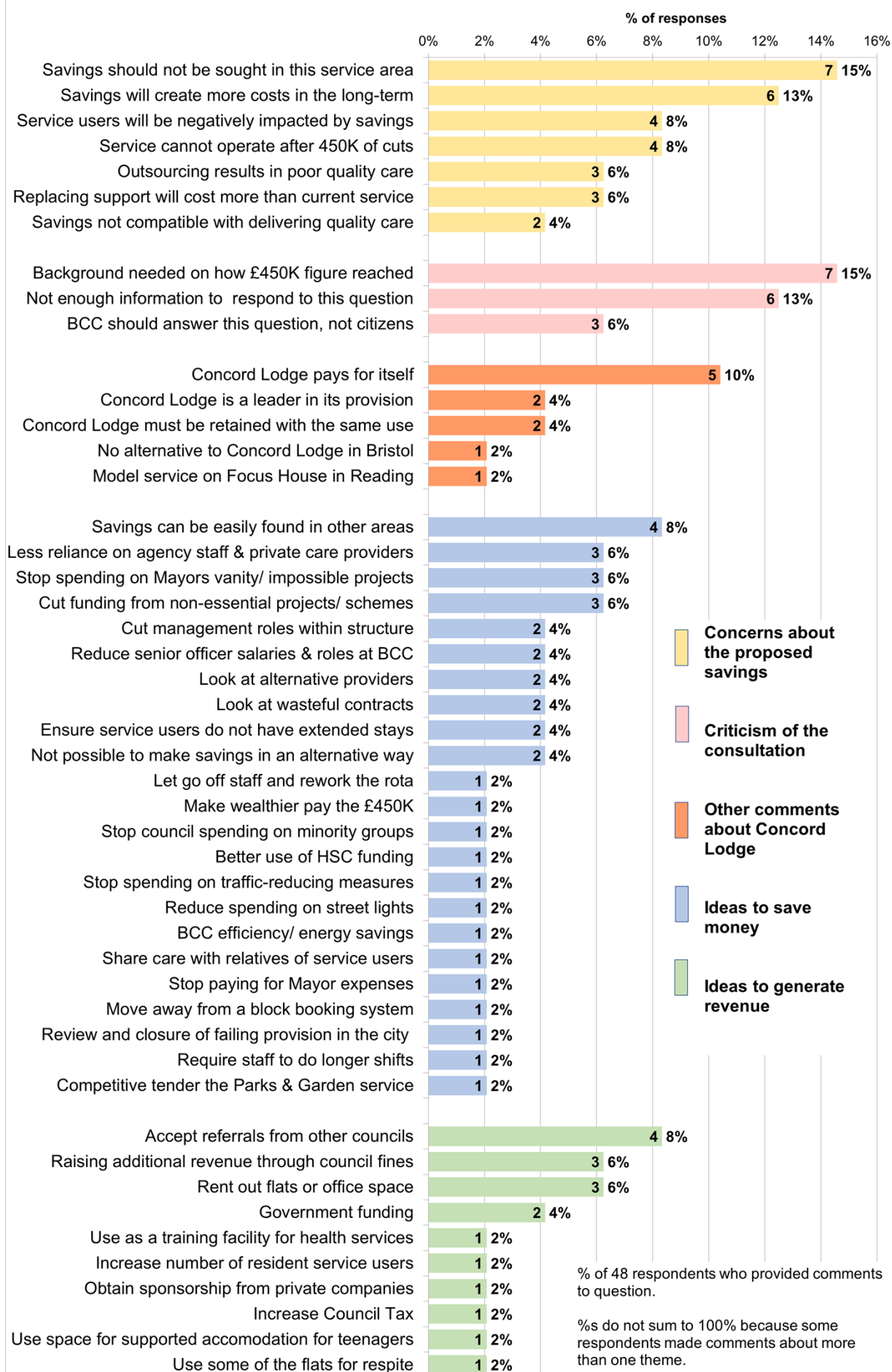


Q3 If you believe that the council can achieve the required £450,000 of savings in an alternative way, while keeping the current service operated by Bristol City Council, please provide details here.

Respondents were asked whether they had any alternative ideas for saving the required £450,000 while still keeping the current service operated by Bristol City Council.

50 respondents provided comments. Comments were primarily on concerns about the proposed savings, criticisms of the consultation, ideas to save money, and ideas to generate income. The main themes of the comments are summarised in the chart below.

Free text comments in response to question 3

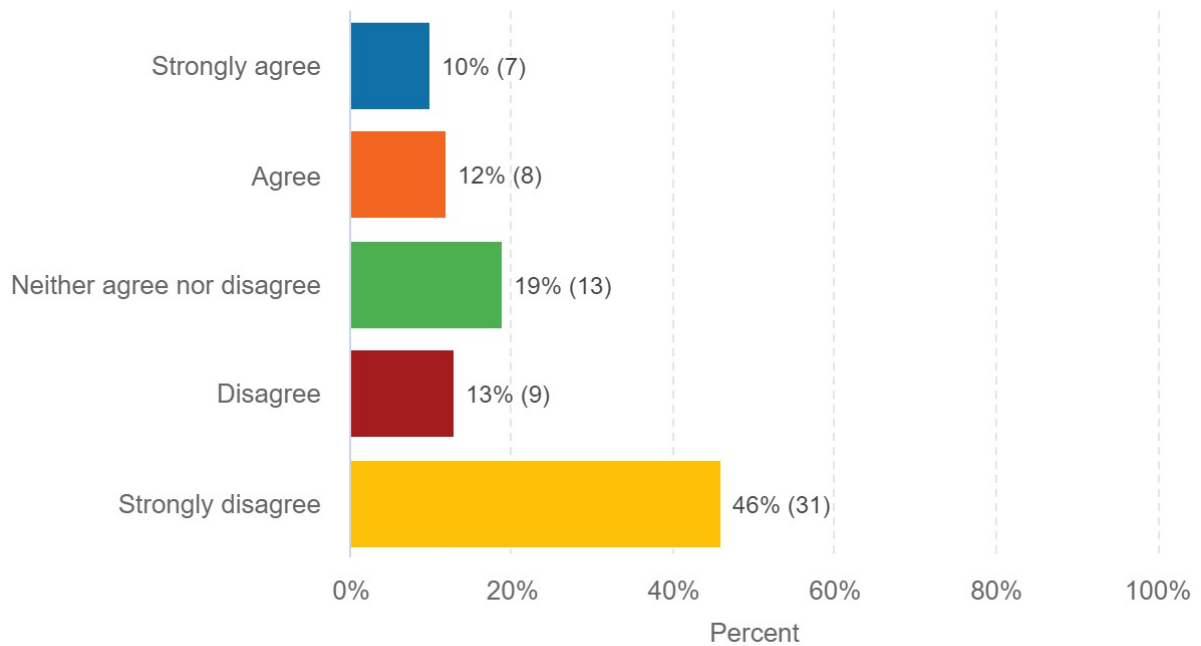


Q4 Do you agree or disagree with the option of an alternative provision for adults at Concord Lodge?

Respondents were asked whether they agree or disagree with the option of an alternative provision for adults at Concord Lodge:

- 22% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed
- 19% neither agreed nor disagreed
- 59% disagreed or strongly disagreed

Do you agree or disagree with the option of an alternative provision for adults at Concord Lodge?

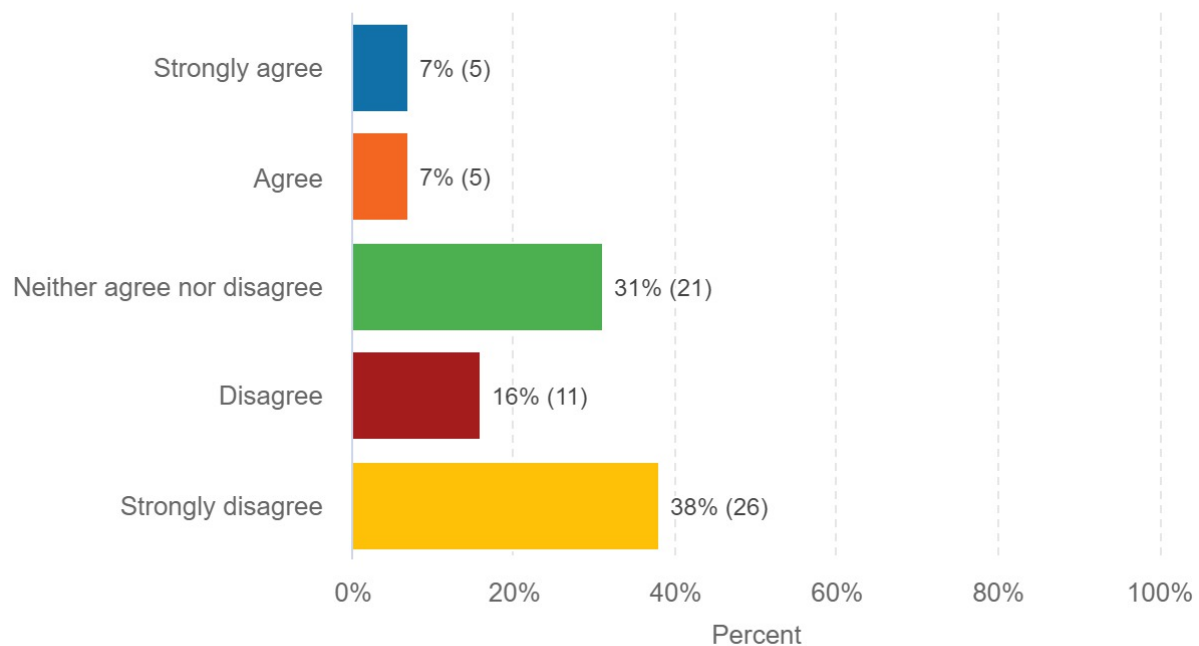


Q5 Do you agree or disagree with the option of a Children's Services facility at Concord Lodge?

Respondents were asked whether they agree or disagree with the option of a Children's Services facility at Concord Lodge:

- 14% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with the option of a Children's Services facility at Concord Lodge
- 31% neither agreed nor disagreed
- 54% disagreed or strongly disagreed

Do you agree or disagree with the option of a Children's Services facility at Concord Lodge?

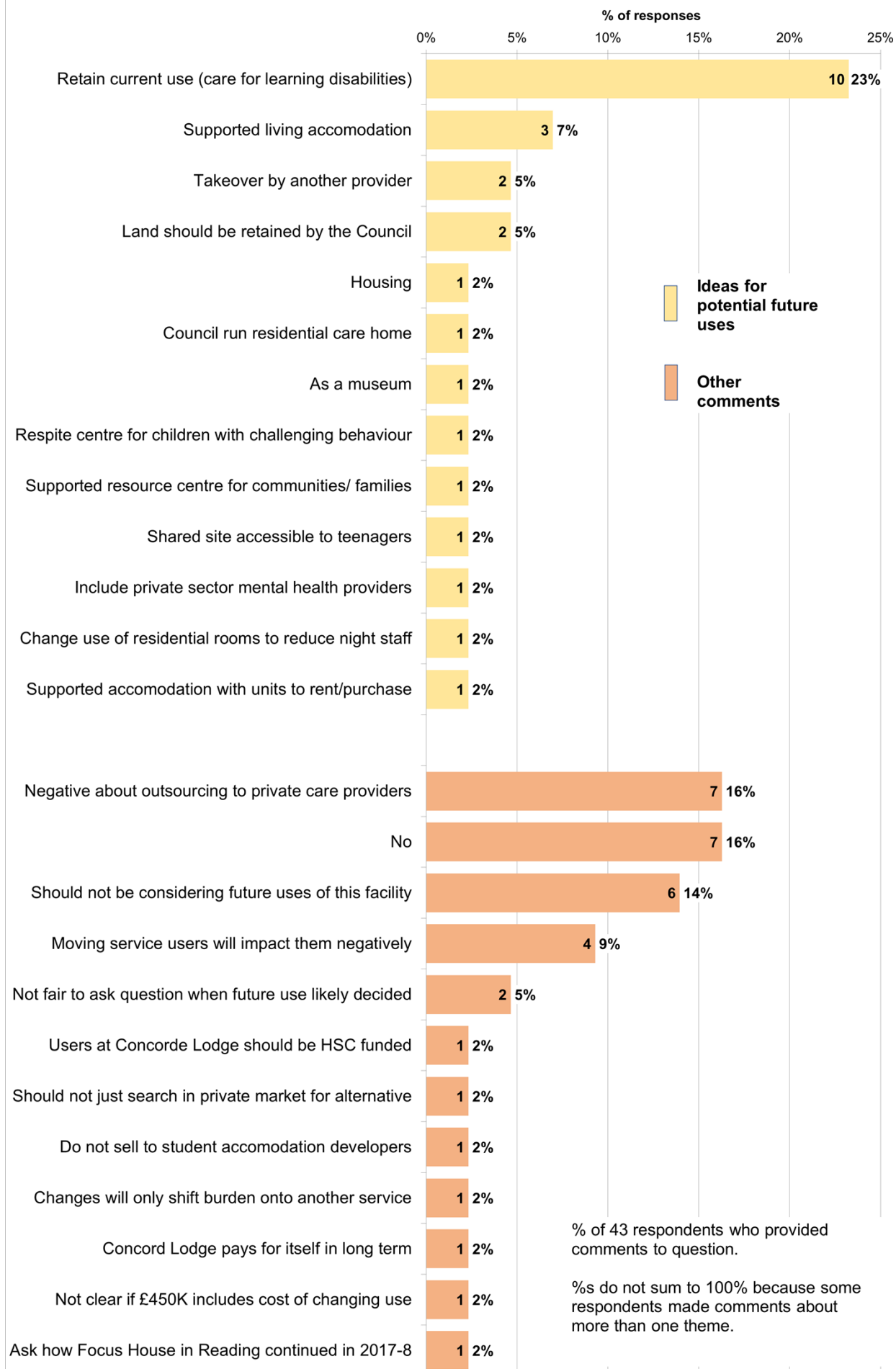


Q6 Do you have further comments or ideas for other potential future uses of Concord Lodge that we've not mentioned, if it's current use is stopped?

Respondents were asked whether they had any further comments or ideas for potential future uses of Concord Lodge.

45 respondents provided comments. The main themes of the comments are summarised in the chart below.

Free text comments in response to question 6



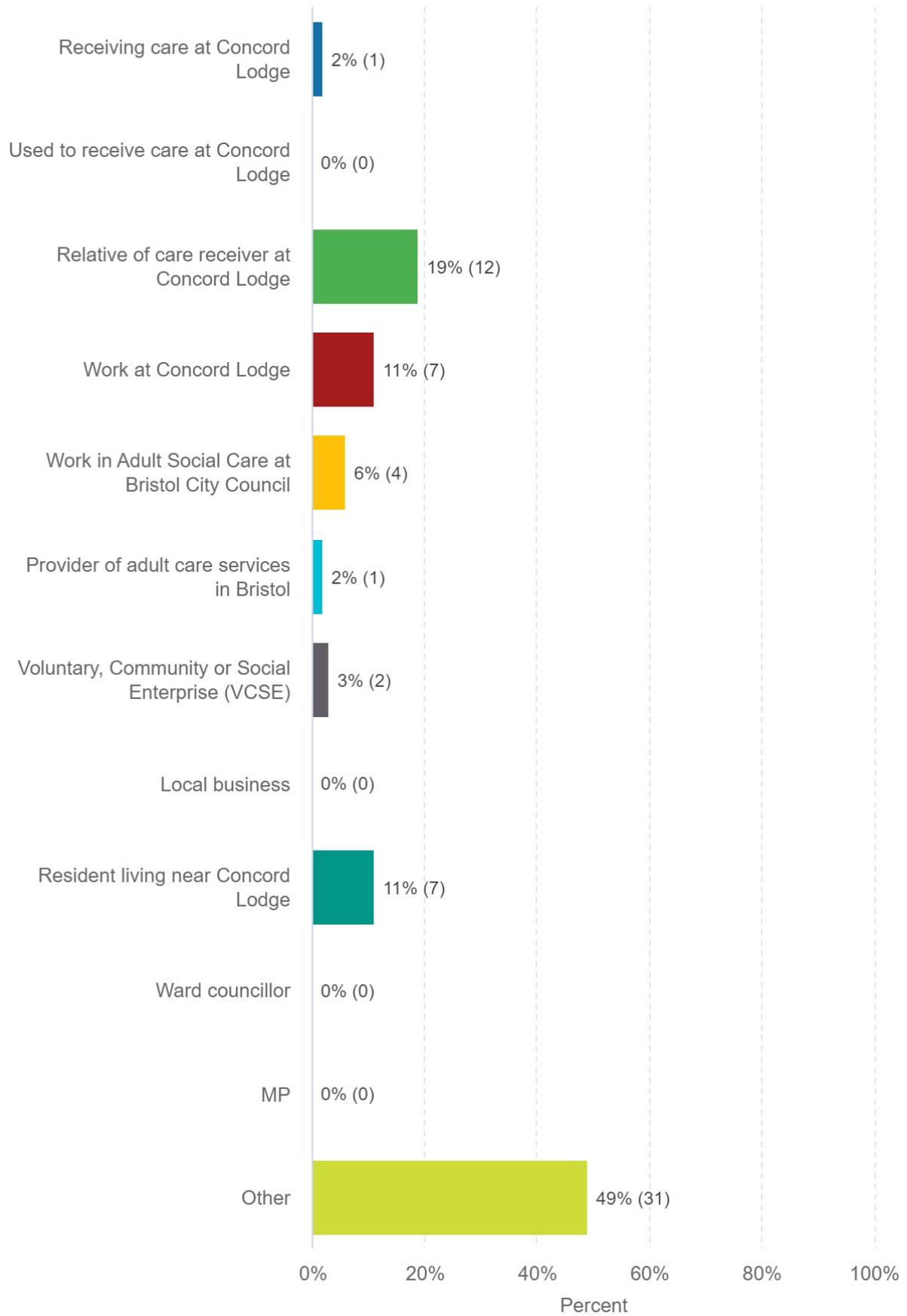
Equalities and “About You” questions

Which of the following best describes you?

Respondents were asked in what capacity they were responding to the survey.

- 19% of respondents said they were a relative of a care receiver at Concord Lodge
- 11% said they work at Concord Lodge
- 11% said they were a resident living near Concord Lodge
- 6% said they work in Adult Social Care at Bristol City Council
- 3% said they represented a Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise organisation
- 2% said they were receiving care at Concord Lodge
- 49% provided other descriptions (some people provided multiple descriptions, hence the total is over 49%):
 - 18% said they were residents of Bristol
 - 7% said they were parents/carers
 - 5% said they were members of the public
 - 3% said they were advocates and friends of a care receiver at Concord Lodge
 - 3% said they were NHS professionals
 - 5% said they were former adult social care workers
 - 2% said they were a carer training provider
 - 2% said they were a learning disability service
 - 2% said they were a Disabled People’s Organisation
 - 2% said they were involved in SEND campaigns
 - 2% said they were a council tax payer
 - 2% said they were a former GP
 - 2% said they were an “interested party”
 - 2% said they had experience of the struggle of adults with complex needs in Bristol to receive care and support

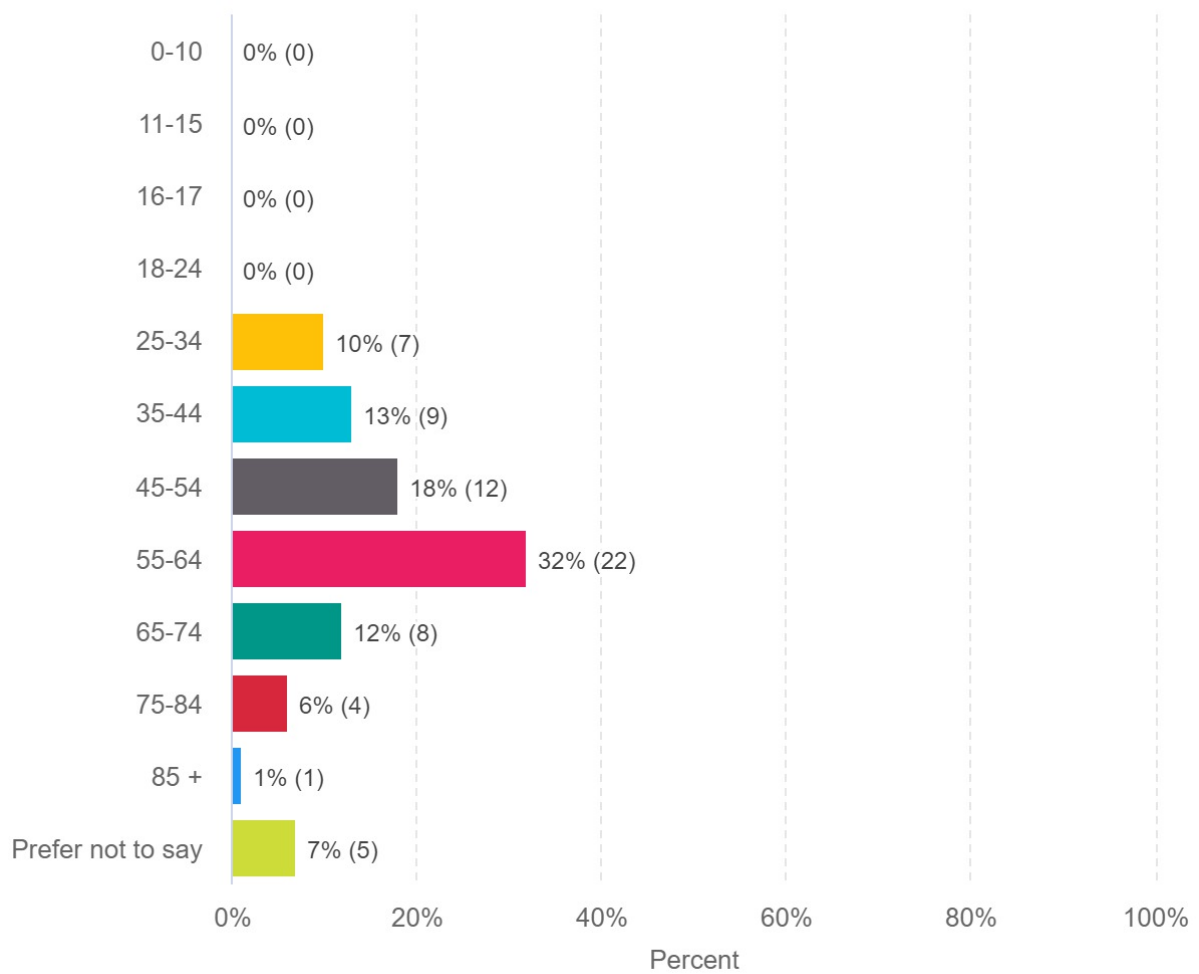
Which of the following best describes you?



Age

- There were no respondents aged between 0-24 years old
- 10% of respondents were aged 25-34
- 13% were aged 35-44
- 18% were aged 45-54
- 32% were aged 55-64
- 12% were aged 65-74
- 6% were aged 75-84
- 1% were aged 85 or older

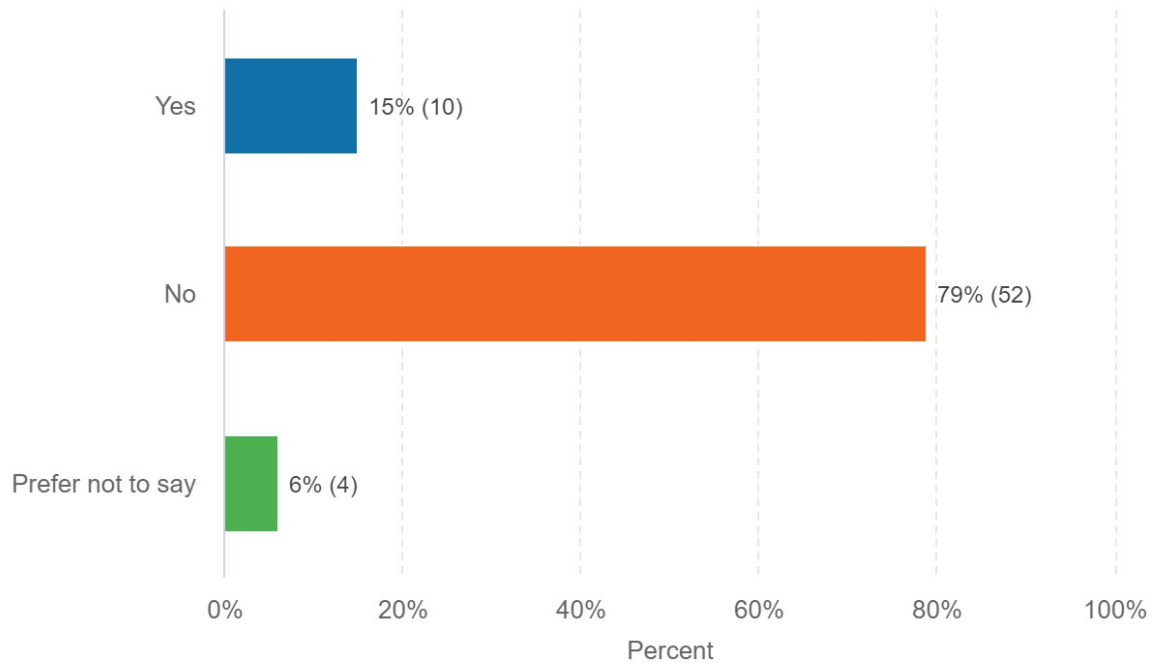
What is your age?



Disability

- 15% of respondents considered themselves to be a disabled person.

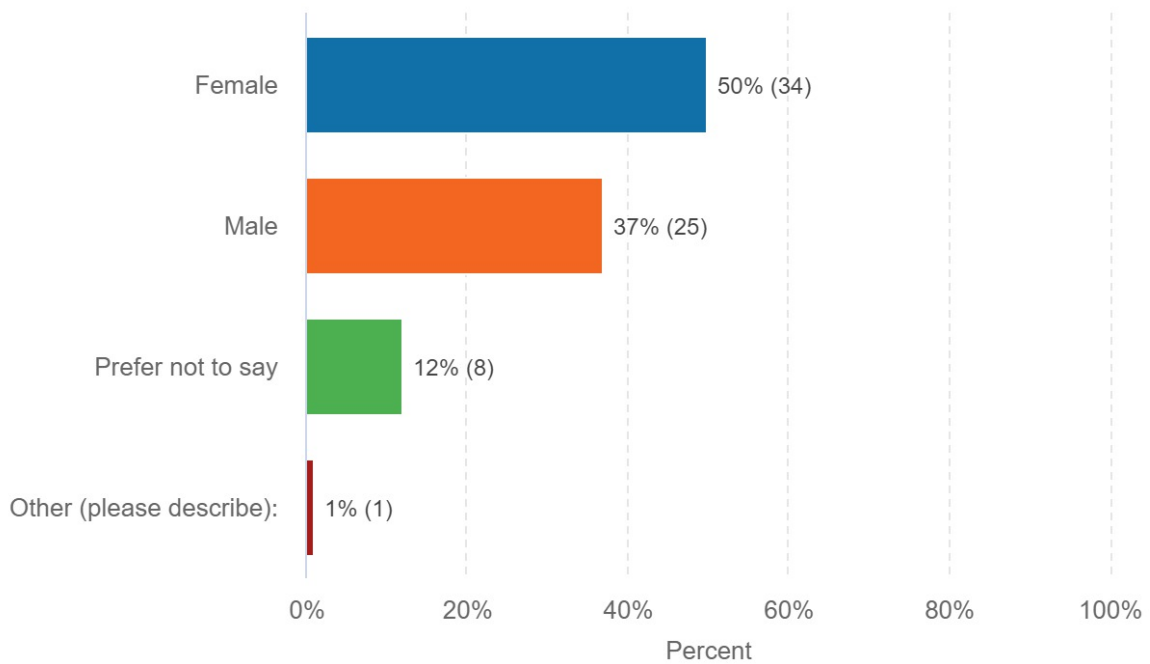
Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?



Sex

- 50% of respondents were female
- 37% were male

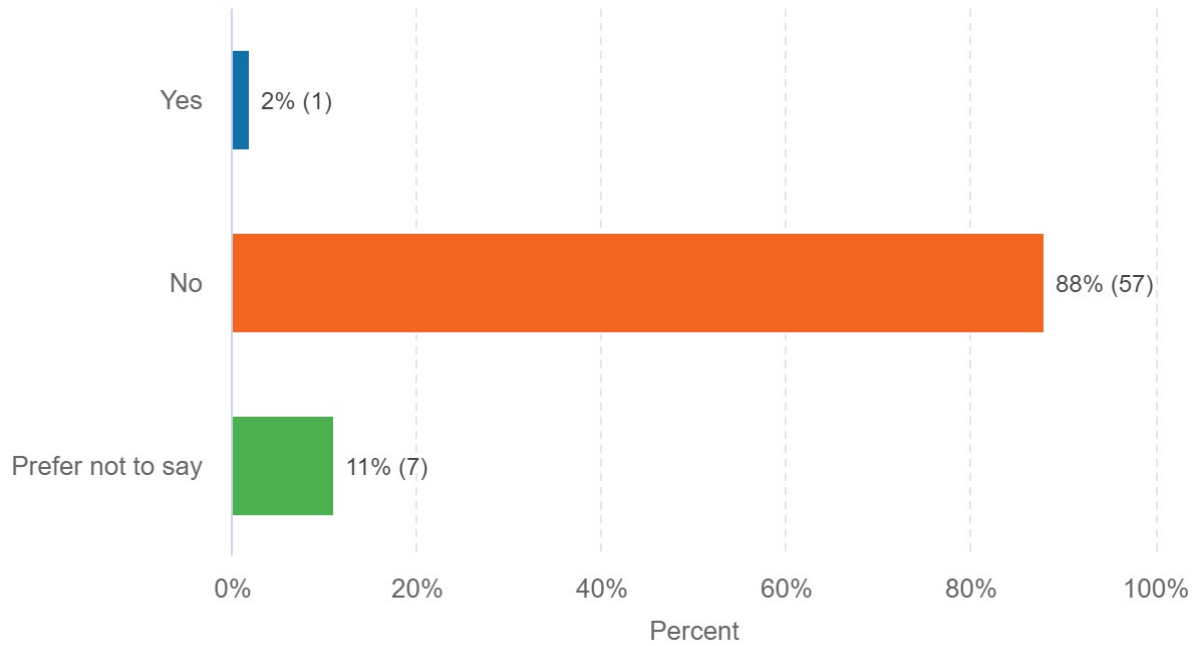
What is your sex?



Gender reassignment

- 2% of respondents said they had gone through or intended to go through the gender reassignment process

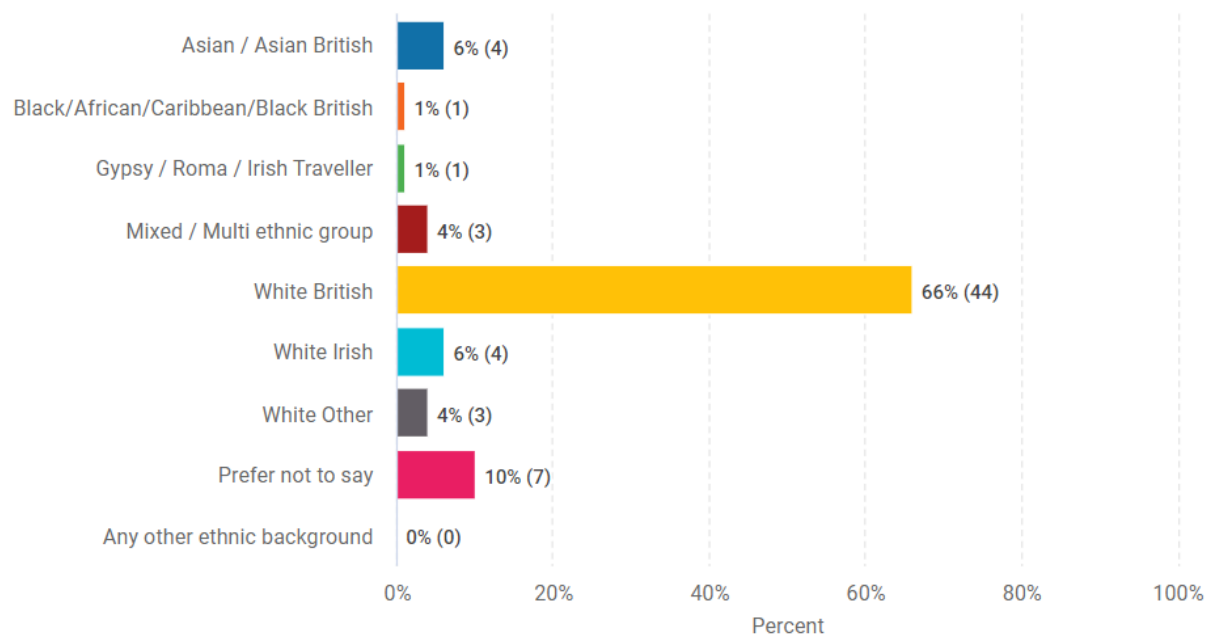
Have you gone through any part of a gender reassignment process or do you intend to?



Ethnic group

- 66% of respondents were White British, 6% were White Irish, and 5% were White Other
- 6% were Asian/Asian British
- 6% were White Irish
- 4% were mixed/multi ethnic group
- 1% were Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
- 1% were Gypsy/Roma/Irish Traveller

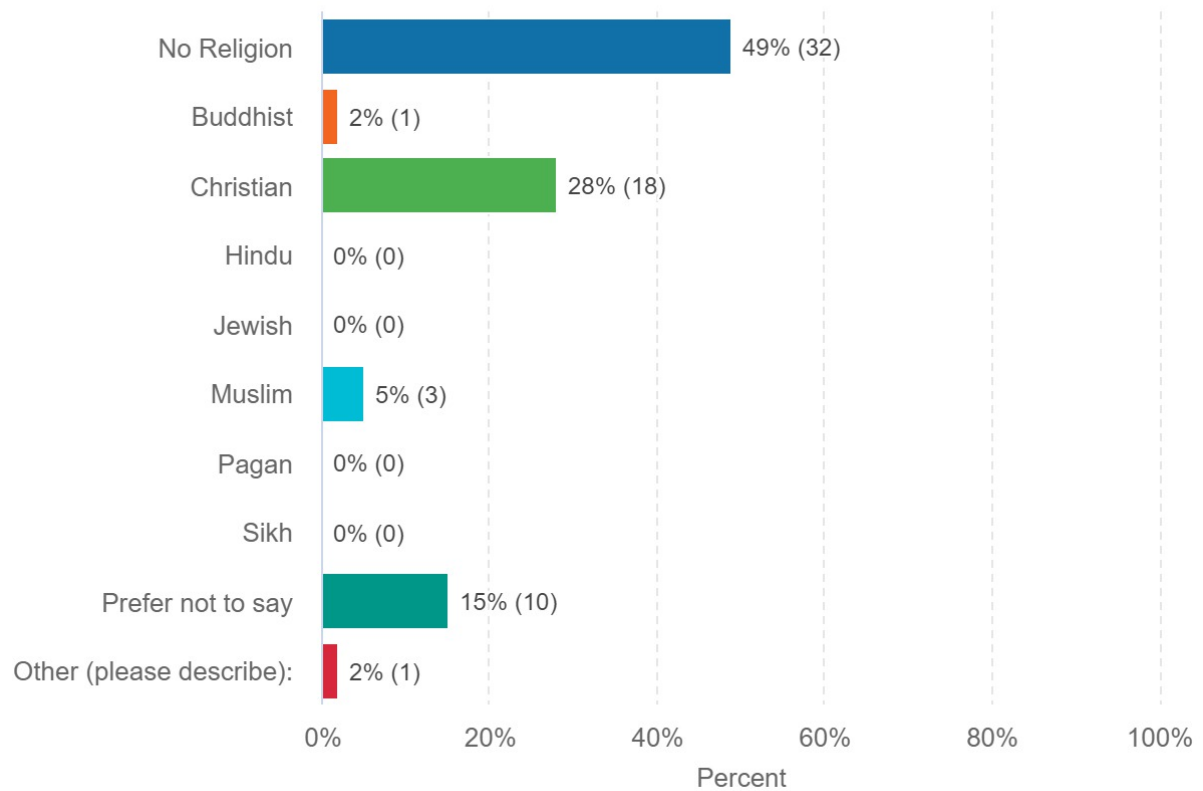
What is your ethnic group?



Religion/faith

- 49% of respondents said they had no religion.
- 28% were Christian
- 5% were Muslim
- 2% were Buddhist

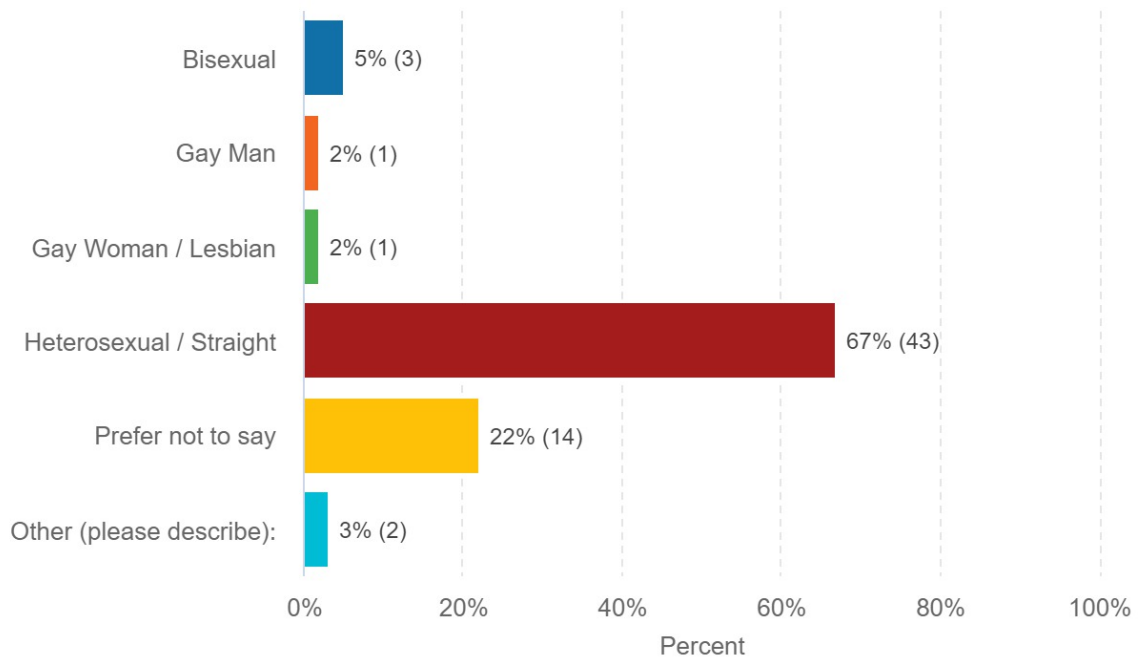
What is your religion/faith?



Sexual orientation

- 67% of respondents were heterosexual/straight
- 5% were bisexual, 2% were gay men, and 2% gay women/lesbian

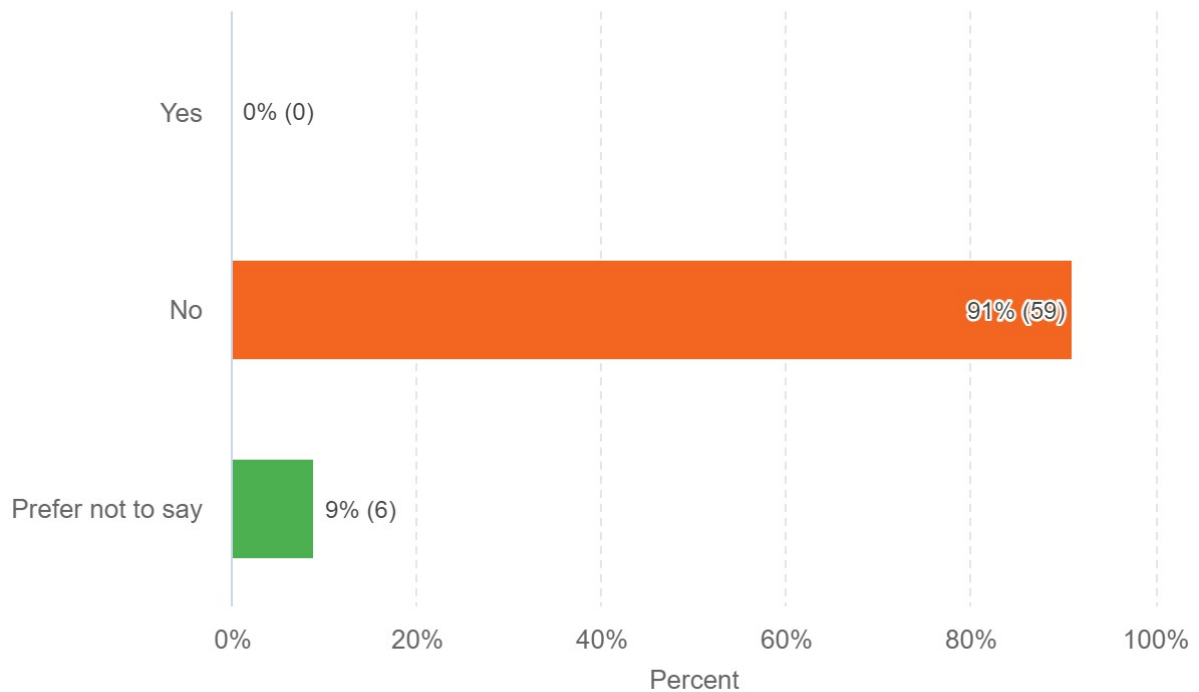
What is your sexual orientation?



Pregnancy/maternity

- No respondents said they were pregnant or had given birth in the last 26 weeks.

Are you pregnant or have you given birth in the last 26 weeks?



Refugee/asylum seeker

- No respondents said they were a refugee or asylum seeker.

Are you a refugee or asylum seeker?

