

ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF 17 YEAR OLDS BY A WORKING AGE MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON SERVICE

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OBJECTIVES

1. Review the total number of patients aged 17 managed by the working age mental health liaison team (WAMHLT) at the **Royal Sussex County Hospital (RSCH), Brighton** between **September 2020 and February 2021**.
2. Gauge the experience, level of training and confidence of the nine WAMHLT nursing colleagues in managing such patients using a staff questionnaire.
3. Compare to current standards expected as per published guidelines from the Royal college of Psychiatry and NICE.

CURRENT STANDARDS

1

A well-defined 24/7 pathway for patients under the age of 18 being managed by an adult/all-age mental health liaison service.

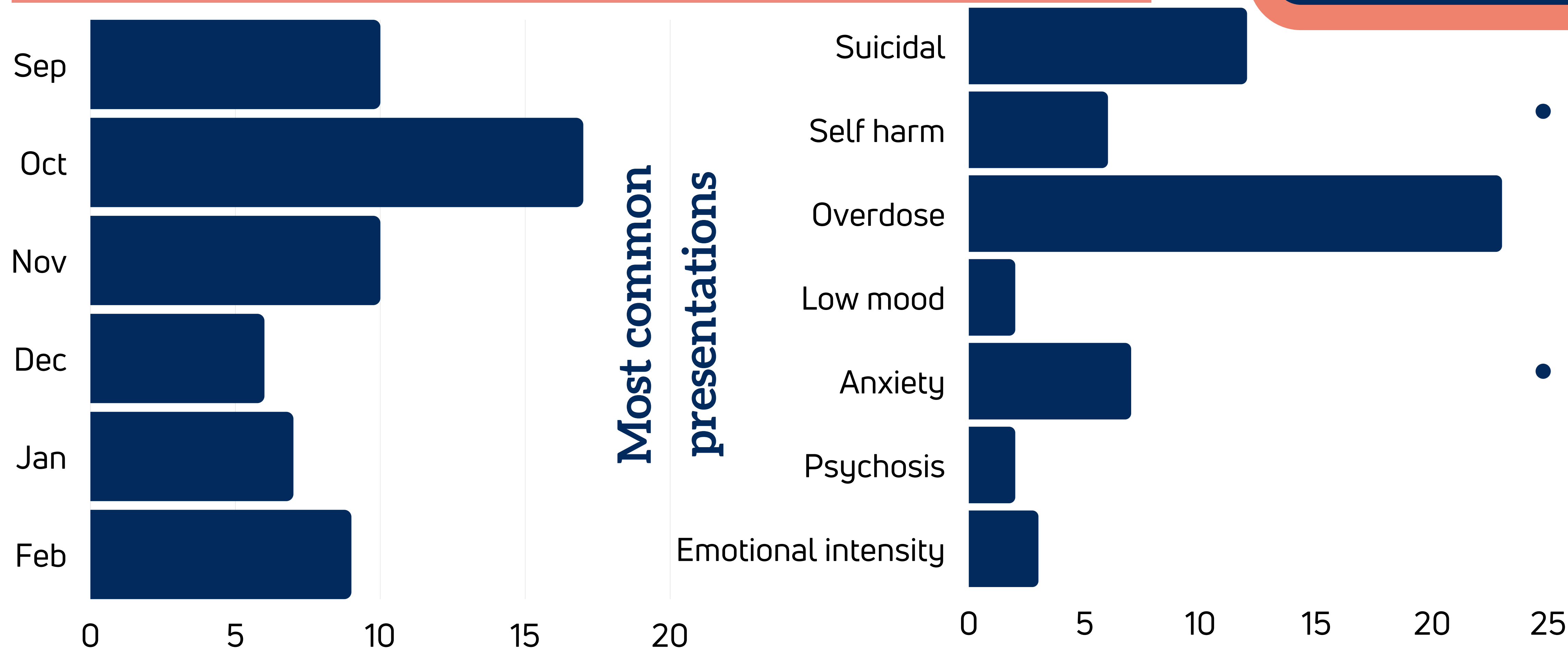
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Additional training for staff whose experience and training does not include children and young people's mental health.

3

Access to specific advice on management from a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist

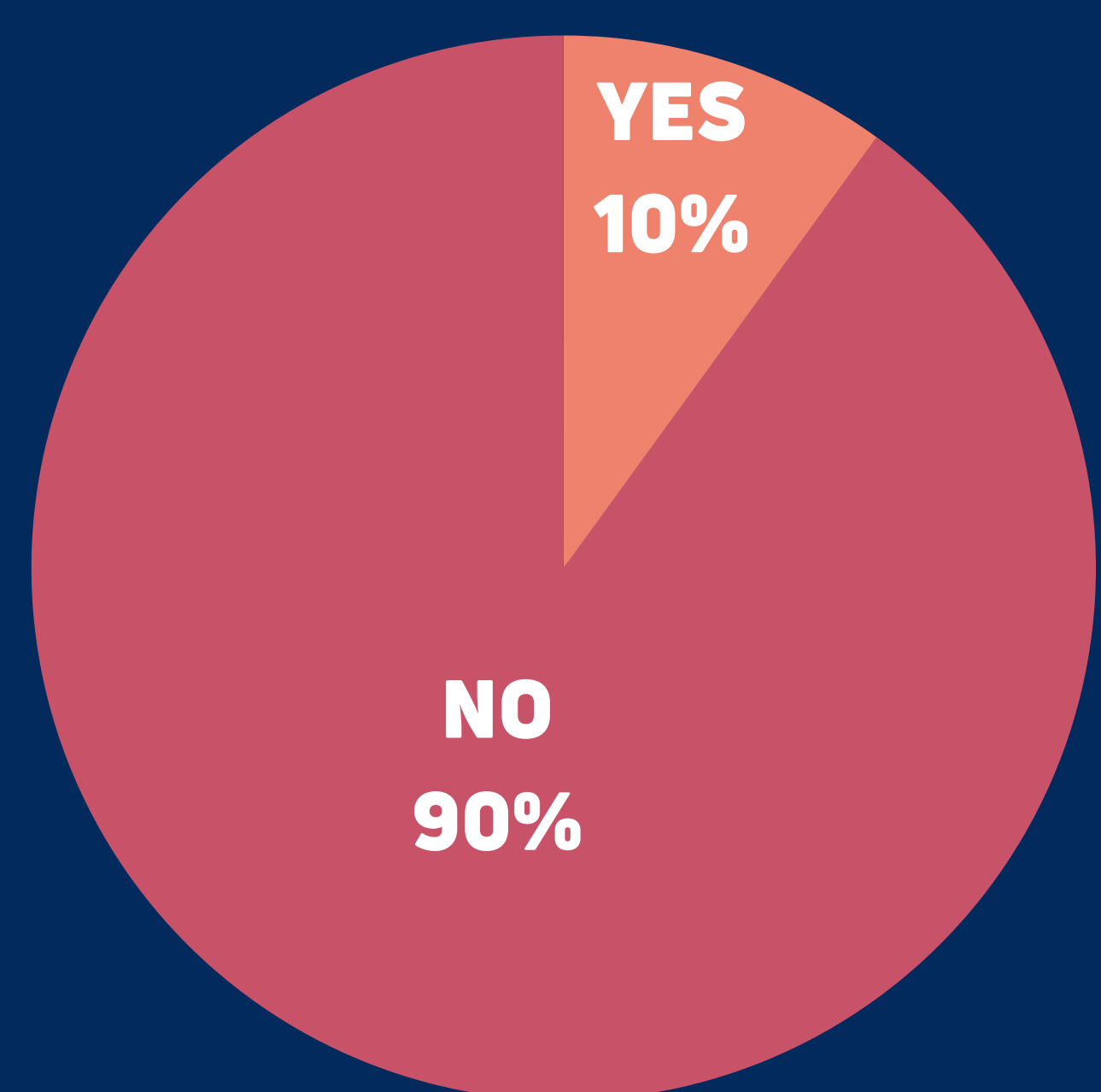
PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS



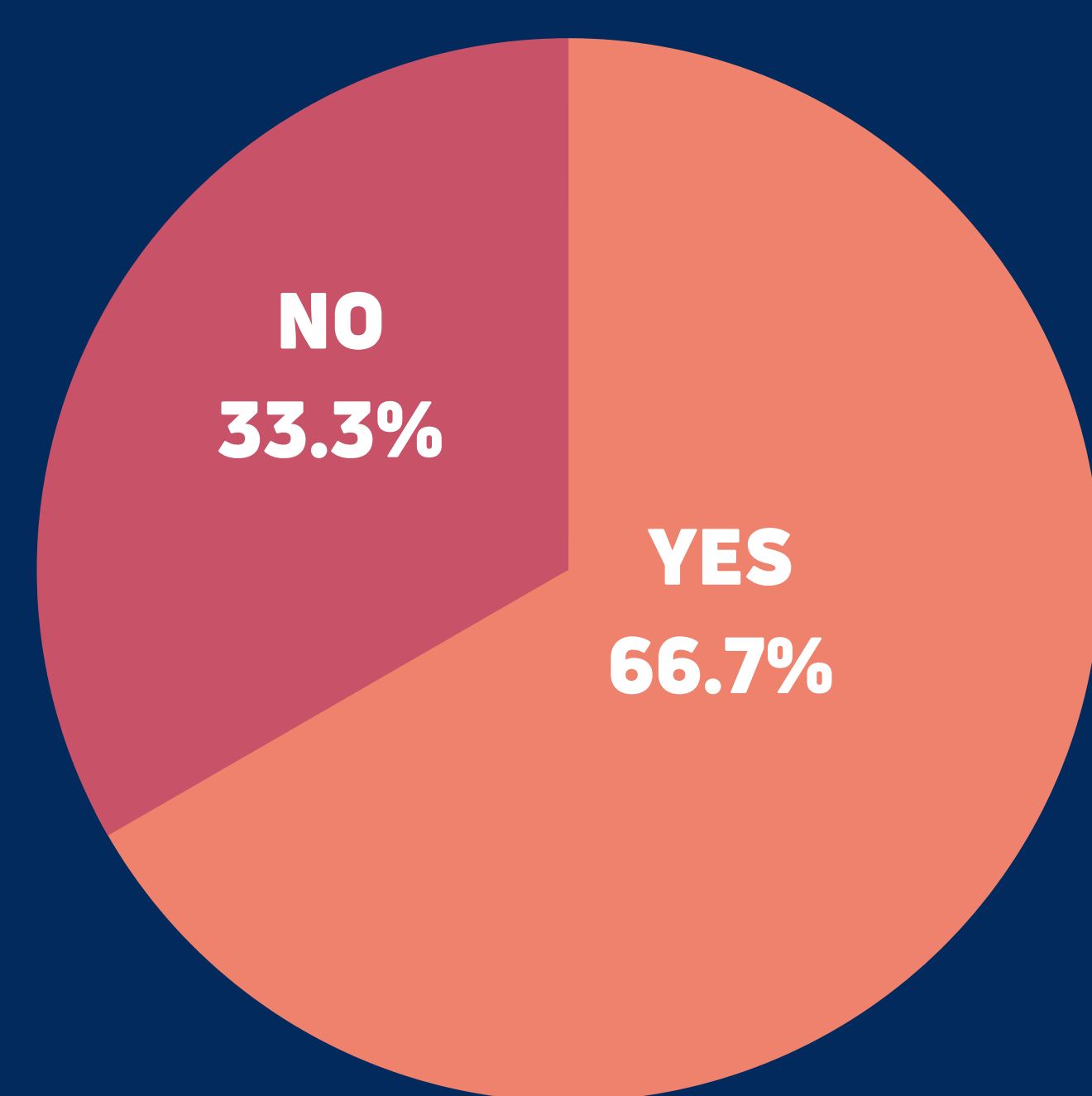
- A total of **59** patients aged 17 were seen by the WAMHLT at RSCH between September 2020 – February 2021.
- **33** of the the patients were previously known to local child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)

STAFF SURVEY

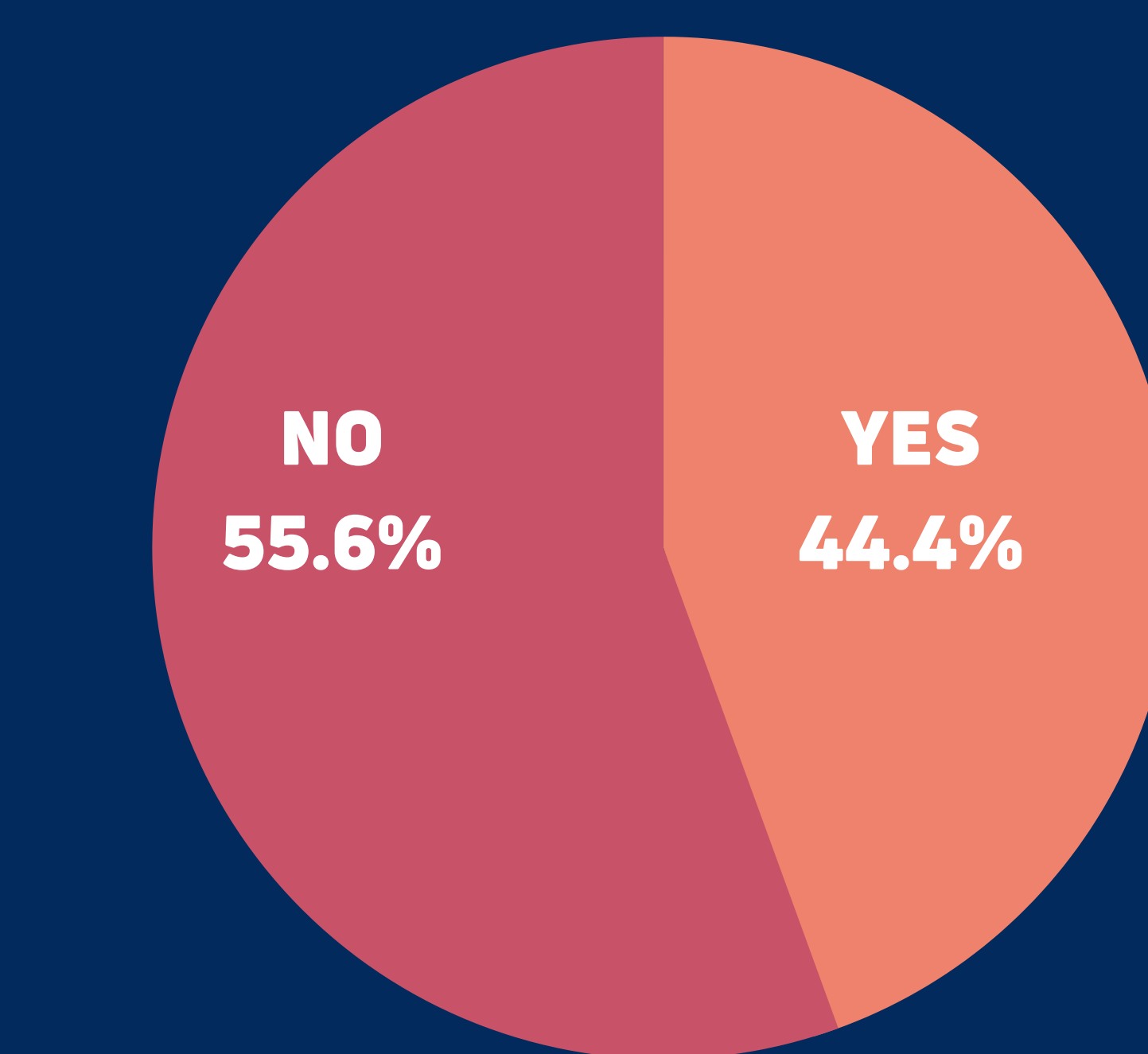
HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY TRAINING IN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE FOR PATIENTS <18 YEARS OLD?



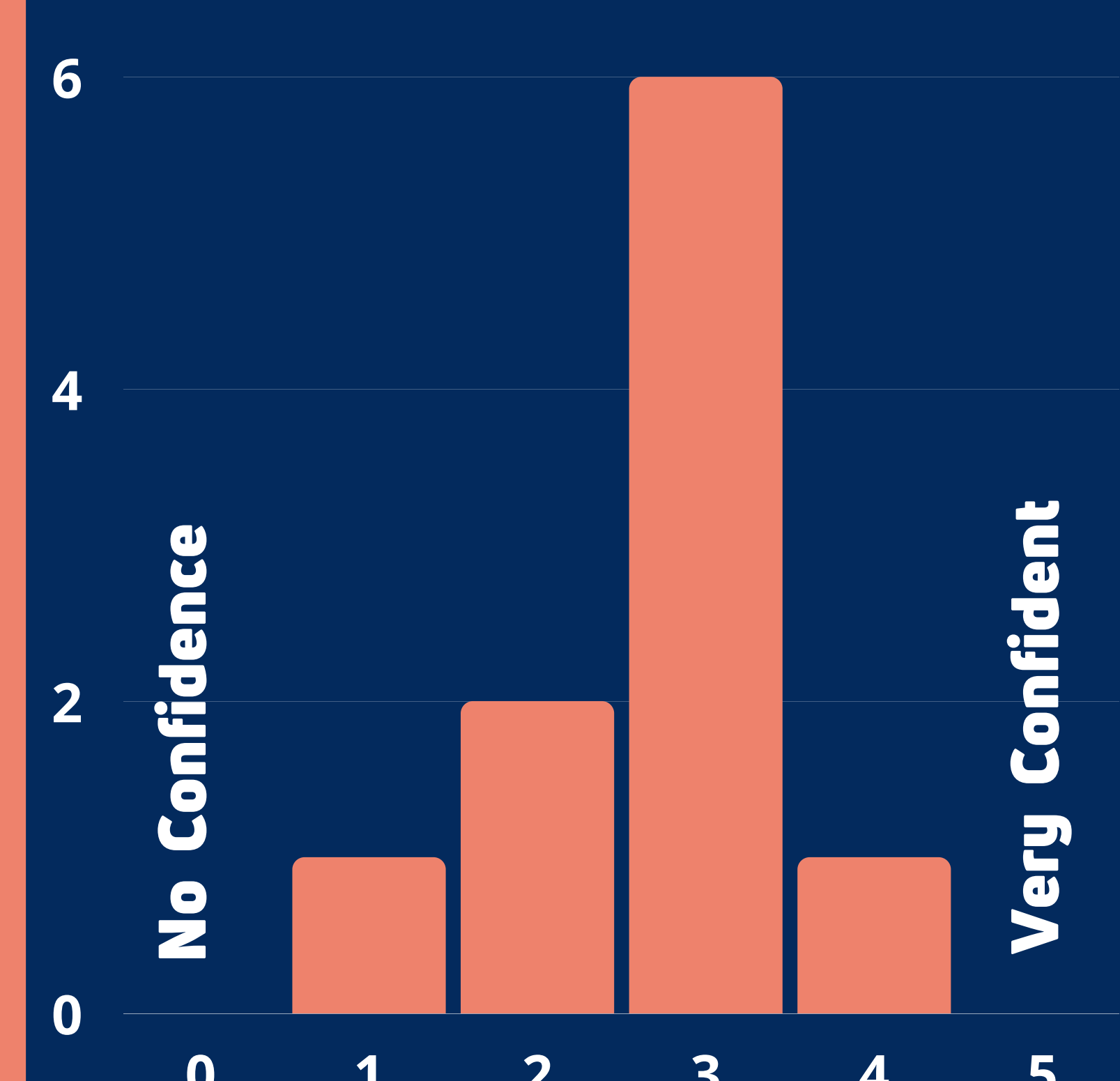
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN ABLE TO ACCESS SPECIALIST ADVICE WHEN MANAGING PATIENTS AGED 17



ARE YOU AWARE OF THE LOCAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR MANAGING PATIENTS <18?



HOW CONFIDENT DO YOU FEEL IN ASSESSING AND MANAGING PATIENTS AGED 17?



ARE WE MEETING THE RECOMMENDED STANDARDS?



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. CAMHS training for all working age MHLT staff.
2. Develop clearly defined pathways in managing patients <18 presenting to adults A&E.
3. Adult MHLT staff should be made aware where they can access consultant CAMHS psychiatric advice.

REFERENCES

