



Queensland
Foster and
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CARER EXIT SURVEY

REPORT

South West Region

2020-2021

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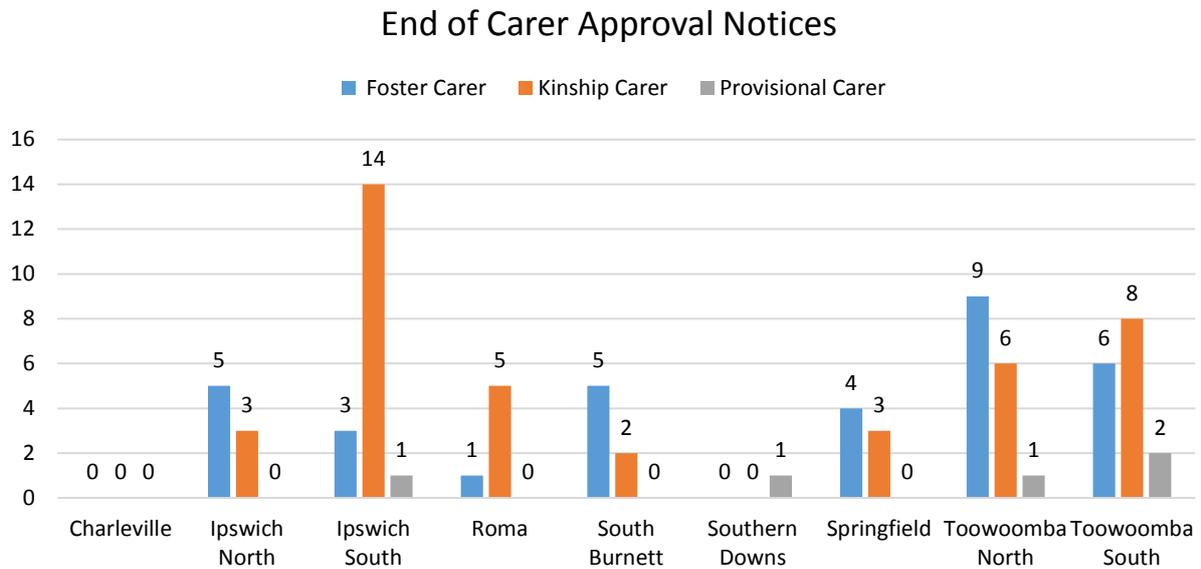
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Summary - South West QLD Region

Information taken from the End of Carer Approvals

Queensland Foster and Kinship Care (here after referred to as QFKC) received 553 End of Carer Approval Notices during the period of 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021. 79 (14.2%) of the End of Carer Approval Notices were received from the South West QLD Region and affiliated with the following service centres. Please note that sometimes all the required information is not provided to QFKC.

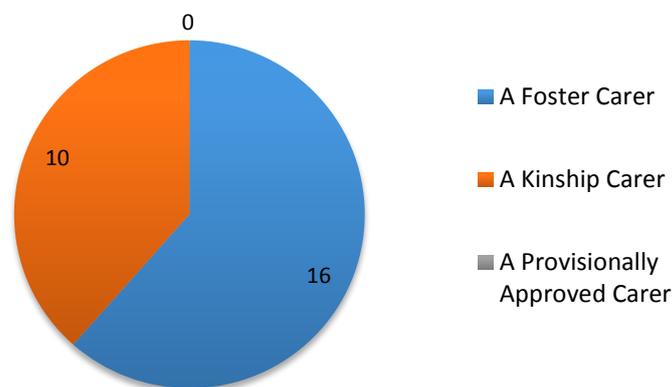
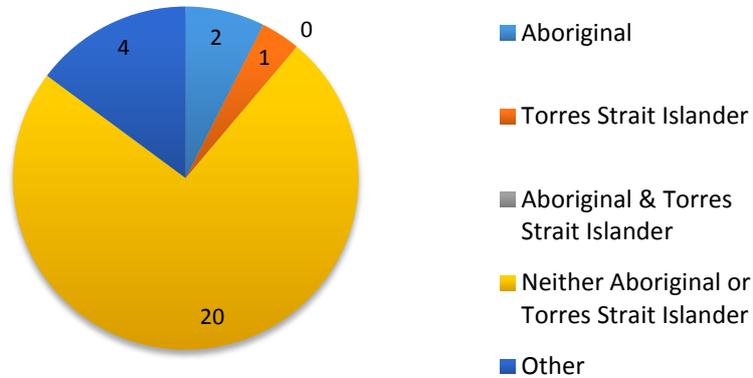


About You

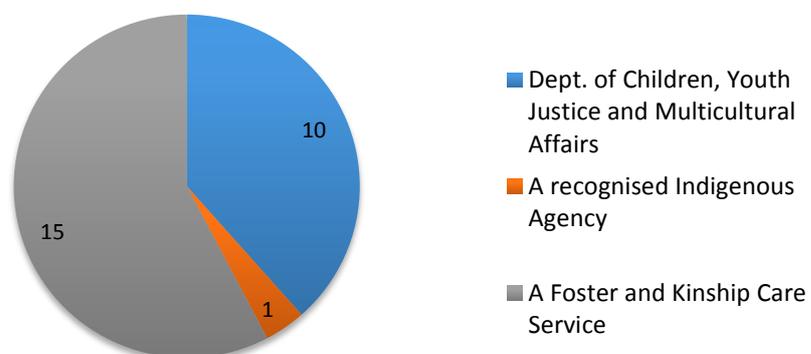
All 79 end of carer approvals were sent an acknowledgment letter from QFKC asking them if they wanted to complete an exit survey. There were 27 people who completed the survey, affiliated with the Service Centres below:

- Charleville 0
- Ipswich North 4
- Ipswich South 0
- Roma 4
- South Burnett 1
- Springfield 3
- Toowoomba North 6
- Toowoomba South 9

From the 27 people who completed the survey for the South West QLD Region the following information was shared;

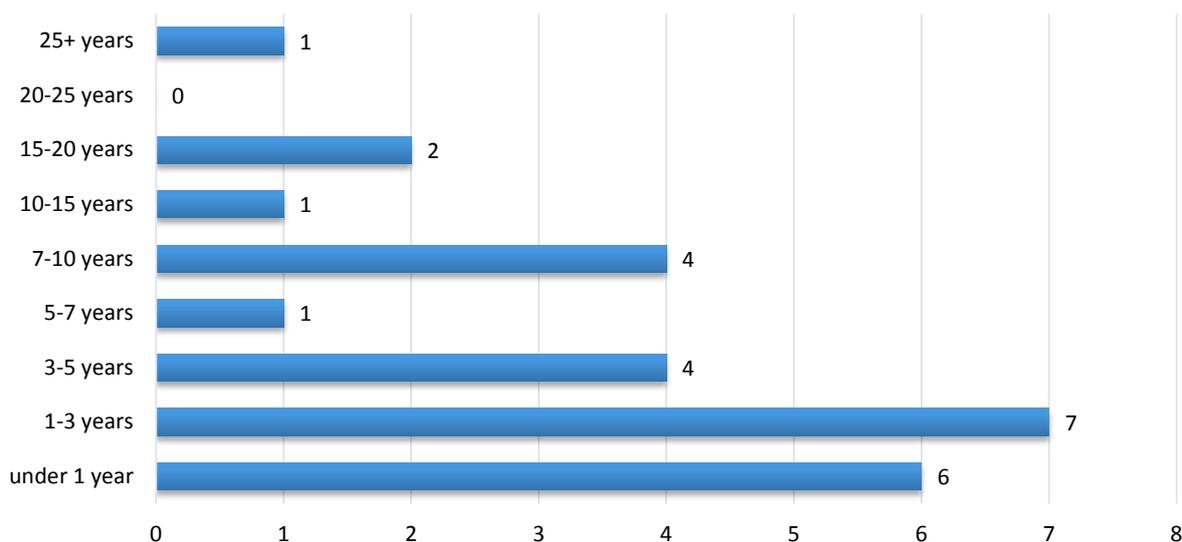


People were asked to identify who they are supported by, they answered as follows;



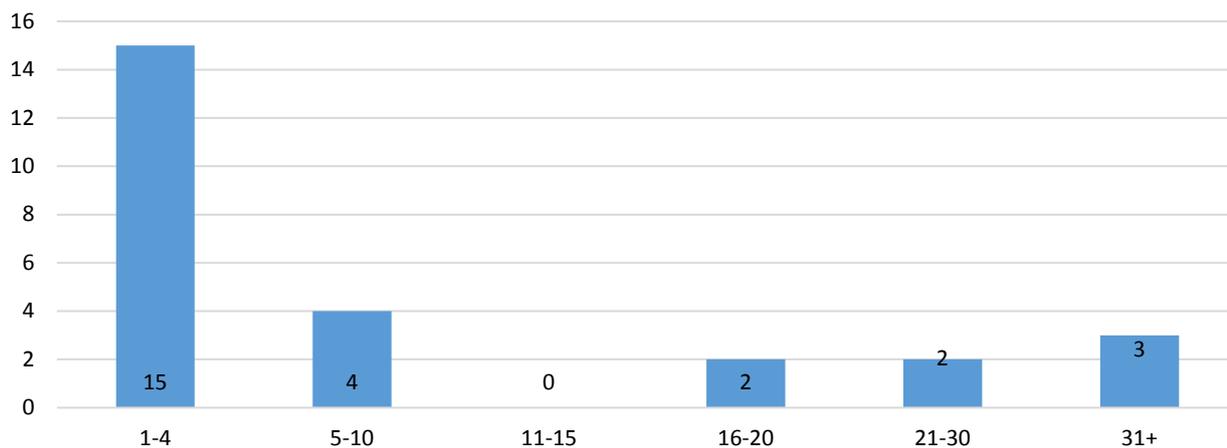
Information is requested regarding the person’s time spent as a carer, to identify when they started as a carer and when they stopped. Below is a graph that identifies the length of time stated in the responses.

Time spent as a carer



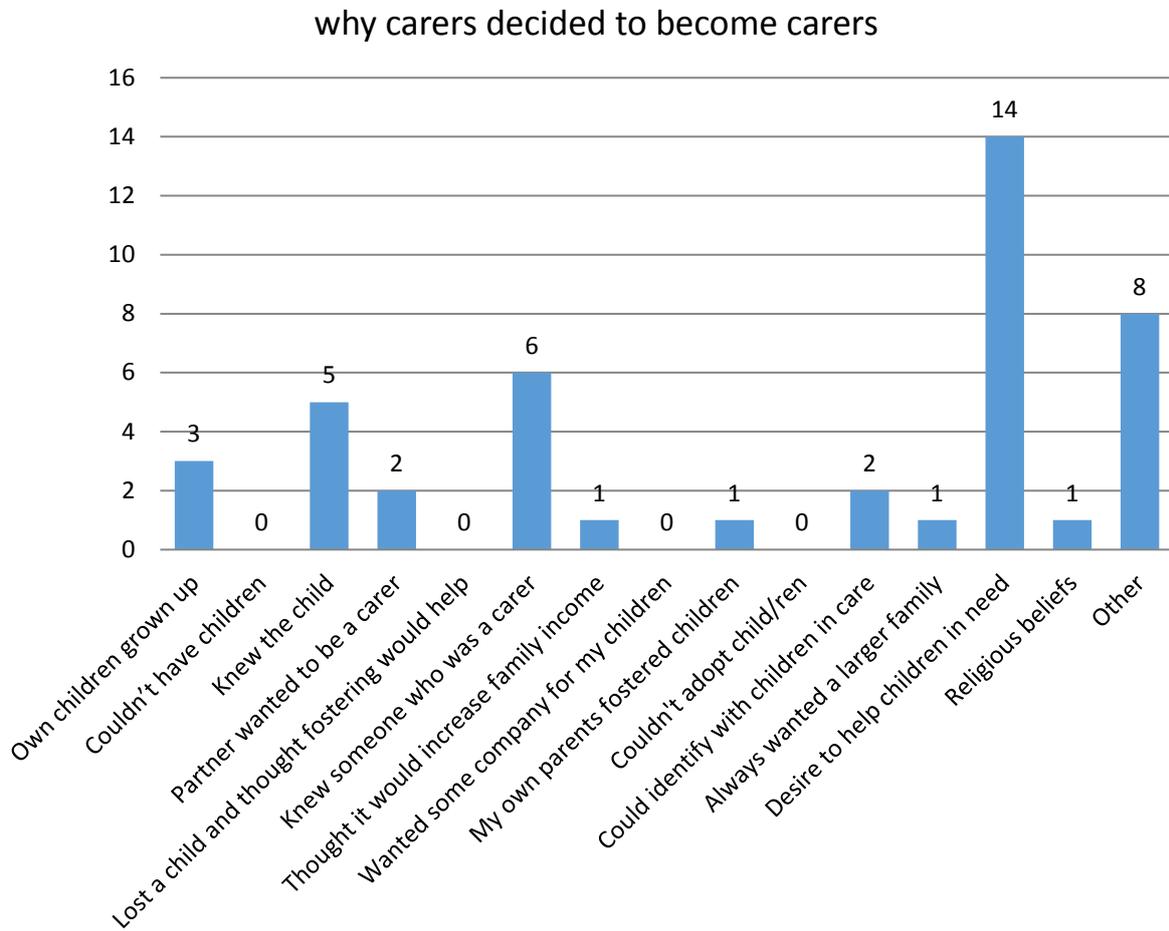
The information provided also evidences the number of children the person/persons have provided care to.

Number of children



About You as a Carer

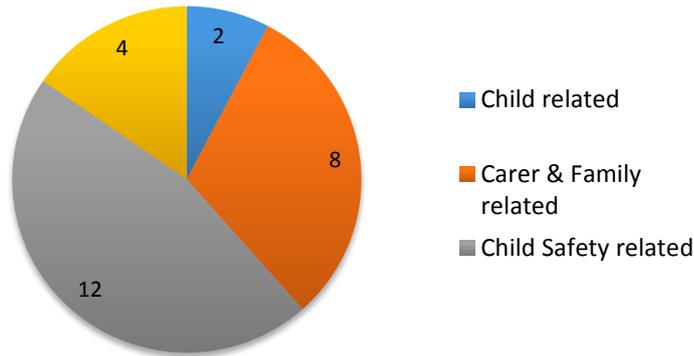
People were asked to identify what made them decide to become a Foster Carer.



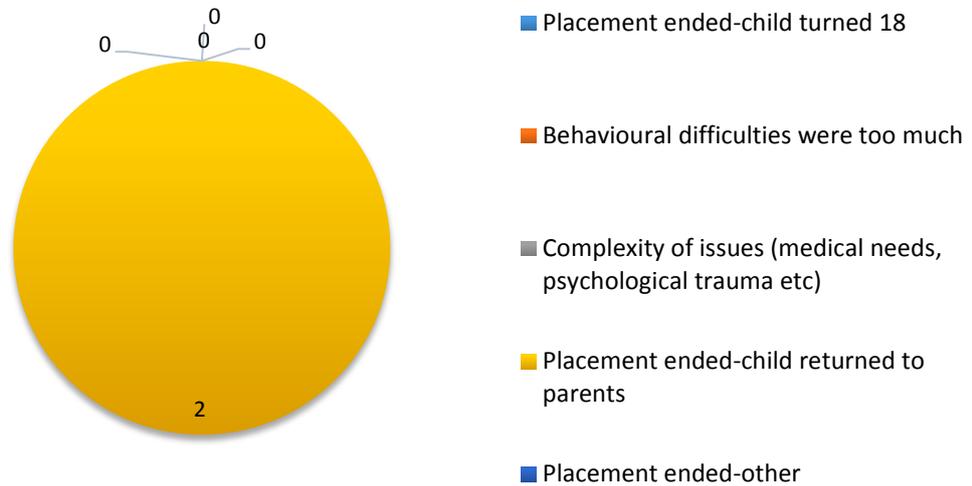
Reason for Discontinuing as a Foster/Kinship Carer

People undertaking the survey were asked to provide the reason why they decided to stop being carers. They are provided with four options then asked to elaborate in relation to the option that they have selected.

Main reason for deciding to stop being a carer

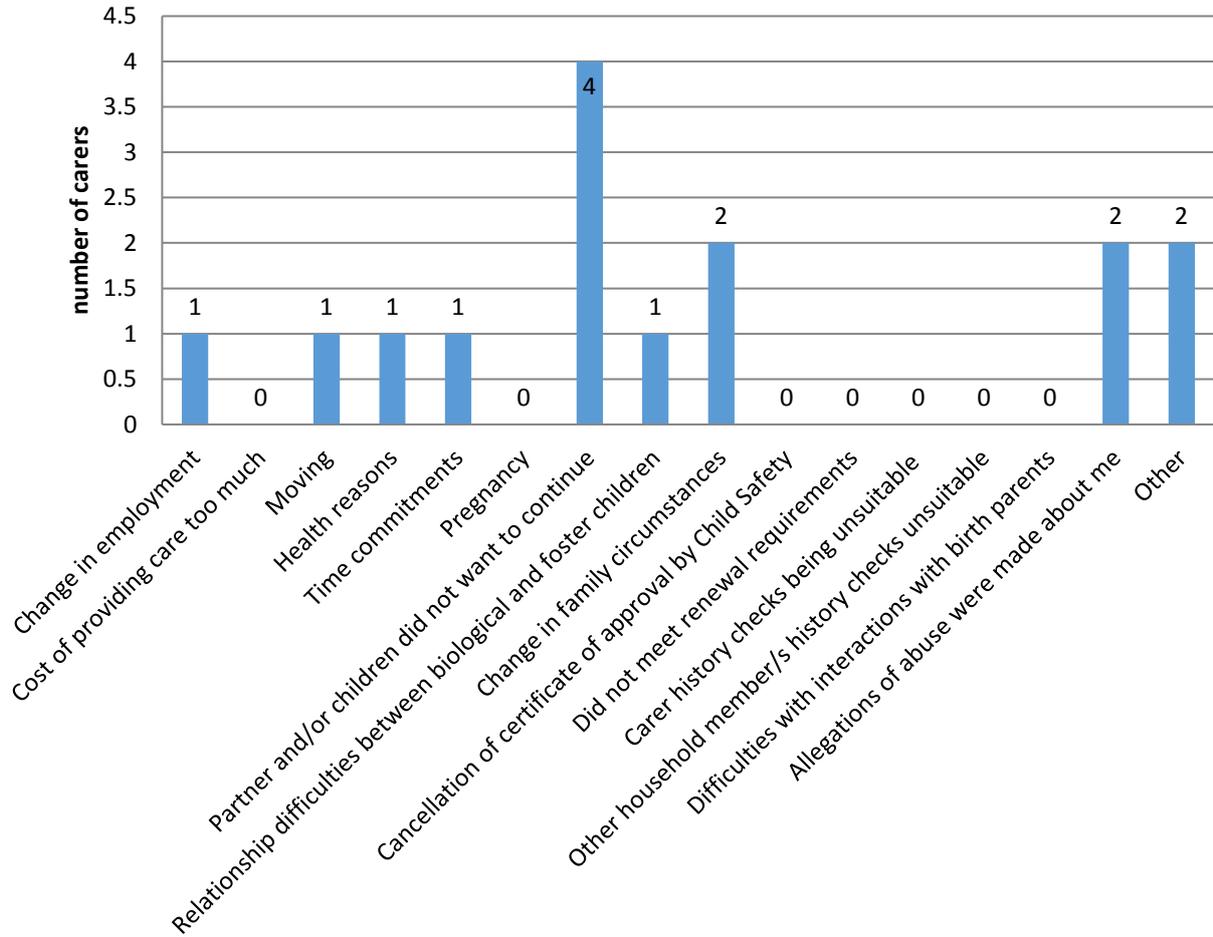


The following information will be specific to the reason that has been provided in this question. If the respondents answered that they ceased being carers due to child related reasons, they are asked to expand on the reasons, as follows.

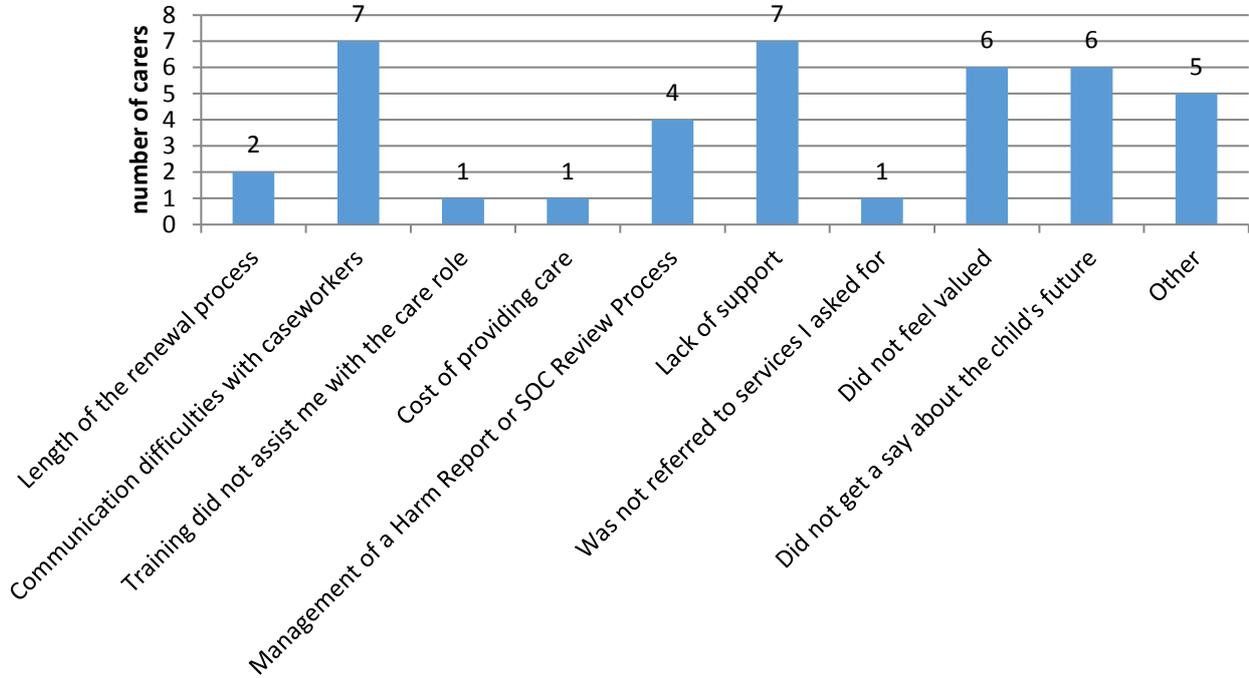


For people who stated that they ceased caring due to carer and family reasons, they were asked to expand on their response.

Ceased being a carer for carer and family related reasons

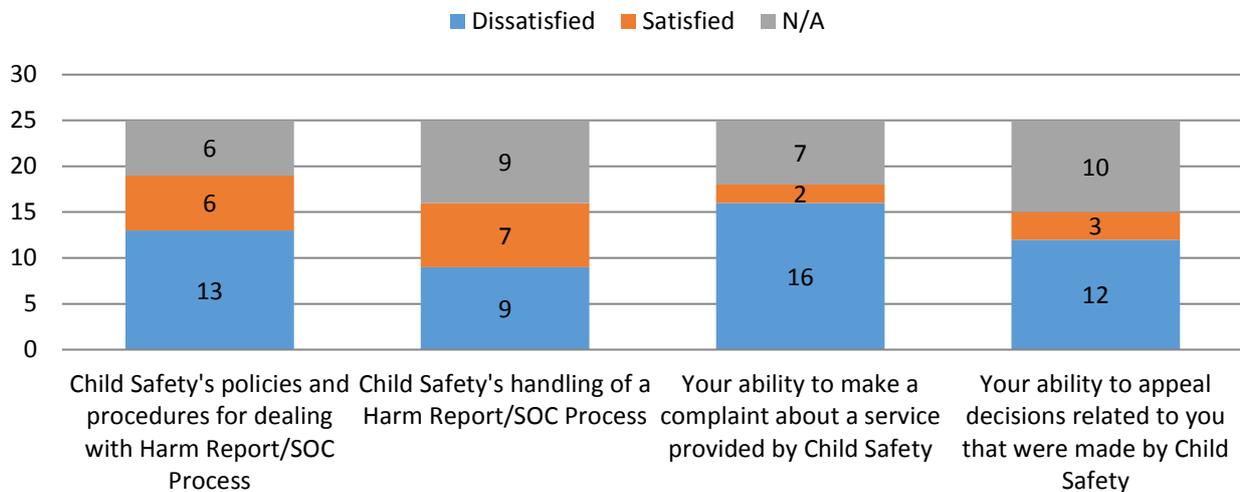


Response from carer when ceasing care due to issues relating to Child Safety Services



People undertaking the surveys were asked how satisfied they were with different elements of their involvement with the Department of Child Safety.

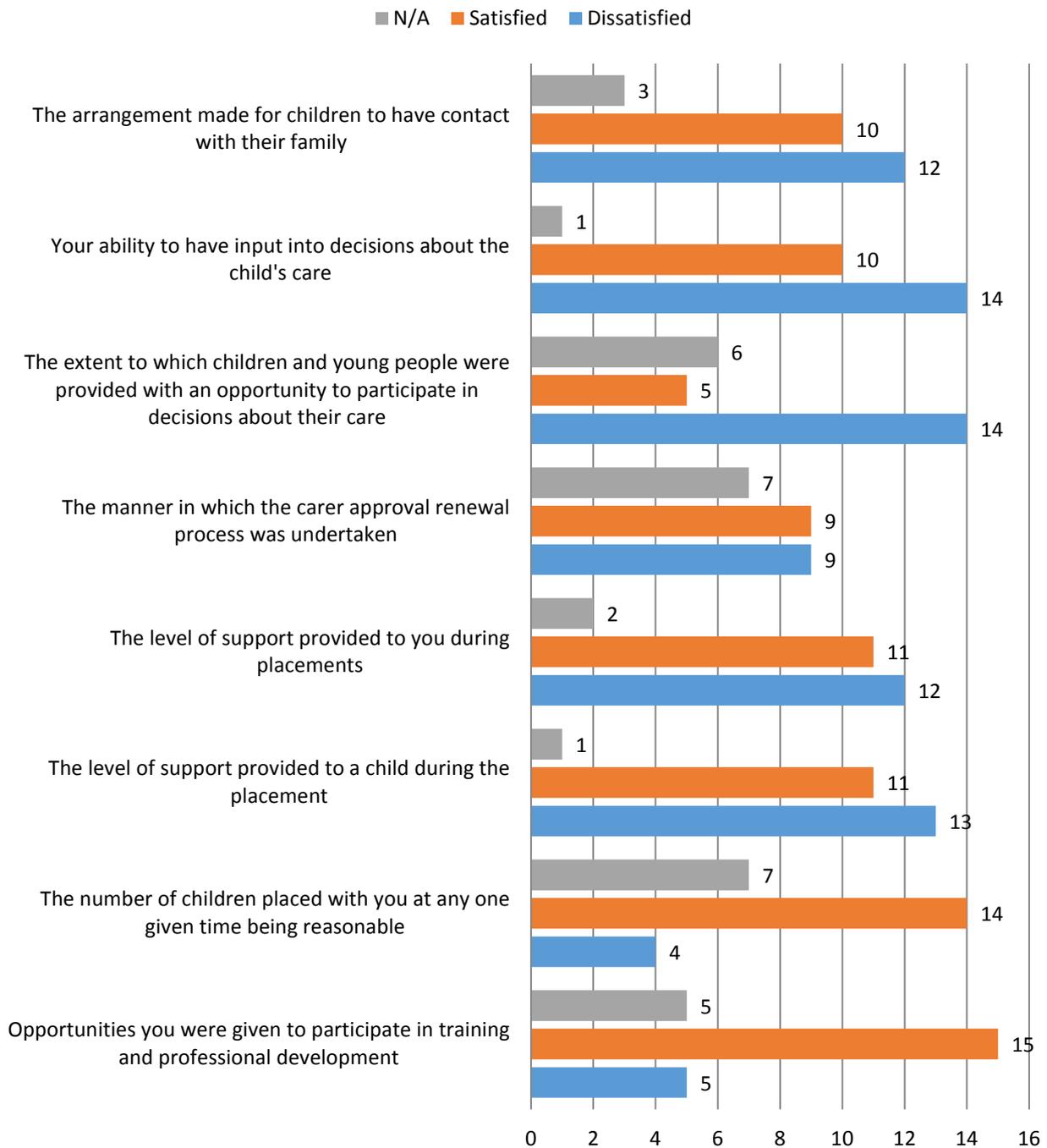
In regards to Child Safety, how satisfied were you with



Carers were asked a range of questions on their satisfaction level related to their overall caring experience. They were further asked to respond to questions around communication, contact, support, financial support, training and professional development. The following responses were provided.

The Experience of Caring

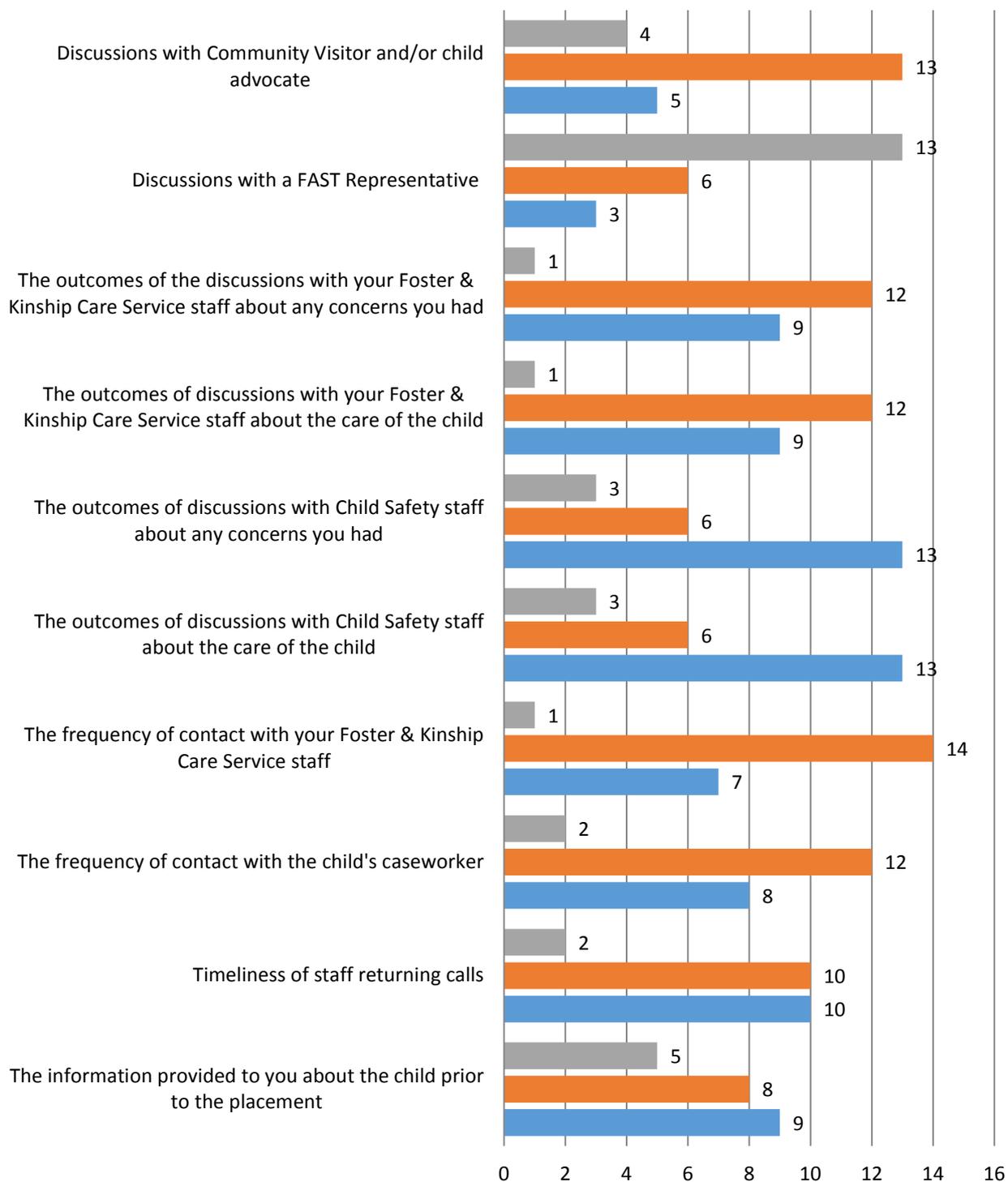
How satisfied were you with



The Experience of Caring: Communication

How satisfied were you with

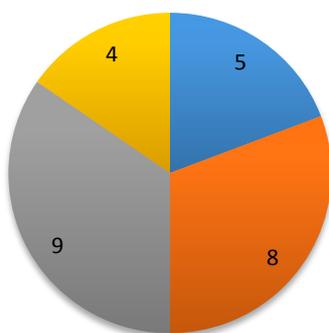
■ N/A ■ Satisfied ■ Dissatisfied



The carers were asked to identify whether Child Safety discussed the following matters with them:

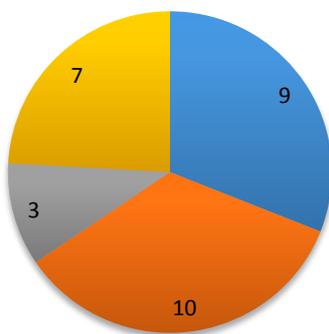
The child's cultural support needs

■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure ■ If yes, was there a cultural support plan in place



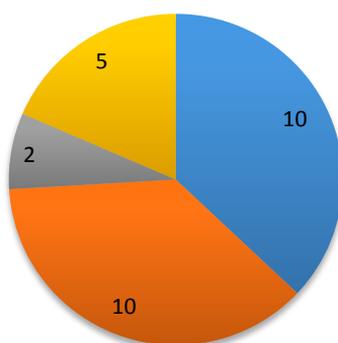
The child's educational needs

■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure ■ If yes, was there an education support plan in place



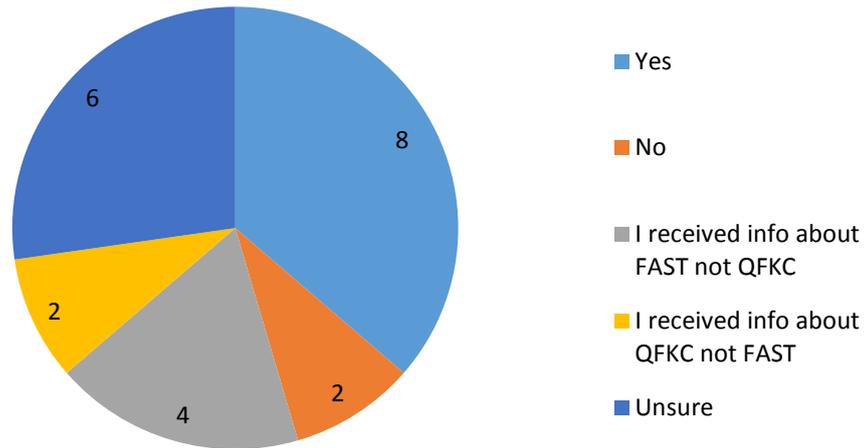
The child's health needs

■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure ■ If yes, did the child have a current child health passport



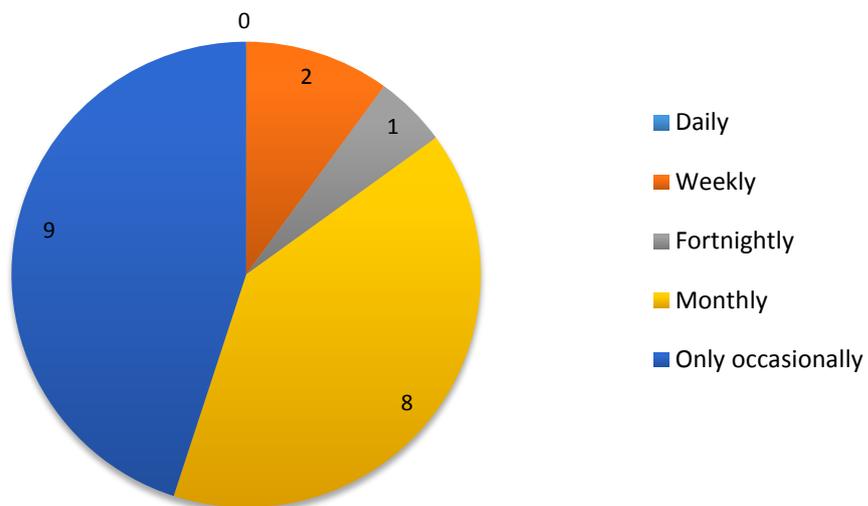
Carers were asked if they had received information regarding FAST Representatives and QLD Foster and Kinship Care, the graph below identifies their responses.

Did you receive information about FAST and/or QLD Foster and Kinship Care

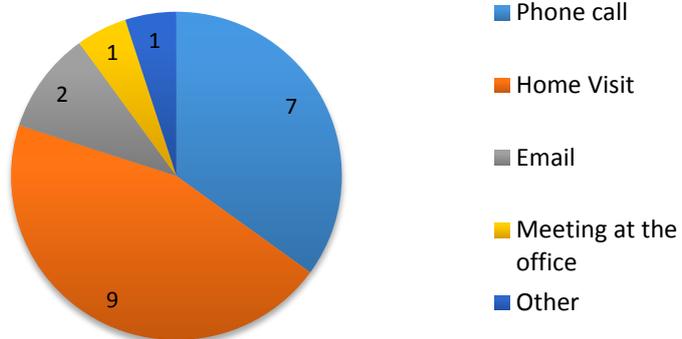


The Experience of Caring: Contact

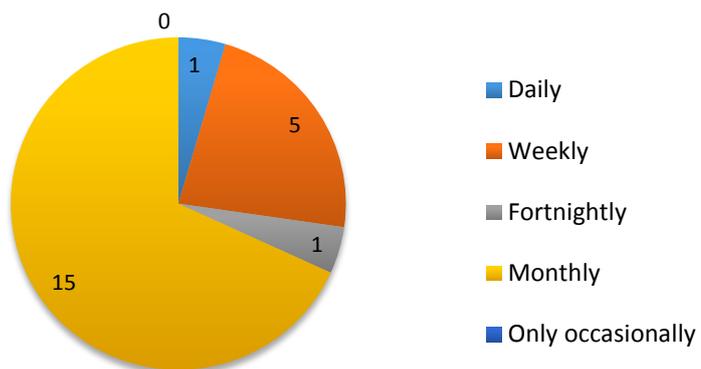
How often did you have contact with Child Safety staff



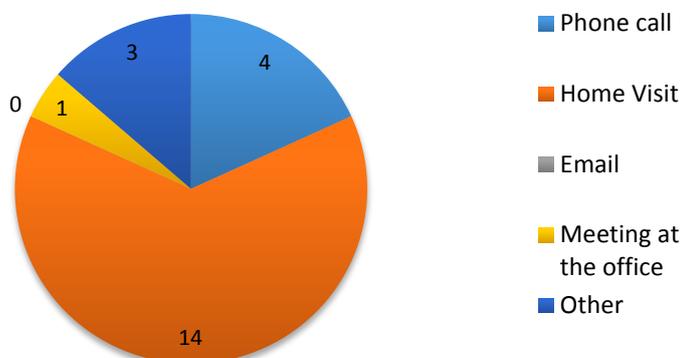
How did contact occur?



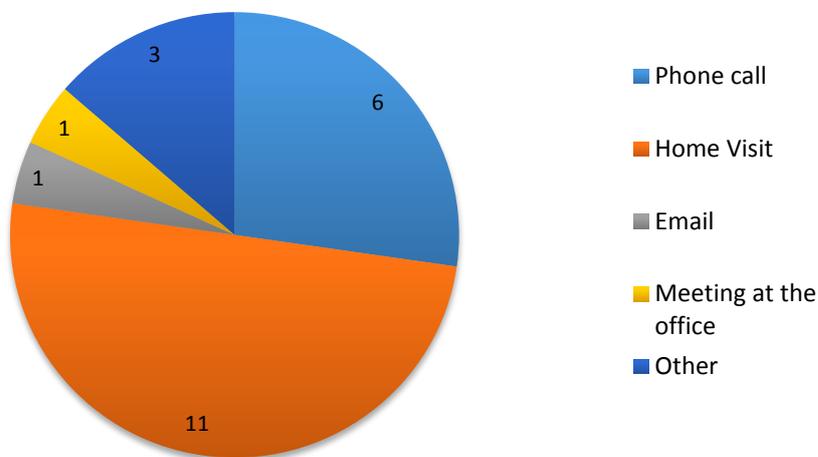
How often did you have contact with your Foster and Kinship Care Service?



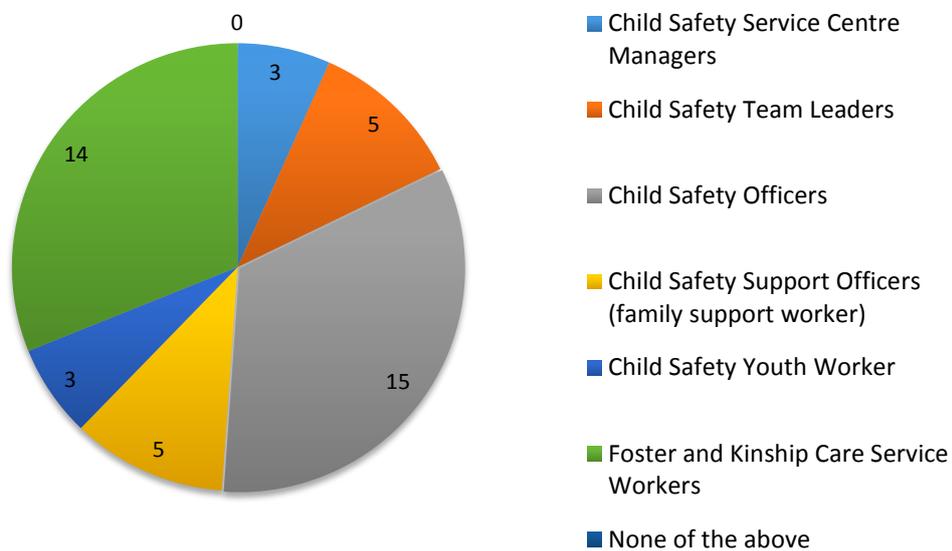
How did this contact occur?



What was your preference regarding contact?

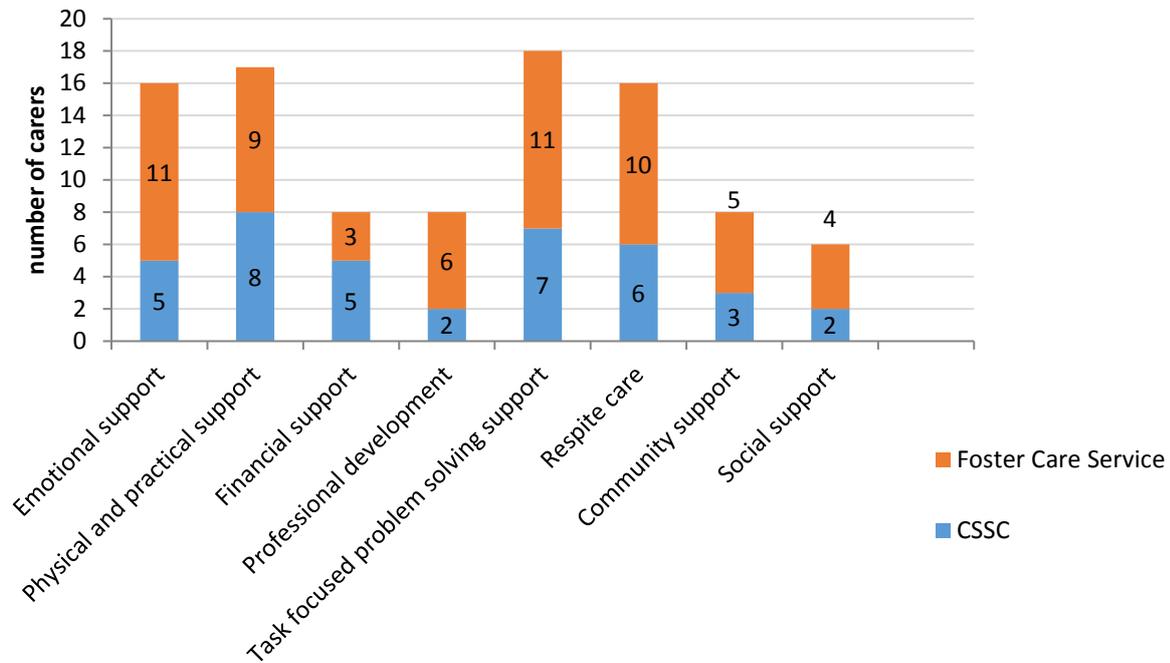


Which of the following persons did you usually have contact with?

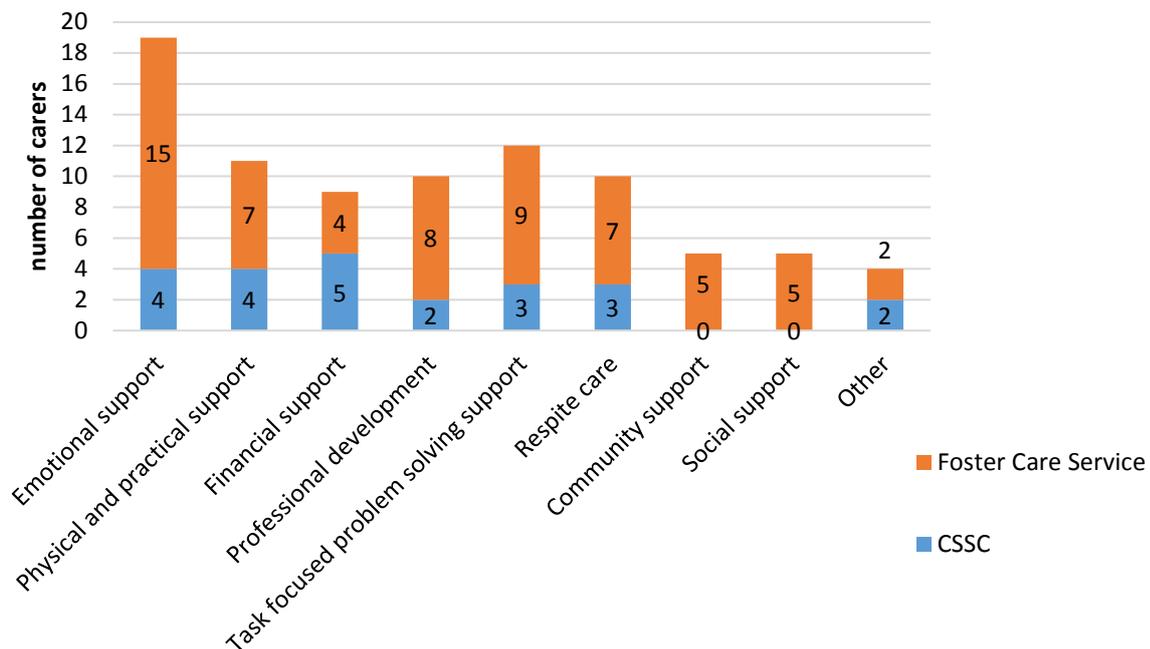


The Experience of Caring: Support

Please indicate whether during your time as a foster carer you **requested** any of the following supports from Child Safety and/or your Foster & Kinship Care Service



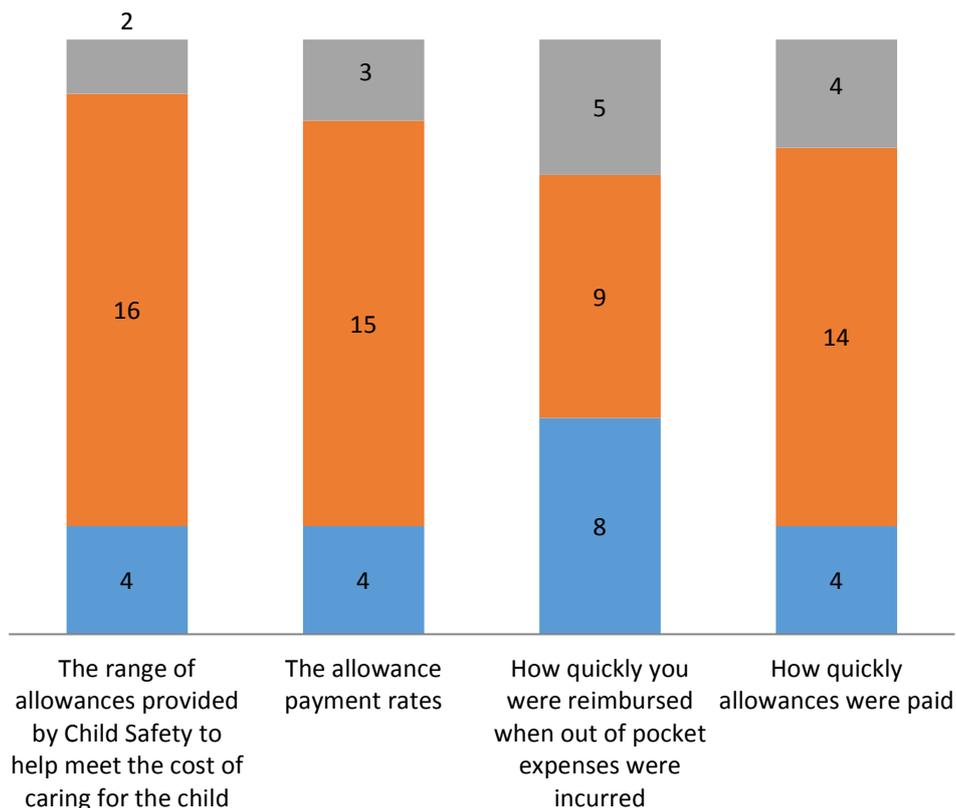
Please indicate whether during your time as a foster carer you **received** any of the following supports from Child Safety and/or your Foster & Kinship Care Service



The Experience of Caring: Financial Support

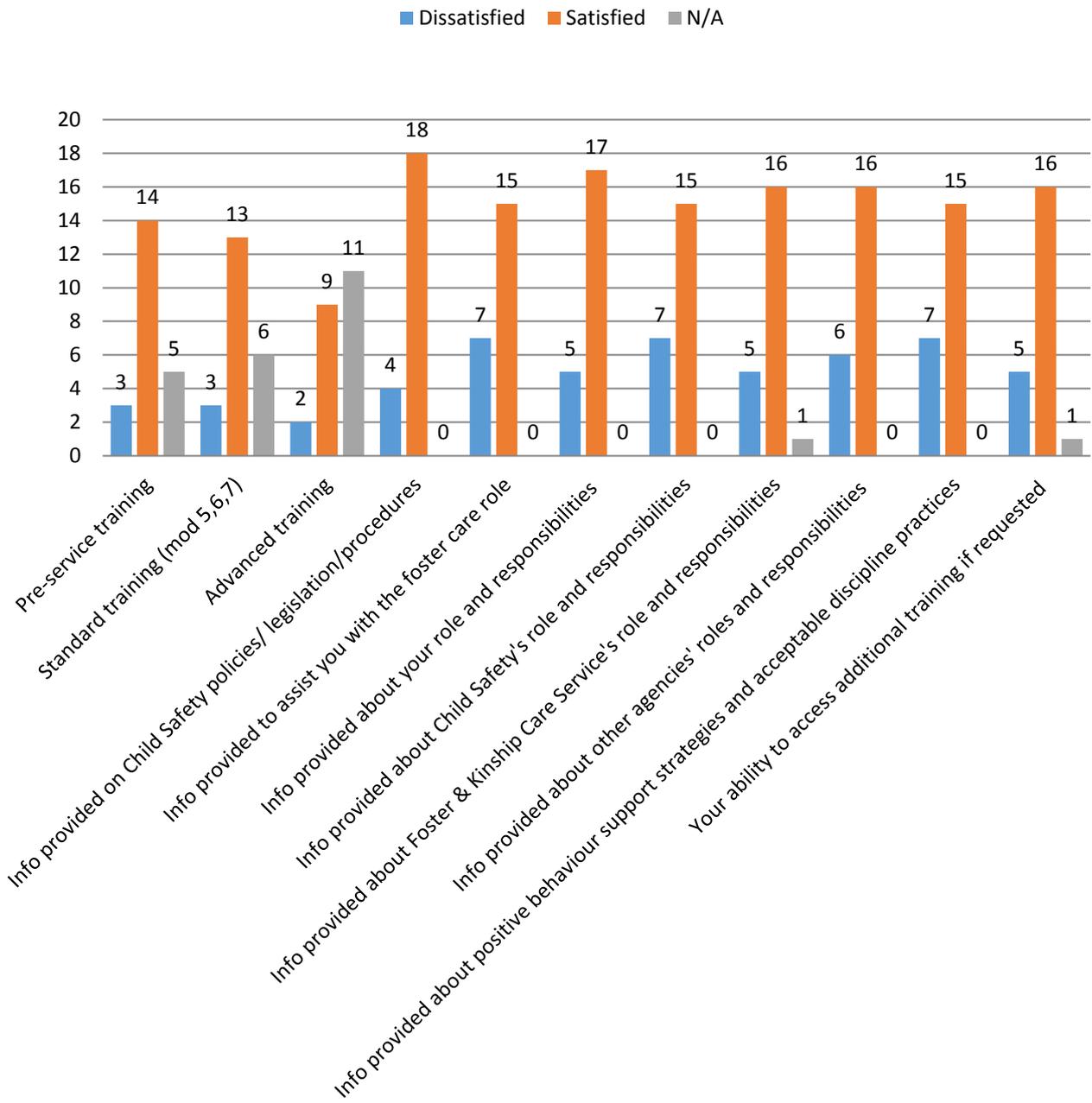
Financial Support

■ Dissatisfied ■ Satisfied ■ N/A

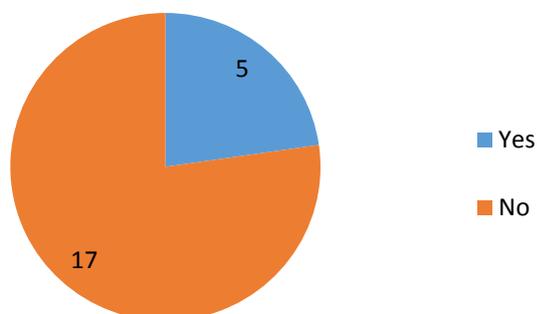


The Experience of Caring: Training and Professional Development

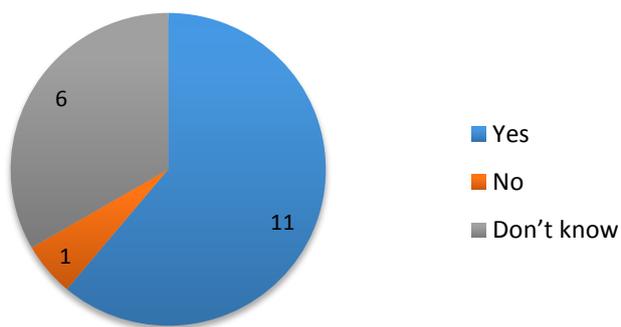
In regard to training and development, how satisfied were you with the following?



Have you attended any training in the last 12 months

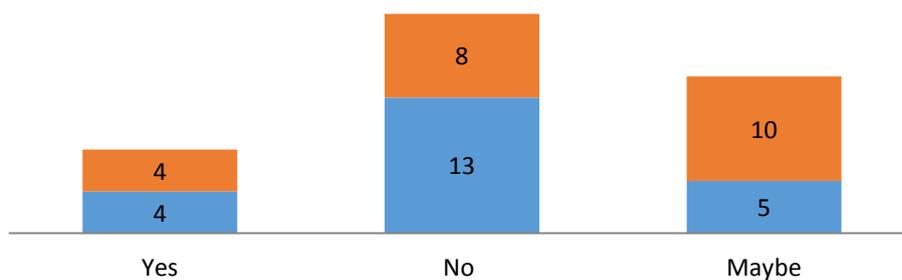


If you were approved as a Foster Carer, was there a Foster Care Agreement in place?



Overall Experience

- Would you consider returning to the role of carer at a later stage
- Would you advise a friend to become a carer



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