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Coercive Control and Insights Data

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About SafeLives



- We are SafeLives, the UK-wide charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse, for everyone and for good.



- We are independent, practical and evidence-led, with survivor voices at the heart of our thinking.



- We work with organisations across the UK to transform the response to domestic abuse.

We want what you want for your best friend:



- Action before someone is harmed or harms others



- Harmful behaviour identified and stopped
- Increased safety for everyone at risk



- The ability for people to live the life they want after harm has happened

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What is Insights?

- Insights is an **outcomes measurement tool** for domestic abuse and sexual violence services
- It helps to **collect data** about the support provided to their clients
- It produces **reports** that they use to **evidence** their impact
- Insights **annual dataset** is the combined, anonymised data from all services using Insights

Four sets of core indicators

Adult victims of DA

CYP

Victims of SV

Perpetrators

Smaller 'add-on' modules to evidence specific areas of work

Housing

Helpline

Tech abuse

Non-physical violence

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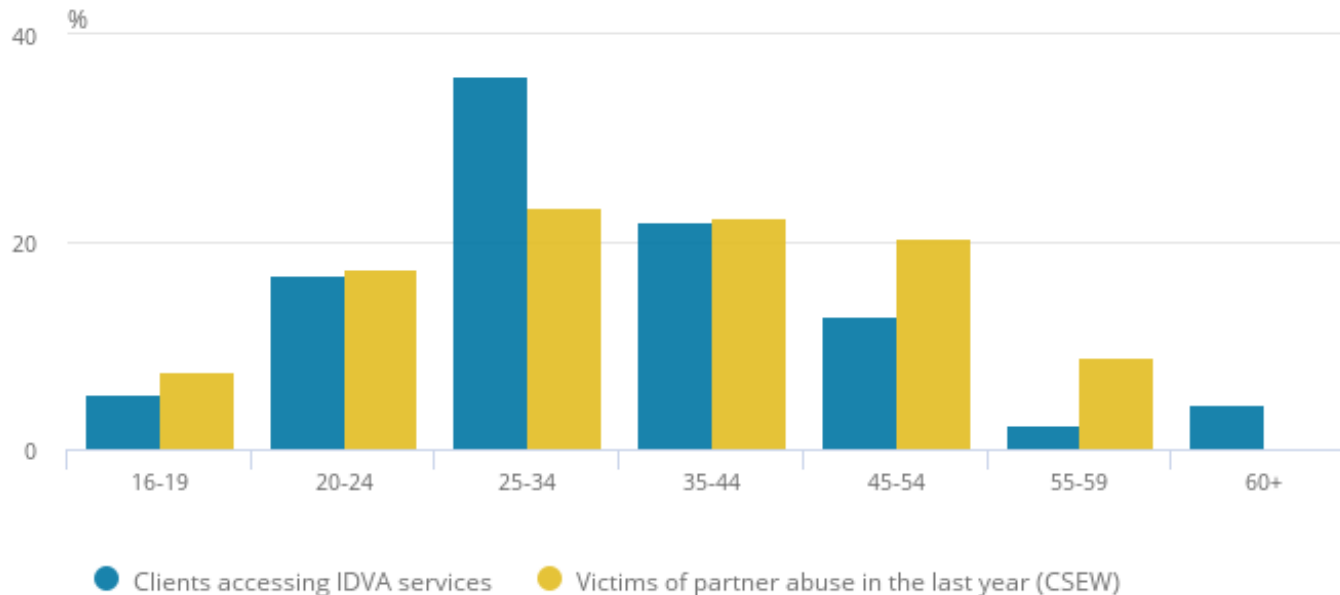
Who is in the Adults Insights Dataset?

- 38,320 case level records from January 2016 to June 2024
- 25 Services have contributed data
- 181 Local Authorities have at least one resident represented in the dataset
- Services come into and out of the dataset over time
- Sex of clients in the whole dataset is 96% female 4% male
- Perpetrators are recorded as 90% male and 7% as female
- In 90% of cases, the primary perpetrator is recorded as a current or ex intimate partner

Caveats

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Year ending March 2018



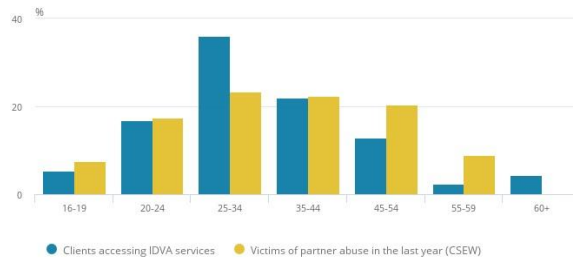
Source: Insights Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) dataset, SafeLives and Crime Survey for England and Wales, Office for National Statistics

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Age Profile of Adult Dataset

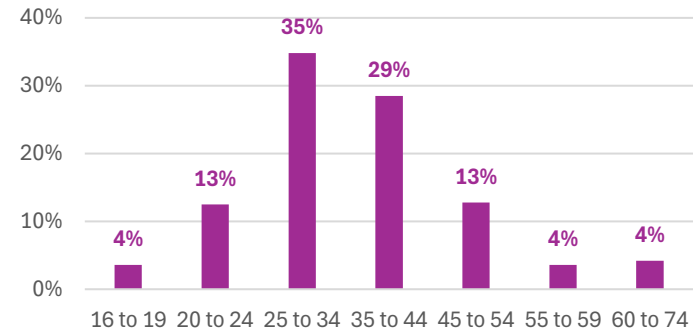
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2023 Insights Clients



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How the analysis has been done

We ask about Typology of abuse:

- Intimate terrorism/coercive control - 44%
- Situational couple violence - 9%
- Violent resistance - 1%
- Mutual couple violence - 1%

16,876 cases classified as intimate terrorism/coercive control
4,184 cases classified as another typology of abuse

Descriptive statistics

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Typologies of Abuse on Insights

- **Intimate terrorism/coercive control** - Frequent and severe violence/abuse that escalates over time. Predominantly perpetrated by men. Violence triggered by victim disobeying rules.
- **Violent resistance** - Predominantly perpetrated by the victim of intimate terrorism. Control not a feature. Conceptualised as self-defence.
- **Situational couple violence** - Coercive control not a feature. Violence arises from mismanaged conflict between partners. Singular occurrences, followed by remorse. Has potential to become persistent and/or severe.
- **Mutual couple violence** - Both partners violent and controlling. Both partners intimate terrorists.

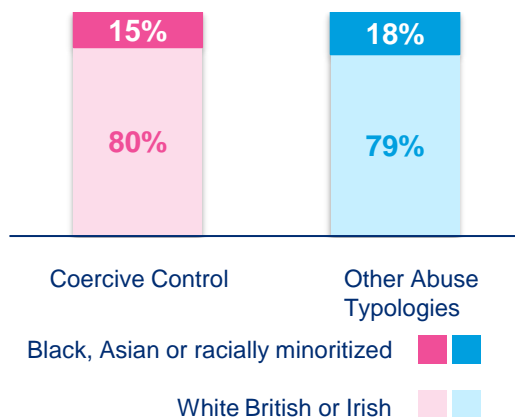
Client demographics

Black, Asian and Racially minoritised clients: Coercive Control

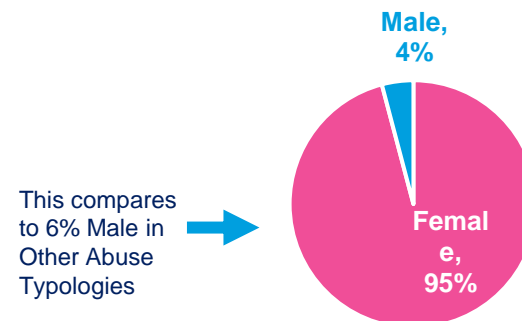
2186 clients (15%) describe themselves as from Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups.

695 clients (5%) described themselves as from any other White background.

Ethnicity

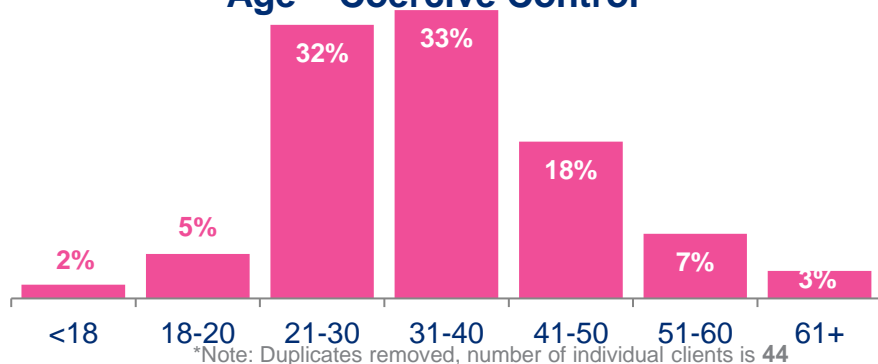


Which of the following describes how the client thinks of themselves (Coercive Control)

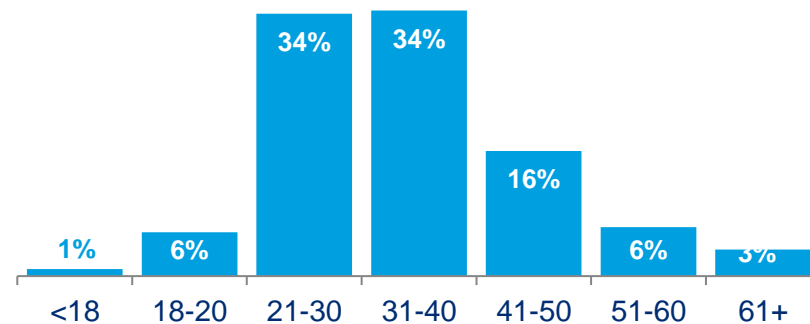


Clients identifying as Intersex made up 0.06% of Coercive Control Clients and the remaining 0.04 weren't disclosed/'Don't Know'.

Age – Coercive Control



Age – Other Abuse Typologies



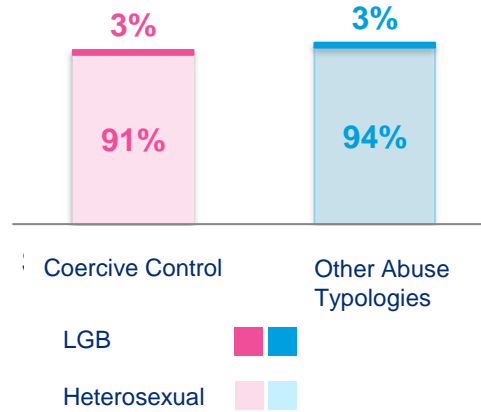
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Sexual Orientation: Coercive Control

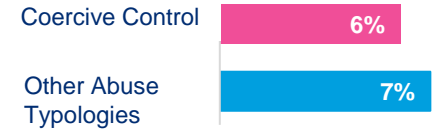
3% didn't disclose their sexual orientation, compared to 1% of 'Other Abuse Typologies' clients.

3% had 'Don't Know' or 'Missing' for sexual orientation, compared to 2% of 'Other Abuse Typologies' clients.

Sexual Orientation



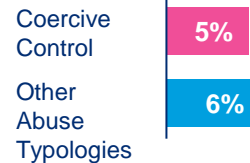
Significant Financial Problems



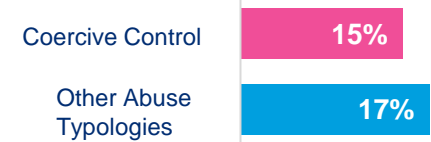
Cases with Children or Young People Involved



Pregnant Clients

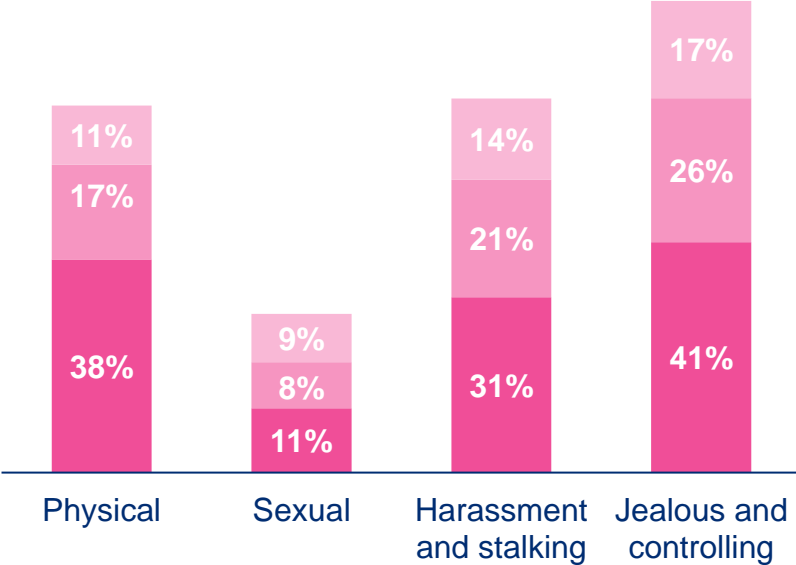


Disability



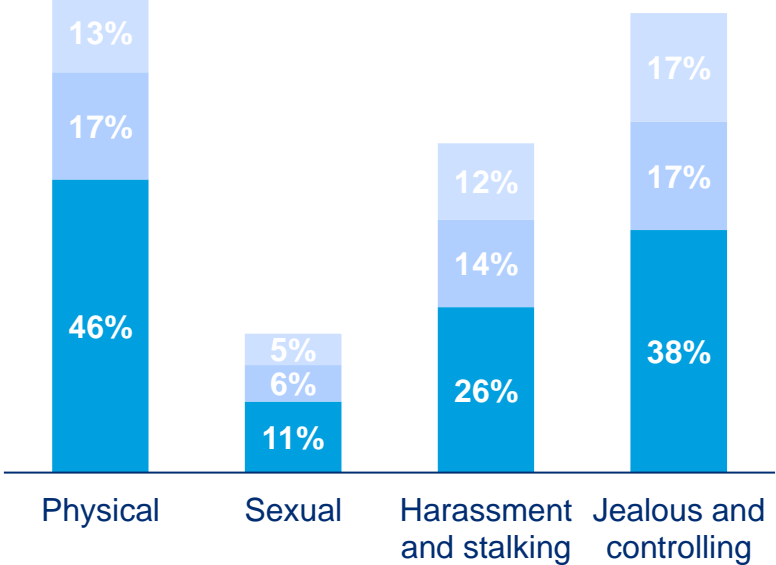
Abuse profile at intake

Coercive Control



■ High ■ Moderate ■ Standard

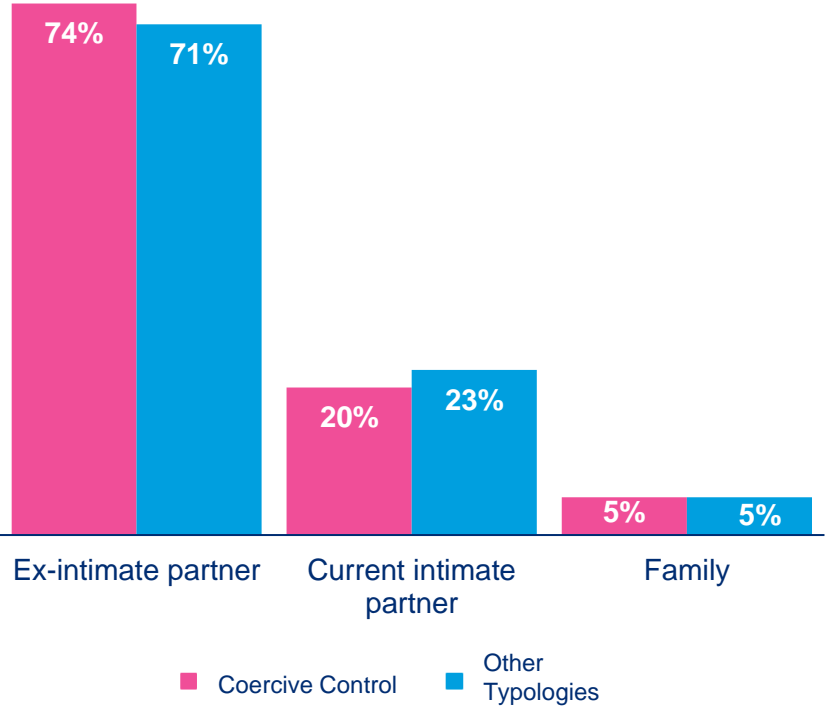
Other Abuse Typologies



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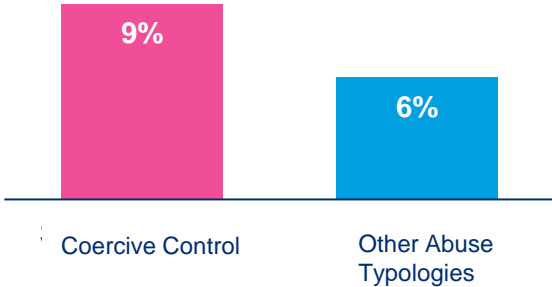
Relationship to primary perpetrator



Clients living with the perpetrator of abuse at Intake

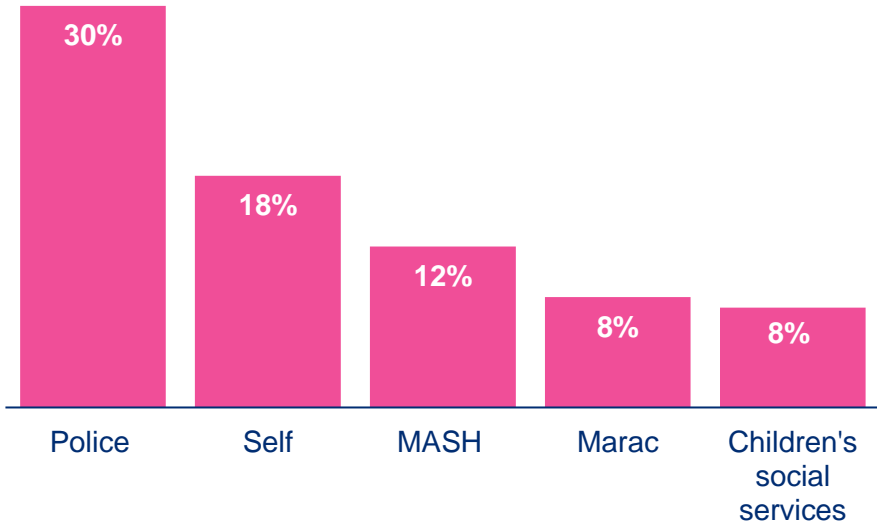


Cases with multiple perpetrators

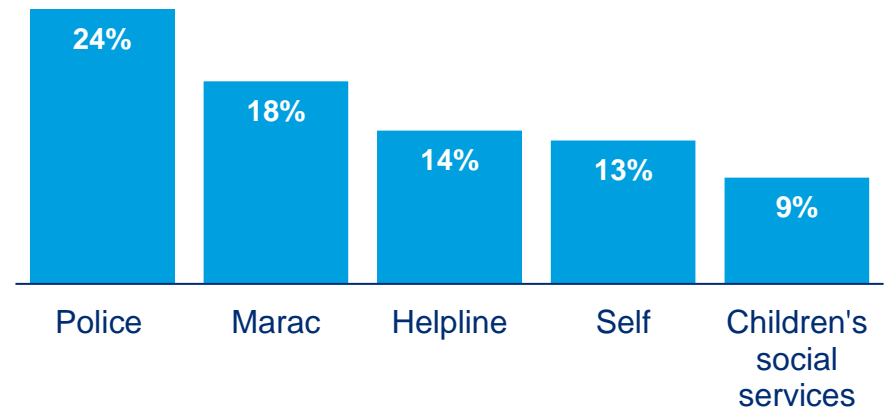


Most Common Referral Routes

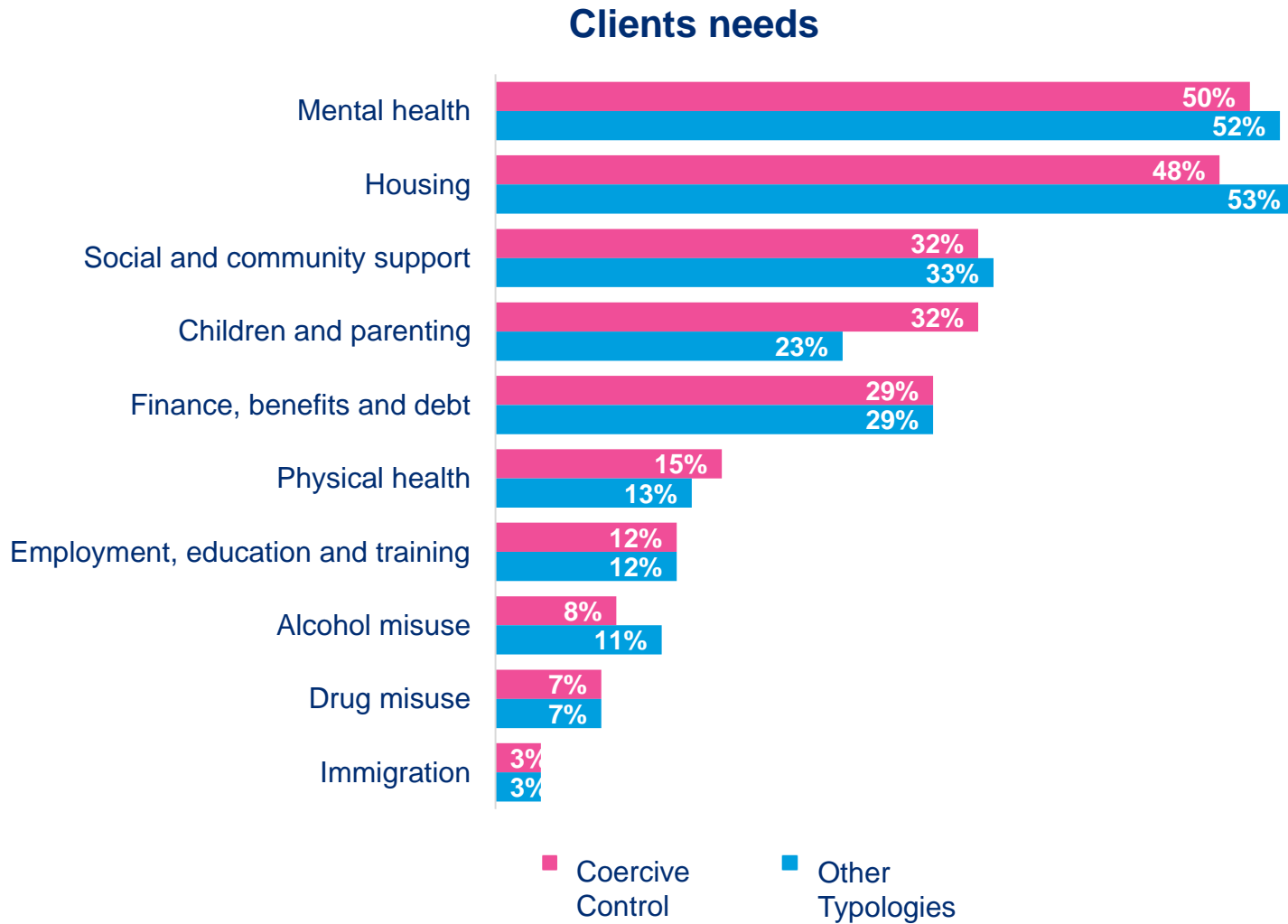
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Other Typologies



Needs at intake



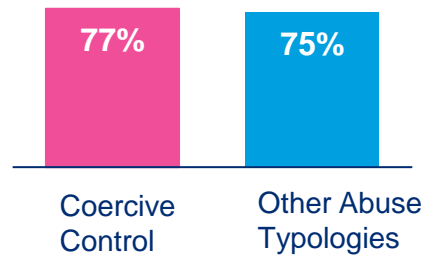
Support and Outcomes | Case Information



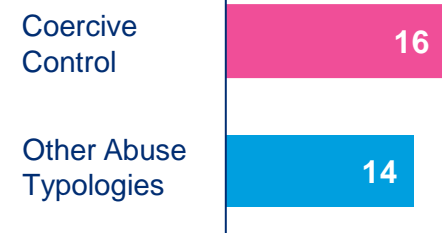
**11,330
Coercive
Control exit
forms**



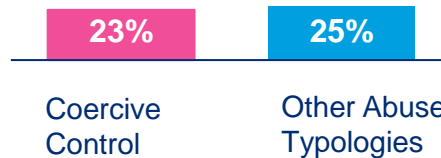
Planned Closures



Average Case Length (weeks)



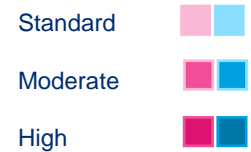
Unplanned Closures



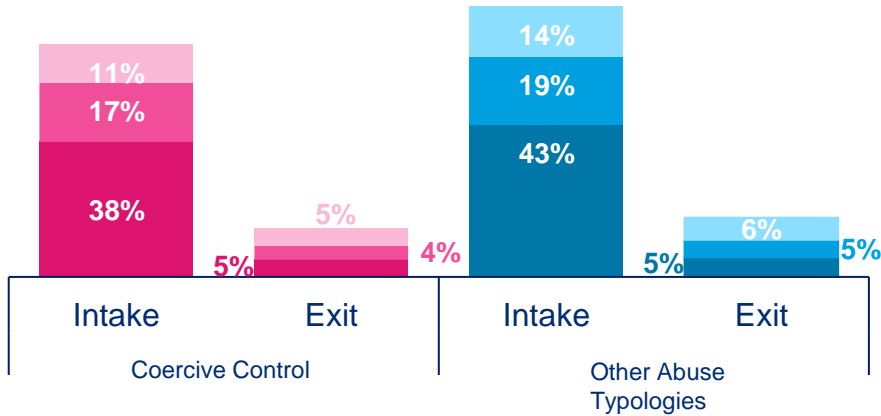
Average Number of Contacts (median)



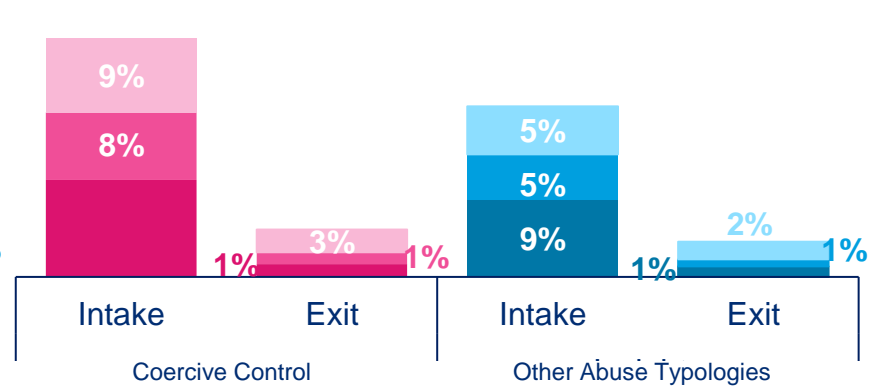
Change in Abuse Profile



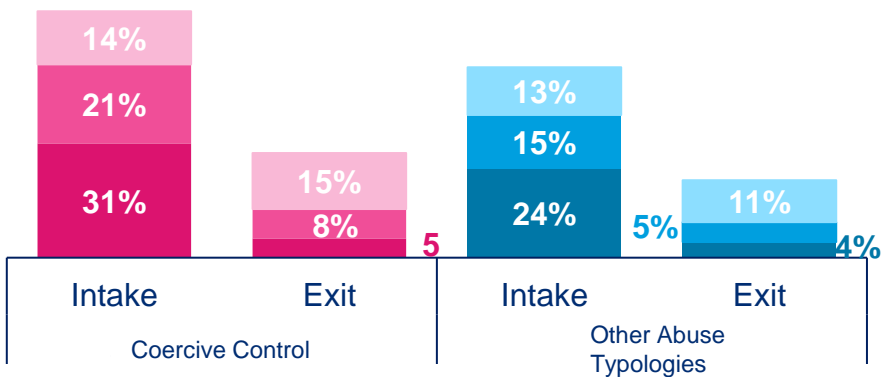
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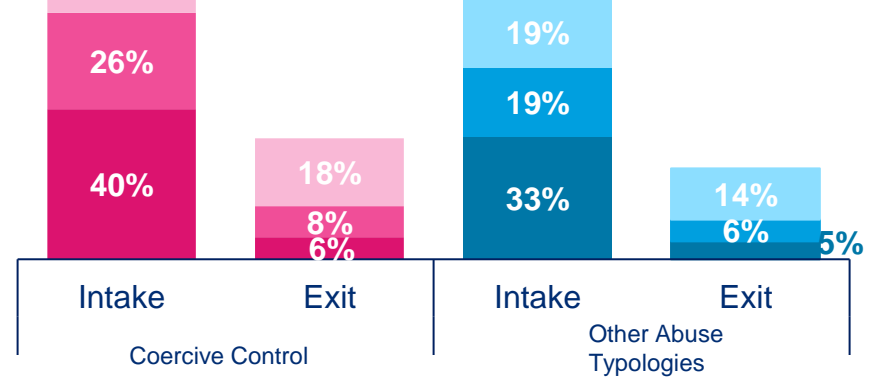
Sexual Abuse at Intake and Exit



Harassment and Stalking at Intake and Exit

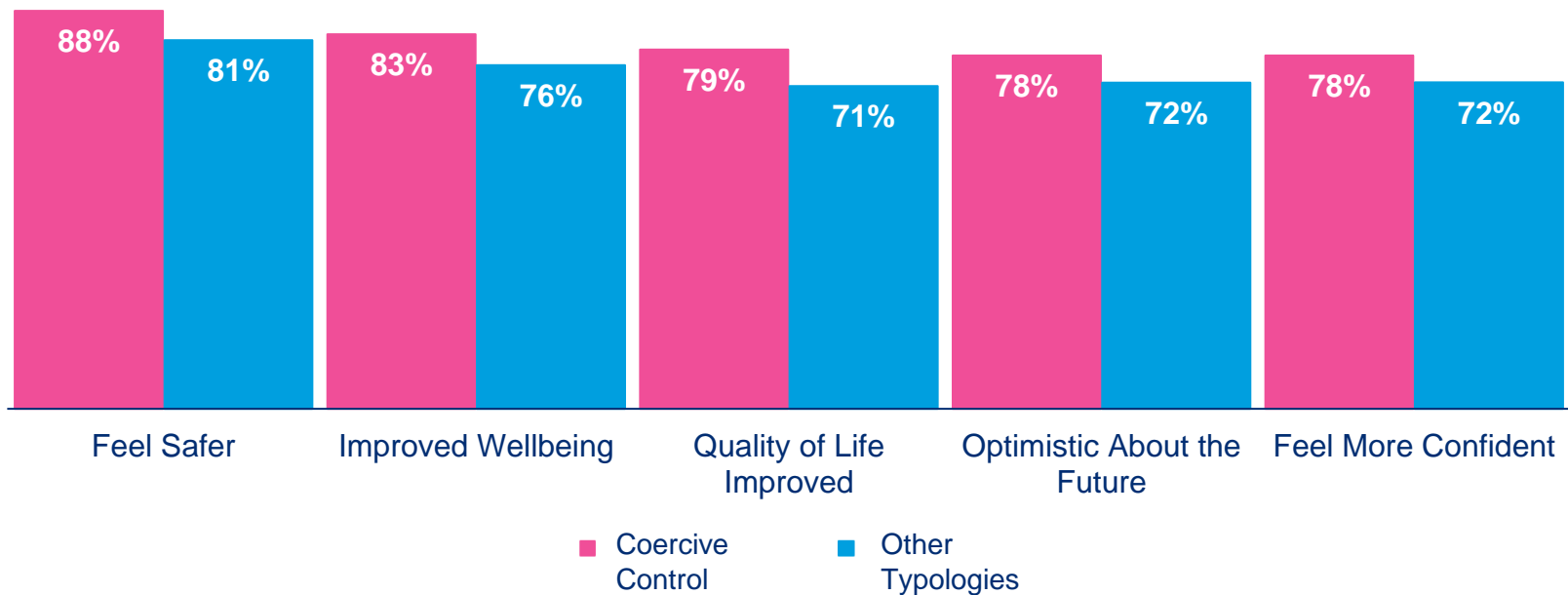


Jealous and Controlling Behaviour at Intake and Exit



Reported outcomes

Client Reported Outcomes



Could you explain what has made the biggest difference to your safety and well-being, and why?

“The support I received with regards to attending appointments and help with a solicitor to make me secure in my home along with a referral to suitable counselling has really helped me moved forward to a much more positive place.”

“Self-confidence and self-esteem, and understanding what tactics the abuser is using. “

“I have somewhere safe for me, my son and pets.”

“Being safe and listened to when I felt I was going mad and no one believed me. “

“Knowing that I can contact the IDVA at the hospital where I work and a safety plan can be put in place with immediate effect. “

“Just knowing that there are people who believe me.”

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