



Results from the survey
**IBA: Commissioning
and delivery issues**

James Morris
Academy Programme Lead
8th February 2010

Survey aim

- Identify challenges and issues in delivering IBA
- Practitioners and alcohol leads/commissioners
- Ask respondents for views and suggestions
- Inform discussion today

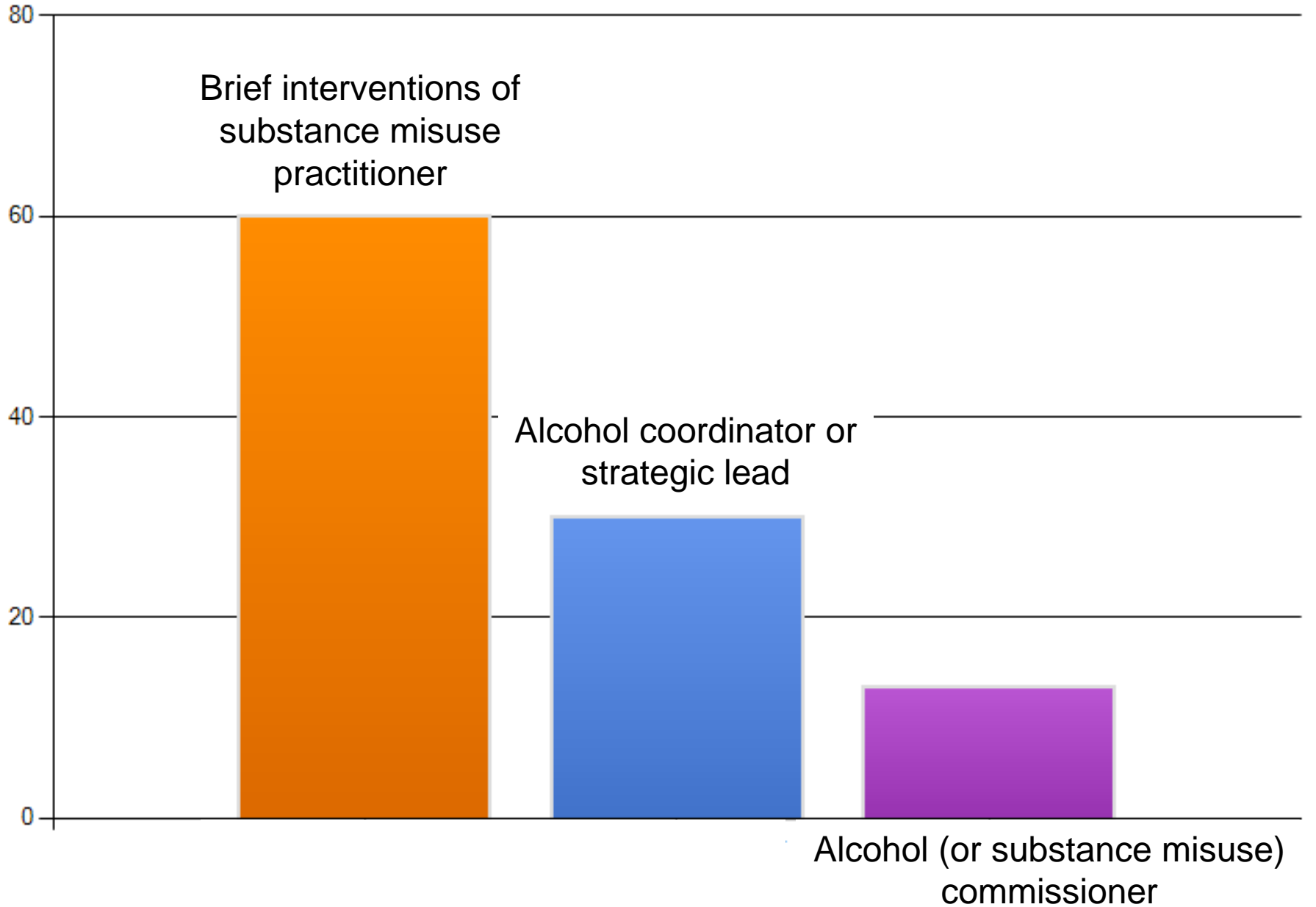


Method

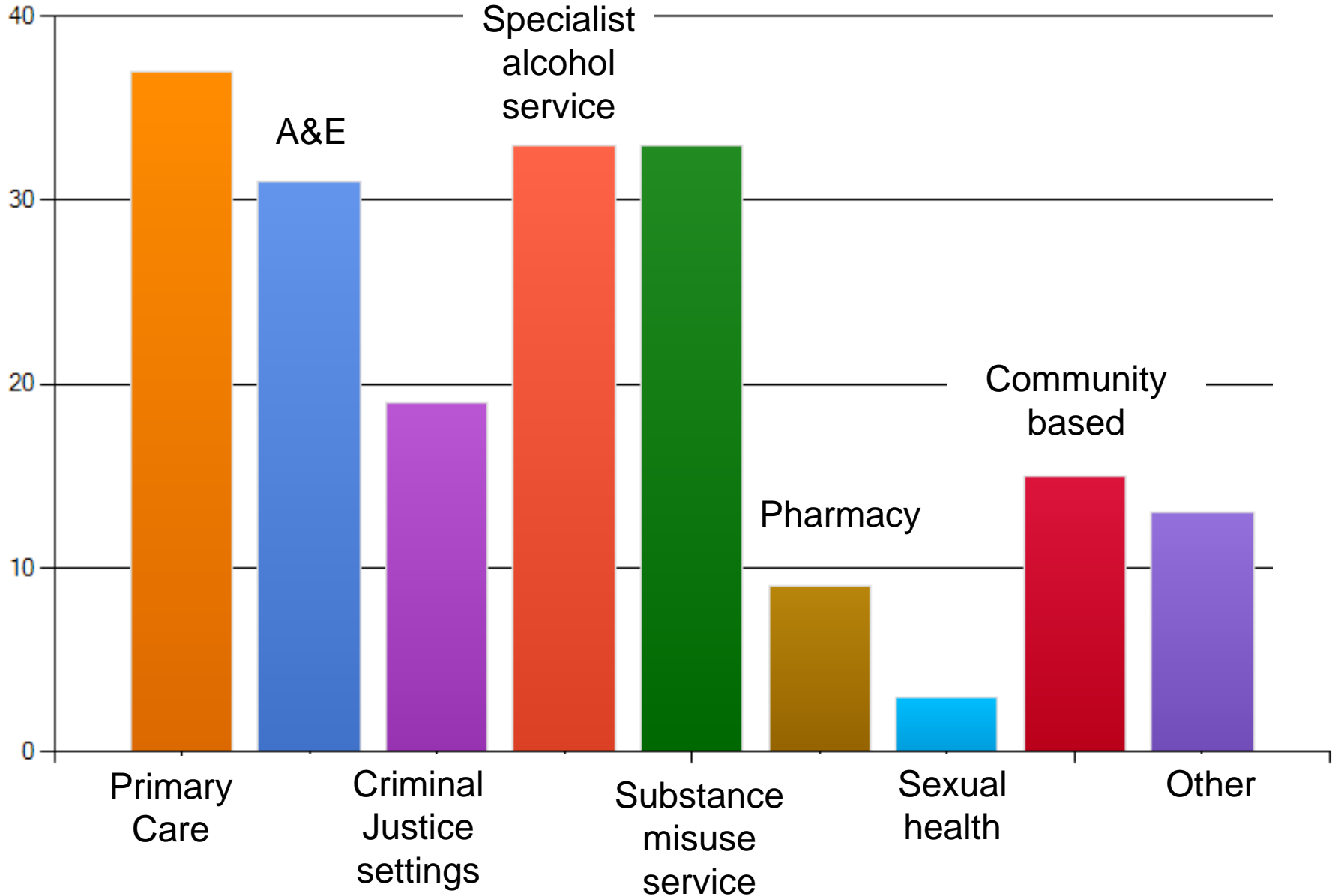
- Online survey
- December 2009 to February 2010
- Distributed via email
- Linked on Alcohol Policy UK and Alcohol Learning Centre
- 102 responses
- Mostly practitioner responses



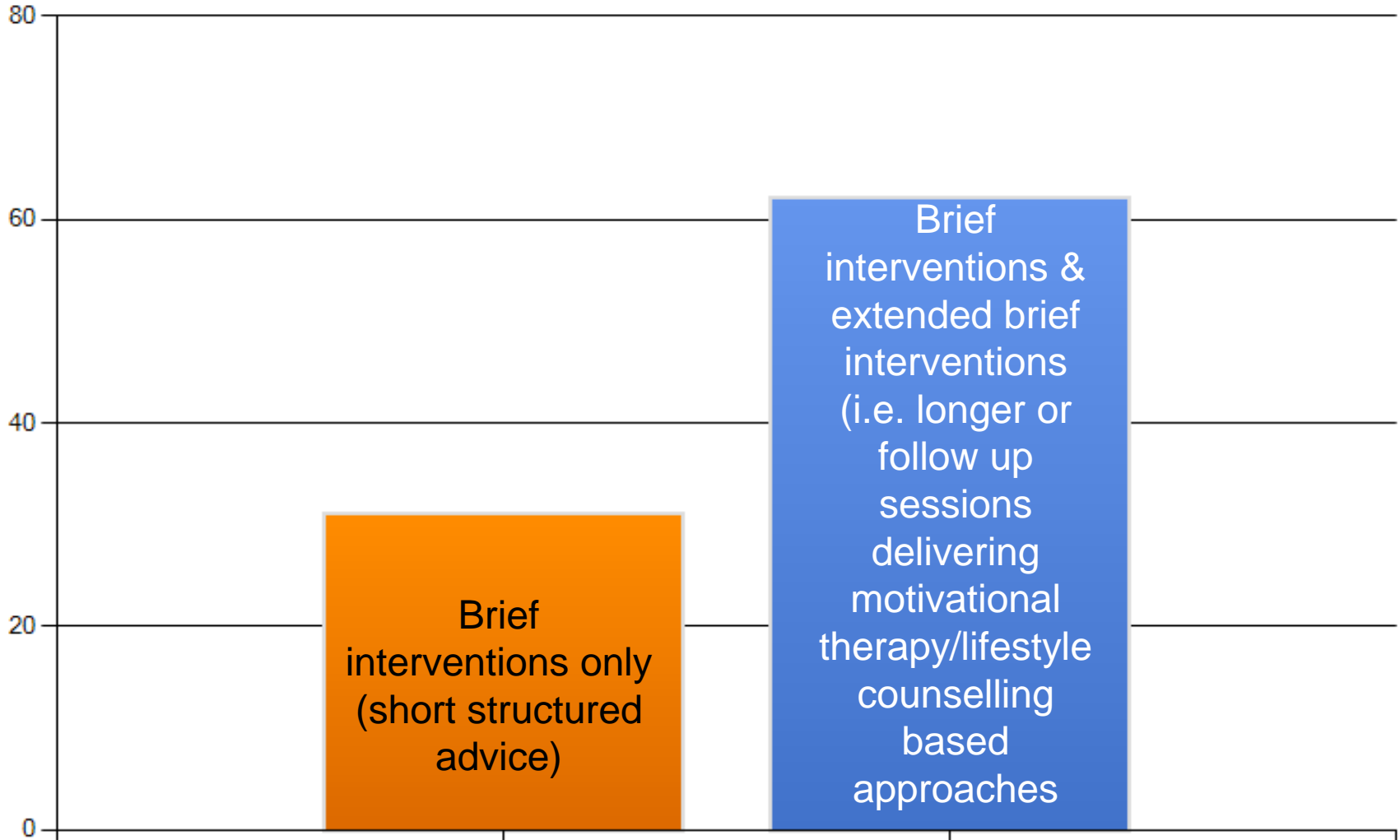
What is your job role?



What type of IBA/brief interventions service(s) are you involved in delivering or commissioning:

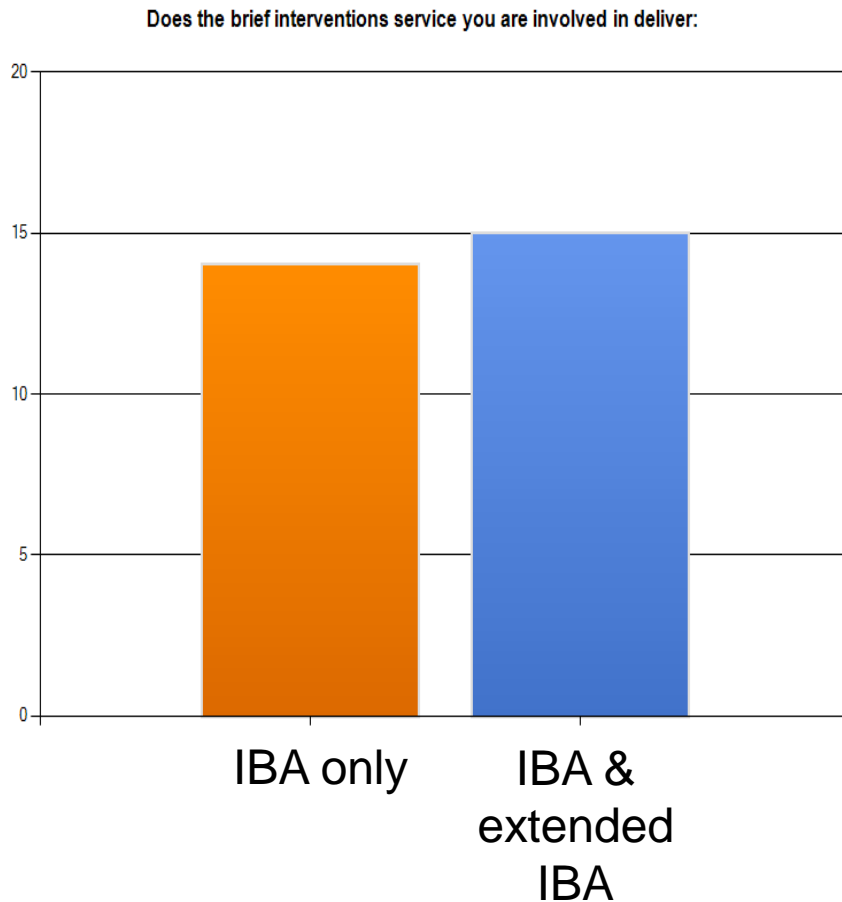


Does the brief interventions service you are involved in deliver:

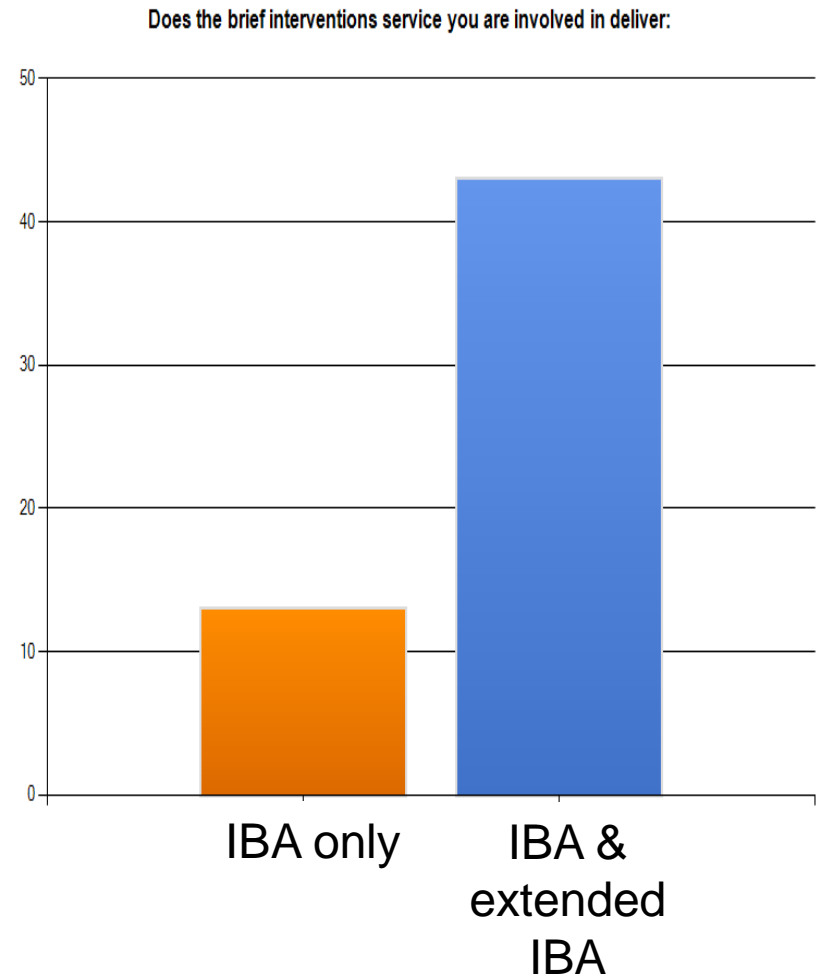


IBA or extended IBA filter

- Alcohol leads/commissioners



- Practitioners



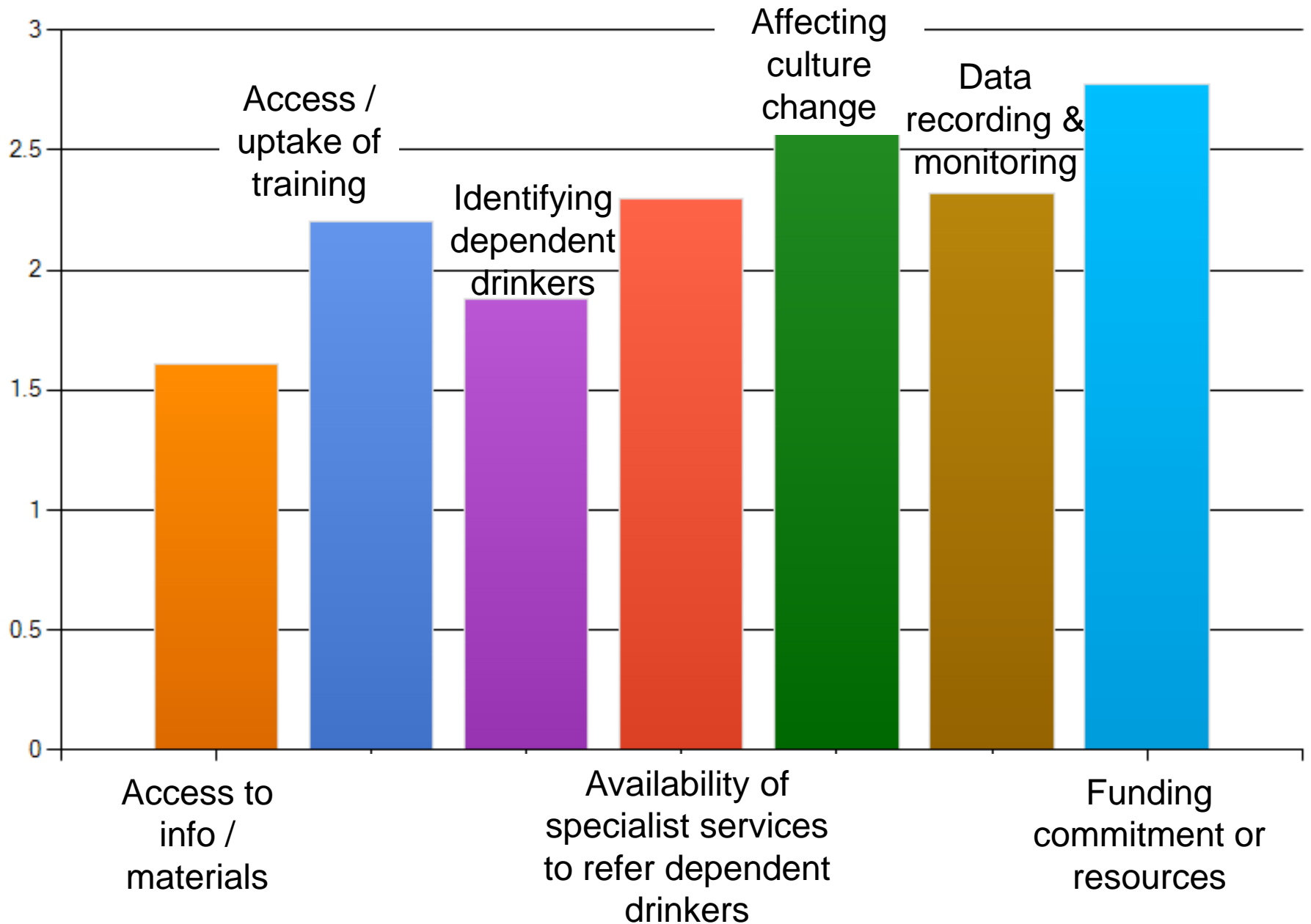
Is extended IBA being delivered more than its commissioned?

- Maybe – but 69% of practitioners completing the survey were from a drug/alcohol service (therefore probably already delivering ‘extended IBA’)
- However ‘extended brief interventions’ seems to be widely interpreted
 - *‘Extended brief interventions comprise a series of structured interviews (between three and twelve) in general or non-alcohol specialist settings’ MoCAM 2006*
- So, ‘extended IBA’? To be discussed later!

IBA or Extended - comments/other (n13)

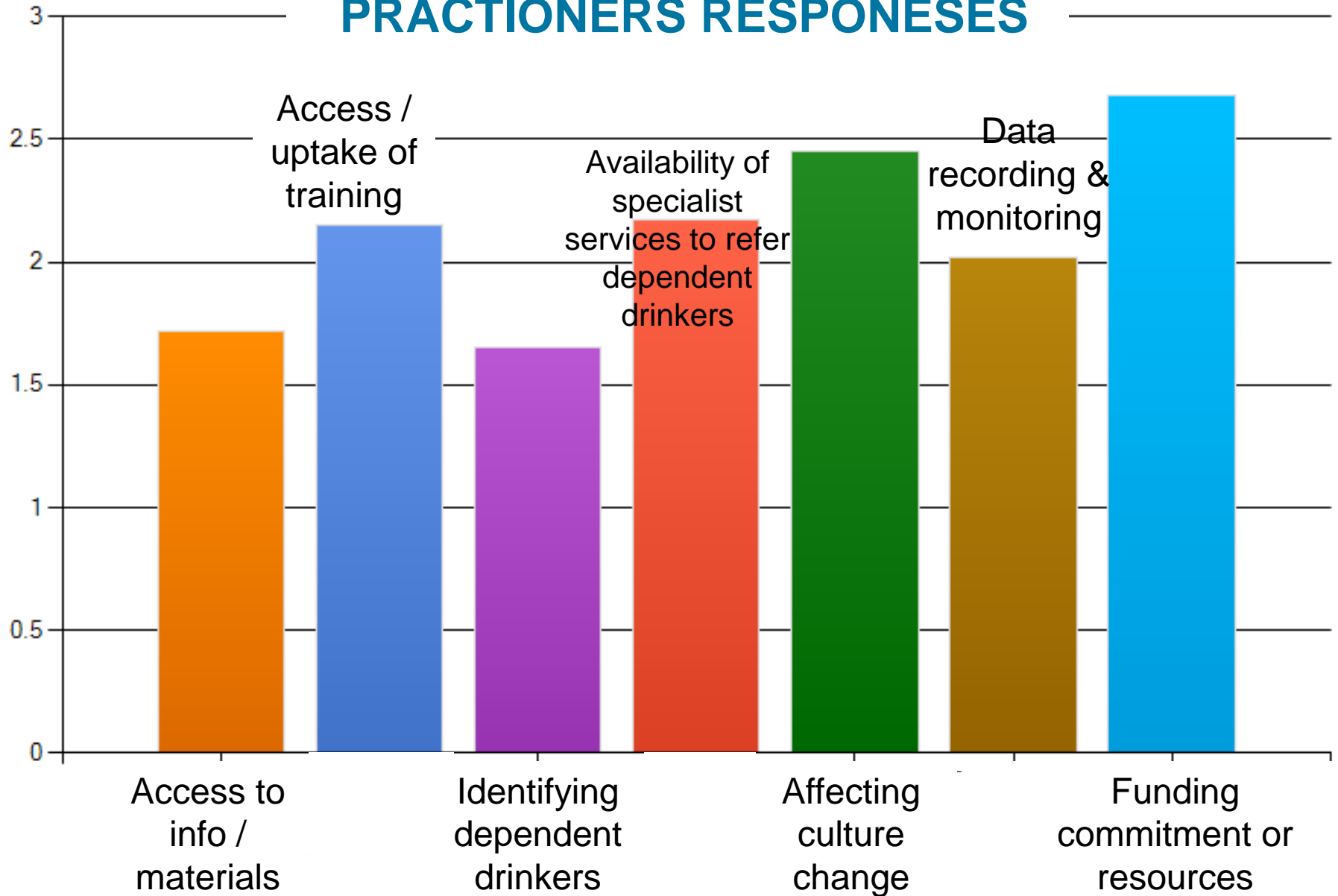
- *Both ...Offender managers experience in delivering screening and advice varies considerably*
- *relapse prevention / CBT*
- *Main role is as alcohol liaison nurse specialist within general hospital. Do detoxes and education*
- *wet hostel for entrenched drinkers with motivation to change*
- *I am involved in the delivery of services which offer both only IBAs and also IBAs plus longer term work*

Please identify any issues or challenges that have arisen in the delivery of your brief interventions service



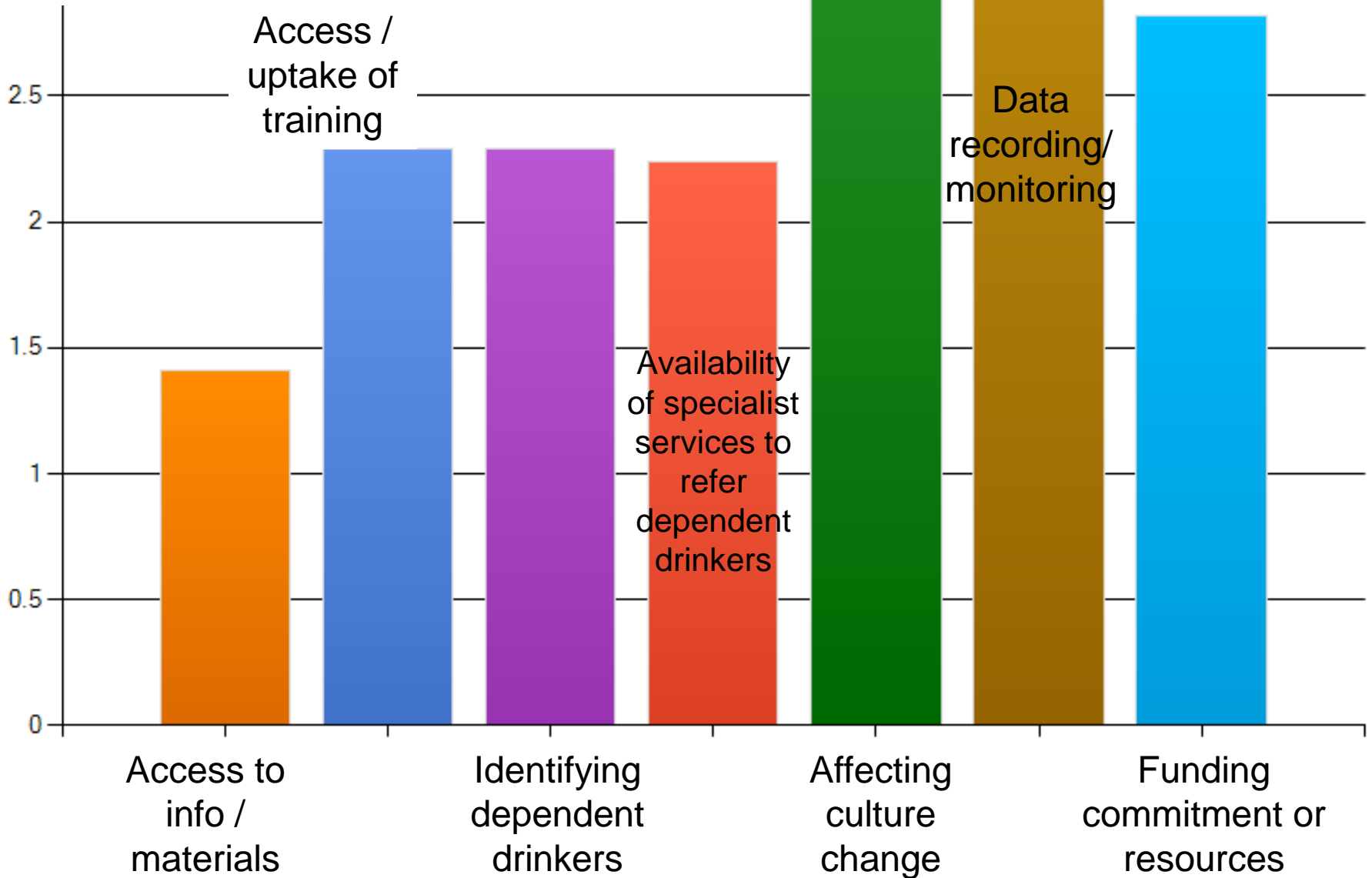
Please identify any issues or challenges that have arisen in the delivery of your brief interventions service

PRACTITIONERS RESPONSES



Please identify any issues or challenges that have arisen in the delivery of your brief interventions service

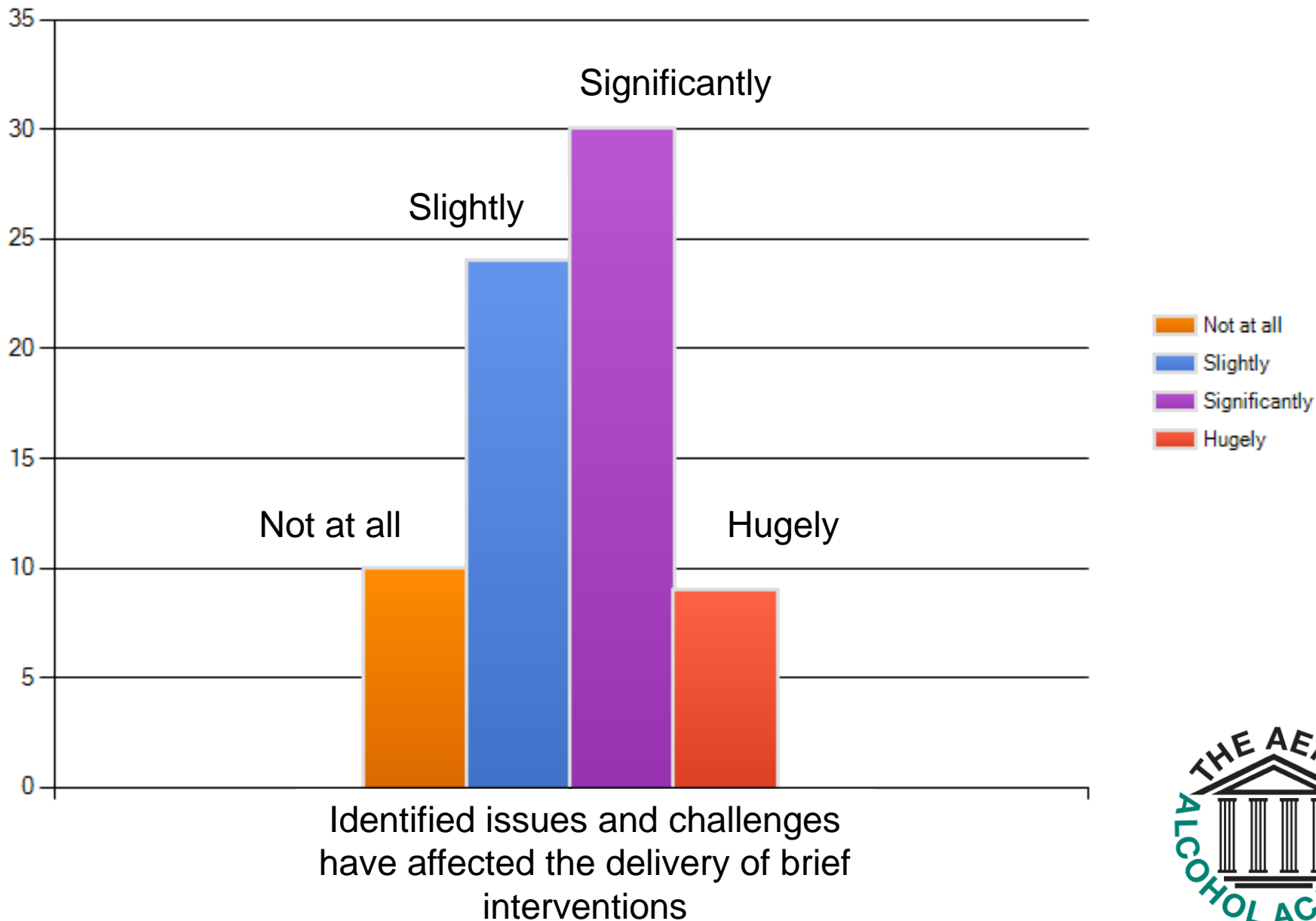
COORD/COMMR RESPONSES



Comments/other (n17)

- (Lots about funding!)
- *Lack of referrals from some GP practices*
- *Screening & BI for young people under 16 years*
- *Availability of detox and rehabilitation huge issue, extremely long waiting list*
- *Agreeing/acceptance of responsibility for delivery*
- *GPs misusing the DES (i.e. self complete screening ticks the box)*
- *Lack of integration with other council services*

Do you feel any of these issues or challenges have compromised the effectiveness of the service(s) in delivering brief interventions to reduce hazardous or harmful drinking?



Comments/other (n13)

- *Acute staff in particular may not see the relevance or perceive time commitment too great*
- *Referrals are haphazard*
- *Initial interest is not maintained as its not seen as supported by the organisation i.e Hospital, Police*
- *GPs willingness varies*
- *Availability of staff who are skilled to deliver the training, without taking them away from the day job of delivering services*



Can you identify anything that would help to address any of these issues? (n44)

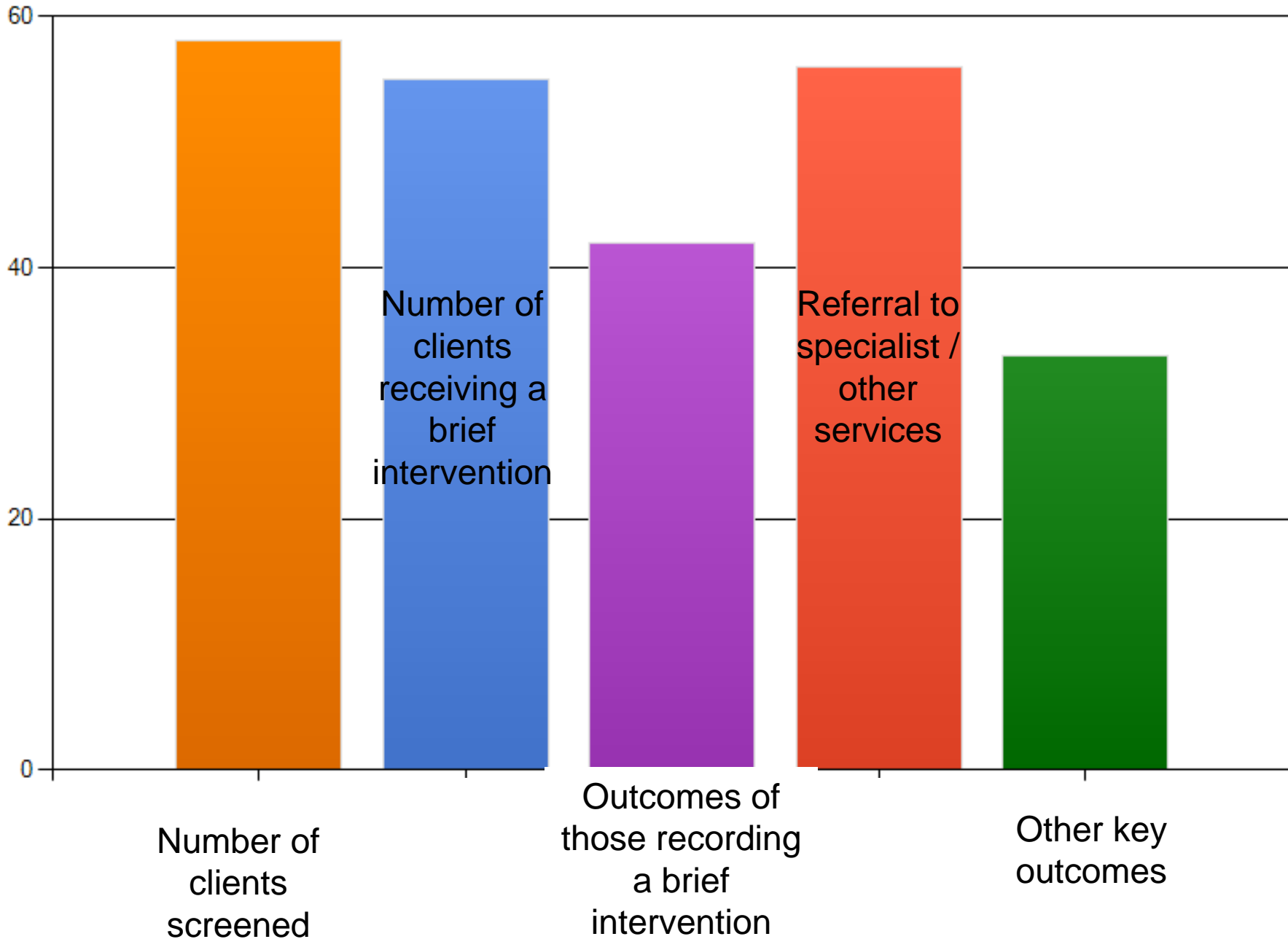
- *In primary care - have a LES for Alcohol instead of a DES. Alcohol as part of QOF*
- *Portable private space to interview people!*
- *Make the training mandatory in health care settings*
- *Strategic buy in needed in Acute Care*
- *National directives and targets as used in Scotland*
- *Clearer and better provision of Tier 2 and 3 services*

Continued

- *[address] GP's lack of awareness of alcohol referral pathways*
- *Proper resources to refer patients onto - available in the community near to home*
- *GPs not delivering PHC based on payments only*
- *Industrial -scale IBA training to all front line staff and follow up services for dependent drinkers*



Does your service record or monitor any of the following:



Comments /suggestions for improving the delivery or commissioning of brief interventions services? (n22)

- *Current SBI must focus on validated research methods/tools to evaluate the service*
- *information sharing across all uk practitioners*
- *more training with the non alcohol services*
- *ensure [SBI] is a compulsory subject in health professional undergraduate curricula*
- *An understanding of the whole care pathway has been useful ... to identify gaps ... and facilitate conversations between providers at different points of the pathway*

Further info & contacts

www.alcoholacademy.net

www.alcoholpolicy.net

James Morris, AERC Alcohol Academy

james@alcoholacademy.net

0207 450 2930

