

Learning Disability and Autism Consultation 2016/17

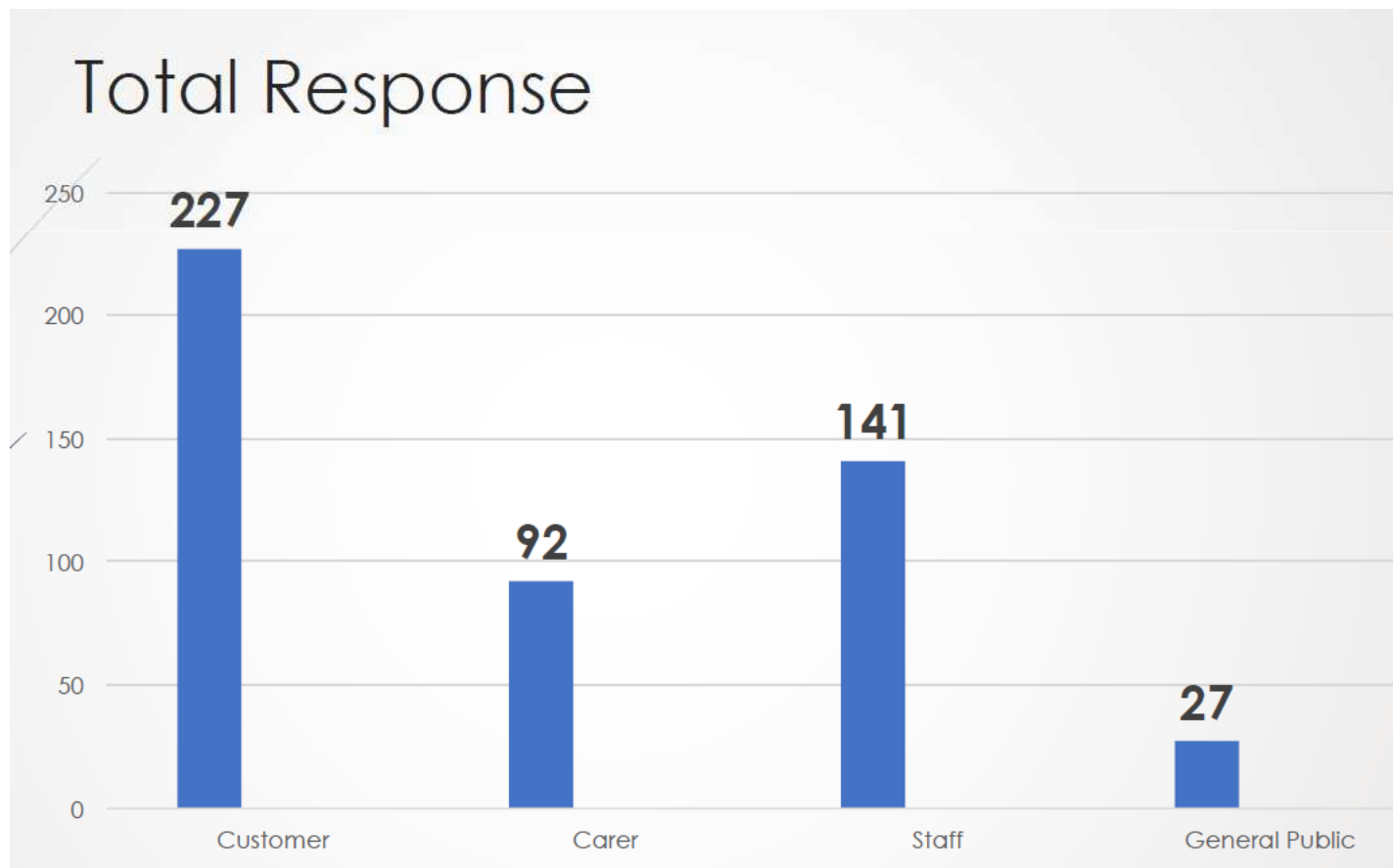
**Using information produced by Dr P Giri & Dr J Aylott
following analysis of the consultation questionnaires**

Introduction

- Public consultation in 2016/17 to review services for people with learning disabilities and autism services in Rotherham
- Questionnaires coproduced with Speakup for:
 - Customers
 - Carers
 - Staff
 - Public
- Independent analysis undertaken by Dr P Giri and Dr J Aylott
- 23 engagement opportunities during the consultation

Responses Received

- Total of 487 questionnaires completed either online or by requesting hard copy



Questionnaires were completed by:

- Customers

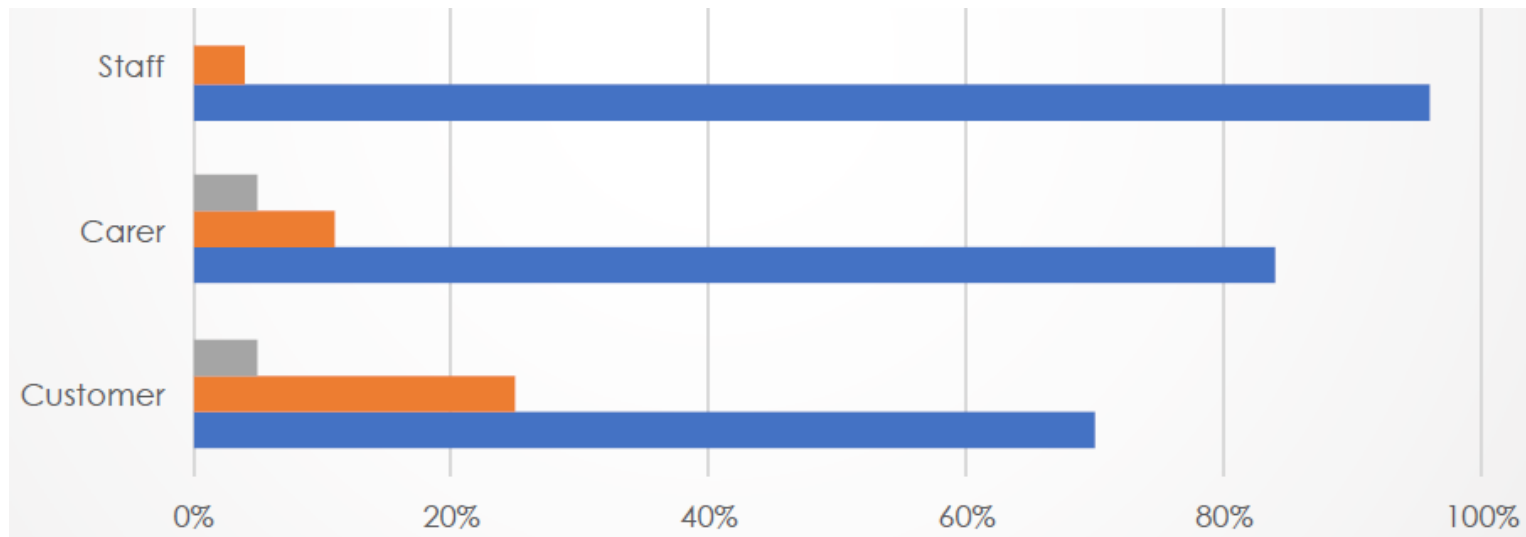
- 70% had a learning disability
- 5% had autism
- 25% had both a learning disability and autism

- Carers

- 84% were family carers
- 11% were other carers
- 5% were Shared Lives carers

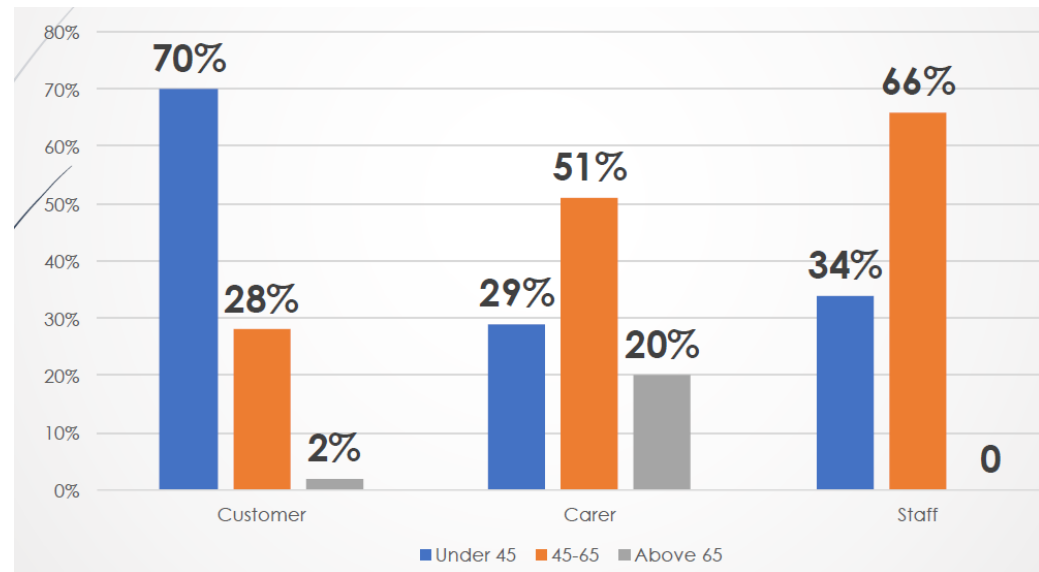
- Staff

- 96% were Rotherham Borough Council staff
- 4% were RDaSH staff



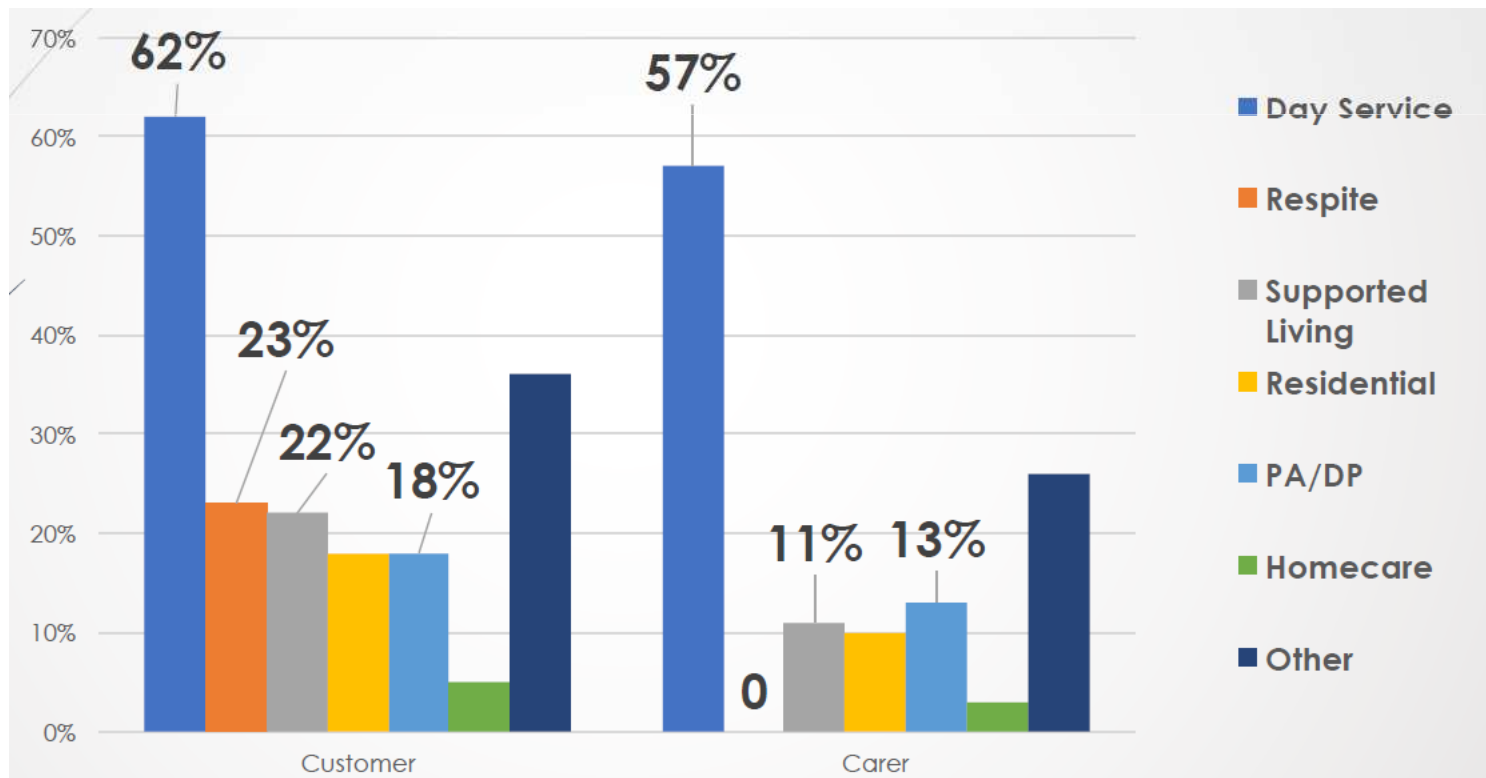
Age Profile of Responses Received

- Majority of customers were young with 70% being under 45, 28% aged 45-65 and 2% over 65
- Most (51%) of the carers were aged between 45-65, with 29% under 45 and 20% above 60
- Majority of staff (66%) were aged over 45, with 34% aged under 45
- Shows there is a very young learning disabled population against an ageing carer population and workforce



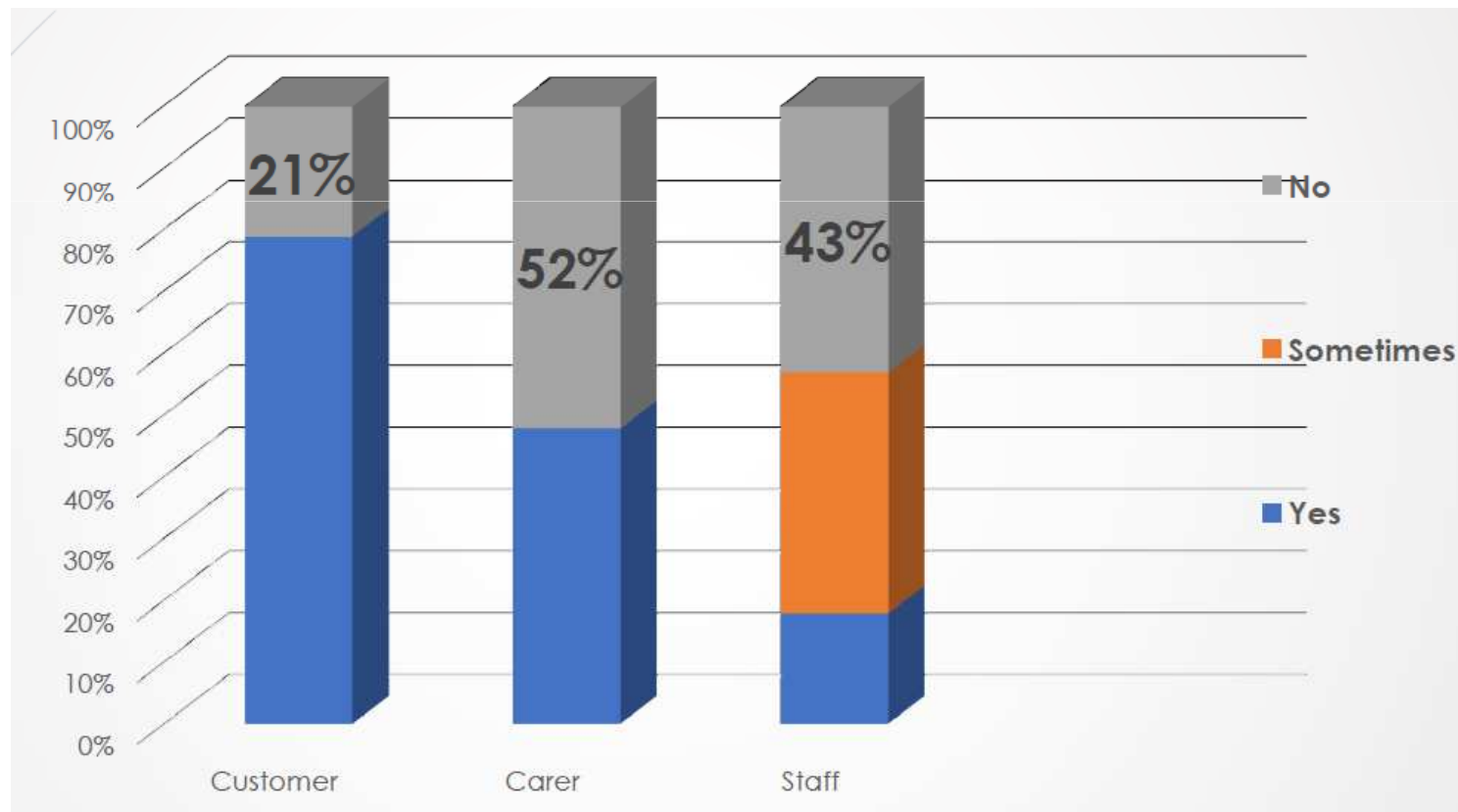
Services Used

- Majority of customers use day care provision, with 23% accessing respite services, 22% in supported living and 18% residential
- Other services included ADPRO, School / College, Speakup



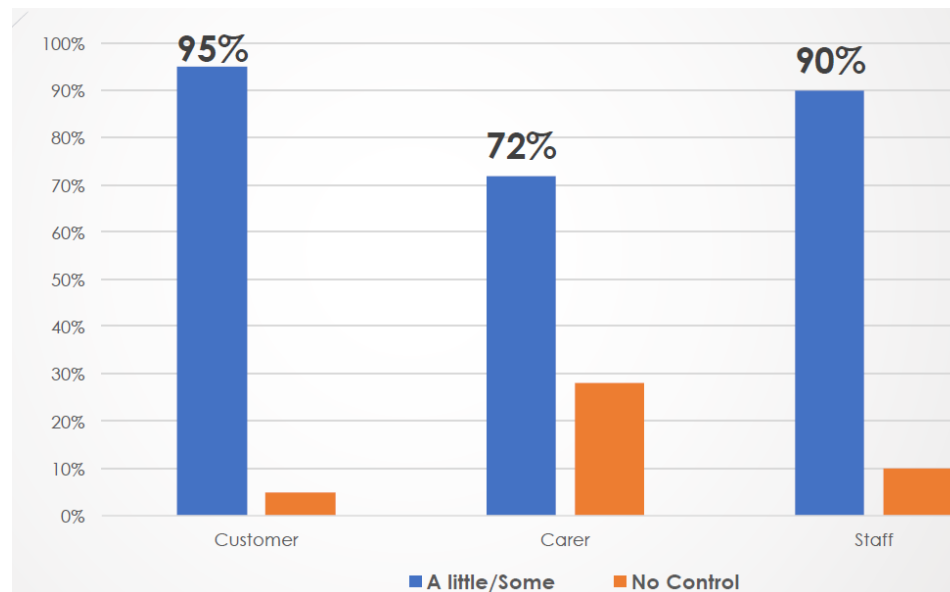
Supported to take risk

- Customers believe they are being supported to take risk at 80% of times, compared to the response of carers and staff (around 50%)



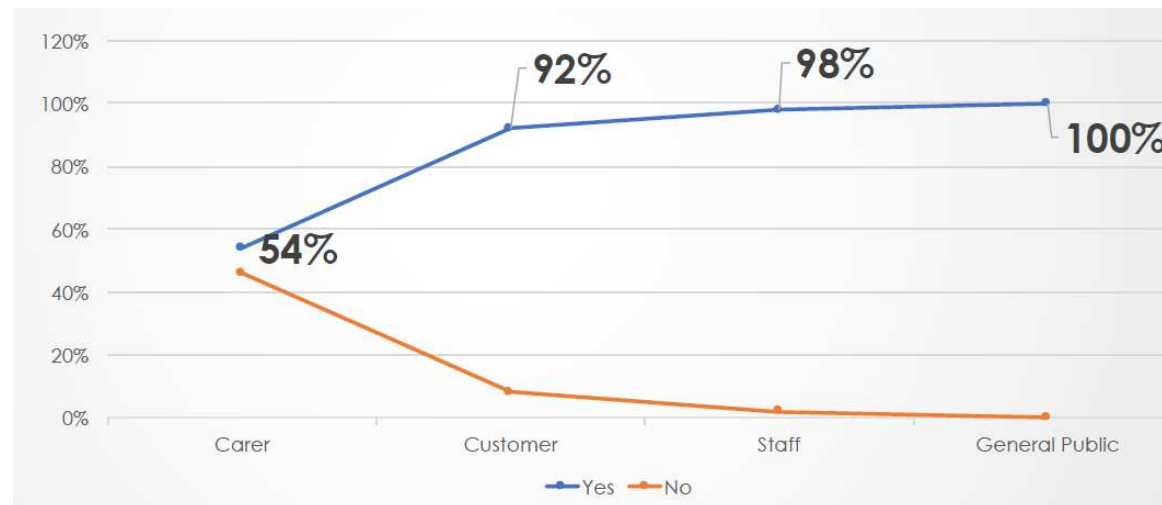
Choice and Control

- Customers felt they have some control over their choices and life
- 15% of customers said they already have support / identified someone to go to for support
- 15% wanted more support / choice by having a job and gaining more independence, developing new skills and having more money



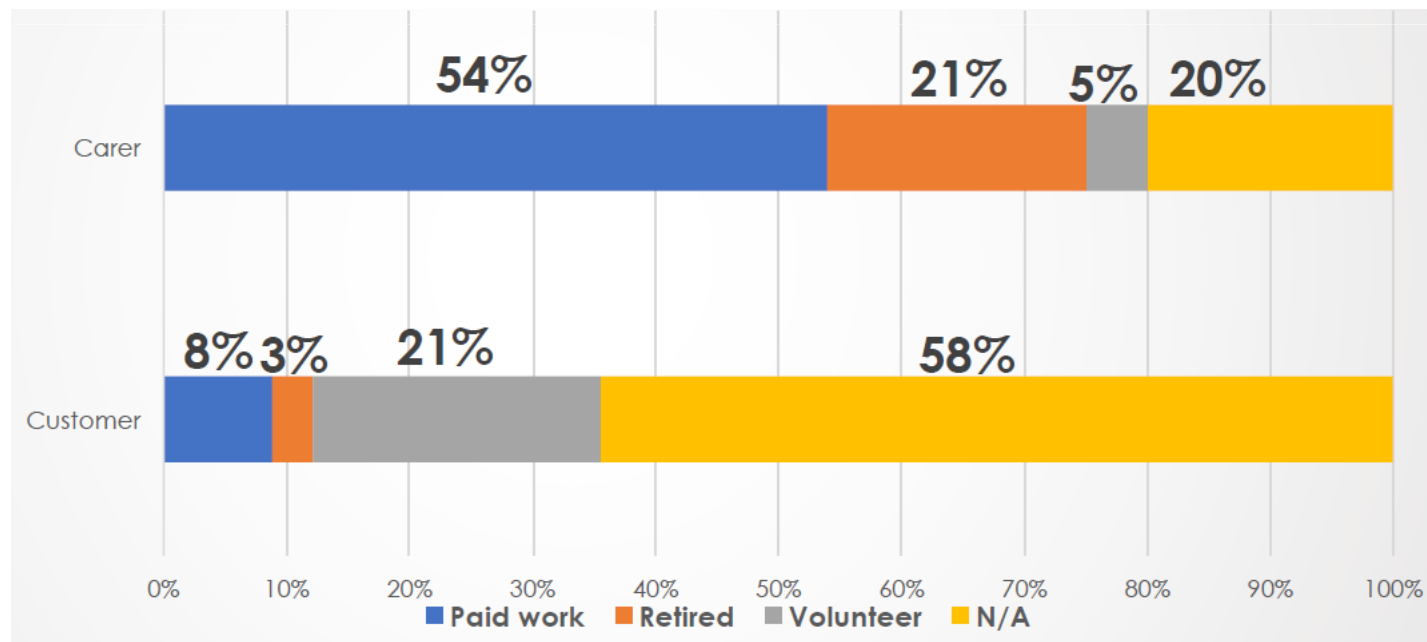
Should people with a learning disability have the opportunity to work?

- 92% of customers want to work / volunteer, if the job is right, with support and the person is willing, while 8% said no / don't know / unable to work
- 54% of carers said yes, 46% said no
- 98% of staff said yes, provided the job is right to cater for disabilities and support is provided, with 2% saying no
- 100% of the public said yes, provided the job is right, with support



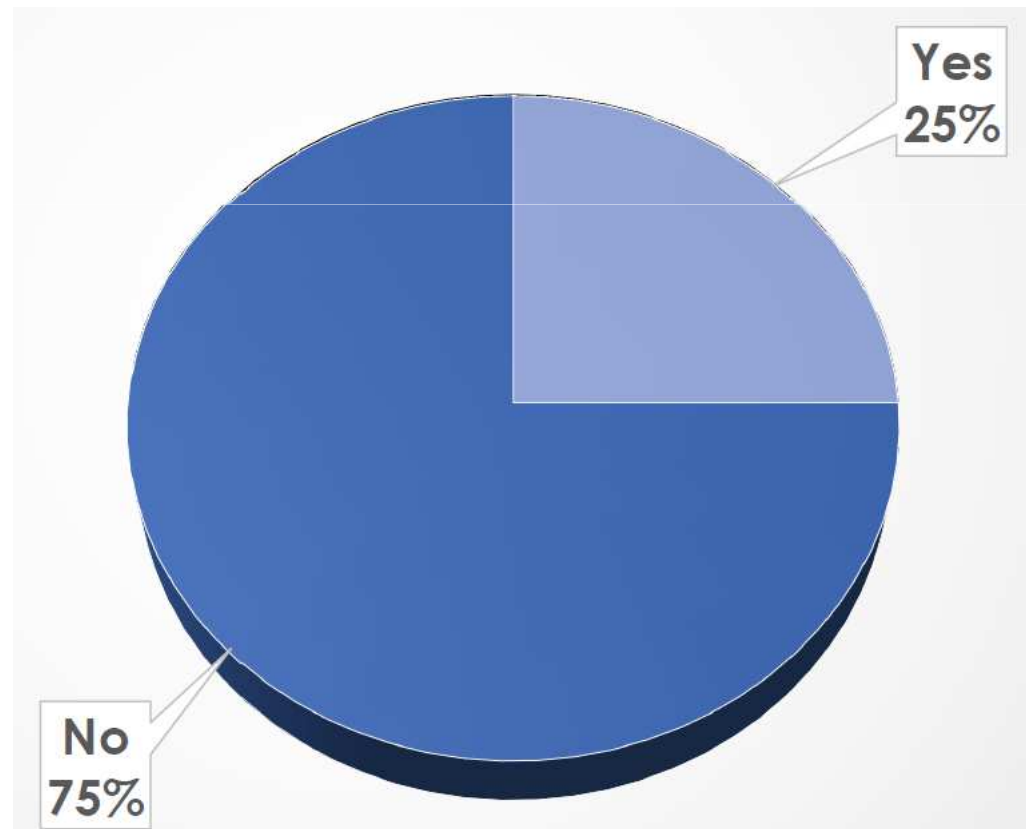
Employment / Job Role

- Most customers (58%) did not see how work applied to their lives, with only 8% in paid work and 21% in voluntary work
- 21% of carers volunteer, with 8% in paid work, 3% retired and 58% responded N/A



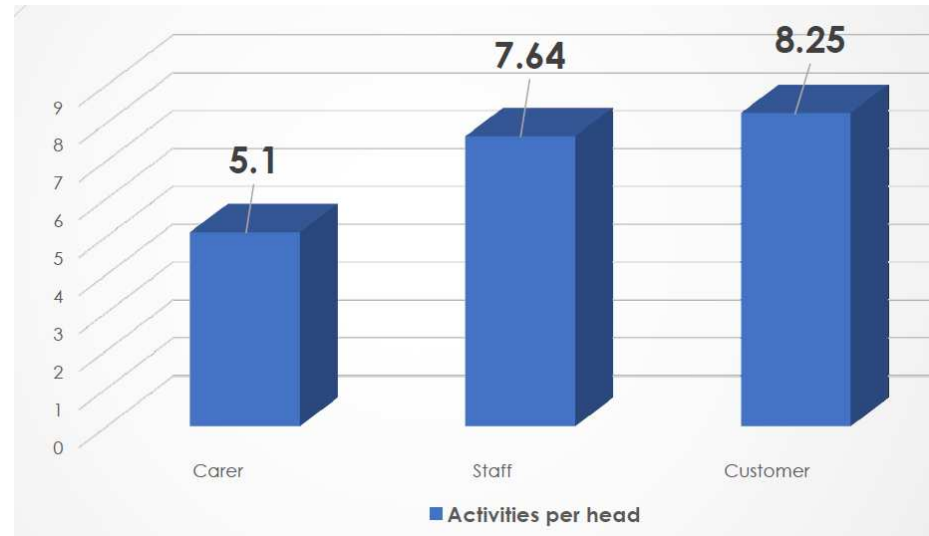
Customer aspiration to work

- Customers will need support from carers and/or support services in order to build their confidence to work



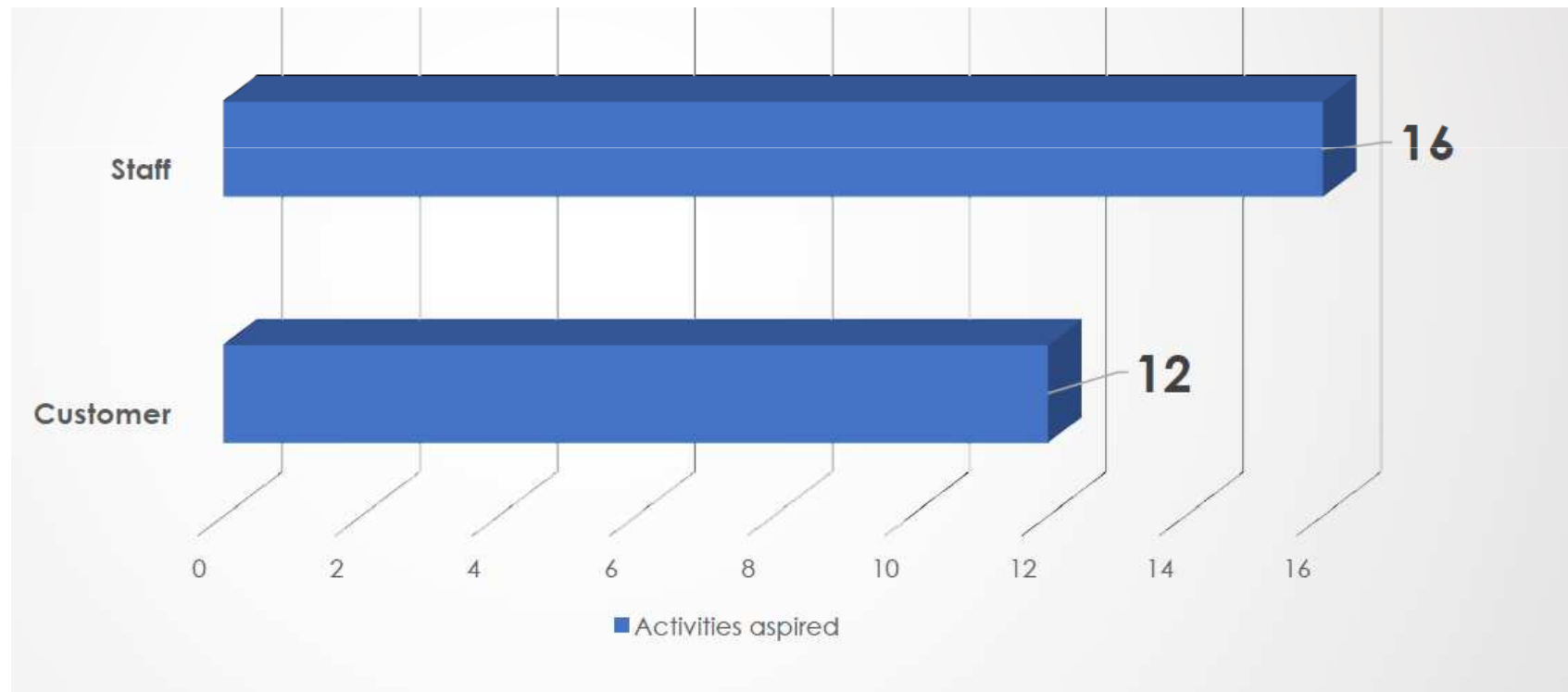
What are you good at?

- Almost half of customers (48%) listed hobbies and interests from jigsaws, bowling, arts and crafts, etc
- 35% customers reported they are good at people skills, including socialising, team work and greeting and meeting other people
- The most popular activities included baking / cooking, computers and gardening



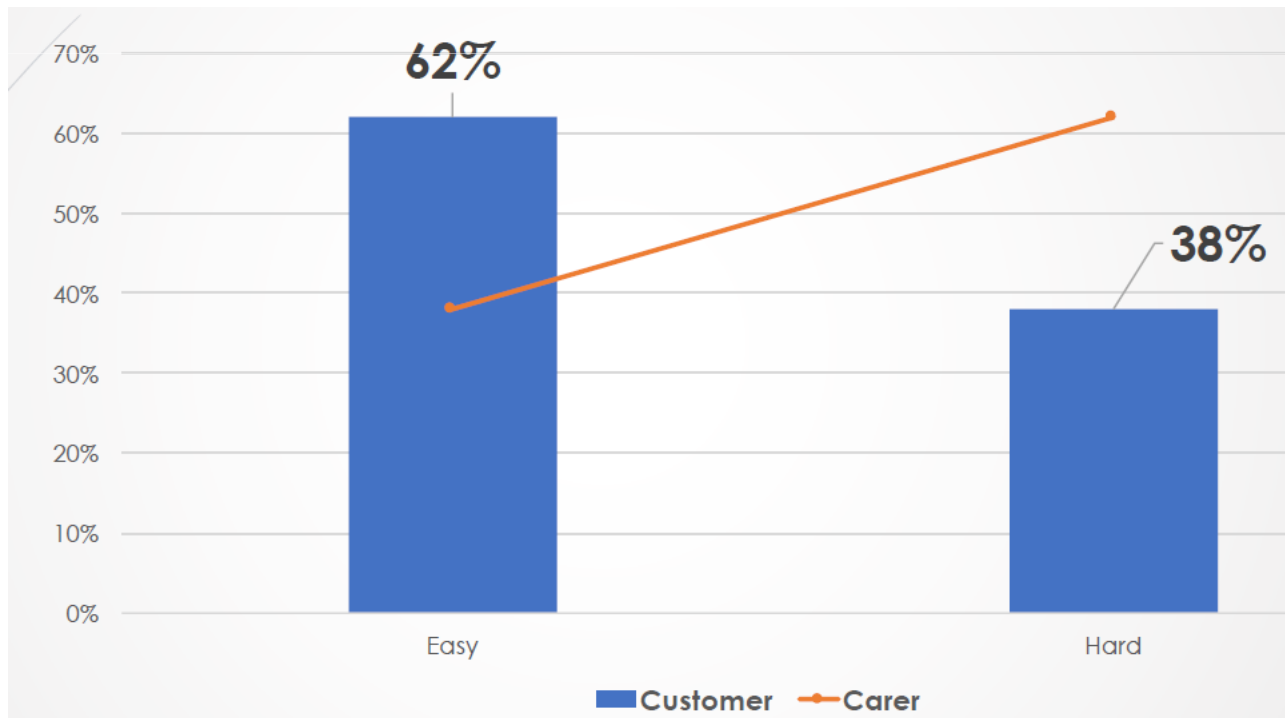
What activities do you want to do?

- Customers wanted an average of 12 different activities if available
- Staff wanted an average of 16 different activities per head



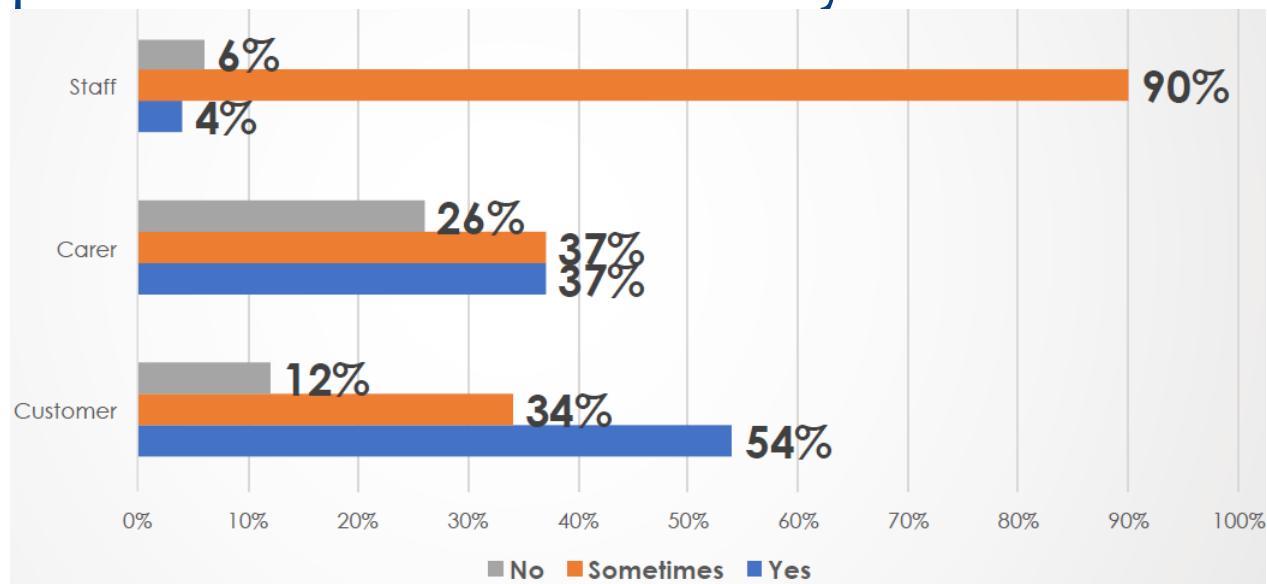
How easy is it to travel in the community?

- 62% of customers found it easy, with 38% saying it was hard
- 38% of carers said it was easy and 62% it was hard
- 67% of people suggested support for travel training and bus buddies, with an escort and community transport for the more vulnerable



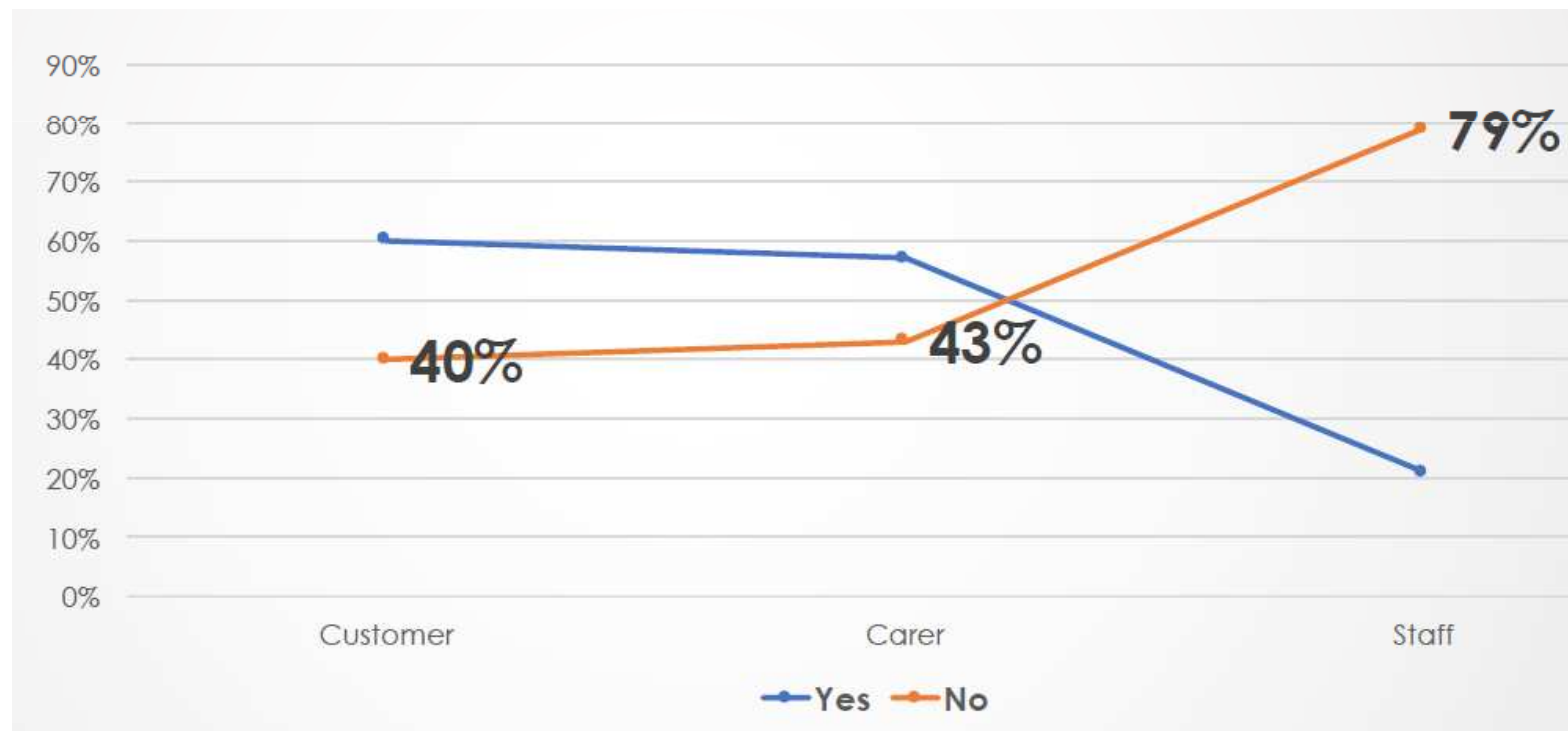
Feeling safe in the community

- 54% of customers said yes, 34% sometimes and 12% no
- 37% of carers said yes, 37% sometimes and 26% no
- 4% of staff said yes, 90% sometimes and 6% no
- Safety for customers remains a concern for staff and carers
- Customers may feel safe as they are more likely to be accompanied when in the community



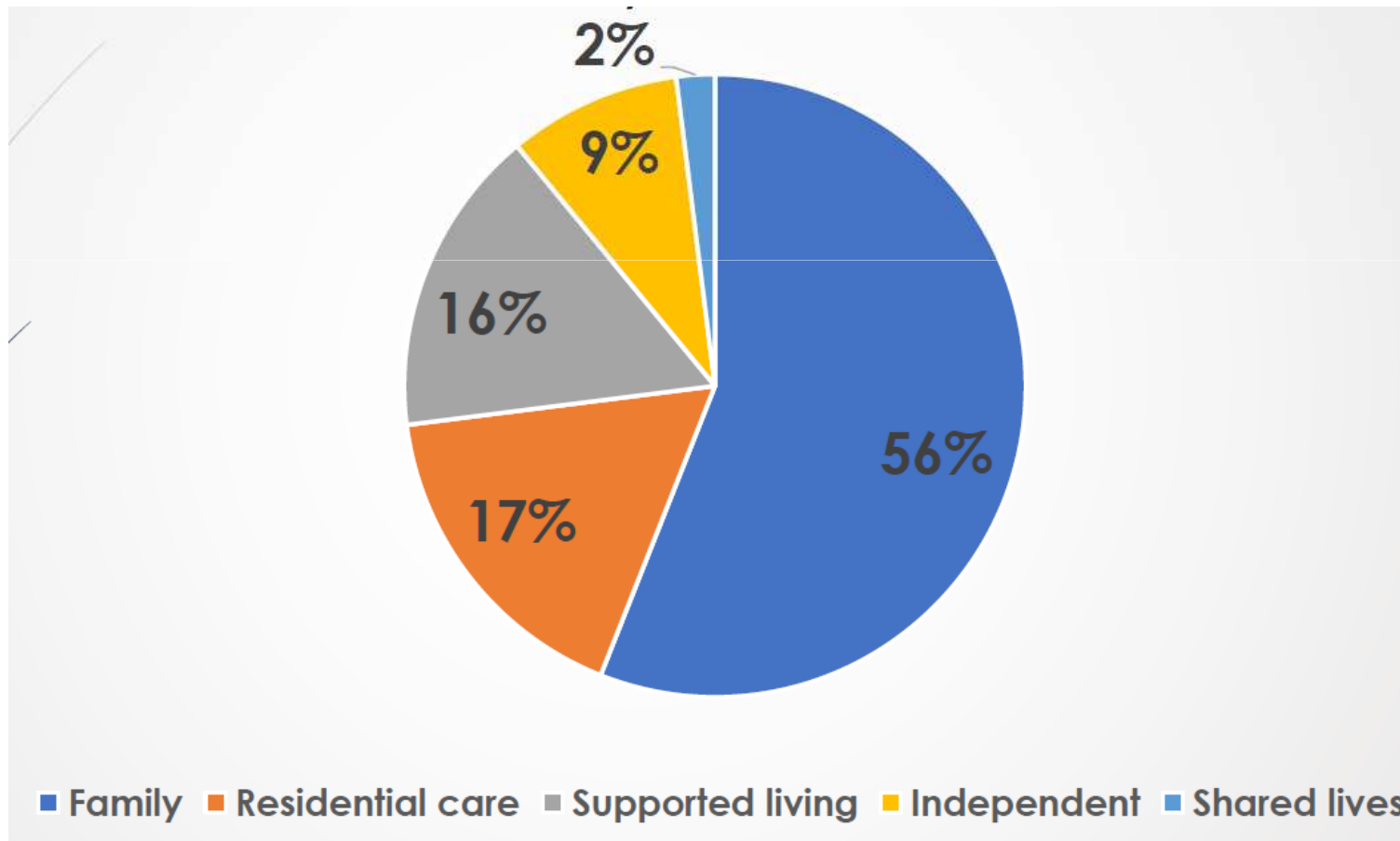
Awareness of what is happening in the community

- Shows that customers and carers are keeping updated with recent developments in the community – with 60% yes and 40% no for customers, and 57% yes and 43% no for carers
- 21% of staff said yes, 79% no



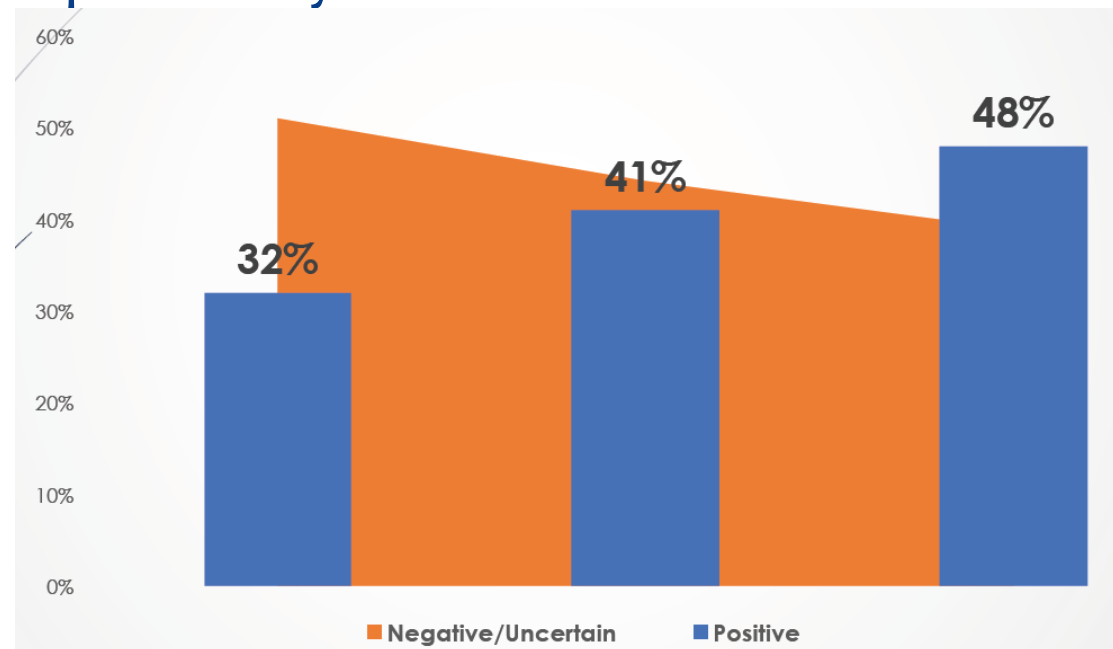
Who do you live with?

- Most customers live with their family (56%)
- 17% live in residential care and 16% in supported living



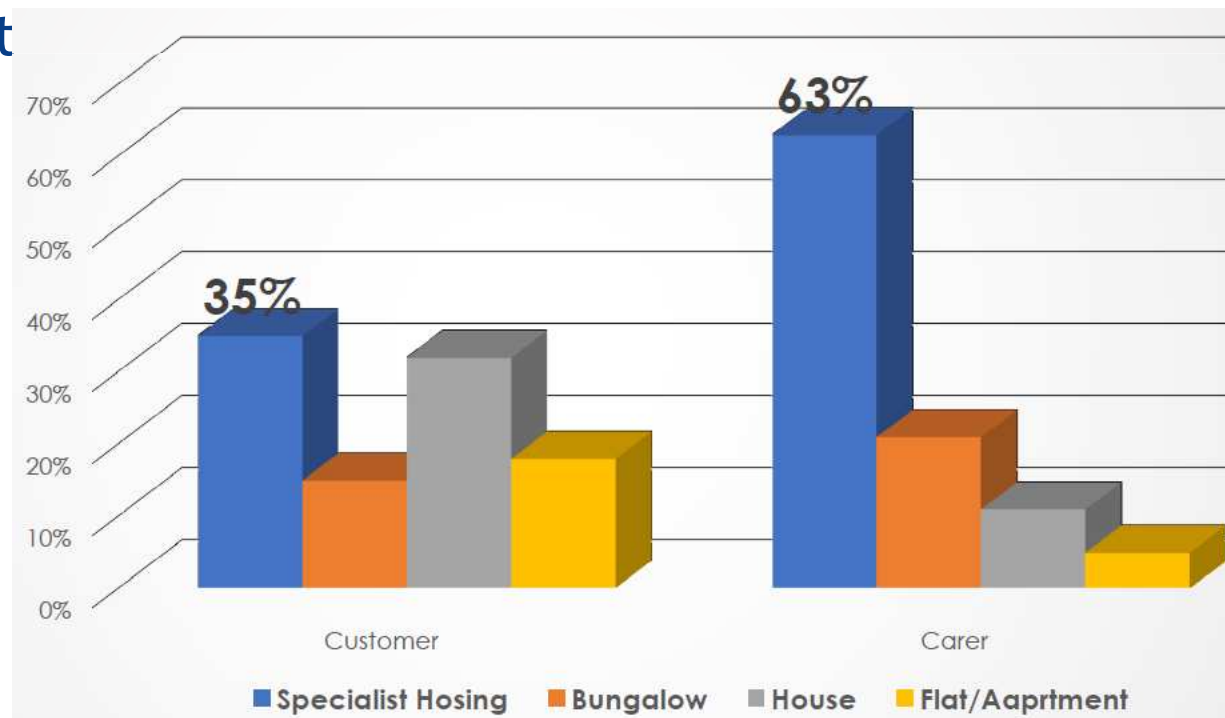
Independent Living – could / should?

- Customers and carers do not feel that people with LD and/or Autism can live on their own without any support
- 29% of carers said their son / daughter would never be able to live independently due to their high level of needs
- 39% of carers felt that with ‘full 24-hour support’ the person would be able to live independently
- Public believes it can be done provided there is appropriate support



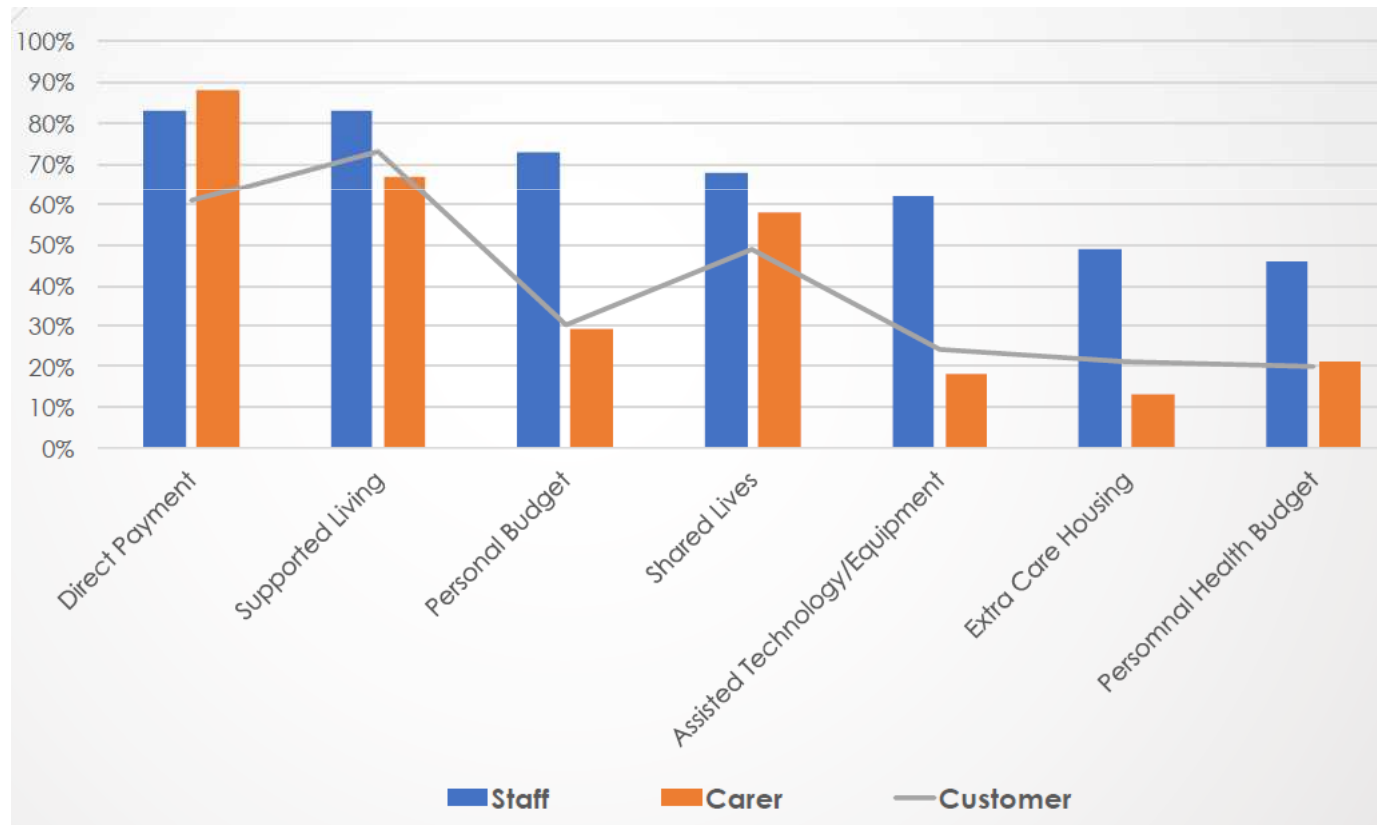
Ideal Accommodation

- Both customers and carers felt specialist housing would be ideal accommodation – 35% customers, 63% carers
- Customers then chose 32% house, 18% flat / apartment and 15% bungalow
- Carers then chose 21% bungalow, 11% house and 5% flat / apartment



Financial Support

- Results show staff are aware of the different types of support available
- Customers and carers also have good understanding as well



Support Plan for the Future

- Customers and carers felt they do not receive adequate support with future planning – 52% customers, 84% carers
- 48% of customers and 16% of carers said yes they did have support for future planning
- Worries about the future and a time when carers are no longer around and anxieties about services closing

