

YOUTH MATTERS QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

AREA 1
(255 Young People)

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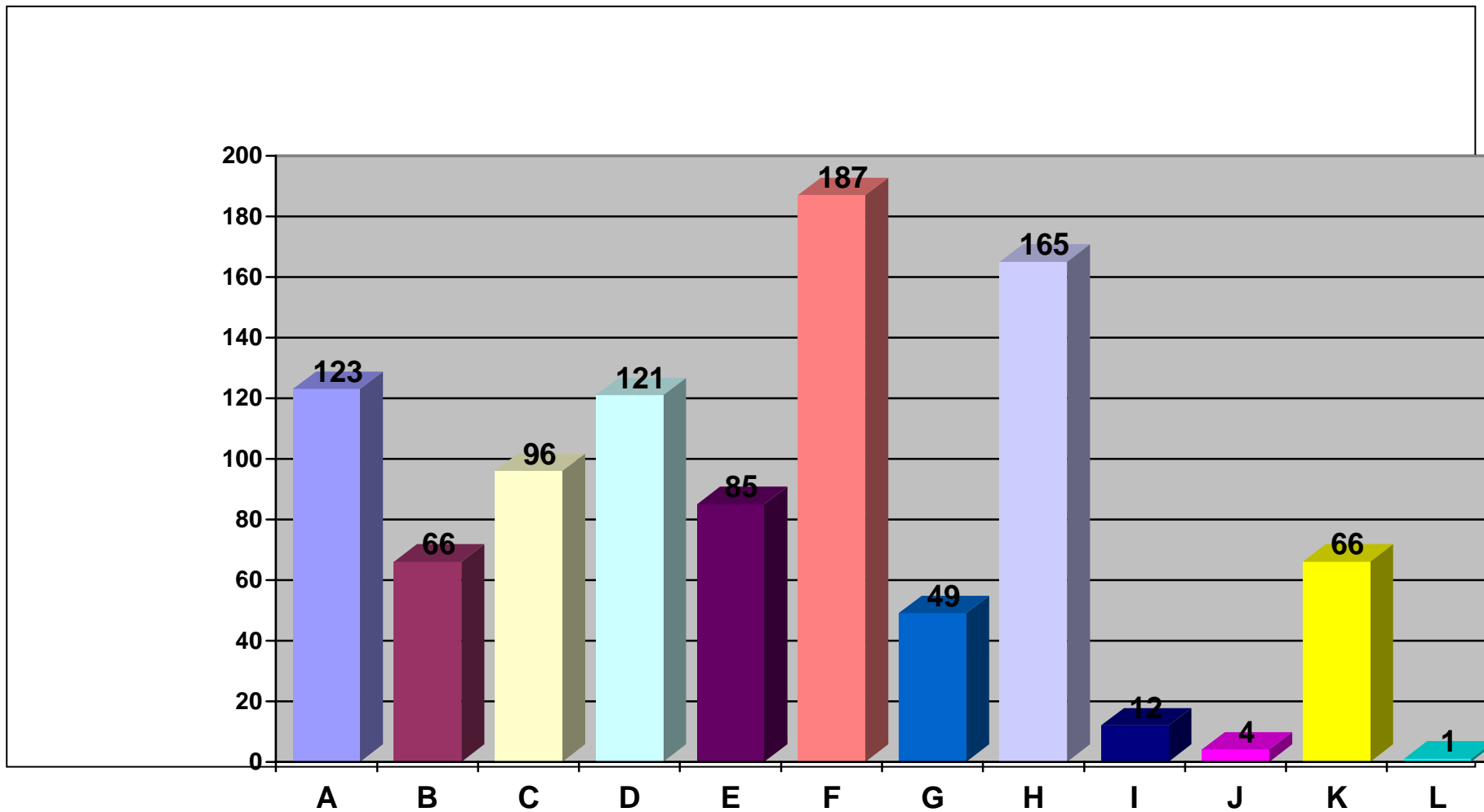
On the 18th July the Government published the Youth Matters Green Paper (somewhere to go something to do) with a closing date for consultation with young people set for November 2005.

The Voice and Influence team within the Youth Service undertook the task of going out into their areas, which combined cover, the whole borough of Barnsley and asked young people to fill in the questionnaire that had been compiled by the DFES.

2,139 young people participated in filling in the questionnaires. The workers accessed young people through Secondary Schools, on the streets and in Youth Centres. What follows are the responses for Area 1, which covers: -

Athersley North
Athersley South
Royston
New Lodge
Carlton
Monk Bretton
Lundwood

SOMETHING TO DO		
1. What activities do you do in the evenings or at weekends?		
A	Play Sport	123
B	Watch sport	66
C	Music – playing or DJ-ing	96
D	Shopping	121
E	Cinema	85
F	Meet friends	187
G	Dance or drama	49
H	Watch TV	165
I	Help out in your community	12
J	Nothing	4
K	Other (please tell)	66
	No reply	1
COMMENTS		
	Banger racing	1
	Board games	1
	Build jumps for my bike	1
	Chill with friends	1
	Computer club	1
	Computer	12
	Drink and party	1
	Exercise, fitness	1
	Fishing	6
	Go to caravan	2
	Guides	1
	Guitar, pc	1
	Horse riding	2
	Internet	2
	Listen to music	1
	Motorbike	1
	Play guitar	1
	Play out – football, climbing	1
	Go karting	1
	PS2/Xbox	8
	Reading, computer	1
	Skate	2
	Sleepovers	3
	Swimming	3
	Visit family	3
	Walking	2
	Walking round streets/park	1
	Help in house, do arts projects, model making	1
	Work	1
	Art	1
	Babysitting	2
	Go to my dads	1



A = Play Sport

B = Watch Sport

C = Music – playing or DJ-ing

D = Shopping

E = Cinema

F = Meet Friends

G = Dance or Drama

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I = Help out in your Community

J = Nothing

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L = No Reply

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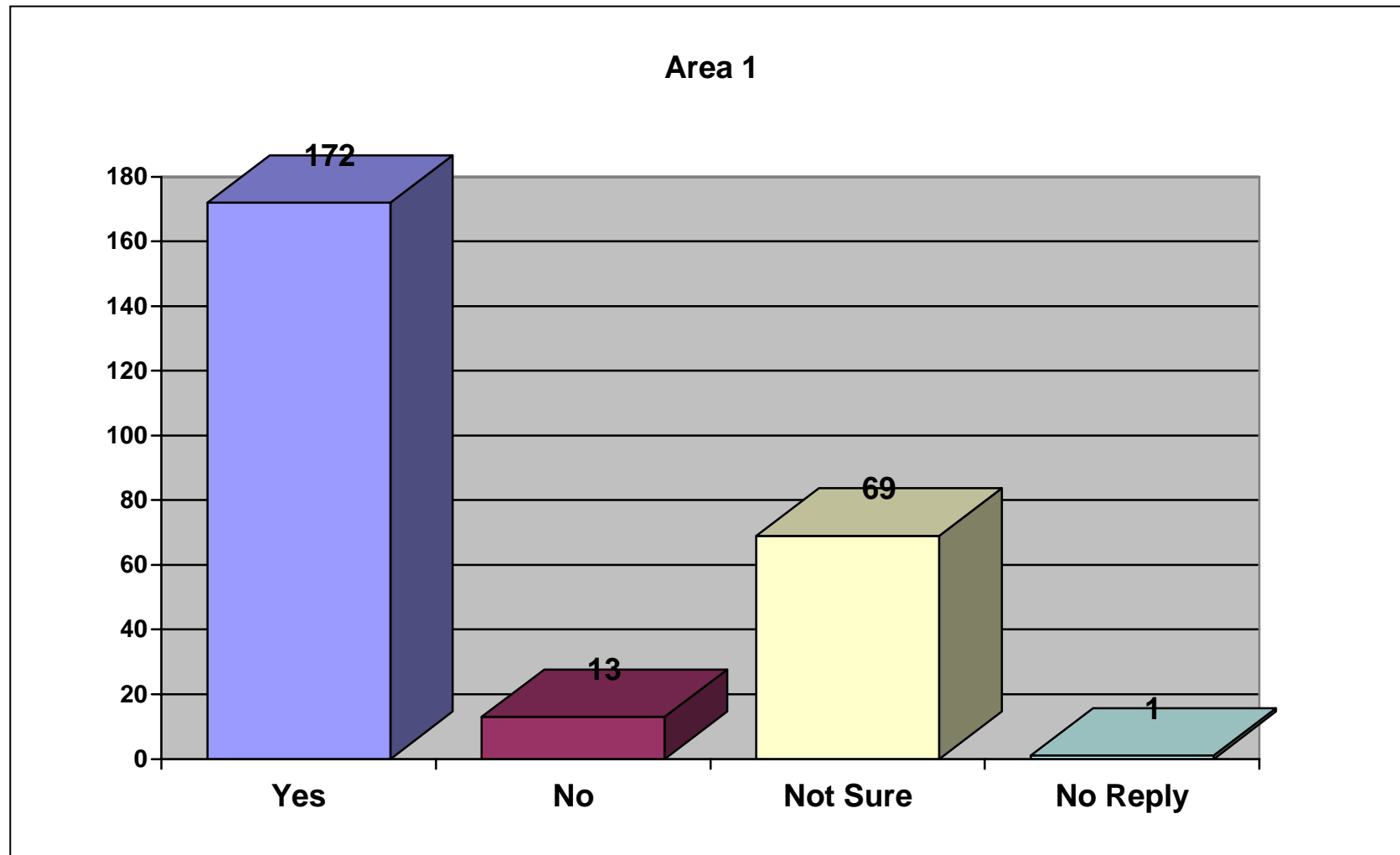
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2. What activities do you wish were available in your area but currently aren't?	
COMMENTS	
A big park	1
A park where no one could damage it so it was neat and would last a long time	1
A place to chill out	1
Art clubs	2
Athletics track / Athletics	2
Astroturf	1
Badminton	1
Banger racing	1
Basketball	2
Basketball net	1
Beauty Salon	1
Better skate park	2
Big Fun Fair	1
Bike ramps/ crosser track	5
BMX/ Bike track	4
Bowling	1
Bowls	1
Boxing	1
Cinema	20
Climbing frame or swing (proper/decent one)	2
Concert hall	1
Computer workshop	1
Cricket field	2
Cycling Course	2
Cycling trips	1
Dance, Drama	11
Dancing school	2
Dance sliding tunnel	1
Dirt Track for motorbikes	1
Discos or Heaven and Hell	3
Entertainment Centre	1
Fishing ponds/ fishing	4
Football	8
Football squad	1
Football pitch	2
Free sports days at leisure centres. Everyone welcome	1
Go karts	2
Golf	1
Gym	2
Have cricket or football club	4
Hockey	1
Hop scotch	1
Horse riding stables	3
Ice rink,	3
Ice Skating	25

Kung fu/kick boxing	2
Library	2
Model Club	1
More sports	2
More sports equipment	1
Motorbike racing track/park/ Motocross	7
Netball Club	1
Nightclub for teenagers	1
Paintballing	1
Park targeted at our ages	1
Parks/ Better Parks / Sports field / Better Sports fields more facilities	15
Park 'cos its just a field	1
Play sport on street as too far to walk to a suitable place	1
Ponds	1
Recording studio	1
Rock climbing	1
Rounders pitch	2
Rugby	5
Rugby pitch	3
Schools going swimming	1
Shops /Better and more shops/ shopping centre	6
Singing concerts	1
Skate Park/ Skate boarding	21
Skating	1
Skiing	4
Snooker hall	1
Snorkelling	1
Snowboard ramps	1
Somewhere to hang out where you don't get shouted at or moved on	1
Somewhere safe to meet	1
Somewhere the whole family could go and do things together	1
Somewhere to hang out and different fun activities	2
Somewhere to sit in the park	1
Sports club/centre	4
Street dance, Hip hop	3
Swimming baths	19
Tennis court	7
Theme park	3
Trampolines	2
Wrestling/ Wrestling Club	2
Youth Centre/ Club	9

3. If you had the opportunity to do up to four hours of activities, including sport, in your spare time each week, would you make use of it?		
A	Yes	172
B	No	13
C	Not sure	69
	No reply	1

Question 3 – If you had the opportunity to do up to four hours of activities, including sport, in your spare time each week, would you make use of it?



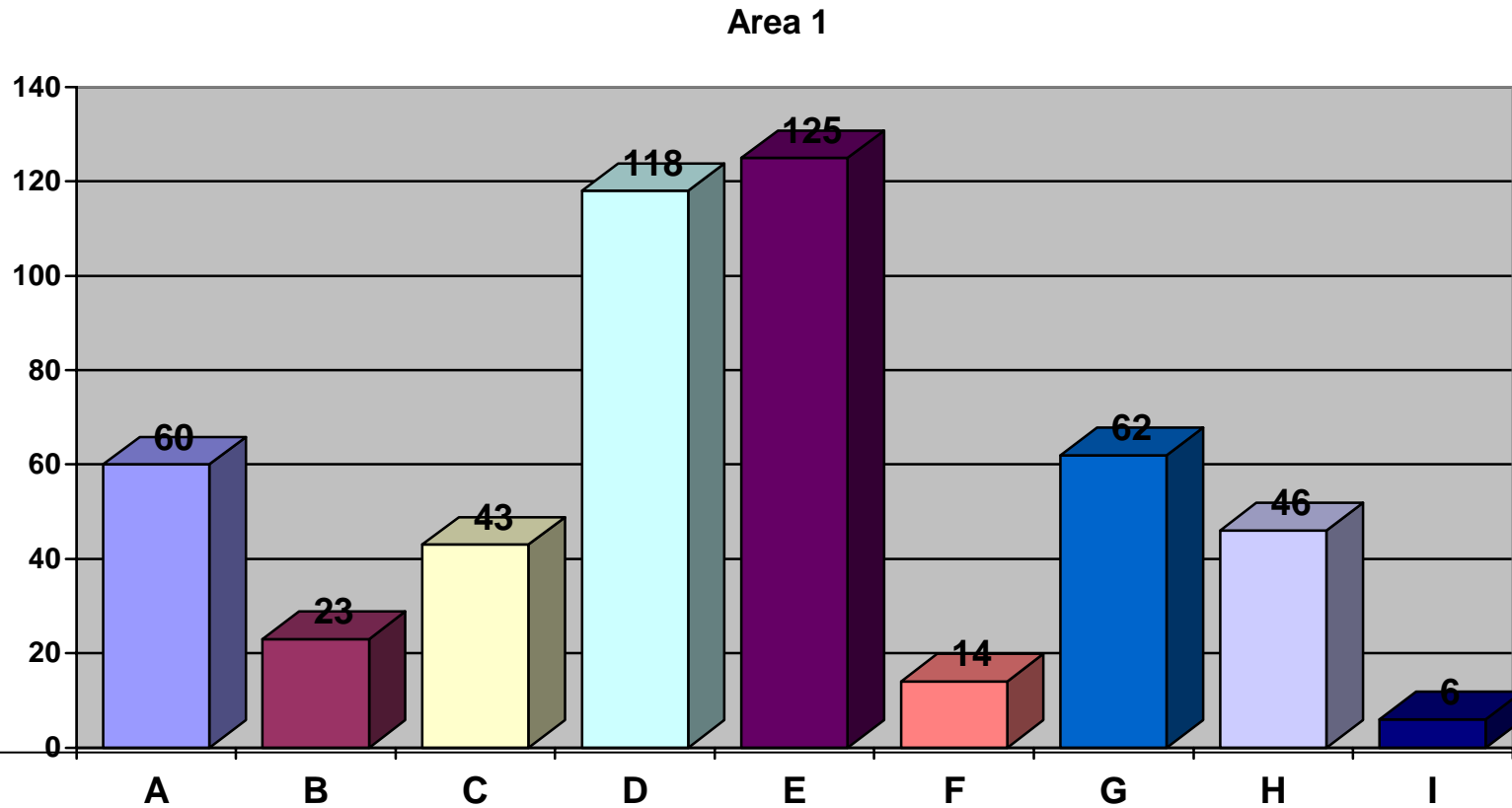
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SOMEWHERE TO GO		
4. Where would you like to be able to go to meet friends?		
A	Youth club	60
B	Community centre	23
C	Café/coffee shop	43
D	Shopping centre	118
E	Local park	125
F	Mobile youth centre	14
G	Sports centre	62
H	Other (please tell us)	46
	No reply	6
COMMENTS		
	Anywhere I can	1
	At their house	4
	Convenience store	1
	Dearne	1
	Each others houses	5
	Field	2
	Football match	1
	Home	8
	Ice skating	2
	In town	4
	Meadowhall	2
	My House	2
	Newsagents	1
	School	1
	Skate park	6
	Snowboard ramps	1
	Street	3
	Swimming baths	2
	BMX track	1

Question 4 – Where would you like to go to be able to meet friends?



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|----------|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| A | = | Youth Club | F | = | Mobile Youth Centre |
| B | = | Community Centre | G | = | Sports Centre |
| C | = | Café/ Coffee Shop | H | = | Other (please tell us) |
| D | = | Shopping Centre | I | = | No Reply |
| E | = | Local Park | | | |

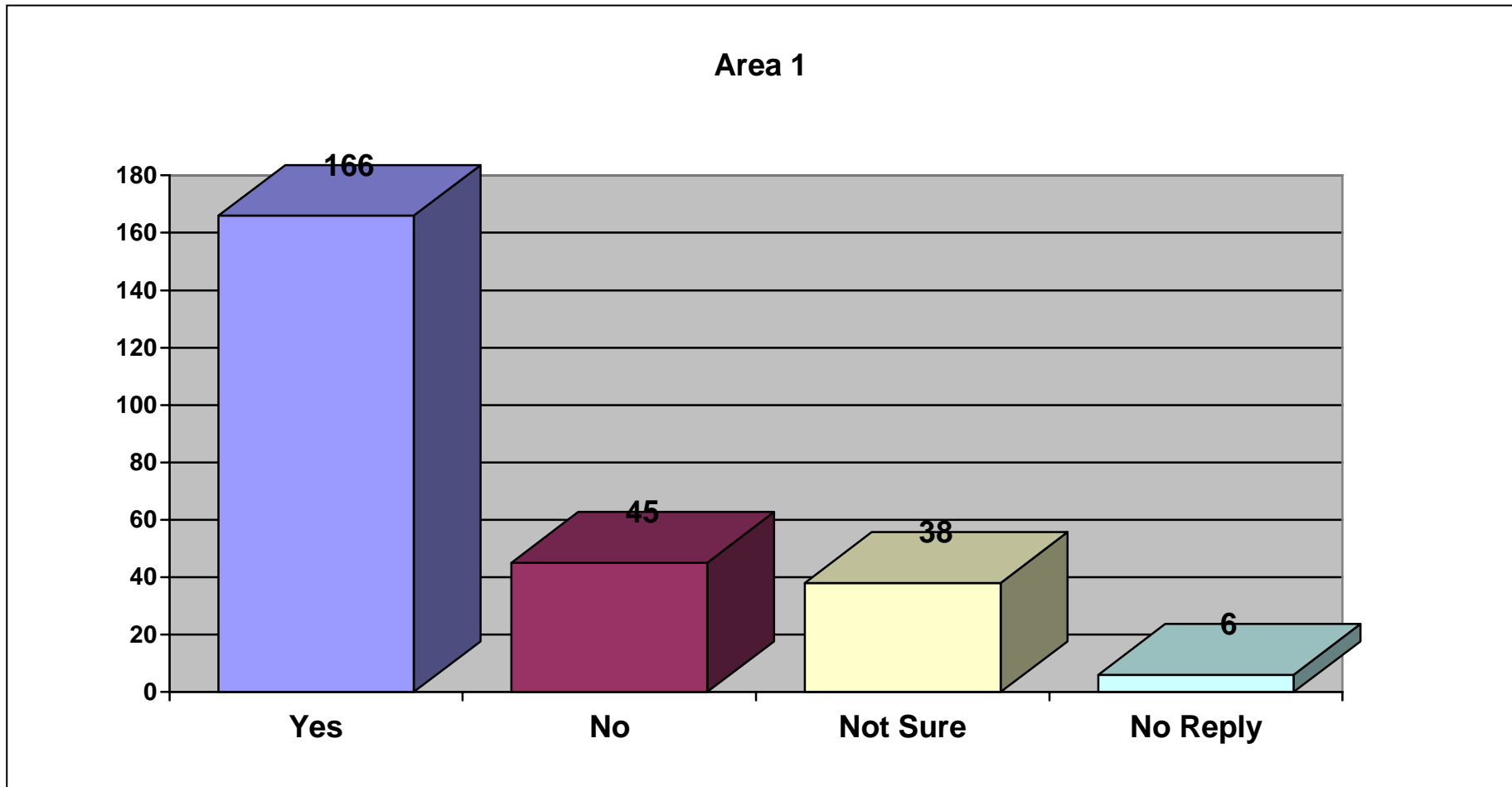
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5. If there were more places for young people to go, do you think it would stop some teenagers getting into trouble?		
A	Yes	166
B	No	45
C	Not sure	38
	No reply	6

Question 5 – If there were more places for young people to go, do you think it would stop some teenagers getting into trouble?

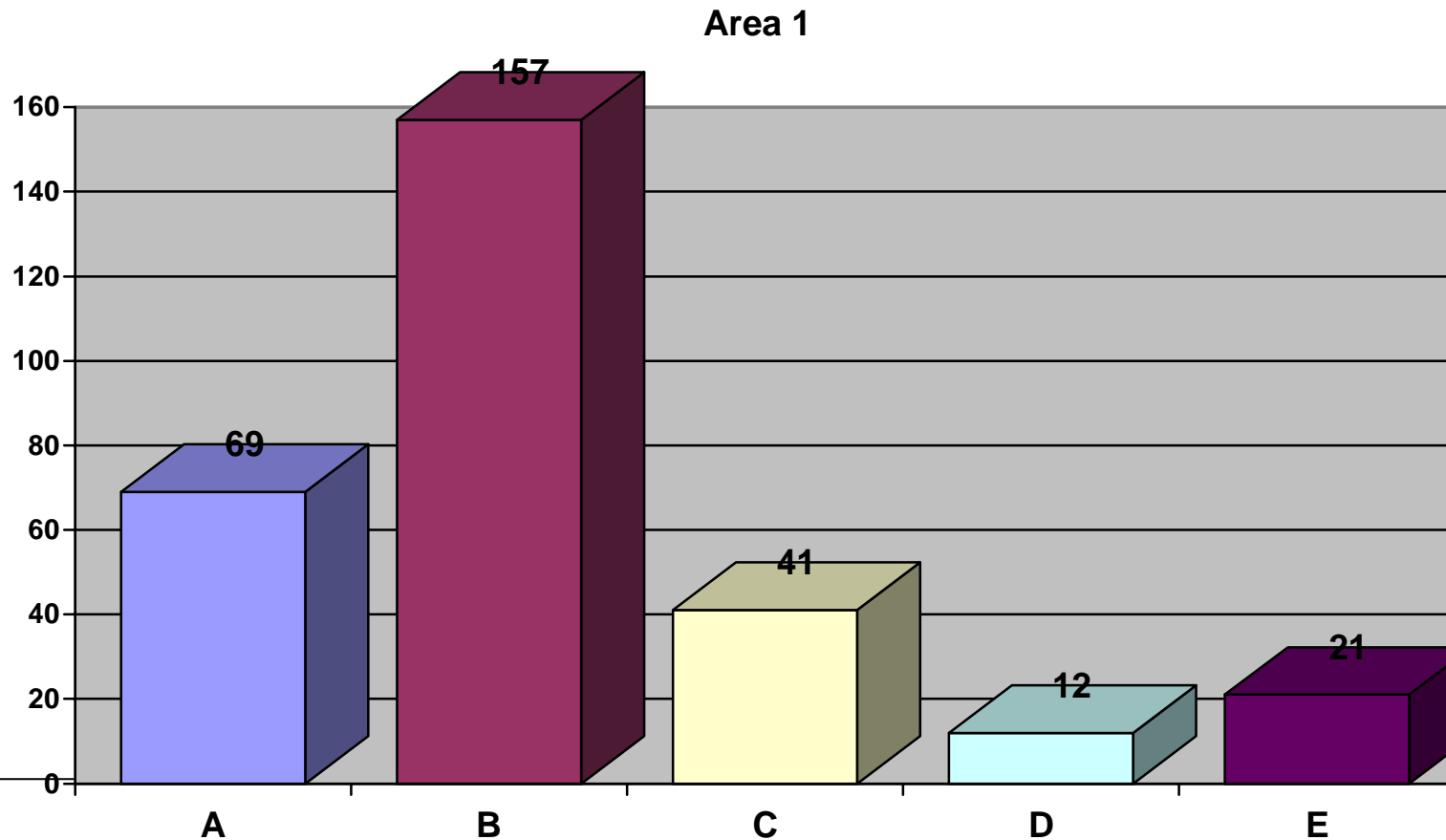


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TALKING ABOUT WHAT MATTERS TO YOU		
6. How would you like to be involved in improving things for teenagers in your area? (Tick any that you would like to be involved in?)		
A	Take part in an inspection of how good local activities and services are	69
B	Help decide how your local council spends money on providing activities	157
C	Don't think young people should get involved in these kinds of decisions	41
D	Other (please tell us)	12
	No Reply	21
COMMENTS		
	Vote	3
	Ask younger kids what they think	1
	Help build	1
	Let teenagers go round and talk to teenagers and collate results	1
	Take part in study to see how teenagers behave	1
	Focus group	1
	Meet council	1
	Litter picking	1
	Dance school	1



- A = Take part in an inspection of how good local activities and services are**
- B = Help decide on how your local Council spends money on providing activities**
- C = Don't think that young people should get involved in these kind of decisions**
- D = Other**
- E = No reply**

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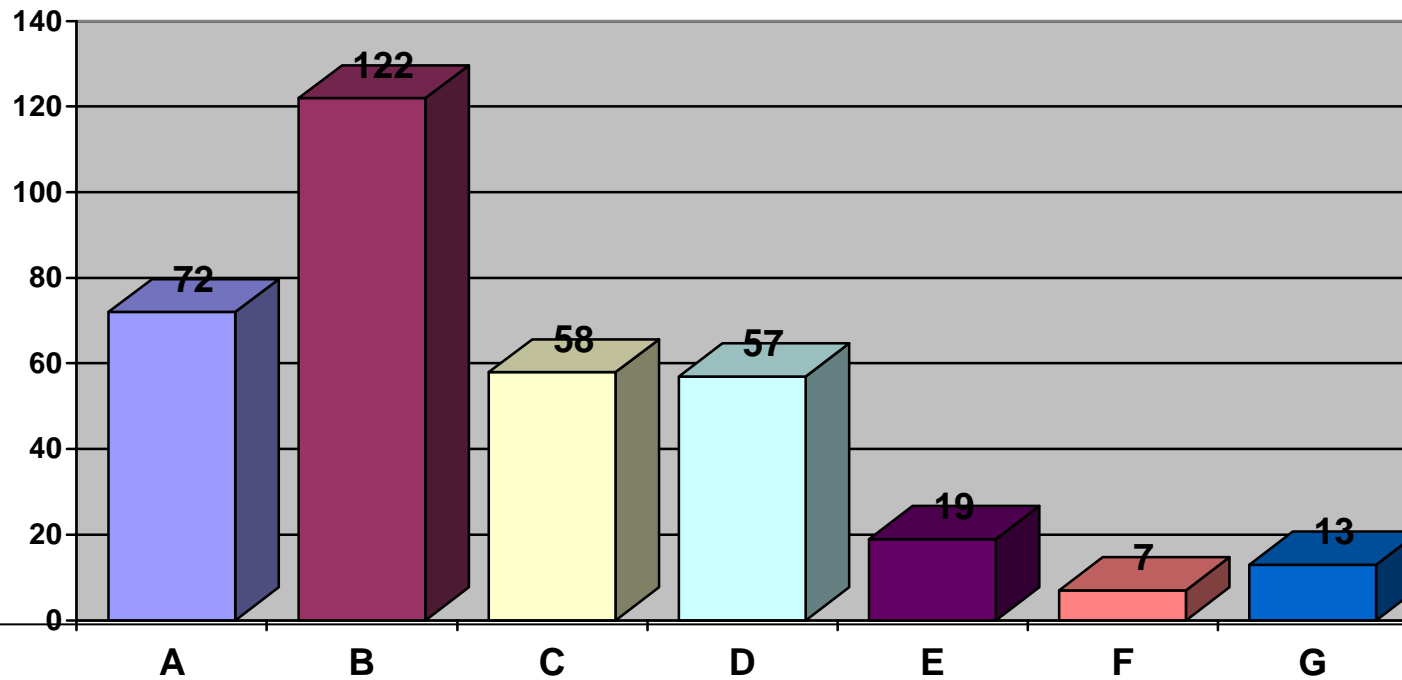
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7. How would you like to tell your local council what you think about activities and services for teenagers?		
A	Attend a meeting	72
B	Fill in a questionnaire	122
C	Have your say on a website or by email	58
D	Through your school or college	57
E	Don't want to be involved	19
F	Other (please tell us)	7
	No reply	13
COMMENTS		
	Writing letters	3
	Have a protest	1

Question 7 – How would you like to tell your local Council what you think about activities and services for teenagers?

Area 1



A = Attend meetings

B = Fill in a questionnaire

C = Have your say on a website or by email

D = Through your school or college

E = Don't want to be involved

F = Other

G = No reply

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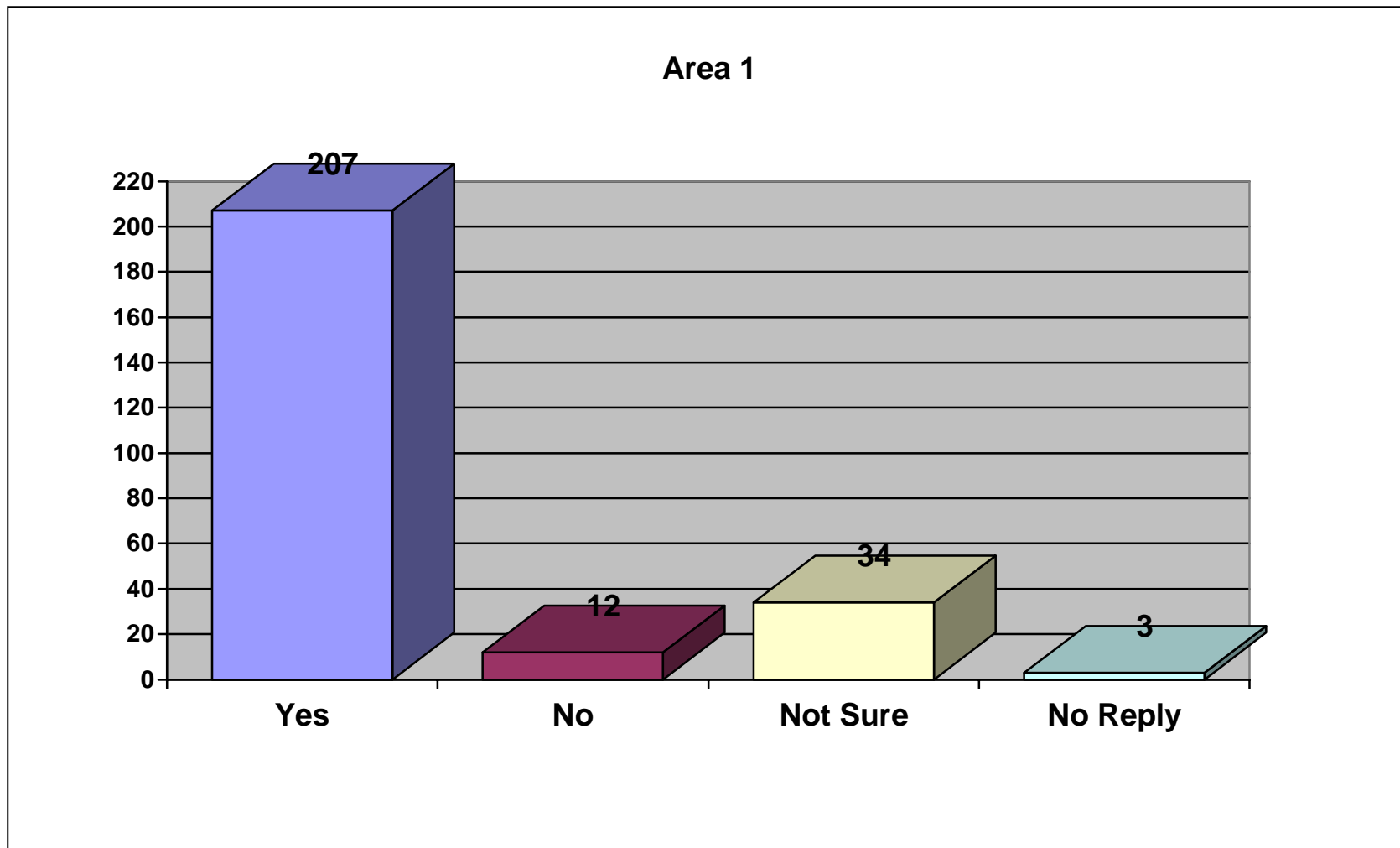
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ENCOURAGEMENT

8. Would a card that gave you discounts and money to spend on activities encourage you to do more activities in your spare time?

A	Yes	207
B	No	12
C	Not sure	34
	No reply	3

Question 8 – Would a card that gave you discounts and money to spend on activities encourage you to do more activities in your spare time?



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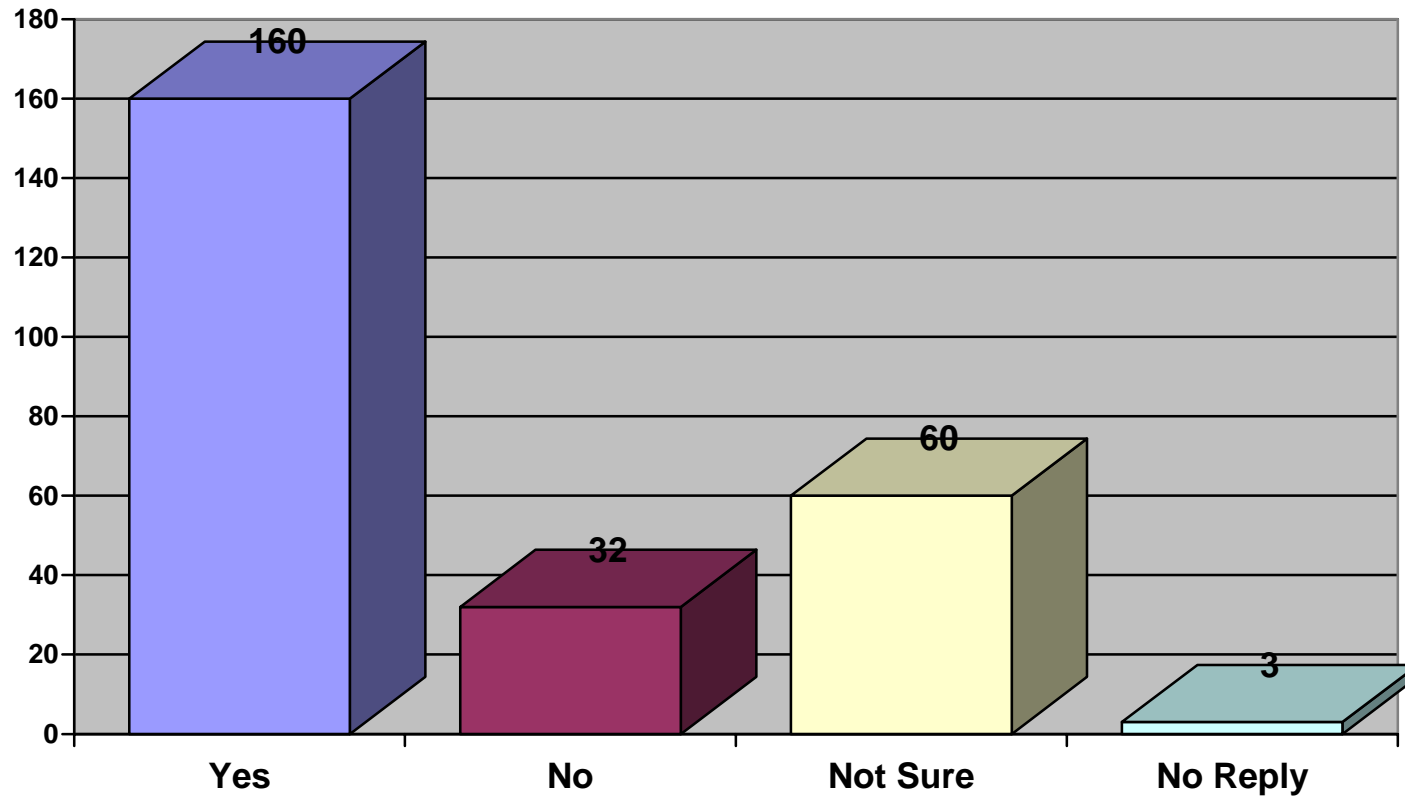
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9. Do you think your parents would top up your card with money for you to spend on activities		
A	Yes	160
B	No	32
C	Not sure	60
	No reply	3

Question 9 – Do you think your parents would top up your card with money for you to spend on activities?

Area 1



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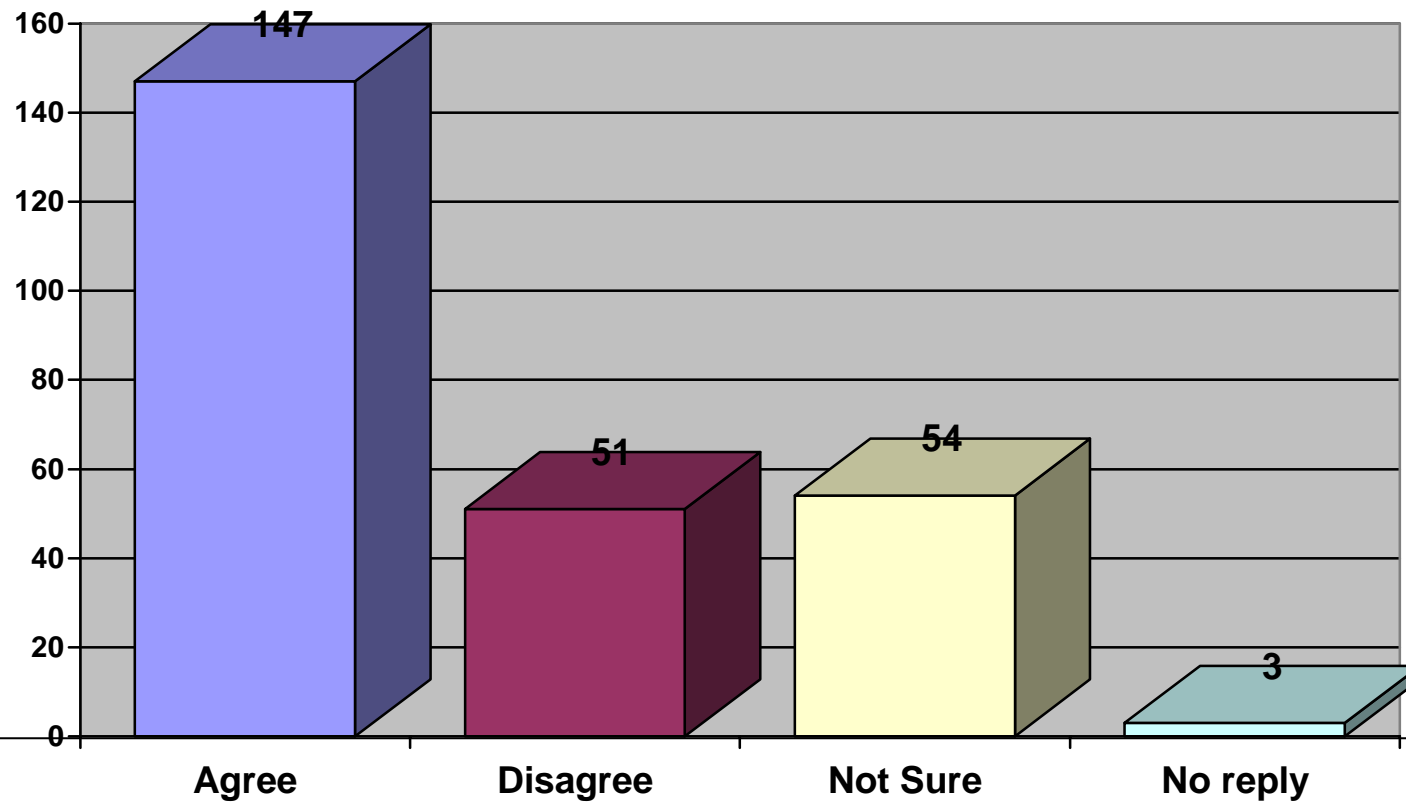
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10. We think young people who misbehave or commit crimes should not get these discounts and top-ups. What do you think?		
A	Agree	147
B	Disagree	51
C	Not sure	54
	No reply	3

Question 10 – We think young people who misbehave or commit crimes should not get these discounts and top-ups. What do you think?

Area 1

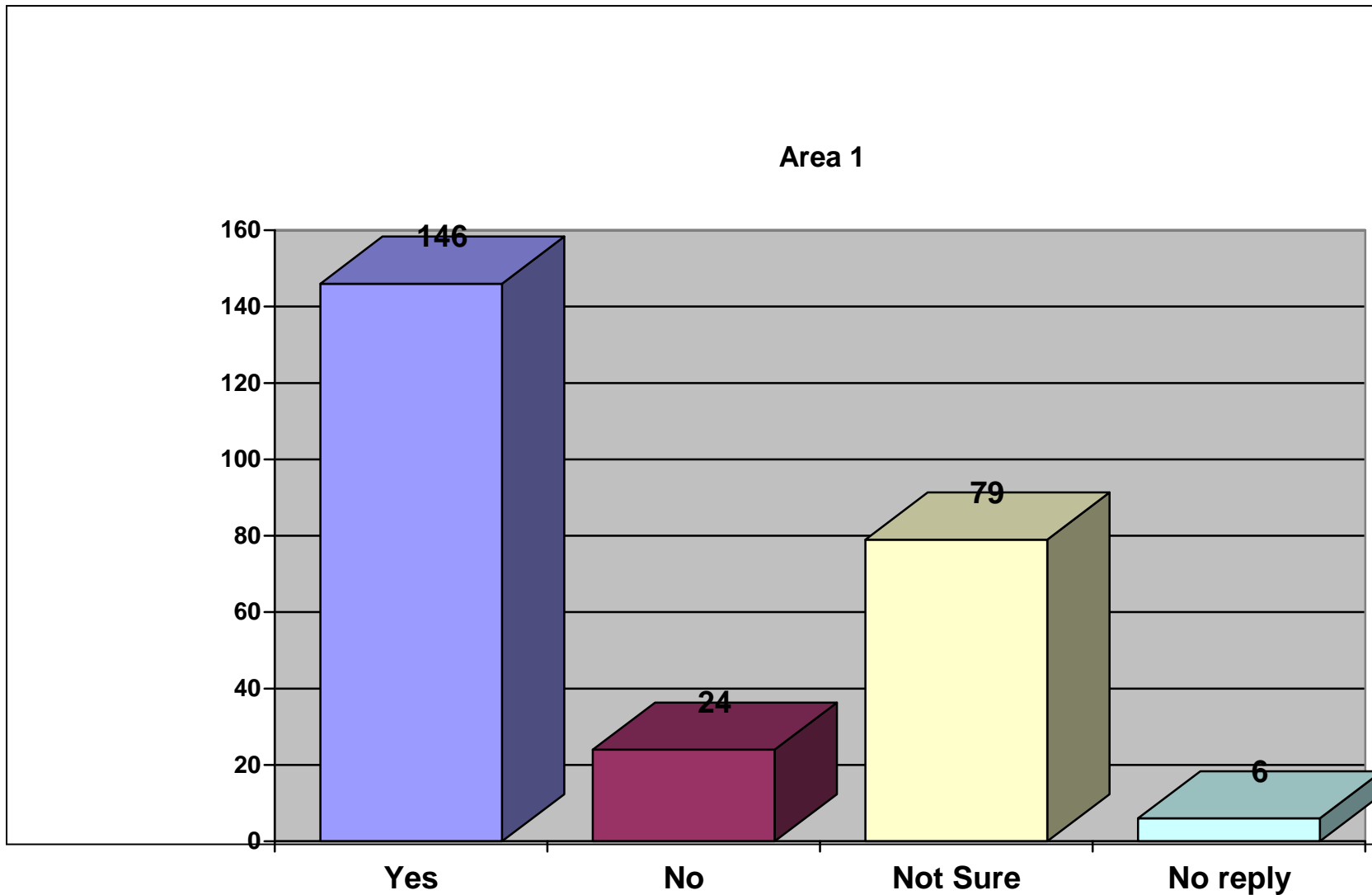


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11. Would you help out more in your community if what you did was recognised in some way?		
A	Yes	146
B	No	24
C	Not sure	79
	No reply	6



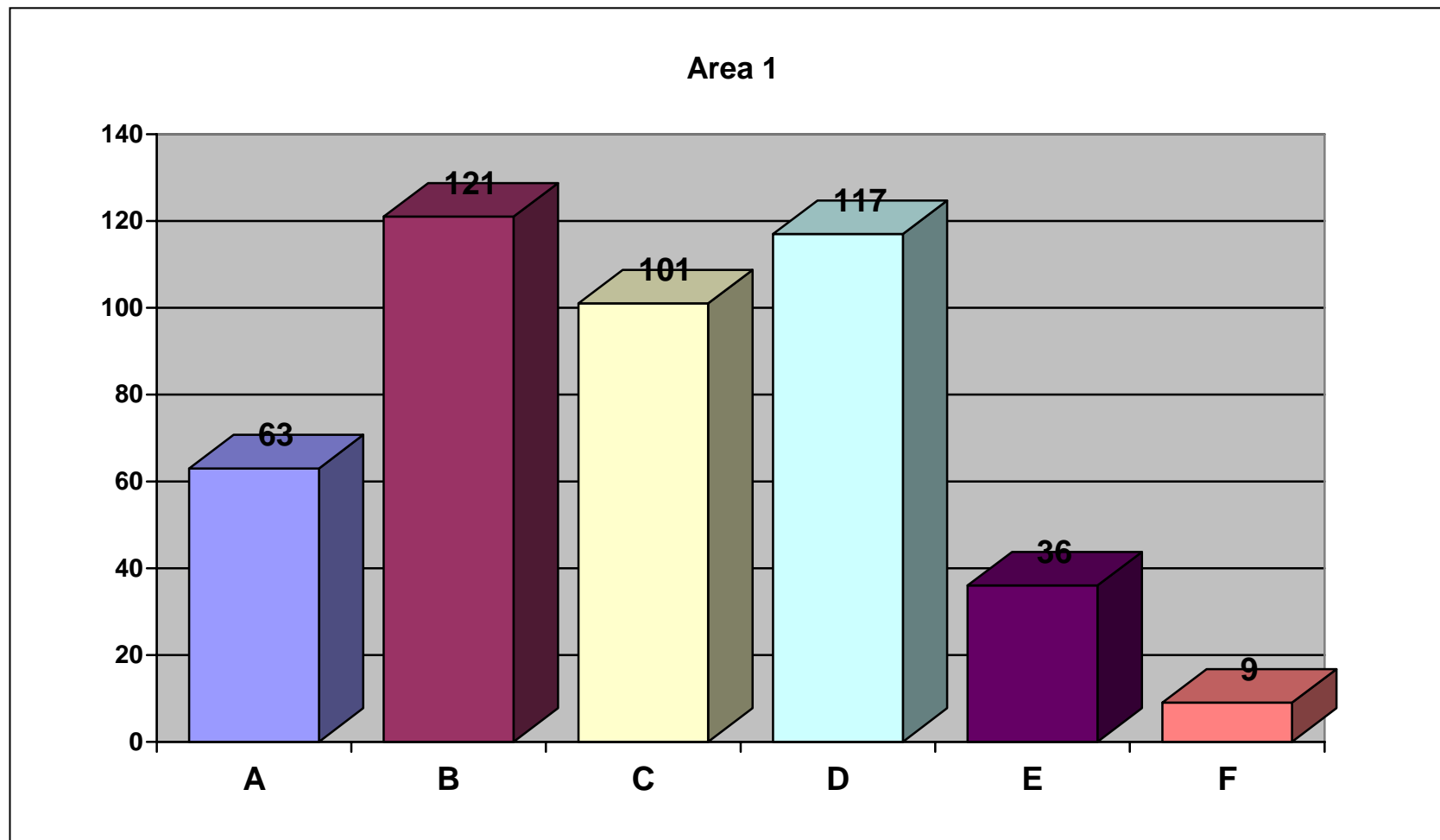
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12. What kind of recognition or reward would encourage you to help out more in your community? (Tick any that would encourage you to get involved more)		
A	An award or certificate	63
B	Things like CDs or ringtones	121
C	Extra-top-ups on your card to spend on activities	101
D	The chance to win the opportunity to go to big events or meet important people	117
E	Other (please tell us)	36
	No reply	9
COMMENTS		
	Buy something you want (play station 2, fishing rod, wrestling tickets)	4
	Cash reward/money	13
	Disco	1
	Games	1
	Meet an idol	1
	Nothing	1
	Skate park	1
	Vouchers	3
	Vouchers for hobbies	2
	Watch a football match	1
	Win things in raffles (yu-gi-oh, chocolate)	3
	Make a movie	1
	Holidays/trips	3

Question 12 – What kind of recognition or reward would encourage you to help out more in your community?



A = An award or certificate

B = Things like CDs or ringtones

C = Extra-top-ups on your card to spend on activities

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E = Other

F = No Reply

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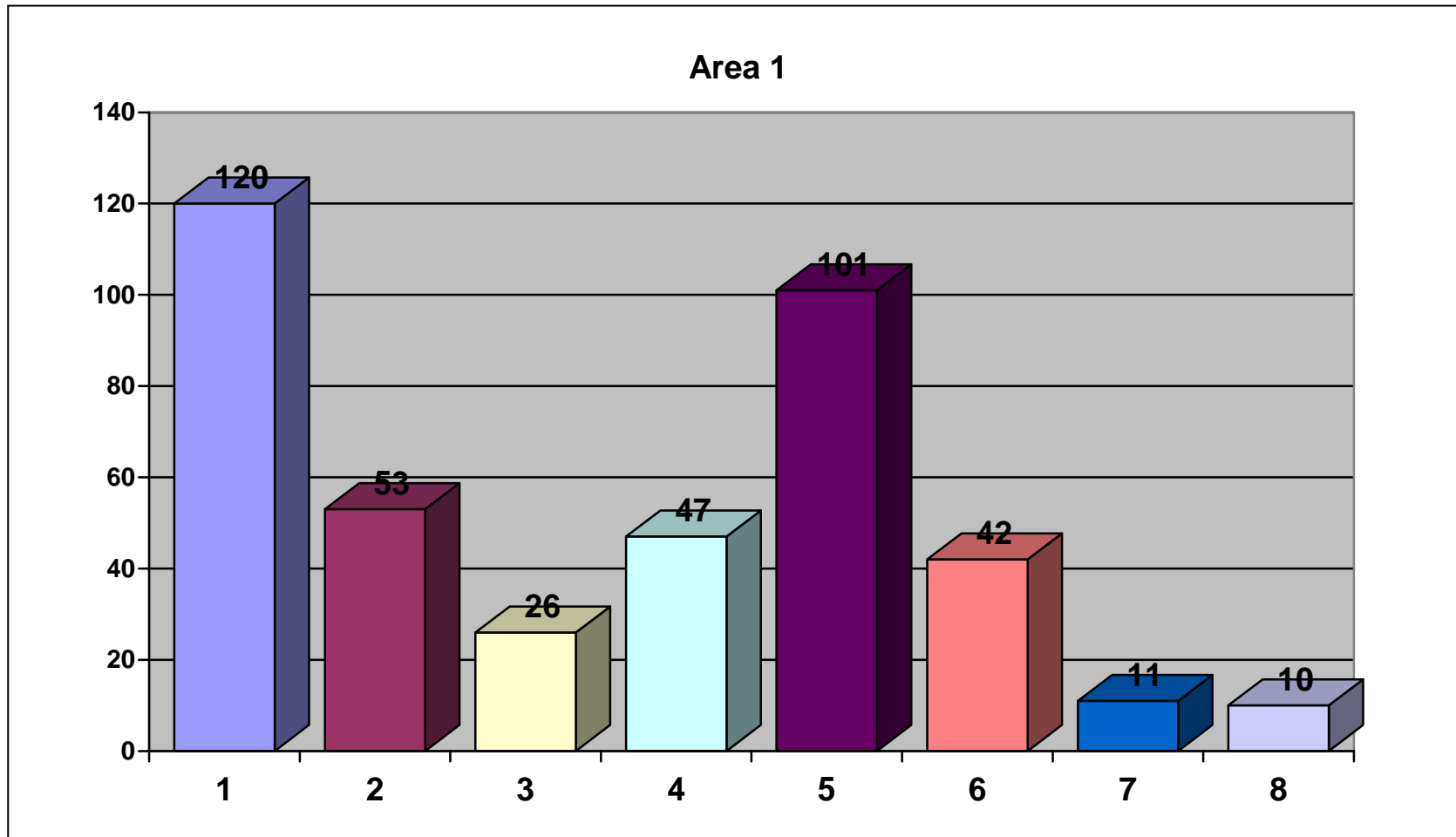
INFORMATION AND SUPPORT	
13. Who do you go to now for information, help and advice?) For example: parent, friends, teachers, Connexions, youth worker, social worker, help lines.)	
COMMENTS	
Youth Club/ Youth Worker	8
Impact in New Lodge	1
Mum	10
Friend/friends	93
Teacher	35
Sister	7
Parents	141
Family	20
Aunt	1
Internet/ leaflets	4
Don't talk to parents	1
Help lines	1
The Barn and Roundhouse	2
Counsellors	3
Connexions	5
Police	1
Anyone I know that can help	1
Health worker	1

14. What do you think about the information, help and advice you receive?	
COMMENTS	
All right	2
Boring	1
Could be better	2
Depends	6
Depends who gives it	3
Depends who tells you. Good advice from friends	2
Don't do drugs	2
Don't get any	1
Don't help	2
Don't know	2
Don't know I'd make it useful	1
Excellent	1
Fine but not always true	1
Good	44
Good advice	3
Good but could be better	1
Helpful	7
Helpful but sometime they don't understand	1
Helps a bit	1
I appreciate it	1
I don't know	1
I think I get good advice	4
I use it	2
I would like a bit more information	1
I'm not bothered	1
Interesting and very informative	1
It can be a bit confusing	1
It comes in very helpful	1
It helps me a lot	1
It helps sometimes	2
It is better than playing out	1
It is good and I use it wisely	1
It is good info	1
It is helpful	2
It is ok	1
Its good advice	2
Its good	2
Its helpful	1
Its not always reliable	2
Its ok	1
Its ok could be better	1
Its sometimes helpful	1
Its useful	4
Mixed	1

Not always relevant or reliable	2
Not always right – sometime get into more trouble	2
Not bad	1
Not enough	1
Not enough information	1
Not good	2
Not good answers	2
Not too bad	1
Not very good	5
Not what you want, sometimes supportive	2
Ok	33
Ok but could be improved	1
OK but sometimes, people don't take notice	2
Ok good	1
Ok most of the time	2
Really useful	1
Reassuring	1
Reliable	3
Rubbish	3
Sometimes	4
Sometimes (if people take notice)	1
Sometimes good	1
Sometimes good and helpful	1
Sometimes good, sometimes not	1
Sometimes useful	2
That is good	1
Think it is a really good idea	1
Unsure	2
Useful	3
Useful and helpful	1
Very good	20
Very helpful	4
Very useful	2
Yes I think its good info	1
Yes it is	1
Yes it is good	1
Yes its good advice	1
Yes its great	4
You get some but not enough	1

15. How would you like information and advice on your future education and career choices to be provided?		
1	Face to face	120
2	On a website	53
3	Over the telephone	26
4	Visits from young adults already in work	47
5	Work experience	101
6	By text messaging	42
7	Other (please tell us)	11
	No reply	10
	Letter	3
	On MSN	1
	Have a council for info	1
	Watching a DVD	1
	Post	1
	Visits to places	1
	Computers for experience	1
	Radio	1

Question 15 – How would you like information and advice on your future education and career choices to be provided?



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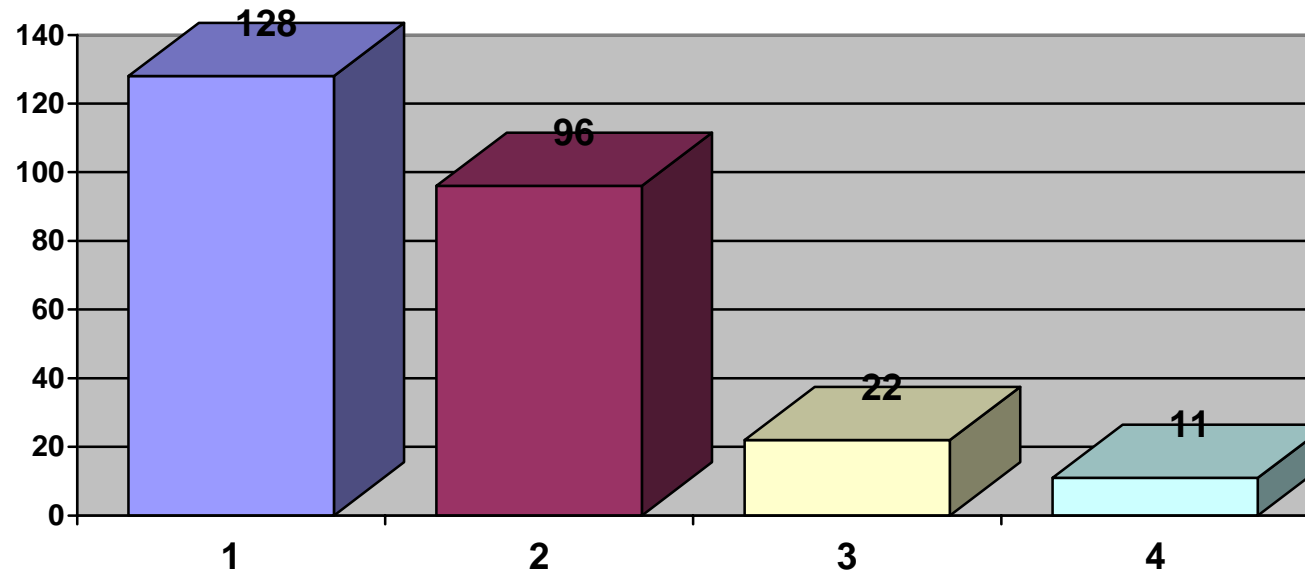
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WHO TO TALK TO		
16. If you were experiencing problems in your life, would you like to have one professional person you can trust to go to for advice and information?		
1	I would prefer this	128
2	It wouldn't make any difference to me	96
3	It would be worse	22
	No reply	11

Question 16 – If you were experiencing problems in your life, would you like to have one professional person you can trust to go to for advice and information?

Area 1



1 = I would prefer this

2 = It wouldn't make any difference to me

3 = It would be worse

4 = No reply

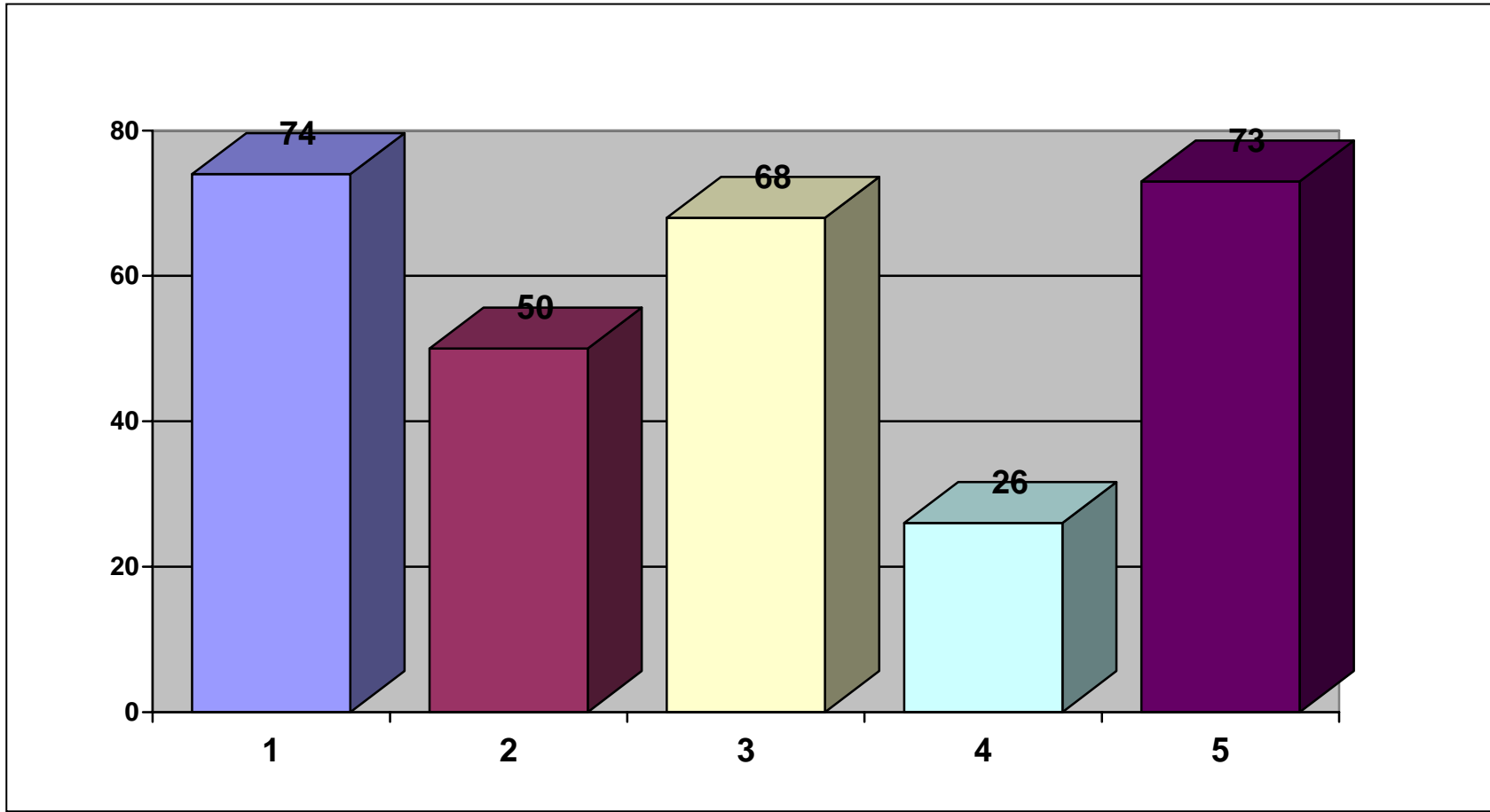
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WE'VE GOT LOTS TO GIVE		
17. Do you currently help out in any of the following ways?		
1	Helping younger pupils at school or college	74
2	Coaching younger people in a sport or other activity	50
3	Doing things to help out people in your area	68
4	Other (please tell us)	26
	No reply	73
COMMENTS		
	Clean house for money	2
	Go out and pick up litter	1
	Go to shop for elderly people for free services	1
	Guides	1
	Help family and be friendly to younger ones	1
	Help family and friend	1
	Help kids at home	1
	Help little sister with schoolwork	1
	Help mum in shop	1
	Help mum with smaller children	1
	Help my dad run his football club	1
	Help my parents	1
	Help pass on health info in drop in	1
	Help sisters and brothers	1
	Helping adults with jobs	1
	Helping teach football	1
	Look after friends	1
	Make sure my brothers don't get bullied	1
	None	3
	Play with younger children	1
	Playing football with kids	1
	Support friends	1
	There isn't much to help out with	1

Question 17 – Do you currently help out in any of the following ways?



- 1 = Helping younger pupils at school or college**
- 2 = Coaching younger people in a sport or other activity**
- 3 = Doing things to help out people in your area**
- 4 = Other**
- 5 = No reply**

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18. Would anything make you want to get involved helping out in your local area or with younger people?	
COMMENTS	
A competition	1
A sports club	1
An award	5
Anything that is offered	1
Better parks	1
Build a skate park	1
Coaching	1
Dance centre	3
Dancing	3
Depends what it is	1
Don't know	4
Duke of Edinburgh award	1
Fishing ponds	1
Free stuff/ money/ prizes	8
Get paid	19
Help our at my old primary school	1
I already help out with younger people	1
I would have a try at most things	1
If activities were more interesting	1
If I stop getting bullied	1
If it was fun	1
If my friends did it	2
If something happens to a younger person I knew and if my friend were doing it	1
If there was a good reason to do it	1
If you do well, get small awards	1
If you help out the community gets a reward	1
Join a game	1
Just depends what it is there	1
Looking after nursery children	1
Make a football squad	1
Maybe	2
Money or tickets for a concert	1
Money or VIP backstage passes to a concert	1
More clubs	1
More fun activities	2
More parks	1
More people to talk to	1
No	32
None	1
Not bothered	3
Not really	2
Not sure	4
Not unless I get a reward for it	1
Nothing	1

Of there was a prize or it was for charity	1
Old people	1
Payment/ refreshments/ reward	3
Playing football	1
Prizes for those who help out	3
Reopen cinema	1
Reward	11
Rewards for commitment	1
Rewards or payment	2
Rewards, make it fun	1
Seeing people doing bad things in area. Getting paid	1
Show people how much fun they can have in our area	1
Sport	5
Study support with older pupils for older pupils	1
Teaching them sports	1
Teaching them why they should go to school etc	1
To keep them out of trouble	1
Top ups	1
Unsure	1
Winning money or vouchers	1
Would do it anyway	1
Would get involved if I was paid	1
Would like to get involved	1
Yes	17
Yes – discuss things together	1
Yes a leaflet or something free stuff	1
Yes because I like helping younger people	1
Yes because it's fun thing to do	1
Yes I would like to help young children	1
Yes if it was interesting	1
Yes if our area is cleaner and more fun	1
Yes if people took more care	2
Yes if there were things to do	1
Yes if we get a card	1
Yes in a local community centre	1
Yes primary school colleagues	1
Yes when people are bored	1
Young children's park	1
Youth club	1
Youth club sports club	1

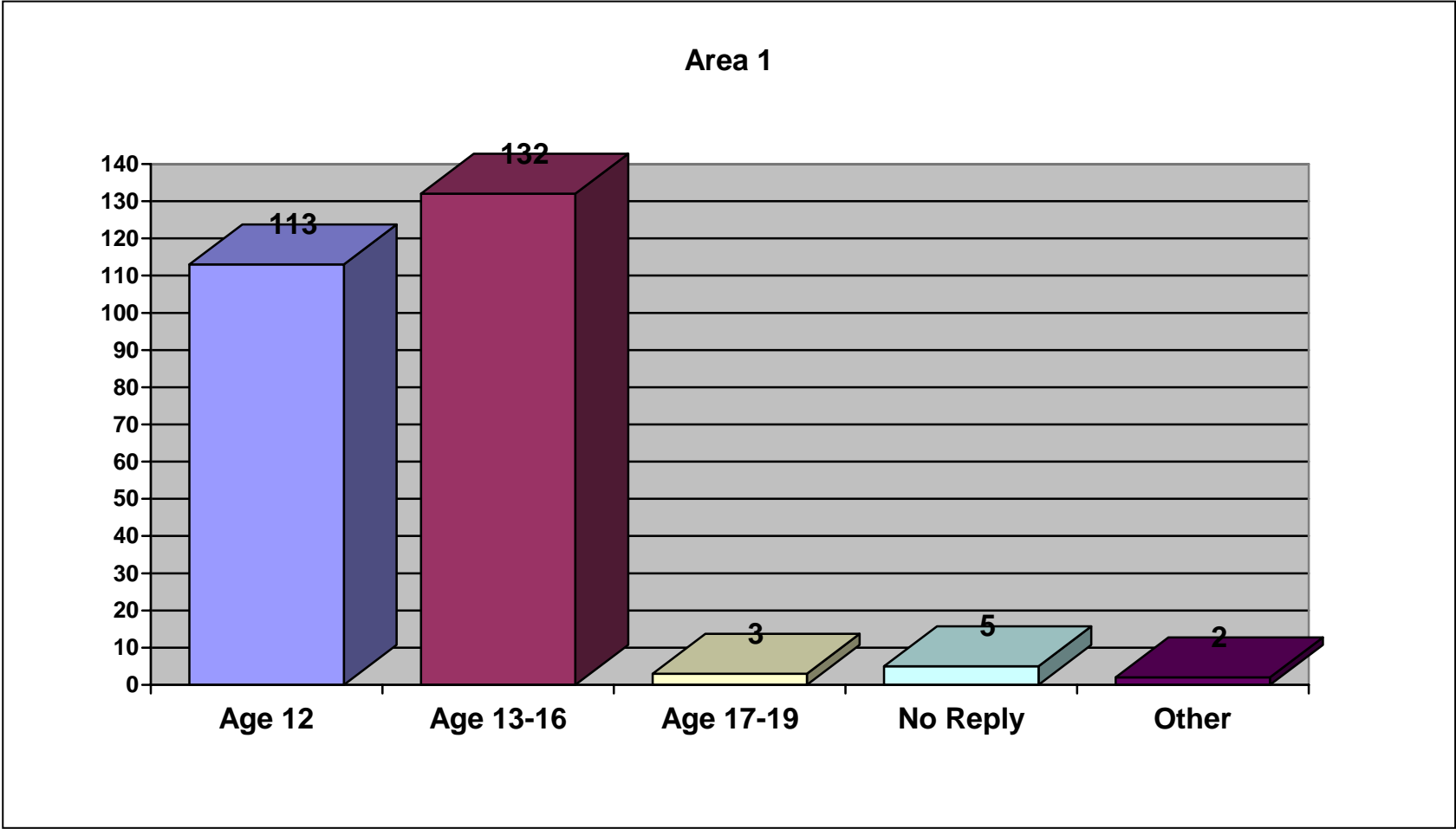
19. Is there anything else you think we should consider to make life better for teenagers? (Continue on another piece of paper if you need to)	
COMMENTS	
A good youth club	1
Anti bullying	1
Ask us what we want and make sure it happens	1
Better facilities	1
Better parks and swimming pools in area	1
Better information and help with problems	1
Better relationships with Police	1
Big sports centre – more things to do	1
Bigger youth club	2
Build a community centre where teenagers can meet	1
Build a park near where people live	1
Build somewhere for us	1
Cheaper canteens	3
Cleaner parks	2
Community centre to go to	3
Dance studio	1
Do clubs for people to stop smoking or taking drugs to stop things like that	1
Don't make classes sit boy girl – some people dread it	1
Football/coaching and other sports	2
Free stuff	1
Give us more things to do and a cinema	2
Go karting track	1
Graffiti wall	6
Gym	1
Have our cinema back	1
Help over the phone so don't have to face someone	1
Help teenagers get new friends and a good family	1
Hurry up and make changes as teenagers are drinking and smoking cos there is nothing to do	1
Improve area, make parks better	1
Keep a closer eye on teenagers	1
Let us use community centre	1
Listen to them so we can do good stuff	1
Local 5 a side football competitions	1
Make area cleaner	2
More activities/club/events	5

More clubs to open every day	1
More football pitches/ nets/ sport pitches/ graffiti walls/ skateboard parks and pushbike tracks	2
More fun activities to do in area but not just sport – ice skating new shops	2
More games/sports to play	1
More meeting places, more things to do	1
More parks and places to hang and chill out in, safer places to go	3
More part time jobs to allow us to earn money. More local activities. Cards are a good idea	2
More places to go, more activities like rock climbing and ice skating rinks	6
More places to hang out and meet	3
More places to hang out just for our age group	1
More sporting activities	2
More sports centre	1
More stuff to do more parks	2
More things for 1 to 16 year olds	1
More things for 11 – 18 yr olds	1
More things for teenagers. Mostly for under 10's now	1
More things to do	4
More trust in what we do. People think we are up to no good when there's a group of us	1
Motorcycle track where it is legal to ride	1
No/None	4
Paid to go to school	1
Parks for different ages	1
Park just for teenagers	1
Parks with supervisors to stop ant-social behaviour by older ones	1
People should respect us as we have to respect others	1
Places to go to discuss problems	1
Police and cameras to keep an eye on misbehaving ones	1
Probably not	1
Recording studio/music facilities	1
Reward them when they are good	1
Safe areas to hang about	2
Skate park, new community centre	1
Somewhere for you to go	1
Sports centre, places to meet	1
Stop trouble makers	1
Stop under age drinking	1
Swimming pool	1

Teens to get good presents at Christmas or birthdays like little kids do	1
Things for disabled	1
Things to do to keep busy	2
We should get paid for going to school	1
Wider range of activities for all	2
Yes	1
Yes a skate park because it would keep you occupied and good behaved	1
Yes not get them into trouble	1
Youth club locally	5
Youth club more recognition and rewards like certificates	1

ABOUT YOU		
20. Age		
1	13-16	132
2	17-19	3
3	Other (please tell us)	115
COMMENTS		
	Age 11	2
	Age 12	113
	No reply	5

Question 20 – About the person completing this questionnaire



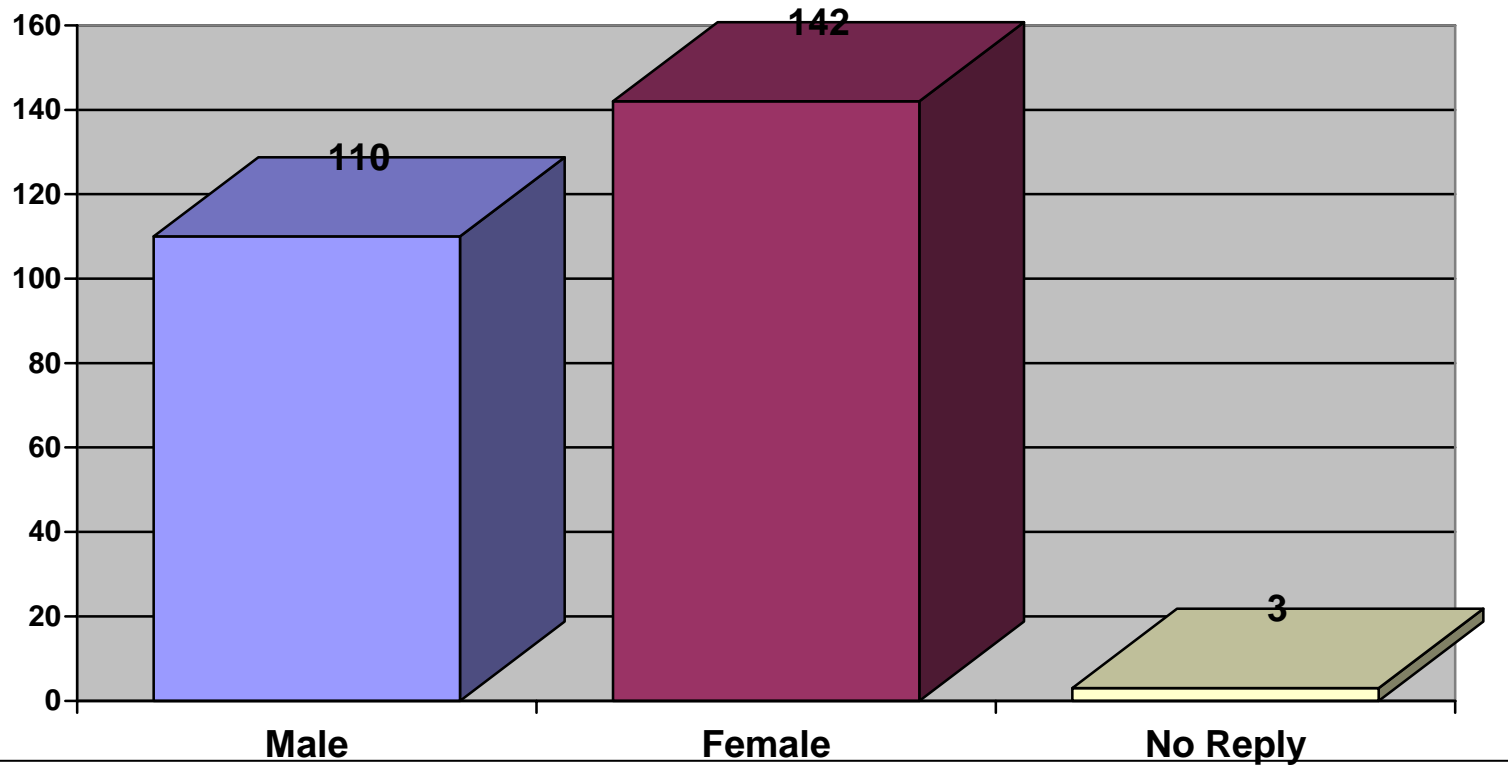
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21. Are you		
1	Male	110
2	Female	142
	No reply	3

Question 21 – About the person completing this questionnaire



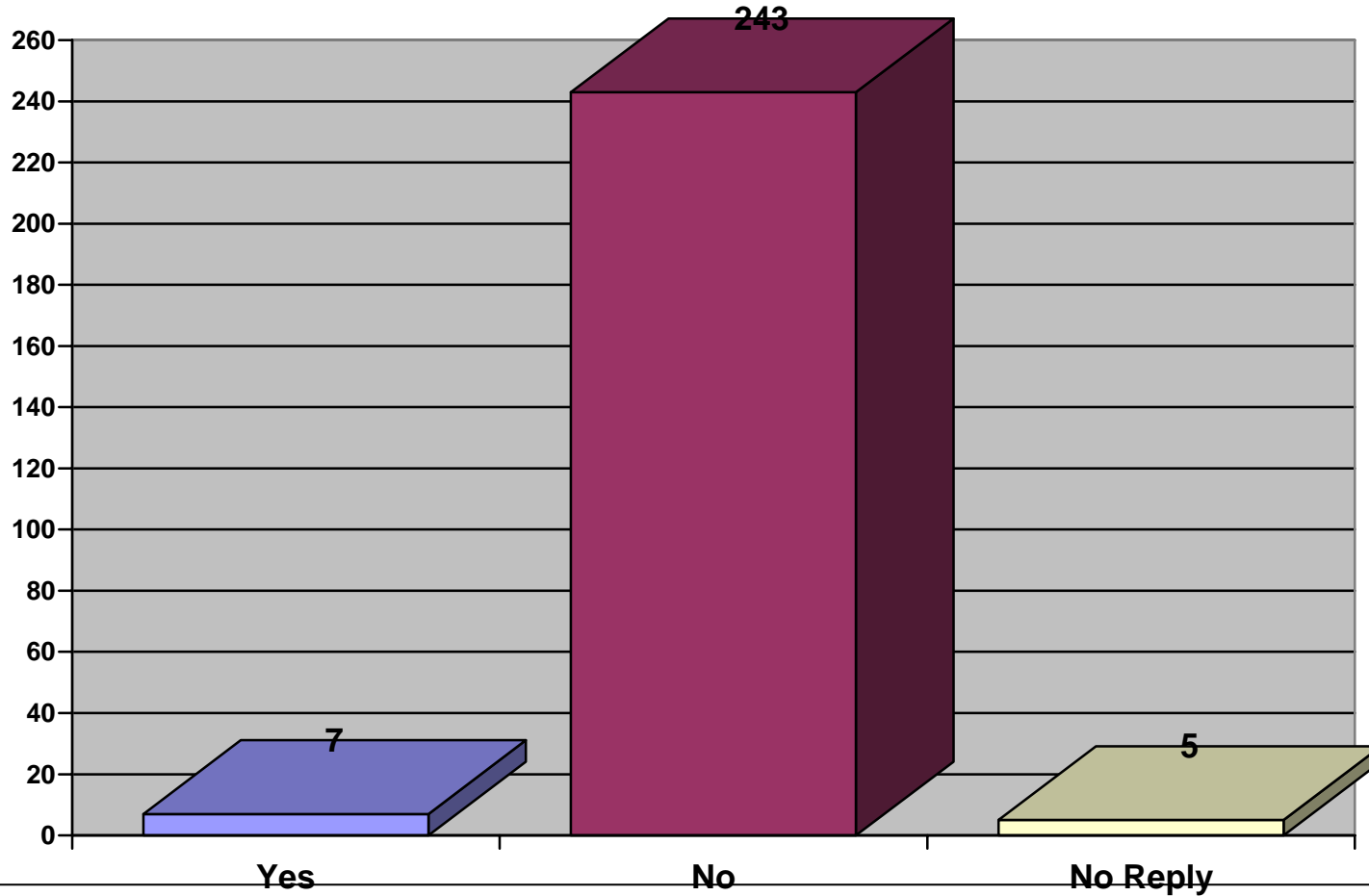
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22. Are you disabled or do you have any special needs		
1	Yes	7
2	No	243
	No reply	5

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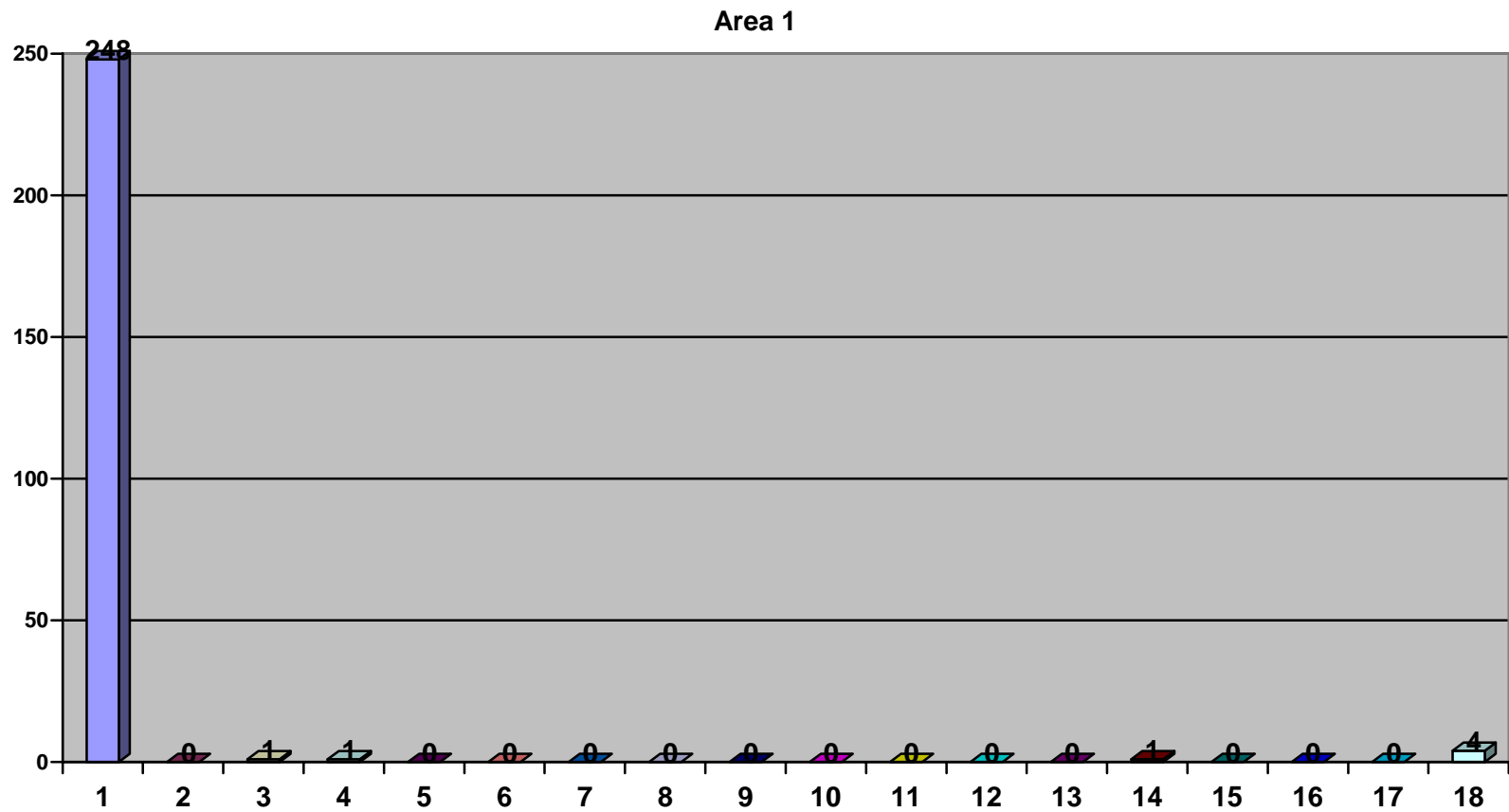
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23. What is your ethnic group		
White		
1	British	248
2	Irish	0
3	Other (please specify)	1
Black or black British		
4	Caribbean	1
5	African	0
6	Other (please tell us)	0
Mixed heritage		
7	White/black Caribbean	0
8	White/black African	0
9	White/Asian	0
10	Other (please tell us)	0
Asian or Asian British		
11	Indian	0
12	Bangladeshi	0
13	Pakistani	0
14	Other (please tell us)	1
Chinese		
15	Chinese	0
16	Other	0
Other		
17	Ethnic group (please tell us)	0
	No reply	4
24. Where do you live		
1	London	0
2	South East (outside London)	0
3	South West	0
4	East Midlands	0
5	West Midlands	0
6	North West	0
7	Yorkshire & Humberside	255
8	Eastern England	0
9	Other (please tell us)	0

Question 23 – What is your ethnic group?



White	Black or Black British	Mixed Heritage	Asian or Asian British	Chinese	Other
1 = British	4 = Black or Black/British Caribbean	7 = White/Black Caribbean	11 = Indian	15 = Chinese	17 = Ethnic Group
2 = Irish	5 = Black or Black/British African	8 = White/Black African	12 = Bangladeshi	16 = Other	18 = No reply
3 = Other	6 = Other	9 = White/Asian	13 = Pakistani		
		10 = Other	14 = Other		

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