

Bradford Liaison and Diversion Service

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Liaison and Diversion - Purpose

“Liaison and Diversion (L&D) services identify people who have mental health, learning disability, substance misuse or other vulnerabilities when they first come into contact with the criminal justice system as suspects, defendants or offenders.

The service can then support people through the early stages of criminal system pathway, refer them for appropriate health or social care or enable them to be diverted away from the criminal justice system into a more appropriate setting, if required.”

NHS England 2018



Liaison and Diversion - Bradley Report 2009

Recommendation

“All police custody suites should have access to liaison and diversion services. These services would include improved screening and identification of individuals with mental health problems or learning disabilities, providing information to police and prosecutors to facilitate the earliest possible diversion of offenders with mental disorders from the criminal justice system, and signposting to local health and social care services as appropriate.”



The Operating Model

- All-age prevention focused service
- Addressing a wide range of health issues and vulnerabilities
- Intervention at earliest possible point within justice system
- Smooth, swift information sharing between agencies
- Prevent escalation to acute or expensive services
- Multi disciplinary core team - primarily partner secondees
 - Staff from YOT, Bridge Project, Touchstone Support, BDCT, WYP, Wakefield council.



The Operating Model

- **Case identification;**
 - Carried out by justice practitioner - identification for further scrutiny
- **Secondary screening/triage;**
 - Carried out by suitably qualified L&D practitioner
- **Assessment including specialist assessment.**
 - completed by someone with a specific professional mandate and skills.
- **Referral and support into service**



Points of operation

- Police Stations – Custody and voluntary attendance
- Magistrates' Courts and Youth Court
- The Crown Court – by end of 1st quarter 2019
- Youth Offending Teams (YOTs)



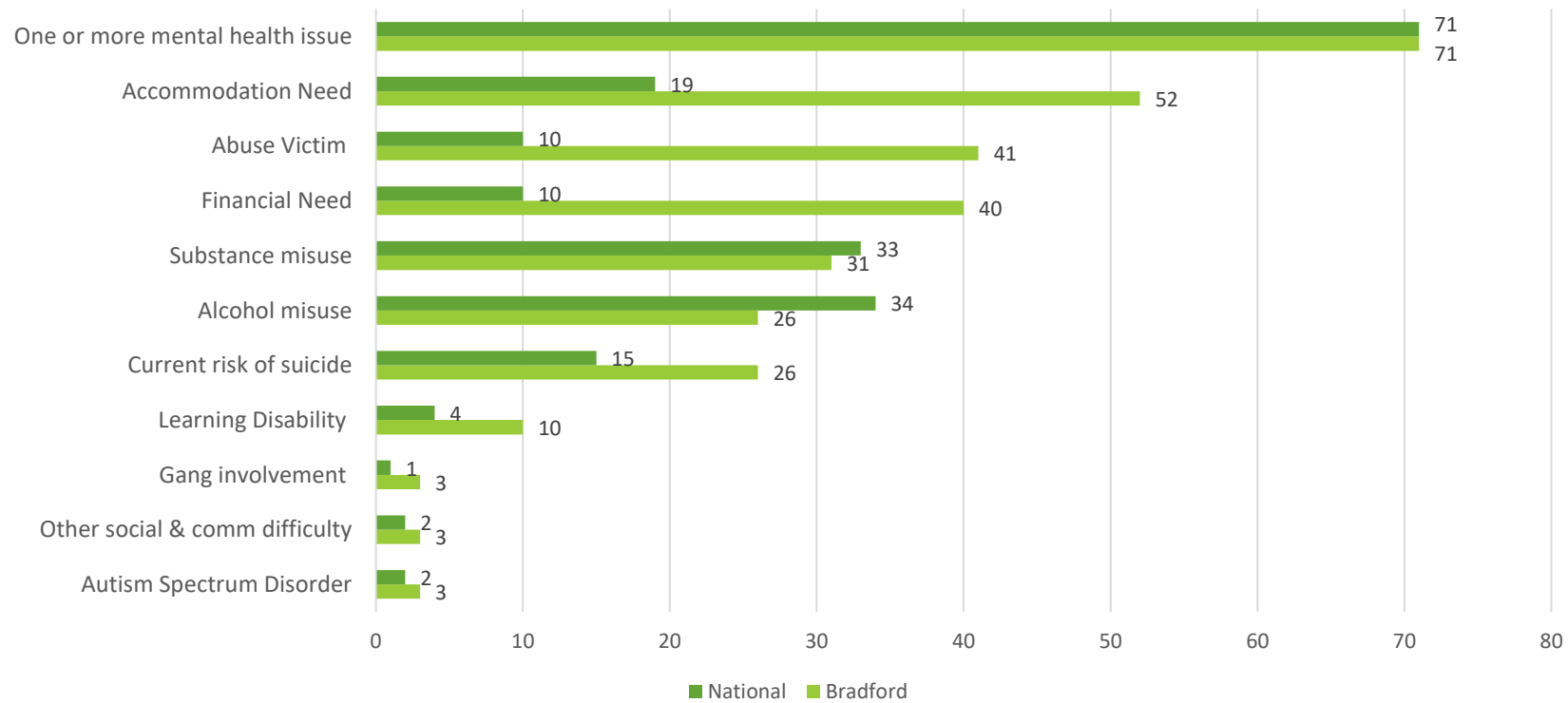
Referral Pathways

- Together Woman Project
- Domestic Abuse services
- Housing
- Employment and Training
- Conditional Cautions
- Mental Health – BDCT nurse facilitating which is unique to Bradford.
- Alcohol and Substance Misuse
- Mind- emotional health and wellbeing

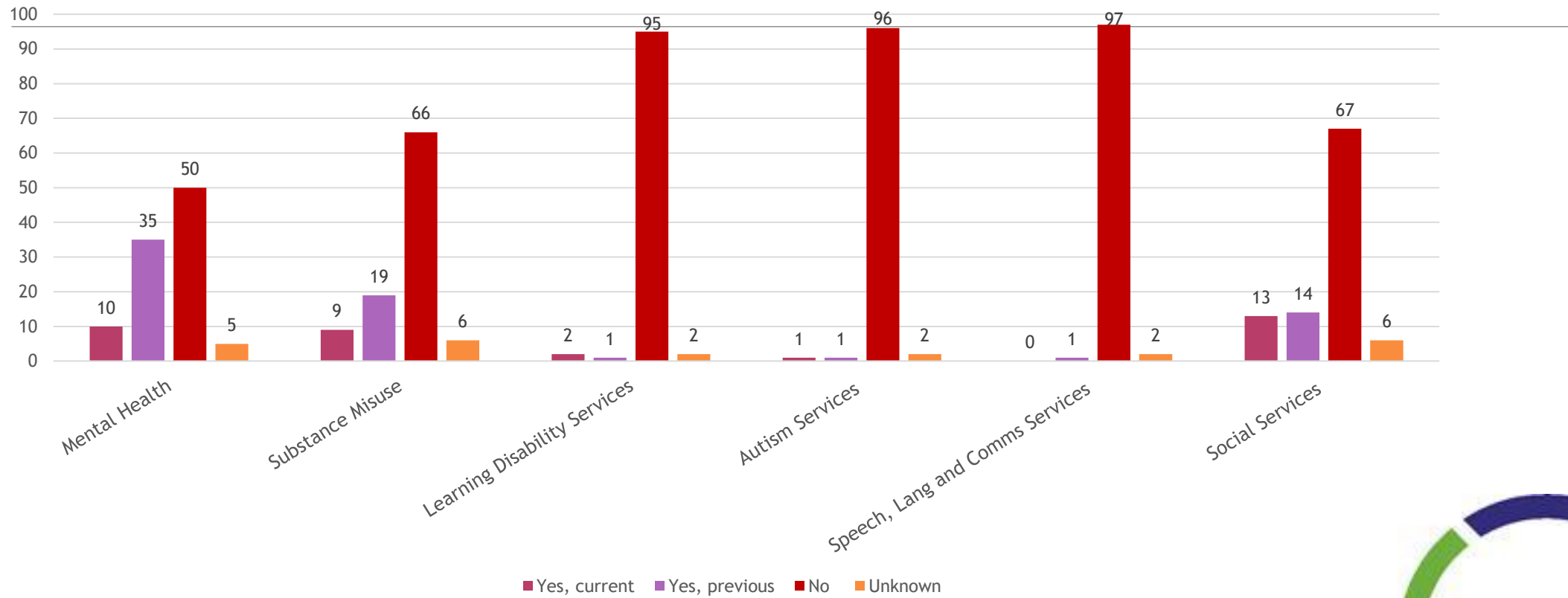


Bradford Data

Identified Needs within cohort % Apr - Dec 2018



Previous contact with services % Apr - Dec 2018



What difference has Liaison and Diversion made?

- Strengthen and develop referral pathways and integrated working
- Reduce revolving door
- Reduce cell based interview and increase voluntary attendees
- Develop Conditional Cautions pathways
- Support decision making
- Improve outcomes for young people and adults
- Better access to services
- Help to broker Mental Health Treatment Requirements



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