

Carers Act Funding

How funding has been distributed

The results from the Carers Act
funding survey

What next?

How funding has been distributed

£66 million to local authorities for

- The Carers Act
- The Living Wage
- Increase in free personal care payments

Local Authorities should have passed this on to local Health and Social Care Partnerships

Decisions made locally about funding for the Carers Act and local carer support in the third sector

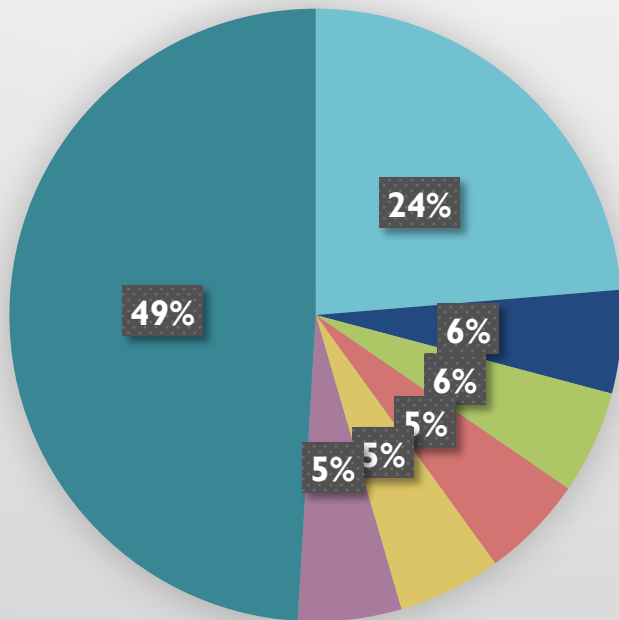
WHAT ARE THE EMERGING THEMES?

- Golden thread of Carer Involvement
- Core to the principles and practice of local Carer Centres
- Involvement is key to delivery of Carers Act
- Lots of change in stakeholders, need for relationship development to raise awareness and understanding of the vital role Carer Centres play in local communities
- Skilled at outcome focused, planning evaluation and monitoring
- Uncertainty is a significant issue for the majority of Carer Centres



FUNDING FOR CARER CENTRES

- same
- increased by up to 3%
- increased by over 3%
- increased by over 10%
- decreased less than 3%
- decreased by over 3%
- funding not yet confirmed



At the moment we are using our reserves in the hope we have clarity about Carers Act funding in the next few weeks

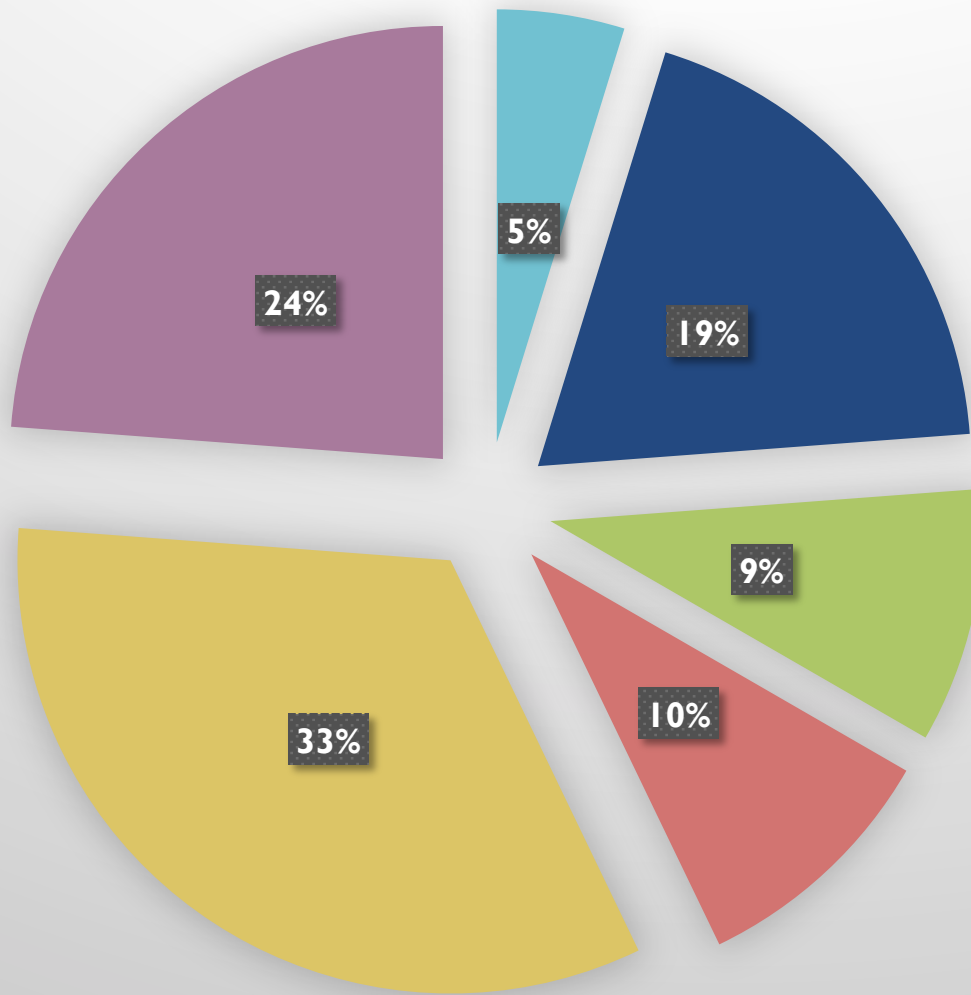
At this time we are £270k short of funding compared to 17/18

Increased funding due to Big Lottery and Carers Act implementation

Proposed cut of 5% but this has not been discussed yet

As it stands present funding has decreased- but we are awaiting confirmation of possible replacement funds

IMPACT ON SERVICES



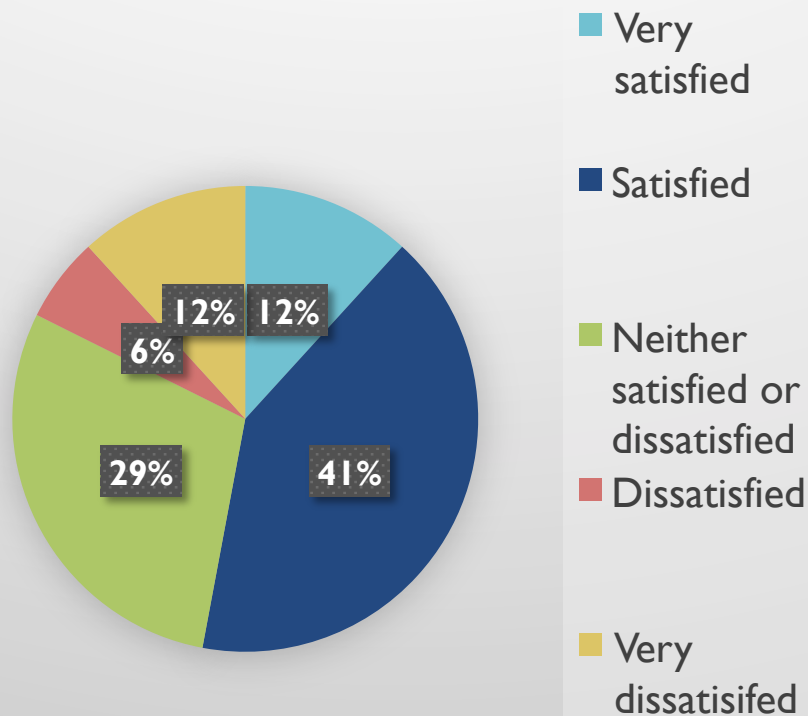
- Reduce service provision
- reductions to our staffing
- expand service provision
- increase our staffing
- we don't know
- other

IMPACT OF FUNDING CHANGES

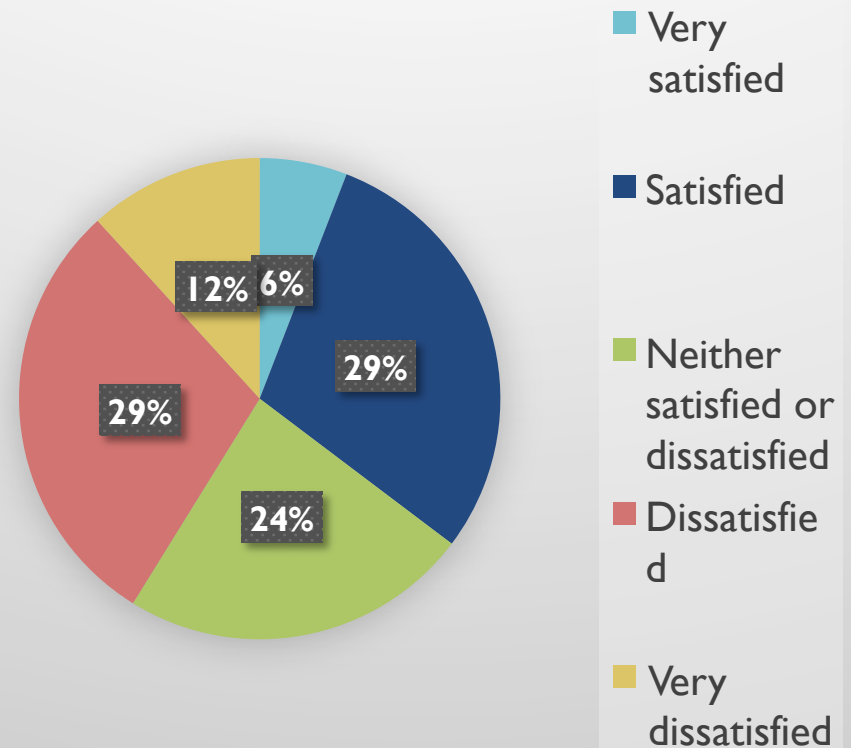
- There are several options if the funding is not confirmed- streamline the service and offer a preventative model...or close the service
- First increase in 8 years and simply doesn't keep up with increase in basic costs, inflation etc
- Uncertainty of funding meant we lost an Outreach Support Worker
- We already fundraise between £20-30k pa to standstill so have accepted a voluntary reduction in hours from 2 staff members even though the work is there. If the 5% cut is agreed, we will both be reducing services and making redundancies
- Mixed bag as additional short term monies allows us to deliver around informing carers about the act however 9 month contract makes longer term planning impossible
- It has been difficult to plan service provision as we have never been fully funded. It is also now more difficult to get grant funding as some of the activities we provided would now be a statutory duty and therefore unlikely to get other funding for it.
- We are able to sustain our service, at least in the short-term
- 10% cut meant we have reduce by one worker...prior to this we were already issuing '4 week letters' to new referrals...My board are concerned about the council thinking that we can keep the service at the same level even if they cut our budget.

LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT- FOR CARER CENTRES AND CARERS

Involvement of Carer Centres



Involvement of Carers



CARER INFORMATION STRATEGY FUNDING

Staff posts, direct carer support services

Information and advice services, proportion of carer liaison worker salaries who deliver ACSPs

1 staff member

Enabled several targeted pieces of work- additional staff resource, provision of value-added carer support activity, info materials

Carers Training Support Worker Post

Carers GP Initiative

Training & Information Service (1.5 staff) and Young Carer Info and Support (0.5 staff)

3 posts

General carer support

Staffing and carer training

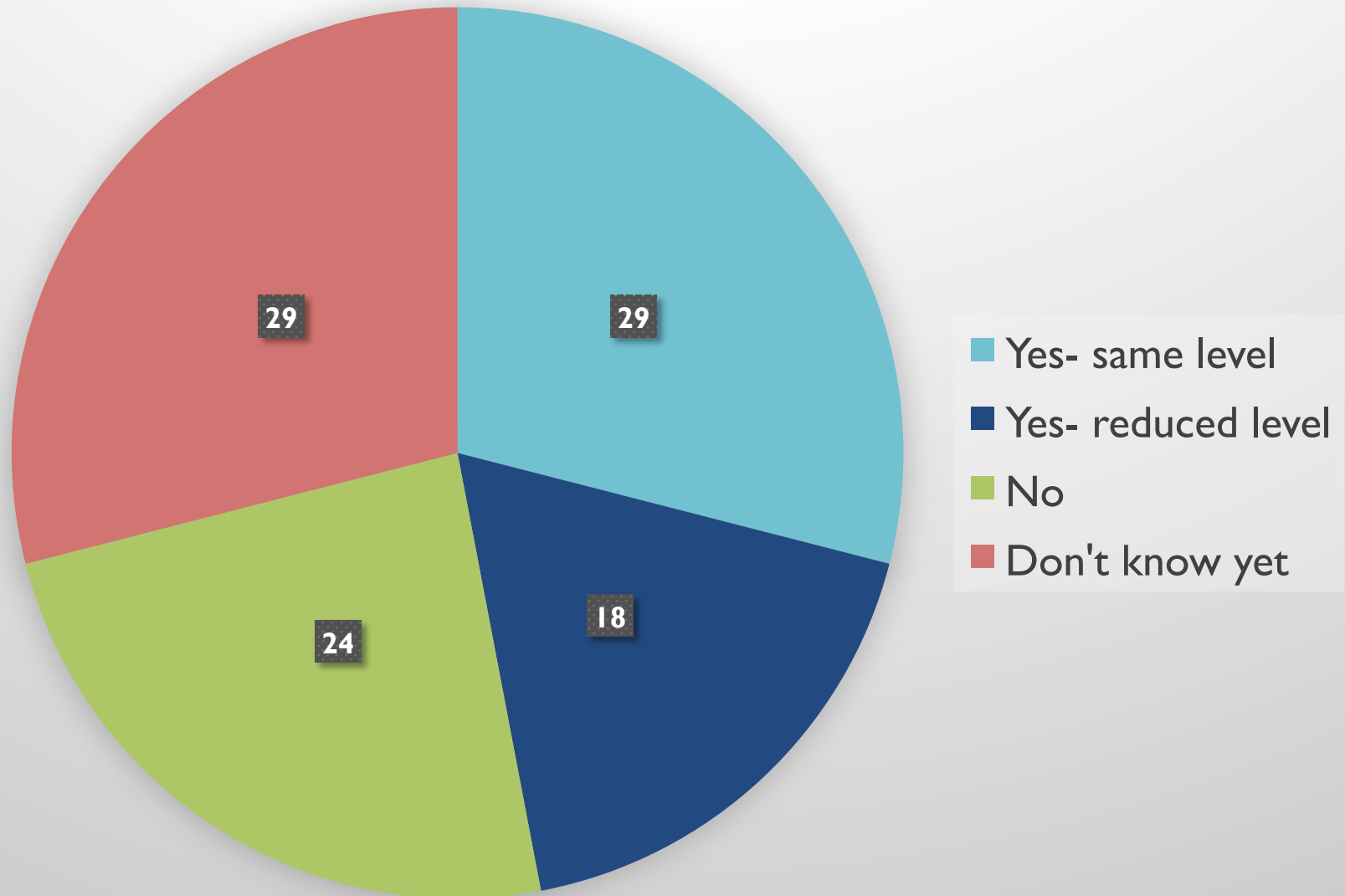
Carer coordinators within GP practices

2 members of staff

1/3 of a post and some Carers Week Activities

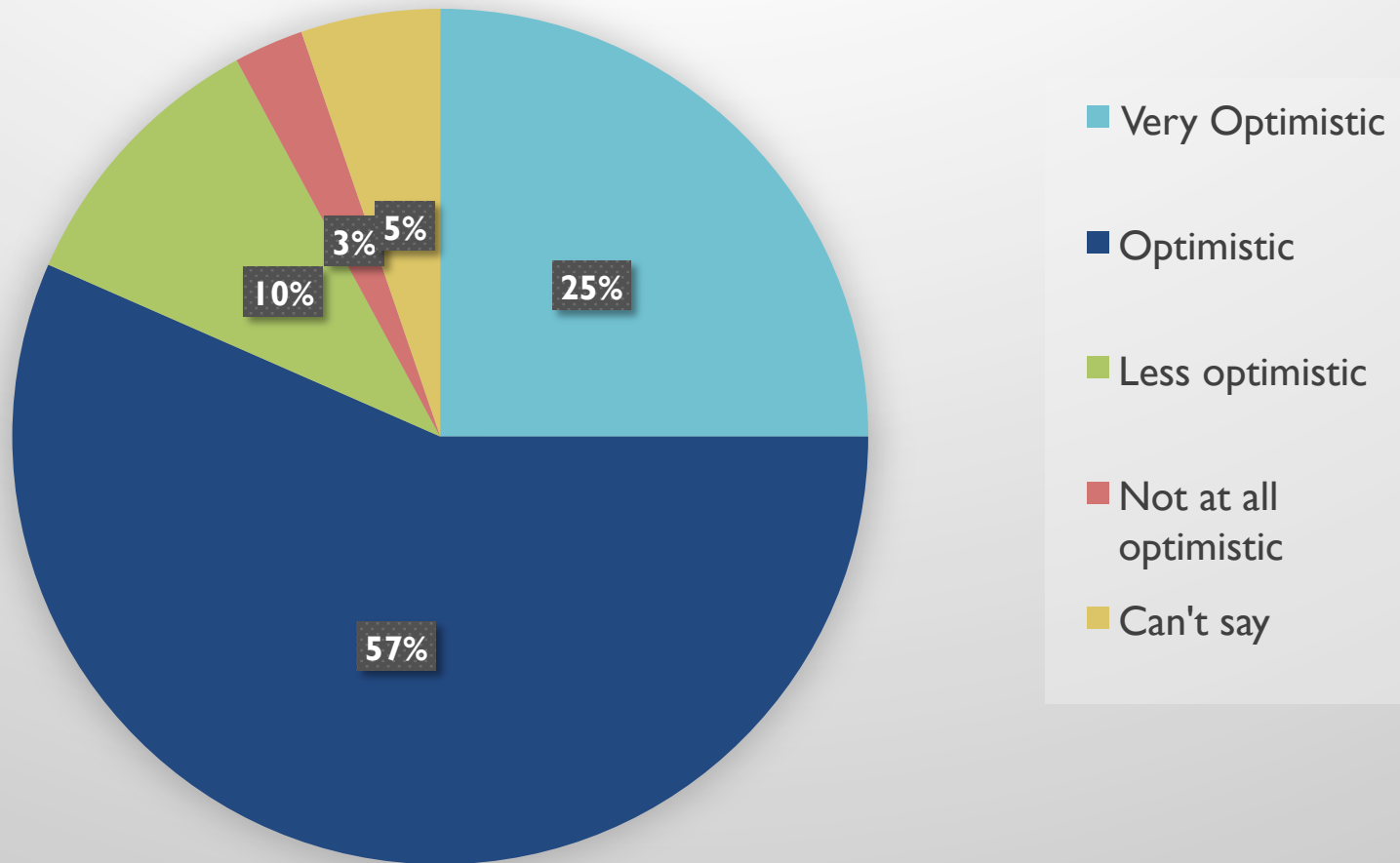
Carer Engagement Worker (28hrs), Communications Worker (17.5hrs) and Young Carers Worker (35hrs)

HAS CIS FUNDING BEEN REPLACED?



IN COMPARISON TO SHORT BREAKS PROVIDERS

Optimism re overall sustainability



That it has a negative impact on the lives of carers due to the insignificant or lack of funding

We may be facing redundancy situations for these staff which will quite simply have a large negative impact on what we are able to deliver

We remain unclear as to how ACSP and YCS will be resources both in terms of who does them but also in terms of resources identified in the planning process

No clear reporting procedures with HSCP retaining control over all funding streams with no transparent decision making process

**UNCERTAINTY
FOR CENTRE
MANAGERS**

INCREASED DEMAND?

Unpredictability of increased volume of contact/ requests for ACSP completion and lack of potential for funding to support additional resource in the service to achieve them.

the volume of carers requiring additional support and adult carer support plans and how this will affect our ability to deliver our service as no additional funding available to support increases to adult service.

Capacity in relation to carer support and funding for services

Possible increased demand for services and inability to meet these demands within reasonable time scales

Capacity to cope with additional workload without reducing quality of our resource

The service will not be fully funded! Also that the local IJB will not recognize the importance of investing in early intervention work to avoid carers getting to crisis stage.

Lack of cultural shift meaning package of care are still seen as only needed when carers are exhausted

IMPORTANCE
OF
PREVENTION

FUNDING

That there is not adequate funding made available to HSCP to adequately resource the Act and that once HSCP receive funding there is no ringfencing which may jeopardise supports and services that are already providing good outcomes for carers.

Underfunding and to manage the expectations of carers

Whether we can fund out posts in the future. I personally feel carers are worse off due to the lack of ringfencing of the money, they have enhanced rights but I don't think that we will be able to fulfill the things we had been able to do before.

The Carers Centre which is to provide the Information & Advice and Short breaks elements of the Act on behalf of the local authority is not being adequately resourced to fulfil this function (10% cut) far less be in a position to promote the Carers Act and support any new carers identified.

What Next?

Freedom of Information for carer funding

Parliamentary debate – supported by carers

Monitoring the situation – keeping an eye on next years allocation