Community Learning Disability Service

Safeguarding Adults Report 2008/09

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*All data accurate as of **Tuesday 22nd September 2009***

The following report displays data recorded for the financial year of 2008/09 relating to safeguarding adults within the Community Learning Disability Service. All data is accurate at the time of reporting. Please note that due to the nature of Safeguarding Adults, some alerts are still open and as yet not all data for the year is available. Please ensure to read the notes throughout the report for further explanations and other important points.

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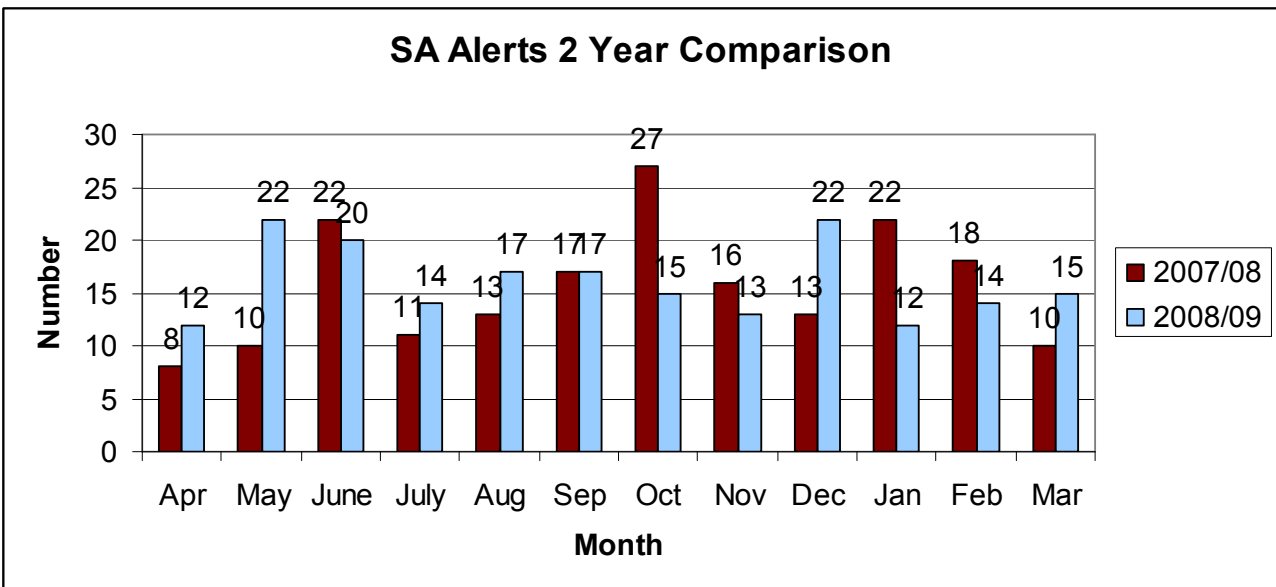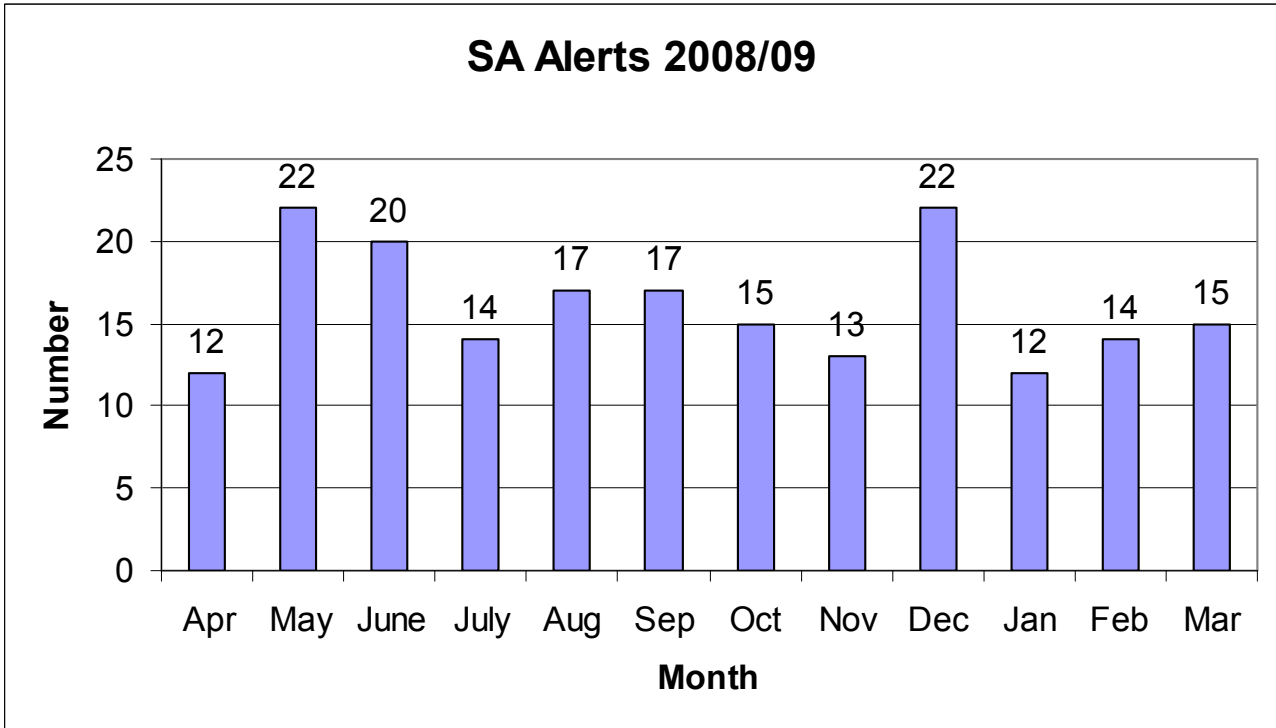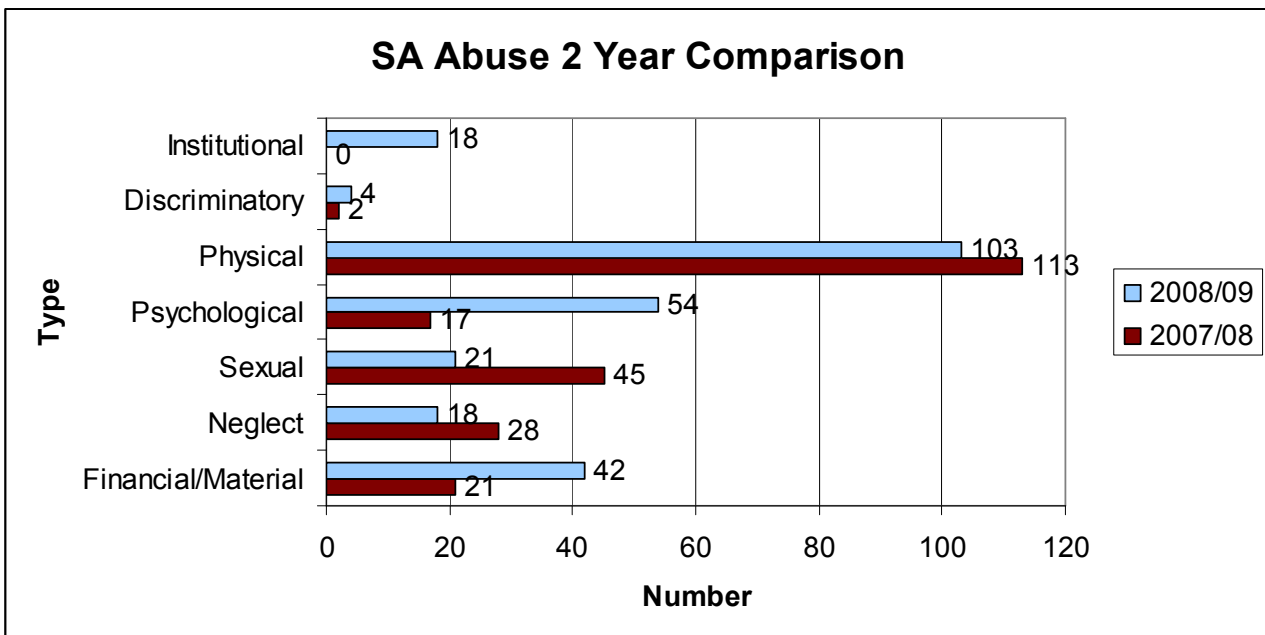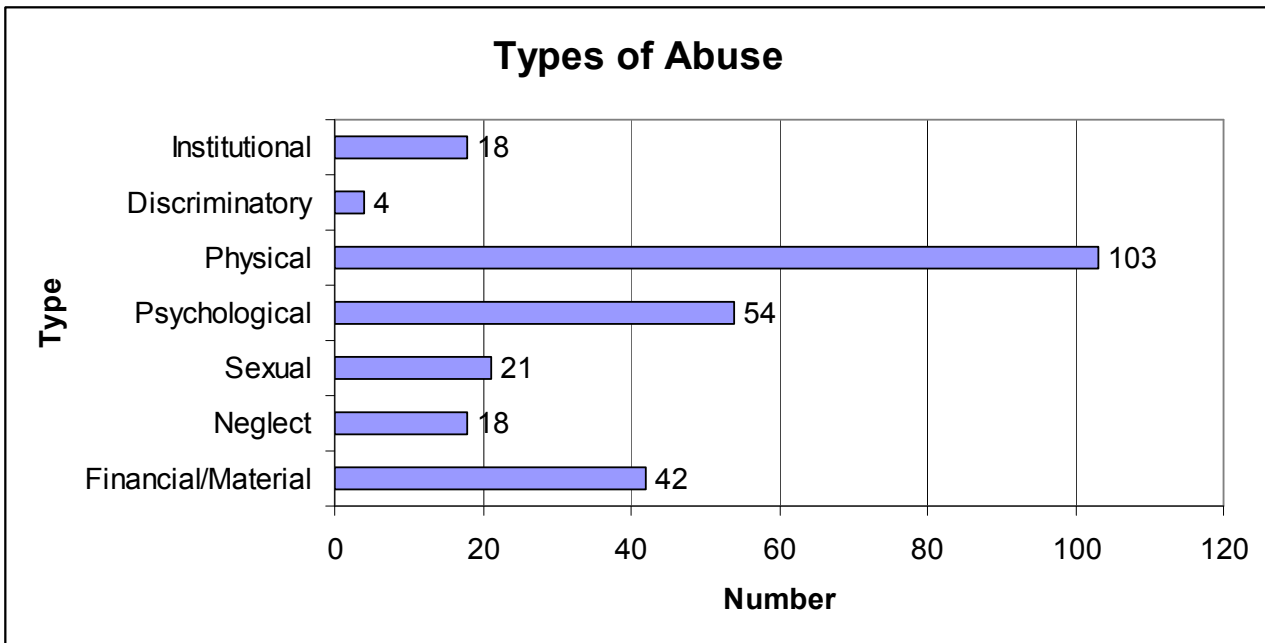A total of **193** alerts were received for the financial year, which represents a **3% increase** against the previous financial year's total (187). Below is a monthly breakdown as well as a monthly comparison with the previous year.

Types of Abuse

Below are the totals for each type of abuse reported for the financial year, as well as a comparison with the previous year.

Please note that 1 alert can report more than a single type of abuse, so numbers are not expected to match with the alert totals.

Types of Abuse

Type	Number
Institutional	18
Discriminatory	4
Physical	103
Psychological	54
Sexual	21
Neglect	18
Financial/Material	42

SA Abuse 2 Year Comparison

Type	2008/09	2007/08
Institutional	18	0
Discriminatory	4	2
Physical	103	113
Psychological	54	17
Sexual	21	45
Neglect	18	28
Financial/Material	42	21

Response Levels

Below are the totals for each Level of a single investigation for the financial year, as well as a comparison with the previous year.

Response Levels

Levels	Number
Unknown at Present	1
Level 4	1
Level 3	41
Level 2	11
Level 1	82
No Response	57

Response Levels 2 Year Comparison

Level	2008/09	2007/08
Unknown at Present	1	0
Level 4	1	0
Level 3	41	31
Level 2	11	32
Level 1	82	80
No Response	57	43
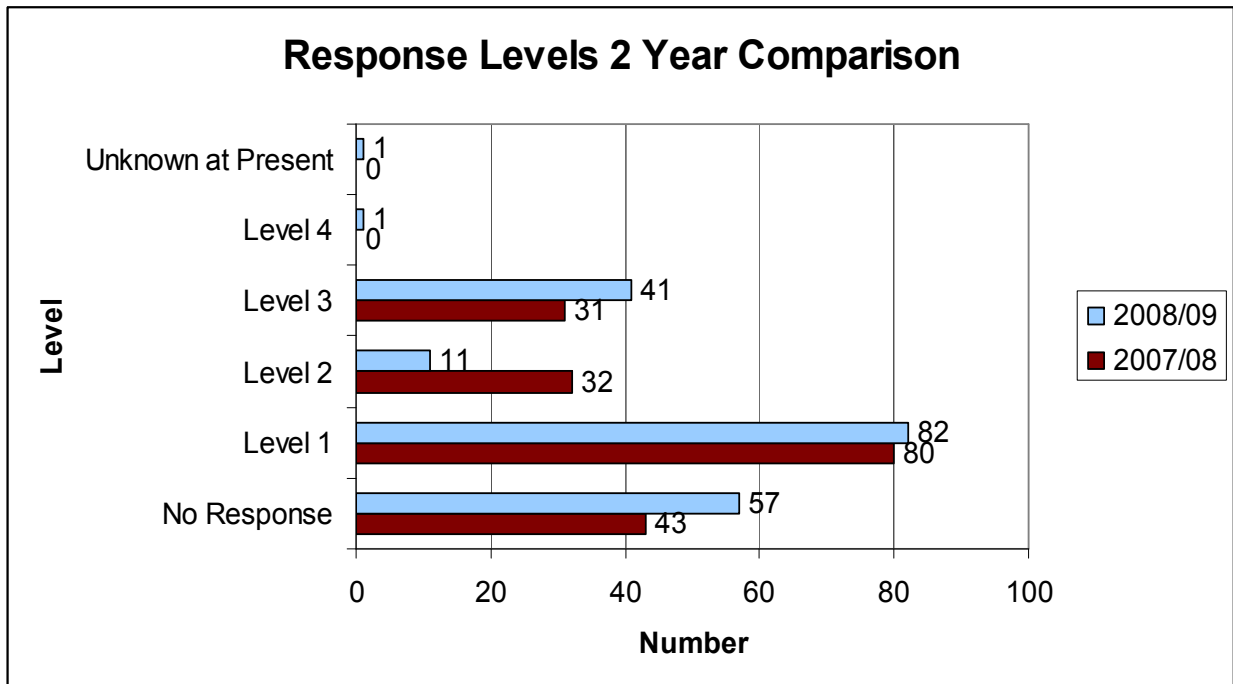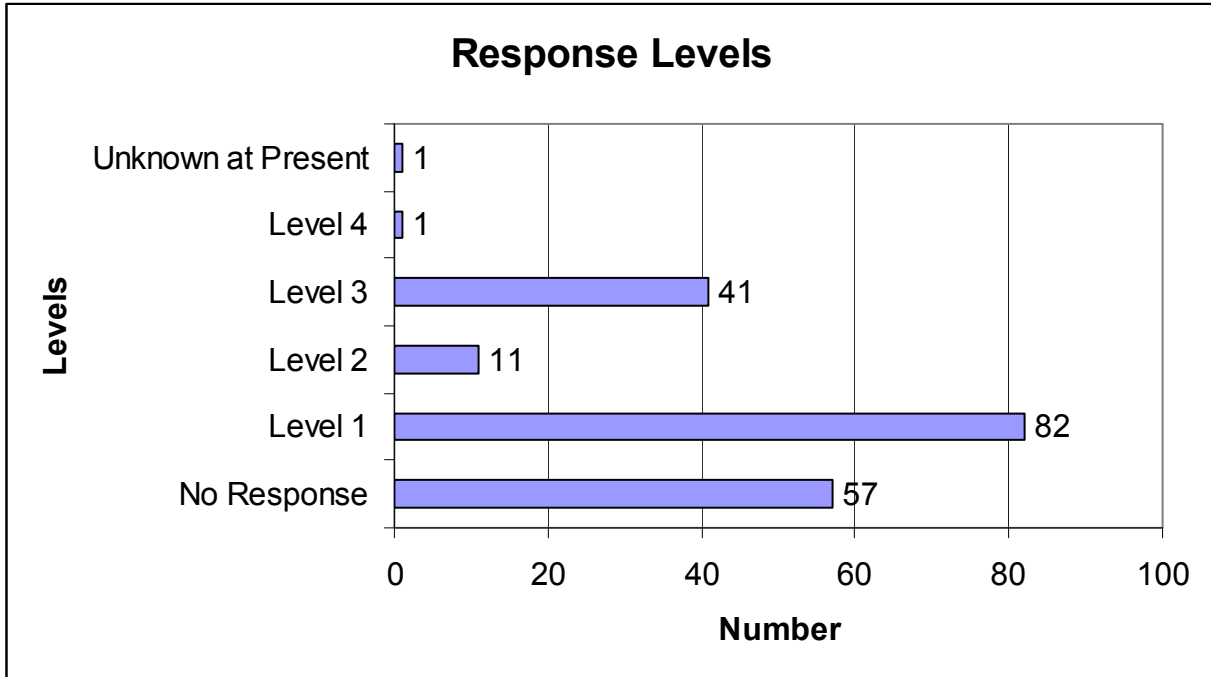
Alert Outcomes

Below are the outcomes for each single investigation for the financial year. A point to note is that this year the **76 Substantiated Alerts** currently matches exactly with last years total of Substantiated Alerts, although not all alert outcomes are currently determined.
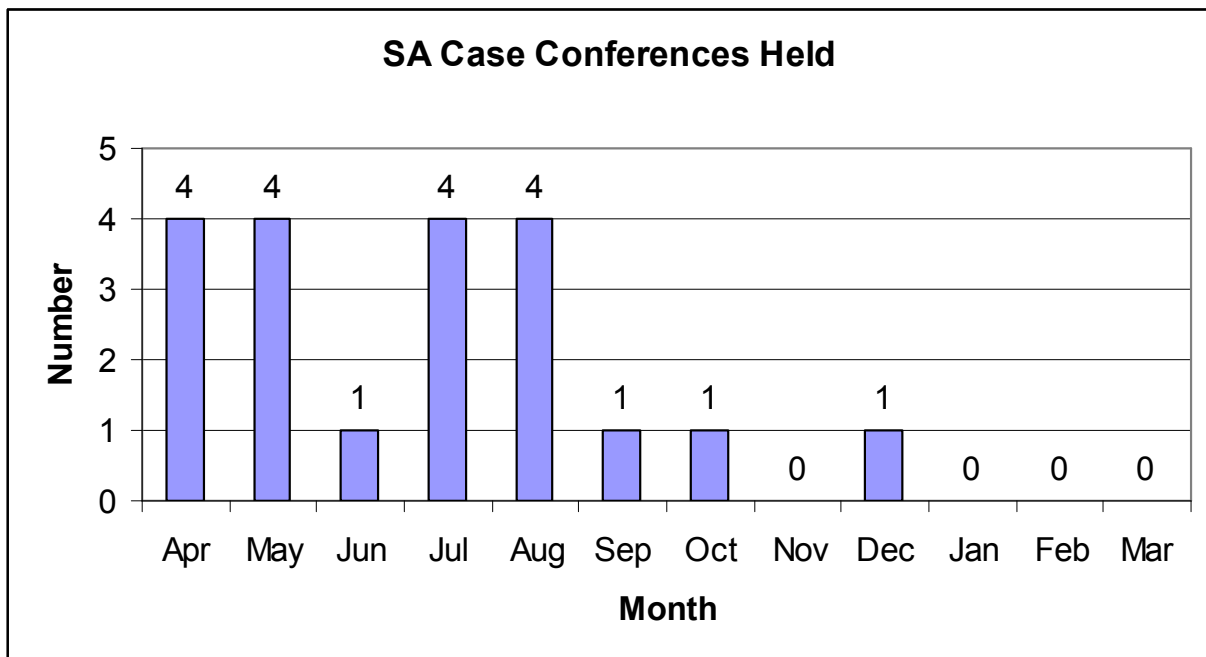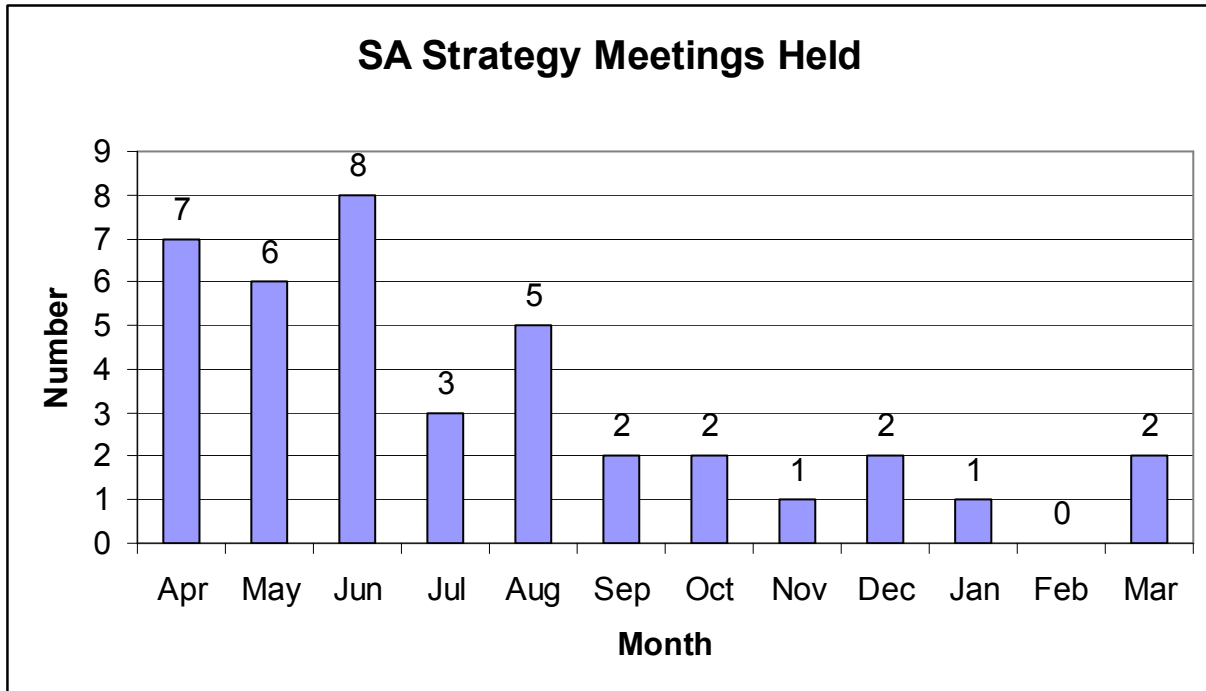
Please note that due to changes this year in the way outcomes are recorded on the database, it would be inaccurate to present a graphical comparison of all outcomes with the previous year.

SA Outcomes

Outcome	Number
Substantiated	76
Unsubstantiated	25
Inconclusive	26
No Investigation	57
Not Yet Determined	9
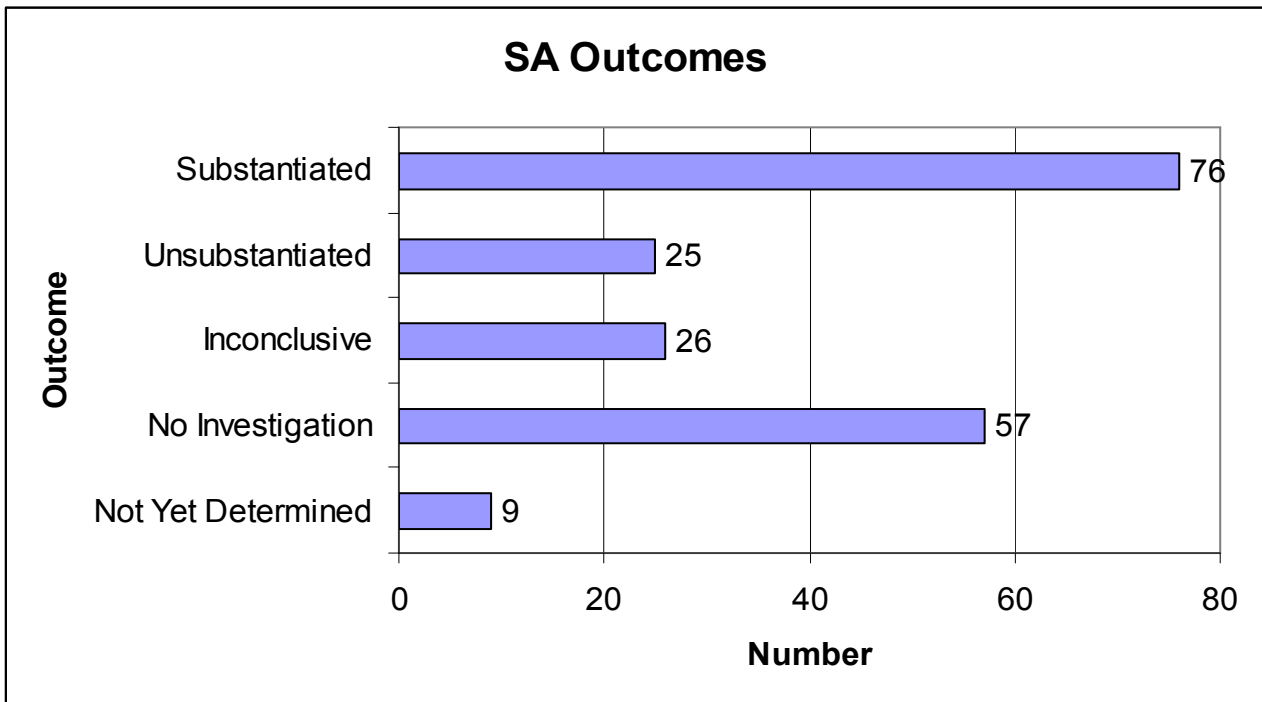
Case Conferences & Strategy Meetings

A total of **39** strategy meetings were held during the financial year which resulted in **20** case conferences being held. This represents a **15% decrease** in the number of case conferences held when compared to last year's total of 23. Another point to note is the decrease for the last 6 months of the financial year in both strategy meetings and case conferences.

Below are the monthly breakdowns.

SA Strategy Meetings Held

Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Number	7	6	8	3	5	2	2	1	2	1	0	2

SA Case Conferences Held

Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Number	4	4	1	4	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0

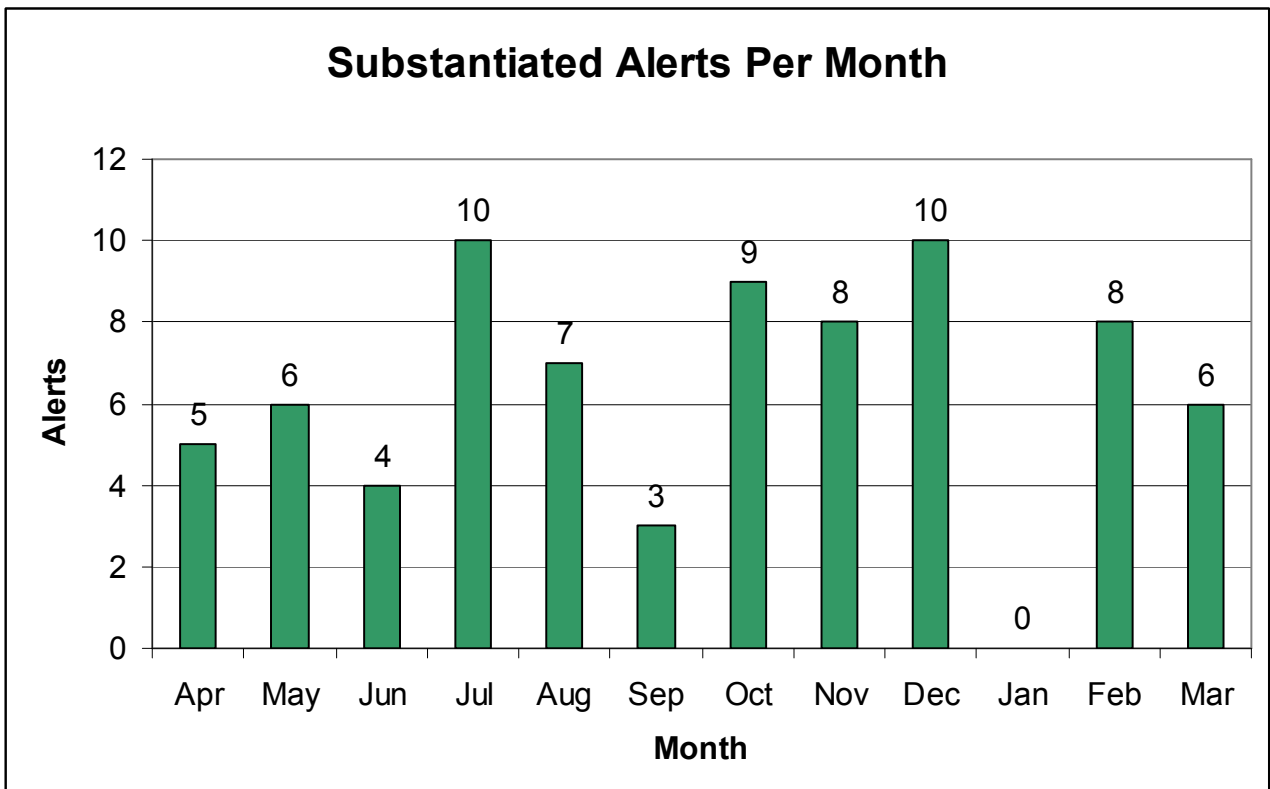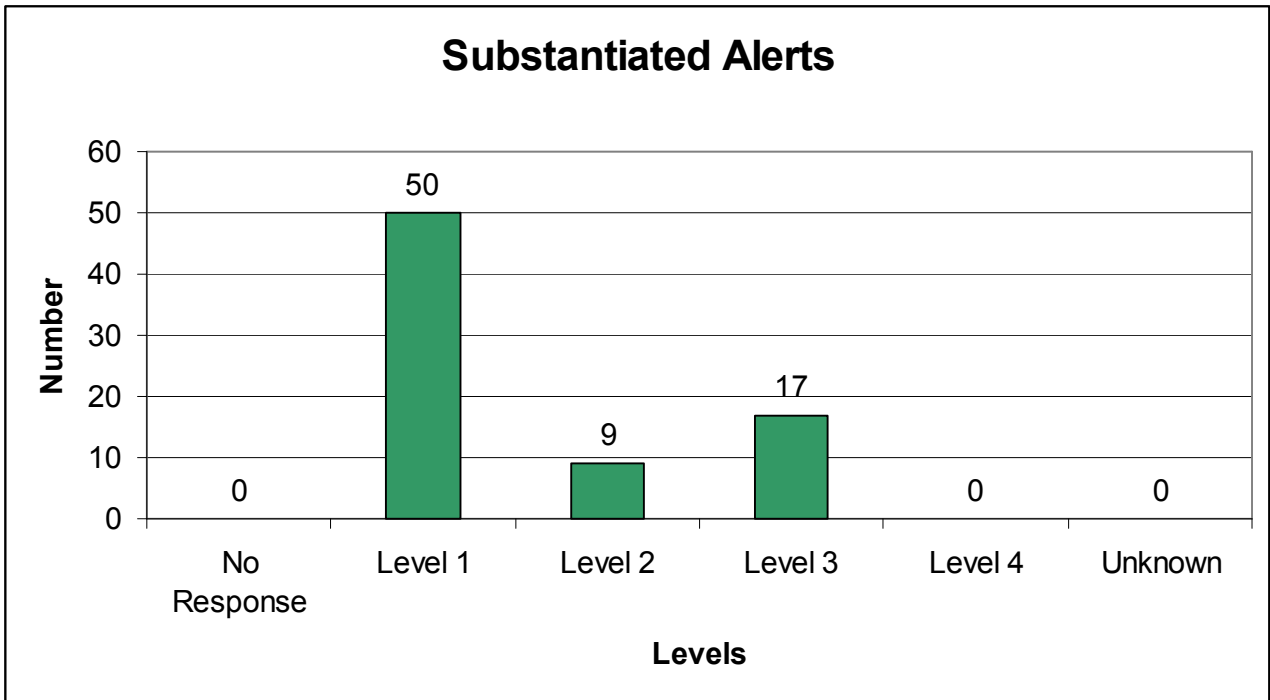# **Percentage breakdowns compared with the previous year**

Compiled in the table below are figures comparing various Safeguarding Alert Information with the previous financial year, as well as the percentage change for each piece of information.

Please note: N/A listed when data was not recorded or recorded in a different way.

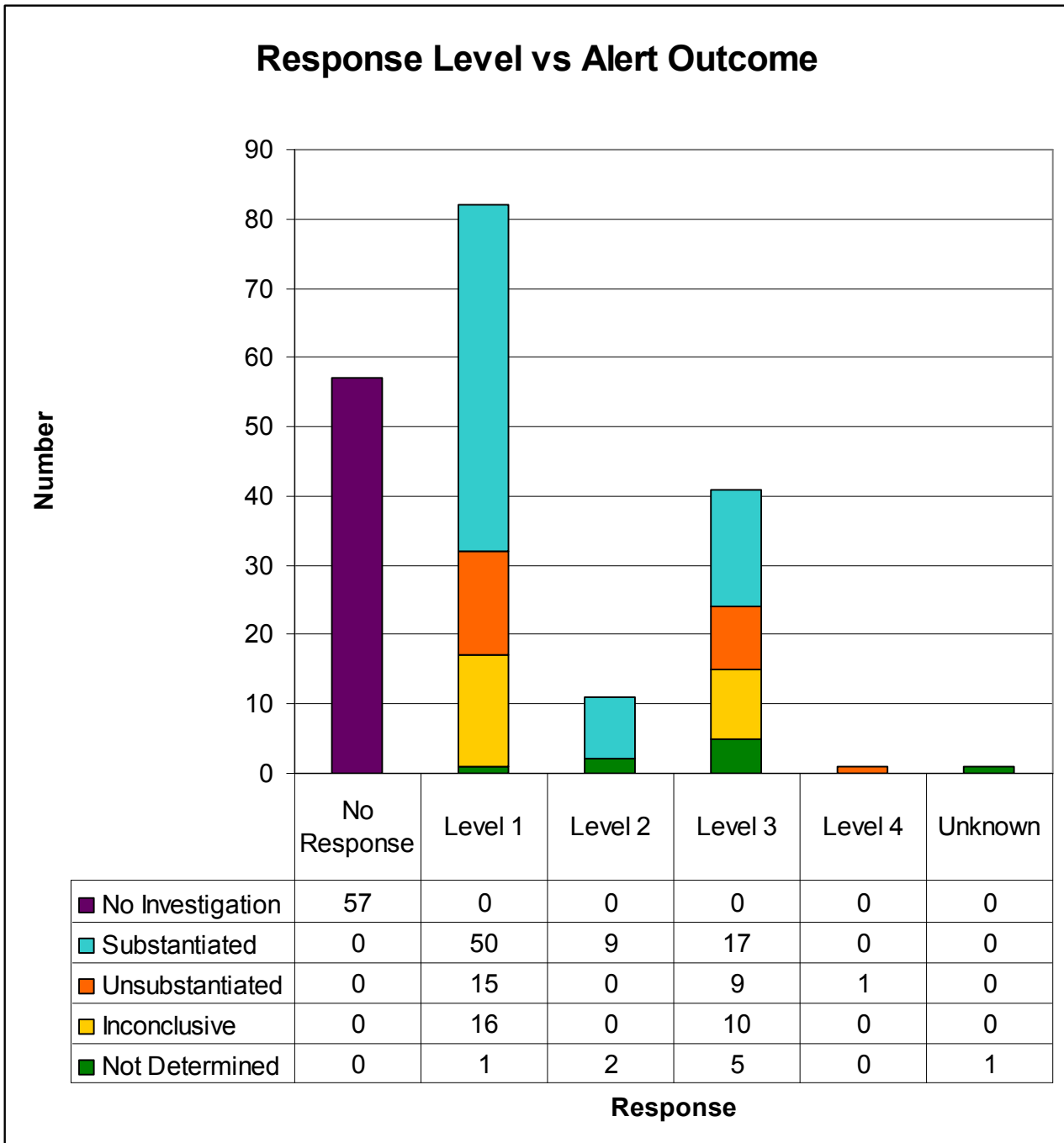| SA Alert Information	Financial Year 2007/08	Financial Year 2008/09	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Total Alerts Received	187	193	**+ 3%**
Case Conferences Held	23	20	**- 15%**
Discriminatory Abuse	2	4	**+ 100%**
Physical Abuse	113	103	**- 9%**
Sexual Abuse	45	21	**- 114%**
Psychological Abuse	17	54	**+ 217%**
Financial/Material Abuse	21	42	**+ 100%**
Neglect Abuse	28	18	**- 55%**
Institutional Abuse	N/A	18	**N/A**
No response Level	43	57	**+ 32%**
Level 1 Response	80	82	**+ 2%**
Level 2 Response	32	11	**- 190%**
Level 3 Response	31	41	**+ 32%**
Level 4 Response	0	1	**+ 100%**
Not Yet Determined Outcome	1	9	**+ 800%**
Inconclusive Outcome	24	26	**+ 8%**
Unsubstantiated Outcome	27	25	**- 8%**
Substantiated Outcome	76	76	**0%**
No Investigation Outcome	N/A	57	**N/A**

Substantiated Alerts

Below is a breakdown of Safeguarding Alerts where the outcome was "substantiated". These alerts are compared first against the response level, then secondly against the month of the year.

Substantiated Alerts

Level	Number
No Response	0
Level 1	50
Level 2	9
Level 3	17
Level 4	0
Unknown	0

Substantiated Alerts Per Month

Month	Alerts
Apr	5
May	6
Jun	4
Jul	10
Aug	7
Sep	3
Oct	9
Nov	8
Dec	10
Jan	0
Feb	8
Mar	6

Response Level's measured against Outcomes

Below are the numbers as well as a graphical representation of alert levels measured against the eventual outcome of an alert. Below the graph is the percentage of which each level of alert results in a substantiated outcome.

Response Level vs Alert Outcome

	No Response	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Unknown
No Investigation	57	0	0	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	50	9	17	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	15	0	9	1	0
Inconclusive	0	16	0	10	0	0
Not Determined	0	1	2	5	0	1

Response

Percentage of Substantiated Alerts		
No Response – **0%**	Level One – **61%**	Level Two – **81%**
Level Three – **41%**	Level Four – **0%**	Unknown – **0%**

Timeframes

The figures below are **estimates only** of the time it takes on average for a alert to be reported to our team, the time it takes for a strategy meeting to be held after an alert has been received and the time between a case conference and a strategy meeting (when required) to be held.

Important points to note:

Firstly, these are estimates only and should not be considered a 100% accurate figure. This is due to:

1. We currently cannot record a **timeframe** that abuse has taken place (so when possible abuse occurred "sometime last week etc" we are only using a rough date as a guide)

2. Not all data required to calculate the accurate figures has been entered into the database. (out of 39 strategy meetings held, only 26 meeting dates were recorded. Of the 20 case conferences held, only 12 dates were recorded)

Point number 2 maybe be no fault of anyone in particular, as the database records case conference booked date and case conference held date, and in some cases only one has had data entered. The above 2 points will be addressed in a future database upgrade to give more accurate figures in the future.

Secondly, there was one alert received this year where an alert was reported approximately 689 days after the abuse had taken place (Alert number 394 in the database). Although an unusually long time timeframe, this alert is valid and the timeframe correct. I have therefore given 2 figures for the days it takes an alert to be reported to us, one which includes this alert, and one that omits the alert.

Timeframe	Average time
From Incident Date to Reported Alert (including Alert 394)	8.5 days
From Incident Date to Reported Alert (excluding Alert 394)	4.6 days
From Alert Date to Strategy Meeting Held	9.5 days
From Strategy Meeting Held to Case Conference Held	44 days