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A Year in Numbers





Overview of Presentation

This presentation is intended to give an overview of the Barking & Dagenham Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service.

We provide a statutory service which is impartial, confidential and free.

The numbers within this presentation are based on the academic year of September 2025 - July 2026.



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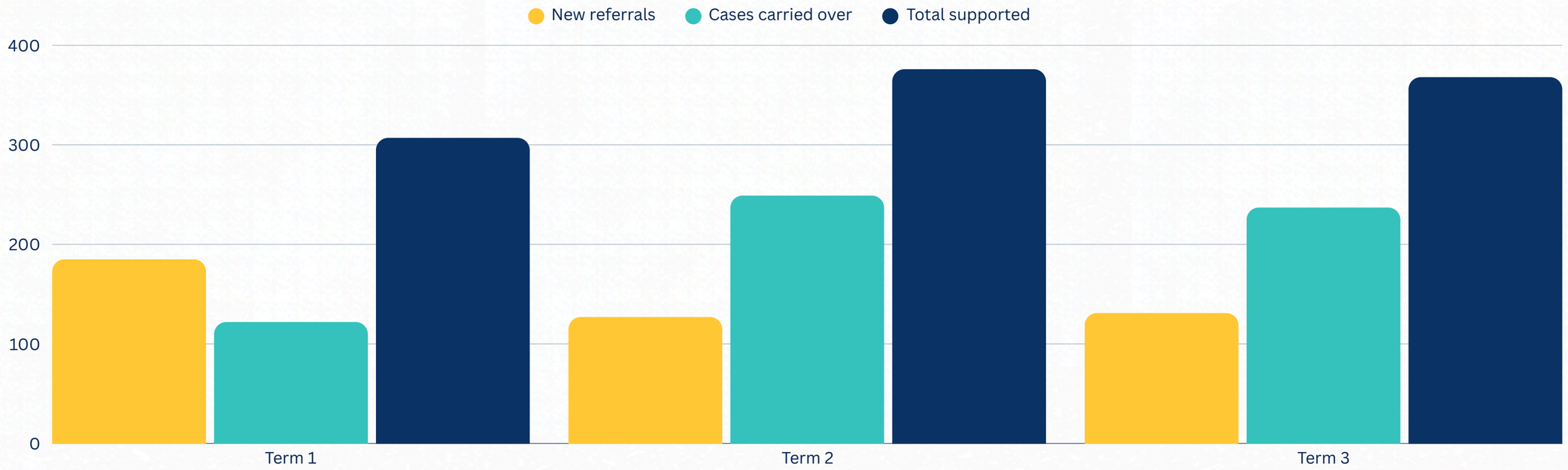
Referral and support data from last academic year (2025-2026)



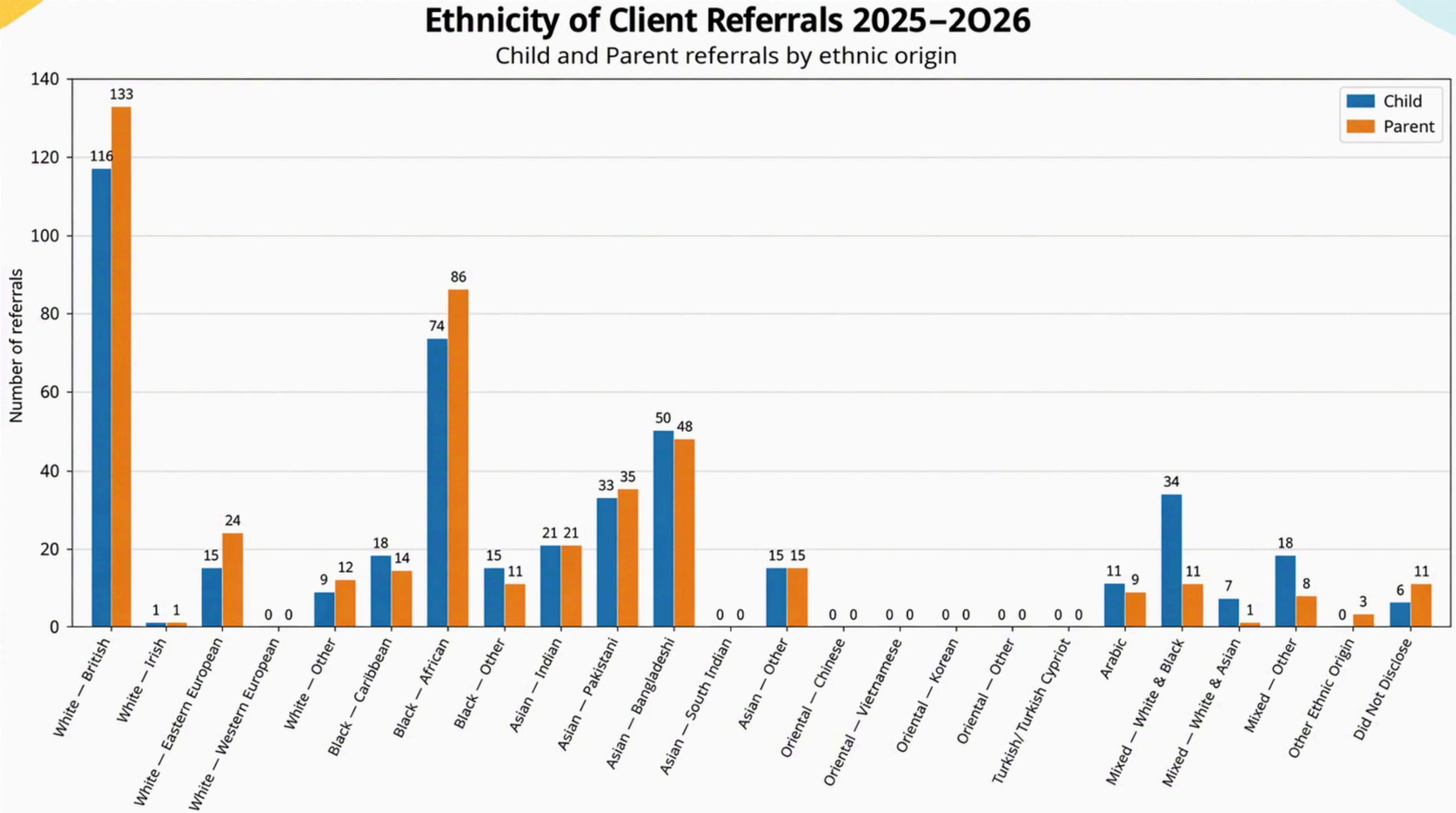
TERM 1
185 new referrals
122 carried over
307 total supported

TERM 2
127 new referrals
249 carried over
376 total supported

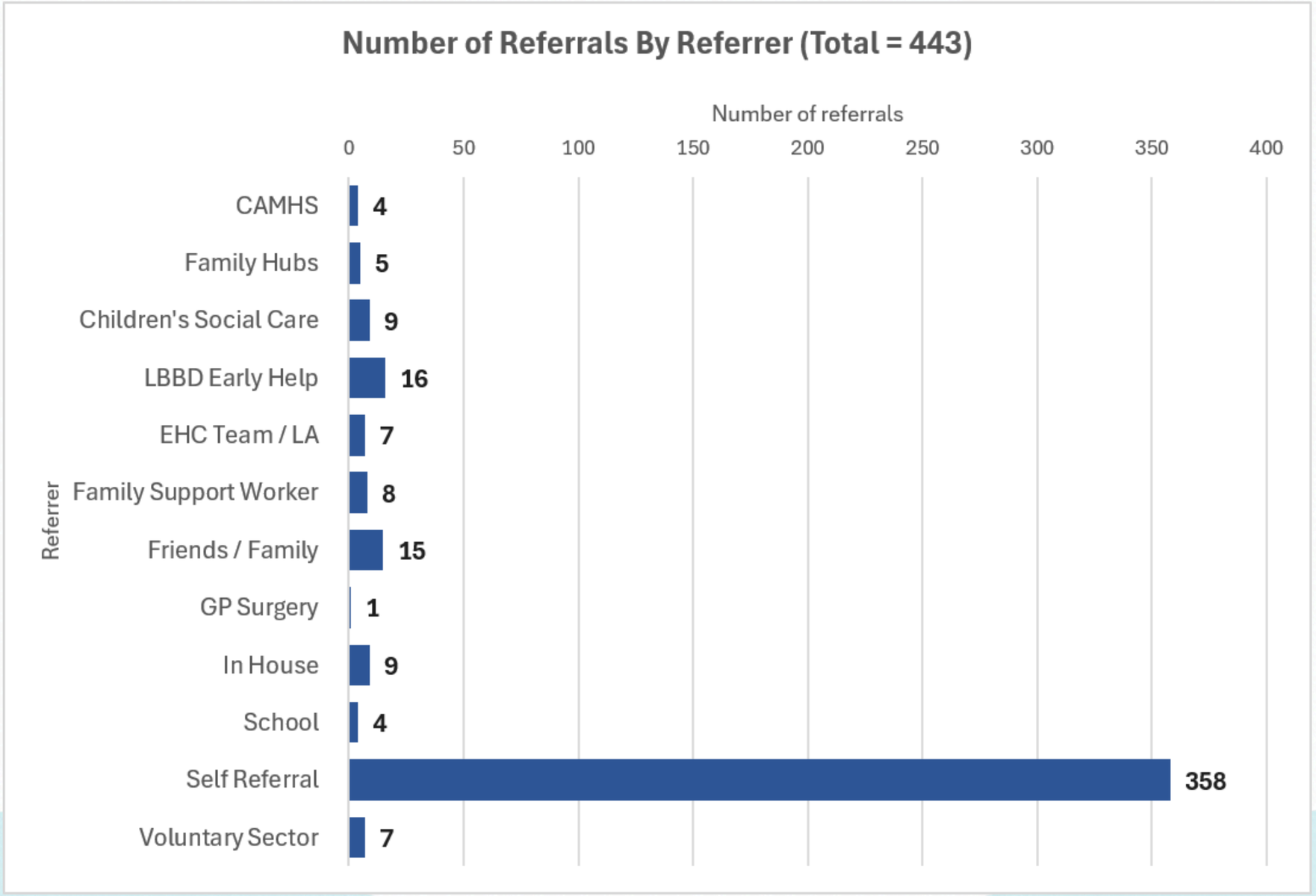
TERM 3
131 new referrals
237 carried over
368 total supported

Total = 443 new referrals

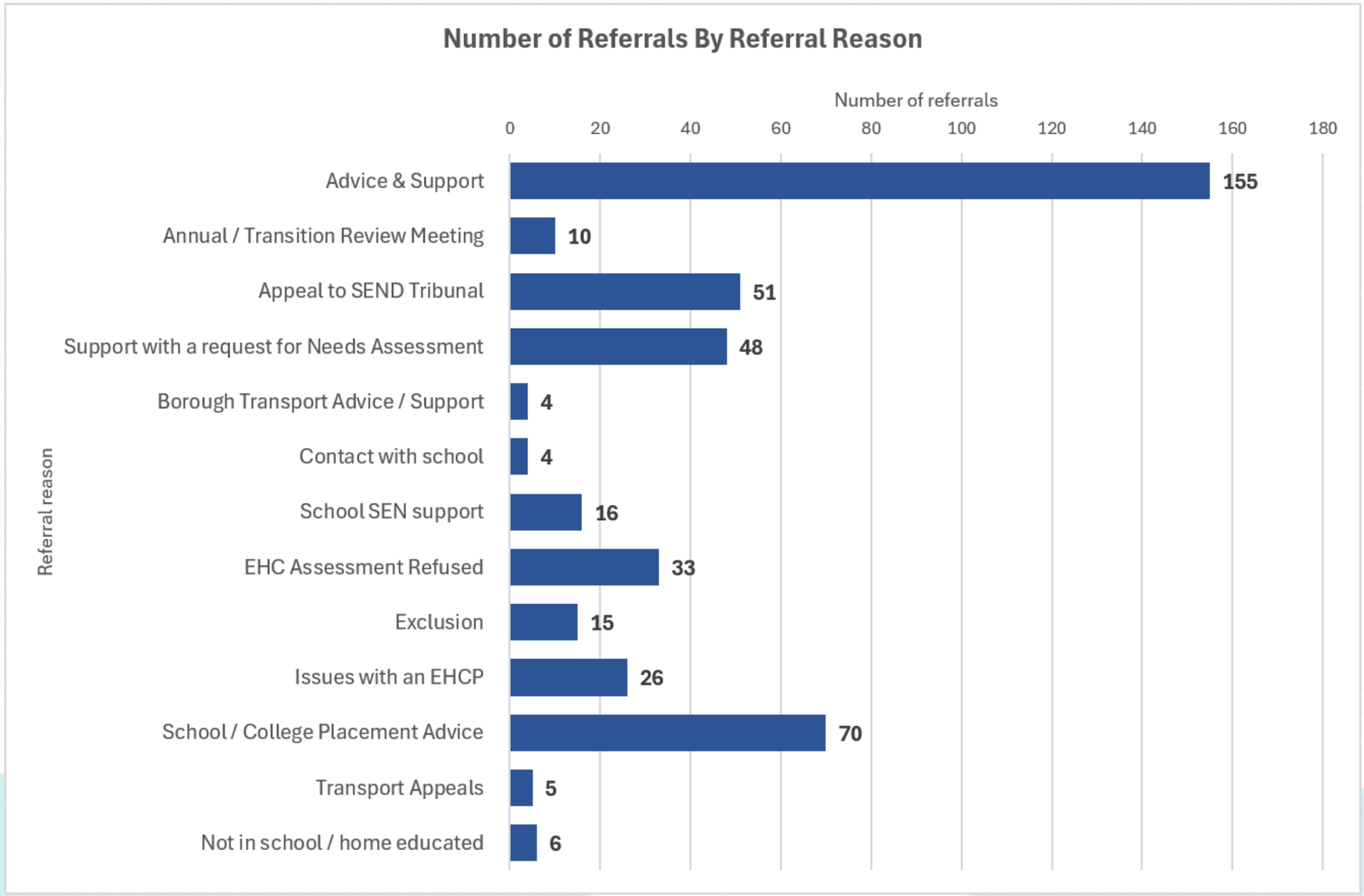
Ethnicity of Client Referrals



SENDIASS Referrals by Referrer

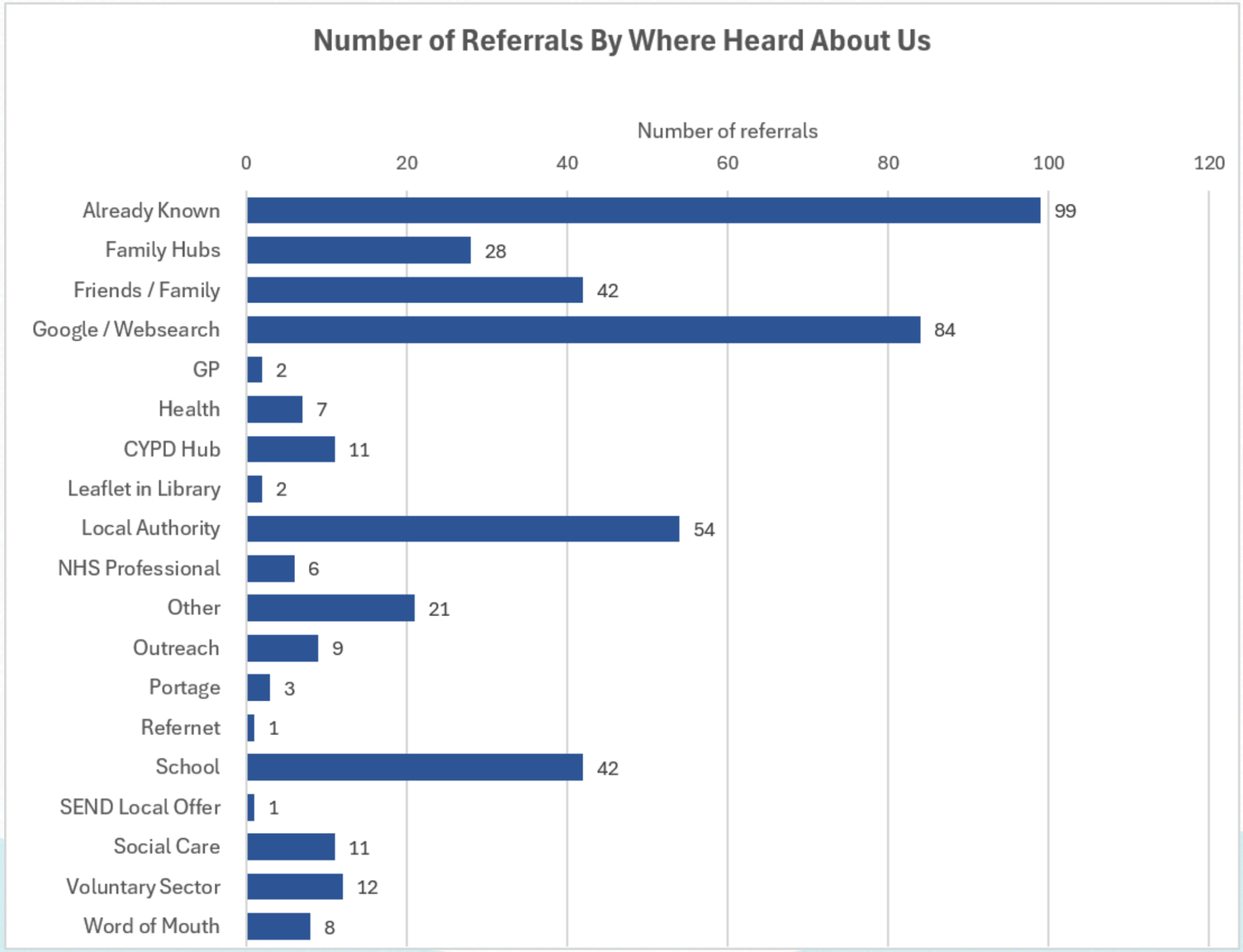


SENDIASS Referrals by Reason for Referral



Please note: Of the 443 children and young people referred during this period, 148 already had an EHC Plan.

SENDIASS Referrals by How They Found Out about Us



Challenges Facing Our Service

- 2.5 full time equivalent staff

Local Authority	Population 0-25	Area by KM2	FTE staff to population	Core Budget	£ per head 2025
Barking & Dagenham	81,811	36	27,270	£80,000	£0.98
Havering	78,359	112	35,618	£109,210	£1.39
Newham	120,822	36	23,235	£312,000	£2.58
Redbridge	101,073	56	30,081	£185,080	£1.83







- Parental preferences for Specalist Schools and lack of local places
- Complexity of cases
- Parents thinking we have a direct line / link to the EHC Team
- Limited meetings with the EHC Team with many long term unresolved cases on the review list

Moving Forwards

- Continue to strengthen communication with the EHC Team to achieve quicker outcomes for children and young people.
- Continue to engage with all local services to provide better, all-round support for families.
- Continue to support and share professional knowledge to inform the SEND Reforms
- Keep the voices and needs of children and young people at the heart of decisions.



Thank you

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