

# Agenda Item 3: Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Report – April 2010–March 2011

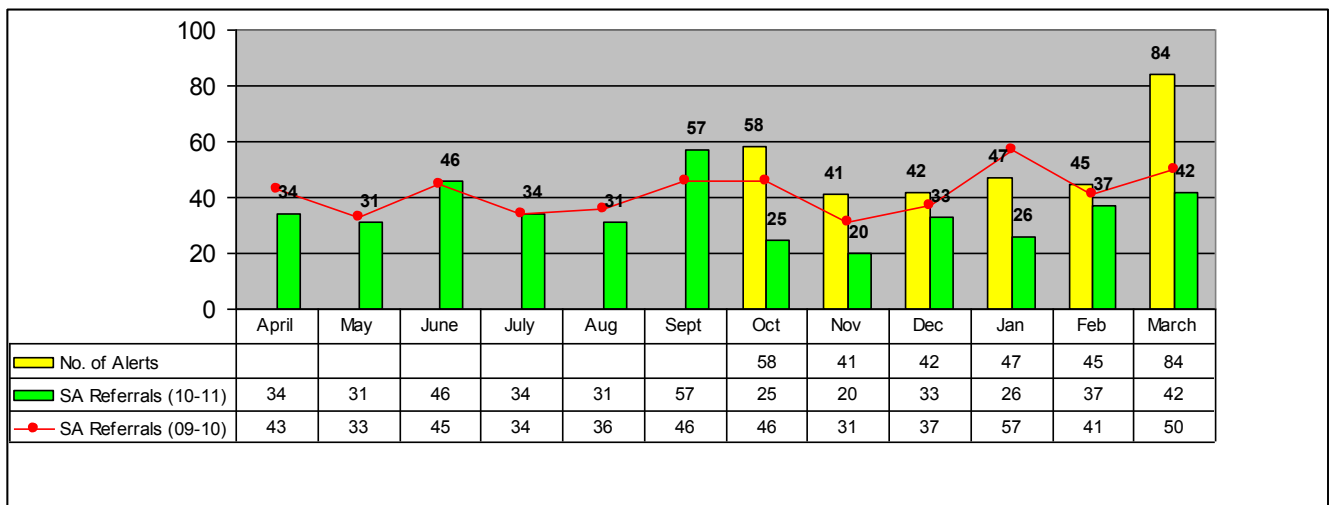
## 1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of the 2010/11 outturn for safeguarding performance. This will form the basis of information that is sent to the DoH at the end of June.

## 2. Alerts and Referrals

Table 1 shows that the number of alerts referrals received during 2010/11, and provides 2009/10 referrals for comparison. Camden's work to provide training and raise awareness of safeguarding issues is reflected in the overall increase in safeguarding contacts. The recording of alerts, introduced in October 2010, has reduced the number of referrals when compared to 2009/10. In 2010/11 there were 317 alerts recorded and 42% of these did not go on to become a referral.

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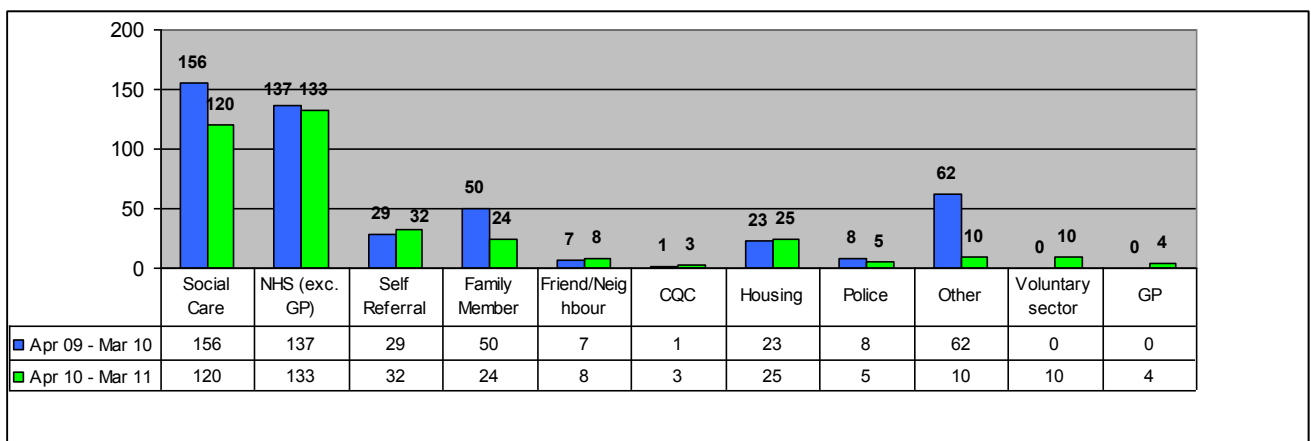


Information provided to the DH also includes our re-referral rate (i.e. vulnerable adults who present more than once with safeguarding concerns). We would expect this to be between 5% and 10% of all referrals, and the rate for 2010/11 was 6.8%.

## 3. Referral Source

Table 2 illustrates that in 2010/11 most referrals came from health staff, closely followed by social care staff. Referrals from hospitals, C&I and the PCT are included as NHS referrals, social care services include residential homes as well as community referrals. Referrals from GPs and from the Voluntary sector have only been collected since October 2010 (and are therefore not available for previous years).

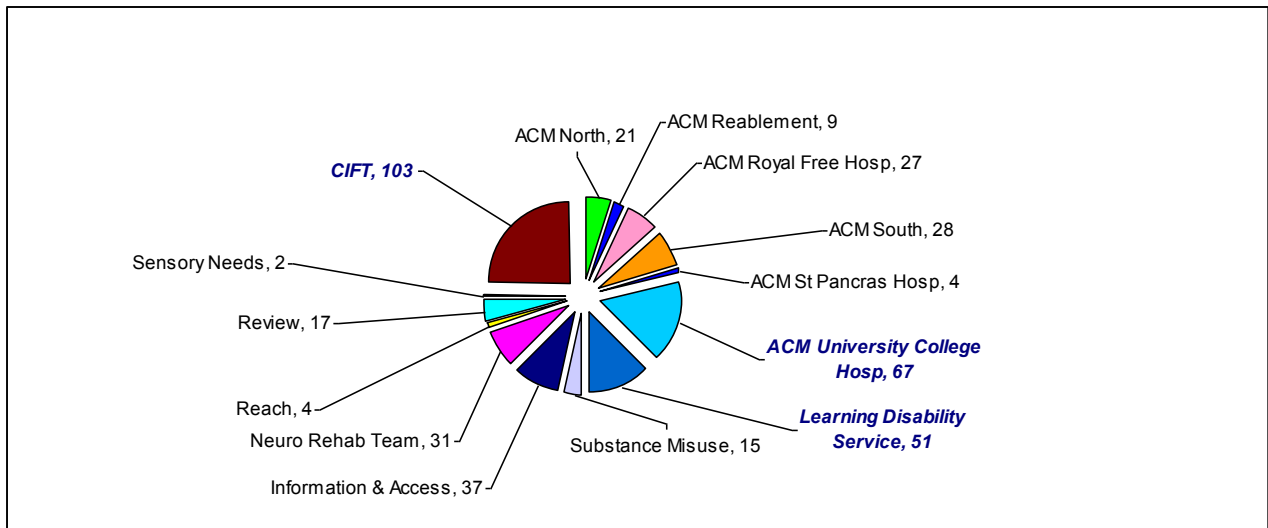
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**4. Referrals by Receiving Team**

Table 3 breaks down referrals by the teams that recorded them; most referrals were recorded by CIFT, ACM University College Hospital and the Learning Disabilities Service.

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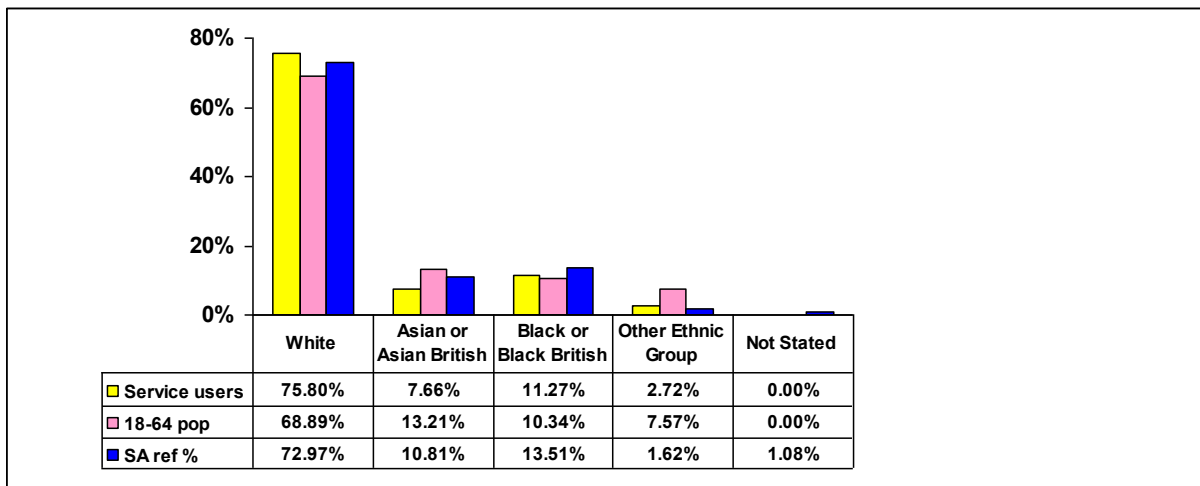
After investigating the client residence of referrals recorded by ACM University College Hospital, 45 referrals appeared not to reside in Camden, and in only 24% of those did the abuse take place in Camden. Of the 45 referrals:

- 17 were resident in Islington
- 19 were resident in another London borough
- 9 were resident outside of London

**5. Ethnicity of Safeguarding Referrals**

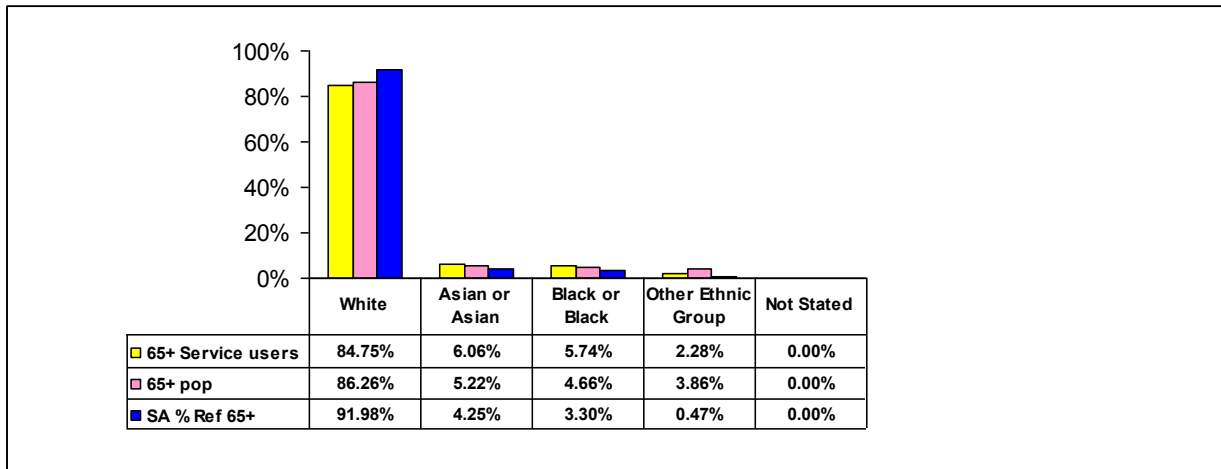
Tables 4 and 5 compare the Safeguarding ethnicity profile with the service user population and borough population. For ages 18-64 the ethnicity profile is broadly in line, although it is worth noting that the Black/Black British is slightly overrepresented in this age group in relation to both the ASC and general populations. This may reflect an increase in Safeguarding referrals regarding mental health clients, where people from BME communities are often over-represented.

**Table 4: 18-64 Age Group**



For ages 65+, BME groups are slightly under-represented. This has been identified as a priority for work from the safeguarding partnership, and this will continue to be monitored.

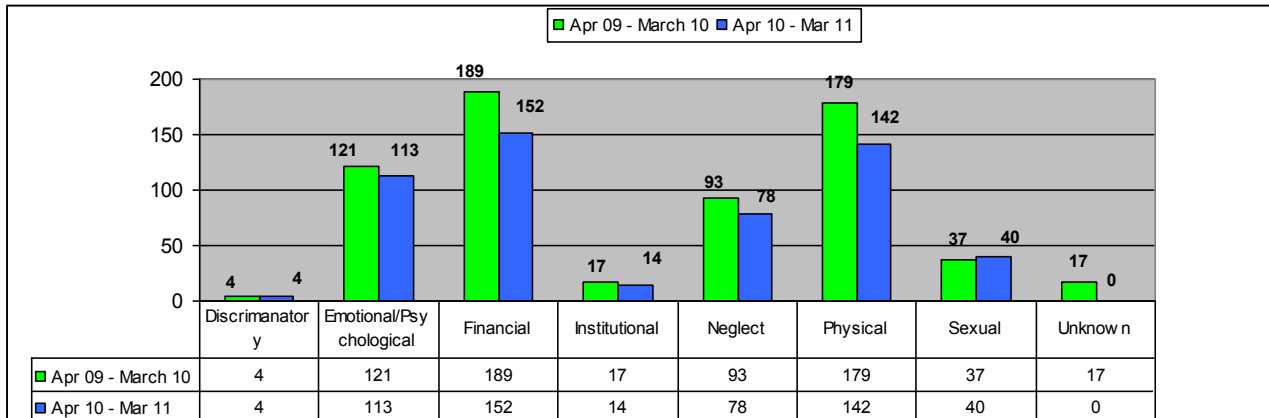
**Table 5: 65+ Age Group**



**6. Abuse Type**

Table 6 illustrates that the commonly reported abuse types continue to be financial, physical, emotional and neglect. This is consistent with last year’s performance.

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**7. Location of Abuse**

Initial results from the AVA return indicate that:

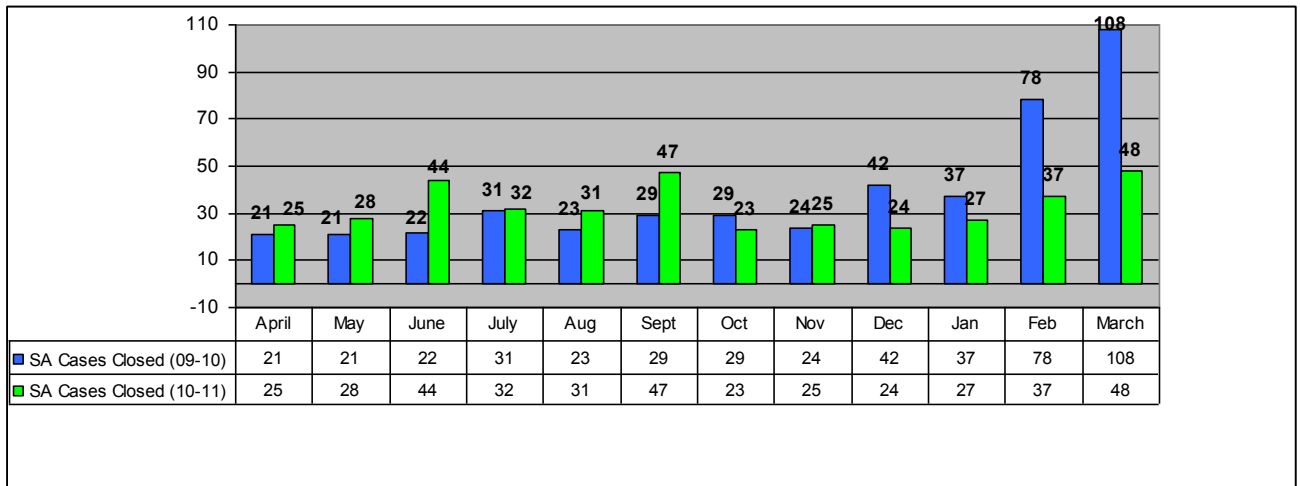
- 65% of alleged abuse took place in the client’s home. This includes in their own home (56%) and in supported accommodation (9%).
- 14% of alleged abuse took place in a care managed or council commissioned setting.
- 14% of alleged abuse took place in other settings. This includes unknown, which is associated with financial abuse.
- 6% of alleged abuse took place in an NHS setting

**8. Case Closures**

The number of referrals completed in 2010/11 averaged at **32** per month, whereas the average at the same point last year was **28**. Initial information from the vulnerable adults return that is being sent to

the DH at the end of this month indicates that there has been a slight improvement in the number of cases closed on last year (when compared with referral rates).

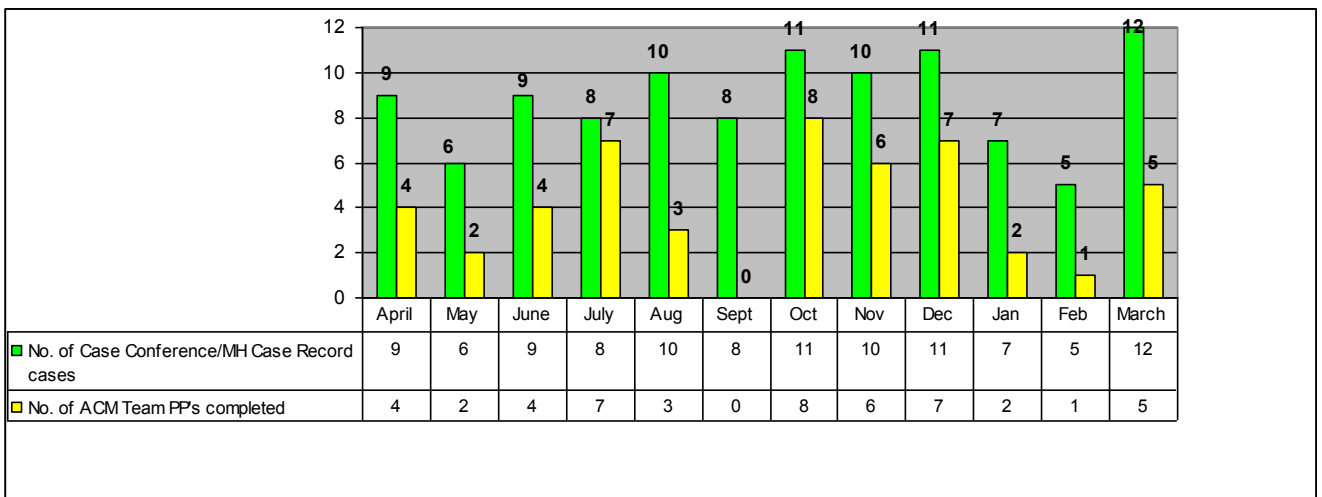
**Table 7:**



**9. Protection Plans**

The total number of Case Conference cases for 2010/11 is 91, and 51 Protection Plans were completed. This reflects good practice and improved recording.

**Table 8:**



**10. Open/Pending Cases**

The total number of open Safeguarding cases as at 14 April was 38. 31.5% (12) of these cases have been open for 6 months or more and these cases are associated with financial abuse and three of them have police or legal involvement. Table 9 illustrates the duration of the open cases:

**Table 9:**

Less than 3 months	Between 3 & 6 months	Between 6 & 12 months	Greater than 12 months	Total
14	12	9	3	38

At the beginning of 2010/11, 21 cases were reported as being open for 6 months or more. This has dropped to 12 as at 14 April 2011 due to improved monitoring of open cases.

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