

APPENDIX C

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO IRMP 2013/16 WEBSITE CONSULTATION

Q1

MFRA proposes to keep all 26 of our fire stations open with at least one fire appliance on each station (a total of 28 fire appliances plus 1 Search and Rescue appliance; reduced from an average of 33 appliances as at Dec 2012). How reasonable do you think this is in light of the £10m budget cuts we have received?

Response	Total
Very reasonable	19
Fairly reasonable	10
Fairly unreasonable	0
Very unreasonable	1
Grand Total	30

Q1a

If you feel this proposal is "unreasonable" in any way, please explain why you think that:

Response	Total
I don,t believe this is the option for the biggest saving. This is a budget after all, surely the alternative with the biggest savings(1m extra) was the way forward.	1
Instead of losing all the appliances, MF&RS should consider making some second pumps retained and make the station wholetime/retained. It doesn't cost too much to run a retained pump	1
Not Stated	28
Grand Total	30

Q2

MFRA proposes to attend all life risk incidents within 10 minutes. This is a single emergency response standard that is fairer and clearer for Merseyside residents as opposed to our previous risk/geographical area related attendance standards. Average attendance time for the first attending appliance will not fundamentally change for residents; we will attend a property fire in 5 minutes 22 seconds on average. Do you think this is a reasonable proposal to help us deal with the cuts?

Response	Total
Very reasonable	19
Fairly reasonable	8
Fairly unreasonable	2
Very unreasonable	1
Grand Total	30

Q2a

If you feel this proposal is "unreasonable" in any way, please explain why you think that:

Response	Total
10 minutes is a long time, this is just a statistical exercise	1
Delaying attendance could result in deaths, this is unacceptable as no costing exercise should directly impacton peoples lives	1
I believe that the appliance sent will have four riders which limits that crew to what they can achieve safely.The first crew will be on there own for longer which is not being made clear in detail to stakeholders. (safe effective firefighters)	1
Not Stated	27
Grand Total	30

Q3

MFRA is considering merging the resources from Huyton and Whiston Fire Stations into one purpose built new Community Fire Station in Prescot. This will be a Blue Light Hub shared with Merseyside Police and North West Ambulance Service. The current stations no longer meet the needs of a modern Fire and Rescue Service having limited training and community facilities. The new station will have excellent accommodation and training facilities for the firefighters and facilities for the community to use. Do you think this proposal to share facilities with our emergency service partners is a reasonable one?

Response	Total
Very reasonable	25
Fairly reasonable	3
Fairly unreasonable	0
Very unreasonable	1
Not Stated	1
Grand Total	30

Q3a

If you feel this proposal is "unreasonable" in any way, please explain why you think that:

Response	Total
fire service should share facilities with NWAS, train with NWAS. An oppotunity has been wasted with new PFI stations, NWAS should be on all of them.	1
I live in Newton-le-Willows so do not feel qualified to comment on the proposals as they would probably not impact on me.	1
I support total independence for each emergency service to prevent overlap of roles , and also to enable real accountability from each organisation , rather than multi agency (interdependency and shared responsibility). Familiarity after all breeds contempt....	1
Not Stated	27
Grand Total	30

Q4

MFRA proposes to introduce an on-call or demand led staffing system (Strategic Reserve) which will allow us to call on extra firefighters to match demand in the event of a major incident or number of incidents happening at the same time. Our existing staff will be available on a "recall to duty" system. This Strategic Reserve of staff will replace the Dynamic Reserve of appliances we used to keep available but which were not staffed. Do you think this is a reasonable way to be more efficient and a more cost effective use of our staff resources?

Response	Total
Very reasonable	17
Fairly reasonable	13
Fairly unreasonable	0
Very unreasonable	0
Grand Total	30

Q4a

If you feel this proposal is "unreasonable" in any way, please explain why you think that:

Response	Total
As long as the staff feel able to cope with the additional duty demands.	1
Not Stated	29
Grand Total	30

Q5

MFRA proposes to review the station work routine and duty system for operational crews (firefighters) to allow for the right people to be in the right place at the right time. We know the times of day when we need more staff on duty because we use historical data to tell us when the majority of our incidents happen and this will free up more time for training and prevention work. This approach will allow us to make the best use of the reduced number of people we will have available and improve productivity. Do you think this a reasonable proposal to improve productivity and allow us to continue to deliver an excellent service with fewer resources?

Response	Total
Very reasonable	20
Fairly reasonable	8
Fairly unreasonable	1
Very unreasonable	0
Not Stated	1
Grand Total	30

Q5a

If you feel this proposal is "unreasonable" in any way, please explain why you think that:

Response	Total
Not Stated	30
Grand Total	30

Q6

MFRA will be reviewing the sustainability of the Marine Rescue Team (MRT) during 2013/14. The MRT provides a rescue response on the river Mersey, but MFRA has no legal responsibility to provide this service and funding from partners has reduced significantly since the Authority took responsibility for the MRT in 2005. MFRA proposes to consider whether additional funding can be found from our partners and whether the service can be delivered in the future if it is not possible to secure the additional financial support. Do you consider the review of the Marine Rescue provision reasonable given the Authority's need to reduce spending?

Response	Total
Very reasonable	16
Fairly reasonable	13
Fairly unreasonable	0
Very unreasonable	1
Grand Total	30

Q6a

If you feel this proposal is "unreasonable" in any way, please explain why you think that:

Response	Total
If we have no legal responsibility it should be cut. many people in the service have lost there jobs,a luxury that the council should fund.	1
Only reasonable in the context of the assumption that statutory services would probably take priority. However in a community where activity and business on the River is expanding, then there is surely a raised potential for risk? Serious consideration of reputational harm over statutory provision is worthwhile in this case. To lose such a resource seems a huge loss of resilience on Merseyside.	1
River Mersey is trecherous with strong currents MRT is absolutely necessary if you get into trouble on the Mersey it could end in major catastrophies happening - prevention is paramount.	1
Not Stated	27
Grand Total	30

Q7

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Response	Total
Very reasonable	19
Fairly reasonable	7
Fairly unreasonable	1
Very unreasonable	1
Not Stated	2
Grand Total	30

Q7a

If you feel this proposal is "unreasonable" in any way, please explain why you think that:

Response	Total
Already answered this as question 1	1
Repeat of question 1!!	1
repeat question	1
Same as question 1	1
Same as question 1 why is it repeated	1
see above	1
Not Stated	24
Grand Total	30

Q8

The information within the IRMP 2013/16 is clear and easy to understand?

Response	Total
Strongly Agree	13
Agree	13
Neither Agree / nor disagree	3
Disagree	1
Strongly Disagree	0
Grand Total	30

Q9

If you have any further comments concerning the MFRA Integrated Risk Management Plan, please complete the following:

Response	Total
A very detailed document but not too sure how many people will read it in its entirety. That aside it does give a clear overview of the vast work completed by the service.	1
I am not a fan of percentage increases (recruitment/diverse backgrounds). What will happen if targets are not reached. A fairer way I believe is to be representative of the communities you serve whatever that make up looks like eg any Eastern European recruits?	1
Not Stated	28
Grand Total	30

Q10

For the purpose of monitoring returns by district please provide your full home

Postcode:

Area	Postcode	Total
Chester	CH45	1
	CH49	1
	CH60	1
	CH63	1
Liverpool	L11	1
	L13	1
	L14	1
	L19	1
	L20	2
	L23	2
	L25	1
	L31	3
L37	2	
Preston	PR8	1
Warrington	WA10	3
	WA12	2
	WA9	5
Wigan	WN3	1
Grand Total		30

Q11

Would you be prepared to assist MFRA with future consultation?

Response	Total
No	11
Yes	16
Not Stated	3
Grand Total	30

DQ1

Gender:

Response	Total
Female	17
Male	13
Grand Total	30

DQ2

Which age group do you belong to?

Response	Total
Under 25	0
25 - 34	3
35 - 44	7
45 - 54	15
55 or above	5
Grand Total	30

DQ3

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Response	Total
No	25
Yes	4
Not Stated	1
Grand Total	30

DQ4

Ethnicity:

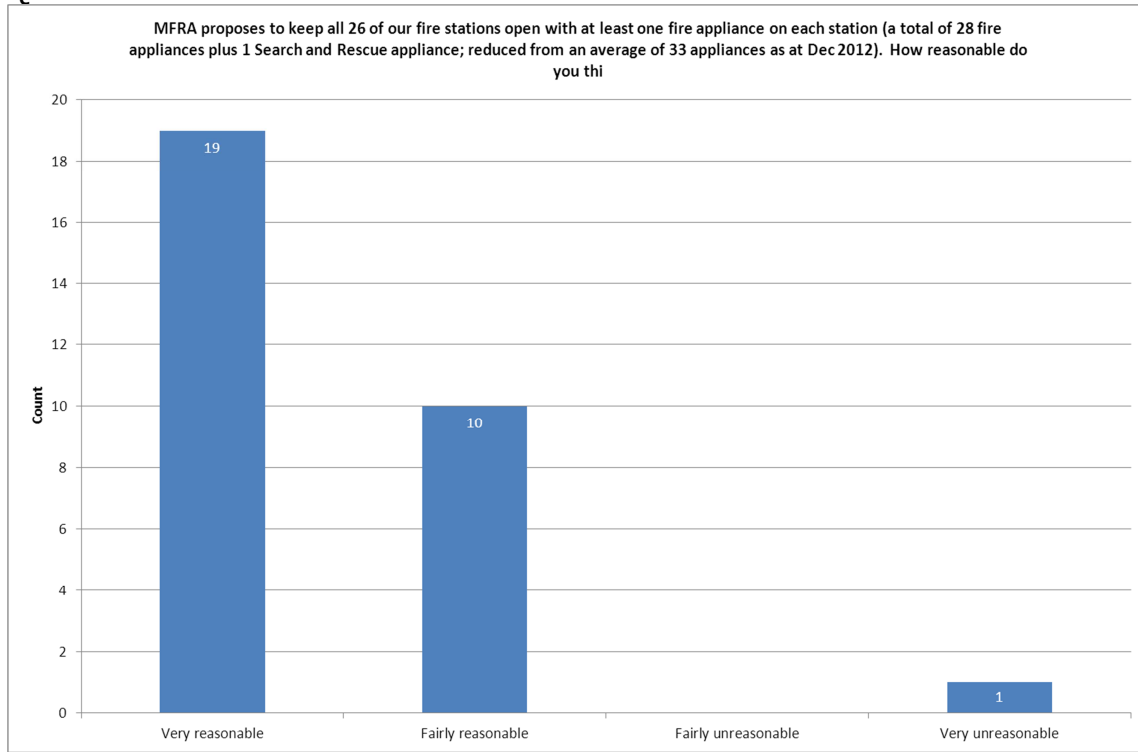
Response	Total
White British	29
Not Stated	1
Grand Total	30

DQ5

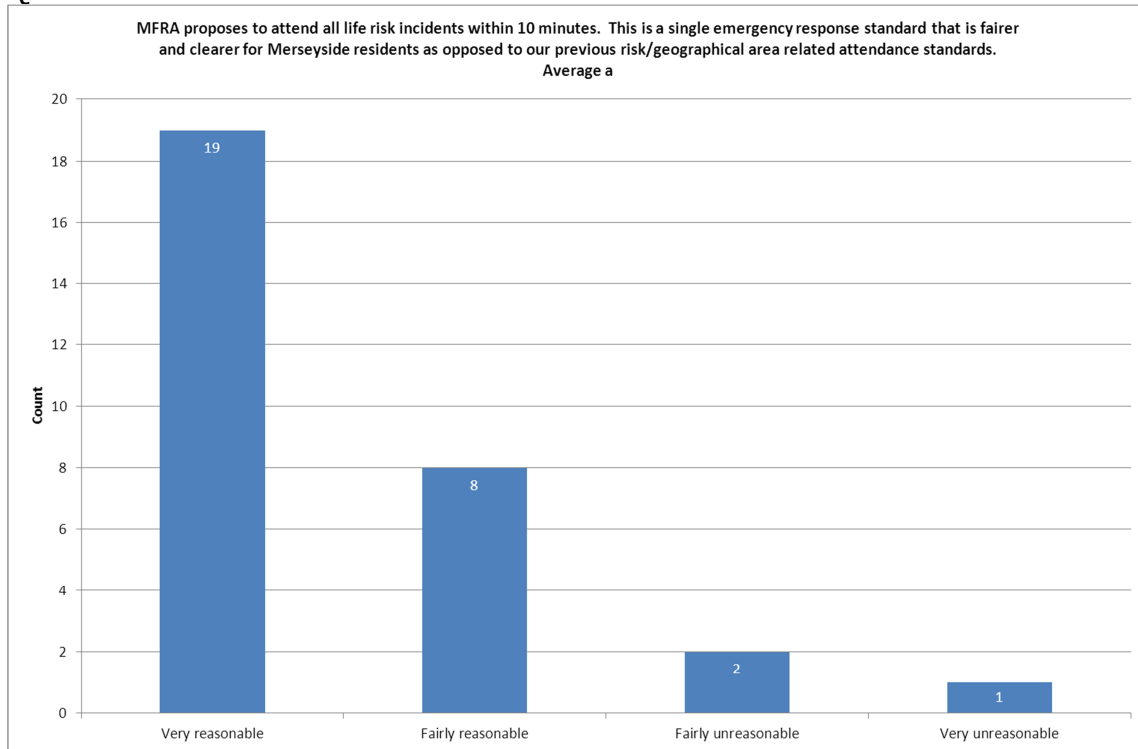
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Response	Total
Member of Staff (MFRA)	9
Member of the public	11
Representative of a business	7
Representative of a community group	2
Not Stated	1
Grand Total	30

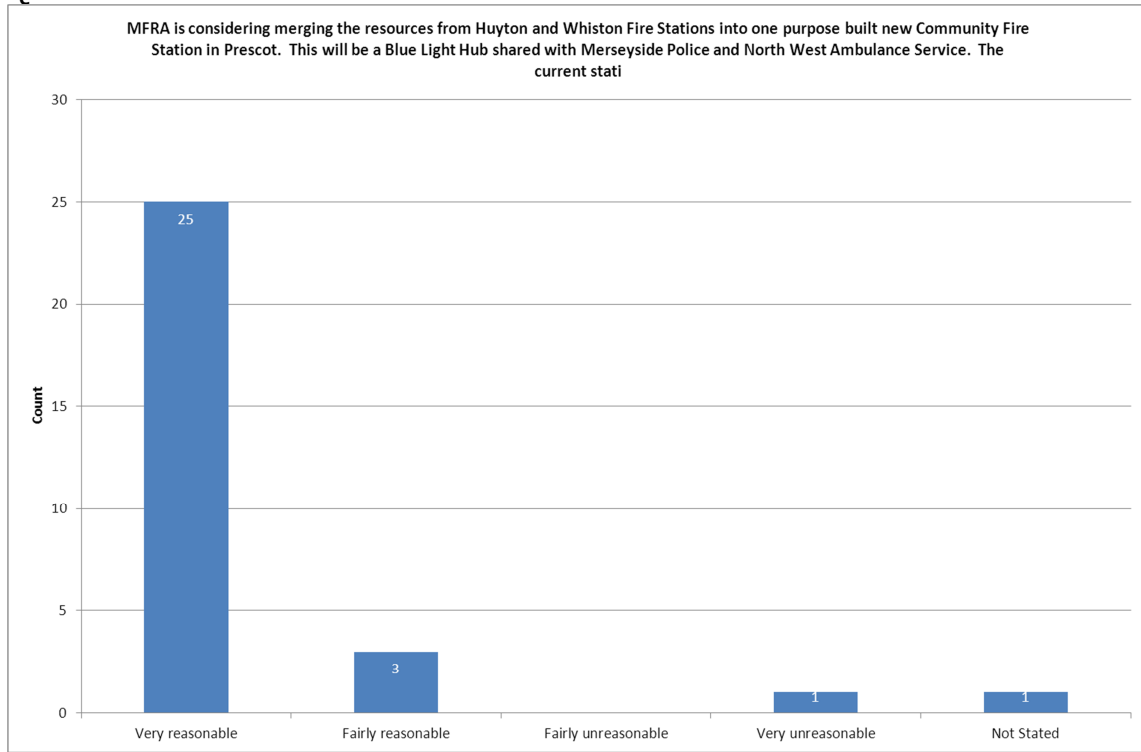
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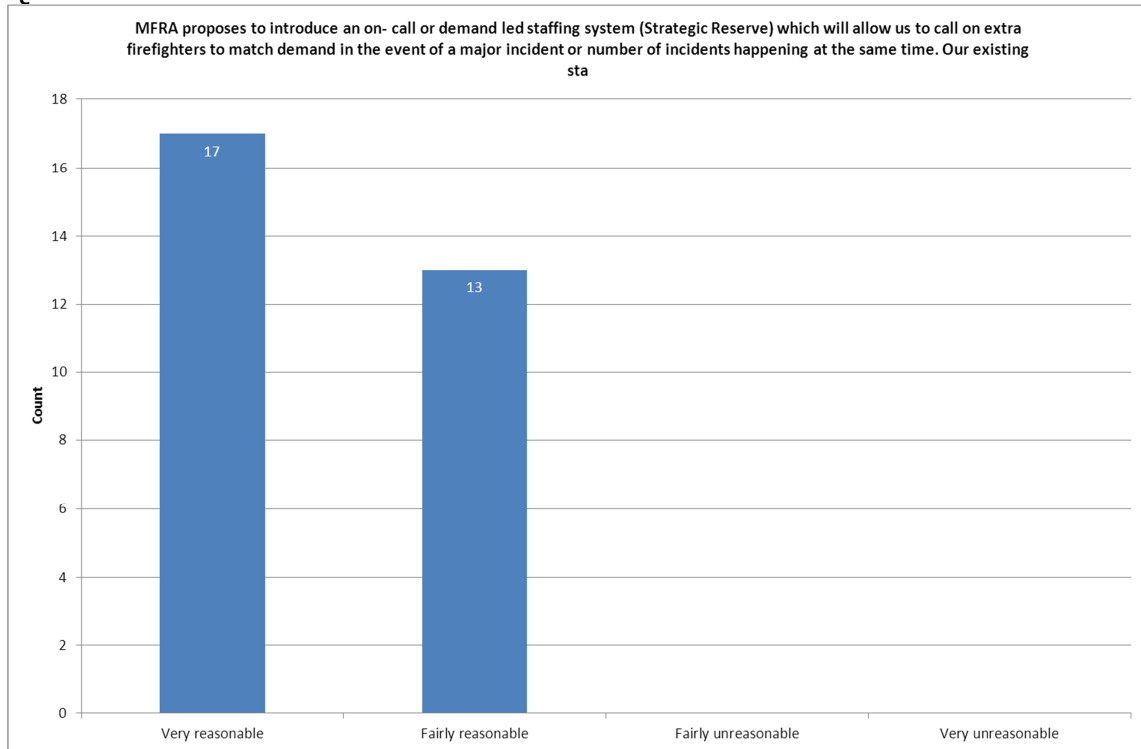
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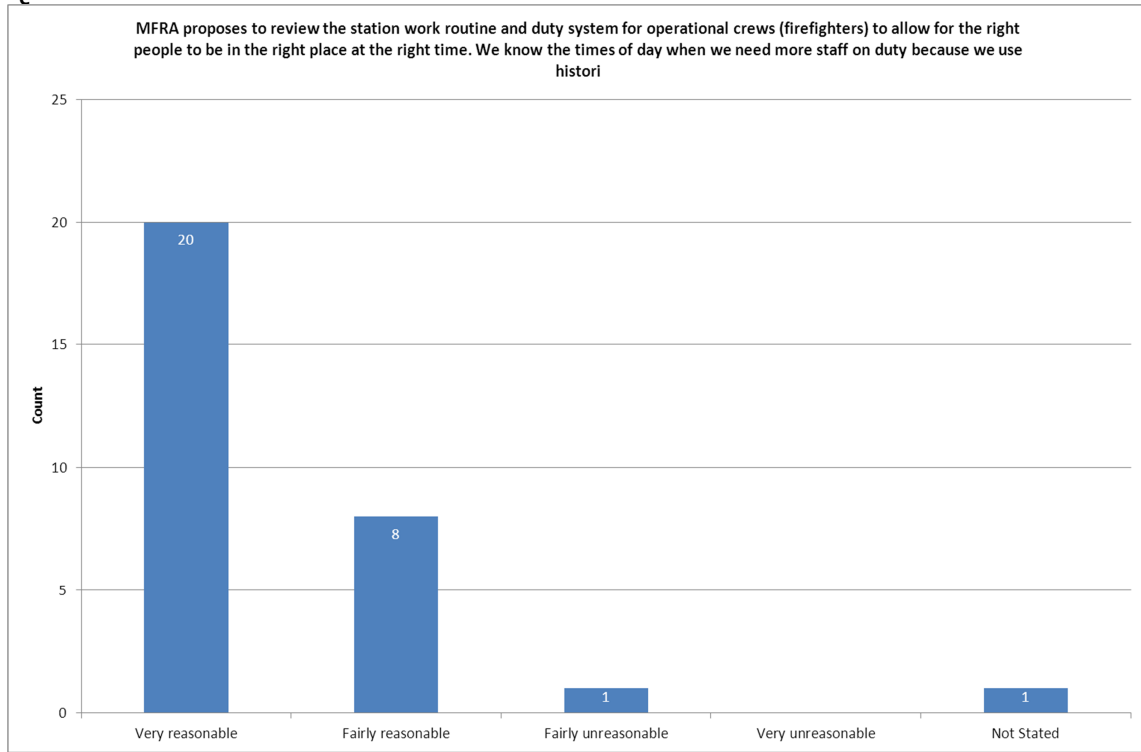
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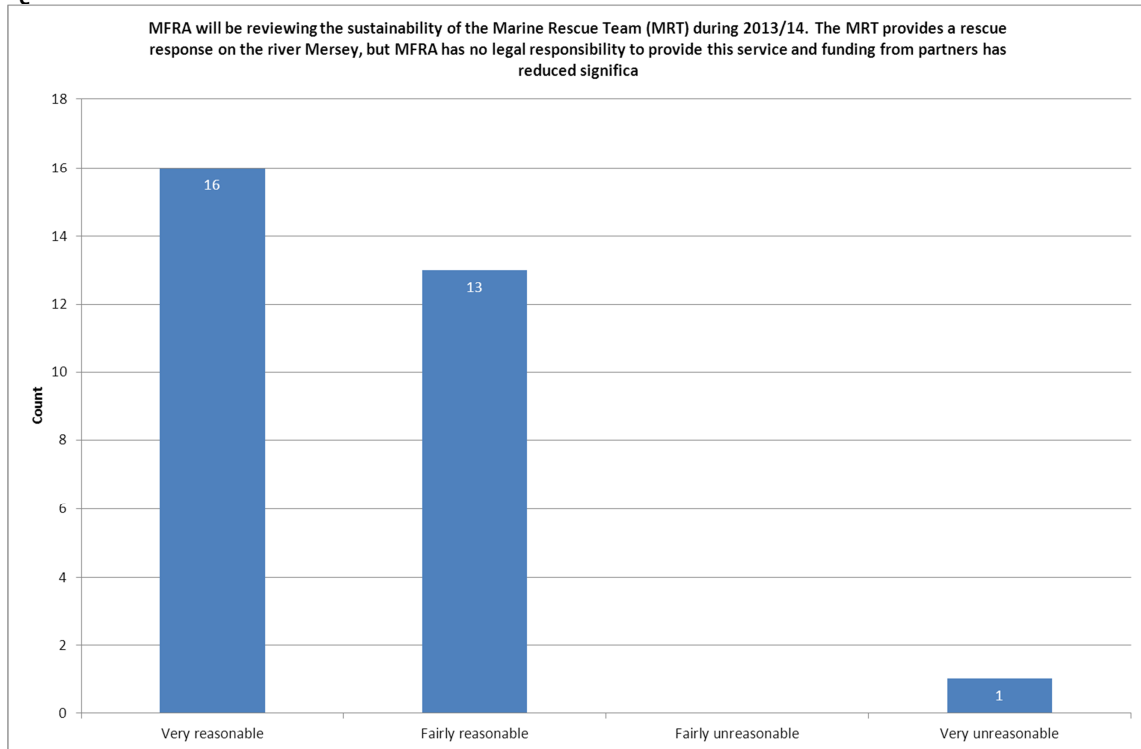
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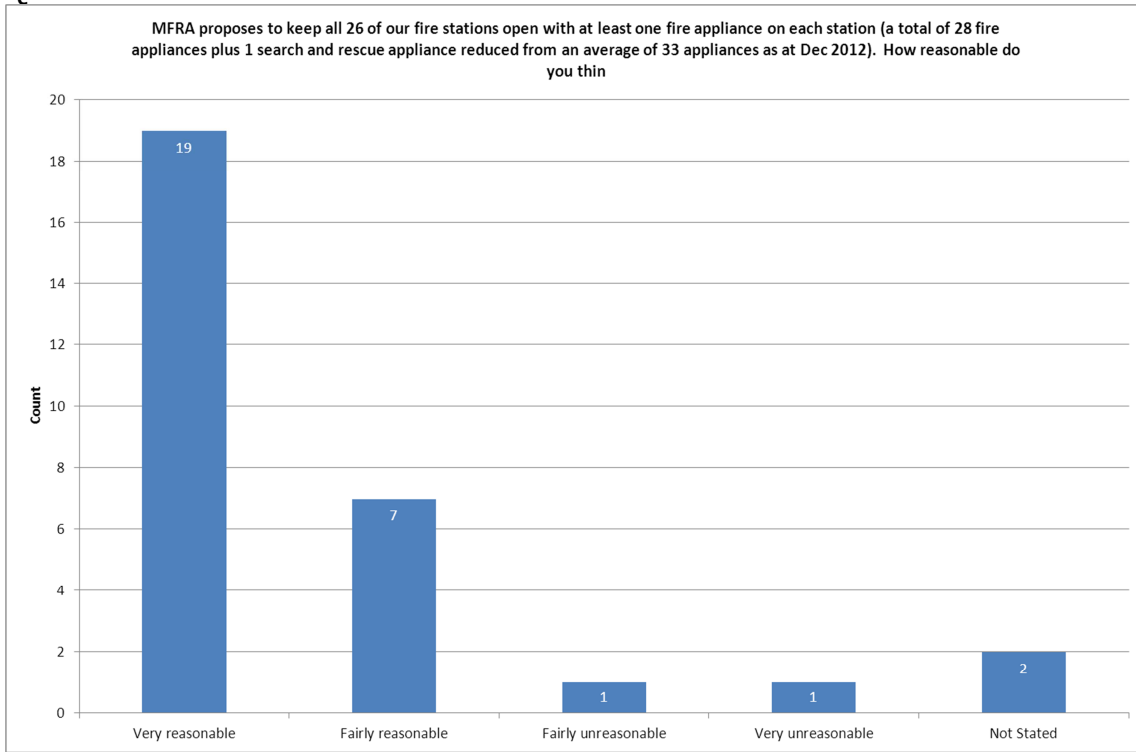
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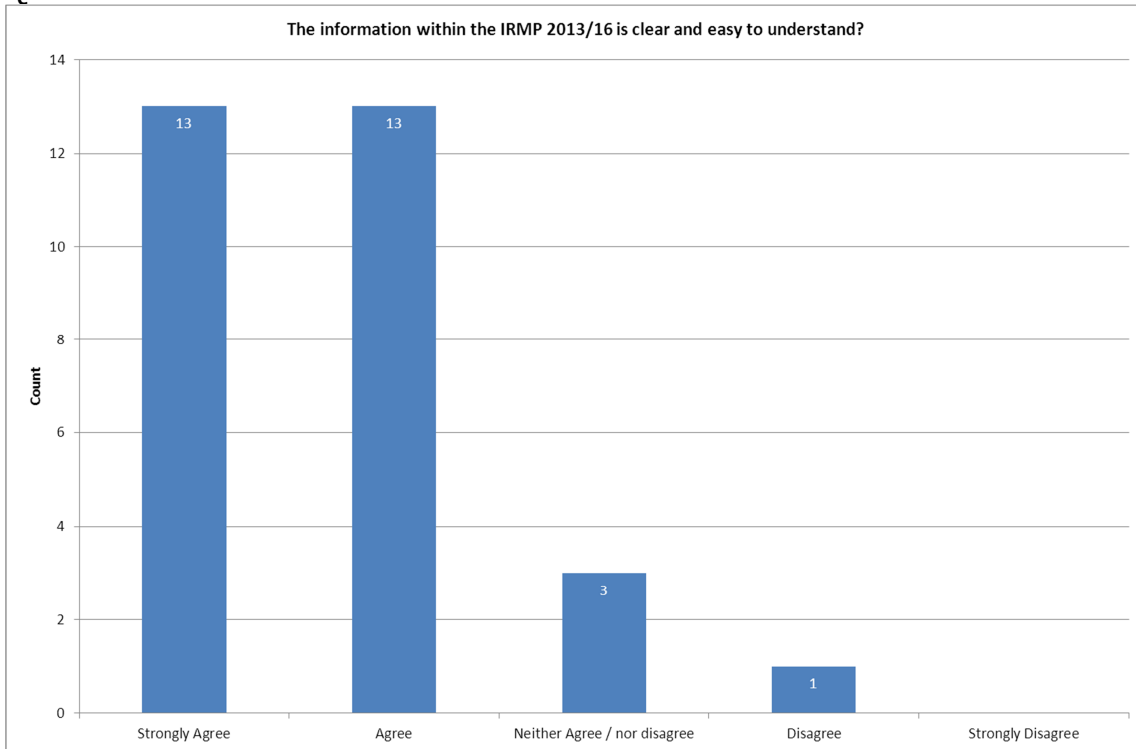
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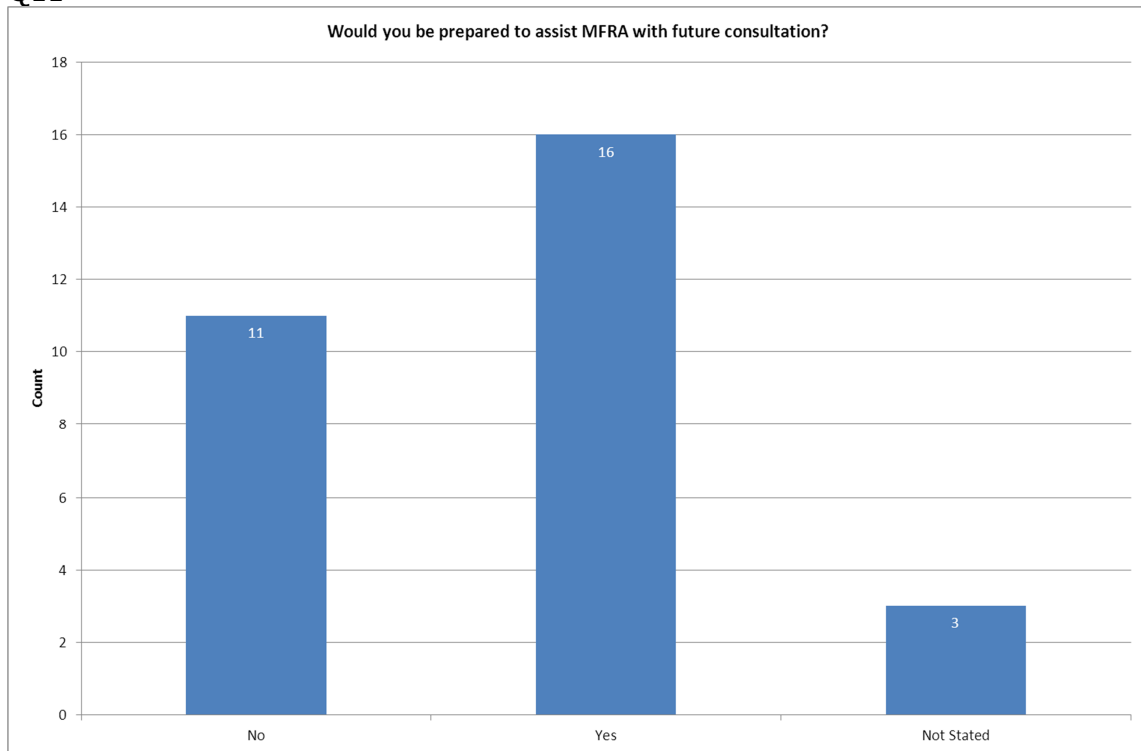
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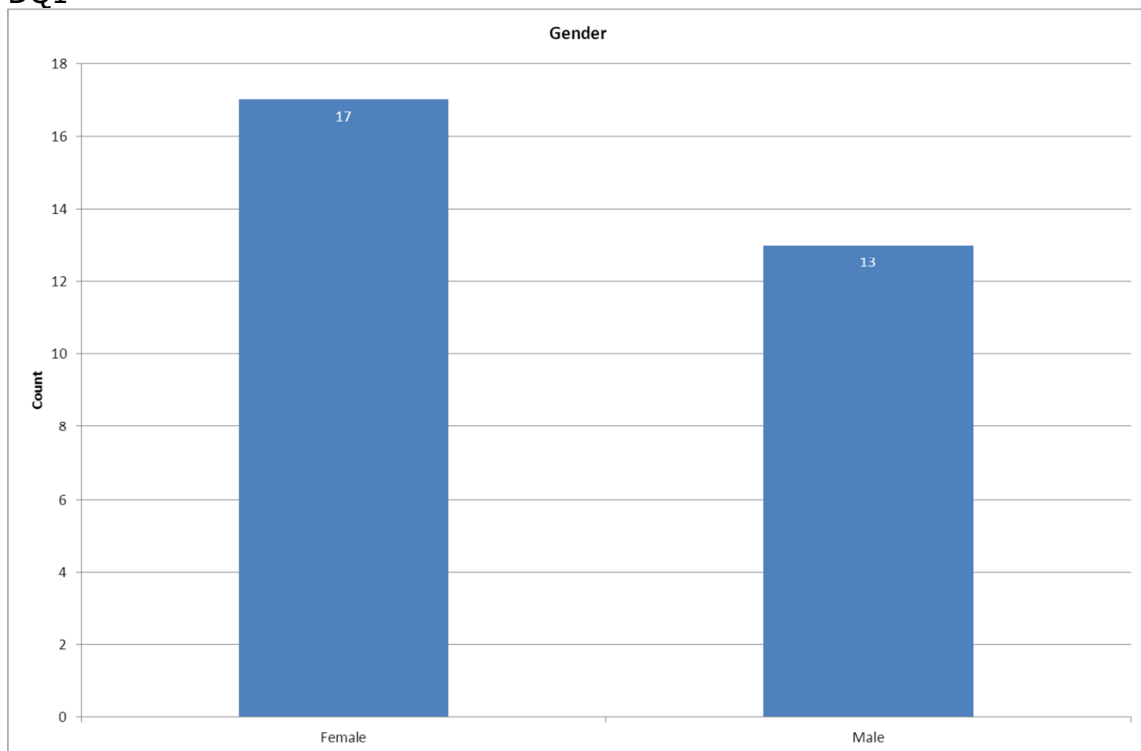
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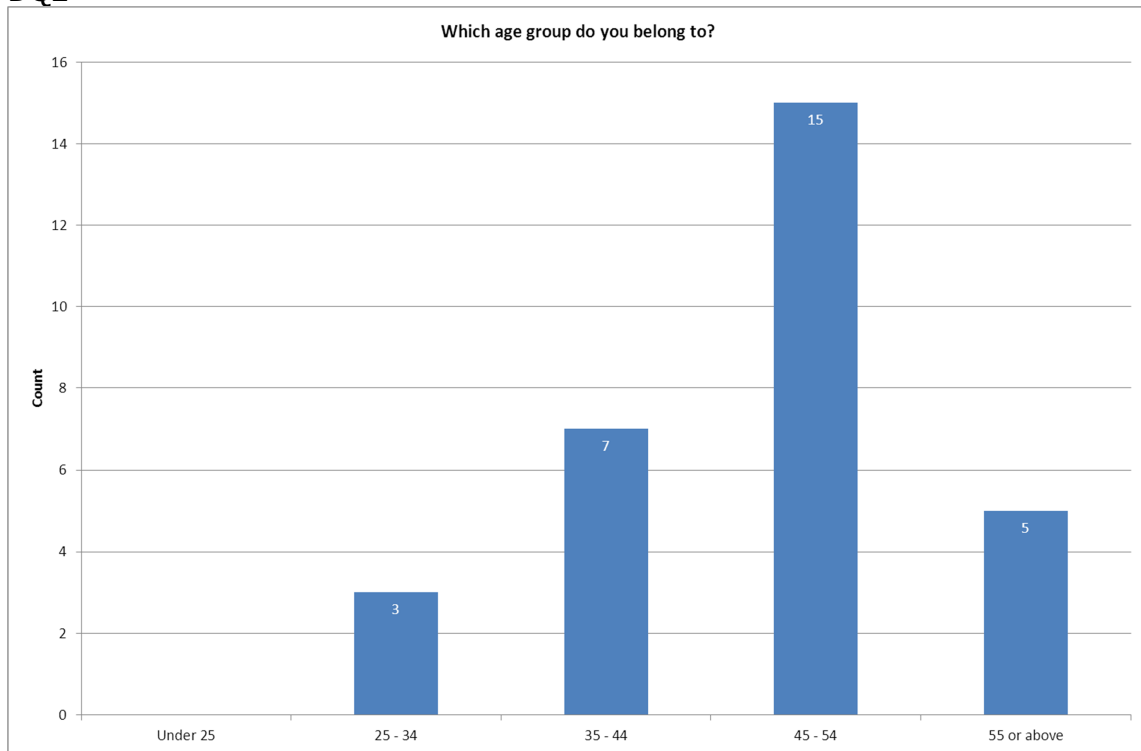
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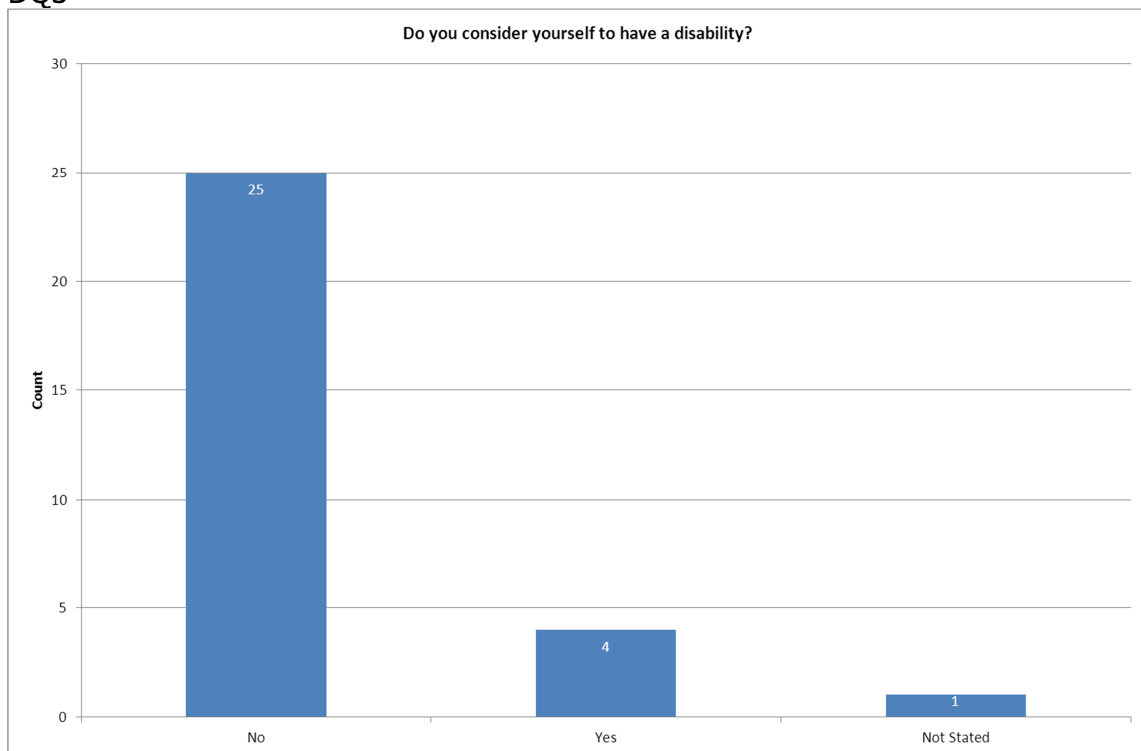
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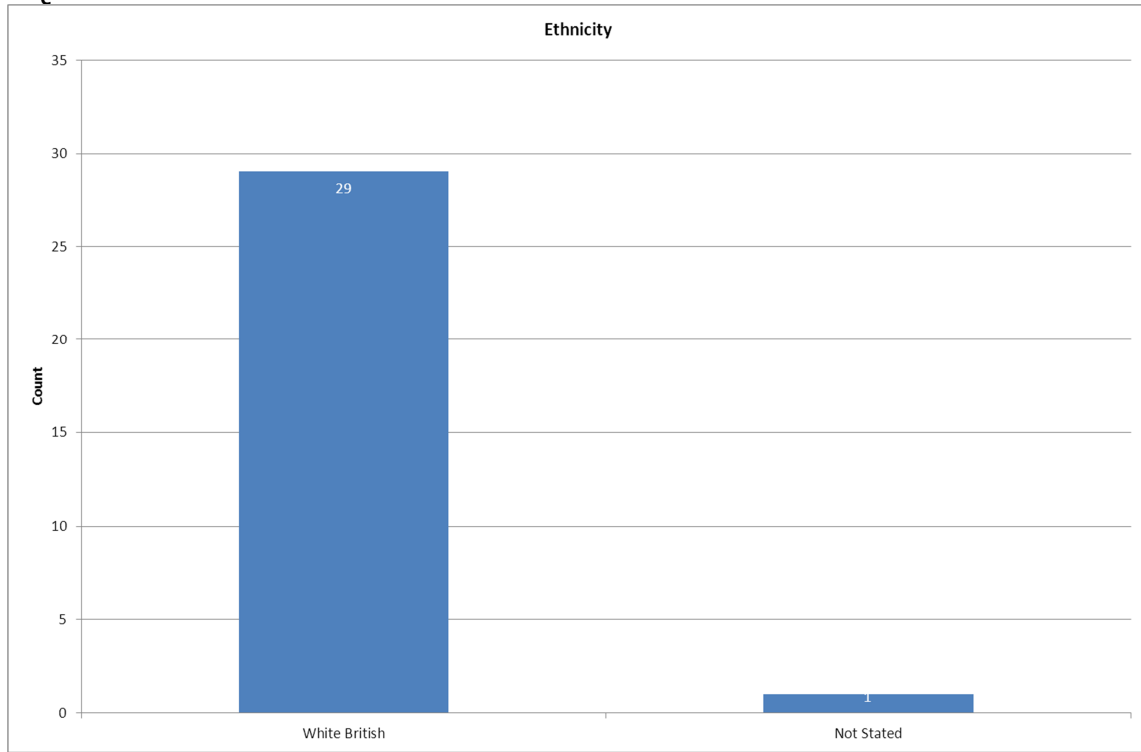
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DQ4



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