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**WHAT ABOUT ME?
A CHILD'S RIGHT TO MATTER**

A Few Statistics

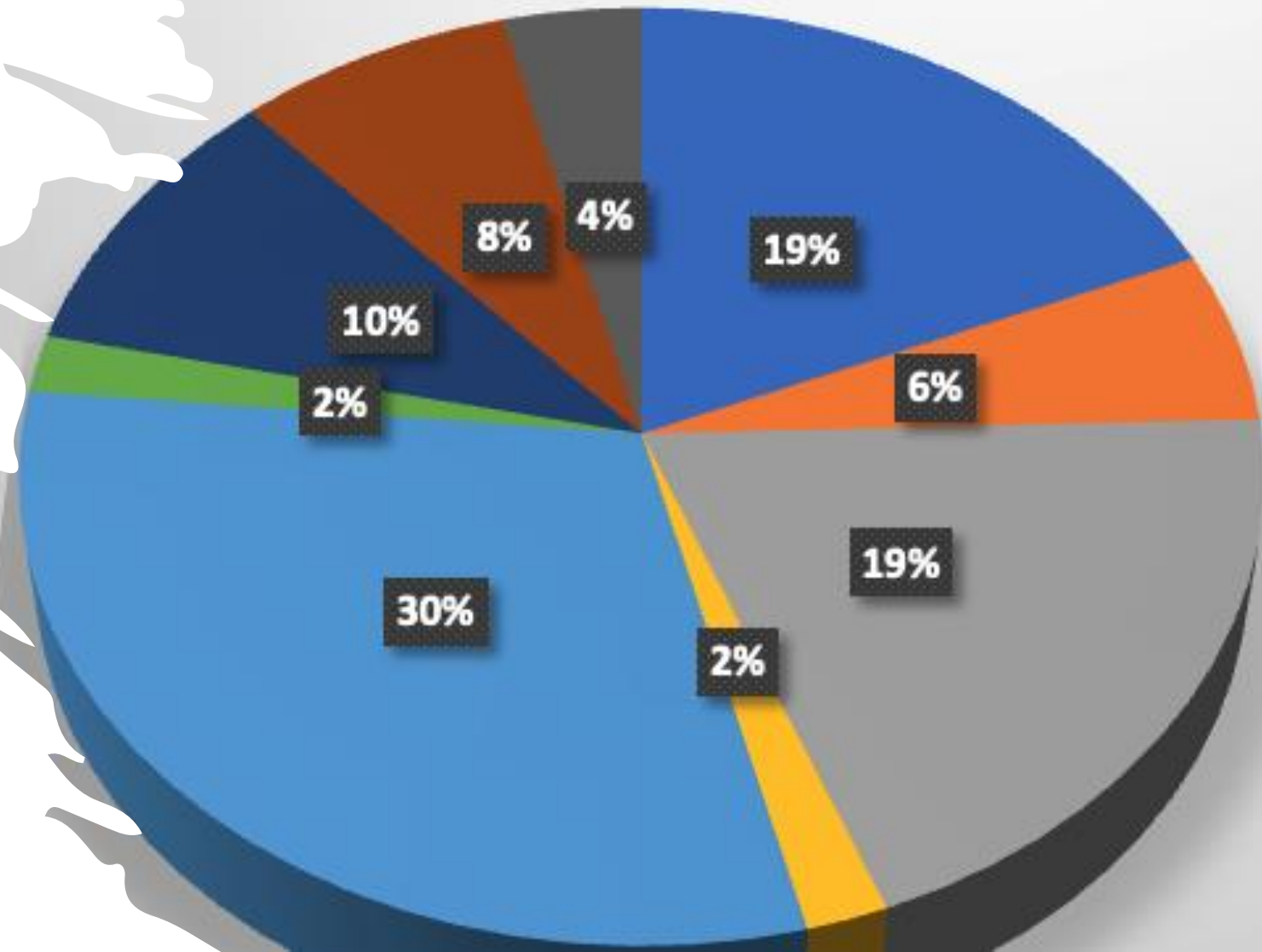
- In 2021, there were 2.3 million separated families in the UK, with 3.6 million children
- Almost half of children are growing up outside the nuclear family
- 44% of babies born at start of century did not live with both biological parents their entire children
- Every year, approximately 280,000 children have parents who separate

Two Consultations

- Multi Disciplinary Professionals
- Young People ages 11-18 via the UK Youth Parliament
 - 31 in a workshop attended in person
 - a further 81 completing a survey

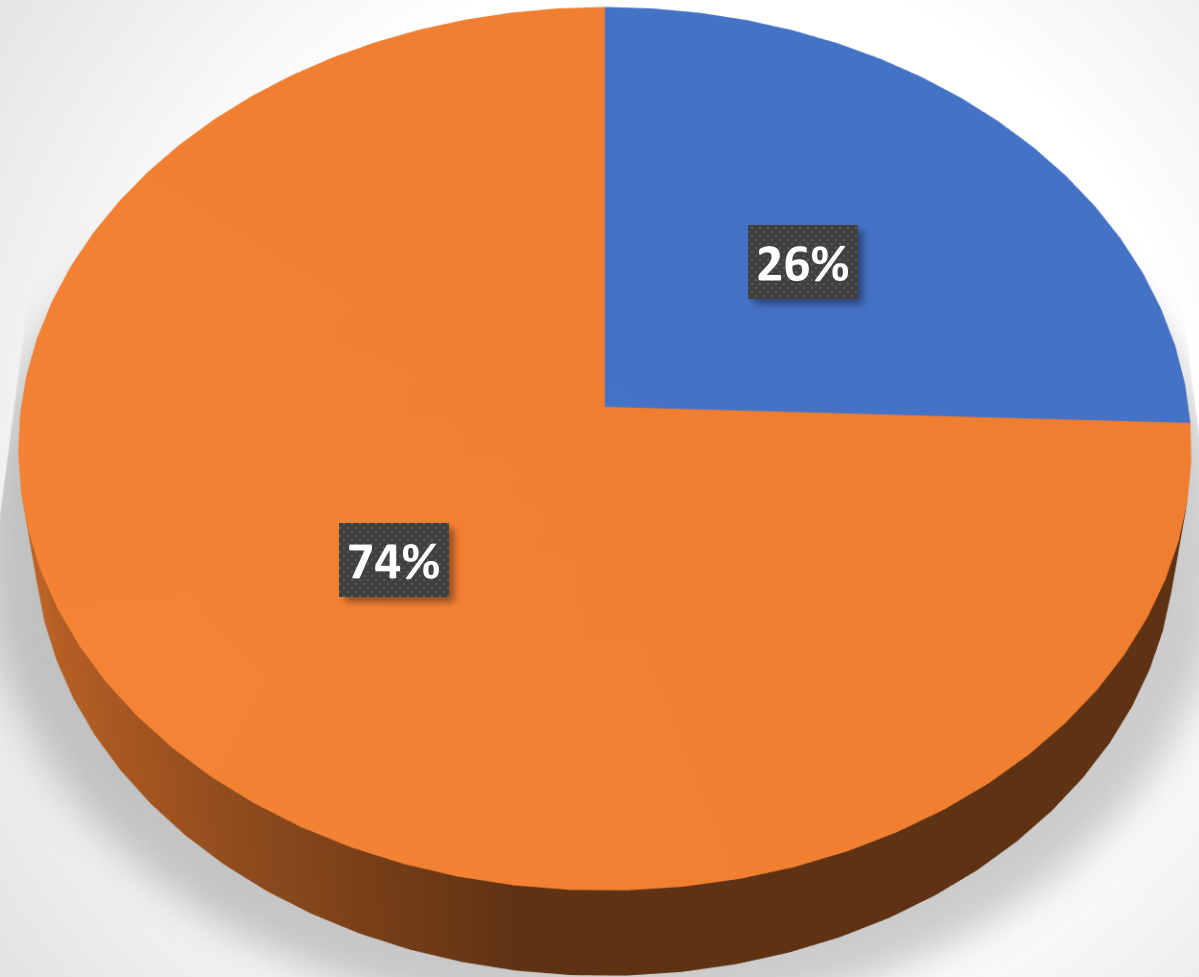
Who in Government Takes Responsibility?

The main needs of children when parents separate.

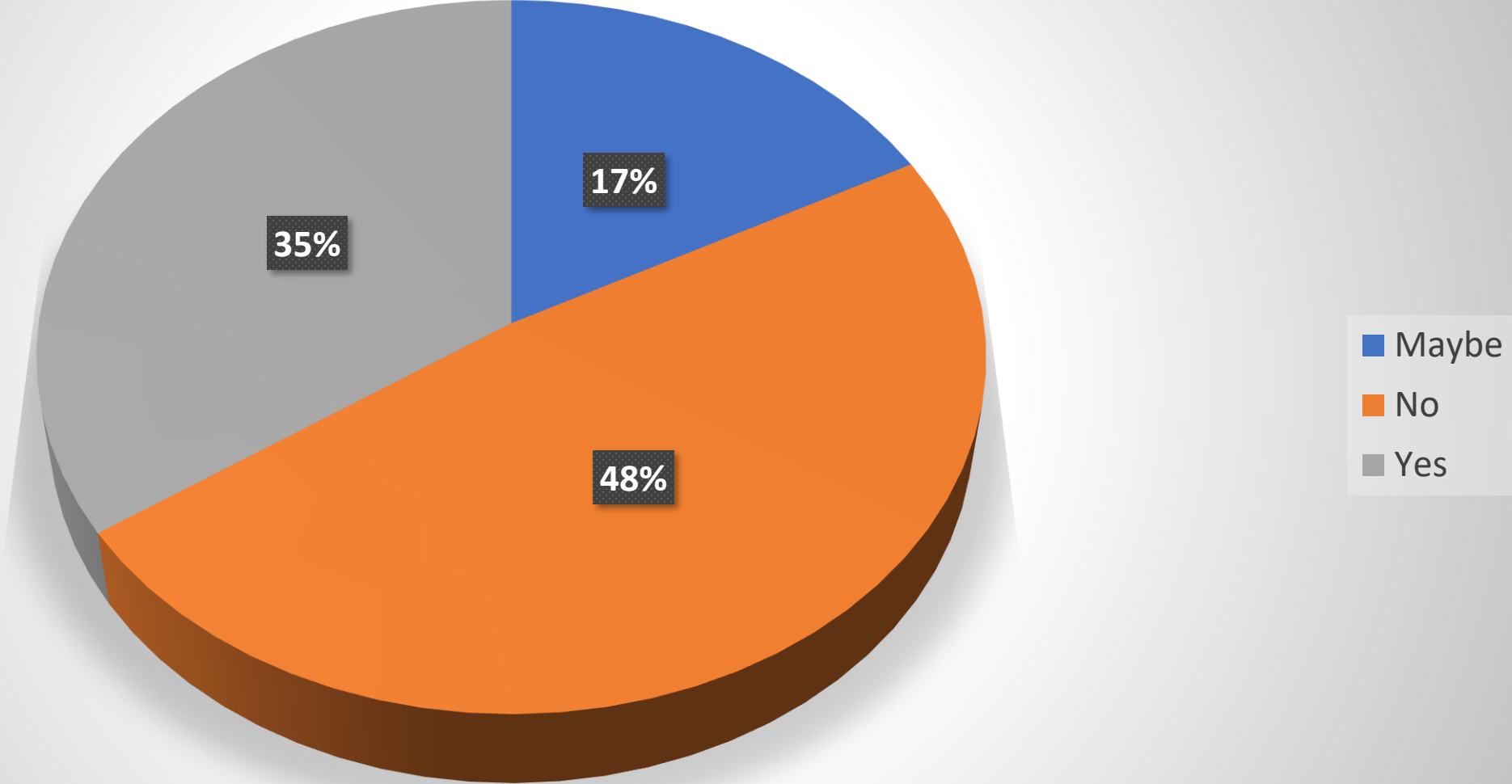


- Stability, Food, Home
- Mental Health
- Communication (including practical arrangements). Having voice heard.
- Knowing Rights
- Emotional Support / love. Worry for siblings
- School Support
- Desire for Shared Parenting
- Desire for avoidance of conflict

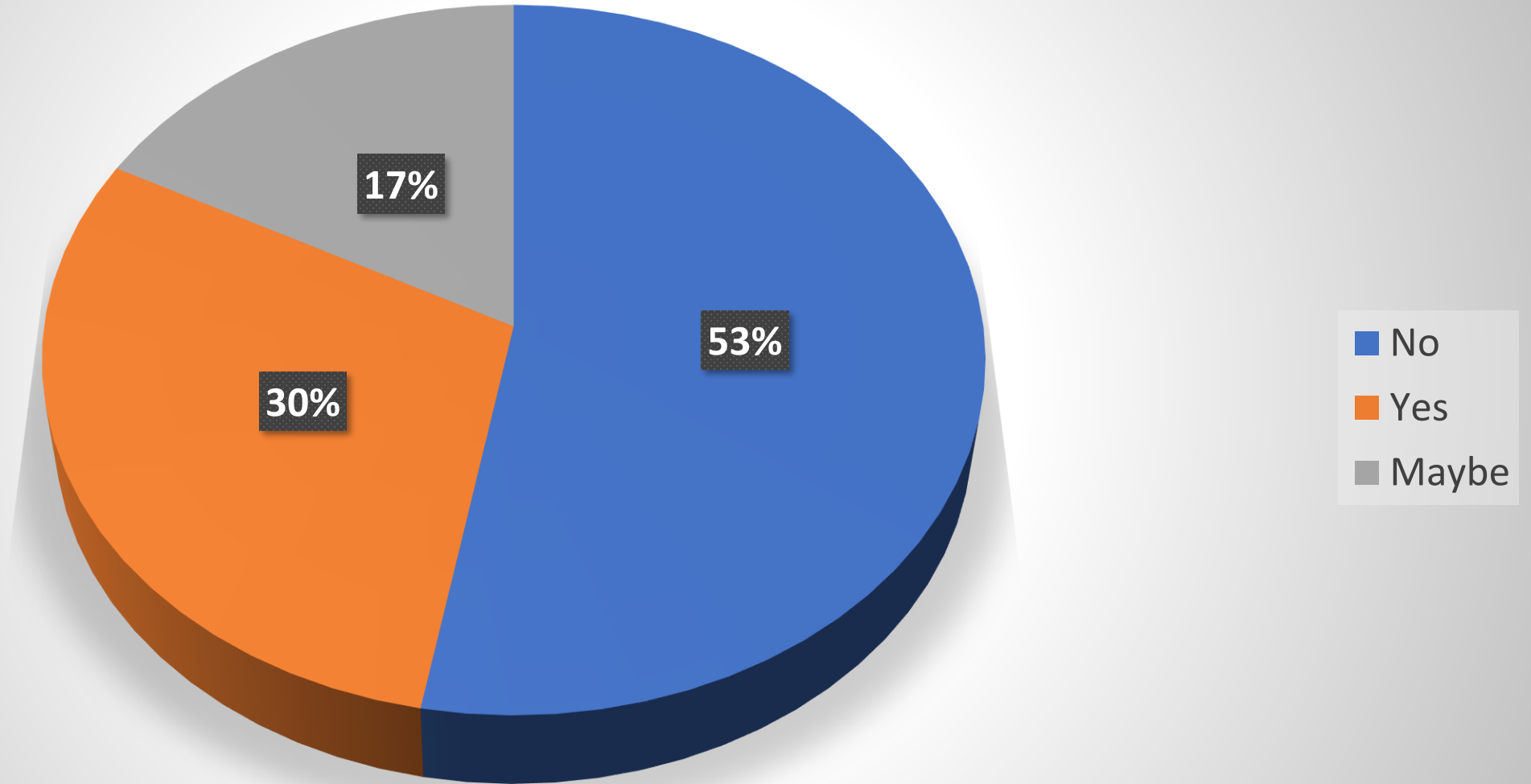
Would young people know who to ask for support, specifically around this issue?



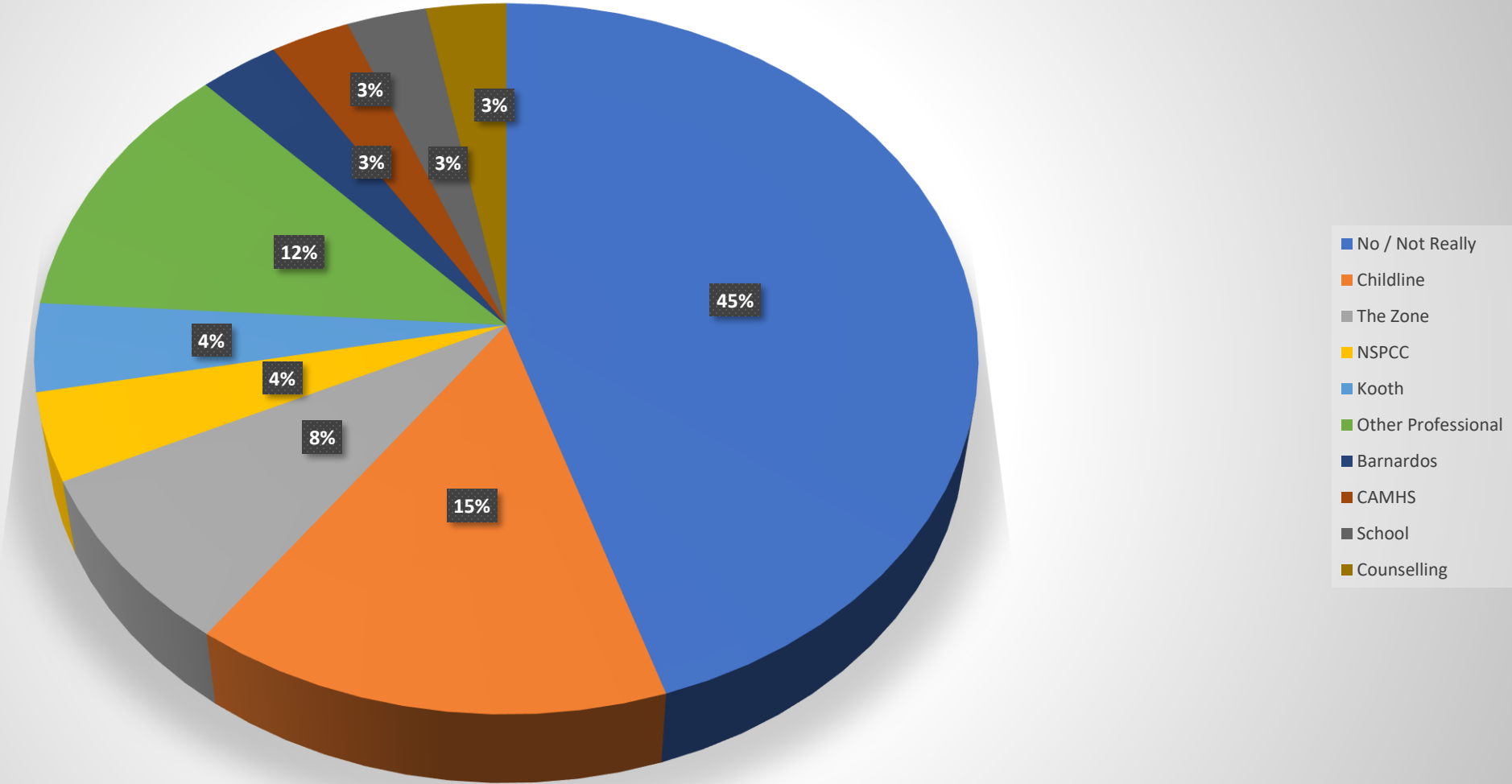
Do young people know they have the right to information when parents separate?



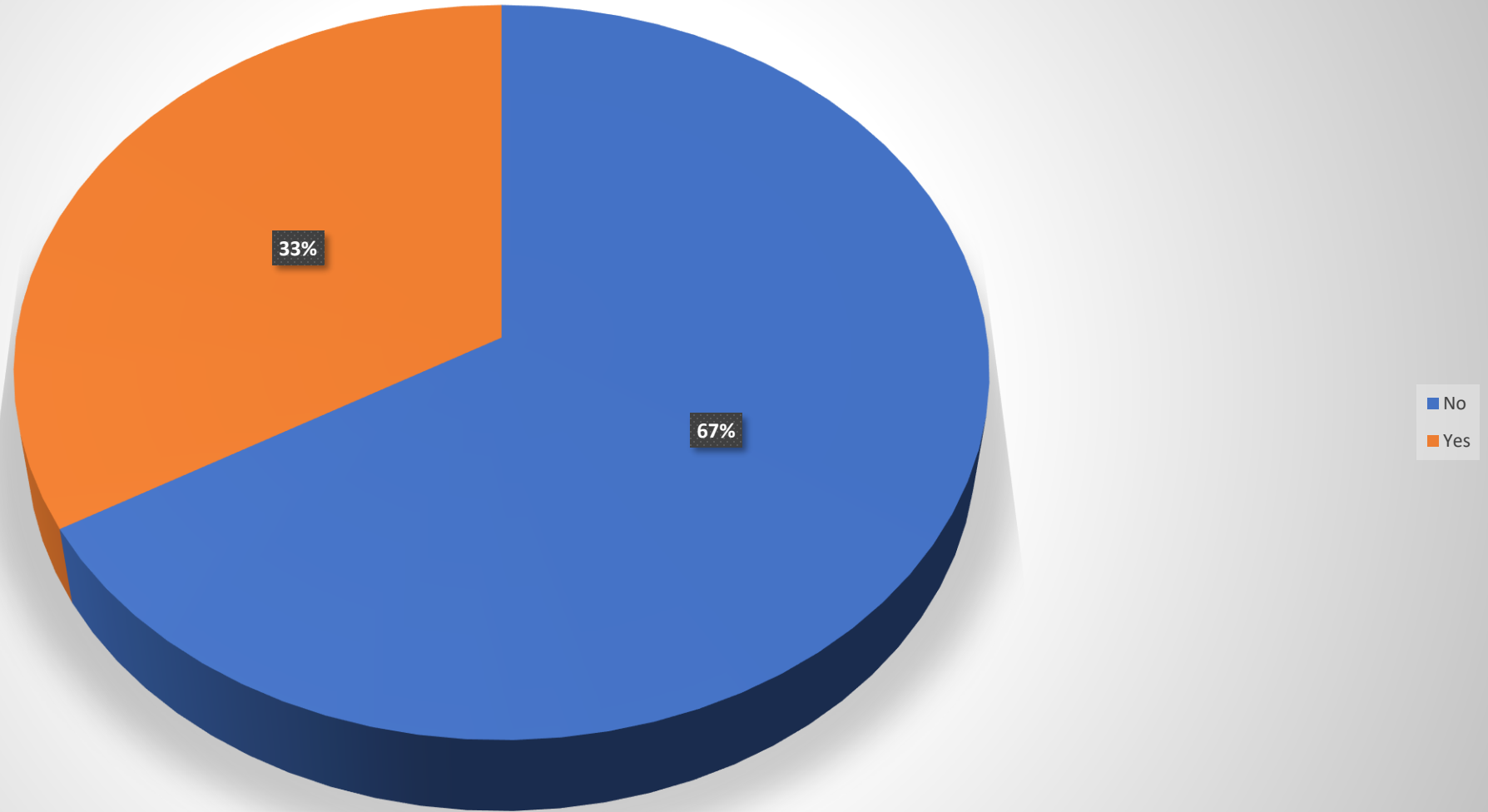
Do you think young people know they have the right to be consulted?



Can you think of any services that work well?



Do professionals understand young people whose parents are separating?



Read the Full
Report

**Children are affected when families separate.
Who, in Government, is responsible for their needs?**

A Child's Right to Matter



UK Youth Parliament found that 74% of young people
would not know who to ask for support

“The needs of children when parents separate have been overlooked”