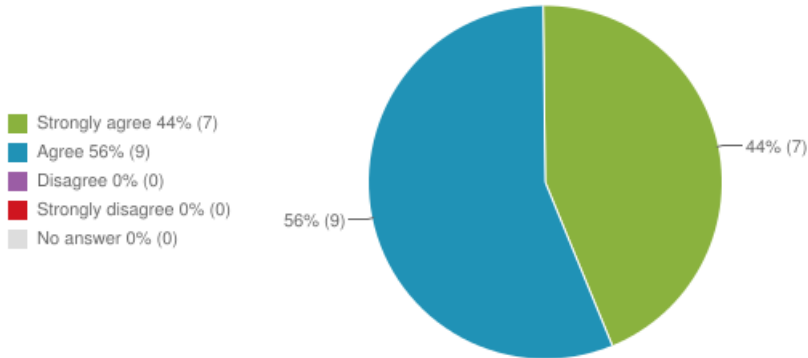
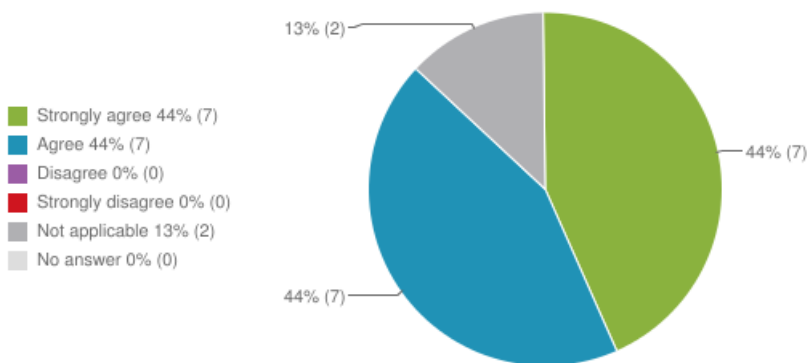


Fostering: Approved foster carers and people who are being assessed to be foster carers (2015)

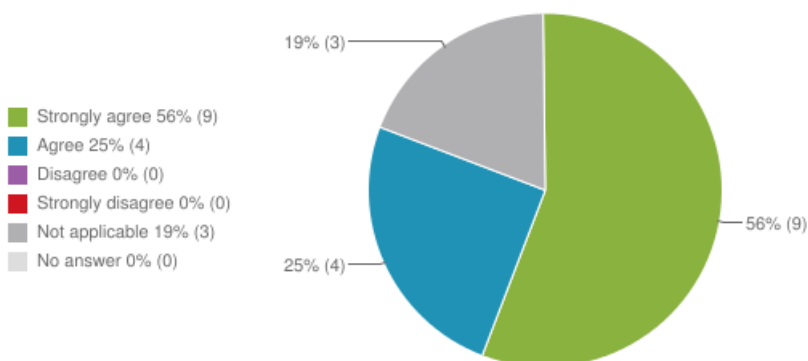
1 The support, guidance and training provided to me by the fostering service is excellent



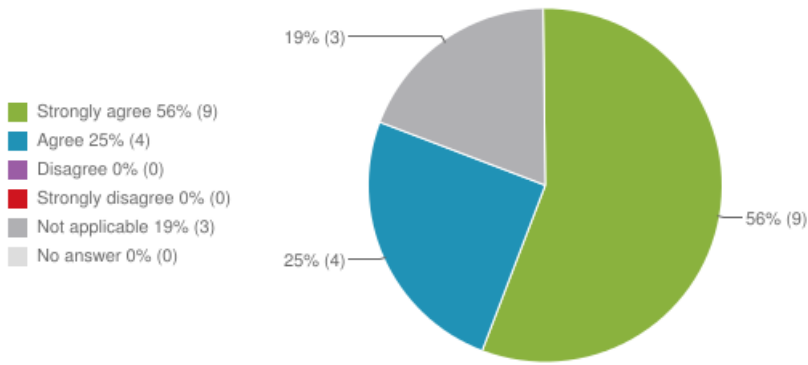
2 My initial enquiry about becoming a foster carer was dealt with efficiently and promptly



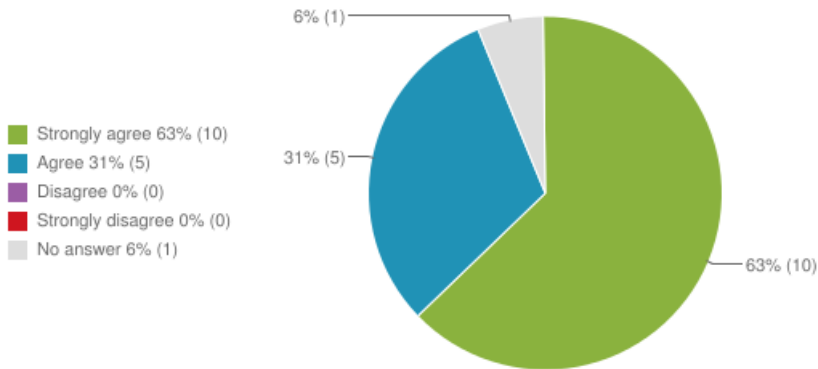
3 From my first contact with the agency I felt welcomed and supported



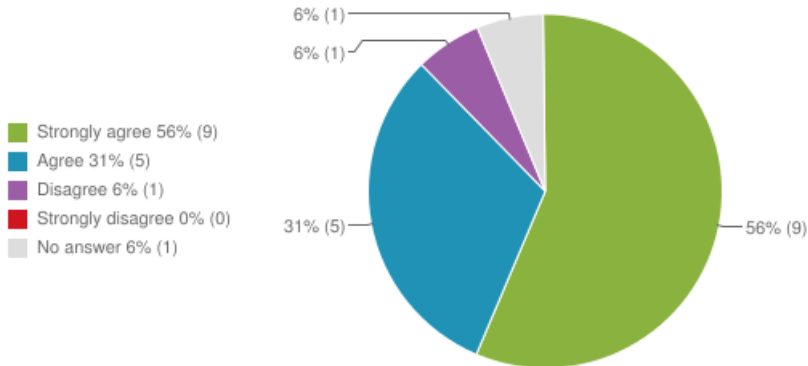
4 My assessment as a foster carer was well organised and comprehensive



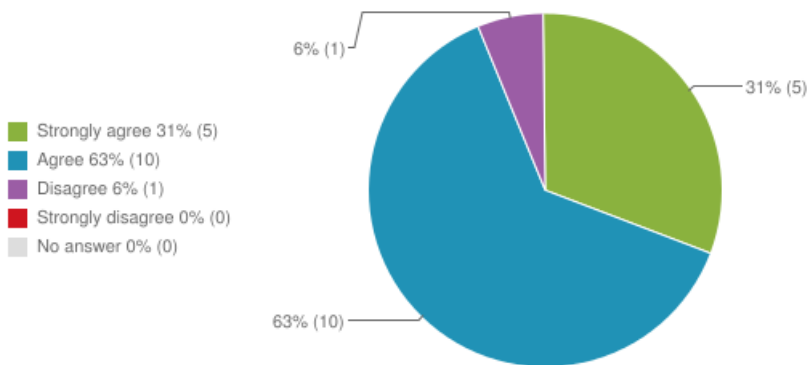
5 I am treated as part of the professional team working with fostered children



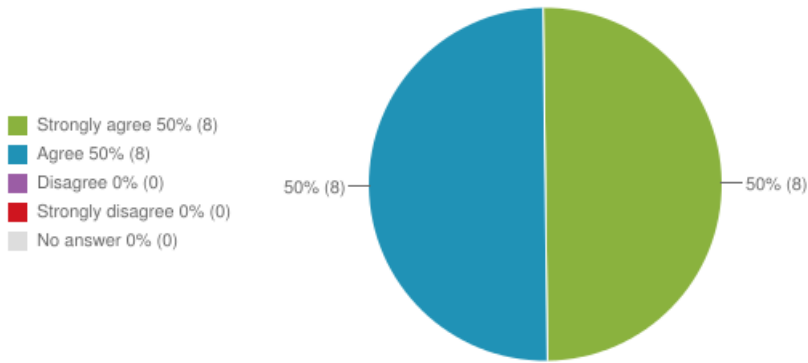
6 My training since approval has helped me to meet the specific needs of the children I foster



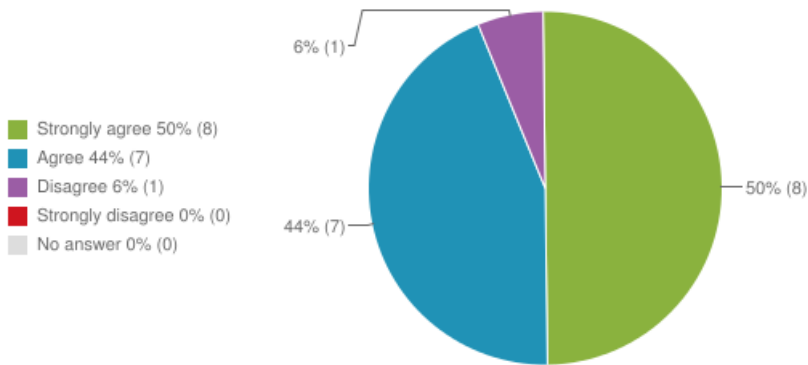
7 Training is offered at times and locations that suit my needs



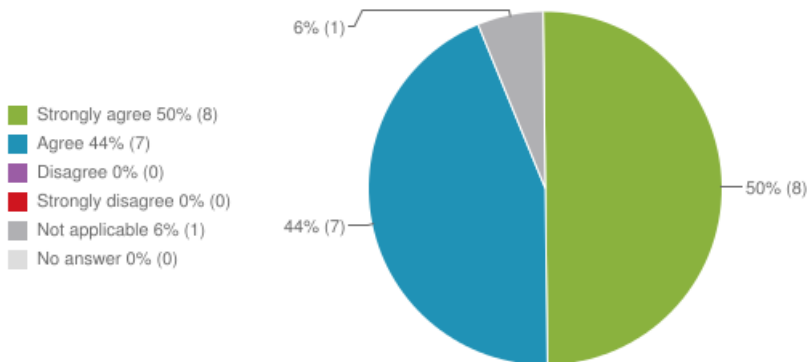
8 The training and support I receive has helped me to work positively with children and young people and manage difficult situations well



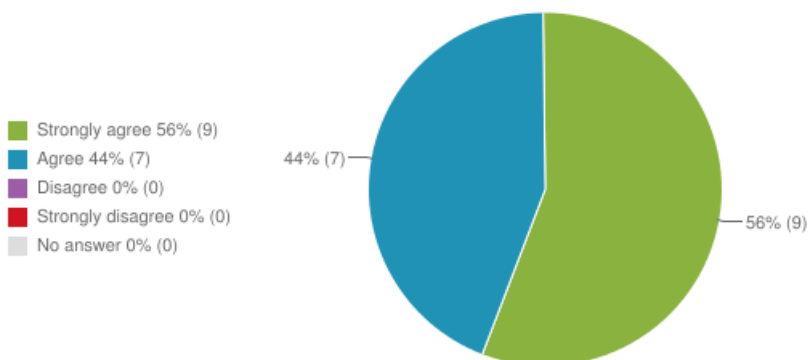
9 I am confident that I can deal with any child protection concerns or issues relating to bullying about my foster child



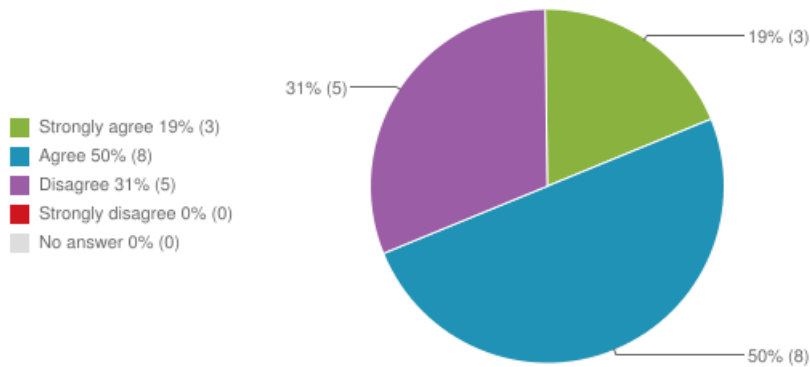
10 If my foster child goes missing or is at risk of child sexual exploitation, I am confident that I always respond appropriately



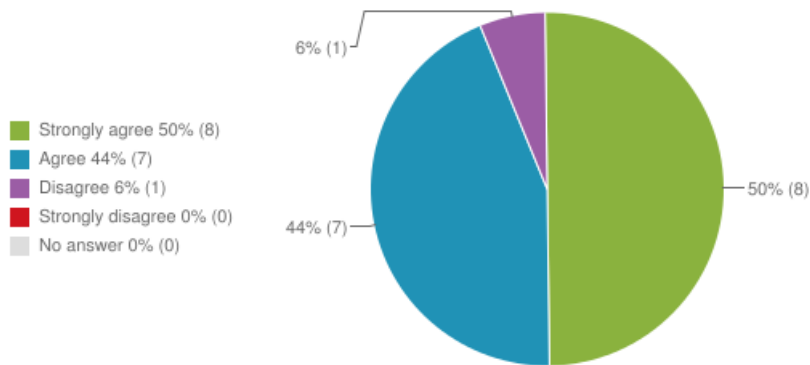
11 I am clear about what decisions I can make about the child I foster



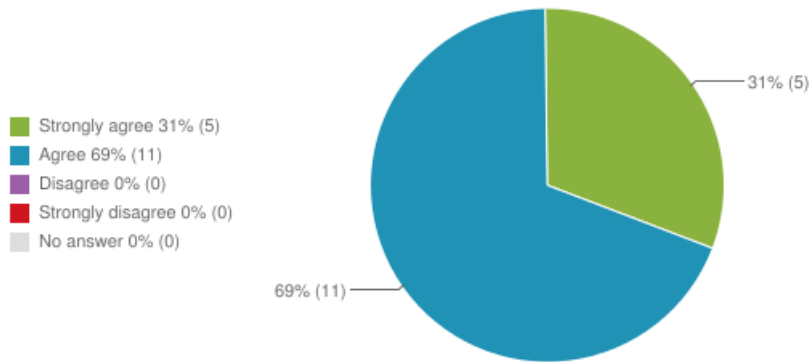
12 I was able to find out lots of useful things about my foster child before he or she moved in or started coming to my home for a short break



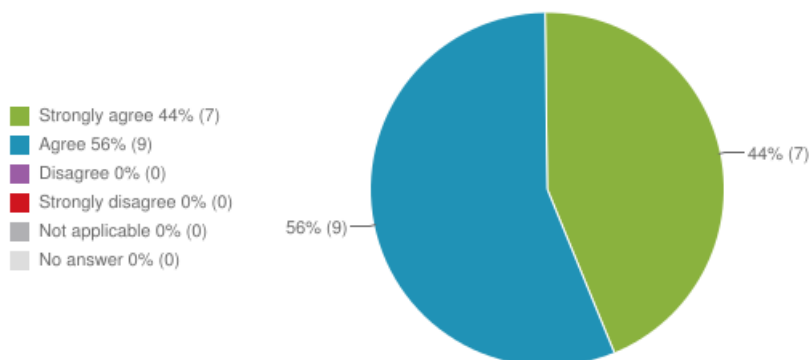
13 I am well matched with the child I foster



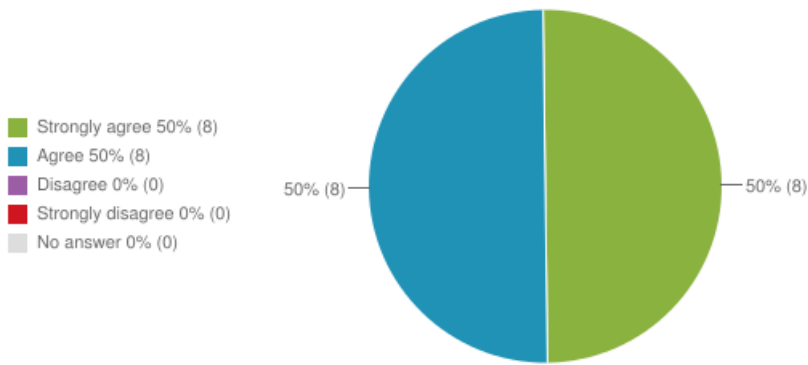
14 I continue to get information that helps me to understand my fostered child's needs, including any issues relating to their family



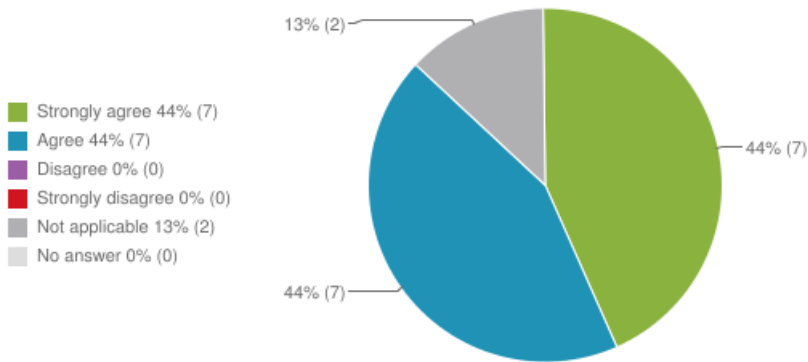
15 The fostering service helps me to support the child I foster to understand why they are in care



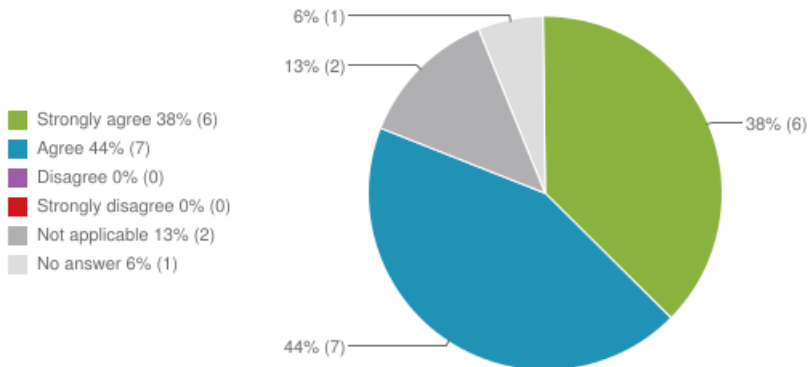
16 The support the fostering service gives me helps me to build strong relationships with the child I foster



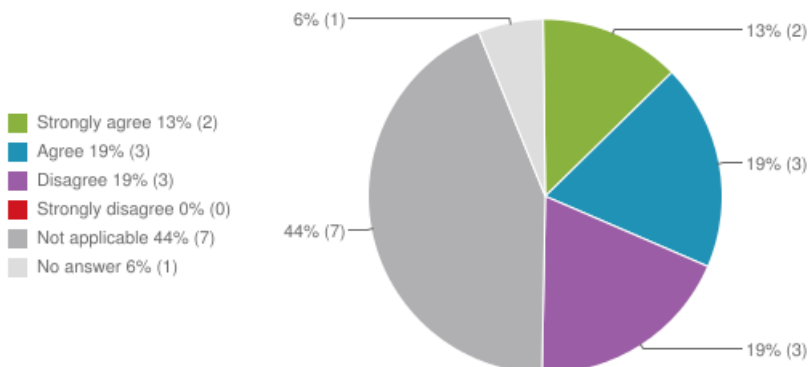
17 The fostering service helps me to support young people to develop independence skills and/or move on to live in adult care establishments



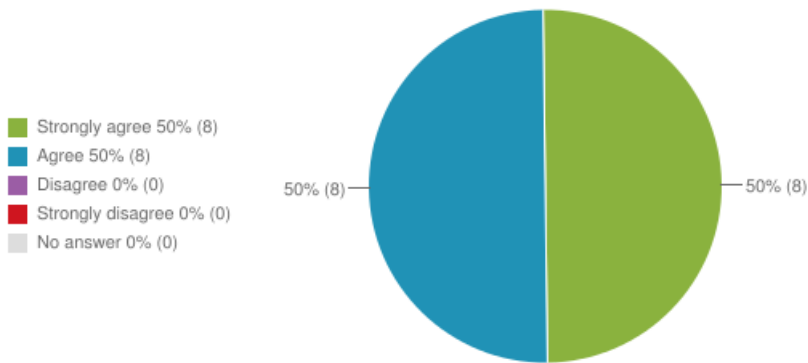
18 The fostering service helps me to manage the contact that my foster child has with their family



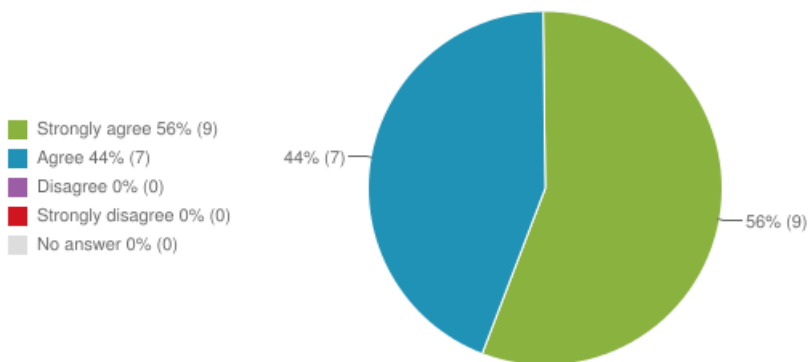
19 My own children have access to support from the fostering service



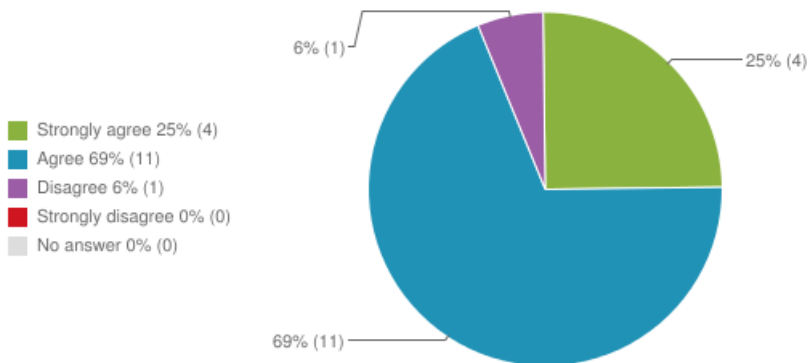
20 The fostering service has a good out-of-hours service that I can call if necessary



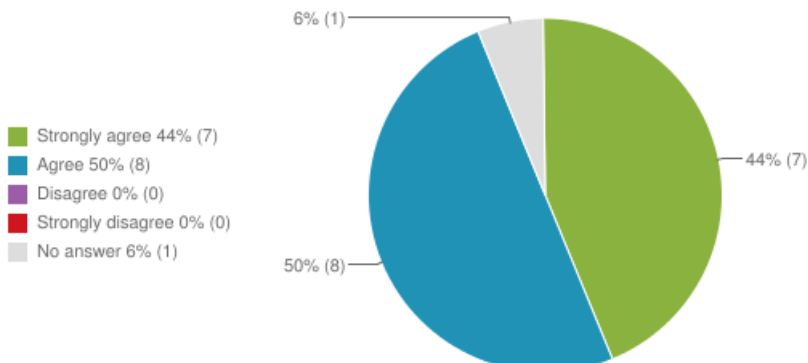
21 My supervising social worker is supportive and talks about things I find difficult. This helps me to provide the best possible care to my foster child and my own family at the same time



22 The fostering service asks me what I think of its services and how it can improve



23 Communication is effective (please tell us more in the comment box)



24 If I complain my complaints are taken seriously and dealt with properly

