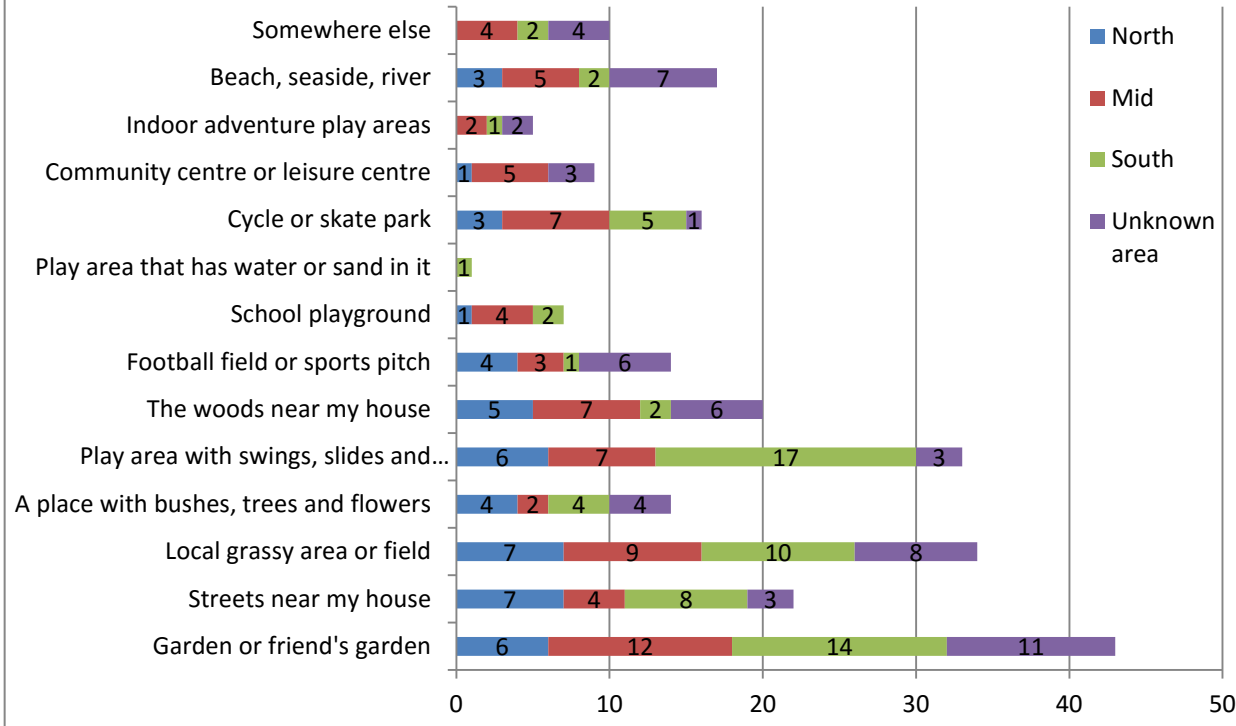


POWYS PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

Data analysis of children, young people and families surveys and playing provision. Includes comparison with 2013 data.

*Data Collection & Analysis
2016*

Where is your favourite place to play or hang out in your neighbourhood when you have free time?



Comments for somewhere else (unknown area)

Child: Friends' house

Child: Live on farm

Child: Tennis courts

Child: Youth Club

Comments for somewhere else (Mid Powys)

Adult: We have a pub in the village with a play area, otherwise they are not allowed to go out and play in the fields and woods around the houses, so have to wait until taken to organised activities in Built Wells (2 miles away on busy main road not suitable to walk).

Adult: The children that come to Ashfield really love playing in the small children's garden provided by Play Radnor and also at the forest school site provided by Local Roots down by the stream and under the trees.

Child: The lakeside

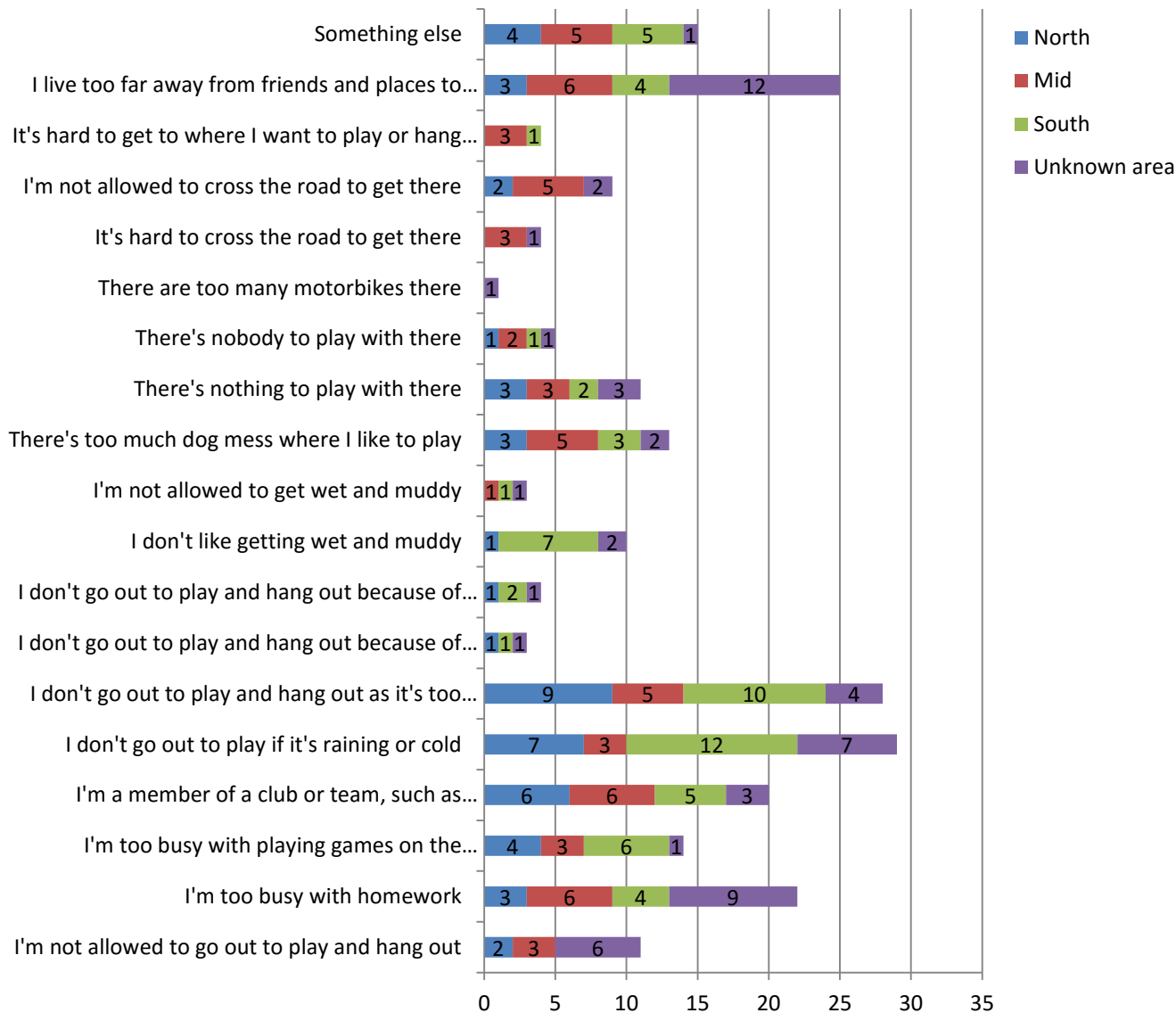
Child: Friends' houses

Comments for somewhere else (South Powys)

Adult: Not allowed to go out to play and hang out

Adult: Local farmers field due to no local council area/park.

What stops you playing out?



Comments for Something else (North Powys)

Child: If I'm grounded I can't go out

Child: My friends live too far away

Child: Friends don't always want to hang out - prefer Xbox type games

Child: Attitude of adults, get chased away from places or we feel nervous near adults.

Comments for Something else (Mid Powys)

Adult: Need to be supervised at all times

Adult: Have a learning disability and cannot safely play out without an adult

Adult: Some of the children that come to Ashfield to play say that their friends would also like to come but are not able because they can't get here. Others are not allowed to get wet and muddy. Local Roots is not able to run their outdoor play club after school after the clocks go back in October as it's too dark.

Child: There is a lack of transport to get around to visit friends. We live a village only 2 miles away from Builth but because the road is too dangerous to walk or cycle it's not easy just to drop into see friends.

Comments for Something else (South Powys)

Adult: Child with additional needs requiring constant supervision

Adult: Needs supervision

Adult: Small hamlet doesn't have the facilities for outdoor play for anything other than very small children at the soon to be sold(?) school playground. Parents have to drive into Hay to enable children to meet up with other children same age.

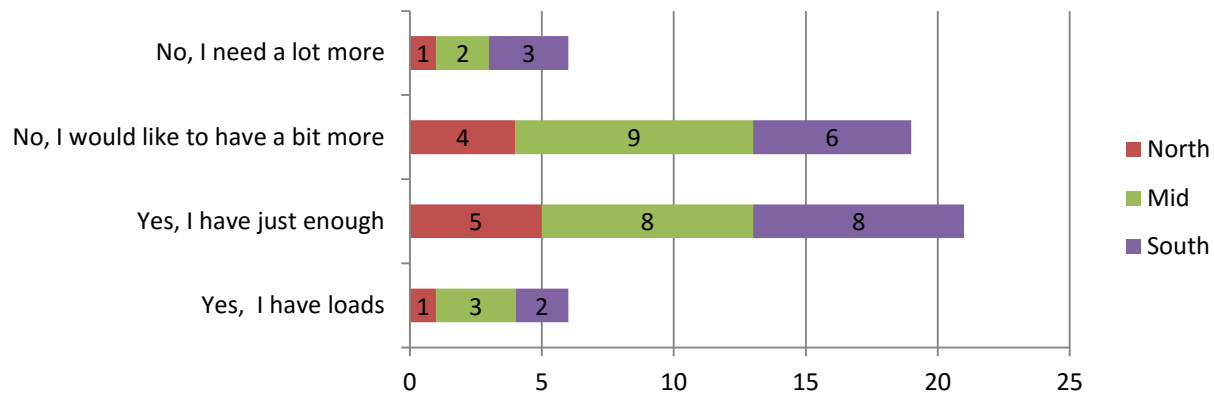
Adult: Need to be accompanied by an adult

Adult: Only allowed to play very close to home too much traffic, speeding fear of "stranger danger"

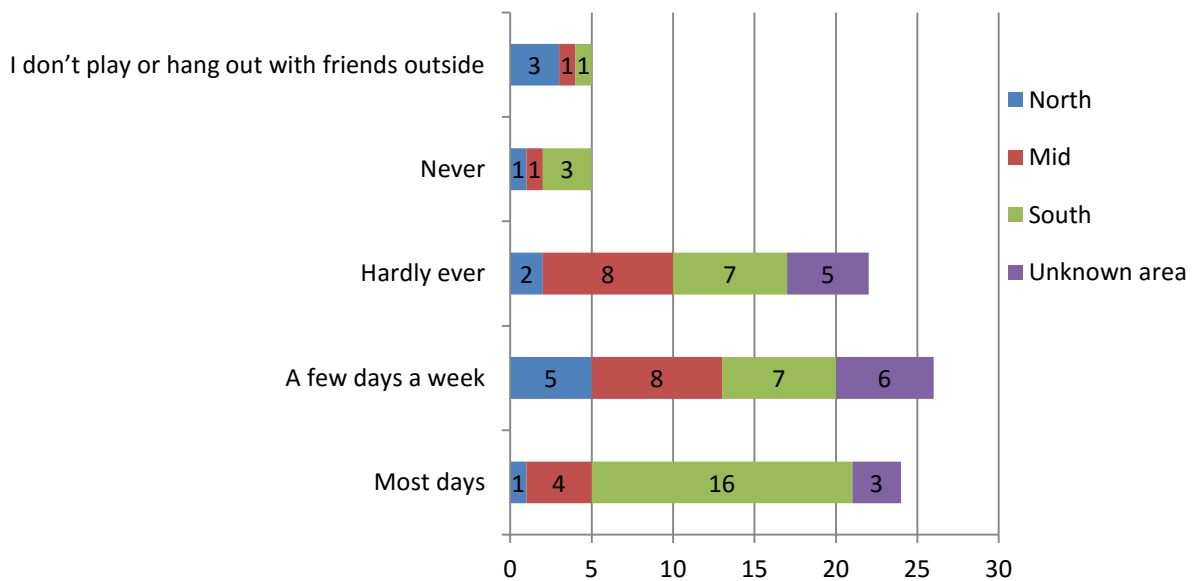
Comments from Young Carers: (Comments collected from interactions with Young Carers – not necessarily incorporated into the data survey results above)

- Lack of free time due to their caring role.
- Lack of playing within the family if disability or illness affects parents/siblings ability to do this.
- Transport to access community events, clubs etc.
- Lack of access to afterschool sports and recreation clubs, often due to responsibilities and/or lack of transport.
- Isolation, living in remote areas.
- Feeling different, making it harder to be a part of peer groupings. Also can be linked to lack of confidence and self esteem
- Being unaware of the importance of play and recreation for their health and wellbeing.
- Lack of awareness in wider community.

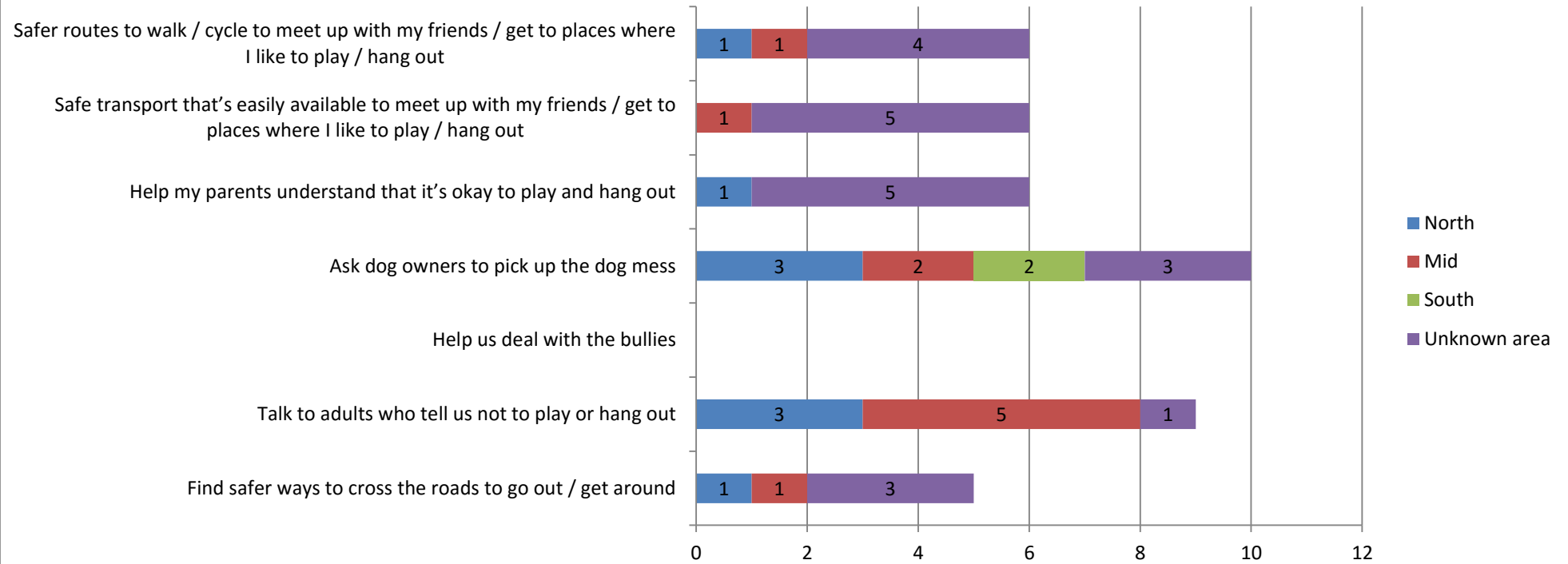
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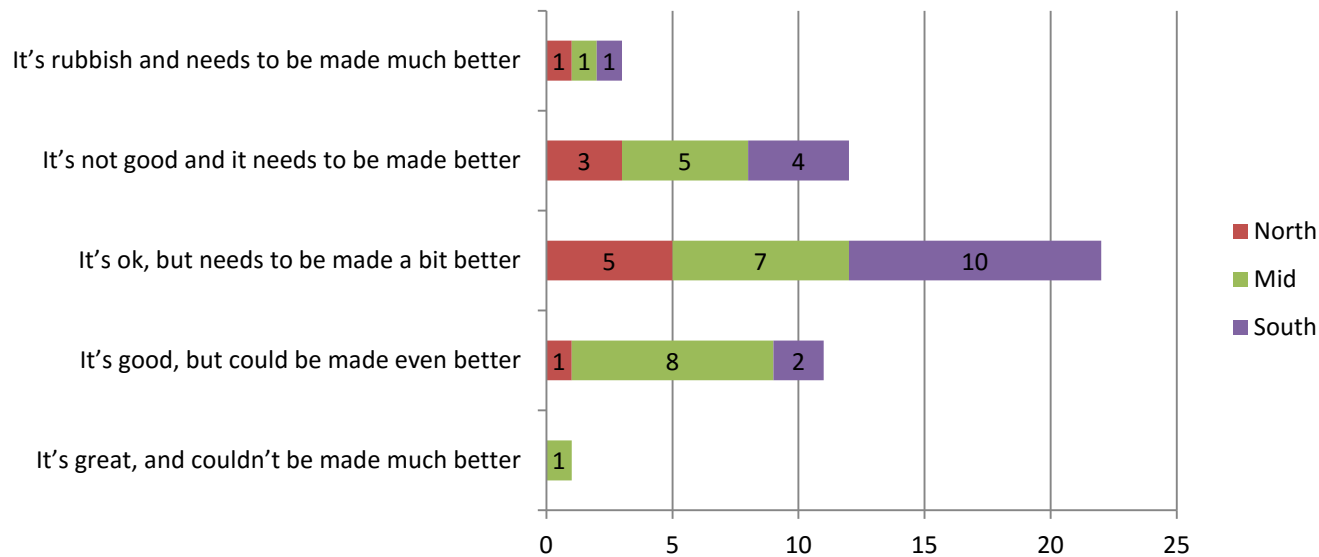
How often do you go out to play and hang out with friends?



How can we help you to play and hang out more often?



Overall how good are your children's opportunities for playing out in Powys?



What could we do to help improve your children's opportunities for play?

Comments from North Powys

- **Cycle paths** away from traffic,
- A lot of the **play areas** need upgrading or painting.
- Better crossing for pedestrians on main A483 in village would be a much safer way for children to **access playground**, skate park etc.
- **more to engage older children**, new parks were built on our estate but were for the little children, there is **also a lot of rubbish and dog fouling** around
- **Play centres for older kids**
- Volunteering opportunities that are 'sold' in a fun way
- Well maintained and exciting **parks to play in!** Other areas of Newtown seem to have adequate parks to play in, Treowen does not!
- There are two **play areas** near my house, that should be play areas but the council did not make sure the builder completed them. The builder has now left and gone bankrupt. (Even though his company are still operating in Newtown). **The two areas are now dog toilets.**
- The skate park in Newtown is well used and children love it. It would be good to have another similar area in another part of town. There needs to be more upkeep of the areas that there are. **Also the needs of older children are not catered to.** An outdoor climbing area, for example.
- Improve the playing fields, cut the grass. Ensure **dog fouling** is punished properly
- Fix the broken **play areas** where I live. I live right by a park but there is nothing in it, it's all broken it makes me sad.

Comments from Mid Powys

- The Builth Wells **play area** needs a real overhaul. It is poorly maintained and needs updating, painting, grass cutting more frequently. When we go to towns like Aberystwyth and use their play facilities, we realise just how poor the one in Builth is. I would like to see improvements in Builth and a **really good park** would make such a difference.
- **Accessible activity areas** in villages with play equipment like large stones/rocks, nets, and wheelie bins with play equipment in them.
- **Maintain Park** - green spaces
- Better, safer **cycling paths**

- really needs supervised places to play, as not safe to play alone due to disability
- Lots of amenities require travel to get to - it isn't always possible to be the parental taxi service to make those journeys.
- More accessible areas free of **dog mess**, in walking distance with no main roads to cross.
- Make local roads (main, as well as within villages) safer by **slowing traffic** - cars, delivery vans and tractors race around our village making walking with kids and bikes dangerous.
- Improve **local playgrounds** - many of which are uninspiring. We mainly travel to playgrounds in neighbouring Shropshire.
- small local **parks** are getting more and more run down (equipment taken away and not replaced when broken, old stuff with no imagination) - can't always drive into Llandrindod or other larger towns - looking at parks in Aberystwyth and England, our kids are missing out on imaginative, stimulating **play equipment** that would make them want to stay and play longer
- **dog fouling** problems in open spaces
- speed of **traffic/visibility**
- More transport available and better space to be able to move around on **foot and cycling**.
- Make some better **play areas**, the play ground near the lake in Llandrindod could do with a better toddler play area.
- Improving the quality of the **local park** because the swings and spinner are broken.
- Create a central **playground** with good quality range of activities, swings, slides, mega plus things very small children and lots of seating for Mums and Grannies. The only **playground** is right on one edge of town and very isolated. Does not feel very safe to let 8 and 9 year olds to go there unattended especially as most of the play equipment is broken
- Herefordshire **playgrounds** are much better equipped with a great range of activities which include all abilities. Roundabouts with wheelchair access etc. as standard.
- The local **playground** is near our house but the equipment is very dated. The equipment is often broken/not there and the wooden planks used to surround the chippings are rotten and dangerous. There is also nowhere to sit apart from a broken bench!
- More facilities, improvement to existing facilities,
- Invest in **playgrounds**, stop leaving equipment to rot or concentrating only on major towns

Comments from South Powys

- My son has special needs and I would just like to have a nice place to go without **dog mess**, teenagers drinking/taking drugs. He loves the outdoors but we usually travel to Talybont on usk as the **play area** there is excellent and lovely and clean. The facilities in the Uplands are terrible. **Dog mess**, drinking, drugs, litter and useless play
- Making attractive park **play areas** for **young teenagers** a skate ,roller blade park and decent play surfaces needed at leisure centre to make playing sport available in Crickhowell area
- Children are in school all day ,reduce homework and encourage physical activity after school
- We need more activities to **engage young minds** and bodies. For example bike tracks /adventure **playgrounds** and creatively managed indoor spaces.
- More adventure style **play areas** such as the style at Garwanant or Pontypridd
- Help with getting updated **play equipment** - we rely on local groups to fundraise and most of the play equipment is now high risk its so out of da
- Powys CC makes no provision for **play** in Talybont at all.

Comments from unknown areas

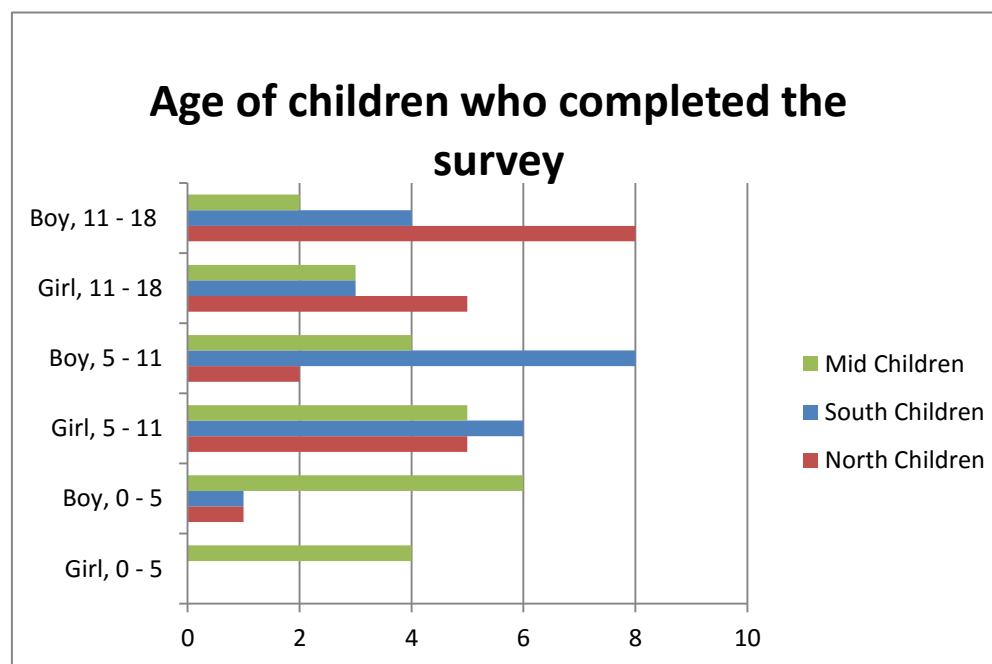
- More **play facilities** or areas to hang out
- better **playground** equipment - if its broken or old don't just take it away and leave a gap - put something new and exciting to play on
- The local **park** is too far away for us to go to on our own and the things are all old - when they break they get taken away and a gap left or just a cheap bench put in. Other places I go like Aberystwyth have brilliant play areas.
- I think more **indoor facilities** would be of great benefit to young people in my area.

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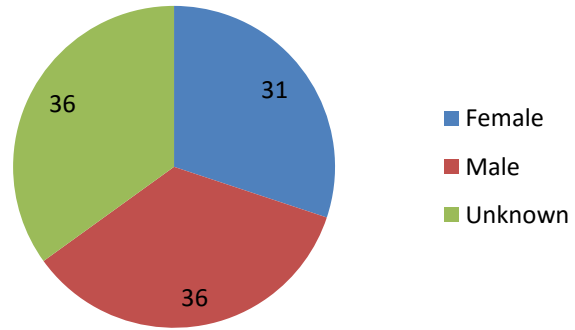
- Better family support to allow Young Carers to access respite opportunities.
- Confidence building.
- Peer support to improve friendships.

- Increased awareness so that Young Carers don't feel so different to their peers (many report that our Young Carer groups are the only place that they can really be themselves)
- Transport solutions to allow better access to clubs, recreational spaces and opportunities. Cost and availability not to be a barrier.
- A range of affordable, accessible and rewarding recreational and voluntary opportunities, which reflect the needs of Young Carers and that they are given particular encouragement to take them up.
- Schools and community groups (inc children's clubs) are aware of Young Carers and work with them to help them to be able to participate around their caring role.
- Young Carers are consulted and listened to about decisions on recreational provision, particularly focussing on what they most enjoy and involving them in the planning where possible.
- Awareness raising amongst Young Carers about the importance of play to their health and wellbeing.

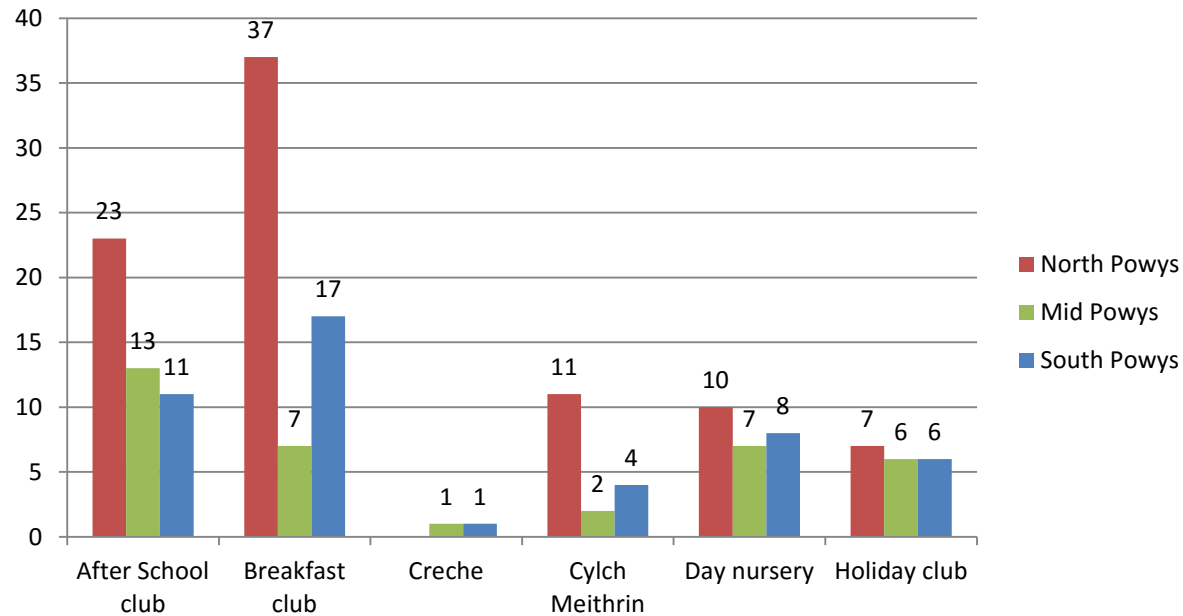
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Gender of children who completed the survey



Play Provisions in Powys

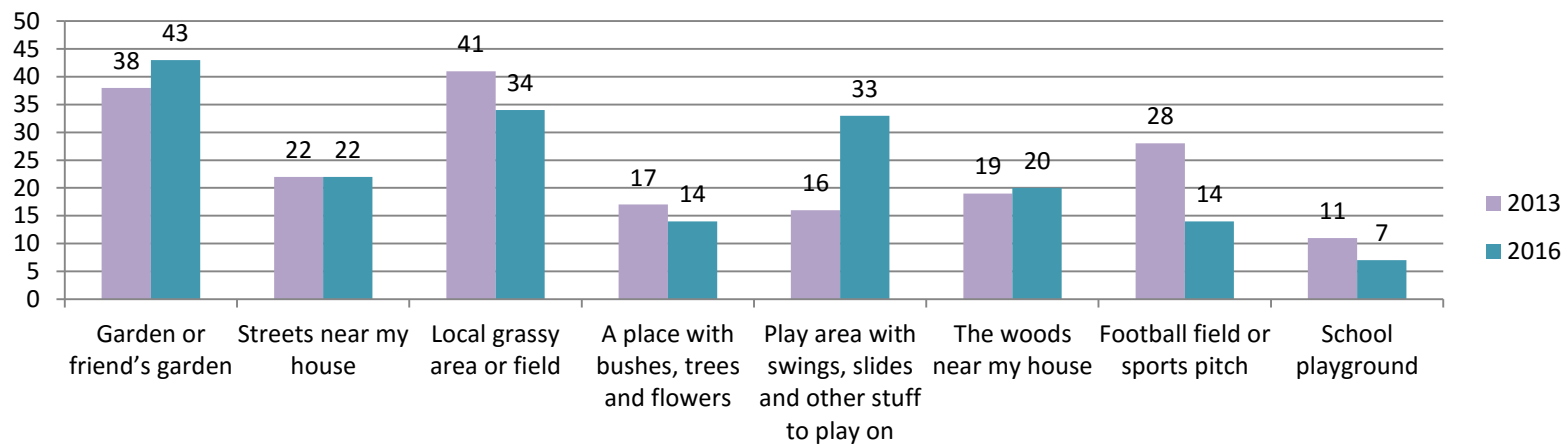


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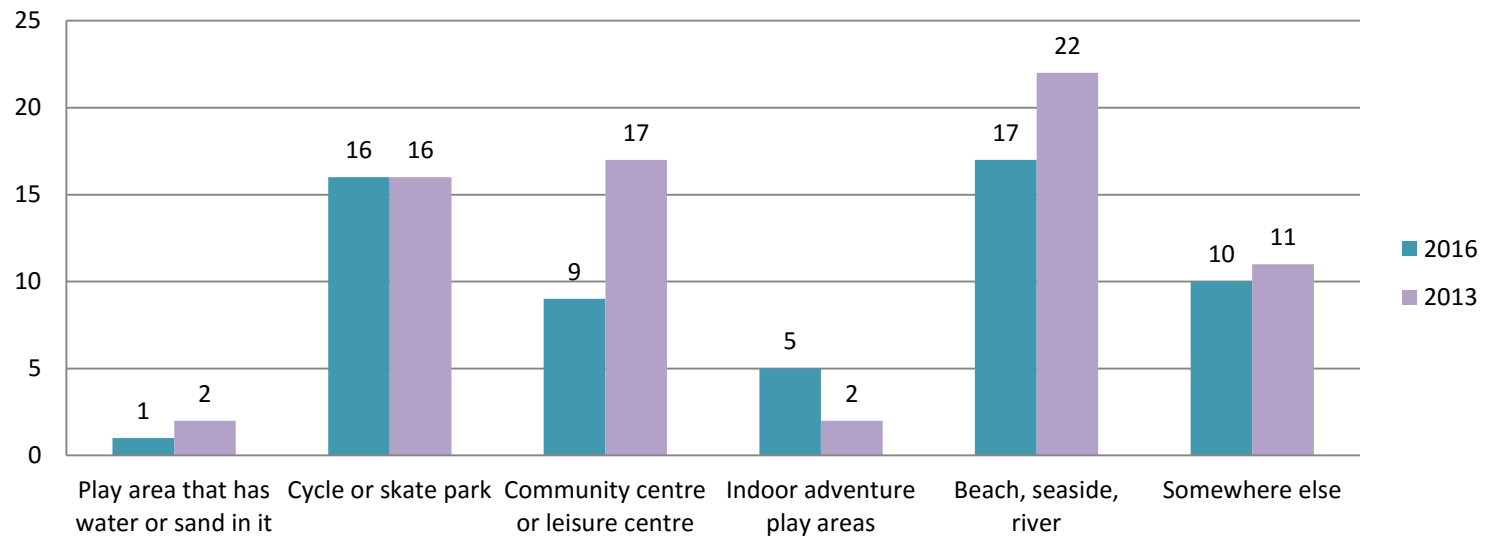


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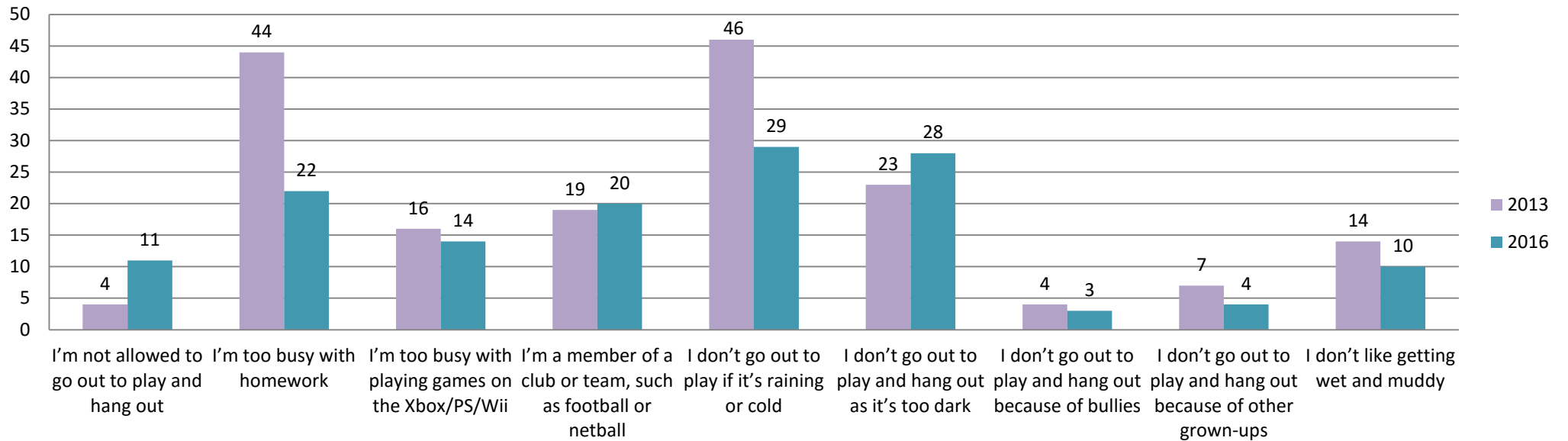
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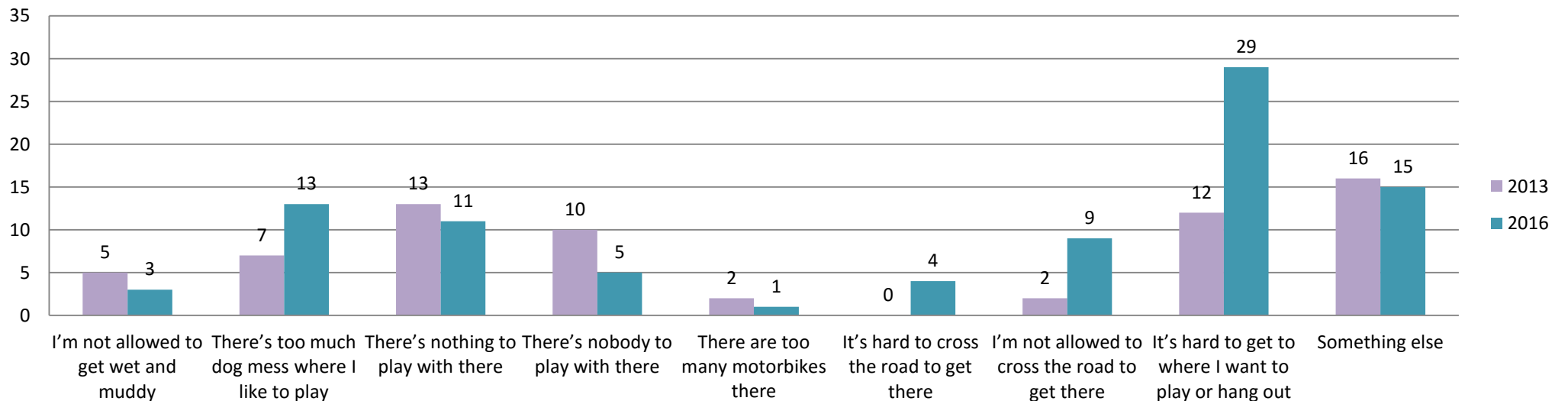
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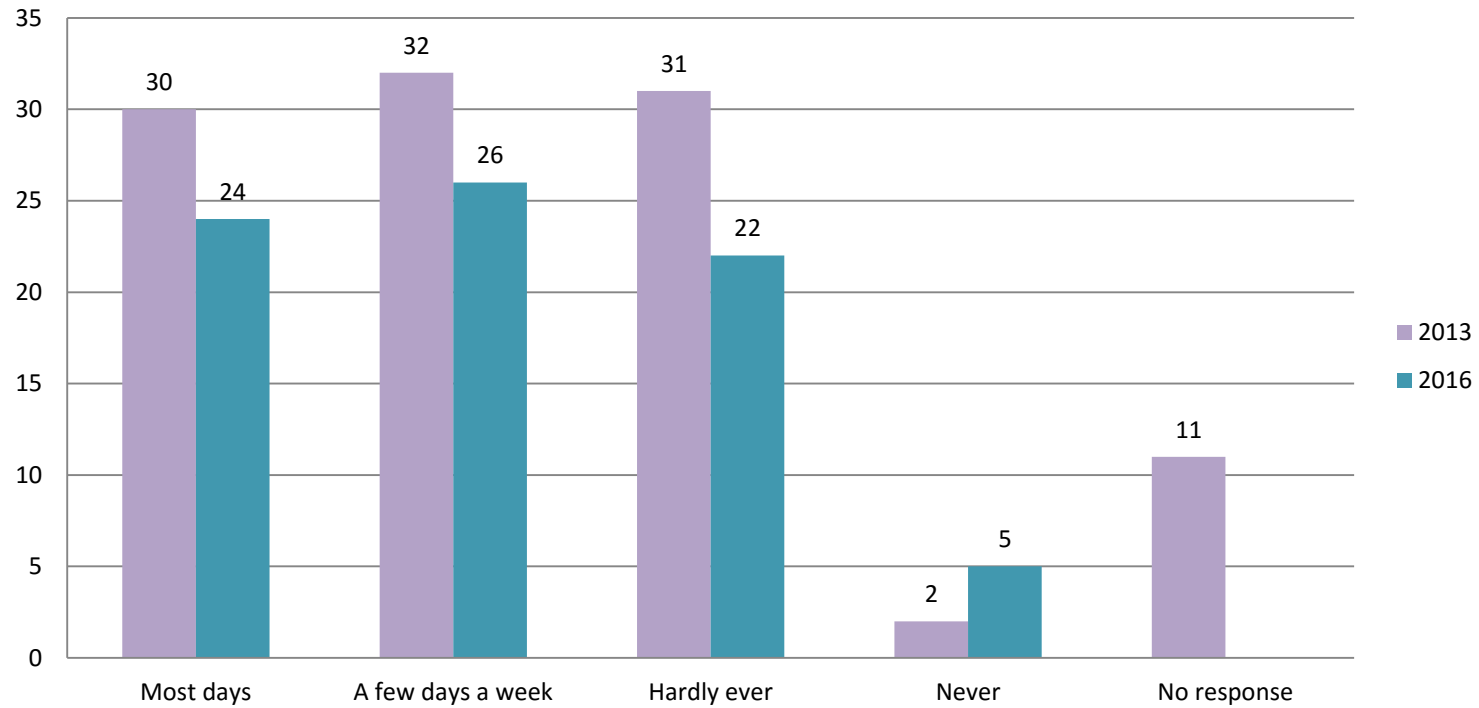
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