



Use of School Sports Facilities by Outside Groups

Presentation of draft headline findings

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RATIONALE

- Sport Matters includes a target and key step associated with extra curricular sporting opportunities for children:

PA6: By 2014 to provide every child in NI over the age of 8 years with the opportunity to participate in at least two hours per week of extracurricular sport and physical recreation

In consultation with children and young people, provide the opportunity for every child to access two hours extra-curricular sport and physical recreation per week through initiatives such as Extended Schools, Active Schools and community sport programmes

BACKGROUND

- Sport Matters includes targets related to physical education and extra curricular sporting opportunities for children (PA3 and PA6)
- Information gap in relation to PA6 and extra curricular sporting opportunities
- Participation SMIG Chair tasked SNI with undertaking a research project to determine current levels of opportunities offered in NI schools.

BACKGROUND

- Overall aim of the research:
 - To establish a baseline (time spent per week) relating to extra curricular sporting opportunities within NI schools.
 - To establish an indication of the proportion of schools that make their sports facilities available for use by outside groups.

METHODOLOGY

- All 1,111 schools in NI surveyed (primary, post-primary and special schools).
- Relevant information sourced from the DE.
- Schools email with a link to an online survey and also issued with a postal survey.
- Responses were received from 496 schools (45% response rate).
- Wording of questions consistent with previous research (c. 2007) for comparative purposes.

Sport Northern Ireland Primary School PE and Extra Curricular Sport Survey

Aim: To establish a baseline (time spent per week) relating to extra curricular sporting opportunities within the Primary School sector.

For the purposes of this survey "extra curricular sport" is defined as sport and other forms of physical activity within a school setting or organised by the school (excluding curricular PE) outside normal school hours.

Q1 Unique Reference Number

Q2 Average time of curricular PE per week (mins)
Leave blank if 'n/a'

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Year Group 2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Year Group 3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Year Group 7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Q3 Average time of extra curriculum sport and physical recreation opportunities per week (mins) Leave blank if 'n/a'

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Year Group 6 (Girls)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Year Group 7 (Girls)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Q4 Are your sports facilities available for use by outside groups during the evenings, weekends or school holidays? Please tick all that apply

No Go to Q9
 Yes, Evening use Go to Q5
 Yes, Weekend use Go to Q5
 Yes, School Holiday use Go to Q5

Q5 On average, how many hours per week are your school sports facilities used by outside groups?

None 3-5 11-15
 1-2 6-10 15+

Q6 On average, how many days per week are your sport facilities used by outside groups?

None 3 6
 1 4 7
 2 5

Q7 On average, how many outside groups use your sports facilities per week?

None 3-5 11-15
 1-2 6-10 15+

Q8 Please indicate which of your sports facilities are used by outside groups? Please tick all that apply

Sports Hall. Synthetic Pitch Fitness Suite
 Grass Pitch Tennis Court
 Other, please specify

Q9 If you answered 'No' to Q4, what are the perceived barriers to making your sports facilities available for use by outside groups? Please tick all that apply

No Demand Security Staff Resources
 Financial Viability Insurance... Willingness
 Other, please specify

Q10 If you answered 'No' to Q4, would you consider making your sports facilities available for outside groups in the future?

Yes No

Thank you for your support



- All 1,111 primary schools
- Relevant
- Schools engaged
- Issued with
- Response
- Wording
- research

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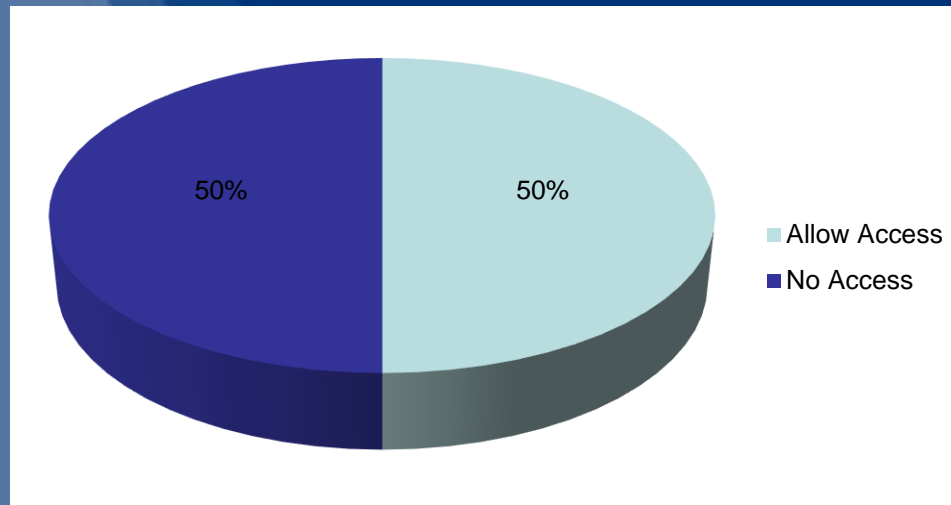
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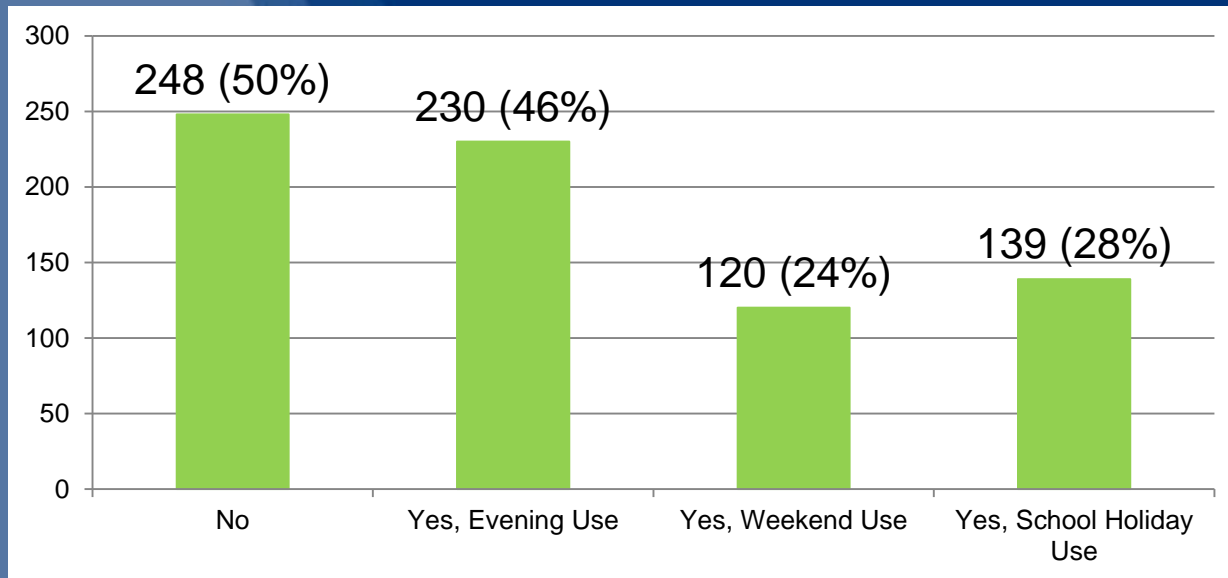
OVERALL RESPONSES

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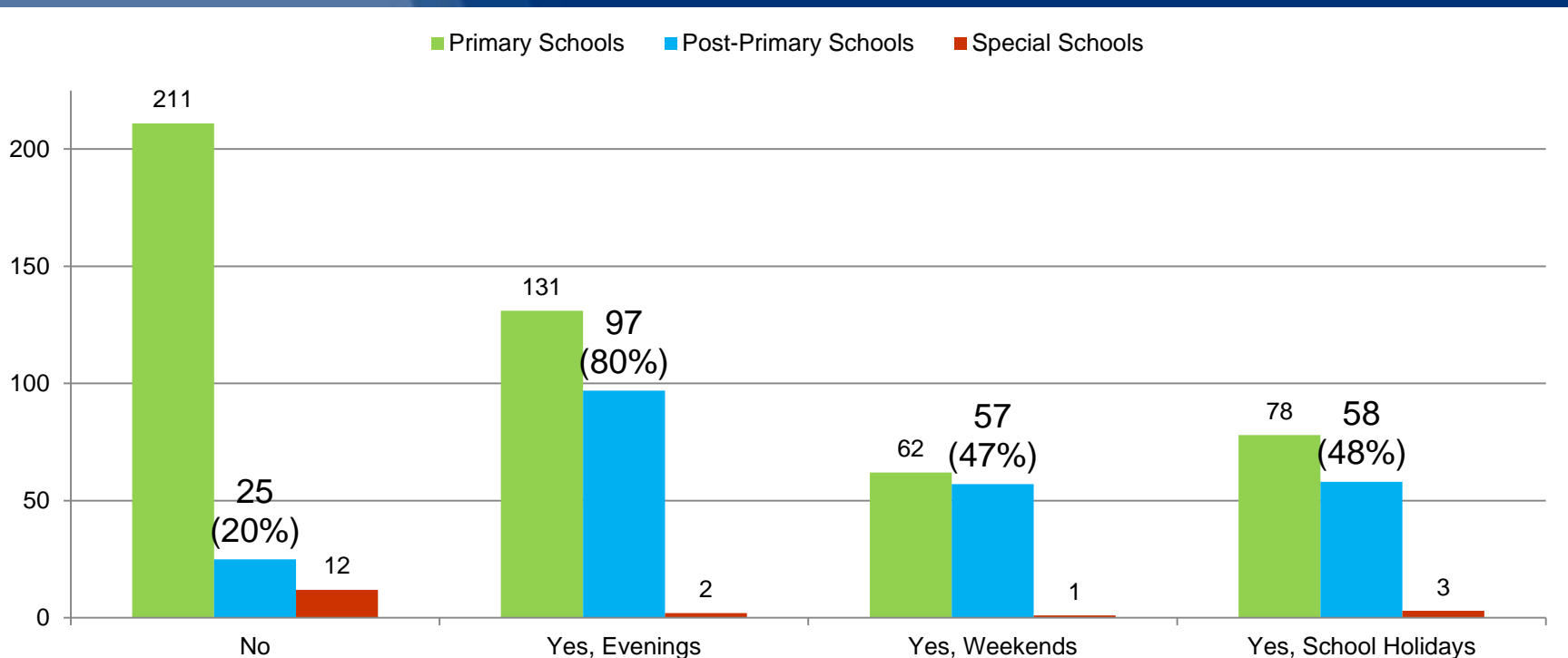
ANALYSIS OF OVERALL RESPONSES

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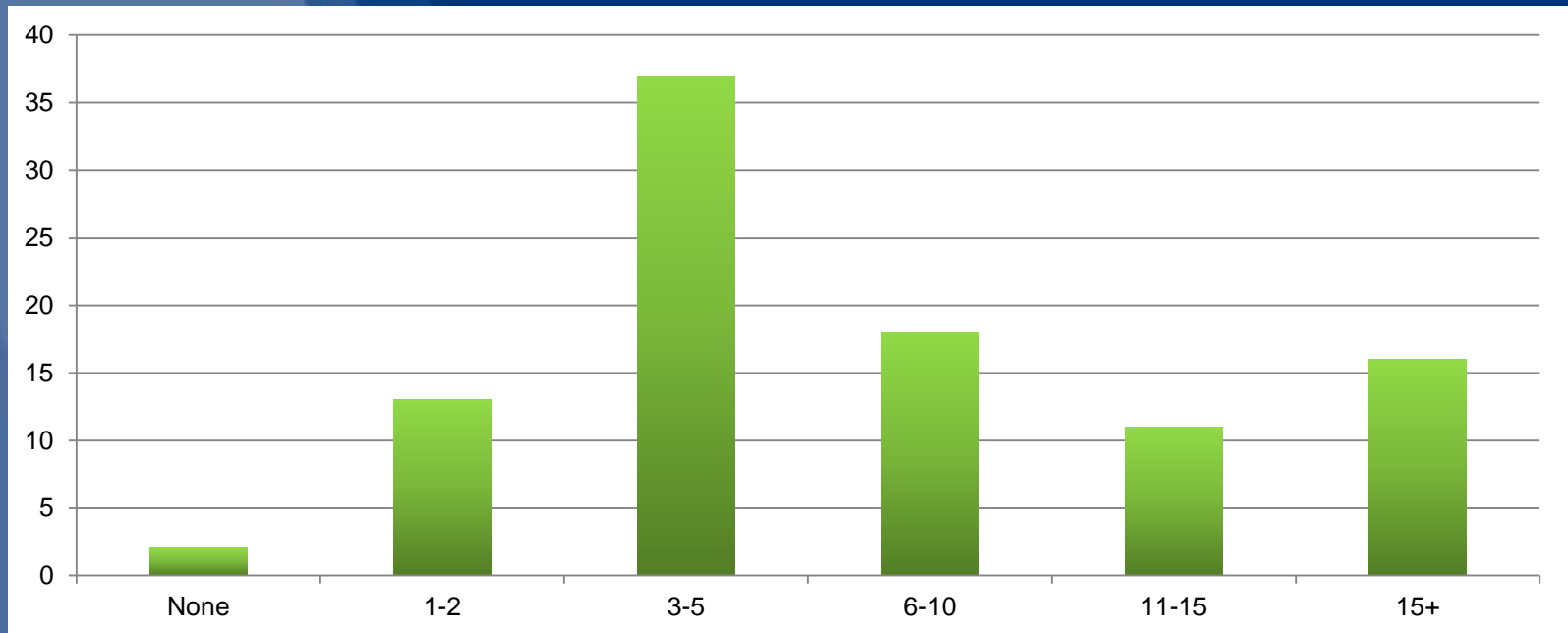
OVERALL RESPONSES (BY SCHOOL TYPE)

- Are your sports facilities available for use by outside groups during the evenings, weekends or school holidays?



USAGE (HOURS) – Post Primary

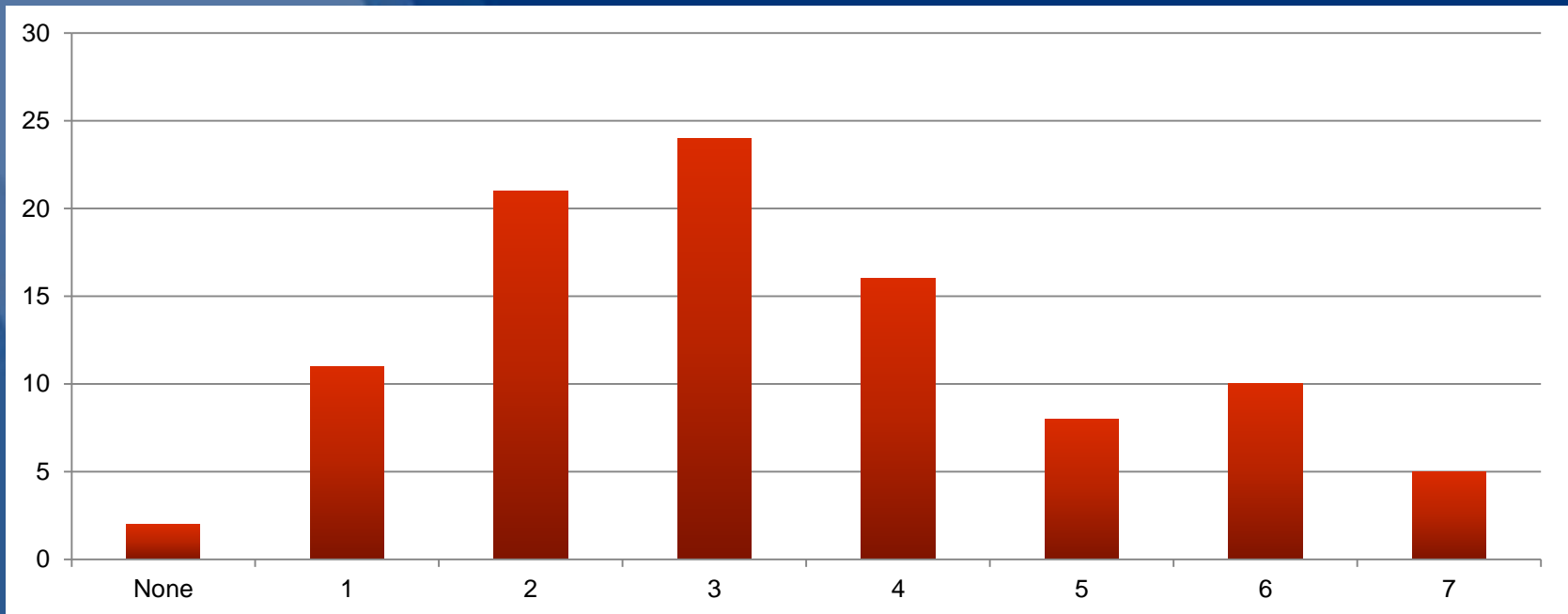
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54% of schools' sports facilities are used for 5 hours or less per week

USAGE (DAYS) – Post Primary

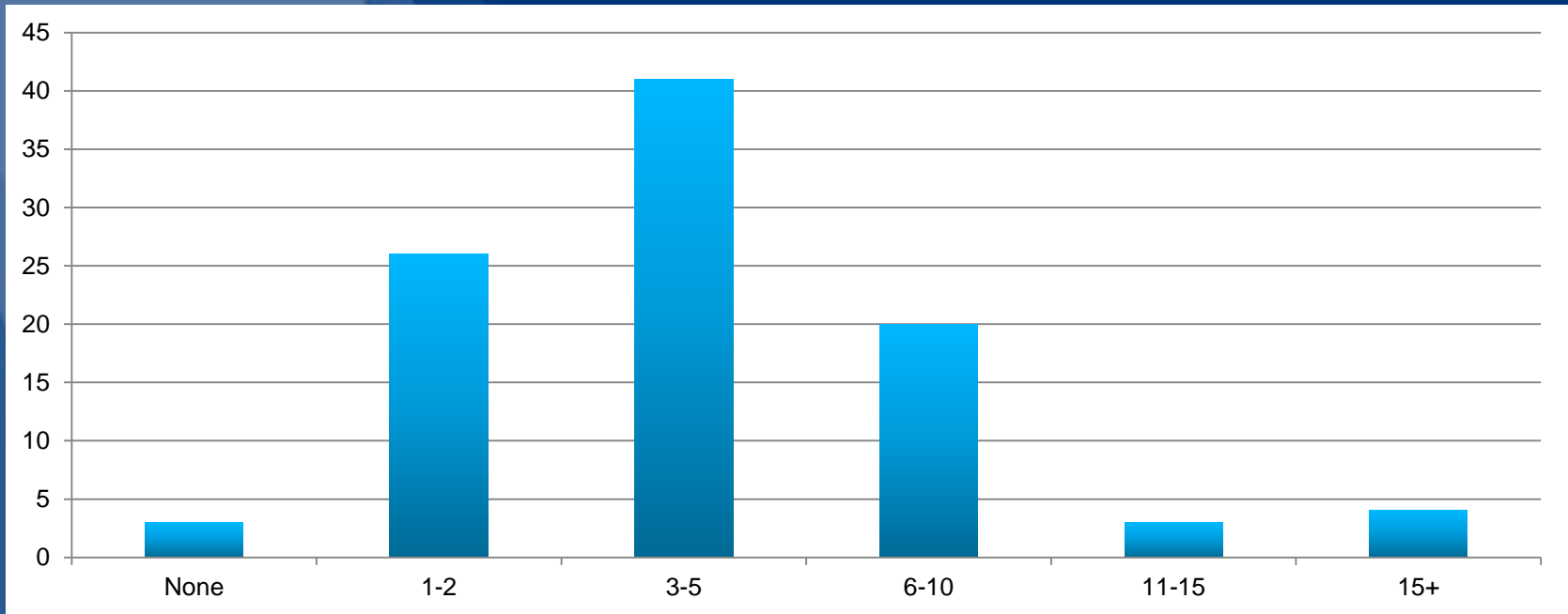
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60% of schools' sports facilities are used for 3 days or less per week

USAGE (GROUPS) – Post Primary

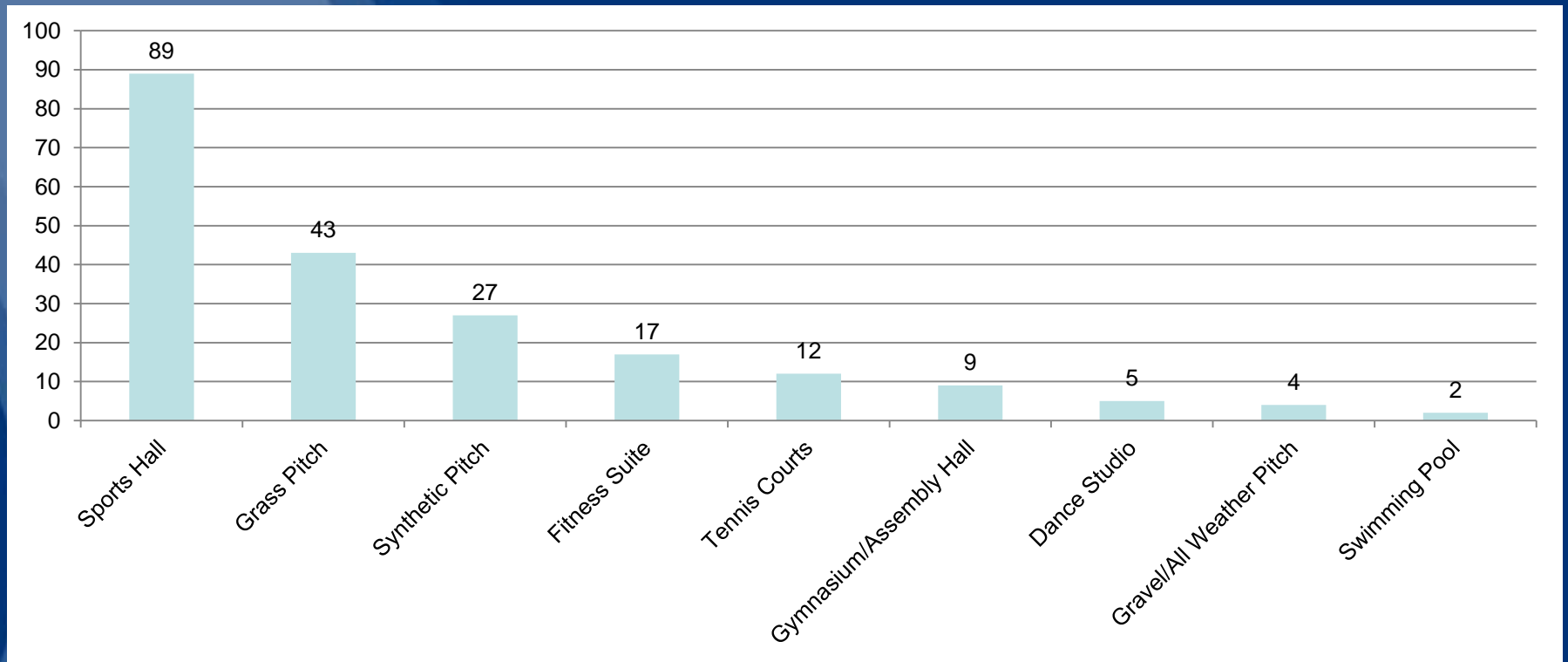
- On average, how many outside groups use your sports facilities per week?



72% of schools' sports facilities are used (on average) by 5 groups or less

USAGE (FACILITIES) Post Primary

- Which sports facilities are used by outside groups?



Sports halls are the most widely used facility by outside groups (92%)

BARRIERS TO COMMUNITY USE

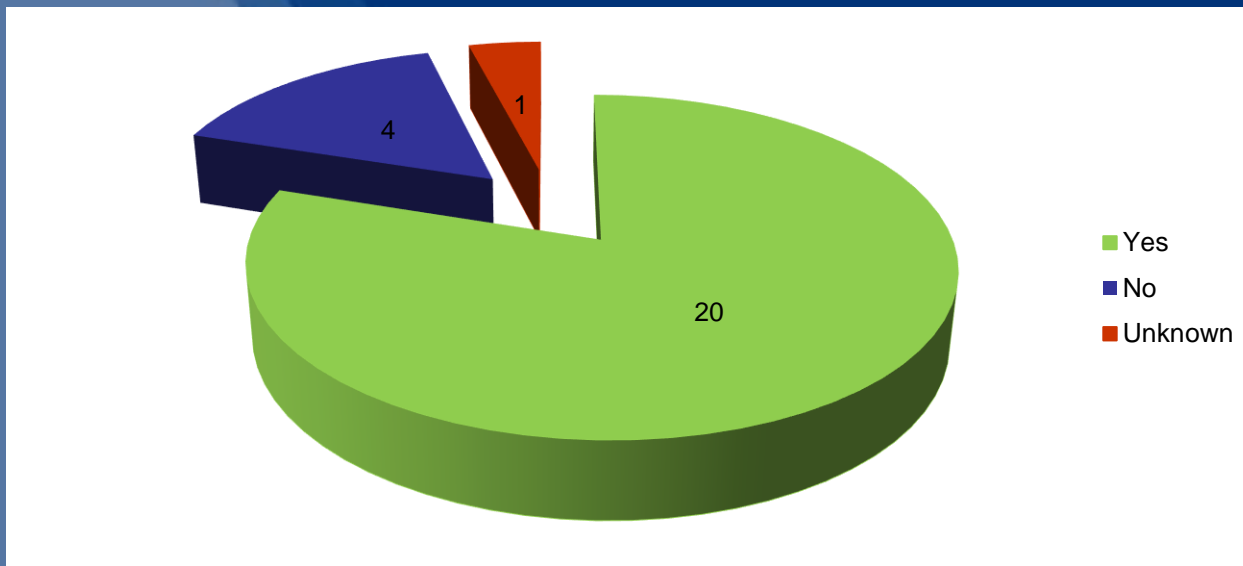
- What are the perceived barriers to making your sports facilities available for use by outside groups?

	<u>Post Primary</u>		<u>All Schools</u>	
No Demand	6	24%	118	48%
Financial Viability	6	24%	42	17%
Security	11	44%	86	35%
Insurance	4	16%	84	34%
Staff Resources	11	44%	89	36%
Willingness	3	12%	10	4%
Total Respondents	<u>25</u>		<u>248</u>	

Security and Staff Resources are the most cited barriers

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- Would you consider making your sports facilities available for outside groups in the future?



80% of post primary schools would consider it in the future.

NEXT STEPS

- Validation of the data by NISRA statisticians
- Further analysis of the dataset
- Presentation of headline findings to the SMMG
- Production of a full report