

MENTAL HEALTH IRELAND



ATTITUDES TO MENTAL ILLNESS
AUGUST 2003

SUMMARY REPORT



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BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES

- This report presents the findings of a survey carried out on behalf of Mental Health Ireland by Millward Brown IMS in August 2003
- The purpose of the survey was to:
 - Assess public attitudes towards all aspects of mental illness
 - Measure the level of experience of mental illness
 - Determine the awareness of publicity on mental illness
- ***The survey was supported by funding from the National Lottery***

RESEARCH METHOD

- Questions included on MBIMS Catibus.
- MBIMS Catibus is a telephone Omnibus survey asked of a representative sample of adults aged 15+ years living in the Republic of Ireland.
- The sample is quota controlled in terms of gender, age, social class and region.
- Sample size 1,000.
- Fieldwork dates: 13th – 21st August 2003.



THE FINDINGS



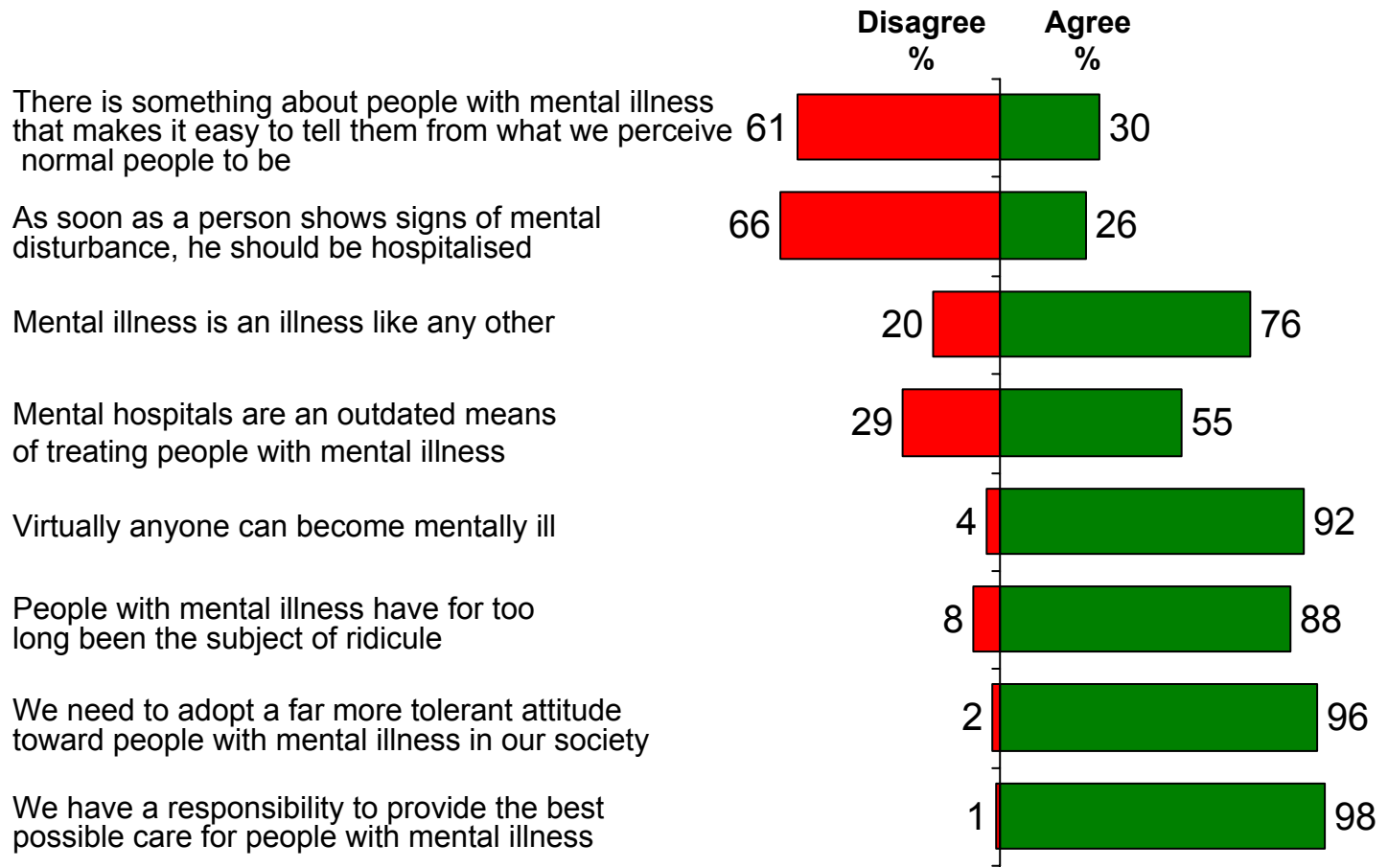


OPINIONS ON MENTAL ILLNESS



OPINIONS ON MENTAL ILLNESS I

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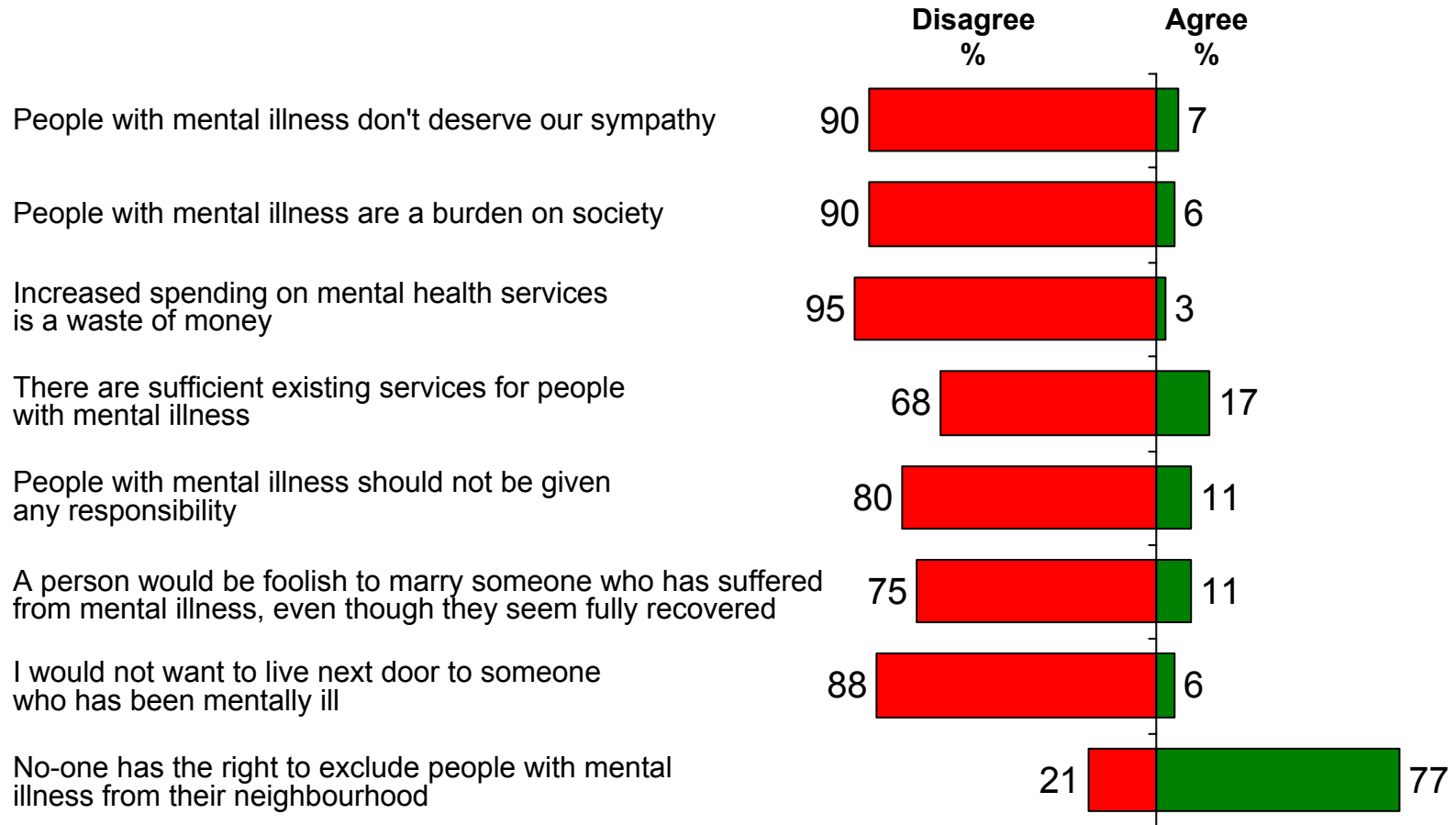


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OPINIONS ON MENTAL ILLNESS II

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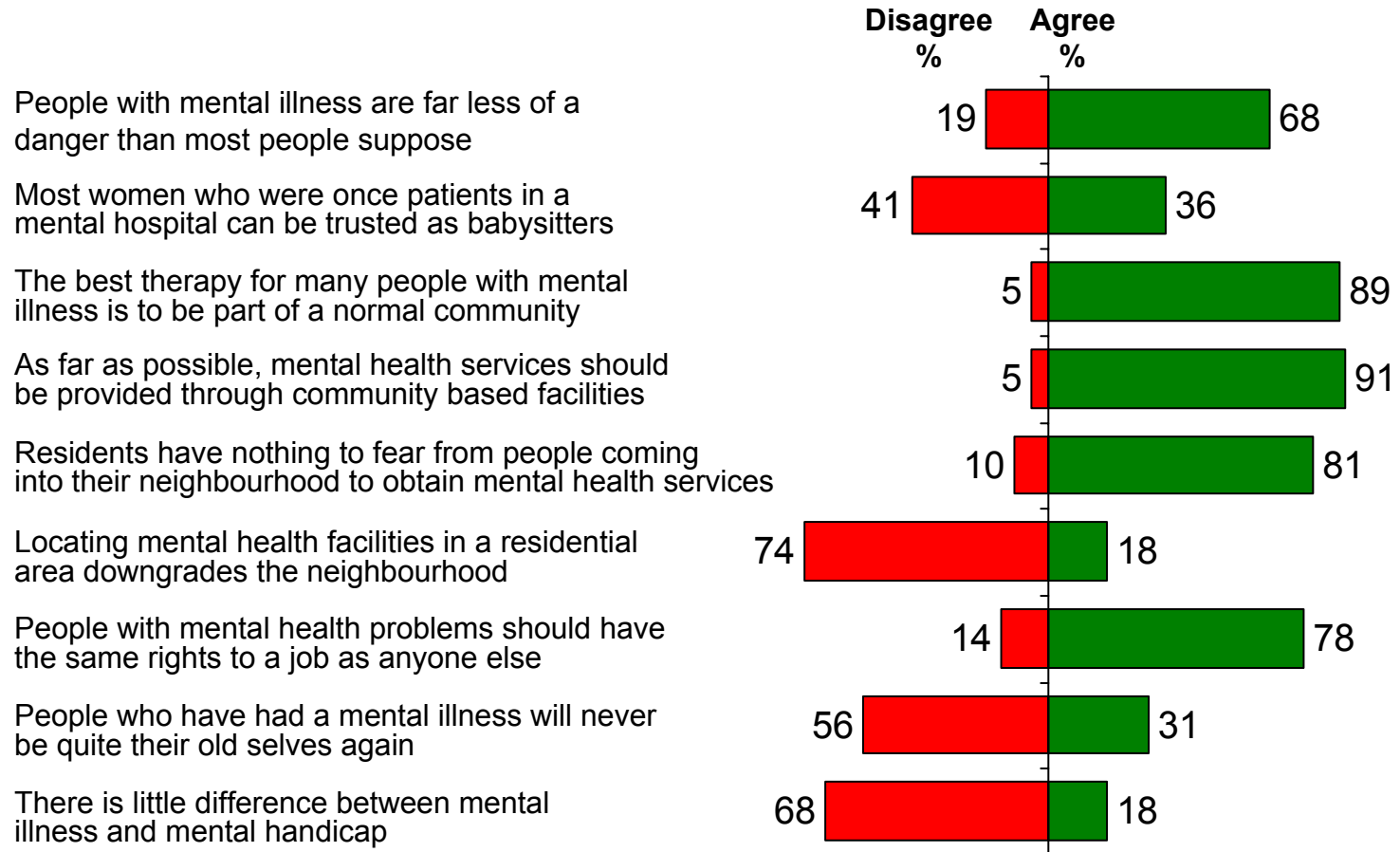


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OPINIONS ON MENTAL ILLNESS III

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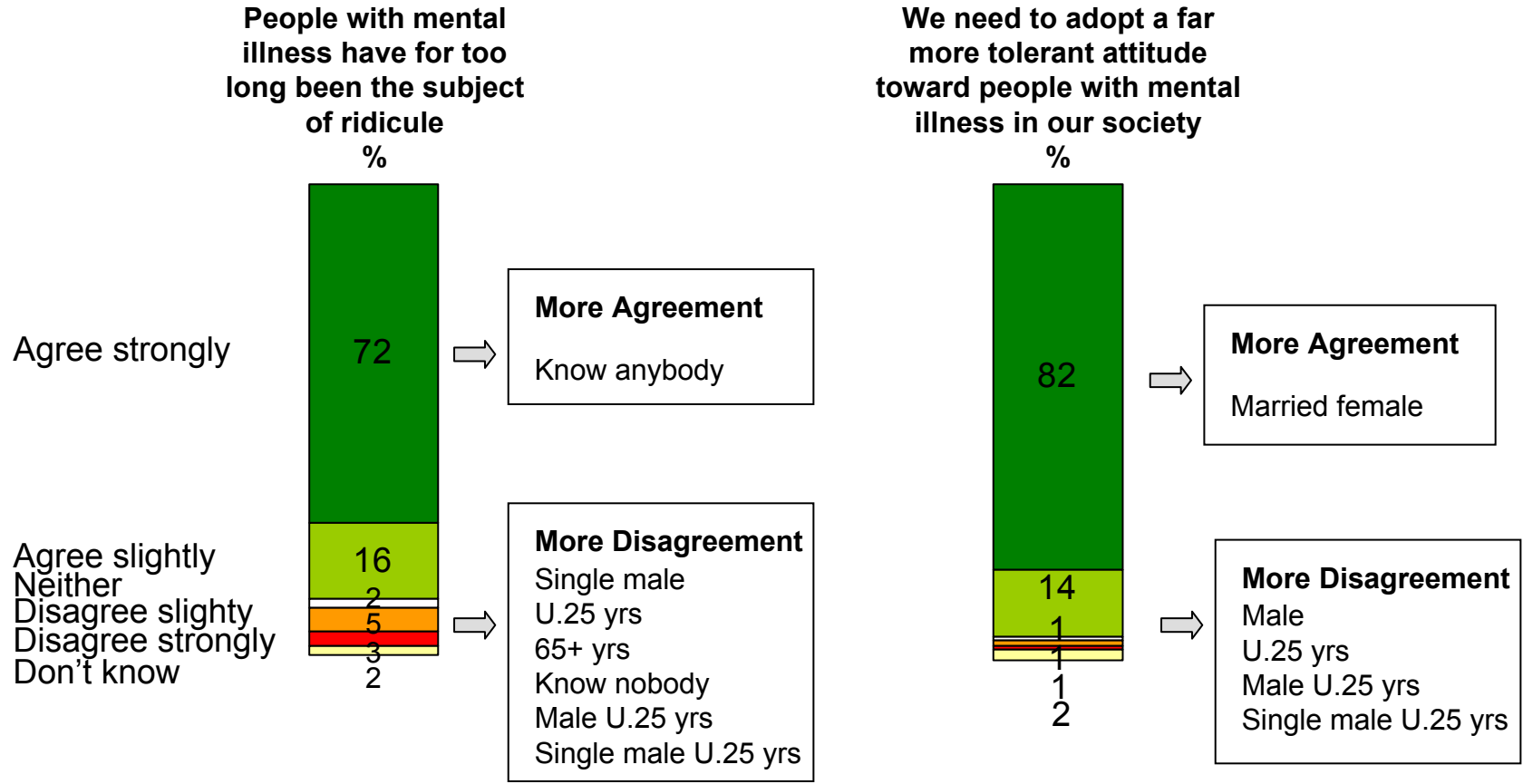


FEELINGS ABOUT PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS



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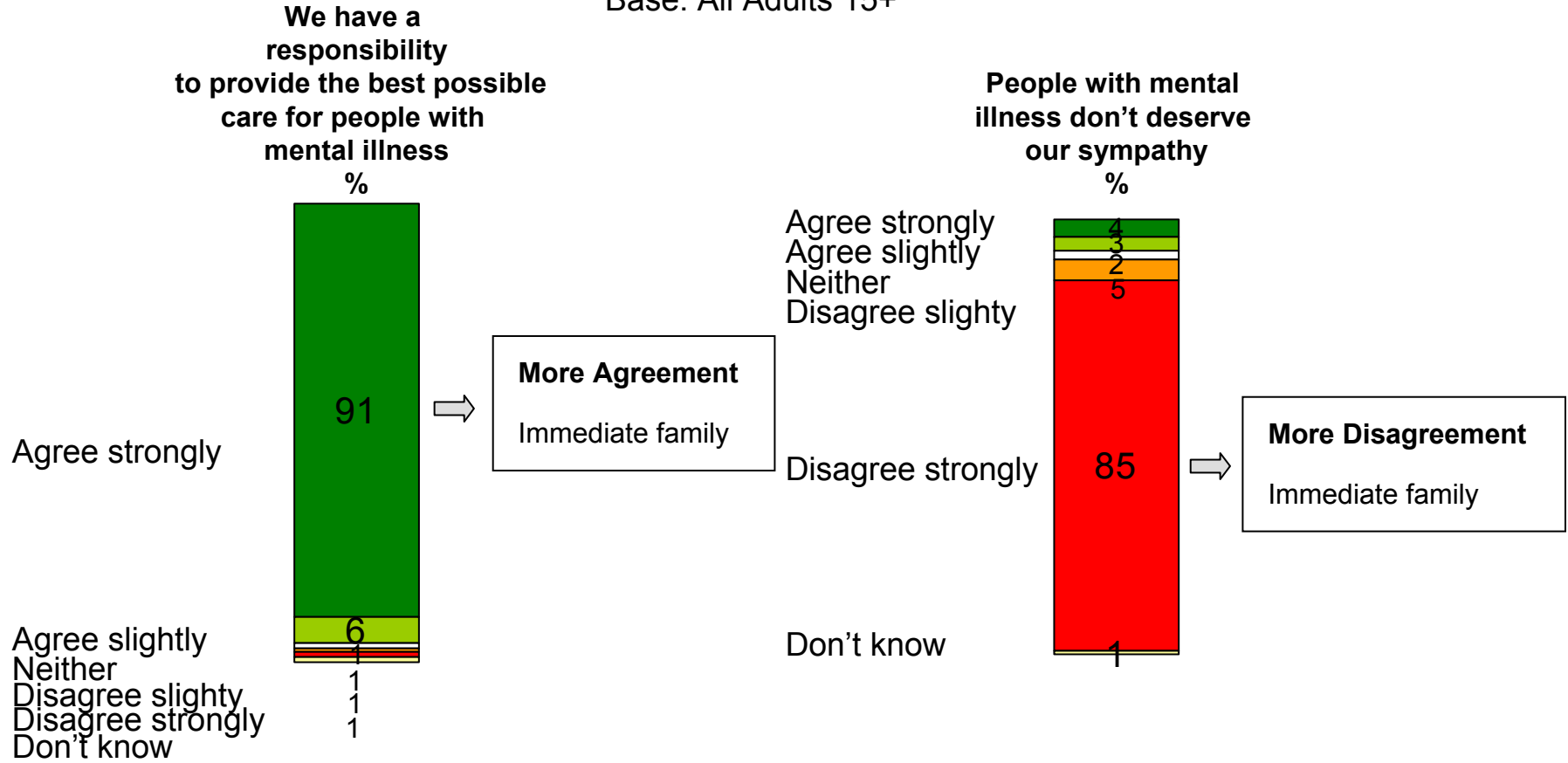
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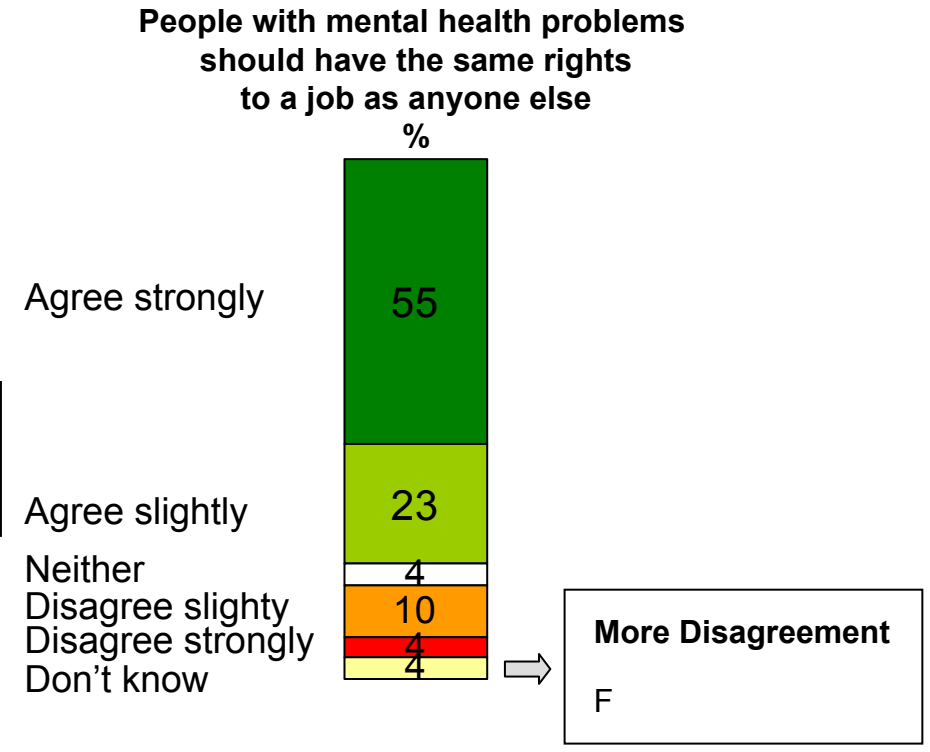
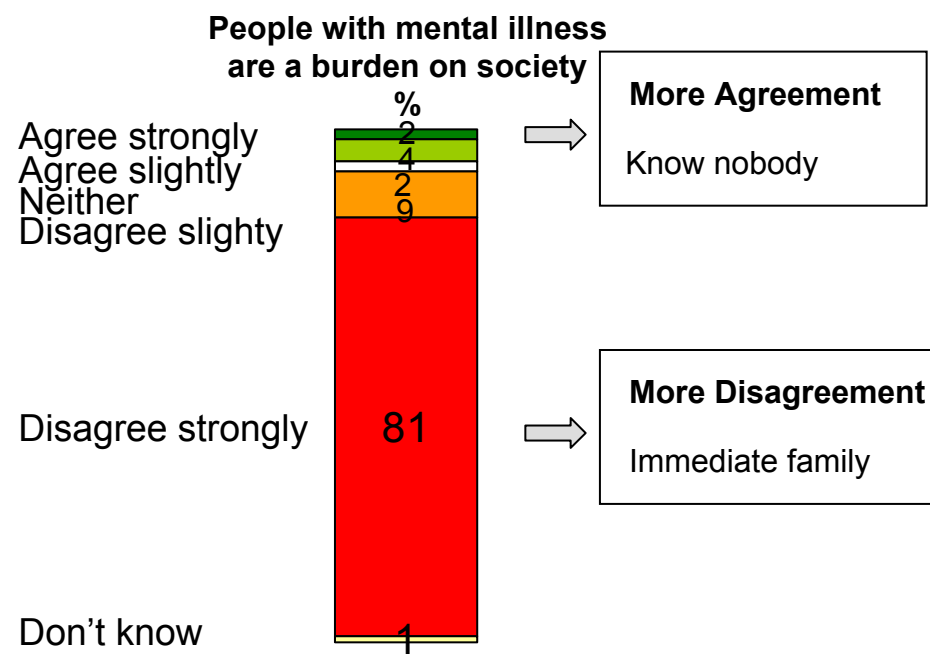
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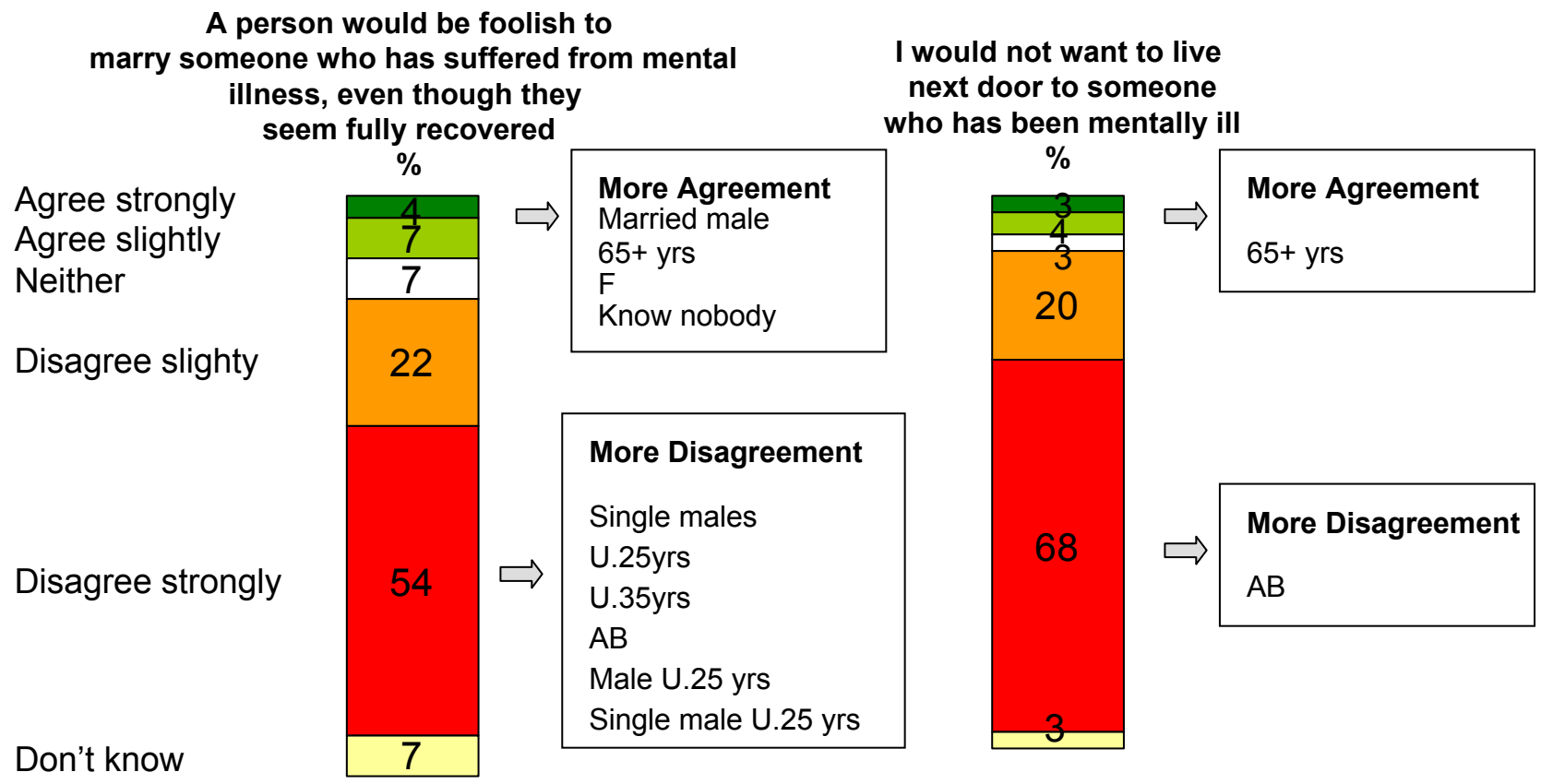


CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS



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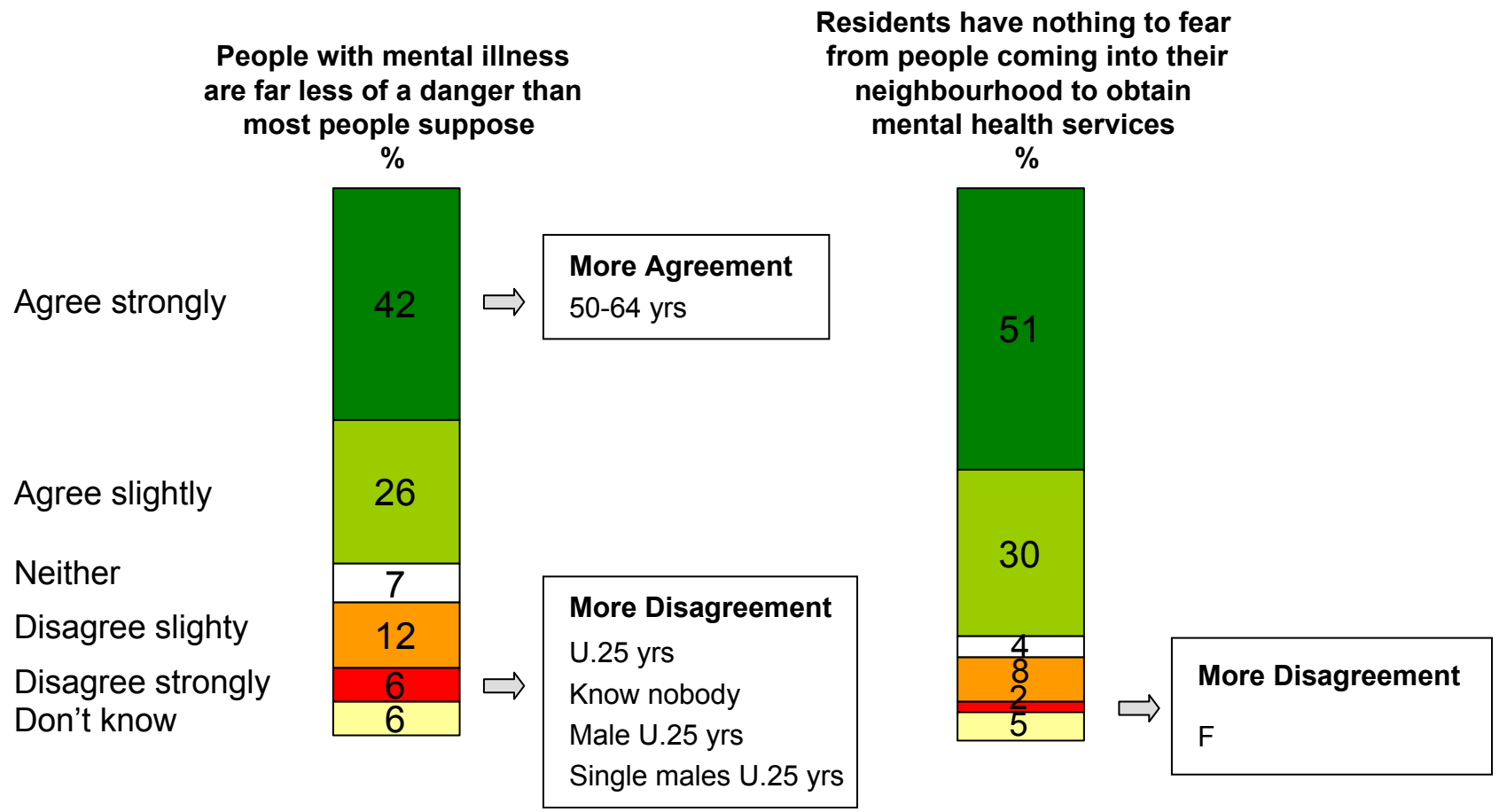
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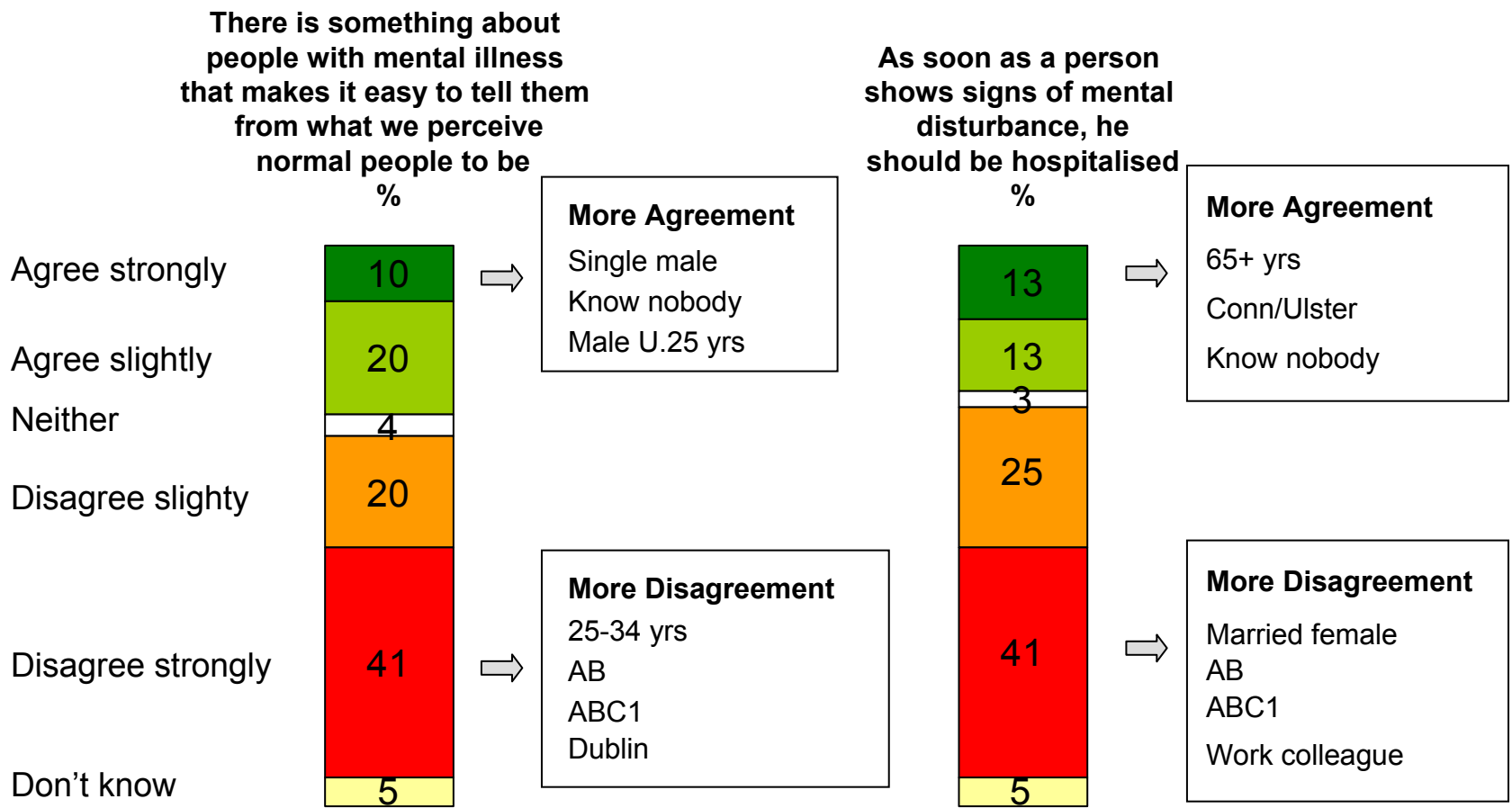


PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS



PERCEPTIONS I

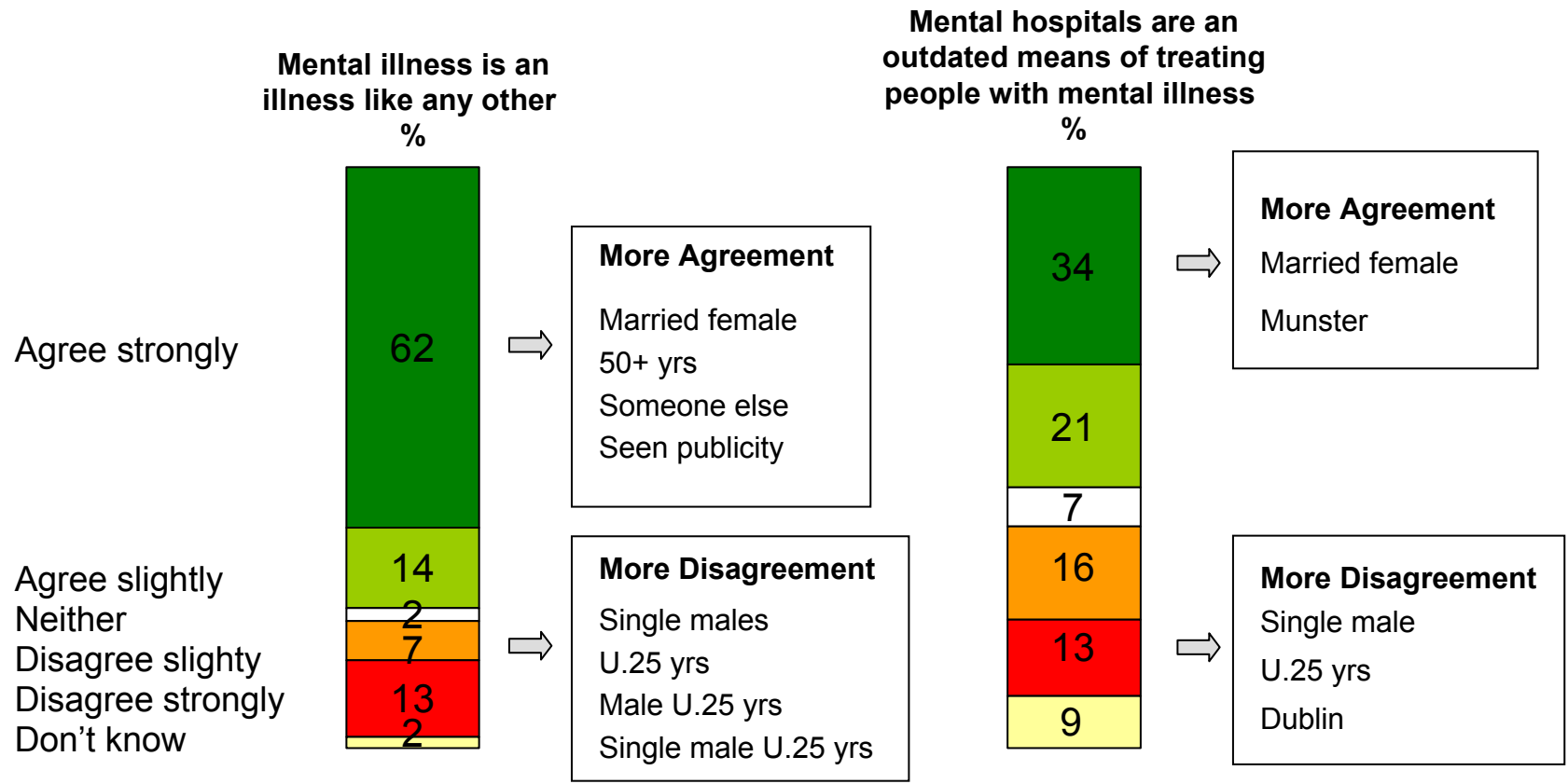
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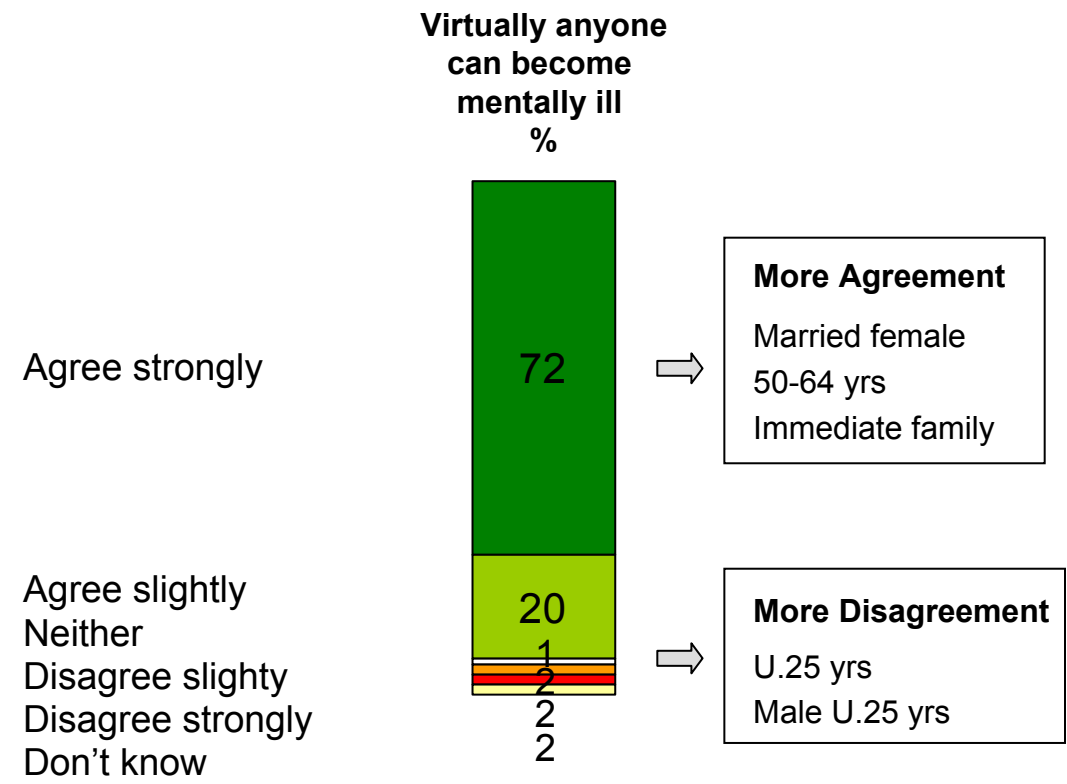


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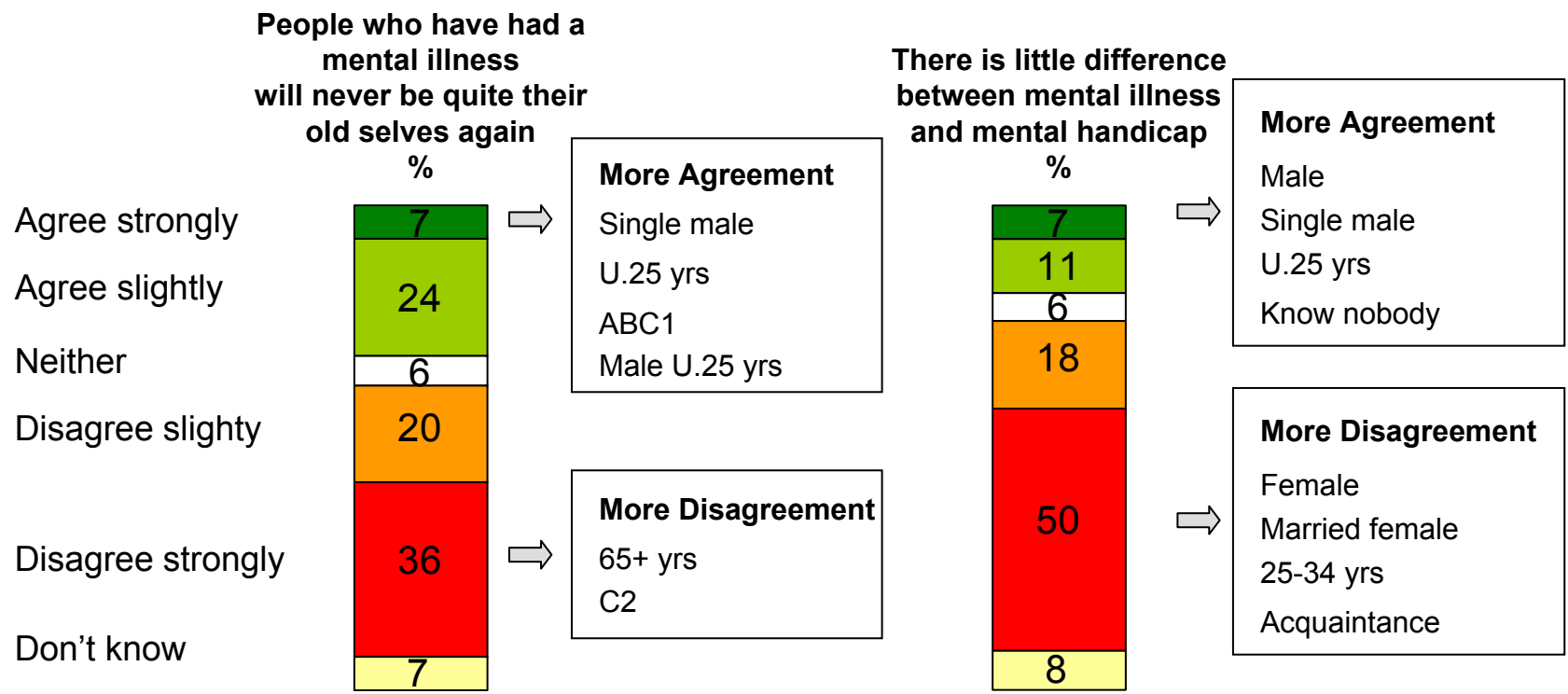


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PERCEPTIONS IV

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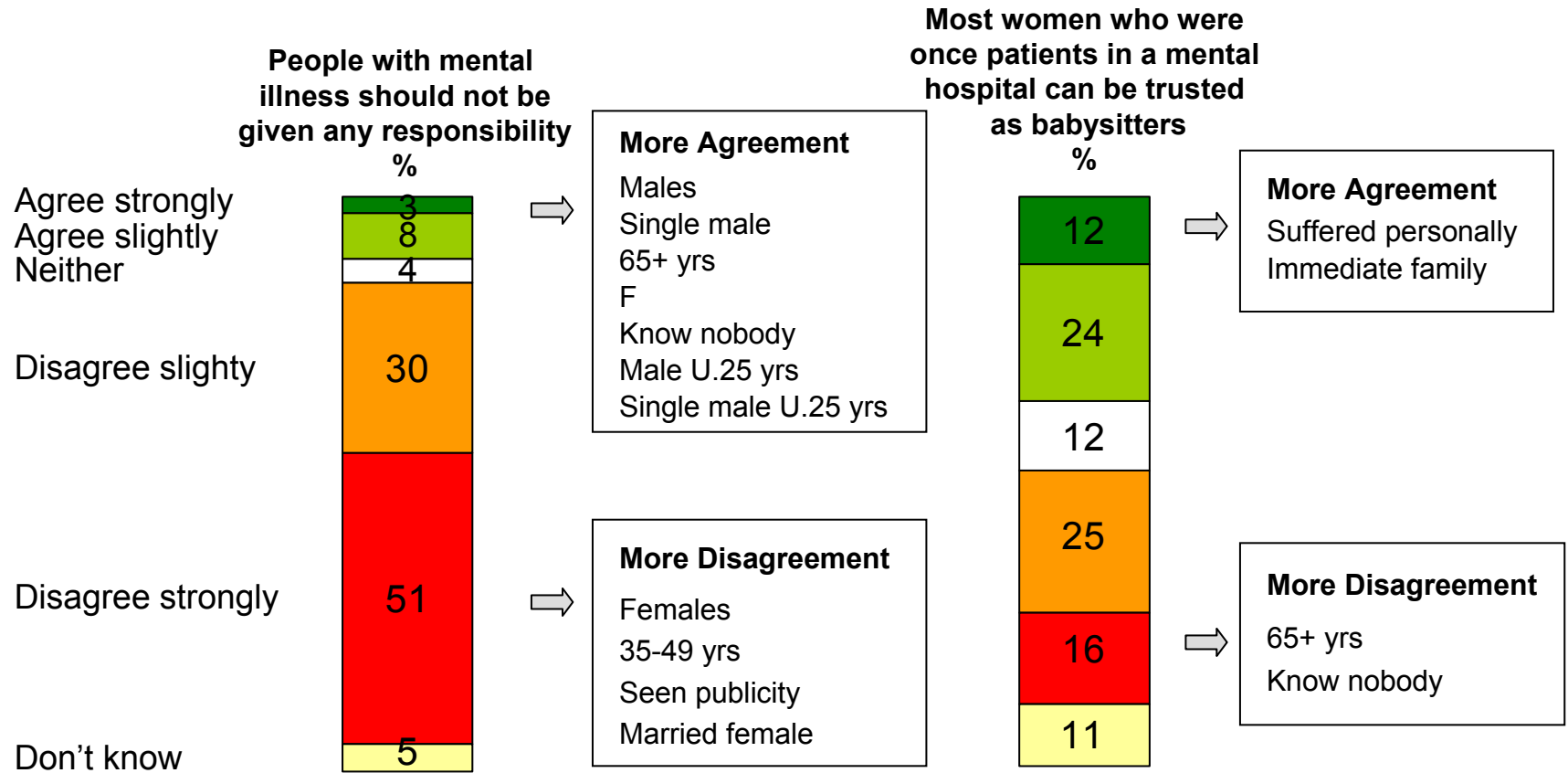


LEVELS OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT CAN BE GIVEN TO PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS



RESPONSIBILITY

Base: All Adults 15+



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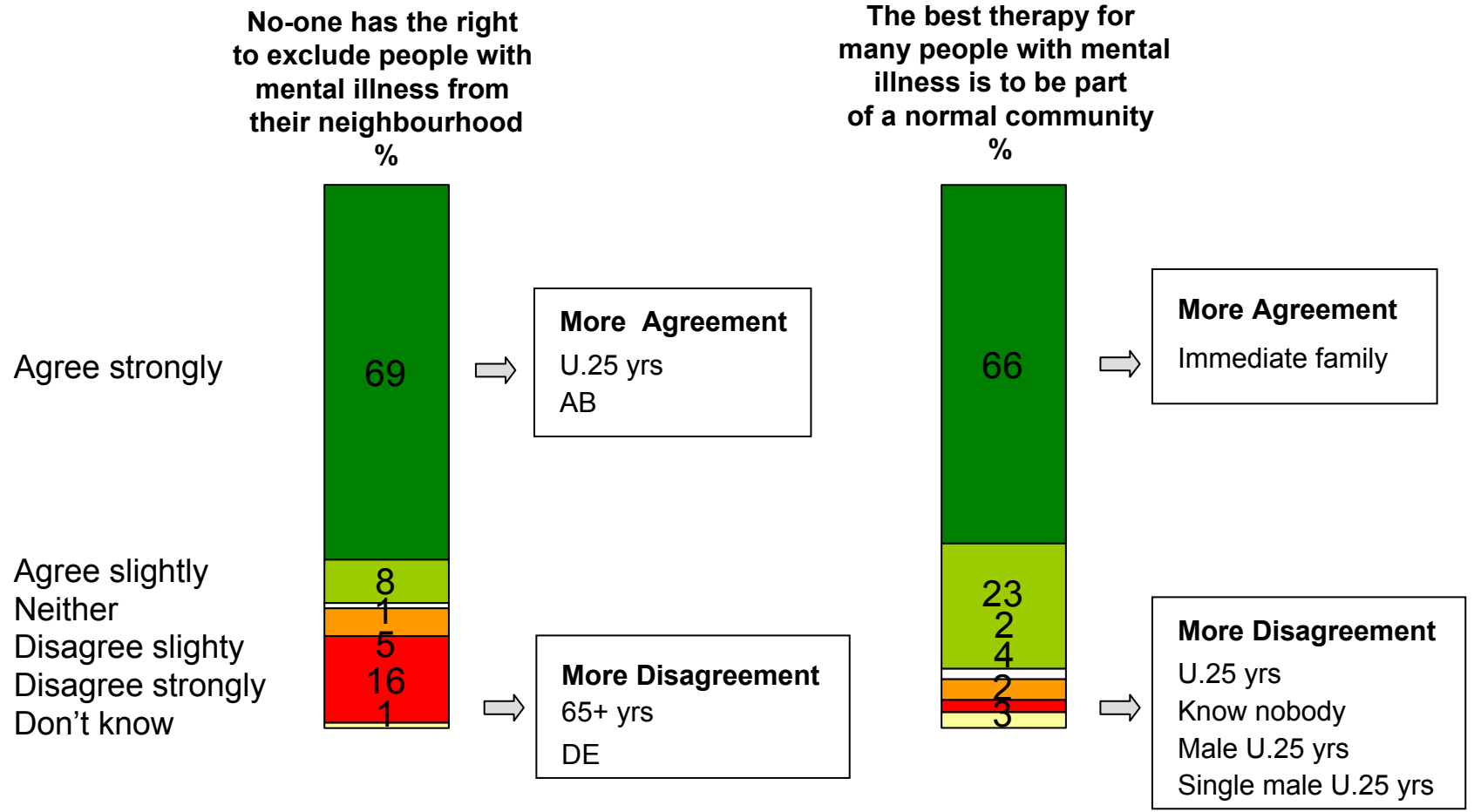


SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS PROBLEMS IN THE COMMUNITY



INTEGRATION I

Base: All Adults 15+

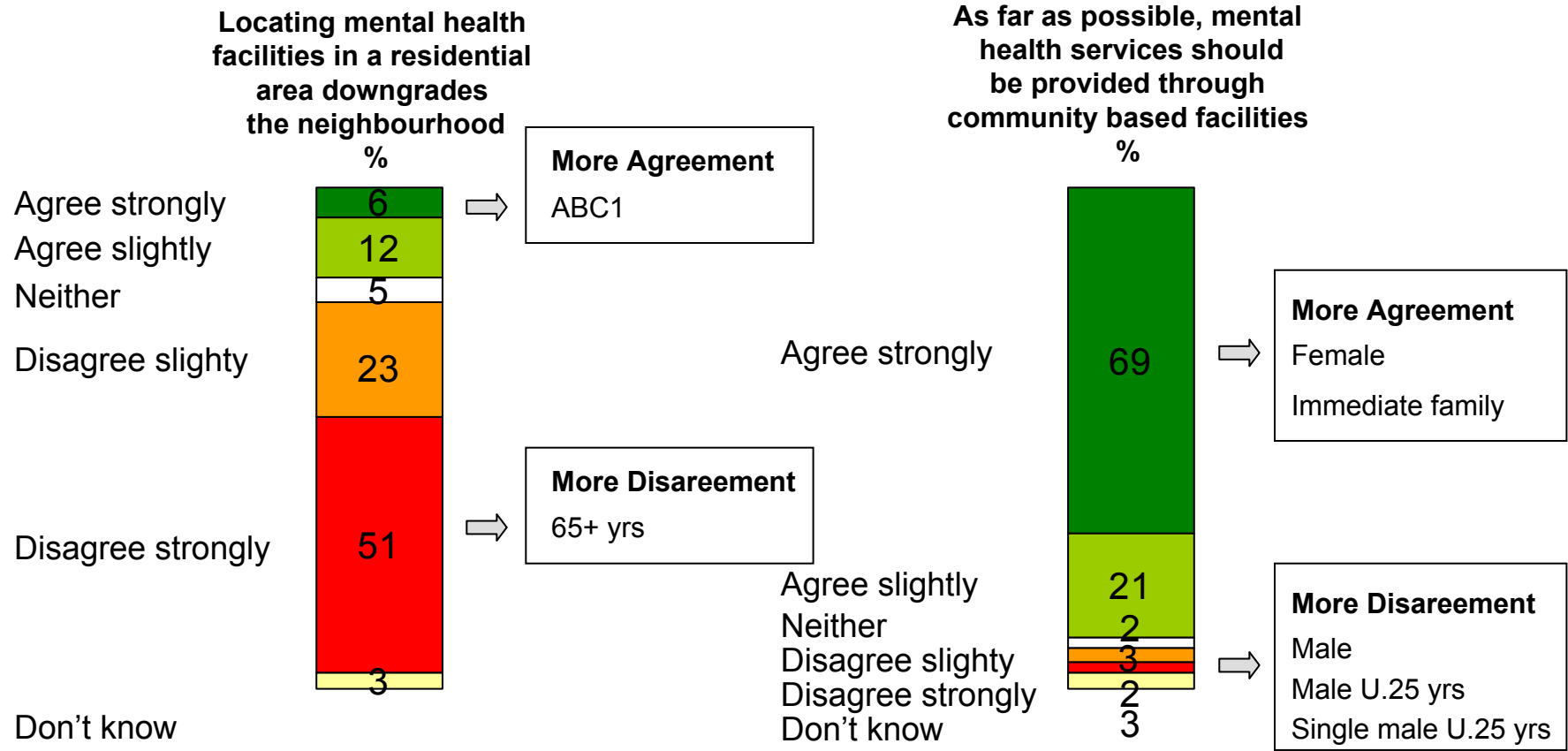


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INTEGRATION II

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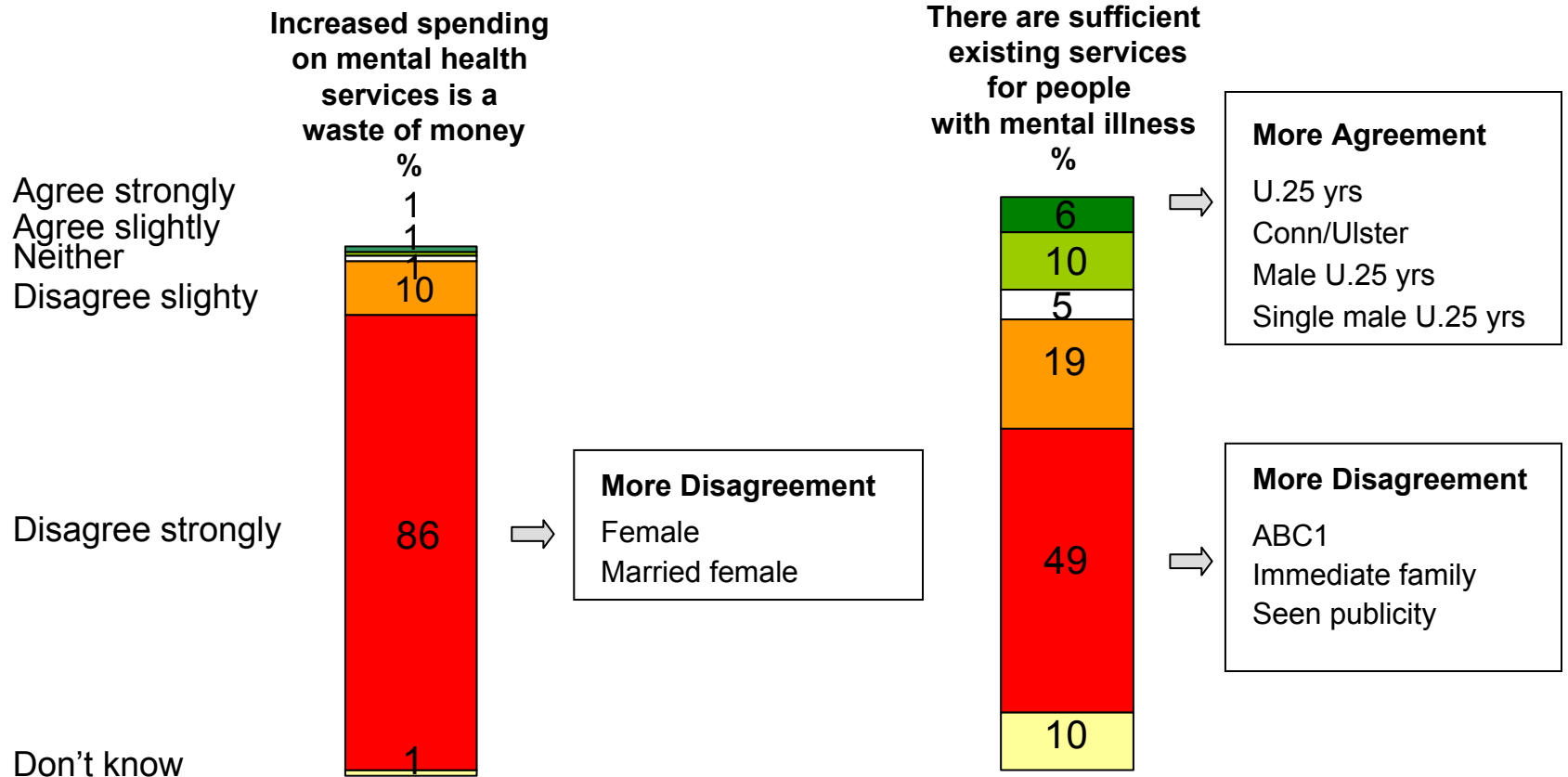


ATTITUDES TOWARDS AVAILABLE SERVICES



SERVICES

Base: All Adults 15+



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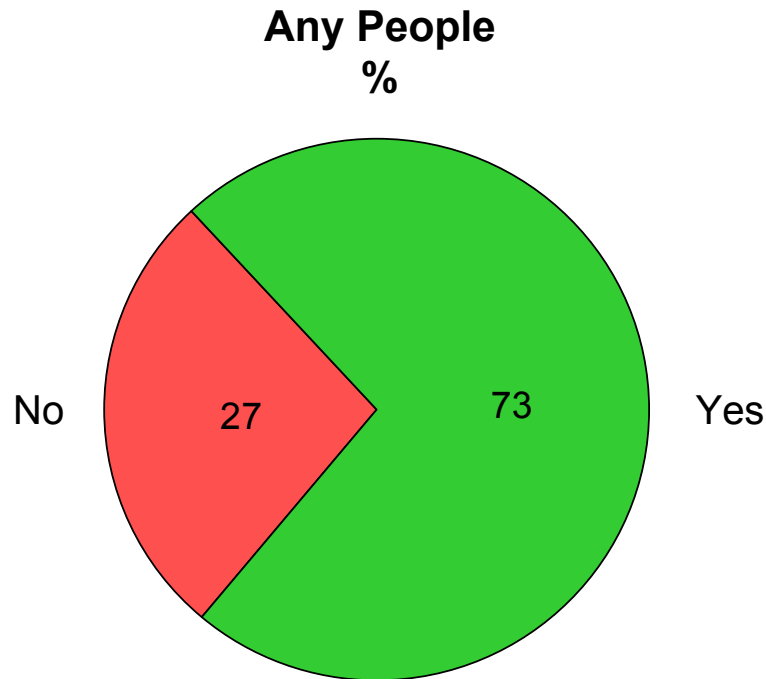


EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS

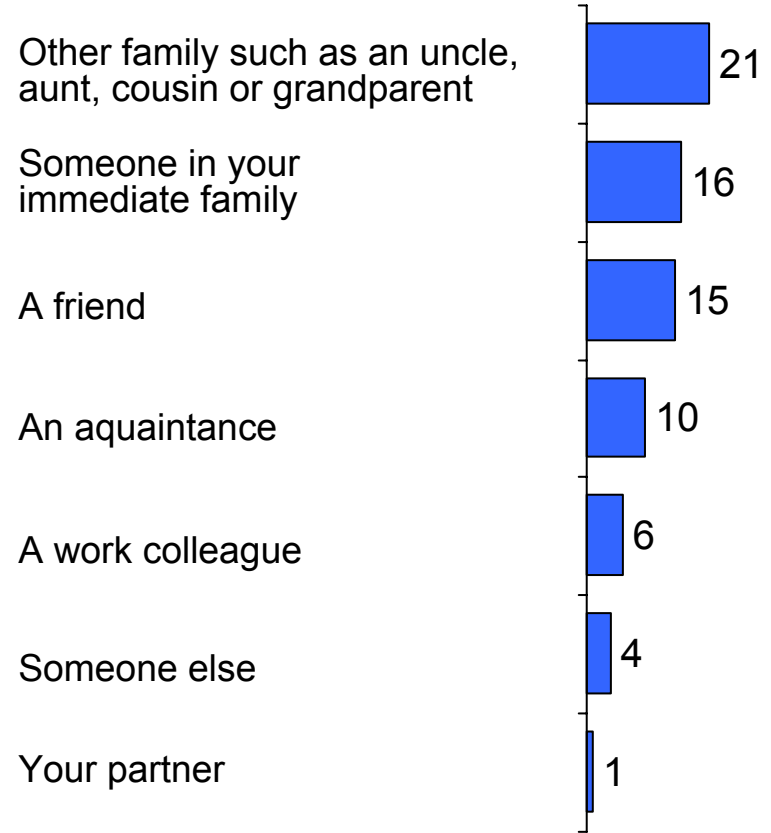


EXPERIENCE OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Base: All Adults 15+



Closest person with mental illness %

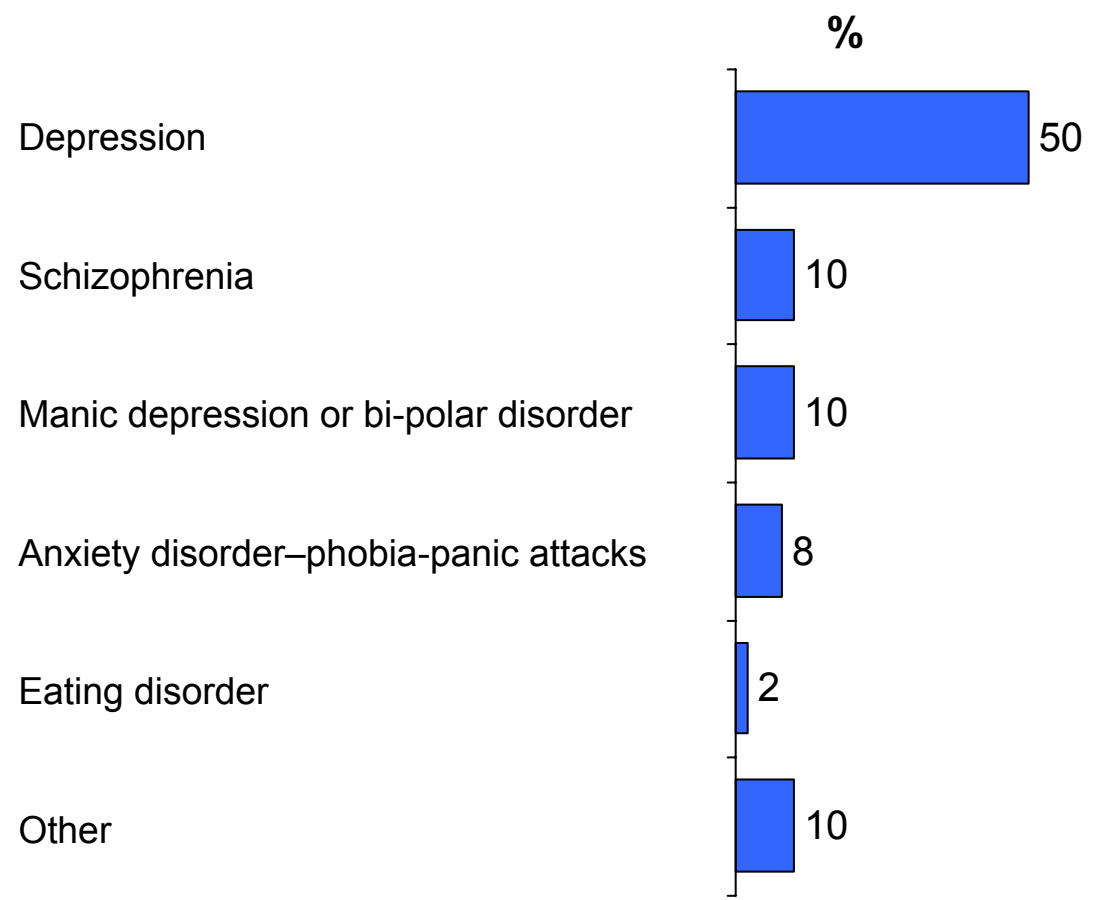


Q. Which **one** of the following people closest to you has, or has had some kind of mental illness?



NATURE OF DIFFICULTY

Base: All who know someone who has/had a mental illness (732)

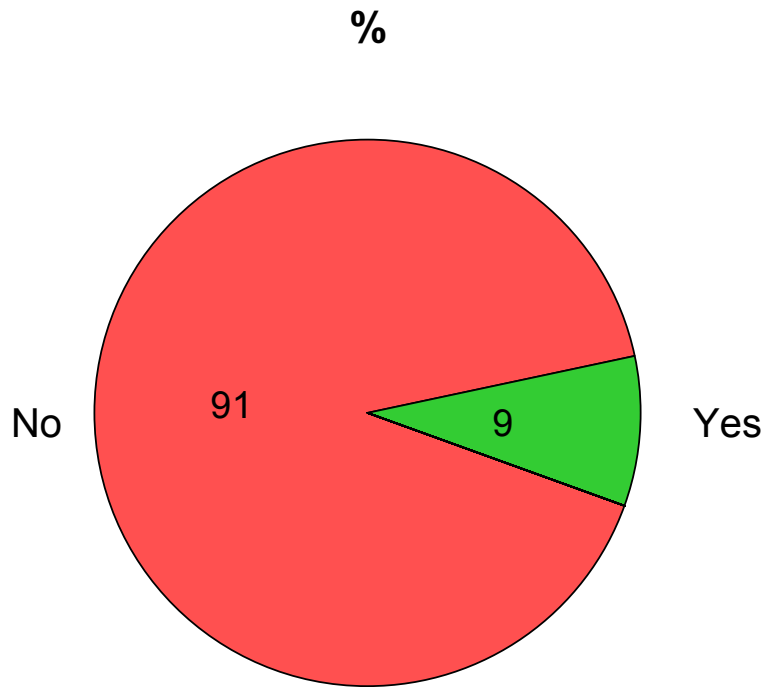


Q. What was the nature of that difficulty for (Name type of person) Was it.....?

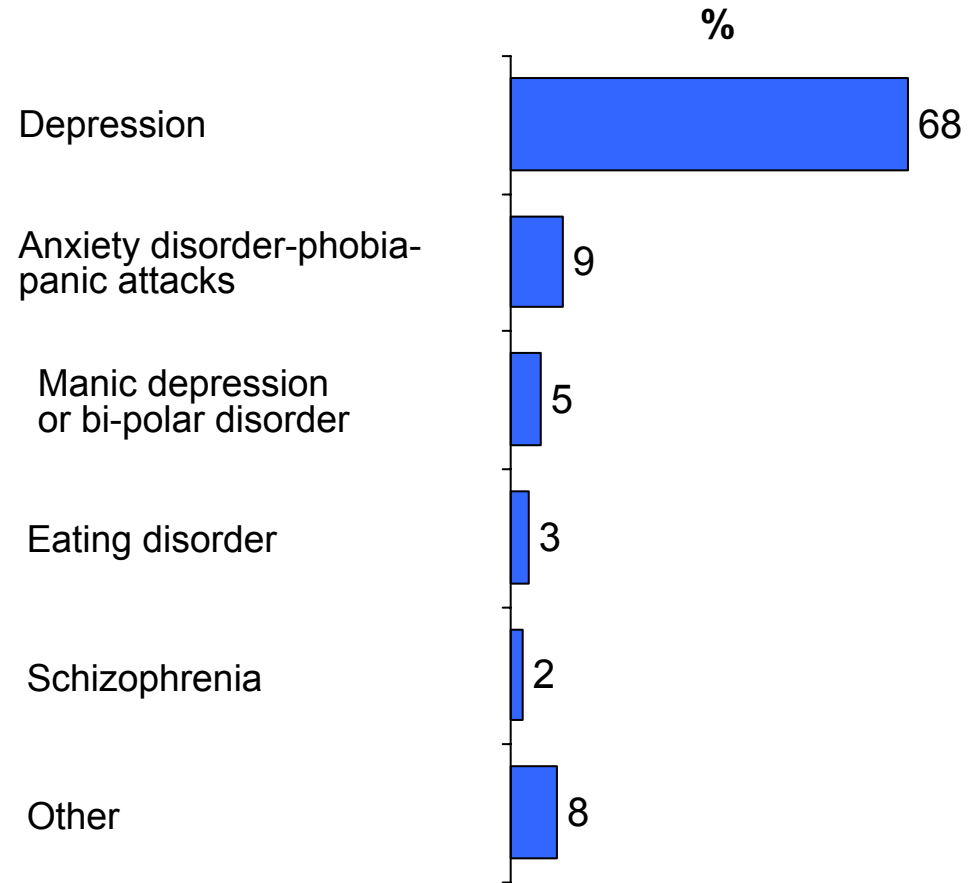


EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS PERSONALLY

Base: All Adults 15+



Nature of personal difficulty

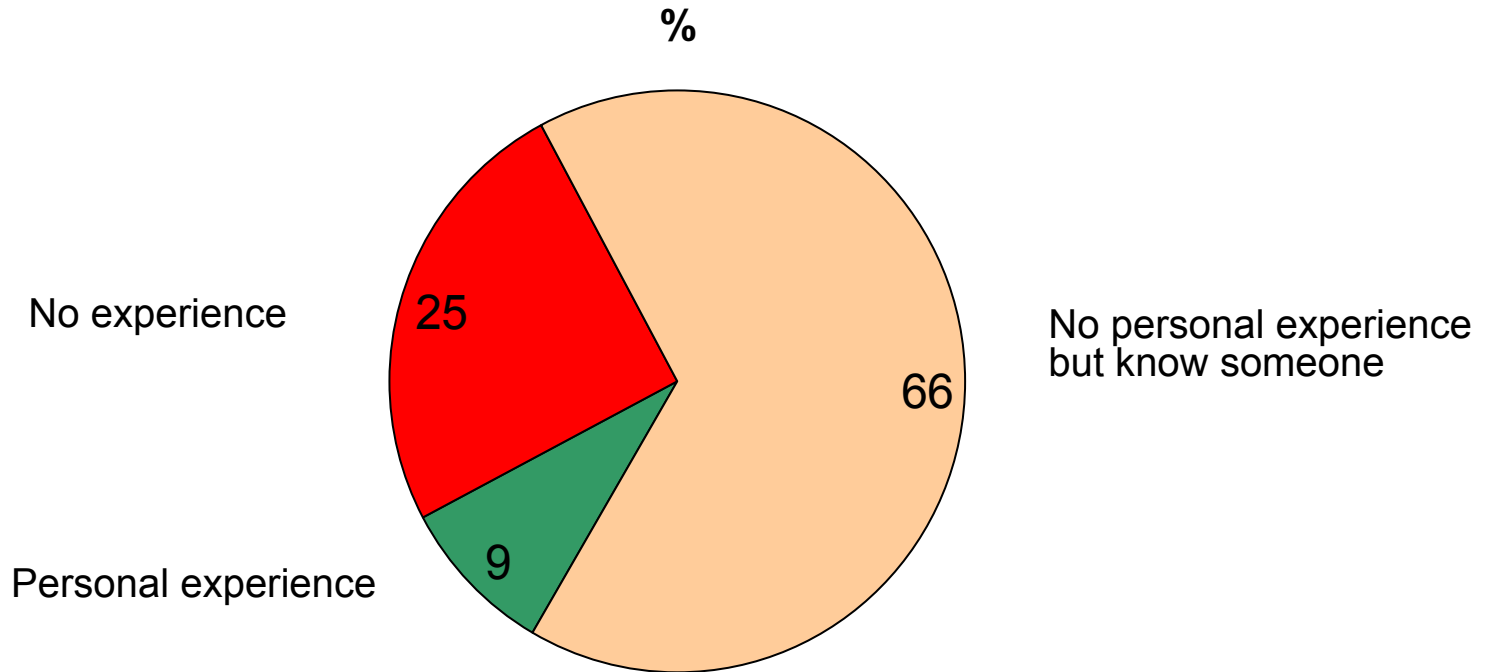


Q. Have you personally ever suffered from a mental illness?
Q. What was the nature of that difficulty? Was it.....



EXTENT OF EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS

Base: All Adults 15+



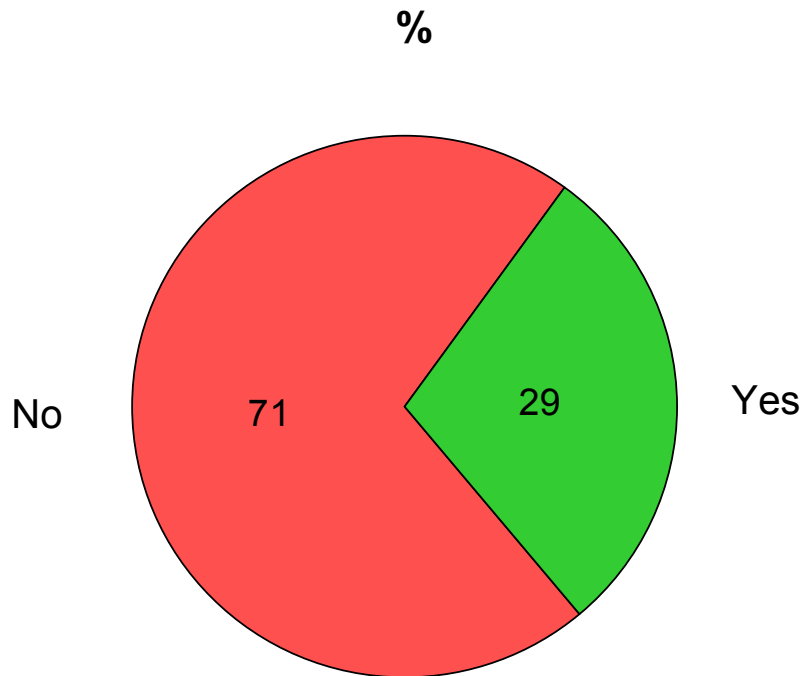


PUBLICITY

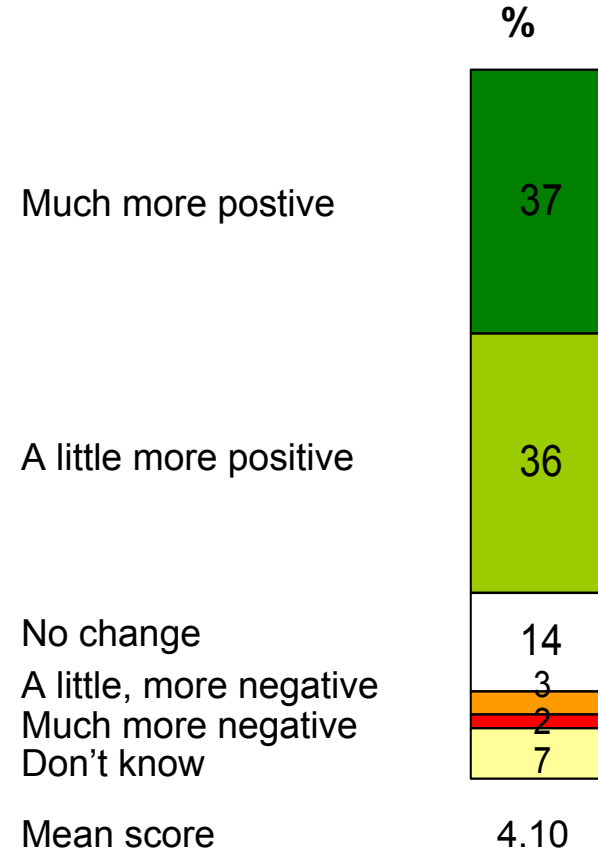


AWARENESS OF PUBLICITY

Base: All Adults 15+



**Made feel more positive
or negative towards
mental health**



Q. Have you seen or heard any publicity about mental health recently?

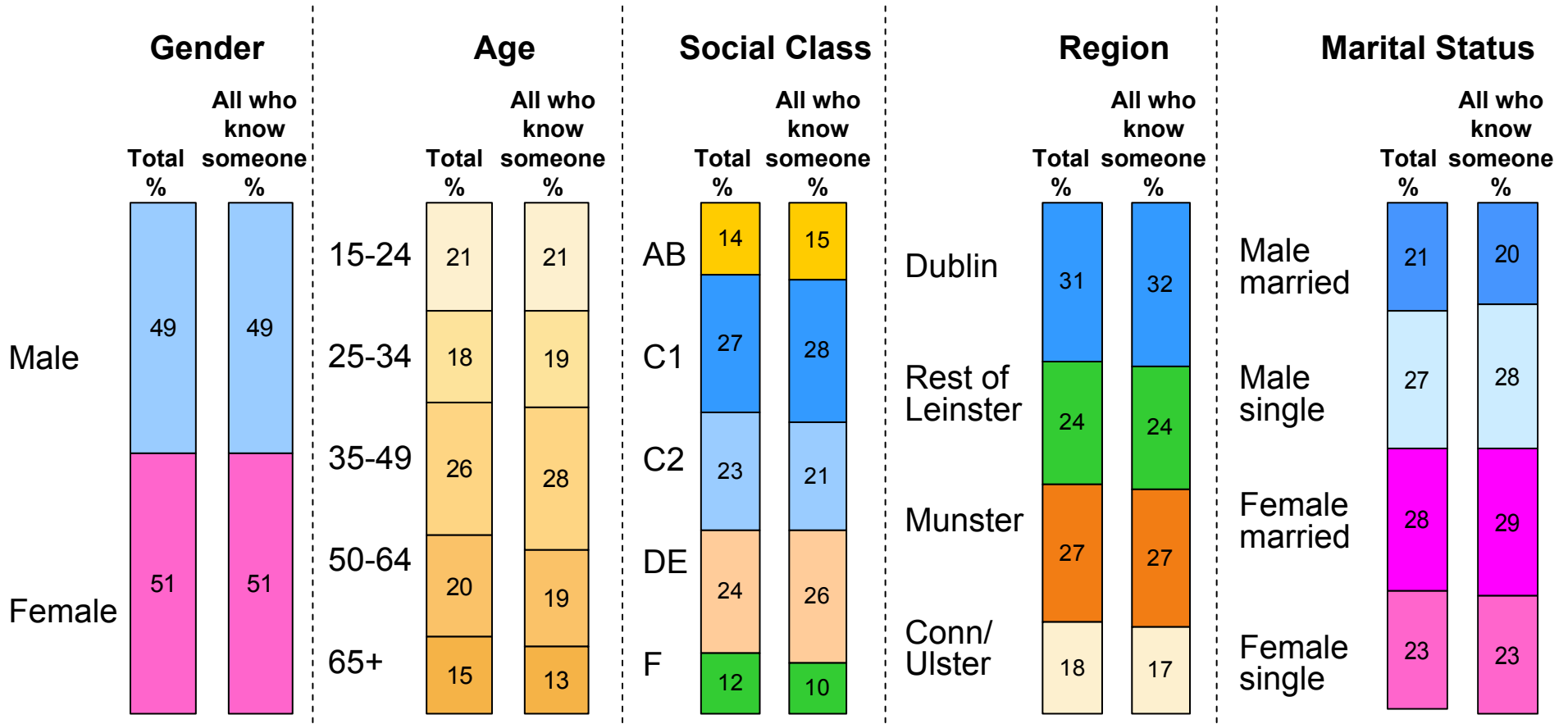




APPENDIX - SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHICS



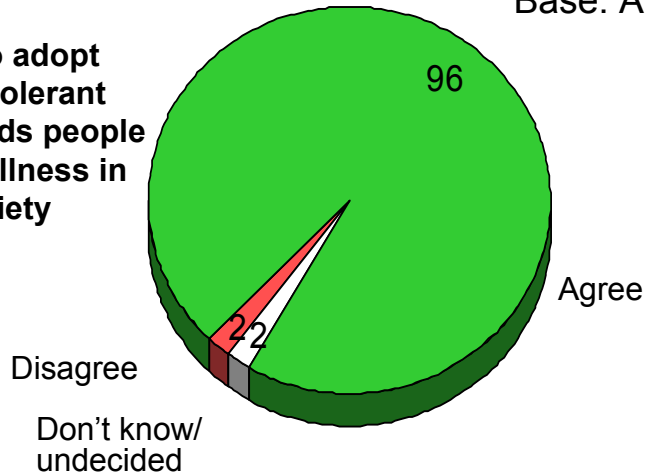
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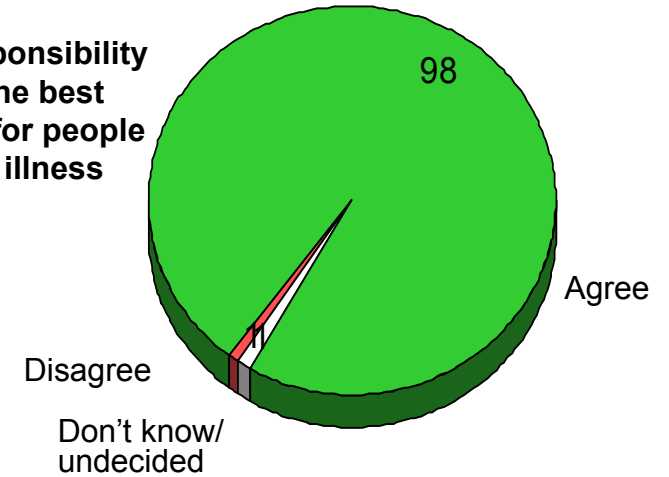
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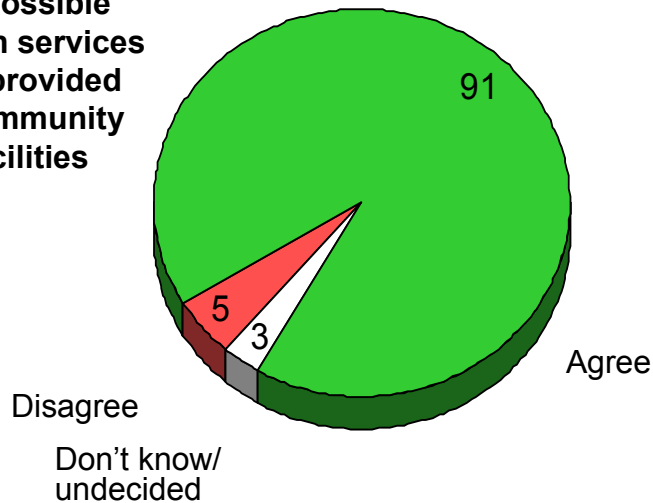
We need to adopt a far more tolerant attitude towards people with mental illness in our society
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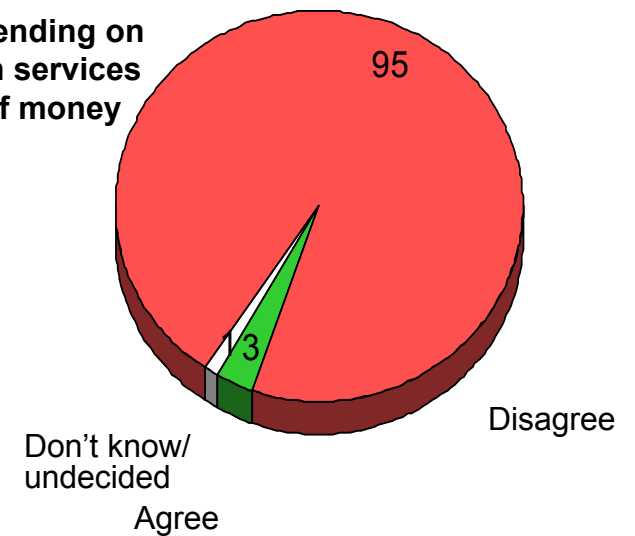
We have a responsibility to provide the best possible care for people with mental illness
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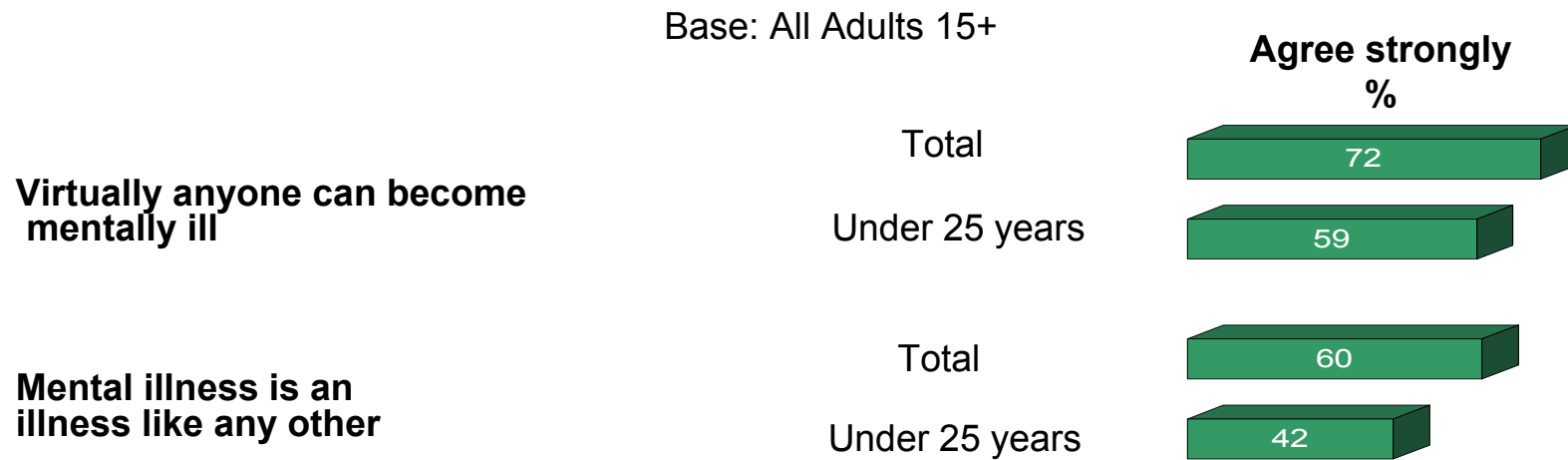
As far as possible mental health services should be provided through community based facilities
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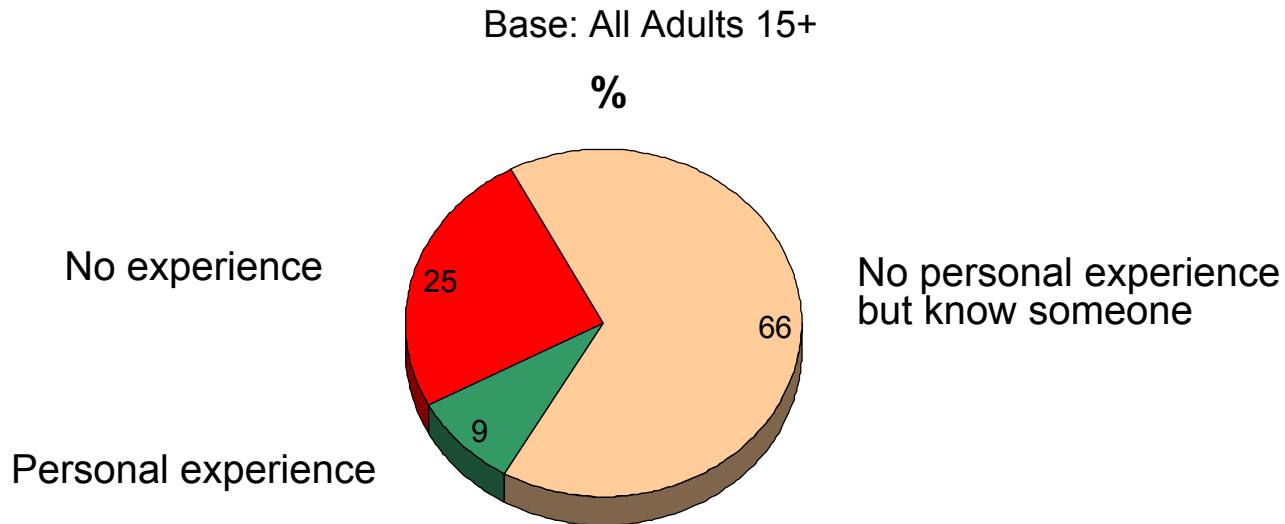
Increased spending on mental health services is a waste of money
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PERCEPTIONS OF MENTAL ILLNESS – TOTAL POPULATION VS UNDER 25'S



EXTENT OF EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS



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