



Ark Assembly Report - September

We asked the Ark Assembly 2 questions in August

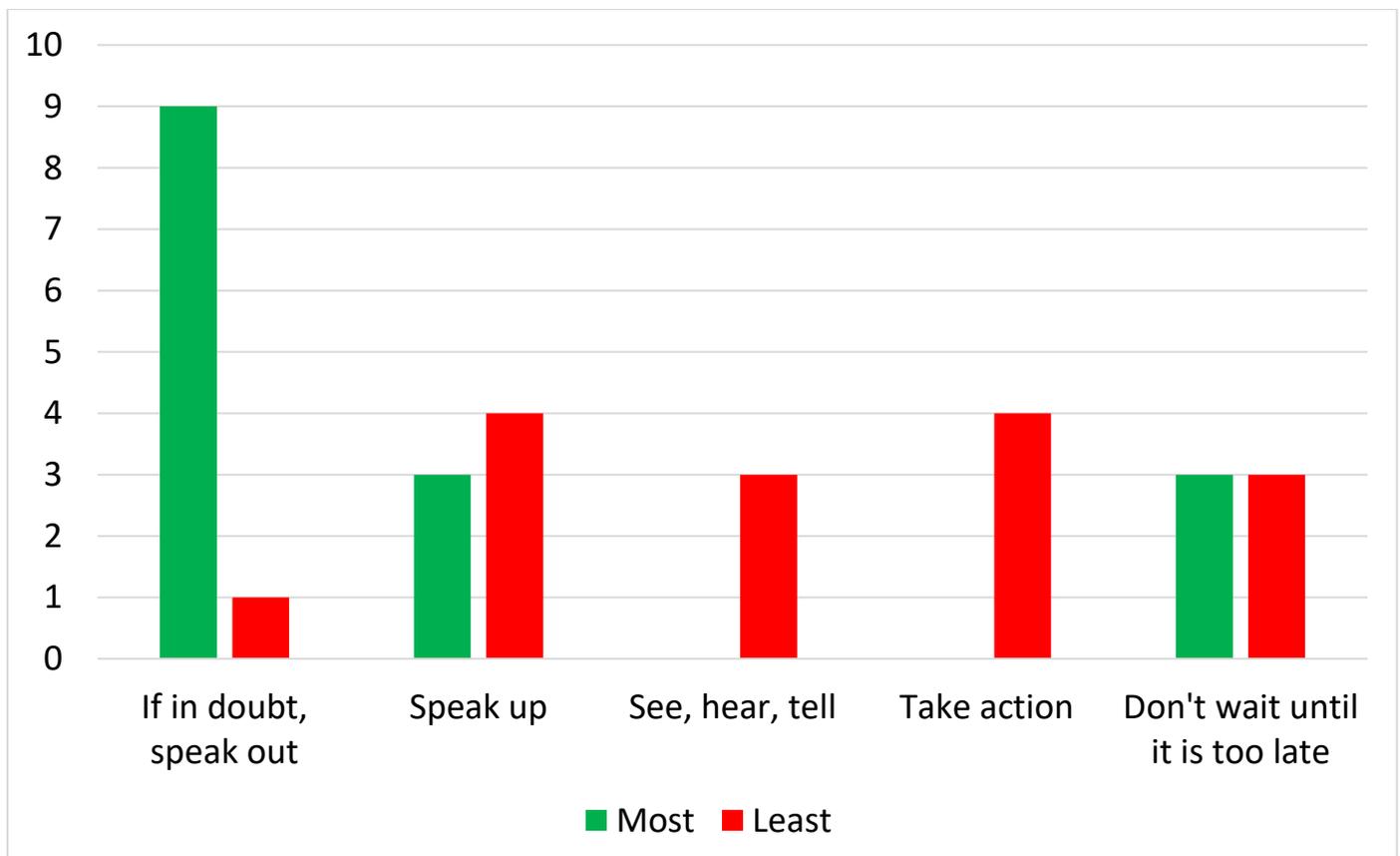
The questions were sent to all members (46) of the Ark Assembly. 15 people replied. This is very low and we need to increase engaged membership of the Assembly.

Question 1 - Safeguarding

Keeping people safe is important. The Ark works with other organisations and services and sometimes we produce posters and information.

We think having a slogan we can put on every poster, whether it is about physical abuse, financial abuse, online bullying etc. will make it easier for people to understand it is about safeguarding and remind them they should report any concerns they may have.

We asked people which one of the slogans they liked the most and which one they liked the least.

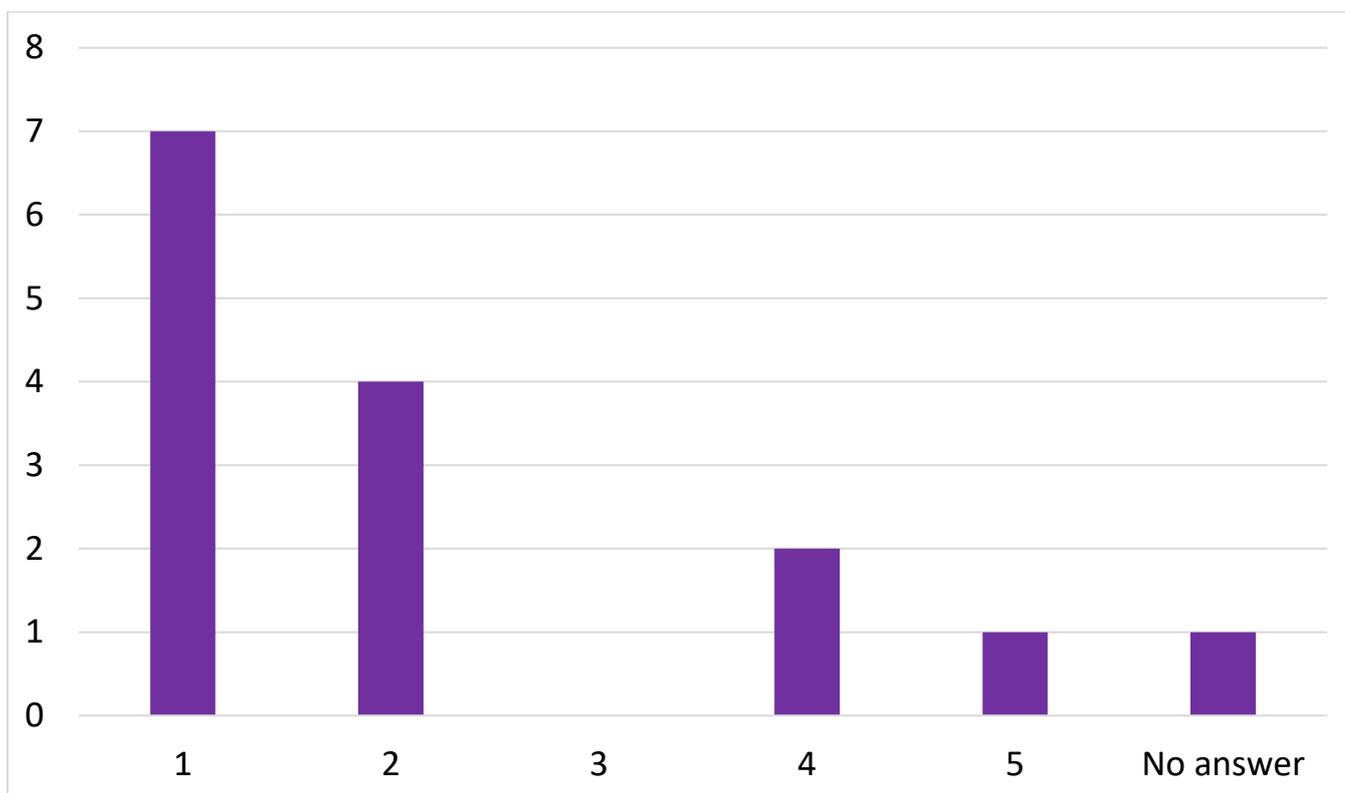


Question 2 – Larger events and activities

Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, we are thinking about starting up some of our larger events and activities (more than 30 people). These include carers lunches, Friday Night Project, social groups etc.

The Ark will continue to take some precautions (limiting numbers, staff wearing masks or face shields, if necessary, hand gel etc.)

We asked how people felt about attending larger events.



1 = Very happy / not anxious at all down to 5 = Very unhappy / very anxious

Actions

Safeguarding

We will make a graphic of *If in doubt, speak out* and use it on all safeguarding posters and information.

Larger events and activities

We will start to hold these unless the target audience has a high number of clinically extremely vulnerable members (e.g., carers lunches), but will also offer alternatives; small events and online activities.

Membership of the Ark Assembly

We would like to get this to 100 - made up of people from all of our activities and projects. To be a member you agree to us sending you a question about every 2 months. All people that reply are entered into a free prize draw as a thank you from the Ark trustees.

Ideas to help with recruiting members of the assembly are welcome!

August's winner of the prize draw was **Ethan**. Congratulations!

Interested? Contact Andrea in the office on 01344 266899 or email: andrea@theark.org.uk



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