


Report Card

VAPING AWARENESS SESSIONS



19th & 22nd June 2023

A hand holding a black vape pen, with a plume of white smoke rising from the mouthpiece. The background is a soft-focus mix of blue and pink light. A large, semi-transparent purple circle is on the left side of the image, containing text. A white rectangular box with a black border is in the bottom right corner, also containing text.

During the December 2000 meeting of Banbridge Locality Planning Group, the issue of vaping amongst young people was raised for the first time in any of the LPG's in the Southern area.

This has been echoed in subsequent LPG meetings since, predominantly by youth workers and school staff who have sought guidance on associated issues such as health implications, legalities, addressing vaping with young people, engaging with parents and amending policies around vaping on the premises.

Due to the relatively recent prevalence of vaping among young people, health professionals have advised there is a lack of evidence to report the impact of vaping.

LPG members have continued to identify the need to learn more around the issues associated with vaping.

Background

How much did we do?



The Southern Area Locality Development Team worked with ASCERT to hold 2 online Vaping Awareness sessions open to LPG members and our contacts for correspondence.

ASCERT delivered the sessions and the LPG Team advertised and recruited attendees for both.



**2 x 2 Hour Sessions on
19th & 22nd June 2023**



Sessions delivered via Zoom



Training FREE to participants

AIMS OF SESSIONS

- ✓ Current legislation on vaping
- ✓ Impact of young people using vapes
- ✓ Other substances used in vape oil such as THC & Spice
- ✓ Practical advice on how to address the issue of vapes within school/youth group settings
 - ✓ Where to seek support

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**No. of
Spaces
Available**

36

**No. of Practitioners
Registered
(120% of Available Space)**

29

No. of Practitioners Attended
(97% of Available Spaces)

16

No. of Different Organisations Represented

25

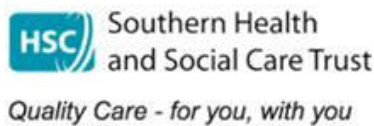
Different Services/Teams Represented

Community/Voluntary
31%



Statutory
69%

ORGANISATIONS & SERVICES INCLUDED:



How well did we do it?

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OCCUPATIONS INCLUDED:

PCSP Project Co-ordinator & Development Manager

Youth Engagement Officer

Family Support Services Manager

Stop Smoking Specialist

Care & Welfare Tutor

CAMHS Substance Use Service

Locality Programme Support Officer

Youth Workers

Vice Principal

Youth Engagement Facilitator

Community Connector

Police

Locality Development Officer

SCPHN School Nurse

Co-ordinator Young Peoples' Services

Community Development Worker

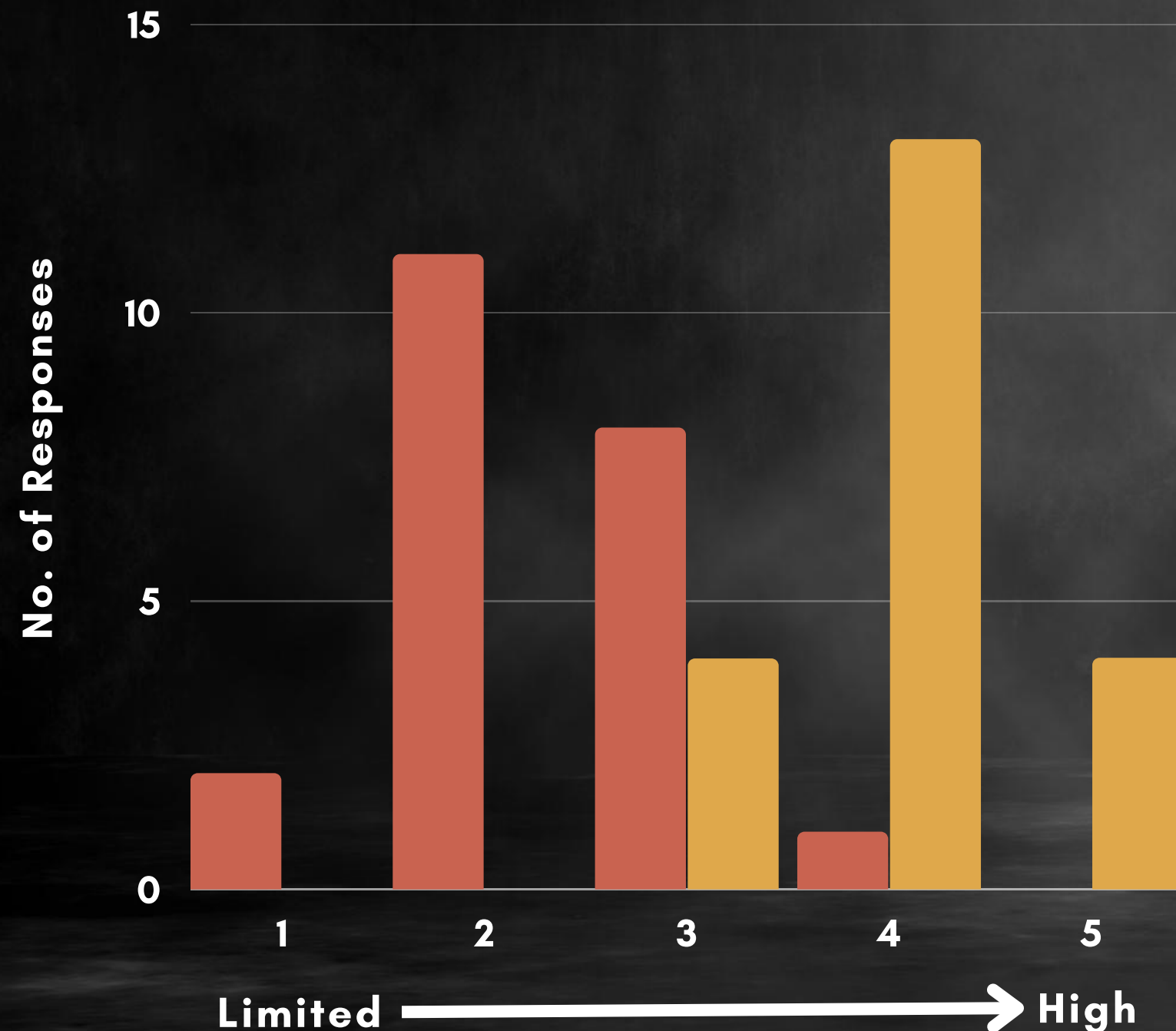
EA NI Engage Project Team

Health Inequalities Officer

What changed as a result?

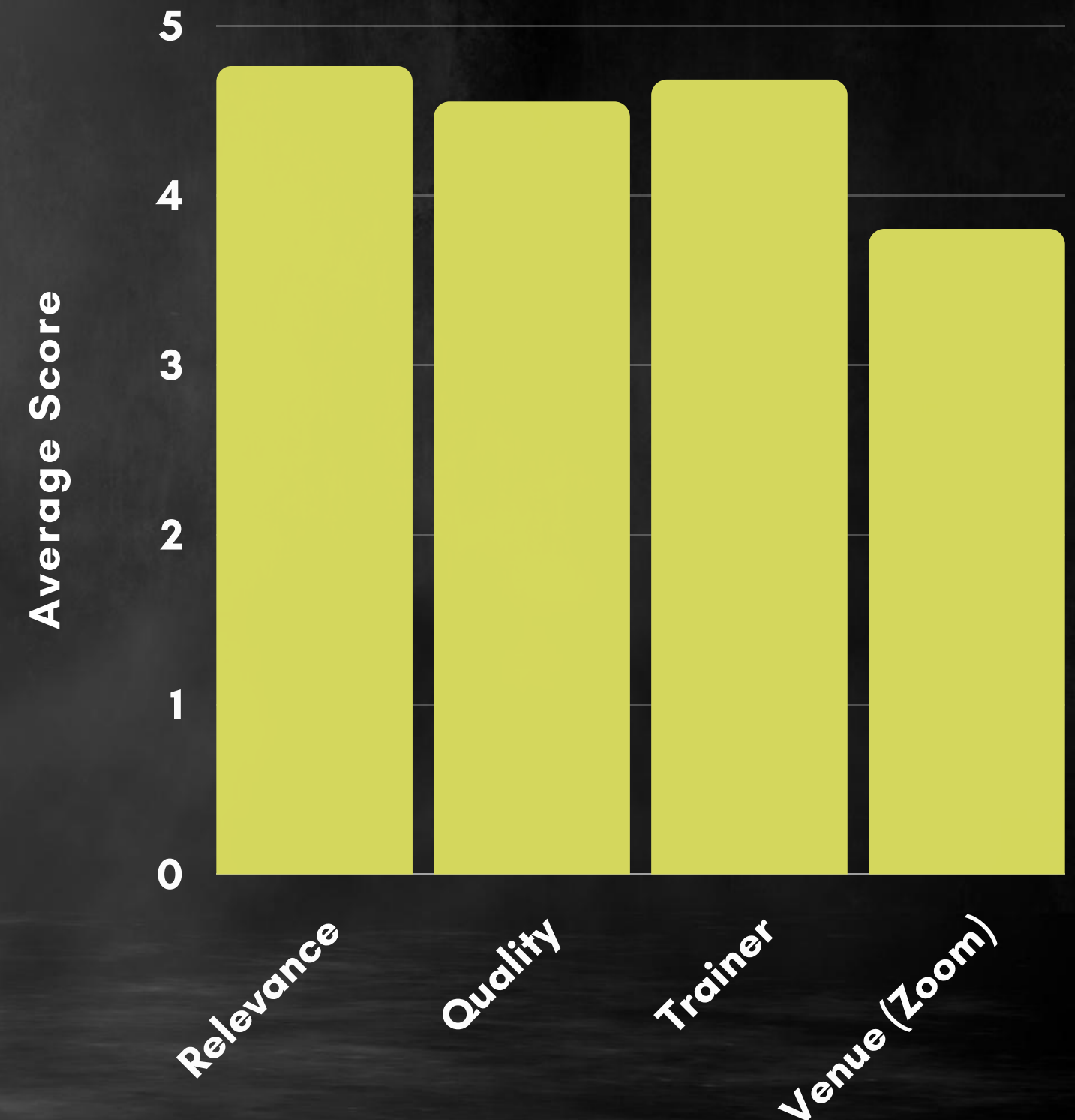
How would you rate your level of knowledge in relation to the subject of the course **BEFORE** & **AFTER** the training?

(1 represents a limited knowledge and 5 a high level of knowledge)



How would you rate the training course in relation to each of the following?

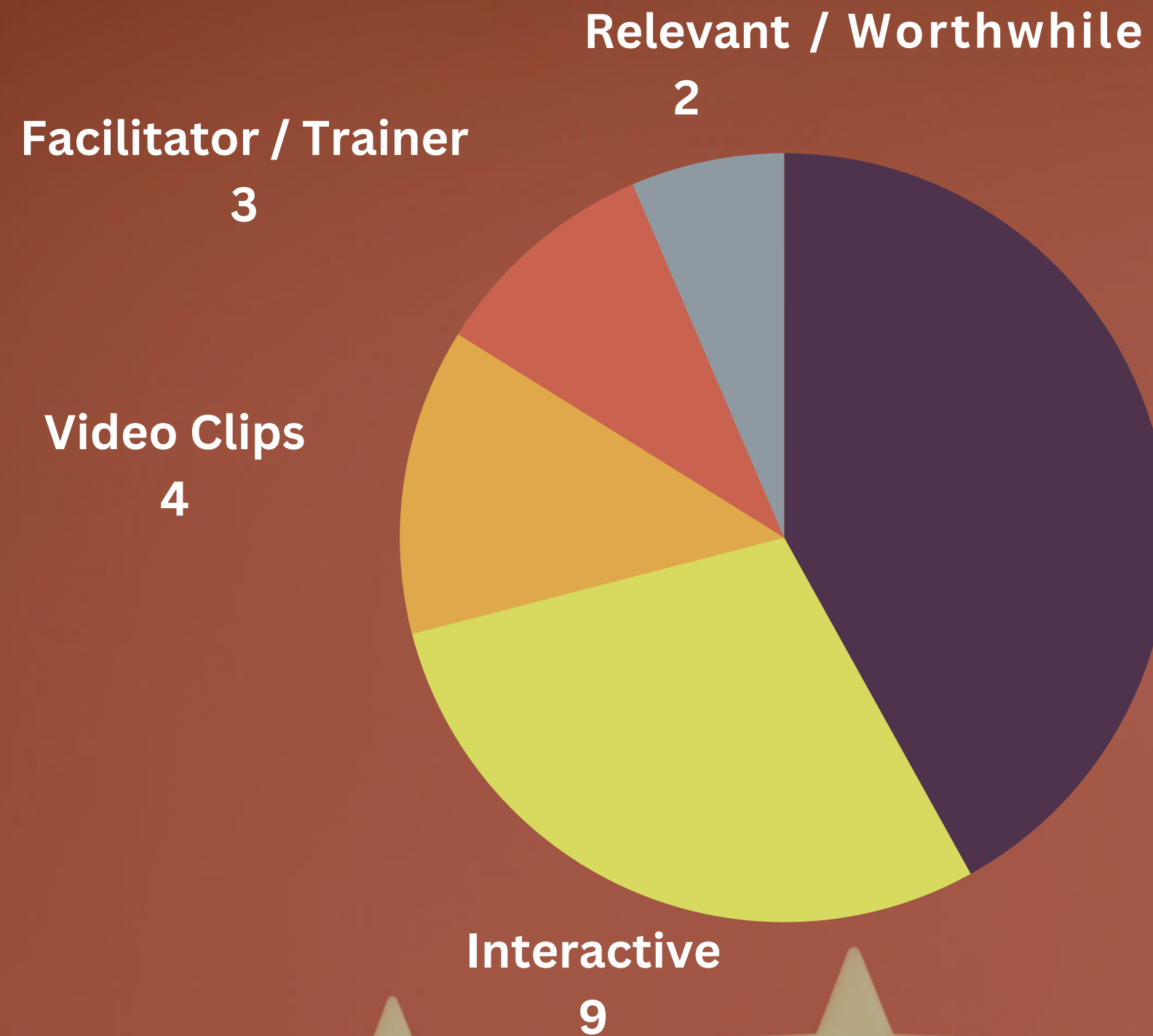
(1 represents the lowest rating and 5 the highest rating)



What changed as a result?



What did you like most about the training experience?



Informative / Information Provided
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What changed as a result?

"I will use information in working with families especially with the parents to raise their awareness."

"Very useful finding out the facts regarding why young people vape and how they are marketed."

"Short Youtube clips very good."

"May be useful to show the young people."

"Good to be able to discuss issues and ways to overcome them."

"Being able to hear other experiences and how they deal with issues around vaping and young people as a way to develop and enhance current practice."

"Very interactive, lots of information about vaping and practical advice."

What did you like most about the training experience?

"Great communicator."

"Very knowledgeable... good to hear first hand her encounters with young people in relation to vaping."

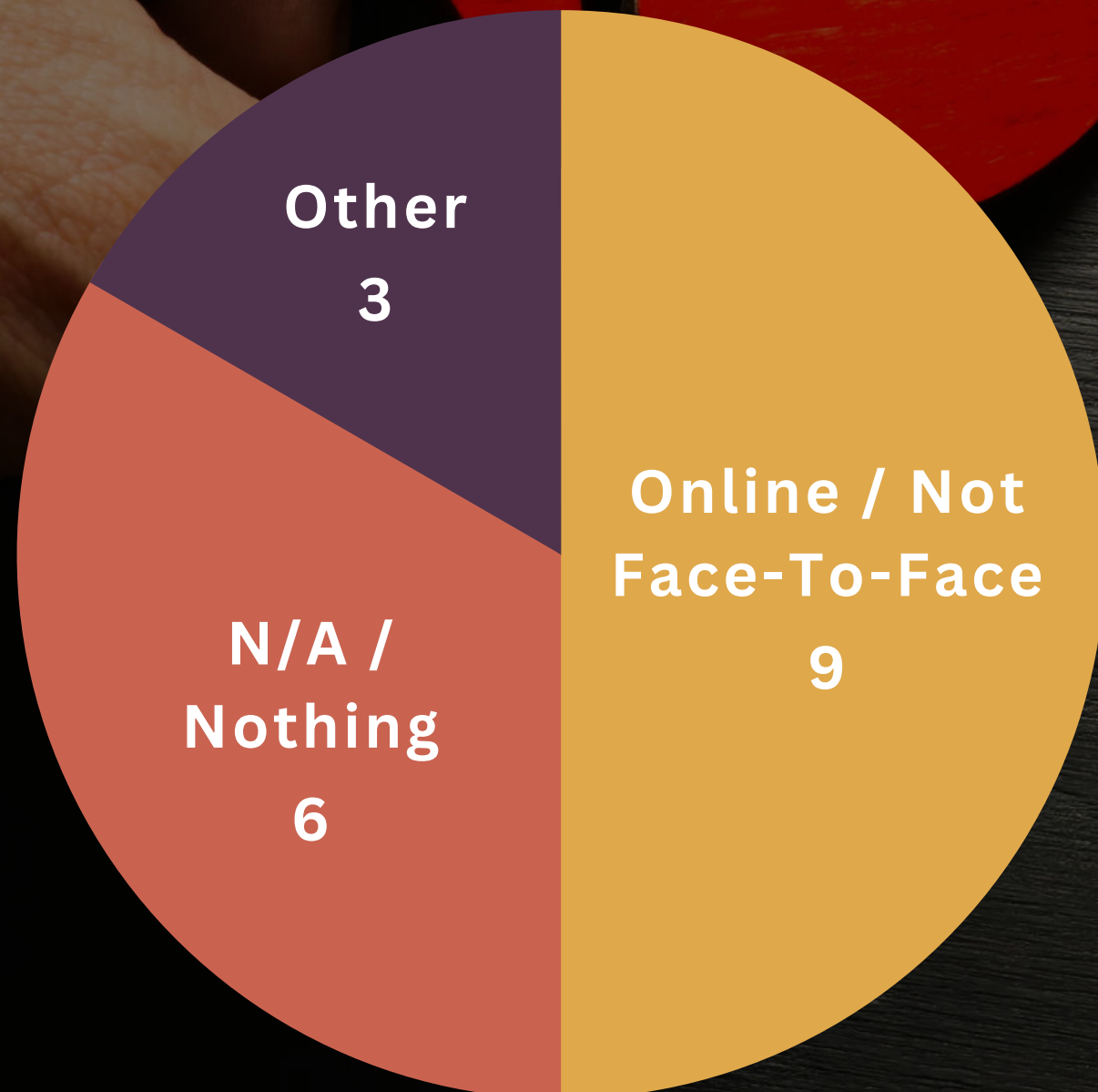
"Relevant to young people today and a growing need."

"Really worthwhile as it allowed professionals from all different backgrounds to share ideas of how they deal with a range of issues arising from vaping."

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What did you like least about the training experience?



"Lack of resources to use with young people to tackle vaping, however I know this was more an awareness session."

"More in depth discussions on how to manage/resolve issues in a community setting."

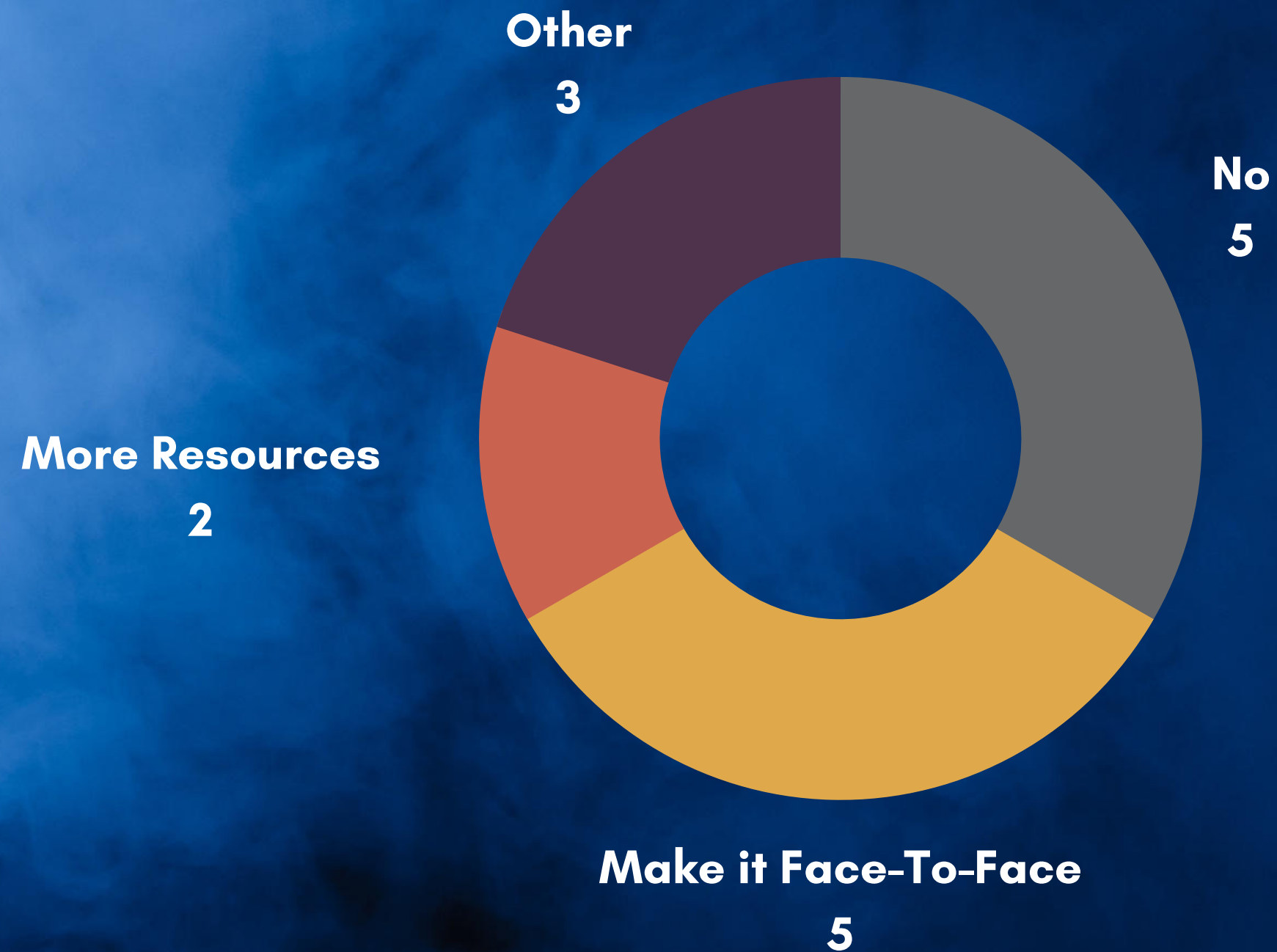
"Whilst easy to access being online, it did feel a bit disjointed, which I feel wouldn't have been the case if we were doing the training in person."

"The online arena I feel stifles conversation and learning from different people on the training."

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"Explore resources to be used to follow up with when young people have been vaping."

"It would be great to have resources which could be used/shared with young people."

"I would love for a working group to be created that could formulate guidance for all schools, youth clubs etc to be able to deal with the issues in a consistent manner."

"Break out rooms for some discussion around the information presented."

"Online training can be difficult for neurodivergent people – for me it is more difficult to pay attention when doing online training."

"Being together in a room where people can freely chat to other professionals would enhance what trainees get from the session."

What changed as a result?



Are there any areas of further training that you feel would be useful if available?

Smoke cessation in addition to this awareness session.

Also training on how to support families who are dealing with family members experiencing addiction.
Thank-you!

I would love further training for schools to create parental workshops in dealing with vaping.

More in-depth understanding of SPICE & other drugs.

More training on how to talk to people who are experimenting with drugs and how to support them.

More information on vaping THC/Spice associated risks, signs of use, withdrawal symptoms, etc.

Thank You

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