

# Daphne Programme II

## 2004 - 2008

Drug Abuse and Sexual Abuse.  
Research, Exchange of Good Practice –  
The Prevention of Violence on  
Female Drug Addicts

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# RESEARCH METHOD

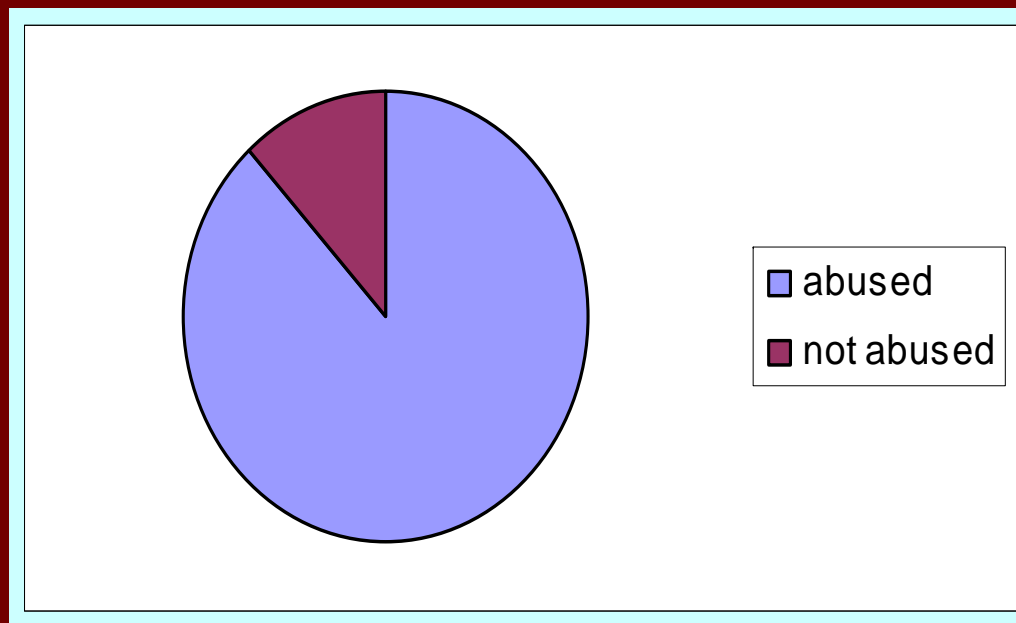
- QUALITATIVE RESEARCH
- RESULTS TAKEN FROM QUESTIONNAIRES TO:
  - PROFESSIONALS
  - FEMALE DRUG ADDICTS
  - PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS

# Research - Part I

**34 interviews were conducted among  
female drug addicts**

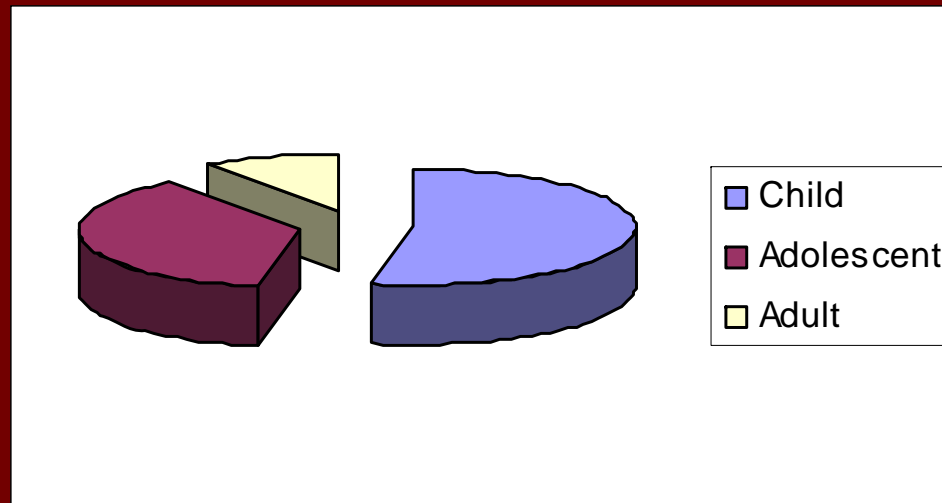
# Female drug abusers victims of sexual abuse

- 88% - Sexually abused
- 12% - Not sexually abused



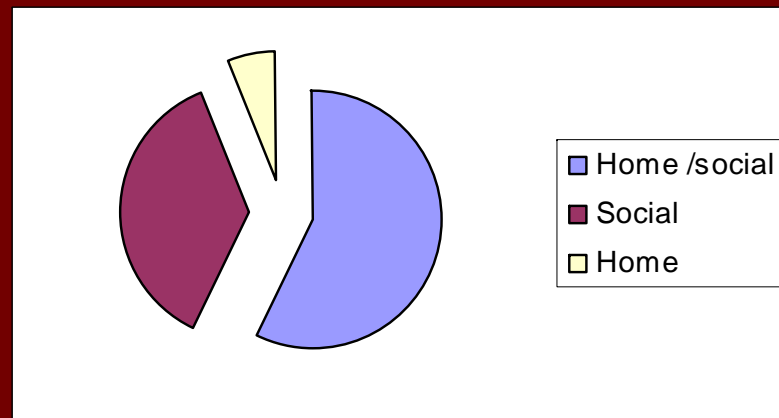
# Stage when sexual abuse first occurred

- 53% - Child
- 37% - Adolescent
- 10% - Adult

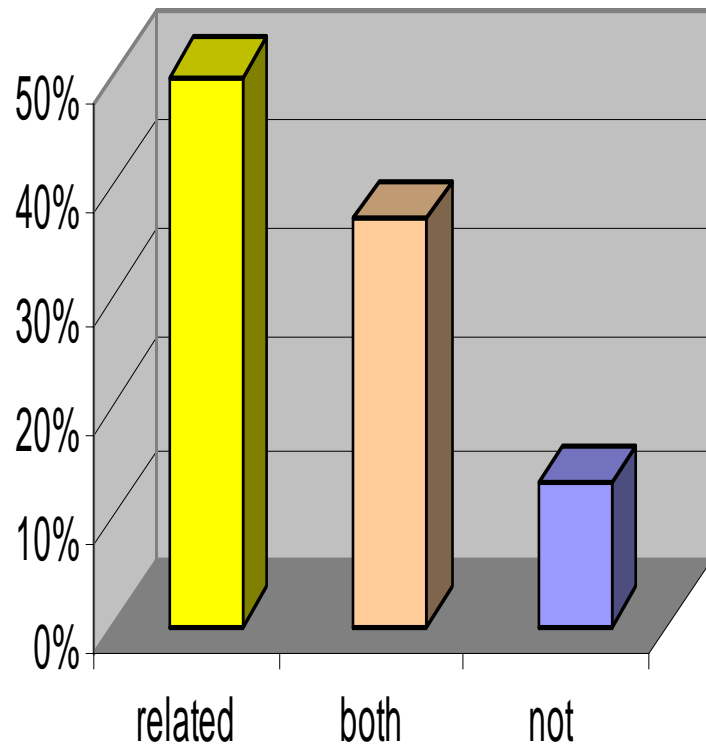


# Setting in which sexual abuse occurred

- 57% - Home and social
  - 37% - Social
  - 6% - Home



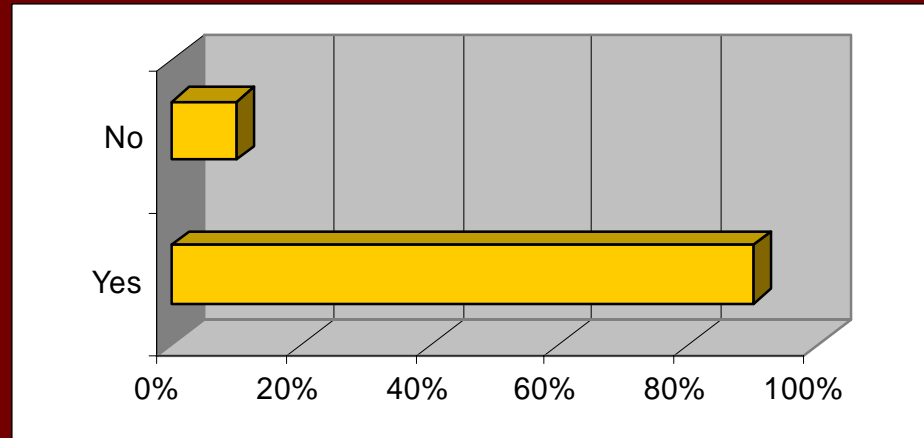
# Relation of sexual abuse and drug abuse



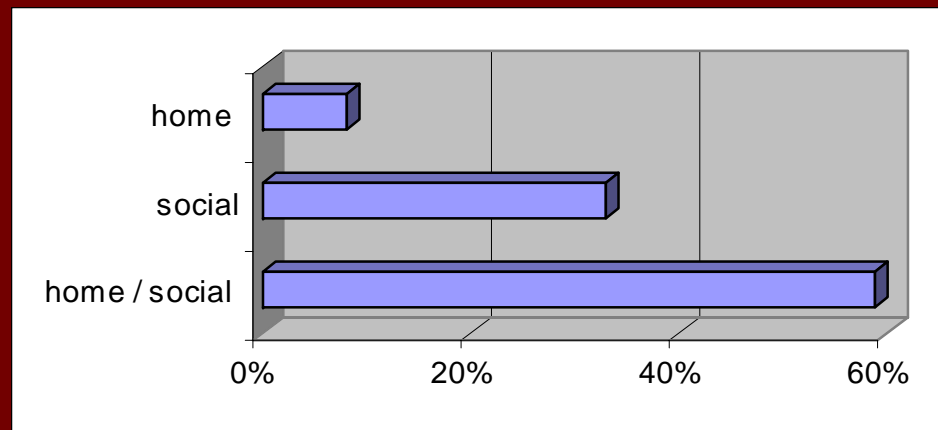
- 50% - Drug related
- 37% - Both
- 13% - Not related

# Continued occurrence of sexual abuse

- 90% - Yes
- 10% - No

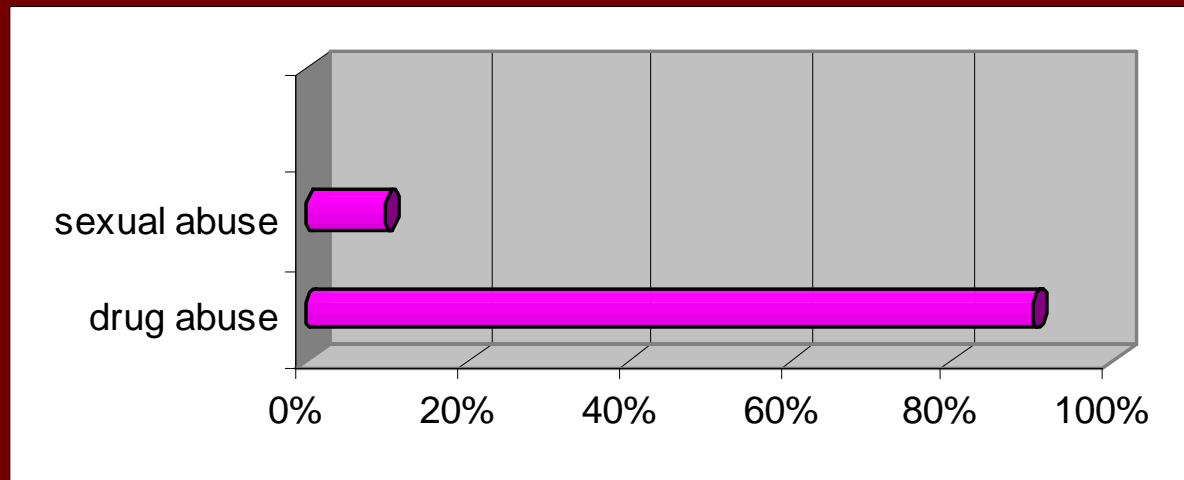


- Of the 90%:
  - 59% - Home and Social
  - 33% - Social
  - 8% - Home



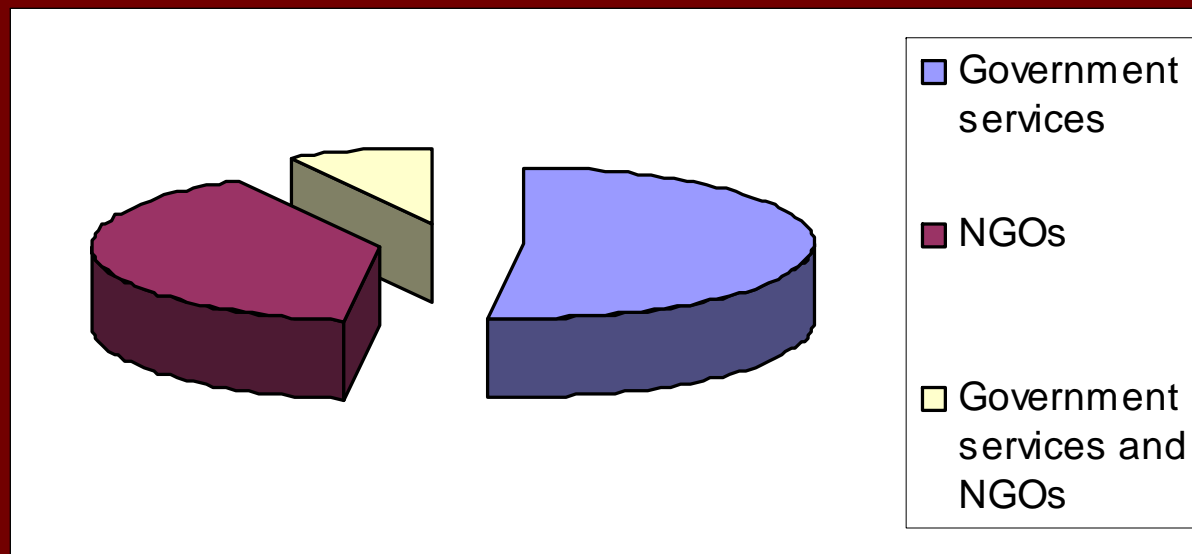
# Reasons for which help was sought

- 90% - Specifically for drug abuse
- 10% - Specifically for sexual abuse

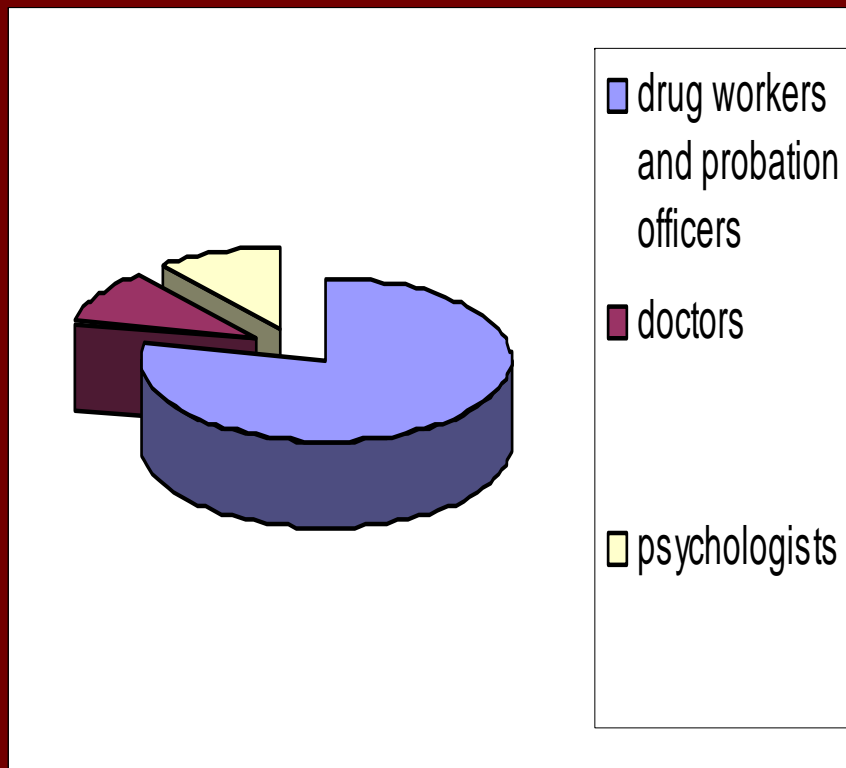


# Services which provided help

- 52% - Government services
  - 40% - NGOs
- 8% - Government and NGOs



# Providers of help

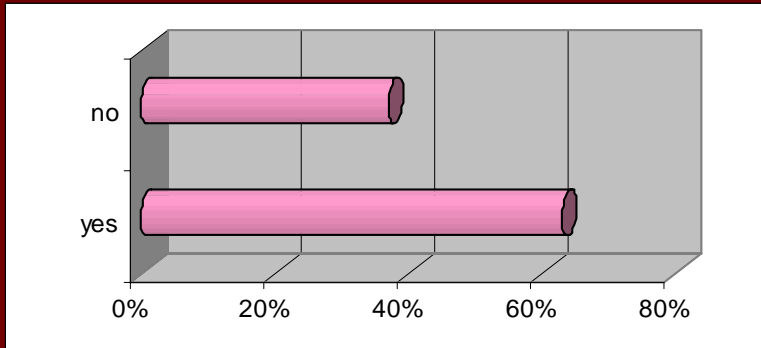


**78% - Drug workers and probation officers**

■ **11% - Doctors**

■ **11% - Psychologists**

# Progress as a result of help provided



■ 37% - No

■ 63% - Yes

# What advice would you give to a friend in relation to these risks?

- 77% - Ask for help
- 23% - Others (leave environment, leave partner, change lifestyle, face abuser)

