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2005 - 2006**

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LAUREN'S LINK EMPLOYEES/VOLUNTEER

PROJECT MANAGER	Annette Rodgers
FINANCIAL CO ORDINATOR	Jan Birtle
PROJECT WORKER	Kim Fox
PROJECT WORKER	Bernadette Pietruszewska
VOLUNTEER COUNSELLOR	Jenny Clarke

Lauren's Link continues to support:

- Families/parents/carers affected by someone else's drug misuse
- Families/parents/carers of prisoners due to drug related crime
- Families/parents/carers bereaved by drug misuse (Angels project)
- Prisoners/young offenders and their families prior to release
- Families/parents/carers of sex workers and young people involved in child prostitution/grooming.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2006

All of a sudden this time of year comes around again and with it the need to look back on what we have achieved and forward towards a new horizon.

As many of you will already know, this is to be my last report to the Annual General Meeting as Chair. I am taking this opportunity to hand over the reigns to someone else, I am sure that they will do a good job.

So what has been achieved? As you will read from the statistics, Lauren's Link have maintained contact with many families, established contact with some new ones and begun the challenge of reaching out to others who may not reach out to us so readily.

With regard to the staff employed at the office, we welcomed Bern and said farewell to Sue Griffin who moved to new pastures – we wish her well for the future. Bern will be a valuable member to the team and already has a good knowledge of the processes put into place.

There have been a few comings and goings with the committee as well, not the least of which is the departure of Dave and Wendy Allin. They have set off for a brave new world and we hope they will have the reassurance to know that there is always a friend for them in Derby. Join me in thanking them for their efforts and wish them well on their adventures.

We had set our sights on providing some respite care in the last 12 months but unfortunately our bid for additional funds from the Radio Derby Money Mountain were pipped at the last hurdle and as other funds became increasingly scarce the project had to be put on the back burner. With luck this might be re-visited in the future.

To clarify the situation regarding funding, which I am sure will be close to your hearts at this time, we remain commissioned by the Derby City Community Safety Partnership to provide family support to parents, carers etc of drug users. We are not commissioned by them however, to take part in criminal justice or any other activities. For Lauren's Link to continue this work, another funding source needs to be identified – work which is ongoing by Annette and the team.

There are strong indications that this will be the situation in the coming year, although no firm budget has been set at present.

We are hopeful that the promise of early intervention for drug users will come to pass and that the stories we so often hear of young people feeling let down by the `system` will soon be a thing of the past. But the sad fact is that no matter how low the users feel, how broken hearted the families feel or how close they come to having no hope left at all – there is no intervention that will have any effect on the drug user until THEY are ready to take that step (with help and support) themselves.

That is why Lauren's Link exists, the purpose if you like is not to seek to convert drug users, not to `clean up` the whole city and not to put people behind bars. If any of these things occur, well that might be a bonus.

This group exists to give a bit of hope to those who have lost all hope, to give a promise of the future and to allow those affected by a family members` drugs use to learn how to cope with that situation. Only when that has been achieved can some people even think about treatment.

I passionately believe in Lauren`s Link as I am sure that you do, I believe that the CSP believe in us too, otherwise there would be no funding at all.

In order to survive and thrive, the group now needs to learn how to prise cash out of more than one provider – how to develop best practice in administering the processes of the group and become a hard nosed business. The moto of “keep your friends close – keep your enemies closer” might be prudent.

In closing I would like to thank Annette and the team for all their hard work and the committee for the support they give to the Team.

I wish you all the very best for the future.

Thanks

Ed W

On a Personal Note
Annette Rodgers, Project Manager

Can't believe this is my 4th AGM report. Time is certainly flying by and as usual Lauren's Link has been busy.

It's been quite an emotional year for myself and staff as reported by the Chair regarding funding. Although it has been emotional it has also been positive in that as applying for other funding we've realised how much actually goes on behind the scenes with the charitable work that Lauren's Link is engaged in. The Drug Strategy Team are able to fund our core business and as we develop the charitable work, the extra hand holding as we call it, we can look for funding for that work.

We've had quite a few social events this year starting with a shared retreat at Hothorpe Hall, we were invited along with some parents to a retreat by Snowdrops which is a parent/carer support group based in Leicester/Leicestershire and Rutland. We had to sing for our supper though but we had an excellent weekend. In May we went to the Kew Gardens and the Chelsea Flower Show. Everyone had an excellent weekend and said how much they benefit from a little "ME TIME". We had another Open Day in June to invite the new agencies we're working with to come and have a look at us. This also gave us an opportunity to do some fundraising. Brenda and Dawn were brilliant on the bookstall and the homemade cake stall. We managed to raise £250 on the day with books left over for the next one. We also went on a picnic to Calke Abbey, luckily the weather held out and we had another excellent day. The next social event is a night out in September with a meal. Then, of course, dare I say it we will be having the Christmas Party.

In March we lost a member of staff, Sue Griffin. Sue left Lauren's Link to take up a position at Foston Hall Prison. However, we were fortunate enough to employ Bernadette. Bern has now been with us for 5 months and I can say has fitted in with the team very well. I always pride Lauren's Link on the strong staff team – we may be a small team but we give quality support.

As last year, this year has been sad in the fact that another Founder of Lauren's Link, lost her son, Lee in June. Doreen is now being supported by the Angels project.

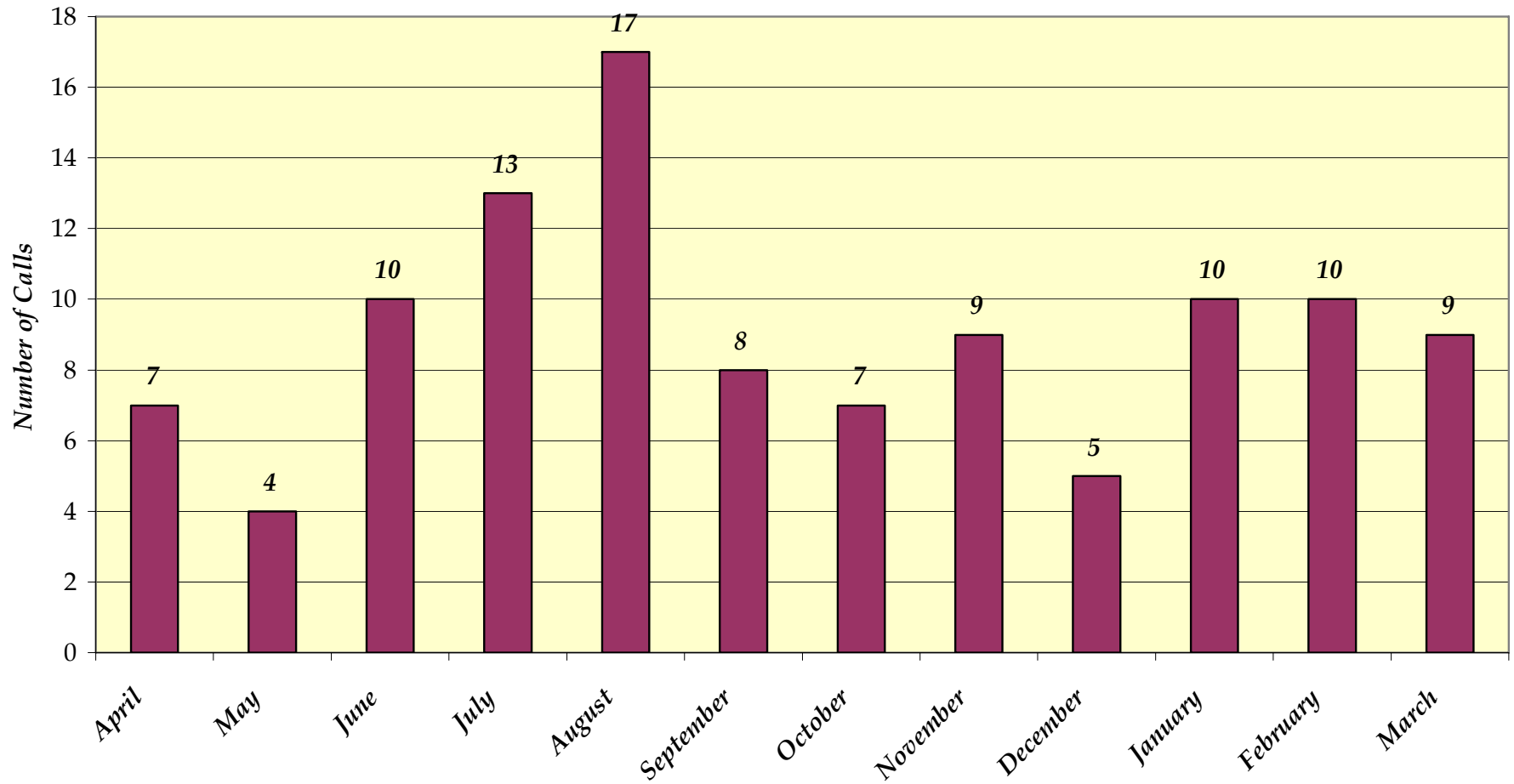
Also Wendy and Dave Allin are leaving us for sunnier climes. Wendy and Dave have been coming to the Lauren's Link Tuesday night group since its inception 6 years ago. – BON VOYAGE!! Wendy and Dave will be missed – although we've threatened to have a webcam so that they can join in!

As usual, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the work of Lauren's Link and I am sure next year will be more exciting as we move the organisation forward with new developments.

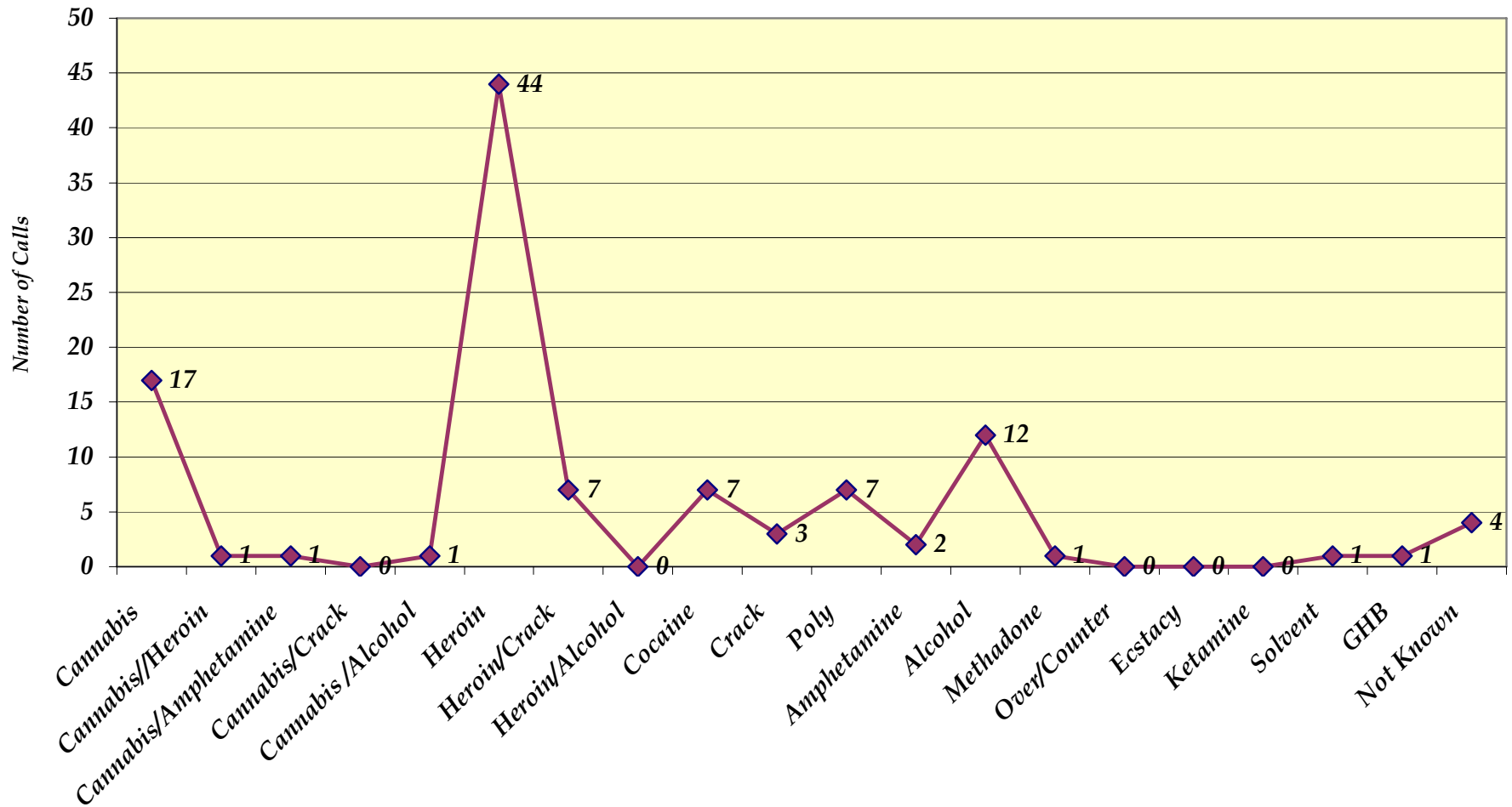
Thank you to the dedication and support by the members of the Board of Trustees past and present.

God Bless you Lauren & Lee

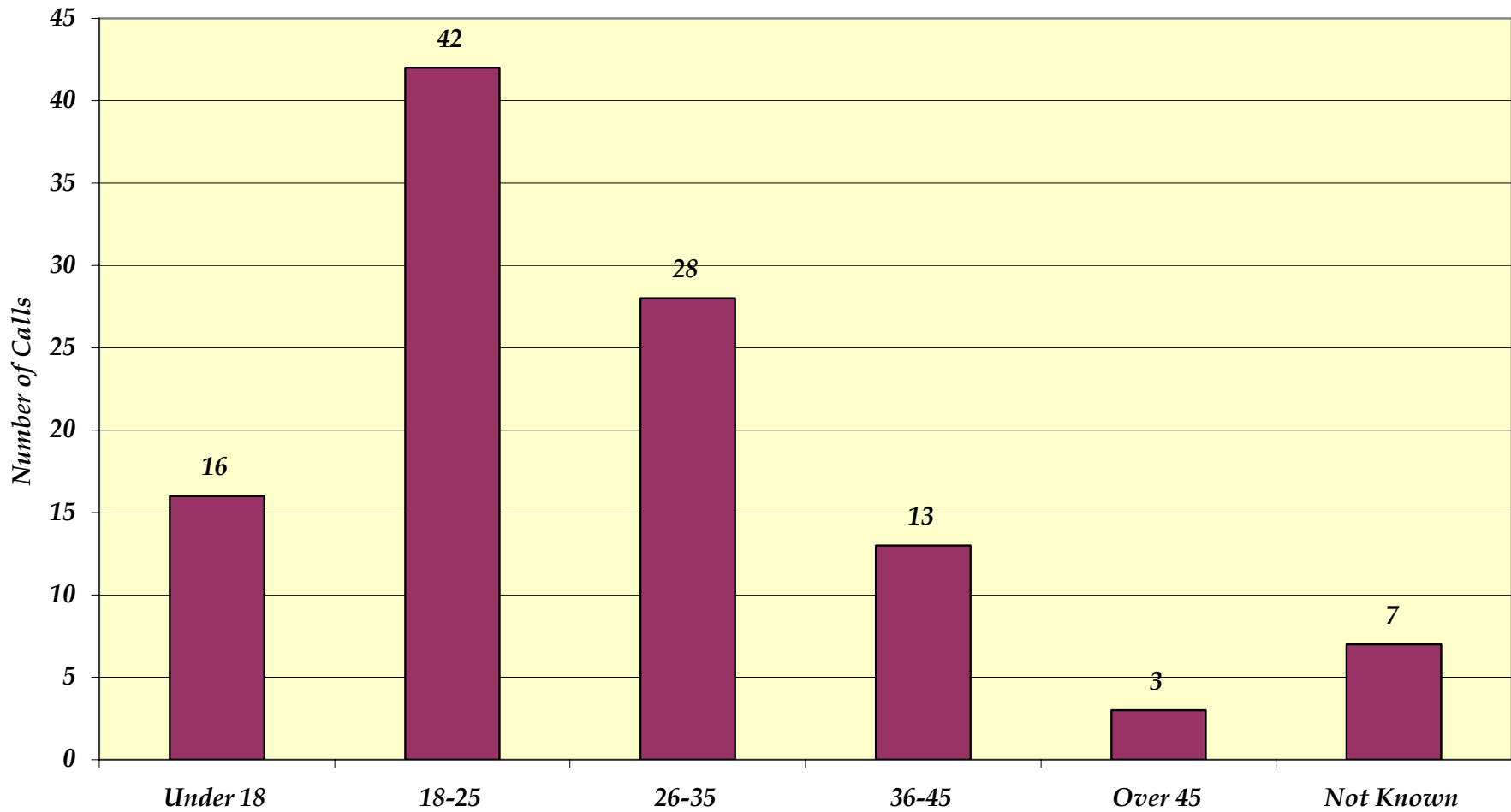
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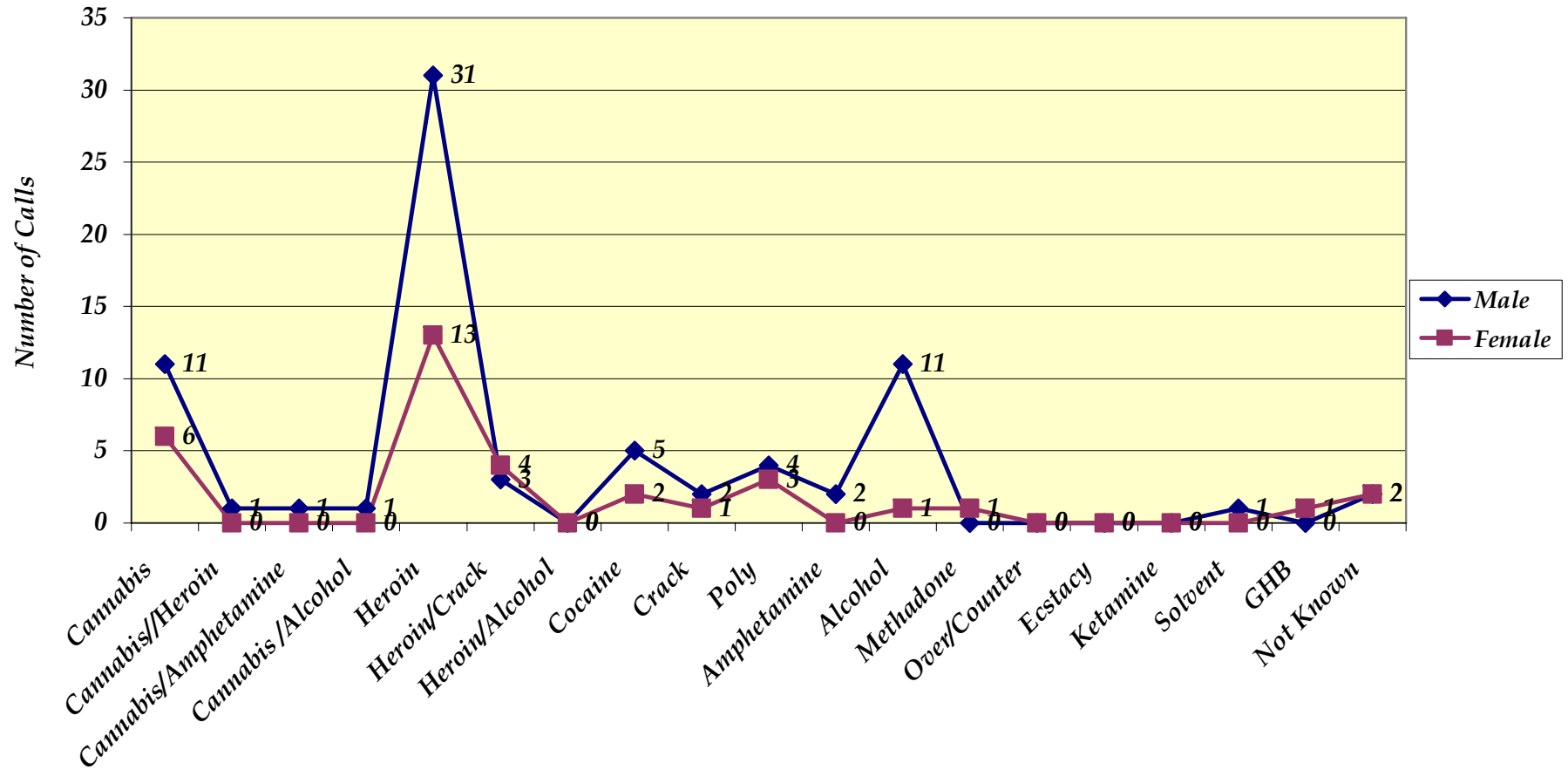
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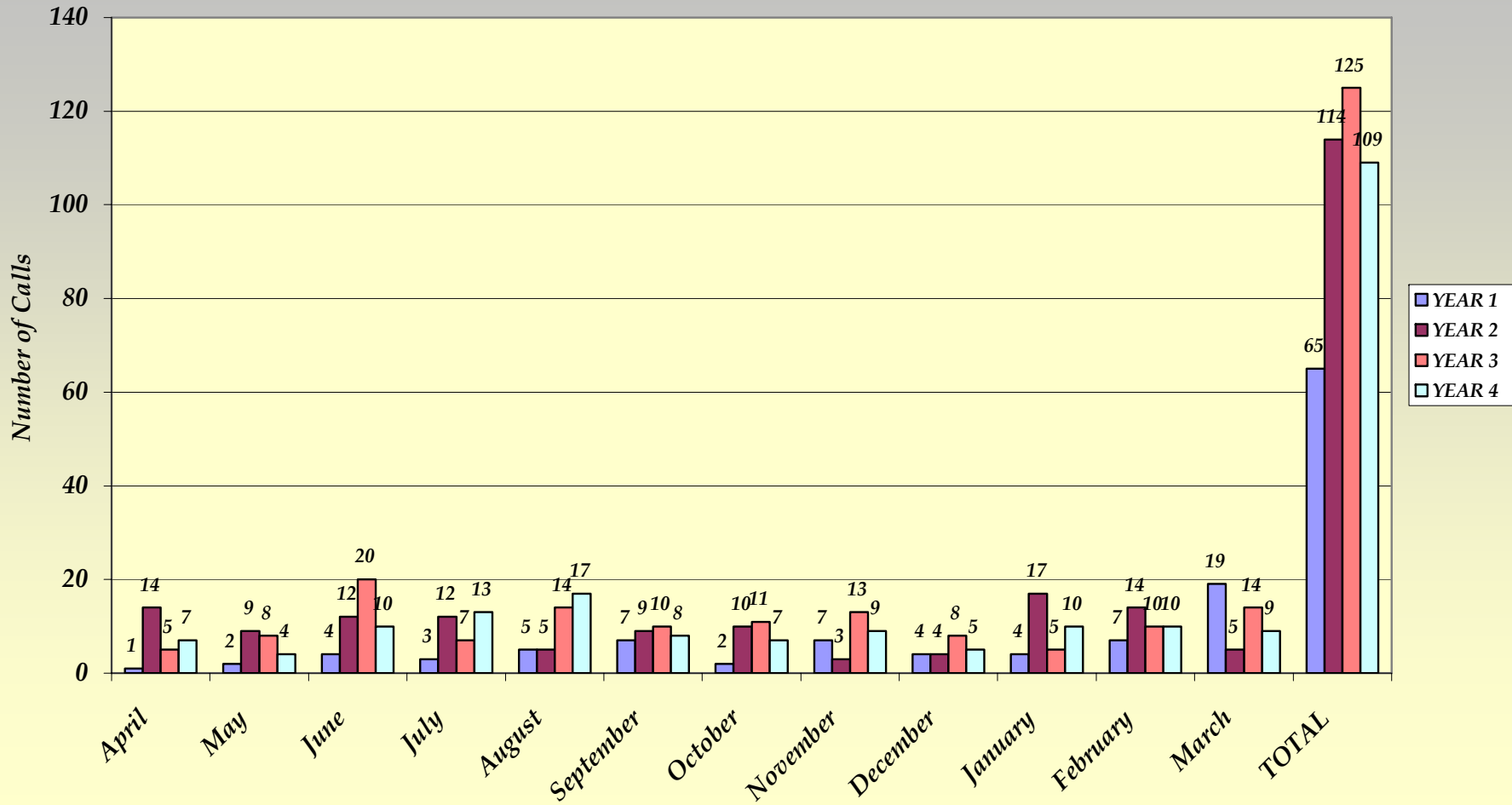
AGE OF USER APRIL 05 - MARCH 06



GENDER OF USER AND DRUG APRIL 05 - MARCH 06



New Referrals Call Monitoring Years 1,2,3,4



Lauren's Link
Statement of Financial
Activity
For year ended March 31st
2006

2005		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2006
£		£	£	£
	Charitable Income			
100261	Grants	0	93572	93572
6882	Donations & other income	4854	0	4854
383	Interest	328	0	328
107525		5183	93572	98755
	Charitable Expenditure			
67642	Salary and associated costs	1777	79367	81144
4613	Expenses and training costs	2462	2786	5248
3998	Stationery, telephone and printing	115	2490	2605
1595	Advertisements	110	2353	2463
230	Supervision Costs	0	440	440
11896	Rent & rates	870	12648	13518
1050	insurance	0	2006	2006
666	Fees	67	640	707
2996	Equipment, fixtures and fittings	1332	1256	2587
1608	Sundry	2700	623	3323
125	Cost of Managing & Administering Charity	0	130	130
96419		9432	104738	114170
11107		-4249	-11166	-15415
10103	Fund balance at start of period	8059	13150	21210
0	Transfer between funds	1984	-1984	0
21210	Fund balance at end of period	5794	0	5794

Lauren's Link
Balance Sheet as at March
31st 2006

2005		2006
£		£
	Current Assets	
21129	Bank Balance	5754
80	Cash	40
<u>21210</u>	Total assets	<u>5794</u>
	less liabilities	
	Creditors	
<u>21210</u>	Net Assets	<u>5794</u>
	Represented by Funds	
13150	Restricted Funds	0
<u>8059</u>	Unrestricted Funds	<u>5794</u>
<u>21210</u>		<u>5794</u>

 Chair

 Date

 Treasurer

 Date

**Lauren's
Link**

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1

Grants received were as follows

	£
Drugs & Alcohol Action Team/ Derby PCT	93572
	93572

Note 2

Donations and other income

	£
Fees	600
Fundraising	134
Donations	2227
City Properties	561
Miscellaneous	1332
	4854

Note 3

Balances on restricted funds were as follows

	Bal b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Bal C/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Community Fund	911	0	0	-911	0
PCT Small Schemes	612	0	0	-612	0
Drugs & Alcohol Action Team	11627	93572	104738	-461	0
TOTAL	13150	93572	104738	-1984	0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LAUREN'S LINK WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT WITH FUNDING AND DONATED MONIES.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation

The Rotary Daybreak Club

Rapid Scaffolding

Atlas Janitorial

C.A.R.S

Hardwood Products

The York Tavern

C.M.C

Rathbone Training

Derbyshire Constabulary – Pear Tree Division

Mercia Rotary Club

Forester St Spiritualist Church

Community Safety Partnership Drug Strategy Team

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LAUREN'S LINK WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR ALL THEIR TIME AND SUPPORT.

Derbyshire Constabulary - Steven Holme, Brian Grice, Mark Preston

Derby Coroners Court – Peter Ashworth and Team

Progress to Work – Lesley Asher

D.C.A.S – Mark Newey – Accountant

Derby City Properties – Julie and Ann Collett

Just 30 Ltd – Andy Gaucher – Website

Addaction Adult Service – Colleen and Team

Addaction Young Persons - Carmel and Team

P.B Associates – I.T Support

Forester St Spiritualist Church – Liz Goddard and Team

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