



**(SADA)**

# Annual Report

**April 2019 – March 2020**

Working in partnership with



# What is SADA?

Stevenage Against Domestic Abuse (SADA) is a holistic approach to working alongside survivors of domestic abuse, and support also extends to families. The service offers crisis intervention, together with client-led support and signposting to other agencies suited to the individual and their own situation. In the past 12 months, the service has grown and gained momentum across Hertfordshire. Once someone has come through the service, they gain access to our SADA Domestic Abuse Forum which is run by survivors who want to make a difference and continue that support system. A weekly drop-in is run in Stevenage and North Herts which provides extra support to victims, survivors and their families. The SADA service now runs in Stevenage, North Herts, and East Herts, and is being piloted in Welwyn Hatfield it will now continue for a further 12 months.



# Police statistics of domestic abuse in Hertfordshire

Overall in Hertfordshire, the number of recorded 'notifiable' offences flagged with an aggravating factor of domestic abuse has decreased by -6.1%, when compared to the previous year; from 10,800 to 10,139.

Notable increases: in North Herts (4.2%) and Welwyn Hatfield (12.3%).

However, the total number of non-crime incidents fell by -2.8% in Hertfordshire. Again, more notable increases where seen East Herts (6.1%), and decreases from North Herts (-10.5%).

## Domestic abuse offences per CSP

CSP	Number of offences 2017	Number of offences 2018	Number of offences 2019	% change 2018-2019	Rate per 1,000 population 2019
East Herts CSP	943	980	931	-5.0%	6.3
North Herts CSP	1,024	1,127	1,174	4.2%	8.8
Stevenage CSP	1,222	1,234	1,125	-8.8%	12.8
Welwyn Hatfield CSP	1,260	1,281	1,124	-12.3%	9.2

## Domestic abuse non crimes per CSP

CSP	Number of offences 2017	Number of offences 2018	Number of offences 2019	% change 2018-2019	Rate per 1,000 population 2019
East Herts CSP	845	737	782	6.1%	5.3
North Herts CSP	893	1,013	907	-10.5%	6.8
Stevenage CSP	1,001	917	859	-6.3%	9.8
Welwyn Hatfield CSP	1,209	1,085	1,046	-3.6%	8.5

## Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)

Total number of Hertfordshire Domestic Homicide Reviews (April 2011 - 1 February 2020):

Calendar year	No. of Hertfordshire DHRs / Proportionate* reviews	Number of deceased (16+yrs)	Number of children (under 16) at time of incident	CSP areas
2019	5	4	2	Dacorum, North Herts, Dacorum, (North Herts), Dacorum, Welwyn Hatfield, Watford
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	

# Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

A Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a local, multi-agency victim-focused meeting where information is shared on the highest risk cases of domestic violence and abuse between different statutory and voluntary sector agencies. The below table shows the number of MARAC referrals per CSP with the number of children that are involved.

## Rolling year ending Q3 2019/20

MARAC/BCU Area	No. of cases	No. per 1,000 head of population	No. of repeats	% repeats	No. of children involved	16/17yr old victim	16/17yr old perp
East Herts and Broxbourne	166	0.71	48	28.9%	173	1	1
North Herts and Stevenage	261	1.22	87	33.3%	330	5	1
Welwyn Hatfield and Hertsmere	256	1.20	83	32.4%	312	4	1

The below table is shows the number of cases per CSP and the percentage that are repeat referrals in the same period as above.

## Rolling year ending Q3 2019/20 repeat referrals

District	No. of cases	No. per 1,000 head of population	No. of repeats	% repeats	16/17yr old victim	16/17yr old perp
East Herts	107	7.65	41	38.3%	1	1
North Herts	142	11.07	51	35.9%	0	0
Stevenage	154	1.82	50	32.5%	1	0
Welwyn Hatfield	140	1.25	44	31.4%	3	1

## Stalking and harassment

Stalking is now defined in legislation and includes repeated attempts to impose unwanted communications and/or contacts on another in a manner that could be expected to cause distress and/or fear in any reasonable person.

There were 4,779 stalking and harassment offences recorded during the current period. This is an overall decrease of -3.9%. Notable increases were seen in Welwyn Hatfield (3.6%).

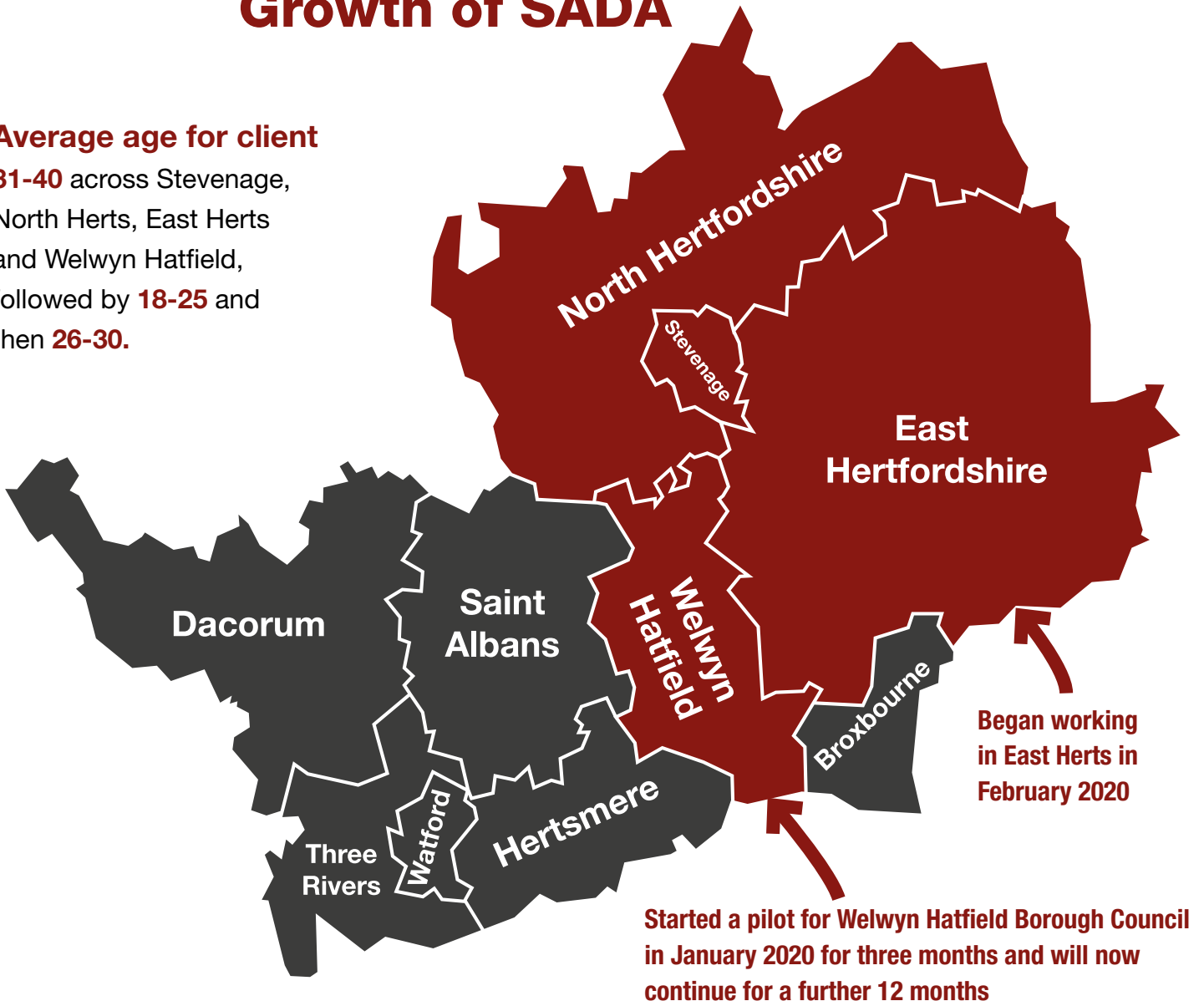
### Stalking and harassment offences per CSP

CSP	Number of offences 2017	Number of offences 2018	Number of offences 2019	% change 2018-2019	Rate per 1,000 population 2019
East Herts CSP	422	503	458	-8.9%	3.1
North Herts CSP	418	486	483	-0.6%	3.6
Stevenage CSP	533	619	563	-9.0%	6.4
Welwyn Hatfield CSP	543	563	583	3.6%	4.7

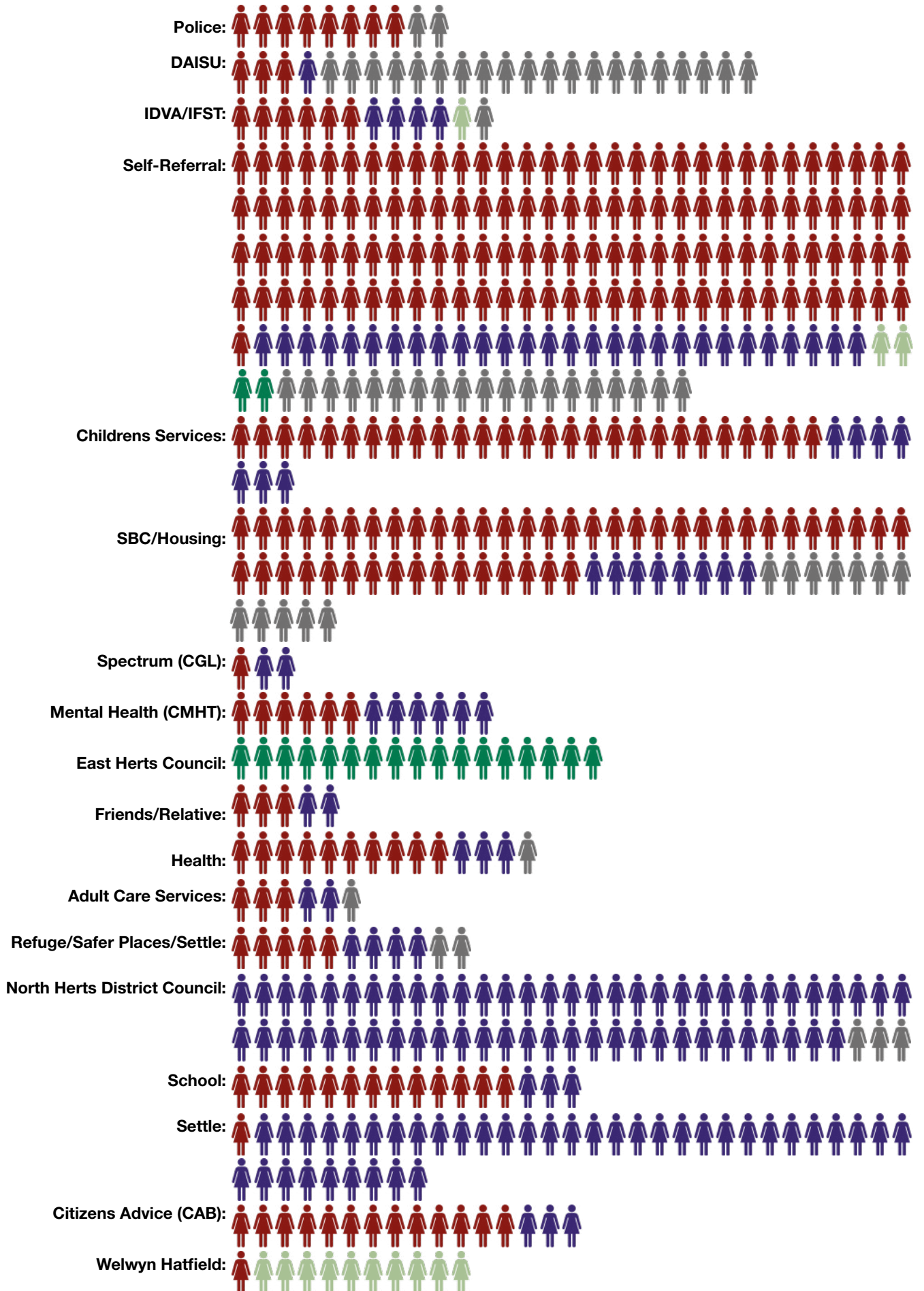
## Growth of SADA

### Average age for client

**31-40** across Stevenage, North Herts, East Herts and Welwyn Hatfield, followed by **18-25** and then **26-30**.



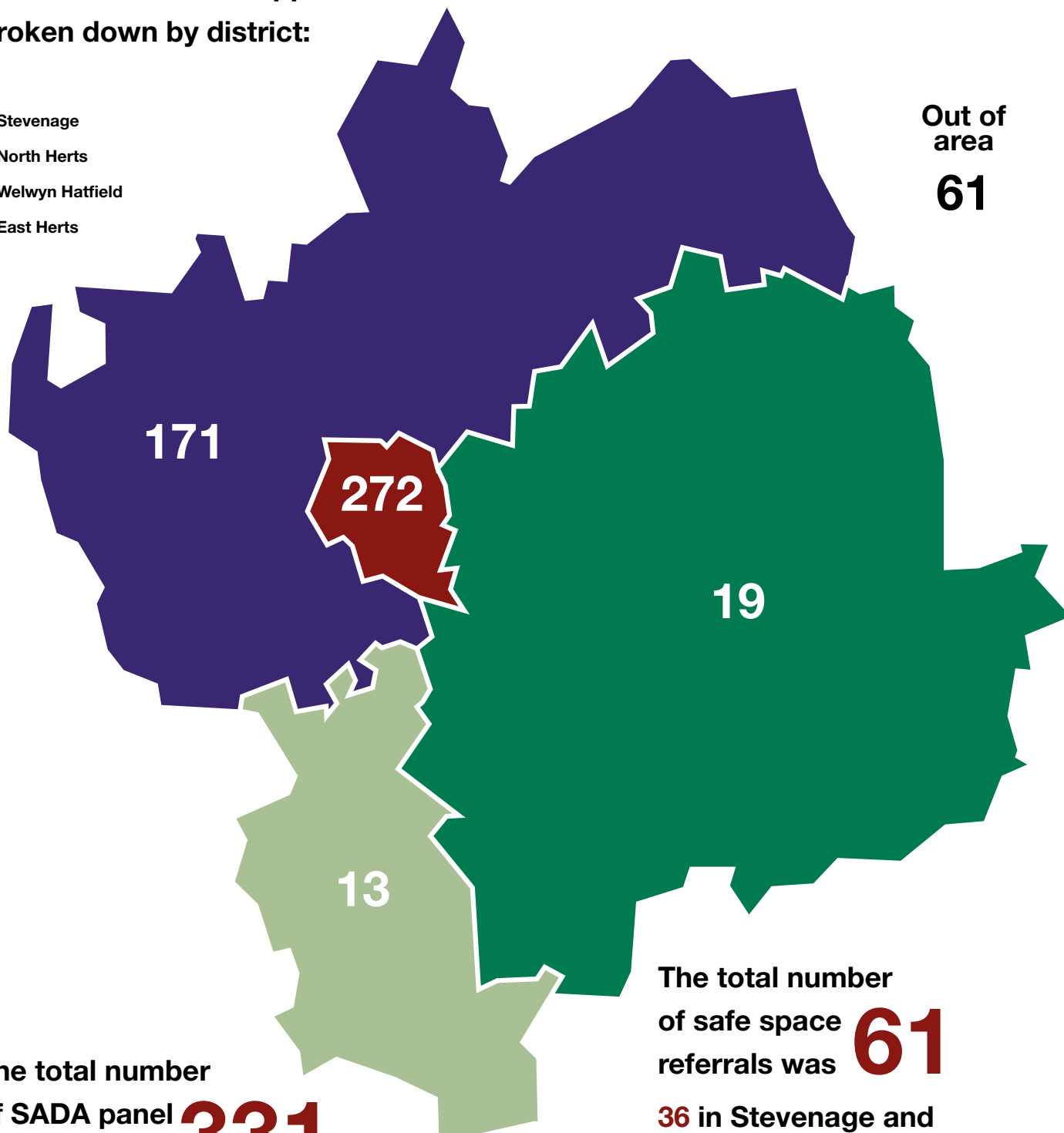
# Referrals: April 2019 - March 2020



The total number referred to SADA for intensive support was **536**

Broken down by district:

- Stevenage
- North Herts
- Welwyn Hatfield
- East Herts



Out of area  
**61**

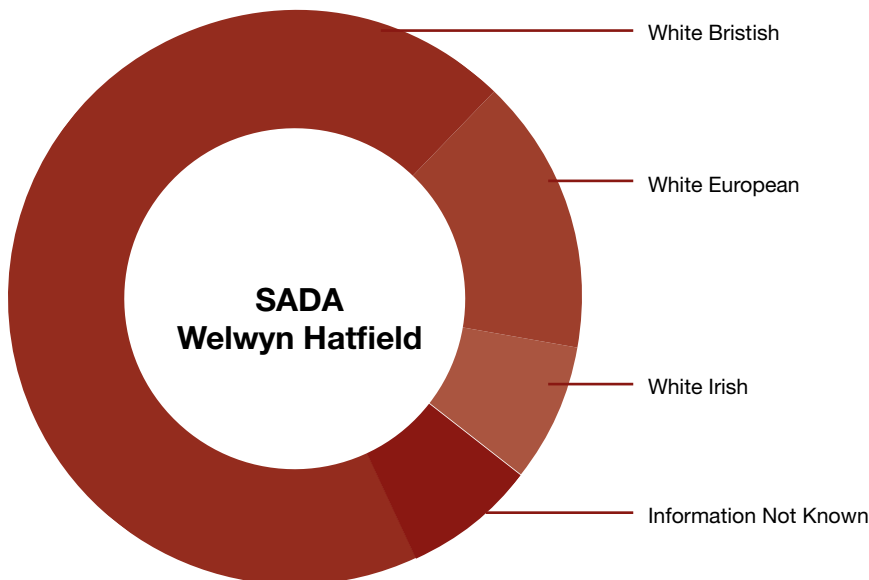
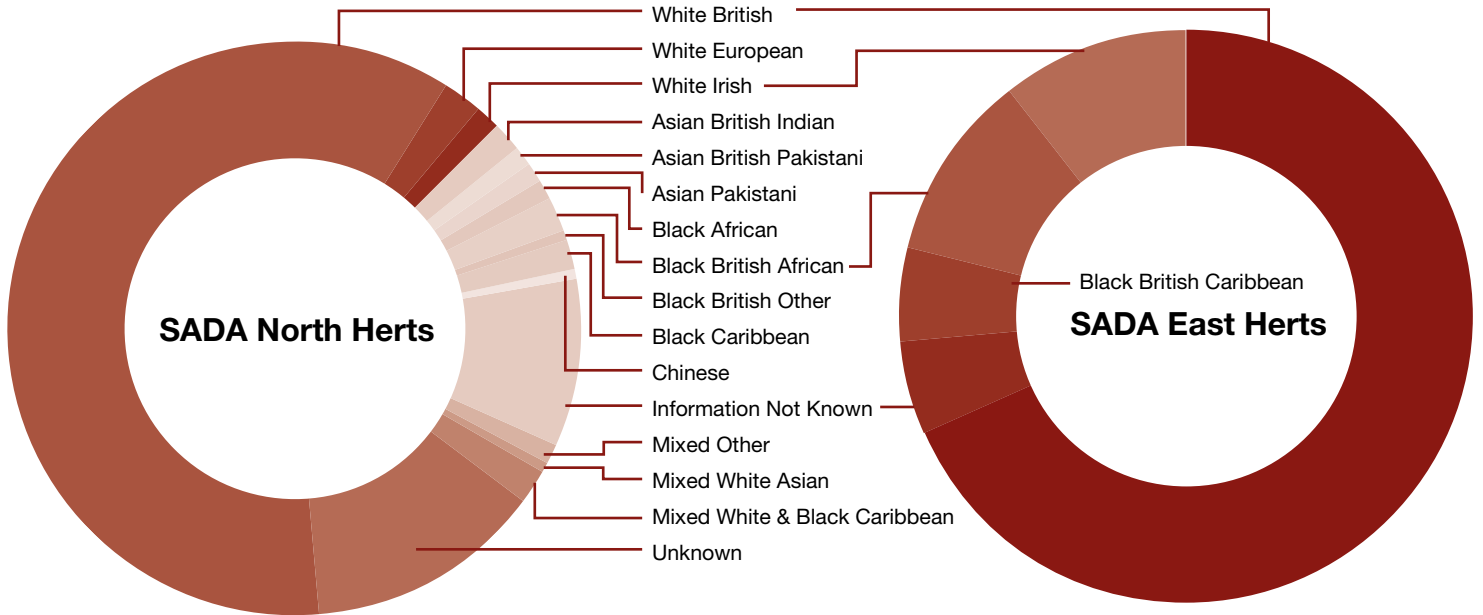
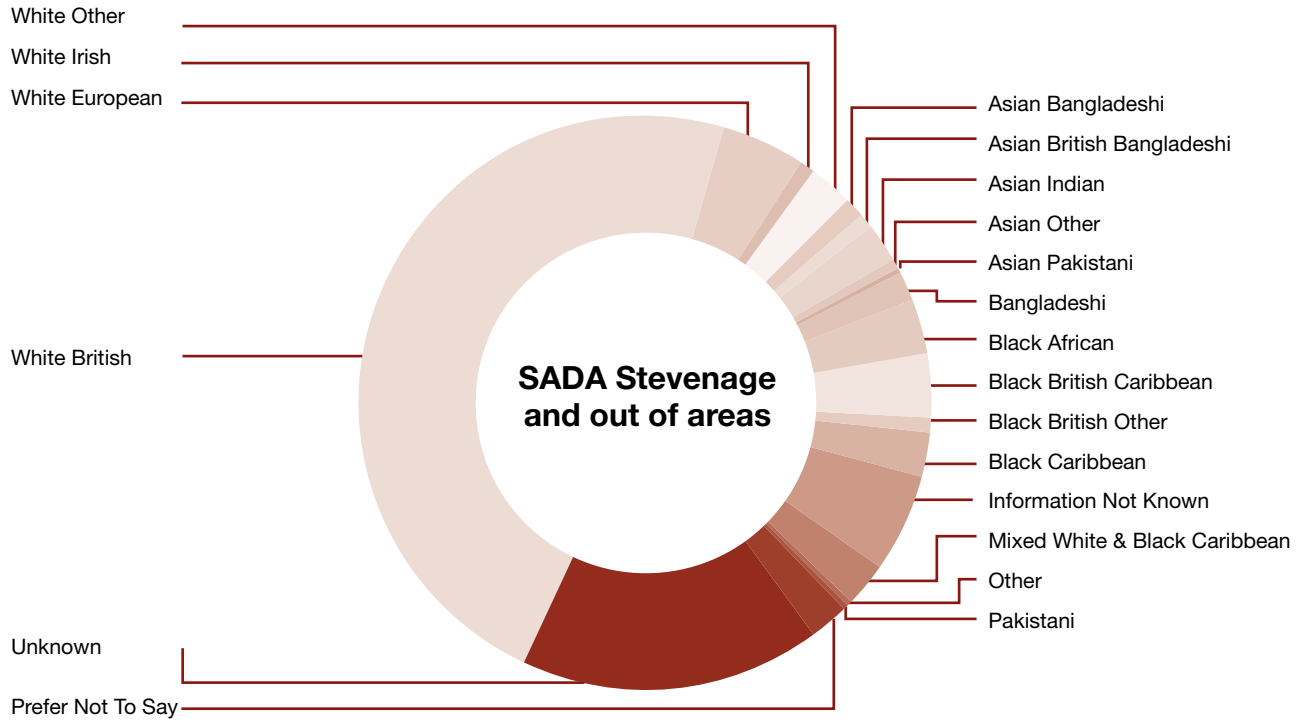
The total number of SADA panel referrals was **331**

The total number of safe space referrals was **61**

**36** in Stevenage and **25** in North Herts

The drop-in attendance in both Stevenage and North Herts was **110**

# Ethnic origins



**Clients confirmed mental health and complex needs**

**186**  
Yes

**260**  
No

**90**  
Unknown



**SADA funding 19/20**

**£500**

**YMM Books-  
Stevenage Community Trust**

**£57,026**

**SADA Service  
Ministry of Housing,  
Communities and  
Local Government**

**6**

**Doorbells donated by  
Settle Housing Association**

**£300**

**Settle Housing Association**

**£20,500**

**North Herts Council**

**£27,000**

**East Herts Council**

**£330**

**Local Councillors Budgets**

# Projects we support or run

- o You and Me Mum
- o Domestic Abuse Champions
- o Video Doorbells
- o White Ribbon Ambassadors
- o The Change Project
- o SADA Forum
- o SADA Essential bags
- o Mindfulness Support
- o Traveller Initiative
- o Modern Slavery Service

## Achievements and successes:

- We have 102 Domestic Abuse Champions in Stevenage and North Herts
- We have successfully identified repeat victims and repeat perpetrators
- We have two SADA Safe Spaces
- Community Safety Manager and SADA Team Leader have completed MARAC Chair Training
- Drop-ins in Stevenage and North Herts each week for survivors
- SADA has grown to Stevenage, North Herts, East Herts and Welwyn Hatfield
- SADA Pilot. In Welwyn Hatfield for three months in 2020 and now secured for a further 12 months
- “Through Emily’s Eyes” domestic abuse conference held in February 2020, this was attended by over 60 service providers/ partners
- Numerous events including the 16 Days of Action, SADA Christmas Party and partner presentations in areas which SADA are working with
- Attend secondary schools in Stevenage to provide healthy relationships talks to Year 7 and above with partners
- Have a rolling awareness training programme for Stevenage Borough Council staff and partners
- Legal training to Settle Housing Association
- Provide service updates to local partners including visits to the Healthy Hub, children’s centres and play centres, housing associations and schools.
- YMM courses available for parents in North Herts from September 2019.
- We have continued to identify county and national agendas and changes to legislation and how Stevenage feeds into this
- Partner with ELSA and Operation Educ8 through the police to deliver a presentation around domestic abuse and healthy relationships.

# SADA clients' feedback

Thank you all for your help and support. You're a credit to your job. We need more people like you in this world

If everyone is as good as you, no one would be in trouble. You have been amazing, thank you so much

Thank you so much for helping me and my little boy. From the moment I got on the phone to ask for help, I knew that we were going to be safe. This flat is safe and secure and me and my son can sleep safely knowing that no one will abuse us. Thank you again for everything. We appreciate it very much.

Thank you for your support and especially with arranging the professionals meeting. It was incredibly valuable to have that meeting and as a result, mostly of you arranging that X and her children are being moved to a new and safe address and are very grateful.

I can't thank you enough for the help you gave me and the course really helped me. You're an inspiration and one day I'm hoping to be where you are supporting a woman, that's my aim now. Thank you for being part of my journey I love ya to bits and will always remember the day I first approached you and began my journey to freedom. Can't wait to see you at the Christmas party and give ya a hug to say thank you.

If it had not been for the service and support received from SADA, she would not have been able to find freedom for herself and her children





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