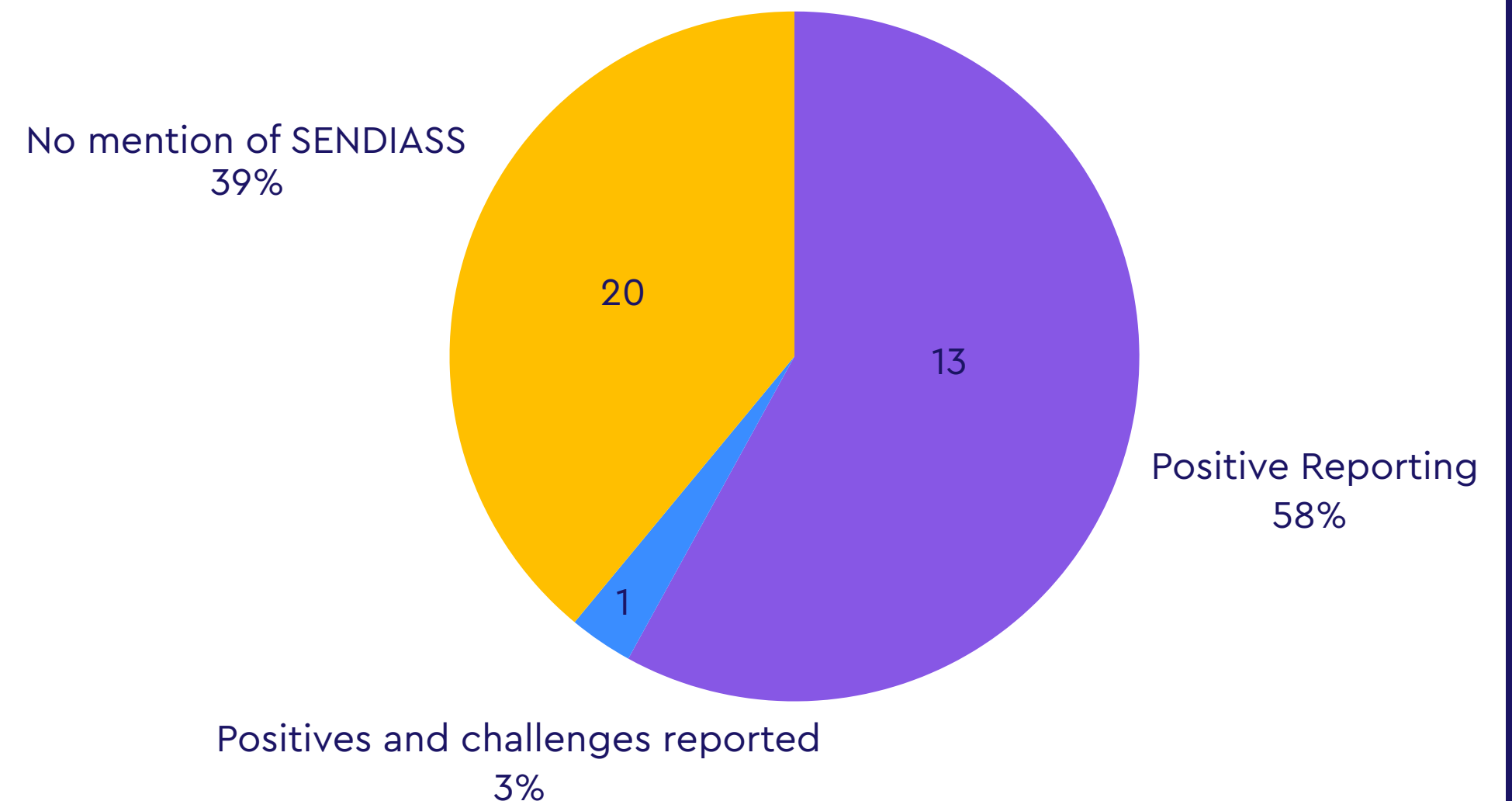


Assessing the national picture of SENDIAS services considering the key measure of Ofsted reporting

Of SENDIAS service mentions in 34 Ofsted reports, we have divided the comments into four categories for reference: where the comments were positive; where the comments contained both positives and challenges; where the comments were not positive; and where there was no mention at all.

Ofsted Scores

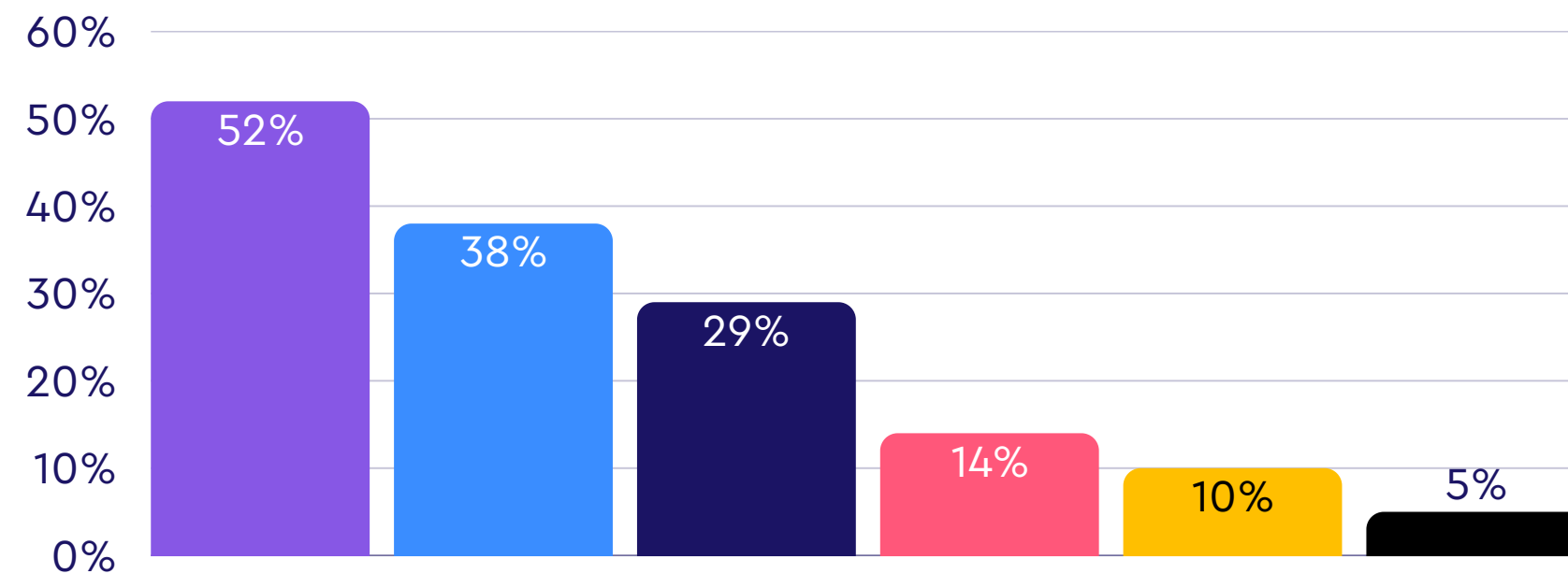


No report described SENDIAS services only negatively.

Themes Present in Ofsted Reporting of SENDIAS Services

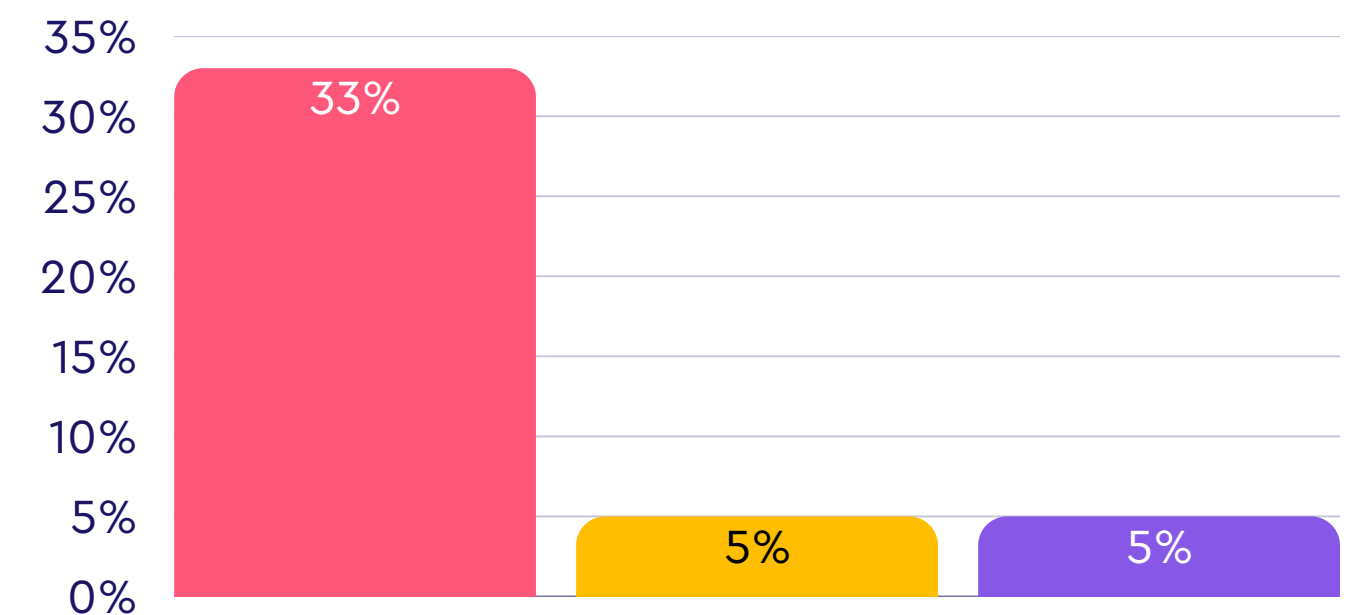
Positive Themes

- High quality IAS
- Positive relationships with parents/carers
- Collaborative working
- Supporting the voice of CYP, parents/carers
- Supporting parents/carers & professionals understand law
- Recent joint commissioning was impactful

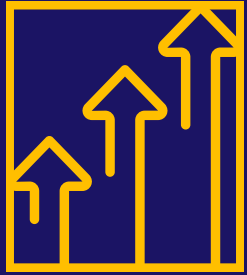


Challenges

- Rising demand on services nearing capacity
- Joint commissioning not in place
- LA not involving SENDIAS service enough



KEY TAKEAWAYS



There has been an increase in Ofsted/CQC reports mentioning SENDIAS services compared to last year (61% in the 2024-25 report vs 56% in the 2023-24 report).



1/3rd of Ofsted/CQC reports that mentioned SENDIAS services highlighted capacity as the major issue confronting services.



The quality of support given by SENDIAS services is a major positive that was highlighted in Ofsted reports.

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