

Hidden Harm

What the data tells us

It is estimated that there are between 250,000 and 350,000 children of problem drug users in the UK and that parental drug use can and does cause serious harm to children at every age

The National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) collects a number of data items aimed at providing information to support safeguarding of children

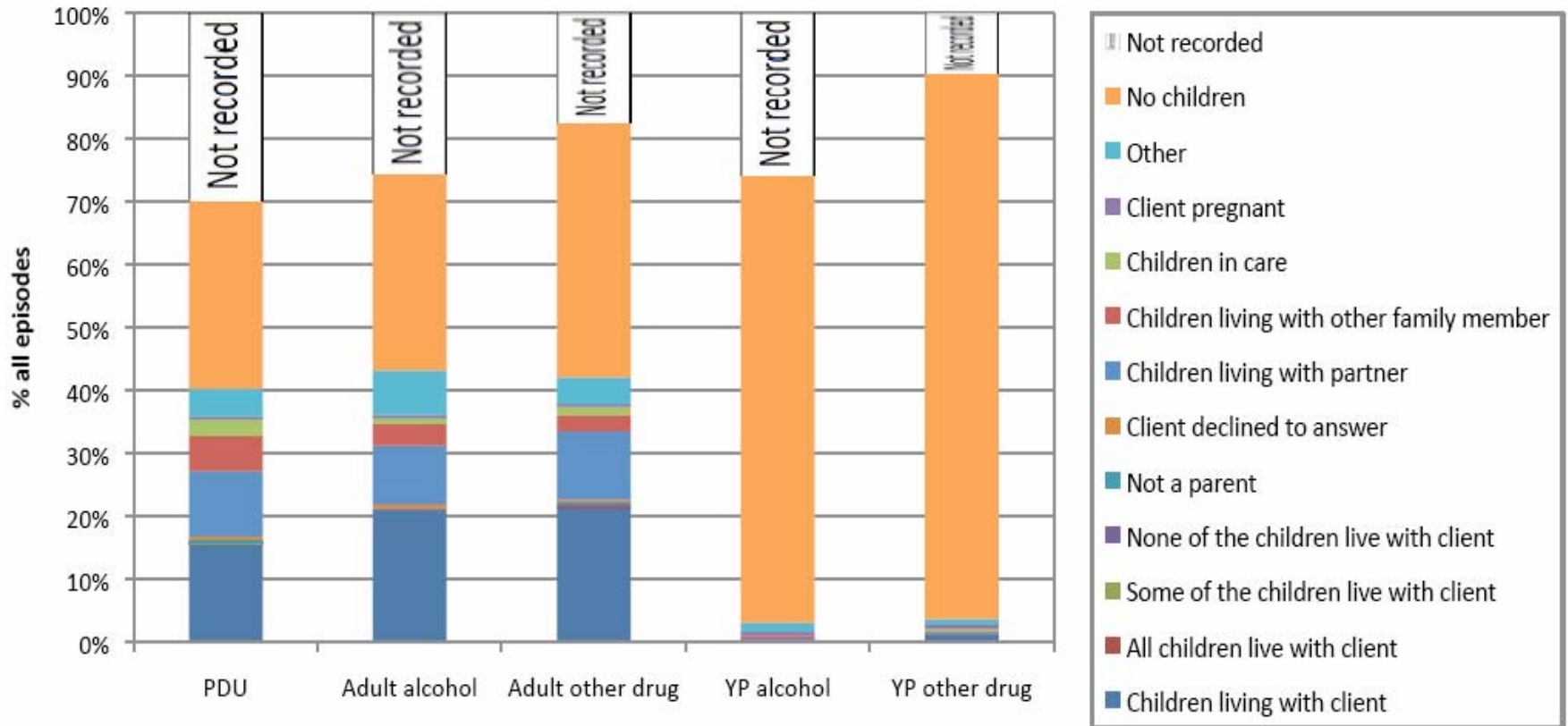
Client's parental status

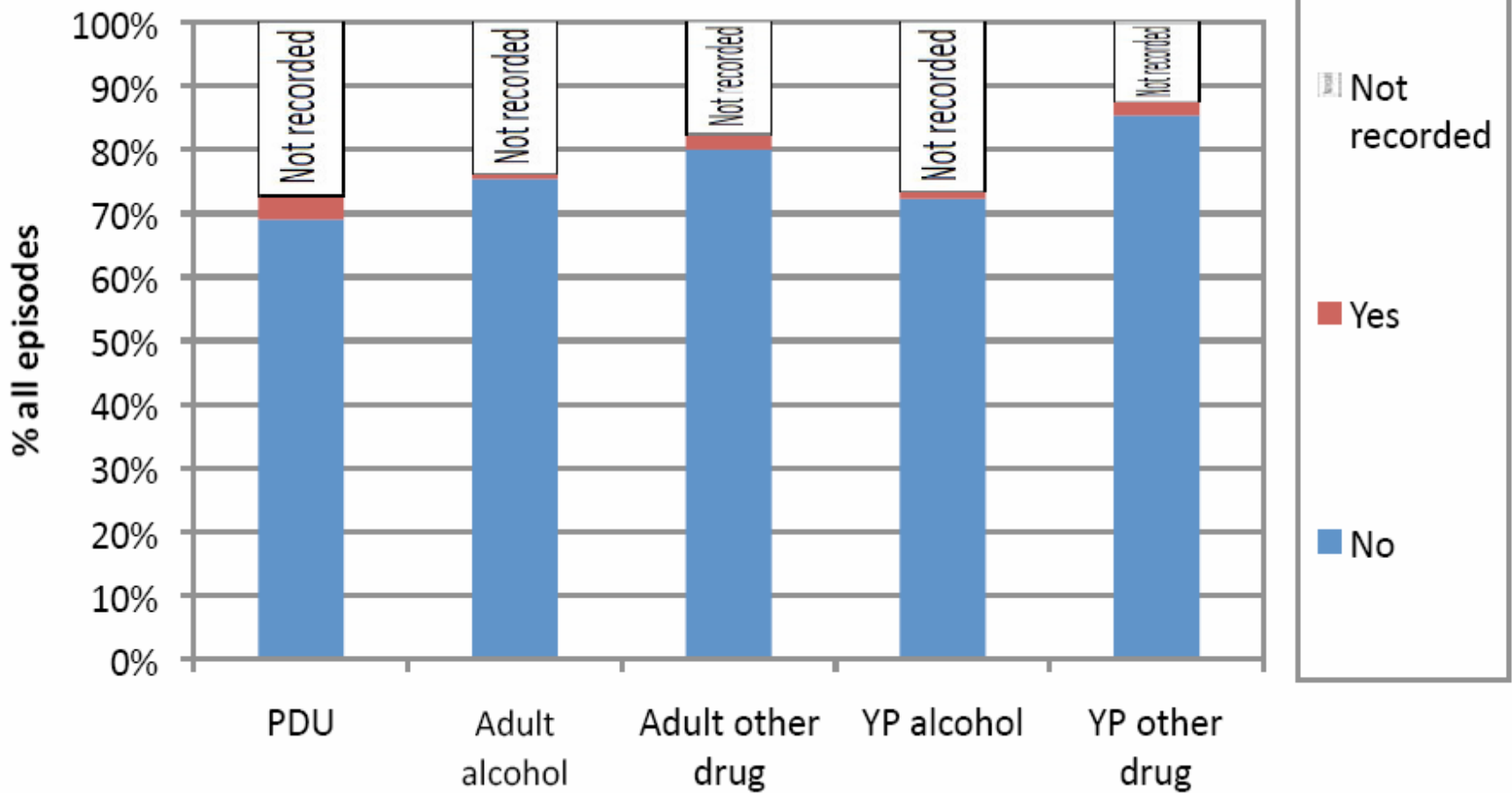
Number of children who are
living with the client

**Female clients who are
pregnant**

This information should be collected at the start of the client's episode of treatment and updated as part of the ongoing care-planning process

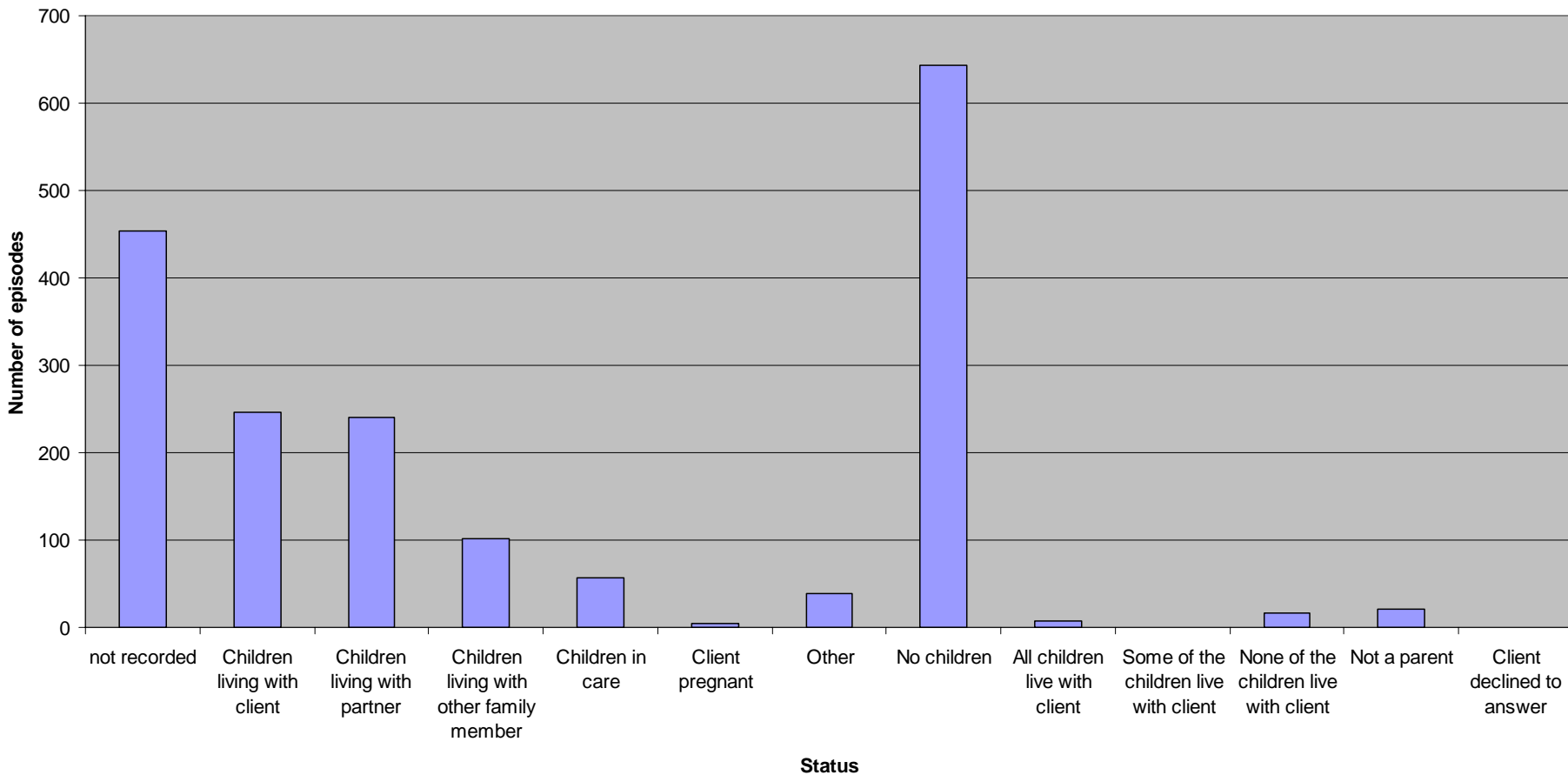
The Monitoring Unit for Substances in the East (MUSE) has recently produced a report that highlights shortfalls in collecting this data throughout the region



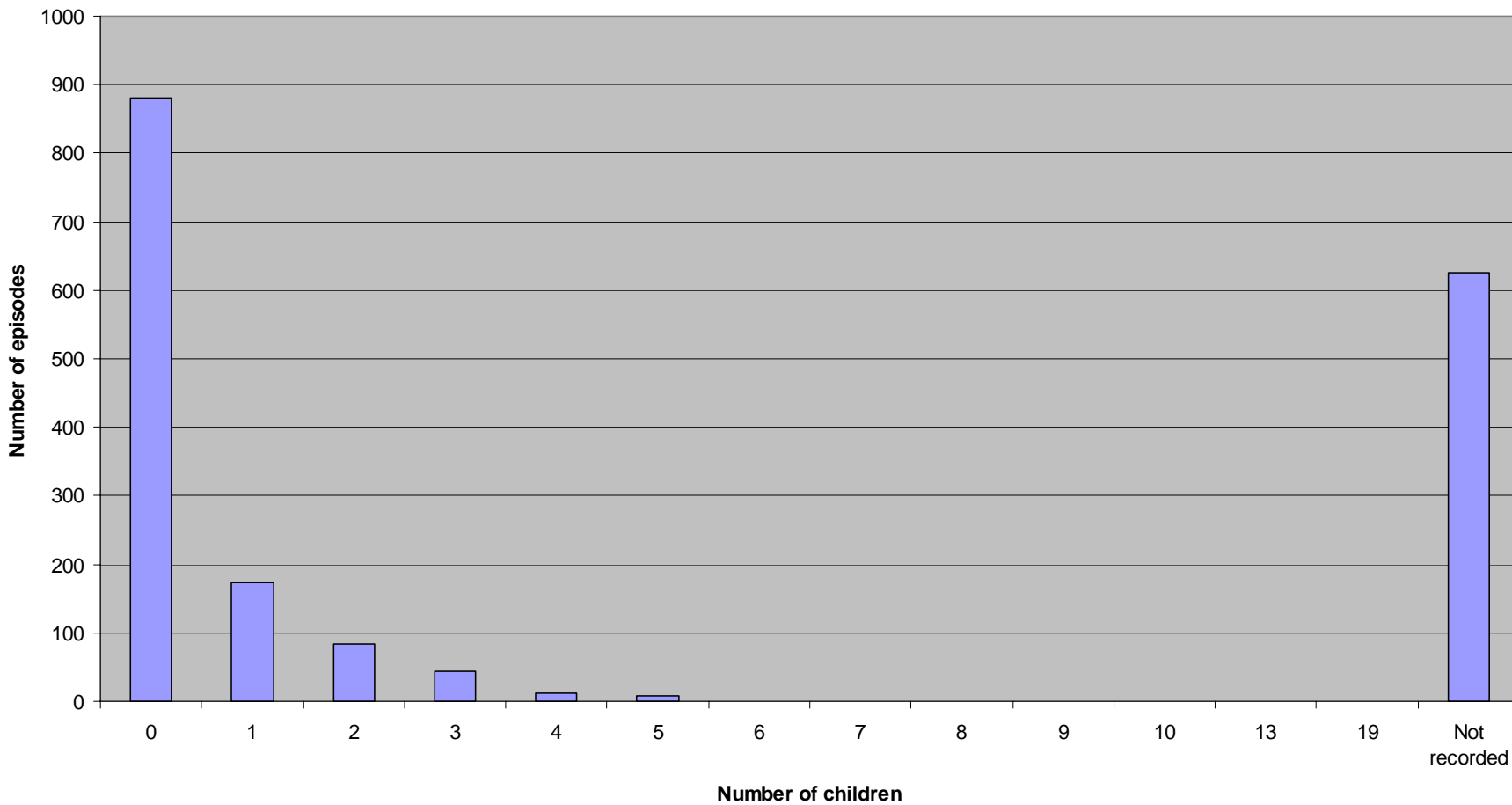


Within Norfolk, compliance with the requirement to collect this information is also inconsistent

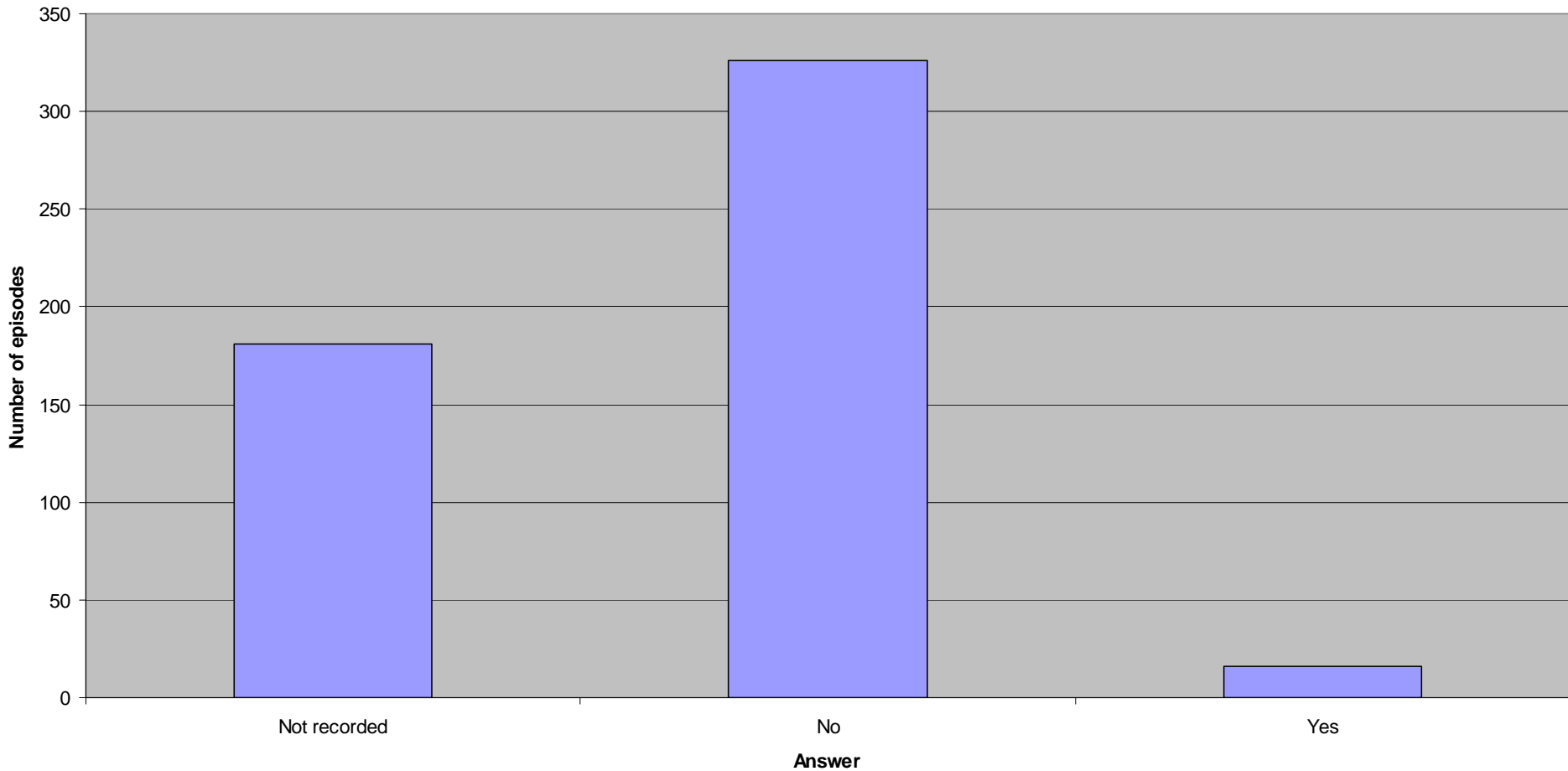
Parental status of clients in drug treatment



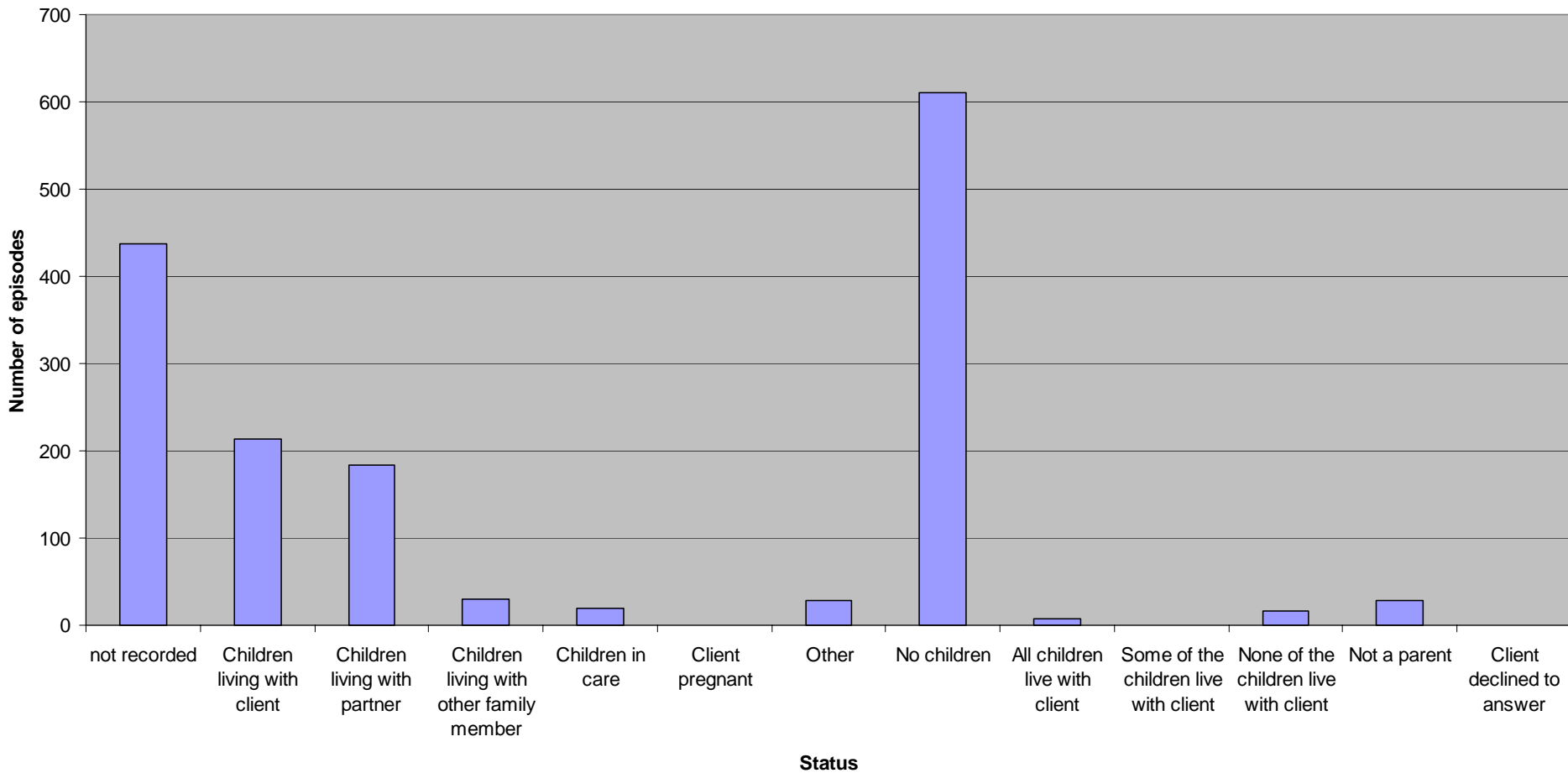
Number of children of clients in drug treatment



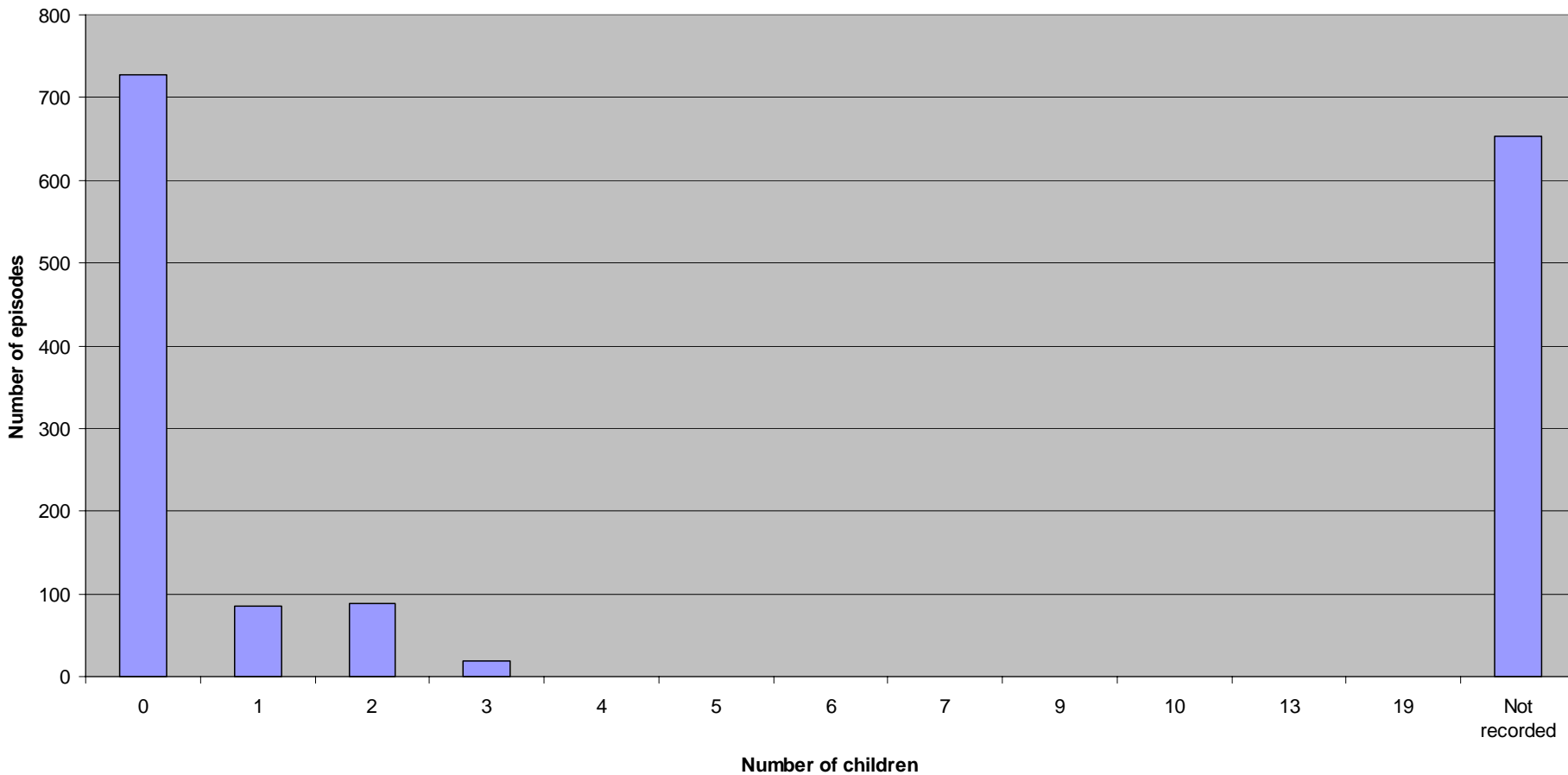
Is the client pregnant? Females in drug treatment only



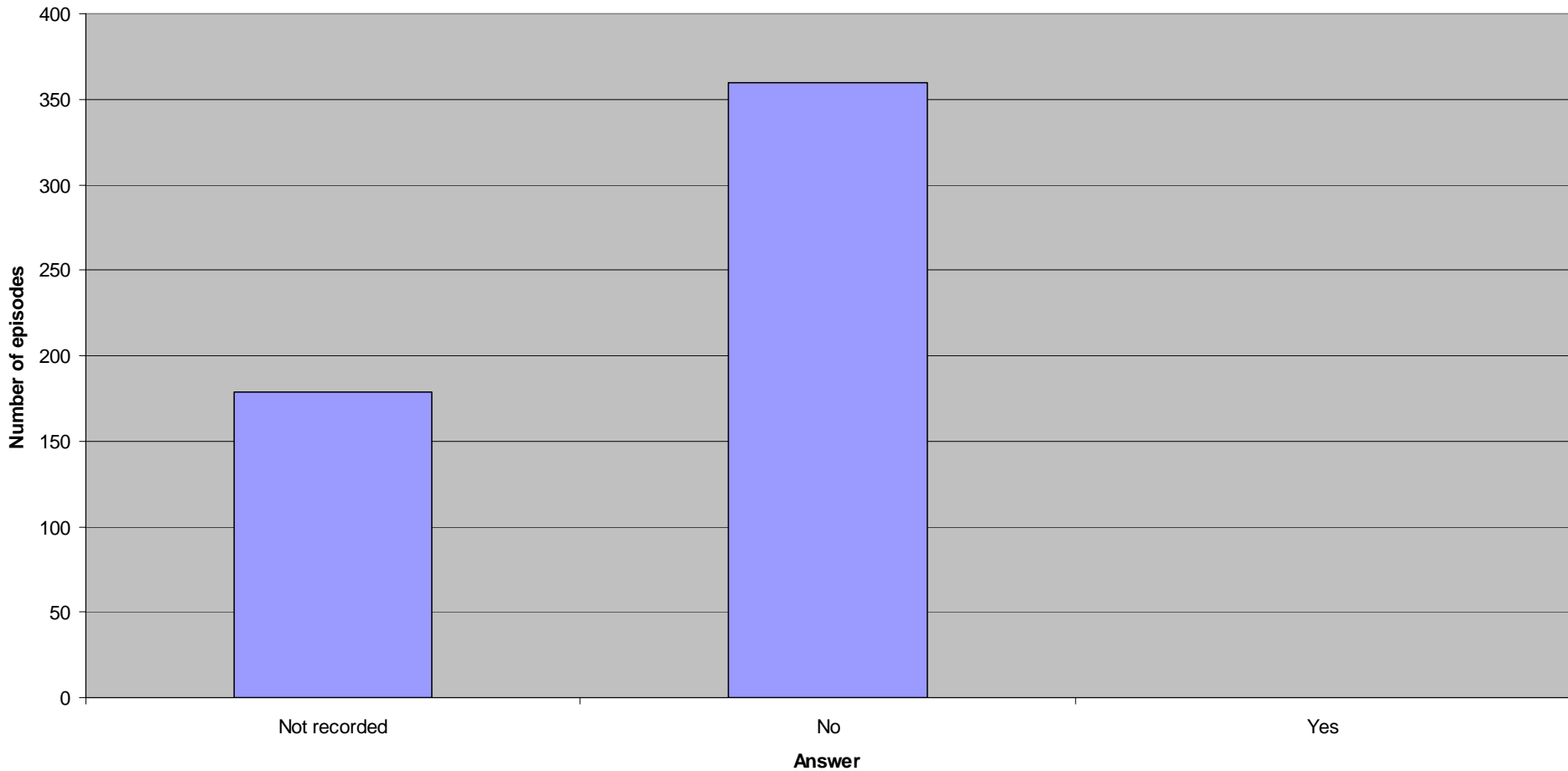
Parental status of clients in alcohol treatment



Children of clients in alcohol treatment



Is the client pregnant? Females in alcohol treatment only



The collection and updating of data to populate these fields needs to improve if we are to effectively support the safeguarding of children in Norfolk