

Right by You Wessex - Personalised, Integrated Care and Support for People Living with Cancer

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Background

Right by You Portland is part of a project run by Wessex Cancer Alliance in partnership with Macmillan Cancer support. The aim of the service is to provide personalised, integrated care and specialist support for people living with a cancer diagnosis in a place that they feel comfortable.

Portland is a tied island in West Dorset, which has one road connecting it to the mainland. There is one GP practice, two prisons and is an area with poor social mobility and high deprivation. Local population health data highlights high prevalence of depression (the most commonly reported long term condition affecting >20% of population) and vulnerabilities to social isolation, unhealthy behaviours and financial challenges (DiS, 2021).

Support is also offered to people living with cancer who are referred by The Lantern Trust, an independent charity that helps vulnerable and marginalized people in Weymouth and Portland. Angela Ingram is also working with people with cancer from HMP The Verne (Prison service Healthcare).

What does Right by You Portland offer?

There is one experienced cancer nurse specialist (CNS) working 30 hours per week offering support closer to home for anyone with a cancer diagnosis living on Portland, HMP The Verne or referred by The Lantern Trust.

Integration with primary care is supported through the CNS working one day a week within the GP practice. This supports visibility and understanding of the role contribution through regular meetings with practice and community palliative care teams, working as part of a supportive care multidisciplinary team.

Wider partnership working is taking place with others including The Lantern Trust, Prison healthcare teams, site specific CNS teams Dorset County hospital, local support groups, Macmillan Citizens Advice Bureau.

Those living with and beyond cancer have the opportunity for ongoing supported conversations, health needs assessments and personalised care plans.

Conclusion

Wider formal evaluation is due in June 2023.

More information is available here: <https://wessexcanceralliance.nhs.uk/right-by-you-wessex/>



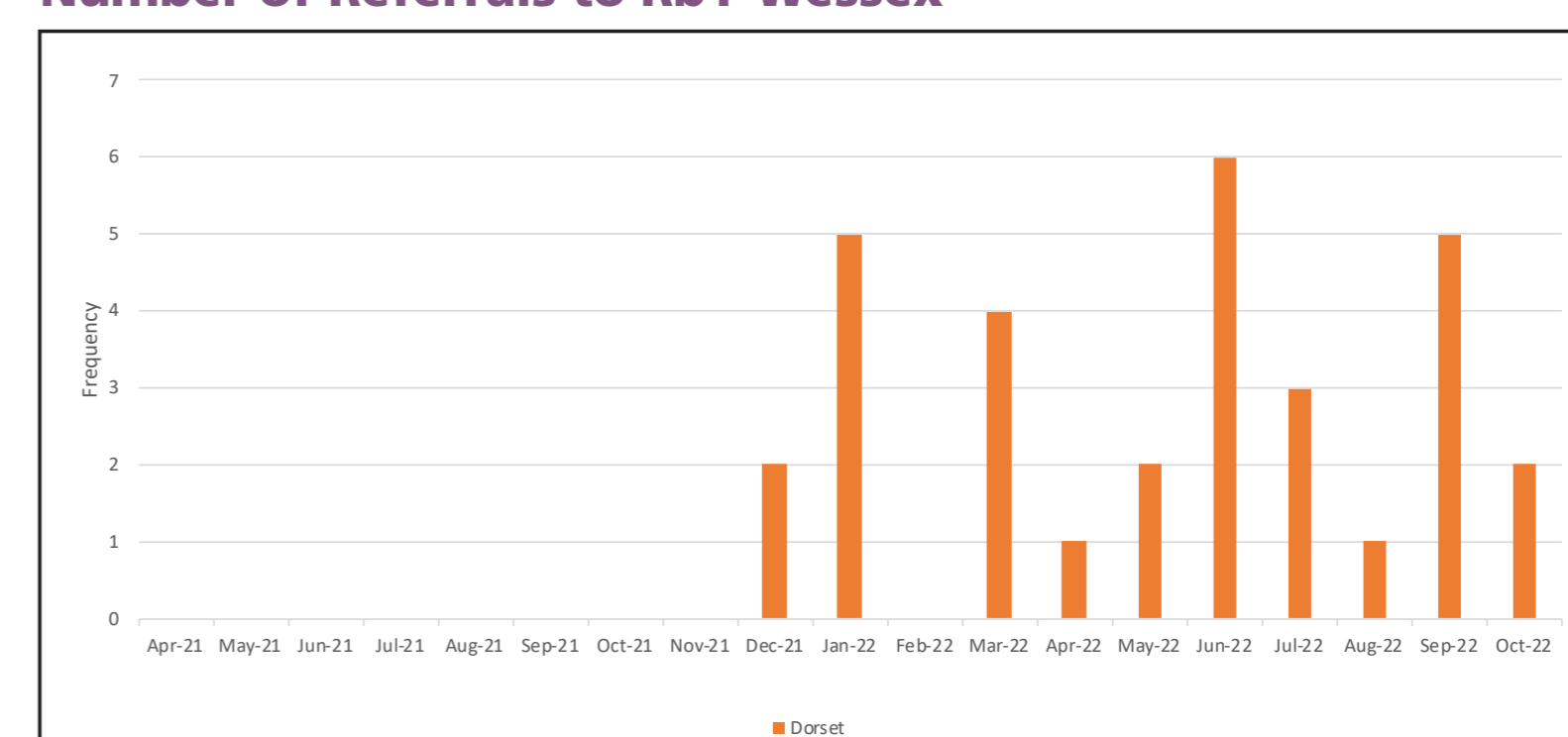
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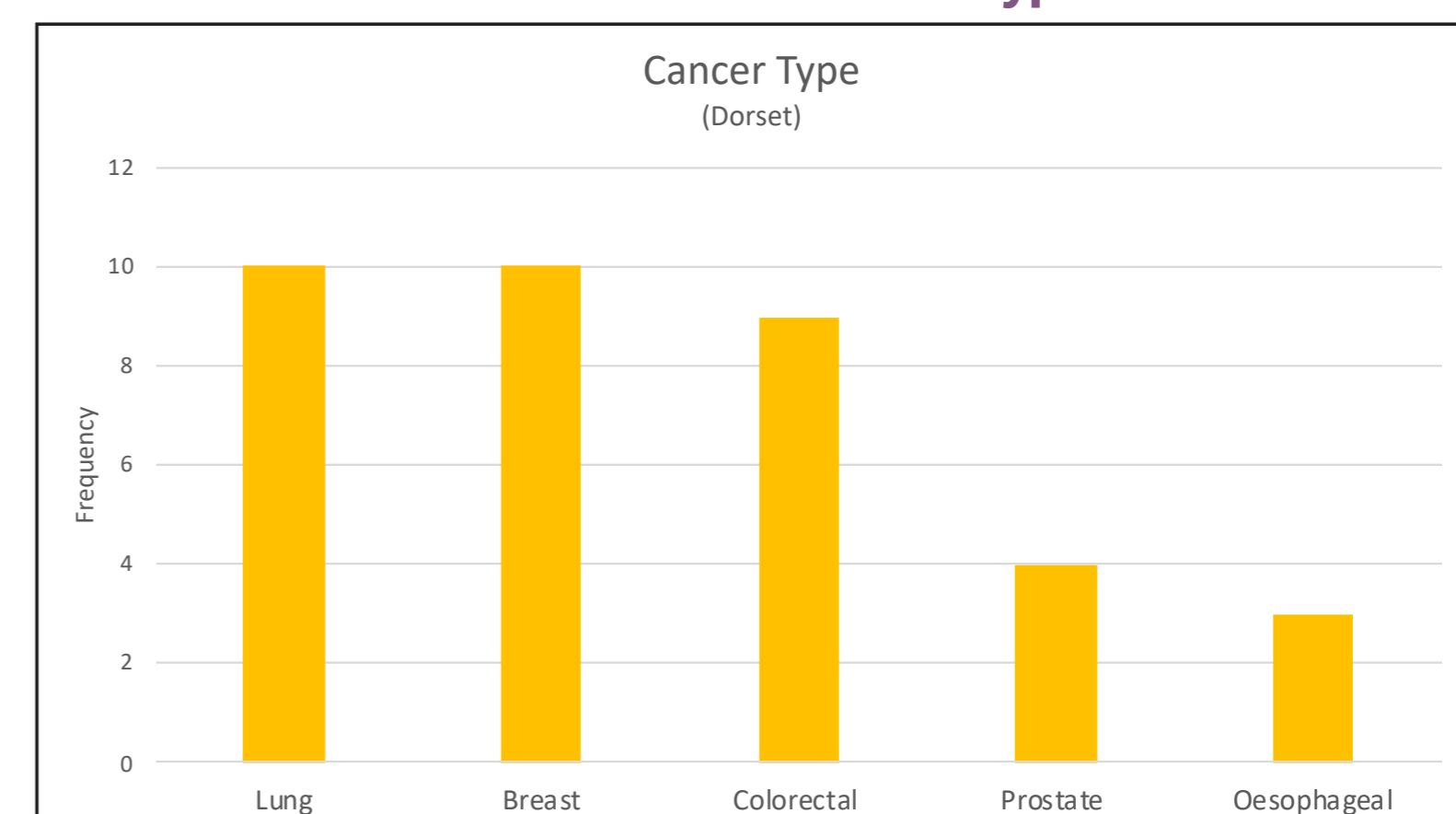
Results

(referral trends to date December 21 - October 22)

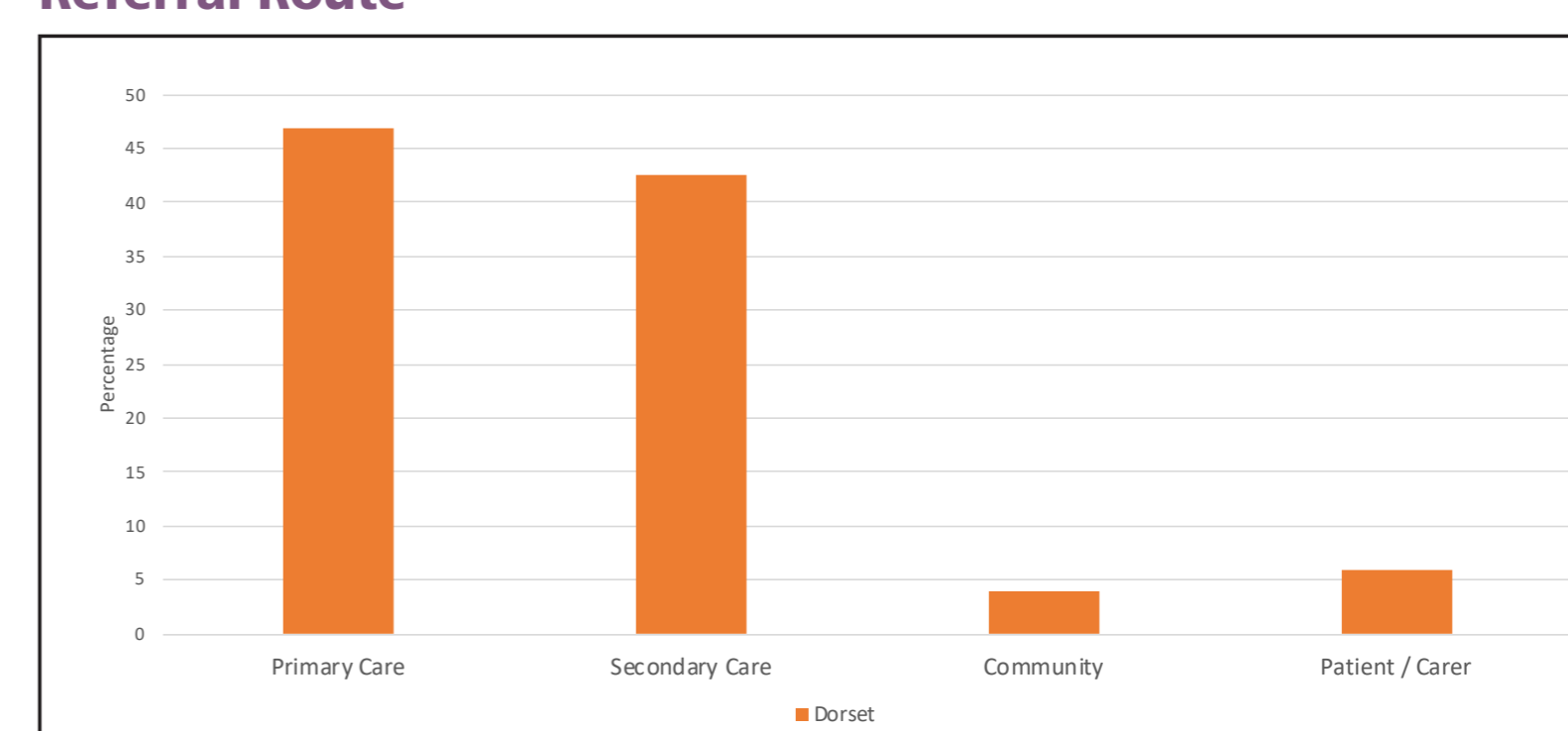
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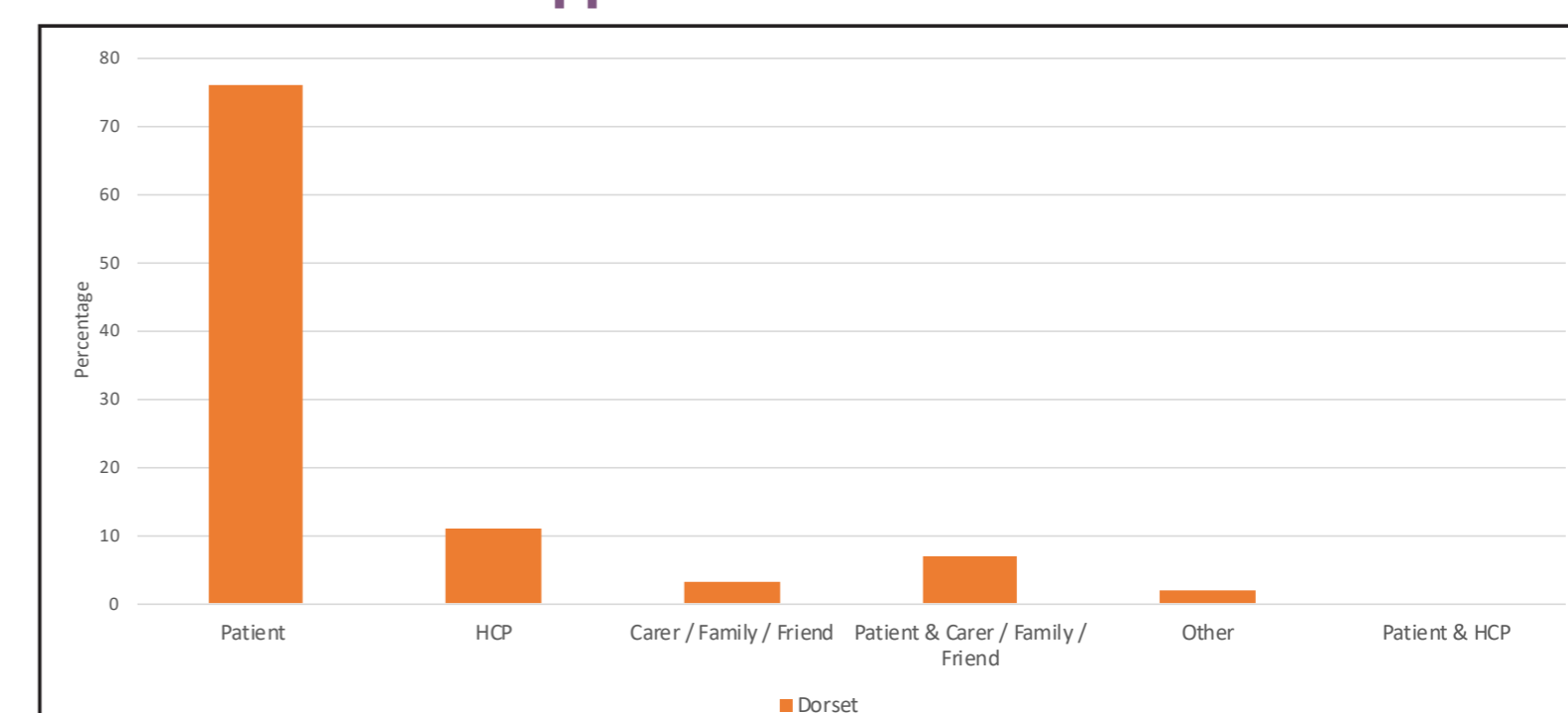
Characteristics of RbY Referrals: Cancer Type



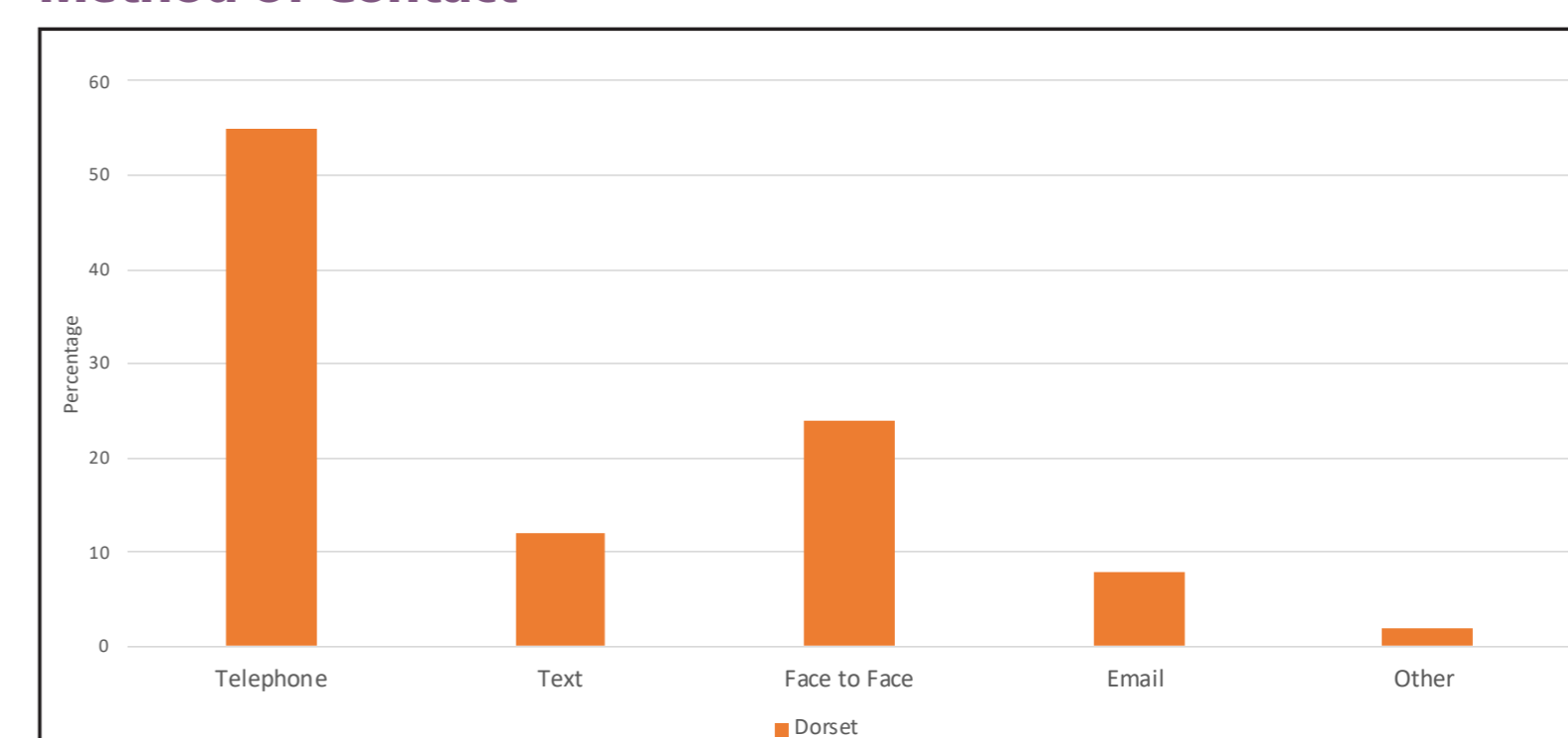
Referral Route



Contacts - Who is Supported?



Method of Contact



Scan here to watch our short testimonial film