

Q-Step Internship: The Pankhurst Centre - Making sense of our Data

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The Pankhurst Centre (incorporating Womens Aid) is an organisation dedicated to protecting all women suffering from domestic violence. The organisation is based at the

Pankhurst Centre, the former home of Emiline Pankhurst., leader of the Suffragettes. Based in here as an intern, I analysed their data in order for the Pankhurst Centre to report back to their funders.

Objectives

The aim here was to analyse many forms of data, including ethnic backgrounds and addresses of victims, along with calculating where the majority of referrals came from. This was extremely important for the Pankhurst centre as this data would show their funders the immense progress that the organisation had made in spreading awareness of domestic violence and who really benefits from their services.

The Pankhurst Centre would be able to identify areas that they would need to focus on in their refuges, along with identifying who needs is most at risk of domestic violence in Manchester.

As a whole, The Pankhurst Centre had only just started to use online databases and as a result, a big part of my role here was helping them transfer this data onto a database in order to make it simple to analyse

Method

Excel was a main point of contact for the analysis. All of the data used was in written hand and so firstly, this data had to be transferred. This took up alot of time but you could already see patterns starting to emerge before any analysis began.

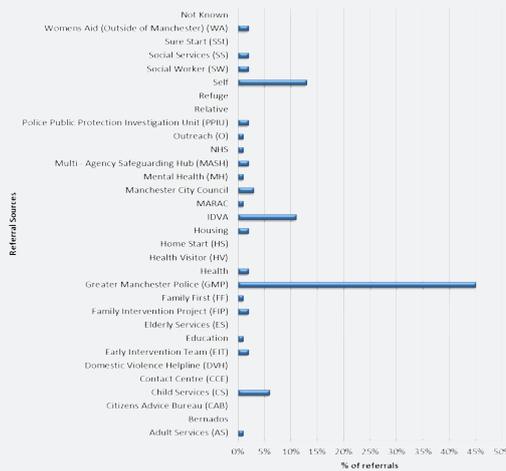
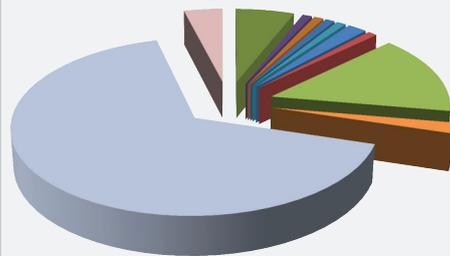
Variables of the data included referral source, date of referral, address of victim, ethnicity, Outreach Programmes, and outcomes of the referral.

Once the data had been transferred, the filter function on Excel was mainly used to calculate percentages for each variable.

This data was then required to be put into graphs and tables to show funders general trends in the data.

Below are some of the findings from June 2015.

Key Findings



Demography

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| Population of Manchester | 520, 200 |
| No. of males | 263, 000 |
| No. of females | 257, 200 |
| Under 16 | 104, 040 |
| Over 16 | 416, 160 |

Key Data

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| Number of clients referred to service | 1227 |
| Number of clients who engaged in service | 451 |

Referrals

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| Family/Friends/self | 16% | 160 people |
| Police | 53% | 649 people |
| Social Services | 11% | 131 people |
| Troubled/complex family teams | 2% | 22 people |
| Other | 21% | 257 people |

Conclusion

- Overall in June, mainly White British women contacted or where referred to Womens Aid .
- The Greater Manchester Police made the most referrals in this time too.
- It should be noted, however, that these results are only those which were able to be collected by The Pankhurst Centre. Many women still find it difficult to report these crimes to the police for reasons such as financial dependency, religion and fear. As a result, this internship also taught me that domestic violence also needs to be taken more seriously as a crime.

