

# RIVERSIDE PARENTS & CARERS ASSOCIATION

Registration Number: 1184485

## ANNUAL REPORT

**July 2024 – June 2025**



# Who are we?

The Riverside Parents & Carers (RPCA) is a CIO providing free services for children under the age of 5 years old and their families in the London Borough of Southwark.

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## Our aims are:

- To provide free regular soft play sessions for under 5s and their parents/carers. We want to keep our sessions free and open to all local families from any social background.
- To encourage low-income and economically deprived families to engage in a community activity and have access to help and assistance from other services offered by the London Borough of Southwark, where necessary.
- For all families to keep engaging and attending our sessions to receive support from their peers, our staff and other professional experts in child development in order to help identify families with additional needs that we may be able to support and/or refer.
- Our staff members provide a safe, stimulating environment for our families to play, learn and develop and a great platform for parents to meet other parents. Staff members are fully trained to safeguard all children attending our sessions and to help our local families, their babies and young children to achieve the best start in life.

In the 2024/25 period, sessions were held at Salmon Youth Centre, 43 Old Jamaica Road SE16 4TE

# How we operate?

RPCA have three Trustees, who meet regularly, typically on a monthly basis, along with our Operations Manager, to oversee all operational activities.

Any Trustee / Committee member must declare any relevant personal interest.

## **Registered Address:**

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Trustees: Nathan John, Linda Hudson, Roger O'Sullivan

# Finance

## Finance

- a) The Trustees shall keep proper accounts of all monies belonging to Riverside Parents and Carers.
- b) The Trustees will be responsible for managing the financial affairs of Riverside Parents and Carers.
- c) All payments made from the account must be reviewed/ approved in the committee meetings by at least two members.
- d) Annual independently examined accounts shall be provided as part of our obligations to submit to the Charity Commission
- e) All funds shall be lodged in the Riverside Parents and Carers bank account, with secure access to trustees/ Treasurers only
- f) The income for the organisation shall be applied solely towards the objectives and aims of the organisation and no payment shall be made to any Trustee or Member except the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses.

# Finance Statement

During the reporting period 2024-2025, the Trustees undertook a comprehensive review of the charity's position and future sustainability. Despite careful management and oversight, the charity continued to face rising operational costs and a decline in longer term, sustainable funding options.

After careful consideration, the Trustees concluded that the charity could not operate effectively to meet its charitable objectives in a financially responsible manner. Accordingly, once all of our contractual deliverables to our funders were met, the decision was made begin the process of winding up the charity.

The (limited) remaining funds will be used responsibly to finalise any outstanding obligations, in accordance with the charity's governing document and regulatory requirements, ensuring that any remaining are applied to similar charitable purposes wherever possible.

# Independent Examiner Report



## Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Riverside Parents and Carers Association

I report on the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general direction given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Watts'.

David Watts FCA  
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3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

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# FREE Soft Play Sessions for children 0-5 years old

Soft play sessions at Salmon Centre – July 2024 – May 2025

We operated on a first-come, first-served basis, with a large capacity of up to 70 children plus parent/carer.

**Free Soft Play Sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**@ Salmon Youth Centre (43 Old Jamaica Road)**  
**@10:30 – 12:15**



**From September 2024, our session days were Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the same time and venue.**

Funded by:



# ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE & PUBLIC BENEFIT

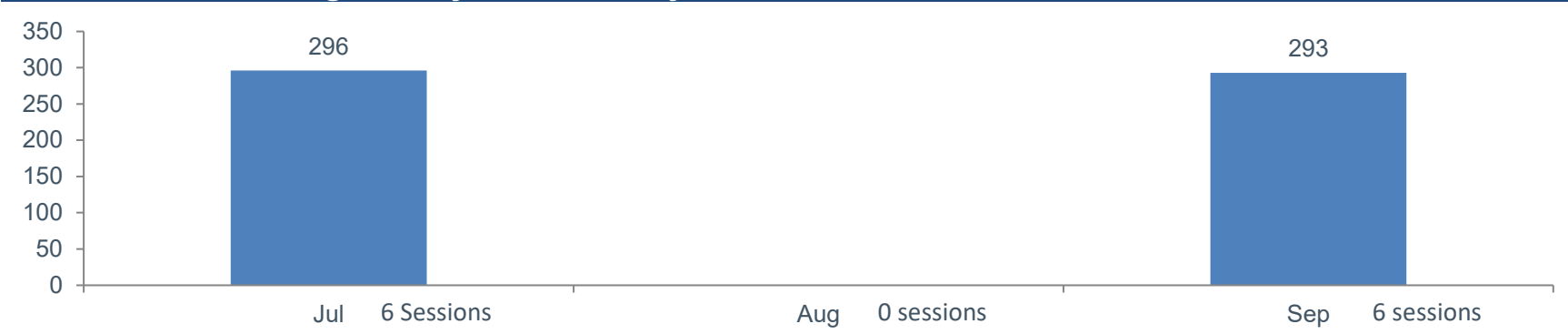
Q3 2024

July – September

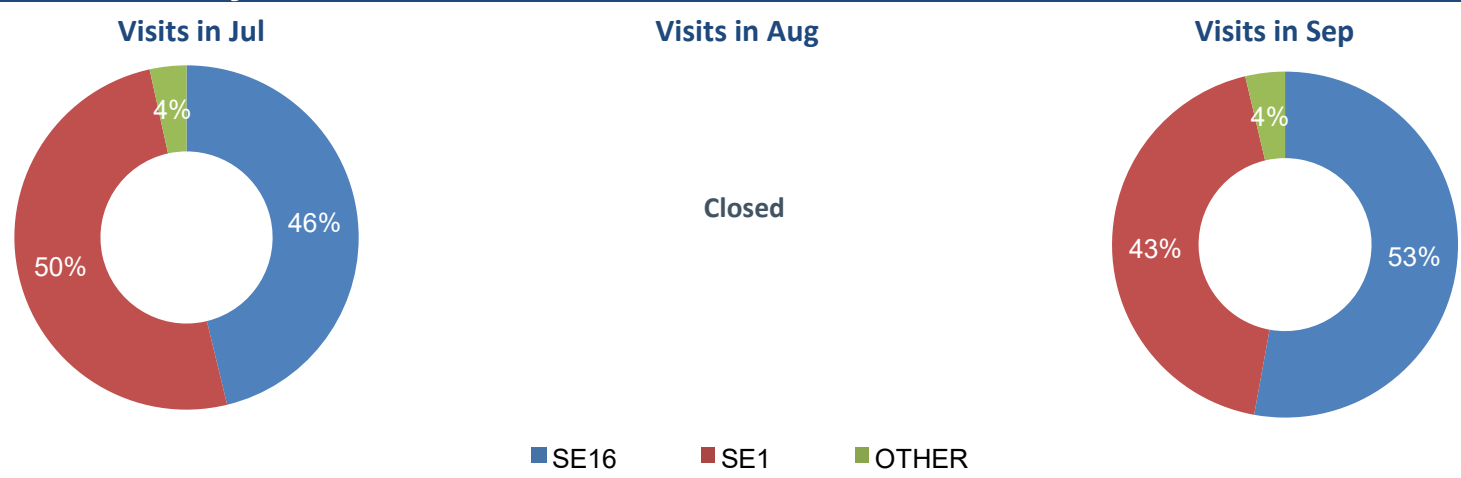


# Quantitative Data for Q3 2024

## Total # of Children aged 0-5 years Visits by month



## Breakdown of Visits by Child's Post Code



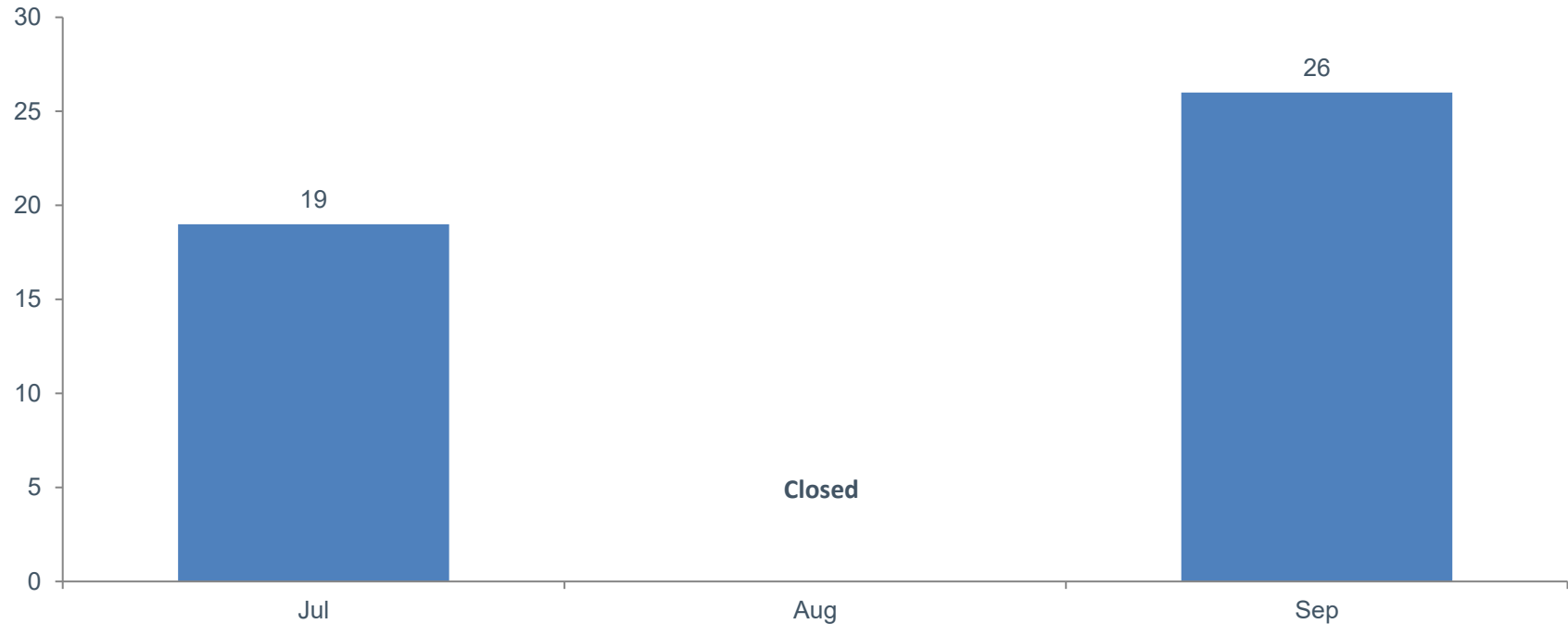
## Average of 295 visits per month (of which ~96% Kids from SE16 and SE1 Postcode)

Figures taken from booking form - children only who attended



# Quantitative Data for Q3 2024

## New registrations



**Total new family registrations over the quarter: 45**

Figures taken from booking form - children only who attended

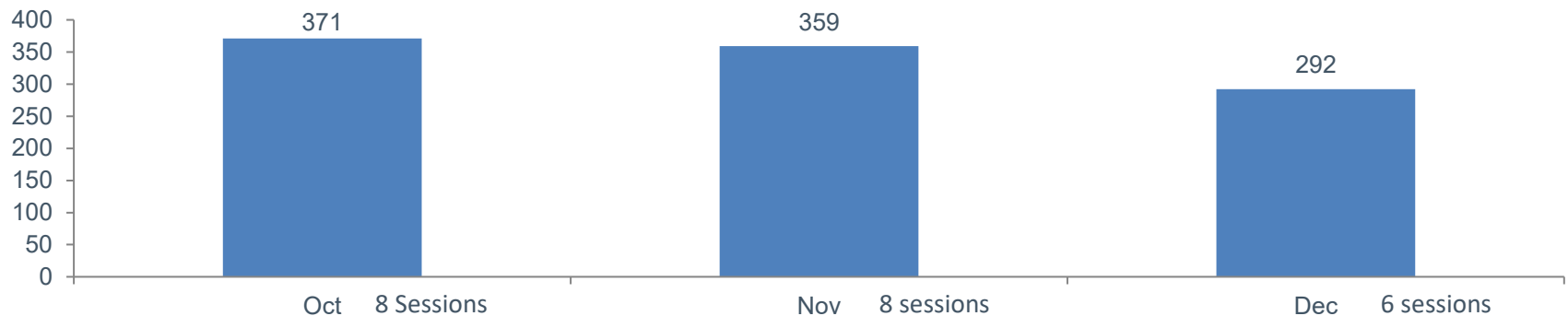
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Q4 2024

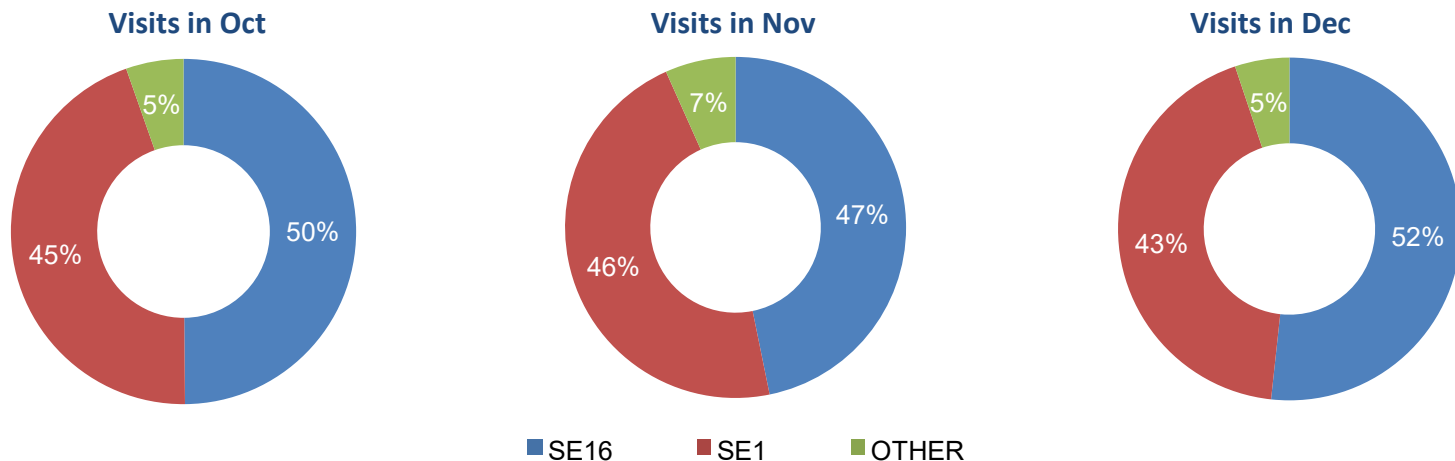
October - December

# Quantitative Data for Q4 2024

## Total # of Children aged 0-5 years Visits by month



## Breakdown of Visits by Child's Post Code

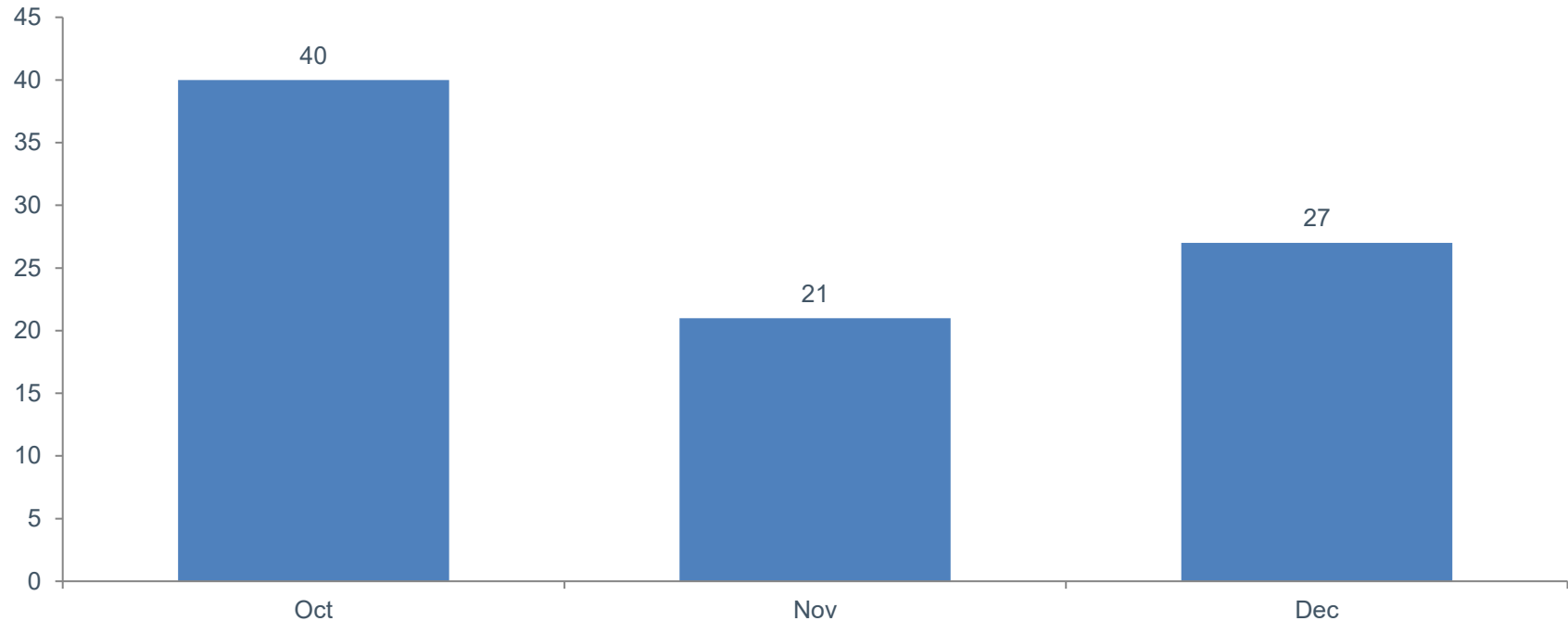


**Average of 341 visits per month (of which ~95% Kids from SE16 and SE1 Postcode)**

Figures taken from booking form - children only who attended

# Quantitative Data for Q4 2024

## New registrations



**Total new family registrations over the quarter: 88**

Figures taken from booking form - children only who attended

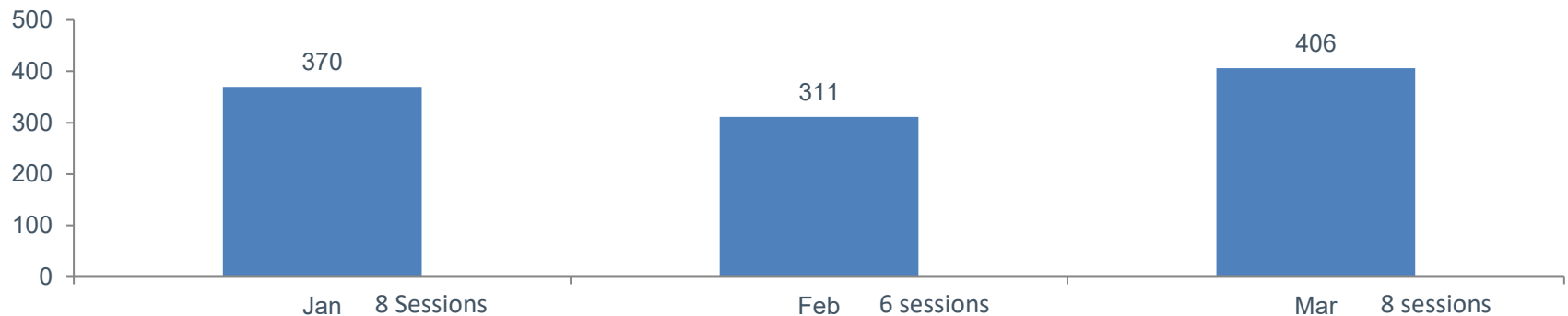
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Q1 2025

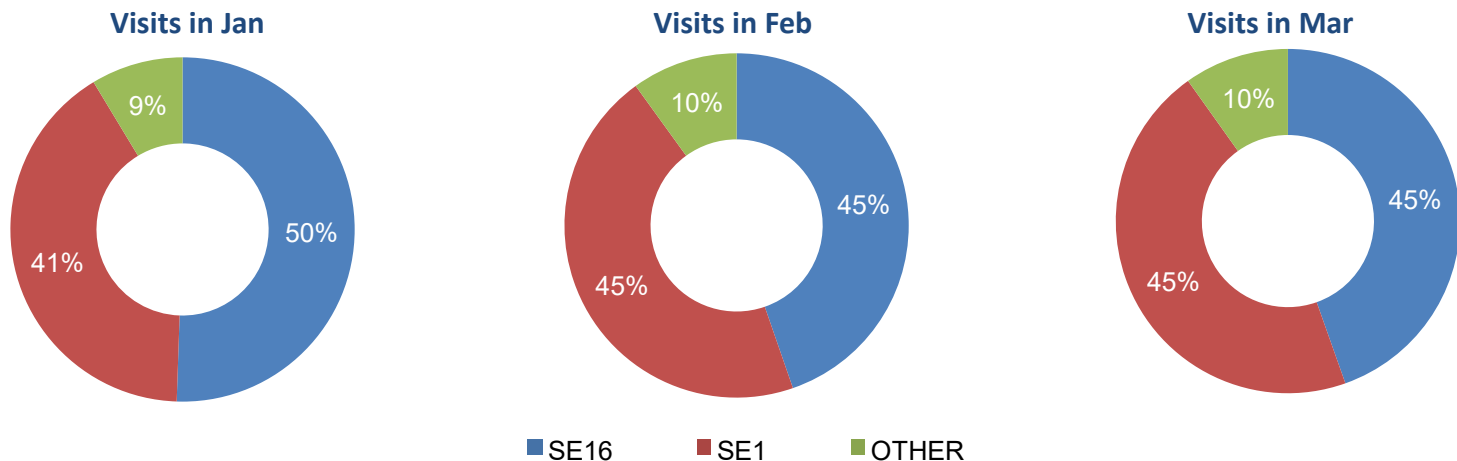
January – March

# Quantitative Data for Q1 2025

## Total # of Children aged 0-5 years Visits by month



## Breakdown of Visits by Child's Post Code

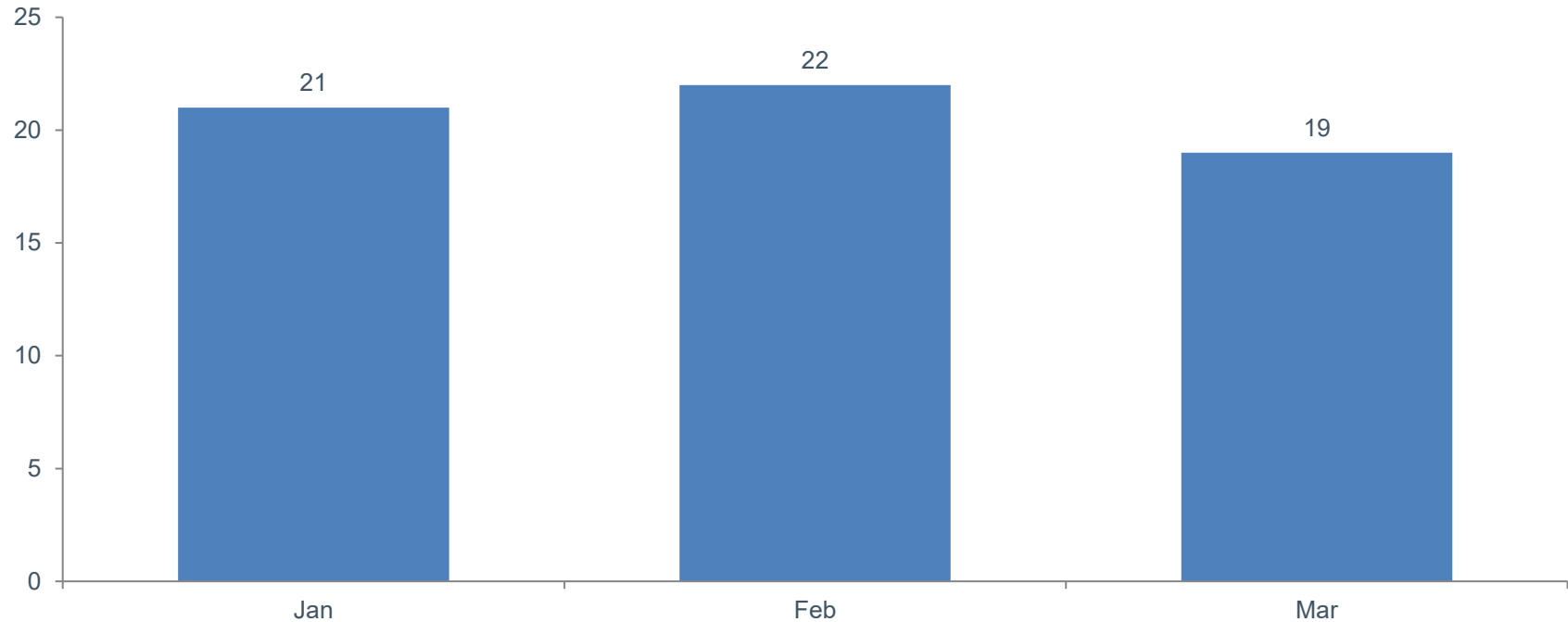


**Average of 362 visits per month (of which ~91% Kids from SE16 and SE1 Postcode)**

Figures taken from booking form - children only who attended

# Quantitative Data for Q1 2025

## New registrations



**Total new family registrations over the quarter: 62**

Figures taken from booking form - children only who attended



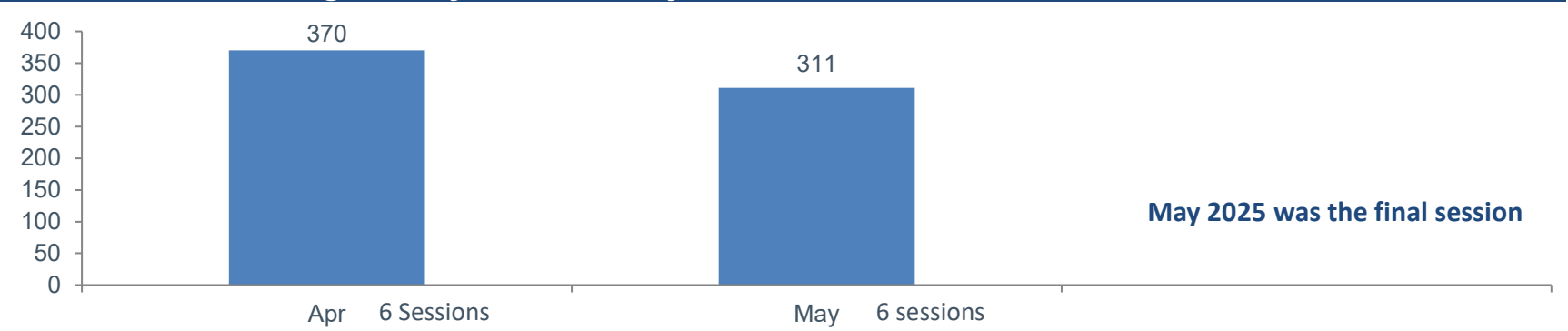
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Q2 2025

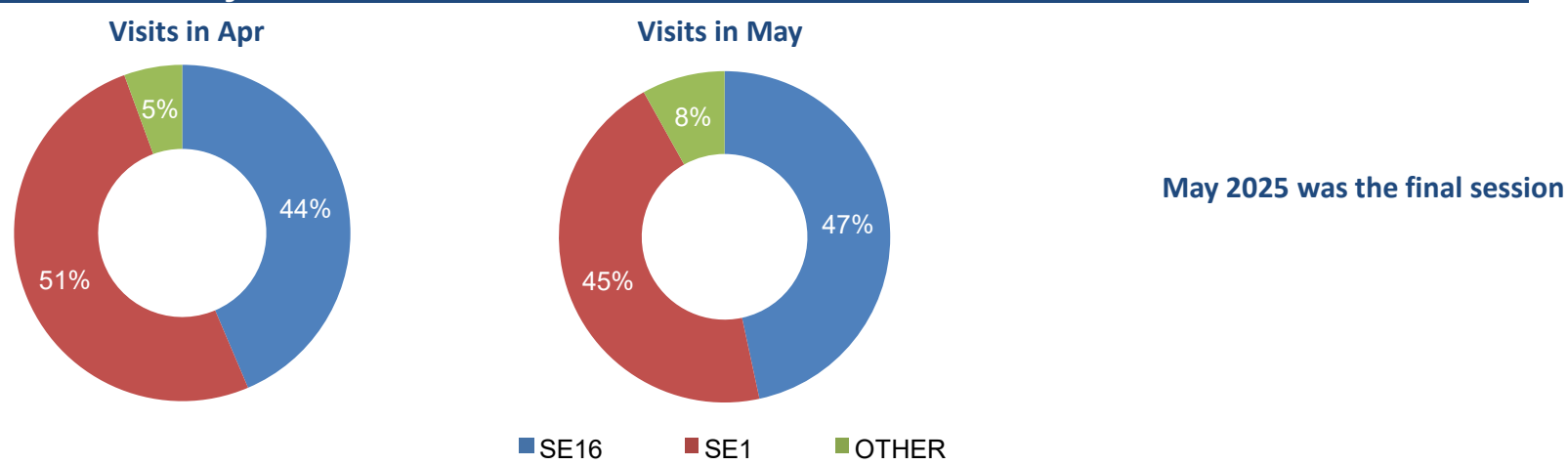
April – June

# Quantitative Data for Q2 2025

## Total # of Children aged 0-5 years Visits by month



## Breakdown of Visits by Child's Post Code

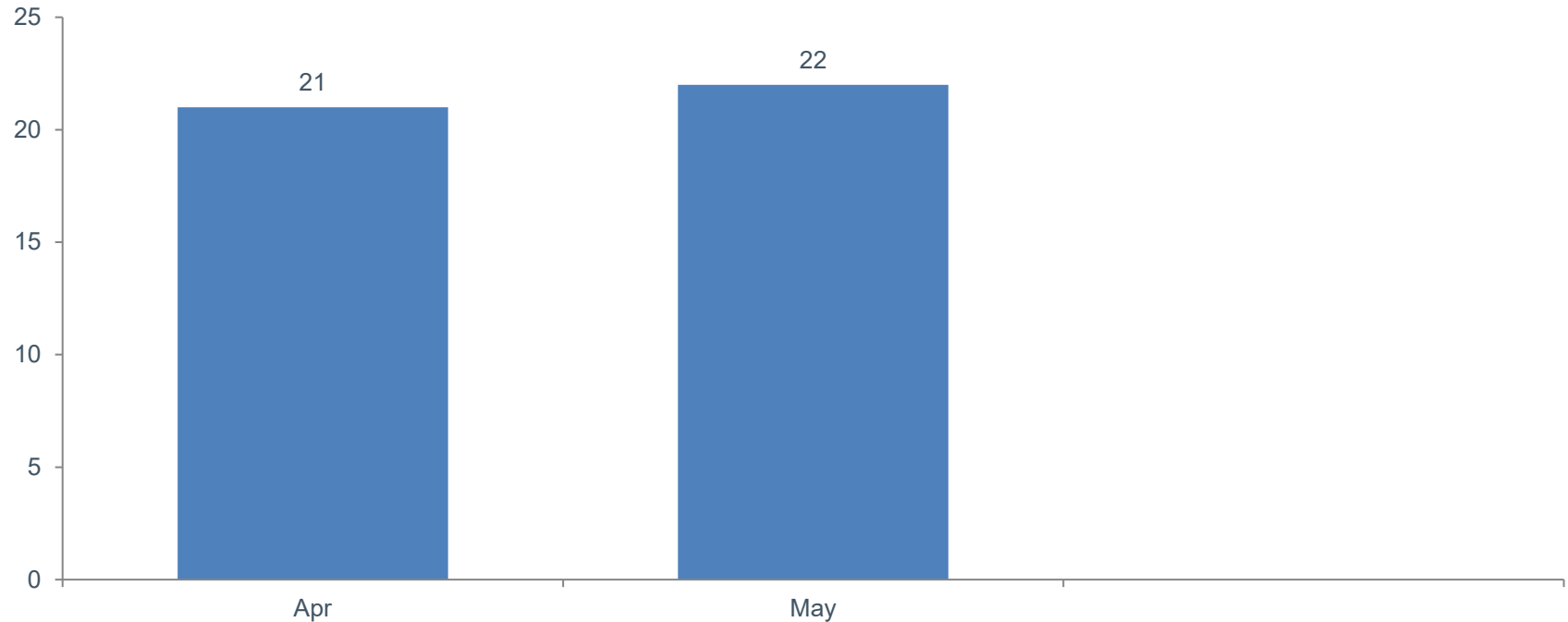


## Average of 341 visits per month (of which ~91% Kids from SE16 and SE1 Postcode)

Figures taken from booking form - children only who attended

# Quantitative Data for Q2 2025

## New registrations



**Total new family registrations over the quarter: 43**

Figures taken from booking form - children only who attended

# Profit and Loss Statement

## Riverside Parents and Carers Association

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### Year ended 30th June 2025

#### **Funding / Monies Received**

Funding Grants + Donations	2,039.94	
Total Funding / Monies Received		<b>2,039.94</b>

#### **Expenses**

Salaries	28,832.44	
Rent	18,375.00	
Other Expenses	3,461.84	
Total Expenses		<b>50,669.28</b>

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<b>Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>(48,629.34)</b>
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Opening bank balance		52,029.05
Closing bank balance	<a href="#">July bank st</a>	3,399.71