



Supported decision making: Australian perspectives South Australia

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Aims of the Project

- to develop **effective ways of enabling people to make supported decisions** within an appropriate safeguarding framework
- to identify, facilitate and provide the range and forms of **support that can make a difference**
- to inform the **principles for and a clear policy framework for supported decision making**
- to develop **practice guidelines** for supported decision making
- to **prioritise the voice of people living with disability** about the optimal ways to provide support with decision making
- to promote awareness and strategies to **assist agencies and service providers** to work within a supported decision making framework with people living with disability so they can exercise their legal rights and capacity.



SA Supported Decision Making Trial

- Supported Person
- Supporter
- Monitor
- Make a non statutory agreement
- 20 people alternatives to guardianship
- 20 people early intervention + further approval for 10 (Health Ethics)



Agreements

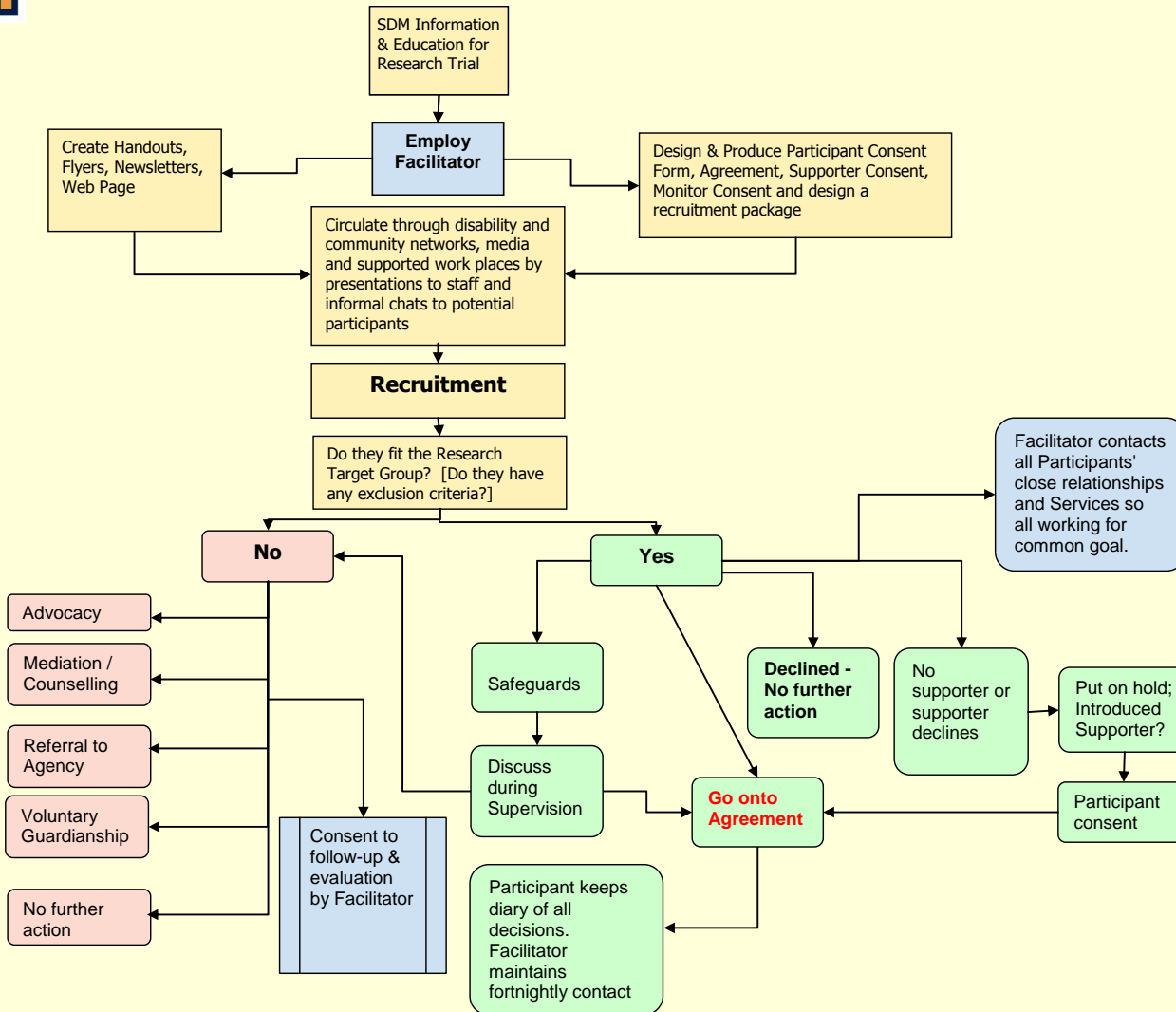
- The document itself - deliberate wording.
- Consent.
- People have specifically added what they wanted to make decisions about.
- They added what kind of support they specifically wanted and how they wanted it delivered.
- You might prompt the supported person by letting them know how participants have used their agreements to date.



Trial Exclusions

- Dementia.
- Primary diagnosis of mental health.
- Extreme conflict.
- Safety considerations.
- Degenerative conditions.

SDM Work Flow Chart



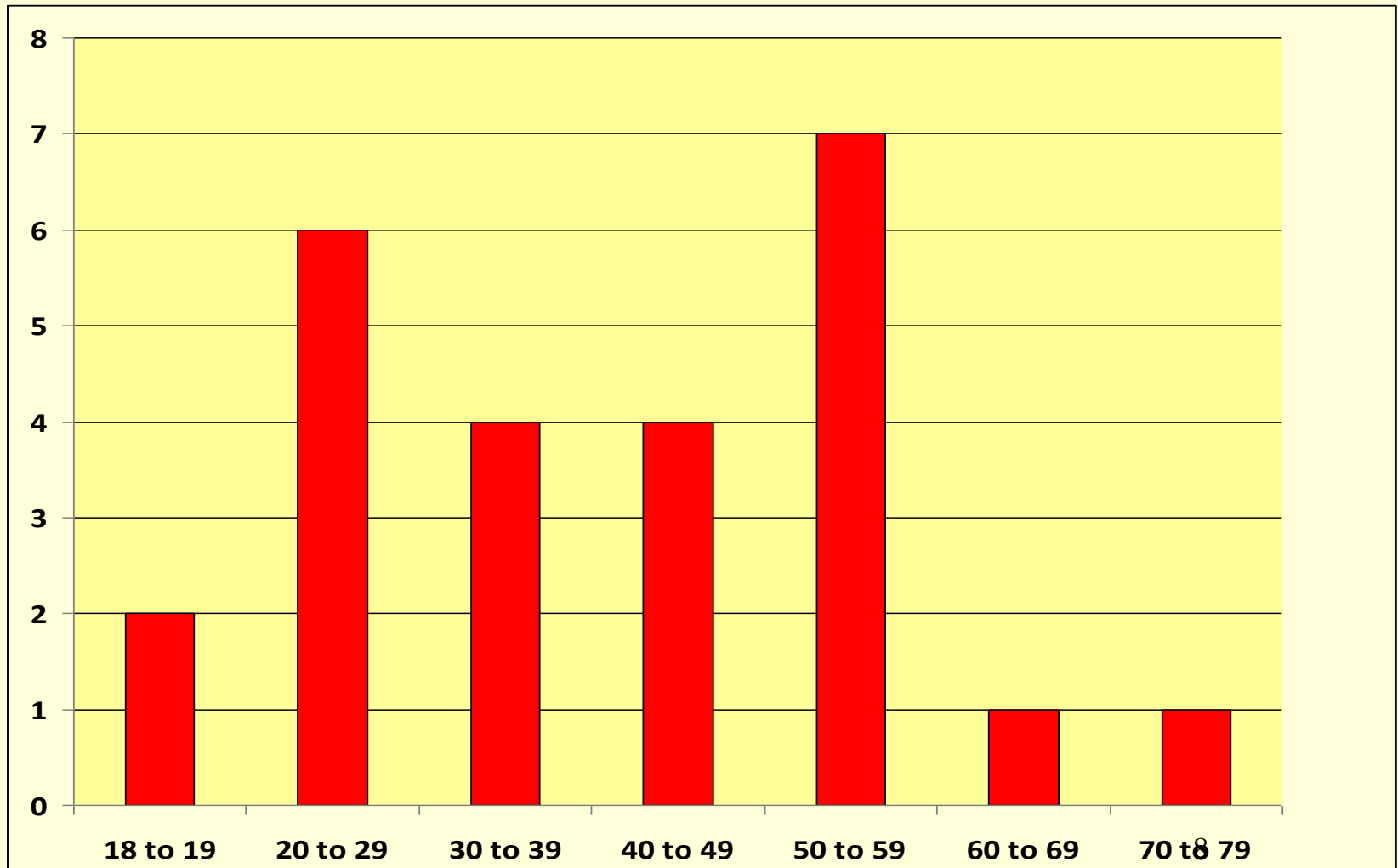


Trial governance

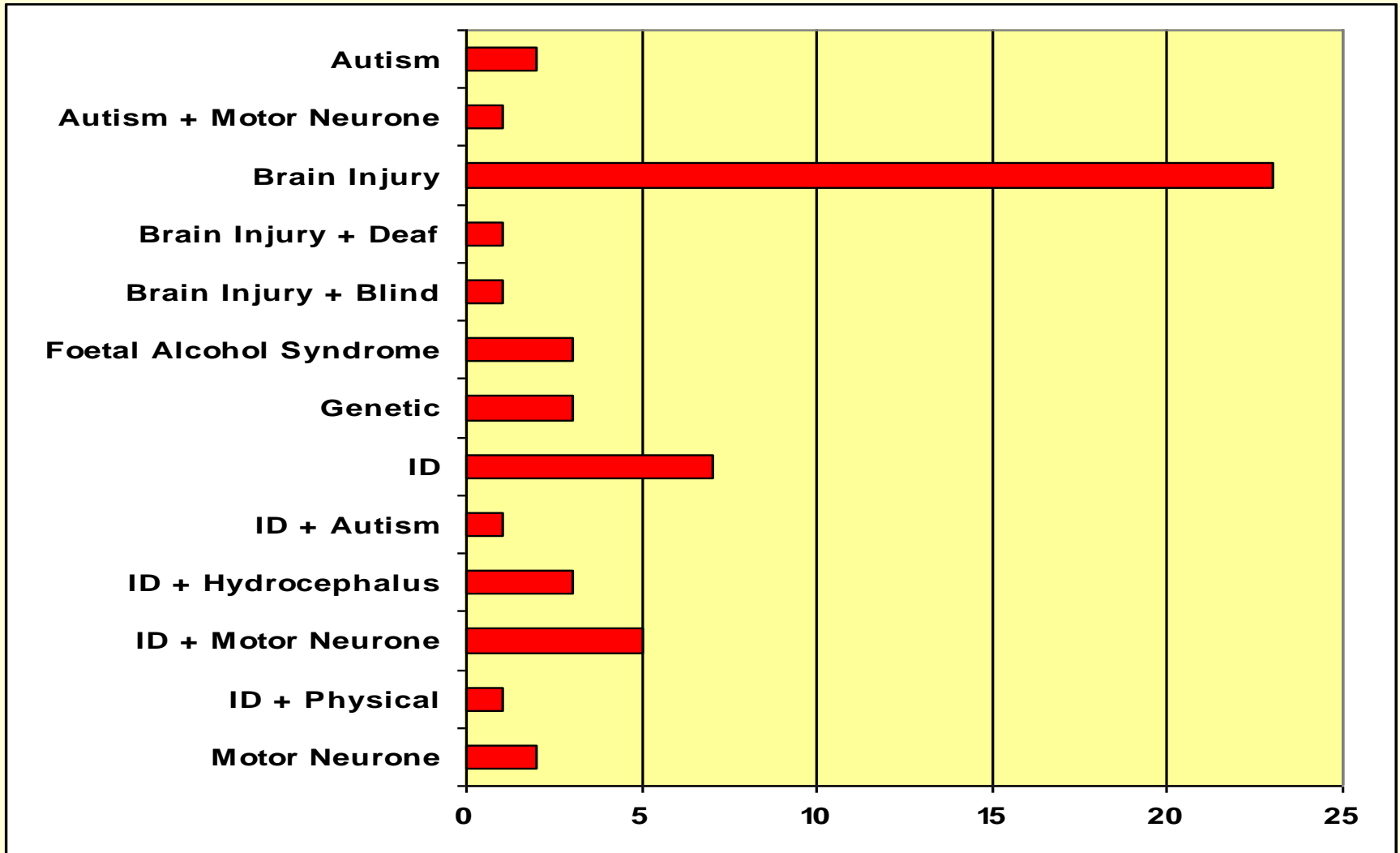
- Non-statutory agreements – oversight.
- Based at Office of Public Advocate.
- Project Control Group
- Development of practice guidelines.
- Future base in the non-government sector.
- Ethics committee.



Ages of Participants on Agreements

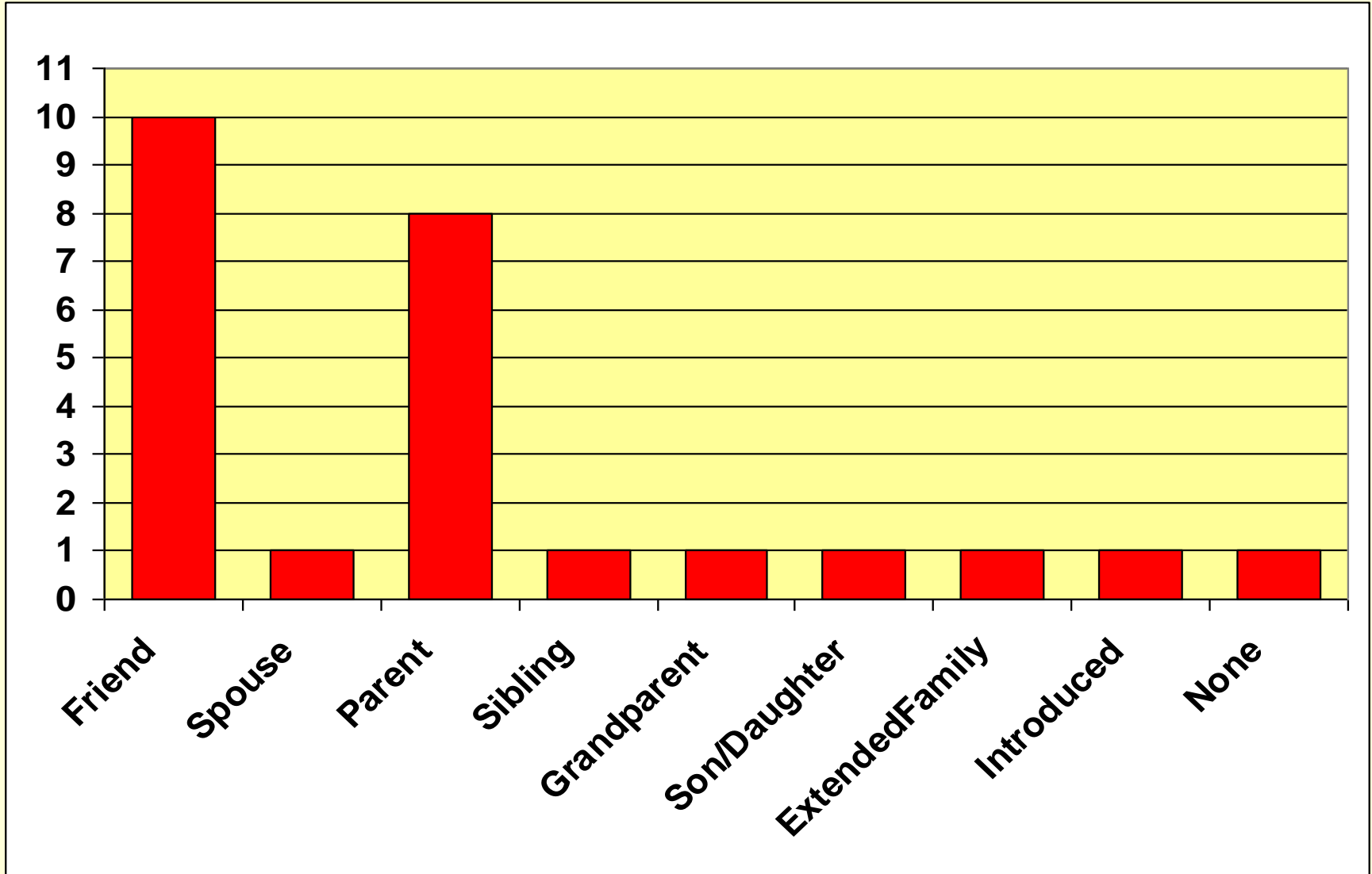


Types of Disability

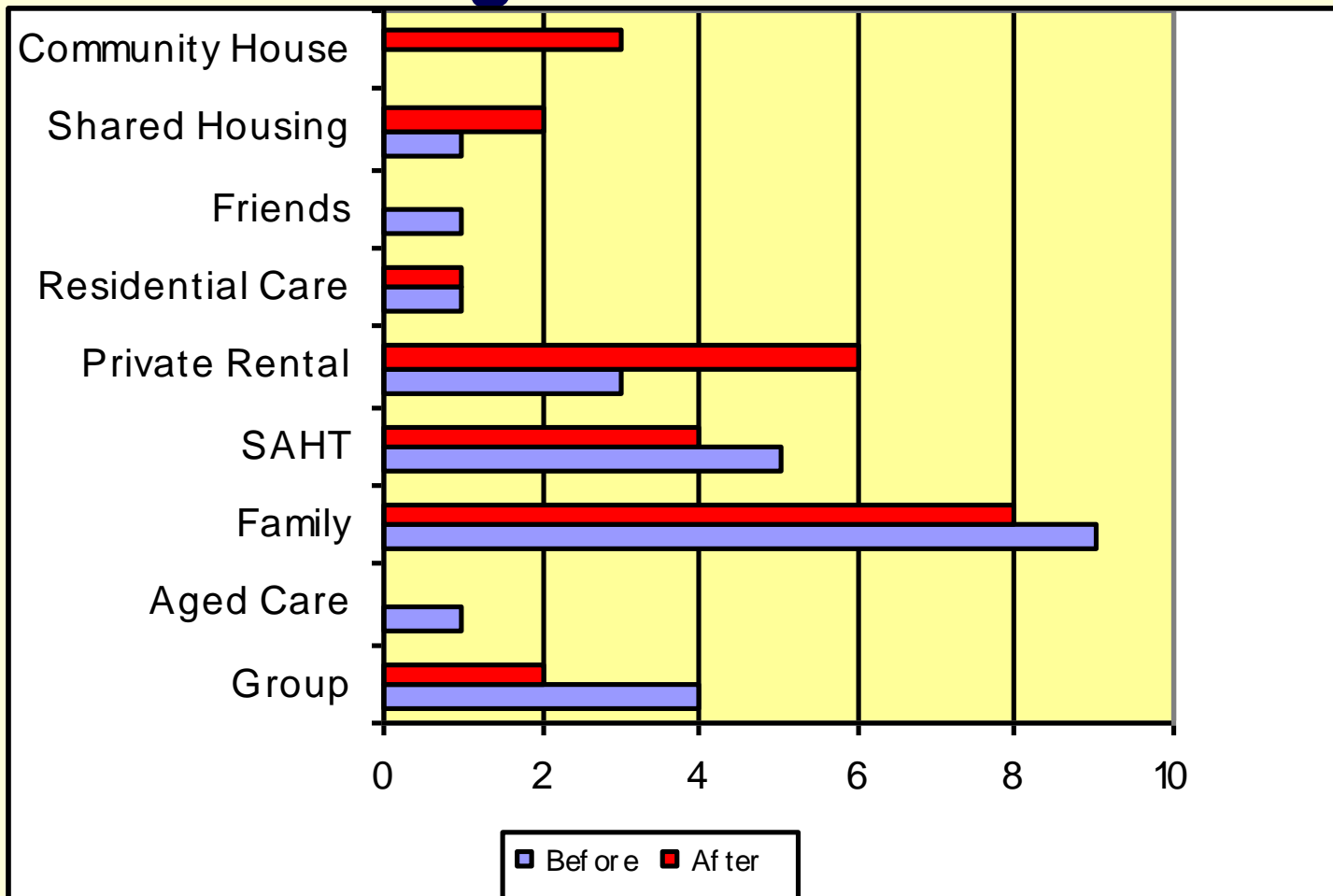




Participants' Supporter Choice

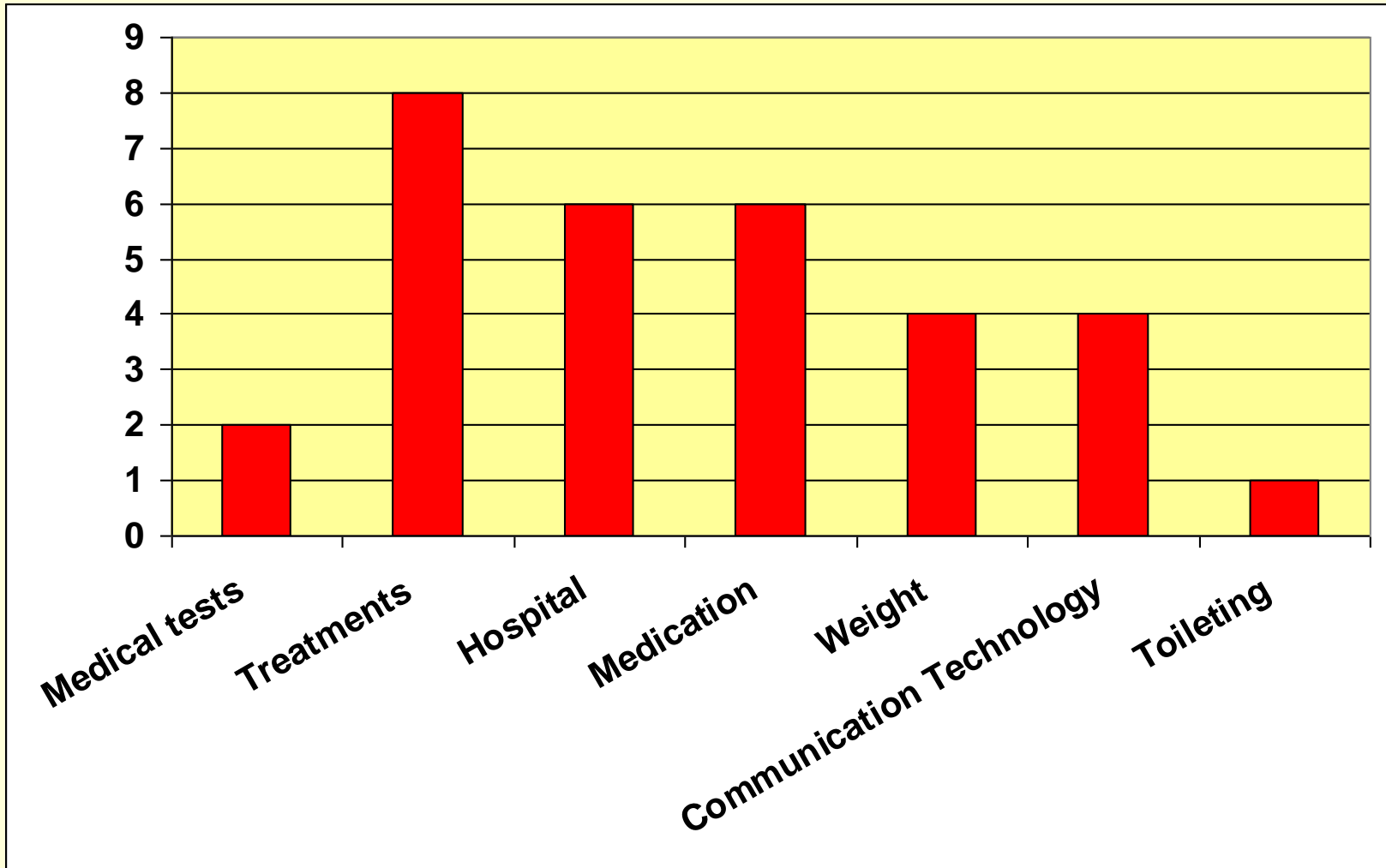


Accommodation Before & After Agreement

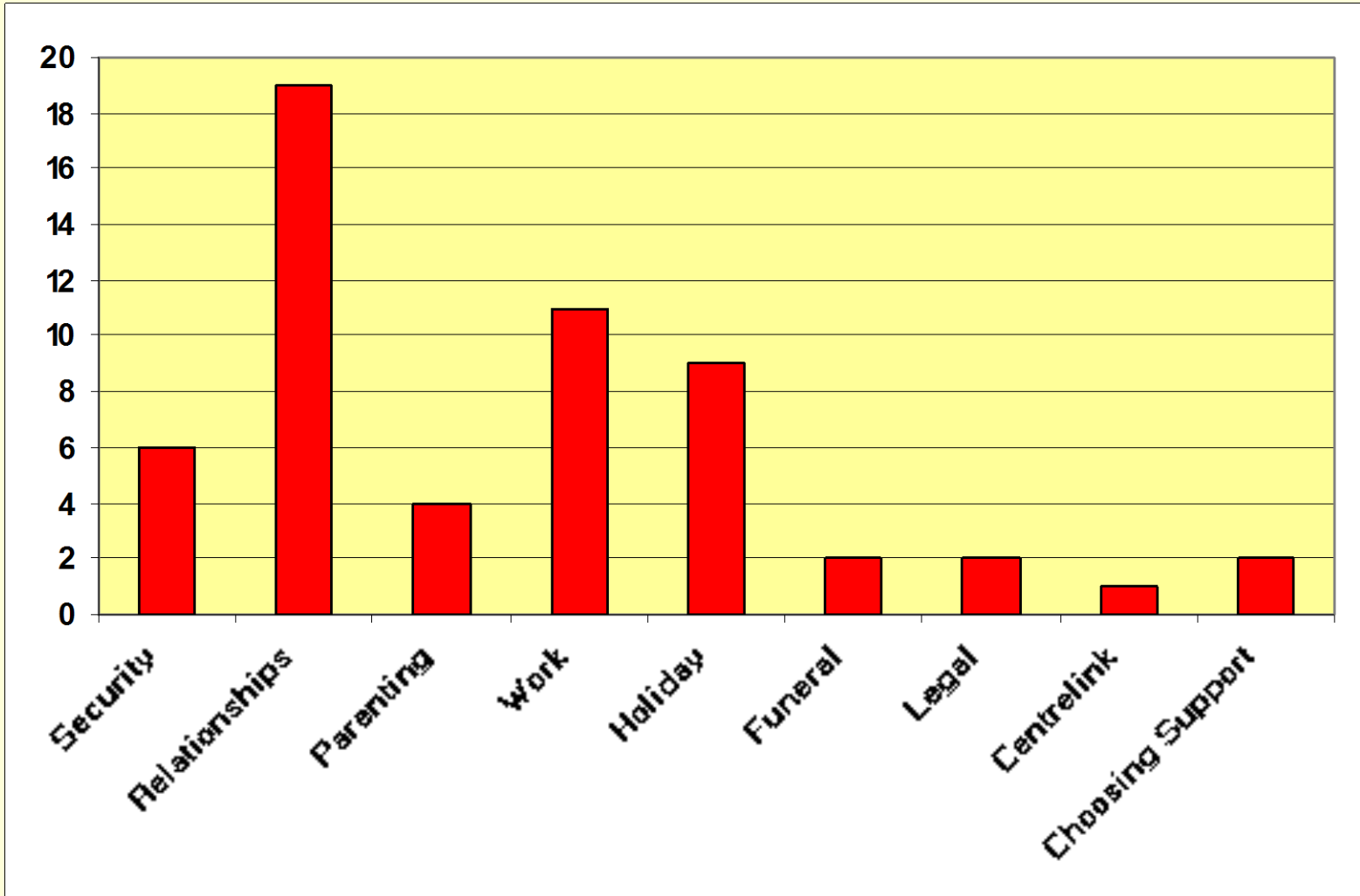




Participants' Health Decisions



Participants' Lifestyle Decisions



These slides were part of a presentation to the International Guardianship Conference. This was then followed by presenters from the NSW Supported Decision Making Trial, who were part of a joint SA and NSW presentation.

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