



How are People's Rights Protected under Supervised Treatment Orders?





Who are We?

- The Office of the Public Advocate helps people with a disability
 - get a fair go
 - protect their human rights
 - be safe from abuse and neglect



- The Office of the Public Advocate is independent of disability services



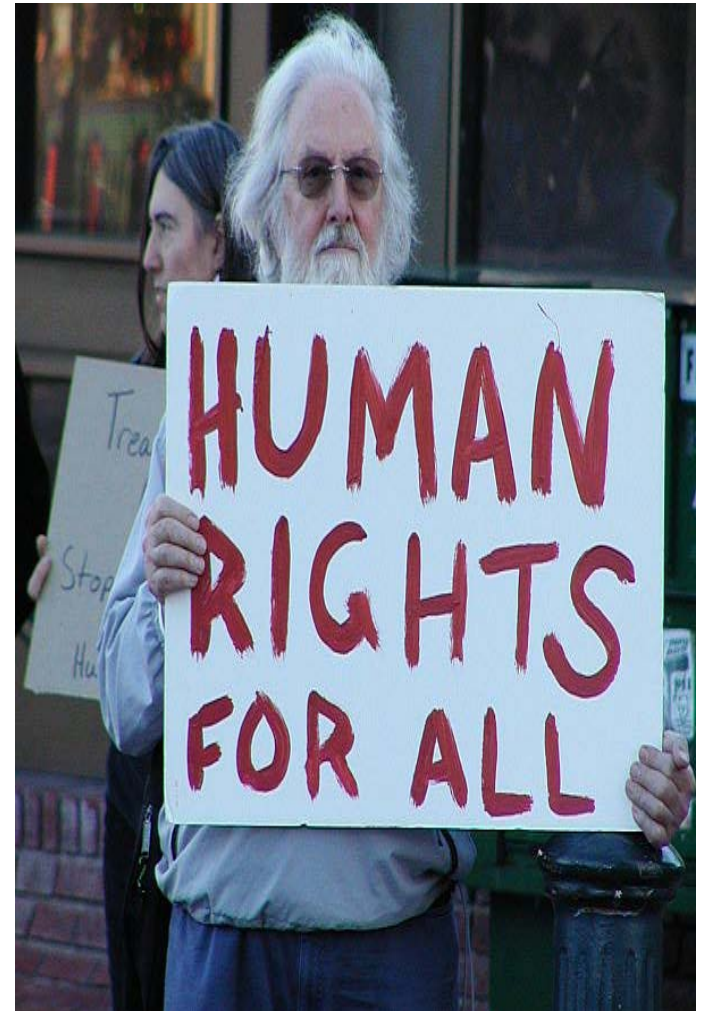
Rights and Responsibilities

Every person has human rights.

This includes YOU!

The law says that all people have the right to Freedom, Respect, Equality and Dignity - FRED.

These rights come with responsibilities.





What are Supervised Treatment Orders?

Supervised Treatment Orders are a law made by the Disability Act.



- Supervised Treatment Orders are

- for people with intellectual disabilities who might seriously hurt someone else



- for people who cannot or will not say yes to getting help
- a law that means people can be put under detention to get help



What is Detention?

Detention means that a person

- Cannot move around freely
- Is 'supervised' by staff by staff



Supervised Treatment Orders put people under detention for something they **might** do in the future.



Is this fair?





Why Do We Have Supervised Treatment Orders?

Supervised Treatment Orders are there to make the law clearer about

- when it is **ok** to use detention 
- when it is **not** ok to use detention 

Supervised Treatment Orders say detention is fair if it

- protects the community from a person who is dangerous **and**
- gives a benefit to the person



Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal - VCAT

Supervised Treatment Orders are made at VCAT.

The person has a right to these things at VCAT

- Have a lawyer
- Tell VCAT their side of the story
- Ask questions
- A treatment plan
- Have the 'least restrictive' option





People Who Had to Go to VCAT

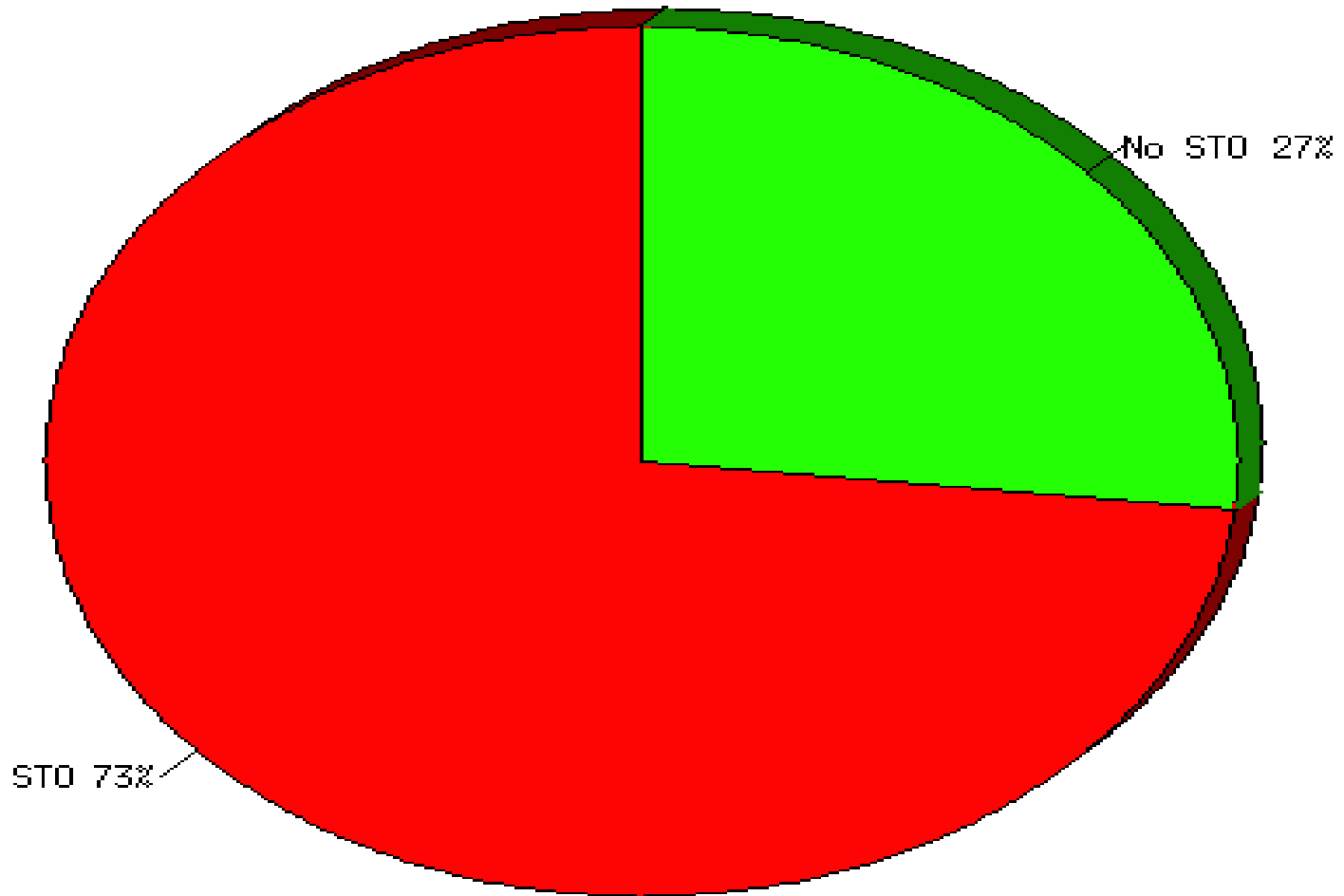
This is the information we found out about 40 people who had to go to VCAT for a Supervised Treatment Order hearing

- Mostly men
- Quite young
- They had disabilities
- Most people had broken the law
- A lot of people had been abused



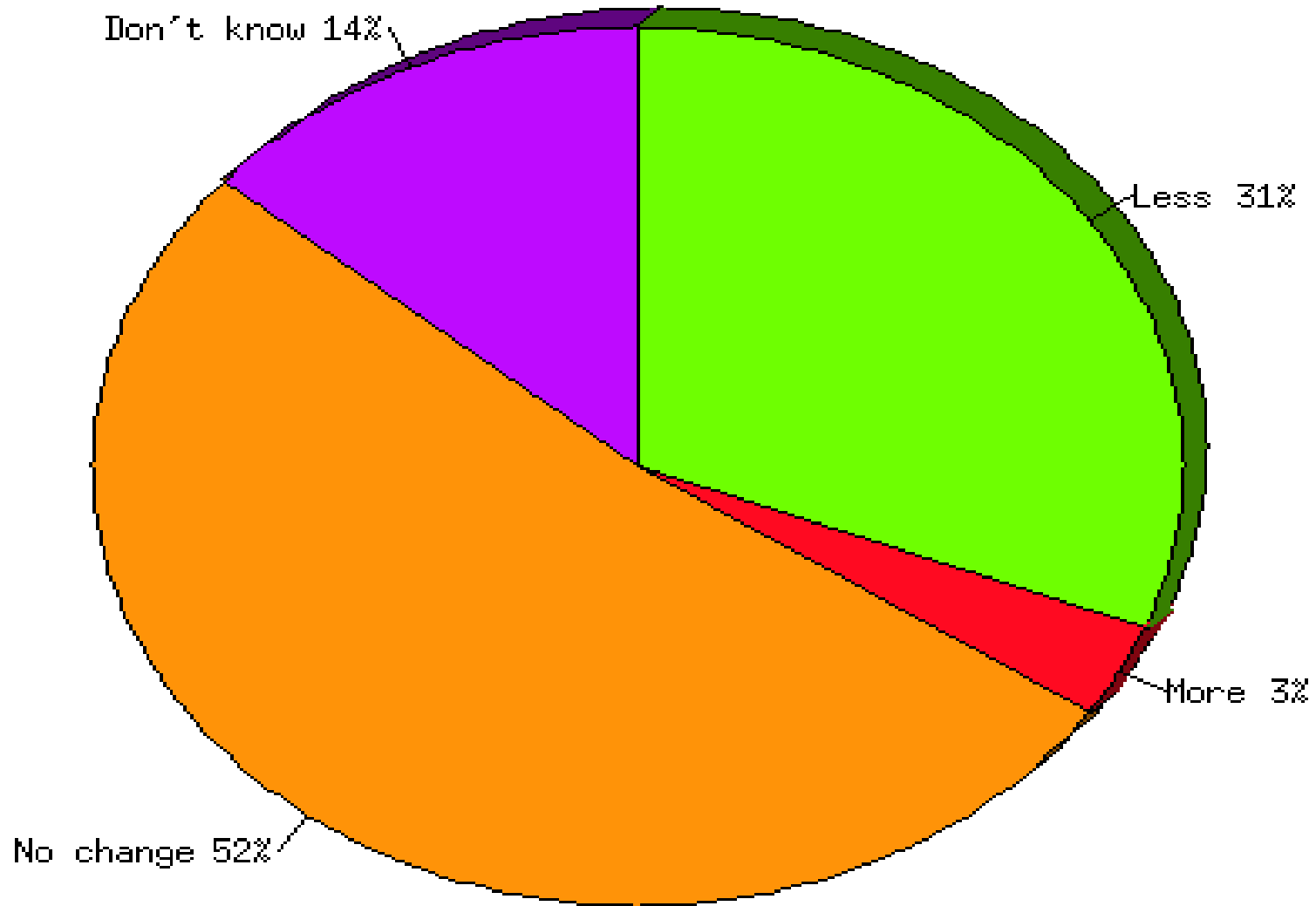


People on Supervised Treatment Orders



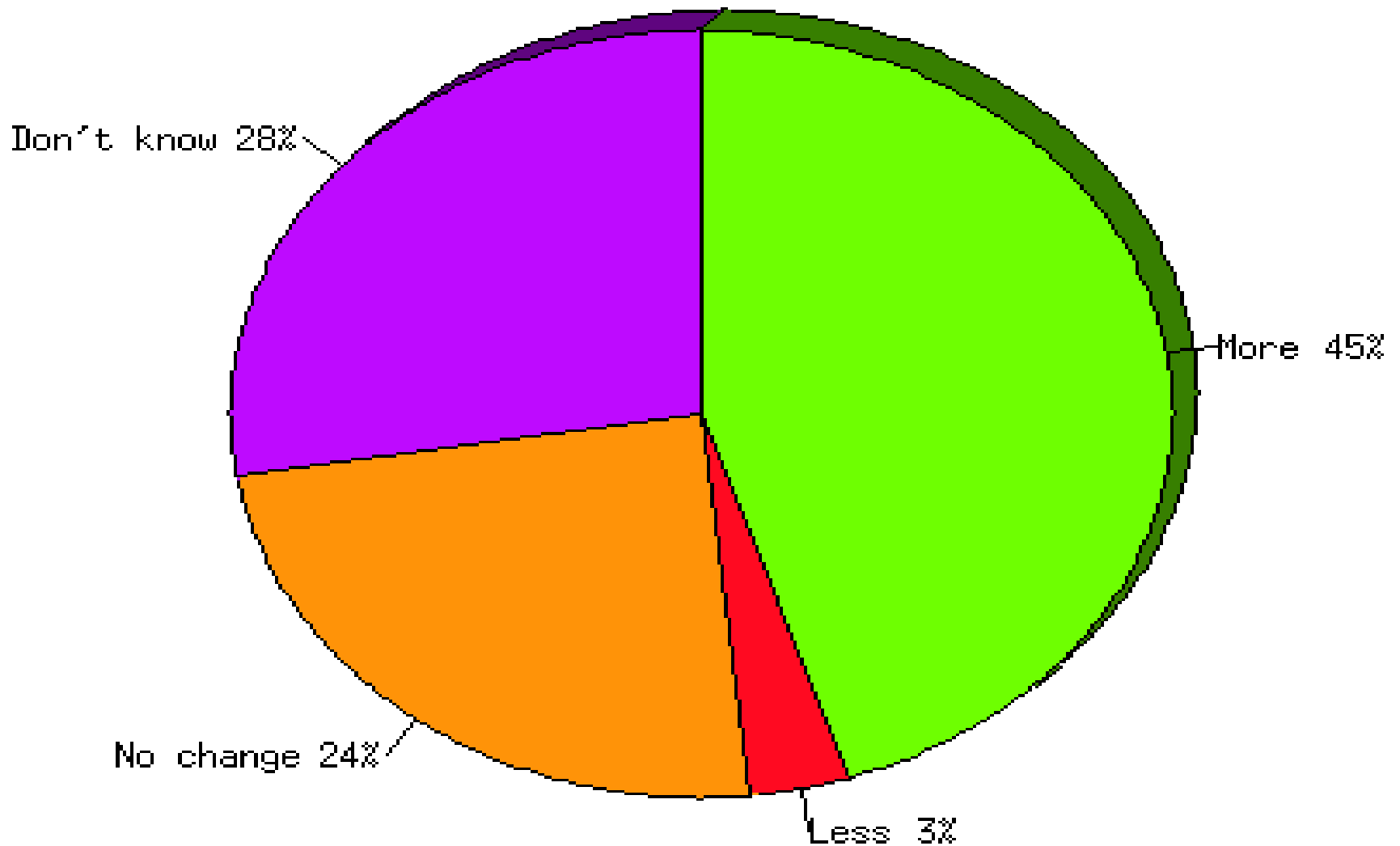


Supervision in the Community





Community Activities





Getting Off





What Did People Say?

- Keep myself safe – Sam
- I can't go down the street – Marcus
- I'm happy with the treatment I got – Lukas
- I can't go to the pub – James
- Get myself a girlfriend – Ben





Good Things

- Free treatment
- Senior Practitioner
- VCAT
- Try to give people more freedom
- Staff have to follow the rules





Bad Things

- Only for people with intellectual disabilities
- Need to do more to protect people's rights
- Sometimes people do not have their say at VCAT
- How long will a Supervised Treatment Order last?
- Other people should get free treatment





How Can the Research Help People?

- Information
- Try to make the law better
- VALID 'My Rights' training
- Advocacy





What Do You Think?

