



# Collaboration Promotes Success of GP led Prescribing Services in Forth Valley

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# Setting the scene

- 2 treatment services, CADS & FVCJTS, approx 300 prescriptions (2005).
- Handful of GPs prescribed under the Shared Care System.
- Lengthy waiting times.
- Prevalence study est. 200 – 2000 users needing a service (Hay 2004).



# GP Prescribing Service

- Joint participation of GPs and other agencies, planned care for substance users.
- Therapeutic intervention to promote change including; reduction/abstinence, pharmacotherapy, complimentary therapies & family support.
- Performance contract
- Positive Outcomes for clients



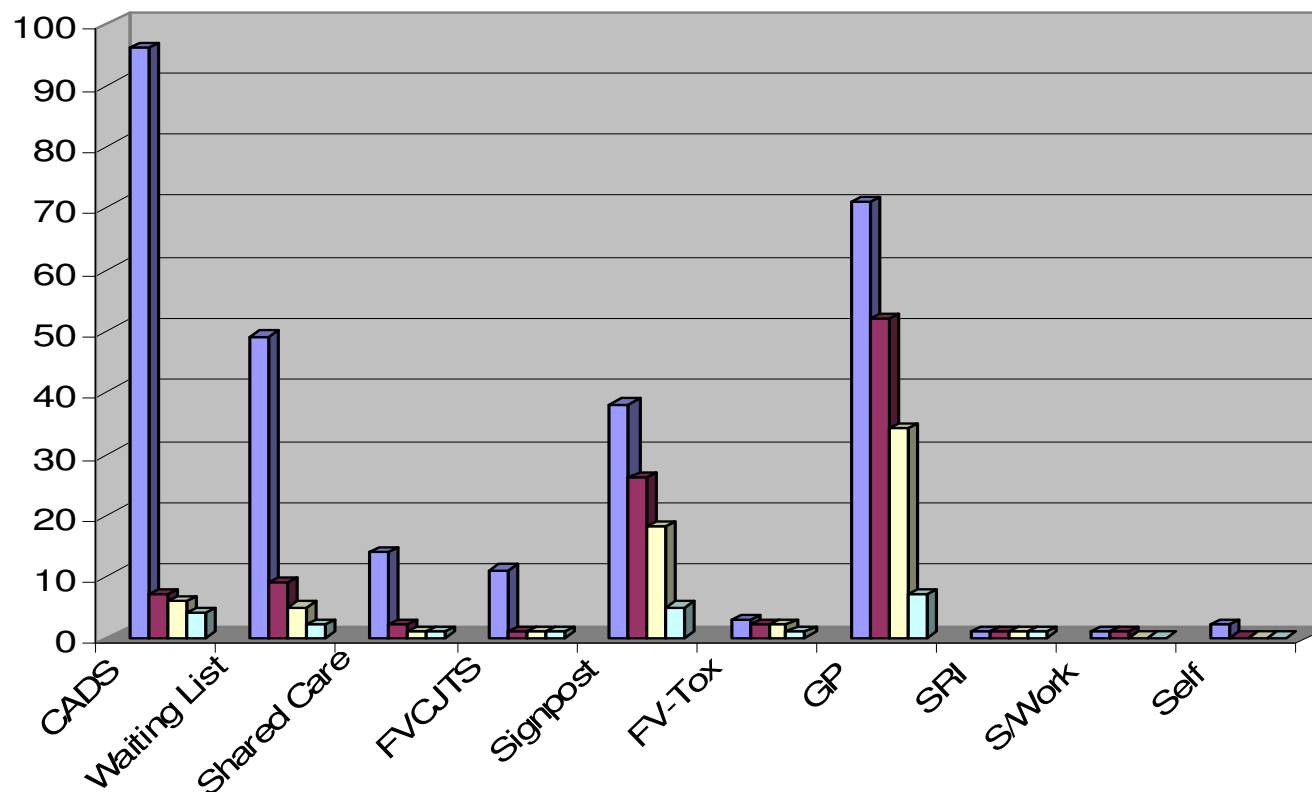
# GP Prescribing Co-ordinators role

- Develop GPPS, handbook.
- Need GPs to participate.
- To develop, co-ordinate & provide training.
- Direct support for GPs, Keyworker & Pharmacists.
- Lead on integration of service with other services in FV.
- Manage & collate data, evaluation.
- Manage budget.

# Experiences & challenges...

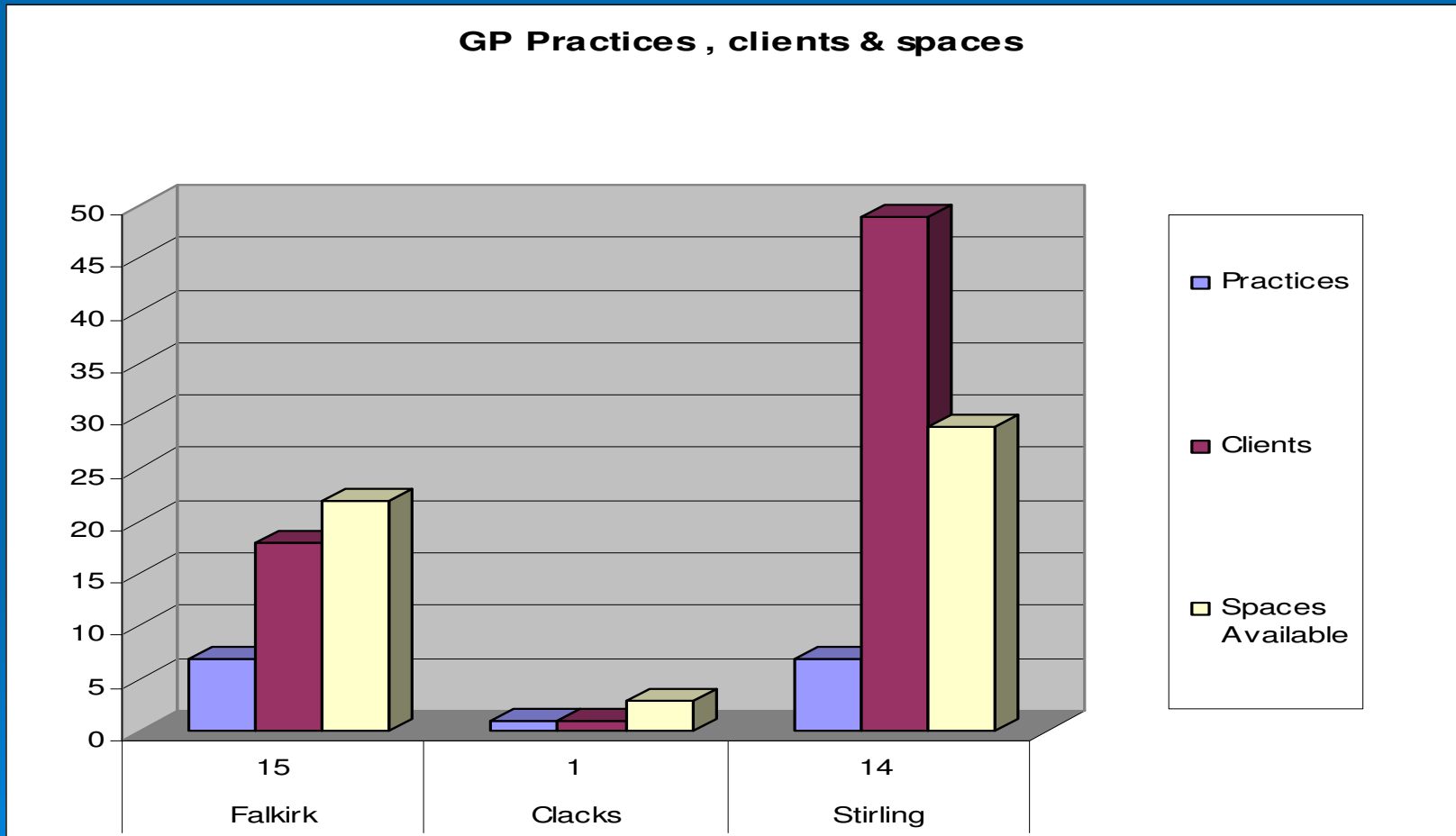
- Encouraging GPs to participate & have consistent approach; not to work alone.
- Selling the service to GPs; time limited, stable clients committed to change.
- Develop, consult & publish GPPS handbook.
- Liaising positively with all agencies; promoting the service, working together!
- Budget, GP payments, superannuation.
- Improve skills, training for all staff involved.
- Audit, evaluation, future developments, funding.

# Referrals Nov 05 – March 07



■ Referrals to GPPS ■ Clients on Treatment with GPPS ■ Active Clients ■ Reducing

# GP Clients & Spaces



# Specialist Pharmacist Role

- New post, supported by SAT & APC
- Pressure on Pharmacy Capacity
  - New services increasing demand
  - Centralised dispensing model?
- Poor communication
  - Inconsistent information sharing

# Local Service Negotiations

- Historical difficulties
- Involvement of key stakeholders
  - finance, service managers, contractors
  - open discussion
- Development of specifications
  - collaborative process

# Community Pharmacy Review

## ➤ Capacity

- ~950 methadone places ~570 clients

## ➤ Barriers

- premises, demand

## ➤ Training needs

- buprenorphine, child protection, service info

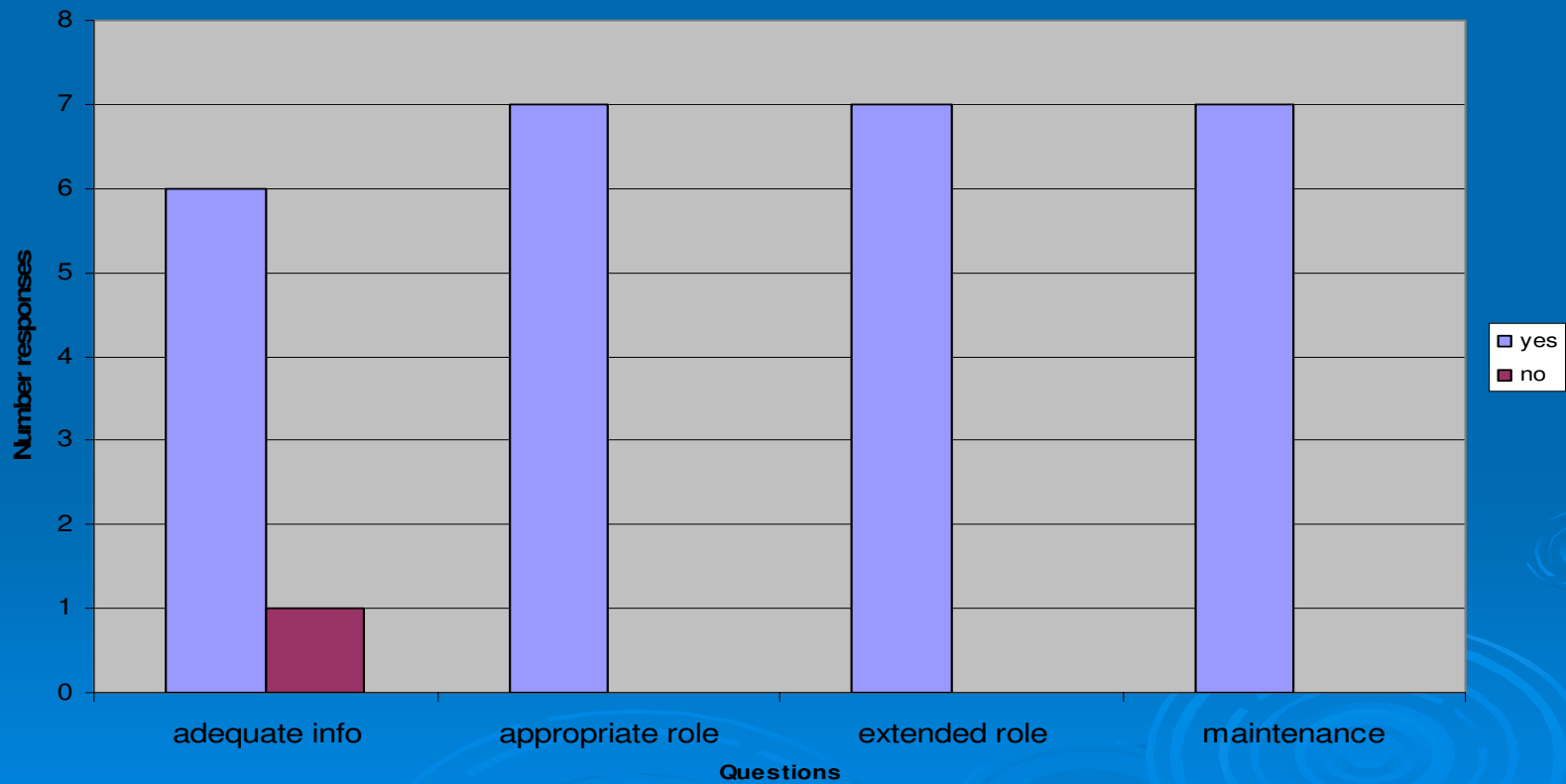
## ➤ Developments

# FV-Tox Development

- Guidance
  - Risk assessment
  - Development opportunity for Pharmacist
  - Audit & evaluation
  - Clinical governance
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# Pharmacy Evaluation

## Pharmacist Feedback on Buprenorphine Detox Programme





# The Future

- Funding/enhanced services.
- Development to include non-medical prescribing.
- Increase number of treatment spaces & GPs.
- Needle exchange & Harm reduction.
- Further training.
- Review GPPS Handbook, Nov 2007.
- Audit, evaluation & client outcomes.

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Thank you

Any Questions or Comments?

