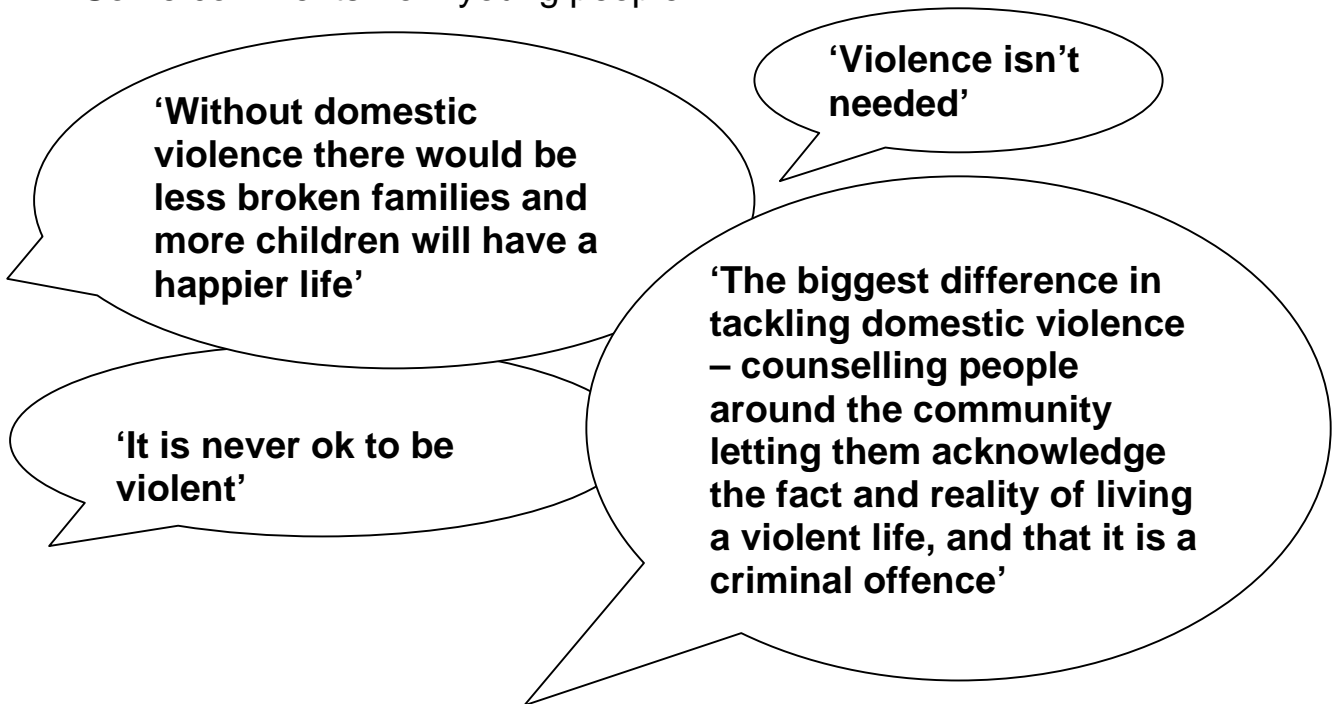


## Domestic Violence – What do young people think?

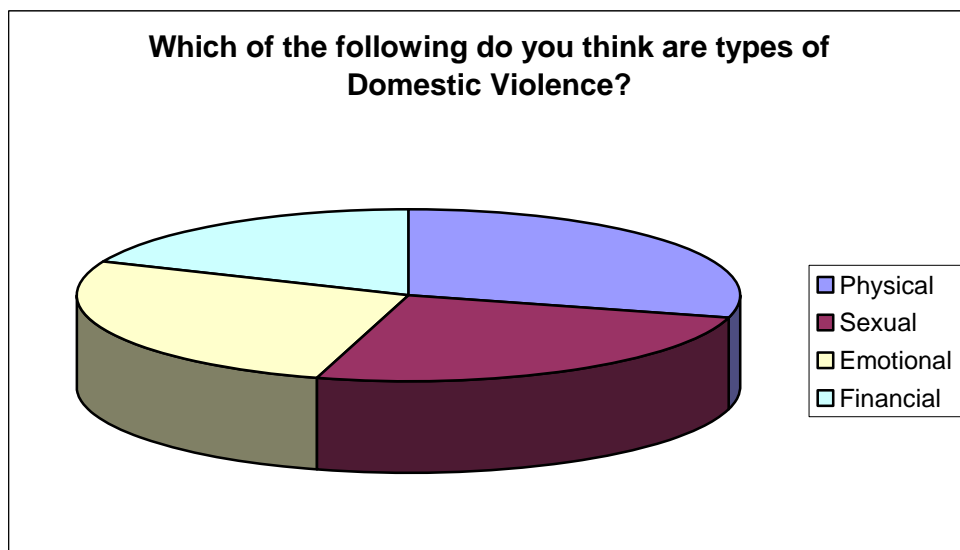
During Domestic Violence Awareness Week 2005 (21<sup>st</sup> – 25th November) 40 young people gave their thoughts about domestic violence through questionnaires on the Connexions Leicester Shire website and in the Connexions Centre on Charles street.

Many young people recognised the different forms of domestic violence and gave comments surrounding abuse.

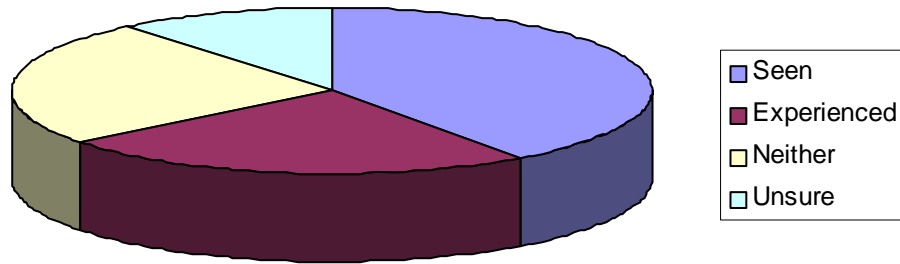
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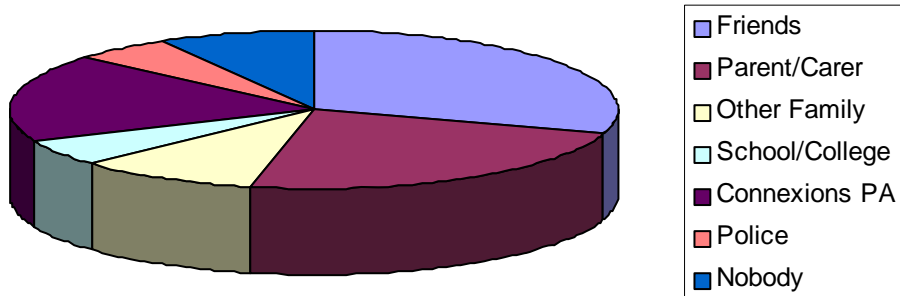
And results from the survey:



### Have you ever seen or experienced Domestic Violence?



### Who would you feel comfortable talking to about Domestic Violence?



The survey showed that many young people are aware of domestic violence and the variety of ways in which it can present. Unfortunately many young people have experienced or seen domestic violence firsthand.

Whilst many young people said they could talk to their friends, parents or carers about domestic violence, a large number also felt they would be able to talk to Connexions Personal Advisers. This is a positive response and helps to show that young people recognise the different types of support Personal Advisers can offer.

Many other professionals (including the Domestic Violence Coordinator for Leicester City, a representative from County domestic violence services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and the Directorate of Public Health) gave positive comments about the responses and will be able to use the data to input into further reports, agendas and information for service provision