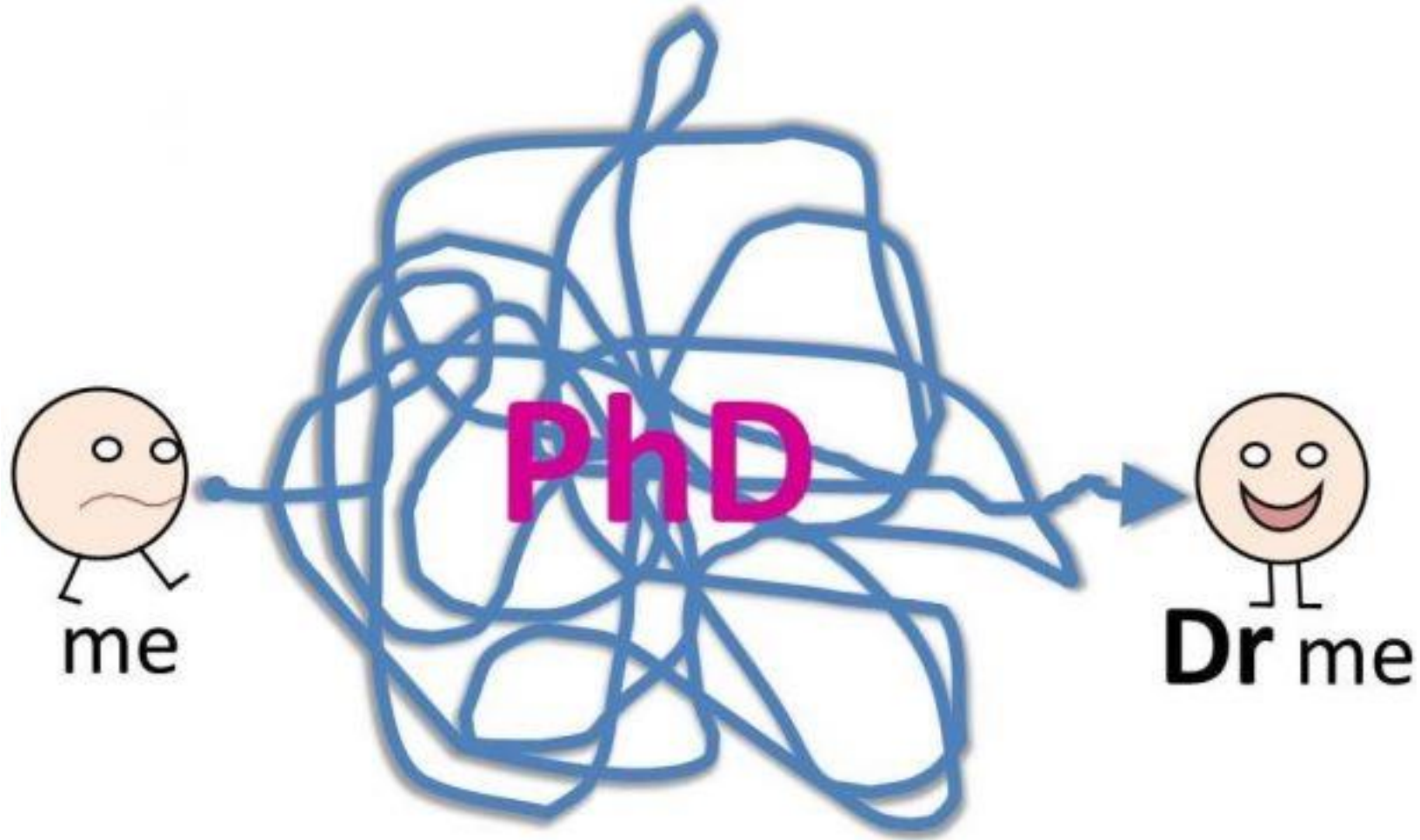


Student-Supervisor Relations



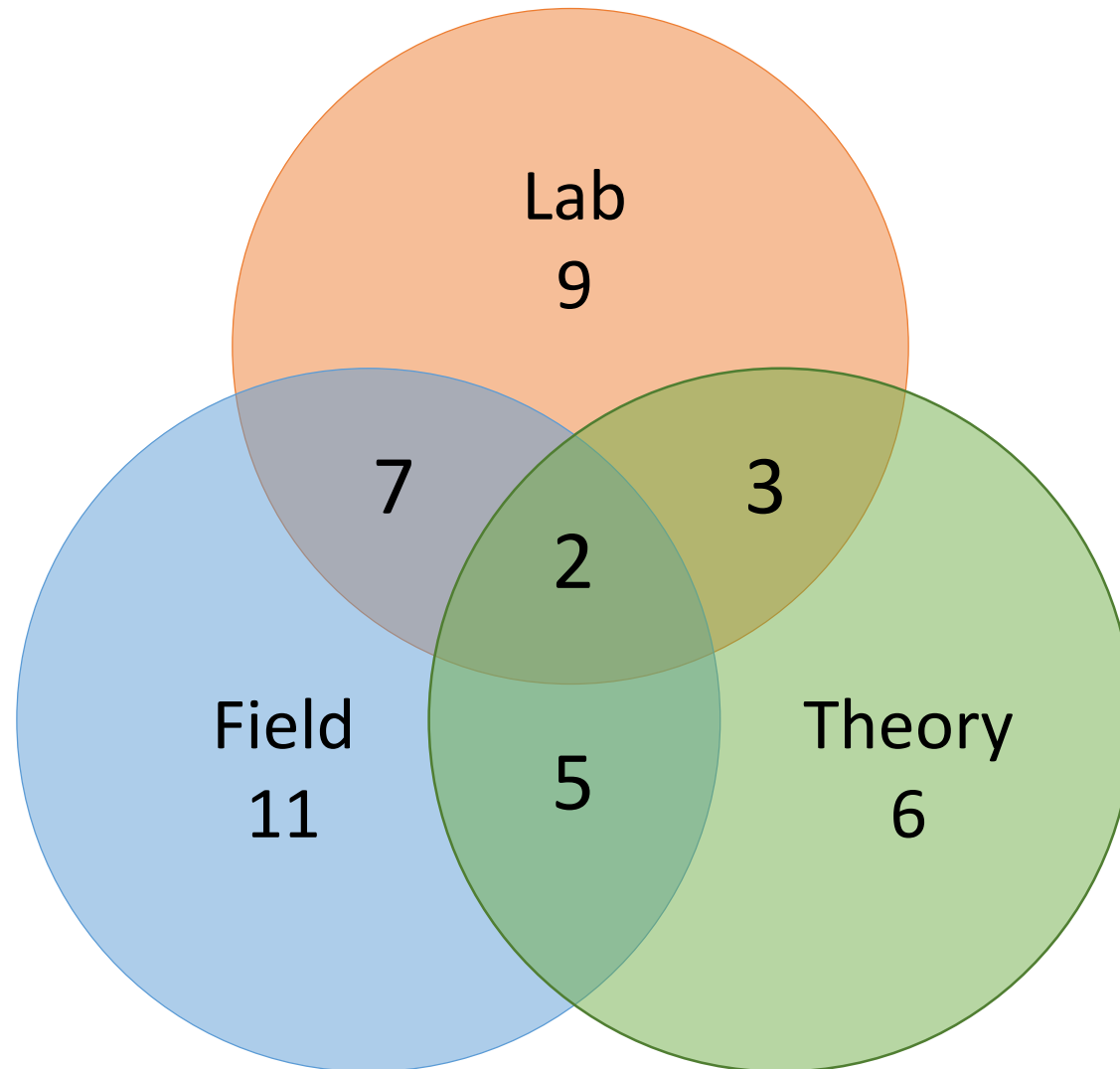
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Supervisor

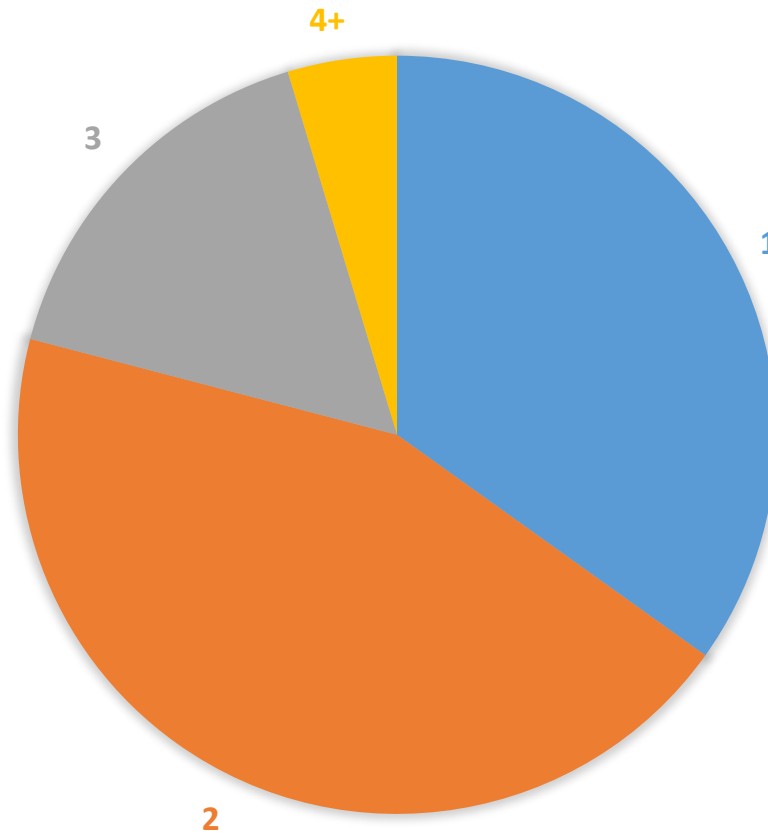
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Academic Advisor + Manager

Research Practices

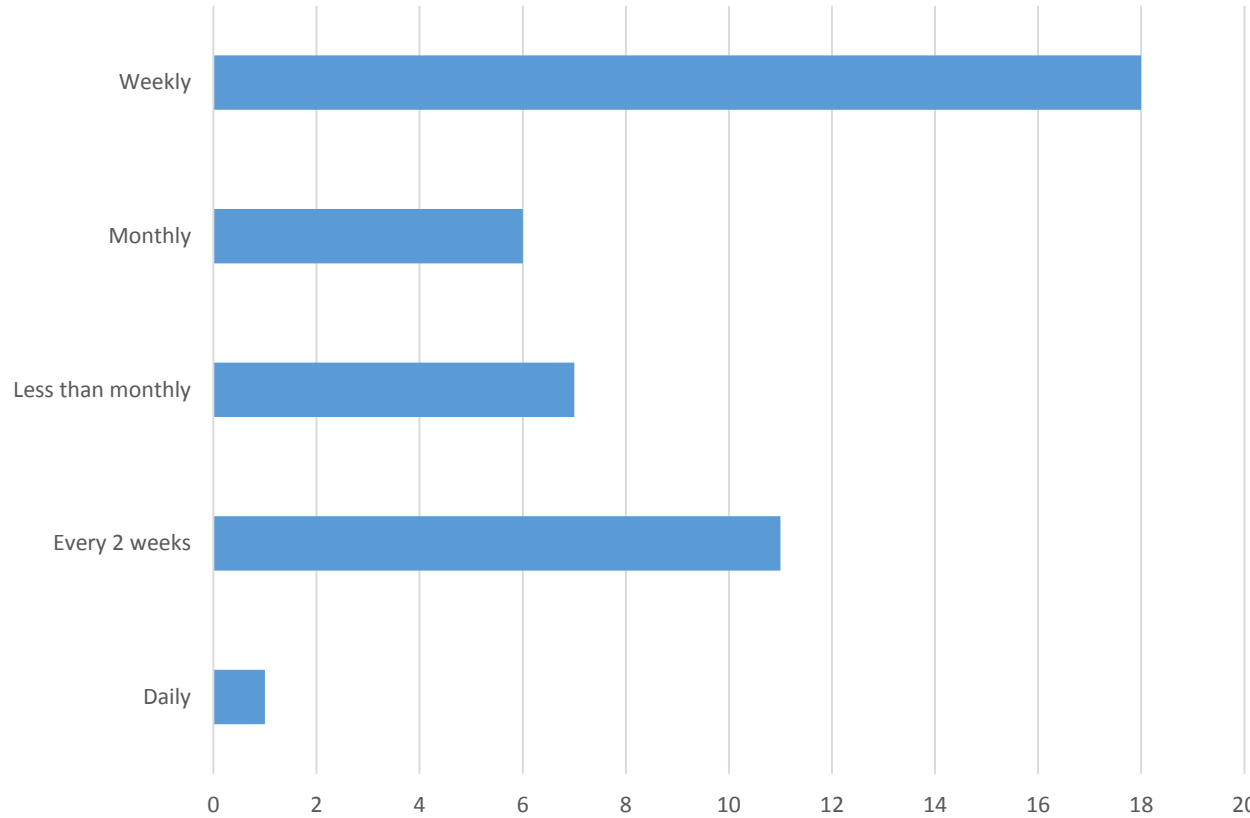


How many supervisors do you have?

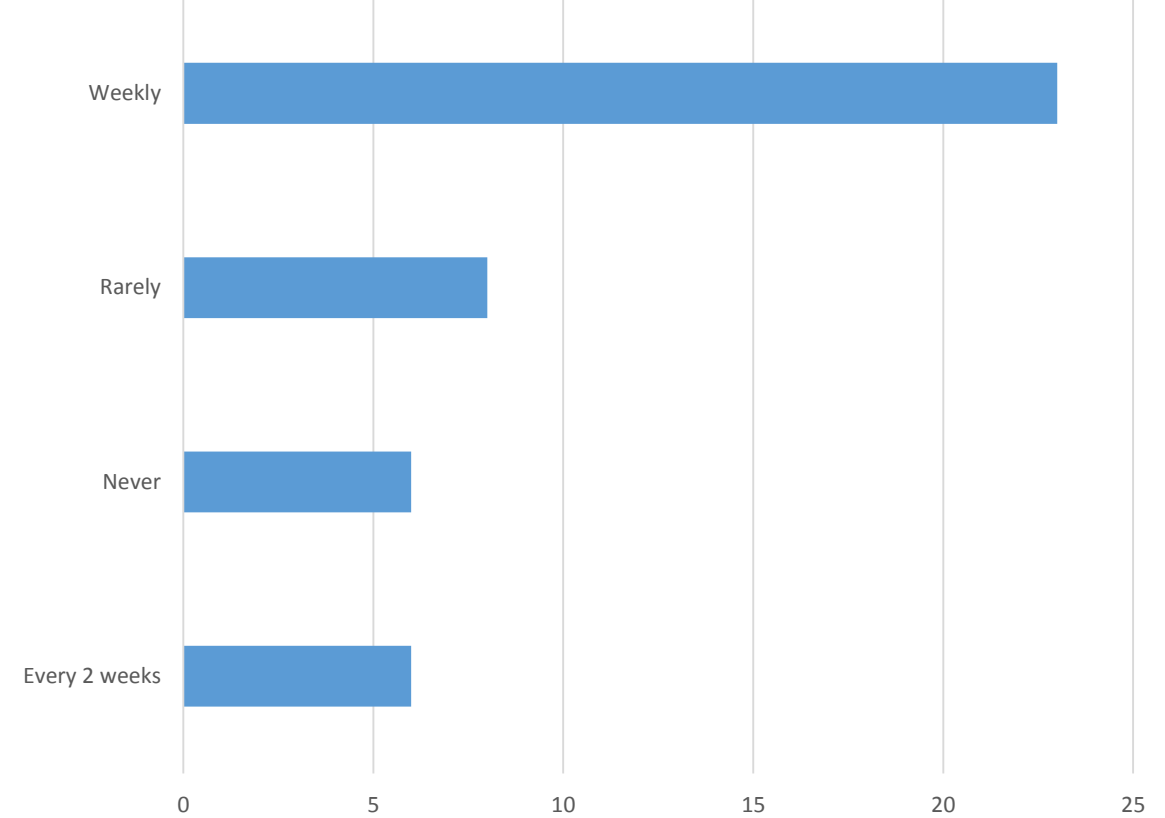


How often are your meetings?

Meetings with Supervisor(s)



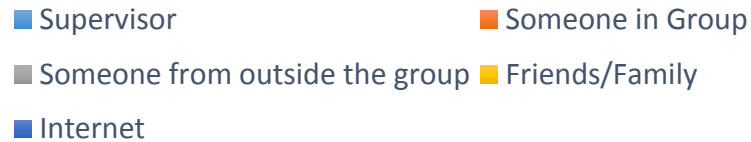
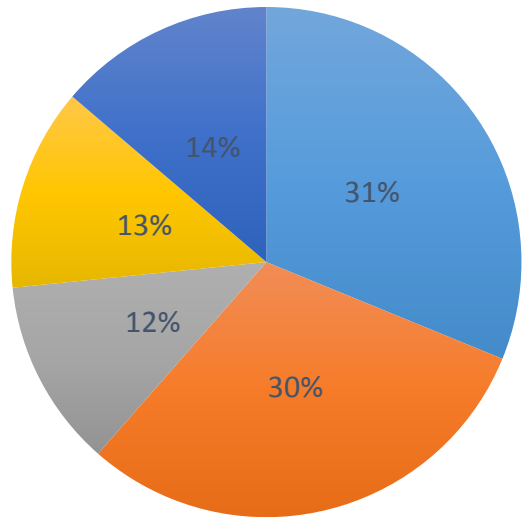
Meetings with Lab/Group



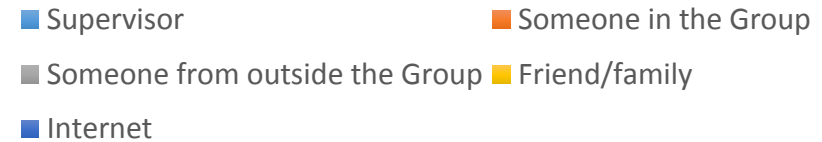
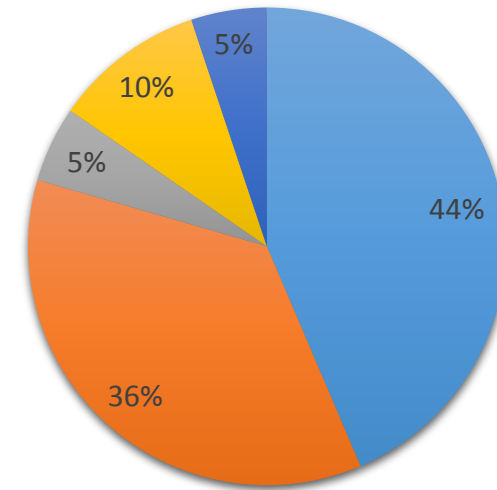
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Who do you go to for help...

...with your research?

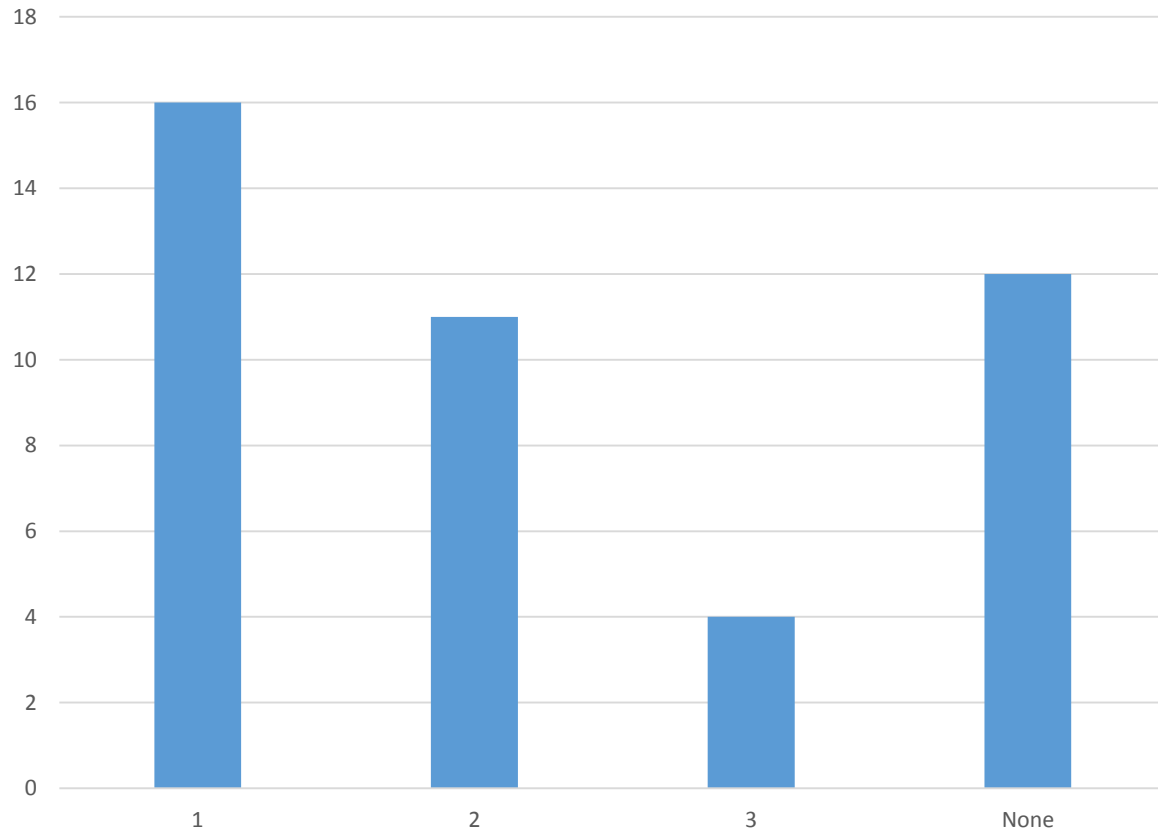


...with your DPhil in general?

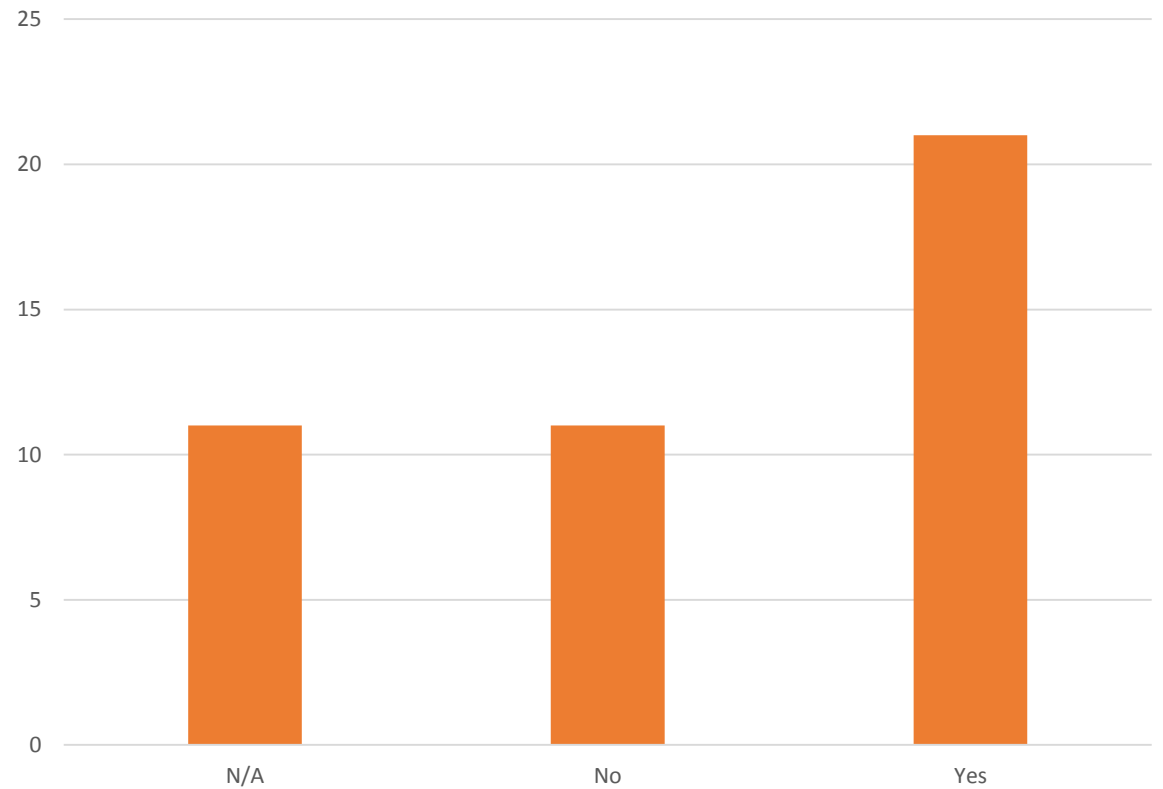


Conferences

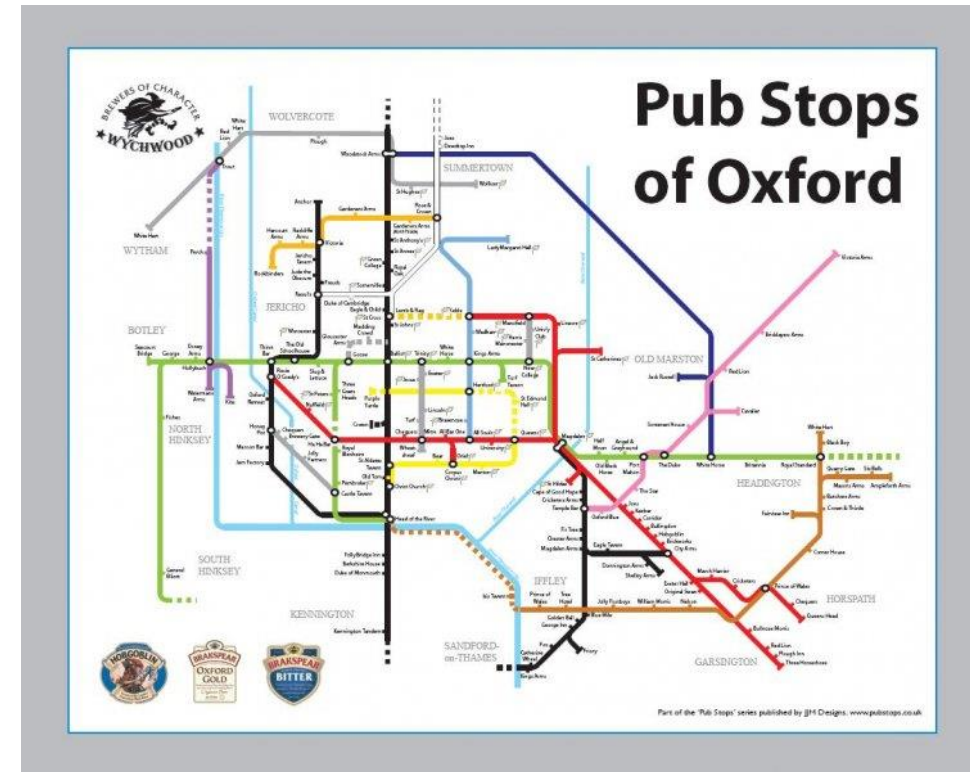
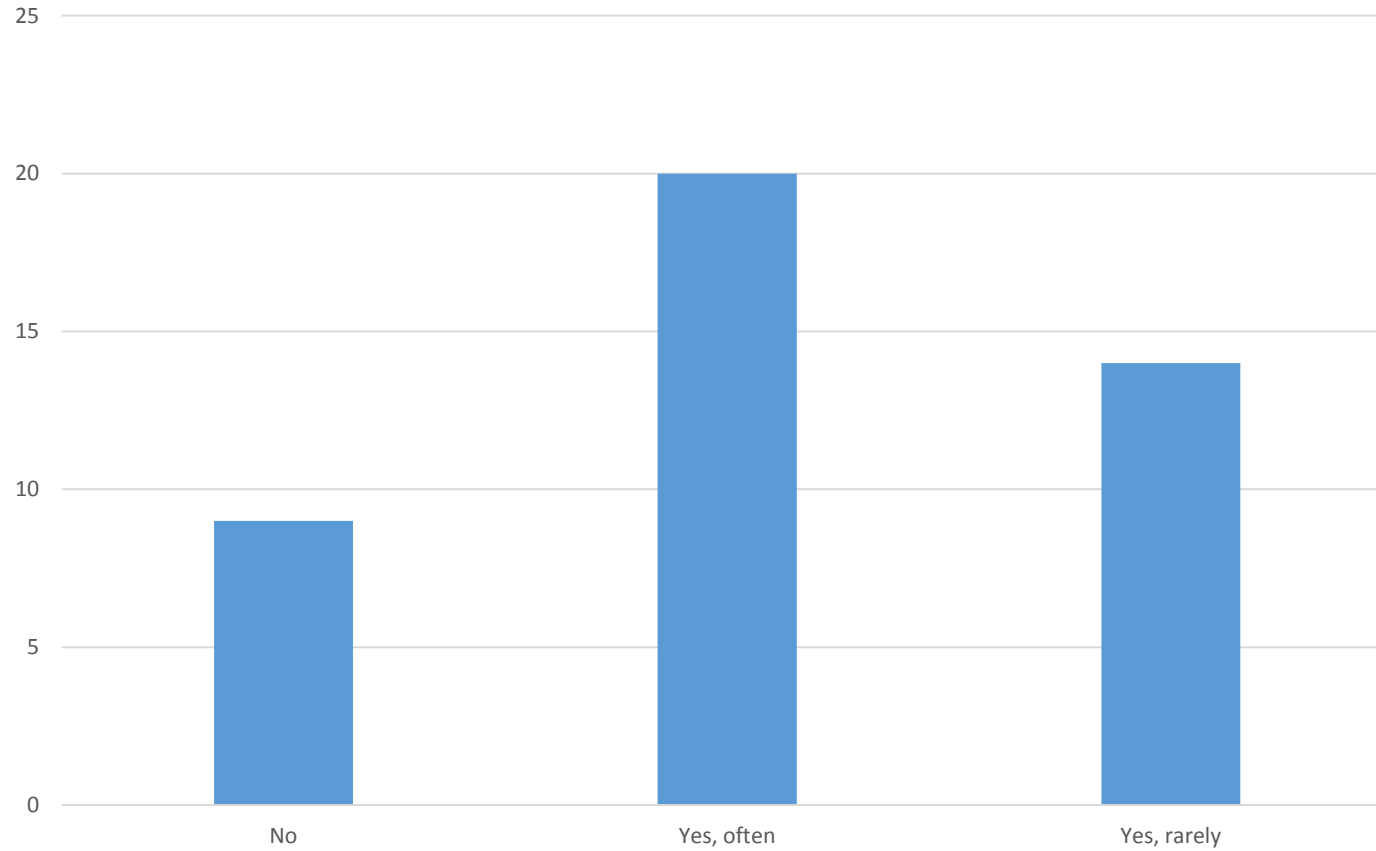
How many conferences have you attended in the past year?



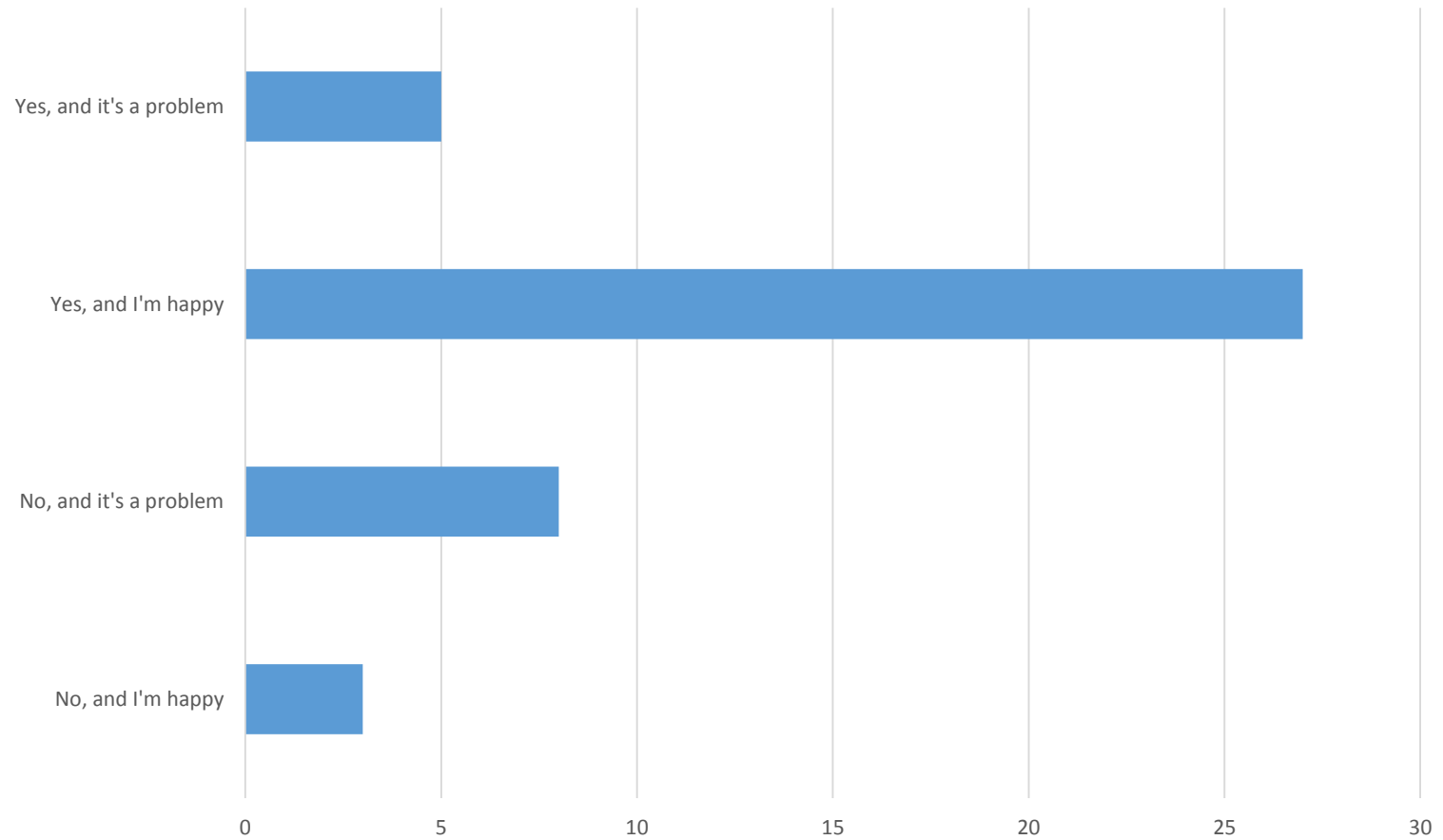
If you have been to any conferences, were any international?



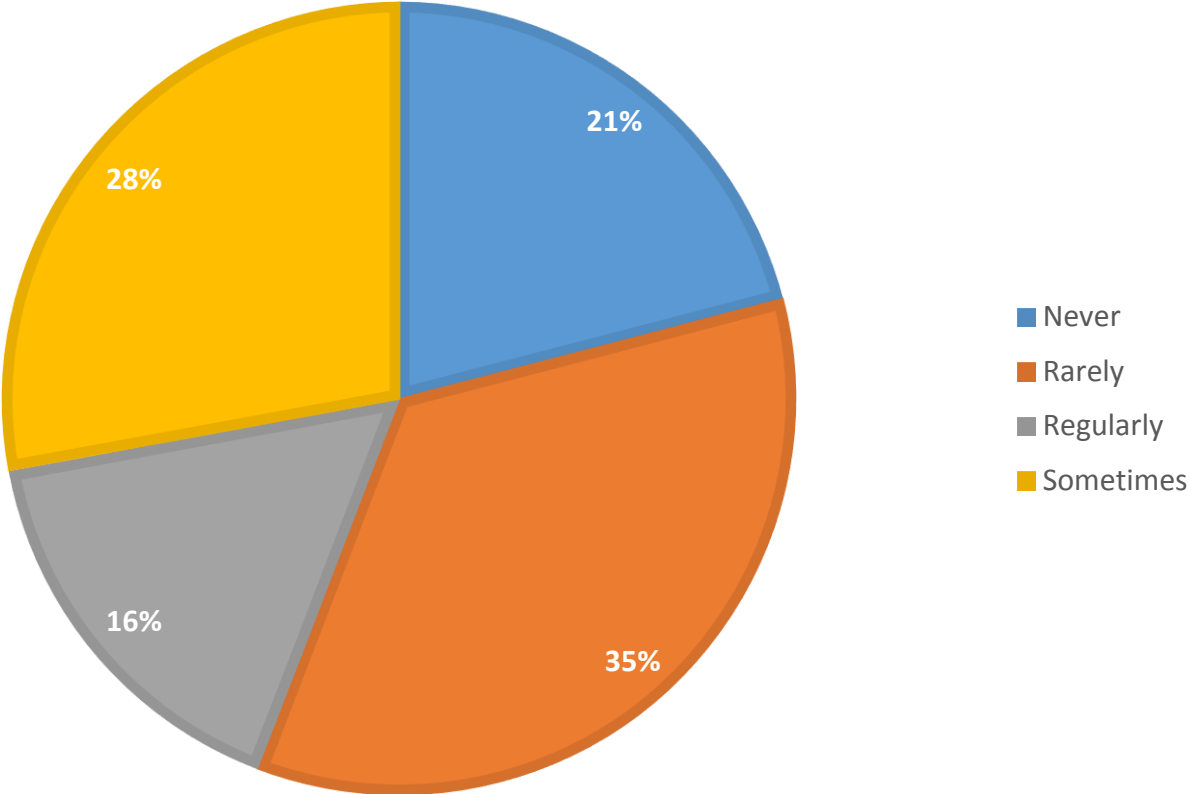
Do you socialise with your group outside of work?



Have you discussed expectations with your supervisor?

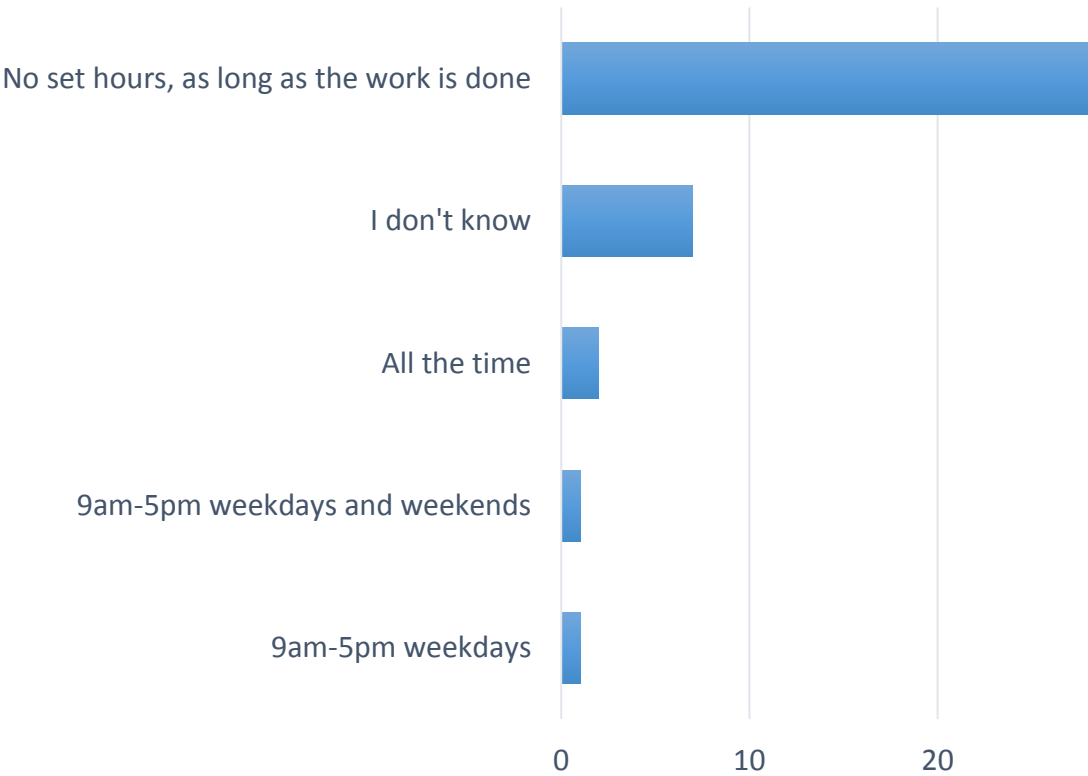


Do you have goals and deadlines set by your supervisor?

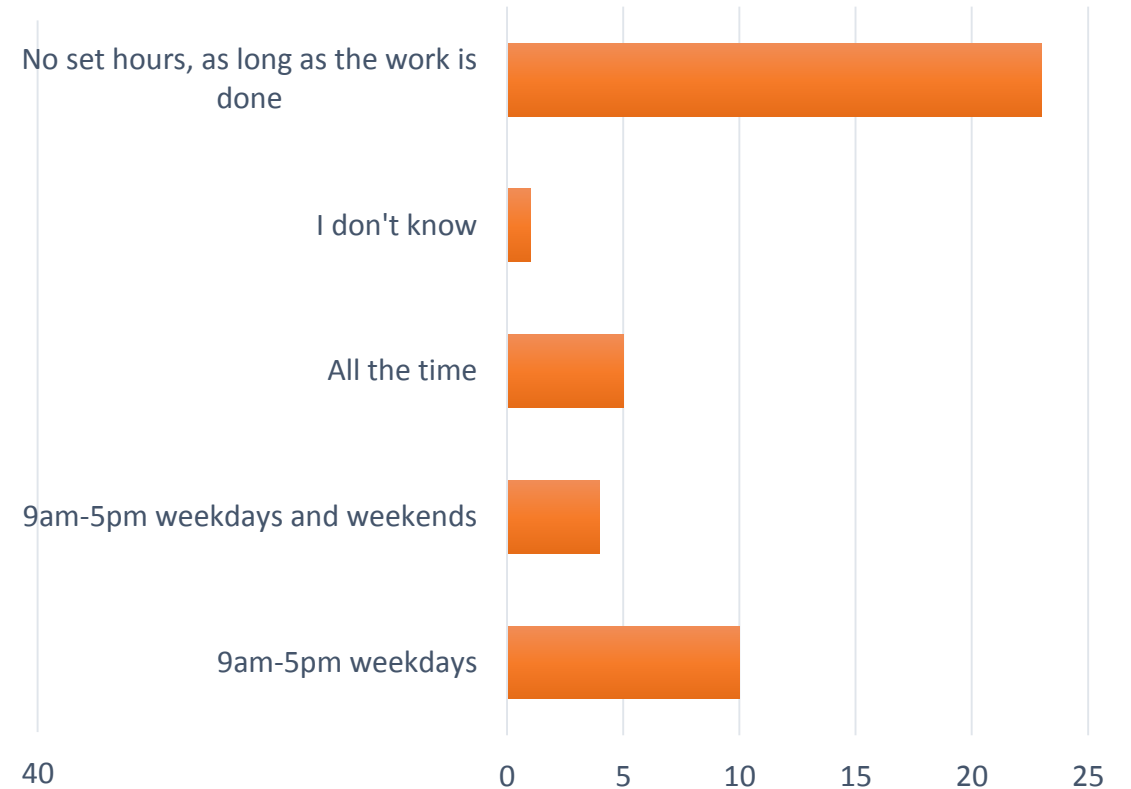


How many hours does your supervisor expect you to work?

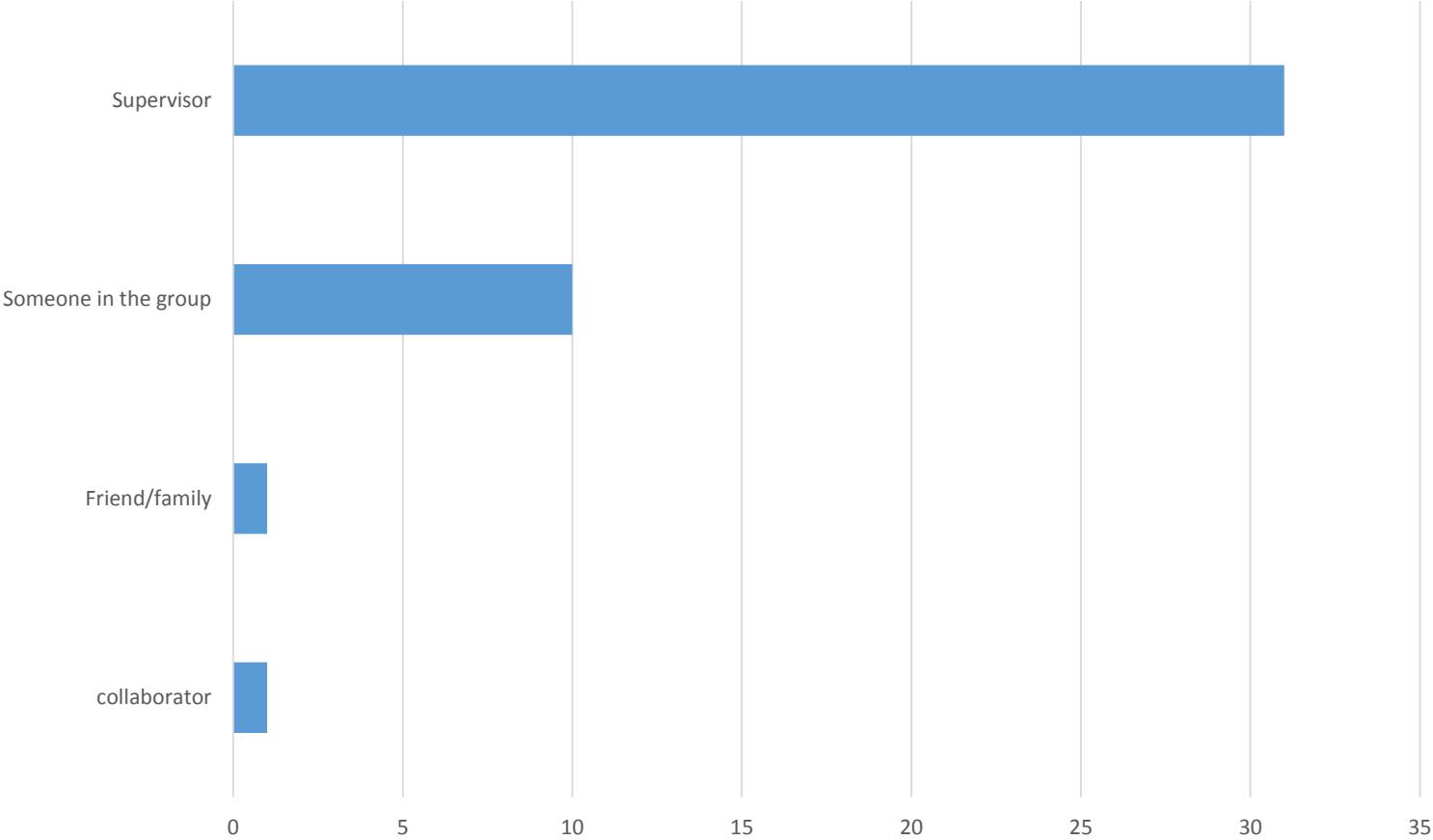
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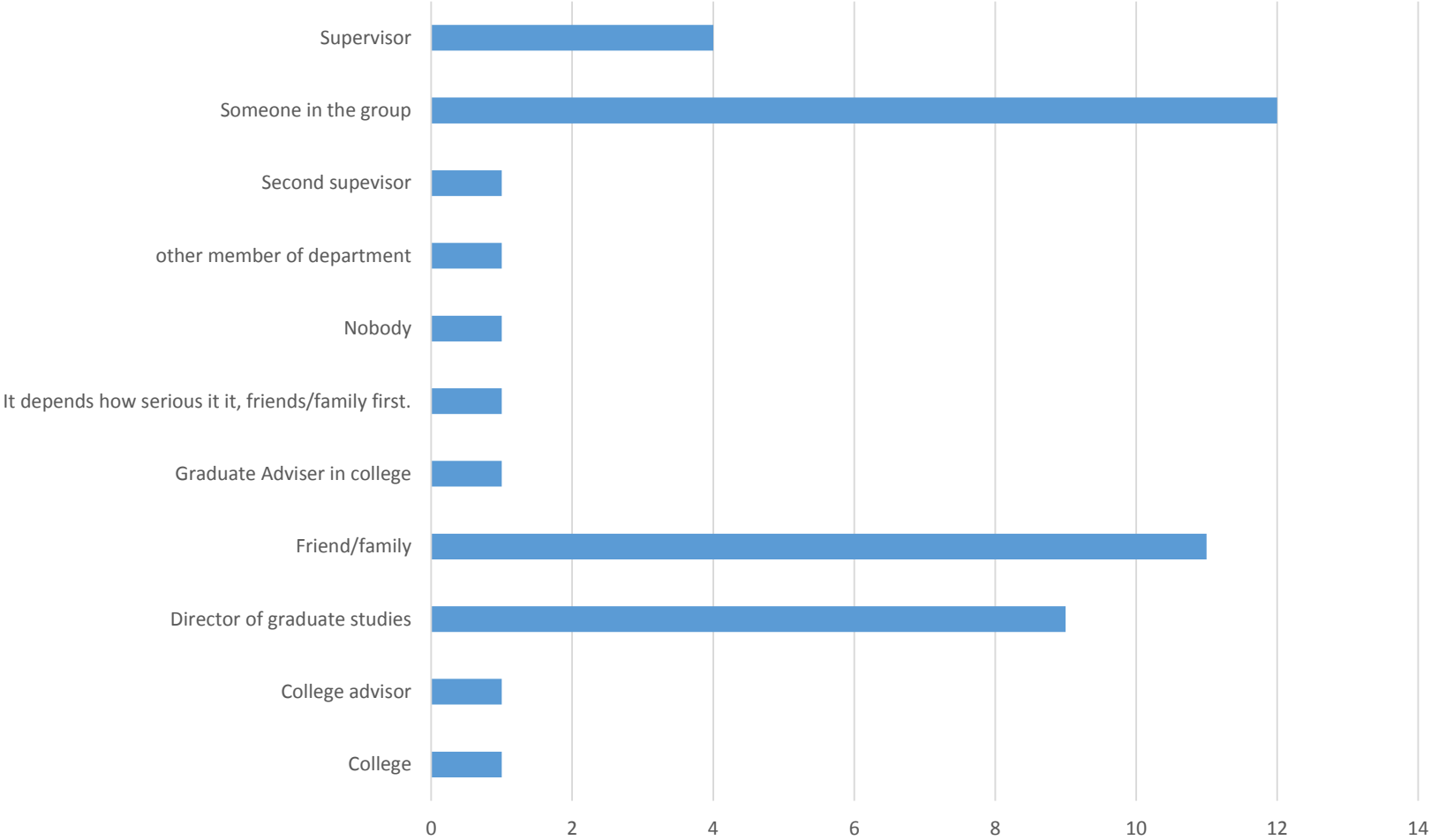
Actual



If you had an issue with your research, you would you go to?



If you had an issue with your supervisor, who would you go to?



Extra comments from you...

I cannot stress enough how important it is to TELL your supervisor when you want to finish. Not ASK, because it seems they will keep you for as long as the research is done. Do not let them keep you for longer than you really have the funding to do so (or at least, get them to help you with extra funding options). Do this ASAP, particularly at the start of 3rd year so you can look for scholarships etc.

Having 3 or more supervisors, who won't move forward unless all can meet together makes work nearly impossible. It is difficult to get them together or to make decisions.

I don't think it's overly clear where to go if you are stuck. The GSS forms seems like a way to bring up problems, but that seems too formal and taking things straight to the top.

I had issues with never seeing my supervisor and struggled with the technical side of my work, so after some nagging was given a postdoc as my co-supervisor - this has been so much more useful.

Hints and Tips

- Discuss expectations, and try to reach an agreement
- Meet regularly
- Prepare before your meetings
- Be open and honest
- Don't give them a reason to be annoyed with you...
 - agree on deadlines you know you can make
 - give them enough warning if something
 - needs to be read/signed/etc
 - *Mutual respect*

9 types of difficult PhD supervisor (and how to domesticate them)

<http://www.nextscientist.com/domesticate-difficult-phd-supervisor/>

20 tips for surviving your PhD

<http://phdtalk.blogspot.co.uk/2013/09/20-tips-for-surviving-your-phd.html>

What to do if you don't work well with your supervisor

<http://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/2014/dec/29/phd-supervisoruniversity-research-tips-relationship-work>

The PhD: troubles talk

<https://techknowtools.wordpress.com/2013/12/08/the-phd-troubles-talk/>

Clarifying expectations

<http://www.learning.ox.ac.uk/supervision/stages/expectations/>

- Supervisor
- Graduate office (Heather Green, graduate.office@zoo.ox.ac.uk)
- Director of Graduate Studies (Adrian Thomas, Stu West)
- Head of Department (Ben Sheldon)
- College: Senior Tutor, College Advisor, Tutor for Graduate Studies, College Doctor, Chaplain, Dean
- Zoology mentor <http://www.zoo.ox.ac.uk/graduates/mentoring>
- MPLS Division Graduate Studies Office
<http://www.mpls.ox.ac.uk/graduate-school-office>
- University Counselling Service
<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/counselling>
- University Harassment Advisor network
<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/harassment>
- Equality and Diversity Office <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop>
- Nightline <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~nightln/>
- Special Needs: Department/MPLS Division disability contacts
- Oxford University Student Union Student Advice Service
<http://ousu.org/advice/student-advice-service/>