

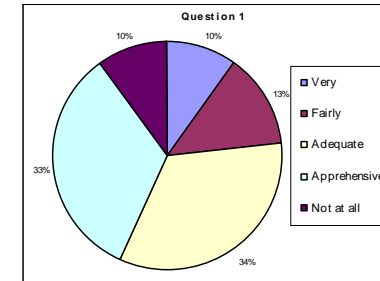
Head Teacher Questionnaire - 2010

Responses - 29 returned

- 1) How confident and knowledgeable do you think your staff are to discuss all the issues covered by **ssf** with children?

Very	Fairly	Adequate	Apprehensive	Not at all
3 (10.3%)	4 (13.8%)	10 (34.5%)	10 (34.5%)	3 (10.3%)

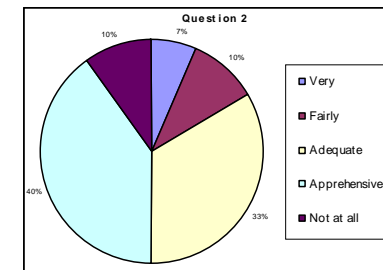
(One person ticked both very & fairly)



- 2) How confident and knowledgeable do you think your staff are to discuss all the issues covered by **ssf** with parents?

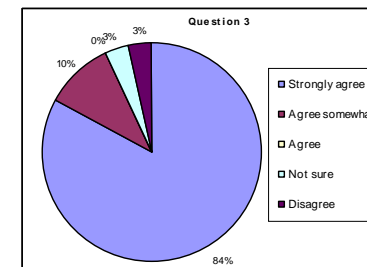
Very	Fairly	Adequate	Apprehensive	Not at all
2 (6.9%)	3 (10.3%)	10 (34.5%)	12 (41.4%)	3 (10.3%)

(One person ticked both very & fairly)



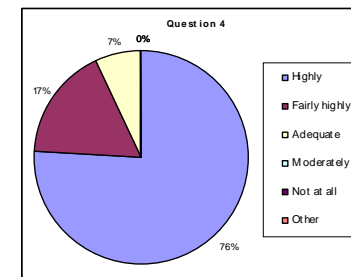
- 3) Do you feel it is more appropriate to involve specially trained individuals, who are detached from the families, to cover these sensitive subjects?

Strongly agree	Agree somewhat	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
24 (82.8%)	3 (10.3%)	0	1 (3.4%)	1 (3.4%)



- 4) Please rate the value of the service **ssf** provides to your nursery and families.

Highly	Fairly highly	Adequate	Moderately	Not at all
22 (75.9%)	5 (17.2%)	2 (6.9%)	0	0



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1	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> The issues covered by <u>ssf</u> are also covered by the nursery curriculum. However, it is very good practice for outside agencies to deliver this programme to both parents/carers and pupils to further raise awareness and consolidate learning.	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> As above. The more professionals we have involved the better the delivery.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> This is very important as the training helps answer questions and put parents/carers minds at ease when delivering such a sensitive subject.	<u>Option selected – Fairly Highly</u> -	-
2	<u>Option selected – Not at all</u> -	<u>Option selected – Not at all</u> It is very difficult to discuss such sensitive issues with parents.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> Sharing of information, by an objective person is crucial.	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> Most impressive and professional.	This is a most worthwhile and educational experience for children. It <u>must</u> continue.
3	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Fairly Highly</u> -	-
4	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> Realistically, this probably would not happen without <u>ssf</u> .	<u>Option selected – Not at all</u> Training would be essential.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> <u>Ssf</u> provides a professional delivery unaffected by local perception/knowledge of children/families.	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	<u>Ssf</u> had provided a valuable service to nurseries over the years offering a professional delivery of a sensitive subject unlikely to be delivered by existing nursery staff without specialised training. This would be a significant loss to the children in Highland nurseries – they would be denied the knowledge and skills to seek help and/or understand what to do when in an uncomfortable or threatening situation. Our children would, in effect, become more vulnerable. An essential tool within GIRFEC.
5	<u>Option selected – Fairly</u> But we would prefer <u>ssf</u> to deliver this.	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> But this would overload NCT and may well not be done.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	-
6	<u>Option selected – Fairly</u> -	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	<u>Option selected – Agree somewhat</u> -	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	-
7	<u>Option selected – Very</u> Observed as many times and seen the good practice.	<u>Option selected – Fairly</u> Awareness of whether all areas are covered to the high standard that is delivered by <u>ssf</u> .	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> It will be very unfortunate if this service is removed. It will add pressure to the nursery staff.	-

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8	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> Staff are able to do so but don't particularly <u>want</u> to. It's difficult to fit this in to an 'overcrowded' curriculum and would probably not be done, except as an afterthought.	<u>Option selected – Not at all</u> Parents accept messages more easily from an 'outsider' rather than from a member of staff.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> Trainers have come in and been sympathetic to all circumstances.	<u>Option selected – Highly Excellent!</u>	Please do your best to keep this service. The message becomes much more important when delivered by someone other than a member of school staff.
9	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> -	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> -	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	-
10	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> Although we have experienced nursery staff I do not feel they would be comfortable discussing all of the <u>ssf</u> issues and they would be concerned that they would not do it properly.	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> See response to previous question.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> Particularly in a small village where you may have knowledge of family situations etc, through hearing things in the community.	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	-
11	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> -	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u>	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	Disappointed that funding is to be cut from this valuable service. Thank you for all your hard work in providing this essential service.
12	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	<u>Option selected – Agree somewhat</u>	<u>Option selected – Fairly Highly</u> -	-
13	<u>Option selected – Very</u> I have a very able nursery team, but if this wasn't the case I would be answering this question differently.	<u>Option selected – Very</u> -	<u>Option selected – Not sure</u> GIRFEC allows for schools to draw on resources.	<u>Option selected – Fairly Highly</u> -	-
14	<u>Option selected – Not at all</u> I would have to get training for them and this would have an impact on learners for the next 2/3 years.	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> Again, would need to identify training for staff before being done.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> Very skilful language and activities – I know service would be the same Highland wide and not dependant on individual staff.	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> Superb – I've seen <u>ssf</u> staff in action in different school.	While I appreciate money is tight and the council has to dig deep, the <u>ssf</u> programme has been fantastic. I know that when children get older all I have to say is safe strong free and where/when to speak and they know exactly what I'm talking about! We have a child on CP register at moment in nursery – because of <u>ssf</u> we are able to monitor her experiences, etc.

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15	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> I feel the staff could probably do it but would definitely prefer training first.	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> They would prefer to be properly trained on the subject first.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	-
16	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> The course is very well delivered by ssf staff and I am sure that although my nursery staff are excellent there will be elements which are done as well.	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> My staff interact on a daily basis with parents but ssf have had the training to deliver ssf to parents at a different level.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> Yes very much so.	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> If we felt that the service was not excellent we would not continue with it. An excellent service.	-
17	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> Much better for specialised team to deliver – more focussed.	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> -	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	Excellent service and certainly have strong views about this service continuing. The equipment, props and way the programme is delivered is focussed but get the message across without being intimidating or going in too much detail – <u>not</u> frightening pupils but making them aware of bullying and stranger danger and strategies of how to deal with each.
18	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> Trained adults tend to deliver such information in a ‘detached’ way and are more likely to command the children’s attention. Essential when the message is considered.	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> Staff would find this difficult. In a small community this may cause problems. A neutral person is best placed to discuss issues with parents.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> As outlined in points 1 and 2, I feel staff do not have the necessary training or skills and it should be delivered by those who are specially trained.	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> Always received positively.	-
19	<u>Option selected – Not at all</u> -	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	An essential service to ensure safety and understanding of young children.
20	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> Especially dealing with the stranger danger would probably be fairly confident with the bullying.	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> They would not feel totally comfortable but would manage.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> They do an excellent job.	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	This service would be a loss to education. They tackle sensitive subjects in a way that 4/5 year olds can relate to.
21	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> Ssf provide the specialist training which addresses the issues. This is delivered excellently and children and parents have a very good experience.	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> See response to previous question.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> We are so lucky to have these people coming into nursery and training children and parents. They are excellent.	This is a vital service for all early years establishments. In our catchment area this is an absolute must as many of our parents and pupils will not be able to access training.

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22	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	As Head Teacher I appreciate the qualified input from <u>ssf</u> . Although this could be taught within curriculum the expertise that <u>ssf</u> is a very valuable resource and also assurance for parents.
23	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> I am also the Nursery Co-Ordinator teacher and would hope my CP training and experience would help here	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> See response to previous question.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> Someone with training and from outwith the school will have more impact. Staff can then undertake some follow-up work but initial input is more focussed.	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> Children certainly talk about what they have learned through the workshops.	I am assuming this service was initially set up as the result of incidents with pre-school children and therefore has a need. Making children aware of dangers and education in keeping safe is therefore serving a vital purpose in keeping potentially vulnerable children safe.
24	<u>Option selected – Very/Fairly</u> Covered by staff in P1-7 already, not difficult to take into nursery.	<u>Option selected – Very/Fairly</u> As above, Nursery staff already very involved with parents on a personal level.	<u>Option selected – Disagree</u> Should be someone who families are comfortable with and have a trusting relationship already established.	<u>Option selected – Adequate</u> -	-
25	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> Obviously we do cover some of these issues but there is not the same direct focus / or parental involvement.	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> As above and sometimes it's easier for outsiders to tackle these issues.	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	-
26	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> -	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> -	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	The <u>ssf</u> staff are extremely confident and knowledgeable about the subject matter. Because of their confidence parents feel more at ease about allowing their children to participate.
27	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> -	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> -	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> This service is greatly valued by my staff and myself. Is an enjoyable educational experience which puts a very important and specialised message across to our young pupils. My staff are not trained to tackle these issues.	-
28	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> This is a valuable service	<u>Option selected – Apprehensive</u> -	<u>Option selected – Strongly agree</u> -	<u>Option selected – Highly</u> -	This is a welcome and valuable part of our curriculum.
29	<u>Option selected – Fairly</u> -	<u>Option selected – Fairly</u> -	<u>Option selected – Agree somewhat</u> -	<u>Option selected – Fairly highly</u> -	-