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Paediatric patients who died in a PICU

2025/26

Yes I donate
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Flow of paediatric patients through the donation pathway (PDA data)

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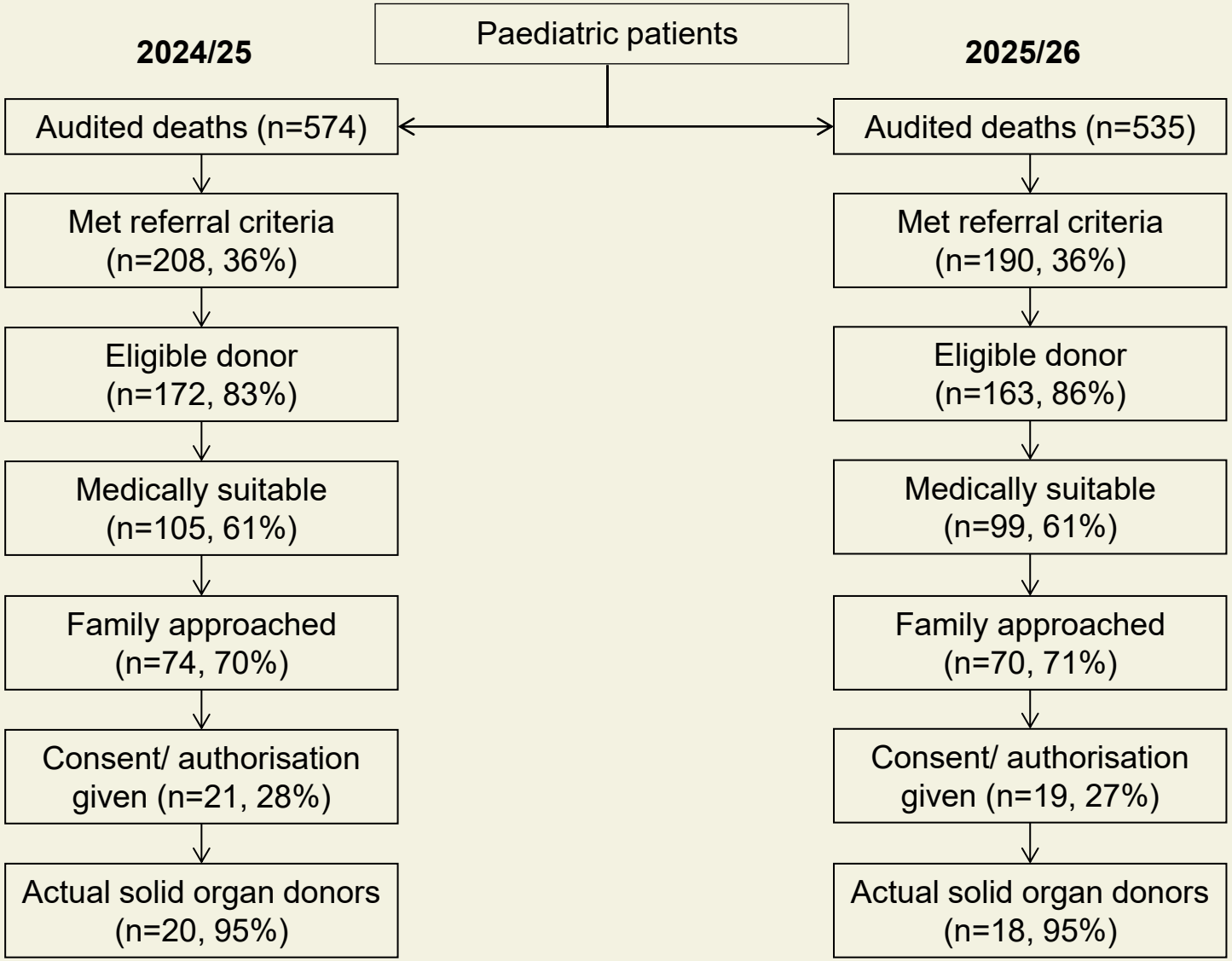

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Age distribution, April 2025 – March 2026

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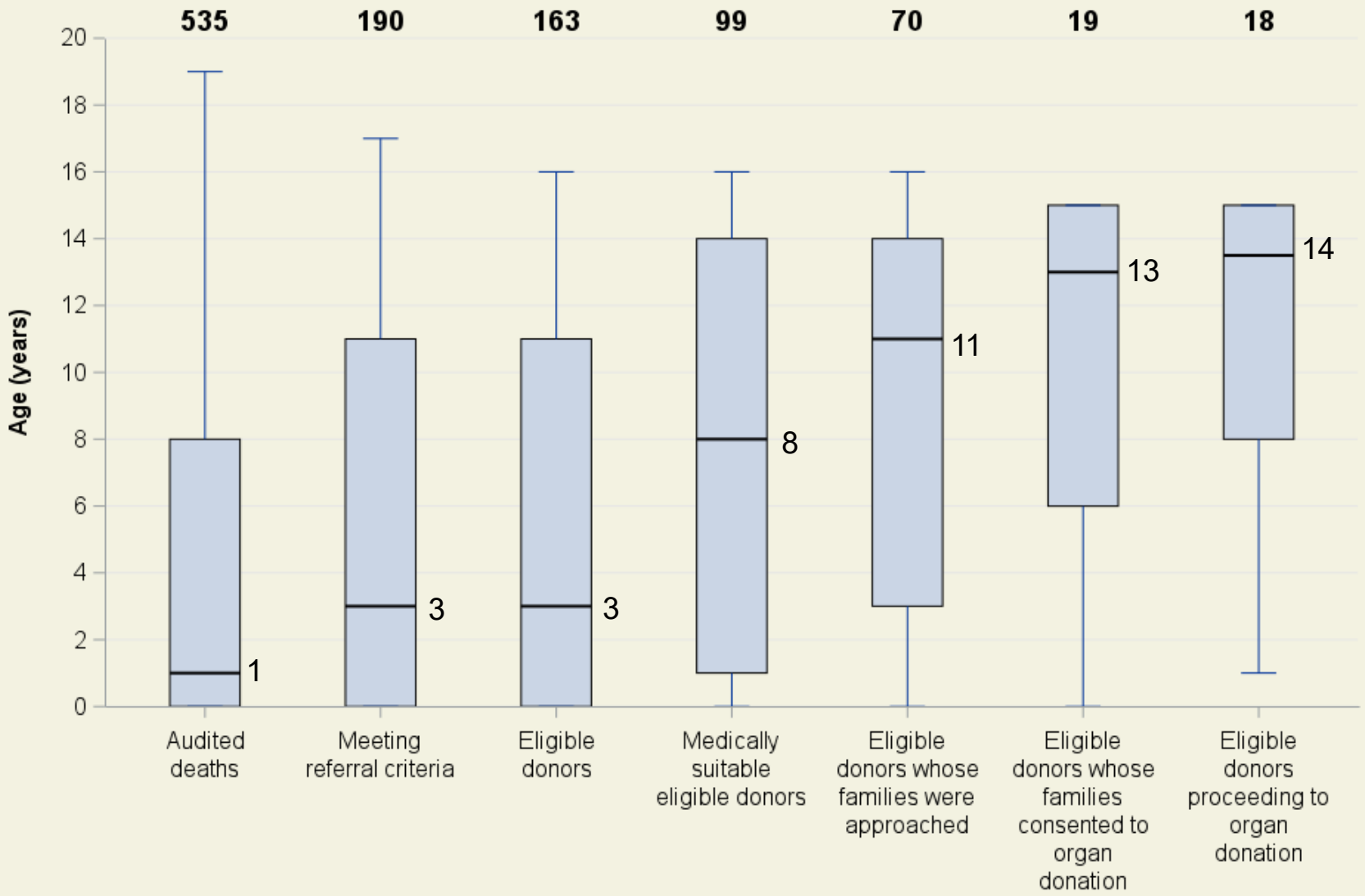

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Audited deaths by hospital, April 2025 – March 2026

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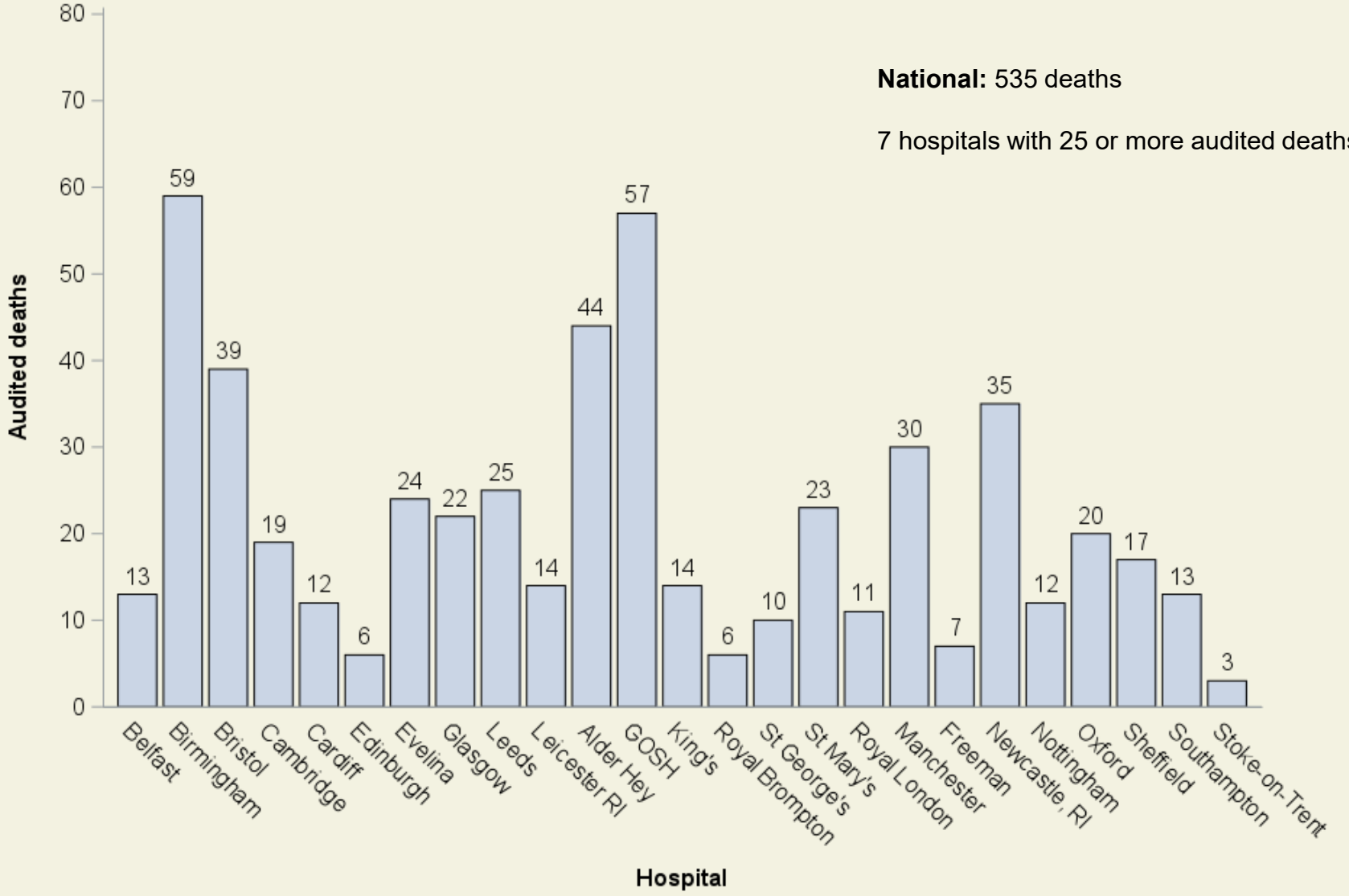

National: 535 deaths

7 hospitals with 25 or more audited deaths

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Number of neurological death tested/not tested patients by hospital, April 2025 – March 2026

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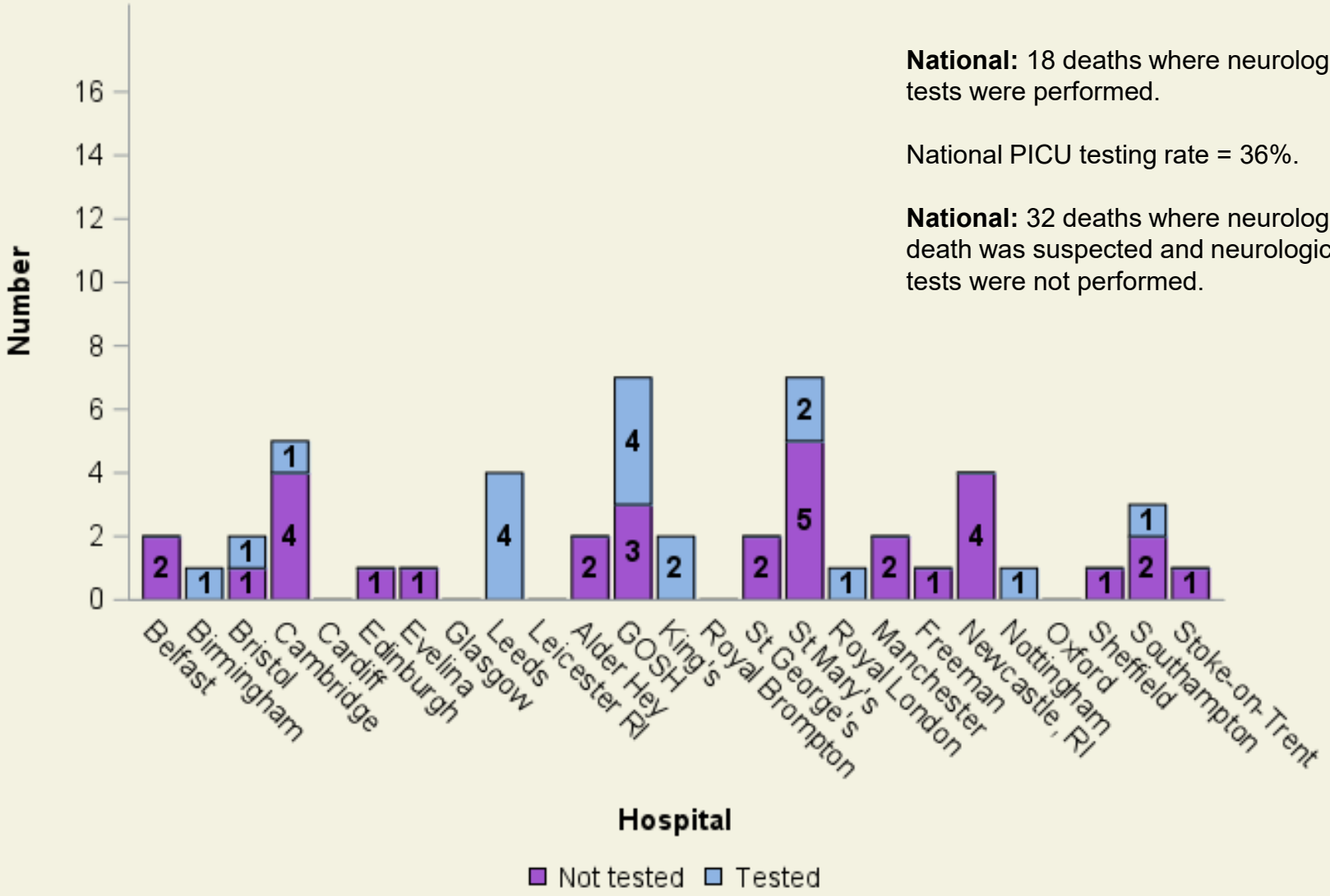

National: 18 deaths where neurological tests were performed.

National PICU testing rate = 36%.

National: 32 deaths where neurological death was suspected and neurological tests were not performed.

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Reason why neurological death tests were not performed, April 2025 – March 2026

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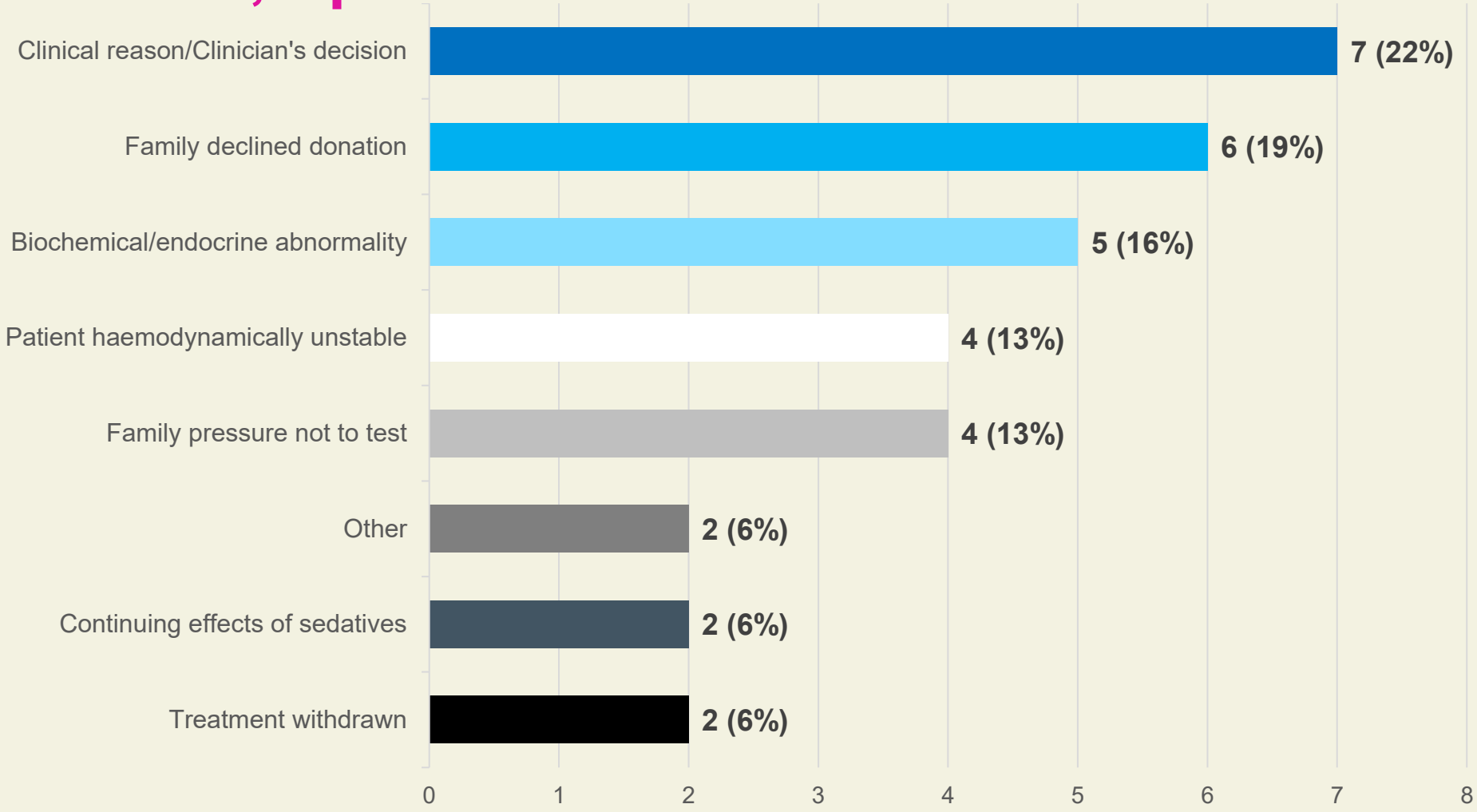

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Neurological death tests performed by age, April 2025 – March 2026

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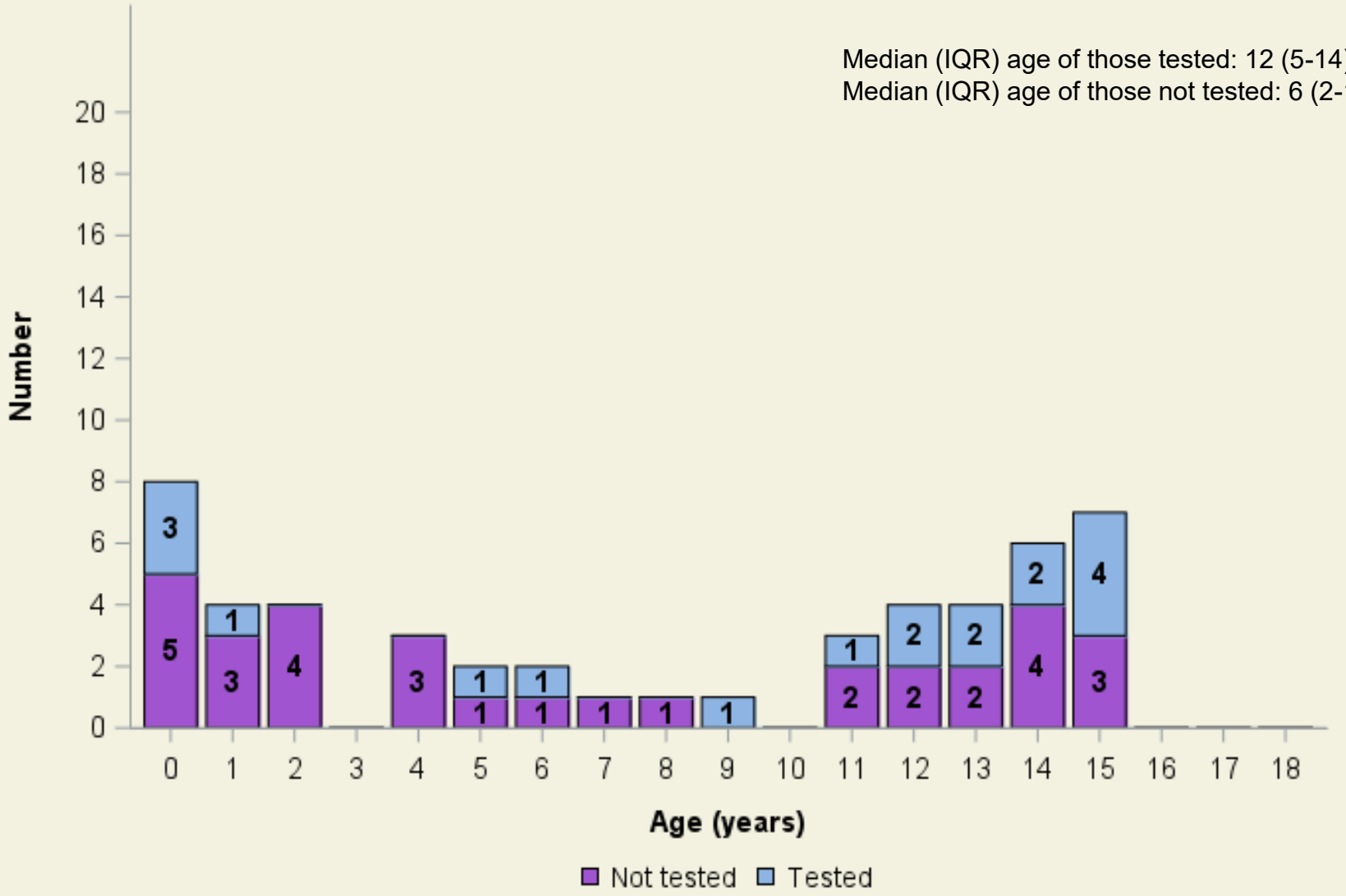
Median (IQR) age of those tested: 12 (5-14)
Median (IQR) age of those not tested: 6 (2-13)



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Eligible donors by hospital, April 2025 – March 2026

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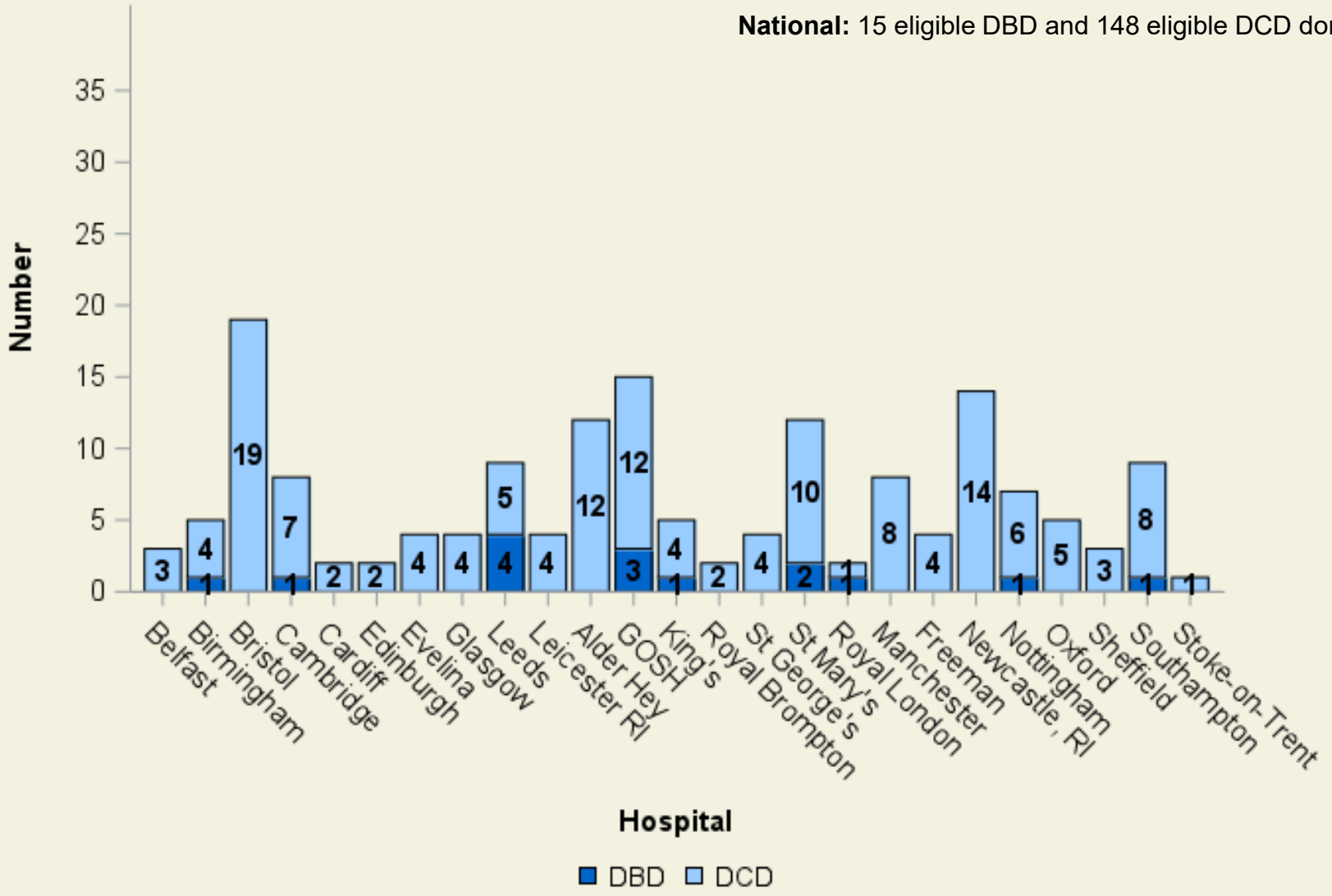
National: 15 eligible DBD and 148 eligible DCD donors



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Eligible donors by hospital and whether the family were approached, April 2025 – March 2026

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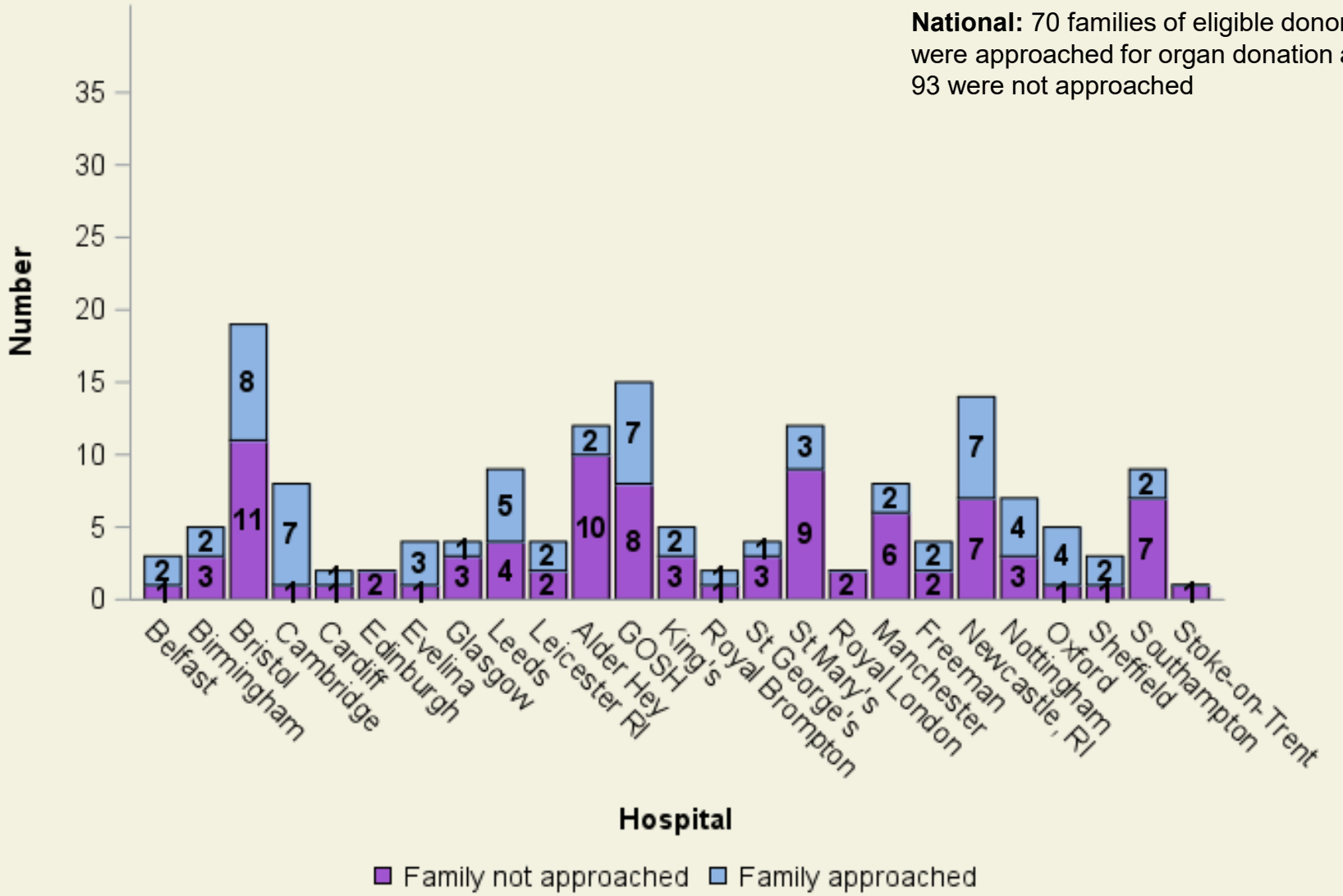
National: 70 families of eligible donors were approached for organ donation and 93 were not approached



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Reason families of eligible donors were not approached, April 2025 – March 2026

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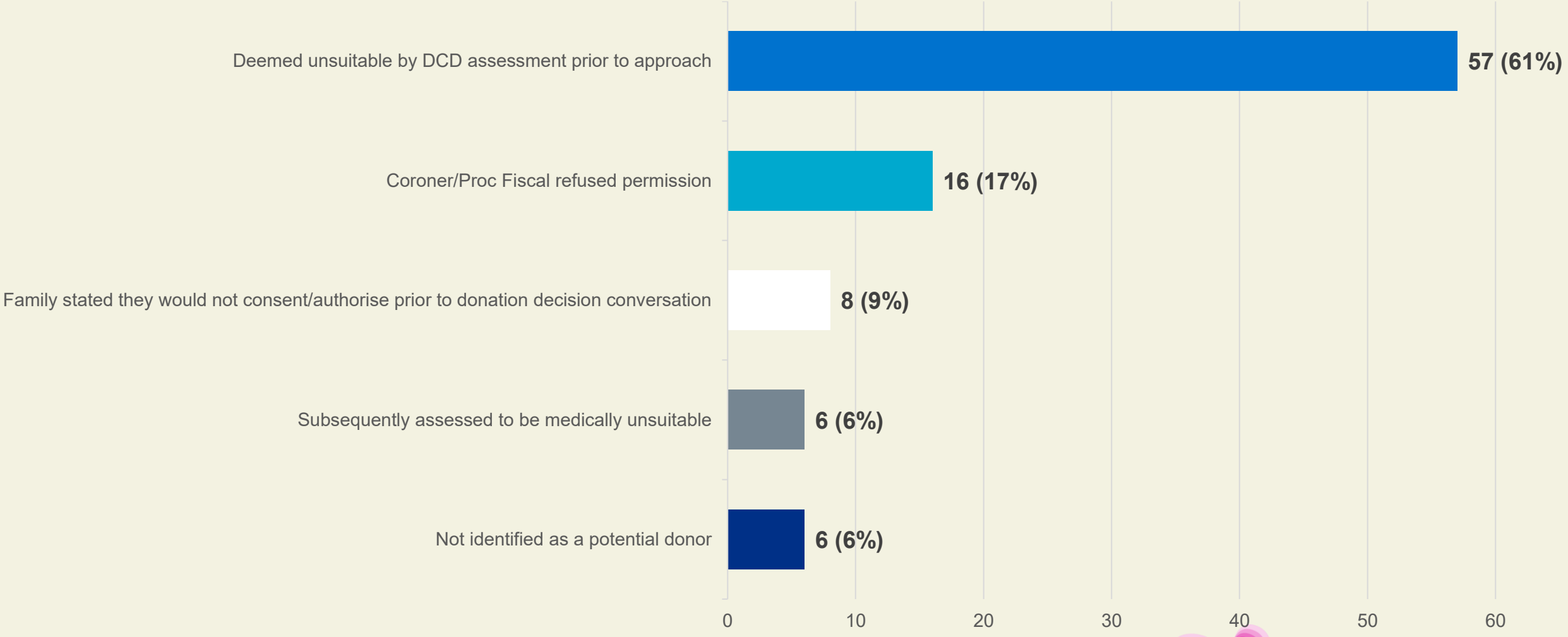

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Medically suitable eligible donors by hospital and whether the family were approached, April 2025 – March 2026

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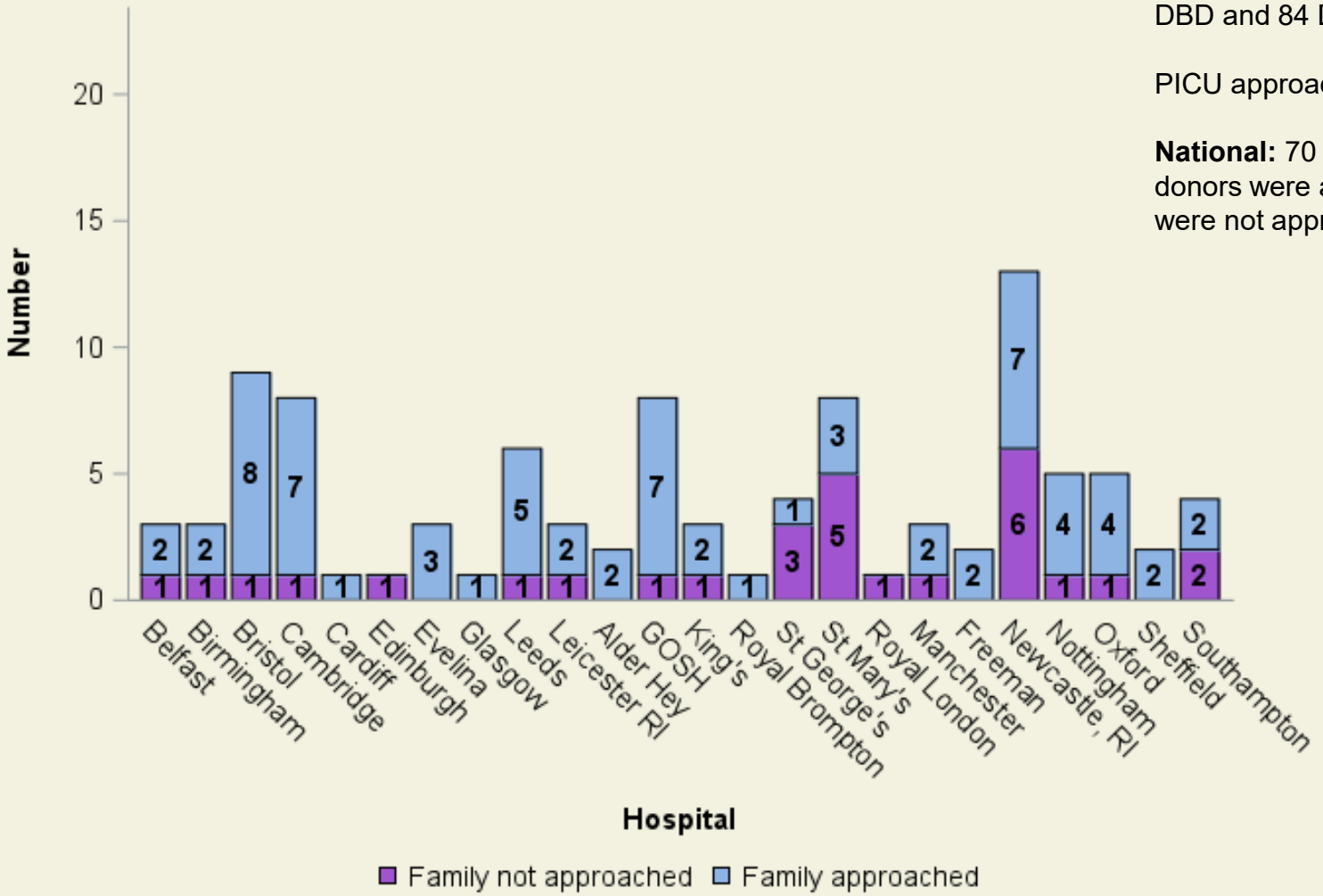
National: 99 medically suitable eligible donors, 15 DBD and 84 DCD

PICU approach rate = 71% (73% DBD, 70% DCD)

National: 70 families of medically suitable eligible donors were approached for organ donation and 29 were not approached



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Currently unable to account for DBD screening so may include unsuitable DBD donors.

Reason families of medically suitable eligible donors were not approached, April 2025 – March 2026

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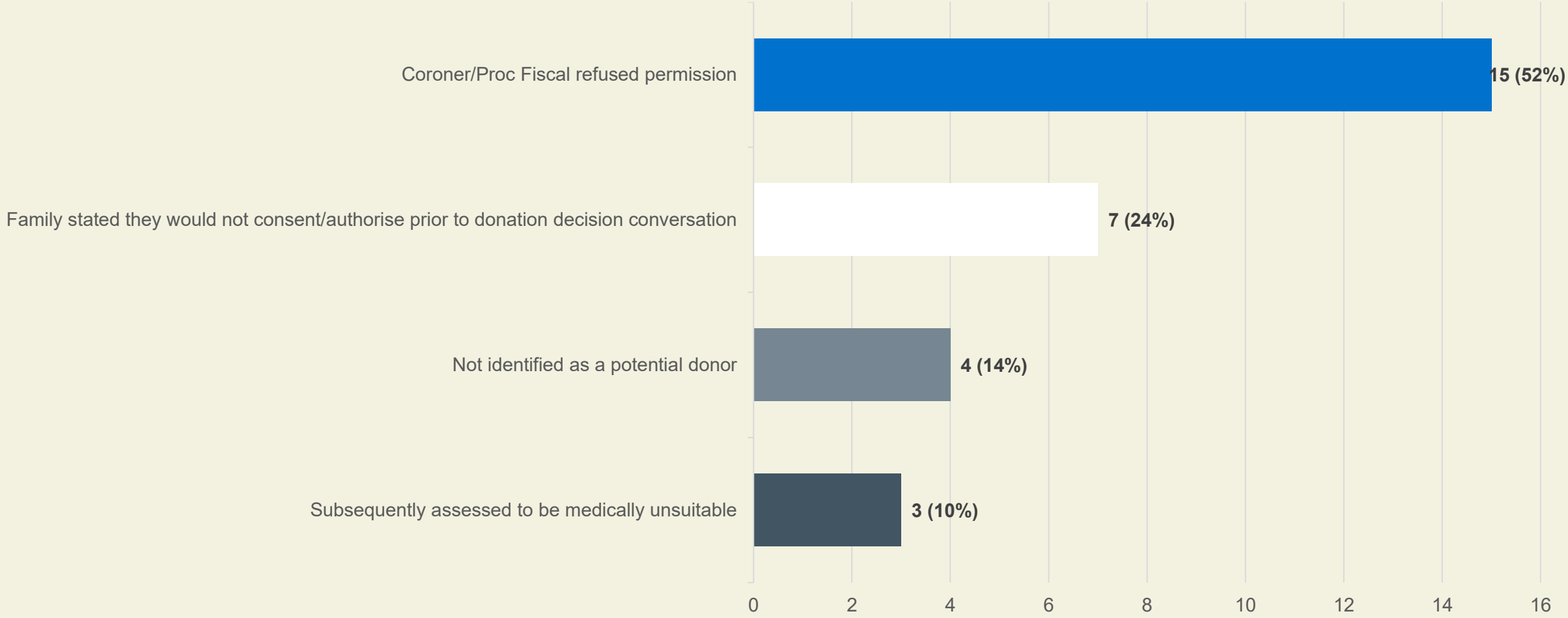

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Number of approaches where a SNOD was present/not present by hospital, April 2025 – March 2026

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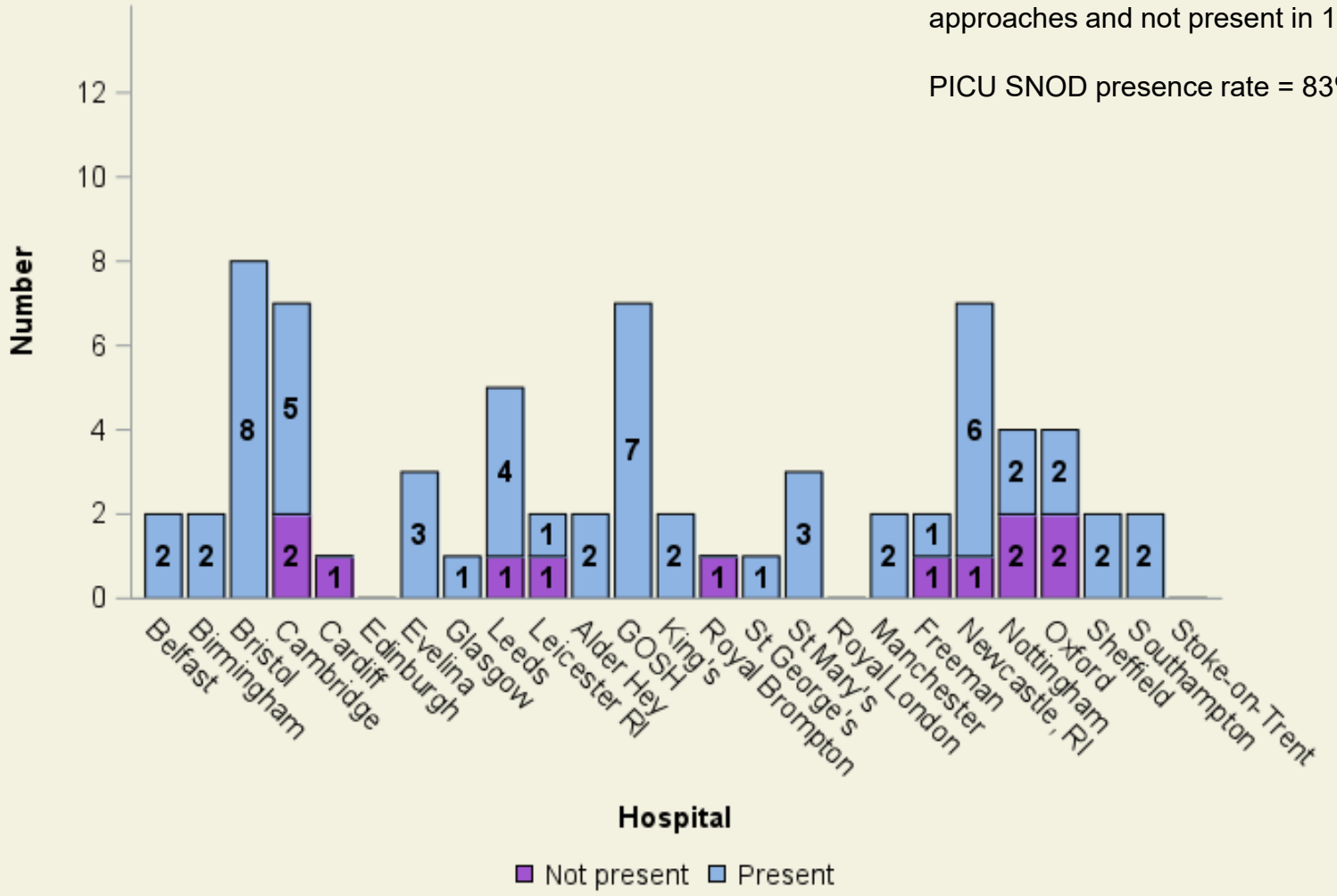
National: A SNOD was present in 58 approaches and not present in 12

PICU SNOD presence rate = 83%



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Reason SNOD not present when families of eligible donors were approached, April 2025 – March 2026

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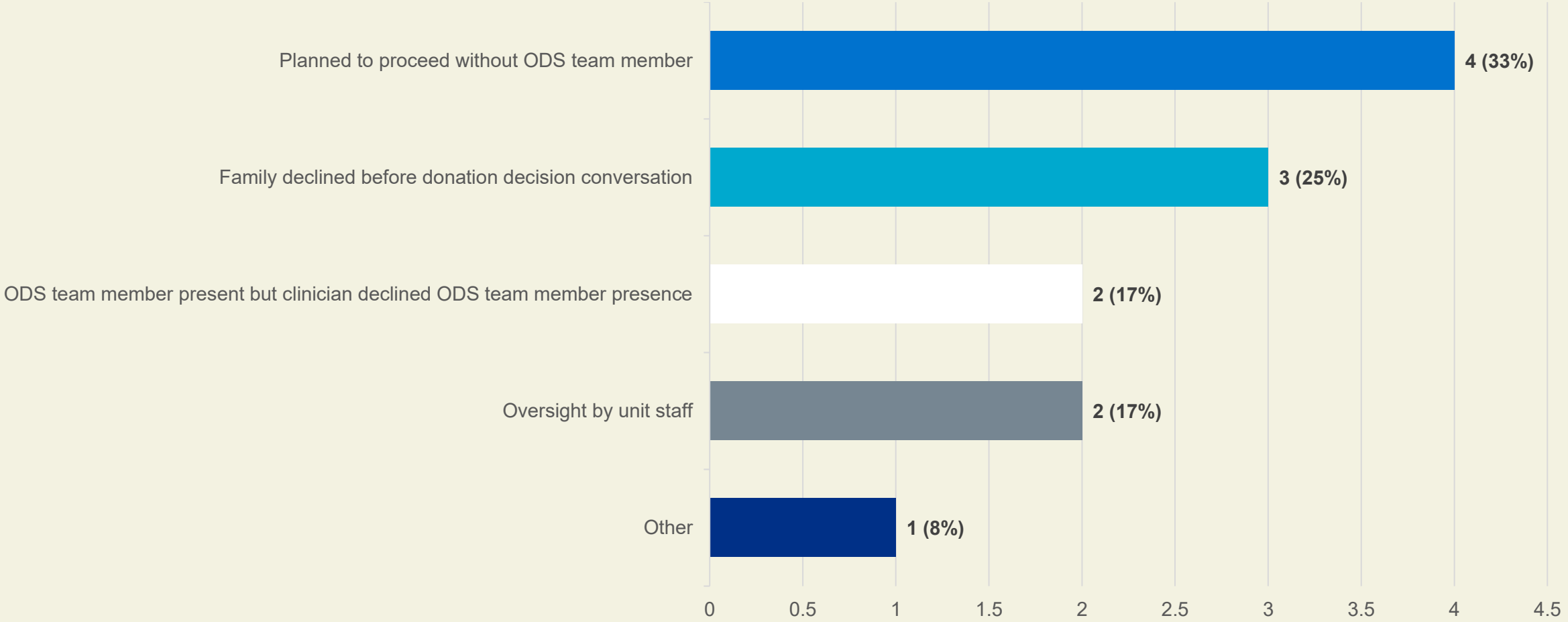

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Number of families consented/authorised organ donation by hospital, April 2025 – March 2026

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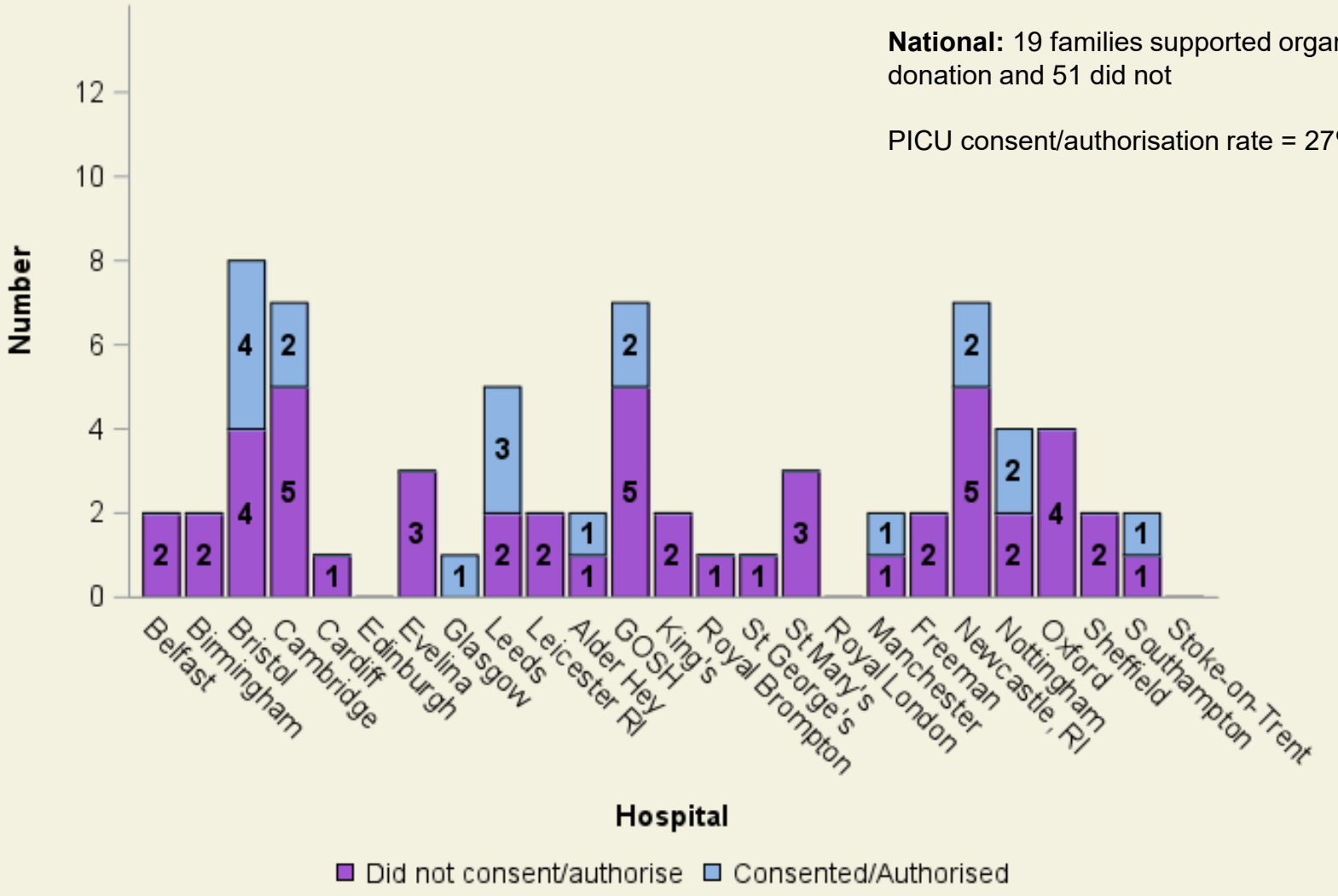
National: 19 families supported organ donation and 51 did not

PICU consent/authorisation rate = 27%



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Reason families of eligible donors did not support organ donation, April 2025 – March 2026

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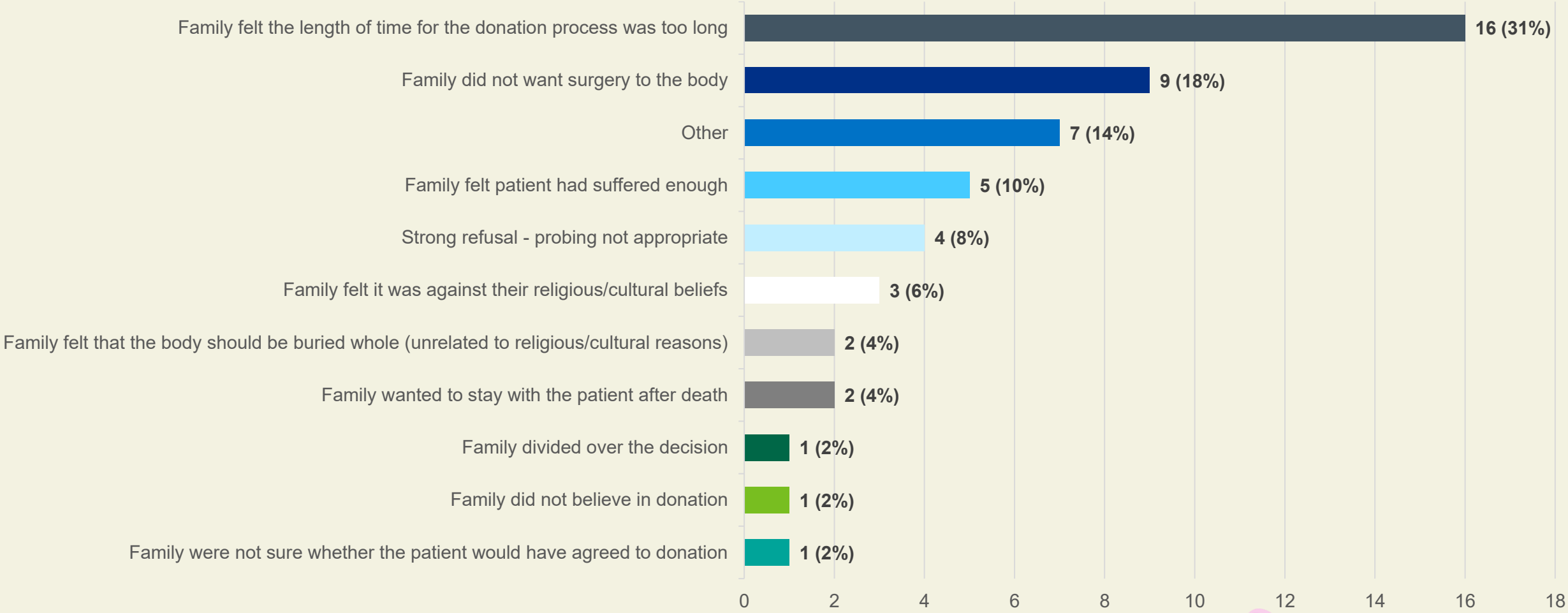

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Number of proceeding/non-proceeding donors by hospital, April 2025 – March 2026

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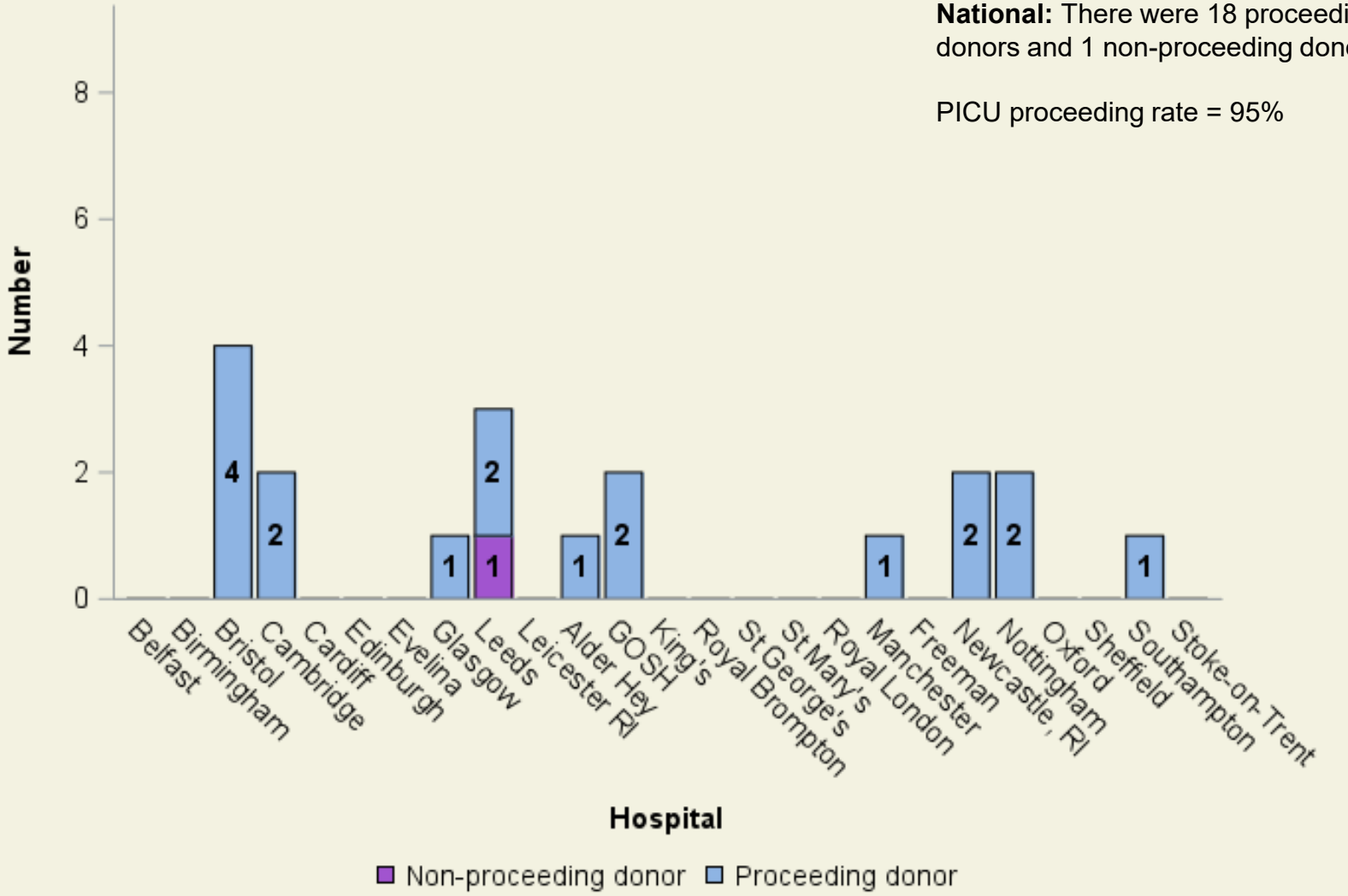
National: There were 18 proceeding donors and 1 non-proceeding donors

PICU proceeding rate = 95%



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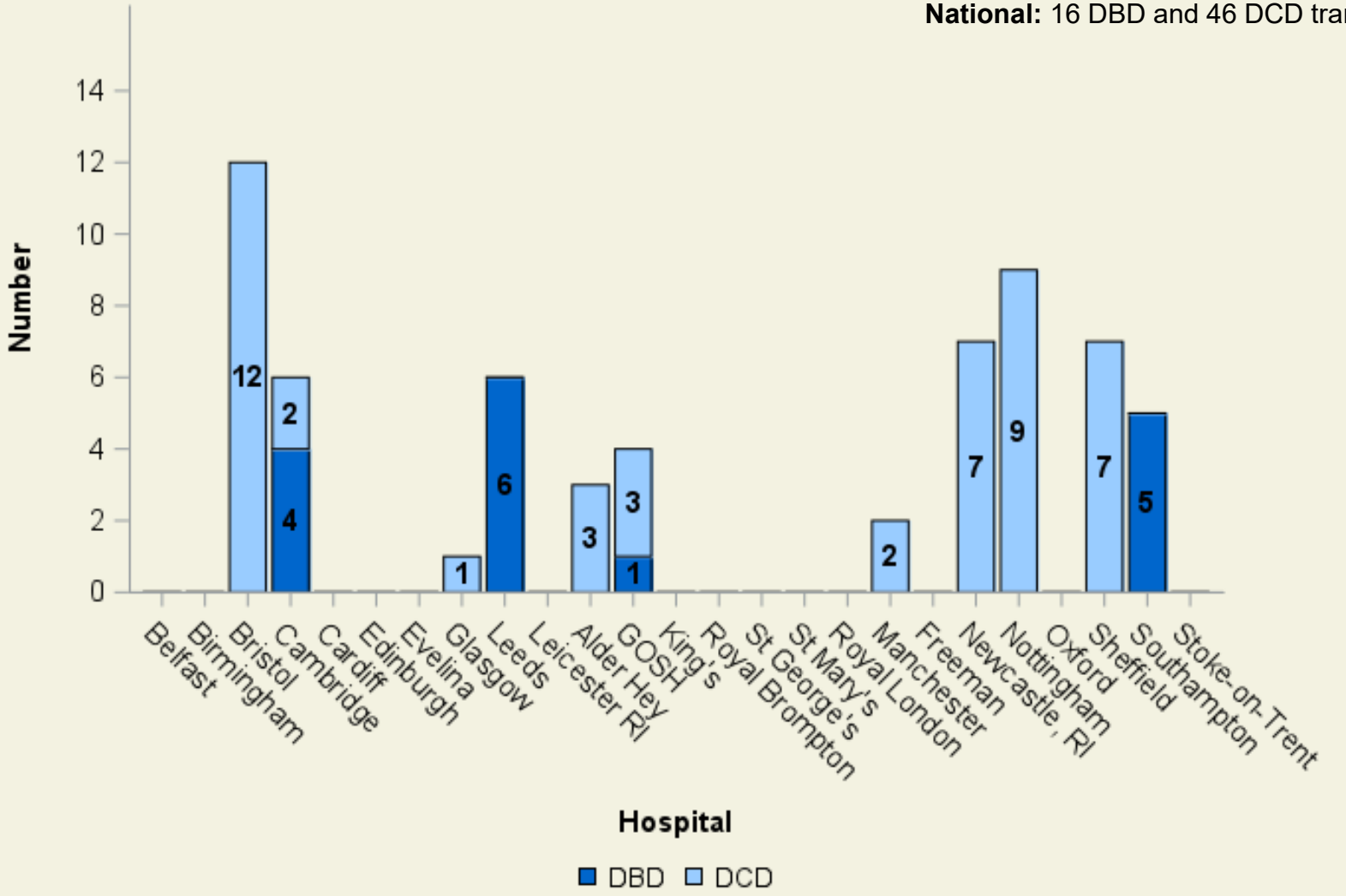
Reason eligible donors whose families consented/authorised organ donation did not proceed to organ donation, April 2025 – March 2026



Transplants from proceeding donors by hospital, April 2025 – March 2026

National: 16 DBD and 46 DCD transplants



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Deceased paediatric donors (aged under 18 years)

2016/17 – 2025/26

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Deceased paediatric donors (<18 years) by donor type, April 2016 – March 2026

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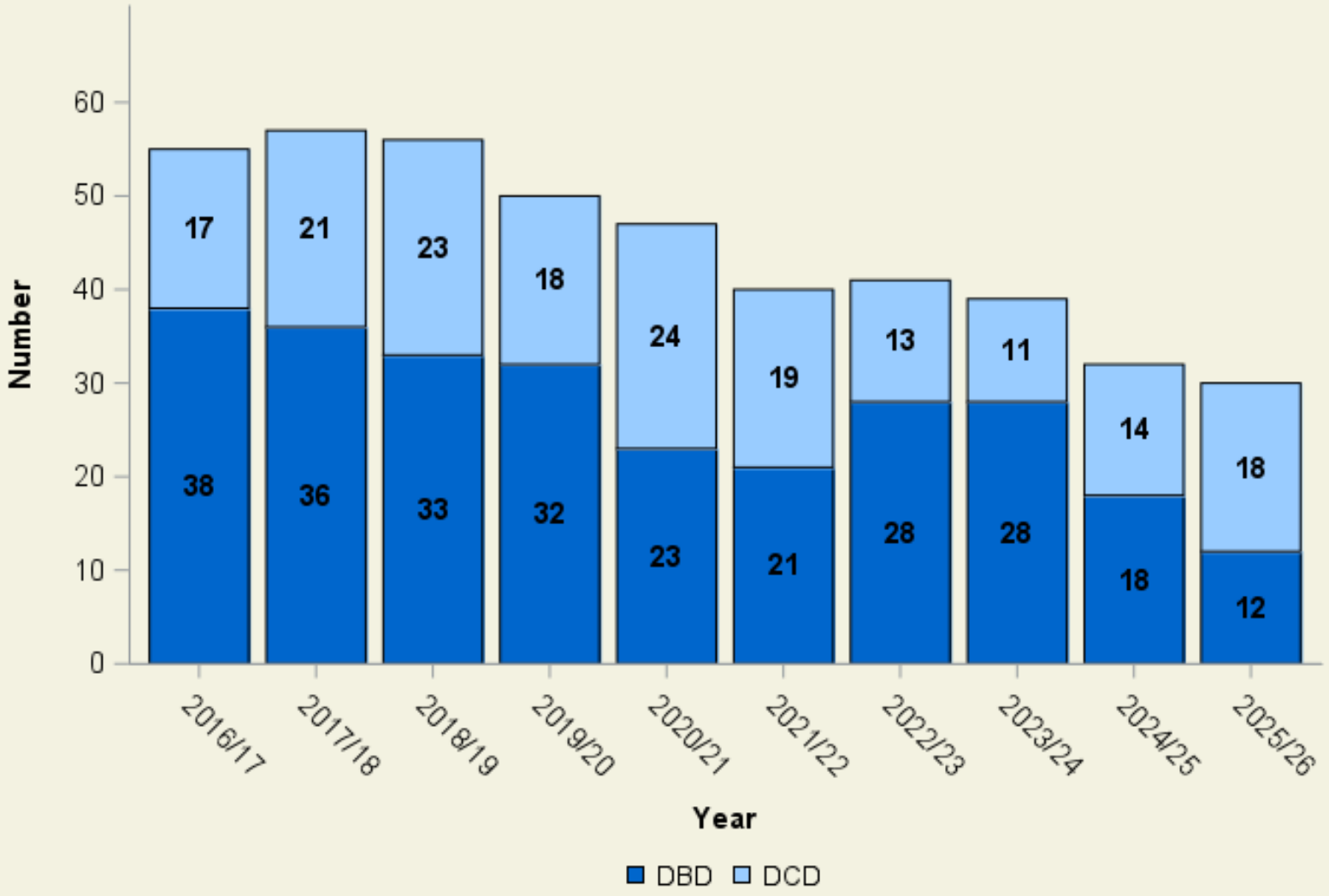

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Deceased paediatric donors (2 years and under) by donor type, April 2016 – March 2026

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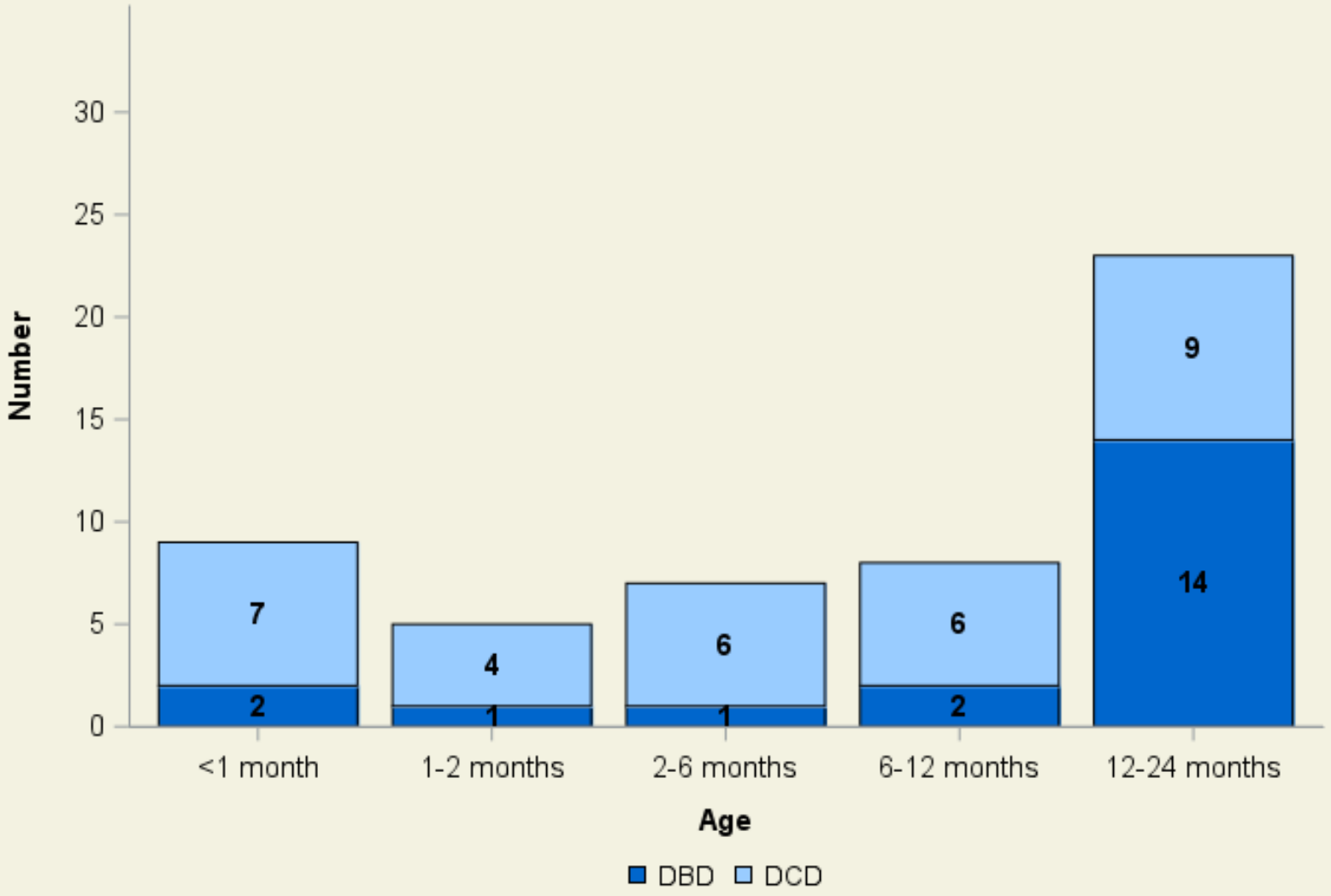

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