

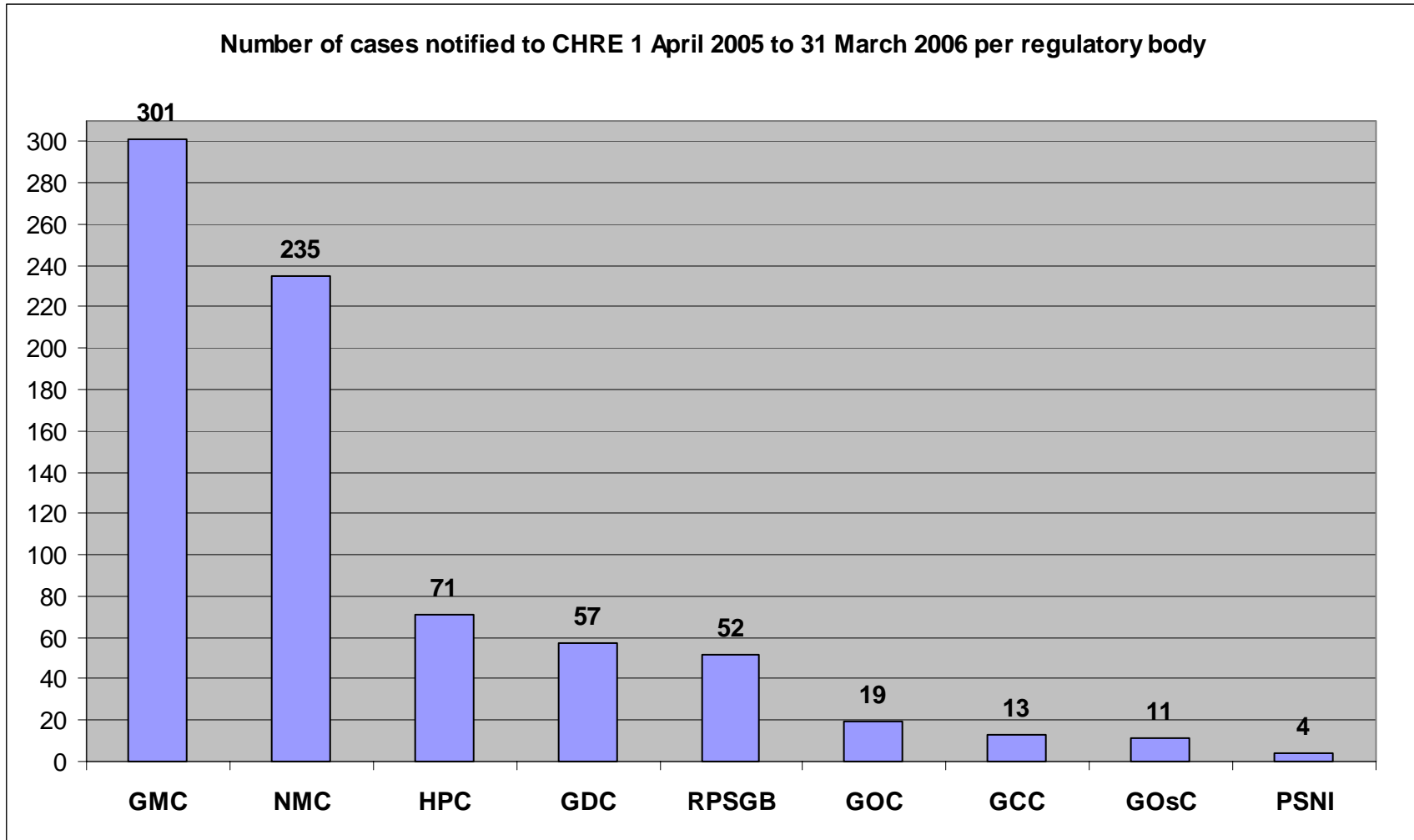
## **Section 29 statistical return**

### ***Financial year 2005-2006 – 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006***

1. From 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006, 763 cases have been notified to CHRE for consideration under Section 29 of the NHS Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002. Chart 1 shows the distribution of cases received by the nine regulatory bodies. The majority of cases were received from the General Medical Council (301) and the Nursing and Midwifery Council (235).
2. Chart 2 shows the average number of days taken for each of the bodies to send the determinations to CHRE after the hearing has finished. The overall average from all of the bodies is 2.6 days. The RPSGB's figure has decreased since April 2005, and significantly so in some months, due to a change in the way in which cases resulting in erasure and those involving companies are notified to us. Please note that the figures for PSNI only relate to four cases. Chart 3 shows the time taken by each regulatory body to send us determinations on a month to month basis.
3. Once the determinations have been received, these have been considered by the first officer, the Fitness to Practise Officer or the Fitness to Practise Assistant, within 0.9 days on average and by the second officer, the Fitness to Practise Manager or the Deputy Director, within an average of 0.7 further days.
4. Most cases (599 of the 763 cases) have been closed without further information being requested, although learning points for the regulatory bodies were identified from the determination in 68 of these cases and noted for future discussions. Further information about cases (transcripts/exhibits) has been requested from all of the regulators on at least one occasion. 96 transcripts were requested, 45 of which raised further learning points, either by the FTP staff or by Council members considering cases at case meetings.
5. Chart 4 shows the average number of days taken for each of the bodies to send the transcripts and exhibits to CHRE after they have been requested. Chart 5 shows the total time taken for CHRE to receive all requested information (i.e. determination plus transcripts and exhibits, if relevant). Some of the regulatory bodies that are slower in providing determinations tend to provide transcripts more quickly. The outcome of our consideration of cases is summarised in relation to each regulatory body in charts 6-15.
5. Twenty-seven cases have been considered at case meetings of Council members. Seven cases from the GMC, two from the GDC and one from the HPC have been referred to the High Court during this period. However, CHRE subsequently withdrew one of the GMC cases from the Court.
6. Chart 16 shows the number of cases considered by CHRE each month since April 2005. We received the most cases in March (82), with June, October and December also proving to be very busy months. Notably, in January 2006 we considered almost twice the number of cases than in January 2005.

7. Chart 17 indicates the general rise in the number of cases CHRE has been receiving each month since April 2004 (i.e. 590 cases received April - March 2004/2005 compared to 763 in the same period 2005/2006, which represents a 29.3% increase in cases). Despite this, Table 18 indicates that proportionately there has been a minimal change in the percentage of cases resulting in referral to Court (i.e. up from 1.2% to 1.3%).

**Chart 1**



**Chart 2**

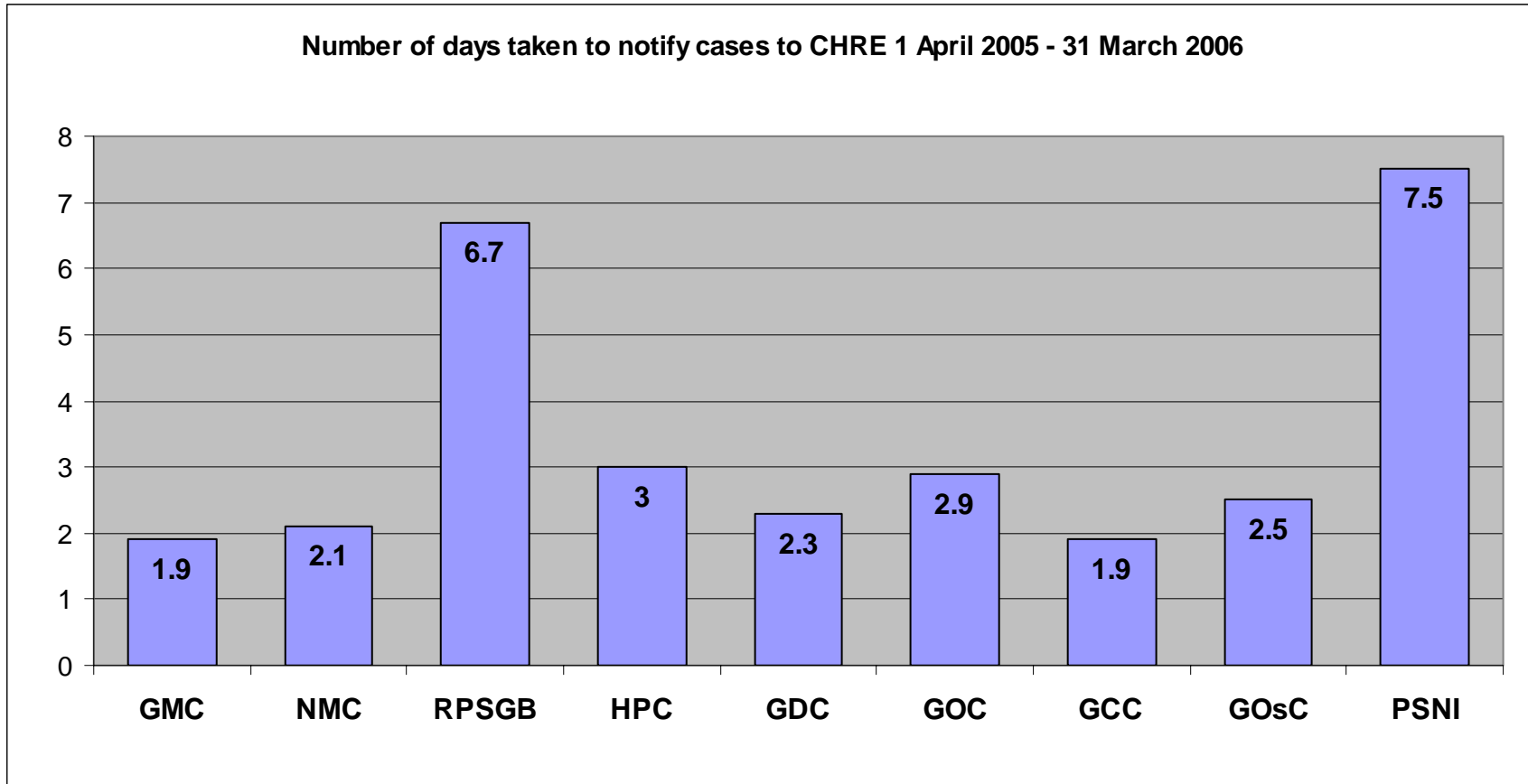
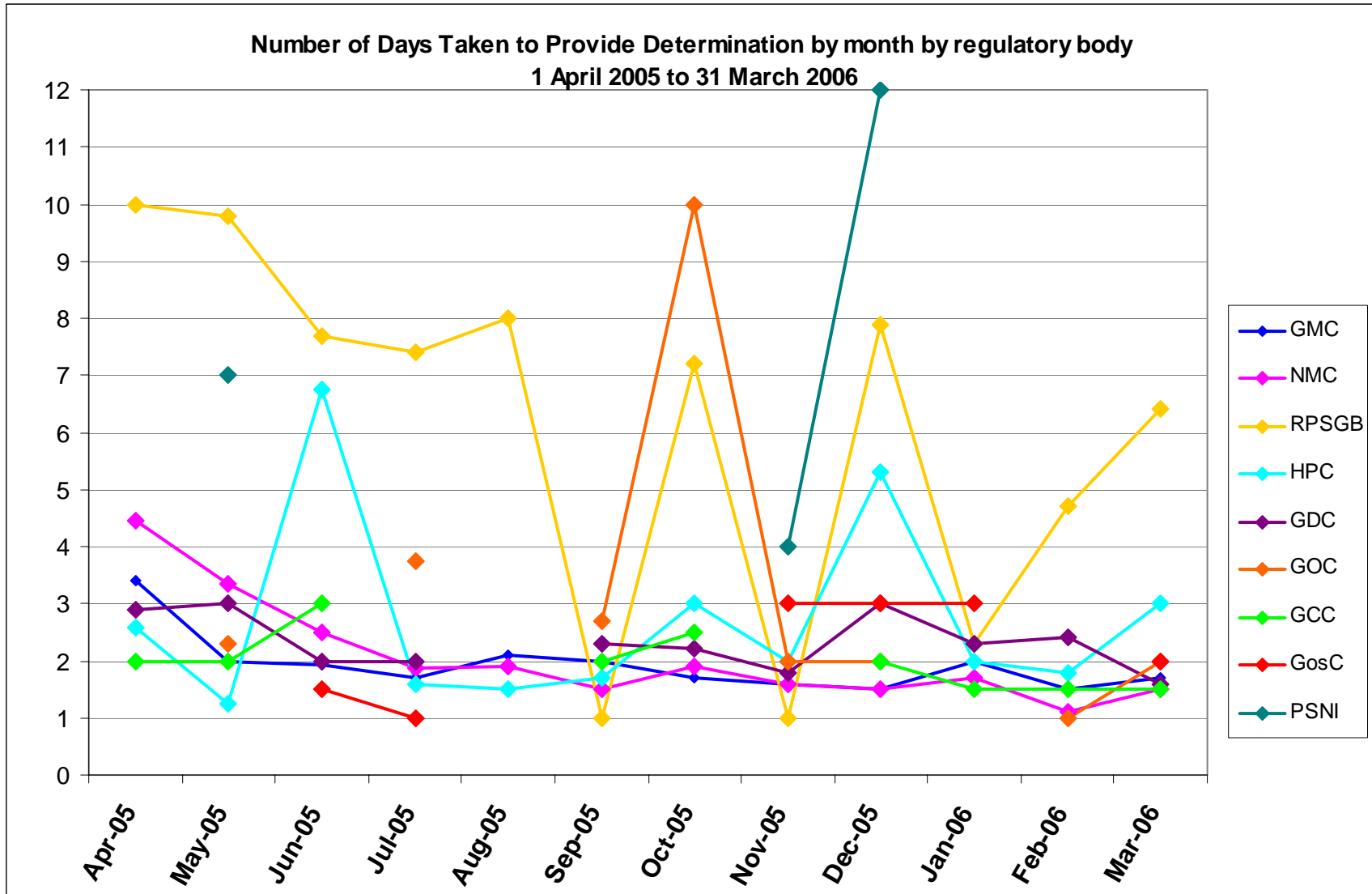
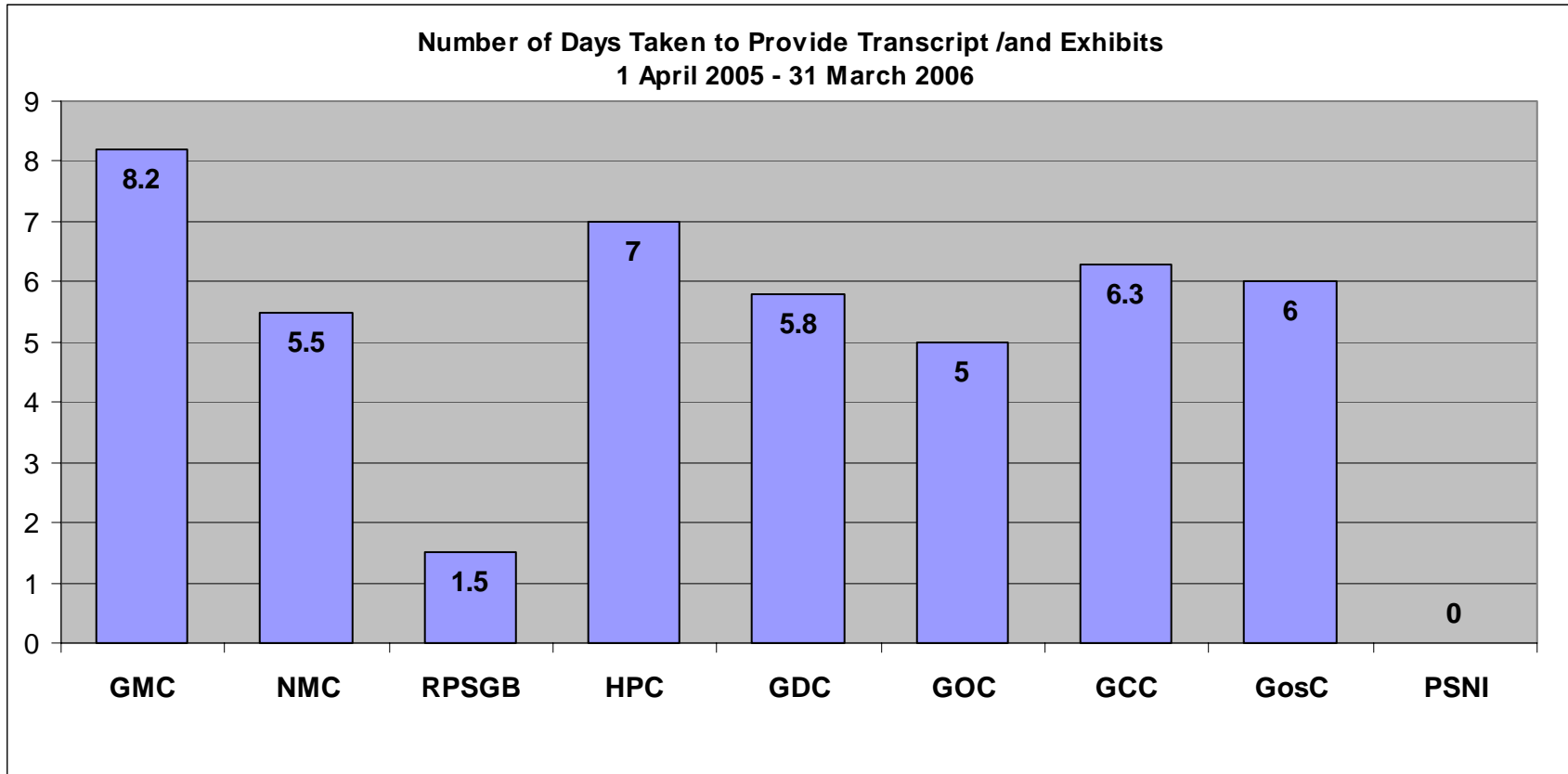


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**Chart 4**



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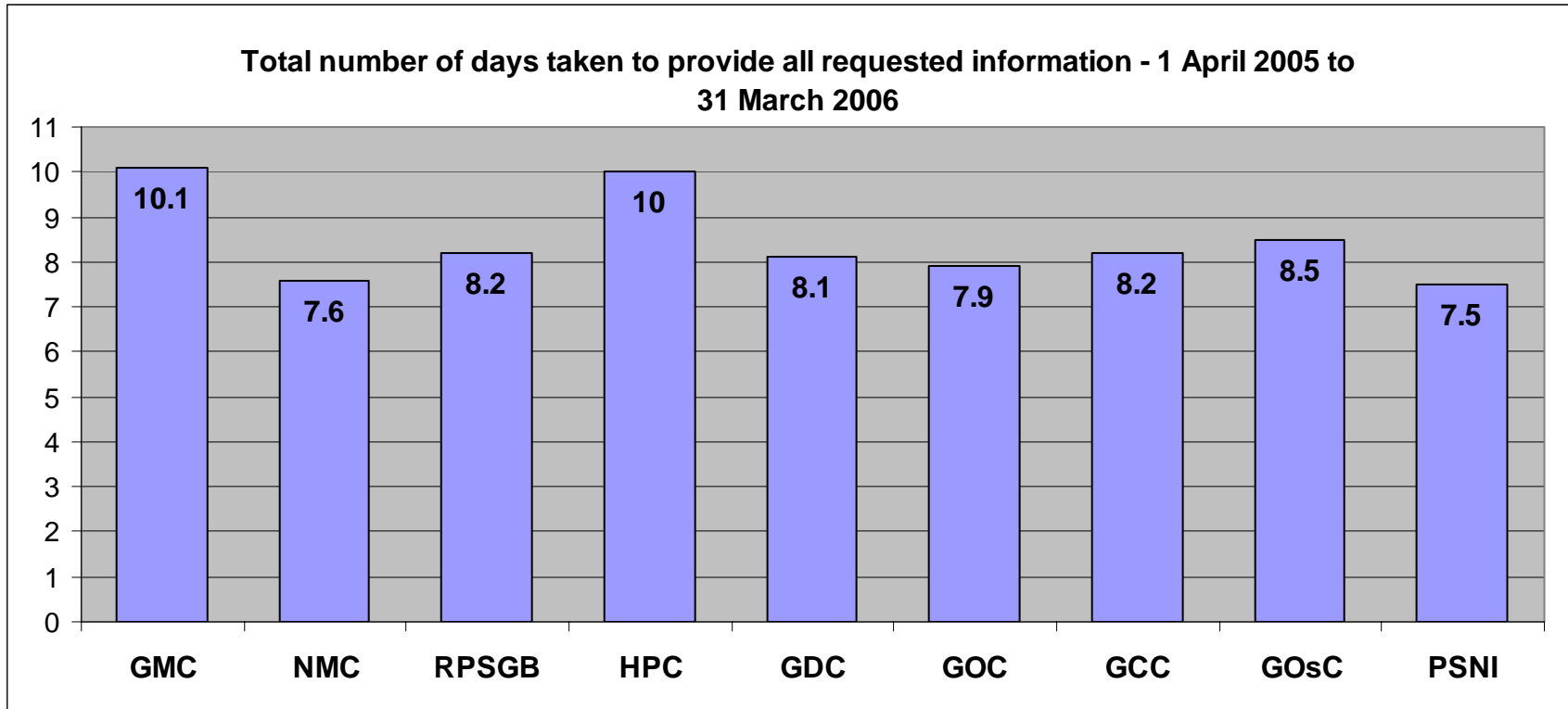
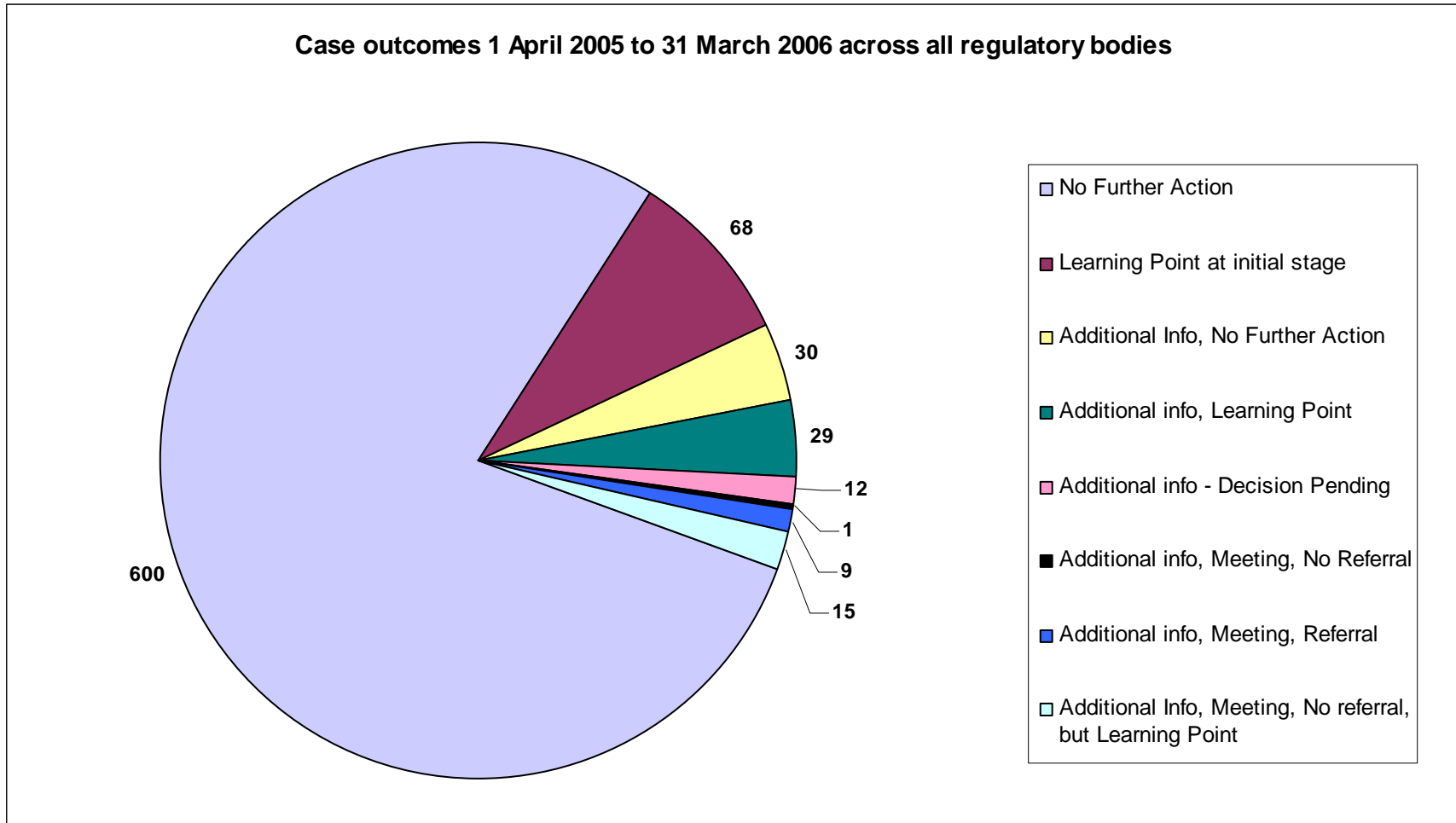
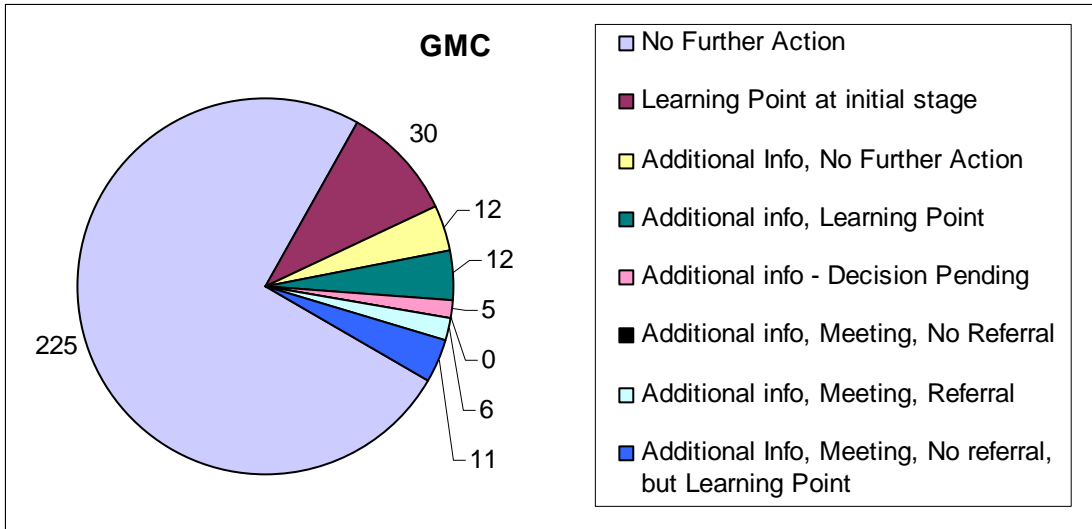


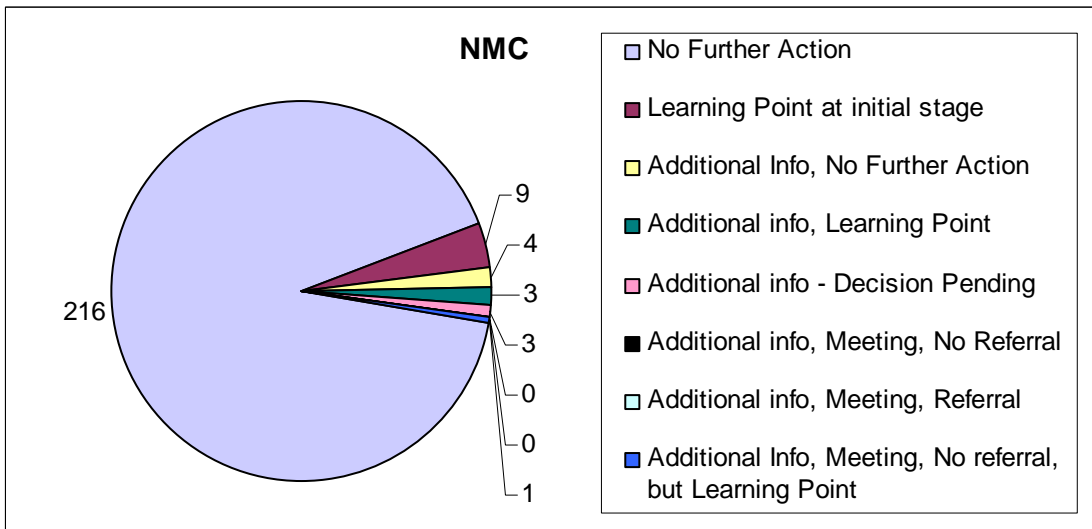
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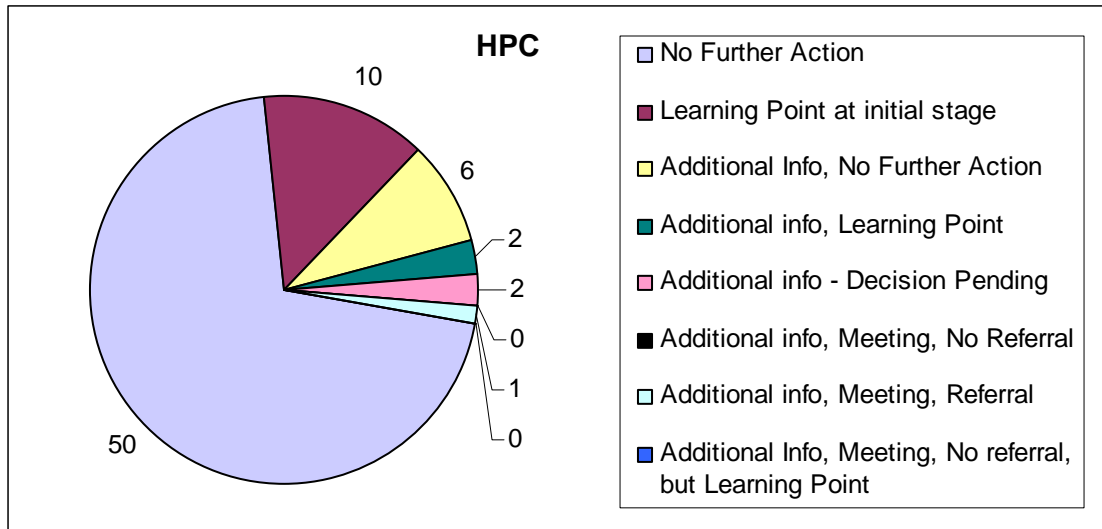
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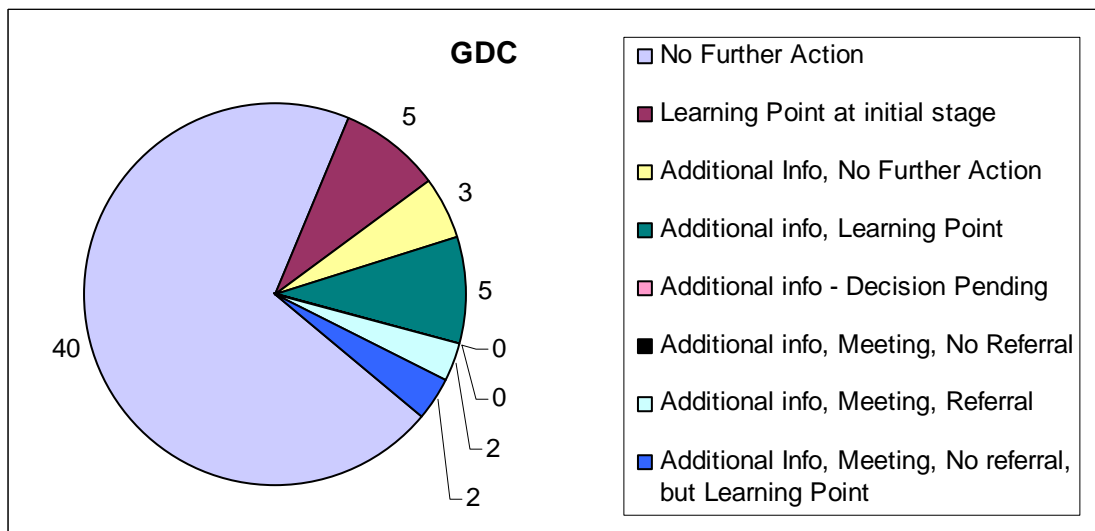
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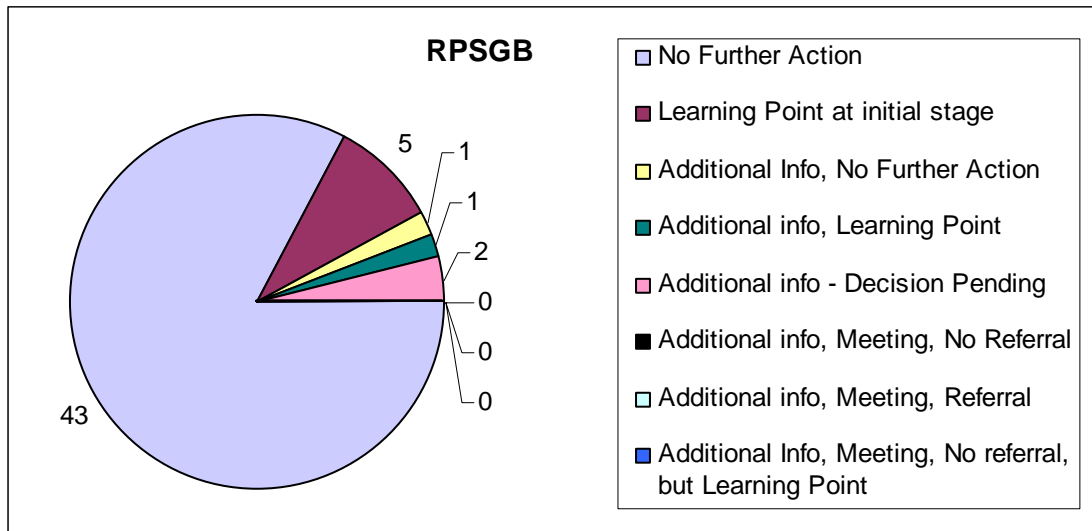
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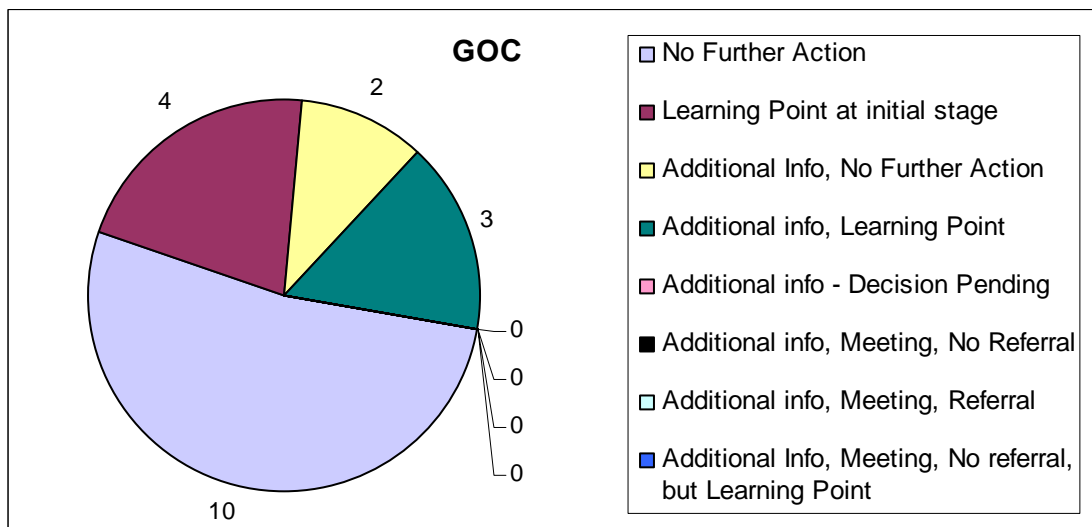
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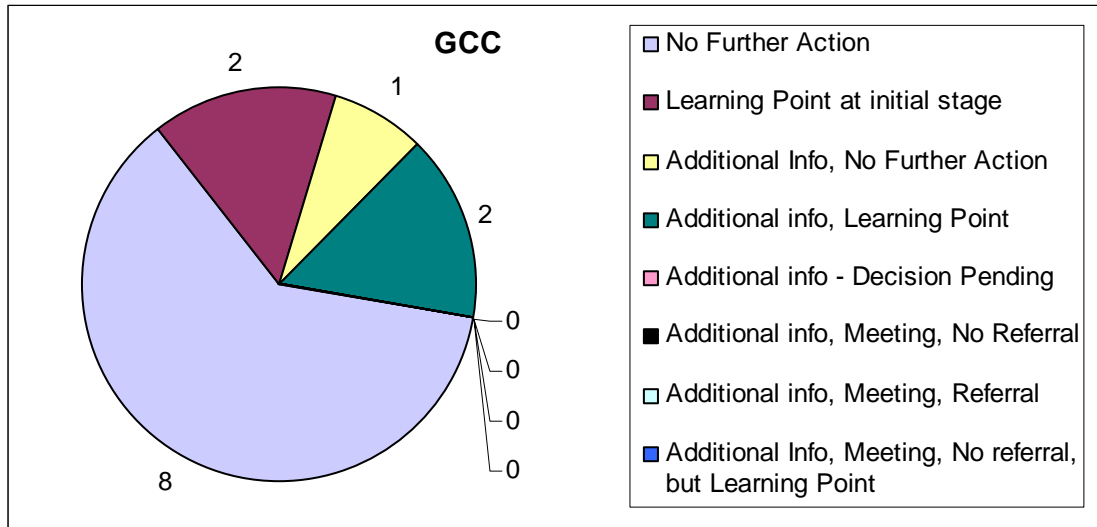
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**Chart 12**



**Chart 13**



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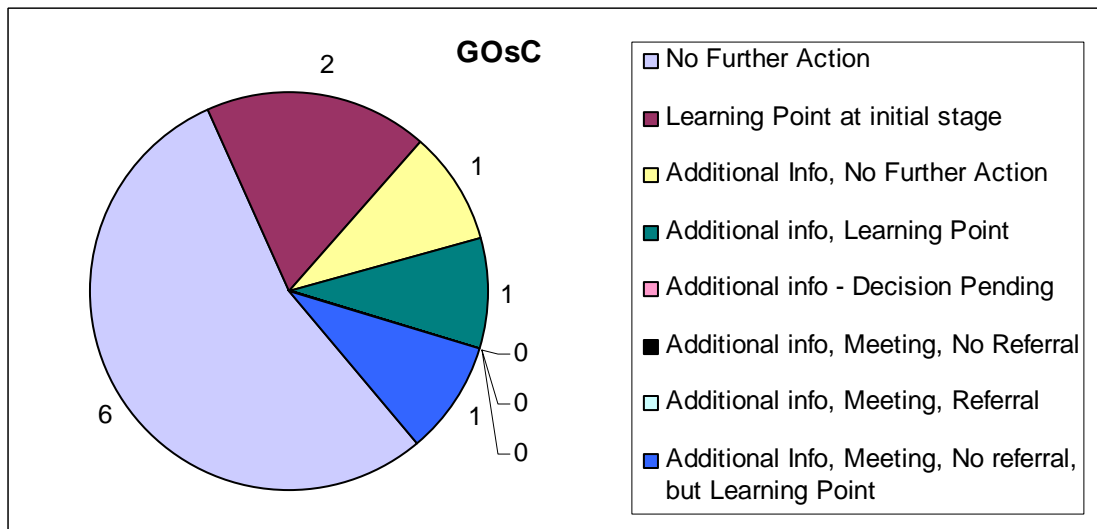
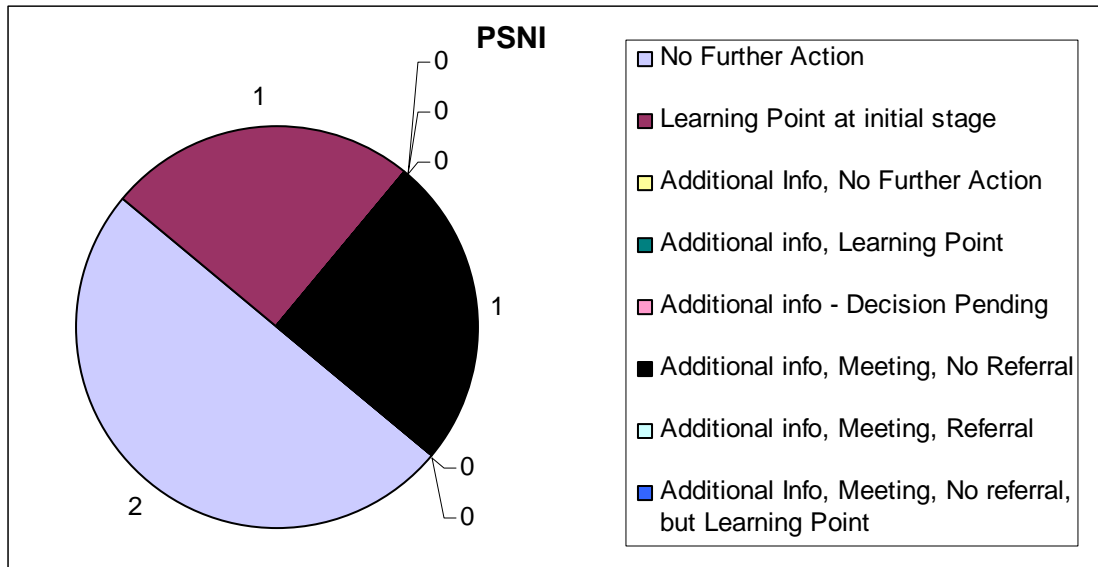


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**Chart 16**

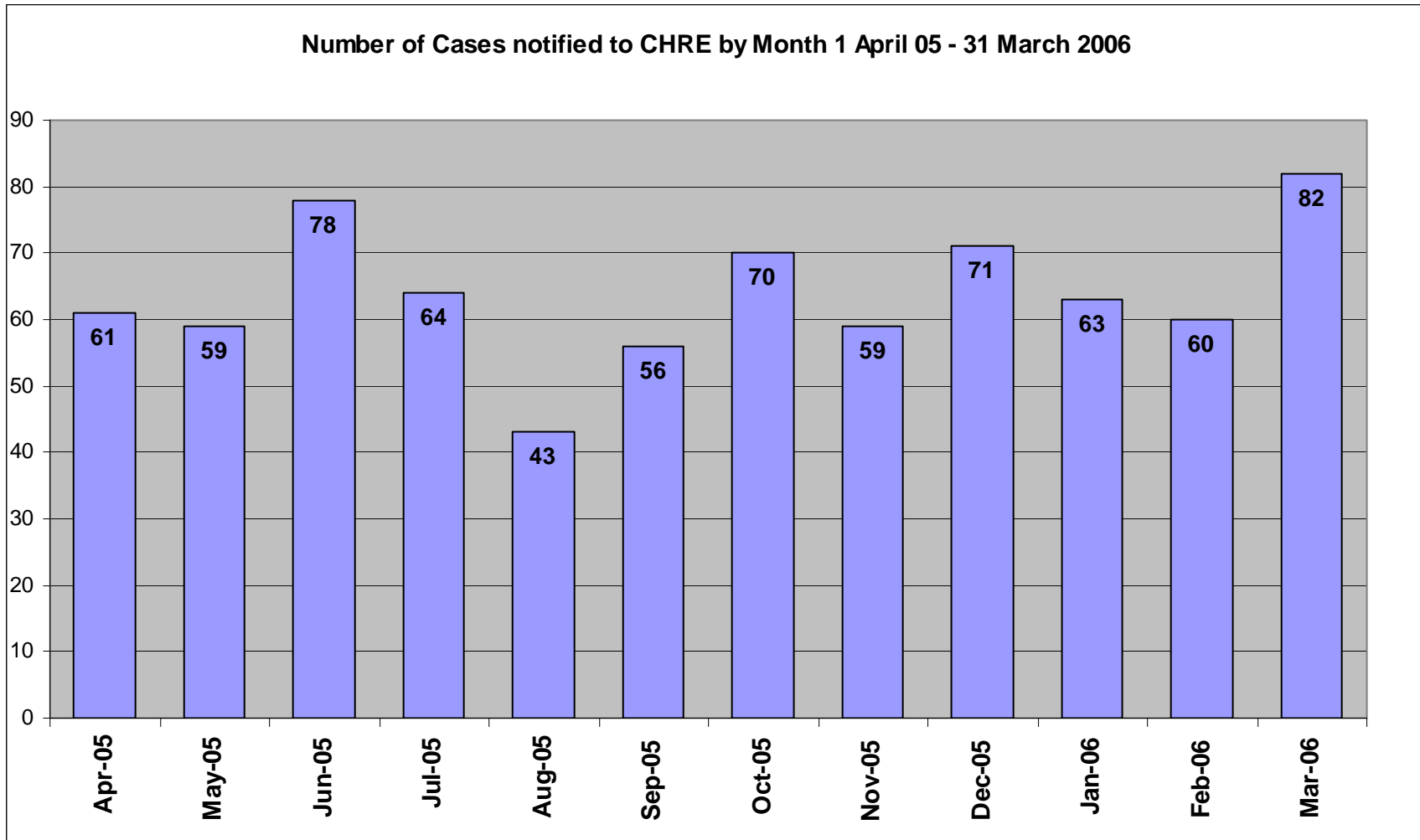
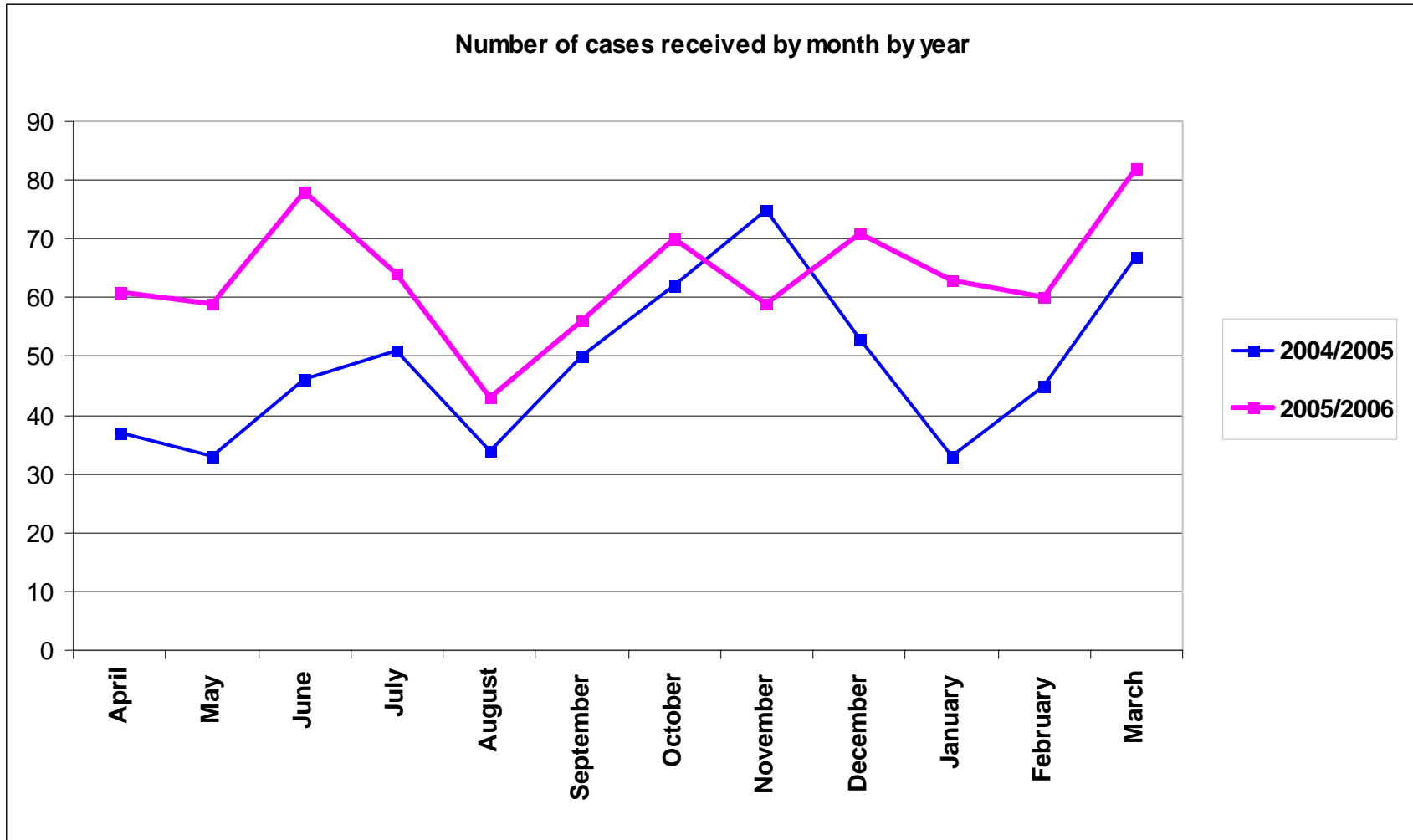


Chart 17



**Table 18****Number of cases referred to court by month per year**

	<b>2004/2005</b>	<b>2005/2006</b>
April	0	1
May	0	0
June	0	2
July	3	1
August	0	5
September	3	0
October	0	0
November	0	0
December	1	0
January	0	0
February	0	1
March	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>% of cases referred</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>