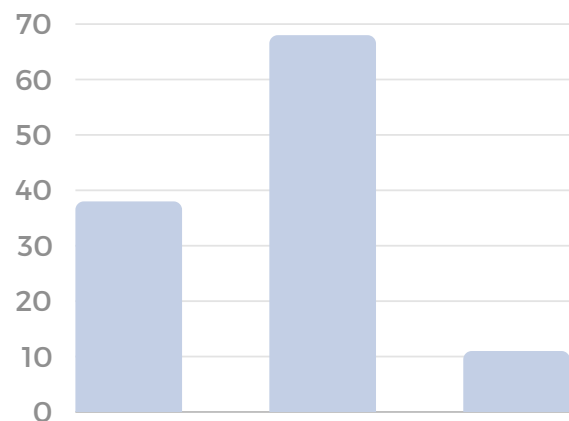


IN COLLABORATION BETWEEN ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES, THE RED DEER REGIONAL HOSPITAL CENTRE (RDRHC) EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED), AND CENTRAL ALBERTA OUTREACH SOCIETY, TO PROVIDE CRISIS INTERVENTION TO PATIENTS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACCESSING SERVICES AT THE RDRHC ED.



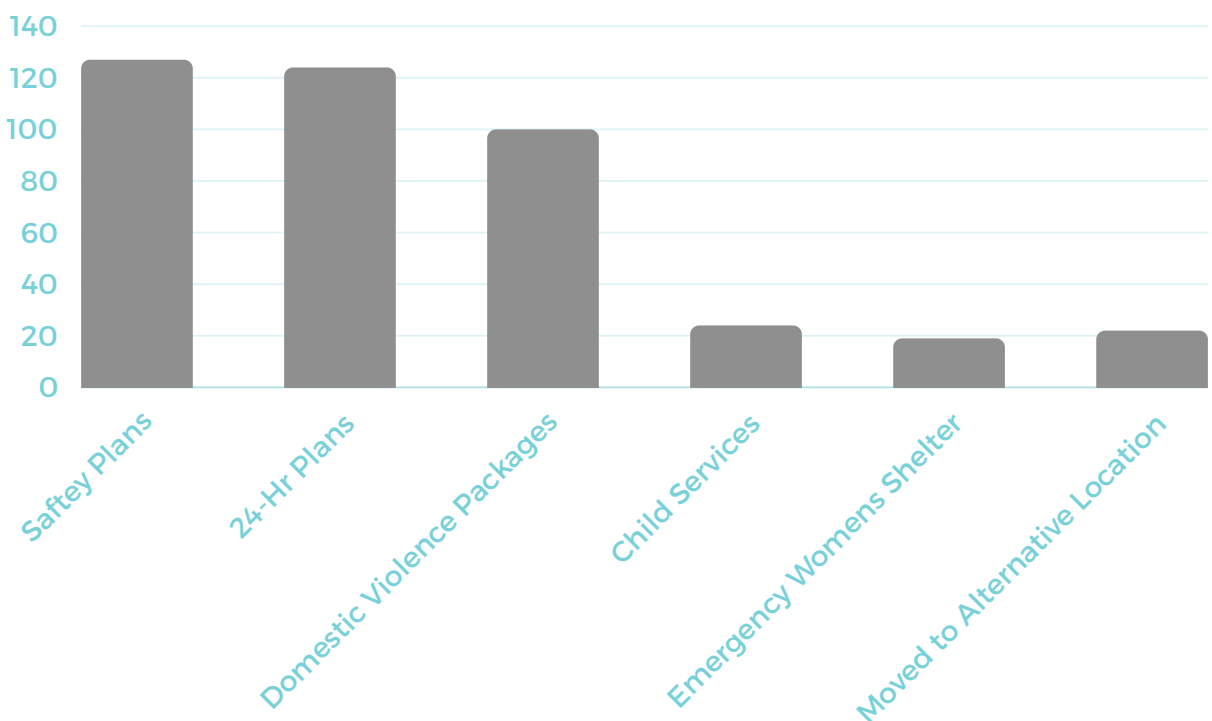
115 FEMALE AND 17 MALE PATIENTS AND 1 MALE-TO-FEMALE (MTF) WHO MET WITH DART. PATIENTS SEEN BY DART RANGED IN AGE FROM 16 YEARS TO OVER 55 YEARS.



38% OF THE PATIENTS WHO WERE SEEN BY DART HAD CHILDREN  
68% HAD ADDICTIONS OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR BOTH.  
11% DISCLOSED A HISTORY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.

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OF THE 133 PATIENTS SEEN BY DART



DART continues to meet its intended goals.

The current referral process works very well.

AHS and outreach staff continue to see positive outcomes as patients have access to the right services and supports at the right time.

## MAIN THEMES FROM AHS STAFF SURVEY

DART has improved the level of care for patients experiencing DV who are presenting in the ED, and relieved pressure on the ED

Communication is good between DART and the ED staff which is key to a good working relationship

Continuing education sessions with AHS staff and opportunities for communication with DART responders may further improve the use of DART.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATIONS

- 01 THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF EDUCATION SESSIONS ABOUT THE DART PROGRAM TO AHS ED STAFF TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE REFERRAL PROCESS
- 02 UPDATING EDUCATION REGARDING THE MINIMUM PERSONAL DATA REQUIREMENTS OF PATIENTS, AND
- 03 THE INCLUSION OF AN ONGOING EVALUATION COMPONENT AND CONSIDER ADDING POTENTIAL INDICATORS.