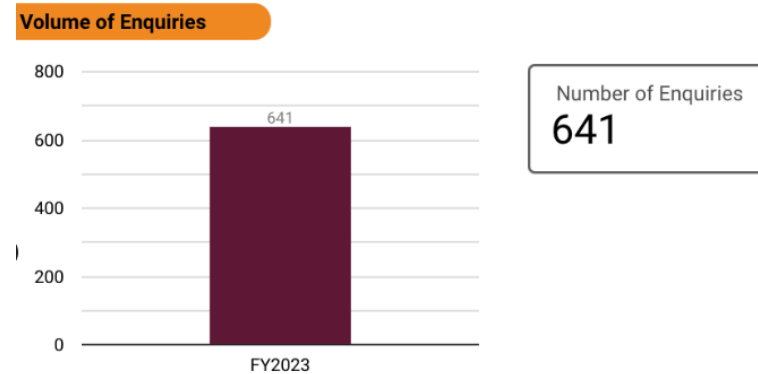


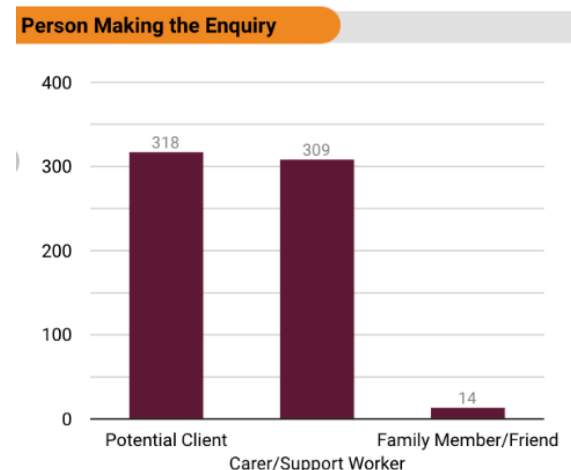
## Touching Base Referral Data

We have just begun compiling data about our referral service between 1st July 2022 to 30 June 2023. We aim to provide more detailed data with our Annual Report in early December but in the meantime we are pleased to be able to provide you with the following up-to-date information.



The volume of referrals we provided this year is our highest to date at 641 (up from 572 (12%) in the prior period), but the number is tiny when compared to the overall number of adults with disability in Australia.

**LIMITATION:** We are unable to provide data on how many of these referral requests are from people who reasonably intend to use NDIS funds to pay for sexual supports - so no assumptions or conclusions about use of NDIS funds for sex services can be drawn from these figures. In our annual report we intend to provide information about how many clients indicated they required an invoice for a Guardian or for the NDIS. This will provide a better estimation of how many intended to use their funding for sex services, but not how many were actually able to do so.



Over this period the number of referral requests being made by a Carer/Support Worker/ Family Member or Friend (323) is only slightly higher than the number of Potential Clients completing our referral request form for themselves (318). This is a similar result to the prior period when 51% of referral requests came directly from Potential Clients.

Have You Had Sex Before	Number of Enquiries
Yes	74.81%
No	19.42%
Unsure	5.31%
Limited	0.46%

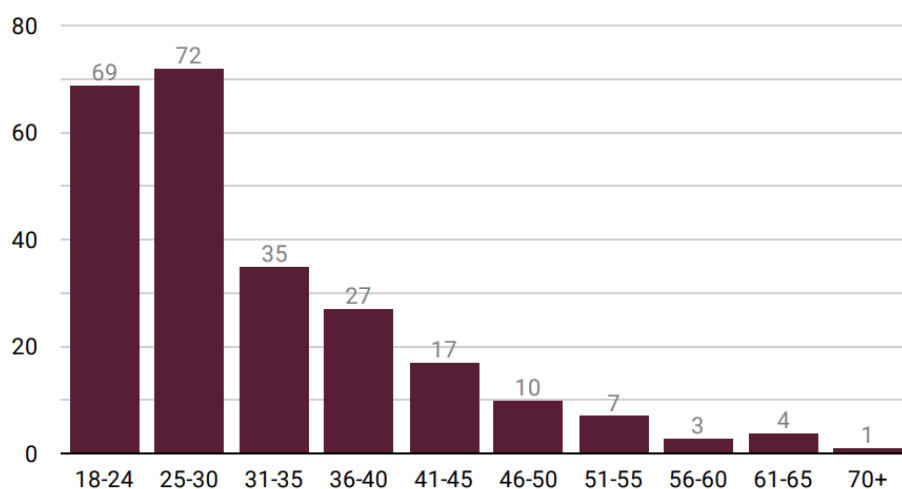
We had 124 referral requests from clients with disability seeing a sex worker as their first sexual experience during this period (19.42%).

## Data provided in our recent submission to the NDIS Review

As shown in our initial submission on page 9, an earlier review of Touching Base referral service data between 14/07/2020 and 22/08/2022 showed similar results. During that period, for 23% of the people with disability seeking sex services via our referral service, seeing a sex worker would be their first sexual encounter.

The age range of these clients is further explored in the diagram below and shows many clients wanting to access our referral list of sex workers are losing their virginity at a much later age than the average Australian. We believe this is only the tip of the iceberg.

**Clients by age - haven't had sex before**



These numbers indicate that having a disability may significantly delay opportunities for some people to explore and express their sexuality with another person.