

Knowledge and awareness of Lewy Body Dementia in Irish care home staff

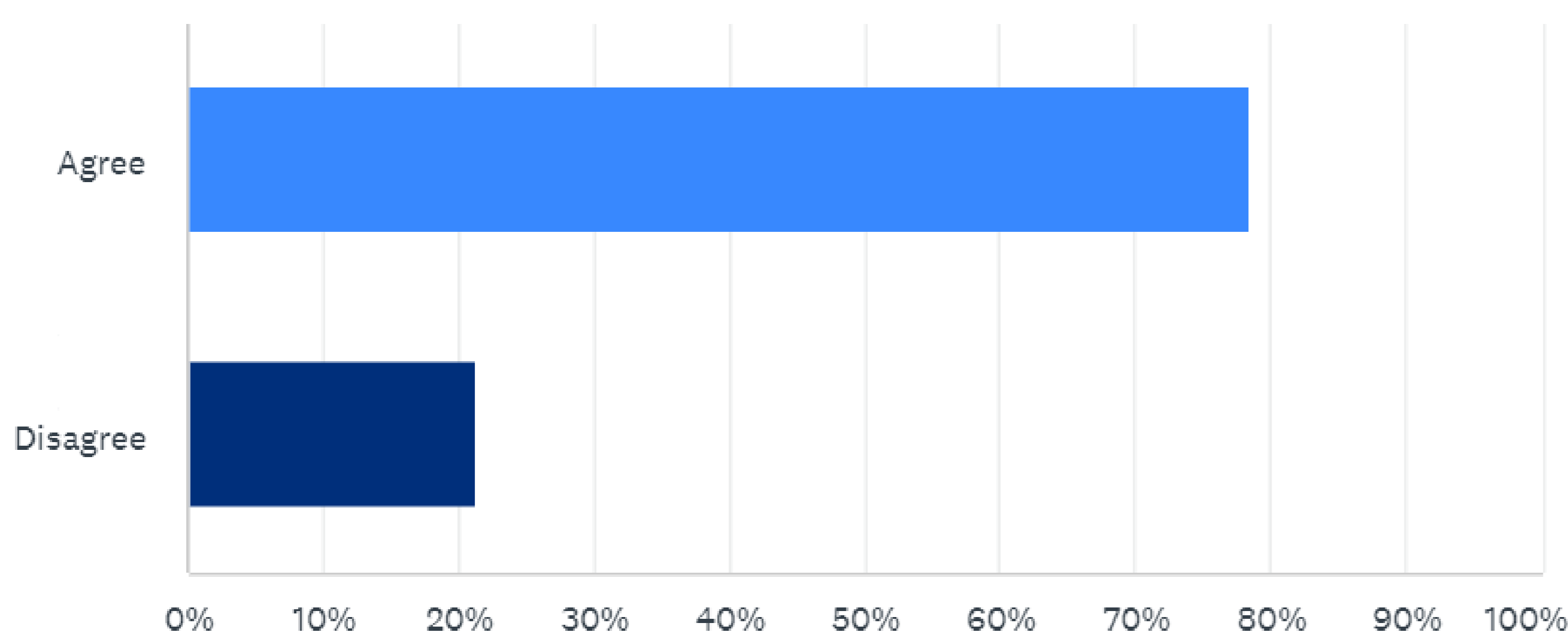
Aim of the survey

- To explore LBD-related knowledge and awareness of care staff.

Preliminary results from Field Trial

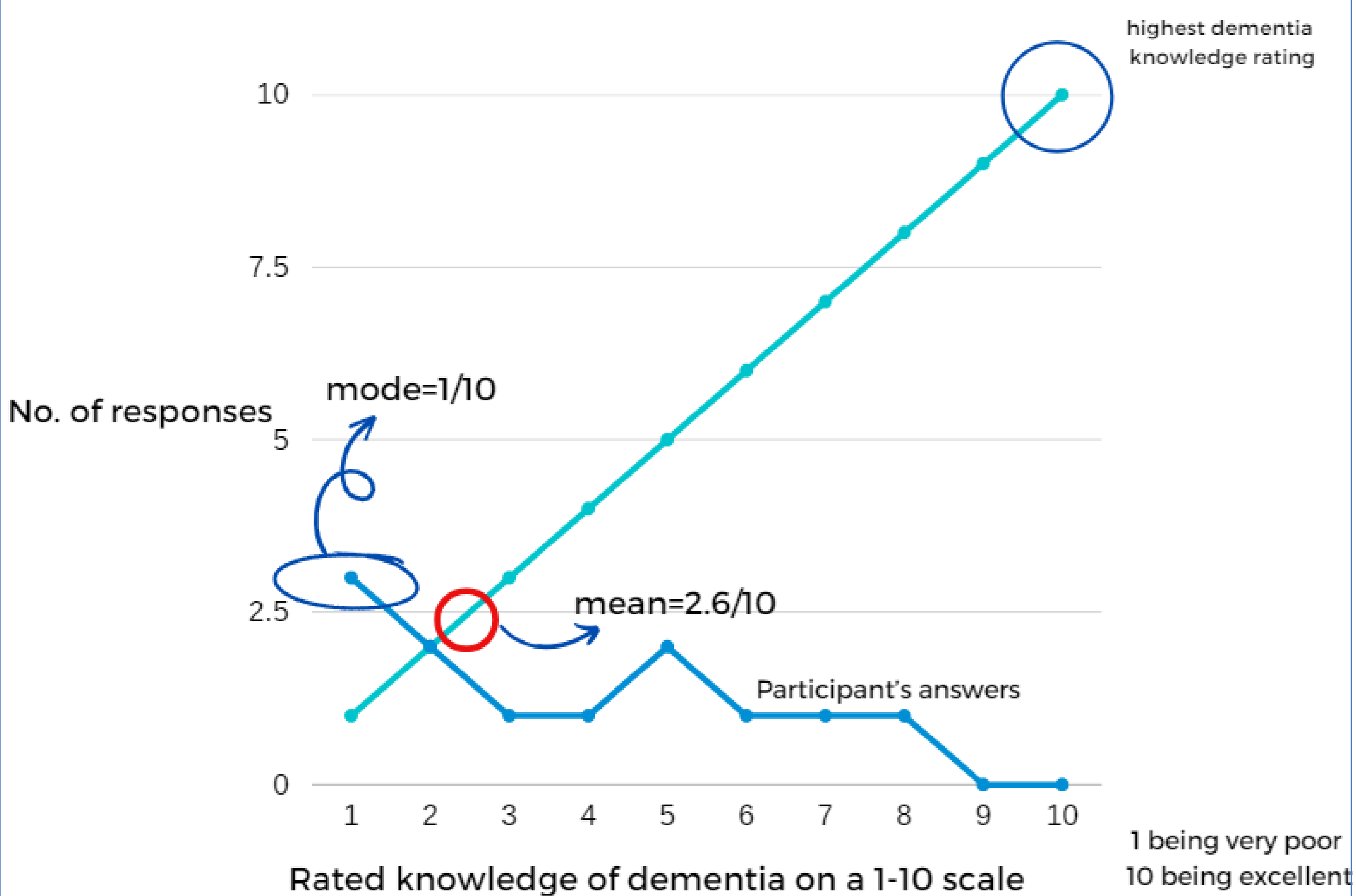
- Respondents: 16 staff of different grades in an Irish nursing home
- 13 participants fully completed the survey
- Preliminary results indicate a lack of knowledge of dementia, especially LBD

The terms Dementia and Alzheimer's are interchangeable



- 11 participants answered incorrectly (agree) to this question

On a scale of 0-10, how would you rate your knowledge of Lewy Body Dementia? (0 being very poor and 10 being excellent)



- Only 2 participants rated their knowledge above 5
- 0 and 1 were the most common answers
- 2 participants were assistant directors of nursing, 1 clinical nurse manager and 1 staff nurse

Next steps

- The results aim to inform resources available for nursing homes aiming to improve quality of care

Background and Gaps in Knowledge

- Lewy body dementia (LBD) is the second most common cause of dementia
- LBD is an umbrella term for Parkinson's dementia (PDD) and dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB)
- Many people with DLB are under- or mis-diagnosed due to lack of knowledge among healthcare professionals about the signs and symptoms of the condition.
- Care home staff often lack knowledge required to manage dementia residents.
- There is a gap in research, knowledge and awareness regarding LBD in health care staff in Ireland.

Methodology & Timeline

Survey Distribution

- Anonymized, self-reported survey created using SurveyMonkey
- PPI input used to develop questions
- Draft tested with 15 participants

Survey Development

- Following ethical approval, surveys distributed to nursing homes across Ireland
- Distributed via TCD data management approved software, following GDPR guidelines
- Surveys remain open for responses for 2 weeks
- Care staff of all grades encouraged to participate

Data analysis

- Descriptive statistics
- Regression analysis to factors of levels of KAP

Dissemination

- Poster and presentation
- Present results to relevant stakeholders
- Plan an information mini-course for stakeholders

Sample survey questions

9. Can you name any other types of Dementia other than Alzheimer's?

14. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your knowledge of Lewy body Dementia? (10 being excellent and 1 being poor)

0 5 10

17. I feel comfortable caring for a resident experiencing hallucinations or delusions

- Strongly agree Neither agree nor disagree
 Agree Disagree
 Strongly disagree