

Initial Assessments

Comparison Report (Rounds 1 & 2)
Safety Model QA Reviews

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NSA Safety Assessment Comparison Reviews - Initial Response

■ Round 1 (n = 75)
■ Round 2 (n = 20)

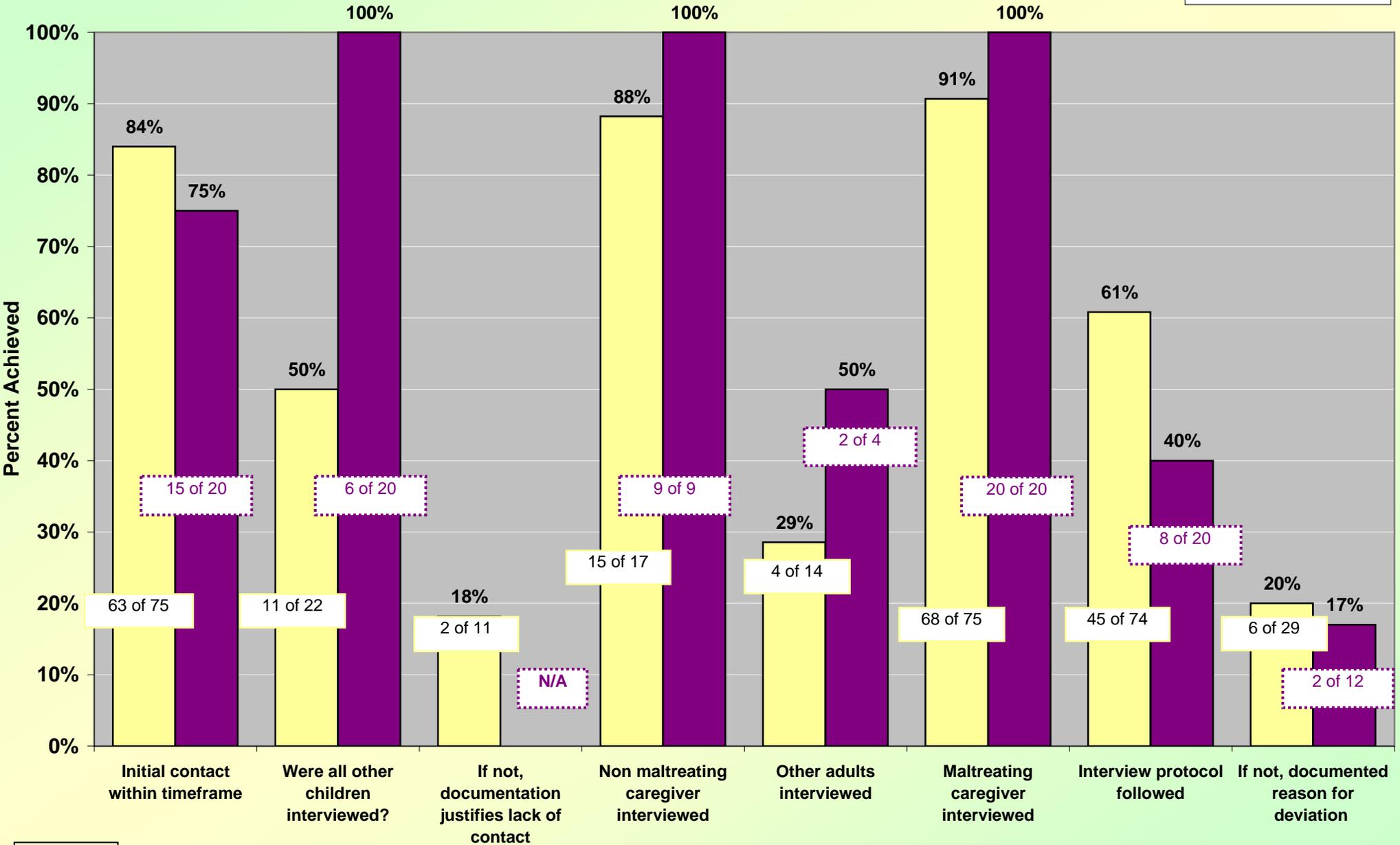
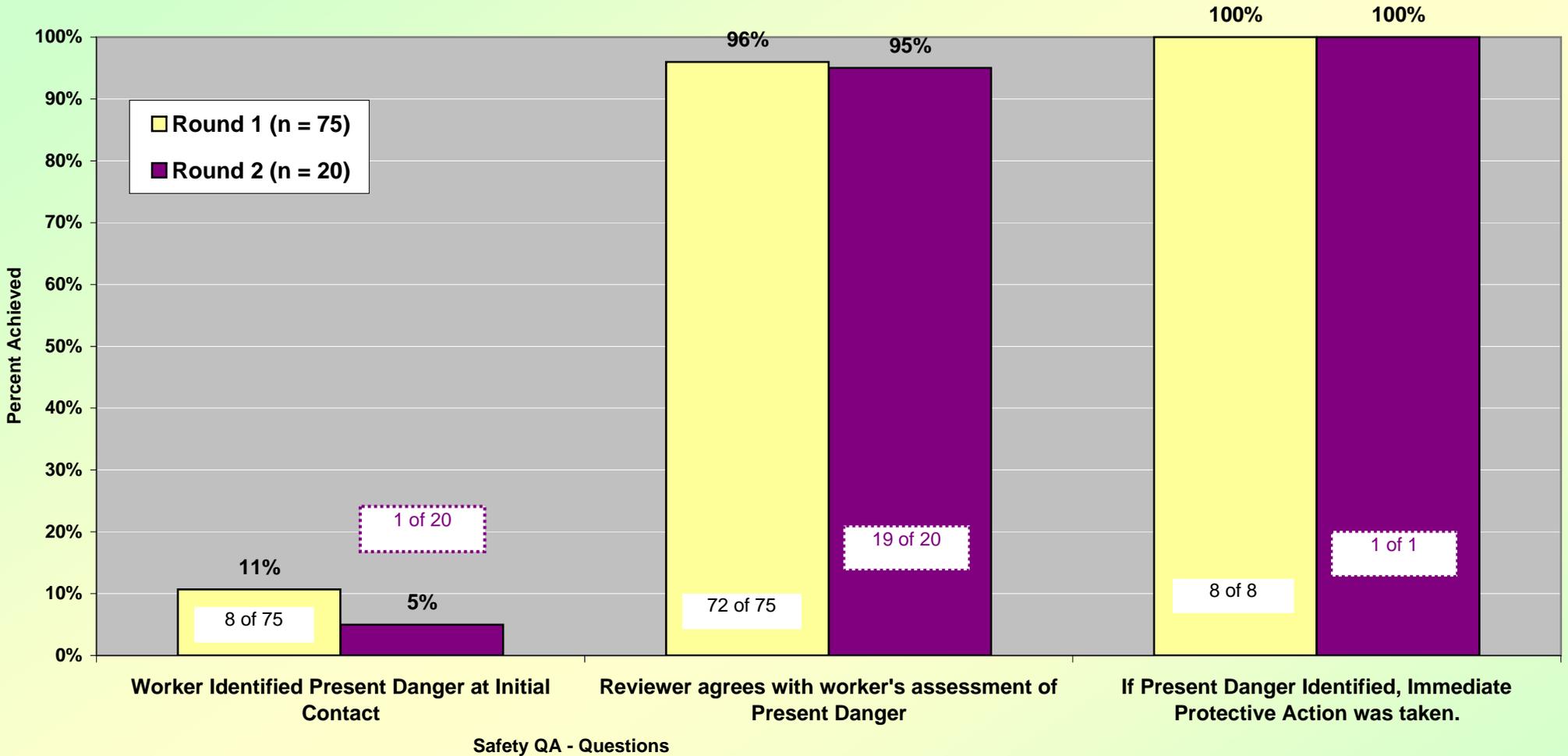


Chart 1

Safety QA - Questions

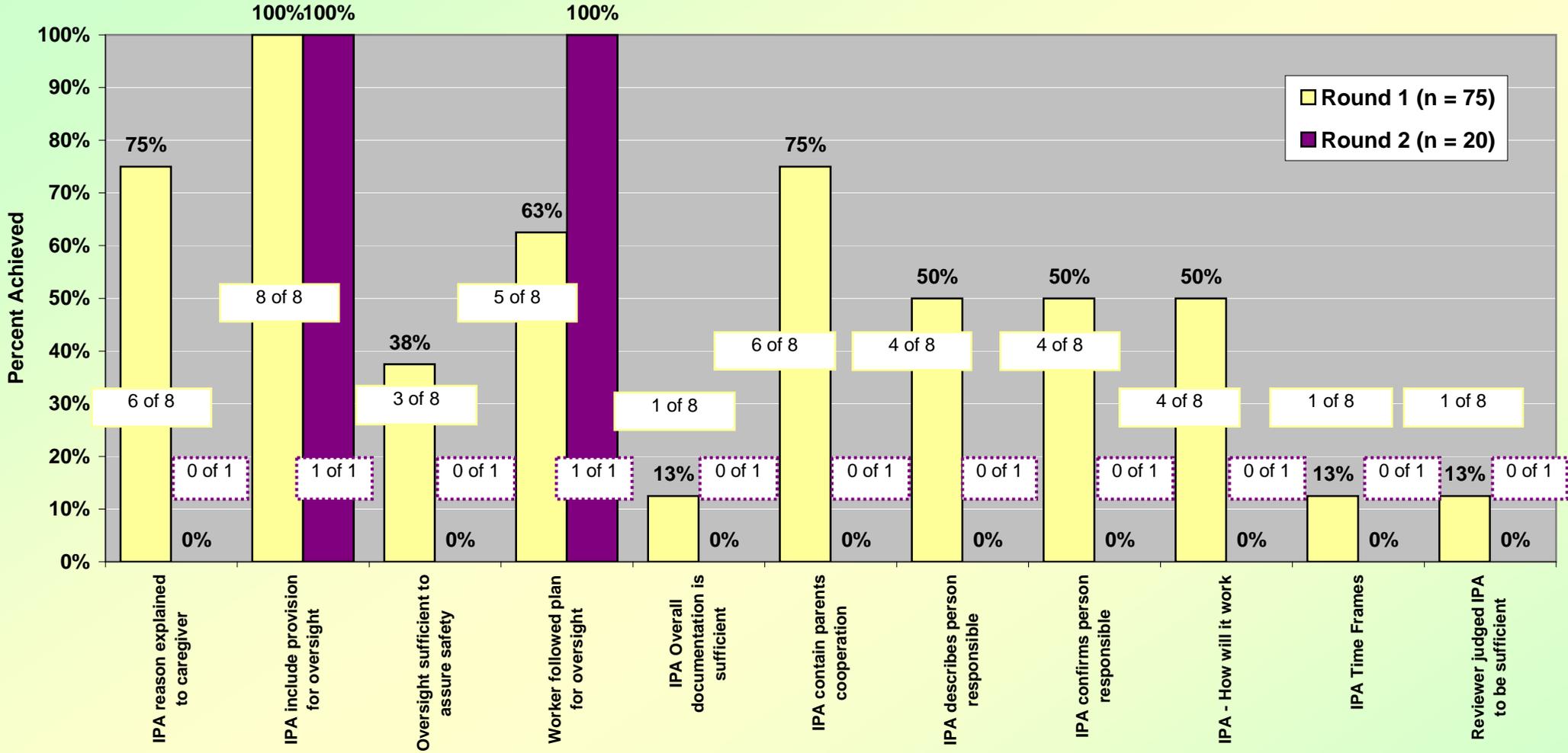
NSA Safety Assessment Comparison Reviews - Identifying Present Danger



Round #1: 8 Safety Assessments identified present danger and 8 Immediate Protective Actions were completed.
Round #2: 1 Safety Assessment identified present danger and 1 Immediate Protective Action plan was completed. *Please note that this assessment indicates that the children were removed by law enforcement and NOT in present danger when the worker had the initial contact with them. The worker did NOT need to complete an Immediate Protective Action Plan (IPA), however, since one was completed and finalized on N-FOCUS, it was reviewed by QA staff.*

Chart 2

NSA Safety Assessment Comparison Reviews - Protective Action



Round #1: 8 Safety Assessments identified present danger and 8 Immediate Protective Actions were completed.
Round #2: 1 Safety Assessment identified present danger and 1 Immediate Protective Action plan was completed. *Please note that this assessment indicates that the children were removed by law enforcement and NOT in present danger when the worker had the initial contact with them. The worker did NOT need to complete an Immediate Protective Action Plan (IPA), however, since one was completed and finalized on N-FOCUS, it was reviewed by QA staff.*

Chart 3

NSA Safety Assessment Comparison Reviews - Impending Danger at Initial Contact

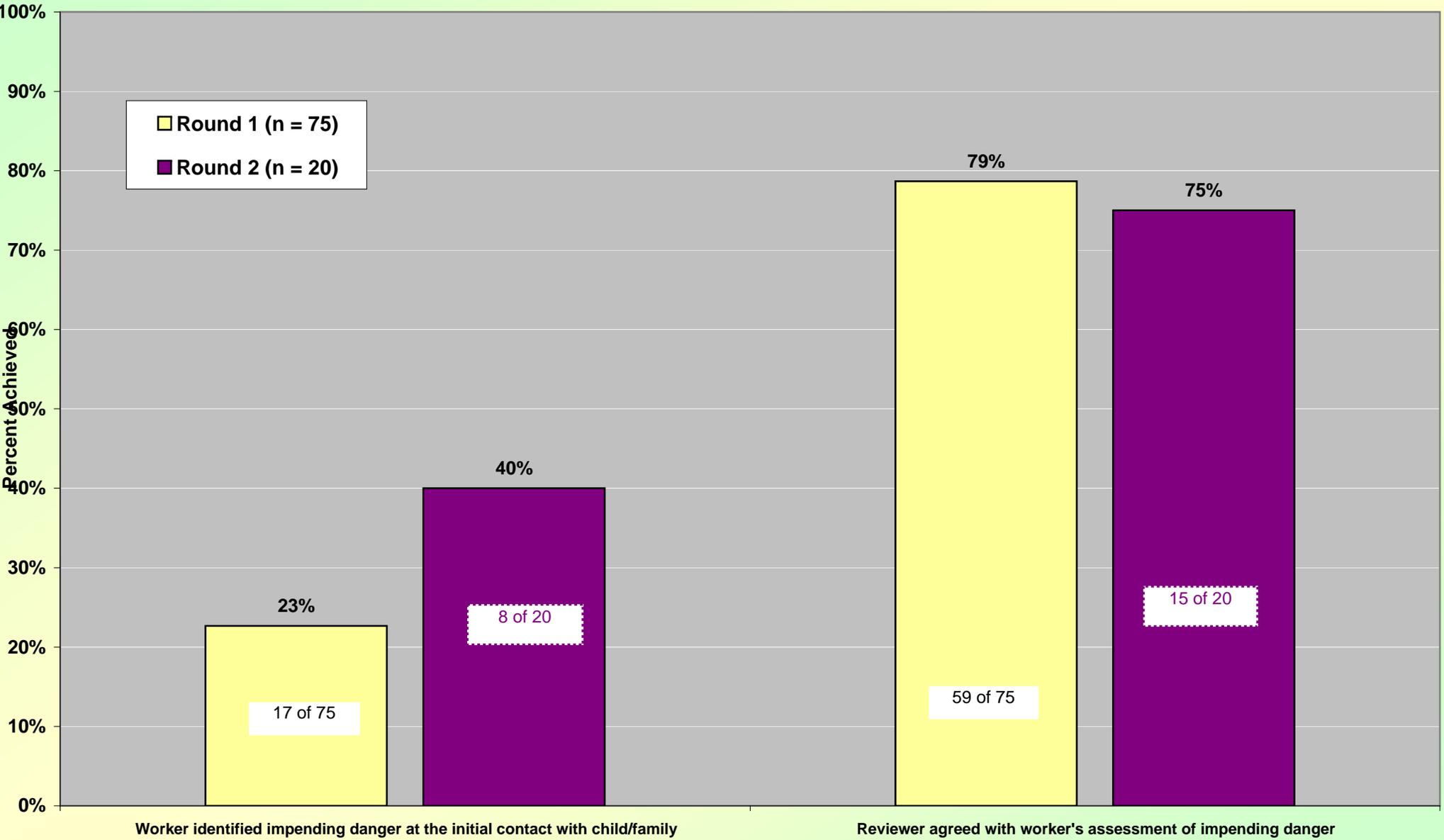


Chart 4

Safety QA Questions

NSA Safety Assessment Comparison Reviews - 6 Domains, Collateral Contacts, Family Network and ICWA

Round 1 (n = 75)
 Round 2 (n = 20)

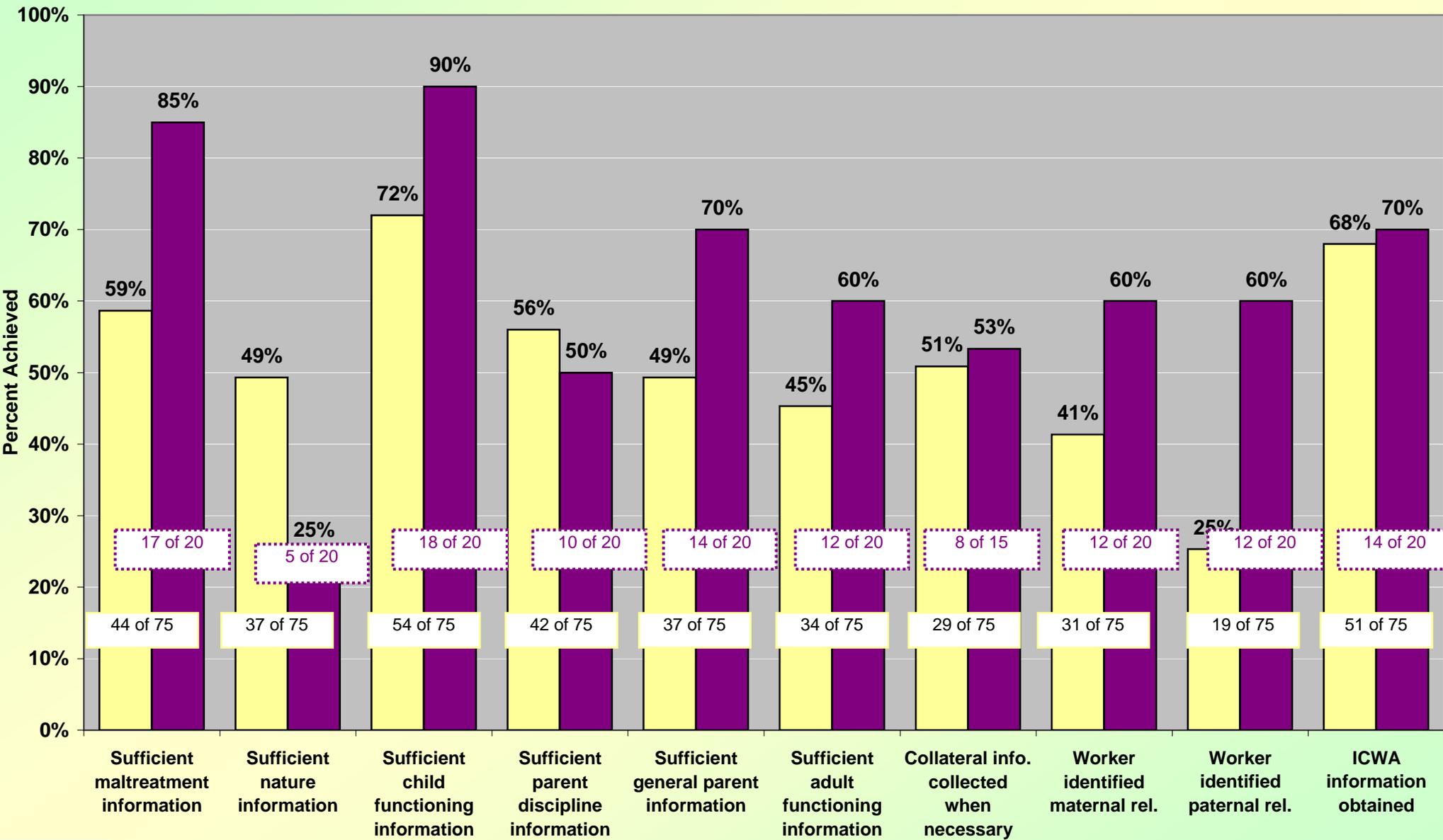


Chart 5

Safety QA - Questions

NSA Safety Assessment Comparison Reviews - Safety Evaluation

■ Round 1 (n = 75)
■ Round 2 (n = 20)

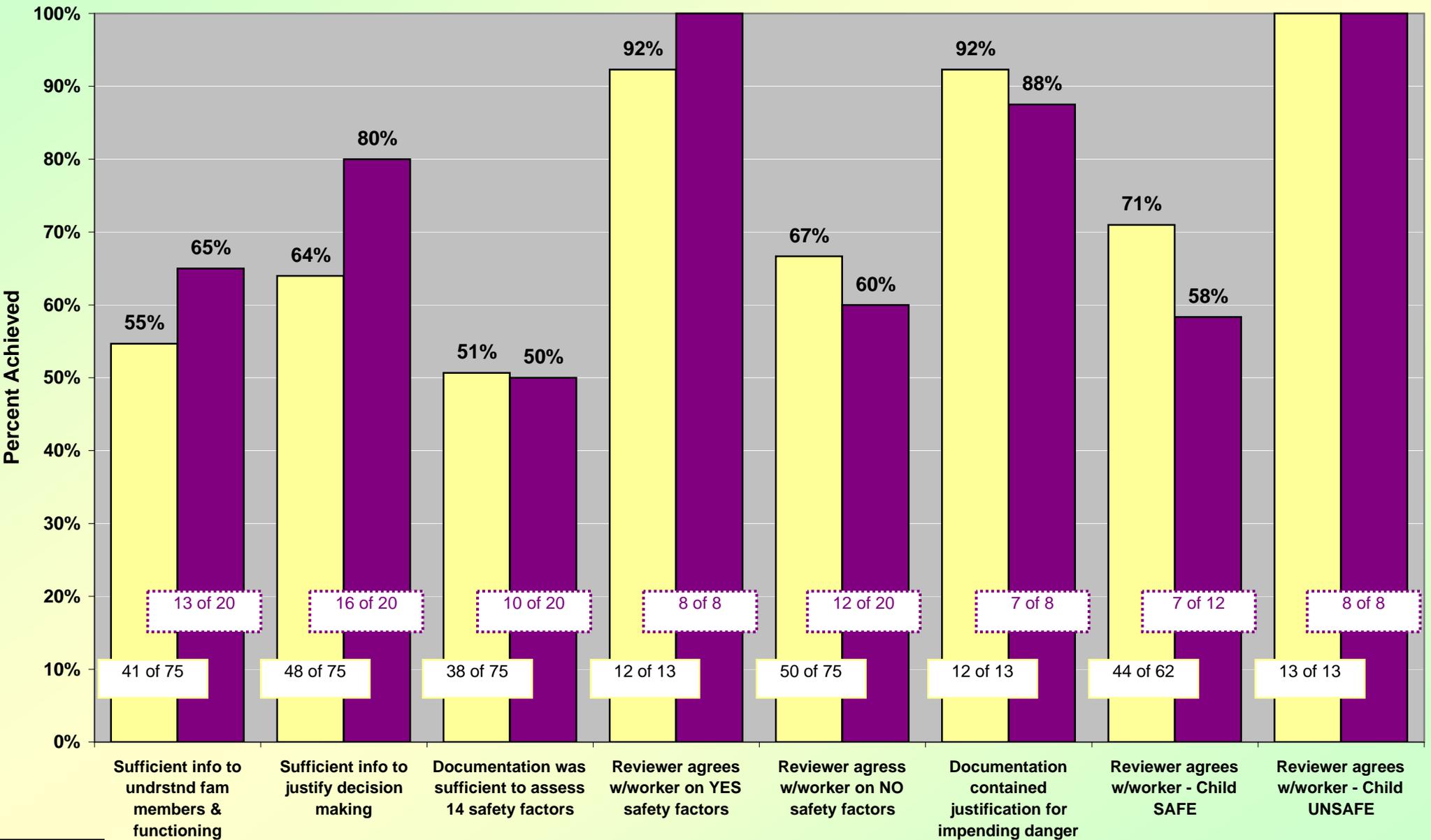
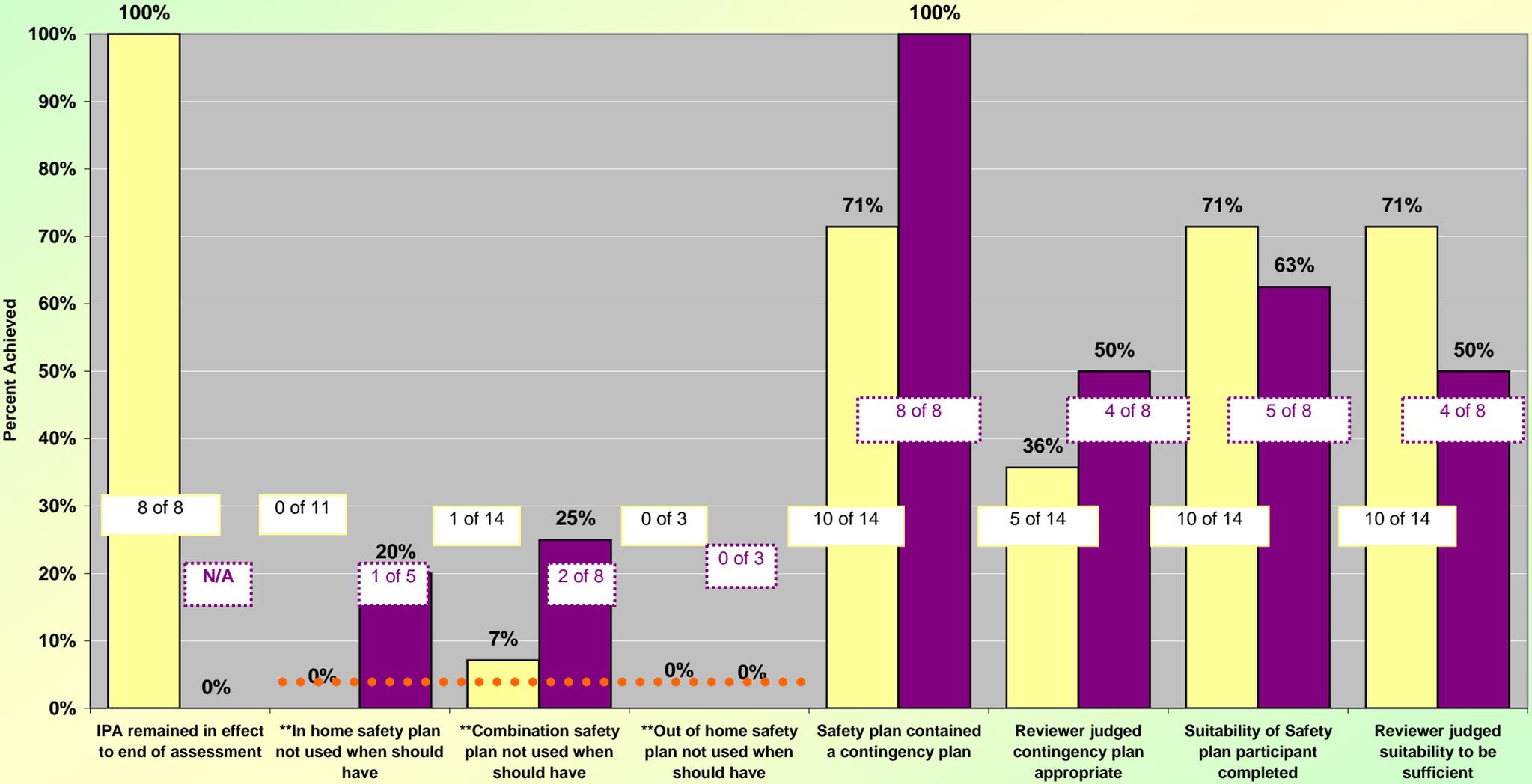


Chart 6

NSA Safety Assessment Comparison Reviews - Safety Plans

Round 1: 13 assessments identified impending danger, however, 14 safety plans were established.
 Round 2: 8 assessment identified impending danger and 8 safety plans were established.

Round 1 (n = 75)
 Round 2 (n = 20)



Note: ** These questions use a reverse scale (LOWER NUMBER IS BETTER) as we want the workers to have used the correct safety plan

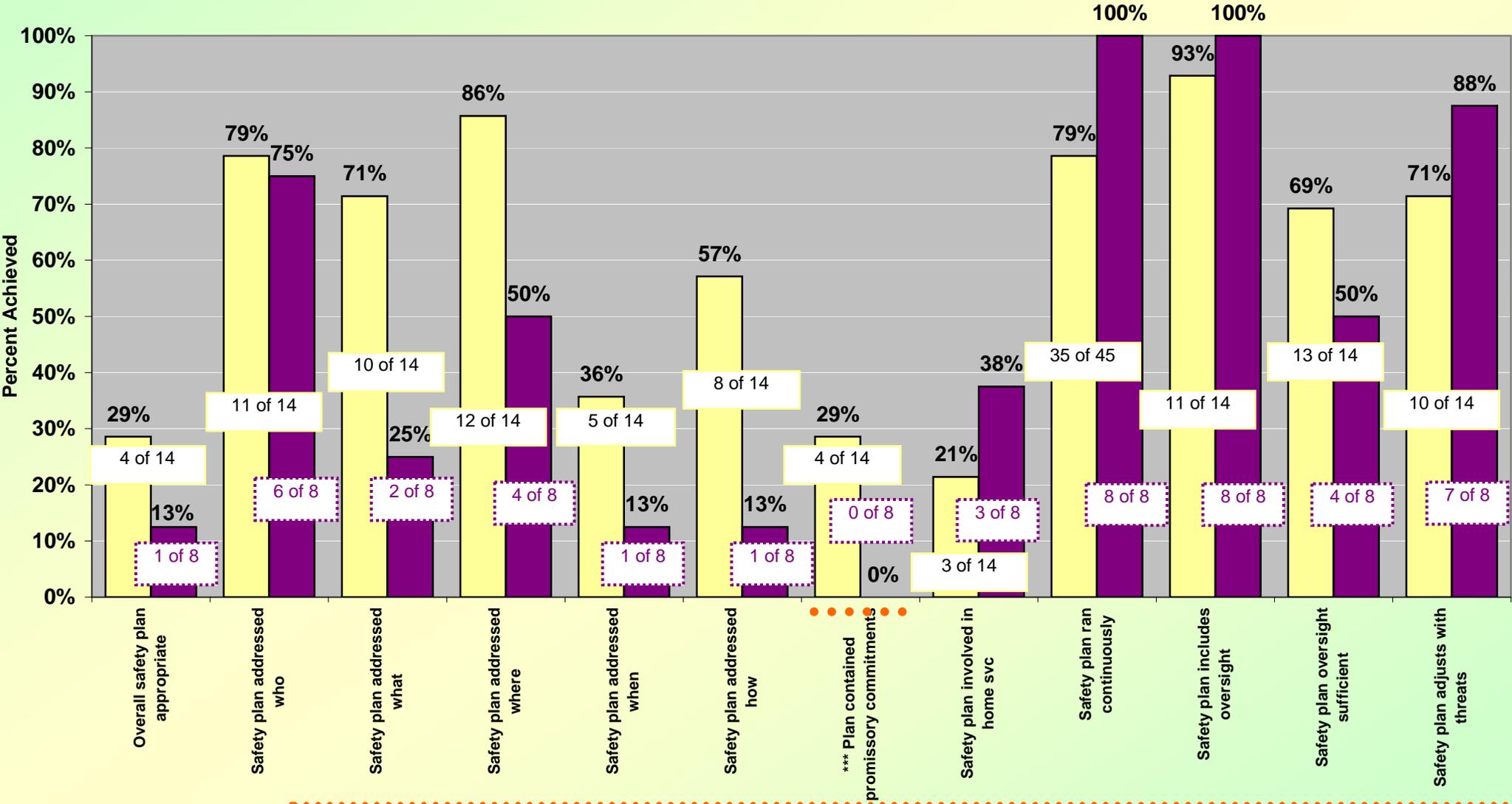
Chart 7

NSA Safety Assessment Comparison Reviews - Safety Plans (continued)

Round 1: 13 assessments identified impending danger, however, **14** safety plans were established.

Round 2: 8 assessment identified impending danger and 8 safety plans were established.

█ Round 1 (n = 75)
█ Round 2 (n = 20)



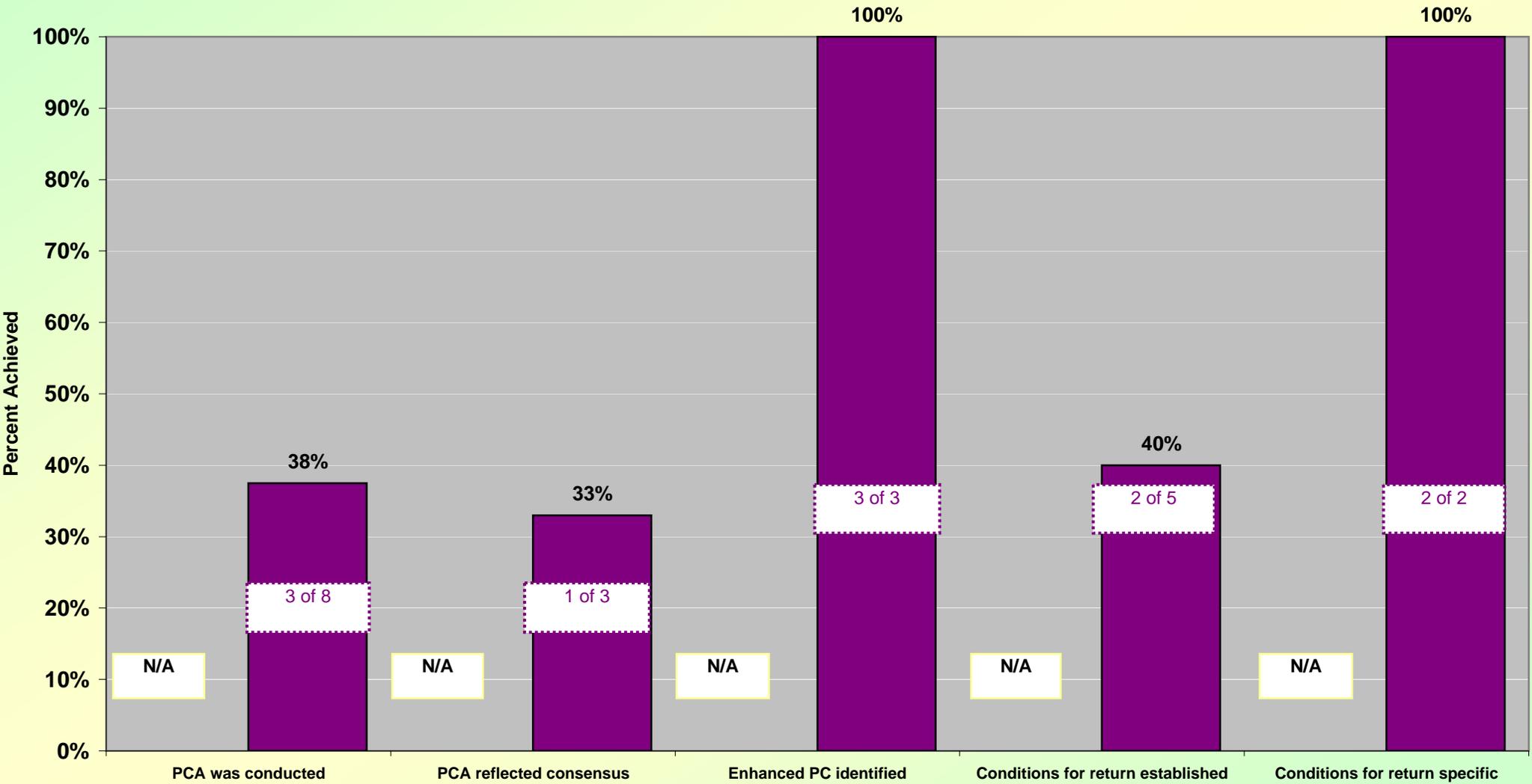
*** Plan contained promissory commitments: *This question uses a reverse scale (LOWER NUMBER IS BETTER) as we do NOT want the safety plan to contain promissory commitments.*

Chart 8

NSA Safety Assessment Comparison Reviews - Safety Plans

Round 1: There were no finalized PCA's or Conditions of Return
 Round 2: There were 3 finalized PCA's & 2 finalized conditions of return

Round 1 (n = 75)
 Round 2 (n = 20)



NOTE: The QA tool does not assess whether or not the worker met their time frame in documenting the PCA or the Conditions of Return on N-FOCUS. The QA team only reviews the quality of the PCA and the Conditions of Return if it is finalized on N-FOCUS at the time of the review.

Chart 9

Reviewer's Overall Analysis and Conclusion of the Work:

For the purpose of a case review, the reviewer assessed the following information based on their review of the case. This part of the review contains the same information as those included in the [Supervisory Review of Nebraska Safety Assessment](#).

Category	NSA-1	NSA-2	Steffes -1	Steffes-2	Grace-1	Grace-2	Hilfiker-1	Hilfiker-2	Mead-1	Mitzel -1	Ulrich-2
The Nebraska Safety Assessment Instrument was completed correctly and completely	29%	20%	0%	0%	47%	20%	53%	40%	40%	7%	20%
Documentation is on N-FOCUS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Required Time Frames were met	84%	80%	73%	80%	93%	60%	87%	80%	73%	93%	100%
A reasonable level of effort was expended given the identified safety concerns.	76%	70%	80%	100%	86%	80%	87%	60%	73%	53%	40%
Safety of the child/youth was assured during the assessment process.	93%	80%	93%	80%	86%	80%	100%	80%	100%	87%	80%
Sufficient information was gathered for informed decision making	60%	47%	67%	25%	60%	60%	80%	60%	67%	27%	40%
Available written documentation was obtained from law enforcement/others as approp.	73%	100%	100%	N/A	100%	100%	100%	N/A	43%	50%	N/A
ICWA information was documented	64%	70%	20%	40%	87%	60%	93%	100%	87%	33%	80%
Information was obtained about non-custodial parent, relatives, and other family support.	53%	50%	33%	0%	80%	60%	73%	100%	40%	40%	40%
An Immediate Protective Action was appropriately implemented to assure child safety.	90%	0%	100%	0%	75%	N/A	100%	N/A	100%	100%	N/A
A Safety Plan was appropriately completed and implemented to assure child safety.	44%	38%	25%	0%	50%	33%	0%	100%	67%	50%	0%
A Safety Assessment was documented in accordance with required practice.	39%	30%	8%	0%	54%	40%	43%	60%	60%	29%	20%
A Protective Action was documented in accordance with required practice.	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%	N/A	50%	N/A	100%	100%	N/A
A Safety Plan was documented in accordance with required practice.	38%	13%	0%	0%	60%	0%	0%	50%	67%	50%	0%
The family network and others were appropriately involved in the gathering of information.	60%	65%	54%	60%	57%	40%	80%	80%	67%	38%	80%
The family networks and others were appropriately involved in developing Safety Plans.	71%	75%	100%	50%	50%	67%	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%
Policy and procedures related to safety intervention were followed.	61%	65%	50%	80%	50%	80%	60%	60%	67%	73%	40%
Safety plan is sufficient to protect child from threats of severe harm.	59%	25%	50%	0%	60%	0%	100%	100%	67%	50%	0%
Efforts to coordinate with law enforcement were documented.	83%	100%	78%	100%	92%	100%	80%	100%	89%	75%	100%
Interview protocols were followed or reason for deviation were documented.	69%	40%	87%	40%	47%	60%	87%	60%	87%	36%	0%
The appropriate definition was used in making the case status determination.	83%	95%	80%	80%	80%	100%	80%	100%	73%	100%	100%
The finding was correctly documented in N-FOCUS	99%	100%	93%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Factual information supports the selected finding.	86%	95%	86%	80%	87%	100%	93%	100%	73%	93%	100%
time)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 1