

WHO Conference

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“Violence prevention in prison”

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European Prison Rules

Rule 52.2

“Procedures shall be in place to ensure the safety of prisoners, prison staff and all visitors, and to reduce the minimum risk of violence and other events that might threaten safety”

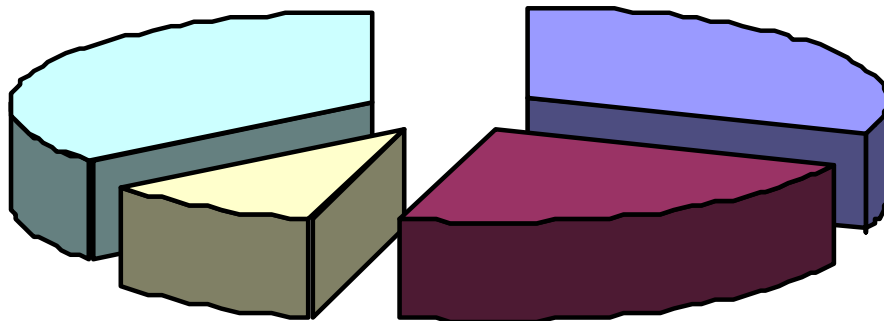
The Scottish System Today

- 7500 prisoners
- 1450 remands
- 762 life sentence prisoners
- 317 women
- 1 private prison (another to come)



IN CUSTODY

Non-Violent Crime	Not convicted	Sex Offender	Violent Crime
2215	1696	727	2578

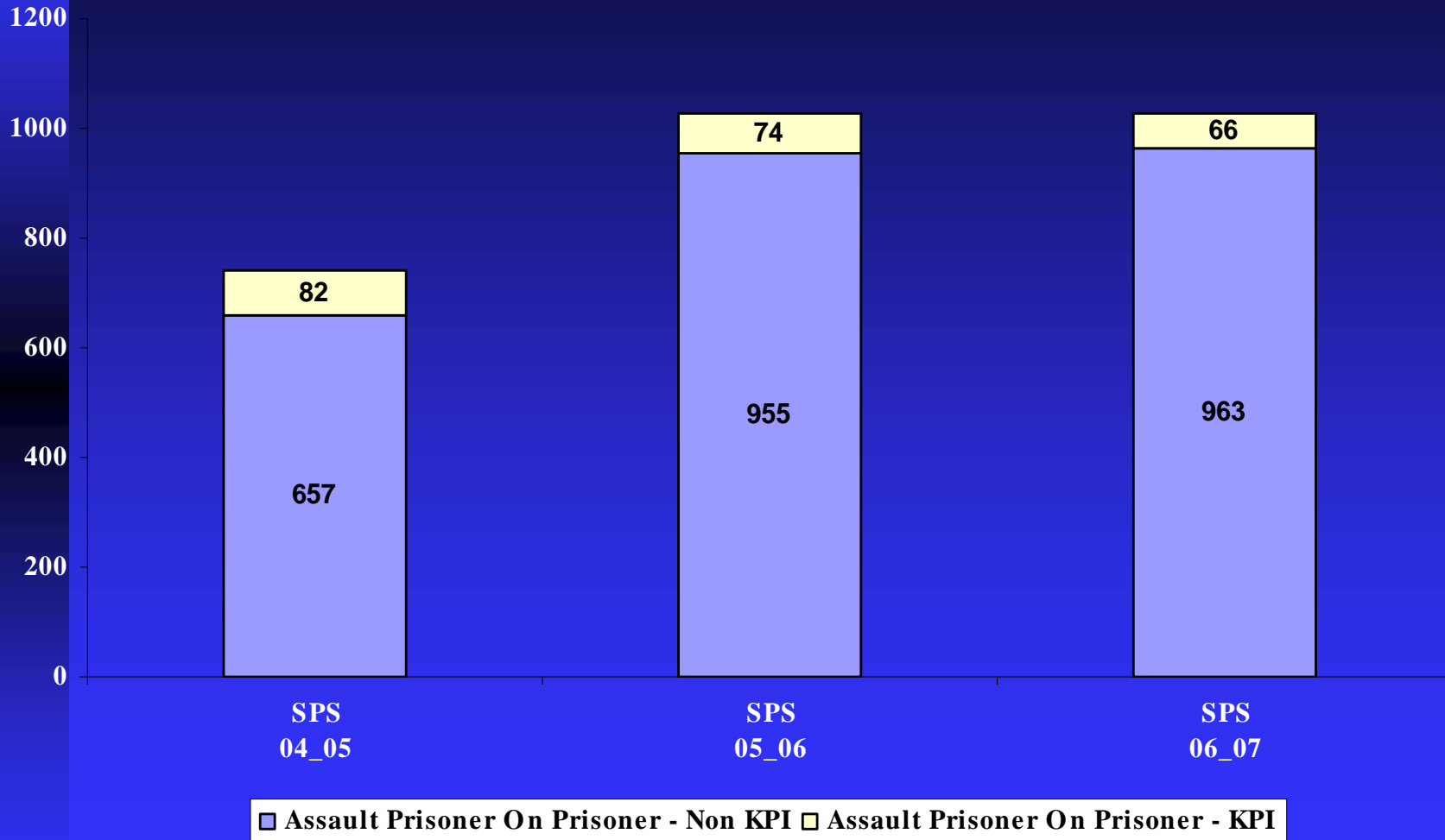


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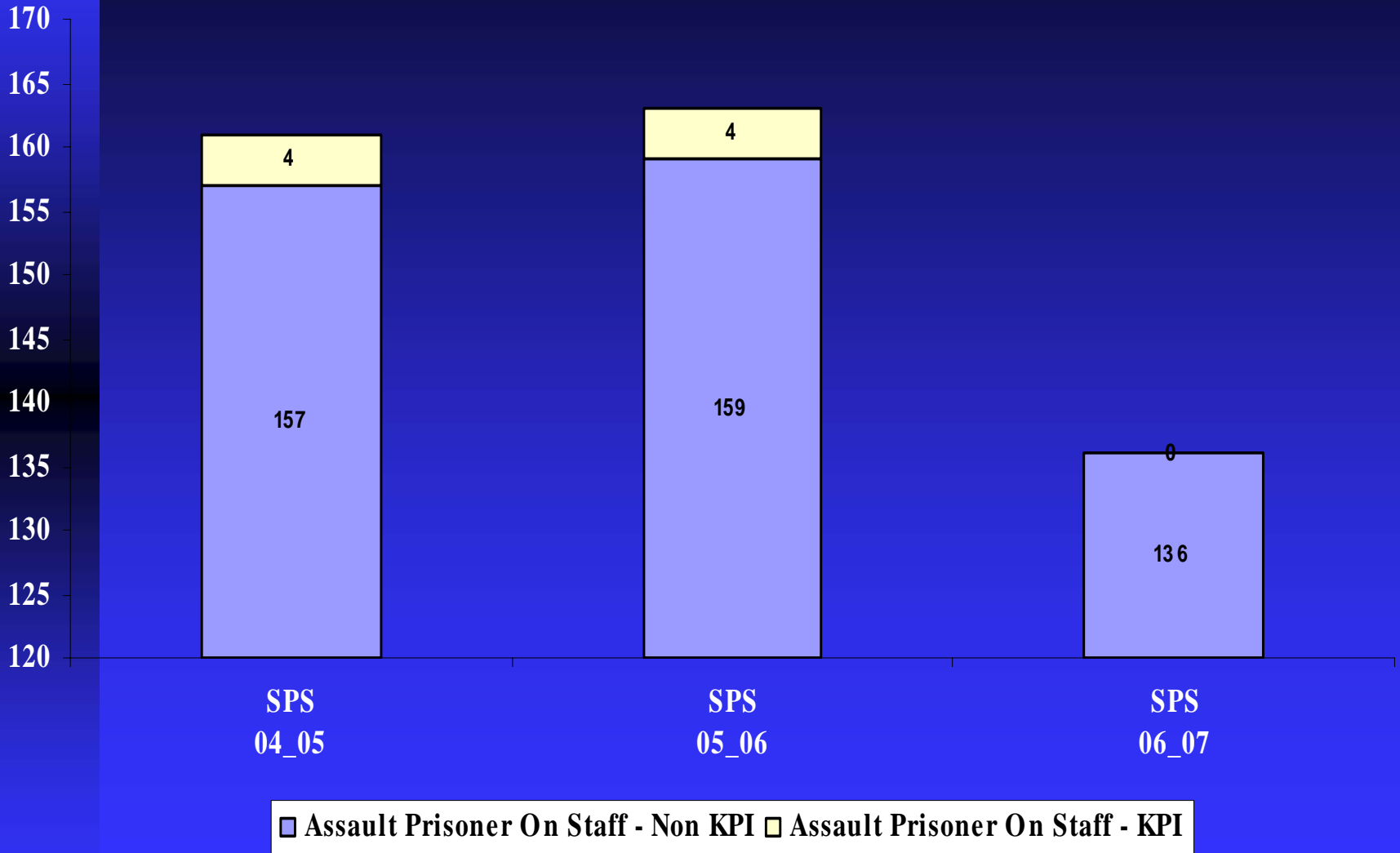
The nature of the "violence" problem

- KPI assaults on staff and prisoners
- non-KPI assaults on staff and prisoners
- weapons finds
- major indiscipline

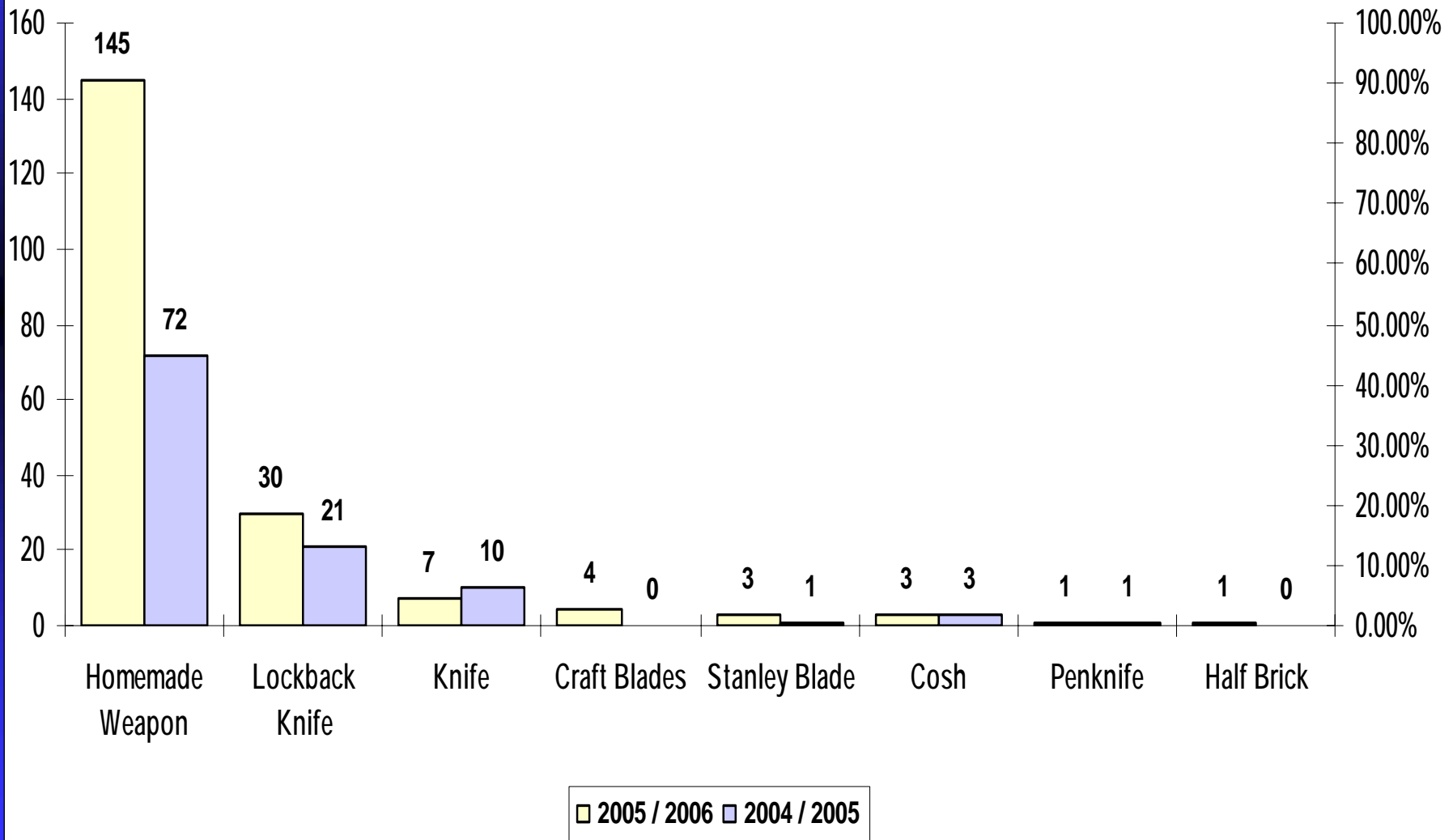
Prisoner on Prisoner Assaults (inclusive of fights) 2005 - 2007



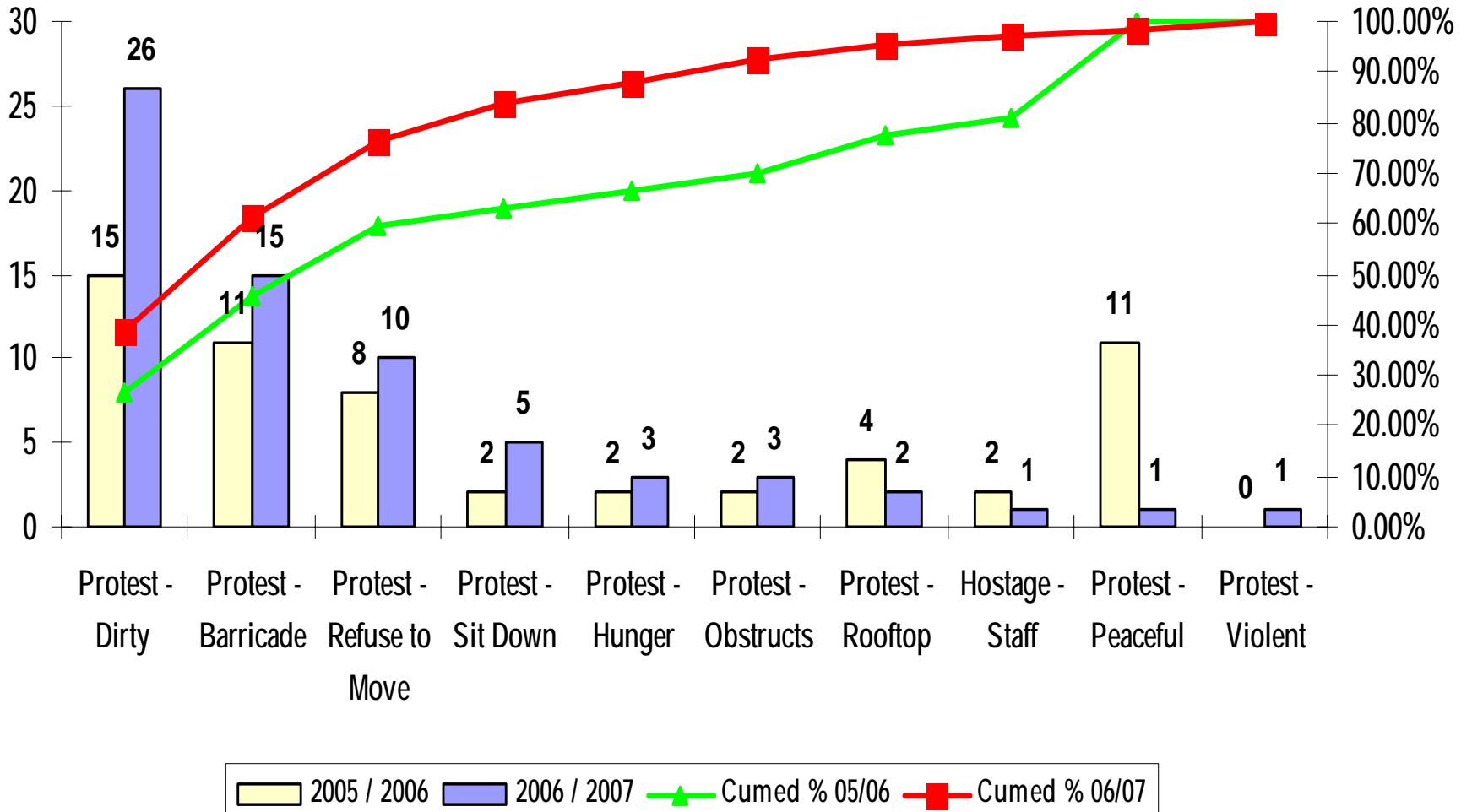
Prisoner on Staff Assaults 2005 - 2007



Type of Weapon Finds Apr 04 - Mar 06



Protests within SPS 2005 - 2007



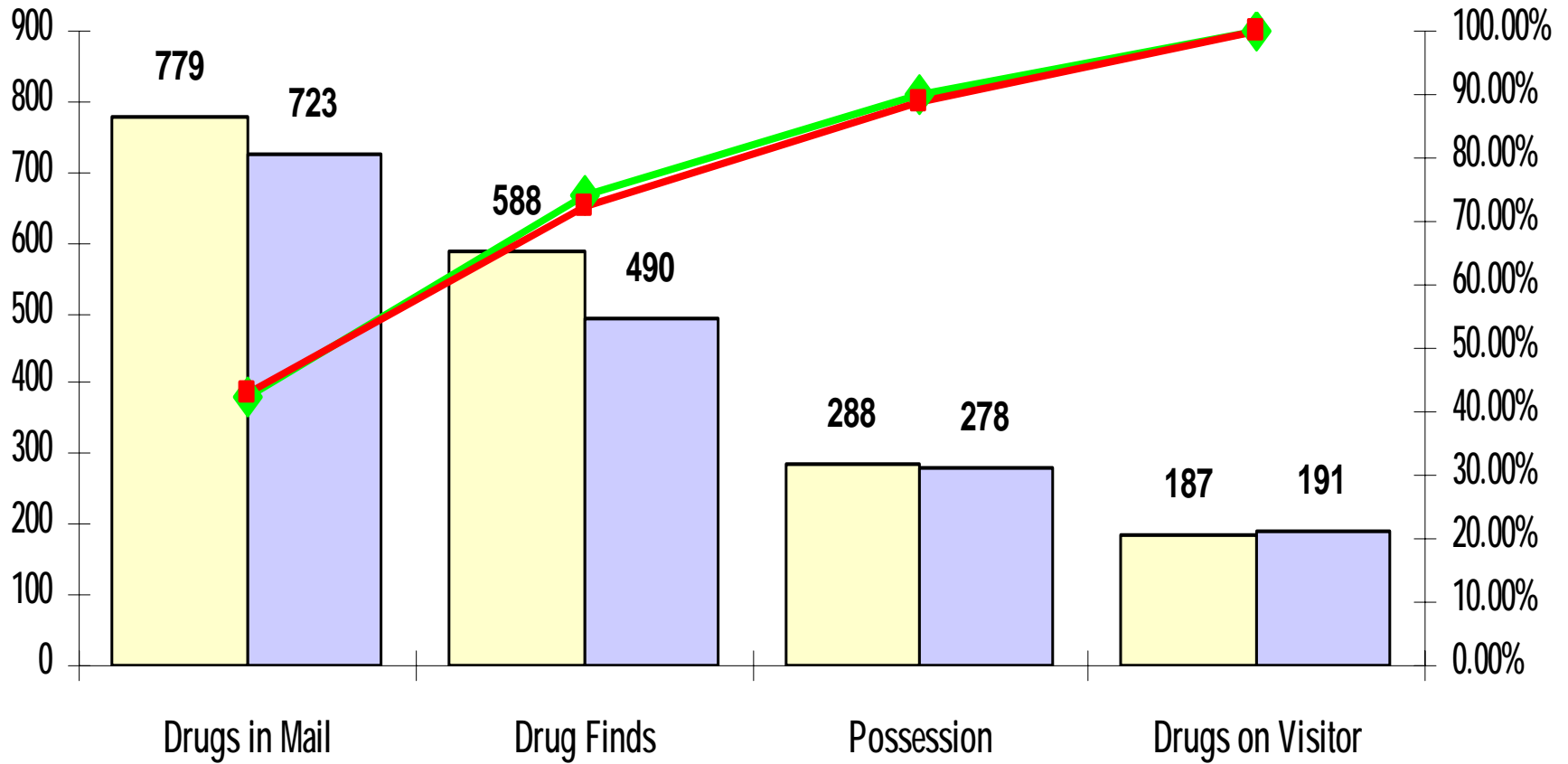
“With all our attention to the individual, we tend to underestimate the prison setting as a powerful influence on day-to-day inmate behaviour”

(Clements, 1982, P81)

Contributing Factors

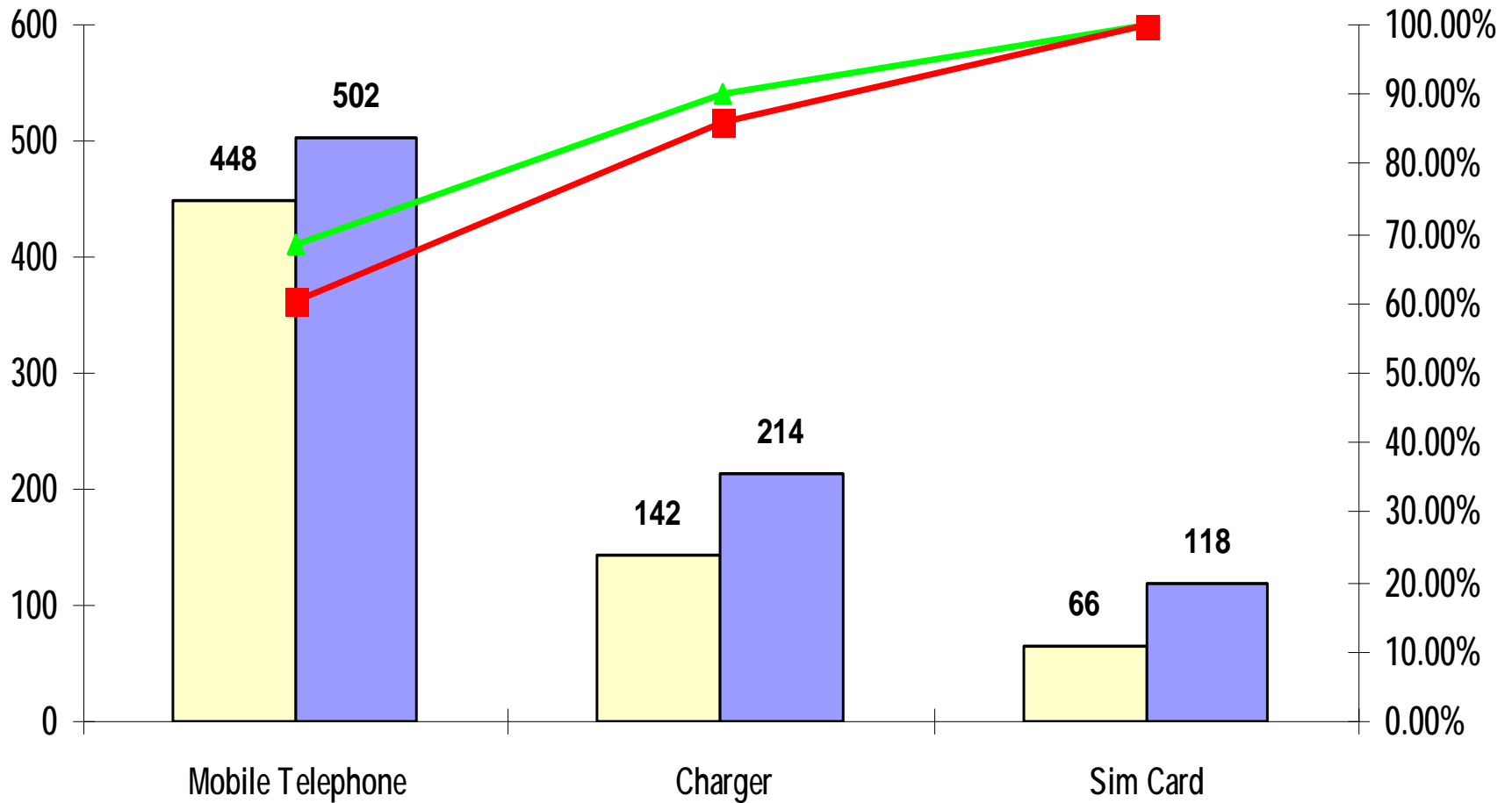


Drug Finds within Scottish Prison Service 2005 - 2007



2005 / 2006 2006 / 2007 % Total 05/06 % Total 06/07

Mobile Telephone Breakdown 2005 - 2007



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Prevention.....a personal reflection

- good intelligence management
- controlling supply / demand for drugs
- programmes which target needs
- individual support based on positive relationships
- a positive and active culture
- clear sanctions
- solid case management structures
- good infrastructure
- appropriately trained and recruited staff
- a clear management lead and ethics
- legitimacy of administration

"A well managed prison is one in which the environment is decent and humane.

In practical terms these factors can be measured by the quality of the human relationships between the prisoners who live there, the staff who work there and anyone who comes to visit for any reason. The principle is a very simple one. Its application is one of the most complex tasks in the field of good prison management".

(A Coyle, Managing Prisons in a Time of Change)