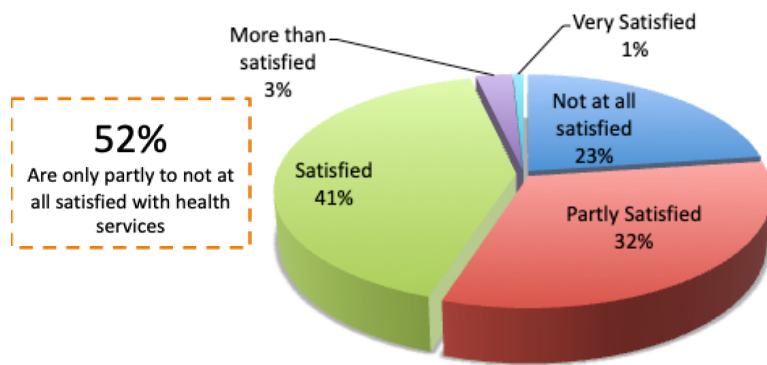


# Social Services

A thriving community is also a healthy community. Perhaps surprisingly, this was little commented on in the survey and stakeholder discussions, either as part of what people value about St George today, or envisage for the future. Yet in considering the access people have to social services, less than half of those surveyed were satisfied to very satisfied with the overall access to social services. Less than half are also satisfied to very satisfied with specific access to health care or youth or family programs.

**Level of Satisfaction with Social Services**



Key areas that were identified by many respondents were the need for more structured programmes and activities for teenagers, and facilities for them to socialise, as well as specific programs targeting ‘at risk’ youth. At the other end of the age spectrum, better support, including transport and as well as wellness activities to participate in, was called for seniors, as well as transportation for other physically challenged members of the community.

There was also general consensus that opportunities

**52%**  
Are satisfied to very satisfied with child care;

**57%**  
Are satisfied to very satisfied with seniors care

or, at least an alternate venue, was needed for the unemployed locals who tend to congregate in King Square. Reducing overall anti-social behaviour as well as a more visible

**60%**  
Are only partly satisfied to not at all satisfied with policing

police presence was clearly important to those polled.

With the opening of the new podiatry clinic there were suggestions that perhaps, some healthcare practitioners could share facilities

## What people said ....

*“Daily programming of wellness offerings ((yoga, S&C, etc).”*

*“More after school programme access for all.”*

*“Seniors Day care Centre.”*

*“Recreational Centre for at risk youths.”*

*“More spaces were youth can congregate in a positive environment and or assist the community when needed.”*

*“More community service activity.”*

*“More after school programme access for all.”*

*“More positive and specific teen engagement within the community.”*

*“Transportation for wheelchair individuals”*

*“Adult health clinic”*

*“Urgent Care Centre is fabulous.”*

*“Better communication and maintenance of services already provided for the locals to use when unable to go to their doctor, if they have one.”*

*“Need to find jobs for locals that hang around the town causing distractions and loud noise on the local square.”*

*“Drug / alcohol treatment centre.”*

*“Support resources for low income families for children with learning differences.”*

*“It would be great to have a transitional housing facility for people who are trying to “get back on their feet”. Not only would it provide housing but helping services can be provided to insure that people are educated on finances and opportunity available.”*

*“A community garden.”*

*“A police station.”*

and coordinate scheduling so as to offer a more diverse suite of services for locals, to include opticians and dentists.