

# Building consumer confidence

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Chairman

# PSA leadership team

# Agenda



**PSA leadership team** Updates

**Panel discussion** Ensuring consumers have confidence in operator billing

**Coffee break**

**Consumer engagement in the market** Overview of the Annual Market Review

**Panel discussion** Meeting consumers post-purchase expectations

**Close**

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# Clarity of purpose

## **Vision**

A healthy and innovative market in which consumers can charge content, goods and services to this phone bill with confidence

## **Mission**

To protect consumers from harm

To further consumers' interests through encouraging competition, growth and innovation in the market

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# Building consumer confidence

- We think confidence requires:
    - Well-informed consumers
    - Satisfied consumers
    - A clear payment process and easy and clear routes to redress
    - A market that is underpinned by appropriate regulation and high levels of adherence to it.
  - Consumer confidence is absolutely critical to market change
  - Picture is improving but more to be done
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# State of the market: complaints down



Clear signs of  
improvements  
but recent  
increase is a  
cause for  
concern

# State of the market: growth expected

- Prevailing trends continue
- Voice-based services continue to decline as consumer behaviour changes
- FY17/18 - market correction from decline in online competition and adult services



Operator  
billing up  
19% in  
FY17/18

Market  
expected  
to grow  
4.5% in  
FY18/19

Q1  
revenues  
up 3%



# State of the market: fair and proportionate enforcement

- Number of cases remains stable
  - Varied case load
  - 3 in 4 cases are dealt with informally
  - Only the minority and most serious cases go forward to Tribunal
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# Improving the consumer experience of services



We are the UK  
regulator for content,  
goods and services  
charged to a phone bill

### Service checker

Not sure about a number that's on your bill? Check it out here and see what to do next...



### Unexpected phone charge?



[Let us help](#)

### Report an issue



## Latest updates

### Statement on updating our Registration requirements for service providers

11 September 2018

### Subscriptions call for inputs

06 September 2018

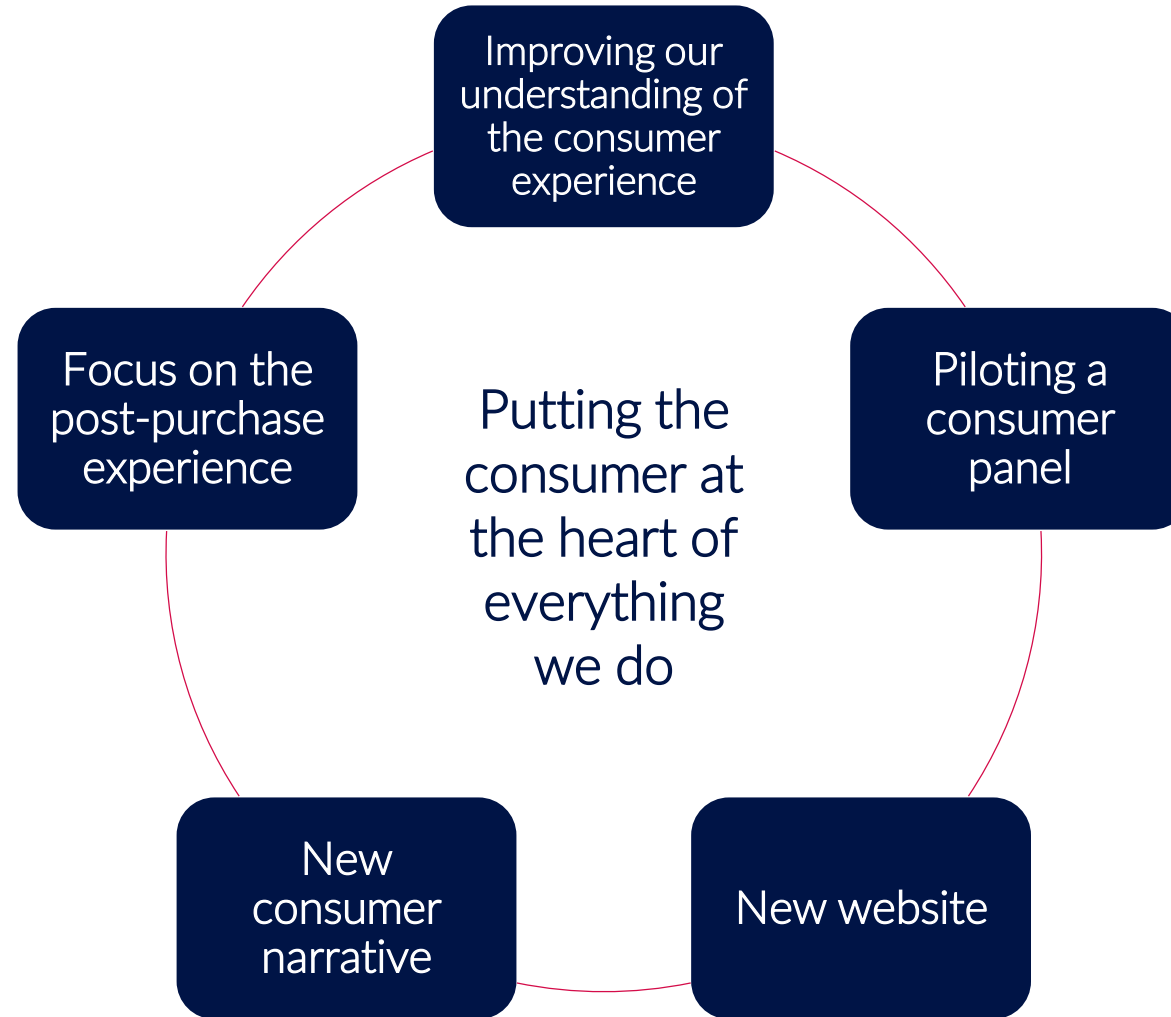
The PSA is reviewing its regulation of phone-paid services offered by providers to consumers. Call for inputs.

### Statement on amendments to Notice of Specified Charges and Call Durations

22 August 2018



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# Looking ahead

- Market compliance supporting a confident consumer base
  - Keen to support market change and growth where we can
  - Encouraged by the big brands and new services entering the market
  - Renewed focus – maintaining compliance, new players and services, sustained growth, confident consumers
  - Open to hearing from you
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# Q&A

# Panel discussion

Building consumer confidence in operator billing

**Kevin Brown**, PSA Board Member

**Justin Bass**, Three

**Joanna Cox**, aimm

**Michael Tomlins**, Infomedia

**Mark Collins**, PSA

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# Nick Lane

Mobilesquared

# Annual Market Review

## FY2017-18

### A market in transition



# NEW CATEGORIES

ASSISTANCE  
SERVICES

BETTING,  
GAMBLING,  
LOTTERIES

CHARITY  
DONATIONS

COMPETITIONS  
& QUIZZES

DEVICE  
PERSONALISATION  
& SECURITY

DIGITAL  
PAYMENTS

ENTERTAINMENT

GAMES &  
CONTENT

INFORMATION,  
NEWS &  
EDUCATION

LIFESTYLE

PERSONAL &  
RELATIONSHIP  
SERVICES

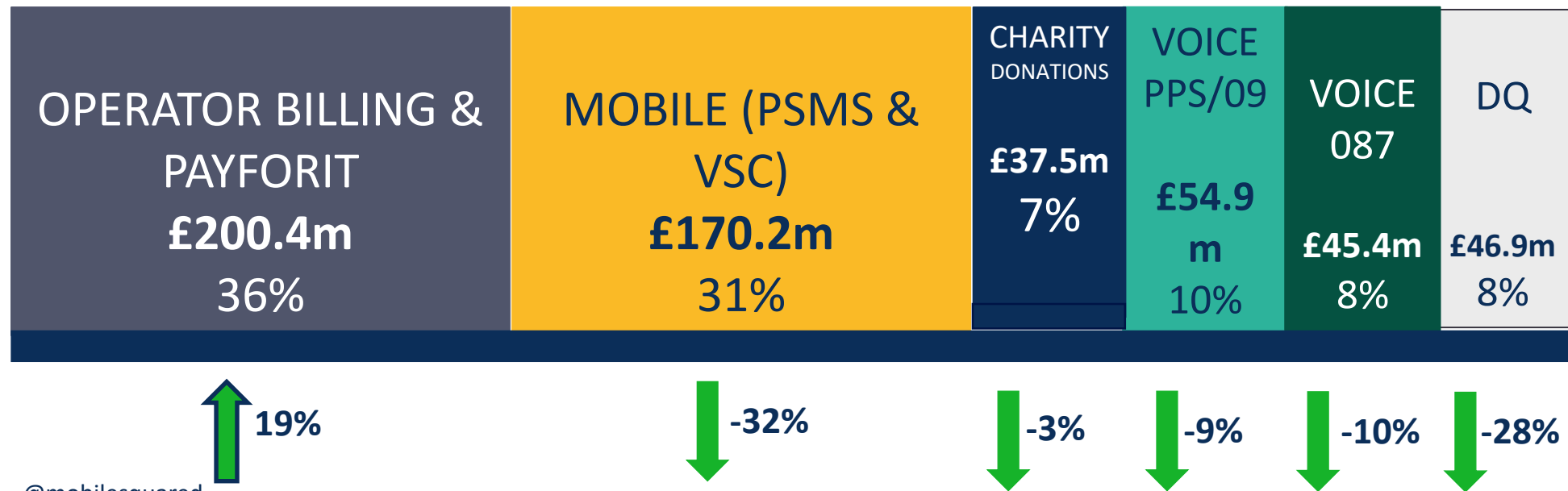
SEXUAL  
ENTERTAINMENT

TV & RADIO  
ENGAGEMENT

# PPS MARKET SIZE, FY2017-18 (£m excl. VAT)

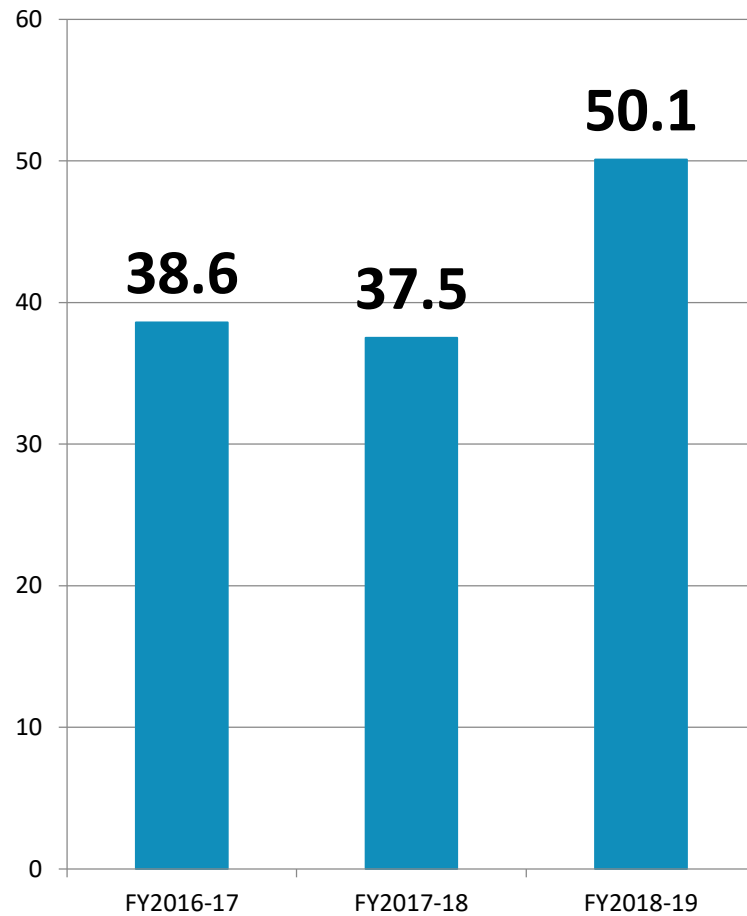
INCL. CHARITY **£555.3** million  12.2%

EXCL. CHARITY **£517.8** million  12.9%

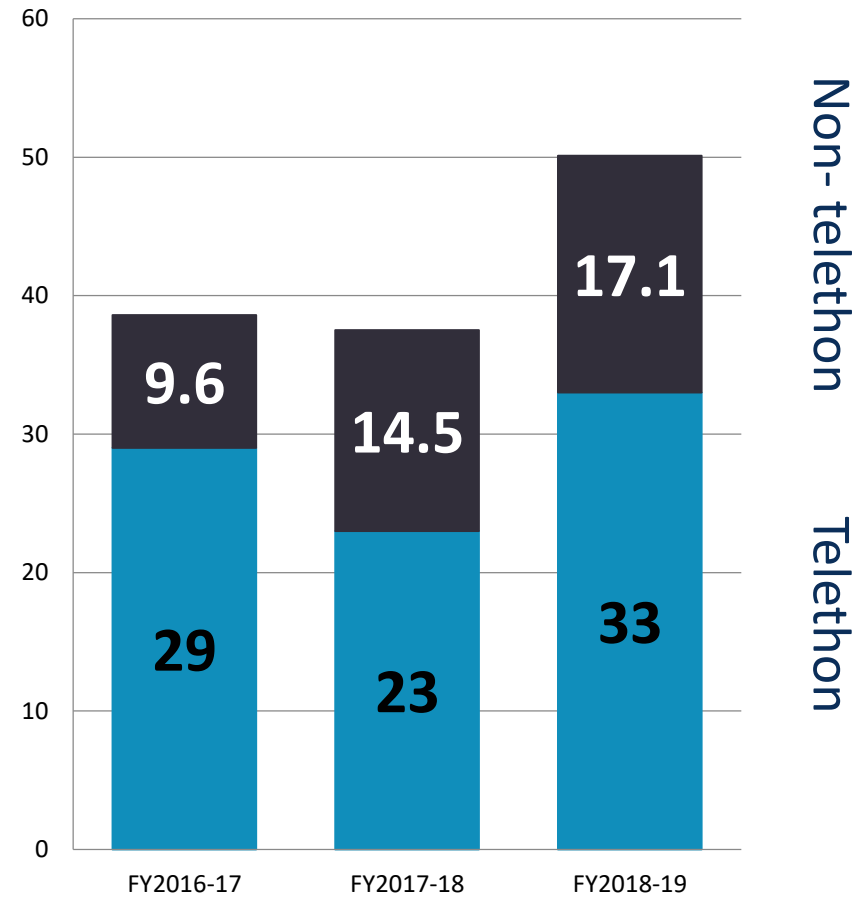




## Charity donations (£m)



## Charity donations breakout, (£M)



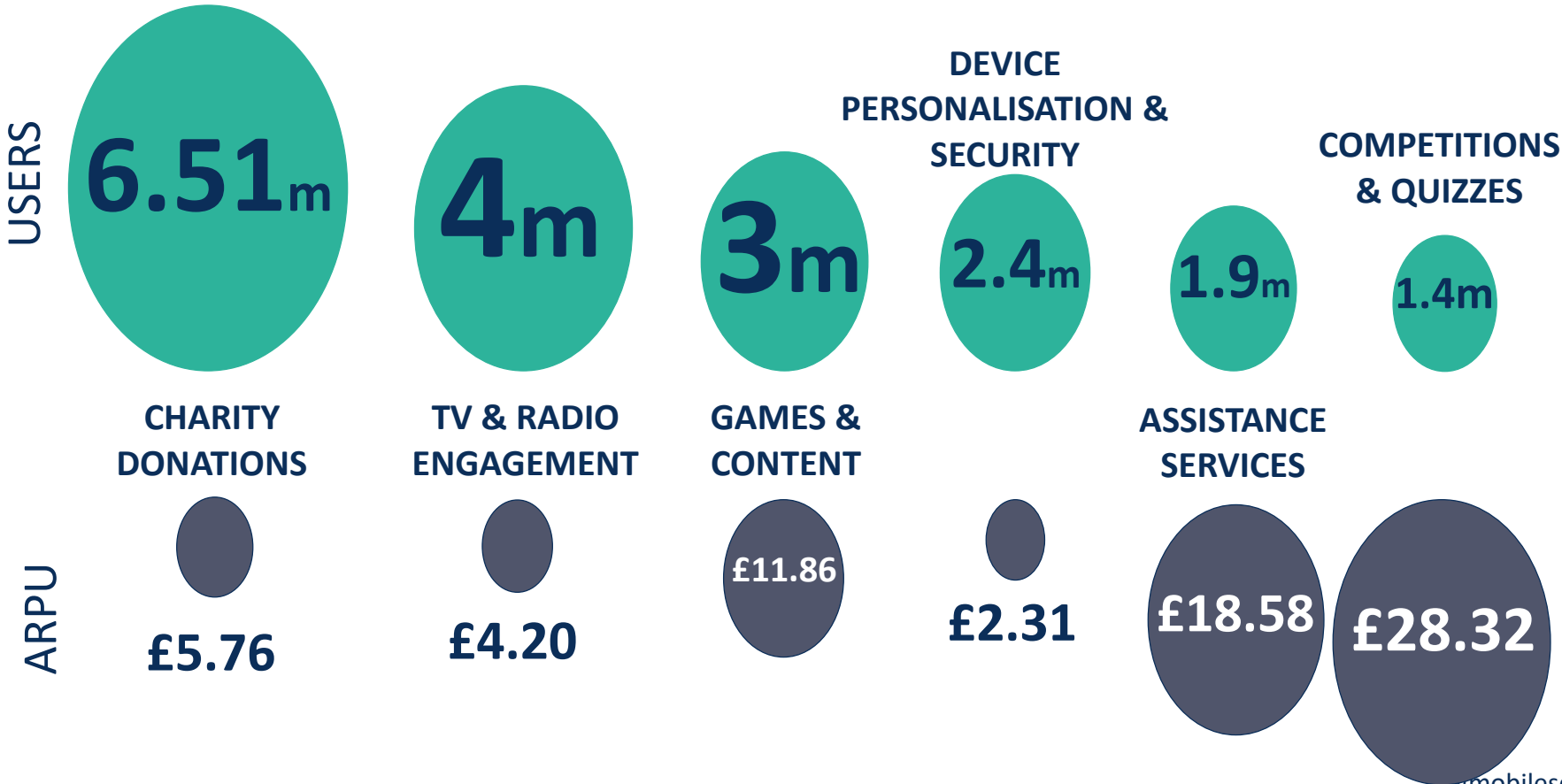
# KEY STATS

Avg users per service type

**1.85** million

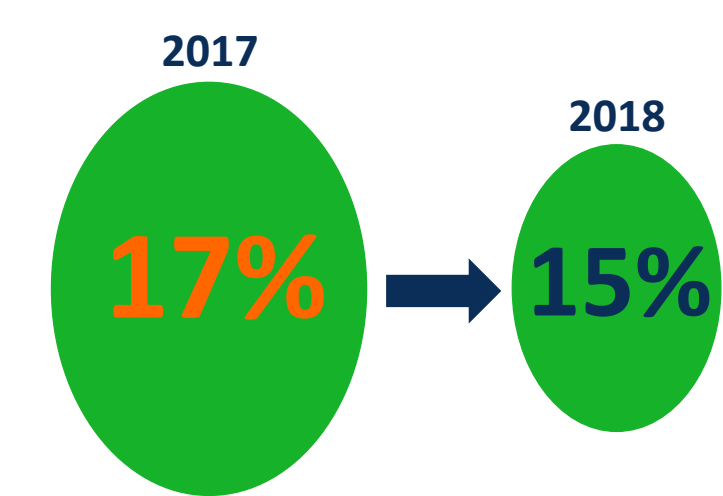
Avg ARPU per service type

**£11.81**



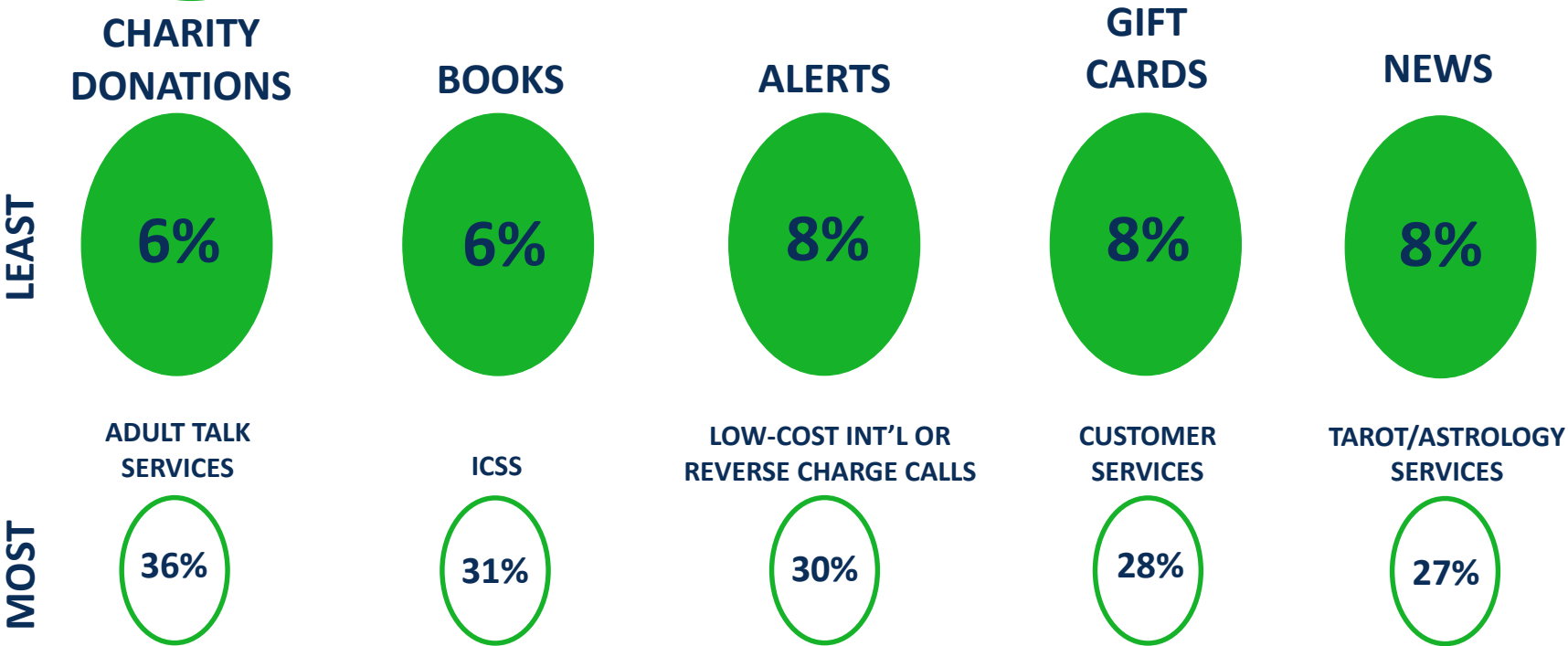
# Consumer research

# PROBLEMS

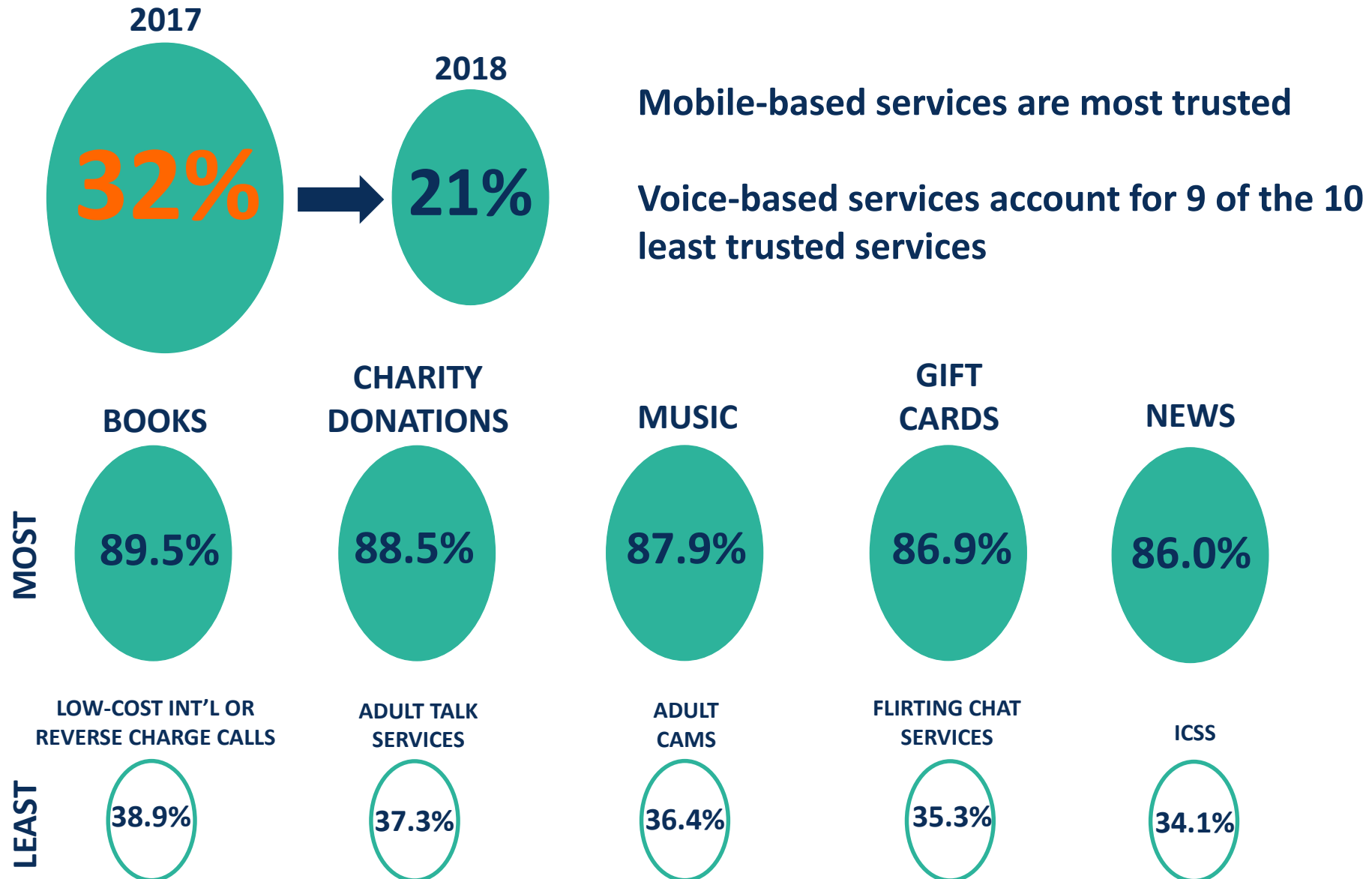


Voice-based services most likely to experience a problem

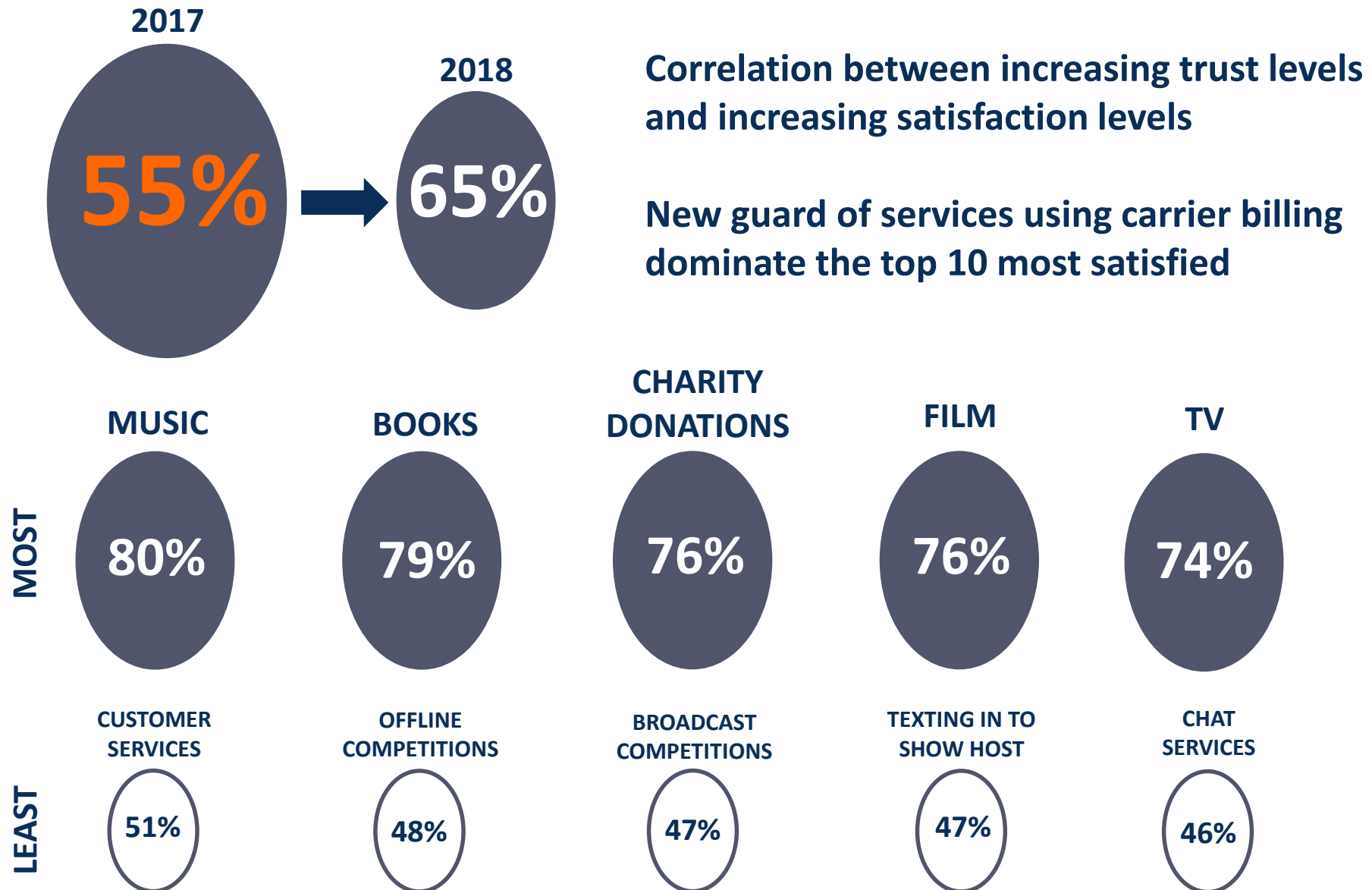
64% of users experiencing a problem will either reduce their usage (38%) or stop using it (26%)



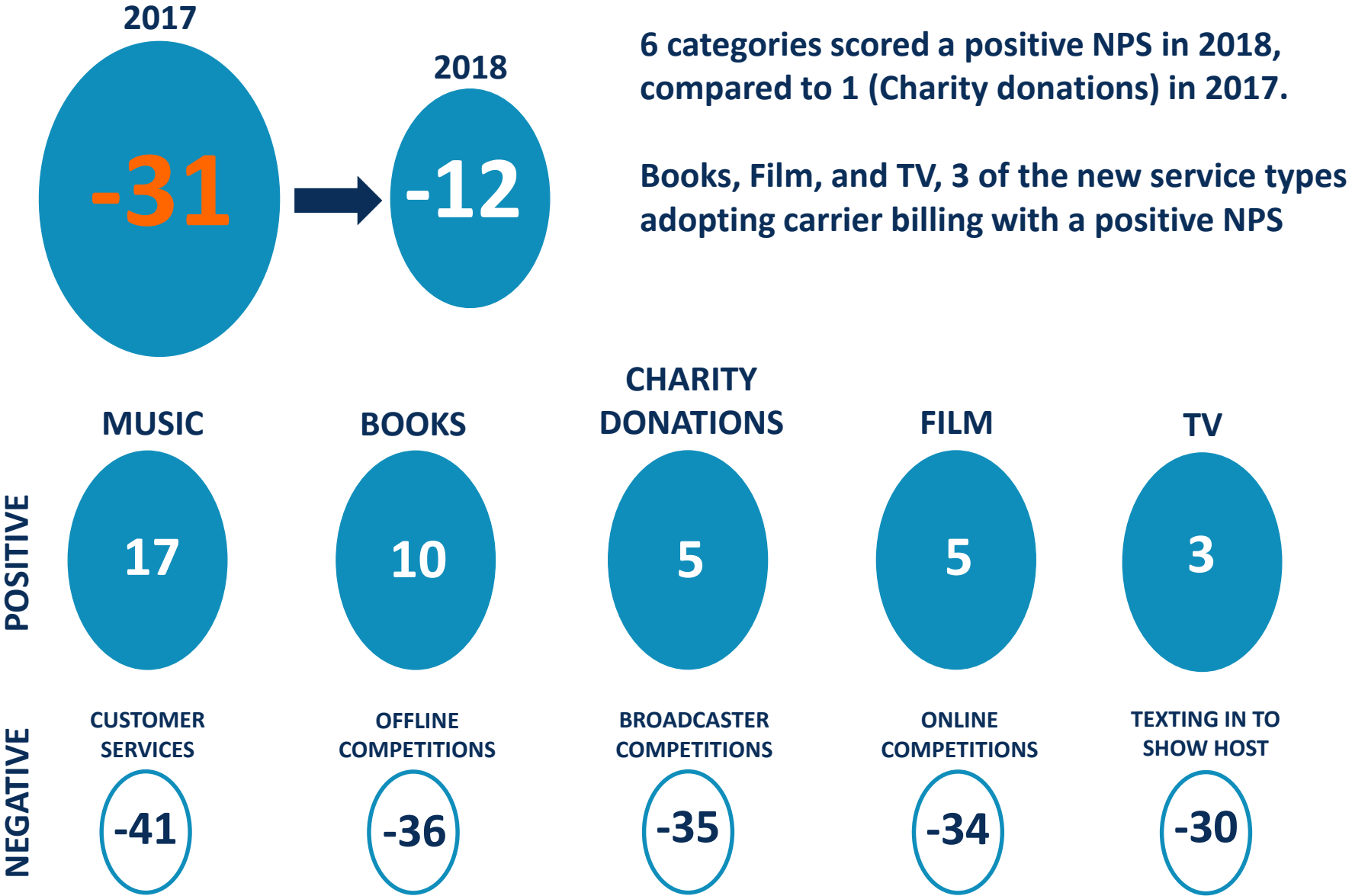
# TRUST



# SATISFACTION



# NET PROMOTER SCORE



# USAGE STATS

STOPPED USING

8%

2017  
14%

USE LESS

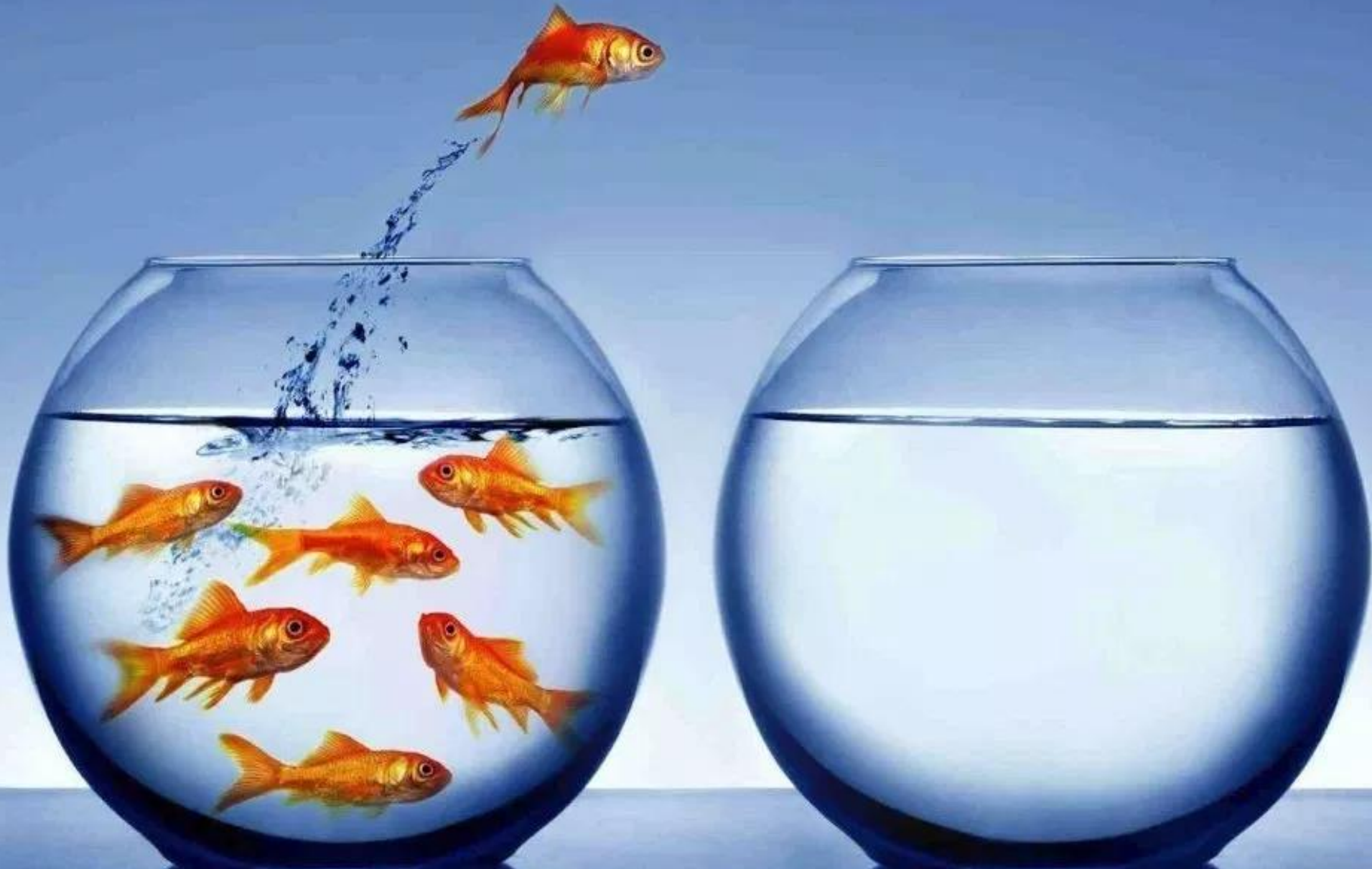
22%

2017  
24%

Phone-paid services are becoming stickier and driving longer and more lasting engagement with the consumer



# TRANSITION




# PPS MARKET SIZE, FY2018-19e (£m excl. VAT)


INCL. CHARITY  
**£580.7** million  4.6%

EXCL. CHARITY  
**£530.6** million  2.5%




 26%

 -12%

 34%

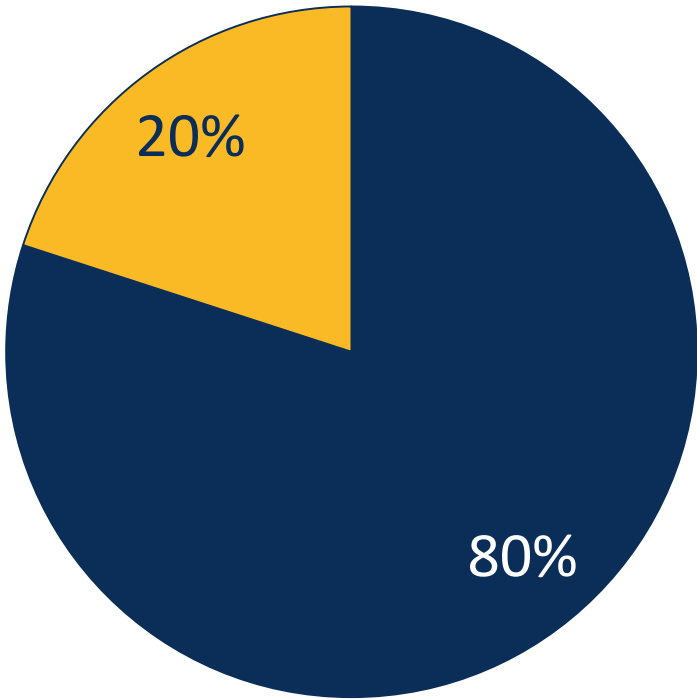
 -4%

 -8%

 -30%

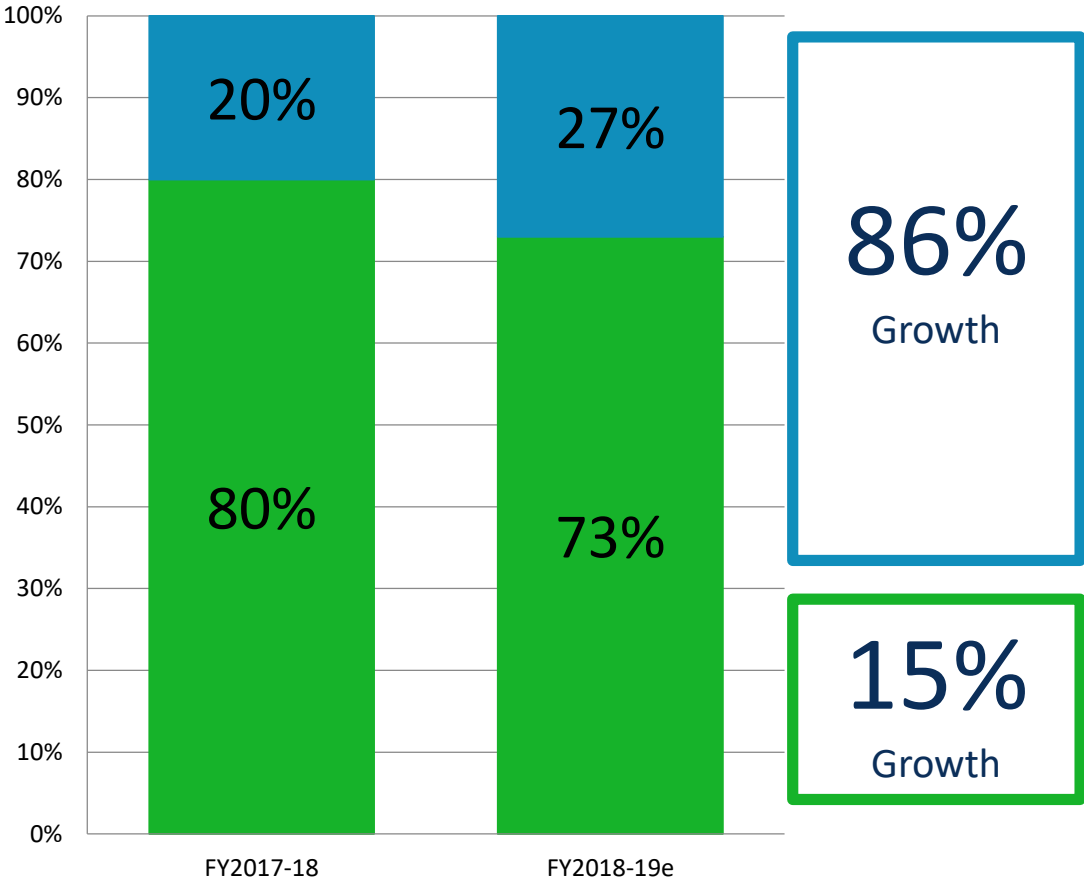
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Operator billing, PFI revenues,  
FY2017-18



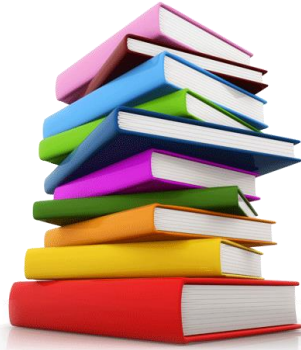
■ Existing services   ■ New services

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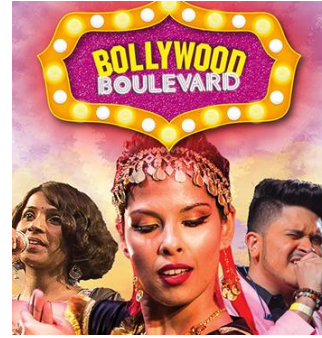


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# OPERATOR BILLING DRIVERS



**BOOKS &  
MAGAZINE**



**TV & FILM  
SERVICES**



**HEALTH, FITNESS &  
WELLBEING**



**EDUCATION**



**ON THEIR  
WAY...**



# THE TRANSITION

FEWEST PROBLEMS	MOST TRUSTED	MOST SATISFACTION	HIGHEST NPS
ALERTS	MUSIC	MUSIC	MUSIC
NEWS	NEWS	FILM	FILM
GIFT CARDS	GIFT CARDS	TV	TV
BOOKS	BOOKS	BOOKS	BOOKS
CHARITY	CHARITY	CHARITY	CHARITY

- Consumer perception of phone-paid services improving: trust, satisfaction and NPS on the up, problems on the decline
- Phone-paid services market now viewed as a cleaner ecosystem
- New services driving the growth; operator billing has arrived!
- Industry needs to maintain its current trajectory to ensure the market meets the necessary conditions to continue to roll out new services that consumers want that will engender confidence and lead to a sustainable future.

# Panel discussion

Improving the post-purchase consumer experience

**Meg Munn**, PSA Board Member

**John Facenfield**, Consumer Dispute Resolution Ltd

**Louisa Harris**, Fonix

**Chris Newell**, Mobile Refunds

**Simon Towler**, PSA

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