

2015 National NHS staff survey

**Brief summary of results from South East Coast Ambulance
Service NHS Foundation Trust**

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1. Introduction to this report

This report presents the findings of the 2015 national NHS staff survey conducted in South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

In section 2 of this report, we present an overall indicator of staff engagement. Full details of how this indicator was created can be found in the document ***Making sense of your staff survey data***, which can be downloaded from www.nhsstaffsurveys.com.

In sections 3 and 4 of this report, the findings of the questionnaire have been summarised and presented in the form of 32 Key Findings.

These sections of the report have been structured around four of the seven pledges to staff in the NHS Constitution which was published in March 2013 (<http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Rightsandpledges/NHSConstitution>) plus three additional themes:

- Staff Pledge 1: To provide all staff with clear roles and responsibilities and rewarding jobs for teams and individuals that make a difference to patients, their families and carers and communities.
- Staff Pledge 2: To provide all staff with personal development, access to appropriate education and training for their jobs, and line management support to enable them to fulfil their potential.
- Staff Pledge 3: To provide support and opportunities for staff to maintain their health, well-being and safety.
- Staff Pledge 4: To engage staff in decisions that affect them and the services they provide, individually, through representative organisations and through local partnership working arrangements. All staff will be empowered to put forward ways to deliver better and safer services for patients and their families.
- Additional theme: Equality and diversity
- Additional theme: Errors and incidents
- Additional theme: Patient experience measures

Please note, the questionnaire, key findings and benchmarking groups have all undergone substantial revision since the previous staff survey. For more detail on these changes, please see the ***Making sense of your staff survey data*** document.

As in previous years, there are two types of Key Finding:

- percentage scores, i.e. percentage of staff giving a particular response to one, or a series of, survey questions
- scale summary scores, calculated by converting staff responses to particular questions into scores. For each of these scale summary scores, the minimum score is always 1 and the maximum score is 5

A longer and more detailed report of the 2015 survey results for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust can be downloaded from: www.nhsstaffsurveys.com. This report provides detailed breakdowns of the Key Finding scores by directorate, occupational groups and demographic groups, and details of each question included in the core questionnaire.

Your Organisation

The scores presented below are un-weighted question level scores for questions Q21a, Q21b, Q21c and Q21d and the un-weighted score for Key Finding 1. The percentages for Q21a – Q21d are created by combining the responses for those who “Agree” and “Strongly Agree” compared to the total number of staff that responded to the question.

Q21a, Q21c and Q21d feed into Key Finding 1 “Staff recommendation of the organisation as a place to work or receive treatment”.

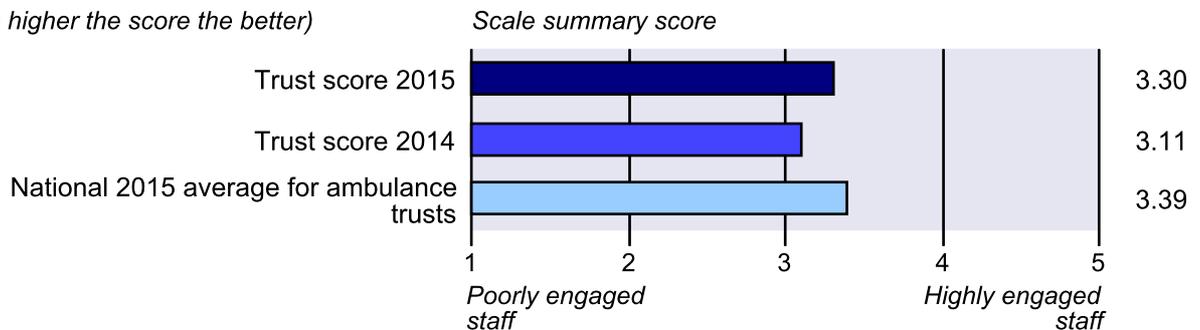
		Your Trust in 2015	Average (median) for ambulance trusts	Your Trust in 2014
Q21a	"Care of patients / service users is my organisation's top priority"	42%	52%	33%
Q21b	"My organisation acts on concerns raised by patients / service users"	56%	59%	45%
Q21c	"I would recommend my organisation as a place to work"	35%	41%	28%
Q21d	"If a friend or relative needed treatment, I would be happy with the standard of care provided by this organisation"	65%	65%	56%
KF1.	Staff recommendation of the organisation as a place to work or receive treatment (Q21a, 21c-d)	3.15	3.33	2.88

2. Overall indicator of staff engagement for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

The figure below shows how South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust compares with other ambulance trusts on an overall indicator of staff engagement. Possible scores range from 1 to 5, with 1 indicating that staff are poorly engaged (with their work, their team and their trust) and 5 indicating that staff are highly engaged. The trust's score of 3.30 was **below (worse than) average** when compared with trusts of a similar type.

OVERALL STAFF ENGAGEMENT

(the higher the score the better)



This overall indicator of staff engagement has been calculated using the questions that make up Key Findings 1, 4 and 7. These Key Findings relate to the following aspects of staff engagement: staff members' perceived ability to contribute to improvements at work (Key Finding 7); their willingness to recommend the trust as a place to work or receive treatment (Key Finding 1); and the extent to which they feel motivated and engaged with their work (Key Finding 4).

The table below shows how South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust compares with other ambulance trusts on each of the sub-dimensions of staff engagement, and whether there has been a change since the 2014 survey.

	Change since 2014 survey	Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts
OVERALL STAFF ENGAGEMENT	✓ Increase (better than 14)	! Below (worse than) average
KF1. Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment <i>(the extent to which staff think care of patients/service users is the trust's top priority, would recommend their trust to others as a place to work, and would be happy with the standard of care provided by the trust if a friend or relative needed treatment.)</i>	✓ Increase (better than 14)	! Below (worse than) average
KF4. Staff motivation at work <i>(the extent to which they look forward to going to work, and are enthusiastic about and absorbed in their jobs.)</i>	✓ Increase (better than 14)	! Below (worse than) average
KF7. Staff ability to contribute towards improvements at work <i>(the extent to which staff are able to make suggestions to improve the work of their team, have frequent opportunities to show initiative in their role, and are able to make improvements at work.)</i>	✓ Increase (better than 14)	• Average

Full details of how the overall indicator of staff engagement was created can be found in the document ***Making sense of your staff survey data.***

3. Summary of 2015 Key Findings for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

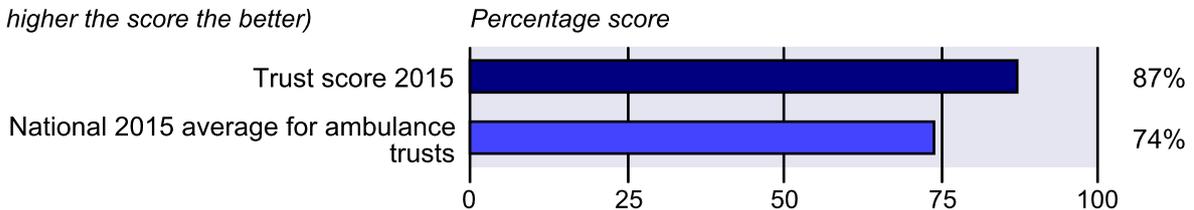
3.1 Top and Bottom Ranking Scores

This page highlights the five Key Findings for which South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust compares most favourably with other ambulance trusts in England.

TOP FIVE RANKING SCORES

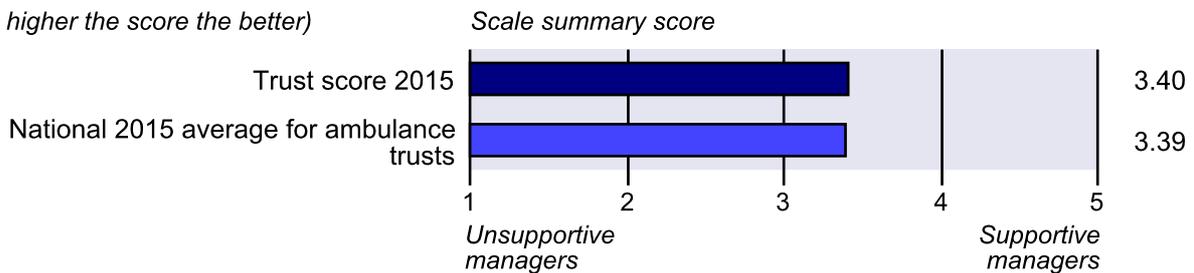
✓ KF11. Percentage of staff appraised in last 12 months

(the higher the score the better)



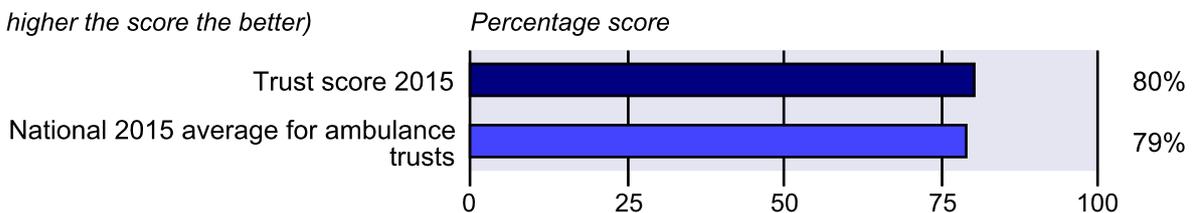
✓ KF10. Support from immediate managers

(the higher the score the better)



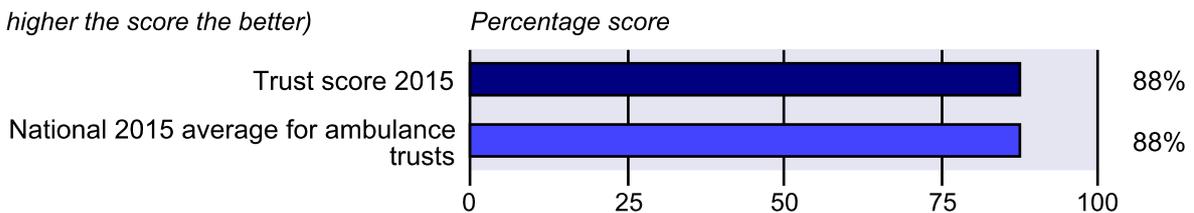
✓ KF29. Percentage of staff reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last month

(the higher the score the better)



✓ KF3. Percentage of staff agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients / service users

(the higher the score the better)



✓ KF19. Organisation and management interest in and action on health and wellbeing

(the higher the score the better)



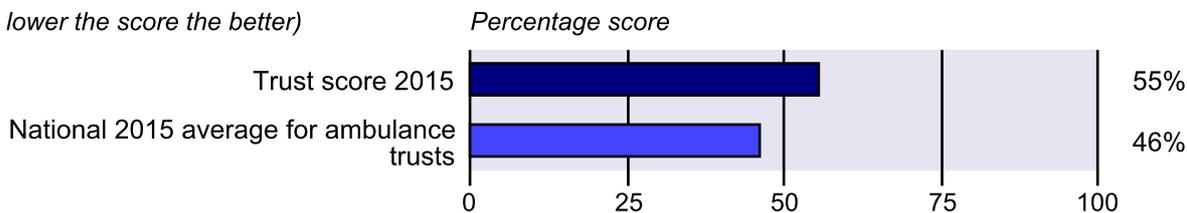
For each of the 32 Key Findings, the ambulance trusts in England were placed in order from 1 (the top ranking score) to 11 (the bottom ranking score). South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's five highest ranking scores are presented here, i.e. those for which the trust's Key Finding score is ranked closest to 1. Further details about this can be found in the document **Making sense of your staff survey data**.

This page highlights the five Key Findings for which South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust compares least favourably with other ambulance trusts in England. It is suggested that these areas might be seen as a starting point for local action to improve as an employer.

BOTTOM FIVE RANKING SCORES

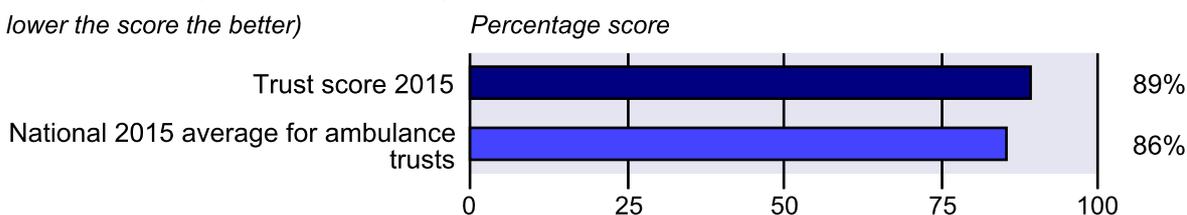
! KF25. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



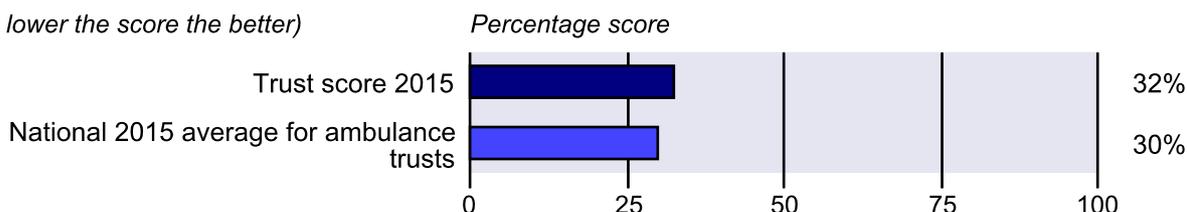
! KF16. Percentage of staff working extra hours

(the lower the score the better)



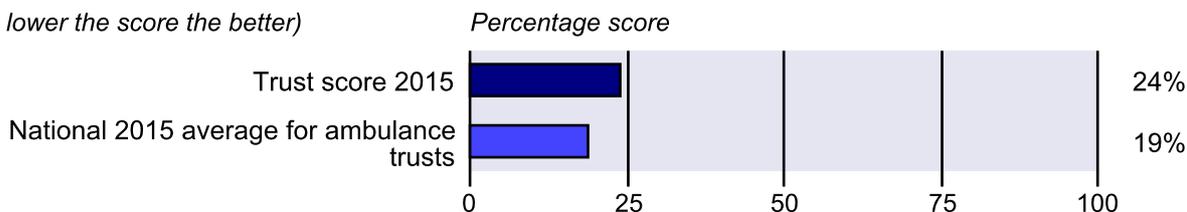
! KF26. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from staff in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



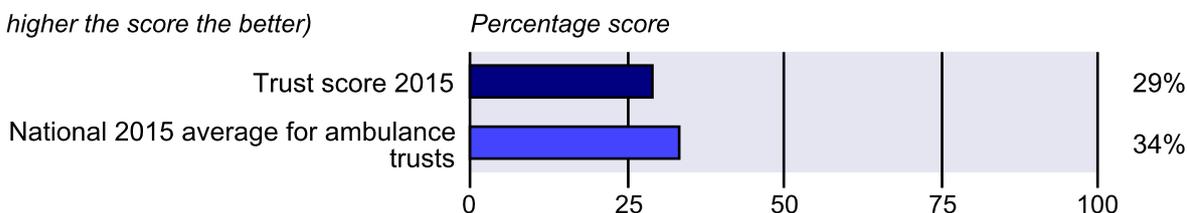
! KF20. Percentage of staff experiencing discrimination at work in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



! KF15. Percentage of staff satisfied with the opportunities for flexible working patterns

(the higher the score the better)



For each of the 32 Key Findings, the ambulance trusts in England were placed in order from 1 (the top ranking score) to 11 (the bottom ranking score). South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's five lowest ranking scores are presented here, i.e. those for which the trust's Key Finding score is ranked closest to 11. Further details about this can be found in the document *Making sense of your staff survey data*.

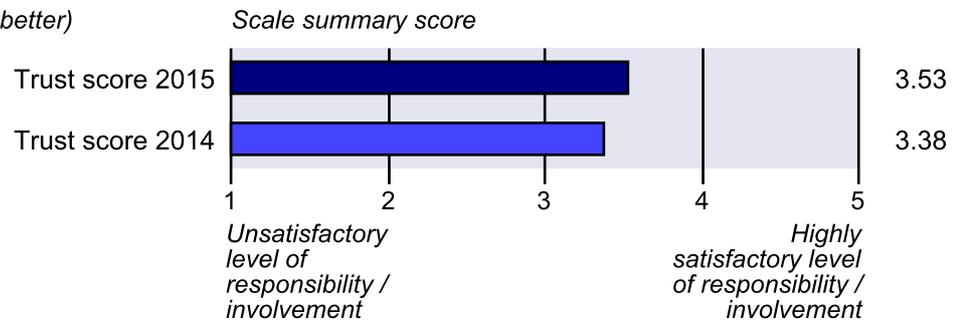
3.2 Largest Local Changes since the 2014 Survey

This page highlights the five Key Findings where staff experiences have improved at South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust since the 2014 survey. (This is a positive local result. However, please note that, as shown in section 3.3, when compared with other ambulance trusts in England, the score for Key finding KF4 is worse than average).

WHERE STAFF EXPERIENCE HAS IMPROVED

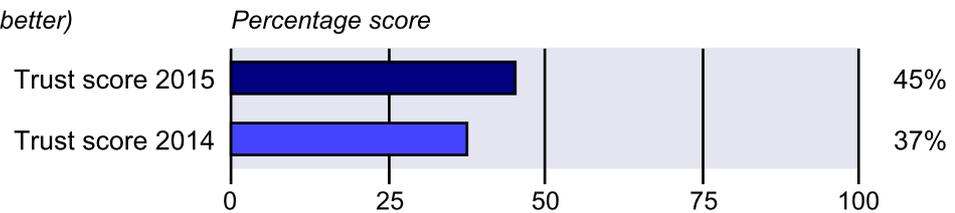
✓ KF8. Staff satisfaction with level of responsibility and involvement

(the higher the score the better)



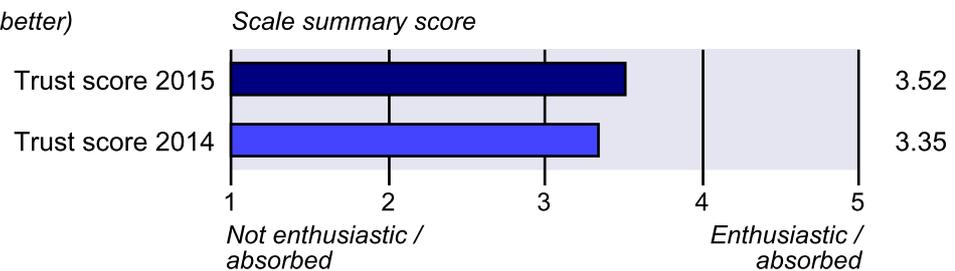
✓ KF7. Percentage of staff able to contribute towards improvements at work

(the higher the score the better)



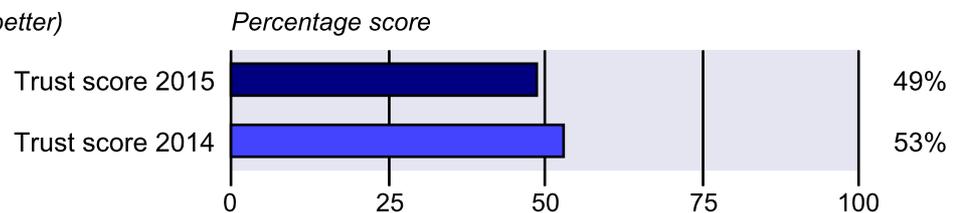
✓ KF4. Staff motivation at work

(the higher the score the better)



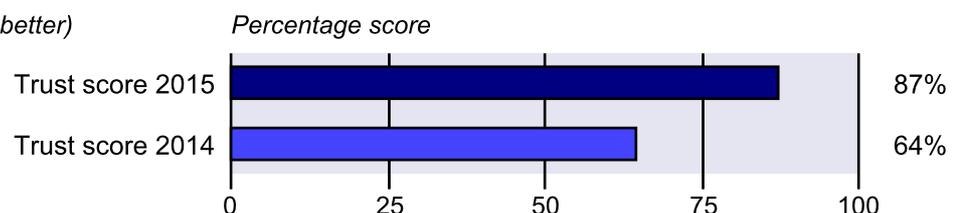
✓ KF17. Percentage of staff suffering work related stress in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



✓ KF11. Percentage of staff appraised in last 12 months

(the higher the score the better)



3.2. Summary of all Key Findings for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

KEY

Green = Positive finding, e.g. there has been a statistically significant positive change in the Key Finding since the 2014 survey.

Red = Negative finding, e.g. there has been a statistically significant negative change in the Key Finding since the 2014 survey.

Grey = No change, e.g. there has been no statistically significant change in this Key Finding since the 2014 survey.

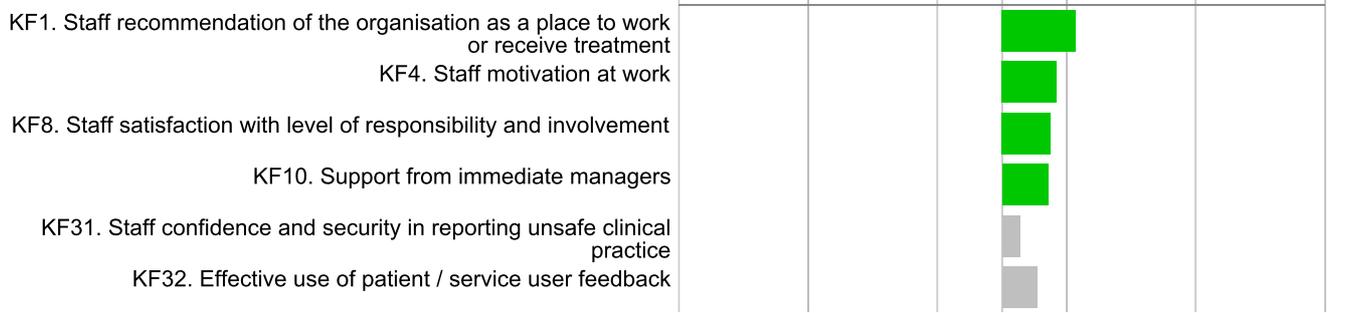
For most of the Key Finding scores in this table, the higher the score the better. However, there are some scores for which a high score would represent a negative finding. For these scores, which are marked with an asterisk and in *italics*, the lower the score the better.

Change since 2014 survey

-30% -20% -10% 0% 10% 20% 30%



-1.0 -0.6 -0.2 0.2 0.6 1.0



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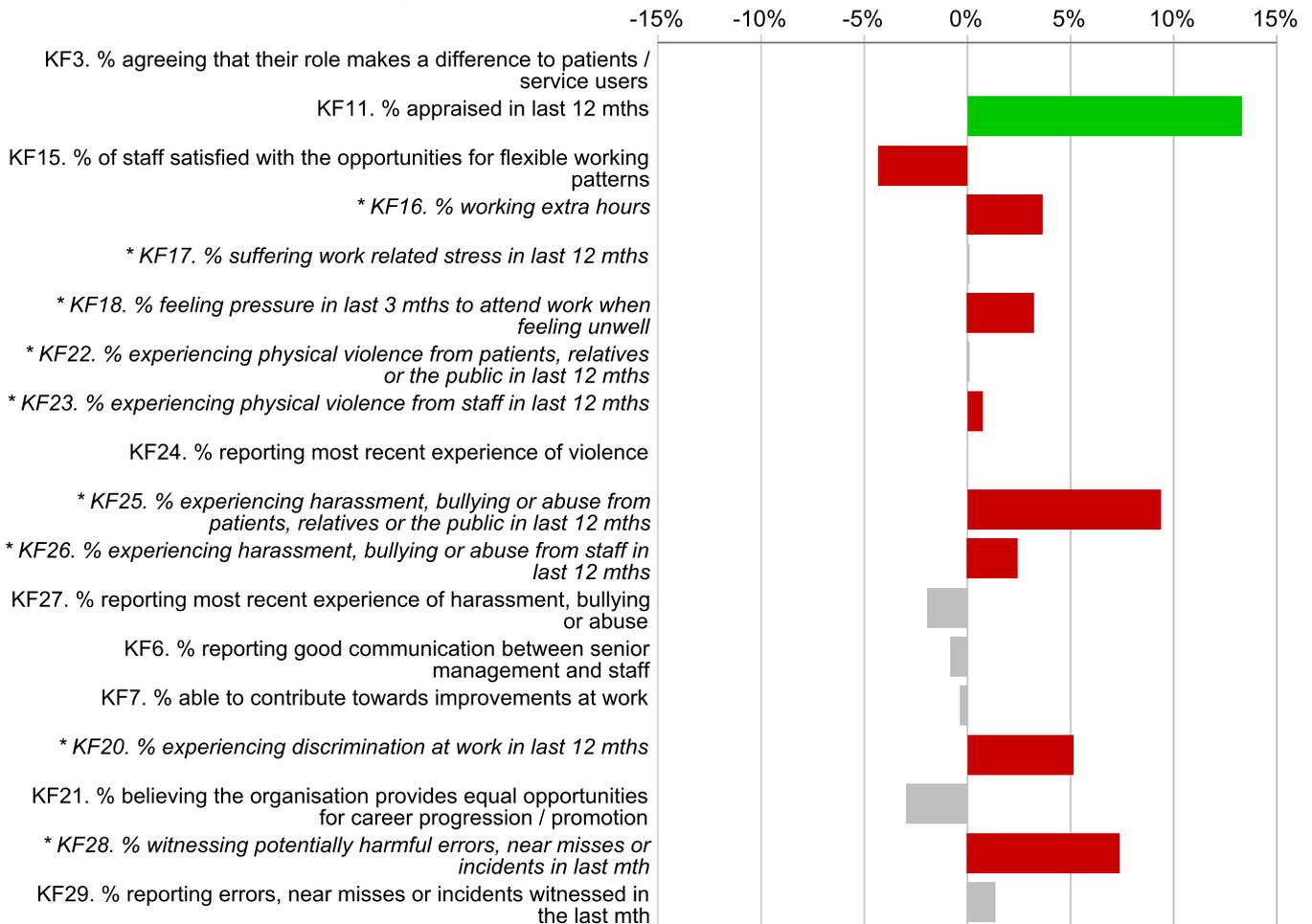
Green = Positive finding, e.g. better than average.

Red = Negative finding, e.g. worse than average.

Grey = Average.

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Comparison with all ambulance trusts in 2015



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Comparison with all ambulance trusts in 2015 (cont)



3.3. Summary of all Key Findings for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

KEY

✓ Green = Positive finding, e.g. better than average, better than 2014.

! Red = Negative finding, e.g. worse than average, worse than 2014.

'Change since 2014 survey' indicates whether there has been a statistically significant change in the Key Finding since the 2014 survey.

-- Because of changes to the format of the survey questions this year, comparisons with the 2014 score are not possible.

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Change since 2014 survey Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts in 2015

STAFF PLEDGE 1: To provide all staff with clear roles, responsibilities and rewarding jobs.

KF1. Staff recommendation of the organisation as a place to work or receive treatment	✓ Increase (better than 14)	! Below (worse than) average
KF2. Staff satisfaction with the quality of work and patient care they are able to deliver	--	• Average
KF3. % agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients / service users	--	• Average
KF4. Staff motivation at work	✓ Increase (better than 14)	! Below (worse than) average
KF5. Recognition and value of staff by managers and the organisation	--	• Average
KF8. Staff satisfaction with level of responsibility and involvement	✓ Increase (better than 14)	• Average
KF9. Effective team working	--	! Below (worse than) average
KF14. Staff satisfaction with resourcing and support	--	• Average

STAFF PLEDGE 2: To provide all staff with personal development, access to appropriate education and training for their jobs, and line management support to enable them to fulfil their potential.

KF10. Support from immediate managers	✓ Increase (better than 14)	✓ Above (better than) average
KF11. % appraised in last 12 mths	✓ Increase (better than 14)	✓ Above (better than) average
KF12. Quality of appraisals	--	! Below (worse than) average
KF13. Quality of non-mandatory training, learning or development	--	! Below (worse than) average

STAFF PLEDGE 3: To provide support and opportunities for staff to maintain their health, well-being and safety.

Health and well-being

KF15. % of staff satisfied with the opportunities for flexible working patterns	--	! Below (worse than) average
* KF16. % working extra hours	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
* KF17. % suffering work related stress in last 12 mths	✓ Decrease (better than 14)	• Average
* KF18. % feeling pressure in last 3 mths to attend work when feeling unwell	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
KF19. Org and mgmt interest in and action on health / wellbeing	--	• Average

3.3. Summary of all Key Findings for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (cont)

	Change since 2014 survey	Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts in 2015
Violence and harassment		
* KF22. % experiencing physical violence from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 mths	• No change	• Average
* KF23. % experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 mths	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
KF24. % reporting most recent experience of violence	• No change	• Average
* KF25. % experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 mths	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
* KF26. % experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from staff in last 12 mths	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
KF27. % reporting most recent experience of harassment, bullying or abuse	• No change	• Average
STAFF PLEDGE 4: To engage staff in decisions that affect them, the services they provide and empower them to put forward ways to deliver better and safer services.		
KF6. % reporting good communication between senior management and staff	✓ Increase (better than 14)	• Average
KF7. % able to contribute towards improvements at work	✓ Increase (better than 14)	• Average
ADDITIONAL THEME: Equality and diversity		
* KF20. % experiencing discrimination at work in last 12 mths	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
KF21. % believing the organisation provides equal opportunities for career progression / promotion	✓ Increase (better than 14)	• Average
ADDITIONAL THEME: Errors and incidents		
* KF28. % witnessing potentially harmful errors, near misses or incidents in last mth	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
KF29. % reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last mth	• No change	• Average
KF30. Fairness and effectiveness of procedures for reporting errors, near misses and incidents	--	! Below (worse than) average
KF31. Staff confidence and security in reporting unsafe clinical practice	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
ADDITIONAL THEME: Patient experience measures		
KF32. Effective use of patient / service user feedback	• No change	! Below (worse than) average

4. Key Findings for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

1334 staff at South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust took part in this survey. This is a response rate of 40%¹ which is above average for ambulance trusts in England, and compares with a response rate of 34% in this trust in the 2014 survey.

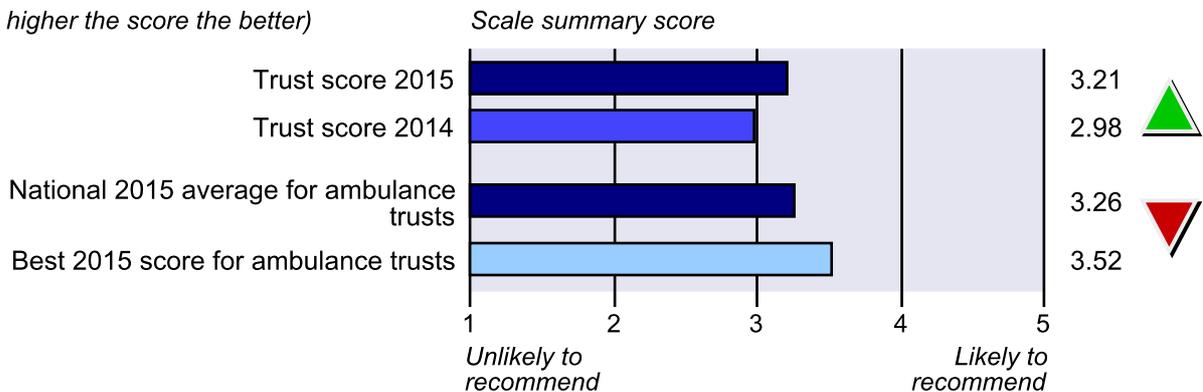
This section presents each of the 32 Key Findings, using data from the trust's 2015 survey, and compares these to other ambulance trusts in England and to the trust's performance in the 2014 survey. The findings are arranged under seven headings – the four staff pledges from the NHS Constitution, and the three additional themes of equality and diversity, errors and incidents, and patient experience measures.

Positive findings are indicated with a **green arrow** (e.g. where the trust is better than average, or where the score has improved since 2014). **Negative findings** are highlighted with a **red arrow** (e.g. where the trust's score is worse than average, or where the score is not as good as 2014). An equals sign indicates that there has been no change.

STAFF PLEDGE 1: To provide all staff with clear roles, responsibilities and rewarding jobs.

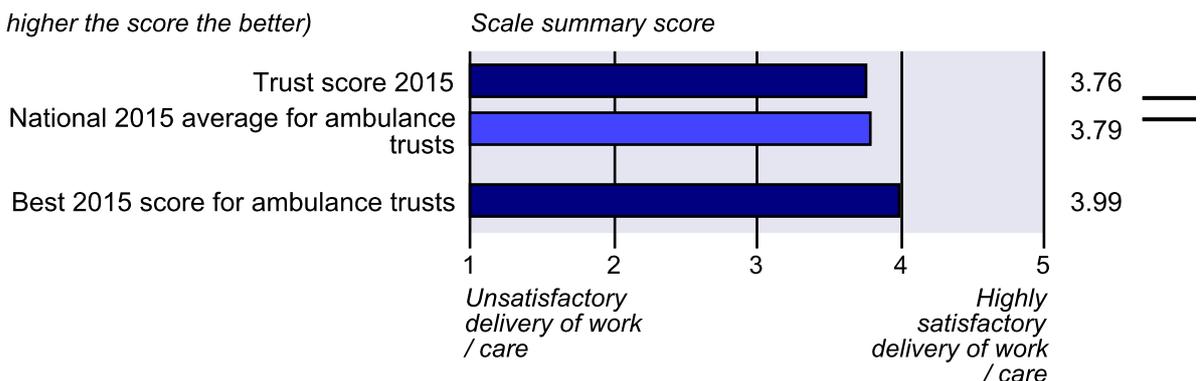
KEY FINDING 1. Staff recommendation of the organisation as a place to work or receive treatment

(the higher the score the better)



KEY FINDING 2. Staff satisfaction with the quality of work and patient care they are able to deliver

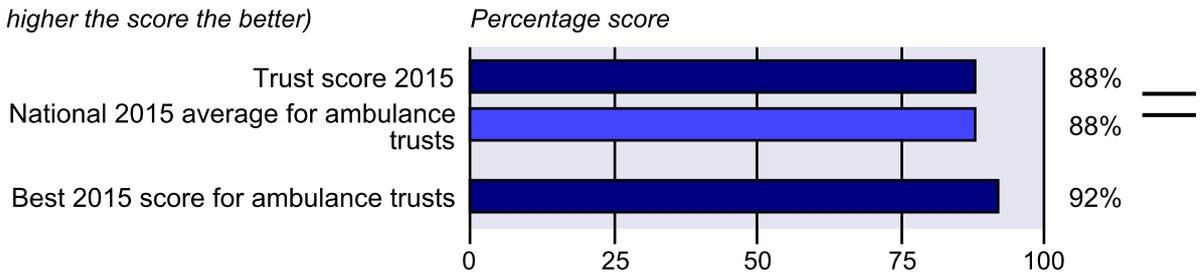
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¹Questionnaires were sent to all 3310 staff eligible to receive the survey. This includes only staff employed directly by the trust (i.e. excluding staff working for external contractors). It excludes bank staff unless they are also employed directly elsewhere in the trust. When calculating the response rate, questionnaires could only be counted if they were received with their ID number intact, by the closing date.

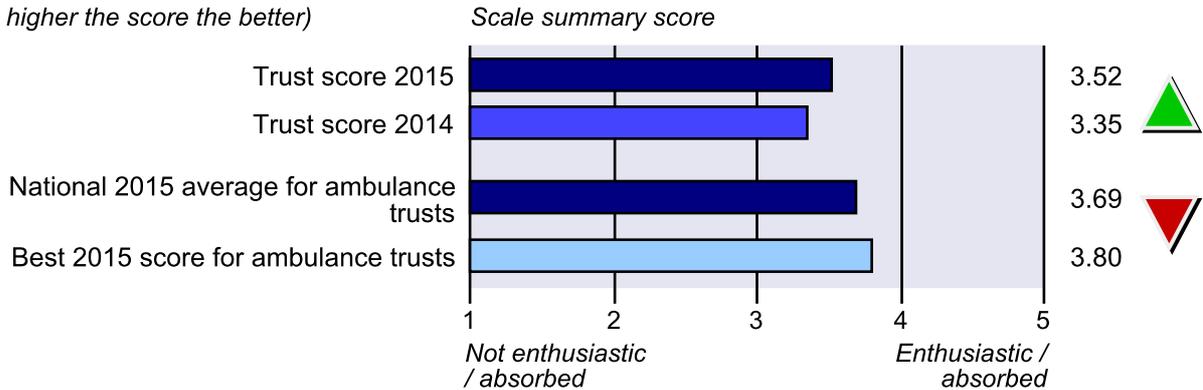
KEY FINDING 3. Percentage of staff agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients / service users

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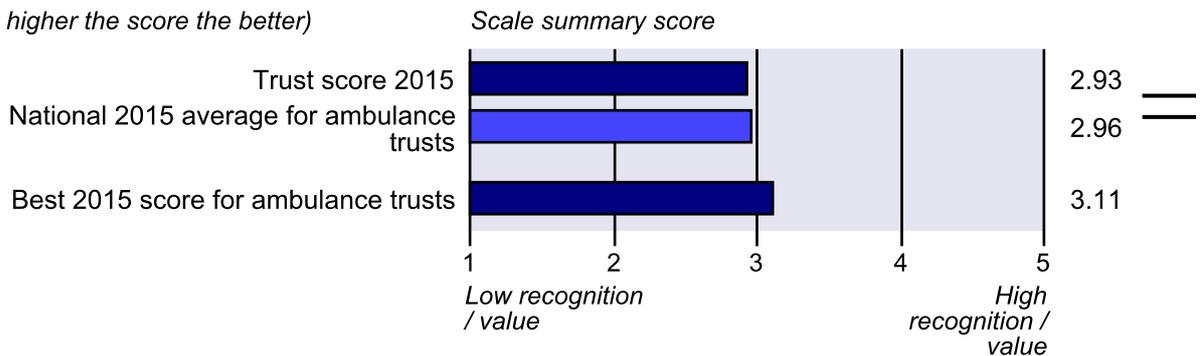
KEY FINDING 4. Staff motivation at work

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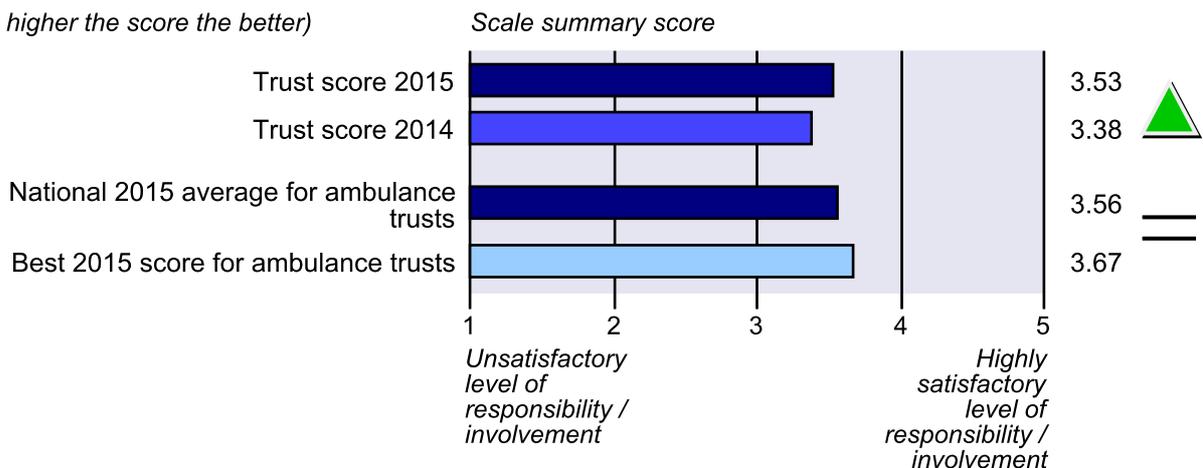
KEY FINDING 5. Recognition and value of staff by managers and the organisation

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KEY FINDING 8. Staff satisfaction with level of responsibility and involvement

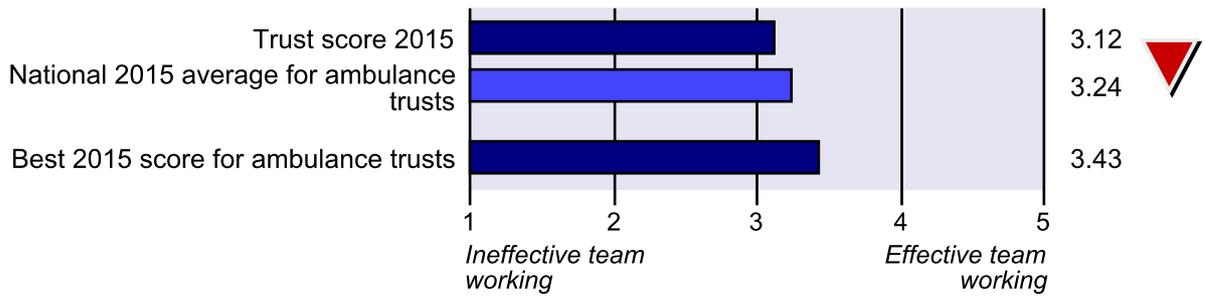
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KEY FINDING 9. Effective team working

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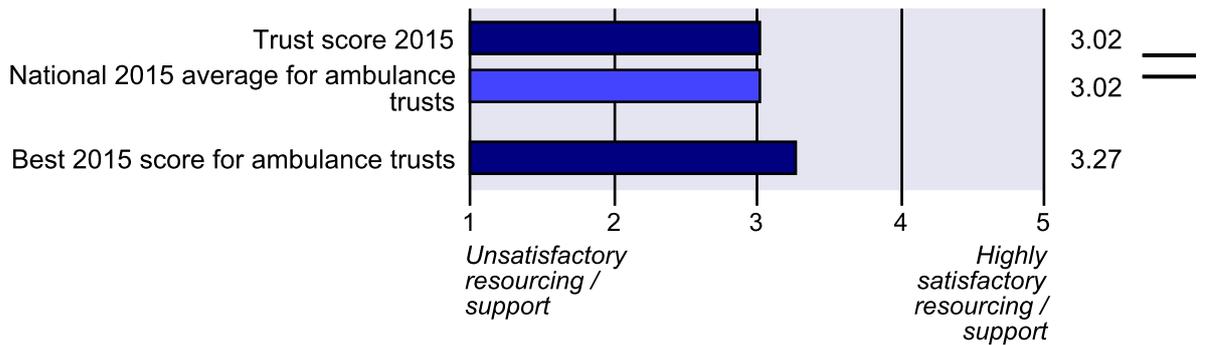
Scale summary score



KEY FINDING 14. Staff satisfaction with resourcing and support

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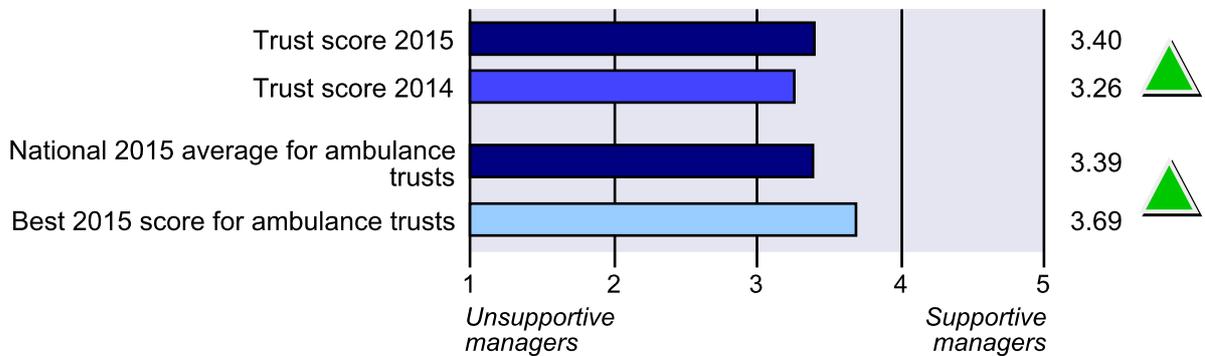


STAFF PLEDGE 2: To provide all staff with personal development, access to appropriate education and training for their jobs, and line management support to enable them to fulfil their potential.

KEY FINDING 10. Support from immediate managers

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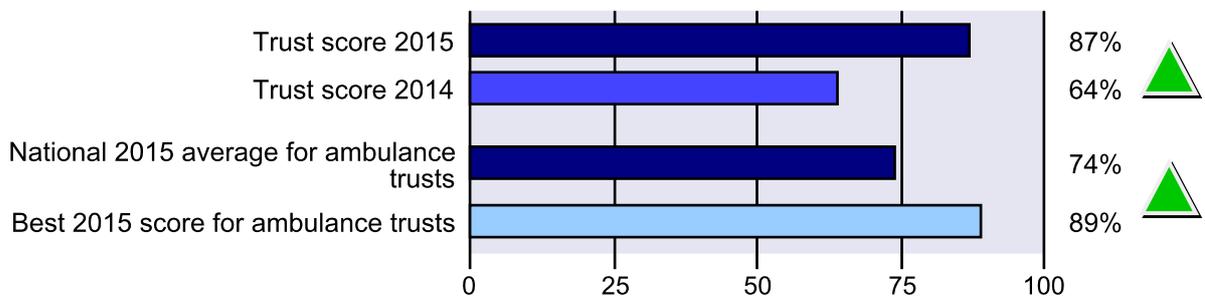
Scale summary score



KEY FINDING 11. Percentage of staff appraised in last 12 months

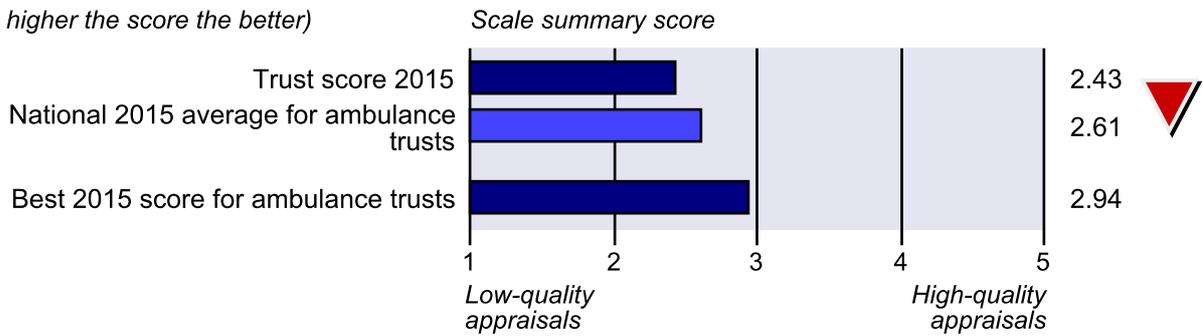
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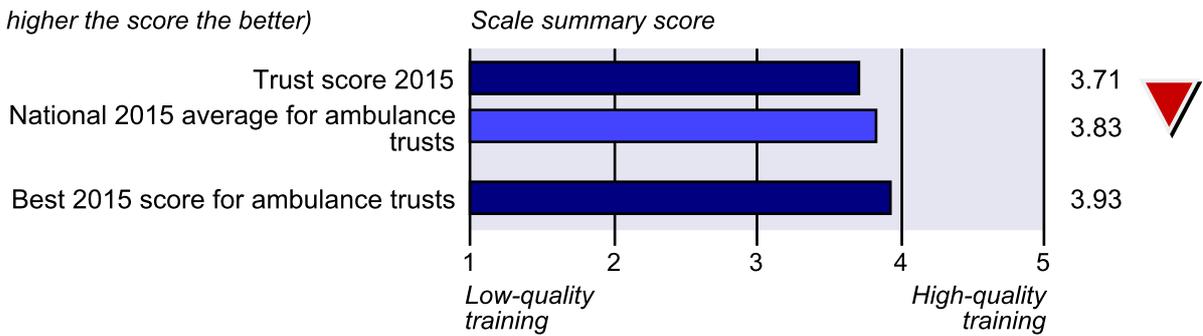
KEY FINDING 12. Quality of appraisals

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KEY FINDING 13. Quality of non-mandatory training, learning or development

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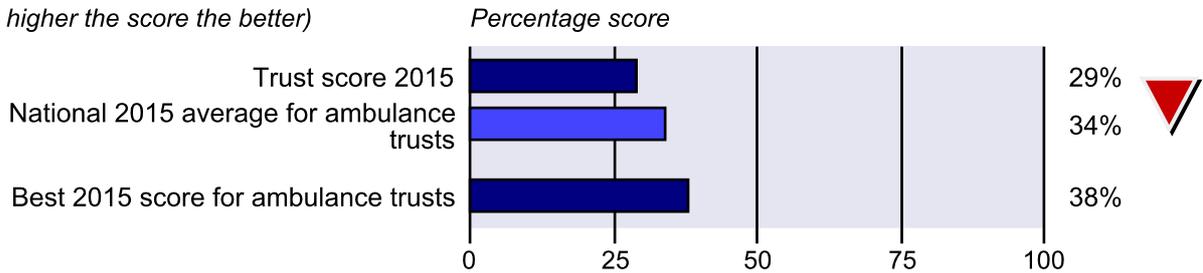


STAFF PLEDGE 3: To provide support and opportunities for staff to maintain their health, well-being and safety.

Health and well-being

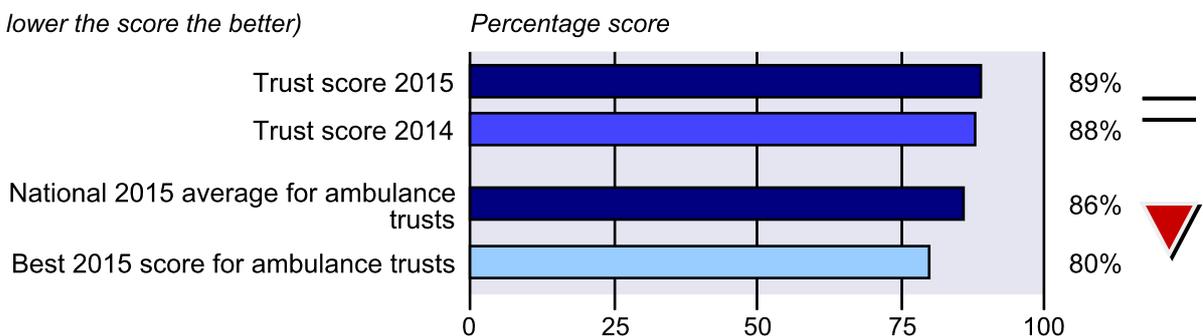
KEY FINDING 15. Percentage of staff satisfied with the opportunities for flexible working patterns

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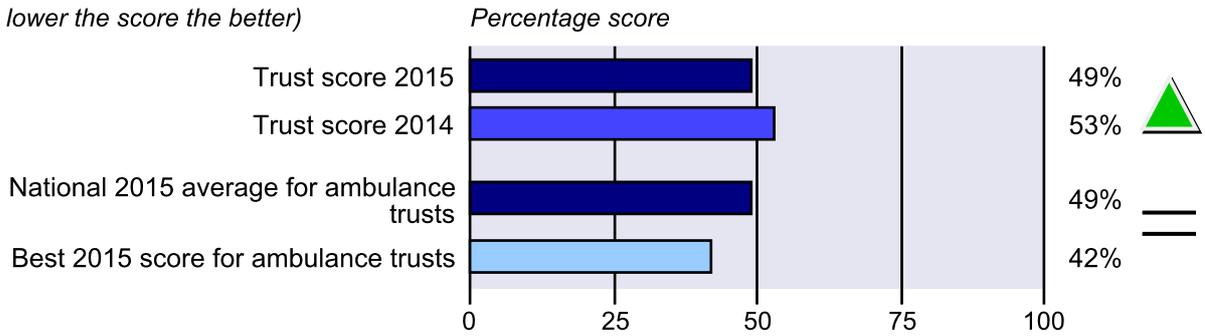
KEY FINDING 16. Percentage of staff working extra hours

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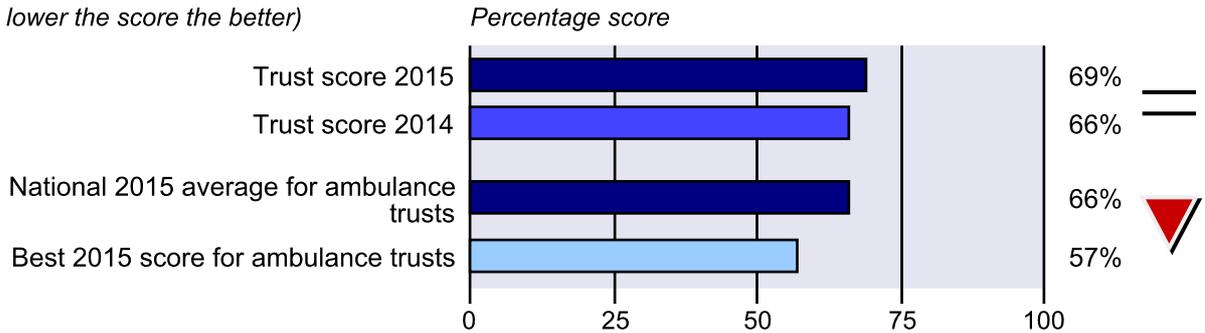
KEY FINDING 17. Percentage of staff suffering work related stress in last 12 months

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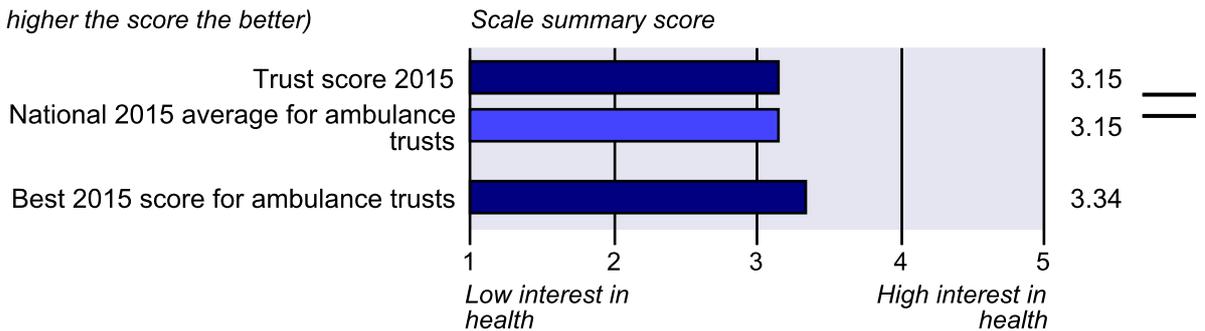
KEY FINDING 18. Percentage of staff feeling pressure in the last 3 months to attend work when feeling unwell

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KEY FINDING 19. Organisation and management interest in and action on health and wellbeing

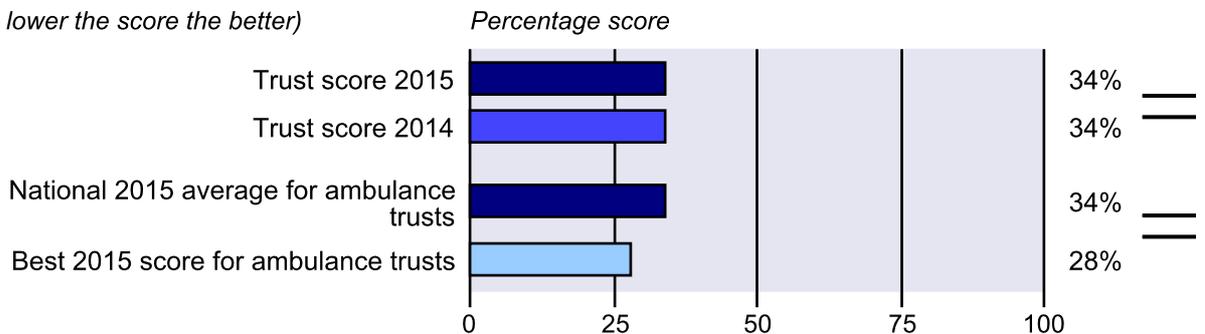
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Violence and harassment

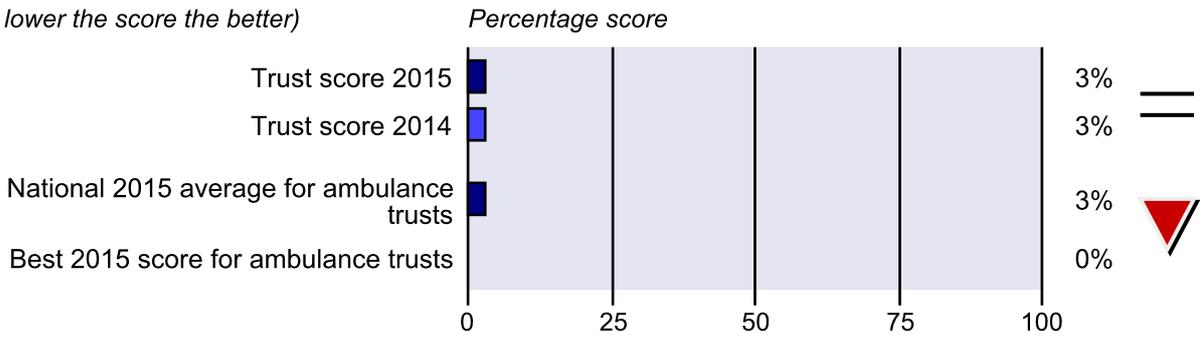
KEY FINDING 22. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



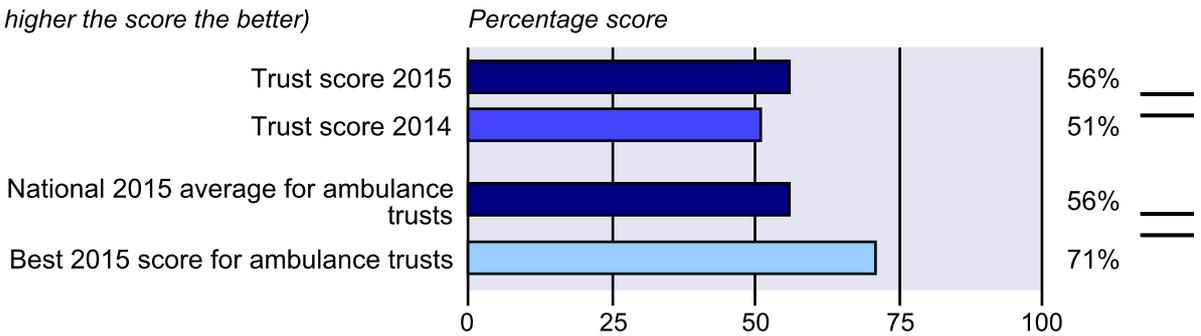
KEY FINDING 23. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 months

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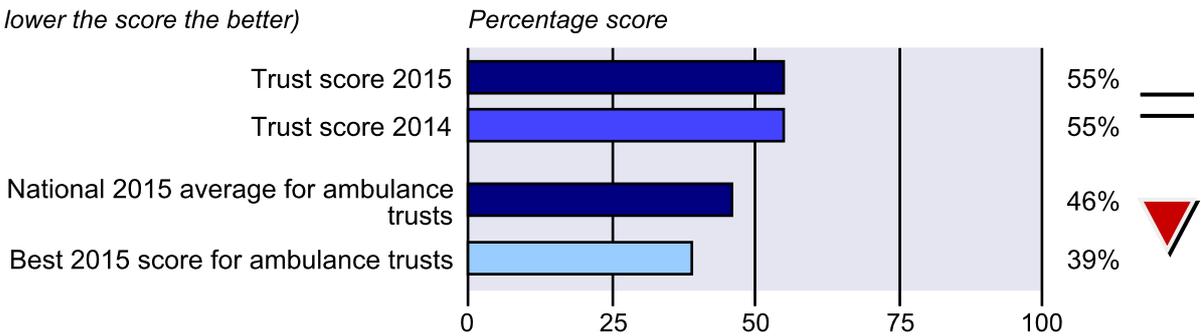
KEY FINDING 24. Percentage of staff / colleagues reporting most recent experience of violence

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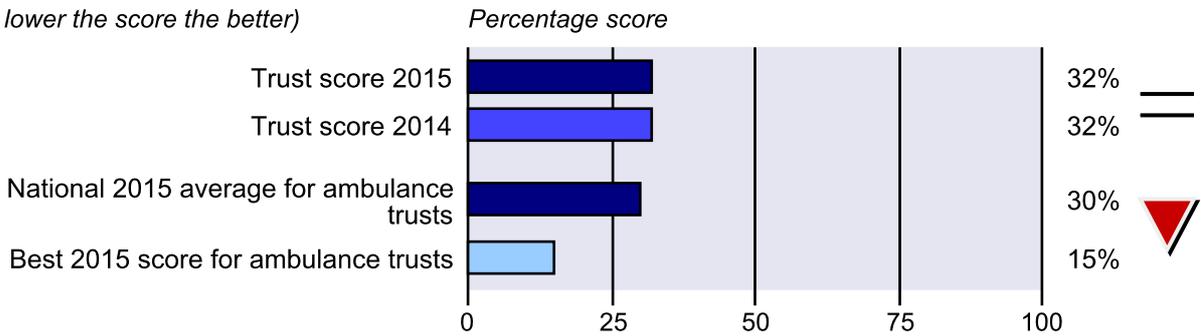
KEY FINDING 25. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

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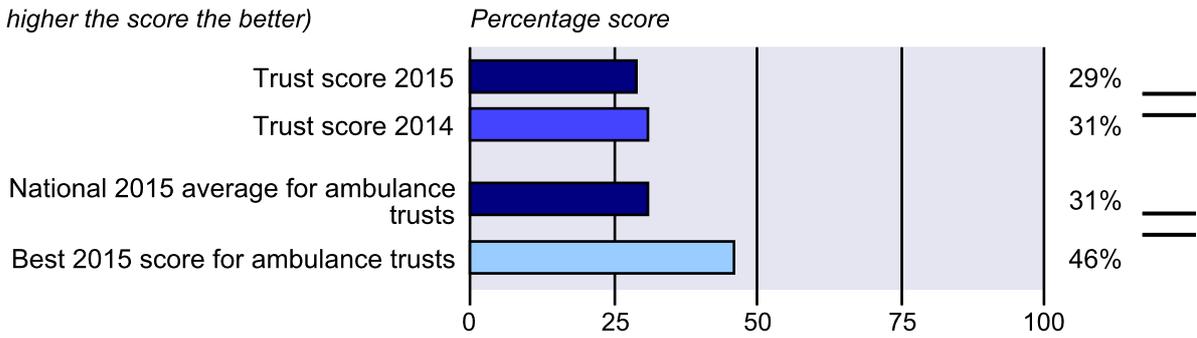
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KEY FINDING 27. Percentage of staff / colleagues reporting most recent experience of harassment, bullying or abuse

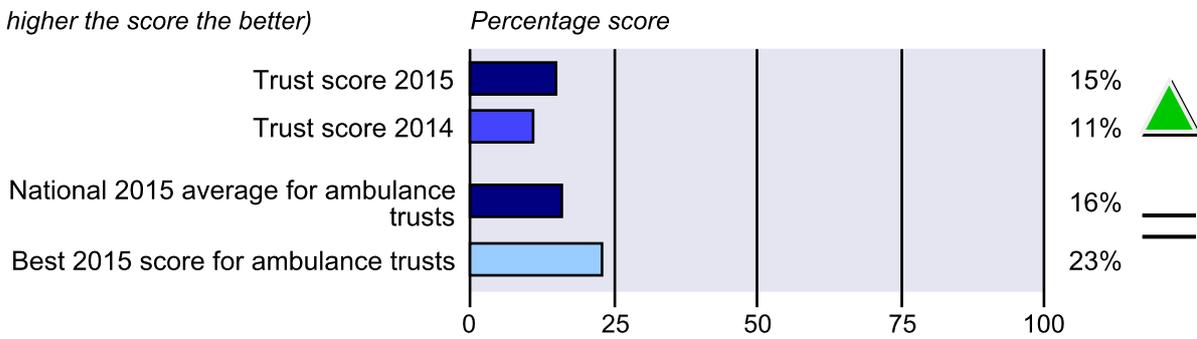
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STAFF PLEDGE 4: To engage staff in decisions that affect them, the services they provide and empower them to put forward ways to deliver better and safer services.

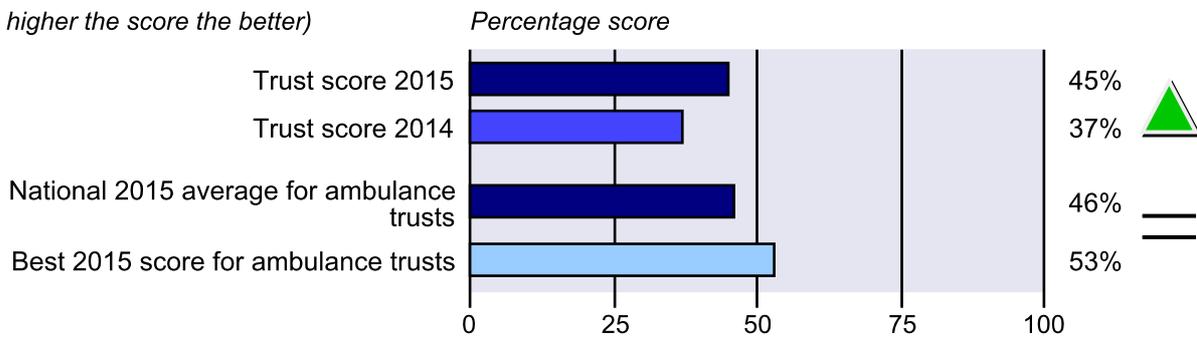
KEY FINDING 6. Percentage of staff reporting good communication between senior management and staff

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KEY FINDING 7. Percentage of staff able to contribute towards improvements at work

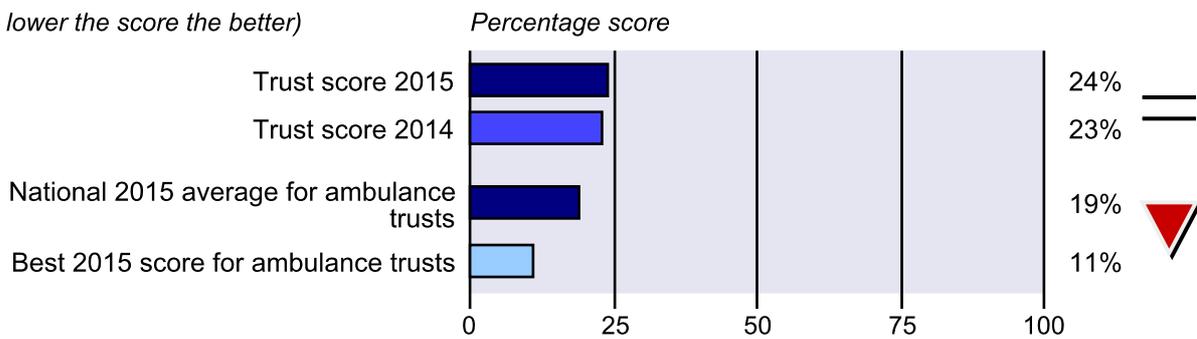
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ADDITIONAL THEME: Equality and diversity

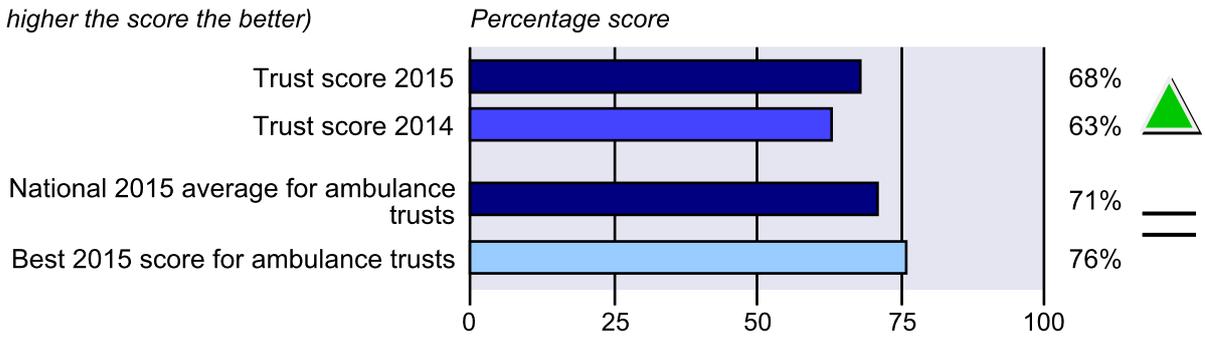
KEY FINDING 20. Percentage of staff experiencing discrimination at work in last 12 months

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KEY FINDING 21. Percentage of staff believing that the organisation provides equal opportunities for career progression or promotion

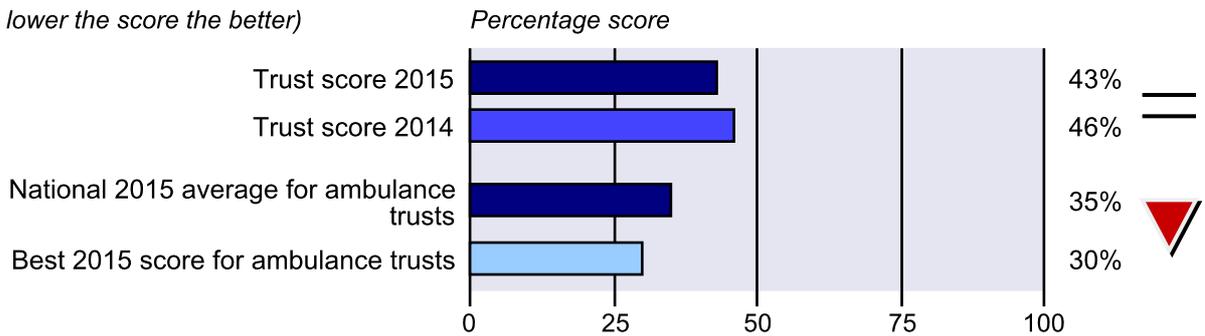
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ADDITIONAL THEME: Errors and incidents

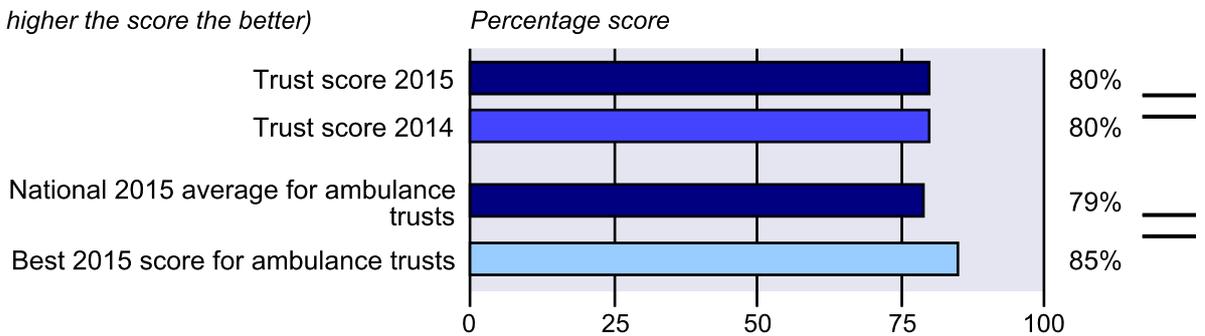
KEY FINDING 28. Percentage of staff witnessing potentially harmful errors, near misses or incidents in last month

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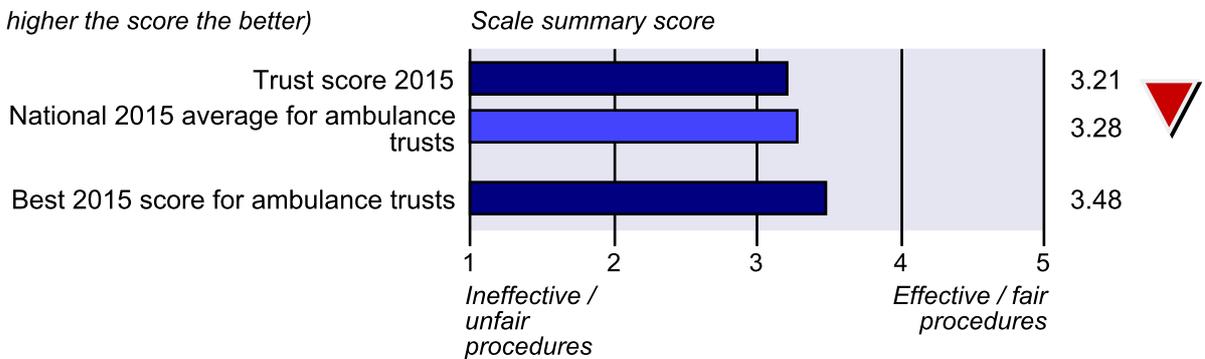
KEY FINDING 29. Percentage of staff reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last month

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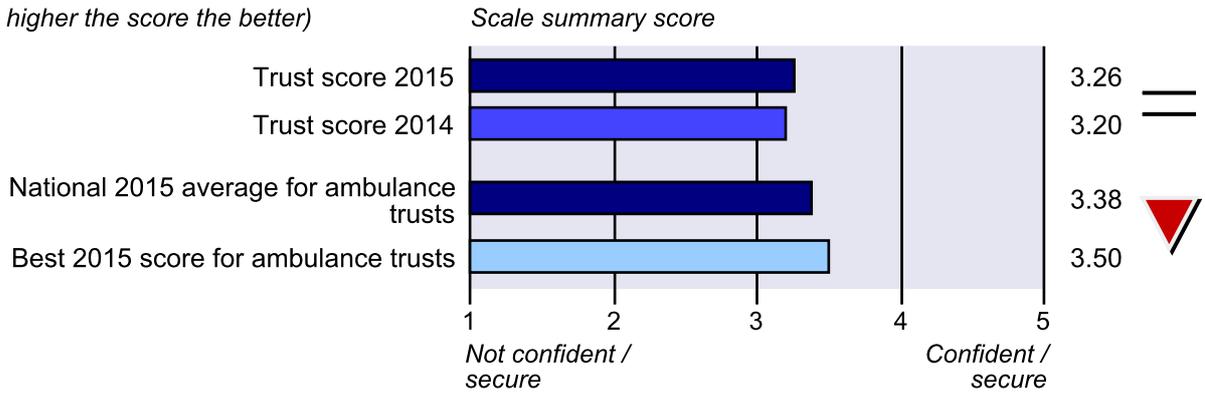
KEY FINDING 30. Fairness and effectiveness of procedures for reporting errors, near misses and incidents

(the higher the score the better)



KEY FINDING 31. Staff confidence and security in reporting unsafe clinical practice

(the higher the score the better)



ADDITIONAL THEME: Patient experience measures

KEY FINDING 32. Effective use of patient / service user feedback

(the higher the score the better)

