

2014 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 2014 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 29 Key Findings.

These sections of the report have been structured around 4 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: Staff satisfaction
- Additional theme: Equality and diversity
- Additional theme: Patient experience measures

Please note that the NHS pledges were amended in 2014, however the report has been structured around 4 of the pledges which have been maintained since 2009. For more information regarding this 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 2014 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 Q12a - 12d and the un-weighted score for Key Finding 24. The percentages for Q12a – Q12d 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.

Q12a, Q12c and Q12d feed into Key Finding 24 “Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment”.

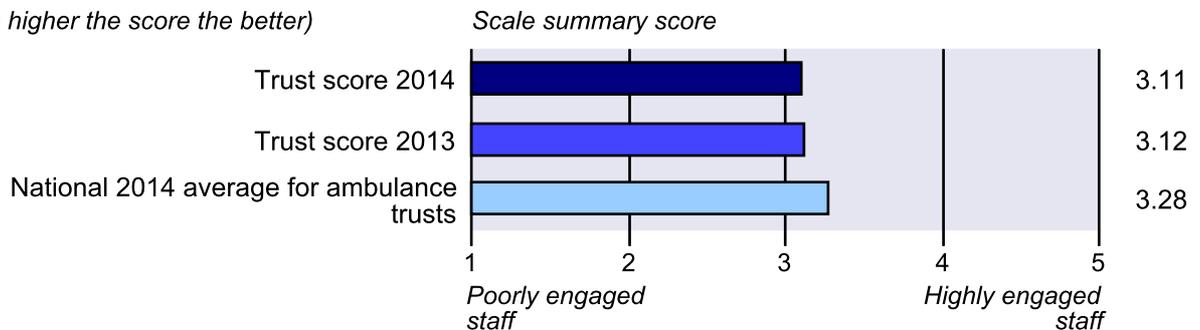
| | | Your Trust in 2014 | Average (median) for ambulance trusts | Your Trust in 2013 |
|-------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Q12a | "Care of patients / service users is my organisation's top priority" | 33 | 44 | 31 |
| Q12b | "My organisation acts on concerns raised by patients / service users" | 45 | 57 | 46 |
| Q12c | "I would recommend my organisation as a place to work" | 28 | 39 | 29 |
| Q12d | "If a friend or relative needed treatment, I would be happy with the standard of care provided by this organisation" | 56 | 58 | 50 |
| KF24. | Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment (Q12a, 12c-d) | 2.88 | 3.17 | 2.95 |

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 3.11 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 22, 24 and 25. These Key Findings relate to the following aspects of staff engagement: staff members' perceived ability to contribute to improvements at work (Key Finding 22); their willingness to recommend the trust as a place to work or receive treatment (Key Finding 24); and the extent to which they feel motivated and engaged with their work (Key Finding 25).

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 2013 survey.

| | Change since 2013 survey | Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| OVERALL STAFF ENGAGEMENT | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF22. 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> | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF24. 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> | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF25. 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> | • No change | ! Below (worse than) 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 2014 Key Findings for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

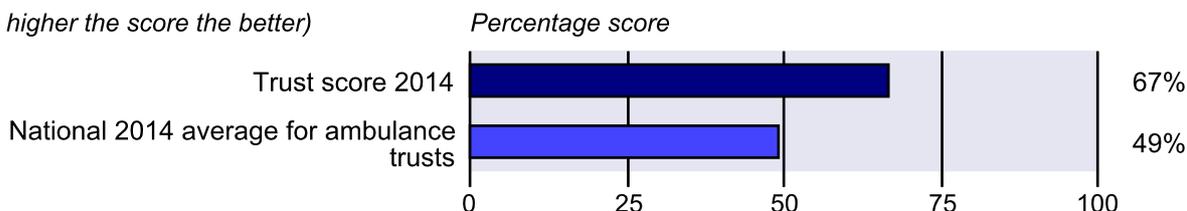
3.1 Top and Bottom Ranking Scores

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

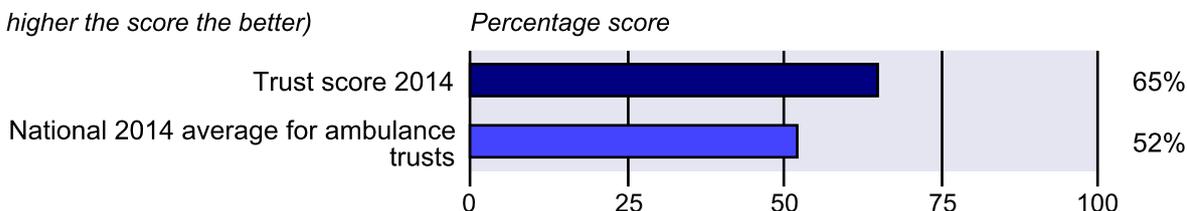
✓ KF26. Percentage of staff having equality and diversity training in last 12 months

(the higher the score the better)



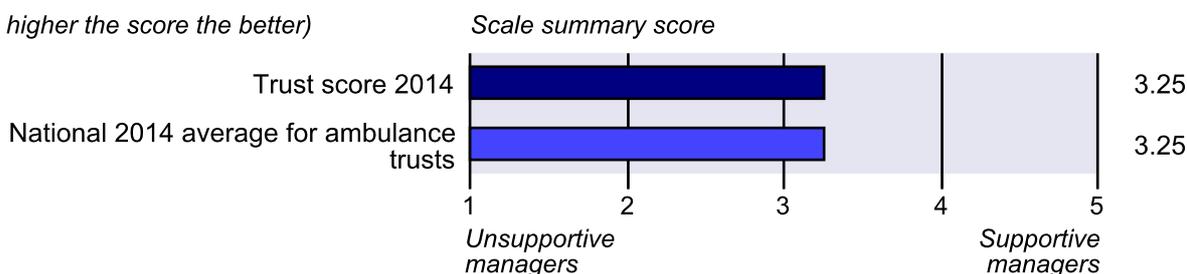
✓ KF10. Percentage of staff receiving health and safety training in last 12 months

(the higher the score the better)



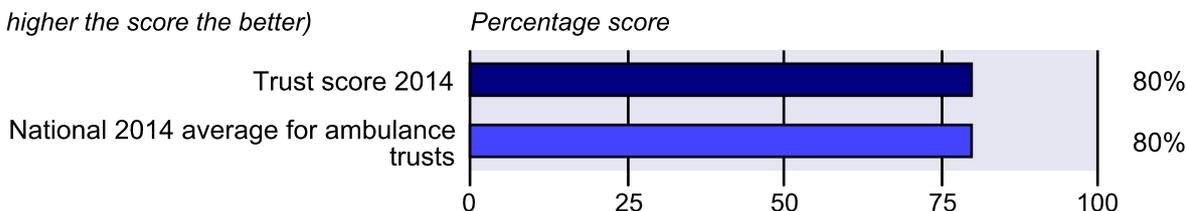
✓ KF9. Support from immediate managers

(the higher the score the better)



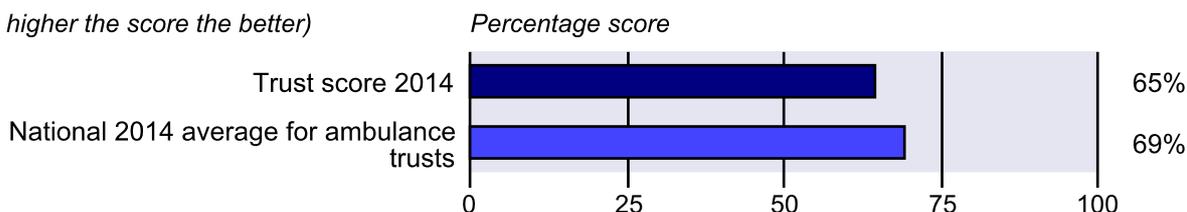
✓ KF13. Percentage of staff reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last month

(the higher the score the better)



✓ KF7. Percentage of staff appraised in last 12 months

(the higher the score the better)



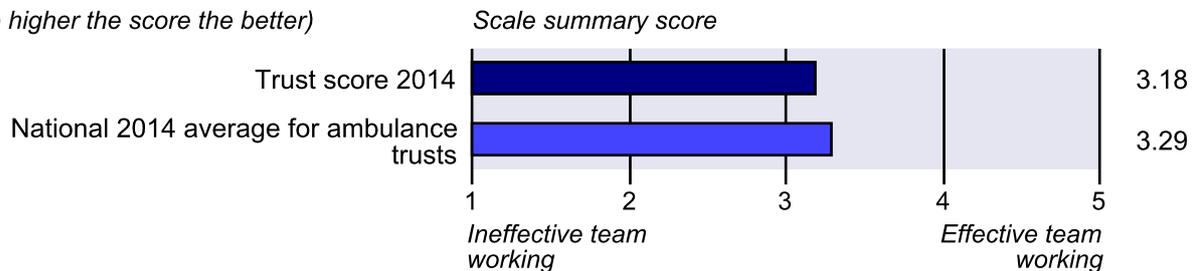
For each of the 29 Key Findings, the ambulance trusts in England were placed in order from 1 (the top ranking score) to 11 (the bottom ranking score). South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's five highest ranking scores are presented here, i.e. those for which the trust's Key Finding 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

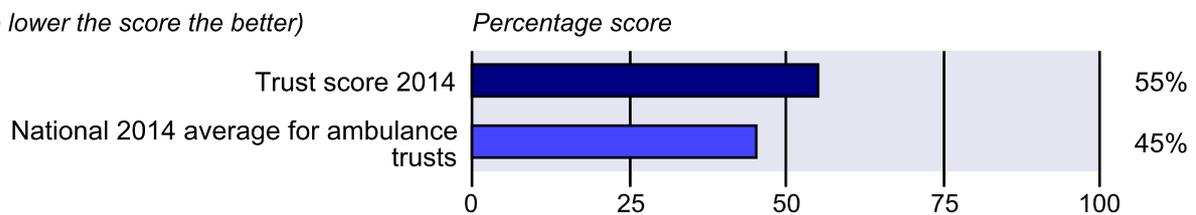
! KF4. Effective team working

(the higher the score the better)



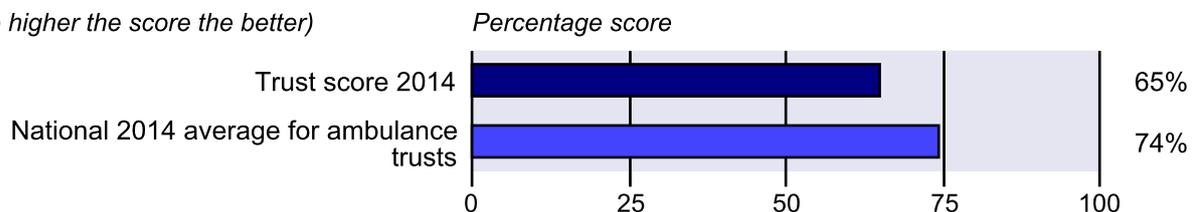
! KF18. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



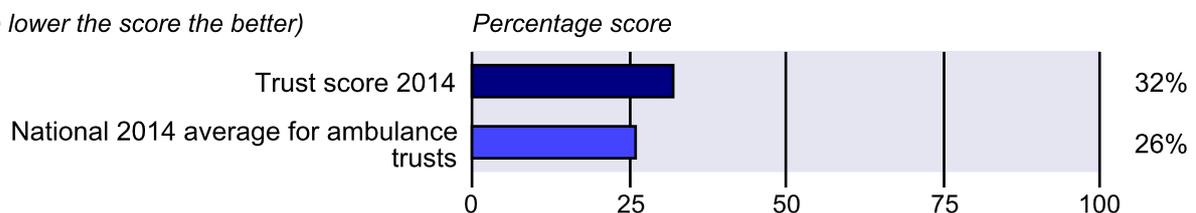
! KF6. Percentage of staff receiving job-relevant training, learning or development in last 12 months

(the higher the score the better)



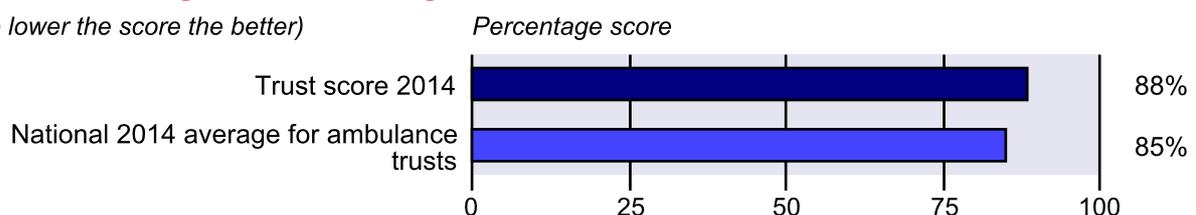
! KF19. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from staff in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



! KF5. Percentage of staff working extra hours

(the lower the score the better)



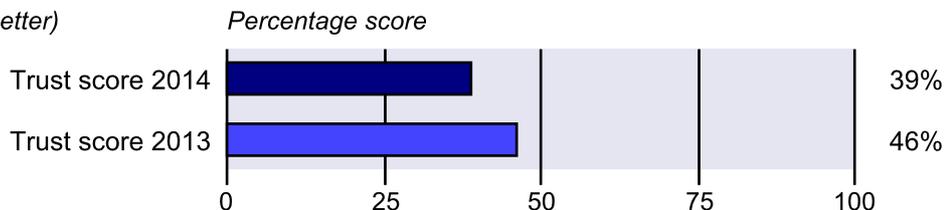
3.2 Largest Local Changes since the 2013 Survey

This page highlights the four Key Findings where staff experiences have improved the most at South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust since the 2013 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 scores for Key findings KF14, and KF20 are worse than average).

WHERE STAFF EXPERIENCE HAS IMPROVED

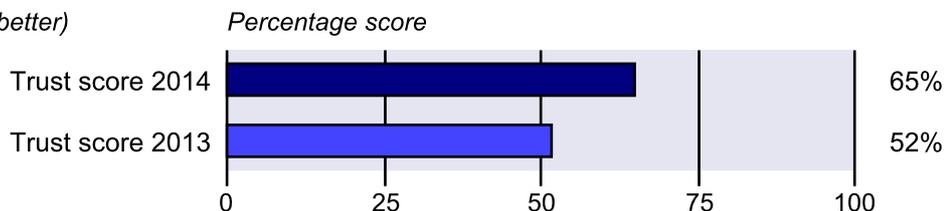
✓ KF20. Percentage of staff feeling pressure in last 3 months to attend work when feeling unwell

(the lower the score the better)



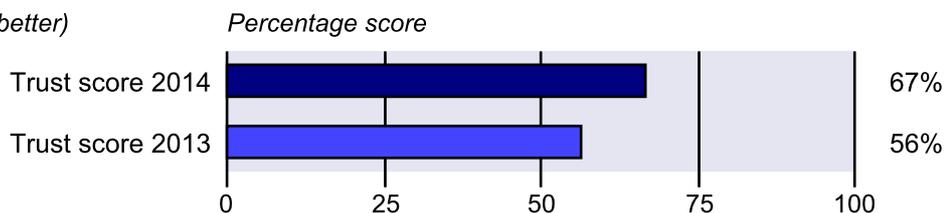
✓ KF10. Percentage of staff receiving health and safety training in last 12 months

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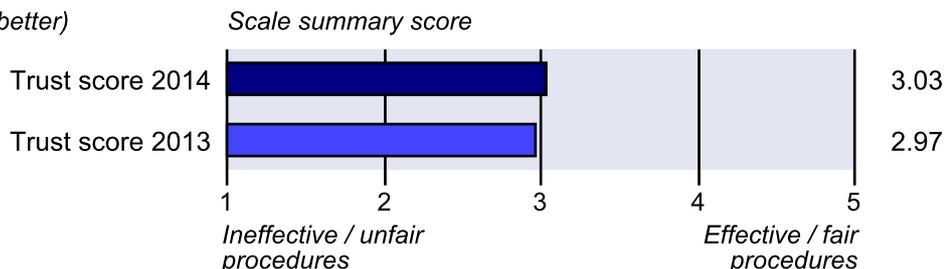
✓ KF26. Percentage of staff having equality and diversity training in last 12 months

(the higher the score the better)



✓ KF14. Fairness and effectiveness of incident reporting procedures

(the higher the score the better)



Because the Key Findings vary considerably in terms of subject matter and format (e.g. some are percentage scores, others are scale scores), a straightforward comparison of score changes is not the appropriate way to establish which Key Findings have improved the most. Rather, the extent of 10-11 change for each Key Finding has been measured in relation to the national variation for that Key Finding. Further details about this can be found in the document ***Making sense of your staff survey data***.

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 2013 survey.

Red = Negative finding, e.g. there has been a statistically significant negative change in the Key Finding since the 2013 survey.

Grey = No change, e.g. there has been no statistically significant change in this Key Finding since the 2013 survey.

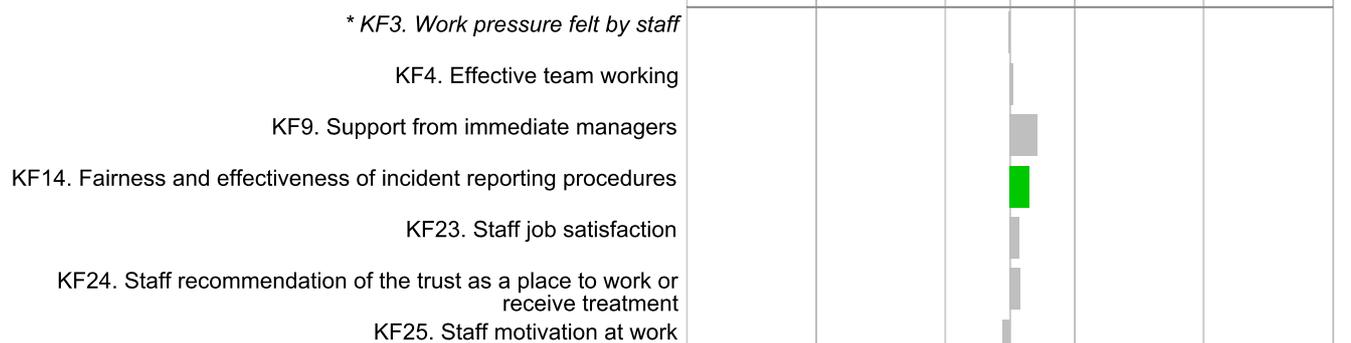
For most of the Key Finding scores in this table, the higher the score the better. However, there are some scores for which a high score would represent a negative finding. For these scores, which are marked with an asterisk and in *italics*, the lower the score the better.

Change since 2013 survey

-15% -10% -5% 0% 5% 10% 15%



-1.0 -0.6 -0.2 0.2 0.6 1.0



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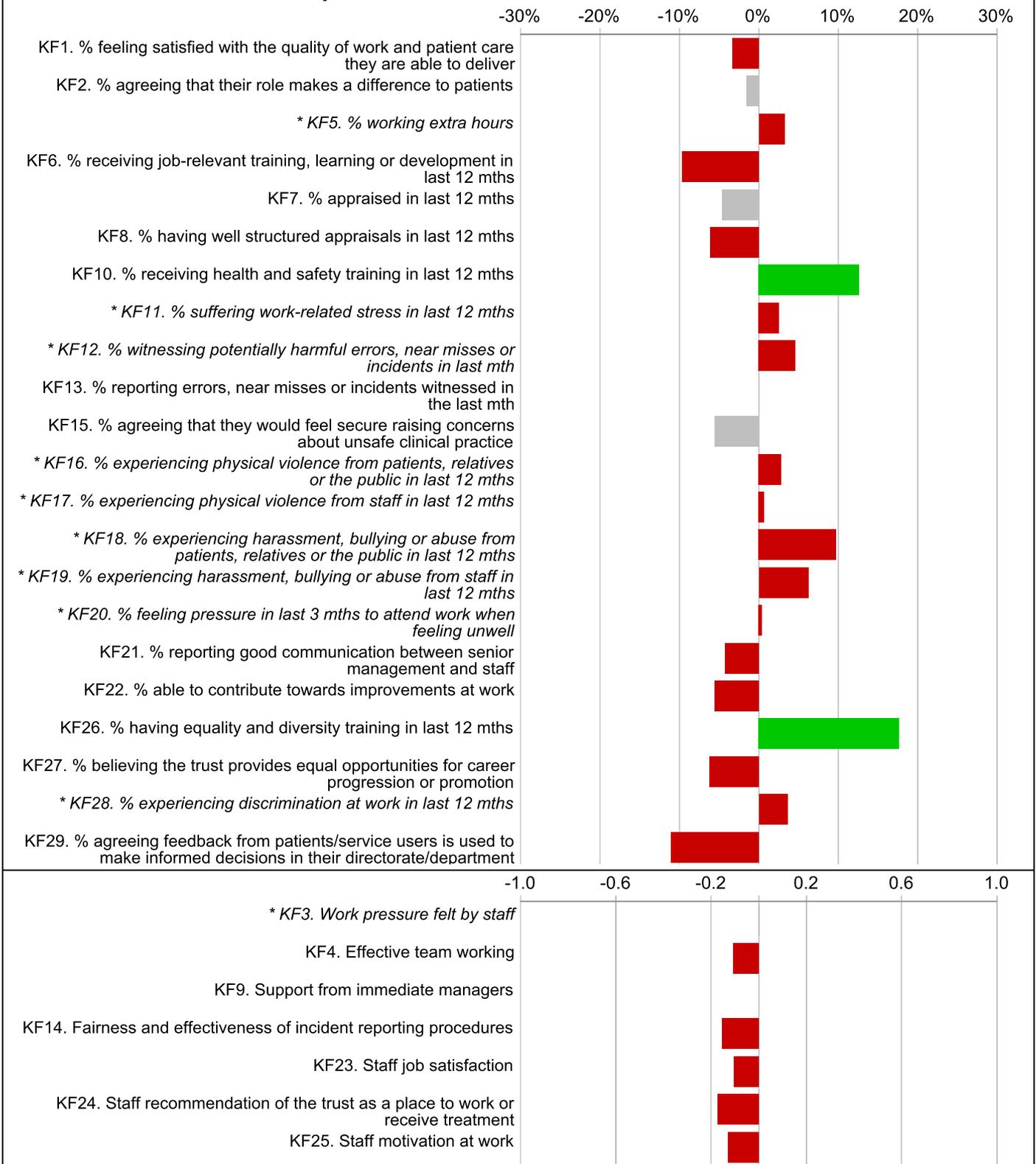
Green = Positive finding, e.g. better than average.

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Grey = Average.

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.

Comparison with all ambulance trusts in 2014



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✓ Green = Positive finding, e.g. better than average, better than 2013.

! Red = Negative finding, e.g. worse than average, worse than 2013.

'Change since 2013 survey' indicates whether there has been a statistically significant change in the Key Finding since the 2013 survey.

-- Because of changes to the format of the survey questions this year, comparisons with the 2013 score are not possible.

* 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 2013 survey Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts in 2014

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

| | | |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|
| KF1. % feeling satisfied with the quality of work and patient care they are able to deliver | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF2. % agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients | • No change | • Average |
| * <i>KF3. Work pressure felt by staff</i> | • No change | • Average |
| KF4. Effective team working | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| * <i>KF5. % working extra hours</i> | • No change | ! Above (worse than) 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.

| | | |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|
| KF6. % receiving job-relevant training, learning or development in last 12 mths | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF7. % appraised in last 12 mths | • No change | • Average |
| KF8. % having well structured appraisals in last 12 mths | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF9. Support from immediate managers | • No change | • Average |

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

Occupational health and safety

| | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| KF10. % receiving health and safety training in last 12 mths | ✓ Increase (better than 13) | ✓ Above (better than) average |
| * <i>KF11. % suffering work-related stress in last 12 mths</i> | • No change | ! Above (worse than) average |

Errors and incidents

| | | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| * <i>KF12. % witnessing potentially harmful errors, near misses or incidents in last mth</i> | • No change | ! Above (worse than) average |
| KF13. % reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last mth | • No change | • Average |
| KF14. Fairness and effectiveness of incident reporting procedures | ✓ Increase (better than 13) | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF15. % agreeing that they would feel secure raising concerns about unsafe clinical practice | -- | • Average |

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

| | Change since 2013 survey | Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts in 2014 |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Violence and harassment | | |
| * KF16. % experiencing physical violence from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 mths | • No change | ! Above (worse than) average |
| * KF17. % experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 mths | • No change | ! Above (worse than) average |
| * KF18. % experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 mths | • No change | ! Above (worse than) average |
| * KF19. % experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from staff in last 12 mths | • No change | ! Above (worse than) average |
| Health and well-being | | |
| * KF20. % feeling pressure in last 3 mths to attend work when feeling unwell | ✓ Decrease (better than 13) | ! Above (worse than) 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. | | |
| KF21. % reporting good communication between senior management and staff | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF22. % able to contribute towards improvements at work | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| ADDITIONAL THEME: Staff satisfaction | | |
| KF23. Staff job satisfaction | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF24. Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| KF25. Staff motivation at work | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| ADDITIONAL THEME: Equality and diversity | | |
| KF26. % having equality and diversity training in last 12 mths | ✓ Increase (better than 13) | ✓ Above (better than) average |
| KF27. % believing the trust provides equal opportunities for career progression or promotion | • No change | ! Below (worse than) average |
| * KF28. % experiencing discrimination at work in last 12 mths | • No change | ! Above (worse than) average |
| ADDITIONAL THEME: Patient experience measures | | |
| Patient/Service user experience Feedback | | |
| KF29. % agreeing feedback from patients/service users is used to make informed decisions in their directorate/department | -- | ! Below (worse than) average |

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

1144 staff at South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust took part in this survey. This is a response rate of 34%¹ which is average for ambulance trusts in England, and compares with a response rate of 42% in this trust in the 2013 survey.

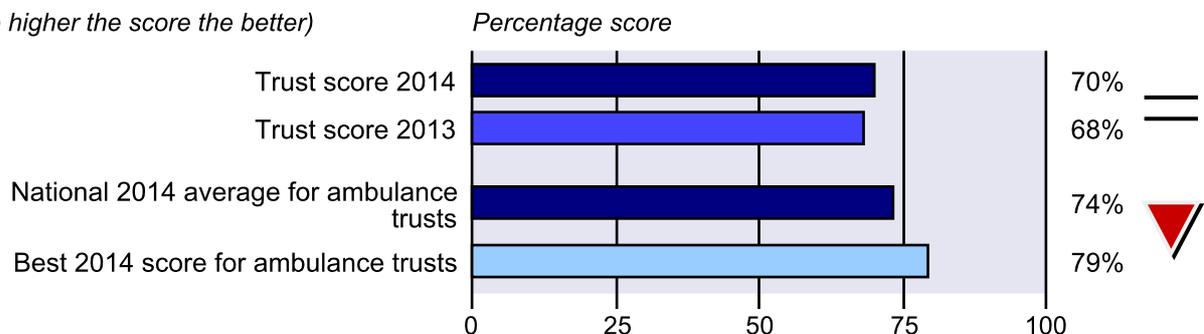
This section presents each of the 29 Key Findings, using data from the trust's 2014 survey, and compares these to other ambulance trusts in England and to the trust's performance in the 2013 survey. The findings are arranged under six headings – the four staff pledges from the NHS Constitution, and the three additional themes of staff satisfaction, equality and diversity 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 2013). **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 2013). An equals sign indicates that there has been no change.

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

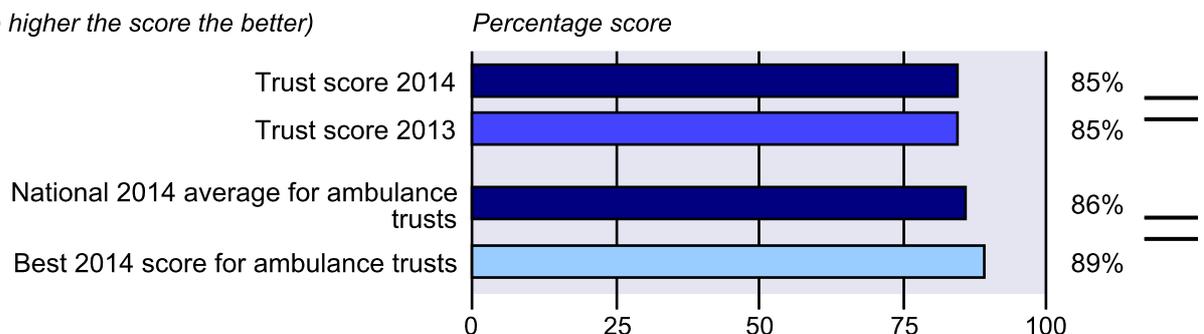
KEY FINDING 1. Percentage of staff feeling satisfied with the quality of work and patient care they are able to deliver

(the higher the score the better)



KEY FINDING 2. Percentage of staff agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients

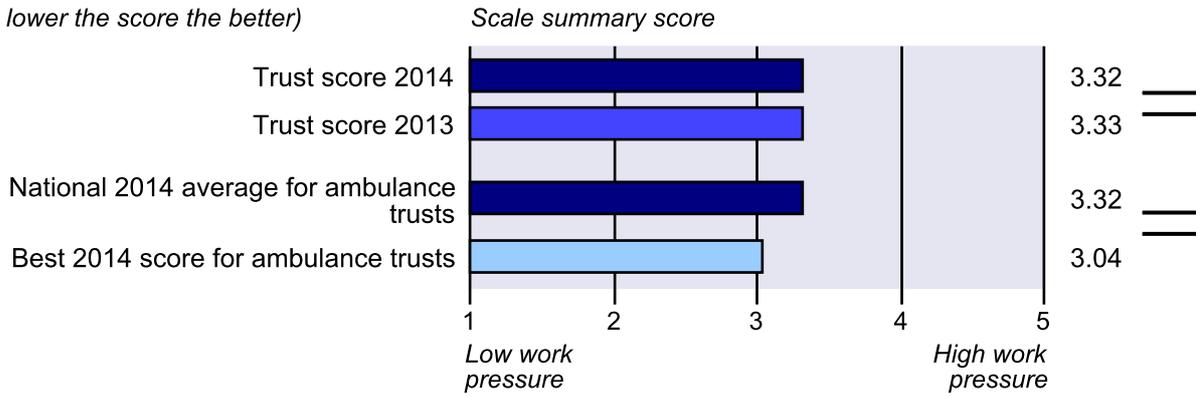
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¹Questionnaires were sent to all 3407 staff eligible to receive the survey. This includes only staff employed directly by the trust (i.e. excluding staff working for external contractors). It excludes bank staff unless they are also employed directly 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.

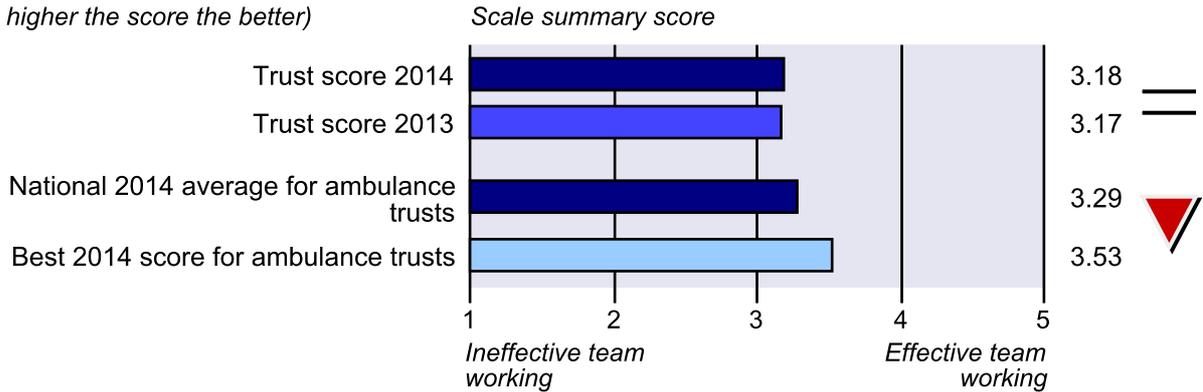
KEY FINDING 3. Work pressure felt by staff

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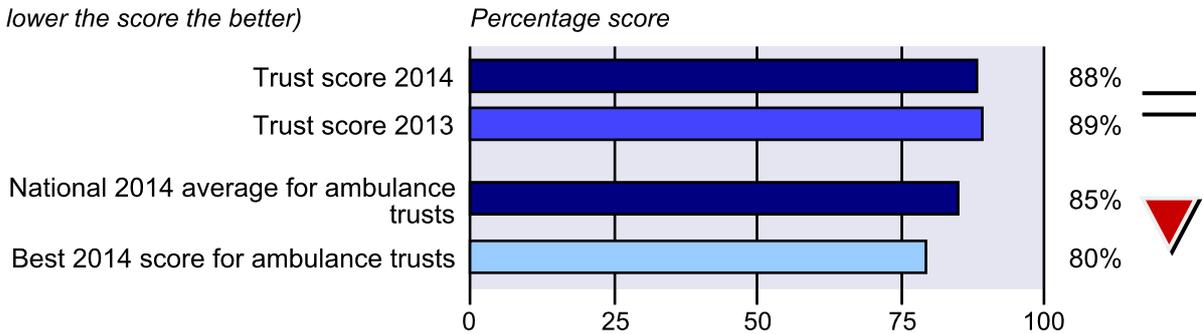
KEY FINDING 4. Effective team working

(the higher the score the better)



KEY FINDING 5. Percentage of staff working extra hours

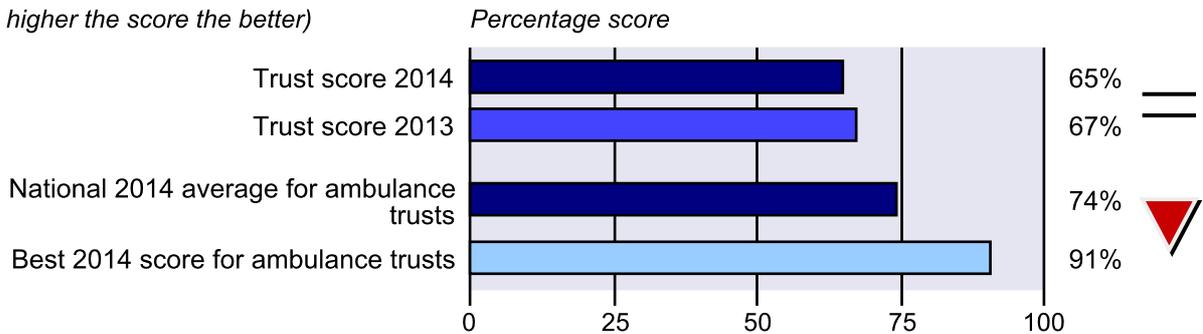
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STAFF PLEDGE 2: To provide all staff with personal development, access to appropriate education and training for their jobs, and line management support to enable them to fulfil their potential.

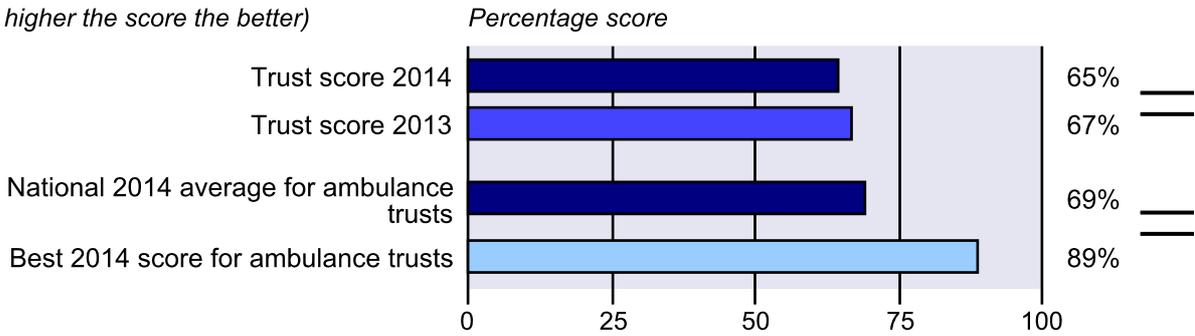
KEY FINDING 6. Percentage of staff receiving job-relevant training, learning or development in last 12 months

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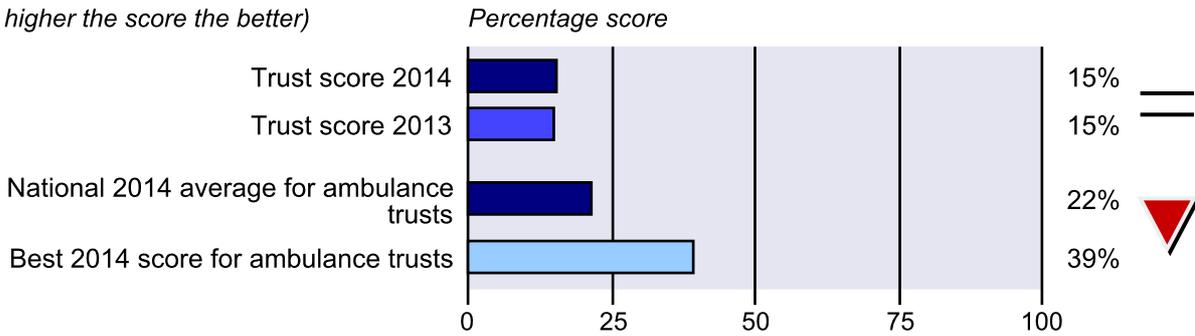
KEY FINDING 7. Percentage of staff appraised in last 12 months

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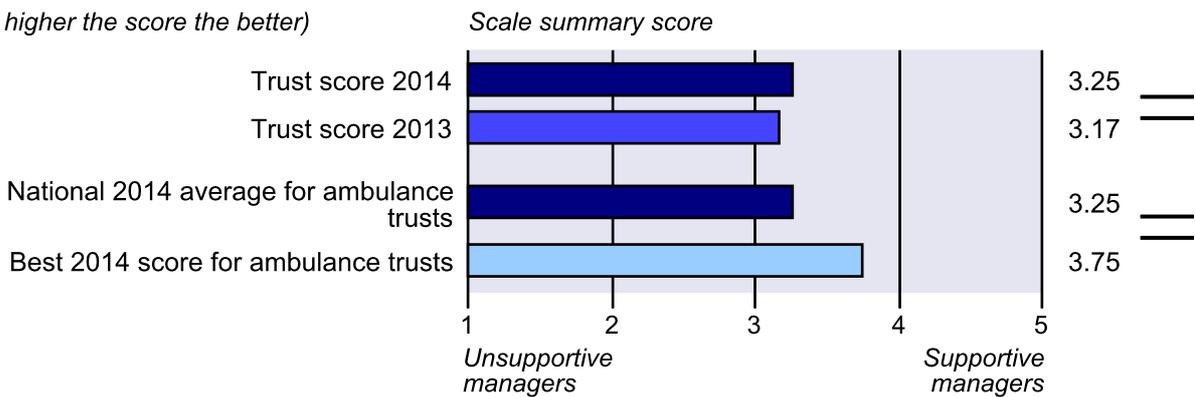
KEY FINDING 8. Percentage of staff having well structured appraisals in last 12 months

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KEY FINDING 9. Support from immediate managers

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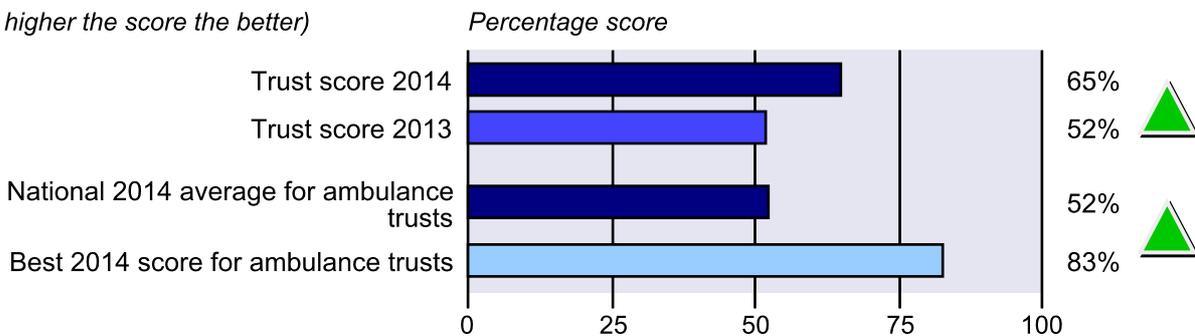


STAFF PLEDGE 3: To provide support and opportunities for staff to maintain their health, well-being and safety.

Occupational health and safety

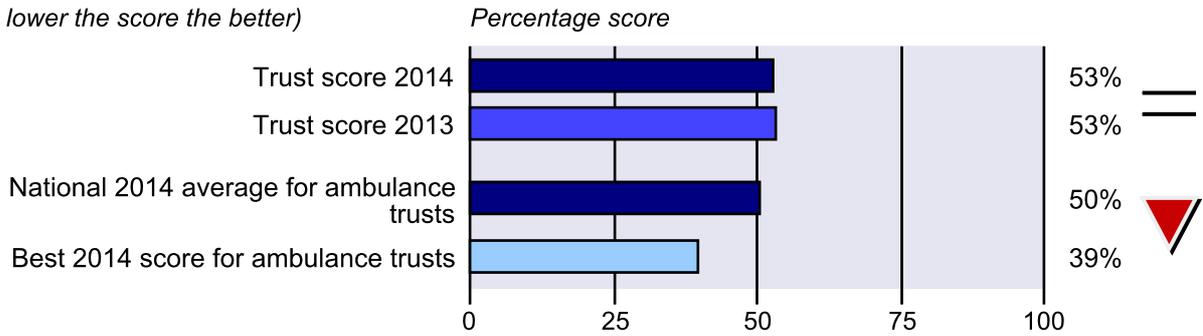
KEY FINDING 10. Percentage of staff receiving health and safety training in last 12 months

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KEY FINDING 11. Percentage of staff suffering work-related stress in last 12 months

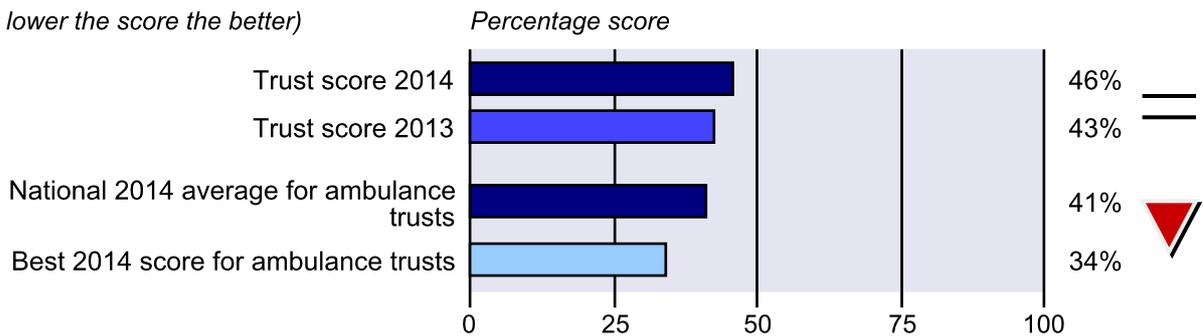
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Errors and incidents

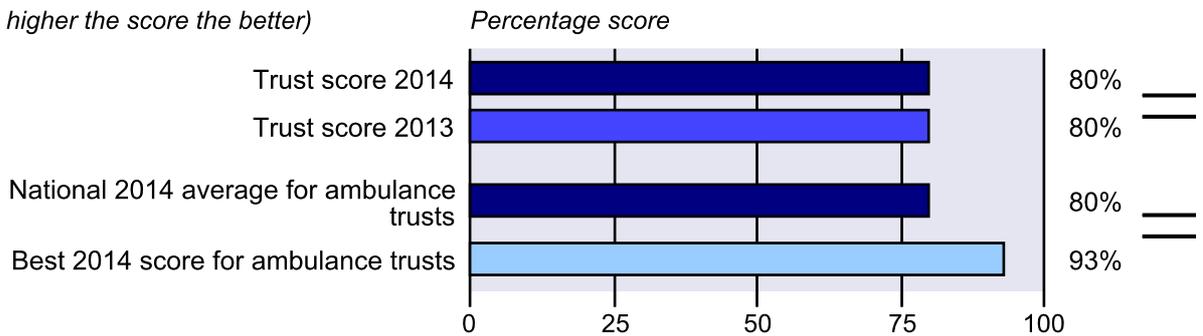
KEY FINDING 12. Percentage of staff witnessing potentially harmful errors, near misses or incidents in last month

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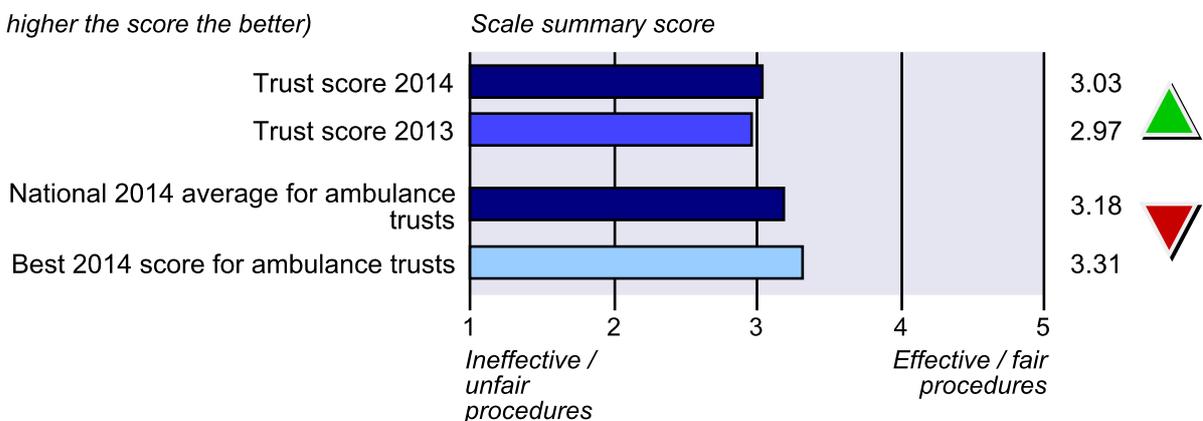
KEY FINDING 13. Percentage of staff reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last month

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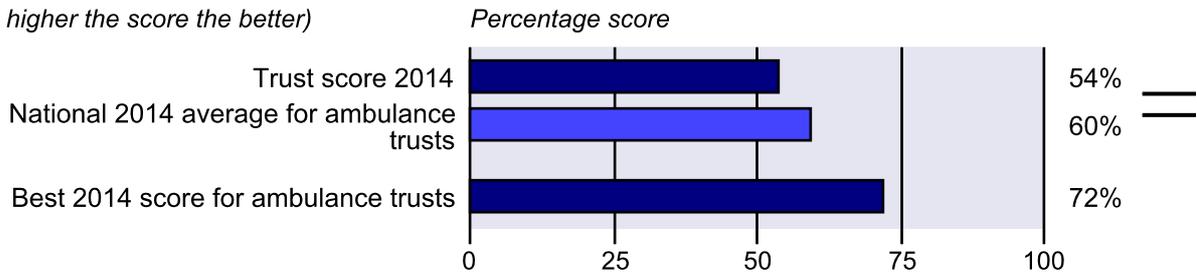
KEY FINDING 14. Fairness and effectiveness of incident reporting procedures

(the higher the score the better)



KEY FINDING 15. Percentage of staff agreeing that they would feel secure raising concerns about unsafe clinical practice

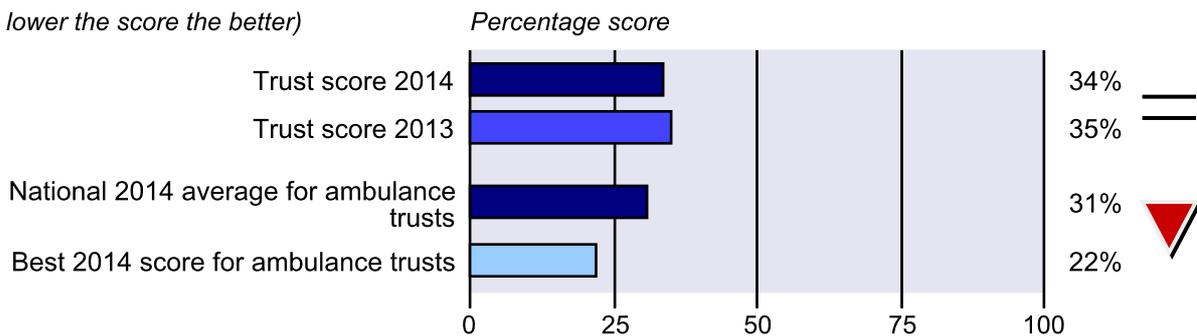
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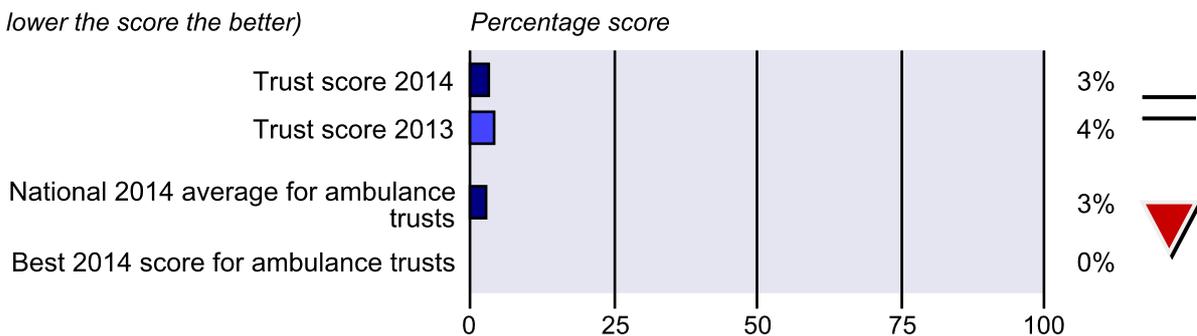
KEY FINDING 16. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

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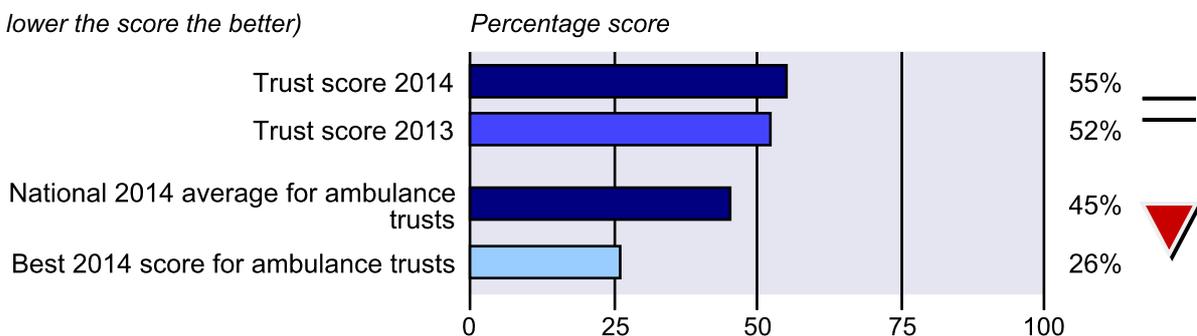
KEY FINDING 17. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 months

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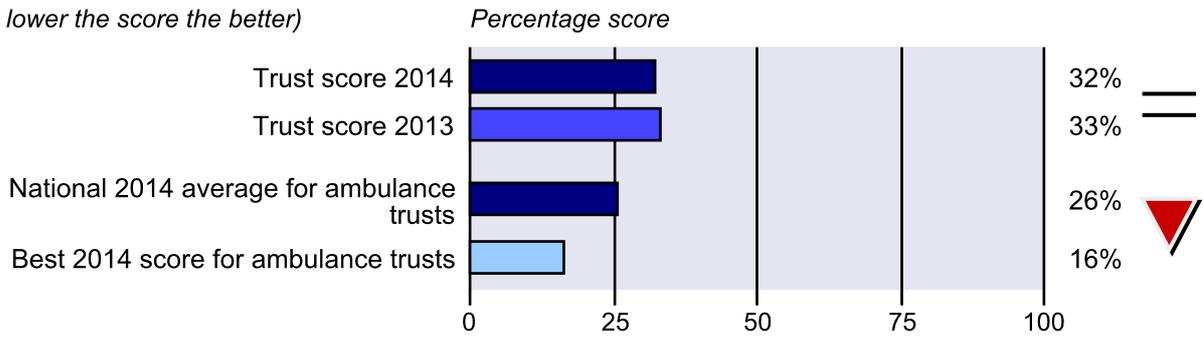
KEY FINDING 18. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

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KEY FINDING 19. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from staff in last 12 months

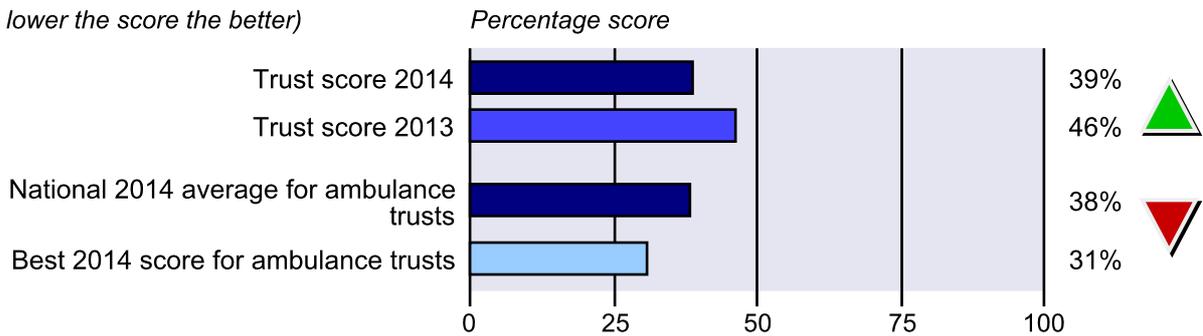
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Health and well-being

KEY FINDING 20. Percentage of staff feeling pressure in last 3 months to attend work when feeling unwell

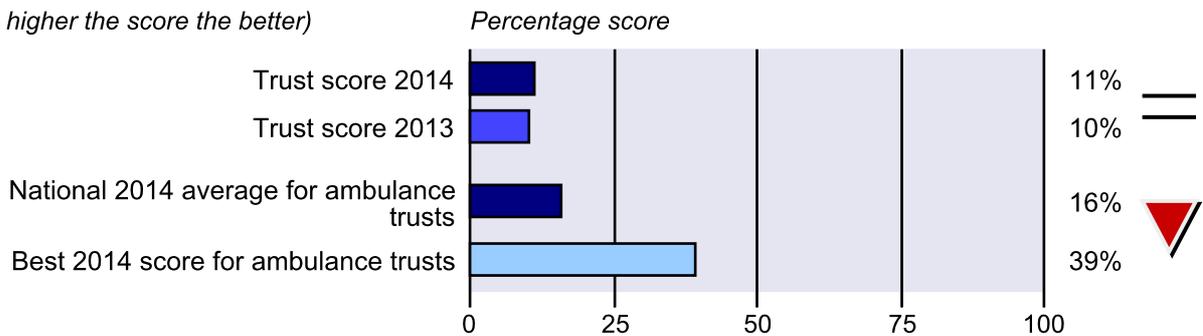
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STAFF PLEDGE 4: To engage staff in decisions that affect them, the services they provide and empower them to put forward ways to deliver better and safer services.

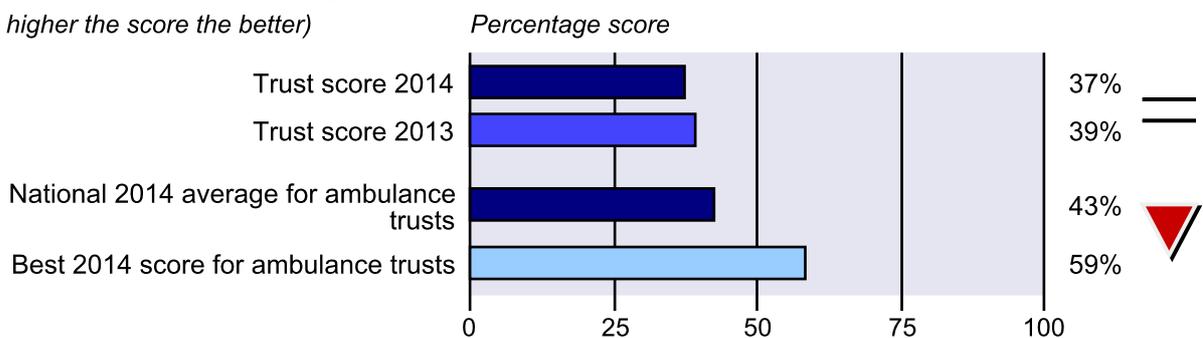
KEY FINDING 21. Percentage of staff reporting good communication between senior management and staff

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KEY FINDING 22. Percentage of staff able to contribute towards improvements at work

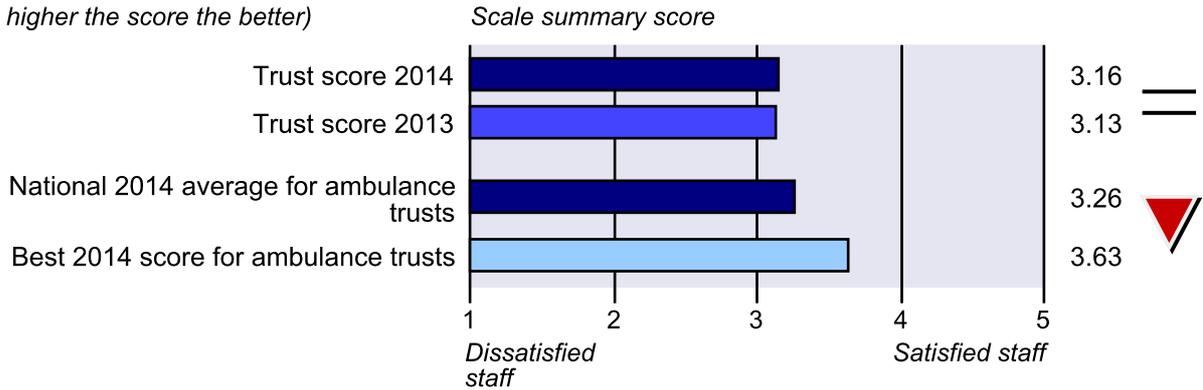
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ADDITIONAL THEME: Staff satisfaction

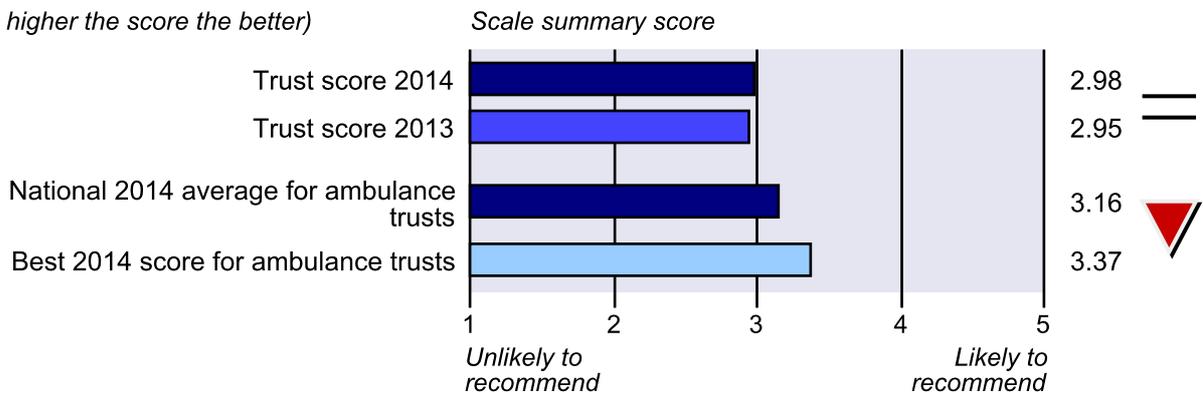
KEY FINDING 23. Staff job satisfaction

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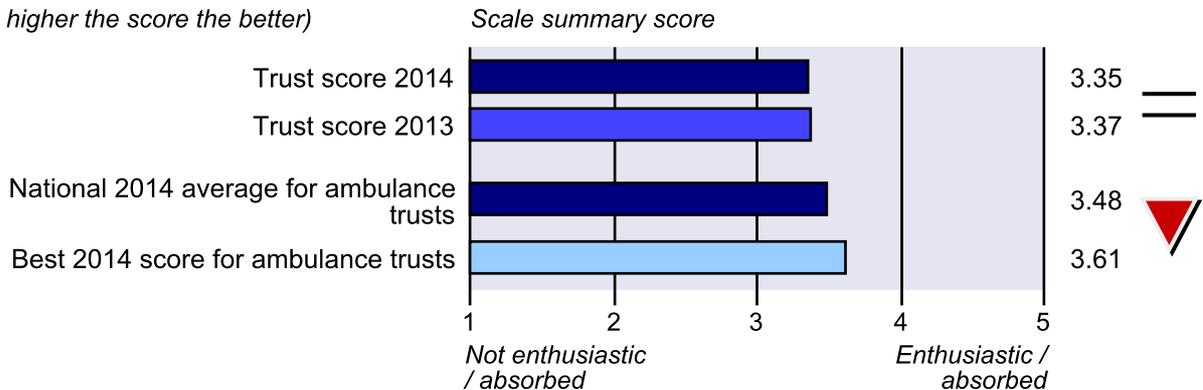
KEY FINDING 24. Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment

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KEY FINDING 25. Staff motivation at work

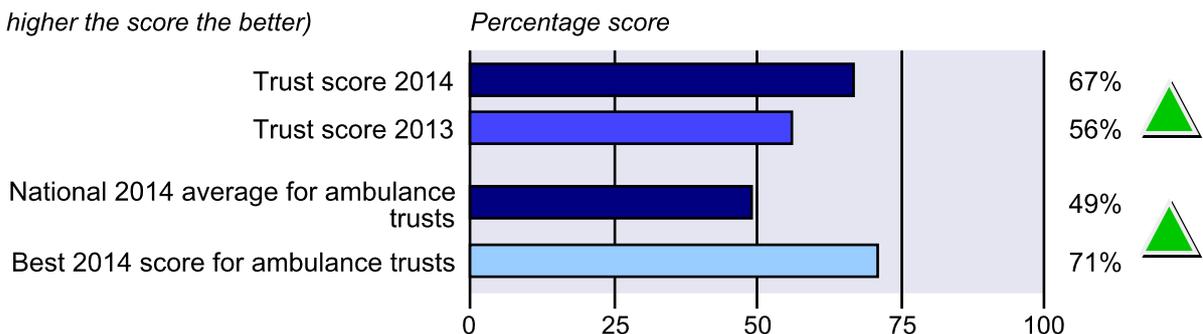
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ADDITIONAL THEME: Equality and diversity

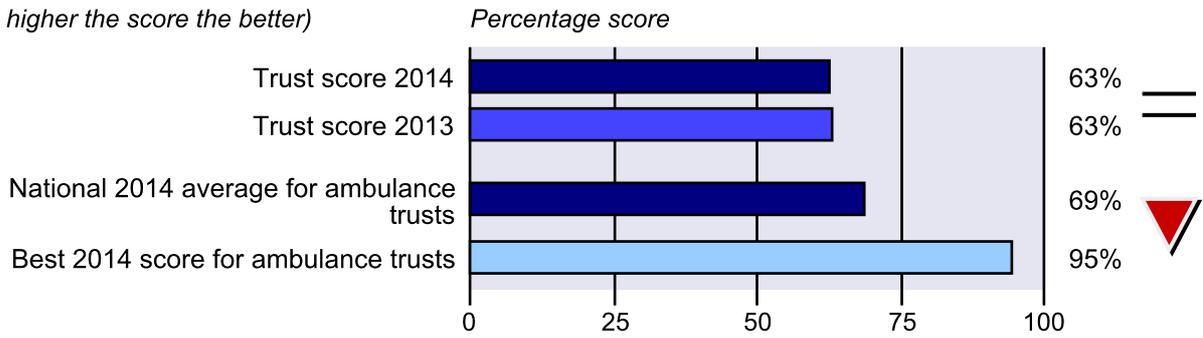
KEY FINDING 26. Percentage of staff having equality and diversity training in last 12 months

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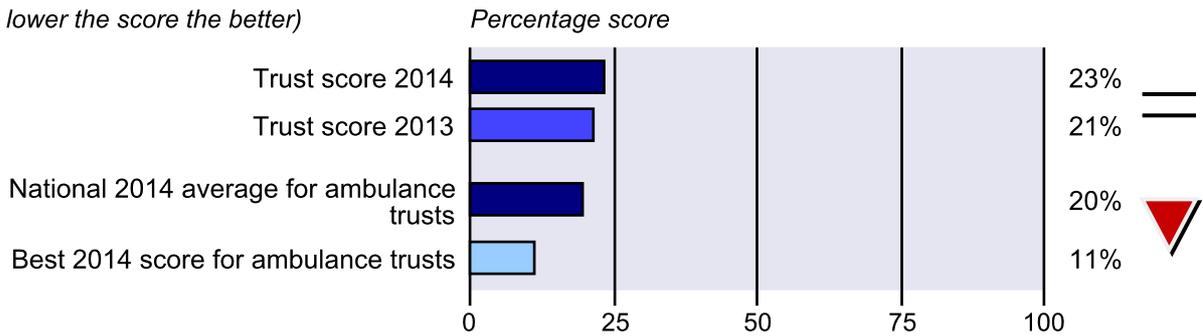
KEY FINDING 27. Percentage of staff believing the trust provides equal opportunities for career progression or promotion

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KEY FINDING 28. Percentage of staff experiencing discrimination at work in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



ADDITIONAL THEME: Patient experience measures
Patient/Service user experience Feedback

KEY FINDING 29. Percentage of staff agreeing that feedback from patients/service users is used to make informed decisions in their directorate/department

(the higher the score the better)

