

2017 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 2017 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 thematically so that Key Findings are grouped appropriately. There are nine themes within this report:

- Appraisals & support for development
- Equality & diversity
- Errors & incidents
- Health and wellbeing
- Working patterns
- Job satisfaction
- Managers
- Patient care & experience
- Violence, harassment & bullying

Please note, two Key Findings have had their calculation changed and there have been minor changes to the benchmarking groups for social enterprises since last year. 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 2017 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”.

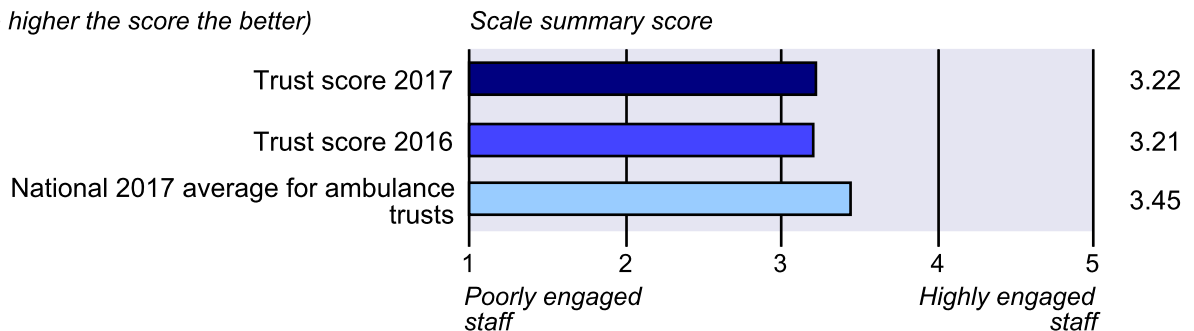
		Your Trust in 2017	Average (median) for ambulance trusts	Your Trust in 2016
Q21a	"Care of patients / service users is my organisation's top priority"	46%	59%	41%
Q21b	"My organisation acts on concerns raised by patients / service users"	50%	62%	49%
Q21c	"I would recommend my organisation as a place to work"	27%	47%	26%
Q21d	"If a friend or relative needed treatment, I would be happy with the standard of care provided by this organisation"	61%	70%	61%
KF1.	Staff recommendation of the organisation as a place to work or receive treatment (Q21a, 21c-d)	3.08	3.44	3.03

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 3.22 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 significant change since the 2016 survey.

	Change since 2016 survey	Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts
OVERALL STAFF ENGAGEMENT	• No change	! 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>	• No change	! 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>	• No change	! 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>	• 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 2017 Key Findings for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

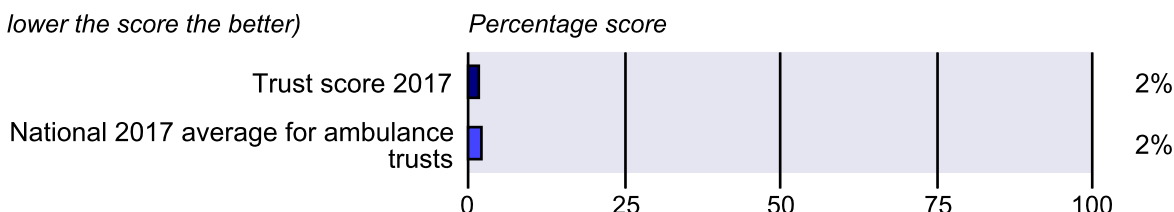
3.1 Top and Bottom Ranking Scores

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

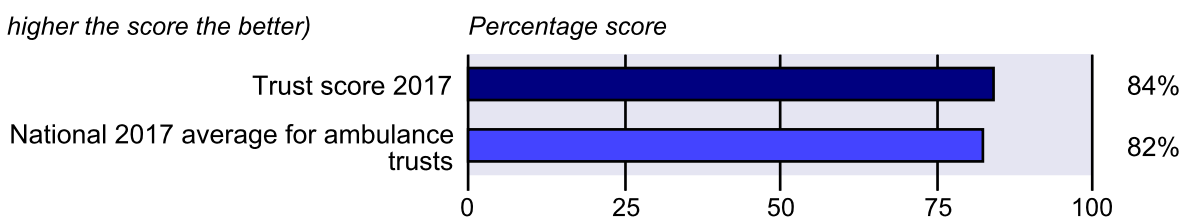
✓ KF23. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



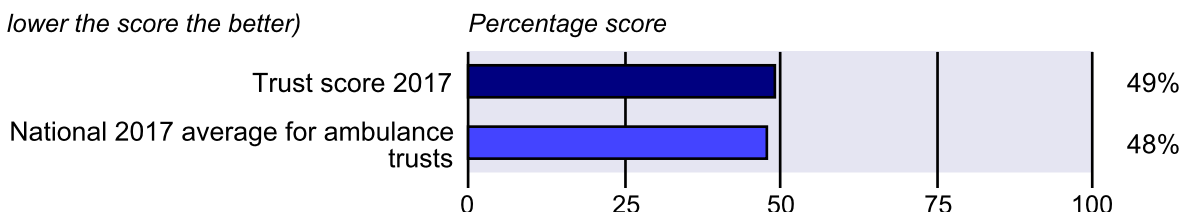
✓ KF29. Percentage of staff reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last month

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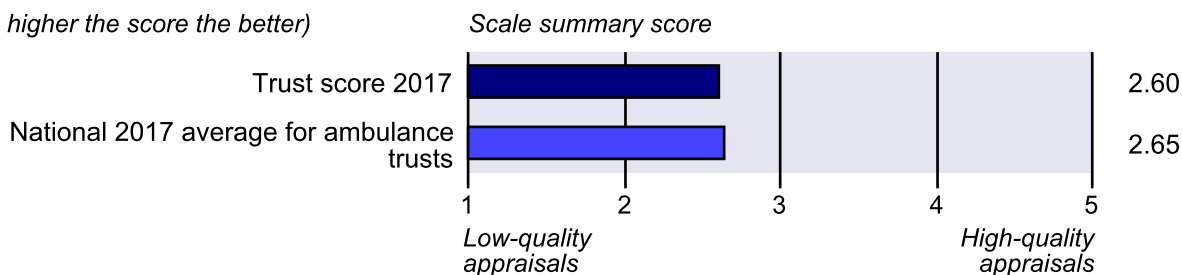
✓ KF25. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

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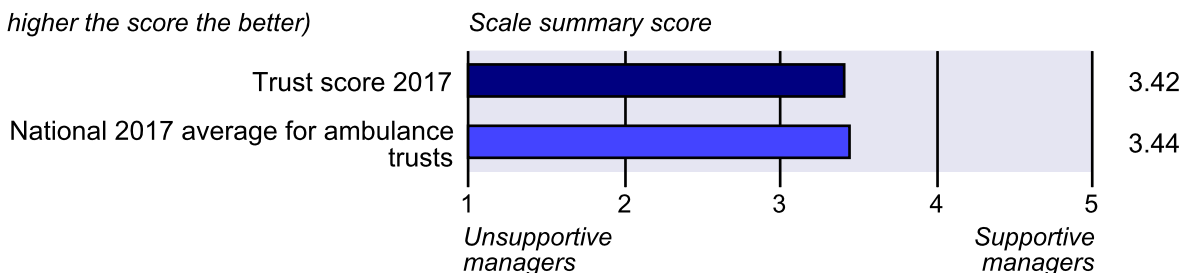
✓ KF12. Quality of appraisals

(the higher the score the better)



✓ KF10. Support from immediate managers

(the higher the score the better)



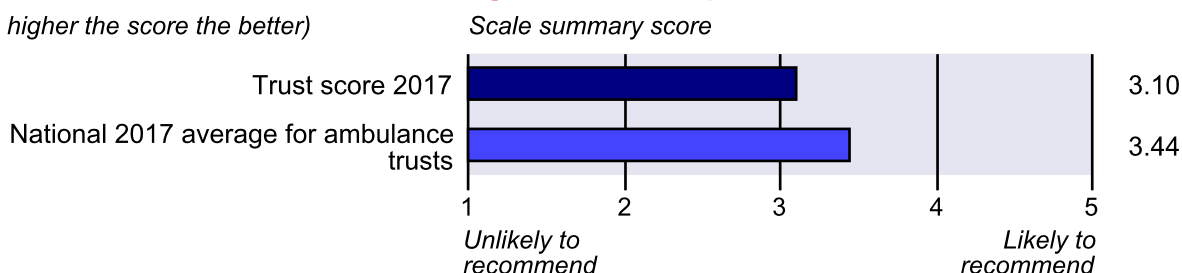
For each of the 32 Key Findings, the ambulance trusts in England were placed in order from 1 (the top ranking score) to 11 (the bottom ranking score). South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's five highest ranking scores are presented here, i.e. those for which the trust's Key Finding 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

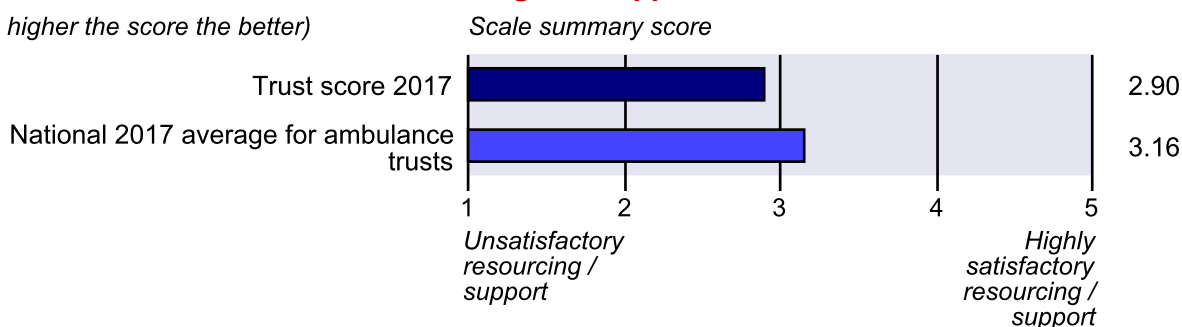
! KF1. Staff recommendation of the organisation as a place to work or receive treatment

(the higher the score the better)



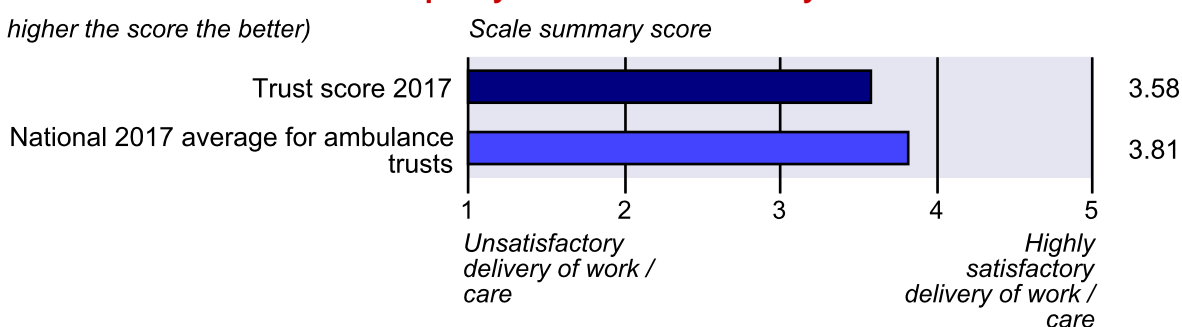
! KF14. Staff satisfaction with resourcing and support

(the higher the score the better)



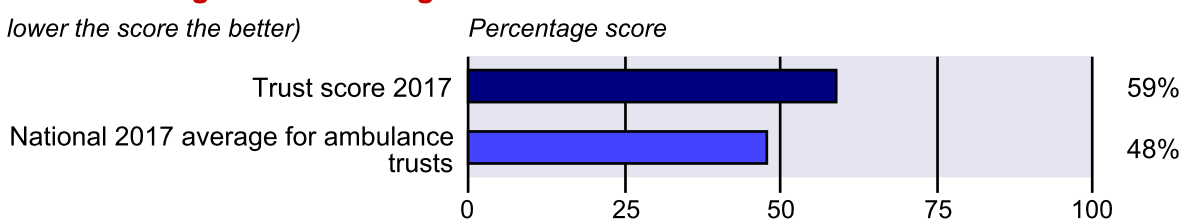
! KF2. Staff satisfaction with the quality of work and care they are able to deliver

(the higher the score the better)



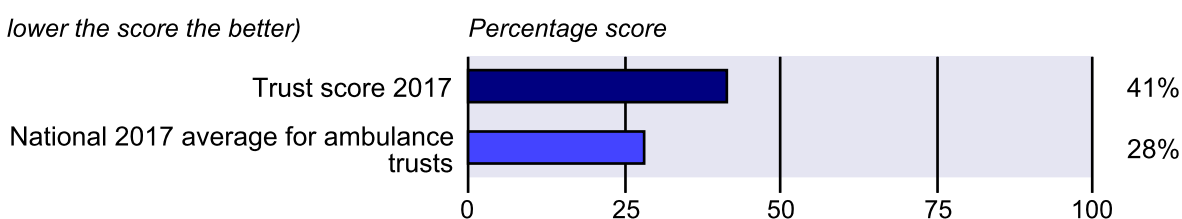
! KF17. Percentage of staff feeling unwell due to work related stress in the last 12 months

(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)



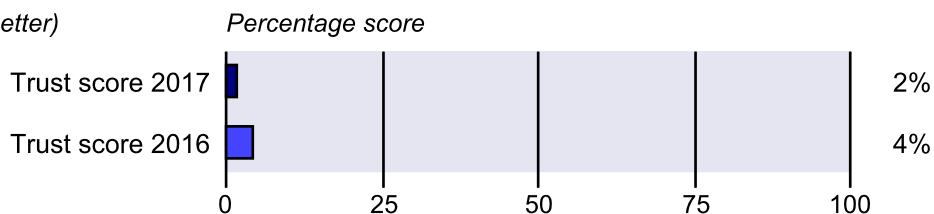
3.2 Largest Local Changes since the 2016 Survey

This page highlights the five Key Findings where staff experiences have improved at South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust since the 2016 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 KF13 is worse than average).

WHERE STAFF EXPERIENCE HAS IMPROVED

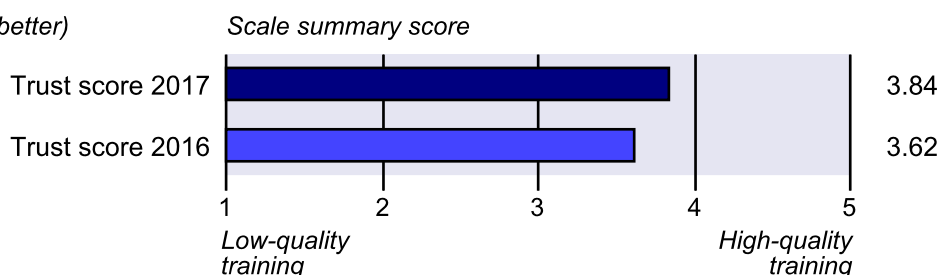
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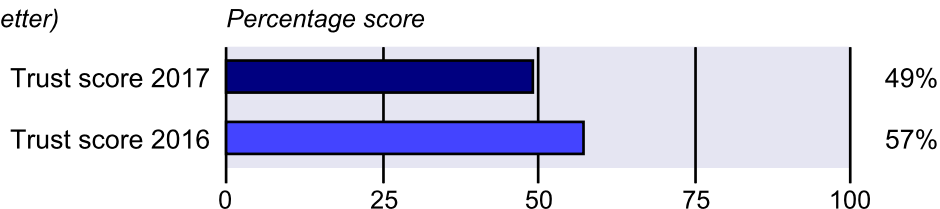
✓ KF13. Quality of non-mandatory training, learning or development

(the higher the score the better)



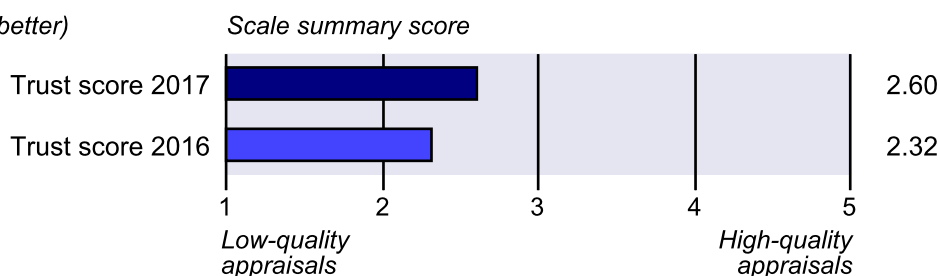
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(the lower the score the better)



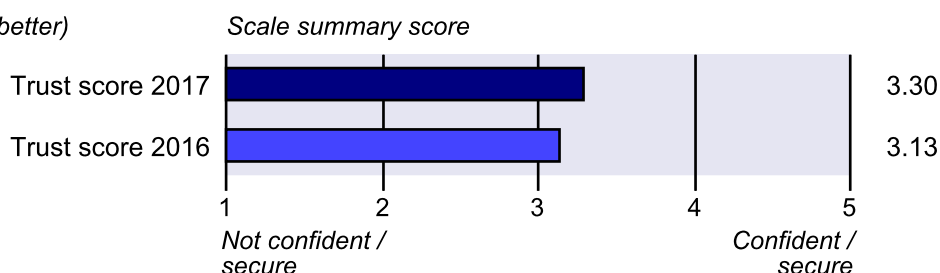
✓ KF12. Quality of appraisals

(the higher the score the better)



✓ KF31. Staff confidence and security in reporting unsafe clinical practice

(the higher the score the better)

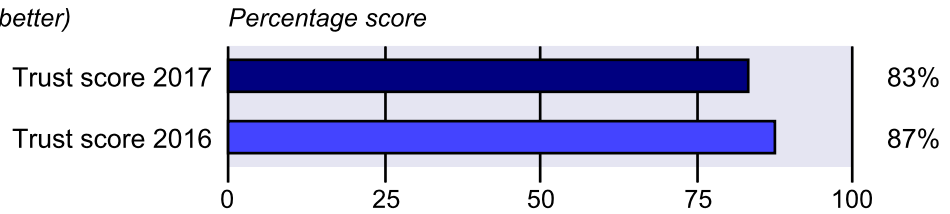


This page highlights the two Key Findings where staff experiences have deteriorated since the 2016 survey. It is suggested that these areas might be seen as a starting point for local action to improve as an employer.

WHERE STAFF EXPERIENCE HAS DETERIORATED

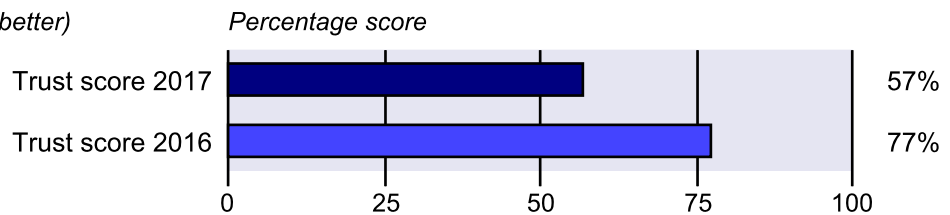
! KF3. Percentage of staff agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients / service users

(the higher the score the better)



! KF11. Percentage of staff appraised in last 12 months

(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 deteriorated the most. Rather, the extent of 2016-2017 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.***

3.3. 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 2016 survey.

Red = Negative finding, e.g. there has been a statistically significant negative change in the Key Finding since the 2016 survey.

Grey = No change, e.g. there has been no statistically significant change in this Key Finding since the 2016 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 2016 survey

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



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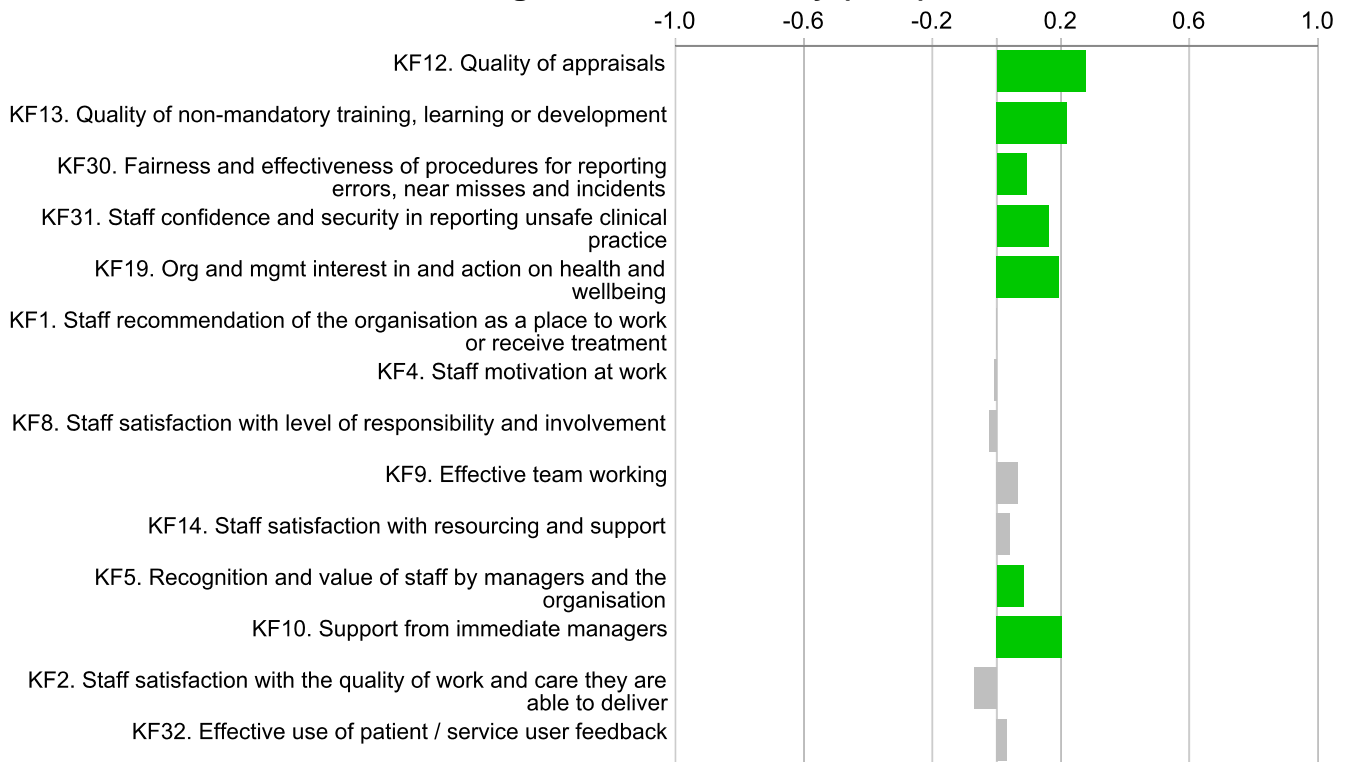
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Change since 2016 survey (cont)



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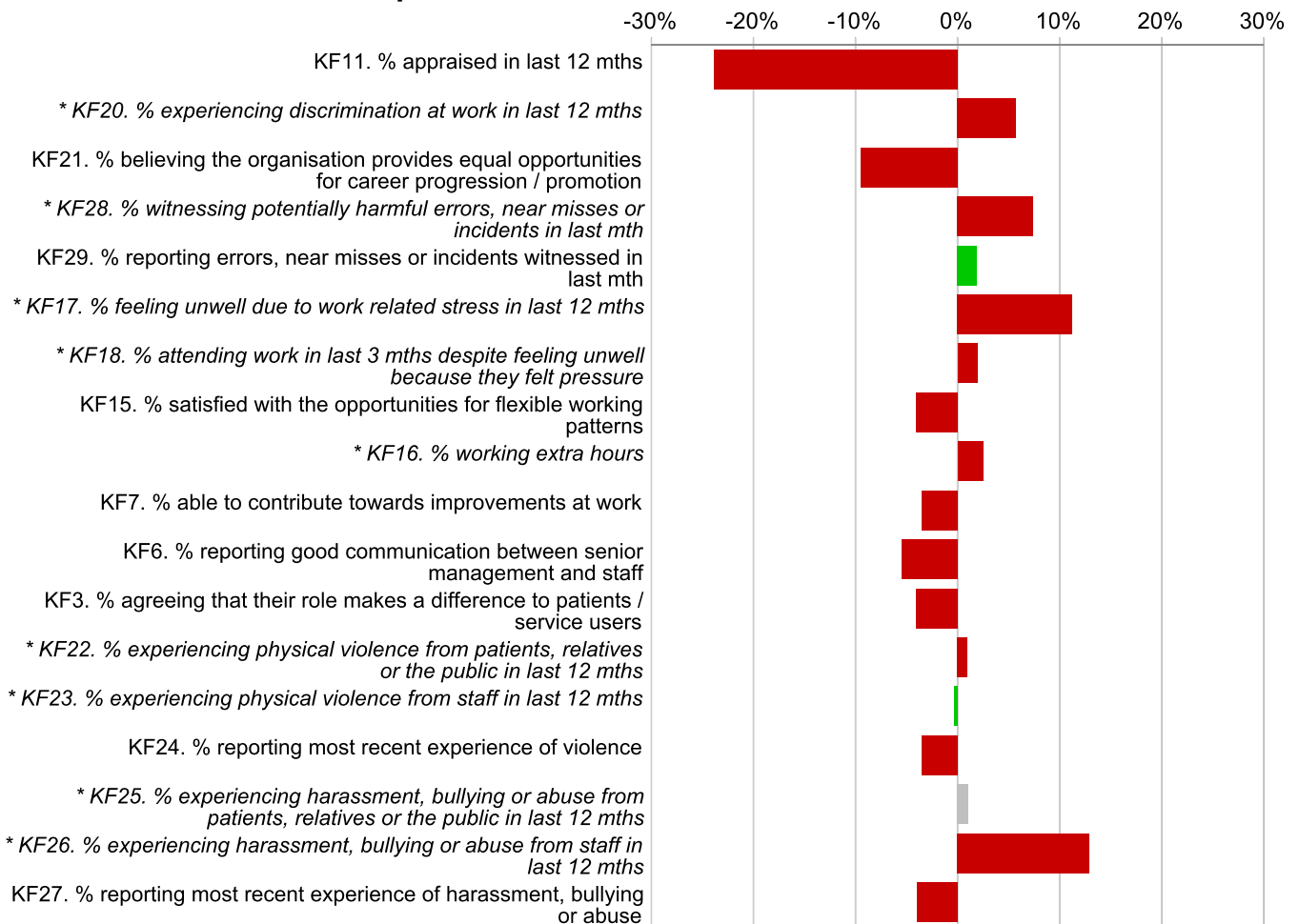
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Grey = Average.

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Comparison with all ambulance trusts in 2017



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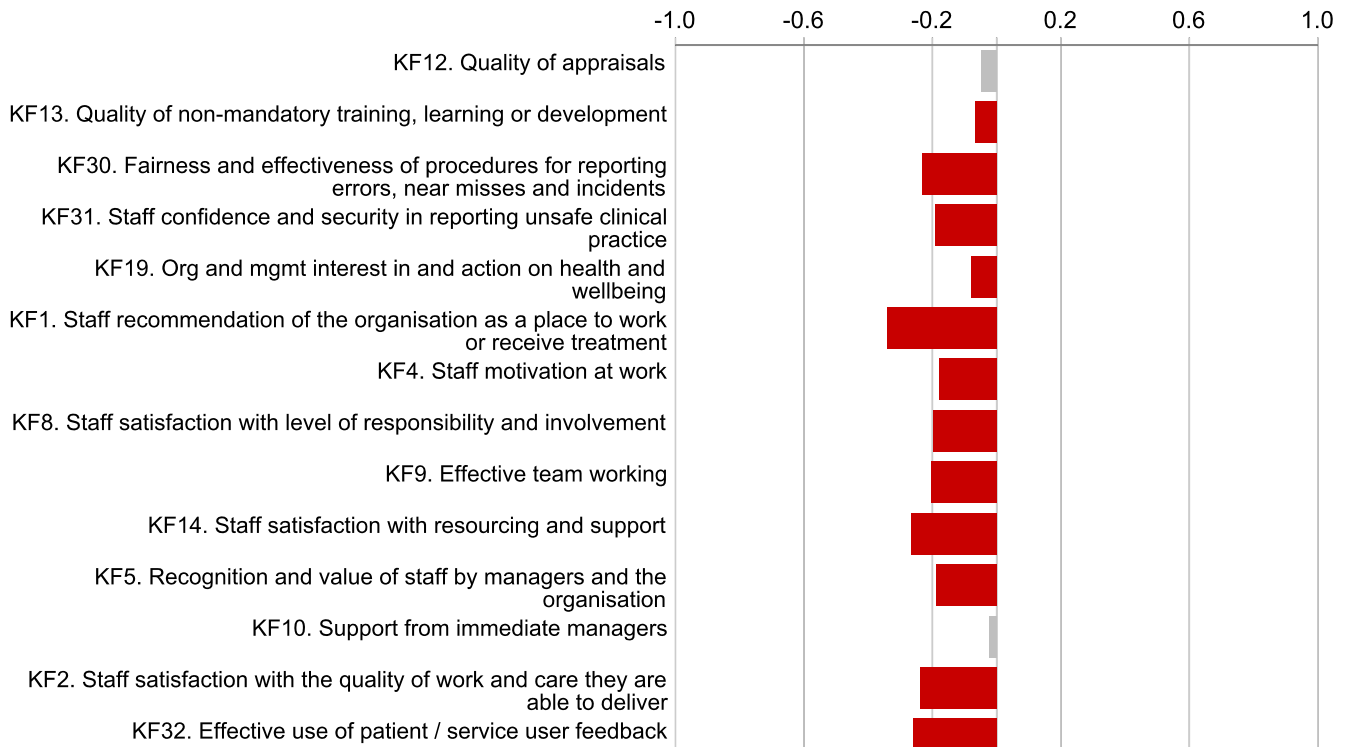
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Grey = Average.

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Comparison with all ambulance trusts in 2017 (cont)



3.4. 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 2016.

! Red = Negative finding, e.g. worse than average, worse than 2016.

'Change since 2016 survey' indicates whether there has been a statistically significant change in the Key Finding since the 2016 survey.

-- No comparison to the 2016 data is 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 2016 survey	Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts in 2017
Appraisals & support for development		
KF11. % appraised in last 12 mths	! Decrease (worse than 16)	! Below (worse than) average
KF12. Quality of appraisals	✓ Increase (better than 16)	• Average
KF13. Quality of non-mandatory training, learning or development	✓ Increase (better than 16)	! Below (worse than) average
Equality & diversity		
* <i>KF20. % experiencing discrimination at work in last 12 mths</i>	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
KF21. % believing the organisation provides equal opportunities for career progression / promotion	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
Errors & incidents		
* <i>KF28. % witnessing potentially harmful errors, near misses or incidents in last mth</i>	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
KF29. % reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in last mth	• No change	✓ Above (better than) average
KF30. Fairness and effectiveness of procedures for reporting errors, near misses and incidents	✓ Increase (better than 16)	! Below (worse than) average
KF31. Staff confidence and security in reporting unsafe clinical practice	✓ Increase (better than 16)	! Below (worse than) average
Health and wellbeing		
* <i>KF17. % feeling unwell due to work related stress in last 12 mths</i>	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
* <i>KF18. % attending work in last 3 mths despite feeling unwell because they felt pressure</i>	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
KF19. Org and mgmt interest in and action on health and wellbeing	✓ Increase (better than 16)	! Below (worse than) average
Working patterns		
KF15. % satisfied with the opportunities for flexible working patterns	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
* <i>KF16. % working extra hours</i>	• No change	! Above (worse than) average

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

	Change since 2016 survey	Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts in 2017
Job satisfaction		
KF1. Staff recommendation of the organisation as a place to work or receive treatment	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF4. Staff motivation at work	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF7. % able to contribute towards improvements at work	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF8. Staff satisfaction with level of responsibility and involvement	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF9. Effective team working	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF14. Staff satisfaction with resourcing and support	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
Managers		
KF5. Recognition and value of staff by managers and the organisation	✓ Increase (better than 16)	! Below (worse than) average
KF6. % reporting good communication between senior management and staff	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF10. Support from immediate managers	✓ Increase (better than 16)	• Average
Patient care & experience		
KF2. Staff satisfaction with the quality of work and care they are able to deliver	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF3. % agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients / service users	! Decrease (worse than 16)	! Below (worse than) average
KF32. Effective use of patient / service user feedback	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
Violence, harassment & bullying		
* KF22. % experiencing physical violence from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 mths	✓ Decrease (better than 16)	! Above (worse than) average
* KF23. % experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 mths	✓ Decrease (better than 16)	✓ Below (better than) average
KF24. % reporting most recent experience of violence	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
* KF25. % experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 mths	✓ Decrease (better than 16)	• 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	! Below (worse than) average

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

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust had 1405 staff take part in this survey. This is a response rate of 44%¹ which is average for ambulance trusts in England (42%), and compares with a response rate of 40% in this trust in the 2016 survey.

This section presents each of the 32 Key Findings, using data from the trust's 2017 survey, and compares these to other ambulance trusts in England and to the trust's performance in the 2016 survey. The findings are arranged under nine themes: appraisals and support for development, equality and diversity, errors and incidents, health and wellbeing, working patterns, job satisfaction, managers, patient care and experience, and violence, harassment and bullying.

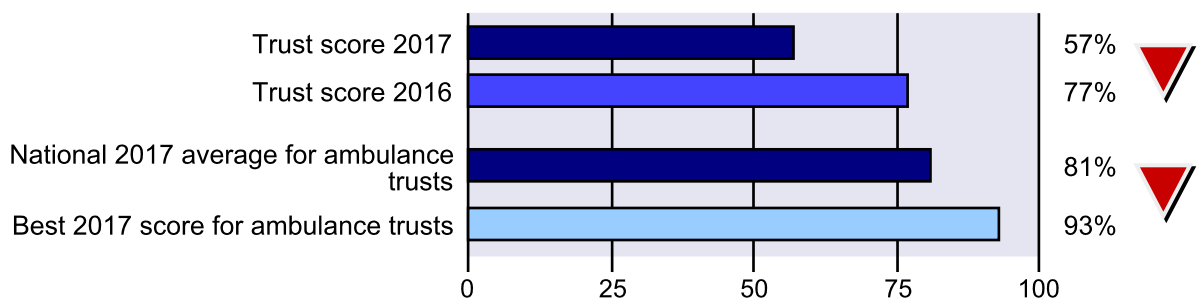
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Appraisals & support for development

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

(the higher the score the better)

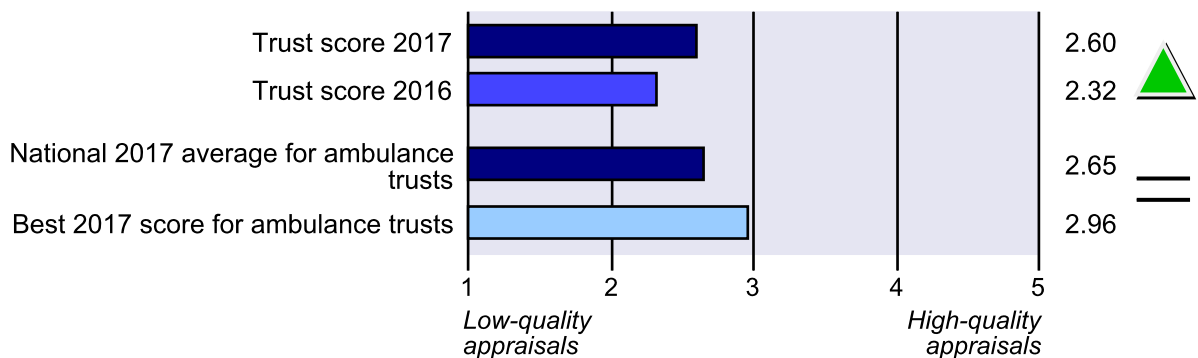
Percentage score



KEY FINDING 12. Quality of appraisals

(the higher the score the better)

Scale summary score

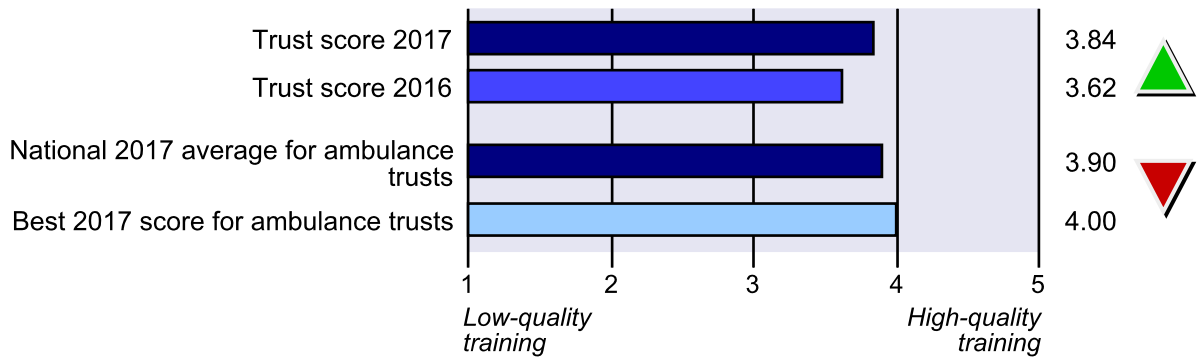


¹Questionnaires were sent to all 3192 staff eligible to receive the survey. This includes only staff employed directly by the trust (i.e. excluding staff working for external contractors). It excludes bank staff unless they are also employed directly elsewhere in the trust. When calculating the response rate, questionnaires could only be counted if they were received with their ID number intact, by the closing date.

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

(the higher the score the better)

Scale summary score

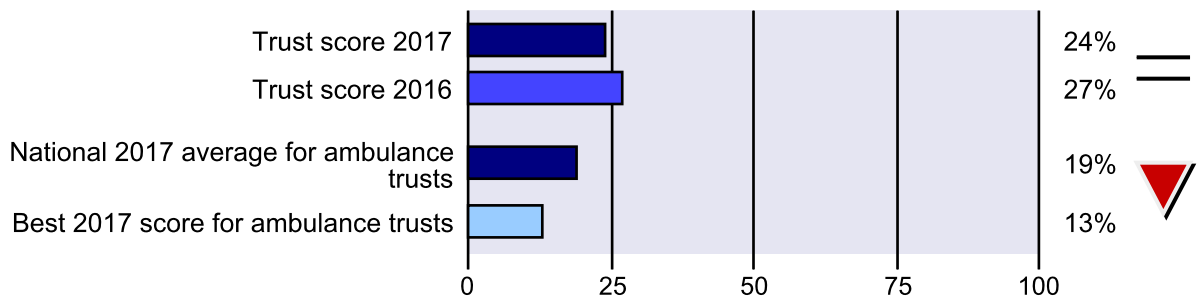


Equality & diversity

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

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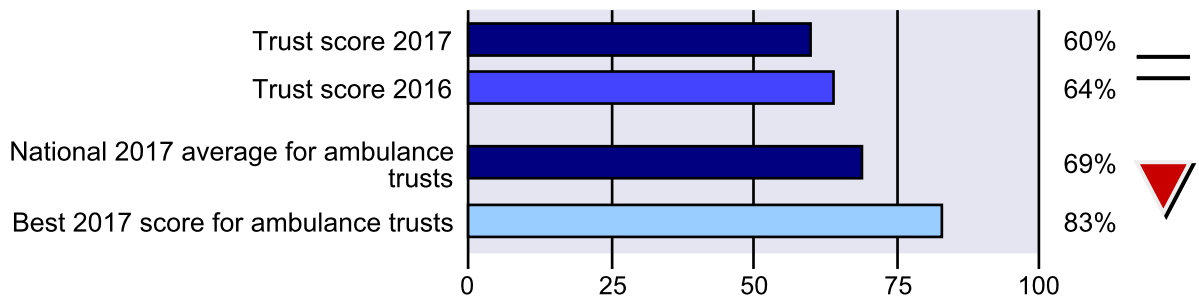
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KEY FINDING 21. Percentage of staff believing that the organisation provides equal opportunities for career progression or promotion

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Percentage score

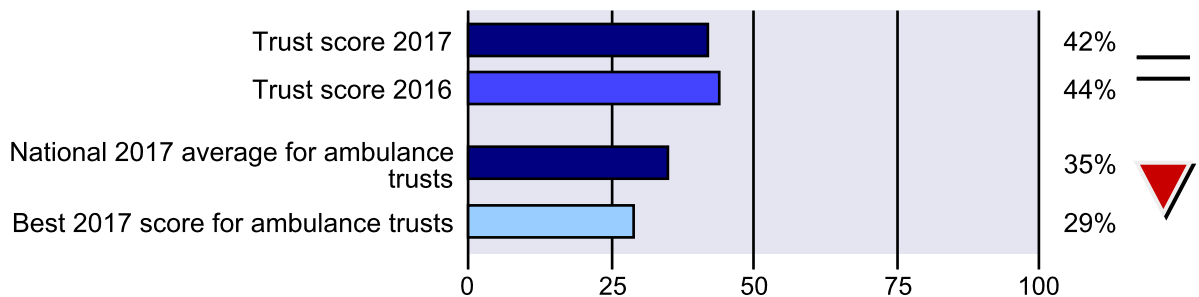


Errors & incidents

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

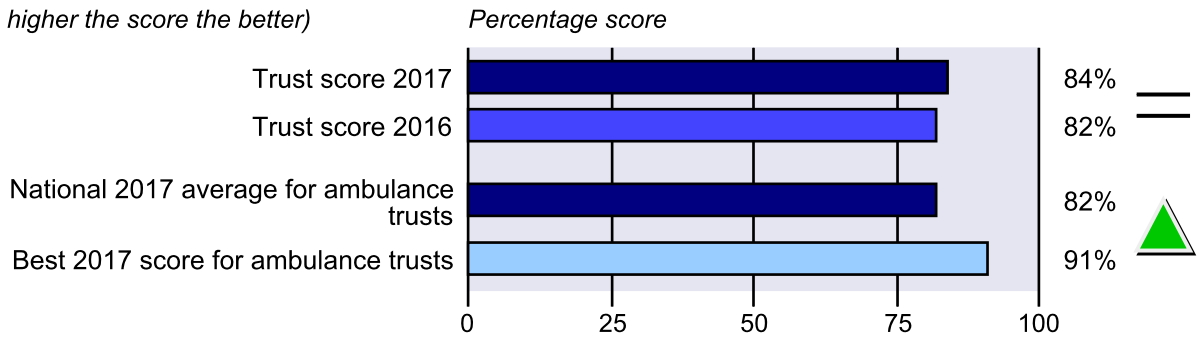
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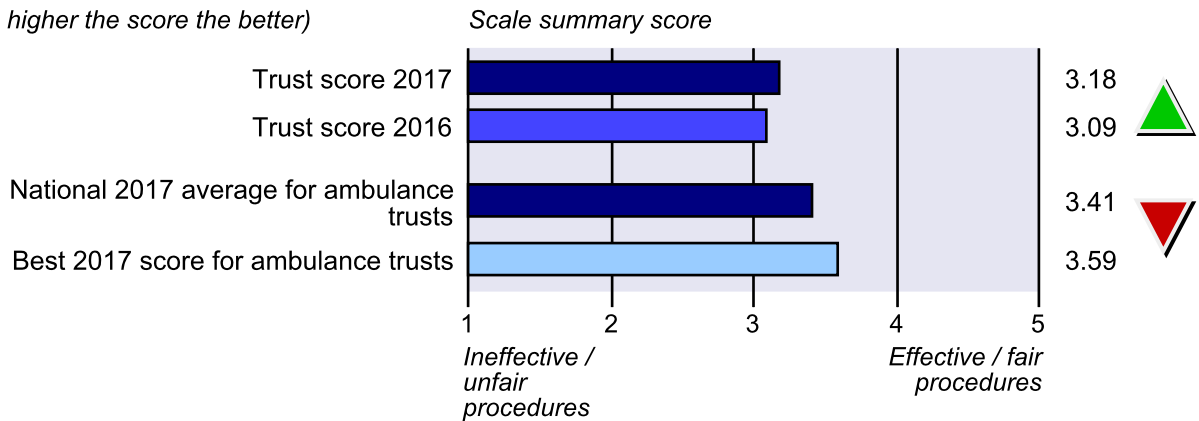
KEY FINDING 29. Percentage of staff reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last month

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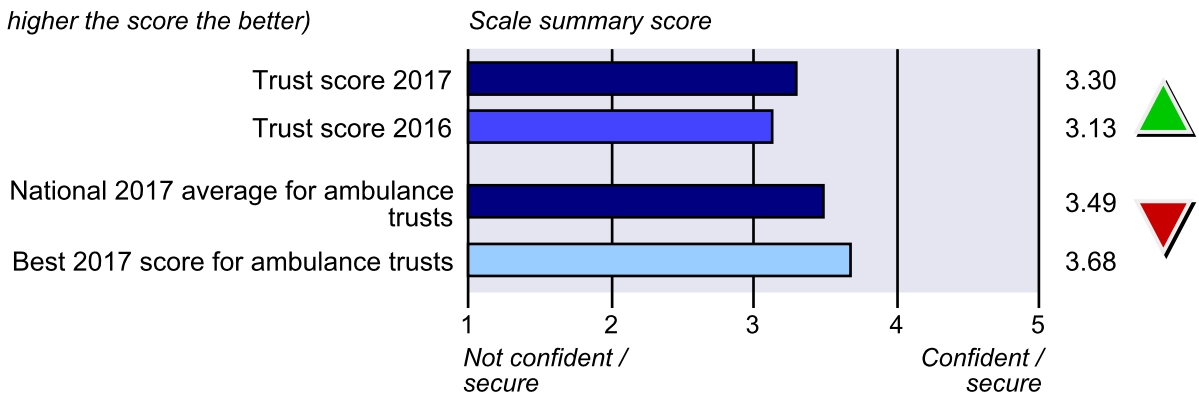
KEY FINDING 30. Fairness and effectiveness of procedures for reporting errors, near misses and incidents

(the higher the score the better)



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

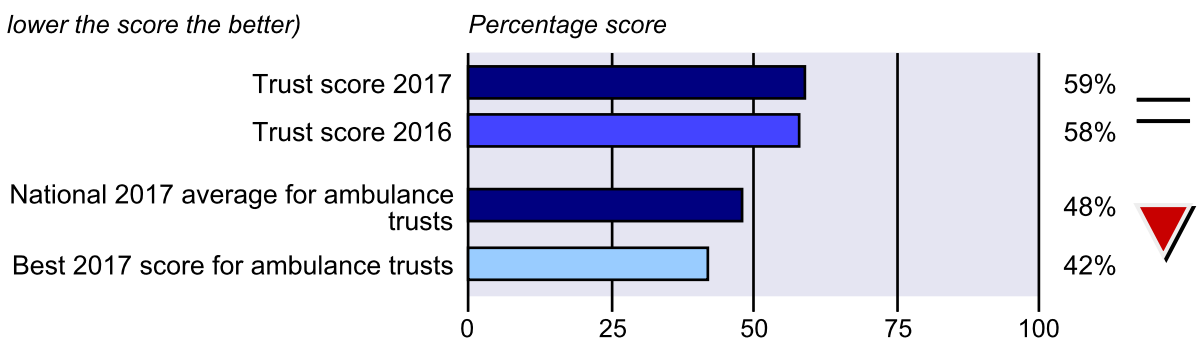
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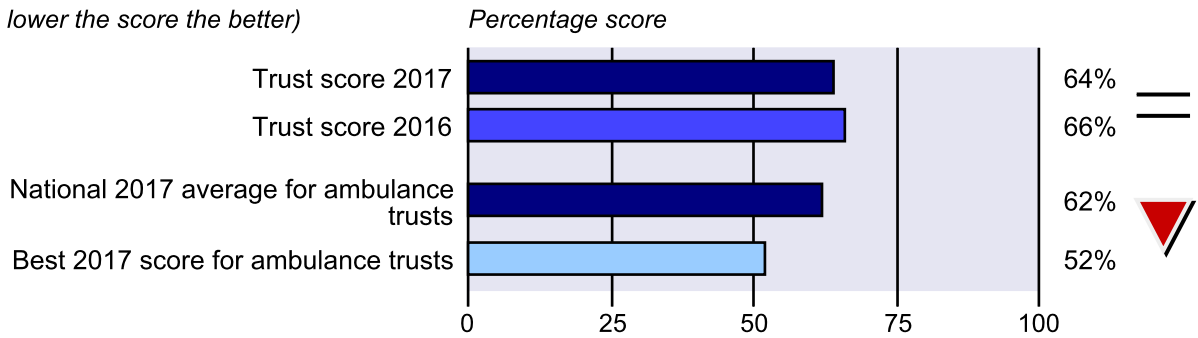
KEY FINDING 17. Percentage of staff feeling unwell due to work related stress in the last 12 months

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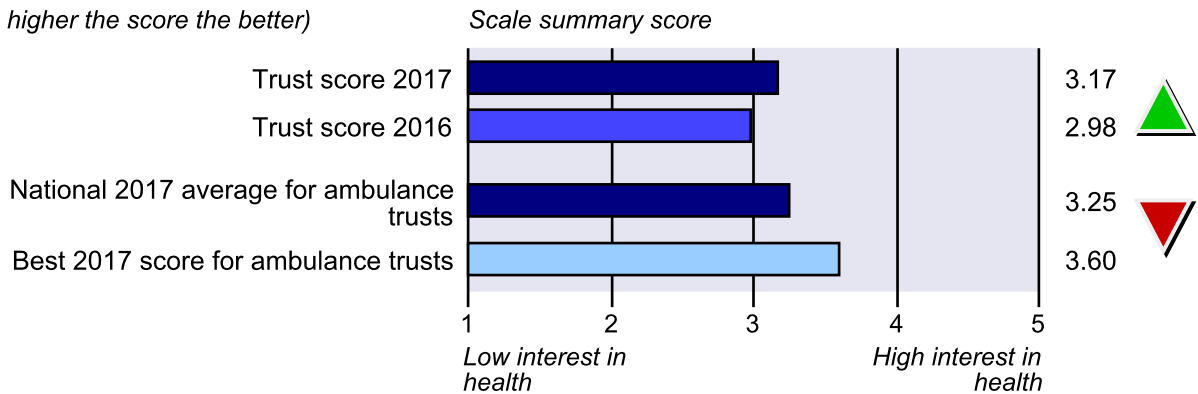
KEY FINDING 18. Percentage of staff attending work in the last 3 months despite feeling unwell because they felt pressure from their manager, colleagues or themselves

(the lower the score the better)



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

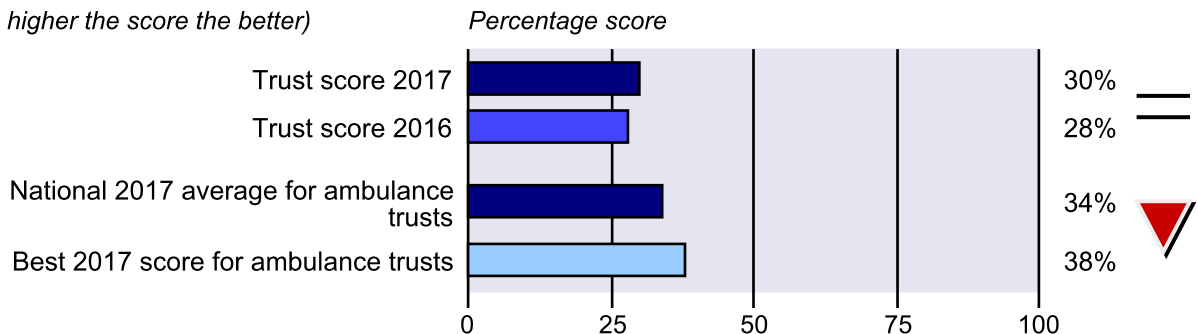
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Working patterns

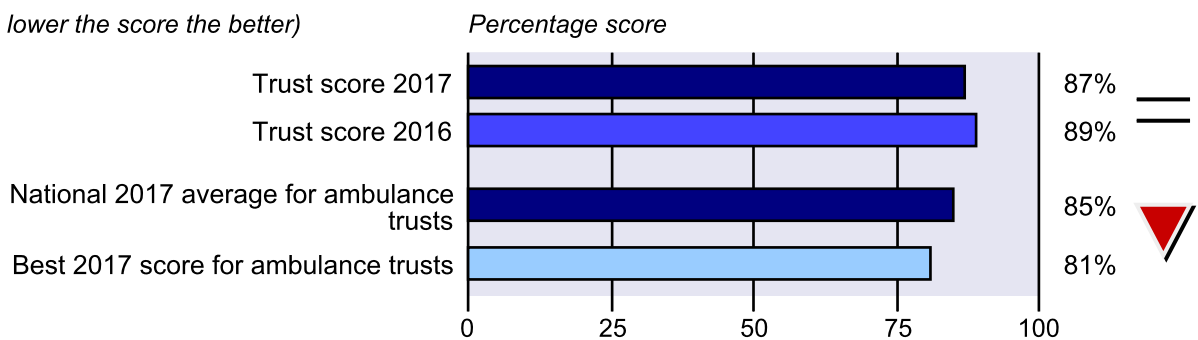
KEY FINDING 15. Percentage of staff satisfied with the opportunities for flexible working patterns

(the higher the score the better)



KEY FINDING 16. Percentage of staff working extra hours

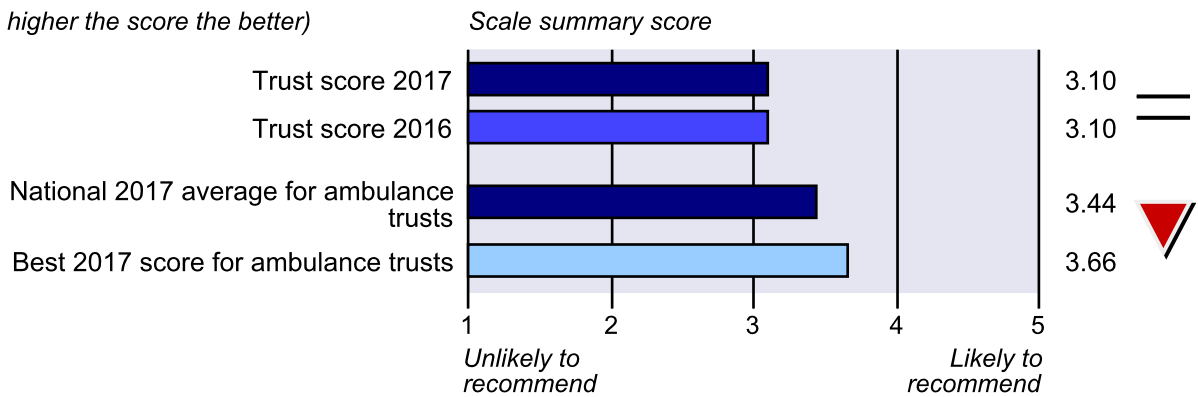
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Job satisfaction

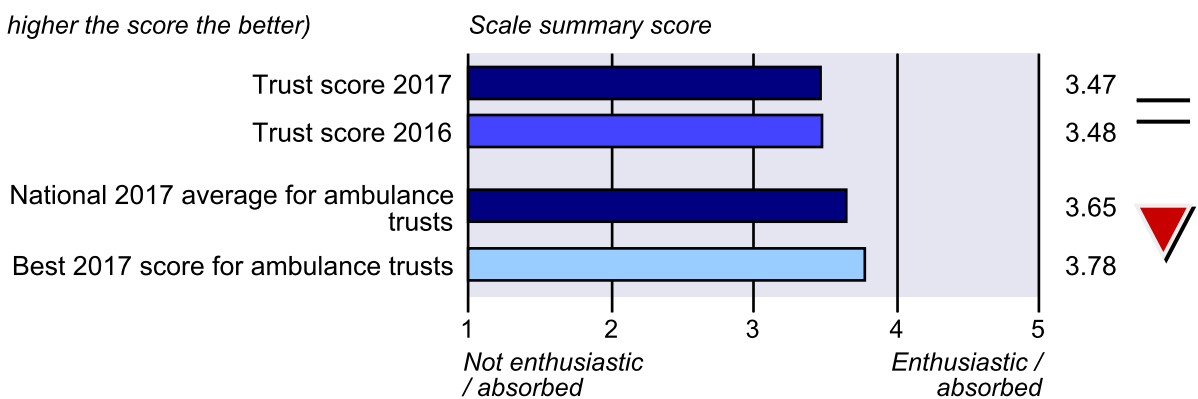
KEY FINDING 1. Staff recommendation of the organisation as a place to work or receive treatment

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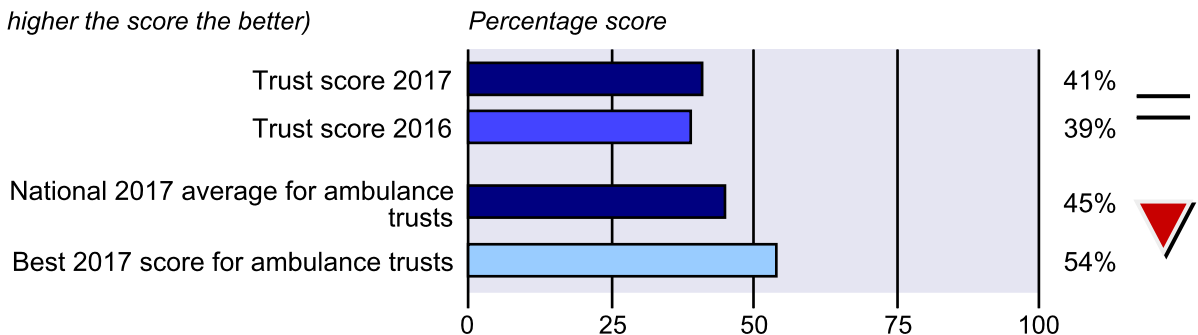
KEY FINDING 4. Staff motivation at work

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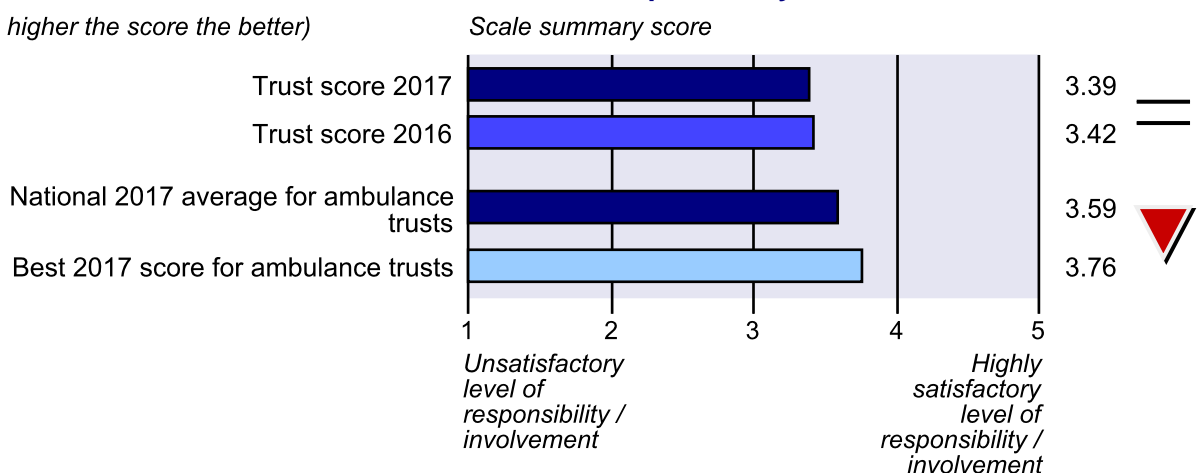
KEY FINDING 7. Percentage of staff able to contribute towards improvements at work

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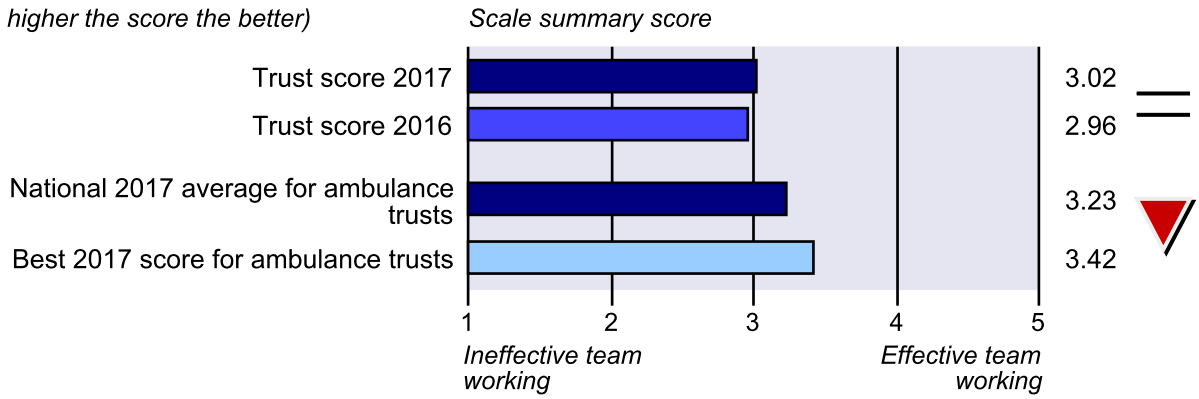
KEY FINDING 8. Staff satisfaction with level of responsibility and involvement

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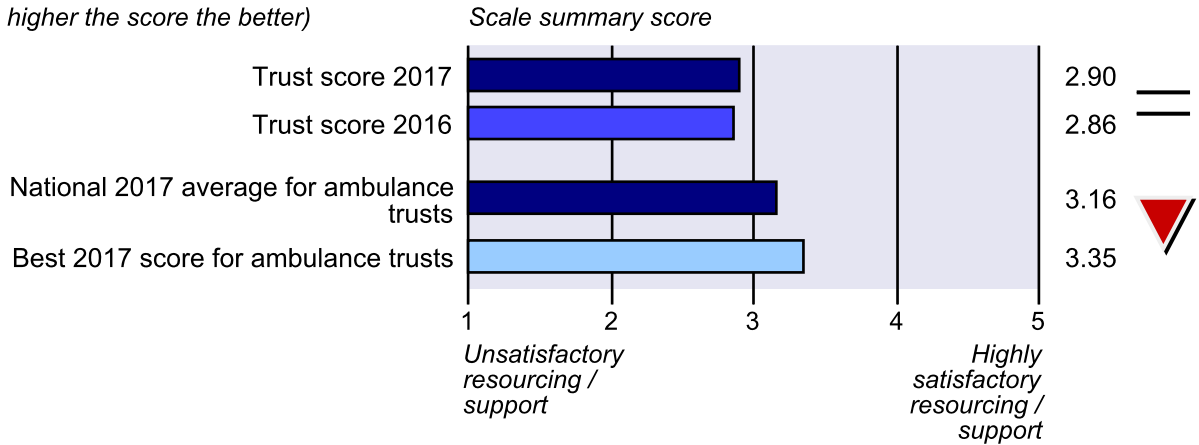
KEY FINDING 9. Effective team working

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KEY FINDING 14. Staff satisfaction with resourcing and support

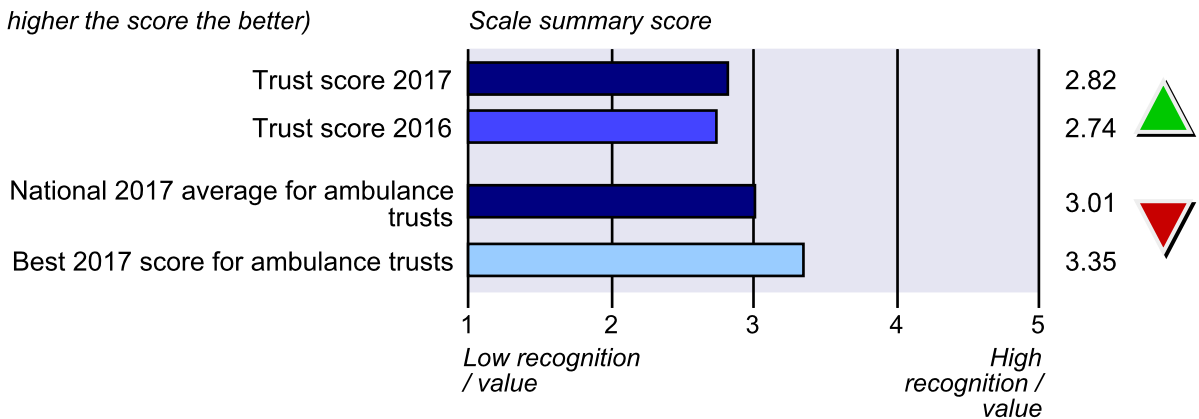
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Managers

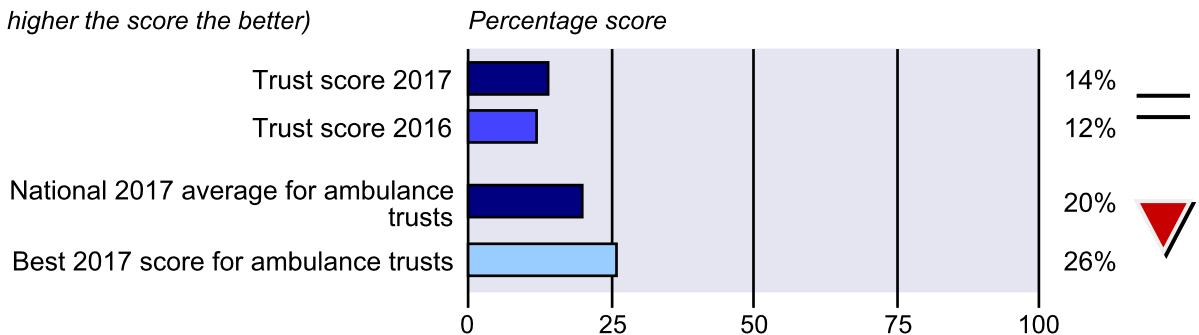
KEY FINDING 5. Recognition and value of staff by managers and the organisation

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

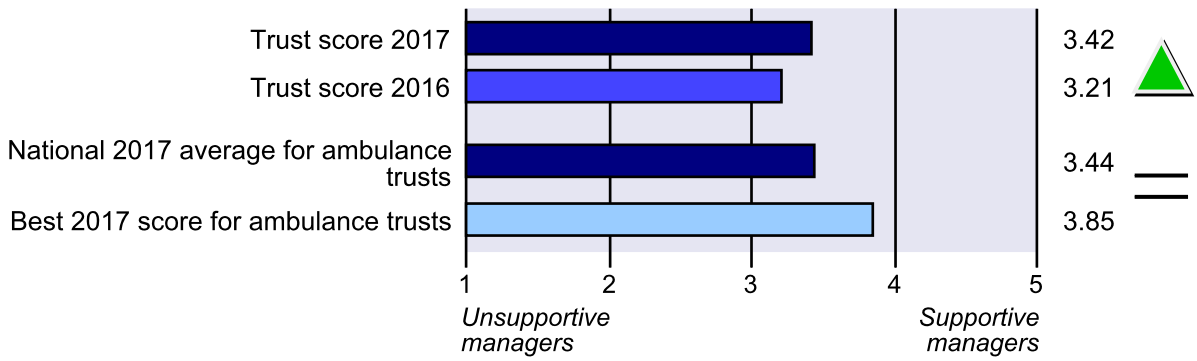
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KEY FINDING 10. Support from immediate managers

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Scale summary score

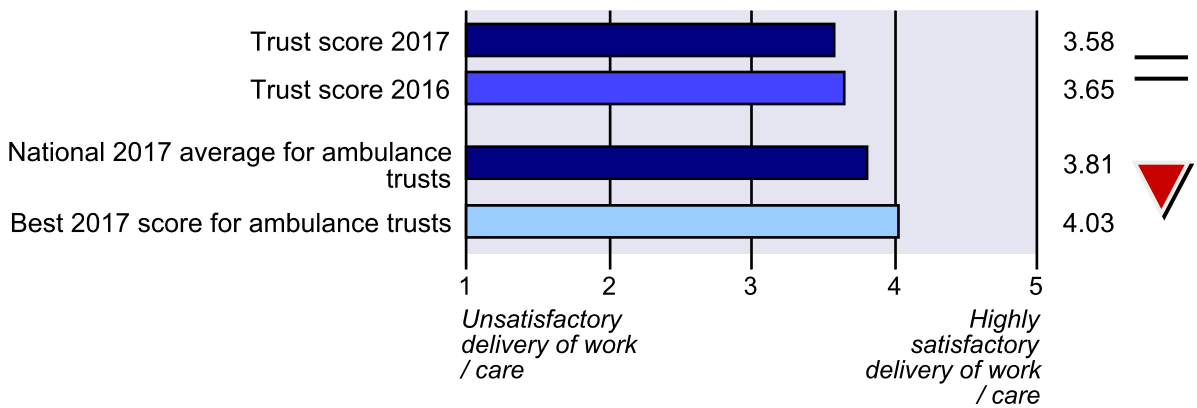


Patient care & experience

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

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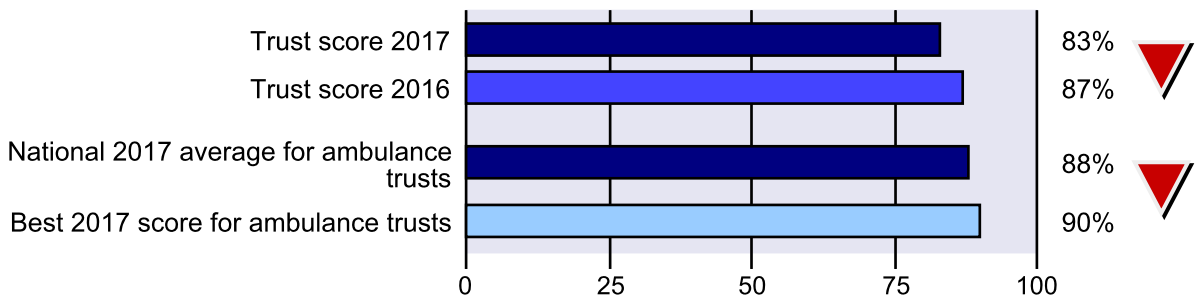
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KEY FINDING 3. Percentage of staff agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients / service users

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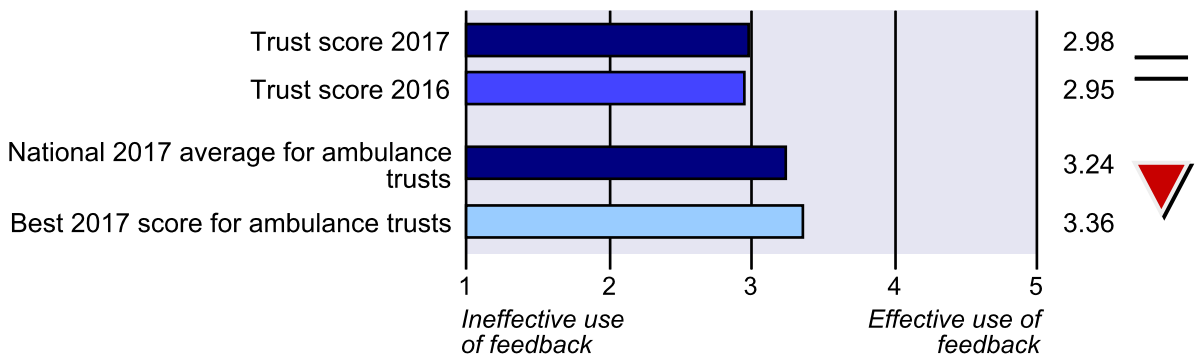
Percentage score



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

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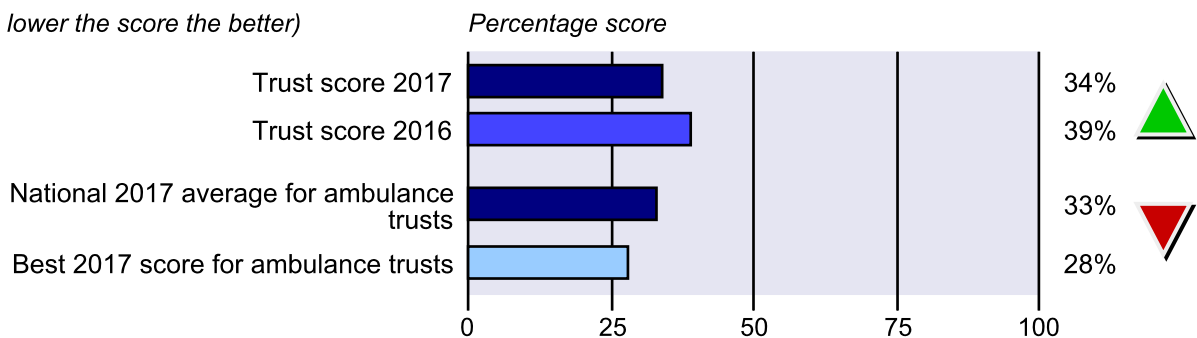
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Violence, harassment & bullying

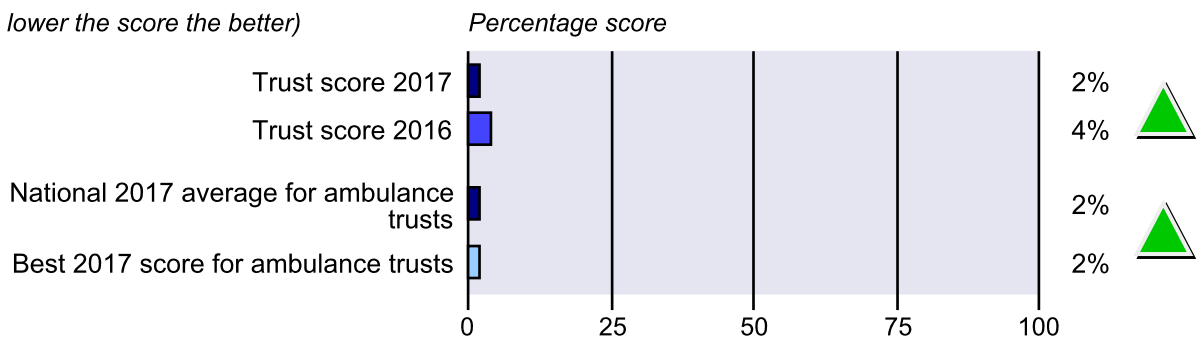
KEY FINDING 22. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



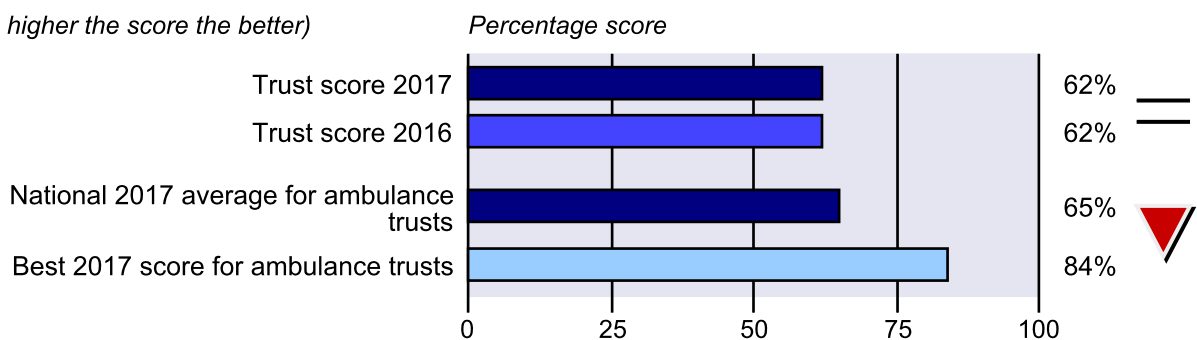
KEY FINDING 23. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 months

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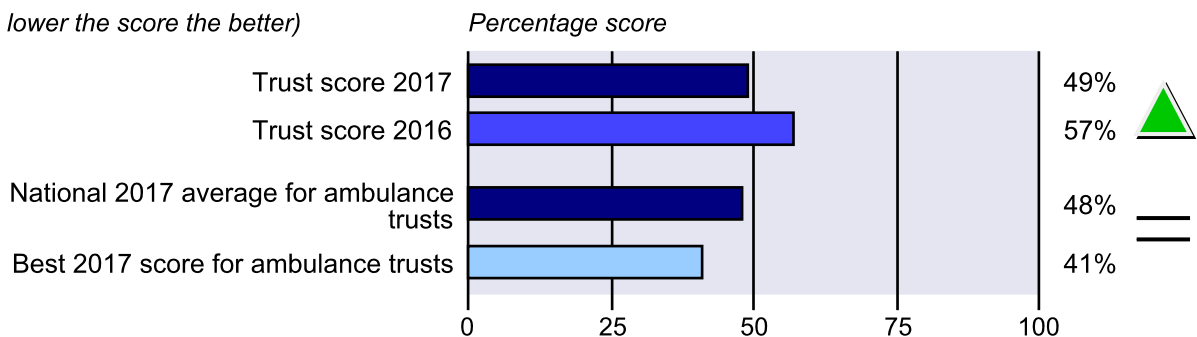
KEY FINDING 24. Percentage of staff / colleagues reporting most recent experience of violence

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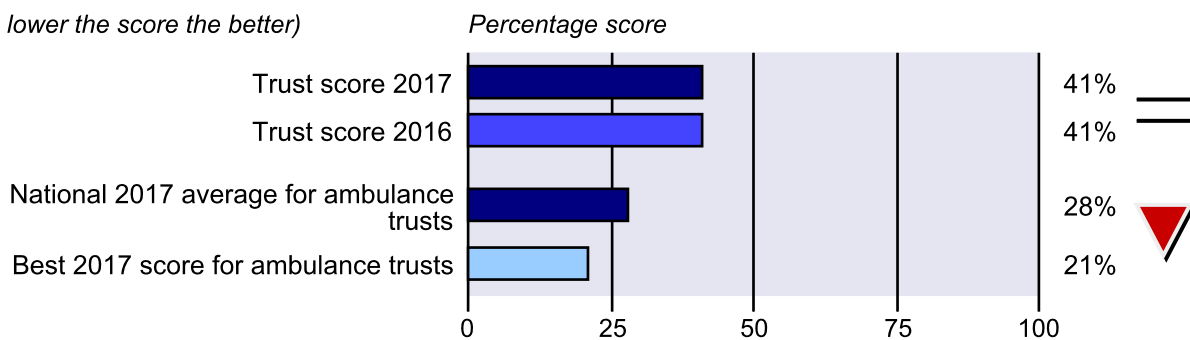
KEY FINDING 25. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



KEY FINDING 26. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from staff in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



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

(the higher the score the better)

