

National Cancer Patient Experience Survey

2016 Results

**Royal Free London
NHS Foundation Trust**

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The National Cancer Patient Experience Survey is undertaken by Quality Health on behalf of NHS England



Introduction

The National Cancer Patient Experience Survey 2016 is the sixth iteration of the survey first undertaken in 2010. It has been designed to monitor national progress on cancer care; to provide information to drive local quality improvements; to assist commissioners and providers of cancer care; and to inform the work of the various charities and stakeholder groups supporting cancer patients.

The survey was overseen by a national Cancer Patient Experience Advisory Group. This Advisory Group set the principles and objectives of the survey programme and guided questionnaire development.

The survey was commissioned and managed by NHS England. The survey provider, Quality Health, is responsible for designing, running and analysing the survey.

Full national results and other reports are available at www.ncpes.co.uk.

Further details on the survey methodology and changes to the 2016 survey can be found in the Annex.

This report

The report shows how this Trust scored for each question in the survey, compared with national results. It is aimed at helping individual Trusts to understand their performance and identify areas for local improvement.

Note that responses for questions with 1-20 respondents have been suppressed. This is to protect patient confidentiality and because uncertainty around the result is too great.

Data tables

The data tables presented in this report show the following for each question:

- **Column 1** shows the number of respondents for 2015 to this question
- **Column 2** shows the unadjusted 2015 score for this Trust
- **Column 3** shows the number of respondents for 2016 to this question
- **Column 4** shows the unadjusted 2016 score for this Trust
- **Column 5** shows whether a score has significantly increased or decreased compared with the last survey
- **Column 6** shows the case-mix adjusted 2016 score for this Trust
- **Column 7** shows the lower limit of the expected range of case-mix adjusted scores for this Trust (the top of the pale blue section on the comparability chart - see below)
- **Column 8** shows the upper limit of the expected range of case-mix adjusted scores for this Trust (the bottom of the dark blue section on the comparability chart - see below)
- **Column 9** shows the national average score for this question.

Results for individual response options are presented in the detailed data tables available at www.ncpes.co.uk . Confidence Intervals for unadjusted and case-mix adjusted data are provided in these tables.

Expected ranges and 95% confidence intervals highlight the uncertainty around the results. The size of the expected ranges and confidence intervals will be different for each question, and depends on the number of respondents and the range of their responses.

For further details on case-mix adjustment and the scoring methodology used, please refer to the Annex.

Comparability charts

For the 2016 survey, we have adopted the CQC standard for reporting comparative performance, based on calculation of "expected ranges". This means that Trusts will be flagged as outliers only if there is statistical evidence that their scores deviate (positively or negatively) from the range of scores that would be expected for Trusts of the same size.

The comparability charts in this report show a bar with these expected ranges (in grey), higher than expected (in dark blue), and lower than expected (in pale blue). A black dot represents the actual score of this Trust.

The same colour convention has been used in Column 6 of the data tables.

For further details on expected ranges, please refer to the technical document at www.ncpes.co.uk .

Tumour group tables

The final set of tables in this report show the scores for each question for each of the 13 tumour groups, with a comparative national score for that tumour group.

These breakdowns are intended as additional information for Trusts to understand the differences between the experiences of patients with different types of cancer. The numbers are generally relatively small and may not be statistically significant. They should therefore be treated with some caution.

Notes on specific questions

Questions used to direct respondents to different parts of the survey (questions 4, 24, 27, 40, 43, 46) and other demographic and information questions are not reported.

How to use the data

Unadjusted data should be used to see the actual responses from patients relating to the Trust.

Case-mix adjusted data, together with expected ranges, should be used to understand whether the results are significantly higher or lower than national results.

Case-mix adjusted data, together with (case-mix adjusted) confidence intervals (presented in the detailed data tables at www.ncpes.co.uk), should be used to understand whether the results are significantly higher or lower than the results for another Trust.

Response rates

Numbers of respondents by tumour group, age and gender can be found in the Annex.

Executive Summary

Asked to rate their care on a scale of zero (very poor) to 10 (very good), respondents gave an average rating of **8.6**.

The following questions are included in phase 1 of the Cancer Dashboard developed by Public Health England and NHS England*:

- **73%** of respondents said that they were definitely involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care and treatment
- **91%** of respondents said that they were given the name of a Clinical Nurse Specialist who would support them through their treatment
- **85%** of respondents said that it had been 'quite easy' or 'very easy' to contact their Clinical Nurse Specialist
- **89%** of respondents said that, overall, they were always treated with dignity and respect while they were in hospital
- **93%** of respondents said that hospital staff told them who to contact if they were worried about their condition or treatment after they left hospital
- **57%** of respondents said that they thought the GPs and nurses at their general practice definitely did everything they could to support them while they were having cancer treatment.

Detailed results for these and other questions are set out in the sections that follow.

* www.cancerdata.nhs.uk/dashboard

The questions were selected in discussion with the national Cancer Patient Experience Advisory Group and reflect four key patient experience domains: provision of information; involvement in decisions; care transition; interpersonal relations, respect and dignity. The figures presented above are all case-mix adjusted.

Questions which scored outside expected range

Question	Number of respondents for this Trust	2016 Case-mix Adjusted			National Average Score	
		2016 Percentage for this Trust	Lower limit of expected range	Upper limit of expected range		
Seeing your GP						
Q1	Saw GP once / twice before being told had to go to hospital	520	73%	73%	80%	77%
Q2	Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary	757	79%	81%	86%	83%
Diagnostic tests						
Q7	Given complete explanation of test results in understandable way	672	74%	76%	82%	79%
Finding out what was wrong with you						
Q8	Patient told they could bring a family member or friend when first told they had cancer	715	69%	71%	81%	76%
Q9	Patient felt they were told sensitively that they had cancer	748	80%	82%	87%	84%
Q10	Patient completely understood the explanation of what was wrong	760	69%	70%	76%	73%
Deciding the best treatment for you						
Q12	Patient felt that treatment options were completely explained	650	76%	80%	86%	83%
Q13	Possible side effects explained in an understandable way	718	67%	69%	76%	72%
Q14	Patient given practical advice and support in dealing with side effects of treatment	723	61%	62%	70%	66%
Q15	Patient definitely told about side effects that could affect them in the future	679	47%	51%	58%	54%
Q16	Patient definitely involved in decisions about care and treatment	728	73%	75%	81%	78%
Support for people with cancer						
Q21	Hospital staff gave information about impact cancer could have on day to day activities	496	75%	78%	85%	81%
Operations						
Q26	Staff explained how operation had gone in understandable way	419	74%	75%	83%	79%
Hospital care as an inpatient						
Q33	All staff asked patient what name they preferred to be called by	464	56%	59%	76%	68%
Hospital care as a day patient / outpatient						
Q41	Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	554	64%	67%	74%	70%

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Question	Number of respondents for this Trust	2016 Case-mix Adjusted			National Average Score
		Percentage for this Trust 2016	Lower limit of expected range	Upper limit of expected range	

Home care and support

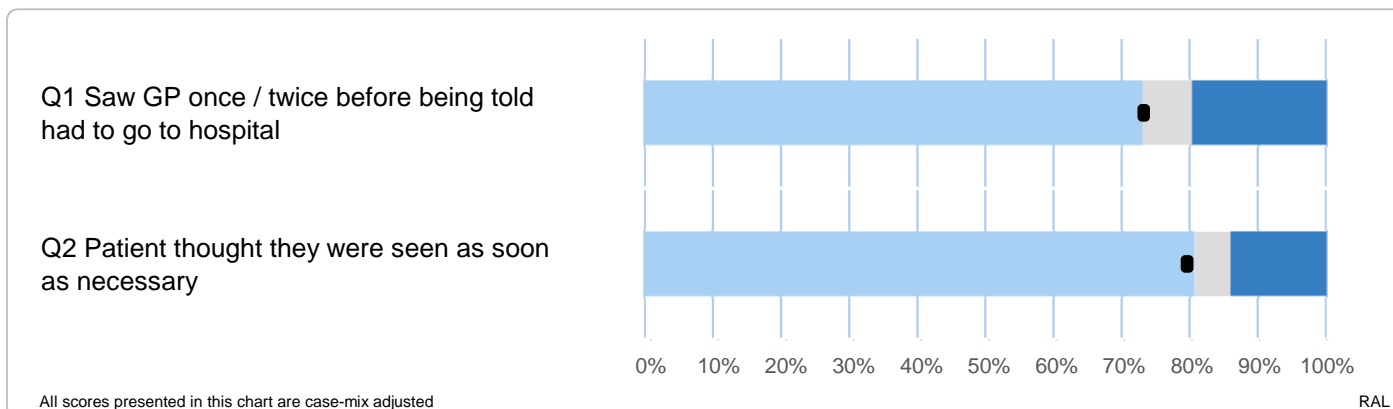
Q49	Hospital staff gave family or someone close all the information needed to help with care at home	597	52%	54%	62%	58%
Q50	Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services during treatment	375	43%	45%	61%	53%

Your overall NHS care

Q54	Hospital and community staff always worked well together	743	54%	56%	66%	61%
Q59	Patient`s average rating of care scored from very poor to very good	735	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.7

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Seeing your GP

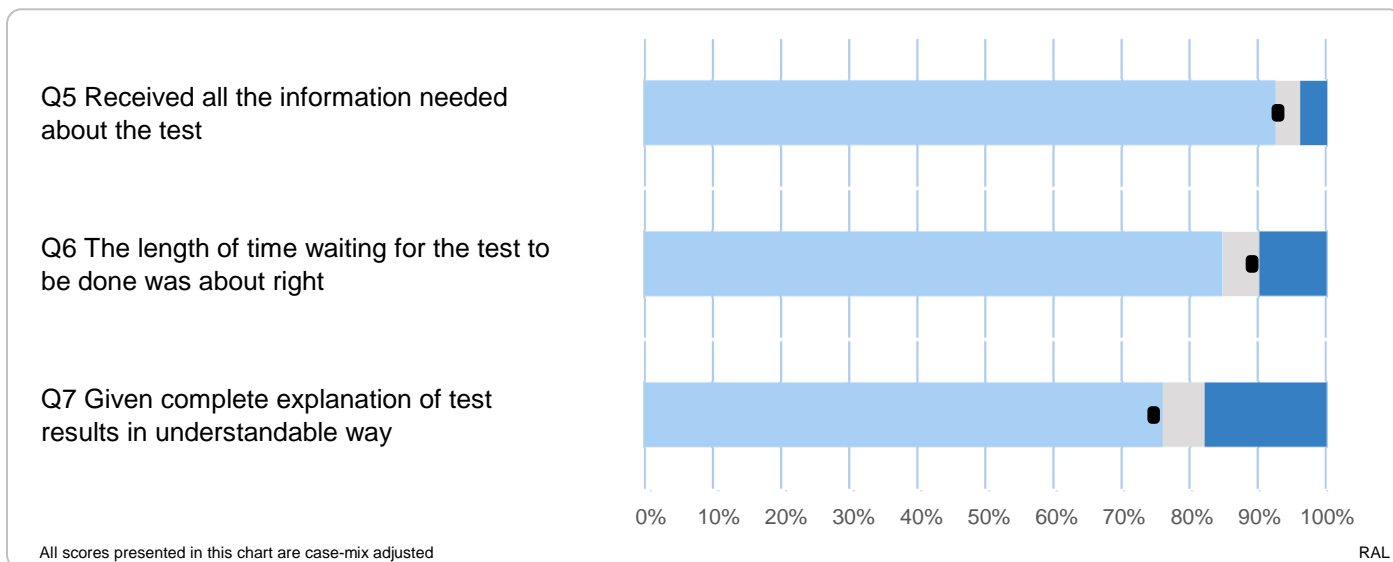


Question		Unadjusted Scores				2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
		2015		2016		2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score	Change from 2015				
Q1	Saw GP once / twice before being told had to go to hospital	489	73%	524	73%		73%	80%	77%
Q2	Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary	661	79%	762	78%		79%	86%	83%

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Diagnostic Tests



Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q5	-	-	656	92%		93%	93%	96%	94%
Q6	580	85%	675	88%		89%	85%	90%	87%
Q7	574	75%	677	73%		74%	76%	82%	79%

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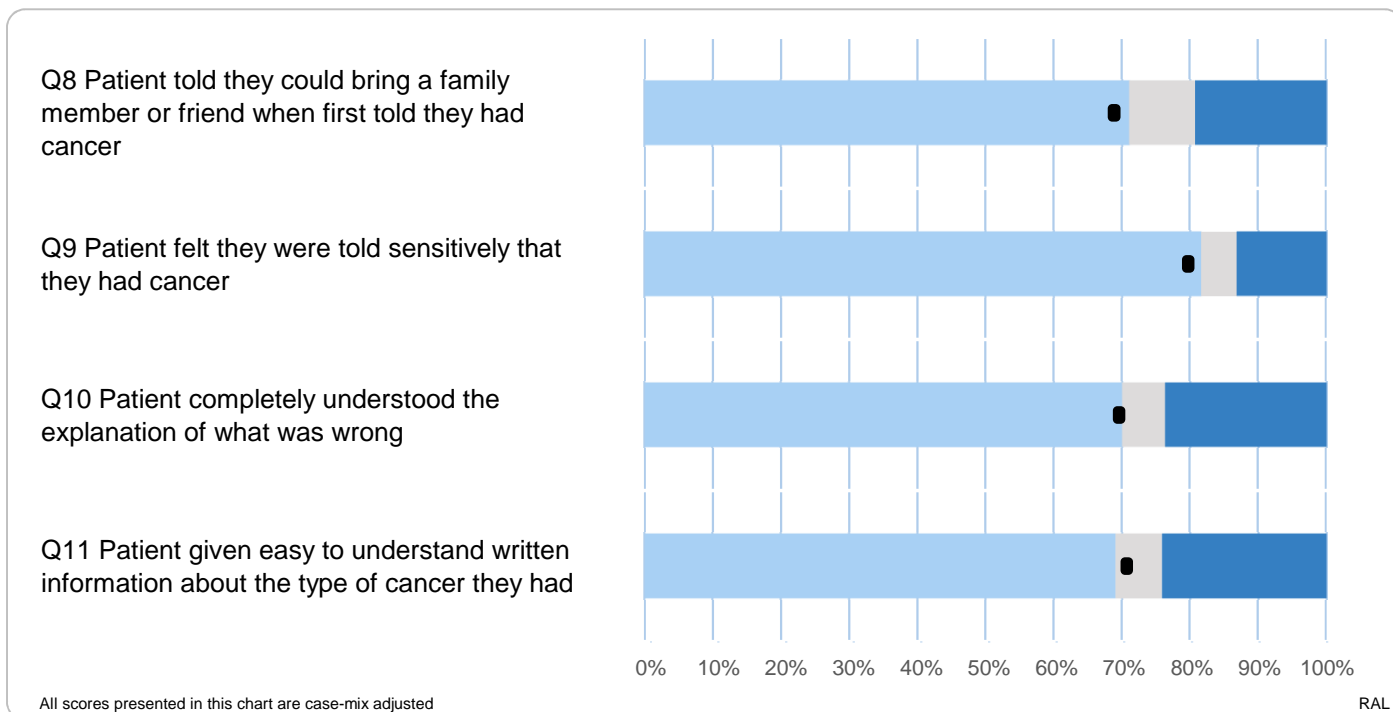
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Finding out what was wrong with you

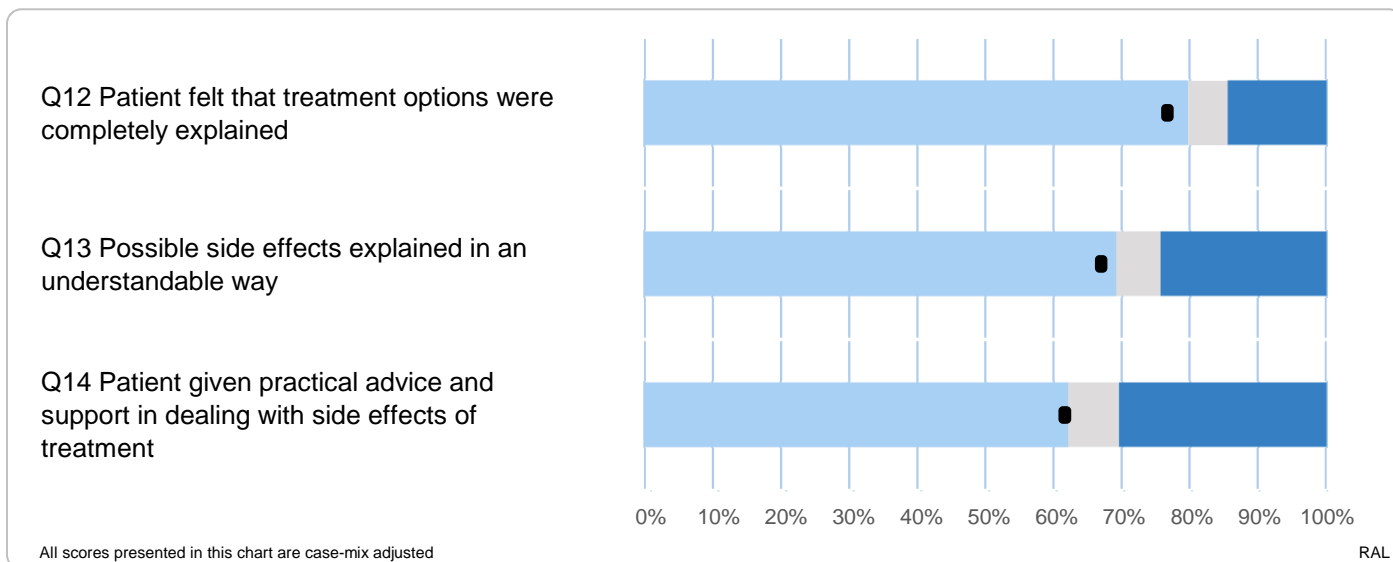


Question		Unadjusted Scores				Change from 2015	2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
		2015		2016			2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score							
Q8	Patient told they could bring a family member or friend when first told they had cancer	-	-	719	68%		69%	71%	81%	76%
Q9	Patient felt they were told sensitively that they had cancer	655	84%	752	79%		80%	82%	87%	84%
Q10	Patient completely understood the explanation of what was wrong	657	73%	765	70%		69%	70%	76%	73%
Q11	Patient given easy to understand written information about the type of cancer they had	585	71%	673	68%		71%	69%	76%	72%

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Deciding the best treatment for you (Part 1 of 2)

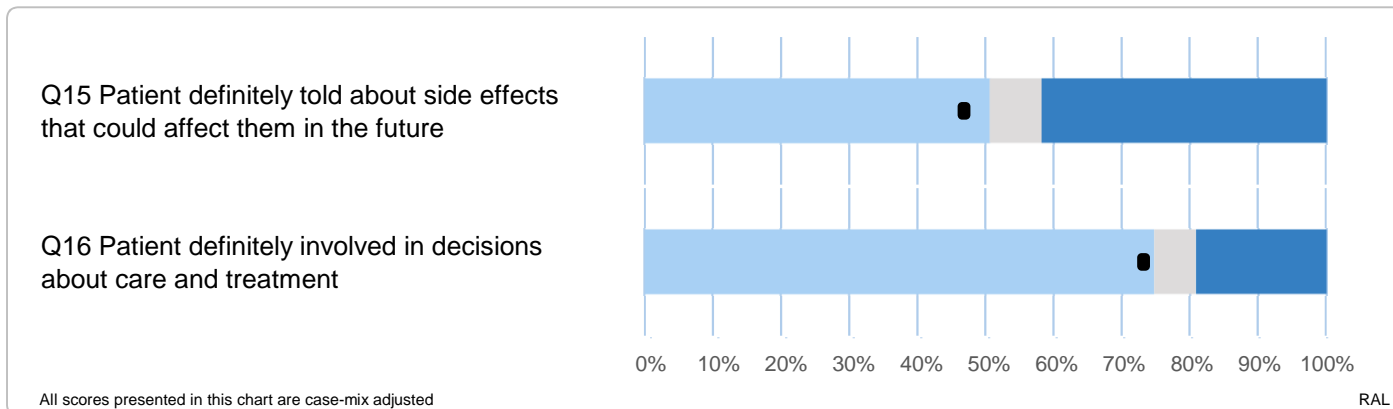


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q12 Patient felt that treatment options were completely explained	588	80%	655	76%		76%	80%	86%	83%
Q13 Possible side effects explained in an understandable way	621	71%	723	66%		67%	69%	76%	72%
Q14 Patient given practical advice and support in dealing with side effects of treatment	626	60%	728	60%		61%	62%	70%	66%

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Deciding the best treatment for you (Part 2 of 2)



Question		Unadjusted Scores				Change from 2015	2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
		2015		2016			2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
		Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score					
Q15	Patient definitely told about side effects that could affect them in the future	592	53%	684	47%		47%	51%	58%	54%
Q16	Patient definitely involved in decisions about care and treatment	627	75%	733	72%		73%	75%	81%	78%

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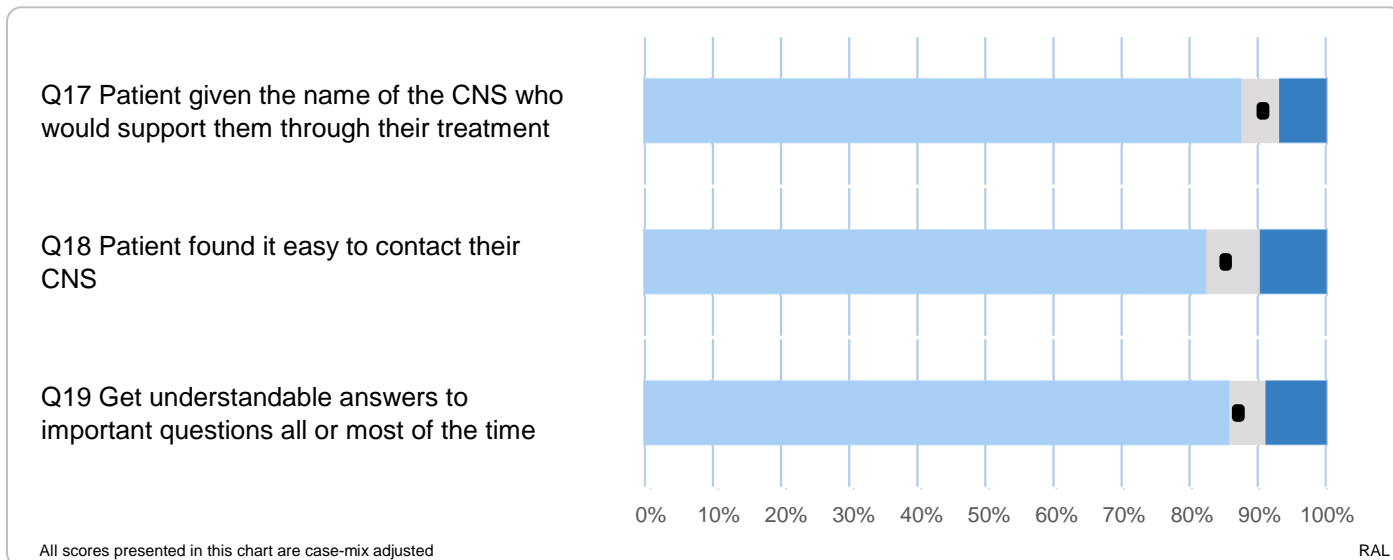
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Clinical Nurse Specialist

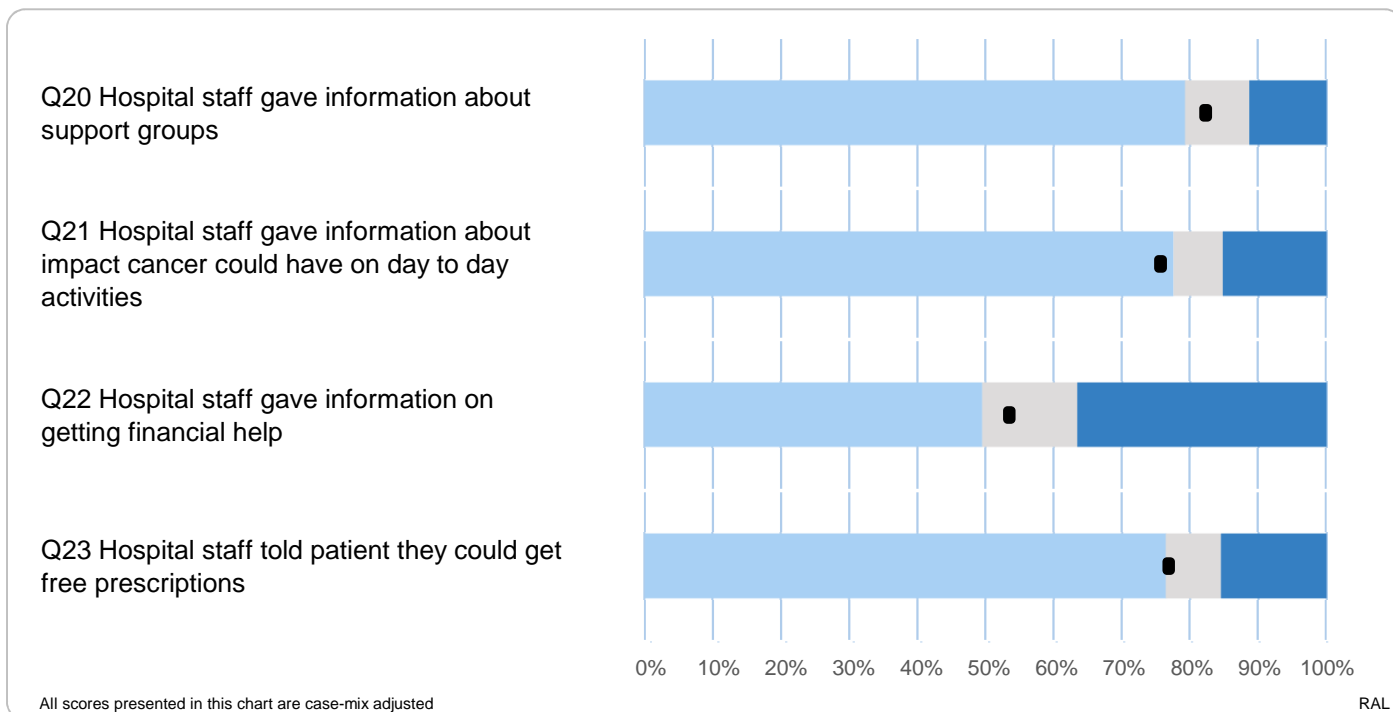


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q17 Patient given the name of the CNS who would support them through their treatment	635	88%	738	89%		91%	88%	93%	90%
Q18 Patient found it easy to contact their CNS	512	84%	592	84%		85%	82%	90%	86%
Q19 Get understandable answers to important questions all or most of the time	501	87%	556	86%		87%	86%	91%	88%

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Support for people with cancer

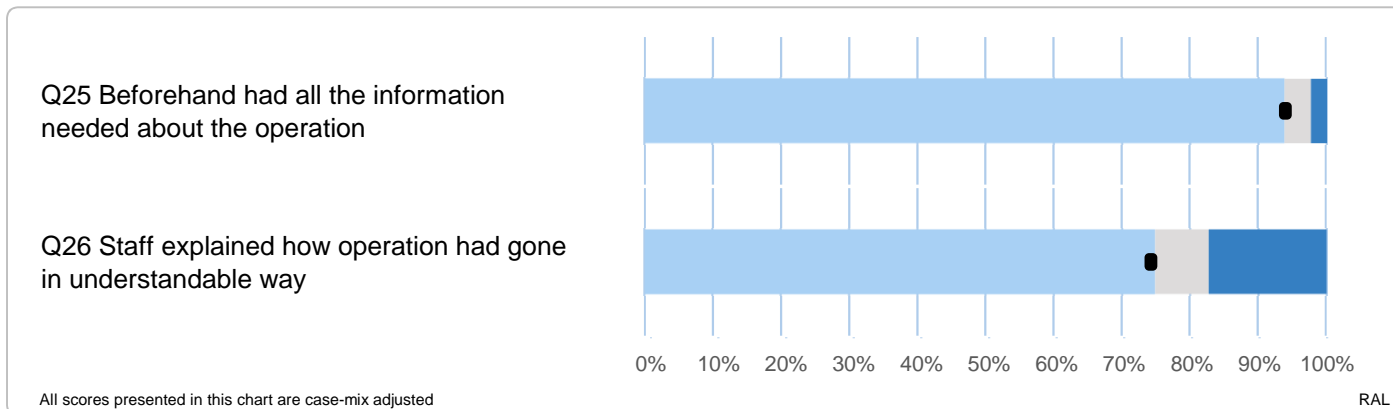


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q20 Hospital staff gave information about support groups	476	83%	558	80%		82%	79%	89%	84%
Q21 Hospital staff gave information about impact cancer could have on day to day activities	435	79%	498	73%		75%	78%	85%	81%
Q22 Hospital staff gave information on getting financial help	343	52%	380	50%		53%	50%	63%	56%
Q23 Hospital staff told patient they could get free prescriptions	345	82%	376	74%	↓	77%	76%	85%	80%

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Operations

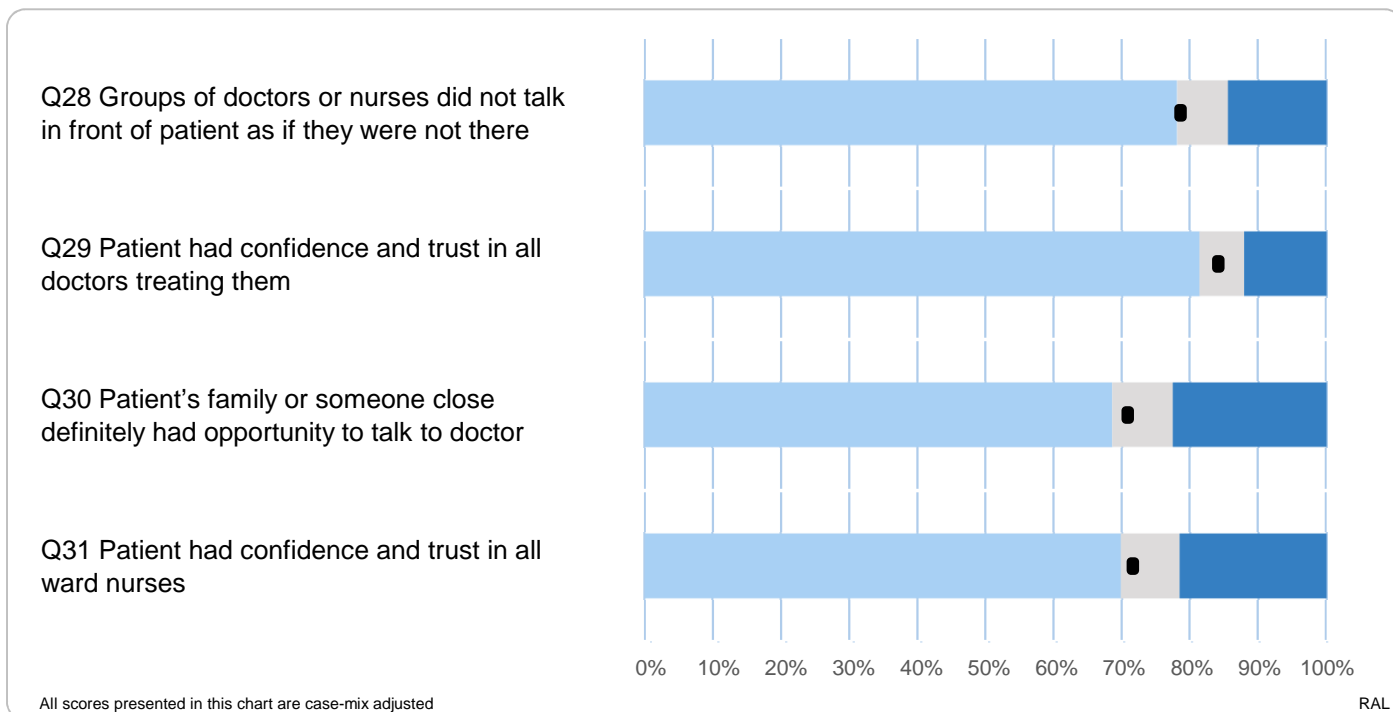


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q25	Beforehand had all the information needed about the operation	-	-	427	94%		94%	98%	96%
Q26	Staff explained how operation had gone in understandable way	354	73%	422	73%	74%	75%	83%	79%

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Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 1 of 3)

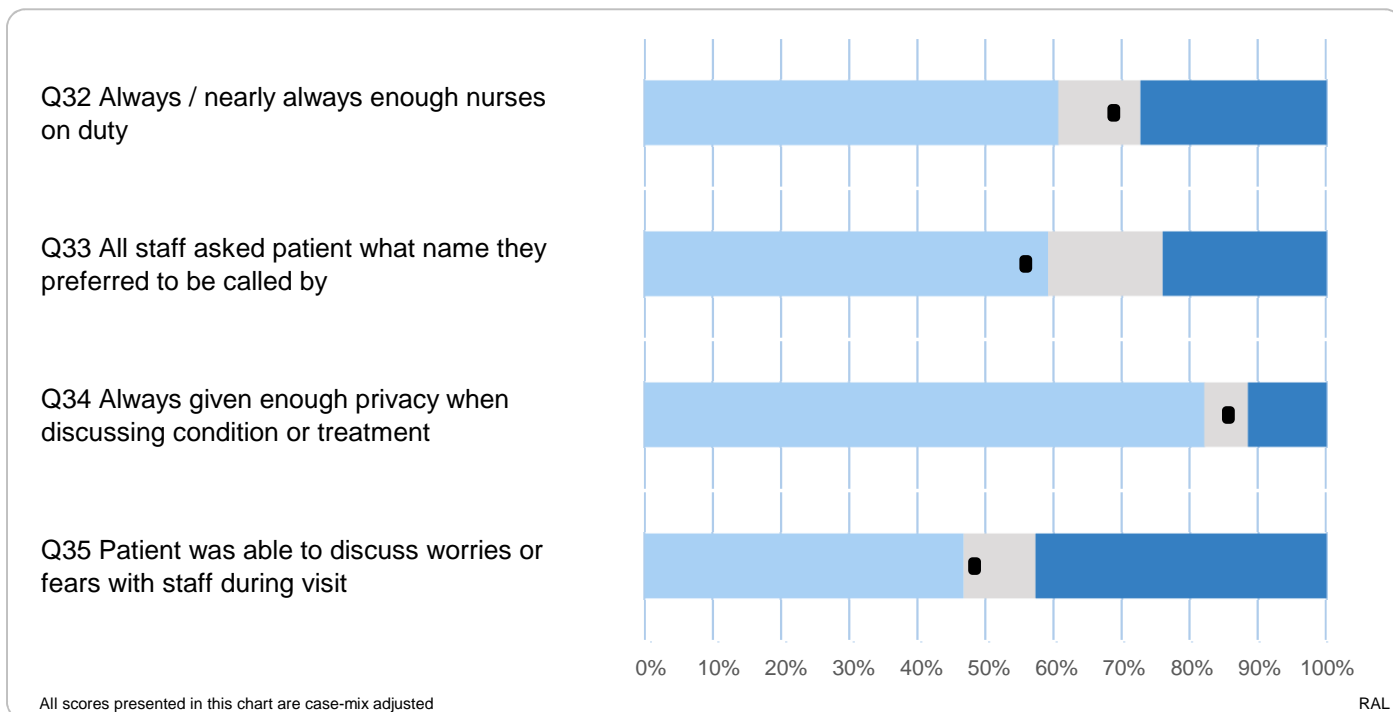


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q28 Groups of doctors or nurses did not talk in front of patient as if they were not there	402	80%	472	76%		78%	78%	86%	82%
Q29 Patient had confidence and trust in all doctors treating them	409	86%	473	84%		84%	81%	88%	85%
Q30 Patient's family or someone close definitely had opportunity to talk to doctor	325	71%	387	70%		71%	69%	77%	73%
Q31 Patient had confidence and trust in all ward nurses	404	66%	470	71%		71%	70%	78%	74%

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Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 2 of 3)

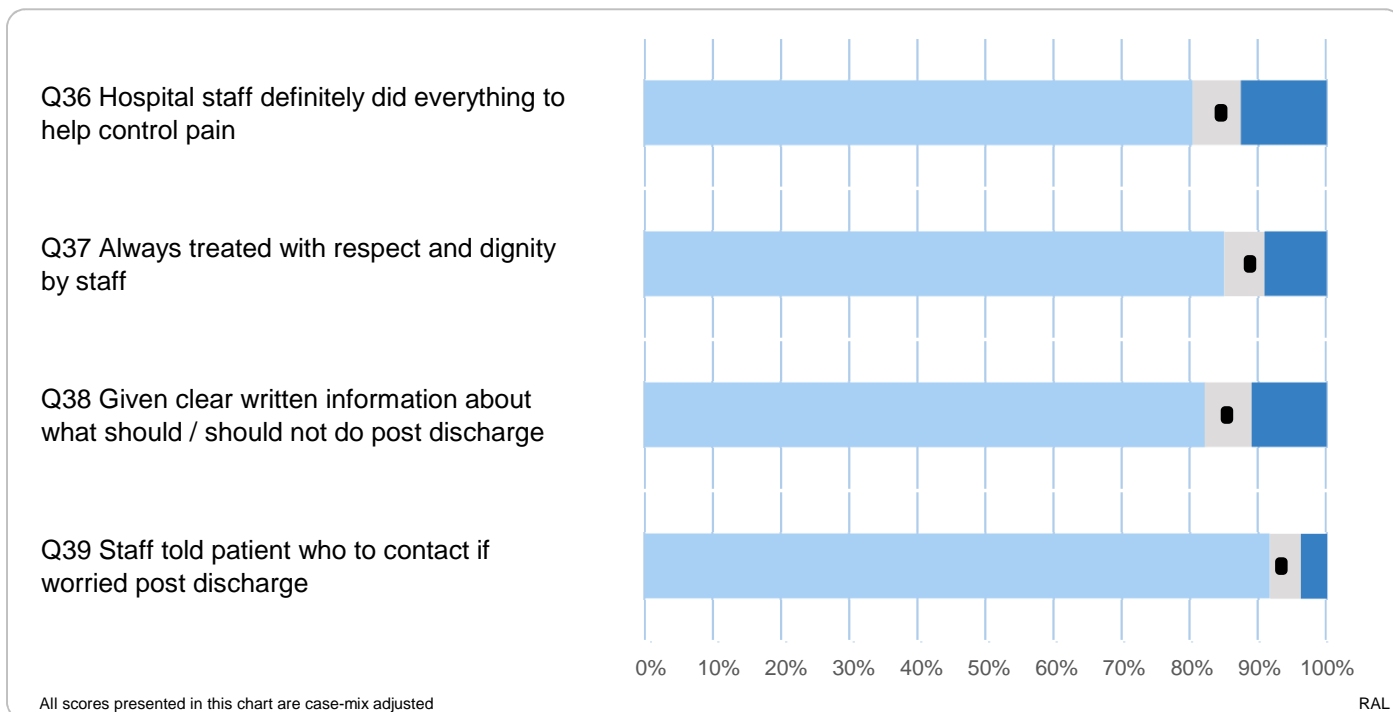


Question		Unadjusted Scores				Change from 2015	2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
		2015		2016			2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
		Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score					
Q32	Always / nearly always enough nurses on duty	401	66%	470	69%		69%	61%	73%	67%
Q33	All staff asked patient what name they preferred to be called by	400	50%	469	55%		56%	59%	76%	68%
Q34	Always given enough privacy when discussing condition or treatment	402	88%	472	85%		85%	82%	89%	85%
Q35	Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	295	48%	348	46%		48%	47%	57%	52%

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Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 3 of 3)

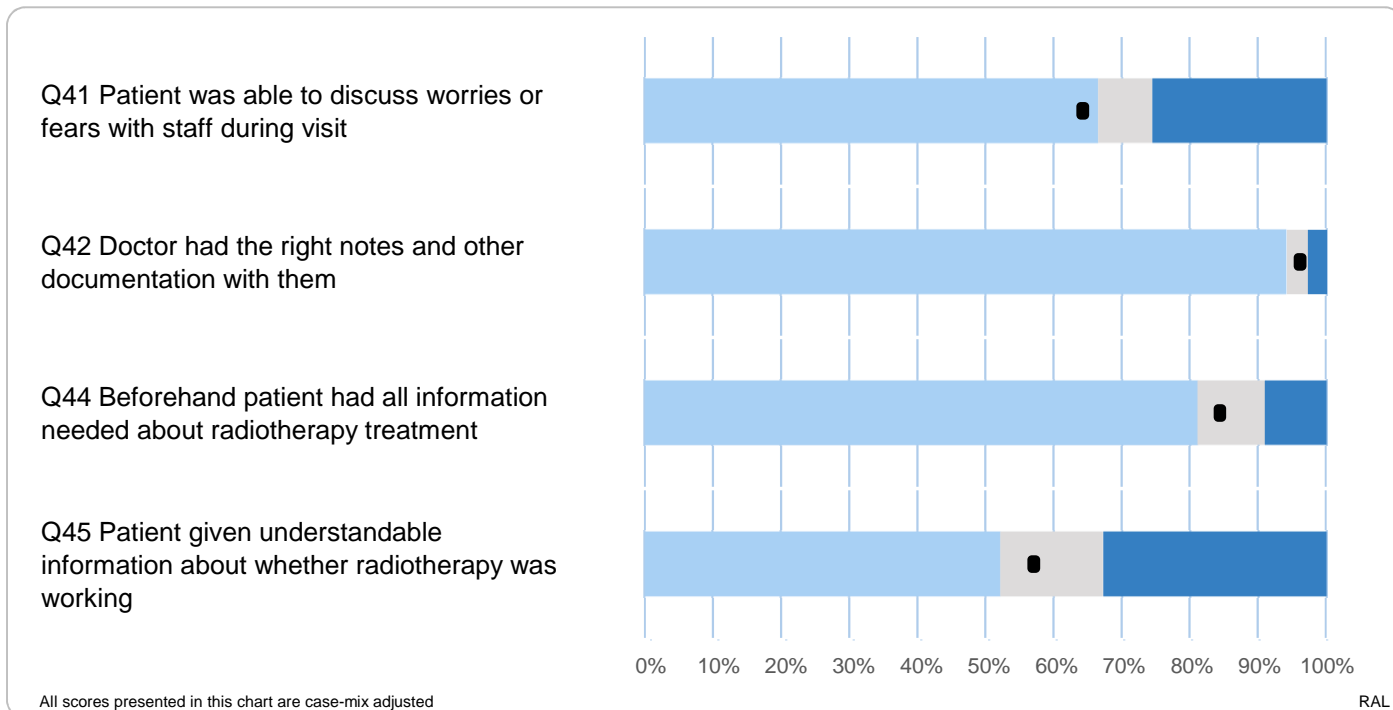


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q36 Hospital staff definitely did everything to help control pain	336	81%	419	83%		84%	80%	87%	84%
Q37 Always treated with respect and dignity by staff	402	86%	469	88%		89%	85%	91%	88%
Q38 Given clear written information about what should / should not do post discharge	369	83%	439	85%		85%	82%	89%	86%
Q39 Staff told patient who to contact if worried post discharge	390	92%	439	92%		93%	92%	96%	94%

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Hospital care as a day patient / outpatient (Part 1 of 2)

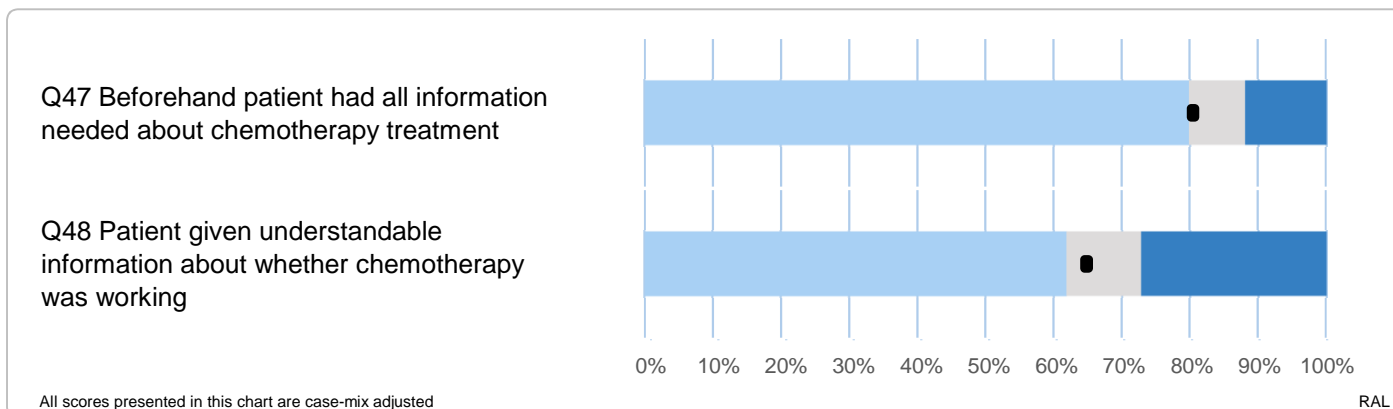


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q41 Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	488	65%	557	62%		64%	67%	74%	70%
Q42 Doctor had the right notes and other documentation with them	574	96%	652	96%		96%	94%	97%	96%
Q44 Beforehand patient had all information needed about radiotherapy treatment	153	83%	187	84%		84%	81%	91%	86%
Q45 Patient given understandable information about whether radiotherapy was working	127	64%	163	58%		57%	52%	67%	60%

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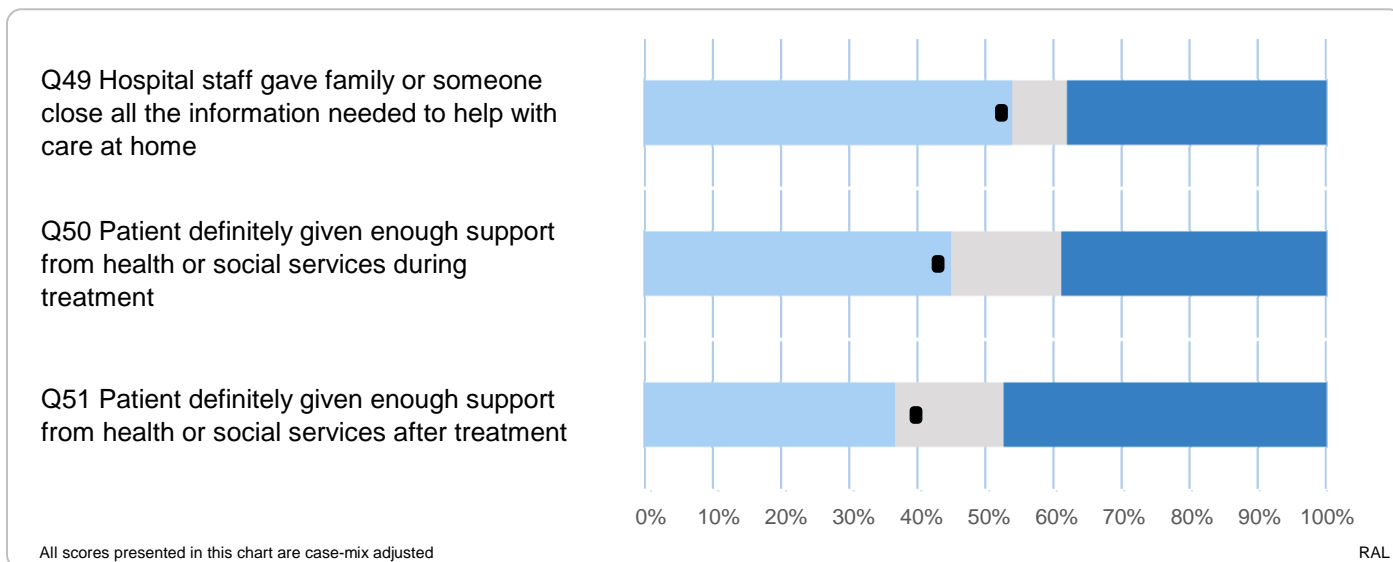


Question		Unadjusted Scores				Change from 2015	2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
		2015		2016			2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
		Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score					
Q47	Beforehand patient had all information needed about chemotherapy treatment	313	83%	310	80%		80%	80%	88%	84%
Q48	Patient given understandable information about whether chemotherapy was working	290	68%	280	64%		65%	62%	73%	67%

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Home care and support

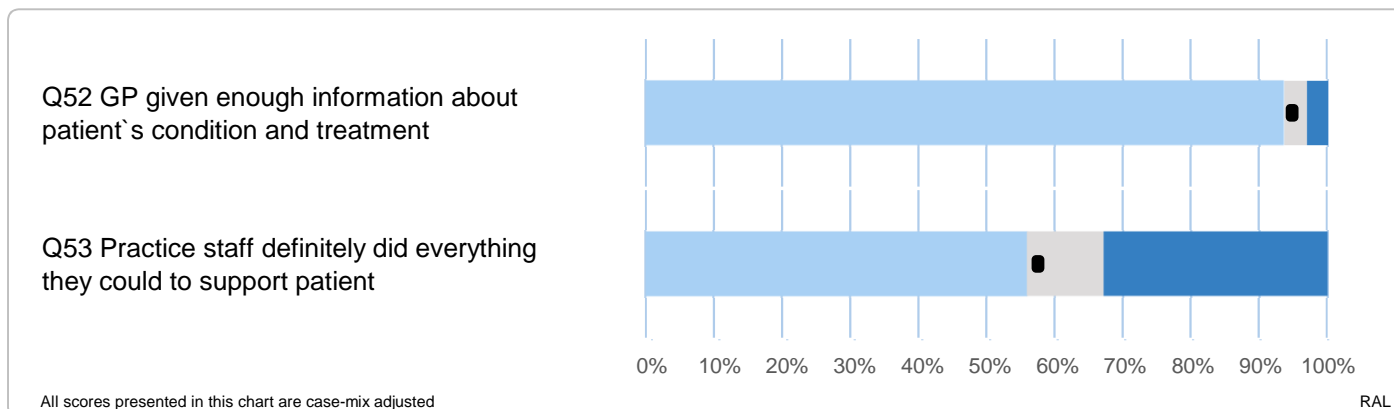


Question	Unadjusted Scores			2016 Case Mix Adjusted				
	2015	2016		2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score					Change from 2015
Q49 Hospital staff gave family or someone close all the information needed to help with care at home	507	50%	602	52%	54%	62%	58%	
Q50 Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services during treatment	323	36%	379	42%	43%	45%	61%	53%
Q51 Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services after treatment	214	33%	238	39%	40%	37%	53%	45%

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Care from your general practice

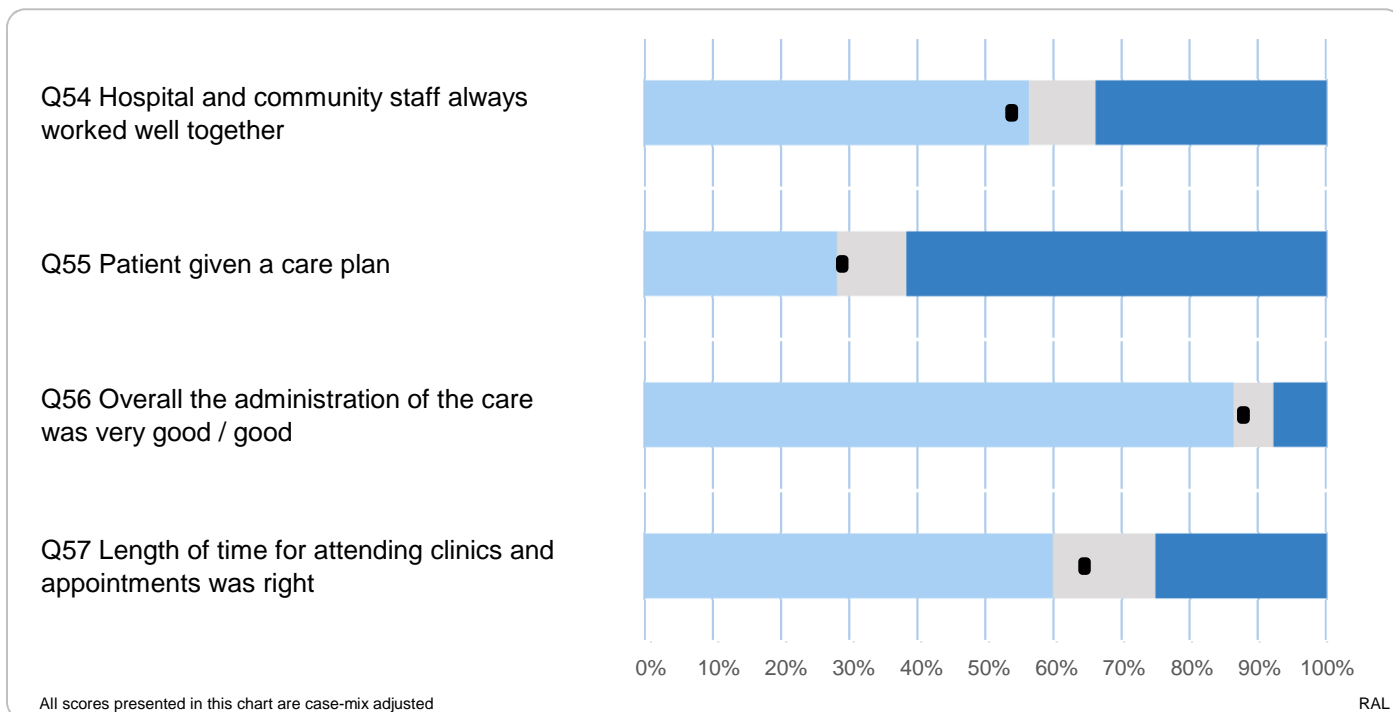


Question	Unadjusted Scores			2016 Case Mix Adjusted				
	2015	2016	Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents						Score
Q52 GP given enough information about patient's condition and treatment	563	94%	677	93%	95%	94%	97%	95%
Q53 Practice staff definitely did everything they could to support patient	432	56%	520	57%	57%	56%	67%	62%

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Your overall NHS care (Part 1 of 2)

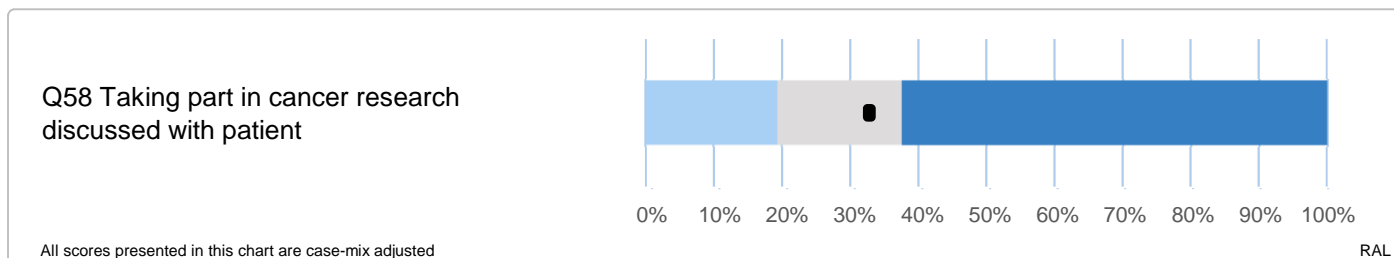


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Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q54 Hospital and community staff always worked well together	622	55%	747	52%		54%	56%	66%	61%
Q55 Patient given a care plan	513	32%	578	29%		29%	28%	38%	33%
Q56 Overall the administration of the care was very good / good	650	85%	758	87%		88%	86%	92%	89%
Q57 Length of time for attending clinics and appointments was right	647	60%	752	65%		64%	60%	75%	67%

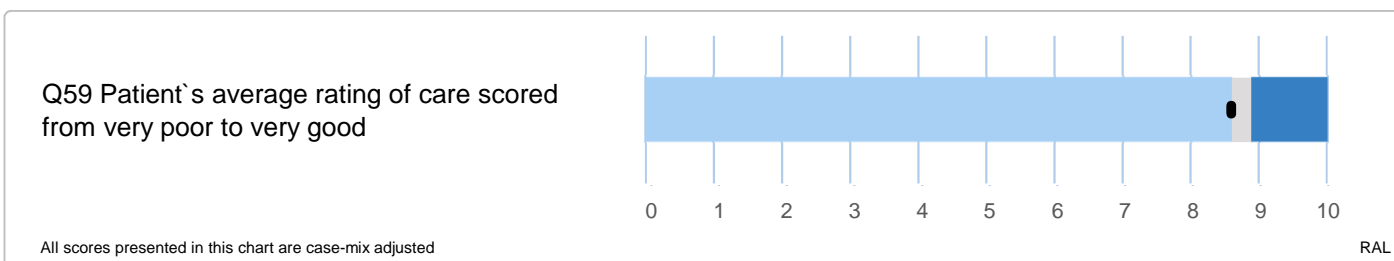
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Your overall NHS care (Part 2 of 2)



Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q58 Taking part in cancer research discussed with patient	625	27%	718	31%		33%	19%	38%	29%



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	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q59 Patient`s average rating of care scored from very poor to very good	640	8.5	740	8.5		8.6	8.6	8.9	8.7

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Comparisons by tumour group for this Trust

The following tables show the unadjusted Trust and the national percentage scores for each question broken down by tumour group. Where a cell in the table contains an asterisk this indicates that the number of patients in that group was below 21 and too small to display. Where a cell in the table contains "n.a." this indicates that there were no respondents for that tumour group.

Seeing your GP

Cancer type	Q1. Saw GP once / twice before being told had to go to hospital		Q2. Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	63%	n.a.	79%
Breast	91%	94%	89%	90%
Colorectal / LGT	67%	71%	74%	81%
Gynaecological	*	75%	*	79%
Haematological	66%	65%	76%	81%
Head and Neck	*	77%	*	79%
Lung	86%	70%	80%	83%
Prostate	76%	78%	84%	86%
Sarcoma	*	66%	*	67%
Skin	92%	90%	77%	86%
Upper Gastro	50%	72%	76%	78%
Urological	78%	82%	77%	85%
Other	51%	72%	72%	79%
All Cancers	73%	77%	78%	83%

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Diagnostic tests

Cancer type	Q5. Received all the information needed about the test		Q6. The length of time waiting for the test to be done was about right		Q7. Given complete explanation of test results in understandable way	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	90%	n.a.	81%	n.a.	70%
Breast	91%	95%	90%	92%	76%	82%
Colorectal / LGT	96%	95%	91%	87%	76%	80%
Gynaecological	*	93%	*	85%	*	75%
Haematological	94%	94%	86%	89%	73%	77%
Head and Neck	*	93%	*	85%	*	78%
Lung	96%	94%	94%	87%	81%	78%
Prostate	87%	95%	90%	86%	56%	80%
Sarcoma	*	93%	*	79%	*	74%
Skin	91%	95%	79%	88%	73%	85%
Upper Gastro	97%	93%	89%	82%	69%	77%
Urological	93%	94%	86%	87%	79%	79%
Other	92%	95%	85%	86%	71%	76%
All Cancers	92%	94%	88%	87%	73%	79%

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Finding out what was wrong with you

Cancer type	Q8. Patient told they could bring a family member or friend when first told they had cancer		Q9. Patient felt they were told sensitively that they had cancer		Q10. Patient completely understood the explanation of what was wrong		Q11. Patient given easy to understand written information about the type of cancer they had	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	83%	n.a.	73%	n.a.	63%	n.a.	63%
Breast	65%	82%	78%	88%	71%	78%	73%	77%
Colorectal / LGT	76%	80%	79%	86%	77%	78%	66%	71%
Gynaecological	*	71%	*	82%	*	72%	*	69%
Haematological	69%	71%	77%	83%	56%	60%	70%	74%
Head and Neck	*	70%	*	86%	*	75%	*	64%
Lung	70%	78%	77%	83%	74%	75%	67%	65%
Prostate	65%	77%	79%	84%	71%	78%	78%	81%
Sarcoma	*	72%	*	81%	*	67%	*	64%
Skin	56%	63%	82%	89%	75%	79%	72%	83%
Upper Gastro	75%	77%	87%	80%	67%	72%	59%	66%
Urological	69%	72%	75%	83%	77%	77%	75%	72%
Other	69%	74%	80%	82%	59%	70%	54%	62%
All Cancers	68%	76%	79%	84%	70%	73%	68%	72%

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Deciding the best treatment for you

Cancer type	Q12. Patient felt that treatment options were completely explained		Q13. Possible side effects explained in an understandable way		Q14. Patient given practical advice and support in dealing with side effects of treatment	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	78%	n.a.	72%	n.a.	61%
Breast	74%	84%	67%	75%	59%	69%
Colorectal / LGT	80%	85%	74%	75%	72%	68%
Gynaecological	*	84%	*	74%	*	66%
Haematological	80%	81%	65%	69%	57%	64%
Head and Neck	*	85%	*	70%	*	68%
Lung	71%	83%	76%	74%	68%	68%
Prostate	67%	81%	58%	72%	47%	62%
Sarcoma	*	83%	*	72%	*	66%
Skin	77%	88%	61%	76%	59%	70%
Upper Gastro	76%	83%	62%	73%	62%	67%
Urological	84%	81%	73%	72%	64%	62%
Other	68%	79%	61%	70%	52%	63%
All Cancers	76%	83%	66%	72%	60%	66%

Cancer type	Q15. Patient definitely told about side effects that could affect them in the future		Q16. Patient definitely involved in decisions about care and treatment	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	55%	n.a.	73%
Breast	43%	56%	69%	79%
Colorectal / LGT	53%	56%	77%	79%
Gynaecological	*	52%	*	77%
Haematological	46%	49%	67%	77%
Head and Neck	*	59%	*	78%
Lung	46%	54%	79%	79%
Prostate	49%	63%	72%	79%
Sarcoma	*	54%	*	80%
Skin	47%	61%	78%	85%
Upper Gastro	46%	53%	75%	77%
Urological	54%	53%	75%	77%
Other	38%	50%	66%	74%
All Cancers	47%	54%	72%	78%

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Clinical Nurse Specialist

	Q17. Patient given the name of the CNS who would support them through their treatment		Q18. Patient found it easy to contact their CNS		Q19. Get understandable answers to important questions all or most of the time	
Cancer type	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	95%	n.a.	82%	n.a.	83%
Breast	97%	94%	73%	86%	79%	89%
Colorectal / LGT	99%	91%	95%	88%	95%	89%
Gynaecological	*	94%	*	84%	*	87%
Haematological	65%	90%	91%	88%	87%	89%
Head and Neck	*	88%	*	87%	*	87%
Lung	97%	94%	93%	88%	92%	88%
Prostate	79%	88%	95%	84%	89%	88%
Sarcoma	*	88%	*	87%	*	90%
Skin	79%	88%	81%	89%	86%	90%
Upper Gastro	91%	92%	76%	86%	81%	87%
Urological	86%	81%	87%	85%	89%	89%
Other	88%	87%	91%	85%	88%	86%
All Cancers	89%	90%	84%	86%	86%	88%

[§] These are unadjusted scores

Support for people with cancer

Cancer type	Q20. Hospital staff gave information about support groups		Q21. Hospital staff gave information about impact cancer could have on day to day activities		Q22. Hospital staff gave information on getting financial help		Q23. Hospital staff told patient they could get free prescriptions	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	84%	n.a.	81%	n.a.	67%	n.a.	71%
Breast	88%	89%	74%	85%	56%	62%	72%	80%
Colorectal / LGT	81%	84%	80%	82%	57%	54%	81%	82%
Gynaecological	*	83%	*	79%	*	58%	*	77%
Haematological	75%	83%	80%	82%	57%	58%	83%	86%
Head and Neck	*	83%	*	80%	*	59%	*	79%
Lung	83%	83%	90%	80%	*	69%	*	84%
Prostate	77%	86%	74%	83%	36%	44%	67%	79%
Sarcoma	*	83%	*	82%	*	56%	*	78%
Skin	78%	86%	57%	82%	*	52%	*	62%
Upper Gastro	80%	83%	65%	80%	44%	60%	78%	84%
Urological	76%	74%	70%	72%	34%	35%	69%	67%
Other	76%	80%	76%	77%	55%	55%	76%	80%
All Cancers	80%	84%	73%	81%	50%	56%	74%	80%

[§] These are unadjusted scores

Operations

Cancer type	Q25. Beforehand had all the information needed about the operation		Q26. Staff explained how operation had gone in understandable way	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	93%	n.a.	68%
Breast	95%	97%	70%	78%
Colorectal / LGT	91%	96%	72%	83%
Gynaecological	*	96%	*	79%
Haematological	*	93%	*	75%
Head and Neck	*	94%	*	78%
Lung	*	97%	*	79%
Prostate	*	96%	*	77%
Sarcoma	*	93%	*	80%
Skin	91%	96%	67%	83%
Upper Gastro	95%	96%	61%	79%
Urological	96%	95%	80%	77%
Other	89%	95%	79%	78%
All Cancers	94%	96%	73%	79%

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Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 1 of 2)

	Q28. Groups of doctors or nurses did not talk in front of patient as if they were not there		Q29. Patient had confidence and trust in all doctors treating them		Q30. Patient's family or someone close definitely had opportunity to talk to doctor		Q31. Patient had confidence and trust in all ward nurses	
Cancer type	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	74%	n.a.	79%	n.a.	61%	n.a.	66%
Breast	78%	89%	83%	86%	71%	76%	67%	76%
Colorectal / LGT	71%	76%	81%	85%	72%	72%	66%	70%
Gynaecological	*	85%	*	85%	*	72%	*	71%
Haematological	*	81%	*	81%	*	73%	*	74%
Head and Neck	*	79%	*	84%	*	74%	*	72%
Lung	*	77%	*	82%	*	73%	*	75%
Prostate	*	85%	*	88%	*	74%	*	79%
Sarcoma	*	80%	*	85%	*	72%	*	74%
Skin	89%	87%	89%	92%	76%	80%	78%	85%
Upper Gastro	85%	74%	88%	82%	68%	73%	70%	71%
Urological	75%	80%	89%	86%	64%	71%	74%	77%
Other	78%	79%	80%	81%	78%	70%	69%	71%
All Cancers	76%	82%	84%	85%	70%	73%	71%	74%

	Q32. Always / nearly always enough nurses on duty		Q33. All staff asked patient what name they preferred to be called by		Q34. Always given enough privacy when discussing condition or treatment		Q35. Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	
Cancer type	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	59%	n.a.	65%	n.a.	76%	n.a.	38%
Breast	70%	71%	42%	61%	89%	86%	48%	54%
Colorectal / LGT	61%	62%	49%	70%	74%	84%	44%	53%
Gynaecological	*	66%	*	65%	*	83%	*	50%
Haematological	*	62%	*	70%	*	86%	*	56%
Head and Neck	*	65%	*	69%	*	86%	*	54%
Lung	*	70%	*	72%	*	83%	*	50%
Prostate	*	73%	*	68%	*	89%	*	52%
Sarcoma	*	71%	*	71%	*	88%	*	53%
Skin	74%	78%	59%	67%	85%	90%	*	62%
Upper Gastro	75%	64%	58%	74%	85%	83%	38%	50%
Urological	76%	68%	56%	72%	88%	87%	42%	47%
Other	65%	62%	69%	68%	85%	83%	54%	47%
All Cancers	69%	67%	55%	68%	85%	85%	46%	52%

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Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 2 of 2)

Cancer type	Q36. Hospital staff definitely did everything to help control pain		Q37. Always treated with respect and dignity by staff		Q38. Given clear written information about what should / should not do post discharge		Q39. Staff told patient who to contact if worried post discharge	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	79%	n.a.	79%	n.a.	76%	n.a.	91%
Breast	86%	86%	89%	88%	89%	91%	96%	96%
Colorectal / LGT	84%	84%	85%	87%	86%	84%	95%	94%
Gynaecological	*	83%	*	87%	*	87%	*	94%
Haematological	*	83%	*	89%	*	80%	*	95%
Head and Neck	*	81%	*	87%	*	85%	*	91%
Lung	*	84%	*	87%	*	81%	*	91%
Prostate	*	85%	*	91%	*	89%	*	94%
Sarcoma	*	87%	*	90%	*	84%	*	94%
Skin	83%	87%	74%	92%	80%	89%	81%	95%
Upper Gastro	82%	82%	89%	86%	80%	82%	90%	93%
Urological	83%	82%	90%	89%	87%	86%	91%	91%
Other	78%	82%	89%	86%	89%	81%	92%	93%
All Cancers	83%	84%	88%	88%	85%	86%	92%	94%

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Hospital care as a day patient / outpatient

	Q41. Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit		Q42. Doctor had the right notes and other documentation with them		Q44. Beforehand patient had all information needed about radiotherapy treatment		Q45. Patient given understandable information about whether radiotherapy was working	
Cancer type	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	63%	n.a.	95%	n.a.	86%	n.a.	58%
Breast	65%	70%	97%	96%	89%	88%	58%	60%
Colorectal / LGT	62%	72%	95%	96%	*	86%	*	58%
Gynaecological	*	68%	*	95%	*	85%	*	62%
Haematological	64%	74%	90%	97%	*	84%	*	64%
Head and Neck	*	71%	*	96%	*	84%	*	61%
Lung	68%	70%	96%	95%	*	85%	*	58%
Prostate	58%	72%	95%	96%	*	89%	*	58%
Sarcoma	*	72%	*	97%	*	89%	*	69%
Skin	57%	72%	94%	97%	*	84%	*	59%
Upper Gastro	66%	68%	95%	94%	*	86%	*	57%
Urological	61%	68%	99%	96%	*	81%	*	56%
Other	58%	67%	97%	95%	*	83%	*	58%
All Cancers	62%	70%	96%	96%	84%	86%	58%	60%

	Q47. Beforehand patient had all information needed about chemotherapy treatment		Q48. Patient given understandable information about whether chemotherapy was working	
Cancer type	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	80%	n.a.	59%
Breast	70%	82%	52%	62%
Colorectal / LGT	87%	85%	66%	63%
Gynaecological	*	84%	*	66%
Haematological	80%	84%	72%	75%
Head and Neck	*	80%	*	58%
Lung	*	84%	*	68%
Prostate	*	84%	*	67%
Sarcoma	*	86%	*	73%
Skin	*	88%	*	78%
Upper Gastro	76%	84%	52%	64%
Urological	85%	84%	64%	67%
Other	85%	85%	74%	68%
All Cancers	80%	84%	64%	67%

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Home care and support

Cancer type	Q49. Hospital staff gave family or someone close all the information needed to help with care at home		Q50. Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services during treatment		Q51. Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services after treatment	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	49%	n.a.	42%	n.a.	41%
Breast	48%	57%	37%	53%	27%	40%
Colorectal / LGT	57%	60%	62%	61%	61%	51%
Gynaecological	*	56%	*	50%	*	39%
Haematological	57%	60%	39%	51%	*	44%
Head and Neck	*	61%	*	52%	*	48%
Lung	56%	57%	*	50%	*	43%
Prostate	33%	56%	25%	48%	*	43%
Sarcoma	*	59%	*	55%	*	48%
Skin	46%	65%	*	57%	*	59%
Upper Gastro	50%	59%	51%	55%	57%	48%
Urological	59%	58%	36%	47%	33%	43%
Other	53%	54%	44%	55%	38%	48%
All Cancers	52%	58%	42%	53%	39%	45%

[§] These are unadjusted scores

Care from your general practice

Cancer type	Q52. GP given enough information about patient's condition and treatment		Q53. Practice staff definitely did everything they could to support patient	
	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	89%	n.a.	51%
Breast	91%	96%	49%	62%
Colorectal / LGT	97%	95%	53%	62%
Gynaecological	*	95%	*	61%
Haematological	97%	96%	58%	59%
Head and Neck	*	94%	*	59%
Lung	92%	95%	*	61%
Prostate	94%	96%	63%	67%
Sarcoma	*	95%	*	56%
Skin	94%	96%	59%	67%
Upper Gastro	98%	94%	62%	61%
Urological	92%	95%	61%	64%
Other	90%	95%	58%	59%
All Cancers	93%	95%	57%	62%

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Your overall NHS care

	Q54. Hospital and community staff always worked well together		Q55. Patient given a care plan		Q56. Overall the administration of the care was very good / good		Q57. Length of time for attending clinics and appointments was right	
Cancer type	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	43%	n.a.	32%	n.a.	82%	n.a.	61%
Breast	45%	61%	33%	37%	89%	91%	54%	65%
Colorectal / LGT	54%	60%	43%	35%	91%	89%	70%	70%
Gynaecological	*	58%	*	30%	*	89%	*	66%
Haematological	57%	63%	37%	33%	84%	92%	57%	63%
Head and Neck	*	62%	*	36%	*	89%	*	69%
Lung	59%	63%	*	33%	93%	89%	79%	71%
Prostate	57%	65%	38%	35%	89%	88%	66%	73%
Sarcoma	*	56%	*	28%	*	87%	*	61%
Skin	60%	69%	20%	39%	85%	90%	67%	76%
Upper Gastro	54%	58%	31%	34%	91%	87%	70%	66%
Urological	58%	63%	24%	27%	86%	87%	73%	75%
Other	39%	55%	16%	29%	80%	88%	64%	61%
All Cancers	52%	61%	29%	33%	87%	89%	65%	67%

	Q58. Taking part in cancer research discussed with patient		Q59. Patient's average rating of care scored from very poor to very good	
Cancer type	This Trust [§]	National	This Trust [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	24%	n.a.	8.3
Breast	25%	28%	8.5	8.8
Colorectal / LGT	38%	26%	8.7	8.7
Gynaecological	*	30%	*	8.7
Haematological	19%	34%	8.5	8.9
Head and Neck	*	19%	*	8.7
Lung	54%	33%	8.5	8.7
Prostate	36%	34%	8.5	8.7
Sarcoma	*	33%	*	8.6
Skin	11%	18%	8.7	8.9
Upper Gastro	53%	33%	8.6	8.6
Urological	34%	15%	8.5	8.7
Other	30%	30%	8.2	8.6
All Cancers	31%	29%	8.5	8.7

[§] These are unadjusted scores

Annex

Methodology

The sample for the survey included all adult (aged 16 and over) NHS patients, with a confirmed primary diagnosis of cancer, discharged from an NHS Trust after an inpatient episode or day case attendance for cancer related treatment in the months of April, May and June 2016.

The patients included in the sample had relevant cancer ICD10 codes (C00-99 excluding C44 and C84, and D05) in the first diagnosis field of their patient records, applied to their patient files by the relevant NHS Trust, and were alive at the point at which fieldwork commenced. Deceased checks were undertaken on up to three occasions during fieldwork, to ensure that questionnaires were not sent to patients who had died since their treatment.

Trust samples were checked rigorously for duplicates and patient lists were also de-duplicated nationally to ensure that patients did not receive multiple copies of questionnaires.

The fieldwork for the survey was undertaken between October 2016 and March 2017.

The survey used a mixed mode methodology. Questionnaires were sent by post with two reminders where necessary, but also included an option to complete online. A Freephone helpline was available for respondents to ask questions about the survey, to enable them to complete their questionnaires over the phone, and to provide access to a translation and interpreting facility for those whose first language was not English.

The Health Research Authority supported the survey by granting Section 251 approval.

Further information

Further information on survey methodology, as well as all of the national and local reports and data, is available at www.ncpes.co.uk

Redevelopment of the 2016 survey

The following changes have been made to the National Cancer Patient Experience Survey in 2016:

- question 5 and 25 are no longer presented in a tick all that apply format and their response options have been revised. This has allowed the questions to be scored and presented in the comparability charts, data tables and tumour group tables. Because of these changes, no comparison with 2015 results is possible
- question 8 has had a response option removed. Because of this change, no comparison with 2015 results is possible.

Official Statistics

The 2016 survey data has been produced and published in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Scoring methodologies

49 of the 50 questions relating directly to patient experience have been summarised as the score of the percentage of patients who reported a positive experience. For example:

- question 6 asks: "Overall, how did you feel about the length of time you had to wait for your test to be done?". Responses have been recorded as positive only for those patients who selected the first option ("It was about right")
- question 11 asks: "When you were told you had cancer, were you given written information about the type of cancer you had?". Responses have been recorded as positive only for those patients who selected the first option ("Yes, and it was easy to understand").

Where options do not provide any information on positive/negative patient experience (e.g. "Don't know / can't remember"), they are excluded from the score.

The other question (question 59) asks respondents to rate their overall care on a scale of 0 to 10. Scores have been given as an average on this scale.

A copy of the 2016 questionnaire, marked up with all of these scoring conventions, is available at www.ncpes.co.uk

Further details on the scoring methodology can be found in the technical document for the survey, available at www.ncpes.co.uk

Case-mix adjustment

As in 2015, case-mix adjusted findings are being presented alongside unadjusted results for Trusts. Case-mix adjustment allows us to account for the impact that differing patient populations might have on results. By using the case-mix adjusted estimates we can obtain a greater understanding of how a Trust is performing given their patient population.

The factors taken into account in this case-mix adjustment are gender, age, ethnic group, deprivation, and tumour group.

For further details on case-mix adjustment, please refer to the technical document for the survey, available at www.ncpes.co.uk

Statistical significance

In the reporting of 2016 results, appropriate statistical tests have been undertaken to identify any changes between 2015 and 2016 unadjusted scores which are 'statistically significant'. 'Statistically significant' means that you can be very confident that any change between scores is real and not due to chance.

For further details on statistical significance, please refer to the technical document for the survey, available at www.ncpes.co.uk

Response Rates

	Sample Size	Excluded	Adjusted Sample	Not Returned	Blank / Refused	Completed	Response Rate
National	118,253	8,590	109,663	33,035	3,840	72,788	67%
RAL	1,474	108	1,366	529	56	781	57%

Respondents by tumour group

The tables below show the numbers of patients from each tumour group and the age and gender distribution of these patients.

Tumour Group	Number of respondents*
Brain / CNS	0
Breast	168
Gynaecological	7
Colorectal / LGT	85
Lung	32
Skin	56
Haematological	64
Upper Gastro	71
Other	106
Urological	116
Prostate	58
Sarcoma	7
Head and Neck	11

* These figures may not match the numerator for all questions in the 'Comparisons by tumour group' section of this report, because not all questions were answered by all respondents.

Respondents by age and gender

The questionnaire asked respondents to give their year of birth. This information has been amalgamated into 8 age bands. The age and gender distribution for the Trust was as follows:

	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	Total
Male	0	4	6	28	76	130	107	23	374
Female	2	6	22	69	92	129	61	26	407
Total	2	10	28	97	168	259	168	49	781



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