

# **National Cancer Patient Experience Survey**

**2016 Results**

**NHS East and North Hertfordshire  
Clinical Commissioning Group**

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The National Cancer Patient Experience Survey is  
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## 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](http://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 CCG scored for each question in the survey, compared with national results. It is aimed at helping individual CCGs 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 CCG
- **Column 3** shows the number of respondents for 2016 to this question
- **Column 4** shows the unadjusted 2016 score for this CCG
- **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 CCG
- **Column 7** shows the lower limit of the expected range of case-mix adjusted scores for this CCG (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 CCG (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](http://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 CCGs 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 CCGs 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 CCG.

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](http://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 CCGs 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 CCG.

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](http://www.ncpes.co.uk)), should be used to understand whether the results are significantly higher or lower than the results for another CCG.

### **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\*:

- **72%** of respondents said that they were definitely involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care and treatment
- **89%** of respondents said that they were given the name of a Clinical Nurse Specialist who would support them through their treatment
- **86%** of respondents said that it had been 'quite easy' or 'very easy' to contact their Clinical Nurse Specialist
- **88%** of respondents said that, overall, they were always treated with dignity and respect while they were in hospital
- **91%** of respondents said that hospital staff told them who to contact if they were worried about their condition or treatment after they left hospital
- **58%** 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](http://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 CCG	2016 Case-mix Adjusted			National Average Score	
		2016 Percentage for this CCG	Lower limit of expected range	Upper limit of expected range		
<b>Seeing your GP</b>						
Q2	Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary	539	80%	80%	86%	83%
<b>Diagnostic tests</b>						
Q5	Received all the information needed about the test	487	92%	92%	96%	94%
Q7	Given complete explanation of test results in understandable way	494	75%	75%	83%	79%
<b>Finding out what was wrong with you</b>						
Q8	Patient told they could bring a family member or friend when first told they had cancer	508	68%	71%	81%	76%
Q9	Patient felt they were told sensitively that they had cancer	536	80%	81%	87%	84%
Q11	Patient given easy to understand written information about the type of cancer they had	483	66%	68%	76%	72%
<b>Deciding the best treatment for you</b>						
Q12	Patient felt that treatment options were completely explained	467	79%	79%	86%	83%
Q13	Possible side effects explained in an understandable way	520	66%	69%	76%	72%
Q14	Patient given practical advice and support in dealing with side effects of treatment	514	60%	62%	70%	66%
Q15	Patient definitely told about side effects that could affect them in the future	481	47%	50%	59%	54%
Q16	Patient definitely involved in decisions about care and treatment	524	72%	74%	81%	78%
<b>Support for people with cancer</b>						
Q21	Hospital staff gave information about impact cancer could have on day to day activities	345	76%	77%	85%	81%
<b>Hospital care as an inpatient</b>						
Q28	Groups of doctors or nurses did not talk in front of patient as if they were not there	357	76%	78%	86%	82%
Q33	All staff asked patient what name they preferred to be called by	353	59%	60%	76%	68%
Q39	Staff told patient who to contact if worried post discharge	344	91%	91%	96%	94%
<b>Hospital care as a day patient / outpatient</b>						
Q41	Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	417	66%	66%	75%	70%

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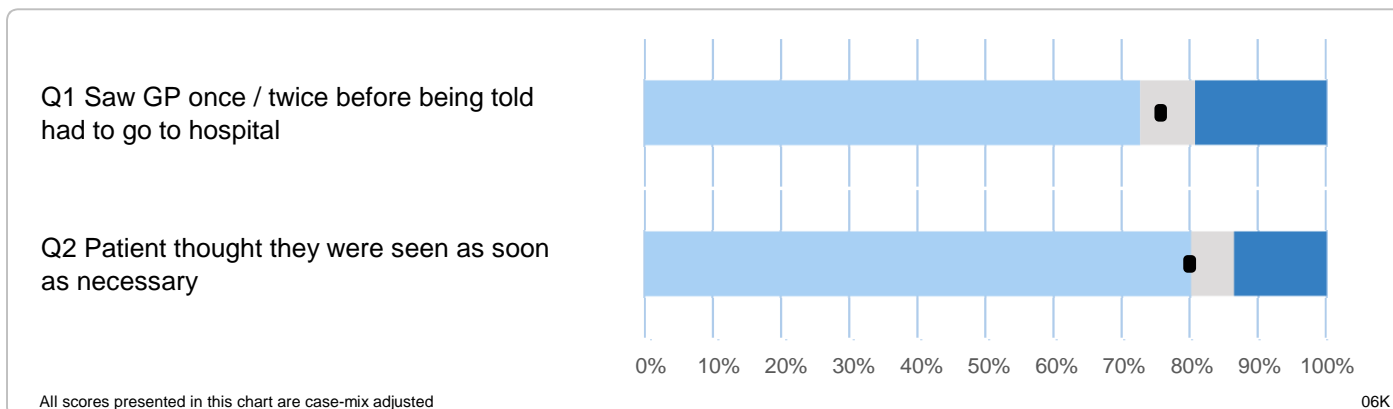
Question	Number of respondents for this CCG	2016 Case-mix Adjusted			National Average Score
		2016 Percentage for this CCG	Lower limit of expected range	Upper limit of expected range	

**Your overall NHS care**

Q57	Length of time for attending clinics and appointments was right	537	57%	61%	74%	67%
Q59	Patient`s average rating of care scored from very poor to very good	535	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.7

## CCG results

### Seeing your GP



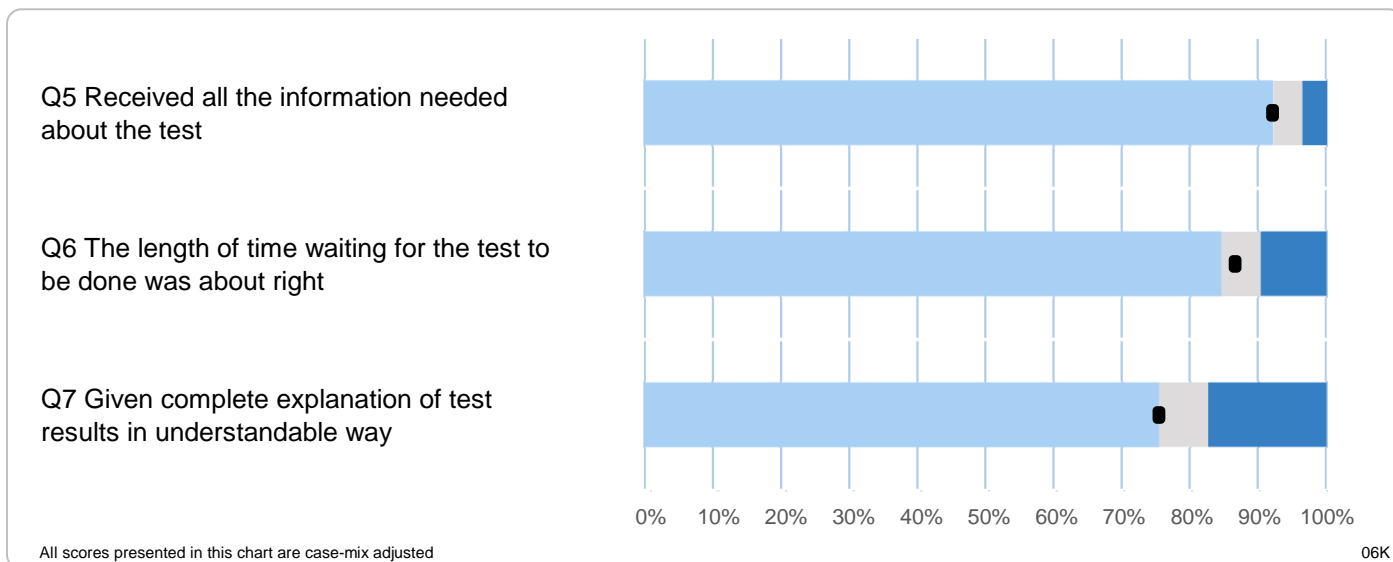
Question		Unadjusted Scores				2016 Case Mix Adjusted				
		2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score	2016 Score	Expected range - lower					
Q1	Saw GP once / twice before being told had to go to hospital	410	76%	416	77%		75%	73%	81%	77%
Q2	Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary	565	80%	539	80%		80%	80%	86%	83%

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## CCG results

### Diagnostic Tests

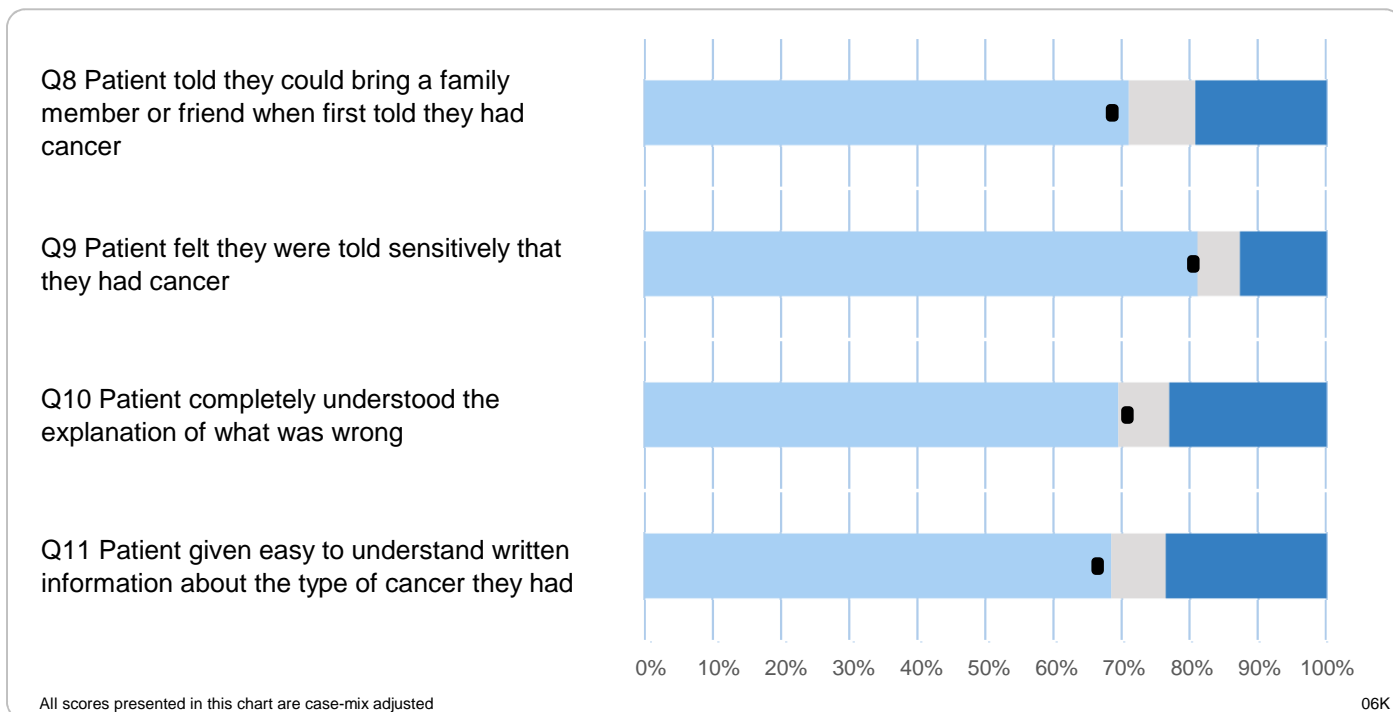


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted				
	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score							
Q5	Received all the information needed about the test	-	-	487	92%		92%	96%	94%	
Q6	The length of time waiting for the test to be done was about right	498	85%	493	86%		86%	85%	90%	87%
Q7	Given complete explanation of test results in understandable way	500	74%	494	75%		75%	75%	83%	79%

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## CCG results

### Finding out what was wrong with you

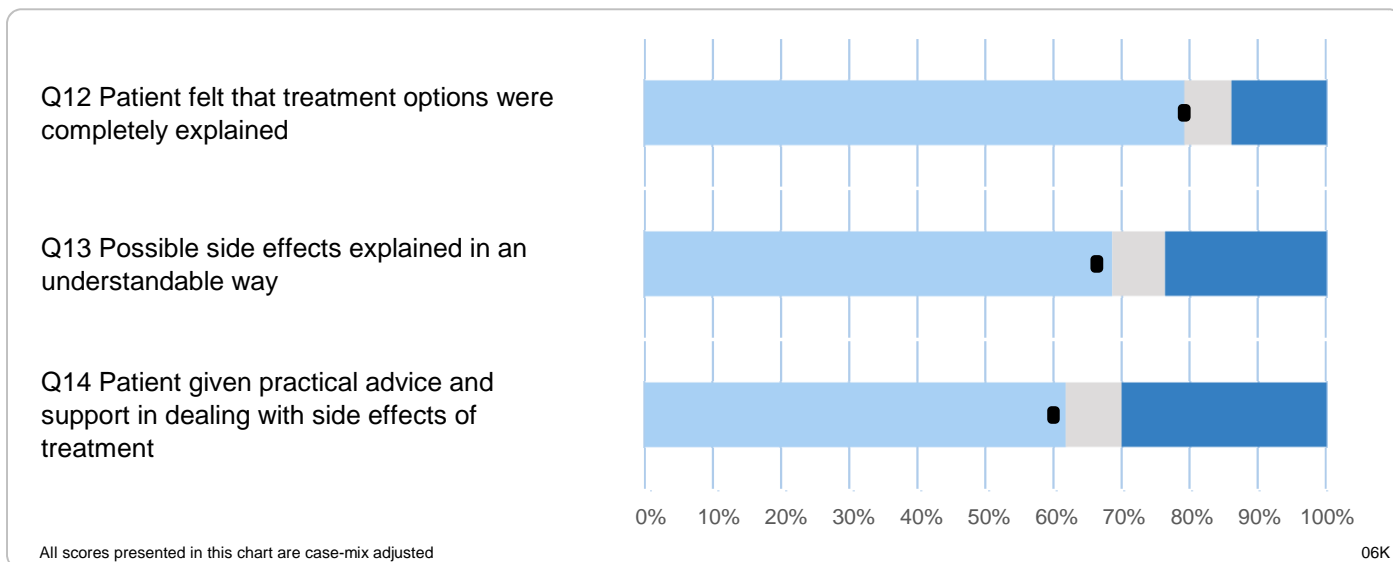


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q8 Patient told they could bring a family member or friend when first told they had cancer	-	-	508	68%		68%	71%	81%	76%
Q9 Patient felt they were told sensitively that they had cancer	560	83%	536	80%		80%	81%	87%	84%
Q10 Patient completely understood the explanation of what was wrong	566	72%	543	71%		71%	69%	77%	73%
Q11 Patient given easy to understand written information about the type of cancer they had	500	70%	483	66%		66%	68%	76%	72%

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## CCG results

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

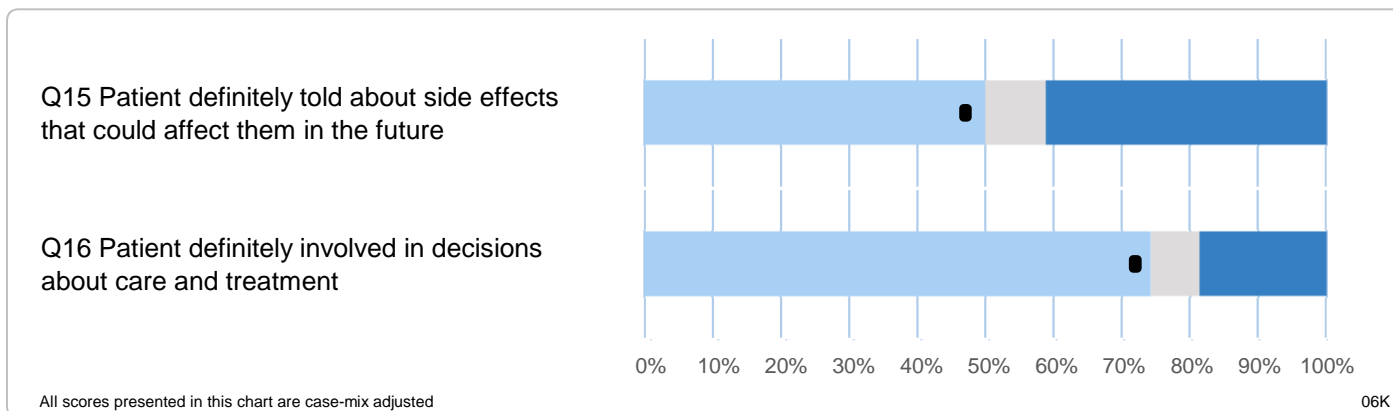


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		2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score	2016 Score	Expected range - lower				
Q12	Patient felt that treatment options were completely explained	499	82%	467	79%		79%	86%	83%
Q13	Possible side effects explained in an understandable way	538	68%	520	66%		66%	76%	72%
Q14	Patient given practical advice and support in dealing with side effects of treatment	540	60%	514	60%		60%	70%	66%

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## CCG results

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

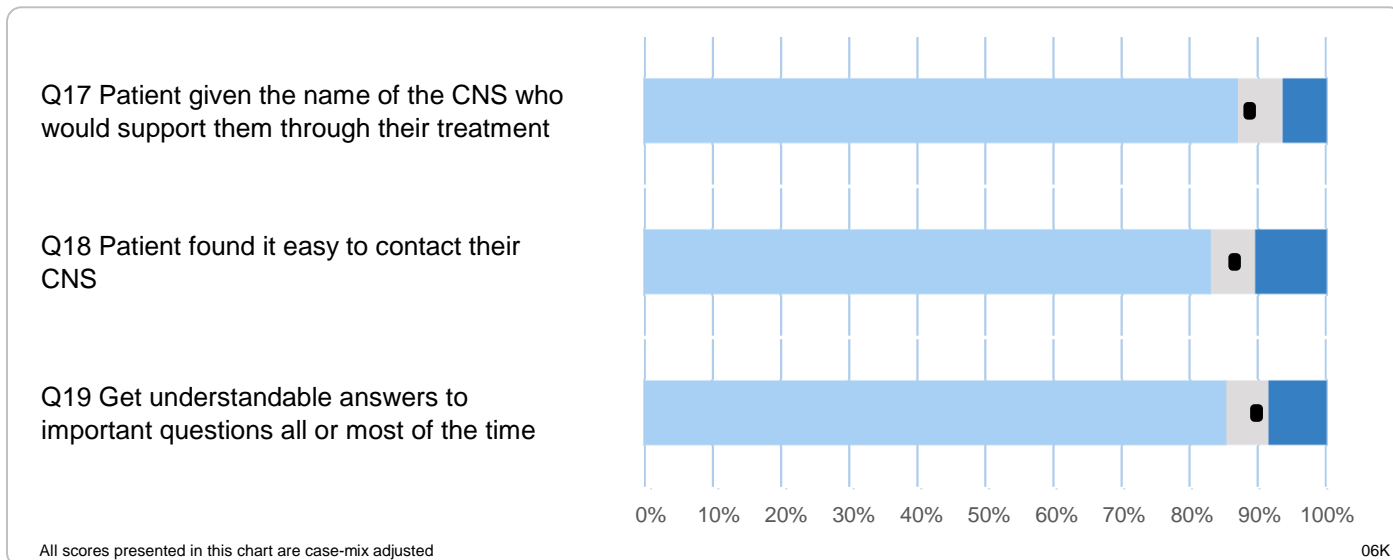


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		2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score	2016 Score	Expected range - lower					
Q15	Patient definitely told about side effects that could affect them in the future	502	50%	481	47%		47%	50%	59%	54%
Q16	Patient definitely involved in decisions about care and treatment	532	75%	524	72%		72%	74%	81%	78%

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## CCG results

### Clinical Nurse Specialist

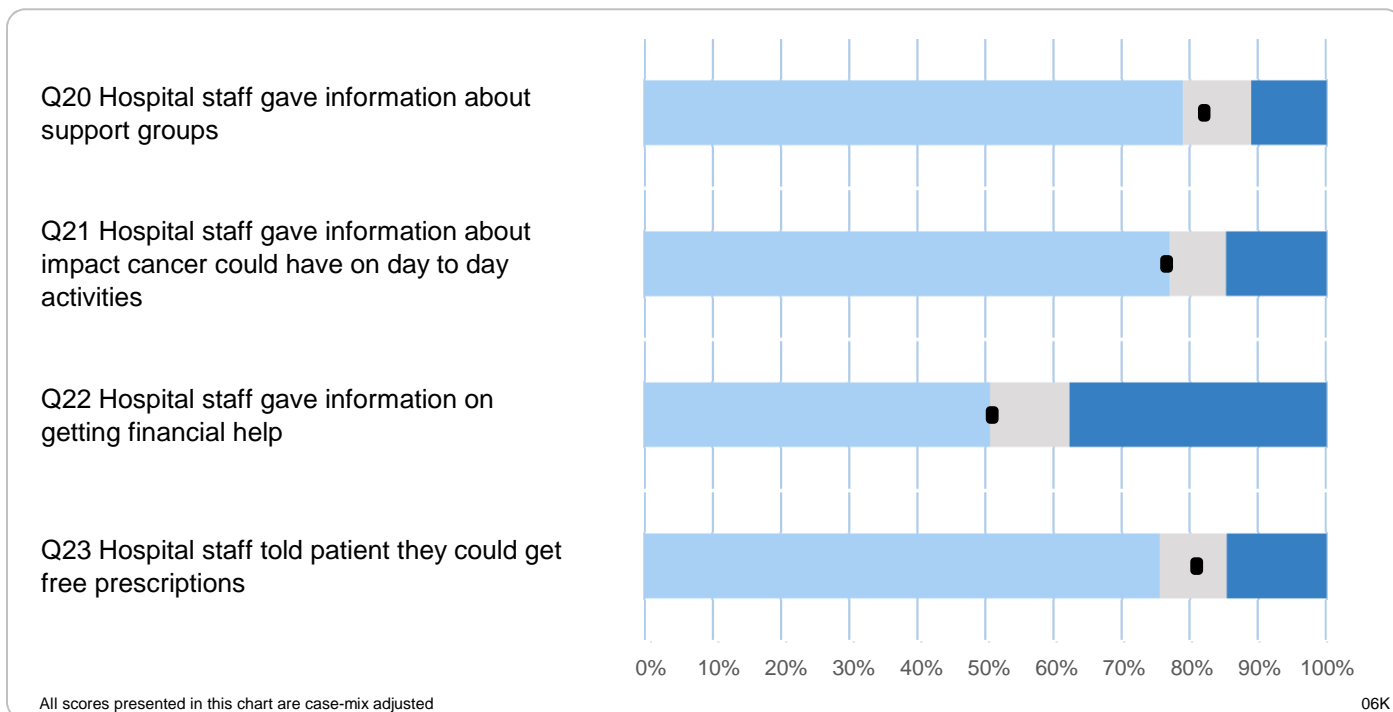


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	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q17 Patient given the name of the CNS who would support them through their treatment	549	91%	525	89%		89%	87%	94%	90%
Q18 Patient found it easy to contact their CNS	465	83%	428	86%		86%	83%	90%	86%
Q19 Get understandable answers to important questions all or most of the time	450	86%	409	90%		90%	85%	92%	88%

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### Support for people with cancer

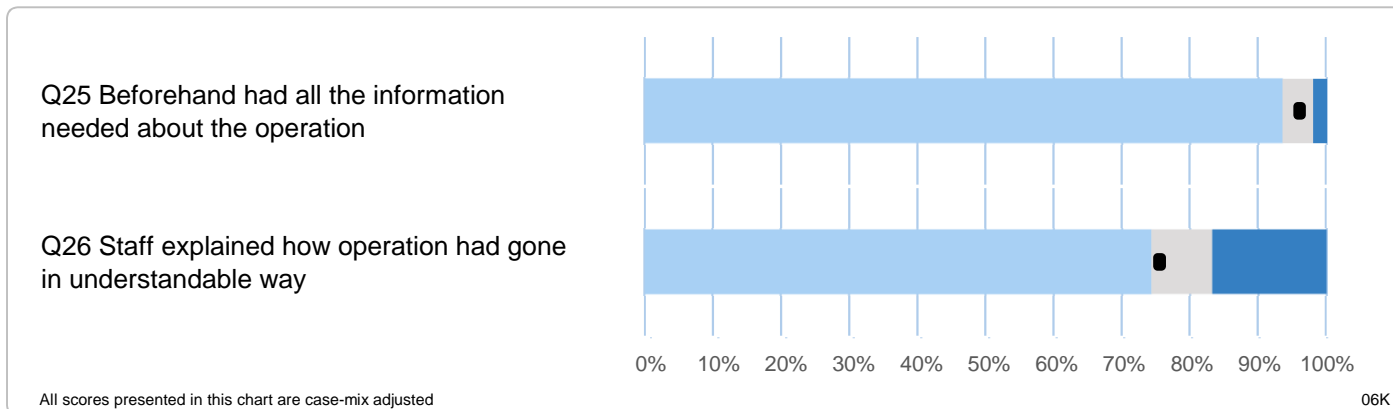


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q20 Hospital staff gave information about support groups	432	83%	394	82%	82%	79%	89%	84%	
Q21 Hospital staff gave information about impact cancer could have on day to day activities	373	76%	345	77%	76%	77%	85%	81%	
Q22 Hospital staff gave information on getting financial help	279	57%	280	51%	51%	51%	62%	56%	
Q23 Hospital staff told patient they could get free prescriptions	279	81%	250	79%	81%	76%	85%	80%	

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## CCG results

### Operations

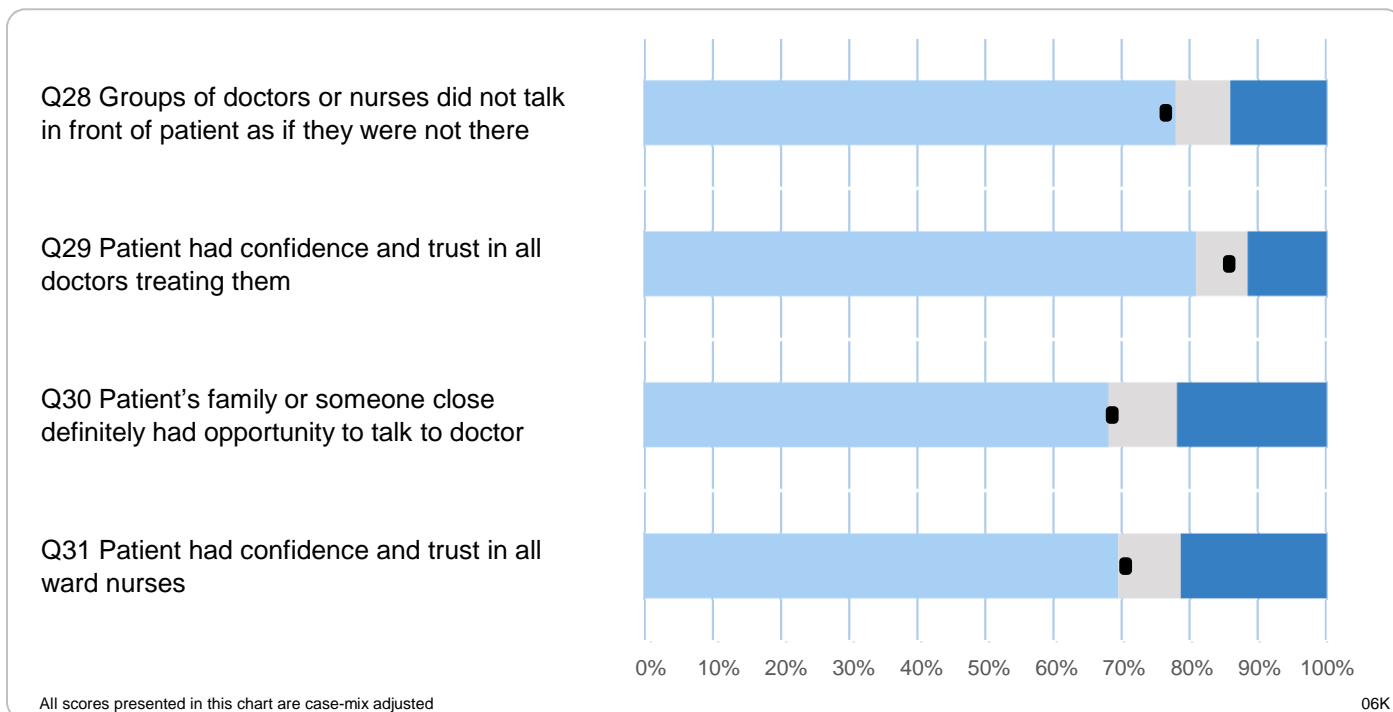


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	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score							
Q25	Beforehand had all the information needed about the operation	-	-	326	96%		96%	94%	98%	96%
Q26	Staff explained how operation had gone in understandable way	306	72%	326	75%		75%	74%	83%	79%

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## CCG results

### Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 1 of 3)



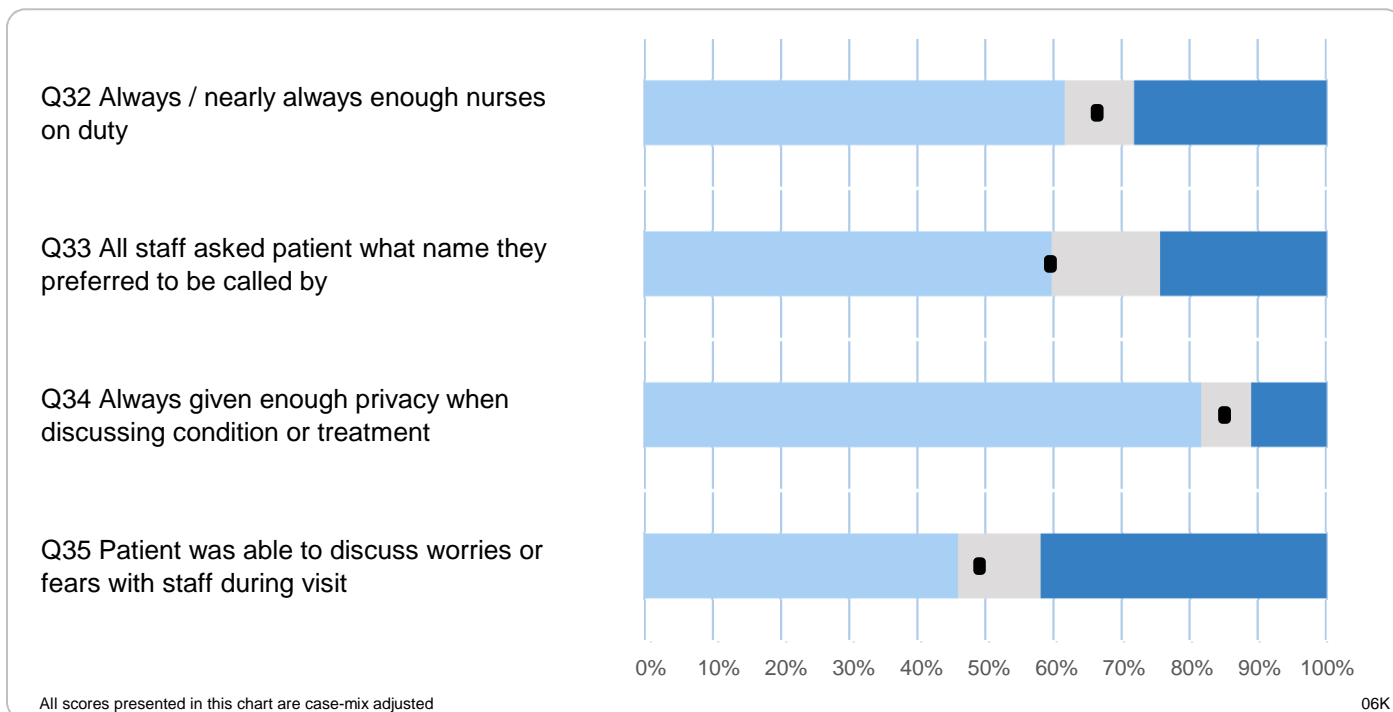
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	2015	2016	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q28 Groups of doctors or nurses did not talk in front of patient as if they were not there	369	81%	357	78%		76%	78%	86%	82%
Q29 Patient had confidence and trust in all doctors treating them	371	81%	356	85%		86%	81%	88%	85%
Q30 Patient's family or someone close definitely had opportunity to talk to doctor	300	68%	297	68%		68%	68%	78%	73%
Q31 Patient had confidence and trust in all ward nurses	370	70%	354	69%		70%	70%	79%	74%

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## CCG results

### Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 2 of 3)

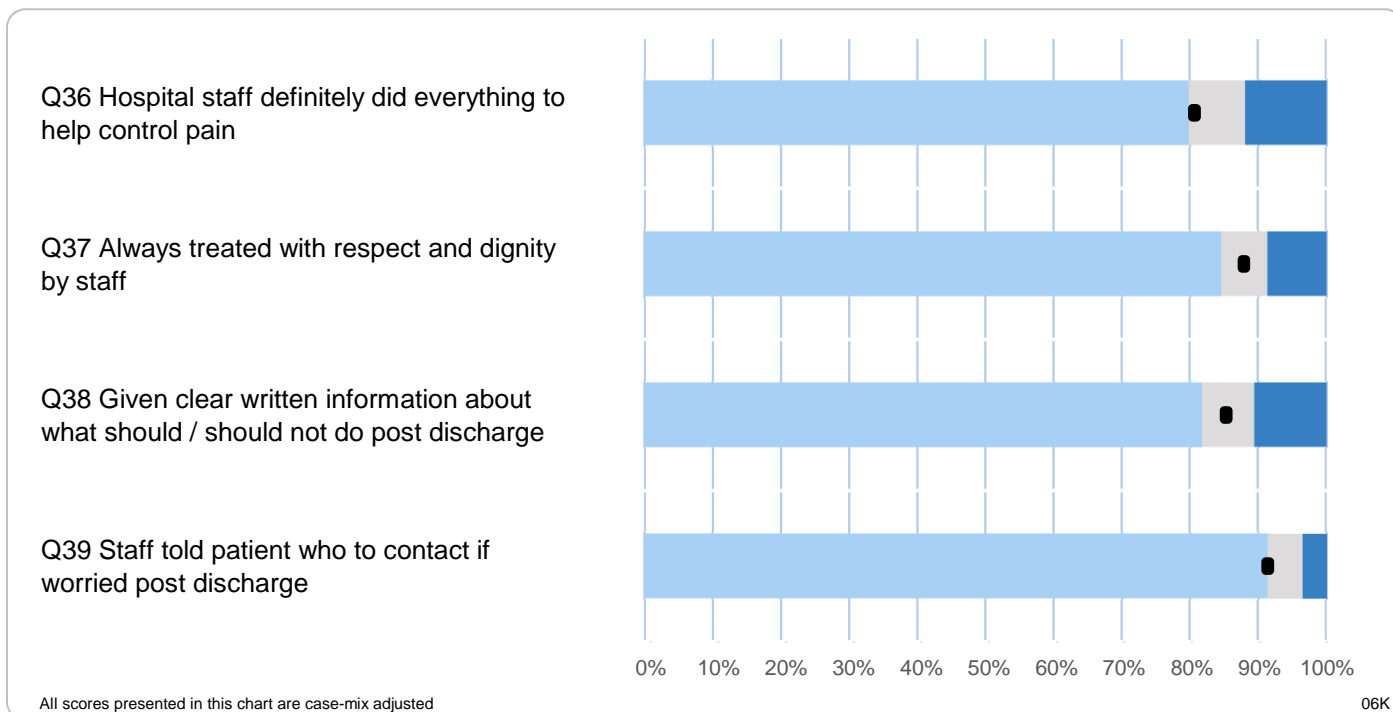


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q32 Always / nearly always enough nurses on duty	370	67%	356	66%		66%	62%	72%	67%
Q33 All staff asked patient what name they preferred to be called by	368	61%	353	58%		59%	60%	76%	68%
Q34 Always given enough privacy when discussing condition or treatment	368	84%	357	85%		85%	82%	89%	85%
Q35 Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	281	55%	259	48%		49%	46%	58%	52%

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## CCG results

### Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 3 of 3)

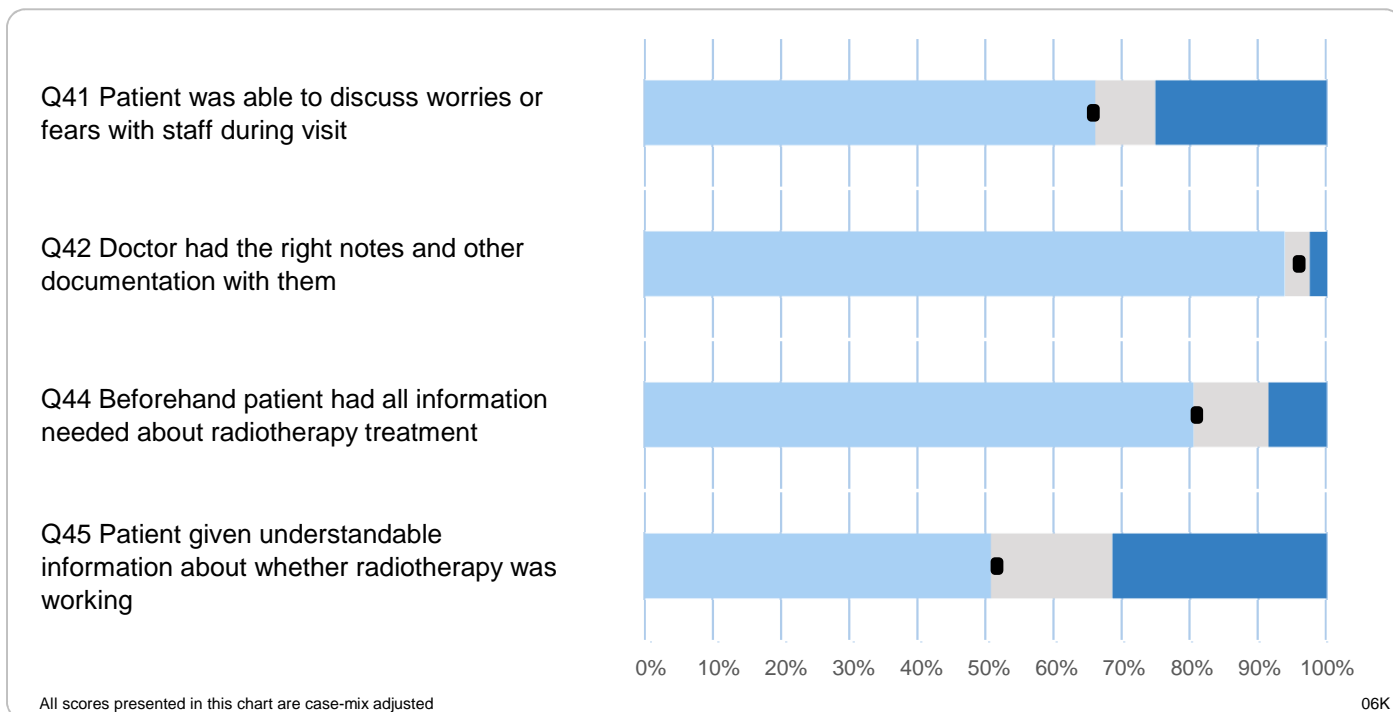


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016	Change from 2015		2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score					
Q36 Hospital staff definitely did everything to help control pain	325	82%	312	80%		80%	88%	84%	
Q37 Always treated with respect and dignity by staff	373	86%	356	88%		88%	91%	88%	
Q38 Given clear written information about what should / should not do post discharge	350	83%	323	85%		85%	89%	86%	
Q39 Staff told patient who to contact if worried post discharge	353	92%	344	91%		91%	96%	94%	

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

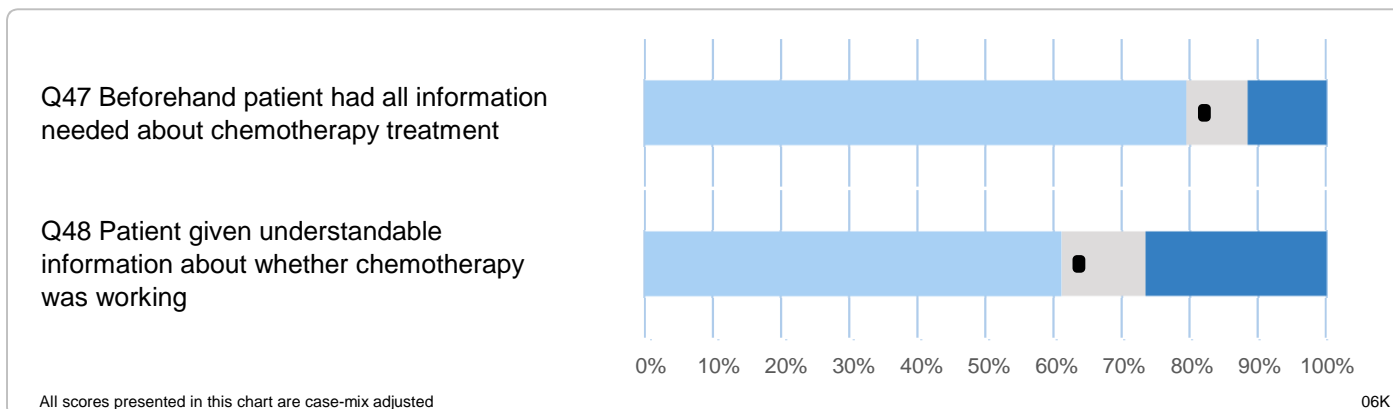


Question	Unadjusted Scores					2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q41 Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	430	69%	417	65%		66%	66%	75%	70%
Q42 Doctor had the right notes and other documentation with them	494	94%	485	96%		96%	94%	98%	96%
Q44 Beforehand patient had all information needed about radiotherapy treatment	180	77%	154	81%		81%	81%	92%	86%
Q45 Patient given understandable information about whether radiotherapy was working	149	58%	117	51%		51%	51%	69%	60%

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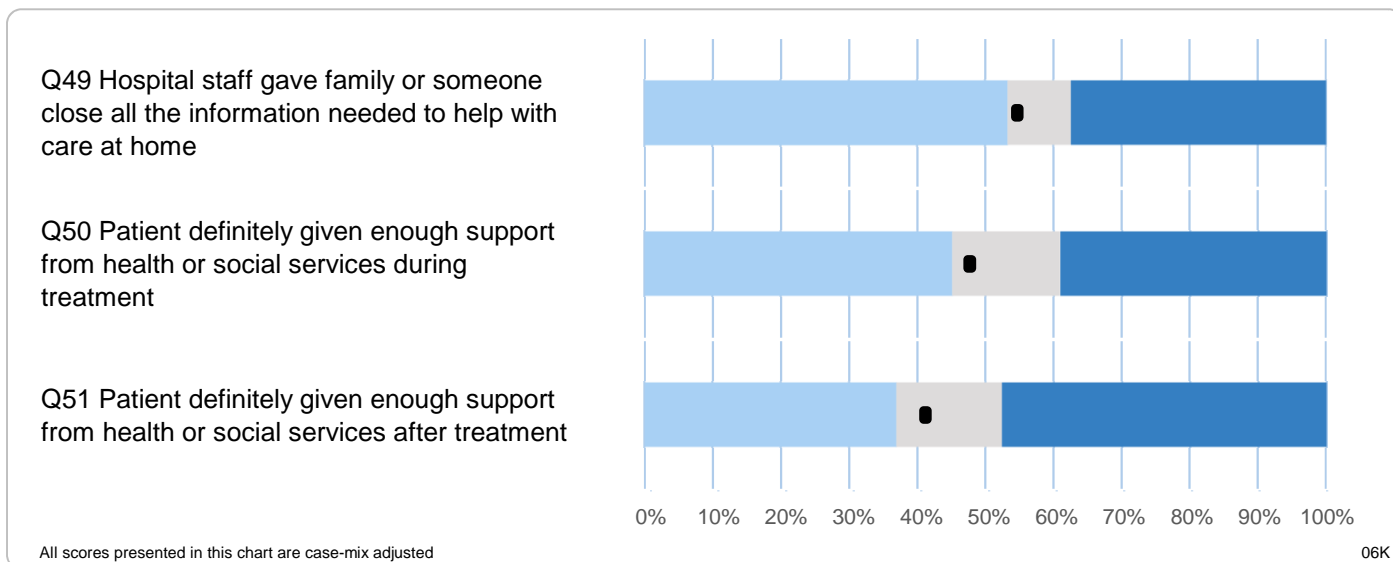


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	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q47 Beforehand patient had all information needed about chemotherapy treatment	286	83%	252	82%		82%	79%	88%	84%
Q48 Patient given understandable information about whether chemotherapy was working	263	66%	223	62%		63%	61%	73%	67%

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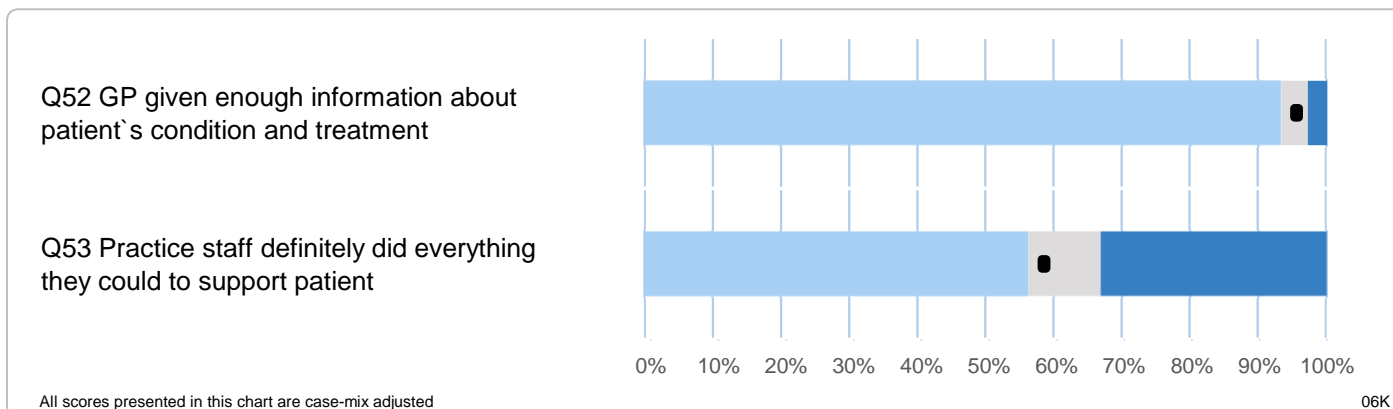


Question	Unadjusted Scores			2016 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2015	2016		2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score				
Q49 Hospital staff gave family or someone close all the information needed to help with care at home	455	55%	433	54%	53%	63%	58%
Q50 Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services during treatment	285	46%	275	48%	47%	61%	53%
Q51 Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services after treatment	191	38%	159	42%	41%	52%	45%

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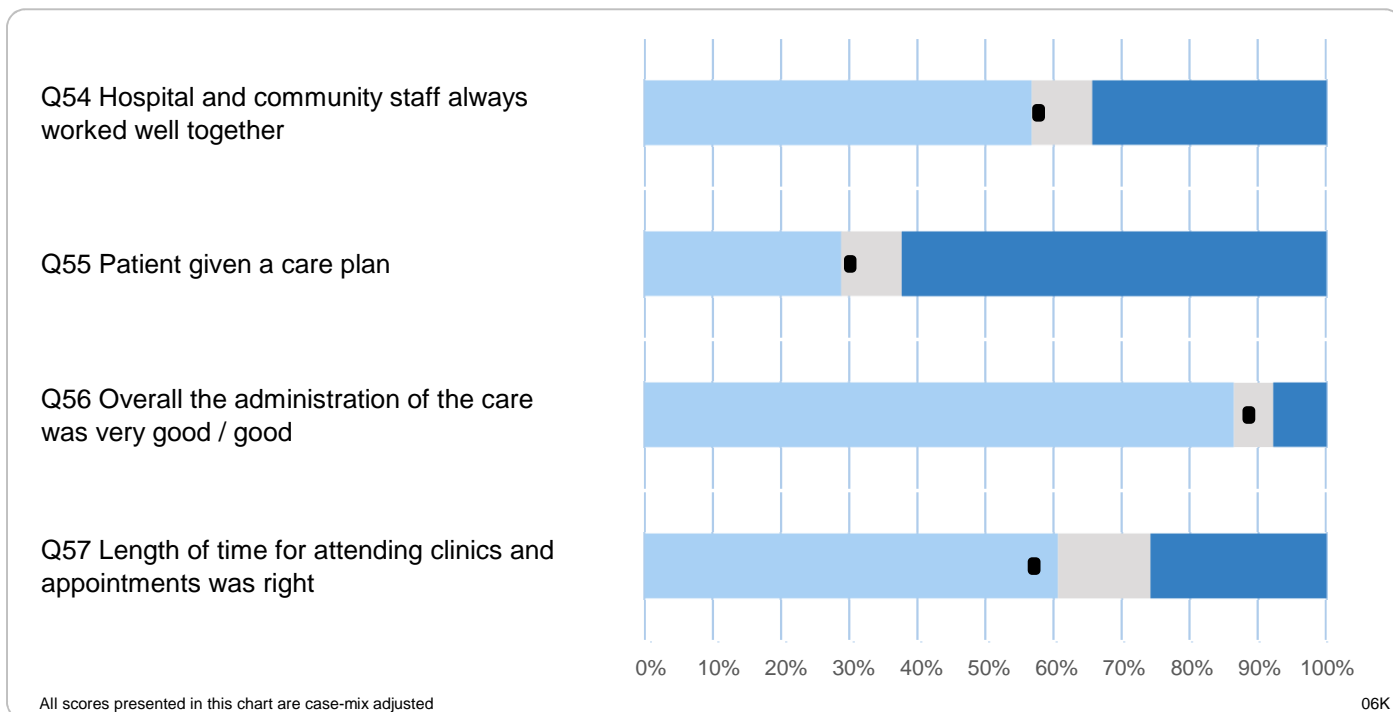


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	2015		2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q52	GP given enough information about patient's condition and treatment	496	96%	479	96%		95%	93%	97%	95%
Q53	Practice staff definitely did everything they could to support patient	367	57%	361	59%		58%	56%	67%	62%

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### Your overall NHS care (Part 1 of 2)

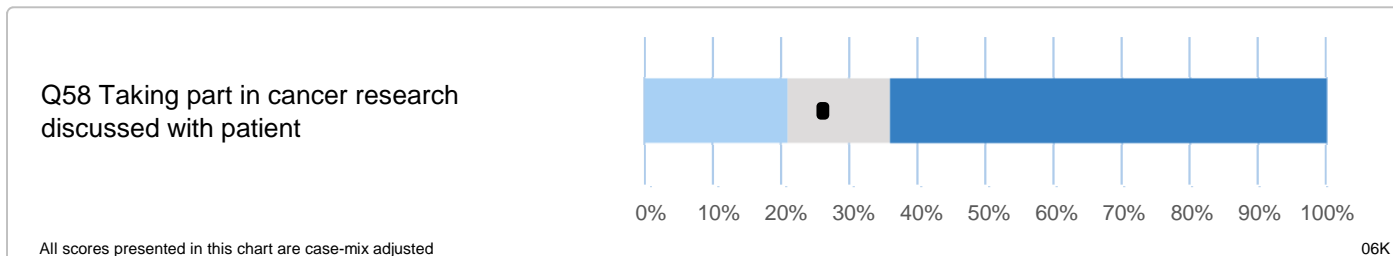


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	2015	2016		Change from 2015	2016 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q54 Hospital and community staff always worked well together	548	55%	532	57%	58%	57%	66%	61%	
Q55 Patient given a care plan	438	30%	436	29%	30%	29%	38%	33%	
Q56 Overall the administration of the care was very good / good	559	86%	536	88%	88%	86%	92%	89%	
Q57 Length of time for attending clinics and appointments was right	557	56%	537	57%	57%	61%	74%	67%	

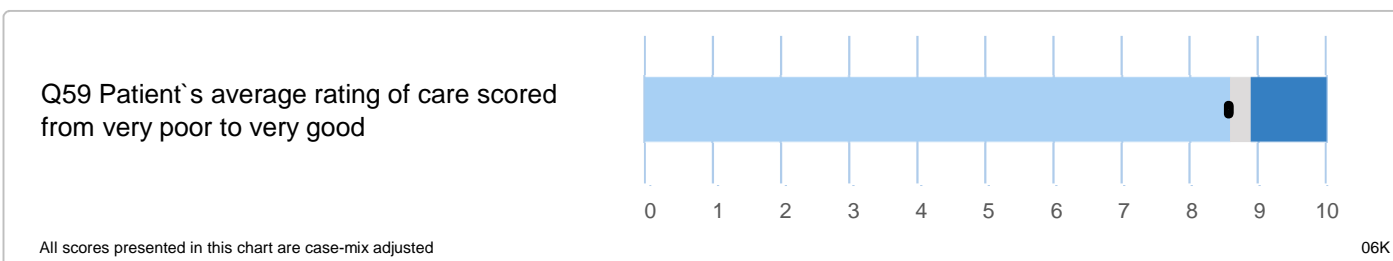
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### Your overall NHS care (Part 2 of 2)



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					
Q58	Taking part in cancer research discussed with patient	540	26%	515	26%		26%	21%	36%	29%



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					
Q59	Patient's average rating of care scored from very poor to very good	546	8.5	535	8.6		8.6	8.6	8.9	8.7

↑ or ↓ Indicates where 2016 score is significantly higher or lower than 2015 score  
 (NB: No arrow reflects no statistically significant change)  
 Where no score is displayed, no 2015 data is available  
 \* Indicates where a score has been suppressed because there are less than 21 respondents.



## Comparisons by tumour group for this CCG

The following tables show the unadjusted CCG 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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	63%	*	79%
Breast	88%	94%	90%	90%
Colorectal / LGT	78%	71%	83%	81%
Gynaecological	59%	75%	71%	79%
Haematological	69%	65%	77%	81%
Head and Neck	*	77%	*	79%
Lung	73%	70%	76%	83%
Prostate	83%	78%	86%	86%
Sarcoma	*	66%	*	67%
Skin	*	90%	*	86%
Upper Gastro	76%	72%	69%	78%
Urological	86%	82%	80%	85%
Other	57%	72%	70%	79%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>83%</b>

<sup>§</sup> These are unadjusted scores

## 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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	90%	*	81%	*	70%
Breast	94%	95%	89%	92%	74%	82%
Colorectal / LGT	93%	95%	87%	87%	78%	80%
Gynaecological	93%	93%	77%	85%	78%	75%
Haematological	92%	94%	90%	89%	78%	77%
Head and Neck	*	93%	*	85%	*	78%
Lung	94%	94%	85%	87%	65%	78%
Prostate	95%	95%	82%	86%	83%	80%
Sarcoma	*	93%	*	79%	*	74%
Skin	*	95%	*	88%	*	85%
Upper Gastro	85%	93%	86%	82%	68%	77%
Urological	91%	94%	93%	87%	87%	79%
Other	91%	95%	83%	86%	70%	76%
<b>All Cancers</b>	92%	94%	86%	87%	75%	79%

<sup>§</sup> These are unadjusted scores

## 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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	83%	*	73%	*	63%	*	63%
Breast	72%	82%	84%	88%	75%	78%	73%	77%
Colorectal / LGT	64%	80%	79%	86%	75%	78%	59%	71%
Gynaecological	62%	71%	75%	82%	66%	72%	79%	69%
Haematological	69%	71%	84%	83%	59%	60%	67%	74%
Head and Neck	*	70%	*	86%	*	75%	*	64%
Lung	78%	78%	74%	83%	81%	75%	67%	65%
Prostate	66%	77%	78%	84%	82%	78%	86%	81%
Sarcoma	*	72%	*	81%	*	67%	*	64%
Skin	*	63%	*	89%	*	79%	*	83%
Upper Gastro	72%	77%	79%	80%	48%	72%	52%	66%
Urological	68%	72%	80%	83%	83%	77%	65%	72%
Other	60%	74%	71%	82%	59%	70%	36%	62%
<b>All Cancers</b>	68%	76%	80%	84%	71%	73%	66%	72%

<sup>§</sup> These are unadjusted scores

## 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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	78%	*	72%	*	61%
Breast	82%	84%	71%	75%	65%	69%
Colorectal / LGT	79%	85%	62%	75%	55%	68%
Gynaecological	83%	84%	74%	74%	62%	66%
Haematological	85%	81%	66%	69%	55%	64%
Head and Neck	*	85%	*	70%	*	68%
Lung	75%	83%	70%	74%	65%	68%
Prostate	80%	81%	63%	72%	59%	62%
Sarcoma	*	83%	*	72%	*	66%
Skin	*	88%	*	76%	*	70%
Upper Gastro	87%	83%	63%	73%	50%	67%
Urological	76%	81%	74%	72%	58%	62%
Other	59%	79%	51%	70%	61%	63%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>66%</b>

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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	55%	*	73%
Breast	46%	56%	75%	79%
Colorectal / LGT	31%	56%	72%	79%
Gynaecological	50%	52%	70%	77%
Haematological	36%	49%	79%	77%
Head and Neck	*	59%	*	78%
Lung	45%	54%	71%	79%
Prostate	66%	63%	80%	79%
Sarcoma	*	54%	*	80%
Skin	*	61%	*	85%
Upper Gastro	50%	53%	65%	77%
Urological	44%	53%	72%	77%
Other	41%	50%	53%	74%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>78%</b>

<sup>§</sup> These are unadjusted scores

## Clinical Nurse Specialist

Cancer type	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	
	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	95%	*	82%	*	83%
Breast	91%	94%	88%	86%	93%	89%
Colorectal / LGT	93%	91%	90%	88%	90%	89%
Gynaecological	94%	94%	83%	84%	83%	87%
Haematological	90%	90%	90%	88%	96%	89%
Head and Neck	*	88%	*	87%	*	87%
Lung	92%	94%	90%	88%	86%	88%
Prostate	94%	88%	82%	84%	84%	88%
Sarcoma	*	88%	*	87%	*	90%
Skin	*	88%	*	89%	*	90%
Upper Gastro	92%	92%	77%	86%	78%	87%
Urological	71%	81%	85%	85%	96%	89%
Other	87%	87%	84%	85%	91%	86%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>88%</b>

<sup>§</sup> 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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	84%	*	81%	n.a.	67%	*	71%
Breast	86%	89%	82%	85%	60%	62%	84%	80%
Colorectal / LGT	79%	84%	75%	82%	41%	54%	86%	82%
Gynaecological	84%	83%	*	79%	*	58%	*	77%
Haematological	83%	83%	79%	82%	57%	58%	88%	86%
Head and Neck	*	83%	*	80%	*	59%	*	79%
Lung	82%	83%	79%	80%	62%	69%	*	84%
Prostate	90%	86%	79%	83%	35%	44%	77%	79%
Sarcoma	*	83%	*	82%	*	56%	*	78%
Skin	*	86%	*	82%	*	52%	*	62%
Upper Gastro	82%	83%	*	80%	*	60%	*	84%
Urological	78%	74%	*	72%	41%	35%	*	67%
Other	70%	80%	59%	77%	48%	55%	64%	80%
<b>All Cancers</b>	82%	84%	77%	81%	51%	56%	79%	80%

<sup>§</sup> 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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	93%	*	68%
Breast	97%	97%	77%	78%
Colorectal / LGT	100%	96%	74%	83%
Gynaecological	100%	96%	73%	79%
Haematological	*	93%	*	75%
Head and Neck	*	94%	*	78%
Lung	*	97%	*	79%
Prostate	93%	96%	81%	77%
Sarcoma	*	93%	*	80%
Skin	*	96%	*	83%
Upper Gastro	*	96%	*	79%
Urological	97%	95%	84%	77%
Other	76%	95%	62%	78%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>79%</b>

<sup>§</sup> These are unadjusted scores

## Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 1 of 2)

Cancer type	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	
	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	74%	*	79%	*	61%	*	66%
Breast	79%	89%	88%	86%	66%	76%	69%	76%
Colorectal / LGT	76%	76%	82%	85%	72%	72%	60%	70%
Gynaecological	88%	85%	85%	85%	*	72%	73%	71%
Haematological	76%	81%	83%	81%	67%	73%	76%	74%
Head and Neck	*	79%	*	84%	*	74%	*	72%
Lung	*	77%	*	82%	*	73%	*	75%
Prostate	78%	85%	95%	88%	72%	74%	81%	79%
Sarcoma	*	80%	*	85%	*	72%	*	74%
Skin	*	87%	*	92%	*	80%	*	85%
Upper Gastro	*	74%	*	82%	*	73%	*	71%
Urological	85%	80%	92%	86%	77%	71%	71%	77%
Other	64%	79%	80%	81%	76%	70%	48%	71%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>74%</b>

Cancer type	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	
	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	59%	*	65%	*	76%	*	38%
Breast	75%	71%	47%	61%	86%	86%	53%	54%
Colorectal / LGT	62%	62%	56%	70%	73%	84%	48%	53%
Gynaecological	62%	66%	65%	65%	85%	83%	*	50%
Haematological	62%	62%	62%	70%	97%	86%	71%	56%
Head and Neck	*	65%	*	69%	*	86%	*	54%
Lung	*	70%	*	72%	*	83%	*	50%
Prostate	79%	73%	54%	68%	95%	89%	42%	52%
Sarcoma	*	71%	*	71%	*	88%	*	53%
Skin	*	78%	*	67%	*	90%	*	62%
Upper Gastro	*	64%	*	74%	*	83%	*	50%
Urological	67%	68%	59%	72%	85%	87%	*	47%
Other	36%	62%	75%	68%	79%	83%	*	47%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>52%</b>

<sup>§</sup> These are unadjusted scores



## 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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	79%	*	79%	*	76%	*	91%
Breast	87%	86%	90%	88%	84%	91%	94%	96%
Colorectal / LGT	71%	84%	78%	87%	85%	84%	91%	94%
Gynaecological	92%	83%	88%	87%	92%	87%	92%	94%
Haematological	77%	83%	93%	89%	70%	80%	96%	95%
Head and Neck	*	81%	*	87%	*	85%	*	91%
Lung	*	84%	*	87%	*	81%	*	91%
Prostate	79%	85%	92%	91%	100%	89%	95%	94%
Sarcoma	*	87%	*	90%	*	84%	*	94%
Skin	*	87%	*	92%	*	89%	*	95%
Upper Gastro	*	82%	*	86%	*	82%	*	93%
Urological	77%	82%	84%	89%	81%	86%	84%	91%
Other	77%	82%	79%	86%	75%	81%	83%	93%
<b>All Cancers</b>	80%	84%	88%	88%	85%	86%	91%	94%

<sup>§</sup> These are unadjusted scores

## Hospital care as a day patient / outpatient

Cancer type	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	
	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	63%	*	95%	*	86%	*	58%
Breast	66%	70%	97%	96%	82%	88%	52%	60%
Colorectal / LGT	63%	72%	88%	96%	*	86%	*	58%
Gynaecological	65%	68%	100%	95%	*	85%	*	62%
Haematological	66%	74%	97%	97%	*	84%	*	64%
Head and Neck	*	71%	*	96%	*	84%	*	61%
Lung	62%	70%	97%	95%	*	85%	*	58%
Prostate	79%	72%	96%	96%	*	89%	*	58%
Sarcoma	*	72%	*	97%	*	89%	*	69%
Skin	*	72%	*	97%	*	84%	*	59%
Upper Gastro	57%	68%	93%	94%	*	86%	*	57%
Urological	71%	68%	98%	96%	*	81%	*	56%
Other	56%	67%	100%	95%	*	83%	*	58%
<b>All Cancers</b>	65%	70%	96%	96%	81%	86%	51%	60%

Cancer type	Q47. Beforehand patient had all information needed about chemotherapy treatment		Q48. Patient given understandable information about whether chemotherapy was working	
	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	80%	n.a.	59%
Breast	83%	82%	57%	62%
Colorectal / LGT	82%	85%	66%	63%
Gynaecological	*	84%	*	66%
Haematological	88%	84%	79%	75%
Head and Neck	*	80%	*	58%
Lung	*	84%	*	68%
Prostate	*	84%	*	67%
Sarcoma	*	86%	*	73%
Skin	*	88%	*	78%
Upper Gastro	*	84%	*	64%
Urological	*	84%	*	67%
Other	96%	85%	52%	68%
<b>All Cancers</b>	82%	84%	62%	67%

<sup>§</sup> These are unadjusted scores

## 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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	49%	*	42%	*	41%
Breast	46%	57%	48%	53%	35%	40%
Colorectal / LGT	63%	60%	66%	61%	58%	51%
Gynaecological	60%	56%	*	50%	*	39%
Haematological	52%	60%	46%	51%	*	44%
Head and Neck	*	61%	*	52%	*	48%
Lung	52%	57%	33%	50%	*	43%
Prostate	65%	56%	44%	48%	*	43%
Sarcoma	*	59%	*	55%	*	48%
Skin	*	65%	*	57%	*	59%
Upper Gastro	67%	59%	*	55%	*	48%
Urological	56%	58%	*	47%	*	43%
Other	34%	54%	46%	55%	*	48%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>45%</b>

<sup>§</sup> 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 CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	89%	*	51%
Breast	97%	96%	55%	62%
Colorectal / LGT	94%	95%	65%	62%
Gynaecological	100%	95%	72%	61%
Haematological	97%	96%	67%	59%
Head and Neck	*	94%	*	59%
Lung	100%	95%	56%	61%
Prostate	93%	96%	69%	67%
Sarcoma	*	95%	*	56%
Skin	*	96%	*	67%
Upper Gastro	92%	94%	*	61%
Urological	95%	95%	46%	64%
Other	93%	95%	39%	59%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>62%</b>

<sup>§</sup> These are unadjusted scores

## Your overall NHS care

Cancer type	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	
	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	43%	*	32%	*	82%	*	61%
Breast	58%	61%	36%	37%	88%	91%	43%	65%
Colorectal / LGT	61%	60%	30%	35%	87%	89%	73%	70%
Gynaecological	47%	58%	42%	30%	87%	89%	55%	66%
Haematological	59%	63%	17%	33%	93%	92%	50%	63%
Head and Neck	*	62%	*	36%	*	89%	*	69%
Lung	54%	63%	30%	33%	89%	89%	46%	71%
Prostate	70%	65%	37%	35%	91%	88%	71%	73%
Sarcoma	*	56%	*	28%	*	87%	*	61%
Skin	*	69%	*	39%	*	90%	*	76%
Upper Gastro	61%	58%	19%	34%	86%	87%	75%	66%
Urological	58%	63%	31%	27%	85%	87%	67%	75%
Other	33%	55%	13%	29%	85%	88%	52%	61%
<b>All Cancers</b>	57%	61%	29%	33%	88%	89%	57%	67%

Cancer type	Q58. Taking part in cancer research discussed with patient		Q59. Patient's average rating of care scored from very poor to very good	
	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National	This CCG <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	24%	*	8.3
Breast	23%	28%	8.6	8.8
Colorectal / LGT	17%	26%	8.6	8.7
Gynaecological	19%	30%	8.1	8.7
Haematological	34%	34%	9.0	8.9
Head and Neck	*	19%	*	8.7
Lung	38%	33%	8.5	8.7
Prostate	32%	34%	8.7	8.7
Sarcoma	*	33%	*	8.6
Skin	*	18%	*	8.9
Upper Gastro	41%	33%	8.6	8.6
Urological	16%	15%	8.9	8.7
Other	34%	30%	7.9	8.6
<b>All Cancers</b>	26%	29%	8.6	8.7

<sup>§</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ncpes.co.uk)

## Case-mix adjustment

As in 2015, case-mix adjusted findings are being presented alongside unadjusted results for CCGs. 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 CCG 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](http://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.

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## 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%
06K	918	56	862	286	24	552	64%

## 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	4
Breast	125
Gynaecological	32
Colorectal / LGT	56
Lung	38
Skin	13
Haematological	68
Upper Gastro	29
Other	49
Urological	47
Prostate	66
Sarcoma	8
Head and Neck	17

\* 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 CCG was as follows:

	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	Total
Male	0	6	2	21	52	94	69	10	254
Female	1	11	10	44	77	83	54	18	298
Total	1	17	12	65	129	177	123	28	552





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