

National Cancer Patient Experience Survey

2017 Results

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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 2017 is the seventh 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 2017 survey can be found in the Annex towards the end of this report.

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 2016 to this question

Column 2 shows the unadjusted 2016 score for this CCG

Column 3 shows the number of respondents for 2017 to this question

Column 4 shows the unadjusted 2017 score for this CCG

Column 5 shows whether a score has significantly increased or decreased compared with the last survey (2016)

Column 6 shows whether a score has significantly increased or decreased overall (2015, 2016 and 2017)

Column 7 shows the case-mix adjusted 2017 score for this CCG

Column 8 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 9 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 10 shows the national average score for this question.

Data tables (continued)

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 towards the end of this report.

Comparability charts

For the 2017 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

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 solely 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 are presented in the detailed data tables at:

www.ncpes.co.uk

These 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 towards the end of this report.

Executive Summary

9.0 The average rating given by respondents when asked to rate their care on a scale of zero (very poor) to 10 (very good)

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

81% 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

89% of respondents said that it had been 'quite easy' or 'very easy' to contact their Clinical Nurse Specialist

91% 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

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

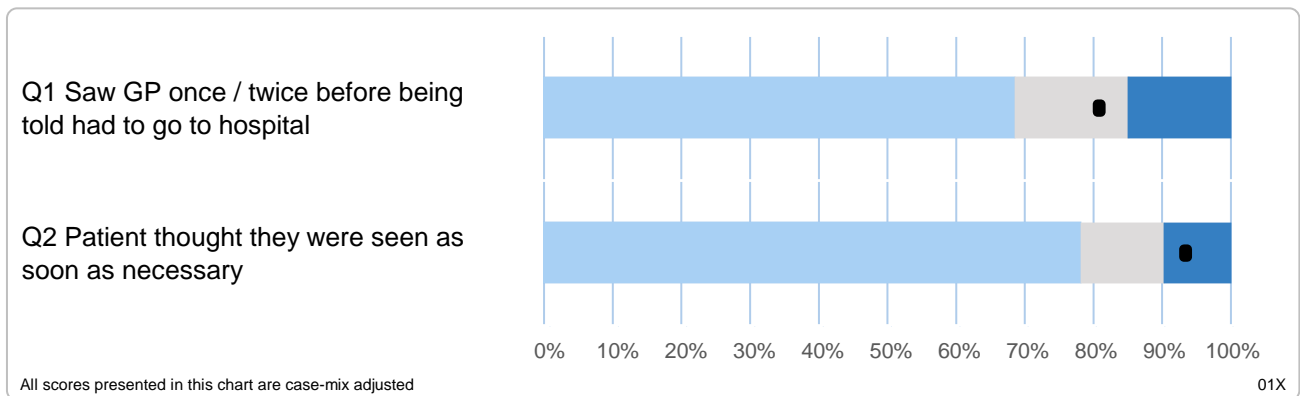
The questions were selected in discussion with the national Cancer Patient Experience Advisory Group and reflect four key patient experience domains: provision of information; involvement in decisions; care transition; interpersonal relations, respect and dignity. The figures presented above are all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

Questions which scored outside expected range

Question	Number of respondents for this CCG	2017 Case-mix Adjusted			National Average Score	
		2017 Score for this CCG	Lower limit of expected range	Upper limit of expected range		
Seeing your GP						
Q2	Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary	141	93%	78%	90%	84%
Diagnostic tests						
Q6	The length of time waiting for the test to be done was about right	124	94%	83%	94%	88%
Finding out what was wrong with you						
Q11	Patient given easy to understand written information about the type of cancer they had	121	65%	65%	81%	73%
Your overall NHS care						
Q55	Patient given a care plan	110	45%	26%	44%	35%
Q58	Taking part in cancer research discussed with patient	125	14%	20%	41%	31%

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Seeing your GP

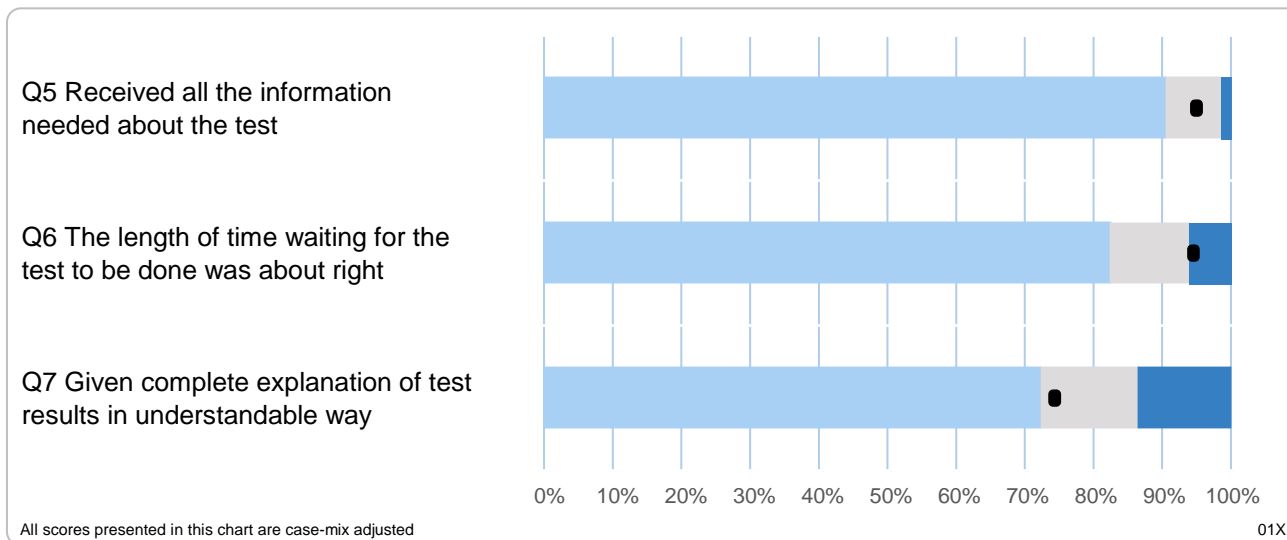


Question		Unadjusted Scores				2017 Case Mix Adjusted					
		2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
		Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q1	Saw GP once / twice before being told had to go to hospital	105	84%	100	82%			81%	69%	85%	77%
Q2	Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary	139	83%	141	94%			93%	78%	90%	84%

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Diagnostic Tests

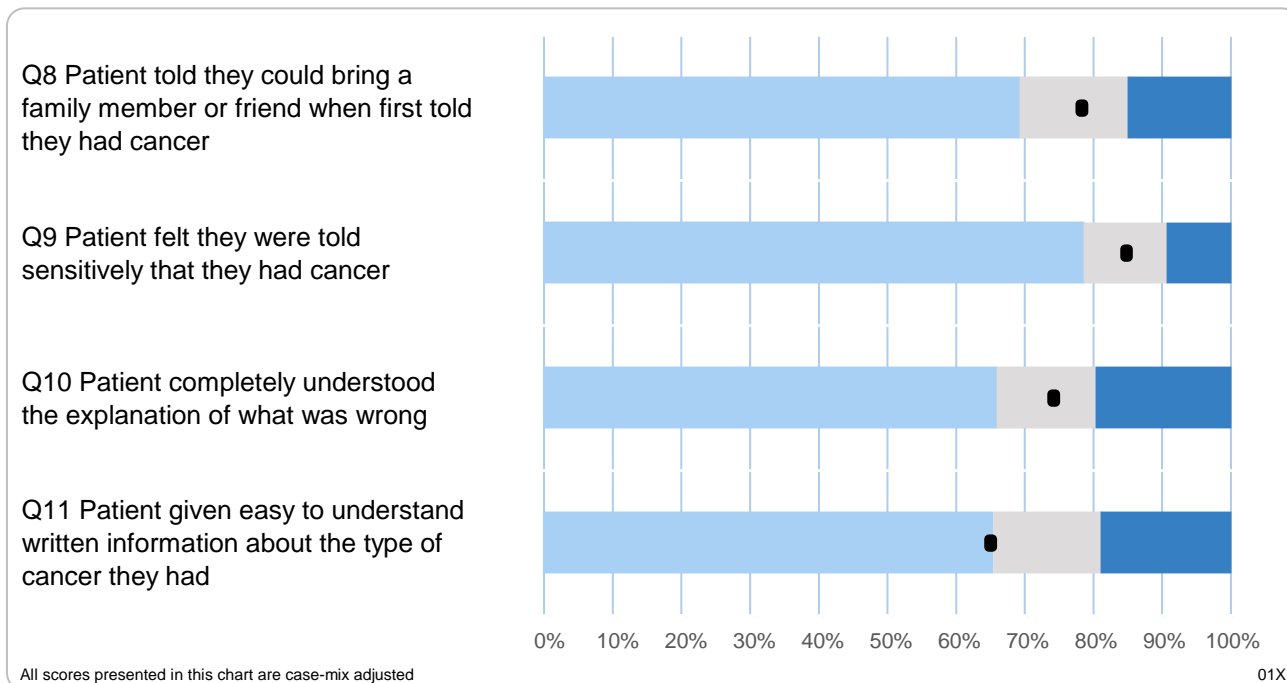


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	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score							
Q5	Received all the information needed about the test	126	93%	125	94%			95%	91%	99%	95%
Q6	The length of time waiting for the test to be done was about right	125	87%	124	94%			94%	83%	94%	88%
Q7	Given complete explanation of test results in understandable way	122	77%	125	74%		↓	74%	72%	87%	79%

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Finding out what was wrong with you

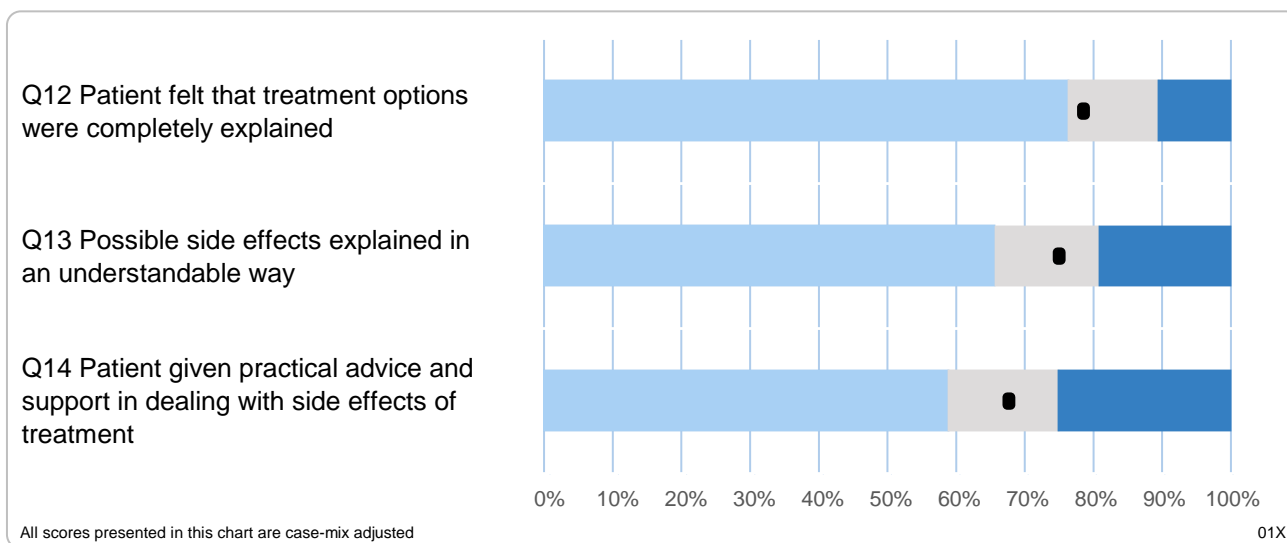


Question	Unadjusted Scores						2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q8 Patient told they could bring a family member or friend when first told they had cancer	131	73%	137	78%			78%	69%	85%	77%
Q9 Patient felt they were told sensitively that they had cancer	139	87%	138	85%		↓	85%	79%	91%	85%
Q10 Patient completely understood the explanation of what was wrong	138	73%	144	76%			74%	66%	80%	73%
Q11 Patient given easy to understand written information about the type of cancer they had	113	58%	121	65%			65%	65%	81%	73%

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

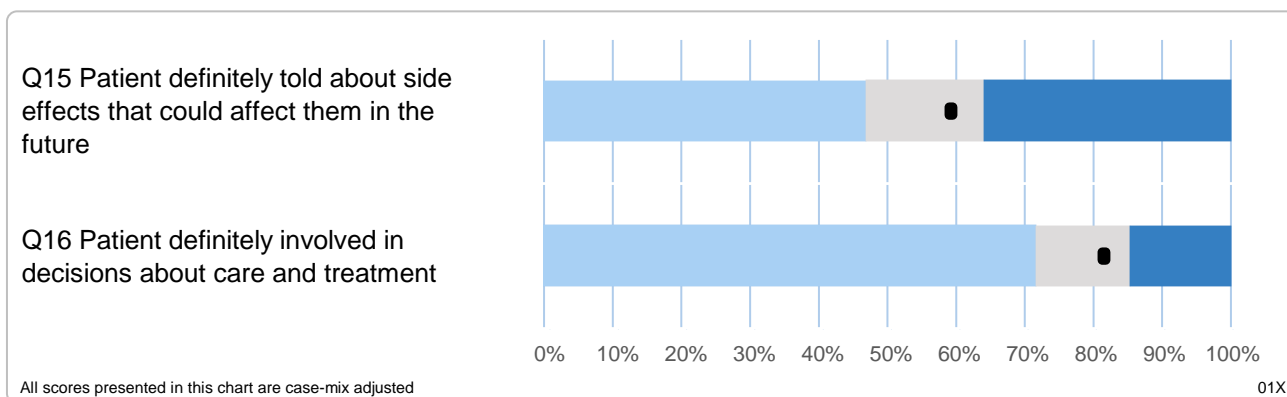


Question	Unadjusted Scores						2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q12 Patient felt that treatment options were completely explained	116	84%	126	79%			78%	76%	89%	83%
Q13 Possible side effects explained in an understandable way	126	71%	133	75%			75%	66%	81%	73%
Q14 Patient given practical advice and support in dealing with side effects of treatment	132	51%	133	68%	↑		67%	59%	75%	67%

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

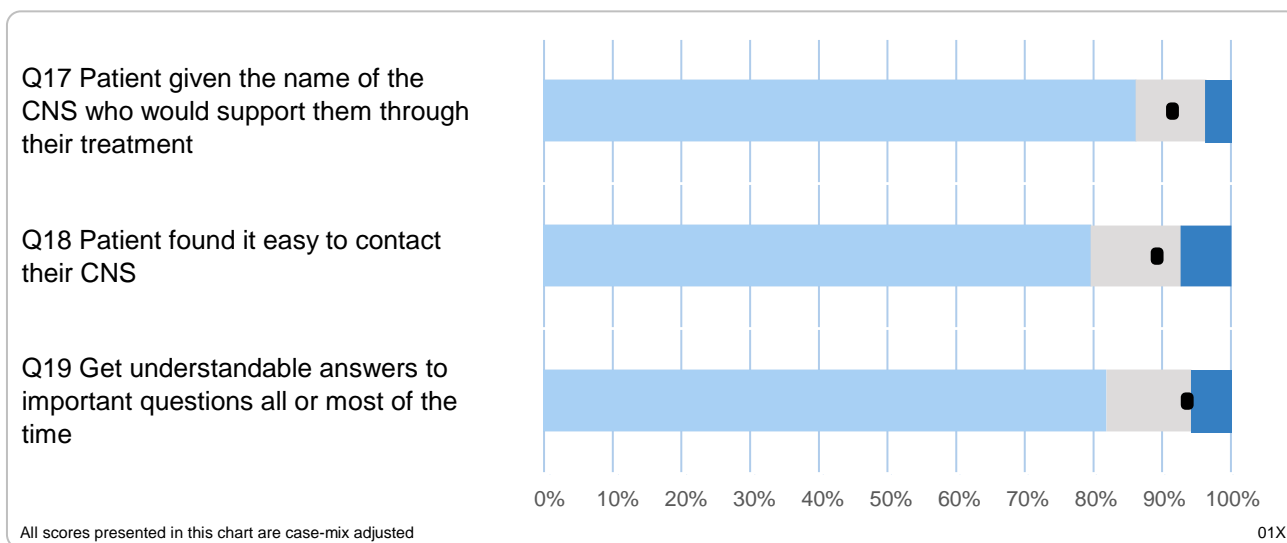


Question	Unadjusted Scores						2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q15 Patient definitely told about side effects that could affect them in the future	118	58%	130	61%			59%	47%	64%	56%
Q16 Patient definitely involved in decisions about care and treatment	132	75%	138	82%			81%	72%	85%	79%

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Clinical Nurse Specialist

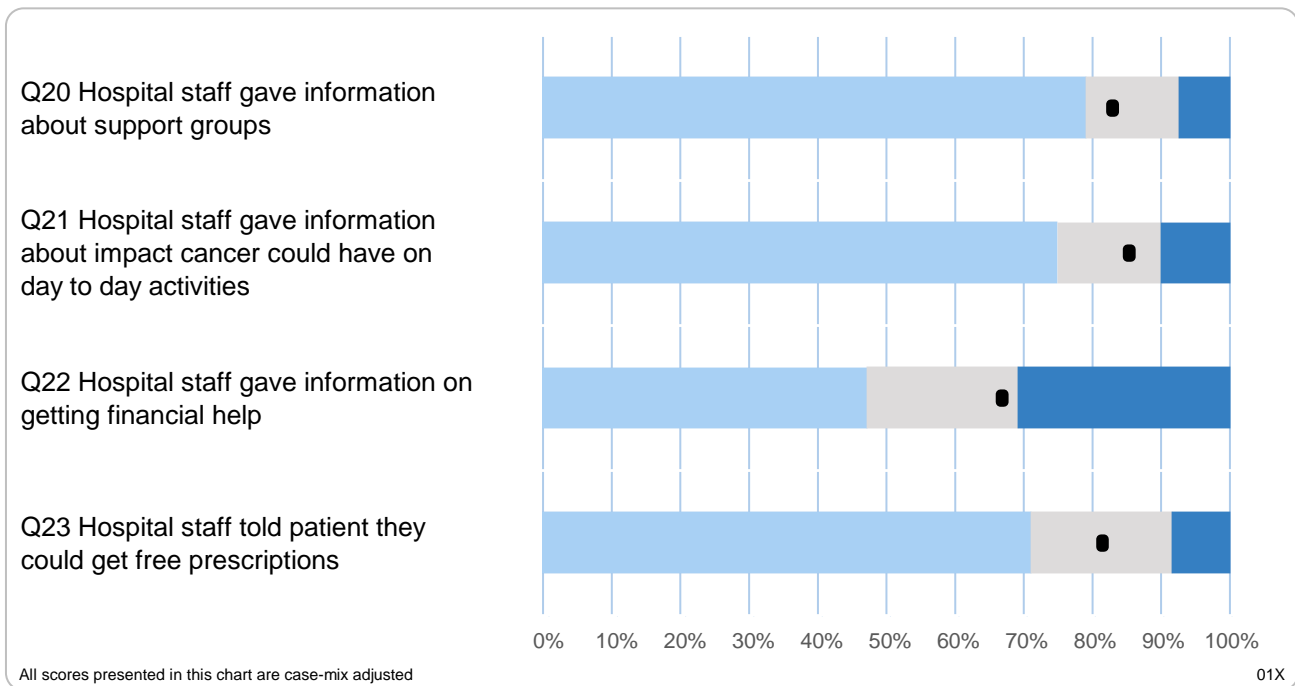


Question	Unadjusted Scores						2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q17 Patient given the name of the CNS who would support them through their treatment	129	88%	136	90%			91%	86%	96%	91%
Q18 Patient found it easy to contact their CNS	105	91%	111	89%			89%	80%	93%	86%
Q19 Get understandable answers to important questions all or most of the time	100	92%	107	93%			93%	82%	94%	88%

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Support for people with cancer

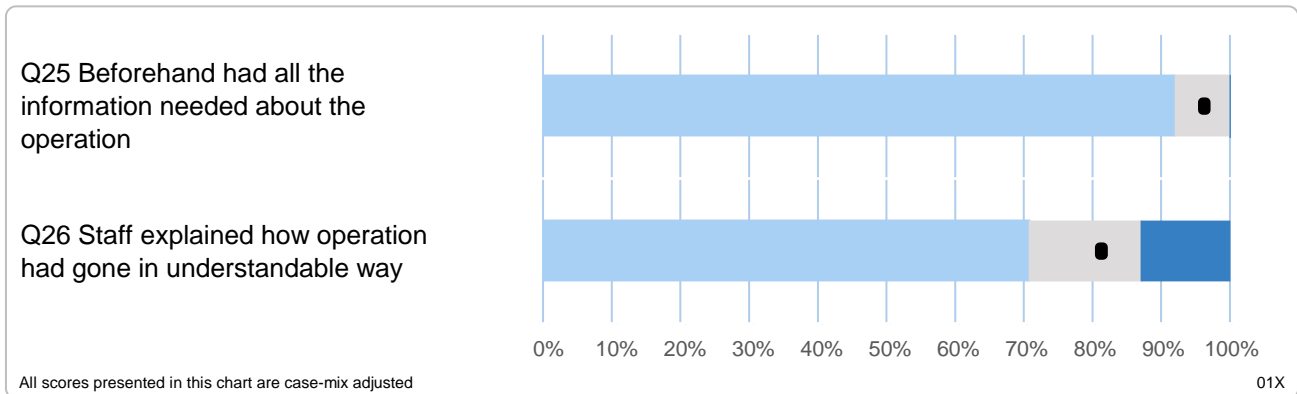


Question	Unadjusted Scores				Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Case Mix Adjusted			National Average Score
	2016	2017	2016	2017			2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	
Q20 Hospital staff gave information about support groups	96	108	84%	81%			83%	79%	93%	86%
Q21 Hospital staff gave information about impact cancer could have on day to day activities	95	97	86%	85%			85%	75%	90%	82%
Q22 Hospital staff gave information on getting financial help	75	87	57%	64%			67%	47%	69%	58%
Q23 Hospital staff told patient they could get free prescriptions	59	55	88%	80%			81%	71%	92%	81%

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Operations



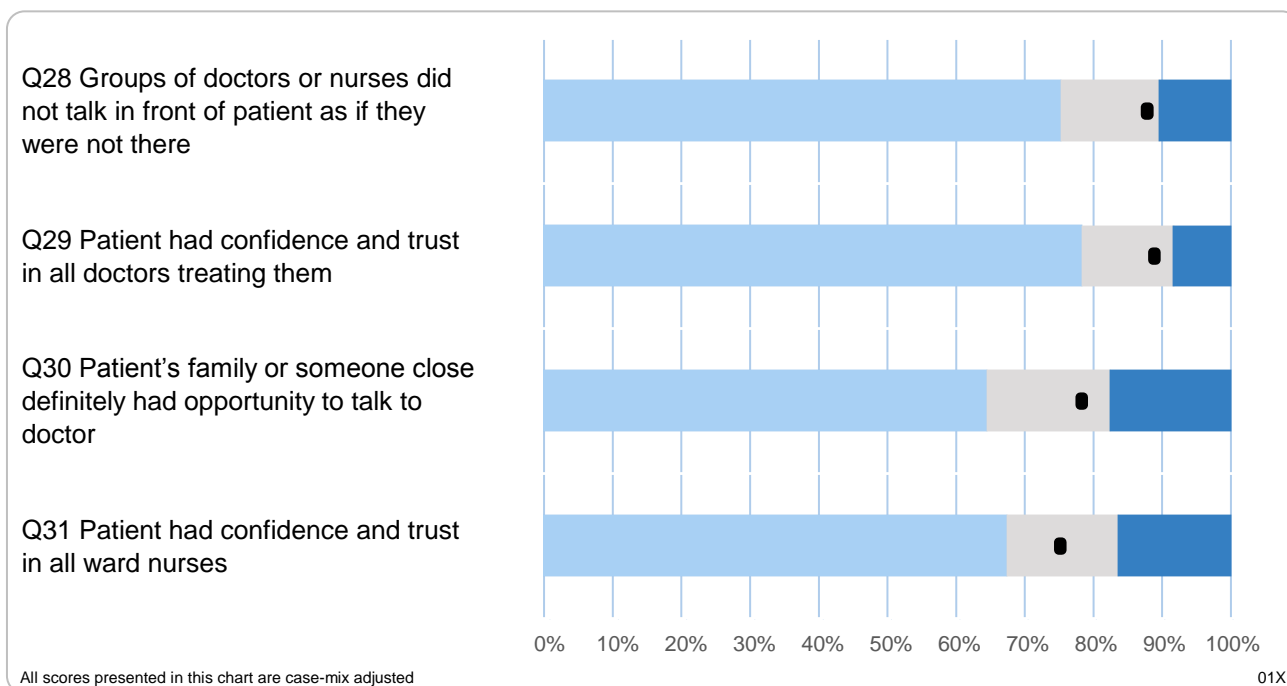
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		2016		2017		2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score				
		Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score								
Q25	Beforehand had all the information needed about the operation	105	97%	97	96%					96%	92%	100%	96%
Q26	Staff explained how operation had gone in understandable way	104	83%	96	81%					81%	71%	87%	79%

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Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 1 of 3)

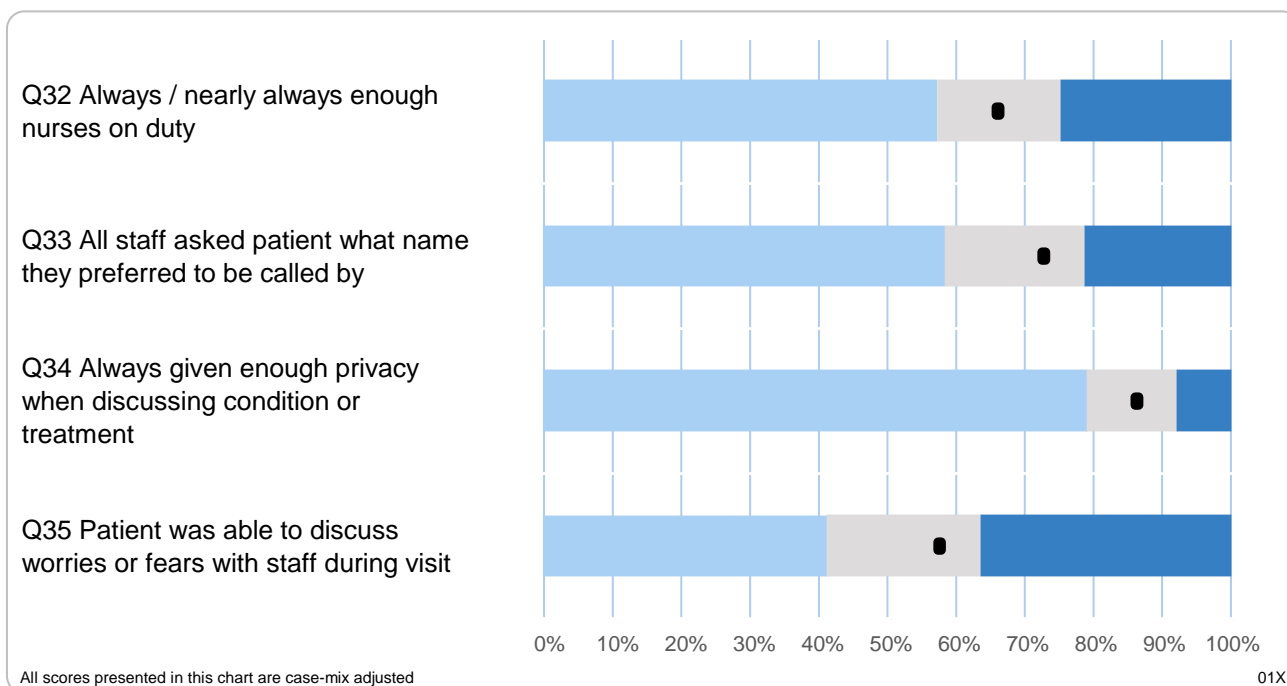


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	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q28 Groups of doctors or nurses did not talk in front of patient as if they were not there	106	84%	109	87%			88%	75%	90%	82%
Q29 Patient had confidence and trust in all doctors treating them	105	88%	110	89%			89%	78%	92%	85%
Q30 Patient's family or someone close definitely had opportunity to talk to doctor	95	78%	93	78%			78%	64%	82%	73%
Q31 Patient had confidence and trust in all ward nurses	106	72%	109	76%			75%	67%	84%	76%

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Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 2 of 3)

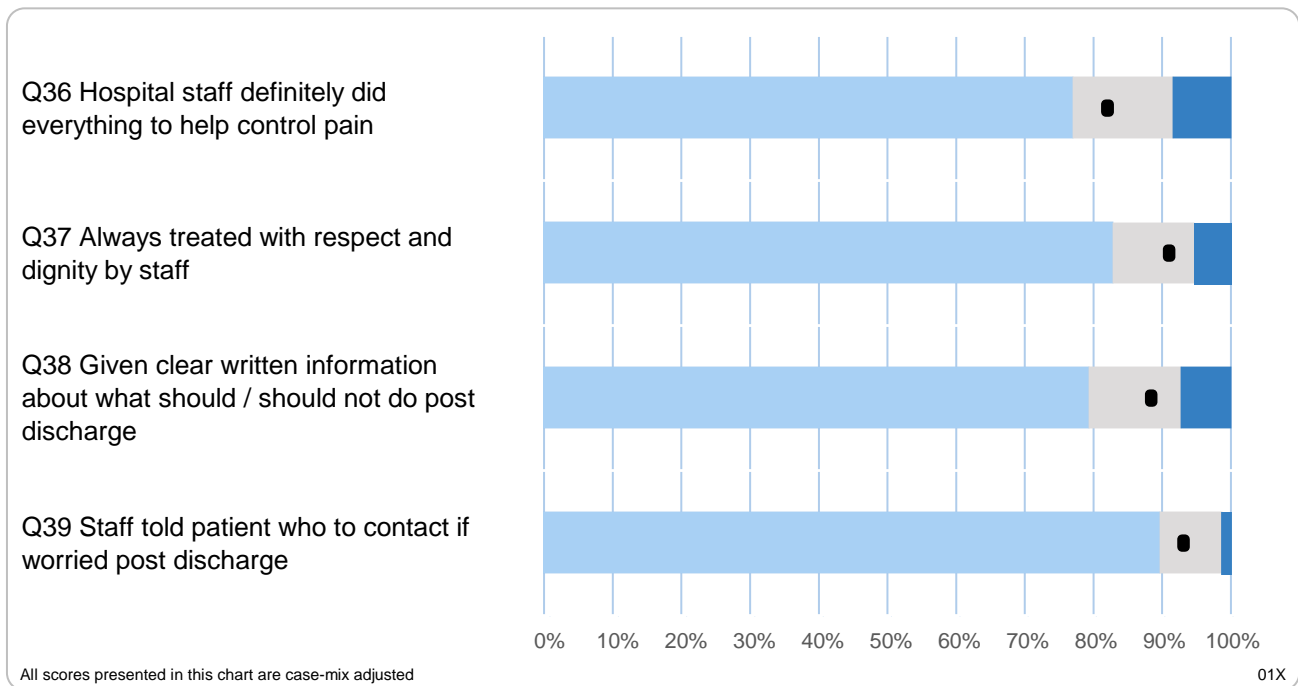


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	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q32 Always / nearly always enough nurses on duty	106	70%	107	67%			66%	57%	75%	66%
Q33 All staff asked patient what name they preferred to be called by	104	72%	107	74%			73%	58%	79%	69%
Q34 Always given enough privacy when discussing condition or treatment	105	89%	109	86%			86%	79%	92%	86%
Q35 Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	83	54%	77	57%			57%	41%	64%	53%

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Hospital care as an inpatient (Part 3 of 3)

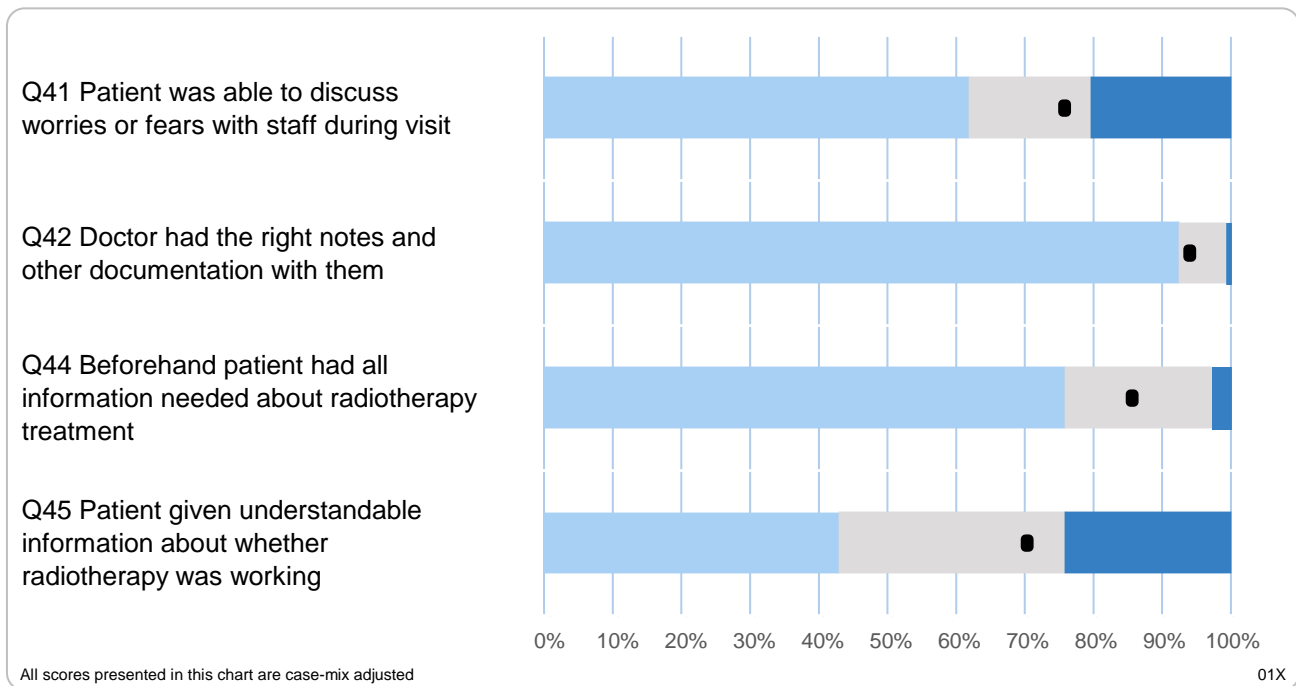


Question	Unadjusted Scores				Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016		2017				2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q36 Hospital staff definitely did everything to help control pain	95	80%	97	82%			82%	77%	92%	84%
Q37 Always treated with respect and dignity by staff	106	87%	109	91%			91%	83%	95%	89%
Q38 Given clear written information about what should / should not do post discharge	95	85%	103	88%			88%	79%	93%	86%
Q39 Staff told patient who to contact if worried post discharge	101	97%	104	92%			93%	90%	99%	94%

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

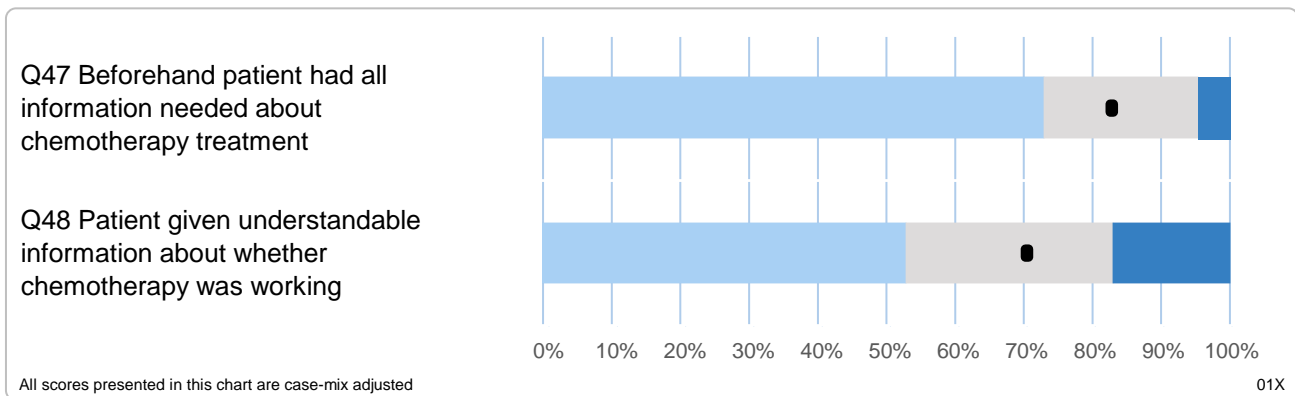


Question	Unadjusted Scores				Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016		2017				2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q41 Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	106	63%	102	75%			76%	62%	80%	71%
Q42 Doctor had the right notes and other documentation with them	109	95%	129	94%			94%	93%	99%	96%
Q44 Beforehand patient had all information needed about radiotherapy treatment	29	93%	39	85%			85%	76%	97%	87%
Q45 Patient given understandable information about whether radiotherapy was working	25	76%	34	71%			70%	43%	76%	59%

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

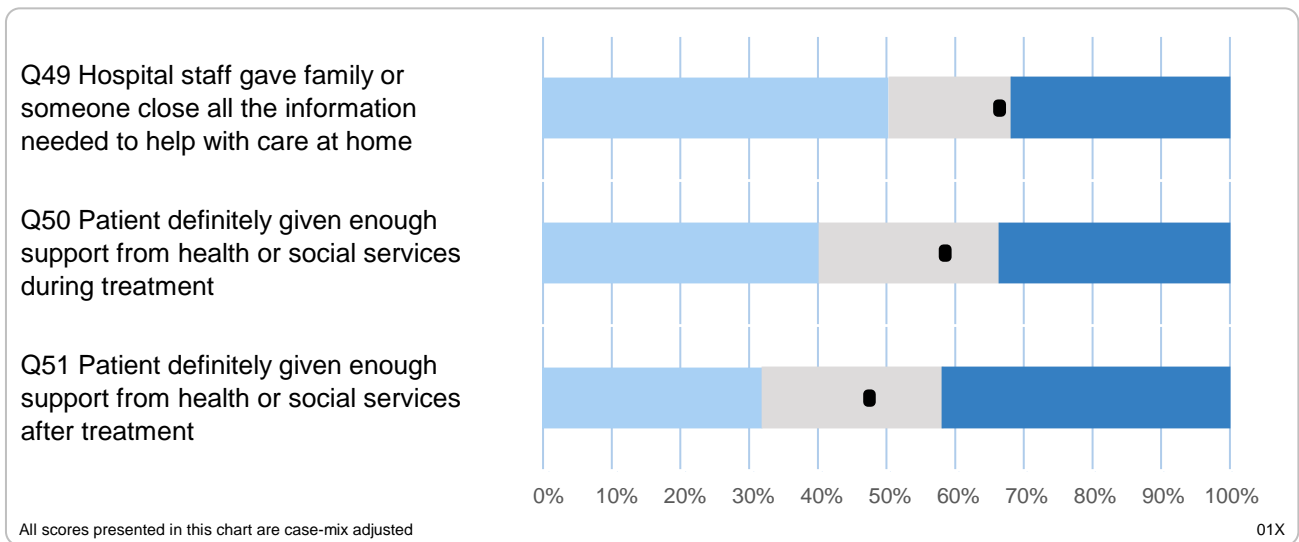


Question	Unadjusted Scores				Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016		2017				2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q47 Beforehand patient had all information needed about chemotherapy treatment	47	79%	41	83%			83%	73%	95%	84%
Q48 Patient given understandable information about whether chemotherapy was working	42	57%	37	70%			70%	53%	83%	68%

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Home care and support

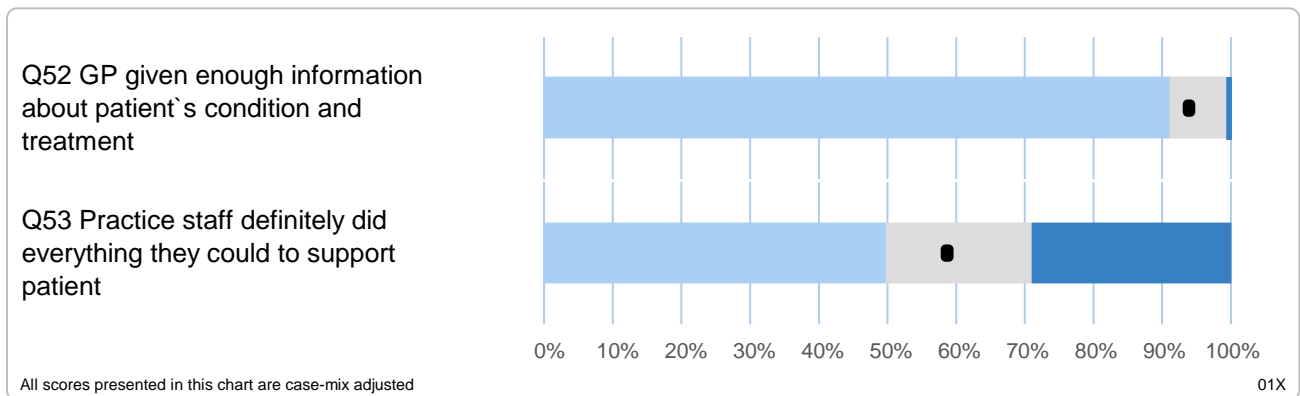


Question	Unadjusted Scores						2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q49 Hospital staff gave family or someone close all the information needed to help with care at home	117	56%	116	66%			66%	50%	68%	59%
Q50 Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services during treatment	94	50%	72	58%			58%	40%	66%	53%
Q51 Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services after treatment	60	42%	55	47%			47%	32%	58%	45%

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Care from your general practice

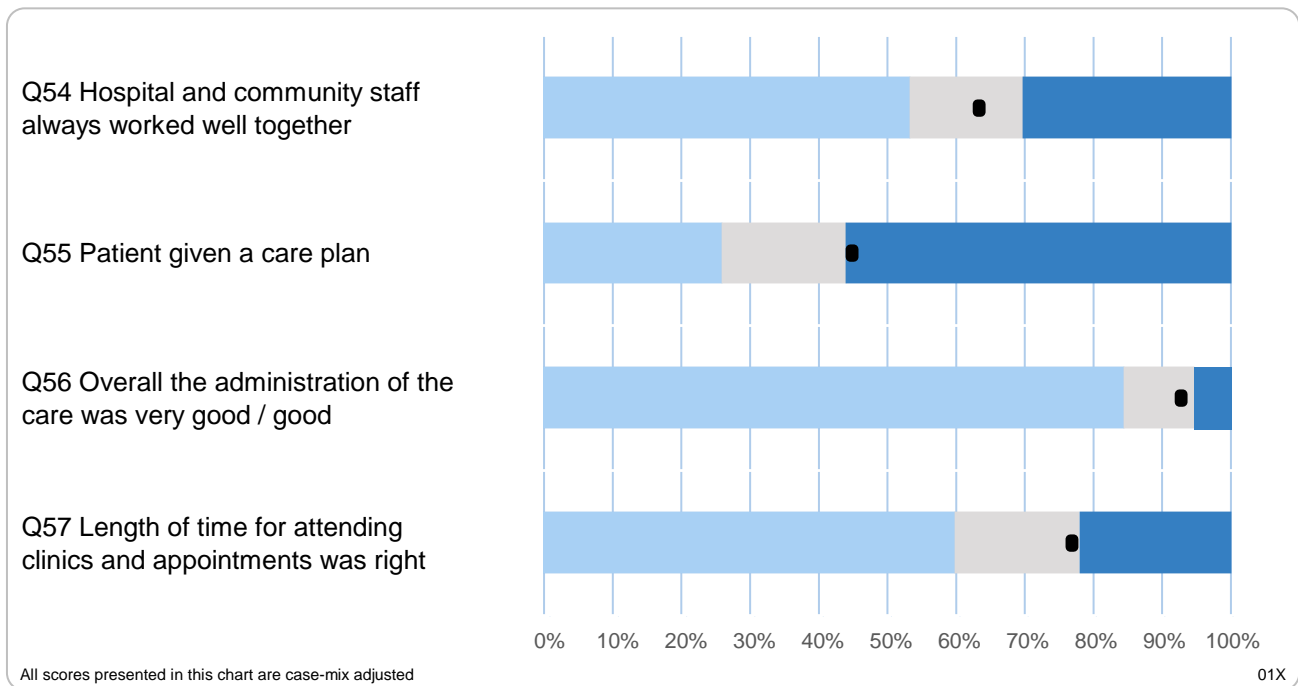


Question		Unadjusted Scores				2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
		2016		2017		2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
		Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score				
Q52	GP given enough information about patient's condition and treatment	108	94%	105	93%	94%	91%	99%	95%
Q53	Practice staff definitely did everything they could to support patient	99	64%	89	58%	58%	50%	71%	60%

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Your overall NHS care (Part 1 of 2)

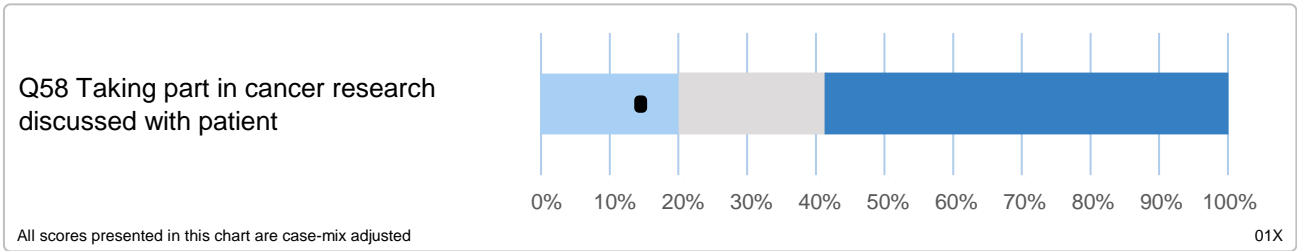


Question	Unadjusted Scores				Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Case Mix Adjusted			National Average Score
	2016	2017	2016	2017			2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	
Q54 Hospital and community staff always worked well together	135	141	59%	65%			63%	53%	70%	62%
Q55 Patient given a care plan	111	110	38%	45%			45%	26%	44%	35%
Q56 Overall the administration of the care was very good / good	139	141	89%	92%			93%	85%	95%	90%
Q57 Length of time for attending clinics and appointments was right	138	141	69%	79%			77%	60%	78%	69%

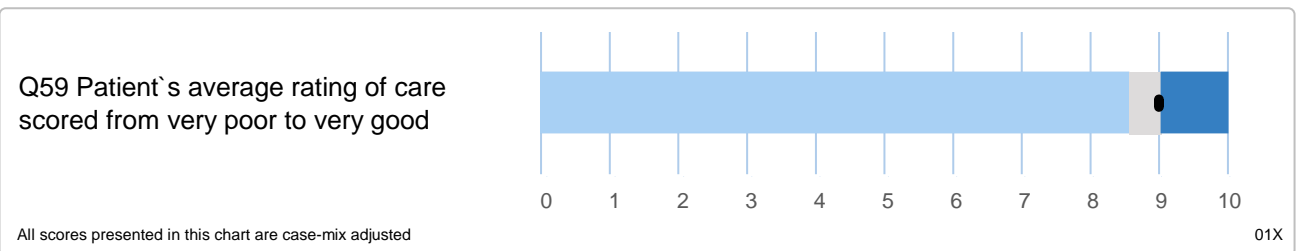
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Your overall NHS care (Part 2 of 2)



Question	Unadjusted Scores						2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 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	134	19%	125	13%			14%	20%	41%	31%



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	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 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	137	8.6	138	9.0			9.0	8.6	9.0	8.8

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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 [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	68%	n.a.	82%
Breast	*	94%	*	90%
Colorectal / LGT	*	72%	86%	82%
Gynaecological	*	76%	*	81%
Haematological	*	64%	*	82%
Head and Neck	*	77%	*	79%
Lung	*	68%	*	83%
Prostate	*	79%	*	87%
Sarcoma	*	67%	*	67%
Skin	*	90%	*	86%
Upper Gastro	*	72%	*	79%
Urological	*	82%	*	86%
Other	*	72%	*	79%
All Cancers	82%	77%	94%	84%

[§] These are unadjusted scores

Diagnostic tests

	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	
Cancer type	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	95%	n.a.	86%	n.a.	77%
Breast	*	95%	*	92%	*	83%
Colorectal / LGT	86%	96%	95%	88%	73%	82%
Gynaecological	*	93%	*	86%	*	76%
Haematological	*	94%	*	89%	*	76%
Head and Neck	*	91%	*	86%	*	77%
Lung	*	95%	*	88%	*	78%
Prostate	*	94%	*	87%	*	81%
Sarcoma	*	91%	*	79%	*	75%
Skin	*	95%	*	87%	*	84%
Upper Gastro	*	93%	*	84%	*	75%
Urological	*	94%	*	88%	*	79%
Other	*	95%	*	87%	*	77%
All Cancers	94%	95%	94%	88%	74%	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 CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	83%	n.a.	79%	n.a.	65%	n.a.	65%
Breast	*	84%	*	89%	*	78%	*	77%
Colorectal / LGT	*	82%	*	86%	77%	79%	*	72%
Gynaecological	*	71%	*	82%	*	73%	*	71%
Haematological	*	72%	*	83%	*	59%	*	76%
Head and Neck	*	73%	*	85%	*	74%	*	65%
Lung	*	77%	*	83%	*	75%	*	65%
Prostate	*	79%	*	85%	*	79%	*	82%
Sarcoma	*	70%	*	82%	*	67%	*	59%
Skin	*	66%	*	88%	*	81%	*	83%
Upper Gastro	*	78%	*	80%	*	73%	*	66%
Urological	*	73%	*	83%	*	77%	*	73%
Other	*	75%	*	82%	*	71%	*	64%
All Cancers	78%	77%	85%	85%	76%	73%	65%	73%

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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 CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	81%	n.a.	75%	n.a.	65%
Breast	*	84%	*	75%	*	70%
Colorectal / LGT	*	86%	*	77%	*	71%
Gynaecological	*	84%	*	76%	*	67%
Haematological	*	80%	*	70%	*	65%
Head and Neck	*	84%	*	69%	*	67%
Lung	*	84%	*	75%	*	69%
Prostate	*	83%	*	73%	*	65%
Sarcoma	*	78%	*	71%	*	63%
Skin	*	88%	*	77%	*	73%
Upper Gastro	*	82%	*	71%	*	65%
Urological	*	82%	*	71%	*	62%
Other	*	80%	*	72%	*	64%
All Cancers	79%	83%	75%	73%	68%	67%

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 [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	55%	n.a.	75%
Breast	*	57%	*	79%
Colorectal / LGT	*	59%	*	81%
Gynaecological	*	54%	*	79%
Haematological	*	50%	*	77%
Head and Neck	*	58%	*	77%
Lung	*	54%	*	79%
Prostate	*	64%	*	81%
Sarcoma	*	53%	*	77%
Skin	*	66%	*	86%
Upper Gastro	*	52%	*	77%
Urological	*	53%	*	76%
Other	*	51%	*	75%
All Cancers	61%	56%	82%	79%

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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 [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	96%	n.a.	85%	n.a.	87%
Breast	*	95%	*	86%	*	88%
Colorectal / LGT	*	92%	*	88%	*	89%
Gynaecological	*	94%	*	85%	*	87%
Haematological	*	91%	*	88%	*	88%
Head and Neck	*	89%	*	88%	*	88%
Lung	*	94%	*	87%	*	87%
Prostate	*	90%	*	84%	*	88%
Sarcoma	*	89%	*	82%	*	87%
Skin	*	90%	*	88%	*	93%
Upper Gastro	*	92%	*	86%	*	87%
Urological	*	83%	*	85%	*	88%
Other	*	89%	*	85%	*	86%
All Cancers	90%	91%	89%	86%	93%	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 CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	88%	n.a.	82%	n.a.	74%	n.a.	78%
Breast	*	90%	*	86%	*	62%	*	81%
Colorectal / LGT	*	86%	*	83%	*	55%	*	84%
Gynaecological	*	85%	*	81%	*	59%	*	77%
Haematological	*	84%	*	83%	*	59%	*	86%
Head and Neck	*	84%	*	82%	*	61%	*	82%
Lung	*	85%	*	80%	*	69%	*	85%
Prostate	*	89%	*	85%	*	49%	*	79%
Sarcoma	*	79%	*	74%	*	53%	*	74%
Skin	*	87%	*	83%	*	56%	*	62%
Upper Gastro	*	84%	*	82%	*	61%	*	84%
Urological	*	78%	*	74%	*	39%	*	71%
Other	*	82%	*	78%	*	57%	*	81%
All Cancers	81%	86%	85%	82%	64%	58%	80%	81%

[§] These are unadjusted scores

Operations

	Q25. Beforehand had all the information needed about the operation		Q26. Staff explained how operation had gone in understandable way	
Cancer type	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	93%	n.a.	76%
Breast	*	97%	*	79%
Colorectal / LGT	*	96%	*	83%
Gynaecological	*	96%	*	80%
Haematological	*	93%	*	75%
Head and Neck	*	96%	*	77%
Lung	*	95%	*	78%
Prostate	*	96%	*	78%
Sarcoma	*	94%	*	78%
Skin	*	96%	*	84%
Upper Gastro	*	96%	*	78%
Urological	*	95%	*	76%
Other	*	95%	*	78%
All Cancers	96%	96%	81%	79%

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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 [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	75%	n.a.	84%	n.a.	67%	n.a.	71%
Breast	*	89%	*	87%	*	76%	*	78%
Colorectal / LGT	*	78%	*	86%	*	73%	*	71%
Gynaecological	*	86%	*	86%	*	74%	*	72%
Haematological	*	81%	*	81%	*	75%	*	75%
Head and Neck	*	81%	*	84%	*	73%	*	72%
Lung	*	76%	*	82%	*	75%	*	76%
Prostate	*	86%	*	90%	*	75%	*	81%
Sarcoma	*	81%	*	81%	*	69%	*	70%
Skin	*	89%	*	90%	*	79%	*	83%
Upper Gastro	*	74%	*	83%	*	71%	*	71%
Urological	*	80%	*	86%	*	69%	*	78%
Other	*	80%	*	81%	*	71%	*	72%
All Cancers	87%	82%	89%	85%	78%	73%	76%	76%

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 [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	64%	n.a.	68%	n.a.	81%	n.a.	46%
Breast	*	70%	*	64%	*	87%	*	56%
Colorectal / LGT	*	62%	*	71%	*	85%	*	53%
Gynaecological	*	65%	*	65%	*	82%	*	52%
Haematological	*	63%	*	69%	*	86%	*	55%
Head and Neck	*	63%	*	68%	*	85%	*	53%
Lung	*	69%	*	72%	*	84%	*	49%
Prostate	*	71%	*	69%	*	89%	*	53%
Sarcoma	*	61%	*	65%	*	83%	*	48%
Skin	*	76%	*	71%	*	89%	*	58%
Upper Gastro	*	63%	*	76%	*	84%	*	50%
Urological	*	69%	*	72%	*	85%	*	46%
Other	*	62%	*	69%	*	83%	*	48%
All Cancers	67%	66%	74%	69%	86%	86%	57%	53%

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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 CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	85%	n.a.	84%	n.a.	79%	n.a.	93%
Breast	*	87%	*	90%	*	92%	*	96%
Colorectal / LGT	*	85%	*	87%	*	84%	*	94%
Gynaecological	*	84%	*	87%	*	87%	*	93%
Haematological	*	82%	*	90%	*	80%	*	96%
Head and Neck	*	82%	*	87%	*	85%	*	92%
Lung	*	85%	*	89%	*	83%	*	92%
Prostate	*	86%	*	91%	*	89%	*	95%
Sarcoma	*	85%	*	87%	*	77%	*	92%
Skin	*	87%	*	93%	*	91%	*	96%
Upper Gastro	*	82%	*	87%	*	82%	*	94%
Urological	*	82%	*	89%	*	86%	*	91%
Other	*	83%	*	88%	*	81%	*	93%
All Cancers	82%	84%	91%	89%	88%	86%	92%	94%

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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 [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	67%	n.a.	97%	n.a.	91%	n.a.	59%
Breast	*	71%	*	96%	*	88%	*	59%
Colorectal / LGT	*	74%	*	96%	*	85%	*	58%
Gynaecological	*	69%	*	96%	*	85%	*	65%
Haematological	*	73%	*	97%	*	83%	*	60%
Head and Neck	*	70%	*	96%	*	86%	*	64%
Lung	*	70%	*	95%	*	86%	*	58%
Prostate	*	74%	*	96%	*	88%	*	59%
Sarcoma	n.a.	70%	*	95%	n.a.	81%	n.a.	53%
Skin	*	72%	*	96%	*	77%	*	70%
Upper Gastro	*	70%	*	95%	n.a.	86%	*	56%
Urological	*	66%	*	96%	*	84%	*	54%
Other	*	68%	*	95%	*	87%	*	59%
All Cancers	75%	71%	94%	96%	85%	87%	71%	59%

Cancer type	Q47. Beforehand patient had all information needed about chemotherapy treatment		Q48. Patient given understandable information about whether chemotherapy was working	
	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	83%	n.a.	63%
Breast	*	83%	*	62%
Colorectal / LGT	*	84%	*	66%
Gynaecological	*	86%	*	67%
Haematological	*	84%	*	75%
Head and Neck	*	78%	*	58%
Lung	*	85%	*	69%
Prostate	n.a.	86%	n.a.	69%
Sarcoma	n.a.	79%	n.a.	67%
Skin	n.a.	87%	n.a.	81%
Upper Gastro	n.a.	84%	n.a.	64%
Urological	*	84%	*	69%
Other	*	85%	*	69%
All Cancers	83%	84%	70%	68%

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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 CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	57%	n.a.	49%	n.a.	44%
Breast	*	59%	*	53%	*	42%
Colorectal / LGT	*	62%	*	62%	*	52%
Gynaecological	*	57%	*	47%	*	38%
Haematological	*	61%	*	52%	*	45%
Head and Neck	*	63%	*	56%	*	50%
Lung	*	58%	*	51%	*	42%
Prostate	*	60%	*	50%	*	44%
Sarcoma	*	57%	*	49%	*	43%
Skin	*	67%	*	61%	*	59%
Upper Gastro	*	59%	*	53%	*	45%
Urological	*	58%	*	48%	*	45%
Other	*	56%	*	53%	*	45%
All Cancers	66%	59%	58%	53%	47%	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 CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	94%	n.a.	52%
Breast	*	96%	*	61%
Colorectal / LGT	*	95%	*	60%
Gynaecological	*	95%	*	56%
Haematological	*	96%	*	58%
Head and Neck	*	93%	*	60%
Lung	*	95%	*	60%
Prostate	*	96%	*	67%
Sarcoma	*	94%	*	55%
Skin	*	96%	*	69%
Upper Gastro	*	93%	*	60%
Urological	*	95%	*	62%
Other	*	95%	*	58%
All Cancers	93%	95%	58%	60%

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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 [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	53%	n.a.	35%	n.a.	85%	n.a.	68%
Breast	*	62%	*	38%	*	91%	*	68%
Colorectal / LGT	64%	61%	*	38%	90%	89%	*	71%
Gynaecological	*	58%	*	31%	*	89%	*	67%
Haematological	*	63%	*	34%	*	92%	*	65%
Head and Neck	*	59%	*	35%	*	88%	*	68%
Lung	*	63%	*	33%	*	90%	*	71%
Prostate	*	66%	*	36%	*	89%	*	74%
Sarcoma	*	55%	*	30%	*	87%	*	65%
Skin	*	70%	*	44%	*	89%	*	75%
Upper Gastro	*	57%	*	34%	*	87%	*	68%
Urological	*	63%	*	30%	*	87%	*	75%
Other	*	57%	*	30%	*	88%	*	65%
All Cancers	65%	62%	45%	35%	92%	90%	79%	69%

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 [§]	National	This CCG [§]	National
Brain / CNS	n.a.	33%	n.a.	8.5
Breast	*	31%	*	8.9
Colorectal / LGT	*	30%	*	8.8
Gynaecological	*	36%	*	8.8
Haematological	*	33%	*	8.9
Head and Neck	*	18%	*	8.7
Lung	*	36%	*	8.7
Prostate	*	35%	*	8.8
Sarcoma	*	39%	*	8.6
Skin	*	18%	*	8.9
Upper Gastro	*	34%	*	8.7
Urological	*	20%	*	8.7
Other	*	33%	*	8.7
All Cancers	13%	31%	9.0	8.8

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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 2017.

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 2017 and March 2018.

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 2017 survey

There have been no changes to the questionnaire compared to 2016.

Official Statistics

The 2017 survey data has been produced and published in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Annex (continued)

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").

Neutral responses, such as "Don't know / I can't remember" and "I did not need an explanation" are not included in the denominator when calculating the score.

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 detailed scoring methodology for the 2017 questionnaire 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 2016, 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

Annex (continued)

Statistical significance

In the reporting of 2017 results, appropriate statistical tests have been undertaken to identify unadjusted scores for which the change over time is 'statistically significant'.

Each of the 52 scored questions in 2017 have been compared with those of 2016 and statistically significant change between the two years has been reported where identified.

For the 49 scored questions that are comparable across 2015, 2016 and 2017, overall statistically significant change over the three years has also been reported where identified.

'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	118,305	7,856	110,449	38,132	3,245	69,072	63%
01X	286	18	268	111	12	145	54%

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	19
Gynaecological	9
Colorectal / LGT	22
Lung	13
Skin	9
Haematological	10
Upper Gastro	6
Other	13
Urological	19
Prostate	19
Sarcoma	2
Head and Neck	4

* 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	0	0	1	10	29	25	4	69
Female	1	4	3	10	11	25	17	5	76
Total	1	4	3	11	21	54	42	9	145



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