

# **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](http://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 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 2016 to this question

**Column 2** shows the unadjusted 2016 score for this Trust

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

**Column 4** shows the unadjusted 2017 score for this Trust

**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 Trust

**Column 8** 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 9** 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 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](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 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 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](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 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 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 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 are presented in the detailed data tables at:

[www.ncpes.co.uk](http://www.ncpes.co.uk)

These 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 towards the end of this report.

## Executive Summary

**8.5** 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\* :

**76%** of respondents said that they were definitely involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care and treatment

**86%** of respondents said that they were given the name of a Clinical Nurse Specialist who would support them through their treatment

**79%** of respondents said that it had been 'quite easy' or 'very easy' to contact their Clinical Nurse Specialist

**86%** 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](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 Trust	2017 Case-mix Adjusted			National Average Score	
		2017 Score for this Trust	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	1,037	80%	82%	86%	84%
<b>Diagnostic tests</b>						
Q6	The length of time waiting for the test to be done was about right	931	86%	86%	90%	88%
Q7	Given complete explanation of test results in understandable way	935	77%	77%	82%	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	961	66%	72%	82%	77%
Q9	Patient felt they were told sensitively that they had cancer	1,035	80%	83%	87%	85%
<b>Deciding the best treatment for you</b>						
Q14	Patient given practical advice and support in dealing with side effects of treatment	1,008	62%	64%	70%	67%
Q16	Patient definitely involved in decisions about care and treatment	1,019	76%	76%	81%	79%
<b>Clinical Nurse Specialist</b>						
Q17	Patient given the name of the CNS who would support them through their treatment	1,000	86%	88%	94%	91%
Q18	Patient found it easy to contact their CNS	751	79%	82%	90%	86%
Q19	Get understandable answers to important questions all or most of the time	695	82%	85%	91%	88%
<b>Support for people with cancer</b>						
Q20	Hospital staff gave information about support groups	722	80%	82%	90%	86%
Q21	Hospital staff gave information about impact cancer could have on day to day activities	660	75%	80%	85%	82%
Q22	Hospital staff gave information on getting financial help	503	46%	50%	66%	58%
Q23	Hospital staff told patient they could get free prescriptions	413	77%	78%	85%	81%
<b>Operations</b>						
Q25	Beforehand had all the information needed about the operation	616	94%	94%	98%	96%

Questions which scored outside expected range (continued)

Question	Number of respondents for this Trust	2017 Case-mix Adjusted			National Average Score
		2017 Score for this Trust	Lower limit of expected range	Upper limit of expected range	

**Hospital care as an inpatient**

Q32	Always / nearly always enough nurses on duty	626	60%	61%	72%	66%
Q34	Always given enough privacy when discussing condition or treatment	626	82%	83%	88%	86%
Q36	Hospital staff definitely did everything to help control pain	525	80%	81%	87%	84%

**Hospital care as a day patient / outpatient**

Q48	Patient given understandable information about whether chemotherapy was working	482	59%	64%	72%	68%
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**Home care and support**

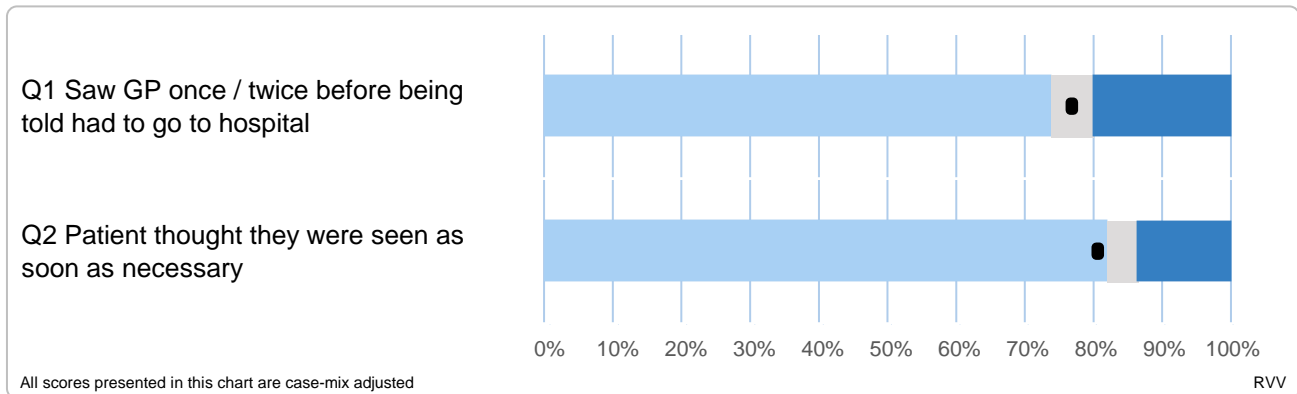
Q49	Hospital staff gave family or someone close all the information needed to help with care at home	818	55%	56%	63%	59%
Q50	Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services during treatment	542	45%	46%	60%	53%
Q51	Patient definitely given enough support from health or social services after treatment	326	37%	39%	51%	45%

**Your overall NHS care**

Q54	Hospital and community staff always worked well together	1,019	57%	58%	65%	62%
Q55	Patient given a care plan	787	31%	31%	39%	35%
Q56	Overall the administration of the care was very good / good	1,045	86%	87%	92%	90%
Q59	Patient's average rating of care scored from very poor to very good	1,034	8.5	8.7	8.9	8.8

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### Seeing your GP



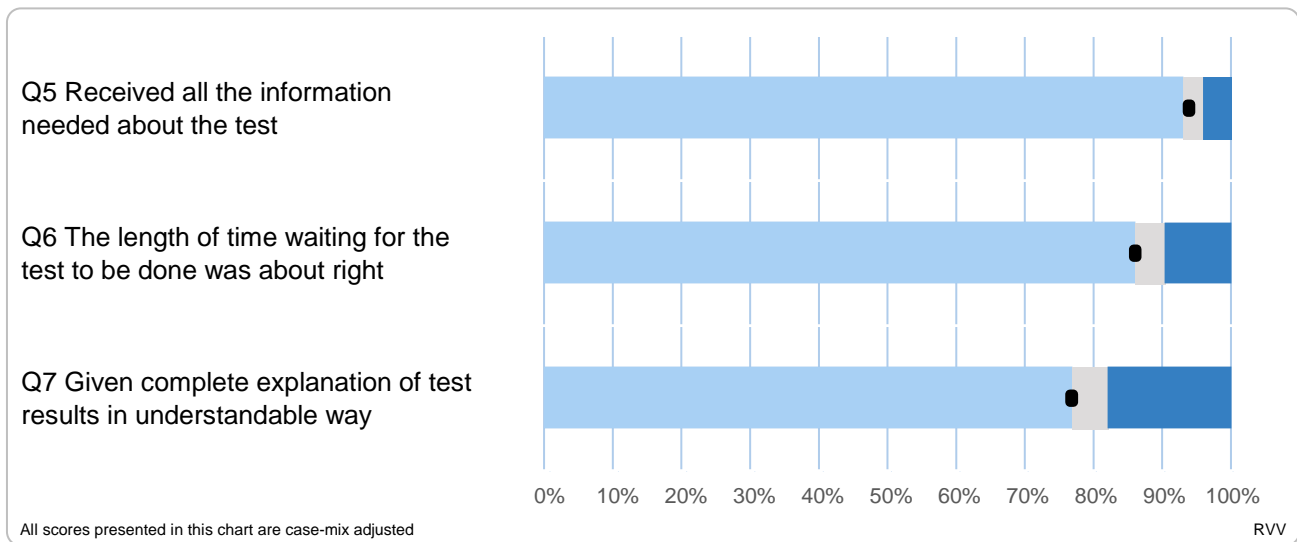
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		2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
		Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q1	Saw GP once / twice before being told had to go to hospital	754	79%	740	78%			77%	74%	80%	77%
Q2	Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary	1,043	81%	1,037	81%			80%	82%	86%	84%

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### Diagnostic Tests

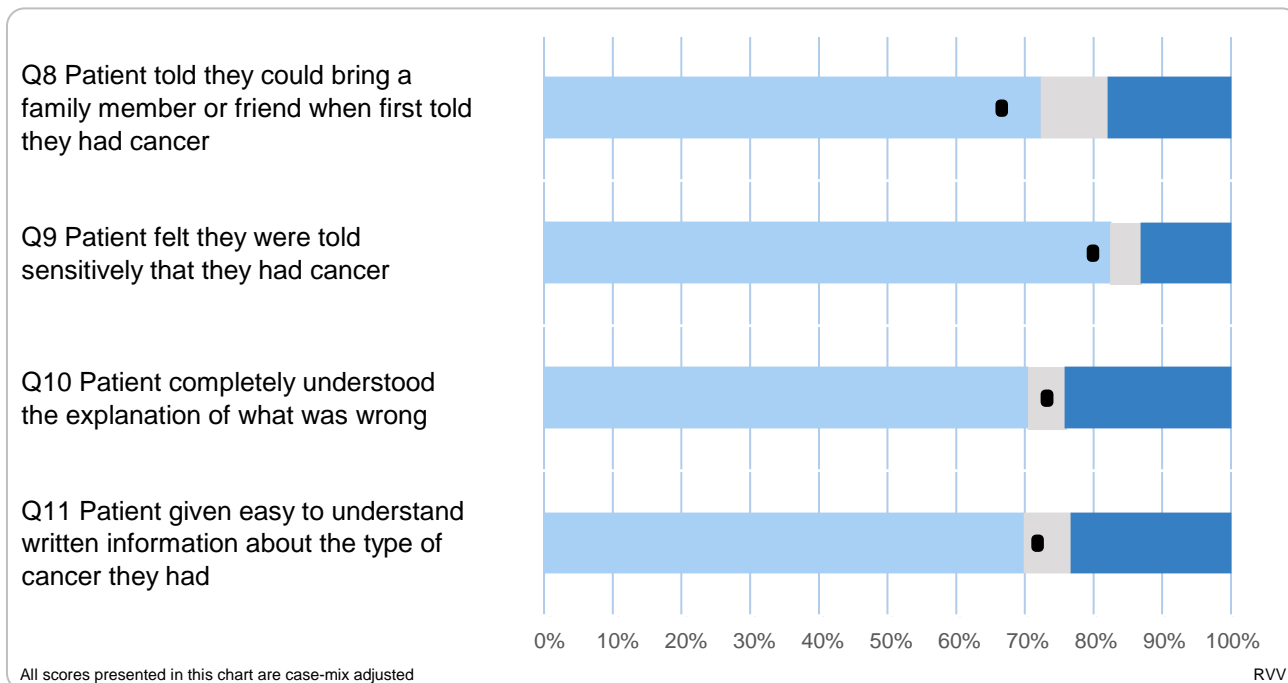


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	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score	
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score							
Q5	Received all the information needed about the test	928	93%	925	94%			94%	93%	96%	95%
Q6	The length of time waiting for the test to be done was about right	928	84%	931	86%		↑	86%	86%	90%	88%
Q7	Given complete explanation of test results in understandable way	926	77%	935	77%			77%	77%	82%	79%

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### Finding out what was wrong with you

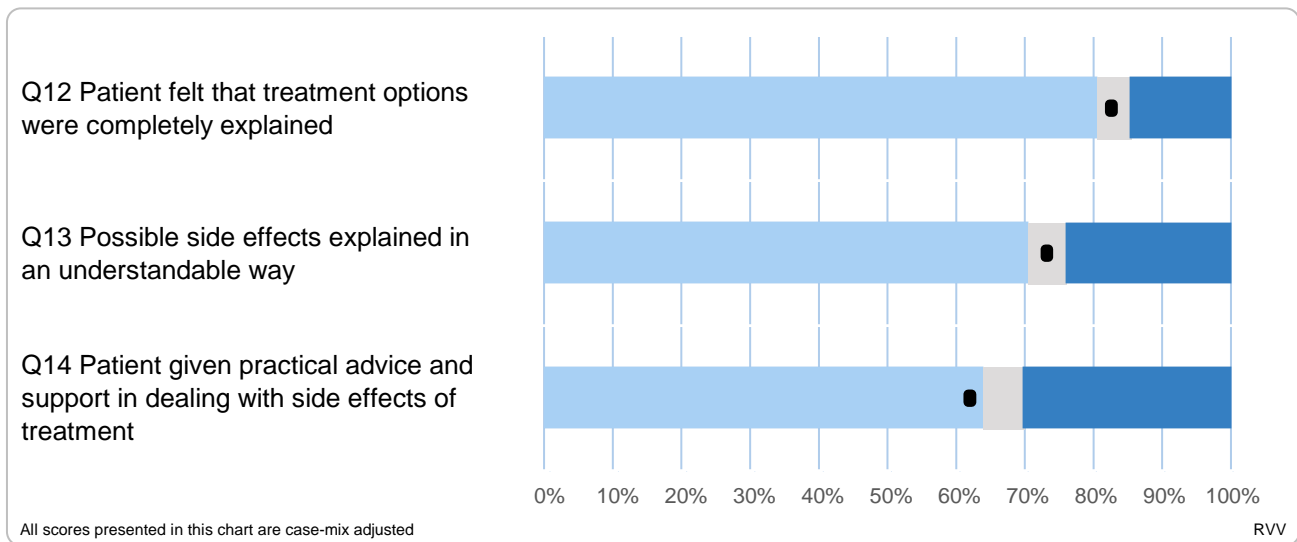


Question	Unadjusted Scores				Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016 Number of respondents	2016 Score	2017 Number of respondents	2017 Score			2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Q8 Patient told they could bring a family member or friend when first told they had cancer	983	67%	961	67%			66%	72%	82%	77%
Q9 Patient felt they were told sensitively that they had cancer	1,041	83%	1,035	80%			80%	83%	87%	85%
Q10 Patient completely understood the explanation of what was wrong	1,053	74%	1,047	74%			73%	71%	76%	73%
Q11 Patient given easy to understand written information about the type of cancer they had	922	68%	919	72%		↑	72%	70%	77%	73%

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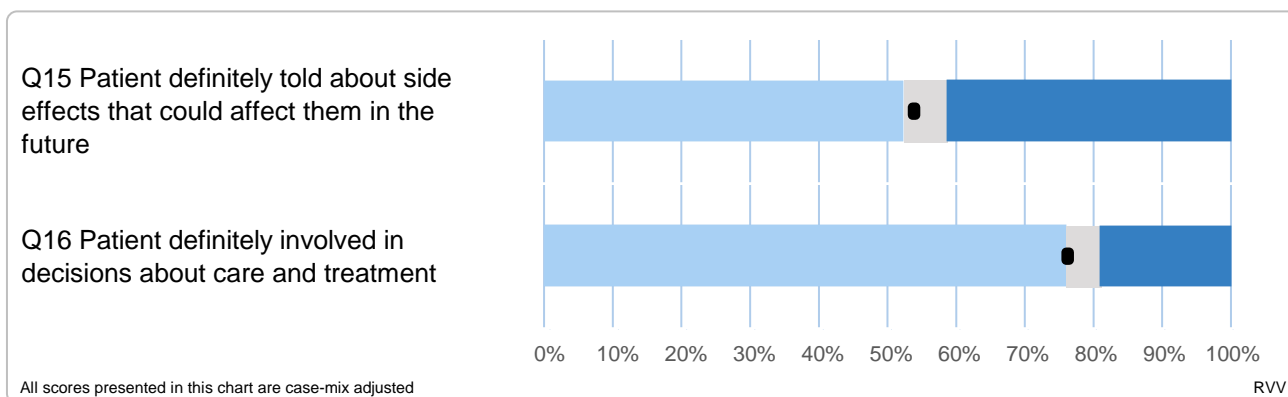


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Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score							
Q12 Patient felt that treatment options were completely explained	901	80%	921	83%			82%	80%	85%	83%
Q13 Possible side effects explained in an understandable way	1,001	71%	1,004	73%			73%	71%	76%	73%
Q14 Patient given practical advice and support in dealing with side effects of treatment	1,003	57%	1,008	62%			62%	64%	70%	67%

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

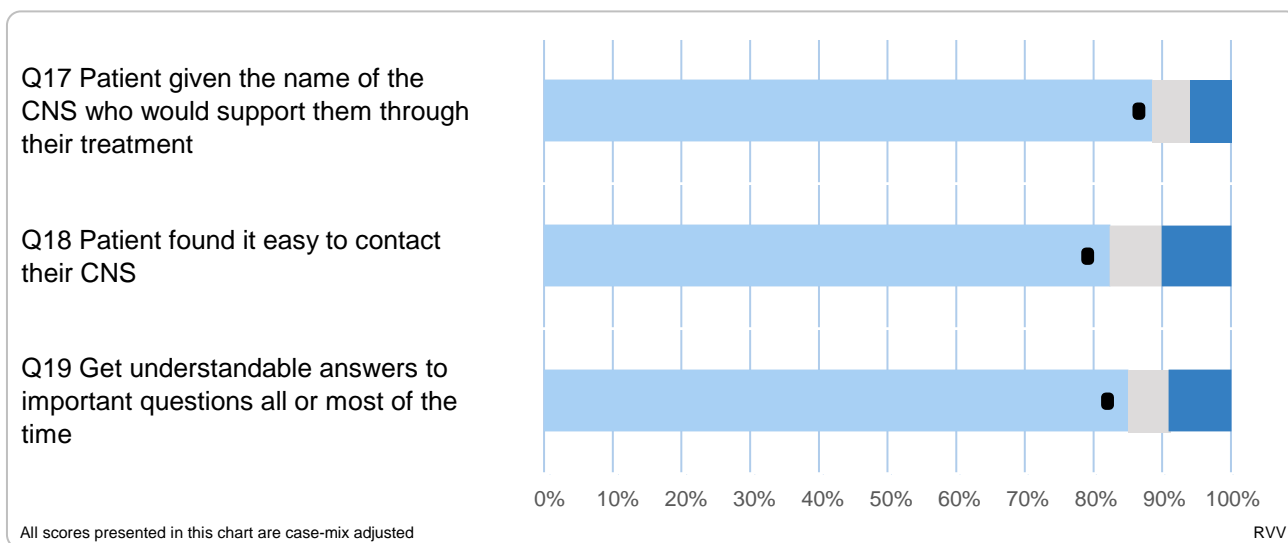


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	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q15 Patient definitely told about side effects that could affect them in the future	908	49%	962	54%			54%	52%	59%	56%
Q16 Patient definitely involved in decisions about care and treatment	996	75%	1,019	76%			76%	76%	81%	79%

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### Clinical Nurse Specialist

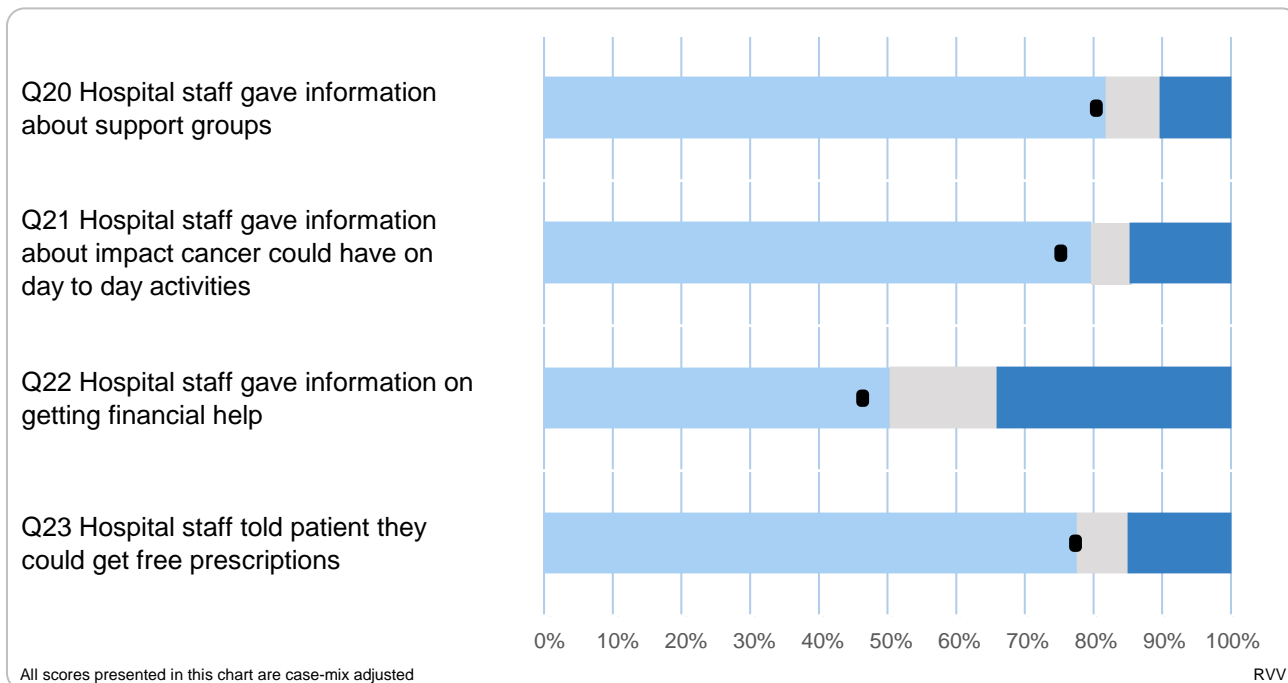


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Q17 Patient given the name of the CNS who would support them through their treatment	987	85%	1,000	86%			86%	88%	94%	91%
Q18 Patient found it easy to contact their CNS	716	78%	751	79%			79%	82%	90%	86%
Q19 Get understandable answers to important questions all or most of the time	659	86%	695	82%			82%	85%	91%	88%

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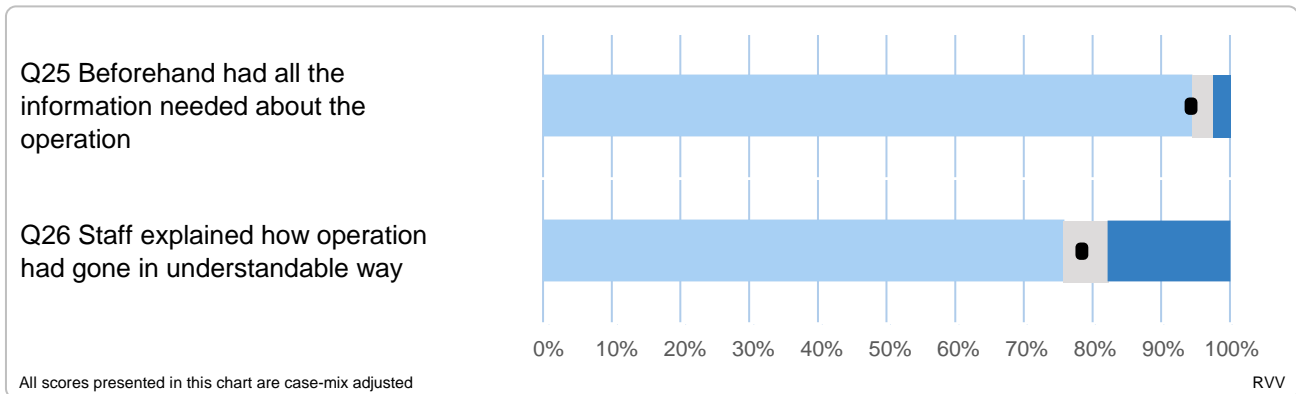


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	2016		2017				2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q20 Hospital staff gave information about support groups	724	77%	722	80%			80%	82%	90%	86%
Q21 Hospital staff gave information about impact cancer could have on day to day activities	637	76%	660	75%			75%	80%	85%	82%
Q22 Hospital staff gave information on getting financial help	483	51%	503	46%			46%	50%	66%	58%
Q23 Hospital staff told patient they could get free prescriptions	399	72%	413	76%			77%	78%	85%	81%

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### Operations

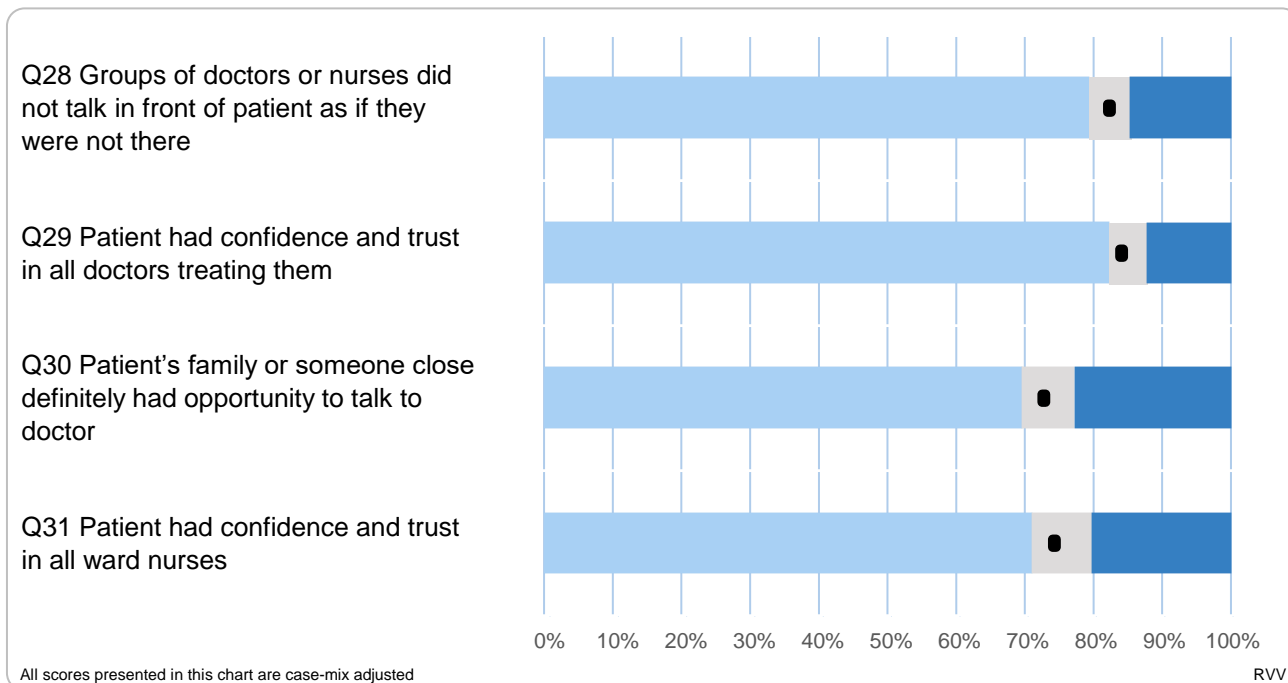


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		Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q25	Beforehand had all the information needed about the operation	596	94%	616	94%			94%	94%	98%	96%
Q26	Staff explained how operation had gone in understandable way	594	77%	613	78%			78%	76%	82%	79%

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## Trust results

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



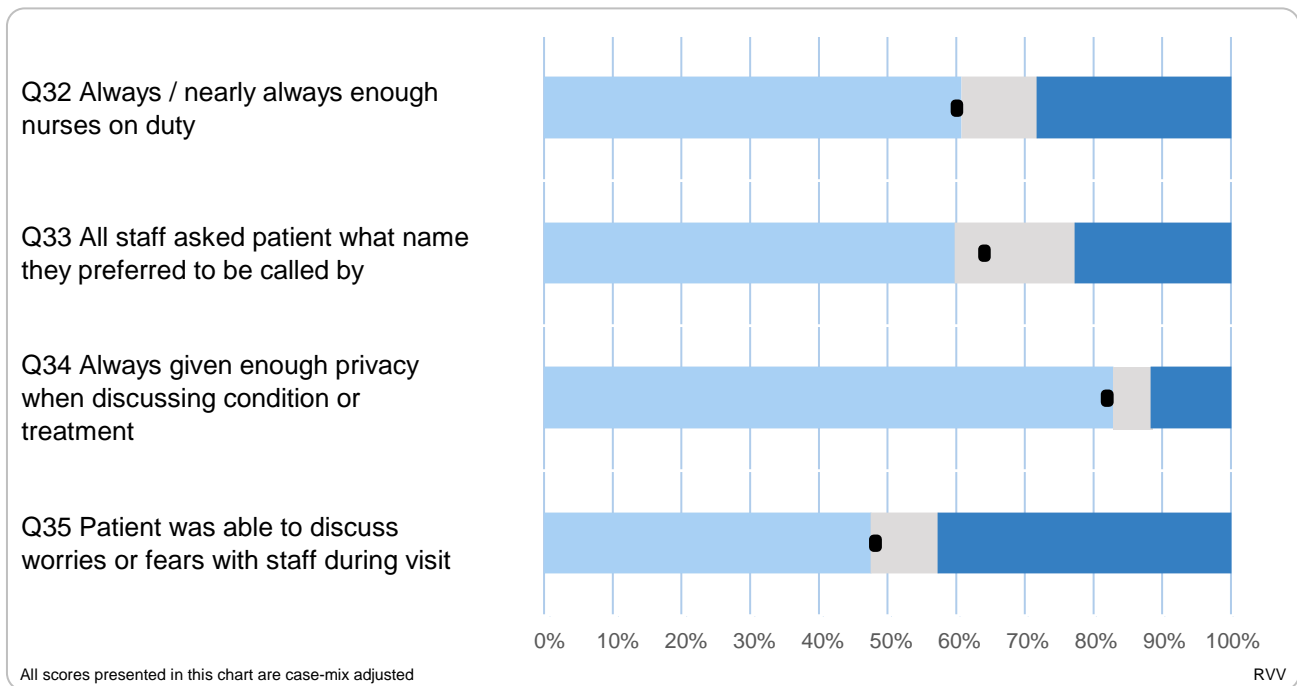
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Q28 Groups of doctors or nurses did not talk in front of patient as if they were not there	603	81%	625	82%			82%	79%	85%	82%
Q29 Patient had confidence and trust in all doctors treating them	603	85%	627	85%		↑	84%	82%	88%	85%
Q30 Patient's family or someone close definitely had opportunity to talk to doctor	483	69%	517	73%			73%	70%	77%	73%
Q31 Patient had confidence and trust in all ward nurses	604	74%	626	75%			74%	71%	80%	76%

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## Trust results

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

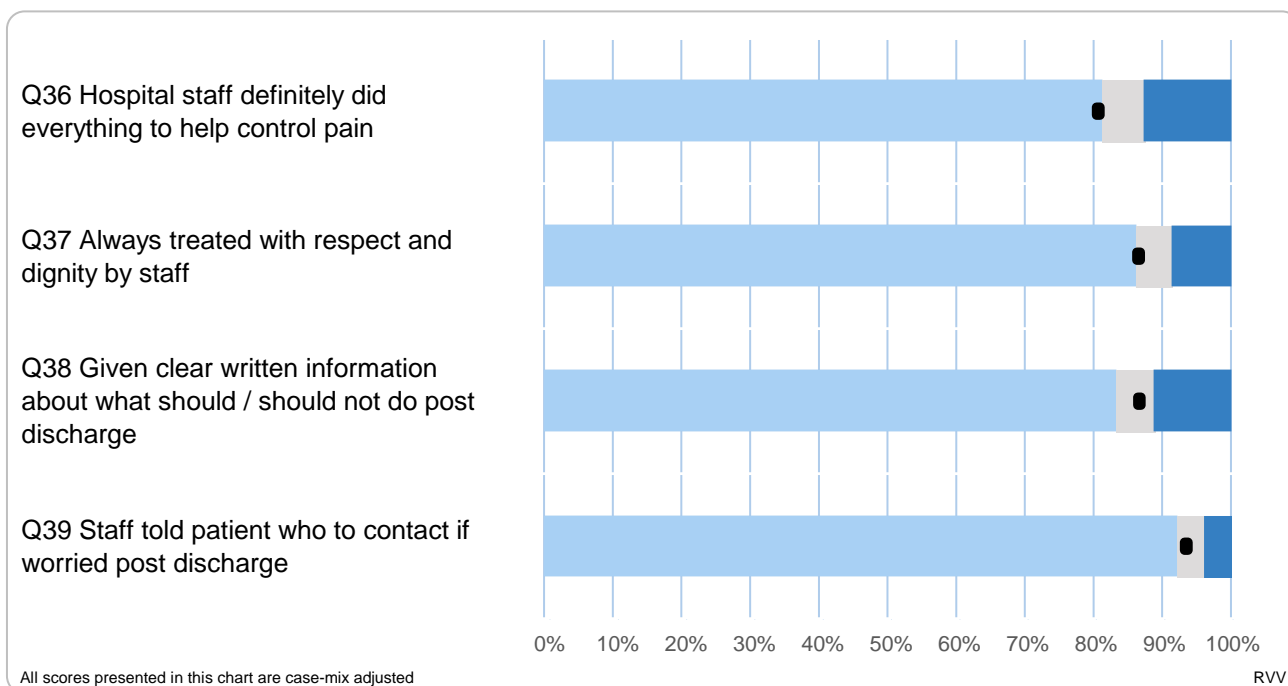


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	2016		2017				2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q32 Always / nearly always enough nurses on duty	597	65%	626	61%			60%	61%	72%	66%
Q33 All staff asked patient what name they preferred to be called by	594	63%	620	65%			64%	60%	77%	69%
Q34 Always given enough privacy when discussing condition or treatment	600	83%	626	82%			82%	83%	88%	86%
Q35 Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	412	47%	404	49%			48%	48%	57%	53%

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

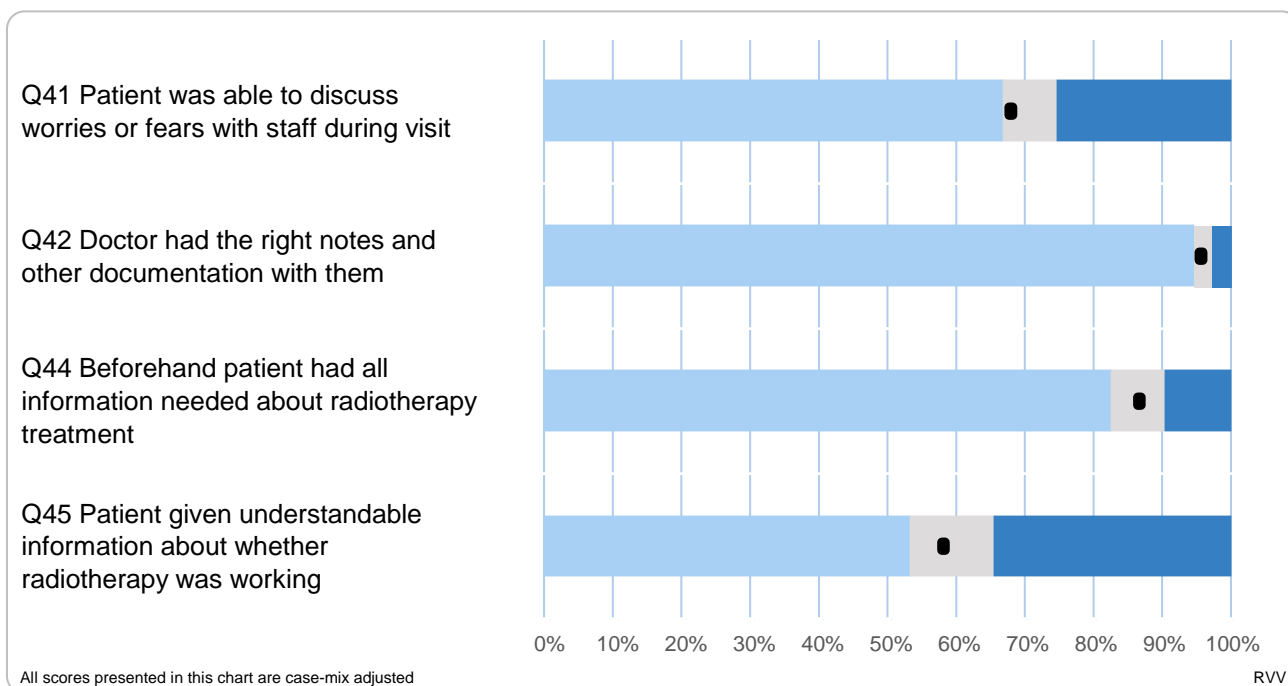


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	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q36 Hospital staff definitely did everything to help control pain	516	82%	525	81%			80%	81%	87%	84%
Q37 Always treated with respect and dignity by staff	607	85%	627	87%			86%	86%	91%	89%
Q38 Given clear written information about what should / should not do post discharge	573	87%	585	87%			86%	83%	89%	86%
Q39 Staff told patient who to contact if worried post discharge	584	93%	593	93%			93%	92%	96%	94%

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

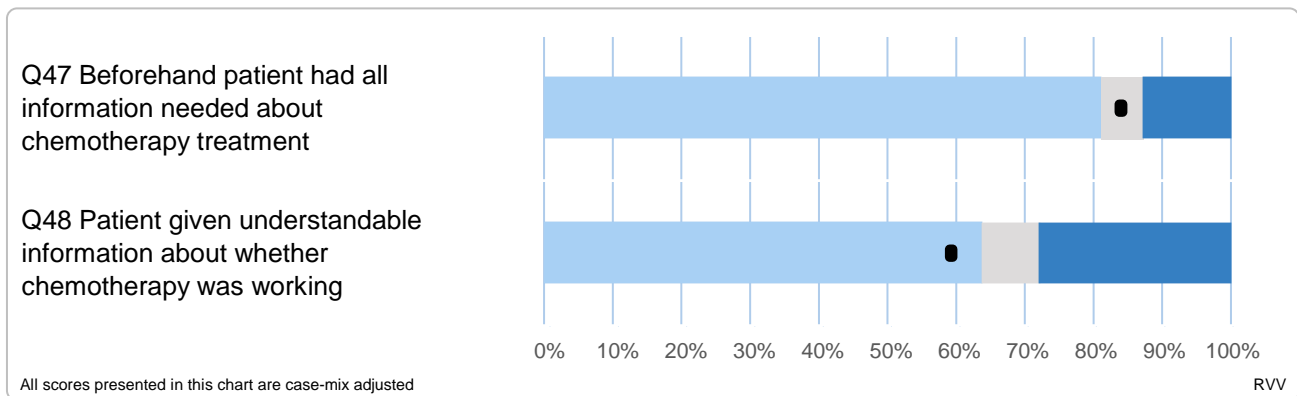


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	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q41 Patient was able to discuss worries or fears with staff during visit	760	66%	751	68%			68%	67%	75%	71%
Q42 Doctor had the right notes and other documentation with them	918	93%	914	95%			95%	95%	97%	96%
Q44 Beforehand patient had all information needed about radiotherapy treatment	273	86%	289	86%			86%	83%	90%	87%
Q45 Patient given understandable information about whether radiotherapy was working	212	56%	251	57%			58%	53%	66%	59%

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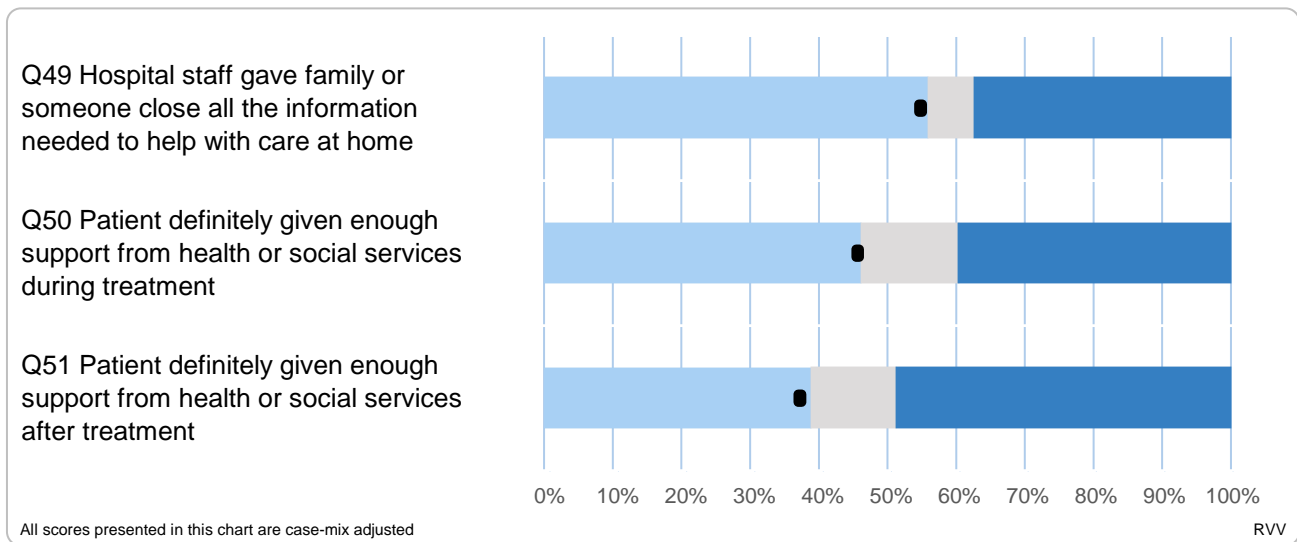


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	2016		2017		Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q47 Beforehand patient had all information needed about chemotherapy treatment	566	80%	544	84%			84%	81%	87%	84%
Q48 Patient given understandable information about whether chemotherapy was working	477	61%	482	58%			59%	64%	72%	68%

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### Home care and support

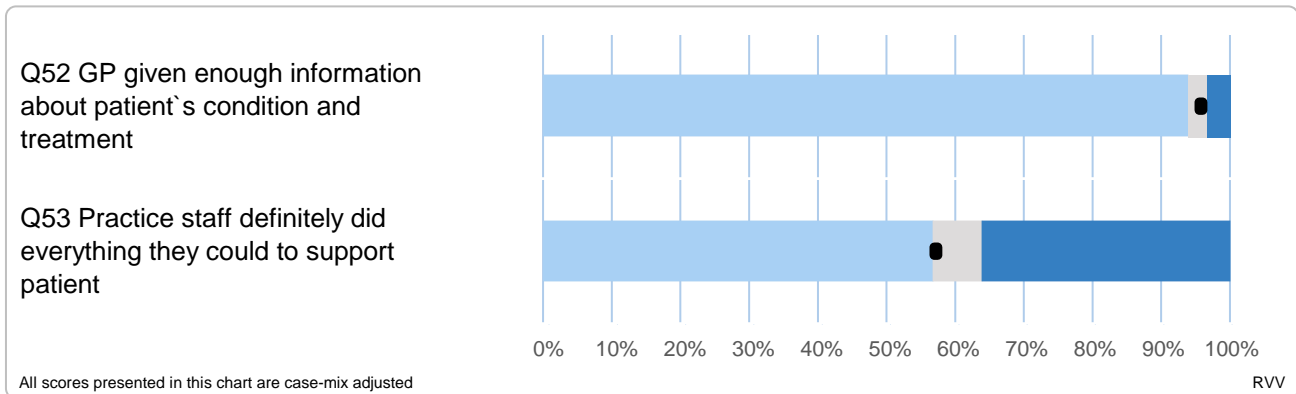


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Q49	821	53%	818	55%			55%	56%	63%	59%
Q50	574	51%	542	46%			45%	46%	60%	53%
Q51	299	38%	326	38%			37%	39%	51%	45%

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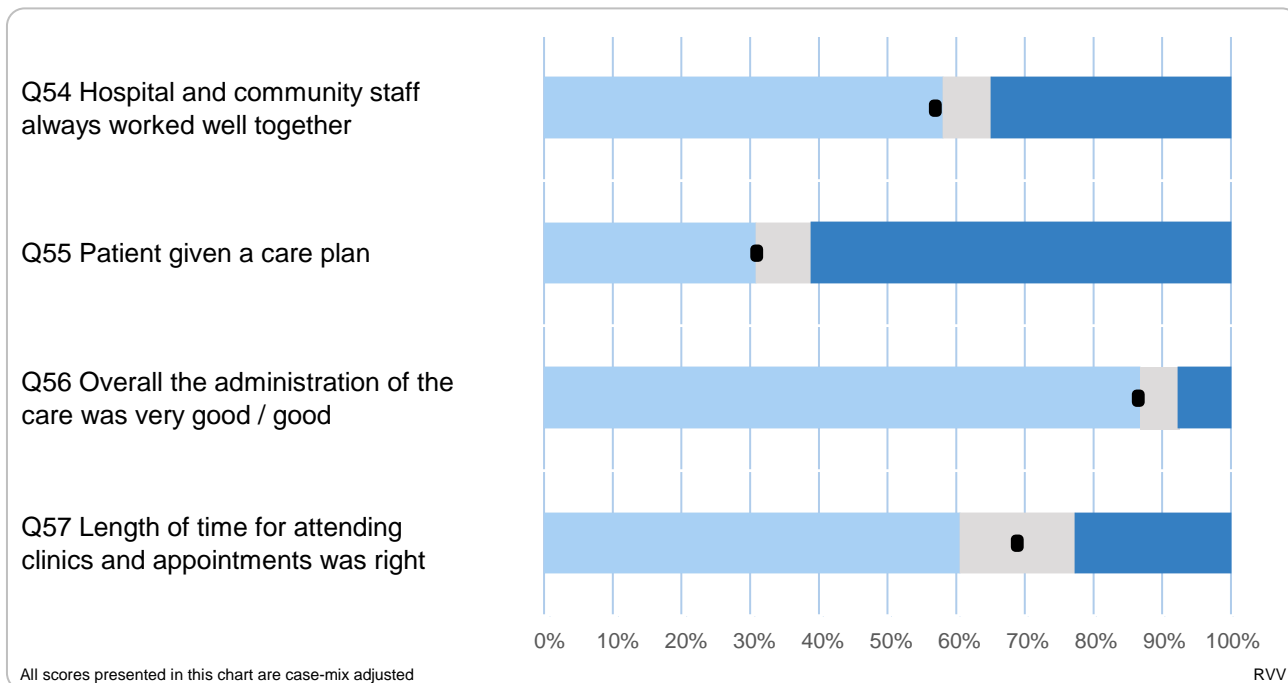


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	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q52 GP given enough information about patient's condition and treatment	893	96%	890	96%			96%	94%	97%	95%
Q53 Practice staff definitely did everything they could to support patient	705	61%	715	57%			57%	57%	64%	60%

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

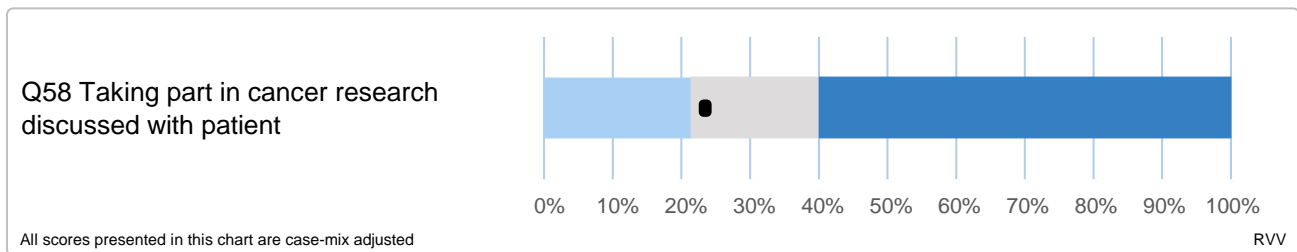


Question	Unadjusted Scores				Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Case Mix Adjusted			
	2016 Number of respondents	2016 Score	2017 Number of respondents	2017 Score			2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	National Average Score
Q54 Hospital and community staff always worked well together	994	58%	1,019	57%			57%	58%	65%	62%
Q55 Patient given a care plan	798	31%	787	31%			31%	31%	39%	35%
Q56 Overall the administration of the care was very good / good	1,042	84%	1,045	86%			86%	87%	92%	90%
Q57 Length of time for attending clinics and appointments was right	1,025	66%	1,038	70%		↑	69%	61%	77%	69%

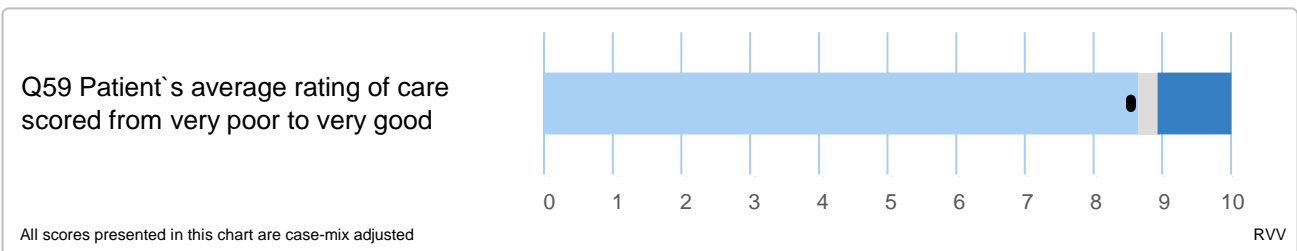
↑ or ↓ Change 2016-2017: Indicates where 2017 score is significantly higher or lower than 2016 score  
 Change Overall: Indicates significant change overall (2015, 2016 and 2017)  
 (NB: No arrow reflects no statistically significant change)  
 \* Indicates where a score has been suppressed because there are less than 21 respondents.

## Trust results

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



Question	Unadjusted Scores				Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Case Mix Adjusted			National Average Score
	2016		2017				2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q58 Taking part in cancer research discussed with patient	1,010	22%	1,014	22%			23%	21%	40%	31%



Question	Unadjusted Scores				Change 2016-2017	Change Overall	2017 Case Mix Adjusted			National Average Score
	2016		2017				2017 Score	Expected range - lower	Expected range - upper	
	Number of respondents	Score	Number of respondents	Score						
Q59 Patient`s average rating of care scored from very poor to very good	1,017	8.5	1,034	8.6			8.5	8.7	8.9	8.8

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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 <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	68%	*	82%
Breast	97%	94%	90%	90%
Colorectal / LGT	58%	72%	68%	82%
Gynaecological	80%	76%	77%	81%
Haematological	65%	64%	74%	82%
Head and Neck	85%	77%	81%	79%
Lung	78%	68%	71%	83%
Prostate	77%	79%	87%	87%
Sarcoma	*	67%	*	67%
Skin	90%	90%	91%	86%
Upper Gastro	79%	72%	74%	79%
Urological	86%	82%	89%	86%
Other	76%	72%	79%	79%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>84%</b>

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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 <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	95%	*	86%	*	77%
Breast	96%	95%	96%	92%	86%	83%
Colorectal / LGT	93%	96%	79%	88%	70%	82%
Gynaecological	86%	93%	88%	86%	74%	76%
Haematological	92%	94%	80%	89%	70%	76%
Head and Neck	90%	91%	72%	86%	89%	77%
Lung	94%	95%	94%	88%	68%	78%
Prostate	96%	94%	89%	87%	77%	81%
Sarcoma	*	91%	*	79%	*	75%
Skin	85%	95%	89%	87%	93%	84%
Upper Gastro	95%	93%	82%	84%	87%	75%
Urological	92%	94%	84%	88%	77%	79%
Other	98%	95%	83%	87%	70%	77%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>79%</b>

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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 <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	83%	*	79%	*	65%	*	65%
Breast	75%	84%	91%	89%	81%	78%	75%	77%
Colorectal / LGT	72%	82%	73%	86%	72%	79%	60%	72%
Gynaecological	55%	71%	80%	82%	68%	73%	75%	71%
Haematological	56%	72%	75%	83%	65%	59%	77%	76%
Head and Neck	76%	73%	87%	85%	80%	74%	79%	65%
Lung	61%	77%	60%	83%	74%	75%	65%	65%
Prostate	67%	79%	80%	85%	80%	79%	87%	82%
Sarcoma	*	70%	*	82%	*	67%	*	59%
Skin	56%	66%	89%	88%	83%	81%	82%	83%
Upper Gastro	71%	78%	73%	80%	80%	73%	72%	66%
Urological	72%	73%	76%	83%	73%	77%	63%	73%
Other	61%	75%	83%	82%	68%	71%	67%	64%
<b>All Cancers</b>	67%	77%	80%	85%	74%	73%	72%	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 Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	81%	*	75%	*	65%
Breast	87%	84%	74%	75%	67%	70%
Colorectal / LGT	82%	86%	70%	77%	58%	71%
Gynaecological	92%	84%	81%	76%	59%	67%
Haematological	78%	80%	68%	70%	59%	65%
Head and Neck	86%	84%	83%	69%	68%	67%
Lung	78%	84%	72%	75%	57%	69%
Prostate	91%	83%	77%	73%	72%	65%
Sarcoma	*	78%	*	71%	*	63%
Skin	84%	88%	86%	77%	78%	73%
Upper Gastro	88%	82%	82%	71%	70%	65%
Urological	73%	82%	70%	71%	54%	62%
Other	76%	80%	69%	72%	57%	64%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>67%</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 Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	55%	*	75%
Breast	55%	57%	80%	79%
Colorectal / LGT	50%	59%	76%	81%
Gynaecological	59%	54%	84%	79%
Haematological	45%	50%	73%	77%
Head and Neck	73%	58%	83%	77%
Lung	56%	54%	72%	79%
Prostate	78%	64%	86%	81%
Sarcoma	*	53%	*	77%
Skin	64%	66%	76%	86%
Upper Gastro	59%	52%	86%	77%
Urological	40%	53%	64%	76%
Other	50%	51%	70%	75%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>79%</b>

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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 Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	96%	*	85%	*	87%
Breast	99%	95%	86%	86%	92%	88%
Colorectal / LGT	90%	92%	67%	88%	72%	89%
Gynaecological	99%	94%	78%	85%	76%	87%
Haematological	79%	91%	77%	88%	72%	88%
Head and Neck	83%	89%	95%	88%	*	88%
Lung	91%	94%	68%	87%	83%	87%
Prostate	81%	90%	79%	84%	82%	88%
Sarcoma	*	89%	*	82%	*	87%
Skin	94%	90%	77%	88%	96%	93%
Upper Gastro	95%	92%	66%	86%	76%	87%
Urological	64%	83%	81%	85%	76%	88%
Other	74%	89%	83%	85%	80%	86%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>88%</b>

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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 <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	88%	*	82%	*	74%	*	78%
Breast	91%	90%	83%	86%	60%	62%	85%	81%
Colorectal / LGT	77%	86%	69%	83%	37%	55%	80%	84%
Gynaecological	73%	85%	70%	81%	43%	59%	56%	77%
Haematological	73%	84%	75%	83%	40%	59%	65%	86%
Head and Neck	77%	84%	*	82%	*	61%	*	82%
Lung	85%	85%	78%	80%	57%	69%	*	85%
Prostate	83%	89%	83%	85%	35%	49%	74%	79%
Sarcoma	*	79%	*	74%	*	53%	*	74%
Skin	*	87%	*	83%	*	56%	*	62%
Upper Gastro	89%	84%	74%	82%	50%	61%	*	84%
Urological	62%	78%	60%	74%	14%	39%	60%	71%
Other	85%	82%	73%	78%	51%	57%	81%	81%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>81%</b>

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## 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 <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	93%	*	76%
Breast	98%	97%	81%	79%
Colorectal / LGT	86%	96%	67%	83%
Gynaecological	87%	96%	76%	80%
Haematological	*	93%	*	75%
Head and Neck	100%	96%	90%	77%
Lung	*	95%	*	78%
Prostate	98%	96%	86%	78%
Sarcoma	*	94%	*	78%
Skin	96%	96%	86%	84%
Upper Gastro	*	96%	*	78%
Urological	93%	95%	75%	76%
Other	100%	95%	82%	78%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>79%</b>

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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 Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	75%	*	84%	*	67%	*	71%
Breast	91%	89%	88%	87%	80%	76%	76%	78%
Colorectal / LGT	67%	78%	81%	86%	62%	73%	67%	71%
Gynaecological	83%	86%	87%	86%	76%	74%	67%	72%
Haematological	81%	81%	81%	81%	74%	75%	84%	75%
Head and Neck	87%	81%	83%	84%	*	73%	78%	72%
Lung	*	76%	*	82%	*	75%	*	76%
Prostate	89%	86%	95%	90%	80%	75%	81%	81%
Sarcoma	*	81%	*	81%	*	69%	*	70%
Skin	*	89%	*	90%	*	79%	*	83%
Upper Gastro	81%	74%	90%	83%	*	71%	76%	71%
Urological	82%	80%	85%	86%	73%	69%	74%	78%
Other	83%	80%	81%	81%	66%	71%	83%	72%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>76%</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 Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	64%	*	68%	*	81%	*	46%
Breast	64%	70%	61%	64%	86%	87%	55%	56%
Colorectal / LGT	47%	62%	66%	71%	73%	85%	36%	53%
Gynaecological	70%	65%	62%	65%	83%	82%	32%	52%
Haematological	69%	63%	78%	69%	81%	86%	57%	55%
Head and Neck	70%	63%	78%	68%	96%	85%	*	53%
Lung	*	69%	*	72%	*	84%	*	49%
Prostate	62%	71%	63%	69%	90%	89%	59%	53%
Sarcoma	*	61%	*	65%	*	83%	*	48%
Skin	*	76%	*	71%	*	89%	*	58%
Upper Gastro	57%	63%	*	76%	76%	84%	*	50%
Urological	65%	69%	67%	72%	82%	85%	45%	46%
Other	66%	62%	67%	69%	85%	83%	50%	48%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>53%</b>

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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 <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	85%	*	84%	*	79%	*	93%
Breast	85%	87%	89%	90%	92%	92%	97%	96%
Colorectal / LGT	77%	85%	81%	87%	74%	84%	83%	94%
Gynaecological	86%	84%	81%	87%	91%	87%	96%	93%
Haematological	*	82%	100%	90%	80%	80%	100%	96%
Head and Neck	*	82%	87%	87%	91%	85%	96%	92%
Lung	*	85%	*	89%	*	83%	*	92%
Prostate	83%	86%	92%	91%	98%	89%	96%	95%
Sarcoma	*	85%	*	87%	*	77%	*	92%
Skin	*	87%	*	93%	*	91%	*	96%
Upper Gastro	*	82%	90%	87%	71%	82%	*	94%
Urological	78%	82%	85%	89%	90%	86%	95%	91%
Other	84%	83%	94%	88%	95%	81%	96%	93%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>94%</b>

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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 Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	67%	*	97%	*	91%	*	59%
Breast	72%	71%	99%	96%	86%	88%	49%	59%
Colorectal / LGT	65%	74%	91%	96%	83%	85%	62%	58%
Gynaecological	66%	69%	92%	96%	76%	85%	*	65%
Haematological	65%	73%	96%	97%	*	83%	*	60%
Head and Neck	*	70%	93%	96%	90%	86%	*	64%
Lung	48%	70%	90%	95%	*	86%	*	58%
Prostate	77%	74%	97%	96%	*	88%	*	59%
Sarcoma	*	70%	*	95%	*	81%	*	53%
Skin	70%	72%	100%	96%	*	77%	*	70%
Upper Gastro	83%	70%	95%	95%	*	86%	*	56%
Urological	69%	66%	94%	96%	*	84%	*	54%
Other	65%	68%	96%	95%	94%	87%	55%	59%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>59%</b>

Cancer type	Q47. Beforehand patient had all information needed about chemotherapy treatment		Q48. Patient given understandable information about whether chemotherapy was working	
	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	83%	*	63%
Breast	83%	83%	48%	62%
Colorectal / LGT	83%	84%	64%	66%
Gynaecological	86%	86%	54%	67%
Haematological	86%	84%	60%	75%
Head and Neck	*	78%	*	58%
Lung	77%	85%	70%	69%
Prostate	*	86%	*	69%
Sarcoma	*	79%	*	67%
Skin	*	87%	*	81%
Upper Gastro	94%	84%	53%	64%
Urological	81%	84%	52%	69%
Other	82%	85%	62%	69%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>68%</b>

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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 <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	57%	*	49%	*	44%
Breast	57%	59%	44%	53%	28%	42%
Colorectal / LGT	49%	62%	49%	62%	38%	52%
Gynaecological	52%	57%	47%	47%	48%	38%
Haematological	55%	61%	37%	52%	24%	45%
Head and Neck	76%	63%	*	56%	*	50%
Lung	37%	58%	*	51%	*	42%
Prostate	64%	60%	45%	50%	48%	44%
Sarcoma	*	57%	*	49%	n.a	43%
Skin	57%	67%	*	61%	*	59%
Upper Gastro	57%	59%	59%	53%	50%	45%
Urological	55%	58%	31%	48%	33%	45%
Other	55%	56%	52%	53%	39%	45%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>45%</b>

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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 <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	94%	*	52%
Breast	97%	96%	59%	61%
Colorectal / LGT	95%	95%	45%	60%
Gynaecological	97%	95%	57%	56%
Haematological	88%	96%	51%	58%
Head and Neck	100%	93%	*	60%
Lung	88%	95%	46%	60%
Prostate	100%	96%	70%	67%
Sarcoma	*	94%	*	55%
Skin	97%	96%	57%	69%
Upper Gastro	95%	93%	68%	60%
Urological	97%	95%	63%	62%
Other	99%	95%	64%	58%
<b>All Cancers</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>60%</b>

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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 Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	53%	*	35%	*	85%	*	68%
Breast	58%	62%	23%	38%	90%	91%	76%	68%
Colorectal / LGT	52%	61%	30%	38%	77%	89%	62%	71%
Gynaecological	52%	58%	33%	31%	86%	89%	81%	67%
Haematological	57%	63%	31%	34%	85%	92%	62%	65%
Head and Neck	59%	59%	43%	35%	86%	88%	72%	68%
Lung	59%	63%	43%	33%	80%	90%	70%	71%
Prostate	63%	66%	47%	36%	91%	89%	62%	74%
Sarcoma	*	55%	*	30%	*	87%	*	65%
Skin	71%	70%	37%	44%	97%	89%	71%	75%
Upper Gastro	67%	57%	40%	34%	91%	87%	73%	68%
Urological	54%	63%	25%	30%	89%	87%	69%	75%
Other	57%	57%	29%	30%	83%	88%	70%	65%
<b>All Cancers</b>	57%	62%	31%	35%	86%	90%	70%	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 Trust <sup>§</sup>	National	This Trust <sup>§</sup>	National
Brain / CNS	*	33%	*	8.5
Breast	19%	31%	8.8	8.9
Colorectal / LGT	16%	30%	8.2	8.8
Gynaecological	41%	36%	8.6	8.8
Haematological	45%	33%	8.5	8.9
Head and Neck	7%	18%	8.7	8.7
Lung	21%	36%	8.1	8.7
Prostate	24%	35%	8.8	8.8
Sarcoma	*	39%	*	8.6
Skin	12%	18%	8.7	8.9
Upper Gastro	30%	34%	8.8	8.7
Urological	10%	20%	8.5	8.7
Other	13%	33%	8.5	8.7
<b>All Cancers</b>	22%	31%	8.6	8.8

<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 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](http://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](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 2016, 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](http://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%
RVV	1,873	104	1,769	646	59	1,064	60%

## 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	226
Gynaecological	71
Colorectal / LGT	157
Lung	36
Skin	35
Haematological	128
Upper Gastro	46
Other	129
Urological	115
Prostate	83
Sarcoma	3
Head and Neck	31

\* 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	1	3	6	22	88	184	134	42	480
Female	2	4	25	75	138	211	113	16	584
Total	3	7	31	97	226	395	247	58	1,064



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