

2013 National NHS staff survey

Brief summary of results from London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

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1. Introduction to this report

This report presents the findings of the 2013 national NHS staff survey conducted in London Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

In section 2 of this report, we present an overall indicator of staff engagement. Full details of how this indicator was created can be found in the document ***Making sense of your staff survey data***, which can be downloaded from www.nhsstaffsurveys.com.

In sections 3 and 4 of this report, the findings of the questionnaire have been summarised and presented in the form of 28 Key Findings.

These sections of the report have been structured around 4 of the seven pledges to staff in the NHS Constitution which was published in March 2013 (<http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Rightsandpledges/NHSConstitution>) plus two additional themes:

- Staff Pledge 1: To provide all staff with clear roles and responsibilities and rewarding jobs for teams and individuals that make a difference to patients, their families and carers and communities.
- Staff Pledge 2: To provide all staff with personal development, access to appropriate education and training for their jobs, and line management support to enable them to fulfil their potential.
- Staff Pledge 3: To provide support and opportunities for staff to maintain their health, well-being and safety.
- Staff Pledge 4: To engage staff in decisions that affect them and the services they provide, individually, through representative organisations and through local partnership working arrangements. All staff will be empowered to put forward ways to deliver better and safer services for patients and their families.
- Additional theme: Staff satisfaction
- Additional theme: Equality and diversity

Please note that the NHS pledges were amended in 2013, however the report has been structured around 4 of the pledges which have been maintained since 2009. For more information regarding this please see the “Making Sense of Your Staff Survey Data” document.

As in previous years, there are two types of Key Finding:

- percentage scores, i.e. percentage of staff giving a particular response to one, or a series of, survey questions
- scale summary scores, calculated by converting staff responses to particular questions into scores. For each of these scale summary scores, the minimum score is always 1 and the maximum score is 5

A longer and more detailed report of the 2013 survey results for London Ambulance Service NHS Trust can be downloaded from: www.nhsstaffsurveys.com. This report provides detailed breakdowns of the Key Finding scores by directorate, occupational groups and demographic groups, and details of each question included in the core questionnaire.

Your Organisation

The scores presented below are un-weighted question level scores for questions Q12a - 12d and the weighted score for Key Finding 24. The percentages for Q12a – Q12d are created by combining the responses for those who “Agree” and “Strongly Agree” compared to the total number of staff that responded to the question.

The Q12d score is related to CQUIN payments for Acute trusts participating in the National NHS Staff Survey. 2013/2014 guidance on CQUIN payments can be found via the following link <https://www.supply2health.nhs.uk/eContracts/Documents/cquin-guidance.pdf>.

Q12a, Q12c and Q12d feed into Key Finding 24 “Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment”.

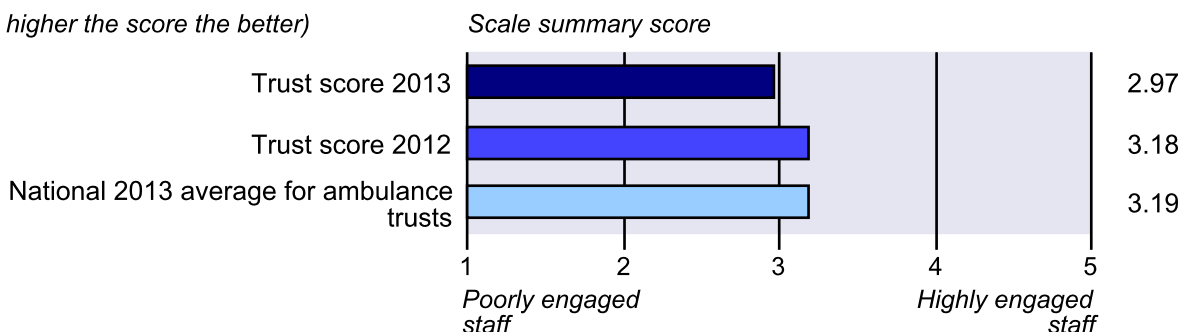
		Your Trust in 2013	Average (median) for ambulance trusts	Your Trust in 2012
Q12a	"Care of patients / service users is my organisation's top priority"	31	39	38
Q12b	"My organisation acts on concerns raised by patients / service users"	35	51	43
Q12c	"I would recommend my organisation as a place to work"	26	41	39
Q12d	"If a friend or relative needed treatment, I would be happy with the standard of care provided by this organisation"	50	53	59
KF24.	Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment (Q12a, 12c-d)	2.82	3.14	3.16

2. Overall indicator of staff engagement for London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

The figure below shows how London Ambulance Service NHS Trust compares with other ambulance trusts on an overall indicator of staff engagement. Possible scores range from 1 to 5, with 1 indicating that staff are poorly engaged (with their work, their team and their trust) and 5 indicating that staff are highly engaged. The trust's score of 2.97 was **below (worse than) average** when compared with trusts of a similar type.

OVERALL STAFF ENGAGEMENT

(the higher the score the better)



This overall indicator of staff engagement has been calculated using the questions that make up Key Findings 22, 24 and 25. These Key Findings relate to the following aspects of staff engagement: staff members' perceived ability to contribute to improvements at work (Key Finding 22); their willingness to recommend the trust as a place to work or receive treatment (Key Finding 24); and the extent to which they feel motivated and engaged with their work (Key Finding 25).

The table below shows how London Ambulance Service NHS Trust compares with other ambulance trusts on each of the sub-dimensions of staff engagement, and whether there has been a change since the 2012 survey.

	Change since 2012 survey	Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts
OVERALL STAFF ENGAGEMENT	! Decrease (worse than 12)	! Below (worse than) average
KF22. Staff ability to contribute towards improvements at work <i>(the extent to which staff are able to make suggestions to improve the work of their team, have frequent opportunities to show initiative in their role, and are able to make improvements at work.)</i>	! Decrease (worse than 12)	! Below (worse than) average
KF24. Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment <i>(the extent to which staff think care of patients/service users is the Trust's top priority, would recommend their Trust to others as a place to work, and would be happy with the standard of care provided by the Trust if a friend or relative needed treatment.)</i>	! Decrease (worse than 12)	! Below (worse than) average
KF25. Staff motivation at work <i>(the extent to which they look forward to going to work, and are enthusiastic about and absorbed in their jobs.)</i>	! Decrease (worse than 12)	! Below (worse than) average

Full details of how the overall indicator of staff engagement was created can be found in the document ***Making sense of your staff survey data.***

3. Summary of 2013 Key Findings for London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

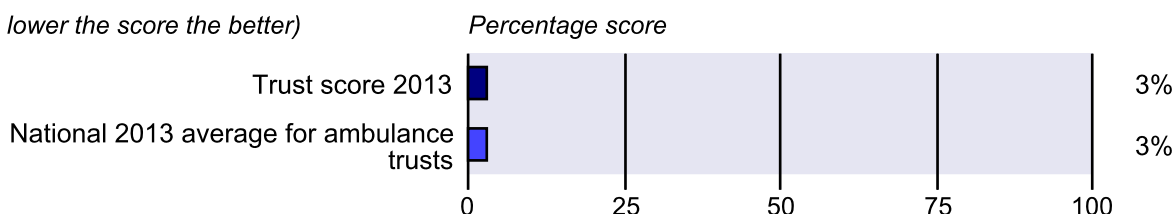
3.1 Top and Bottom Ranking Scores

This page highlights the five Key Findings for which London Ambulance Service NHS Trust compares most favourably with other ambulance trusts in England.

TOP FIVE RANKING SCORES

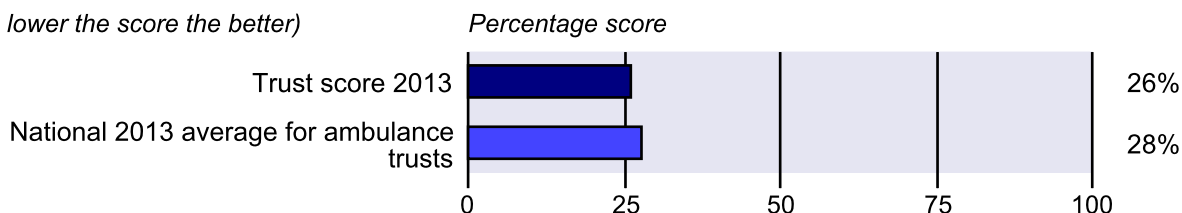
✓ KF17. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



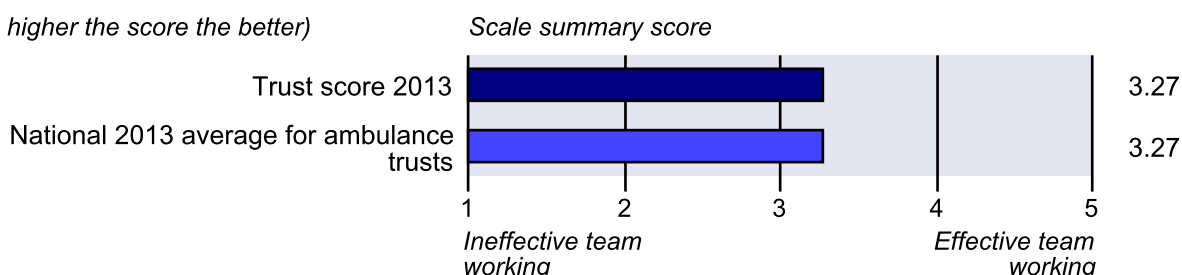
✓ KF19. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from staff in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



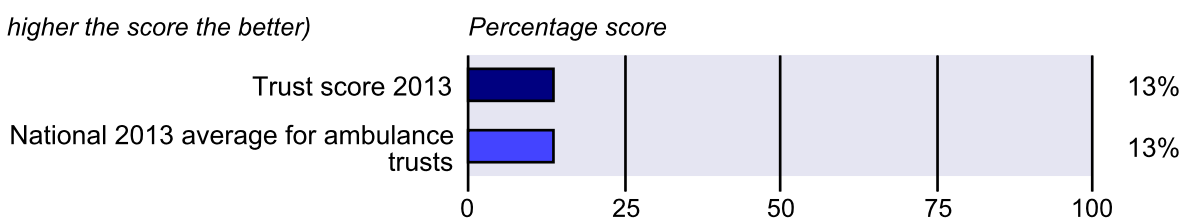
✓ KF4. Effective team working

(the higher the score the better)



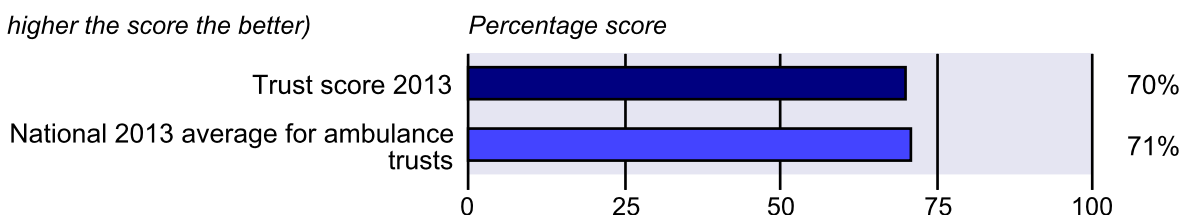
✓ KF21. Percentage of staff reporting good communication between senior management and staff

(the higher the score the better)



✓ KF6. Percentage of staff receiving job-relevant training, learning or development in last 12 months

(the higher the score the better)



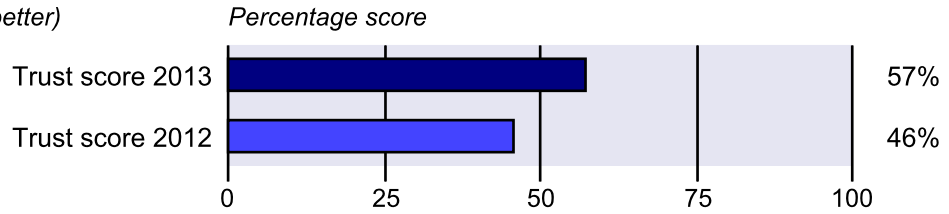
3.2 Largest Local Changes since the 2012 Survey

This page highlights the five Key Findings where staff experiences have deteriorated since the 2012 survey. It is suggested that these areas might be seen as a starting point for local action to improve as an employer.

WHERE STAFF EXPERIENCE HAS DETERIORATED

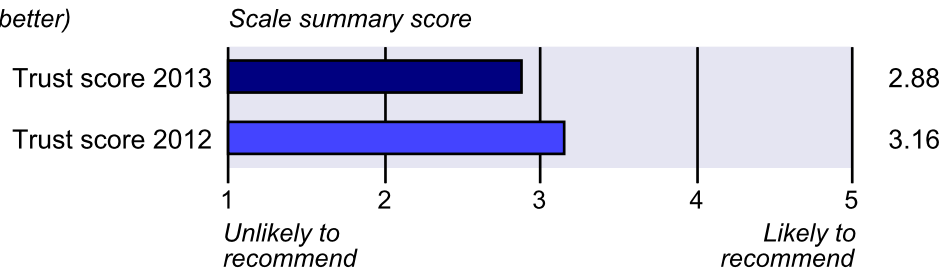
! KF11. Percentage of staff suffering work-related stress in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)



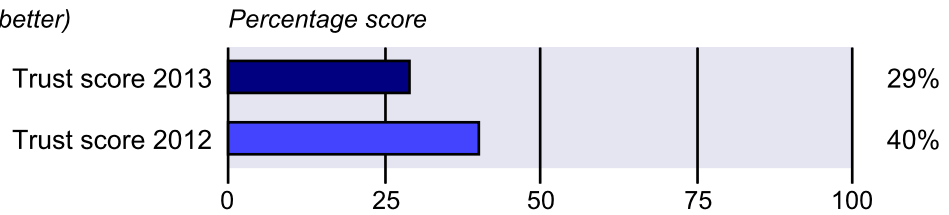
! KF24. Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment

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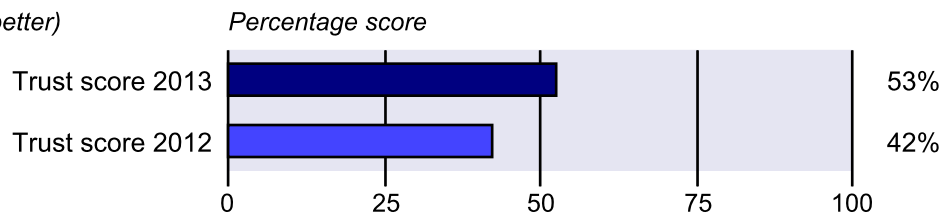
! KF22. Percentage of staff able to contribute towards improvements at work

(the higher the score the better)



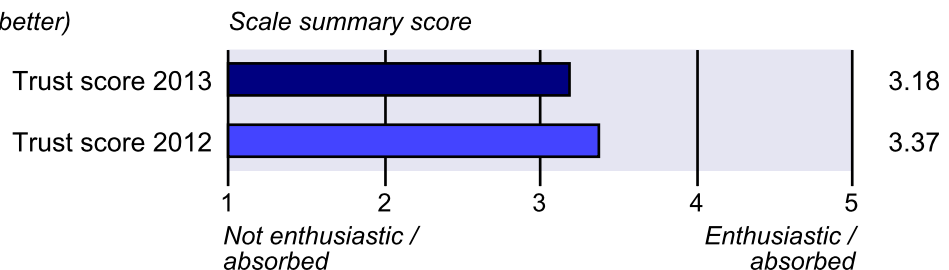
! KF20. Percentage of staff feeling pressure in last 3 months to attend work when feeling unwell

(the lower the score the better)



! KF25. Staff motivation at work

(the higher the score the better)



3.3. Summary of all Key Findings for London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

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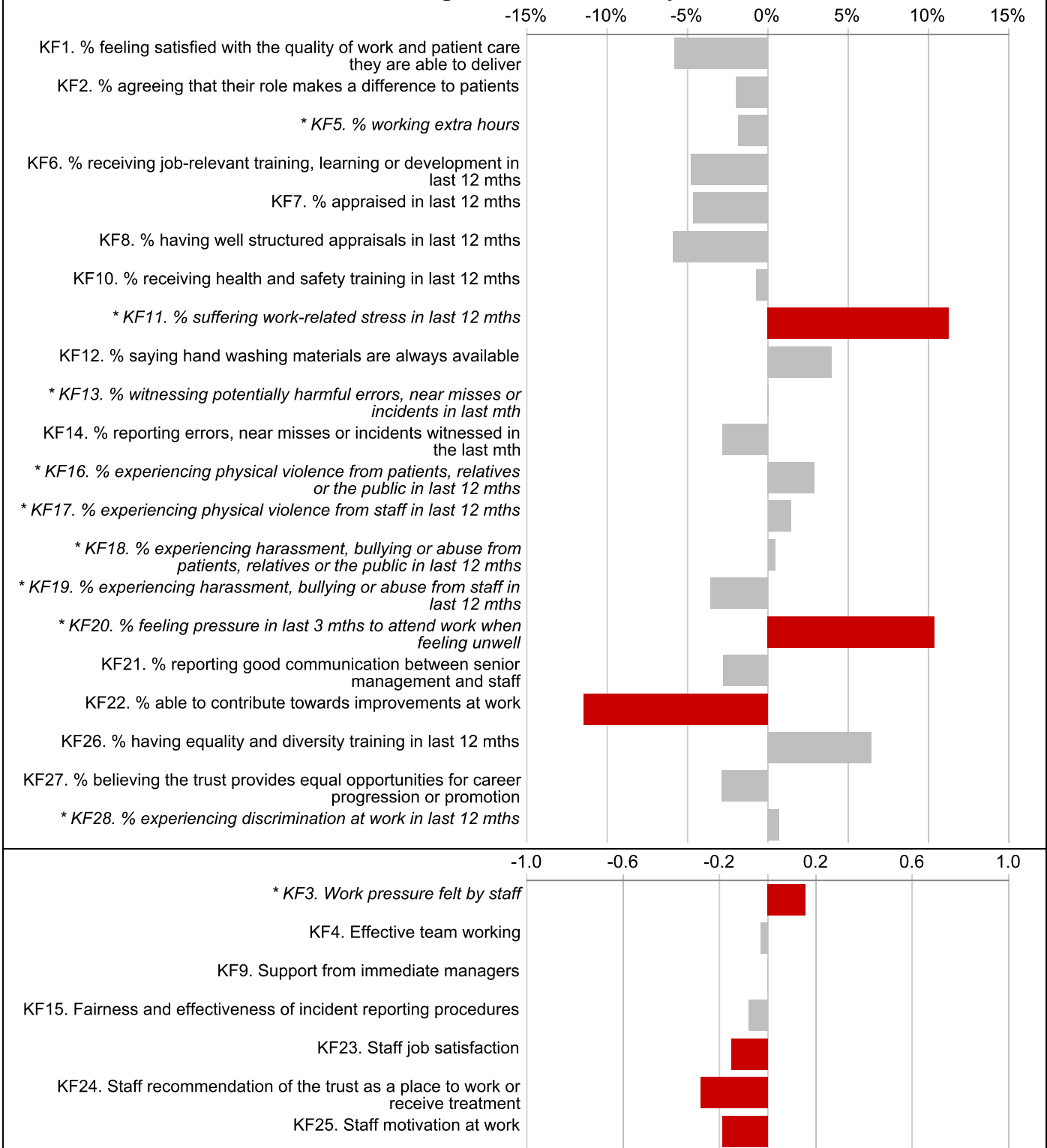
Green = Positive finding, e.g. there has been a statistically significant positive change in the Key Finding since the 2012 survey.

Red = Negative finding, e.g. there has been a statistically significant negative change in the Key Finding since the 2012 survey.

Grey = No change, e.g. there has been no statistically significant change in this Key Finding since the 2012 survey.

For most of the Key Finding scores in this table, the higher the score the better. However, there are some scores for which a high score would represent a negative finding. For these scores, which are marked with an asterisk and in *italics*, the lower the score the better.

Change since 2012 survey



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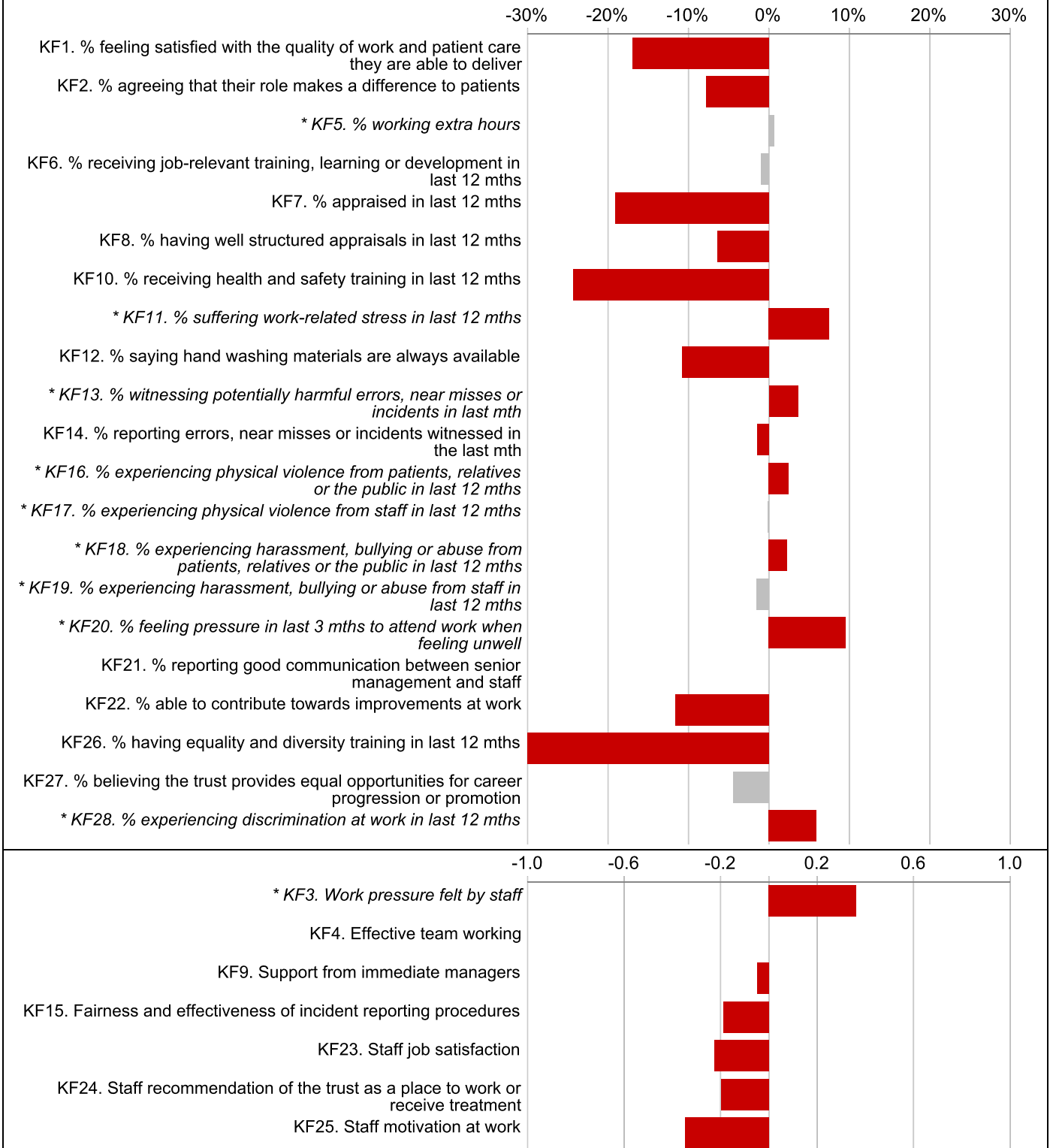
Green = Positive finding, e.g. better than average.

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

Grey = Average.

For most of the Key Finding scores in this table, the higher the score the better. However, there are some scores for which a high score would represent a negative finding. For these scores, which are marked with an asterisk and in *italics*, the lower the score the better.

Comparison with all ambulance trusts in 2013



3.4. Summary of all Key Findings for London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

KEY

✓ Green = Positive finding, e.g. better than average, better than 2012.

! Red = Negative finding, e.g. worse than average, worse than 2012.

'Change since 2012 survey' indicates whether there has been a statistically significant change in the Key Finding since the 2012 survey.

-- Because of changes to the format of the survey questions this year, comparisons with the 2012 score are not possible.

* For most of the Key Finding scores in this table, the higher the score the better. However, there are some scores for which a high score would represent a negative finding. For these scores, which are marked with an asterisk and in *italics*, the lower the score the better.

Change since 2012 survey Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts in 2013

STAFF PLEDGE 1: To provide all staff with clear roles, responsibilities and rewarding jobs.

KF1. % feeling satisfied with the quality of work and patient care they are able to deliver	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF2. % agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
* <i>KF3. Work pressure felt by staff</i>	! Increase (worse than 12)	! Above (worse than) average
KF4. Effective team working	• No change	• Average
* <i>KF5. % working extra hours</i>	• No change	• Average

STAFF PLEDGE 2: To provide all staff with personal development, access to appropriate education and training for their jobs, and line management support to enable them to fulfil their potential.

KF6. % receiving job-relevant training, learning or development in last 12 mths	• No change	• Average
KF7. % appraised in last 12 mths	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF8. % having well structured appraisals in last 12 mths	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF9. Support from immediate managers	• No change	! Below (worse than) average

STAFF PLEDGE 3: To provide support and opportunities for staff to maintain their health, well-being and safety.

Occupational health and safety

KF10. % receiving health and safety training in last 12 mths	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
* <i>KF11. % suffering work-related stress in last 12 mths</i>	! Increase (worse than 12)	! Above (worse than) average

Infection control and hygiene

KF12. % saying hand washing materials are always available	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
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Errors and incidents

* <i>KF13. % witnessing potentially harmful errors, near misses or incidents in last mth</i>	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
KF14. % reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last mth	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF15. Fairness and effectiveness of incident reporting procedures	• No change	! Below (worse than) average

3.4. Summary of all Key Findings for London Ambulance Service NHS Trust (cont)

	Change since 2012 survey	Ranking, compared with all ambulance trusts in 2013
Violence and harassment		
* KF16. % experiencing physical violence from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 mths	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
* KF17. % experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 mths	• No change	• Average
* KF18. % experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 mths	• No change	! Above (worse than) average
* KF19. % experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from staff in last 12 mths	• No change	• Average
Health and well-being		
* KF20. % feeling pressure in last 3 mths to attend work when feeling unwell	! Increase (worse than 12)	! Above (worse than) average
STAFF PLEDGE 4: To engage staff in decisions that affect them, the services they provide and empower them to put forward ways to deliver better and safer services.		
KF21. % reporting good communication between senior management and staff	• No change	• Average
KF22. % able to contribute towards improvements at work	! Decrease (worse than 12)	! Below (worse than) average
ADDITIONAL THEME: Staff satisfaction		
KF23. Staff job satisfaction	! Decrease (worse than 12)	! Below (worse than) average
KF24. Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment	! Decrease (worse than 12)	! Below (worse than) average
KF25. Staff motivation at work	! Decrease (worse than 12)	! Below (worse than) average
ADDITIONAL THEME: Equality and diversity		
KF26. % having equality and diversity training in last 12 mths	• No change	! Below (worse than) average
KF27. % believing the trust provides equal opportunities for career progression or promotion	• No change	• Average
* KF28. % experiencing discrimination at work in last 12 mths	• No change	! Above (worse than) average

4. Key Findings for London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

345 staff at London Ambulance Service NHS Trust took part in this survey. This is a response rate of 41%¹ which is average for ambulance trusts in England, and compares with a response rate of 38% in this trust in the 2012 survey.

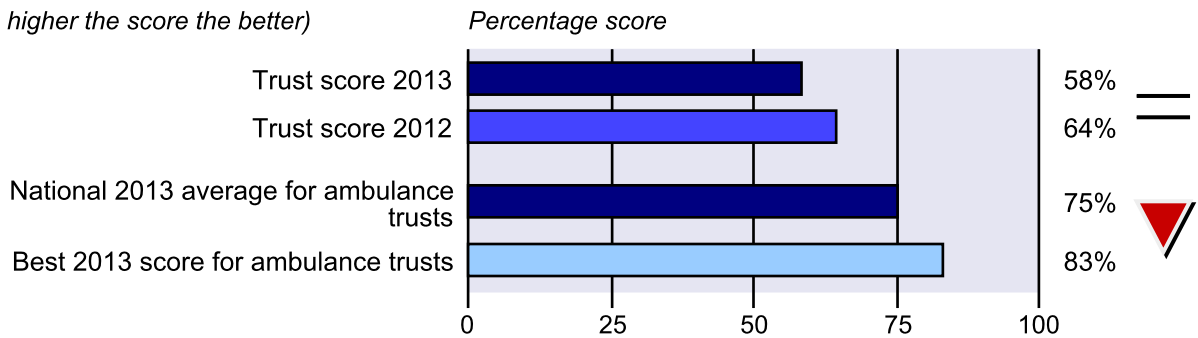
This section presents each of the 28 Key Findings, using data from the trust's 2013 survey, and compares these to other ambulance trusts in England and to the trust's performance in the 2012 survey. The findings are arranged under six headings – the four staff pledges from the NHS Constitution, and the two additional themes of staff satisfaction and equality and diversity.

Positive findings are indicated with a **green arrow** (e.g. where the trust is better than average, or where the score has improved since 2012). **Negative findings** are highlighted with a **red arrow** (e.g. where the trust's score is worse than average, or where the score is not as good as 2012). An equals sign indicates that there has been no change.

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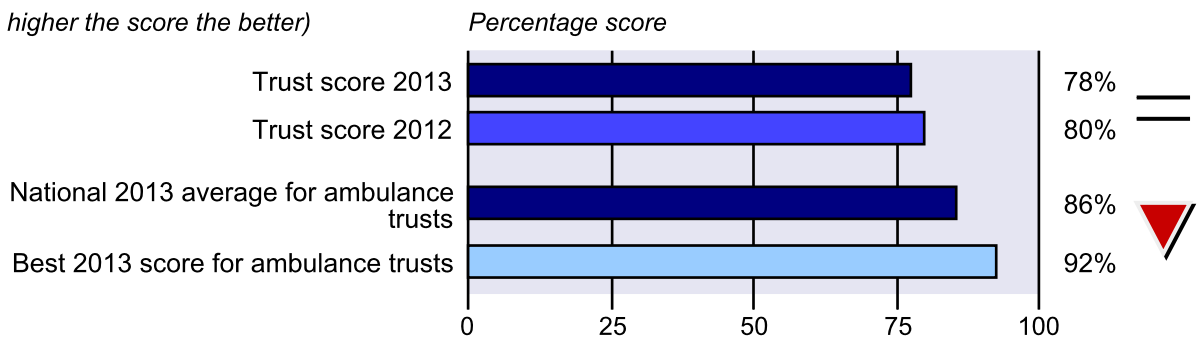
KEY FINDING 1. Percentage of staff feeling satisfied with the quality of work and patient care they are able to deliver

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KEY FINDING 2. Percentage of staff agreeing that their role makes a difference to patients

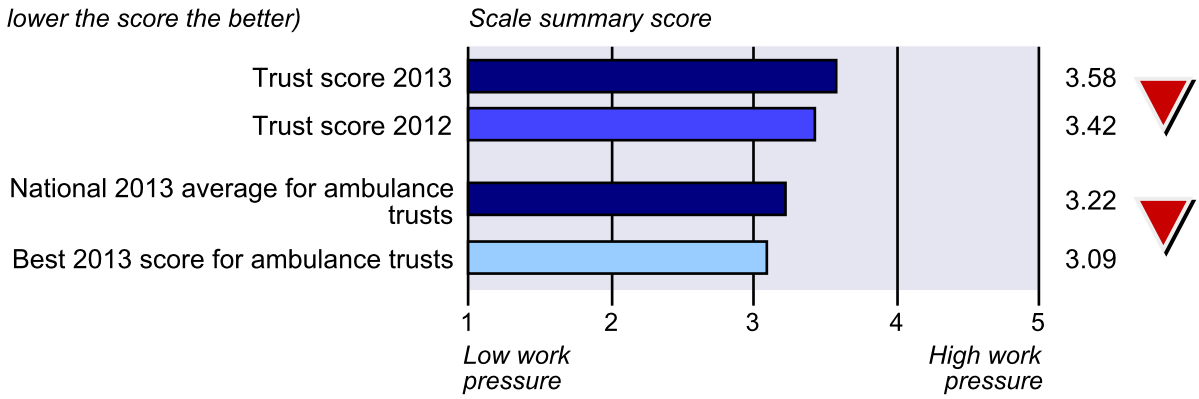
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¹At the time of sampling, 4373 staff were eligible to receive the survey. Questionnaires were sent to a random sample of 848 staff. This includes only staff employed directly by the trust (i.e. excluding staff working for external contractors). It excludes bank staff unless they are also employed directly elsewhere in the trust. When calculating the response rate, questionnaires could only be counted if they were received with their ID number intact, by the closing date.

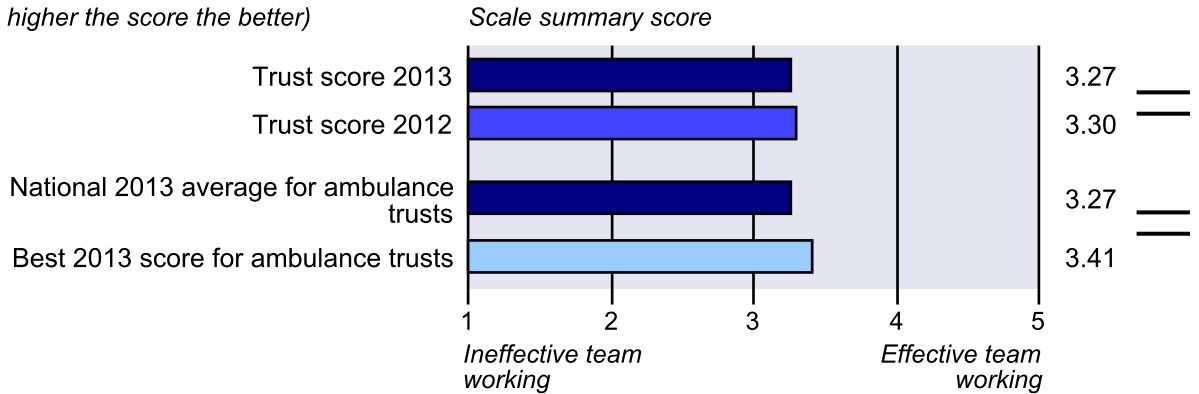
KEY FINDING 3. Work pressure felt by staff

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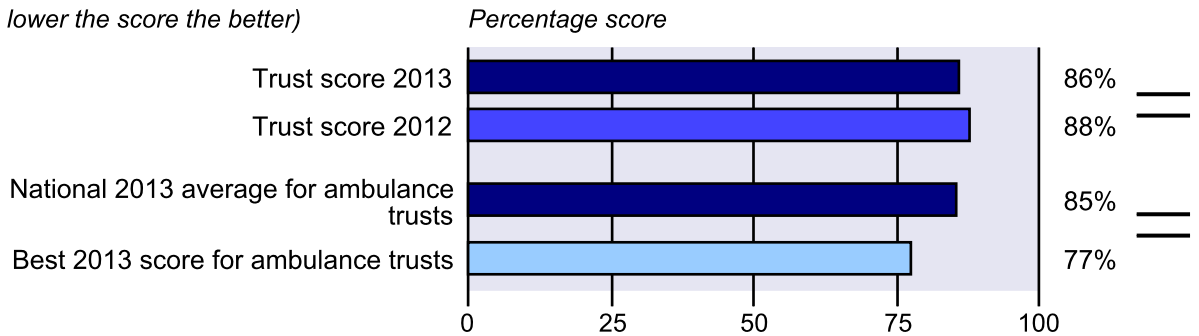
KEY FINDING 4. Effective team working

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KEY FINDING 5. Percentage of staff working extra hours

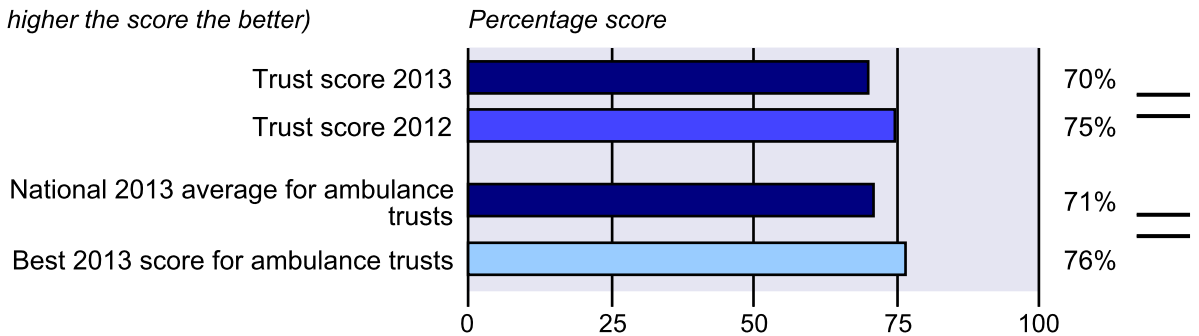
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STAFF PLEDGE 2: To provide all staff with personal development, access to appropriate education and training for their jobs, and line management support to enable them to fulfil their potential.

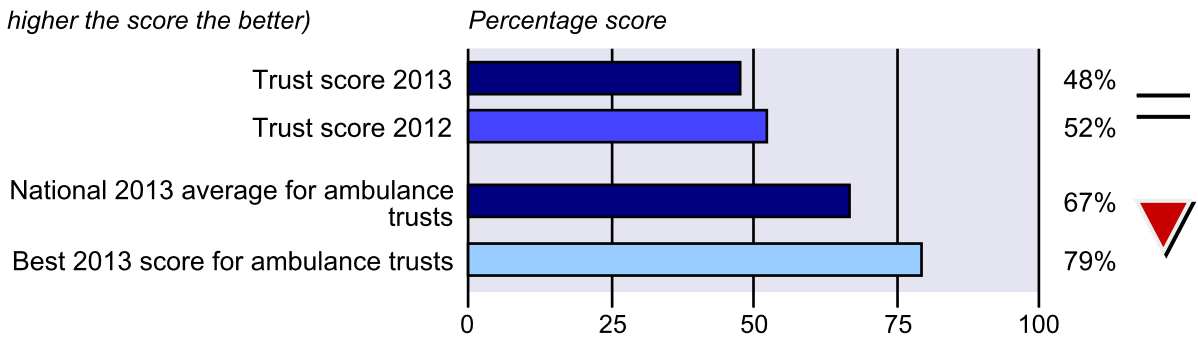
KEY FINDING 6. Percentage of staff receiving job-relevant training, learning or development in last 12 months

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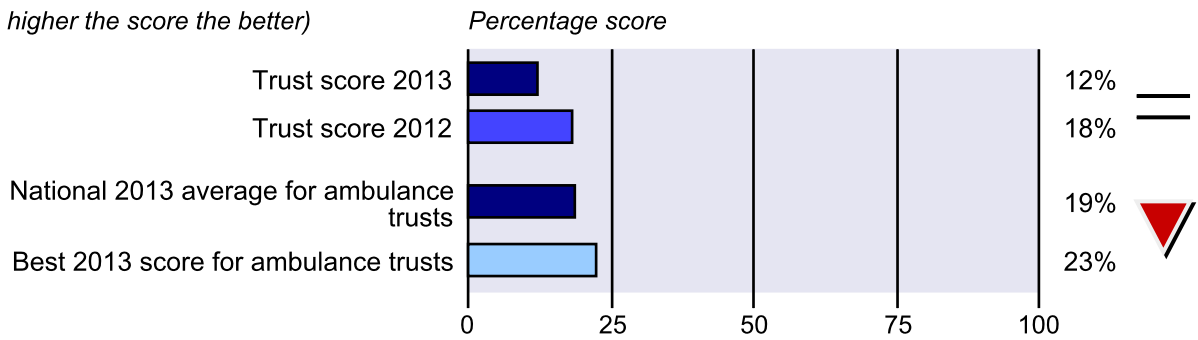
KEY FINDING 7. Percentage of staff appraised in last 12 months

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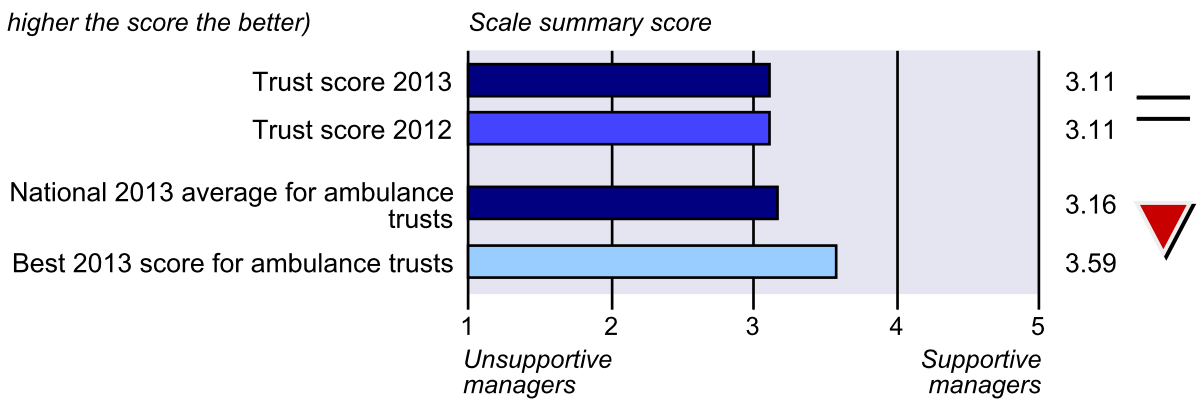
KEY FINDING 8. Percentage of staff having well structured appraisals in last 12 months

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KEY FINDING 9. Support from immediate managers

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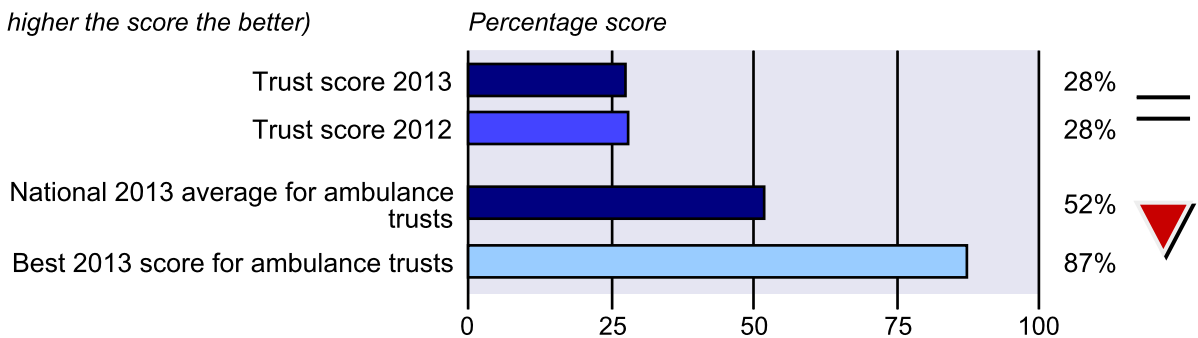


STAFF PLEDGE 3: To provide support and opportunities for staff to maintain their health, well-being and safety.

Occupational health and safety

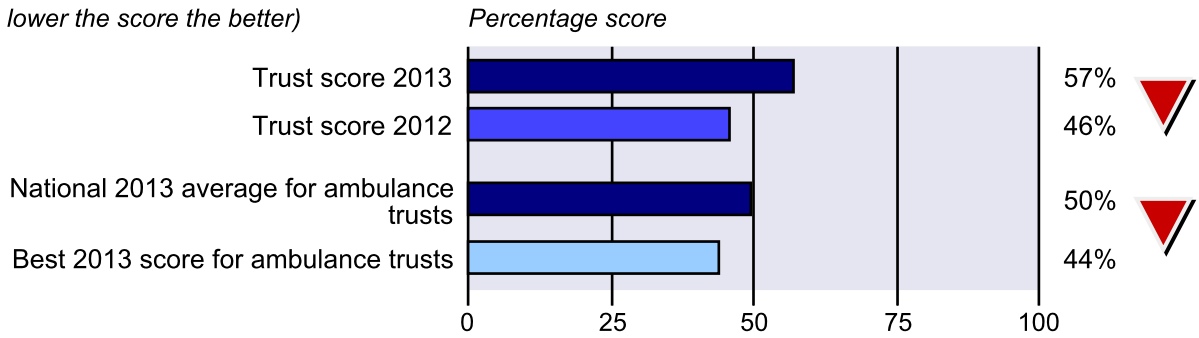
KEY FINDING 10. Percentage of staff receiving health and safety training in last 12 months

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KEY FINDING 11. Percentage of staff suffering work-related stress in last 12 months

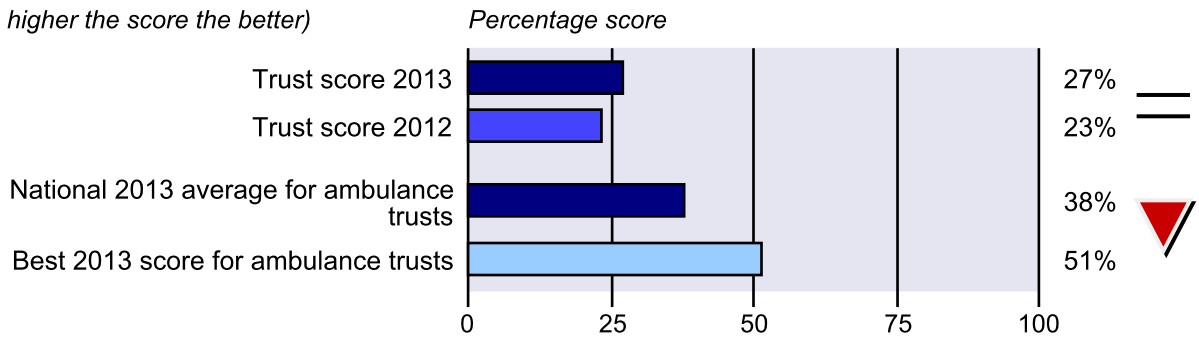
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Infection control and hygiene

KEY FINDING 12. Percentage of staff saying hand washing materials are always available

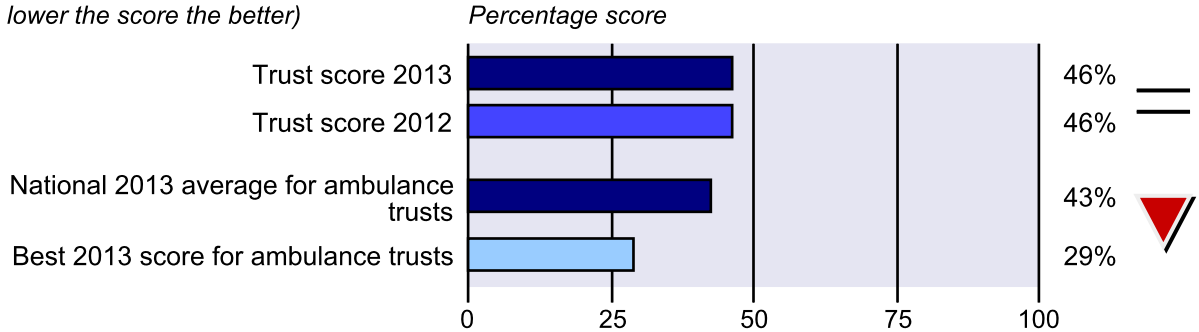
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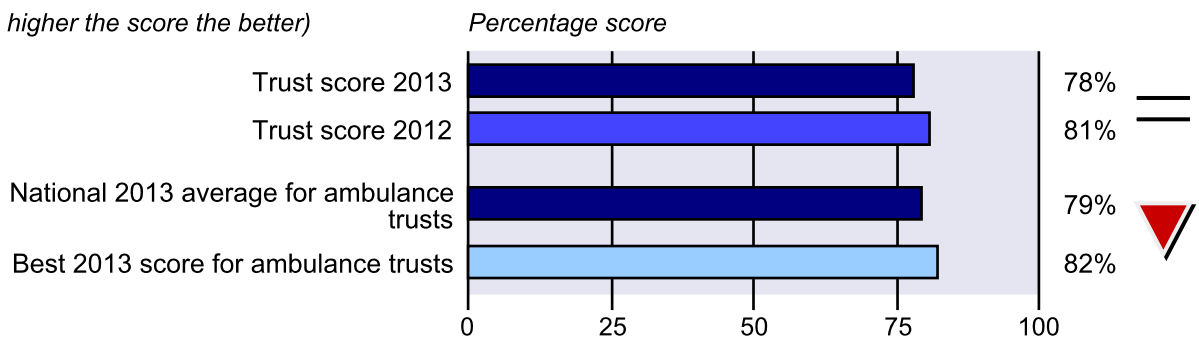
KEY FINDING 13. Percentage of staff witnessing potentially harmful errors, near misses or incidents in last month

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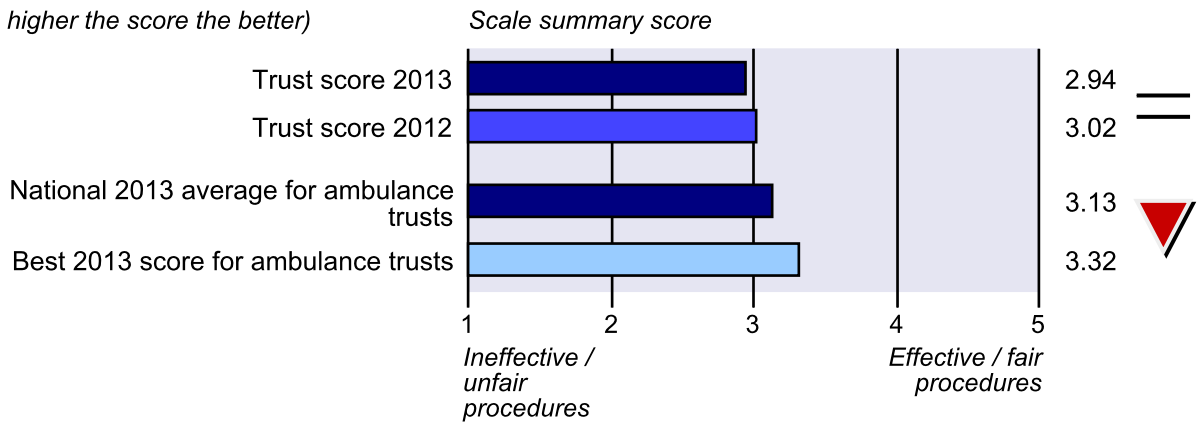
KEY FINDING 14. Percentage of staff reporting errors, near misses or incidents witnessed in the last month

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KEY FINDING 15. Fairness and effectiveness of incident reporting procedures

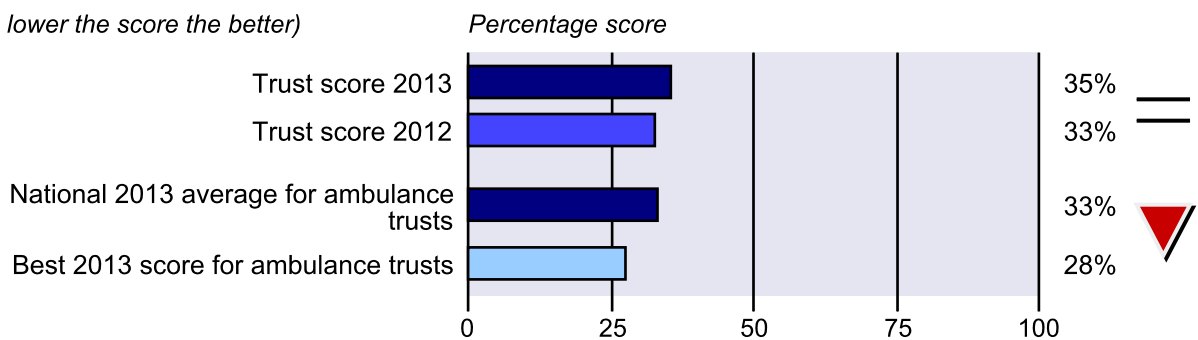
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Violence and harassment

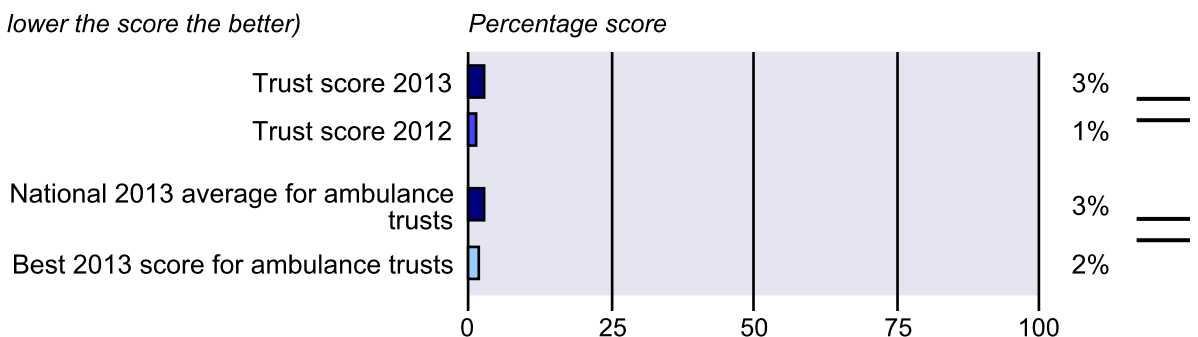
KEY FINDING 16. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

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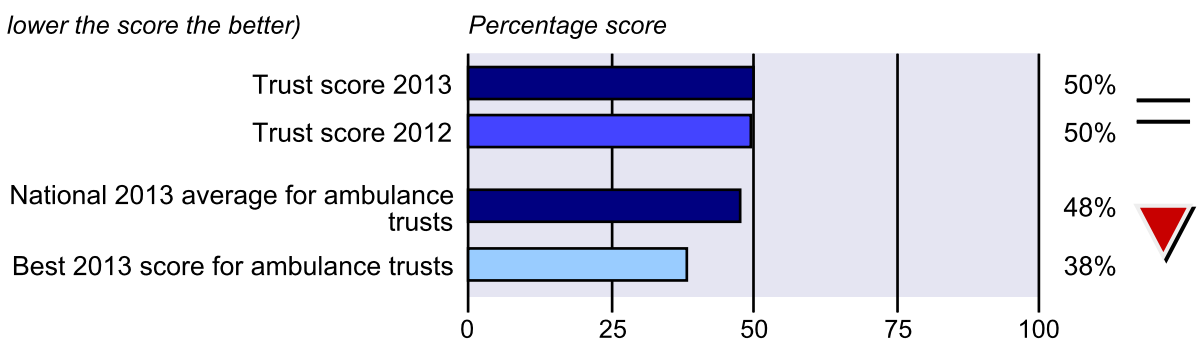
KEY FINDING 17. Percentage of staff experiencing physical violence from staff in last 12 months

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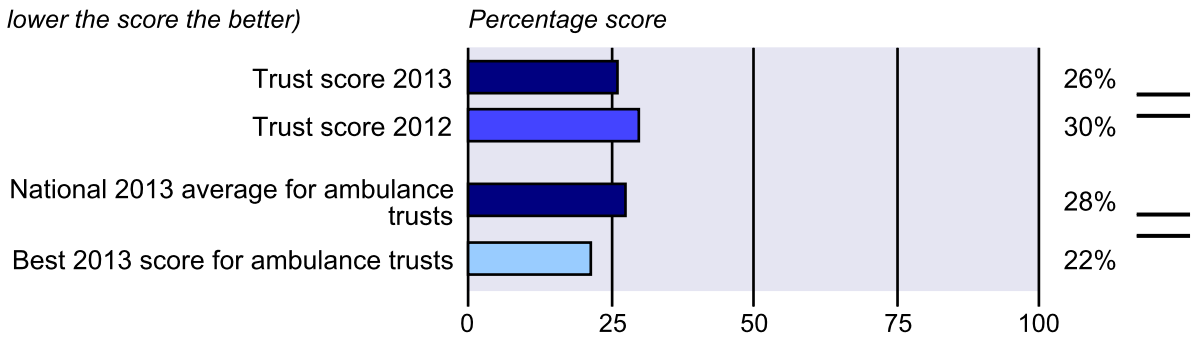
KEY FINDING 18. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months

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KEY FINDING 19. Percentage of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse from staff in last 12 months

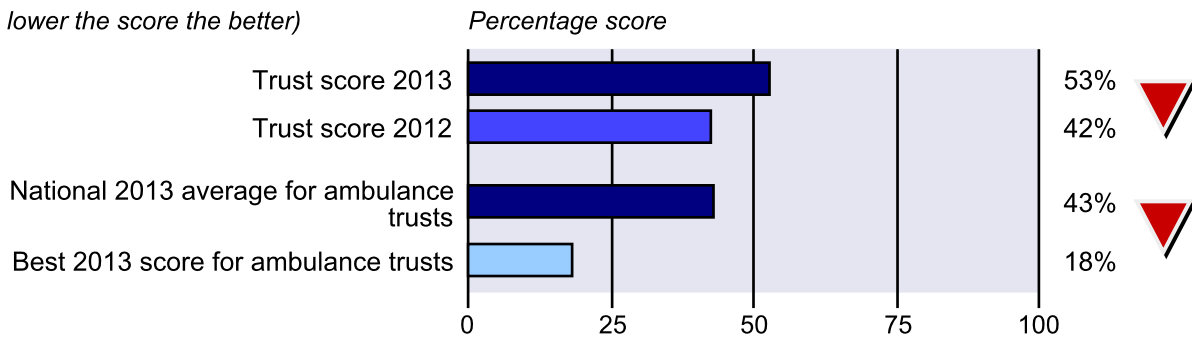
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Health and well-being

KEY FINDING 20. Percentage of staff feeling pressure in last 3 months to attend work when feeling unwell

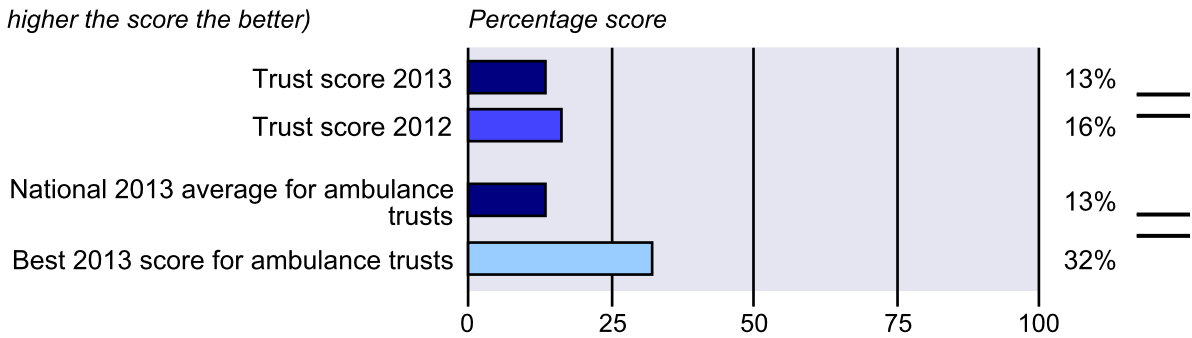
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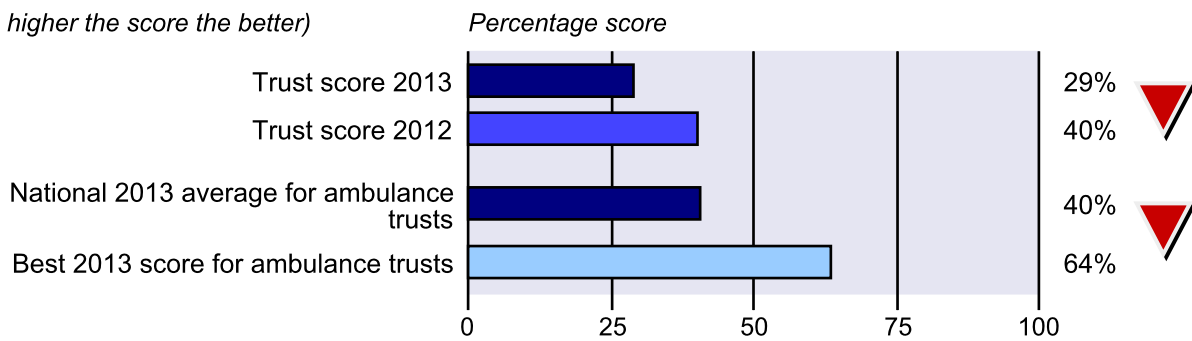
KEY FINDING 21. Percentage of staff reporting good communication between senior management and staff

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KEY FINDING 22. Percentage of staff able to contribute towards improvements at work

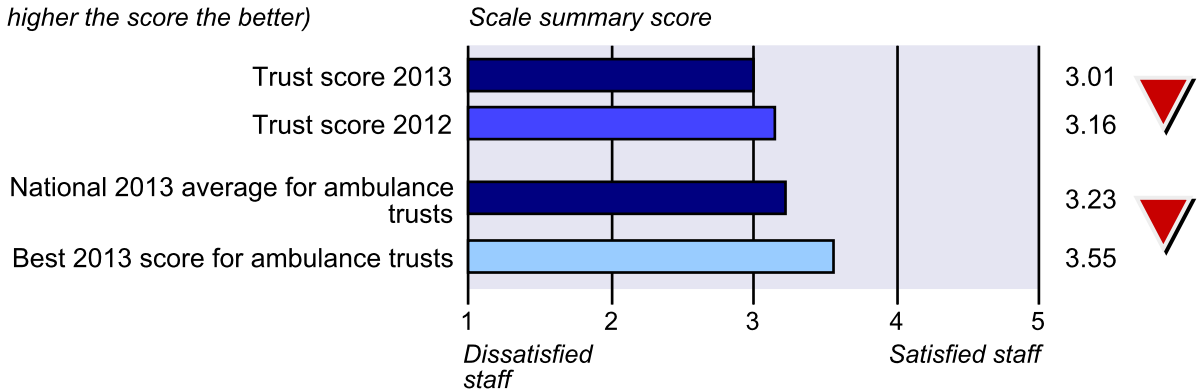
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ADDITIONAL THEME: Staff satisfaction

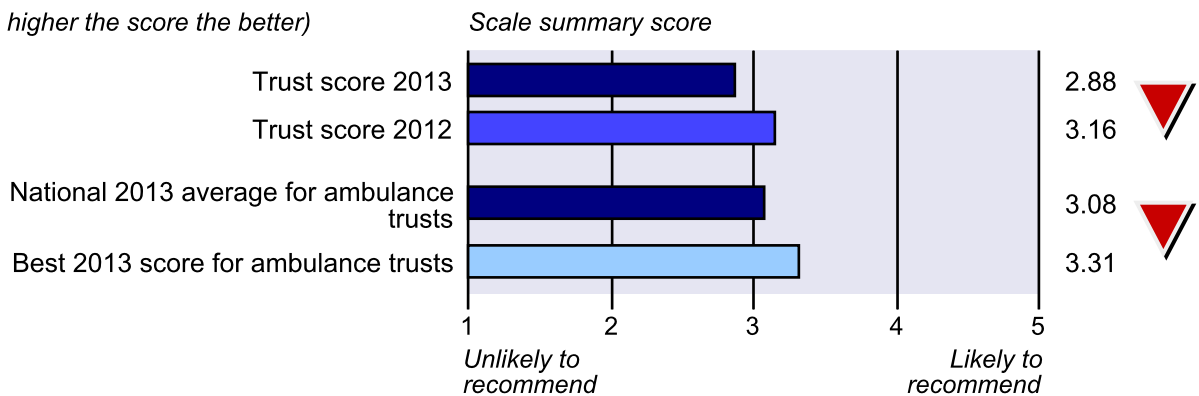
KEY FINDING 23. Staff job satisfaction

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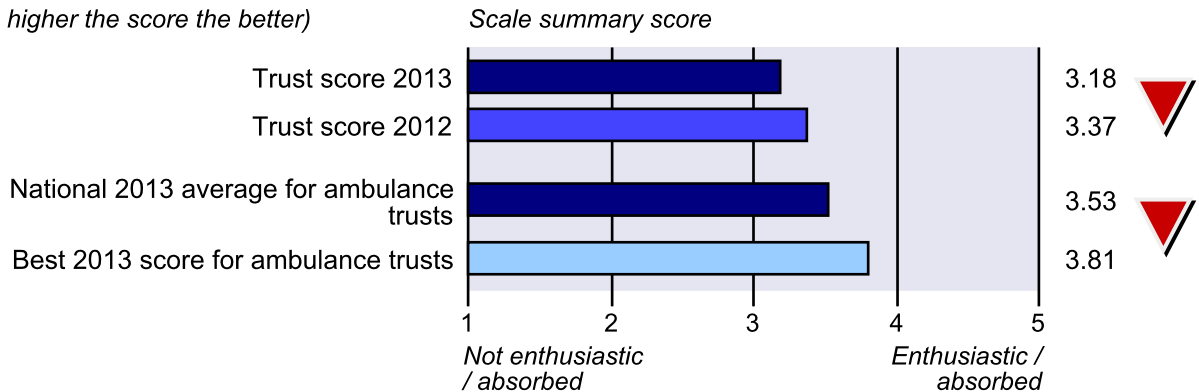
KEY FINDING 24. Staff recommendation of the trust as a place to work or receive treatment

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KEY FINDING 25. Staff motivation at work

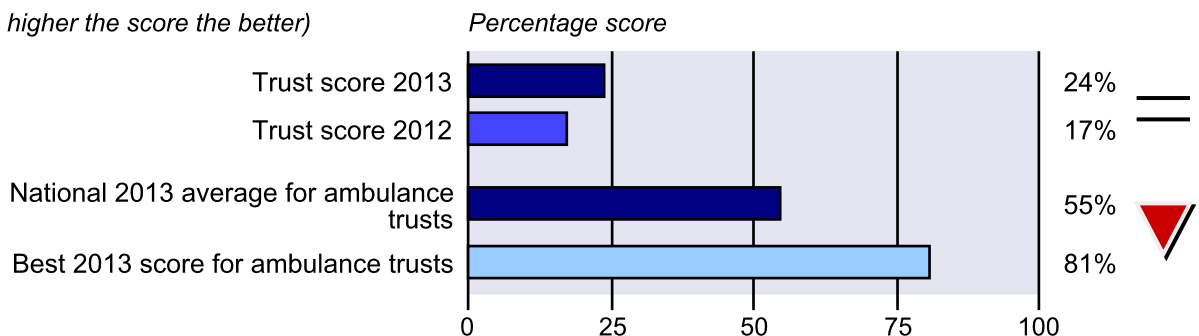
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ADDITIONAL THEME: Equality and diversity

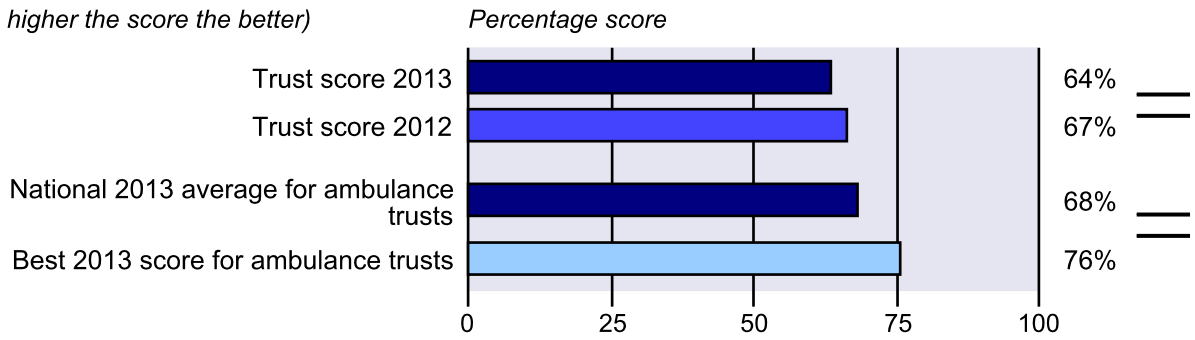
KEY FINDING 26. Percentage of staff having equality and diversity training in last 12 months

(the higher the score the better)



KEY FINDING 27. Percentage of staff believing the trust provides equal opportunities for career progression or promotion

(the higher the score the better)



KEY FINDING 28. Percentage of staff experiencing discrimination at work in last 12 months

(the lower the score the better)

