

Northern Ireland Cancer Patient Experience Survey 2018

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Introduction

The Northern Ireland Cancer Patient Experience Survey (NI CPES) 2018 follows on from the successful delivery of the surveys in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, (7 iterations in England, 2 in Scotland, 2 in Wales and 1 in Northern Ireland).

The survey has been designed to monitor progress on cancer care; to provide information that can be used to drive local quality improvements; to assist Multi-Disciplinary Teams, Commissioners, and Trusts in improving services for patients; and to inform the work of the charities supporting cancer patients.

Participating Trusts

The survey was carried out across all five Health and Social Care Trusts providing cancer services, accounting for every Trust that provides adult cancer care in Northern Ireland.

Patients selected to take part

The inclusion criteria were that patients had to:

- Be 16 or over;
- Have a confirmed primary diagnosis of cancer, with an International Classification of Disease (ICD10) code of C00-C99 or D05;
- Have been discharged from a hospital within the Trust (inpatient or day case) between 1st May and 31st October 2017.

Patients were excluded if they:

- Had a primary diagnosis of ICD10 code C44 or C84;
- Were deceased at the time of posting surveys;
- Received their treatment privately;
- Were current inpatients at the time of posting surveys;
- Only attended as an outpatient during the sample period;
- Did not have a valid Northern Ireland postal address.

The survey population included all those with rarer cancers as well as patients in the “Big 4” cancer groups – i.e. breast, prostate, lung, and colorectal/lower GI.

Patients eligible for the survey were identified from the Trusts' Patient Administration Systems. Trust samples and patient lists were then checked rigorously for duplicates to ensure that patients did not receive multiple copies of the questionnaire.

Deceased checks on Trust samples were carried out on at least three occasions during the fieldwork, to ensure that the numbers of deceased patients receiving survey packs or reminder letters was reduced to an absolute minimum. This process was undertaken by the Business Services Organisation.

Survey method

Survey packs (including cover letter, questionnaire, and information sheet) were sent by post in June 2018, with two reminder letters sent during July 2018 to those who had yet to respond. Survey packs included an option to complete online, and details of a free telephone line which patients could call to ask questions, complete the questionnaire verbally, or to access an interpreting service. Survey packs were prepared by Quality Health, couriered to Trust staff and posted to patients.

Response rate

A total of 6,256 patients who had received treatment for cancer between May 2017 and October 2017 were included in the sample for the Cancer Patient Experience Survey. These patients were allocated to 13 different cancer groups.

802 eligible patients from the Northern Trust were sent a survey, and 424 questionnaires were returned completed. This represents a response rate of 54% once deceased patients and questionnaires returned undelivered had been accounted for. The response rate for Northern Ireland as a whole was 57% (3,478 respondents) and for Northern Trust in 2015 the response rate was 60%.

Percentage scores

The findings from the survey have been summarised as the percentage of patients who reported a positive experience in response to each question. For example, the percentage scores represent the proportion of patients who were given information about support or self-help groups for people with cancer by staff or the proportion of patients who said that groups of doctors and nurses did NOT talk in front of them as if they were not there. Neutral responses, such as "Don't know / can't remember" and "I did not need an explanation" have not been included in the denominator when computing scores.

The higher the score the better the Trust's performance. Some scores relate only to one care setting (e.g. acute) but others represent performance across a pathway involving primary and community care in addition to acute care.

Scoring for question 62 - in which patients were asked to give an 'overall rating' of their cancer care - is based on an average score out of 10, rather than a 'percentage positive'.

Most of the questions in the NI CPES 2018 are in the same format as and have similar wording to the 2017 CPES for England, and the scoring system for them is identical, thus enabling robust comparisons to be made.

Only questions that have been designated a score have been included in this report. Questions which aim only to clarify the respondent's treatment pathway or to direct them through the questionnaire (for example, question 5 "Did the test(s) take place at the hospital named on the letter that came with this questionnaire?") are not included in the report.

Low numbers of respondents

Some Trusts have relatively small numbers of patients with certain cancer types, so the number of respondents to the survey may be lower within these groups despite the high response rate. Responses from patients with rarer cancers have been analysed in the normal way, but the results for these cancer types may need to be treated with caution.

In almost all Trusts, there were cancer types where the number of respondents was less than 20; this is particularly true of rarer cancers. Where the number of respondents with a particular cancer type was less than 20, we have suppressed this data. This is further explained in the introduction to the cancer type tables in this report.

Benchmark charts

Percentage scores are displayed on benchmark bar charts in the following section.

For each question:

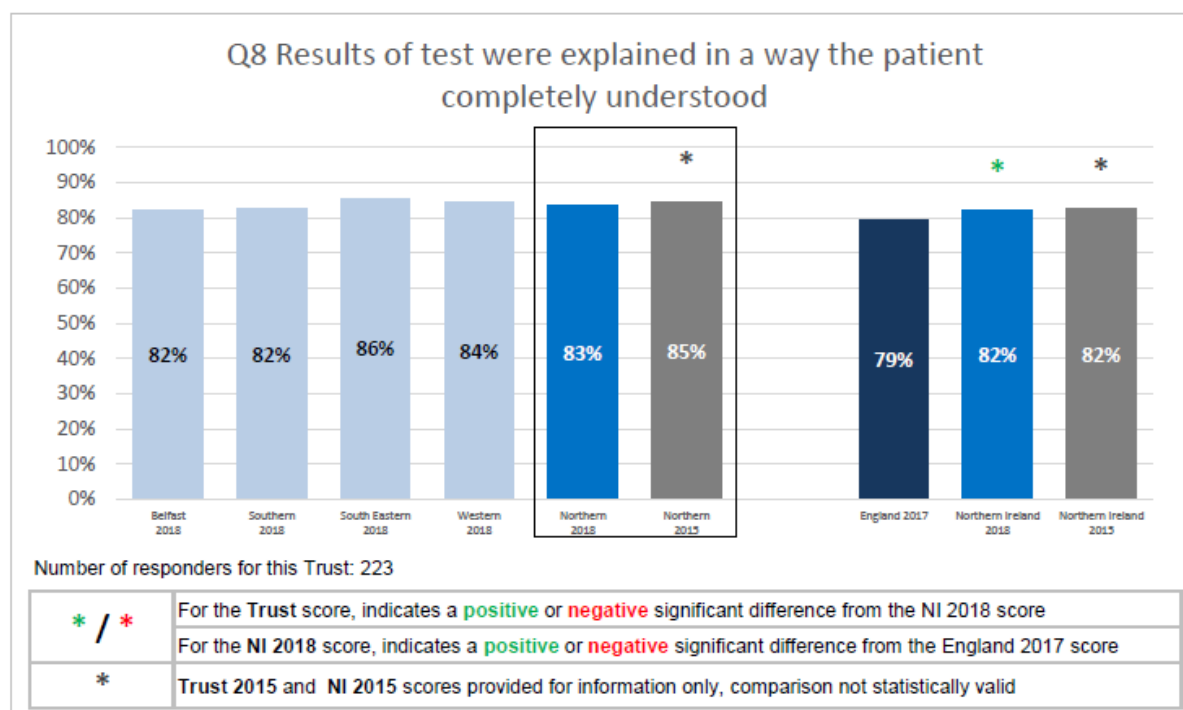
- the left of the chart shows the 2018 score for each Trust in Northern Ireland. Where applicable, the 2015 NI CPES score for the Northern Trust is presented alongside these 2018 bars.
- the right of the chart shows the score for the England 2017 CPES, for the Northern Ireland 2018 CPES as a whole, and for the Northern Ireland 2015 CPES survey (where applicable). ^φ

Where possible, significance tests have been used to establish whether there are statistically significant differences on each question between:

- the Northern Trust's score for 2018 and the Northern Ireland 2018 score;
- the Northern Ireland 2018 score and the England 2017 score.

Where the variation between scores has been found to be statistically significant, the relevant bar has been marked with an asterisk, which is coloured green where the score displayed in the bar is more positive and red where the score displayed in the bar is more negative than the comparator score.

Please note that the Northern Ireland scores for 2015 are not statistically comparable to Northern Ireland 2018 scores due to changes in the sampling timeframe and questionnaire design.



In the chart above, the Northern Trust is not statistically significantly different in score (83%) than Northern Ireland 2018 (82%), while Northern Ireland 2018 has a statistically significantly higher score than England 2017 (79%).

Following these charts is further information which show the scores for each question for each of the 13 cancer types at this Trust, with a comparative score for that cancer type across all Trusts in Northern Ireland.

φ Further information on the England survey can be found at:

www.ncpes.co.uk

Further information

Full details of the survey and analysis methods are in the All Trusts Report of the Northern Ireland Cancer Patient Experience Survey 2018, which is available at:

www.quality-health.co.uk/resources/surveys/northern-ireland-cancer-patient-experience-survey-2018/northern-ireland-cancer-patient-experience-survey-reports-2018

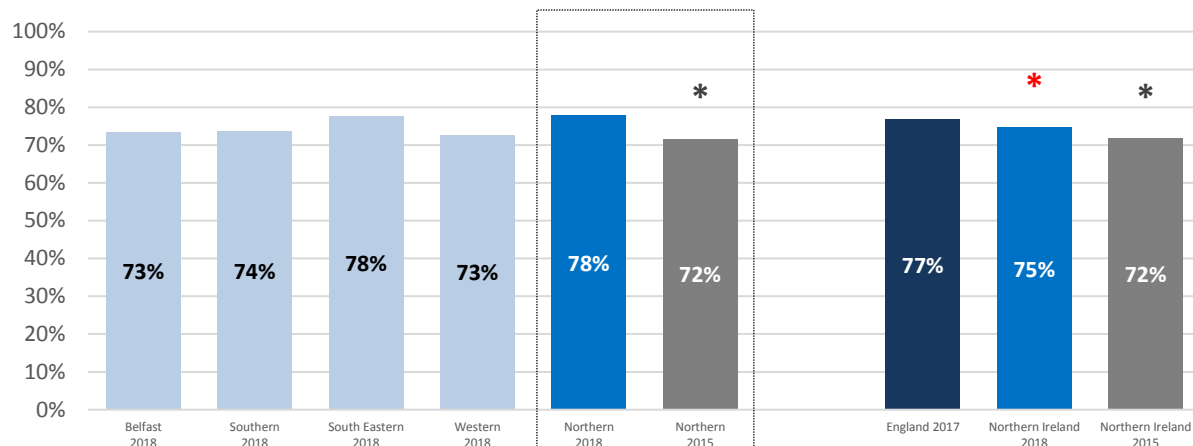
Copies of the questionnaire and covering letters can also be viewed at:

www.quality-health.co.uk/resources/surveys/northern-ireland-cancer-patient-experience-survey-2018/northern-ireland-cancer-patient-experience-survey-material-2018

Trust results

Before Your Diagnosis

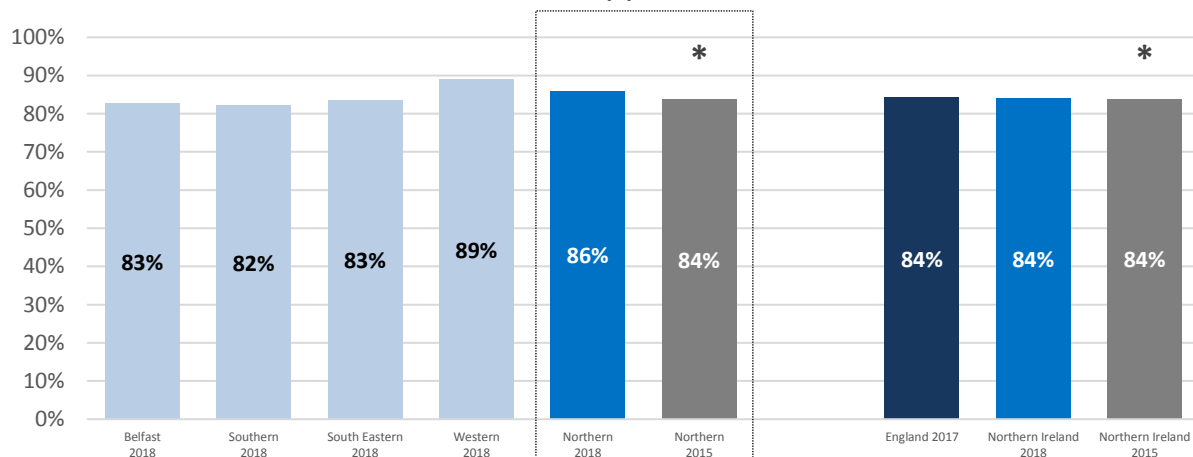
Q1 Patient saw GP once or twice before being told they had to go to the hospital



Number of responders for this Trust: 279

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Q2 Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary for their first appointment



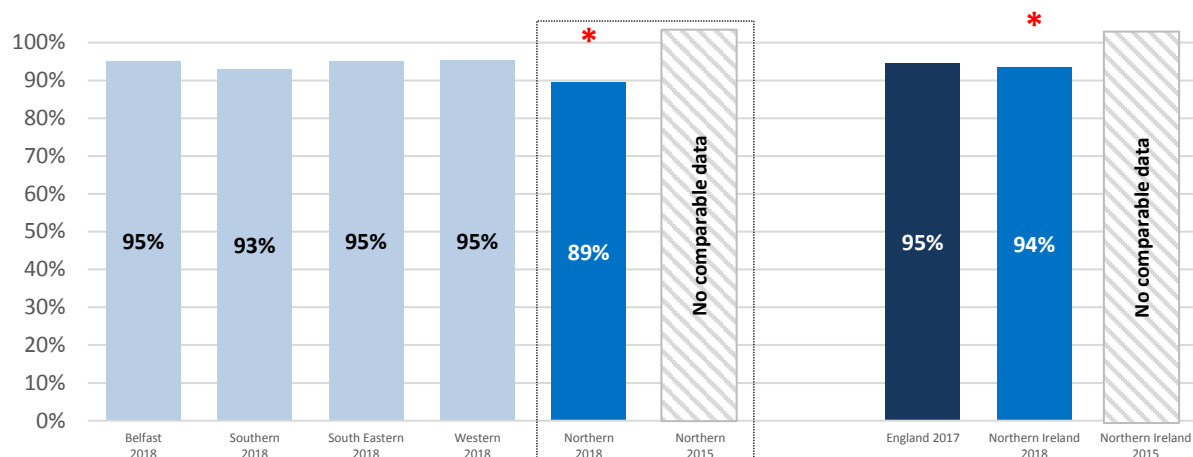
Number of responders for this Trust: 414

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Trust results

Diagnostic Tests

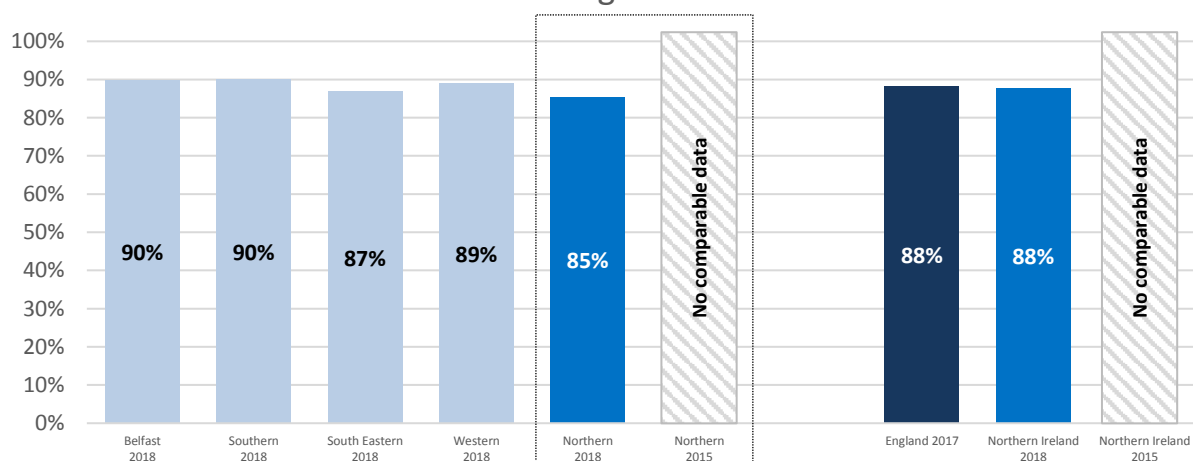
Q6 Patient had all the information needed about their test beforehand



Number of responders for this Trust: 218

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Q7 Patient thought length of time for test to be done was about right

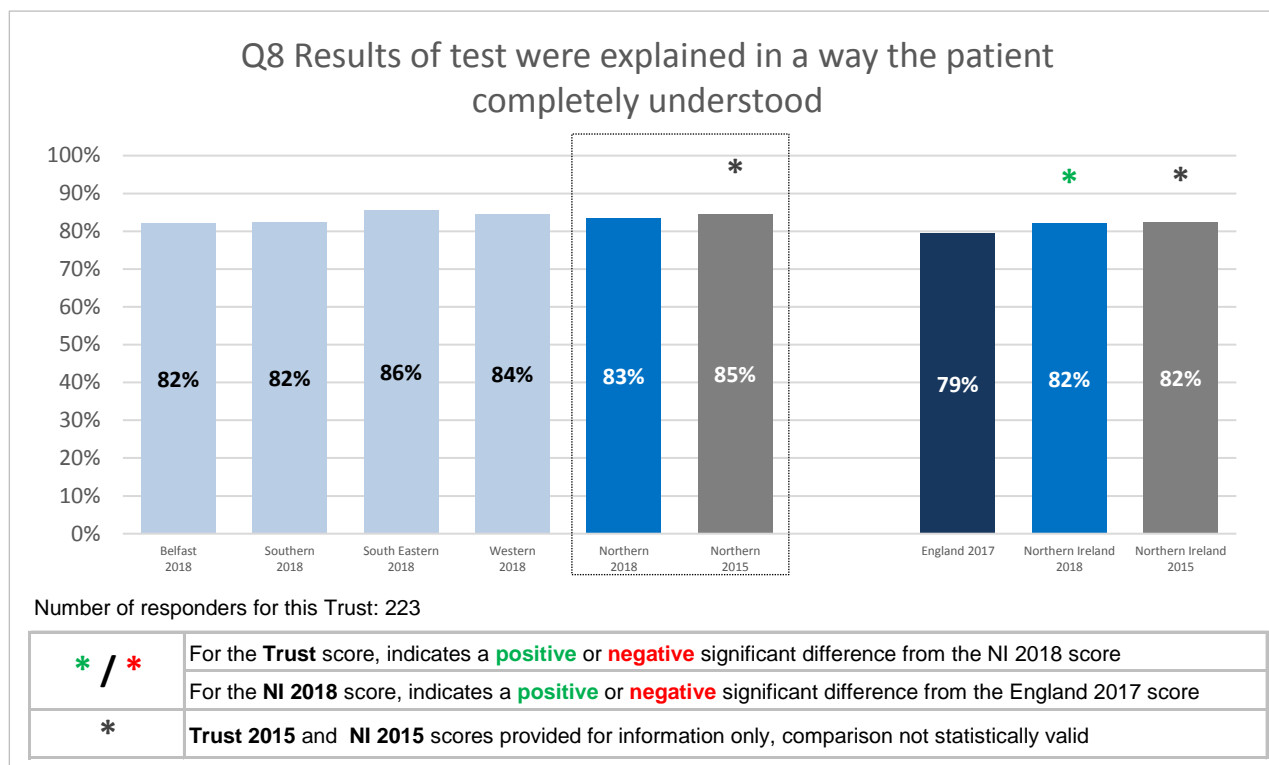


Number of responders for this Trust: 219

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Trust results

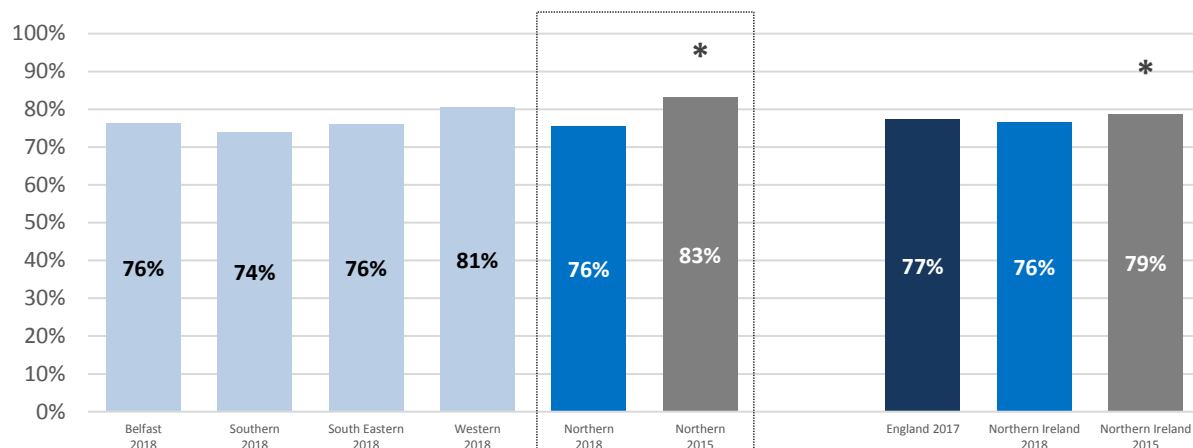
Diagnostic Tests (continued)



Trust results

Finding Out What Was Wrong With You

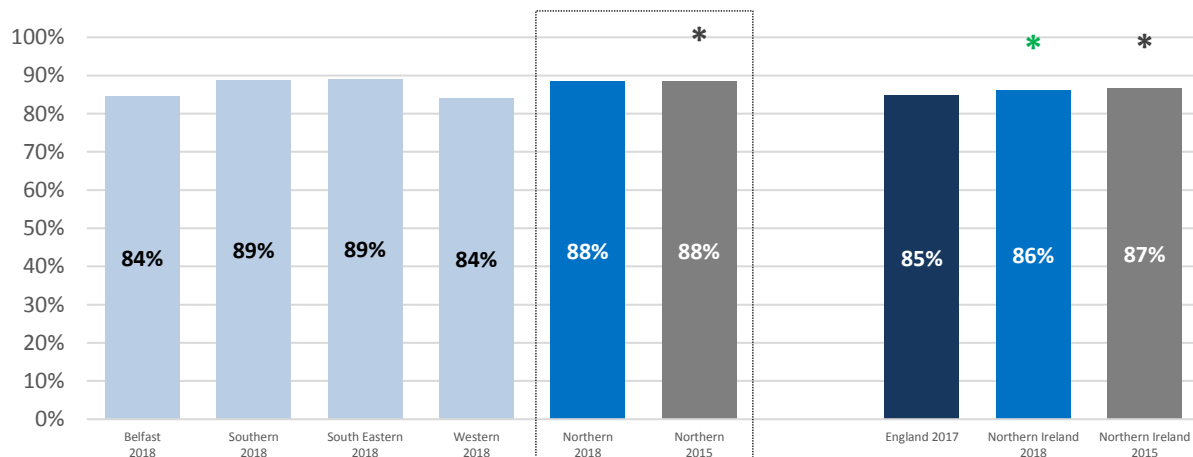
Q9 Patient had been told they could bring a family member or friend when they were first told about cancer



Number of responders for this Trust: 396

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Q10 Patient thought they were told they had cancer in a sensitive manner

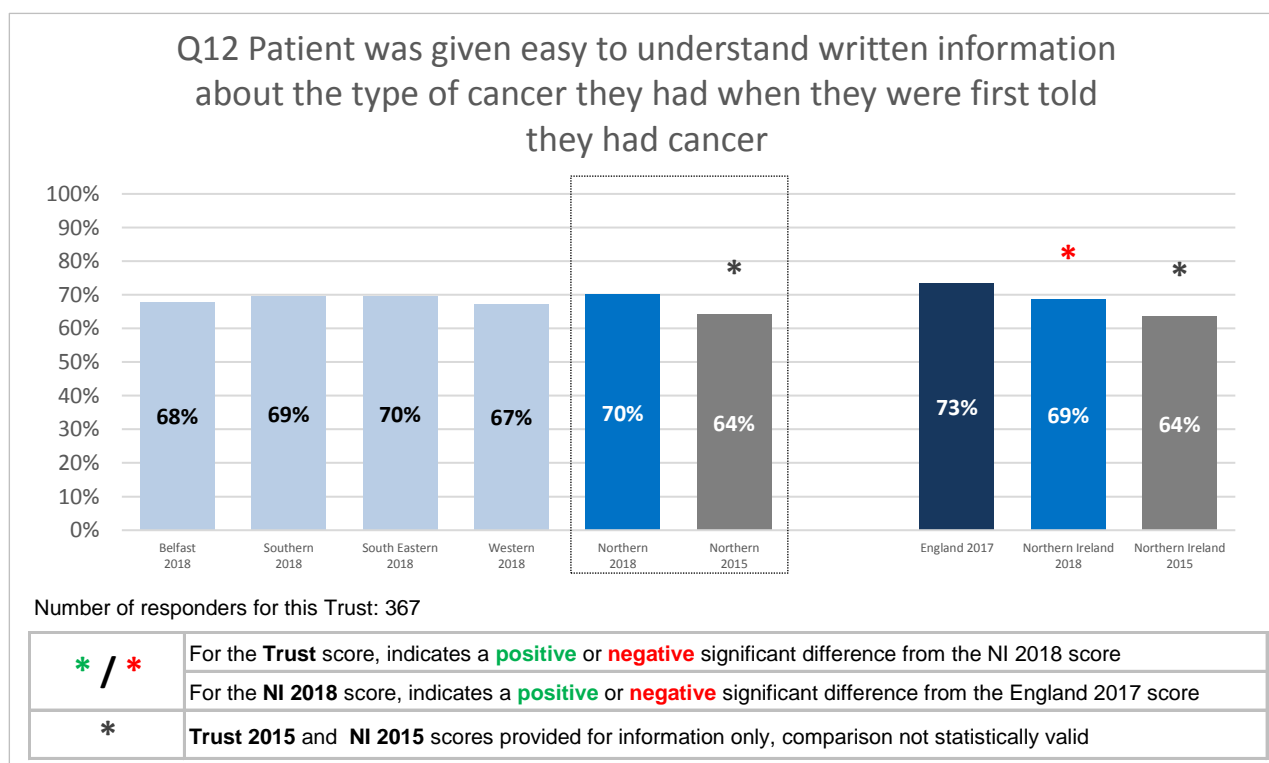
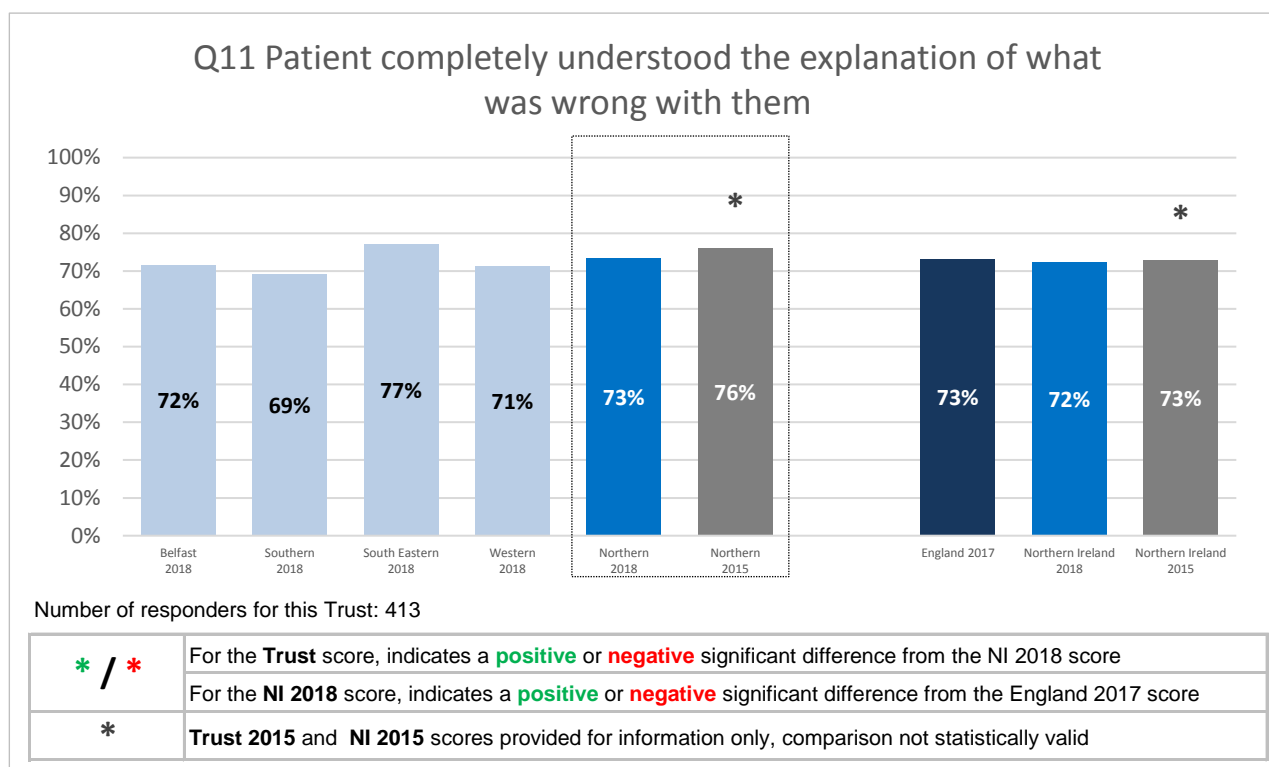


Number of responders for this Trust: 415

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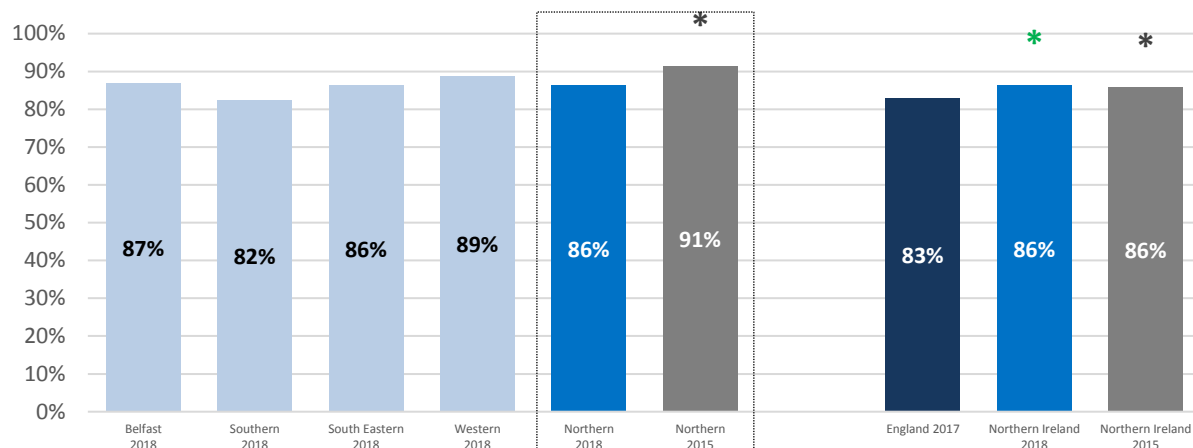
Finding Out What Was Wrong With You (continued)



Trust results

Deciding The Best Treatment For You

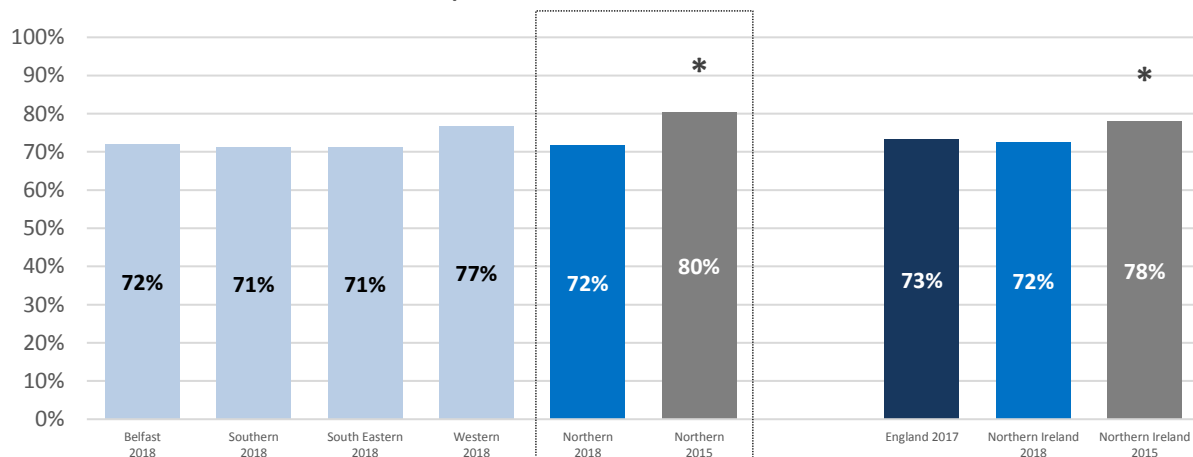
Q13 Treatment options were completely explained to patient before treatment started



Number of responders for this Trust: 358

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Q14 Side effects of treatment were definitely explained in a way the patient could understand



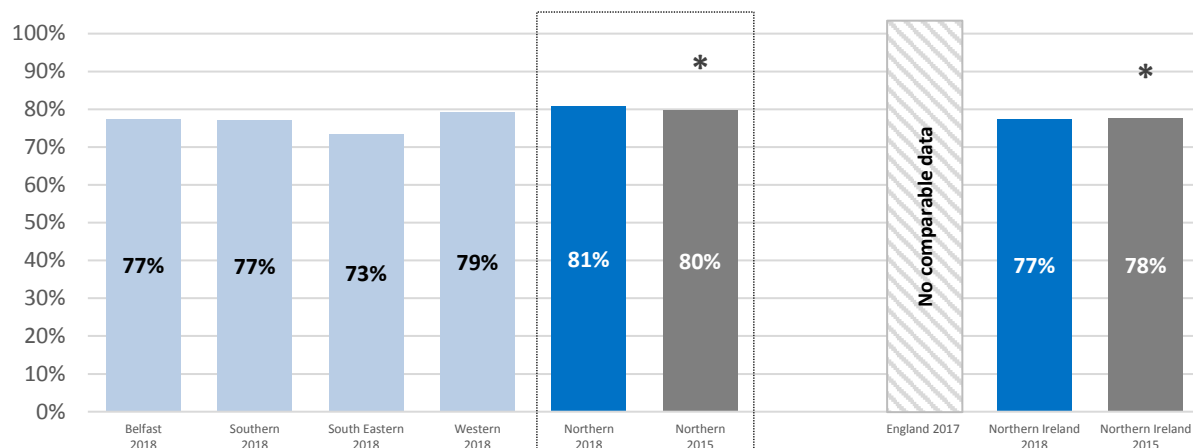
Number of responders for this Trust: 392

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Deciding The Best Treatment For You (continued)

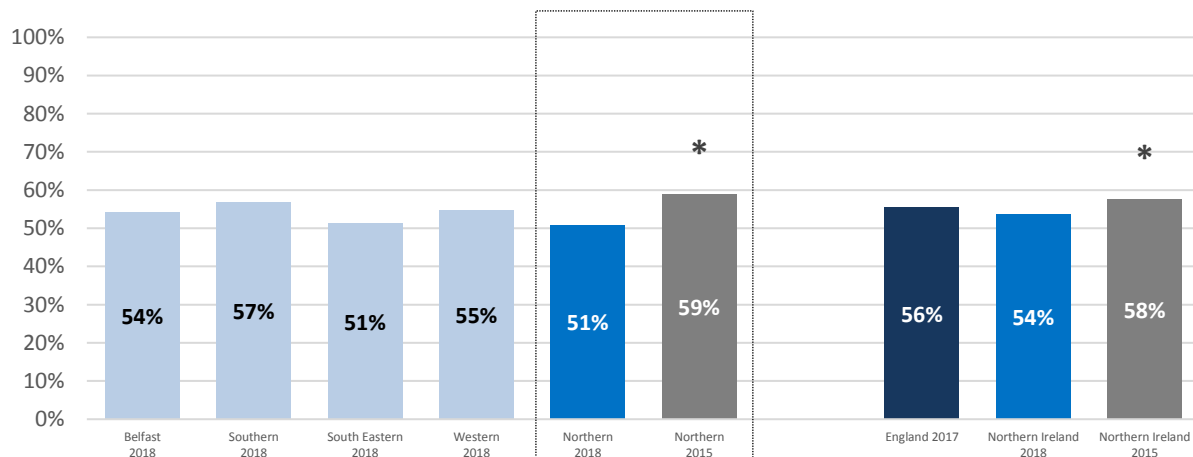
Q15 Patient was given easy to understand written information regarding side effects



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Q16 Patient was definitely told about future side effects before treatment

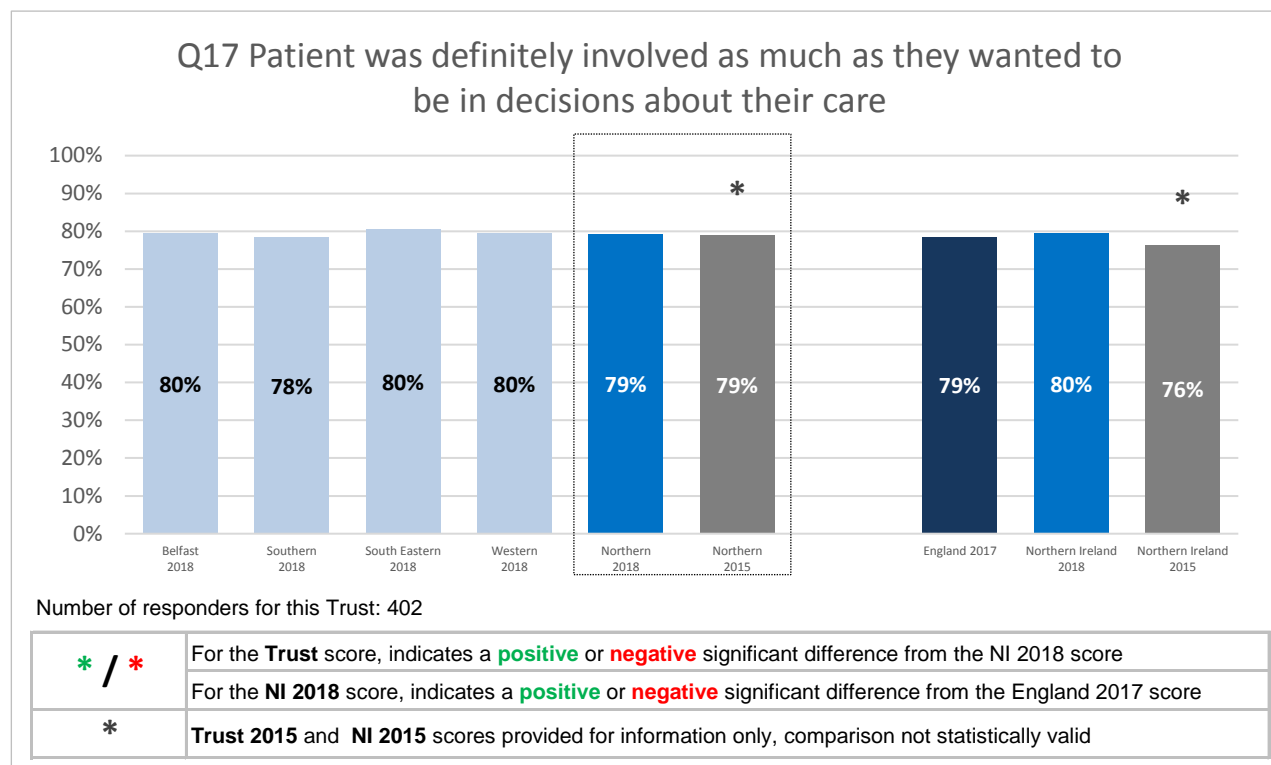


Number of responders for this Trust: 356

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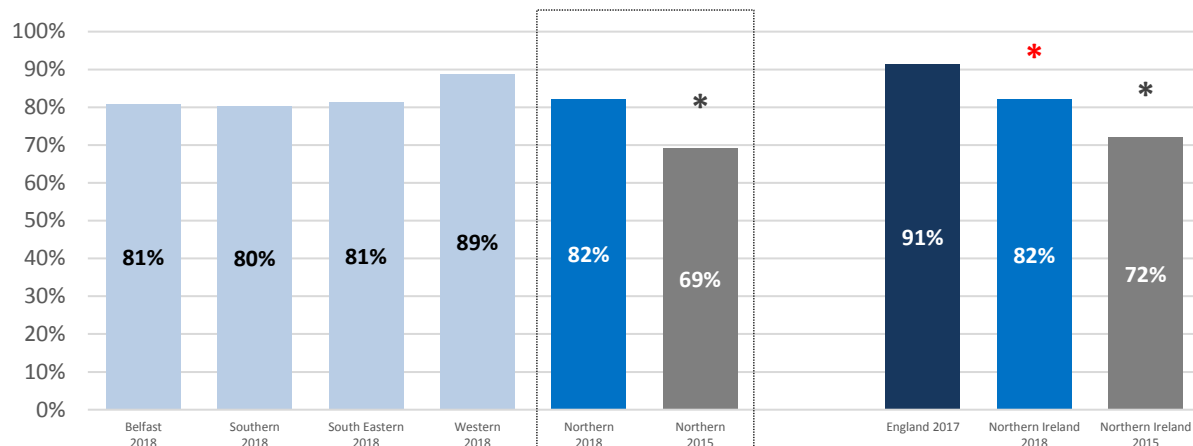
Deciding The Best Treatment For You (continued)



Trust results

Clinical Nurse Specialist

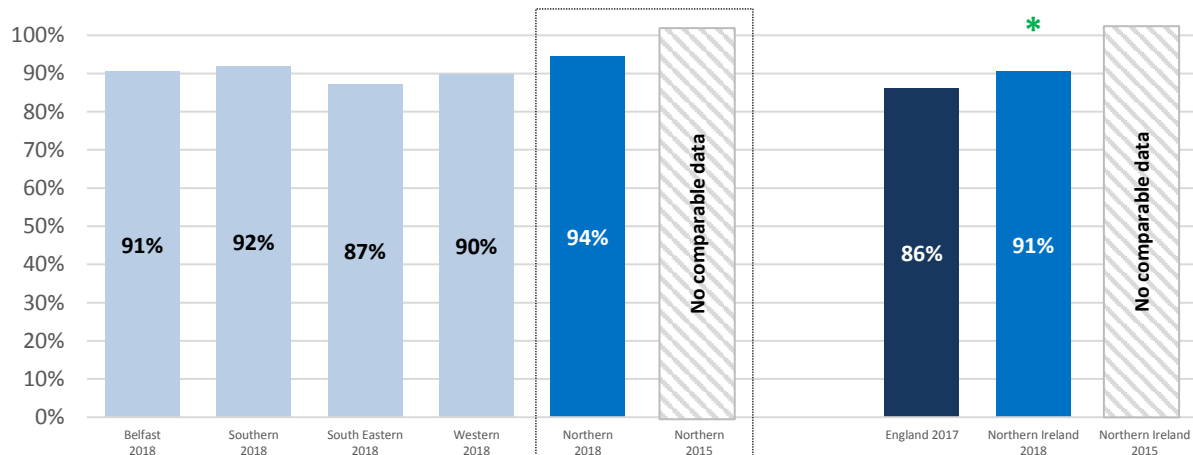
Q18 Patient was given the name of a Clinical Nurse Specialist who would support them through treatment



Number of responders for this Trust: 394

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Q19 Patient found it very easy or quite easy to contact their Clinical Nurse Specialist

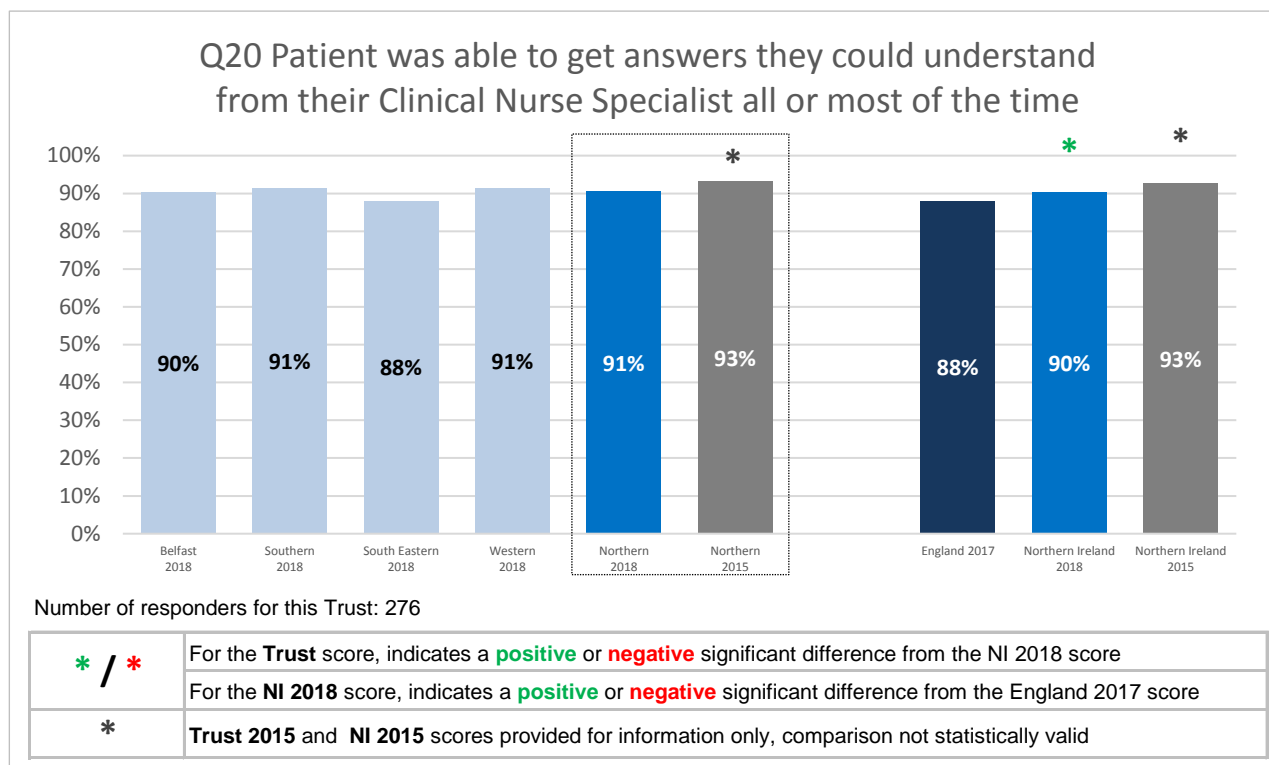


Number of responders for this Trust: 289

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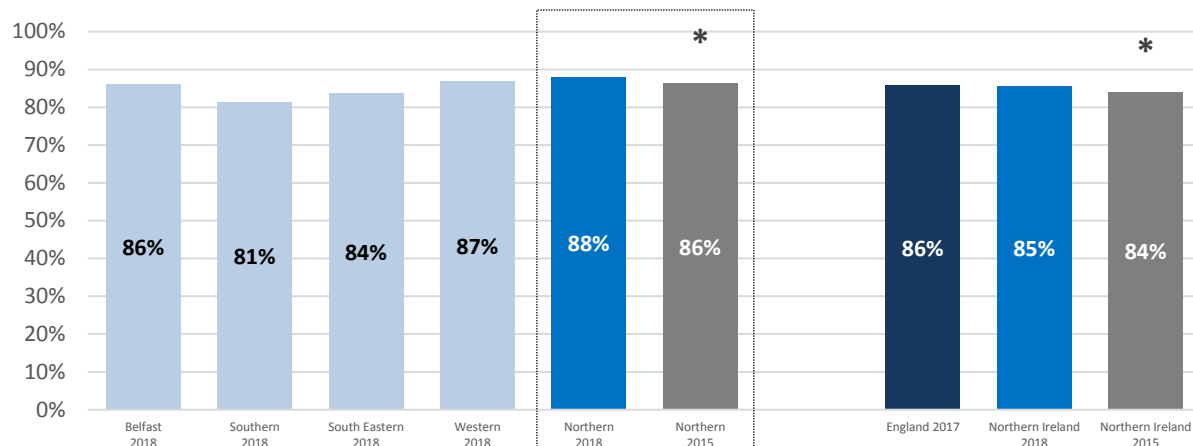
Clinical Nurse Specialist (continued)



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Support For People With Cancer

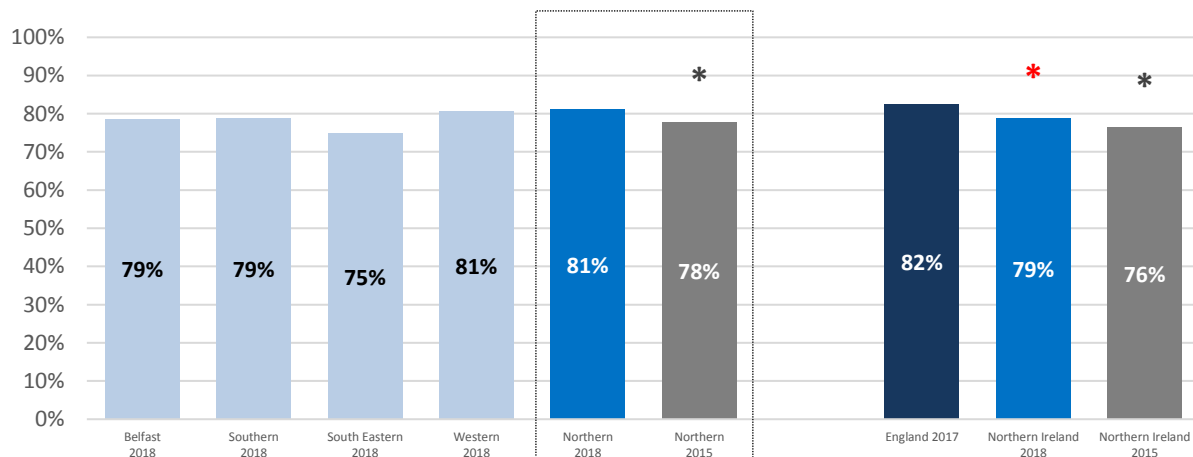
Q21 Patient was given information by hospital staff about support or self-help groups



Number of responders for this Trust: 352

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Q22 Staff discussed / gave patient information about the impact cancer could have on their work-life or education

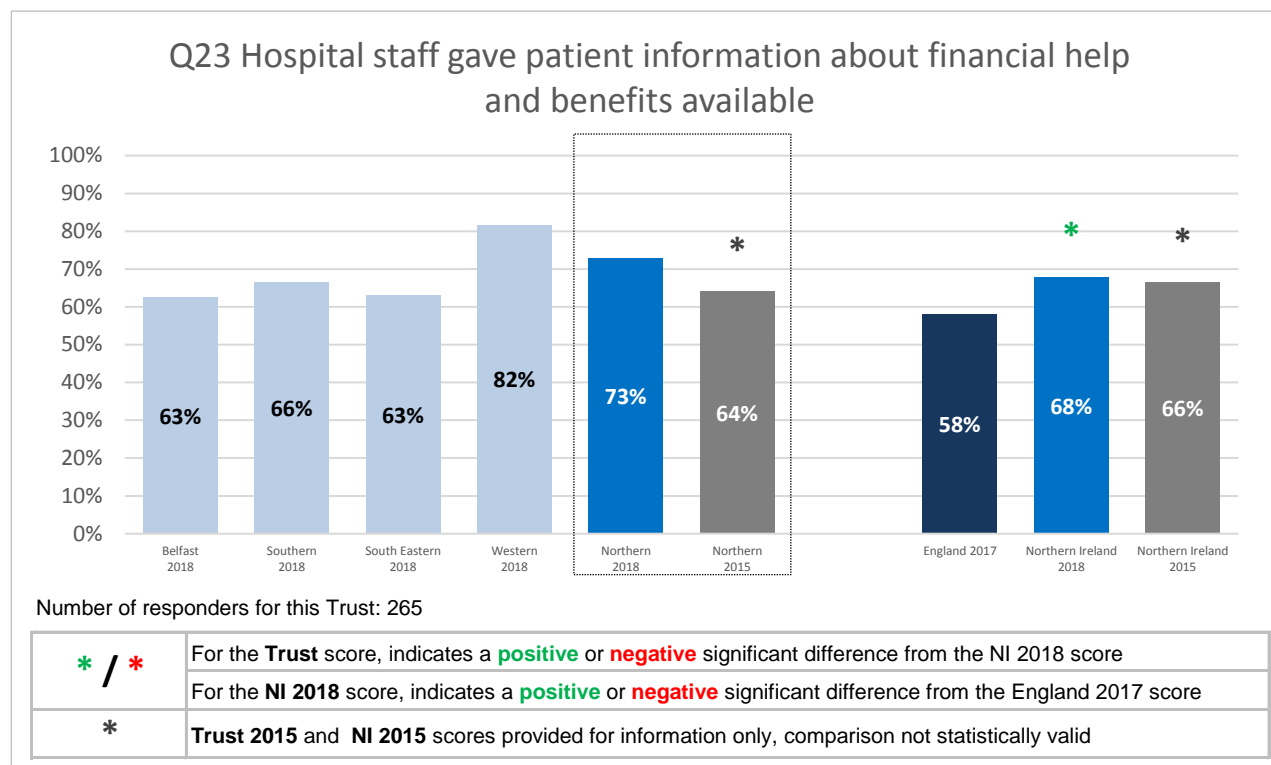


Number of responders for this Trust: 217

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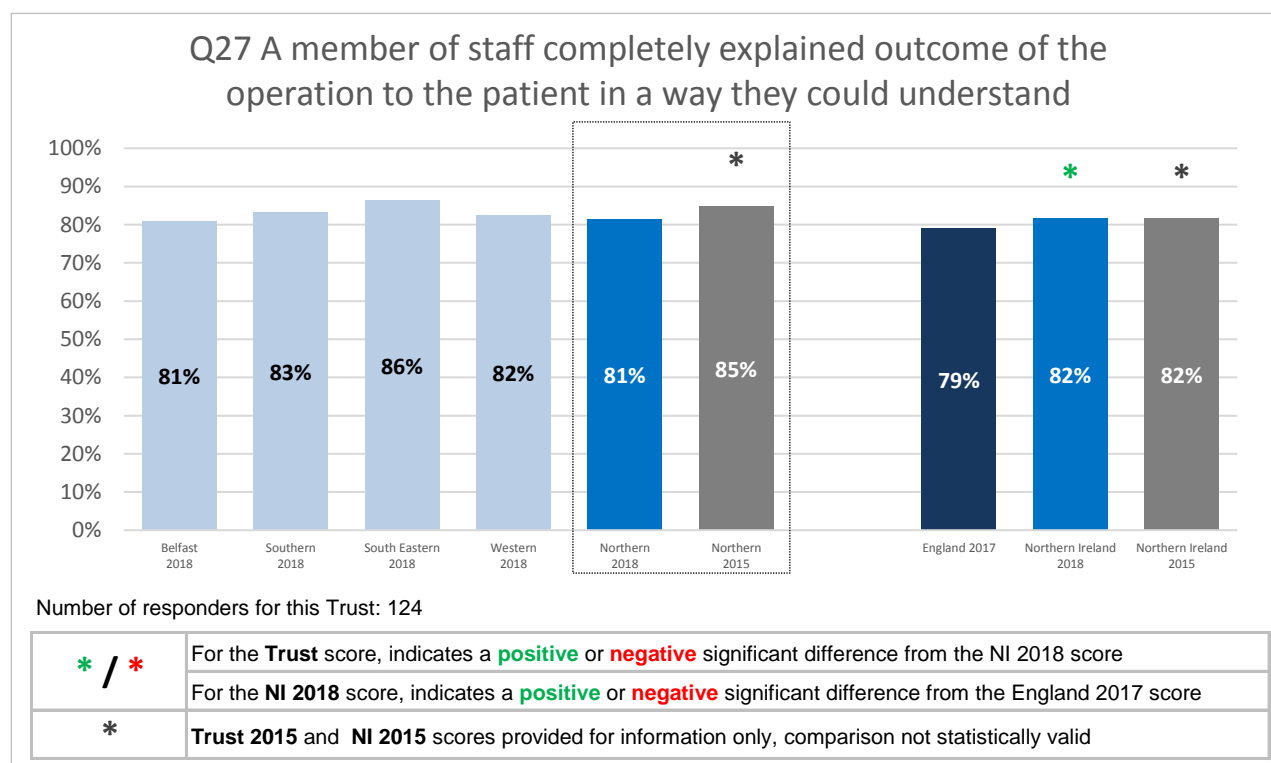
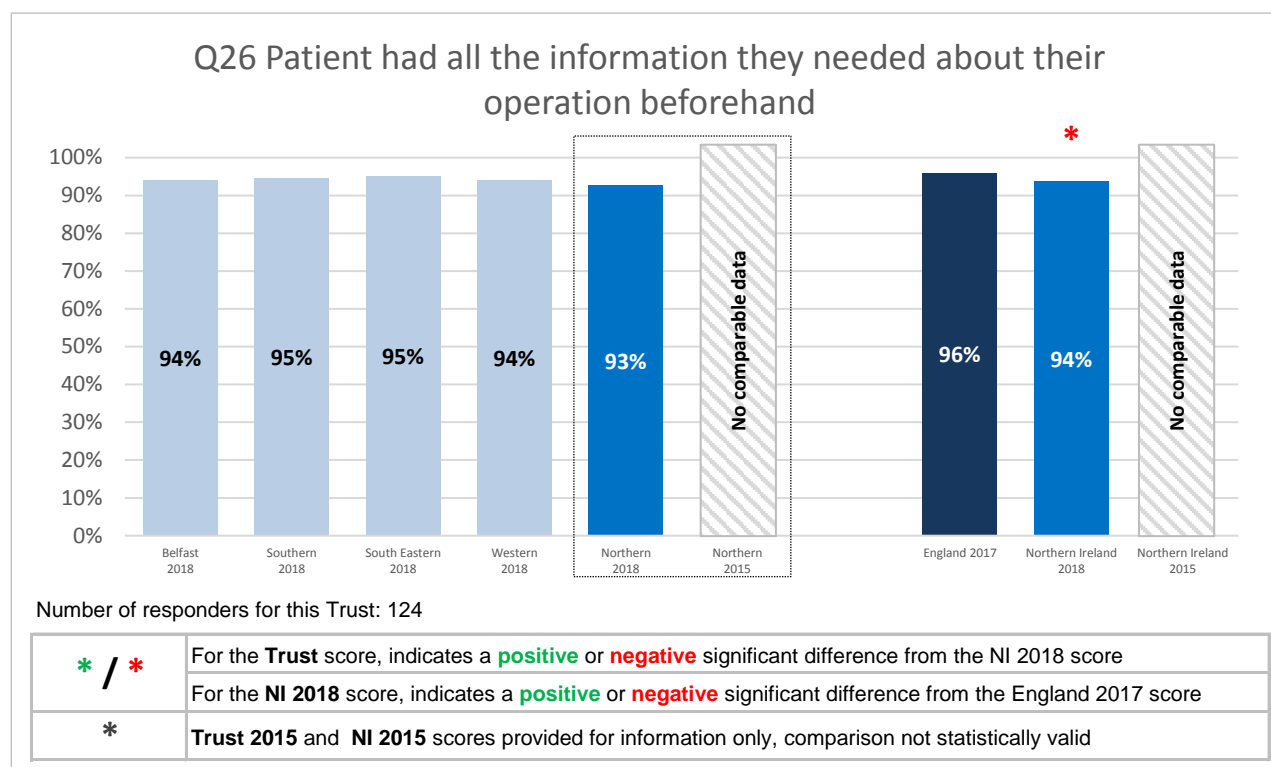
Trust results

Support For People With Cancer (continued)



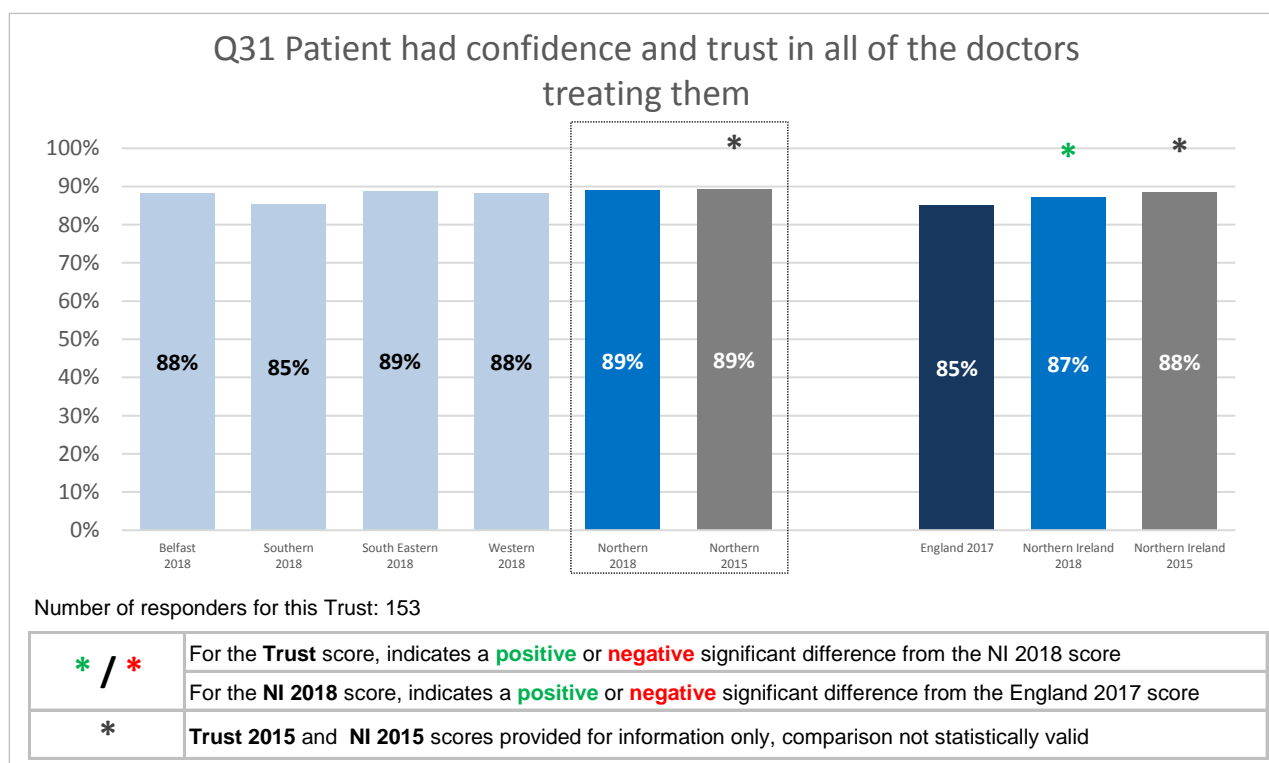
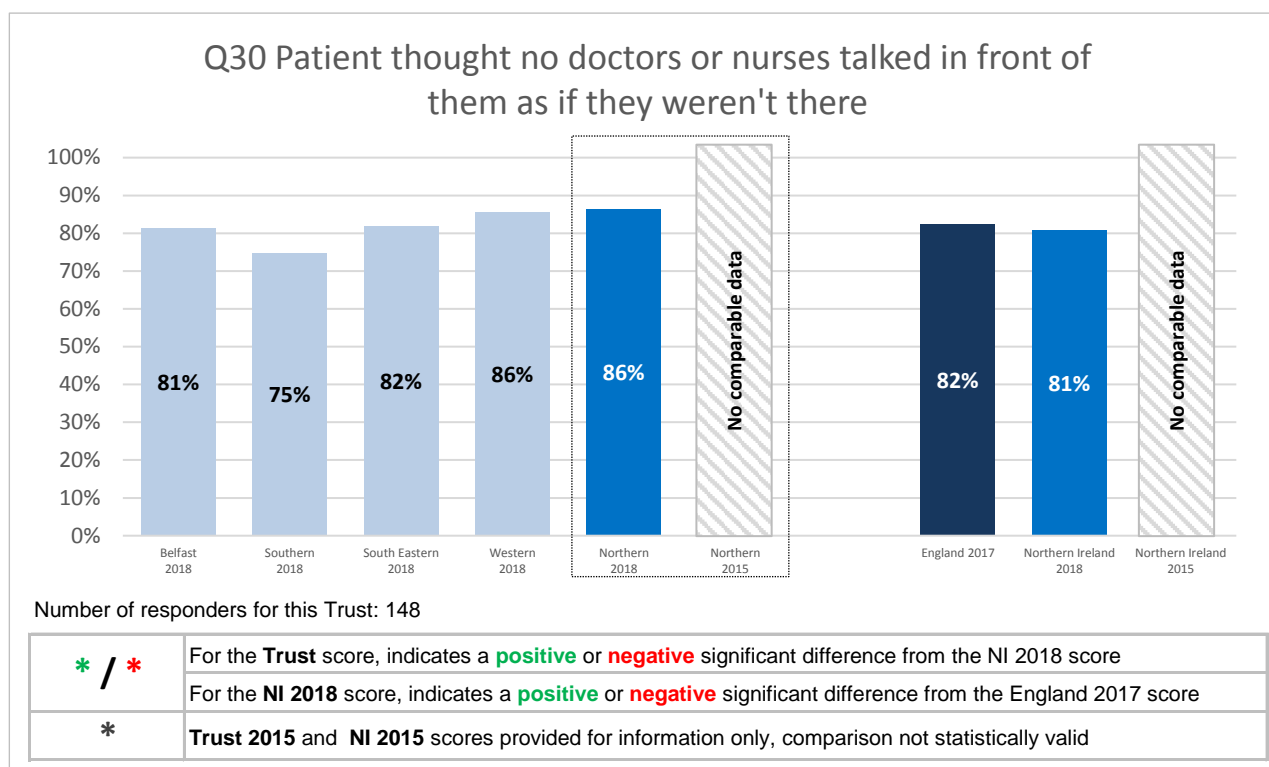
Trust results

Operations



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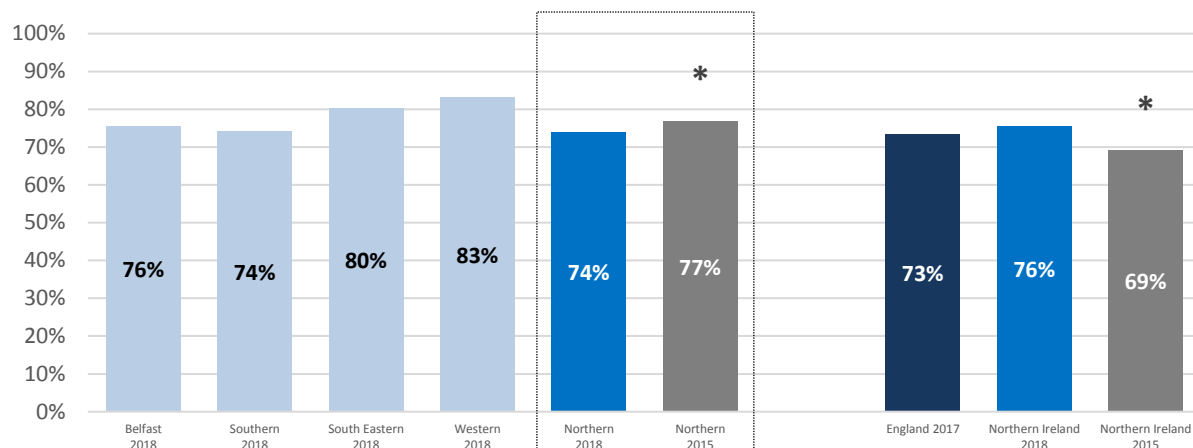
Hospital Care As An Inpatient



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Hospital Care As An Inpatient (continued)

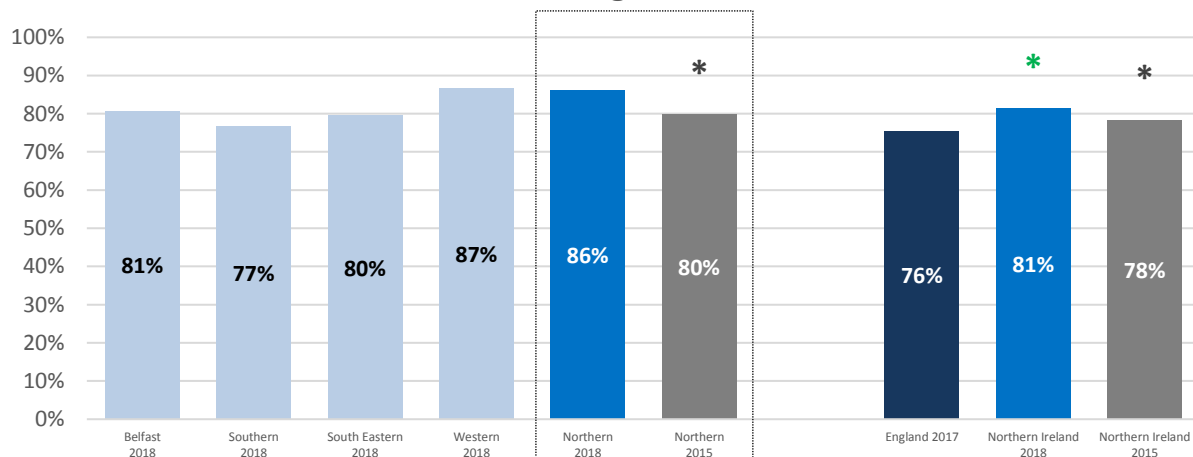
Q32 Family or friends of the patient were definitely able to talk to a doctor if they wanted to



Number of responders for this Trust: 127

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Q33 Patient had confidence and trust in all of the nurses treating them



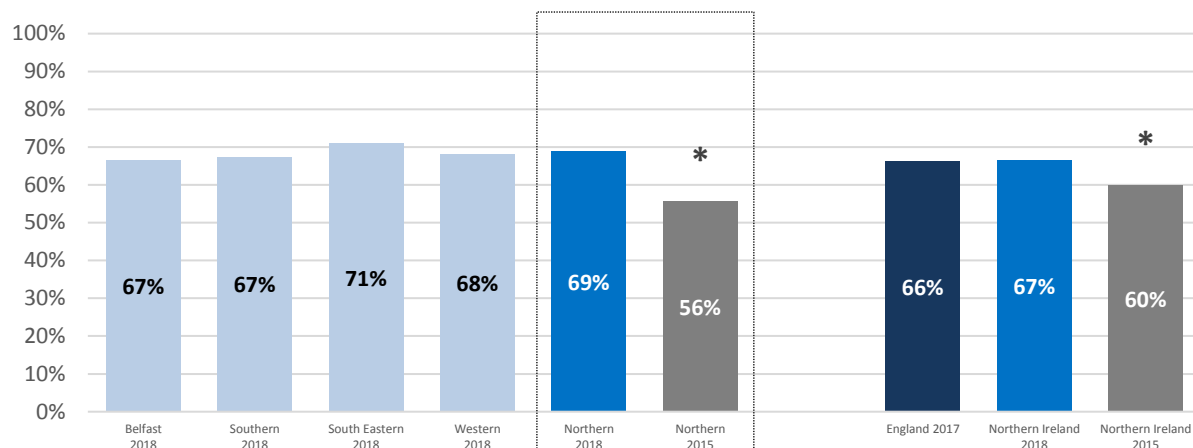
Number of responders for this Trust: 152

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Trust results

Hospital Care As An Inpatient (continued)

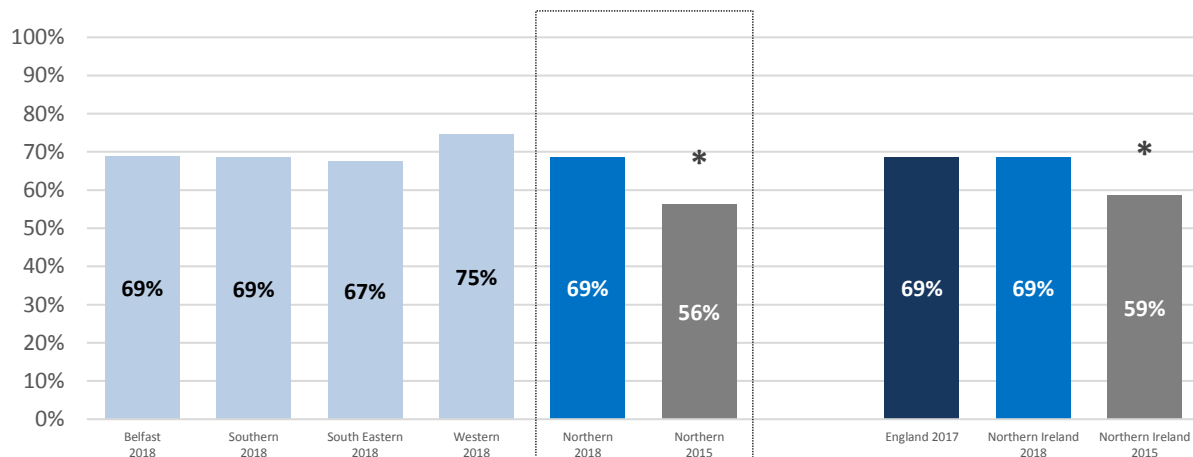
Q34 Patient thought there were always or nearly always enough nurses on duty to care for them in hospital



Number of responders for this Trust: 148

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Q35 Patient was asked which name they prefer to be called by all doctors and nurses



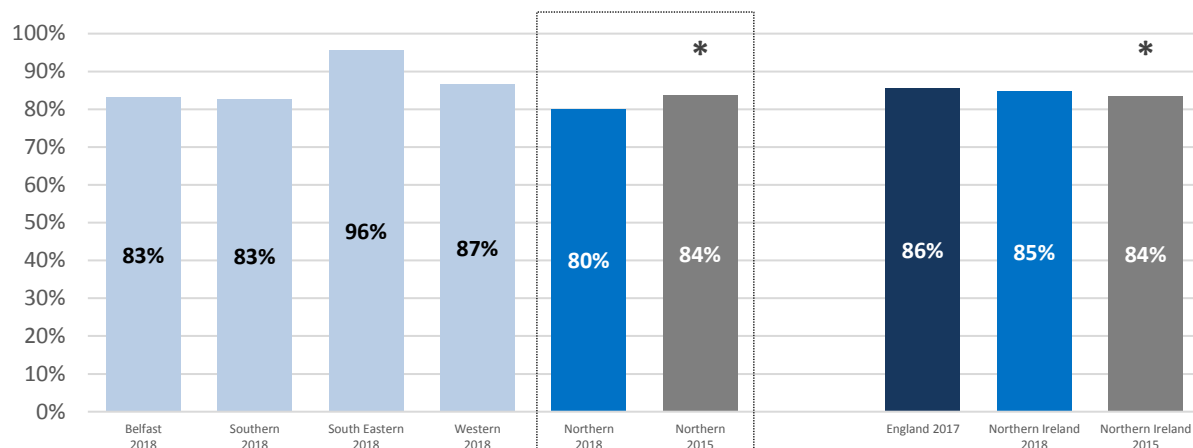
Number of responders for this Trust: 150

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Trust results

Hospital Care As An Inpatient (continued)

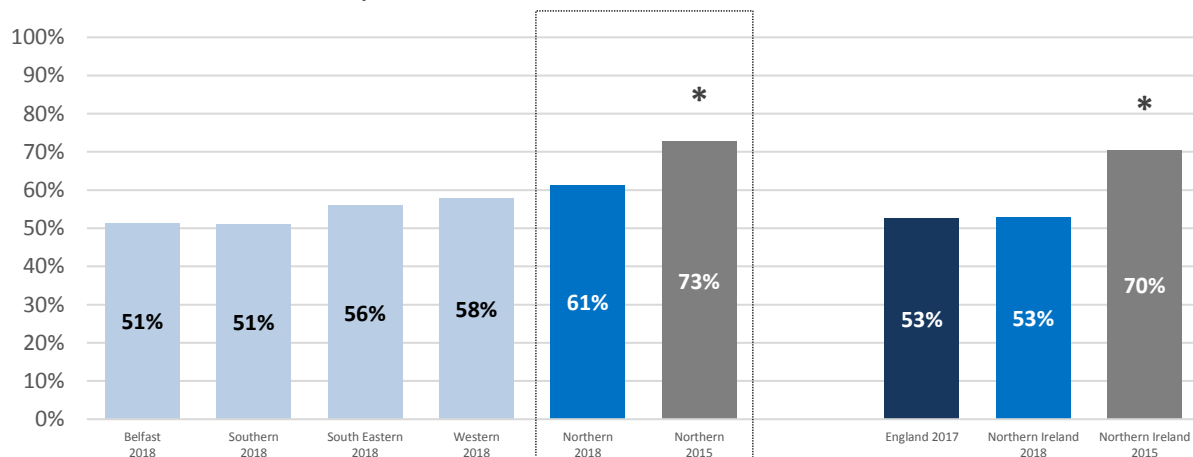
Q36 Patient was always given enough privacy when discussing their condition or treatment



Number of responders for this Trust: 151

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Q37 As an inpatient, patient was definitely able to find a member of hospital staff to talk to about their worries and fears

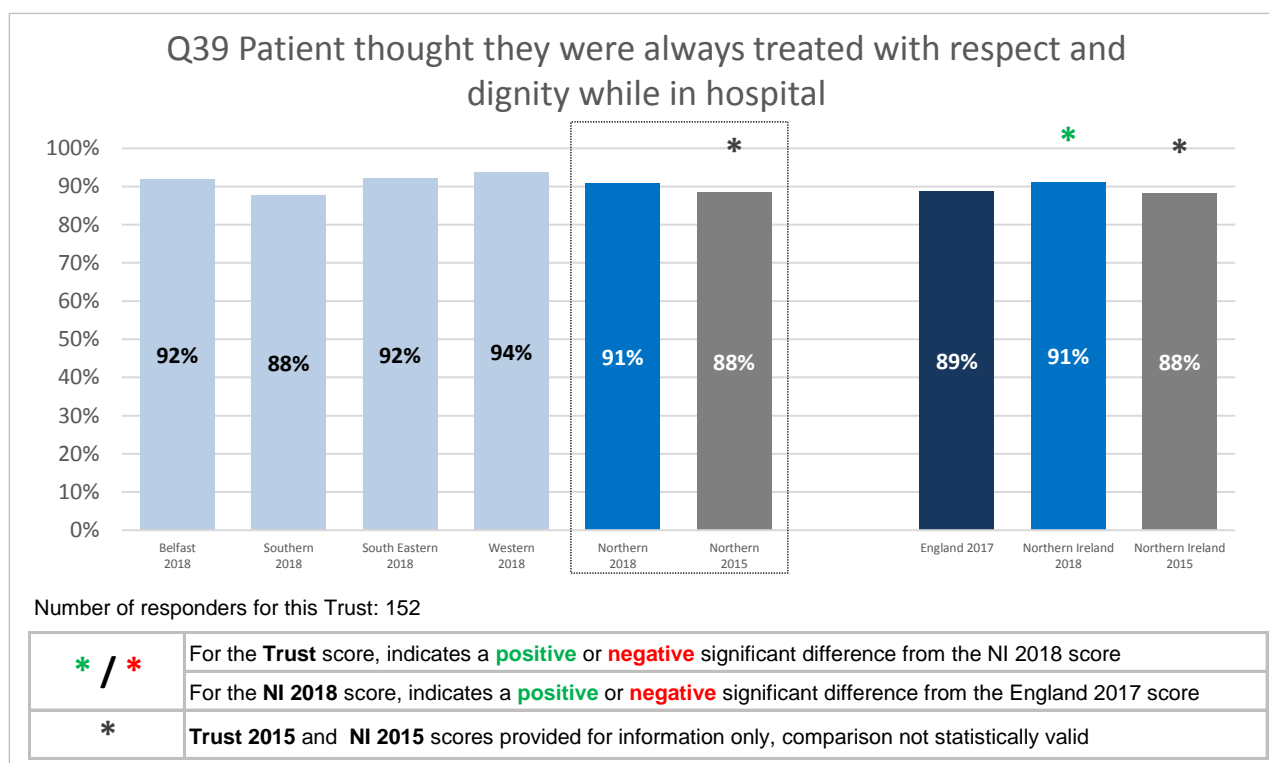
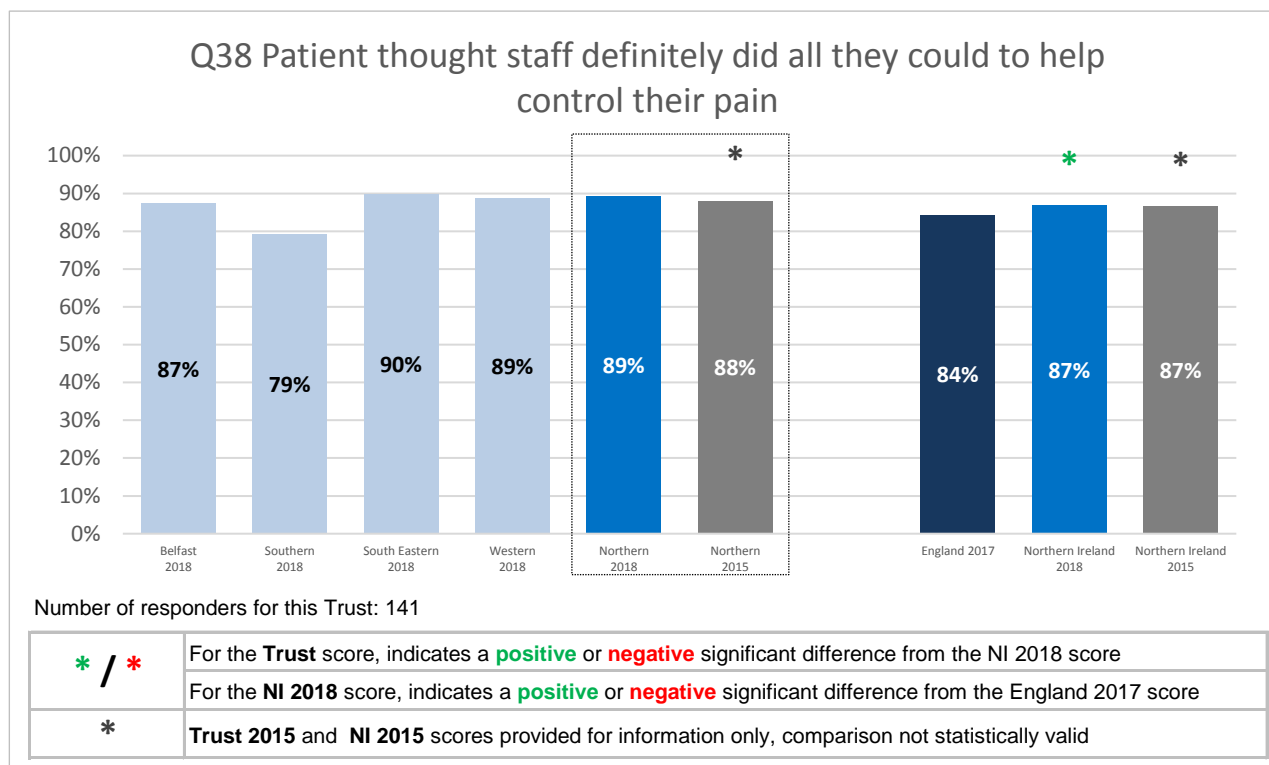


Number of responders for this Trust: 119

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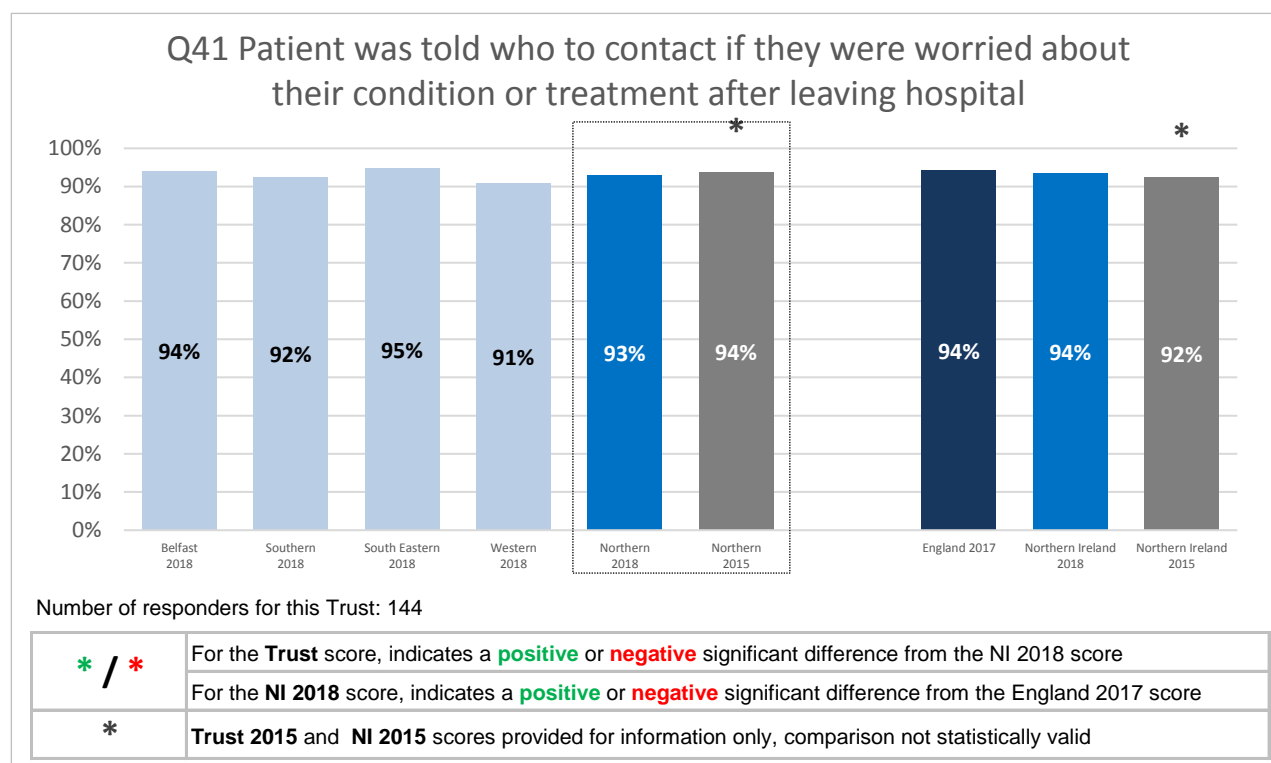
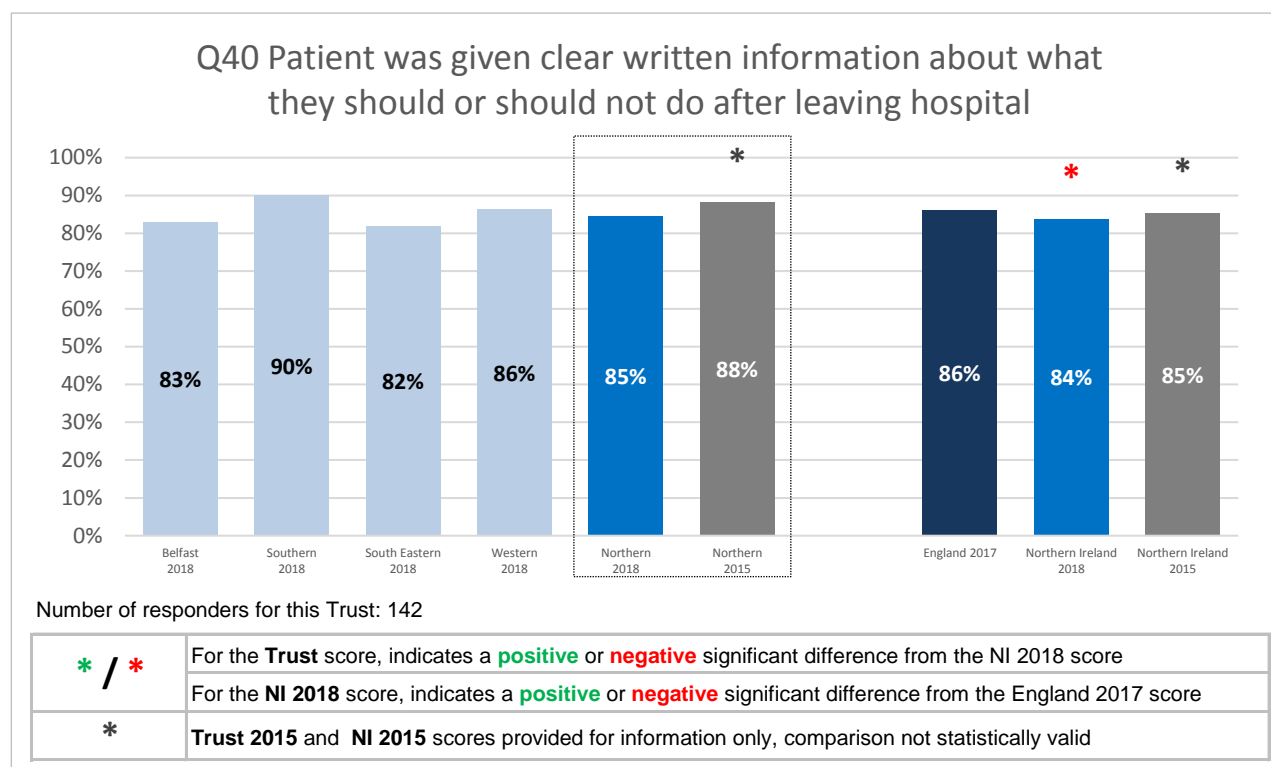
Trust results

Hospital Care As An Inpatient (continued)



Trust results

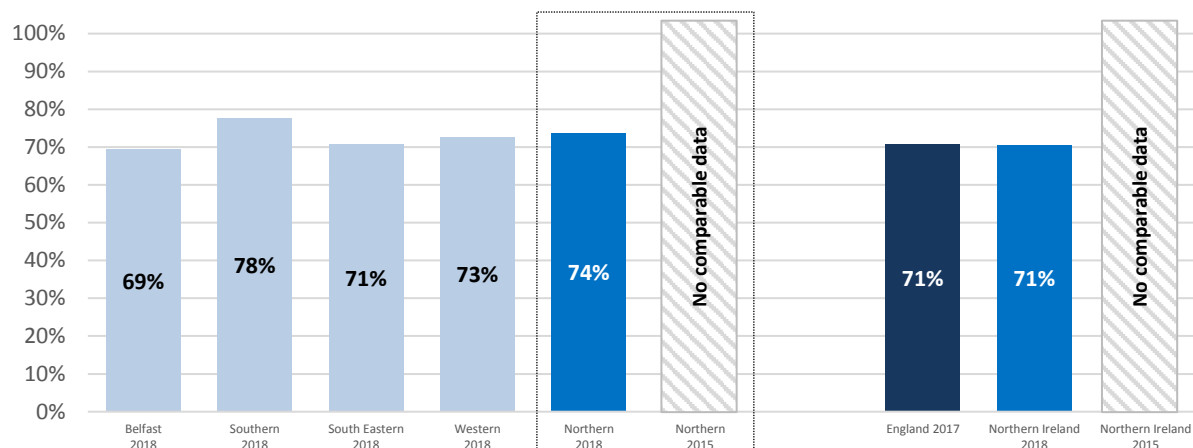
Hospital Care As An Inpatient (continued)



Trust results

Hospital Care As A Day Patient / Outpatient

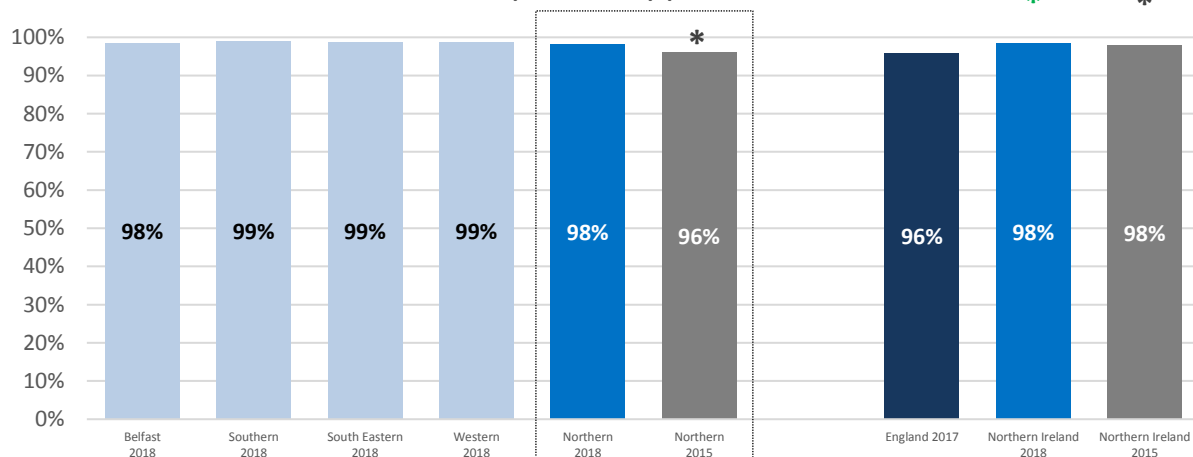
Q44 As an outpatient, patient was able to find a member of hospital staff to talk to about their worries and fears



Number of responders for this Trust: 198

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Q45 Cancer doctor had the right documents during patient's last outpatient appointment



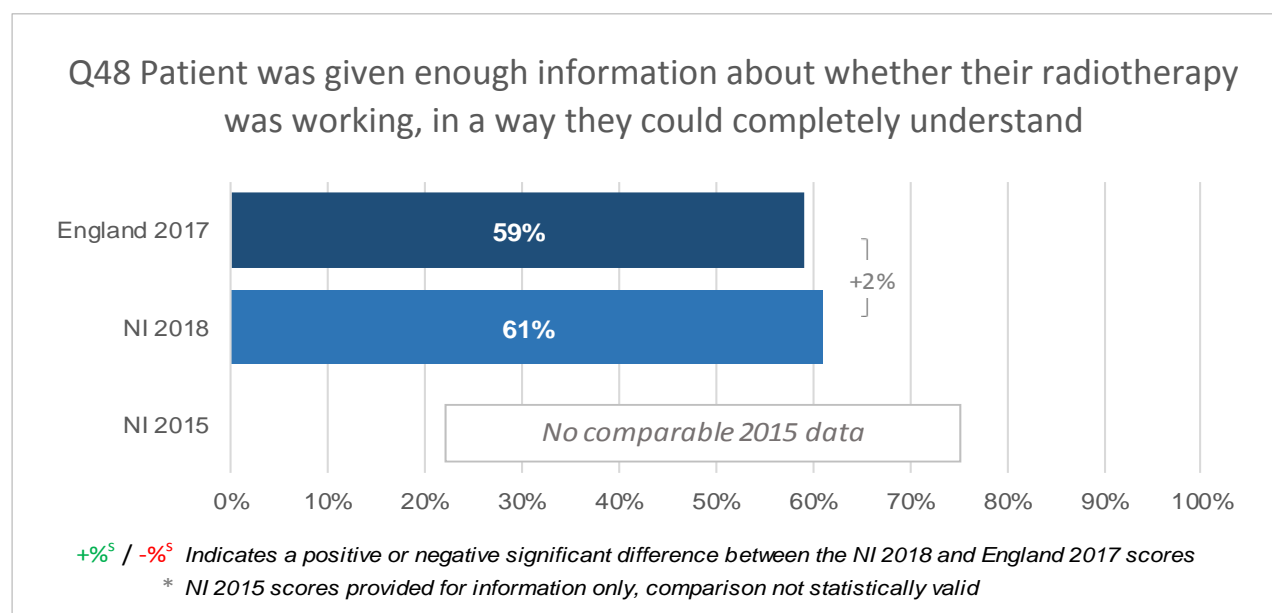
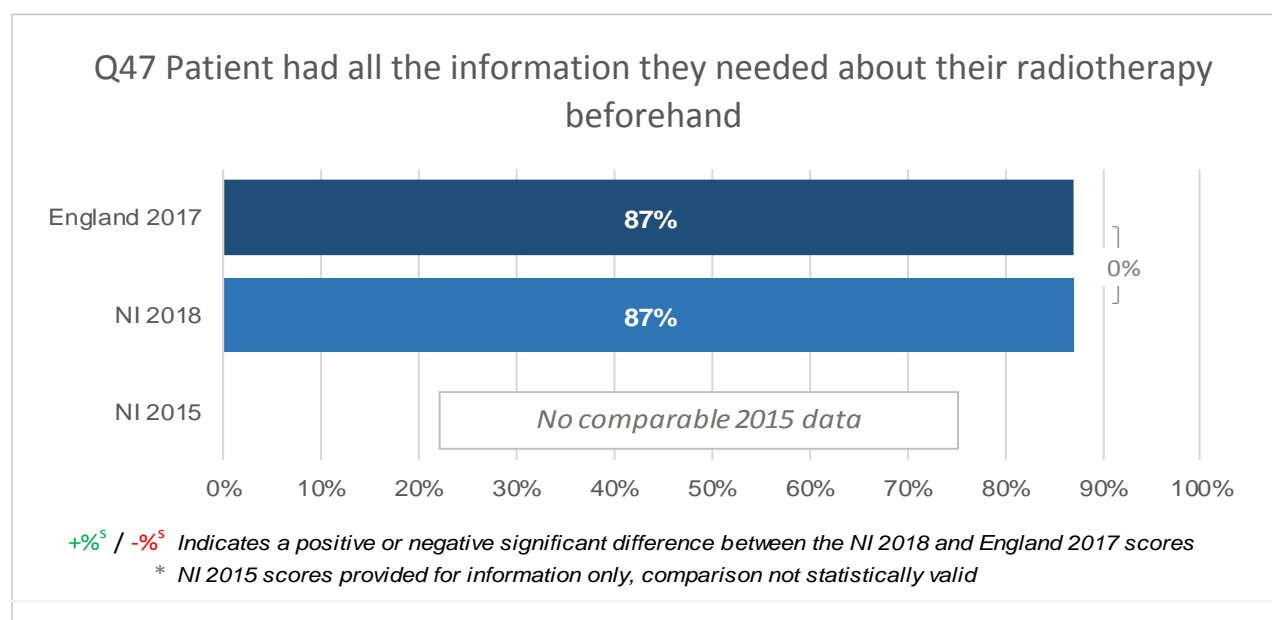
Number of responders for this Trust: 230

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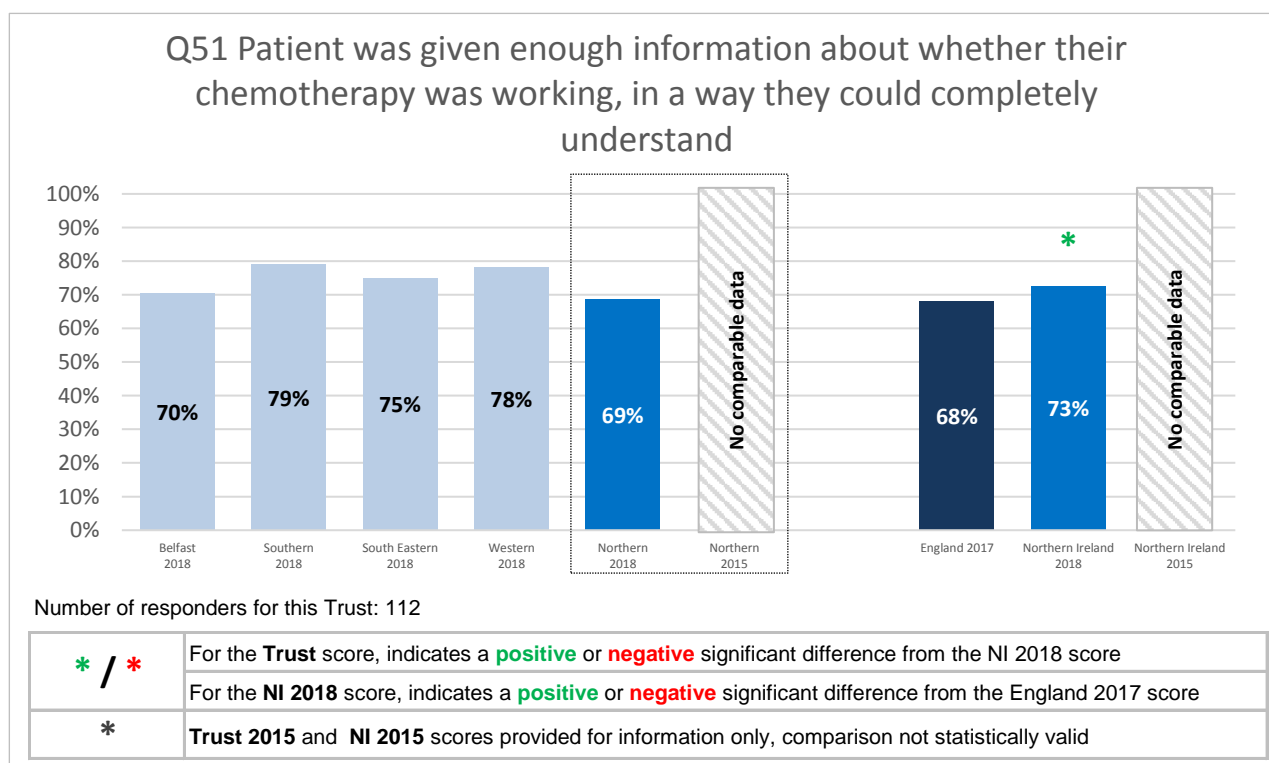
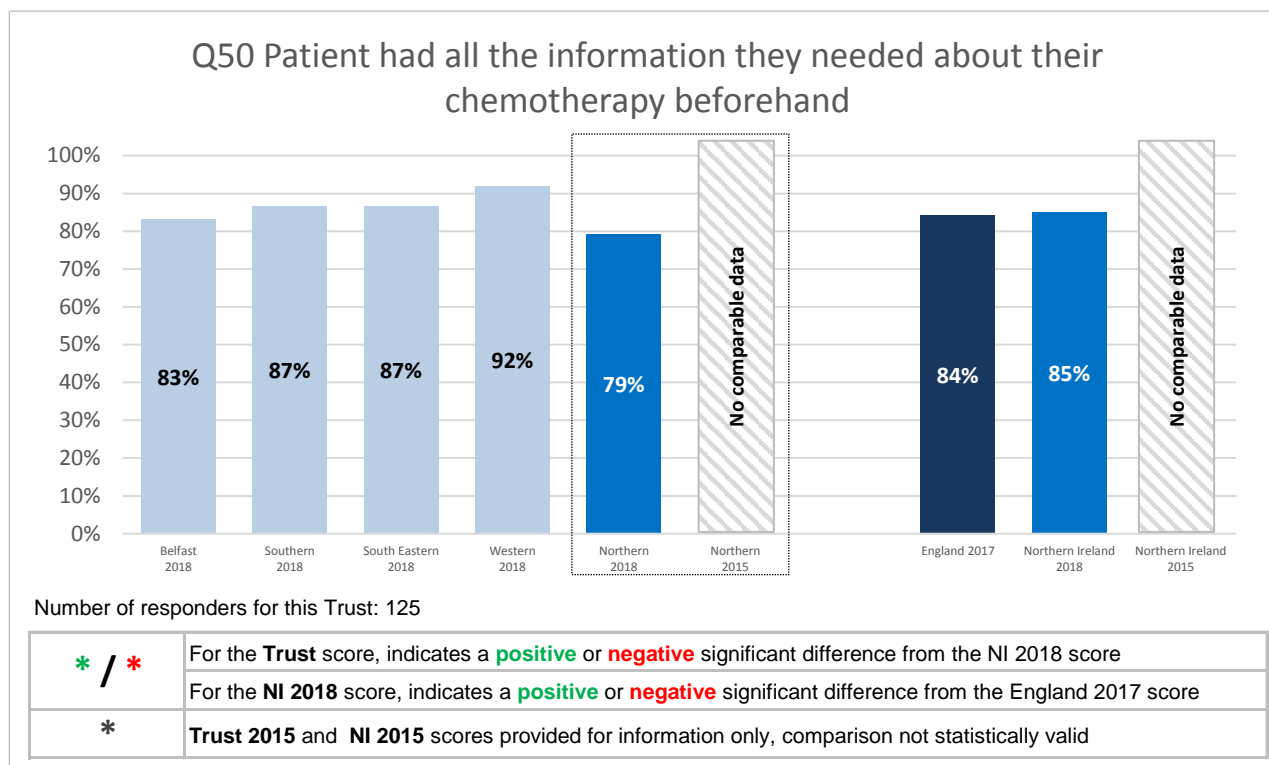
Hospital Care As A Day Patient / Outpatient (continued)

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Trust results

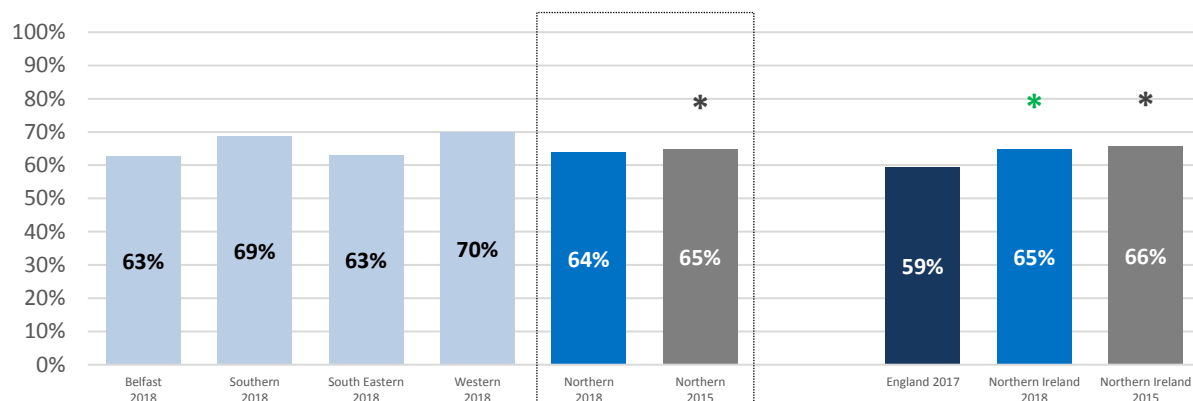
Hospital Care As A Day Patient / Outpatient (continued)



Trust results

Home Care And Support

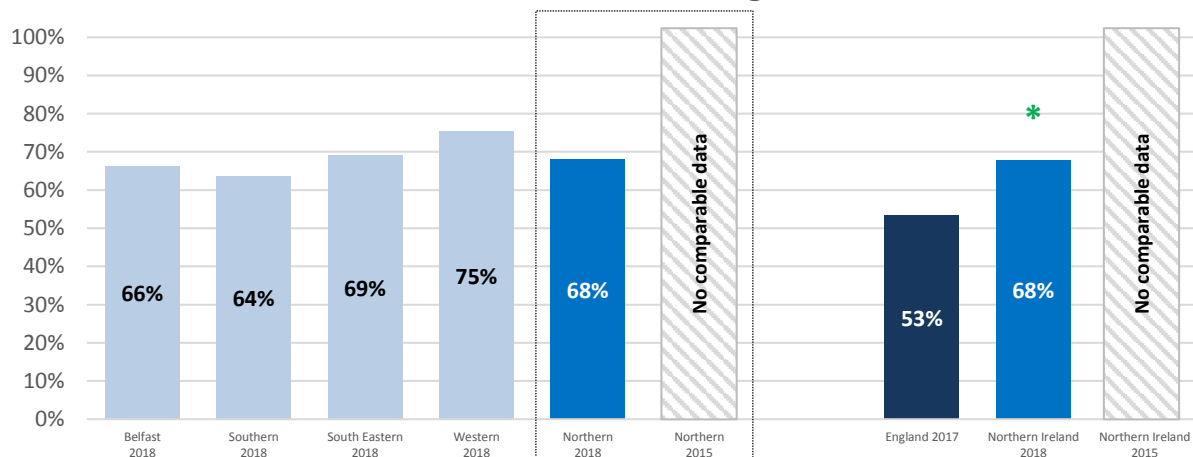
Q52 Doctors or nurses definitely gave the patient's family or friends all the information they needed to help care for them at home



Number of responders for this Trust: 341

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Q53 Patient was definitely given enough care and support by health or social services during treatment

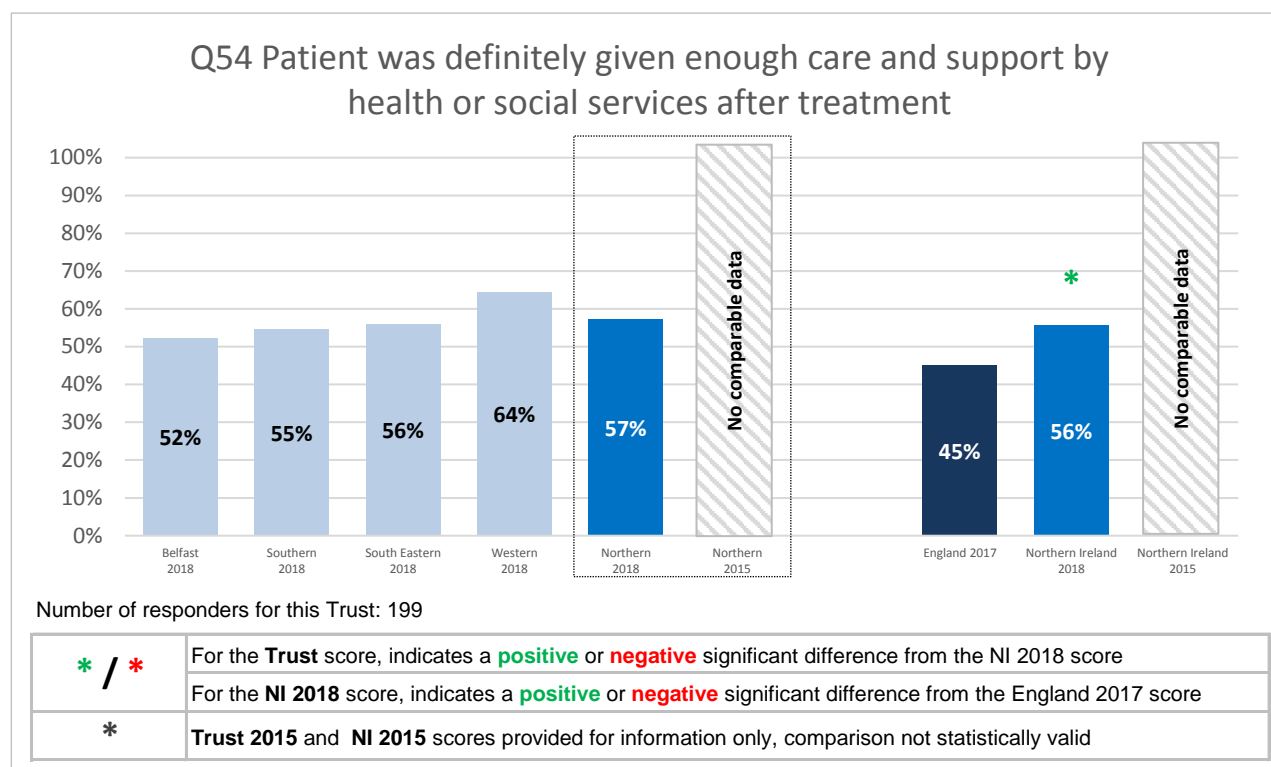


Number of responders for this Trust: 278

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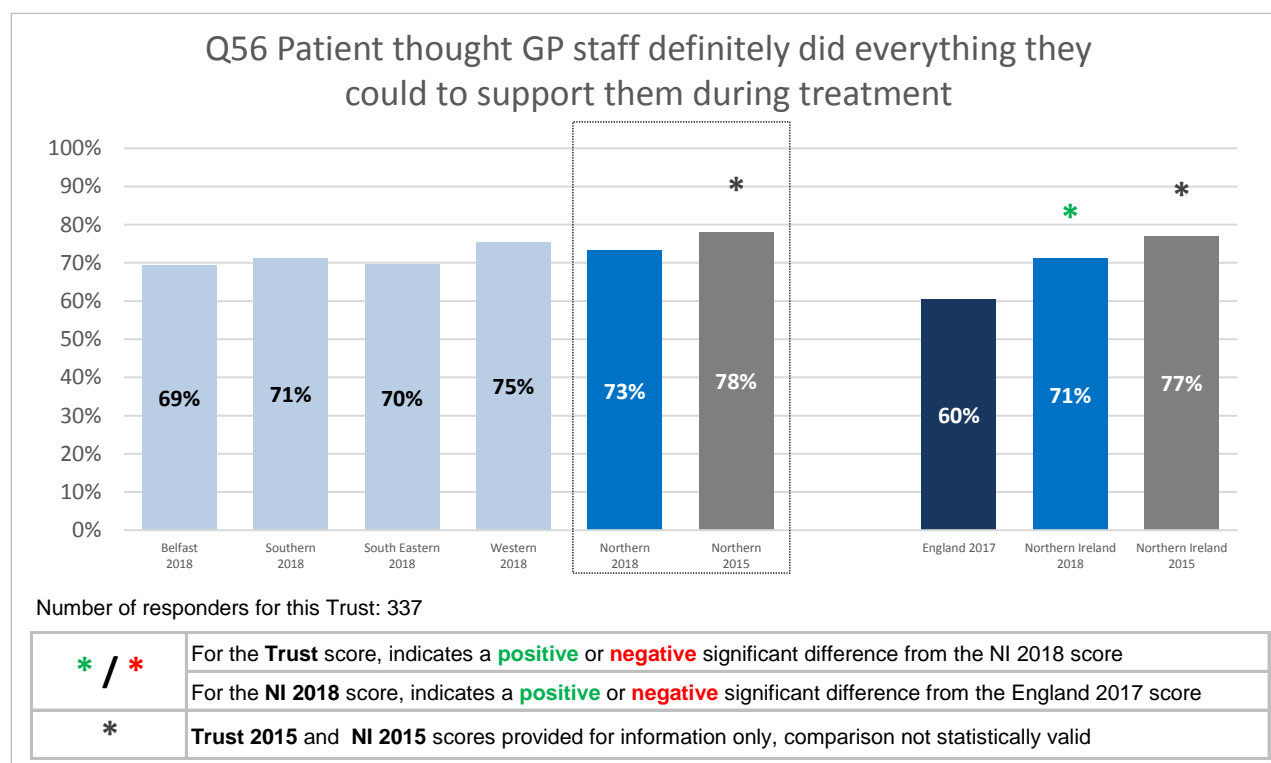
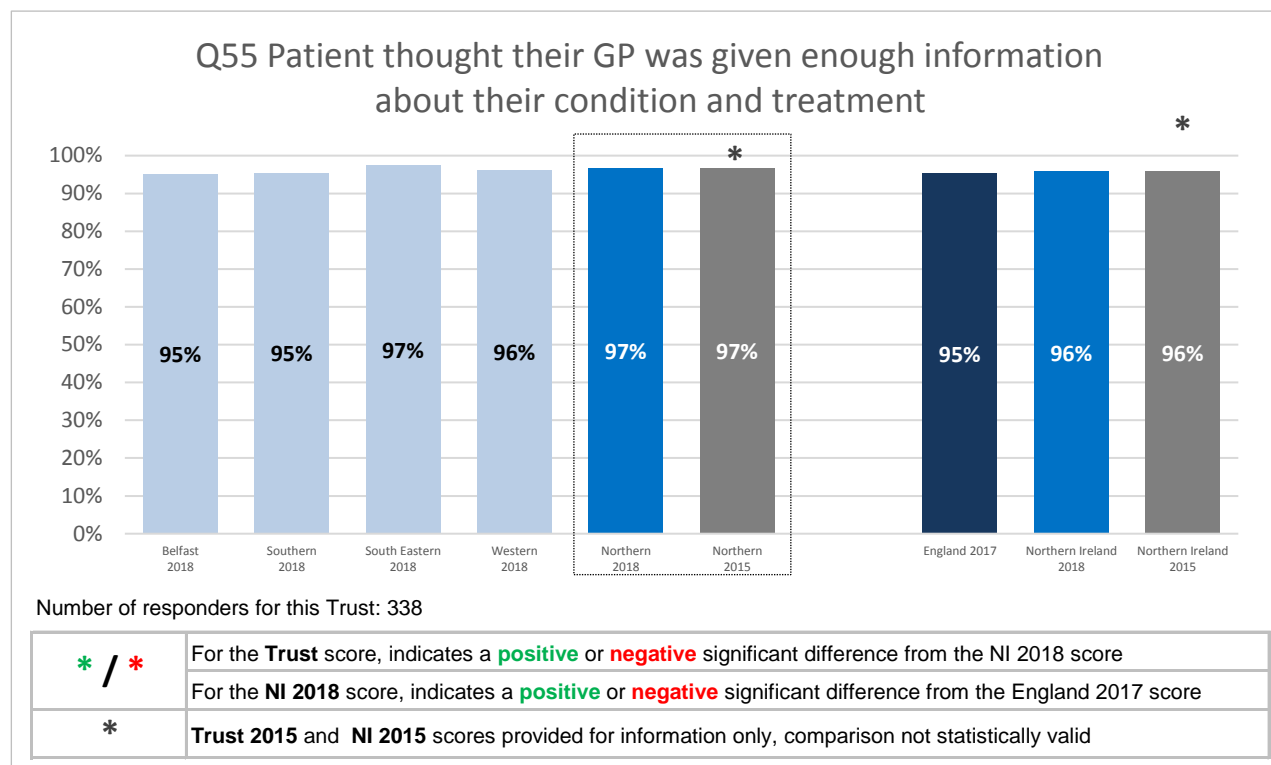
Trust results

Home Care And Support (continued)



Trust results

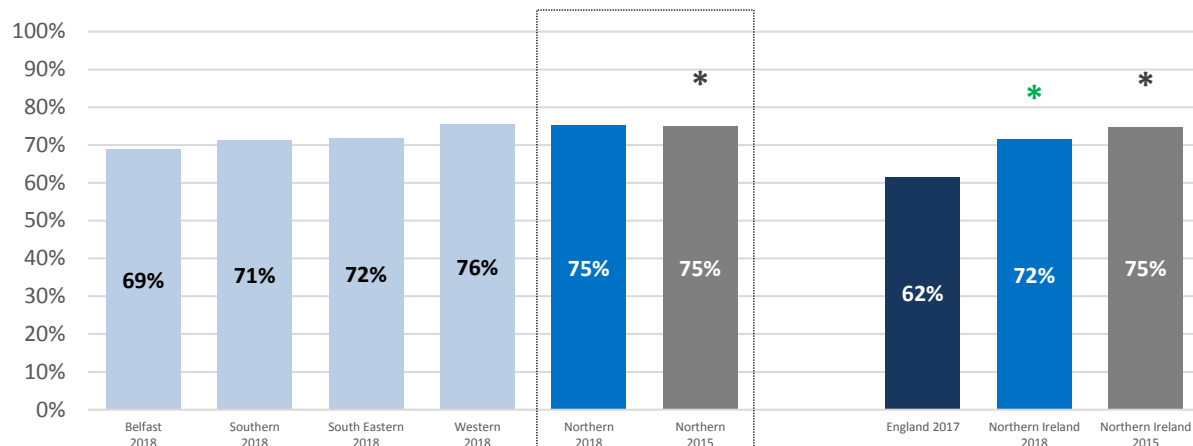
Care From Your General Practice



Trust results

Your Overall Care

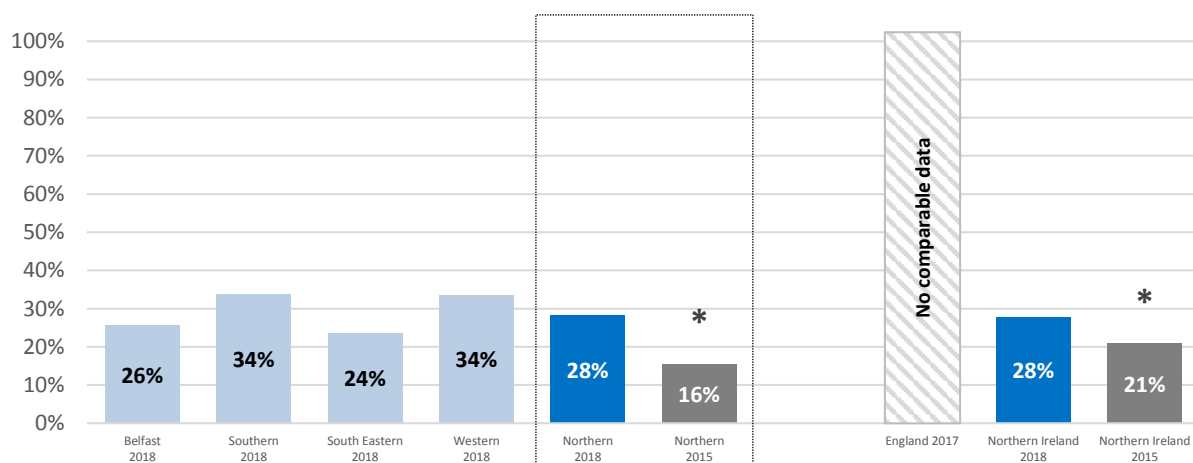
Q57 Patient thought all the different people treating and caring for them always worked well together



Number of responders for this Trust: 398

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Q58 Patient was offered a needs assessment and care plan



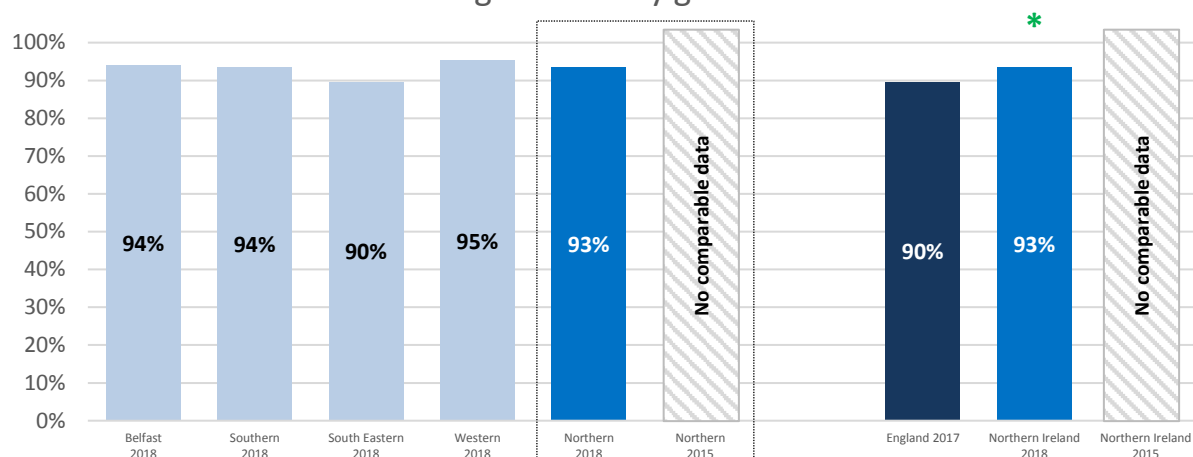
Number of responders for this Trust: 297

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Your Overall Care (continued)

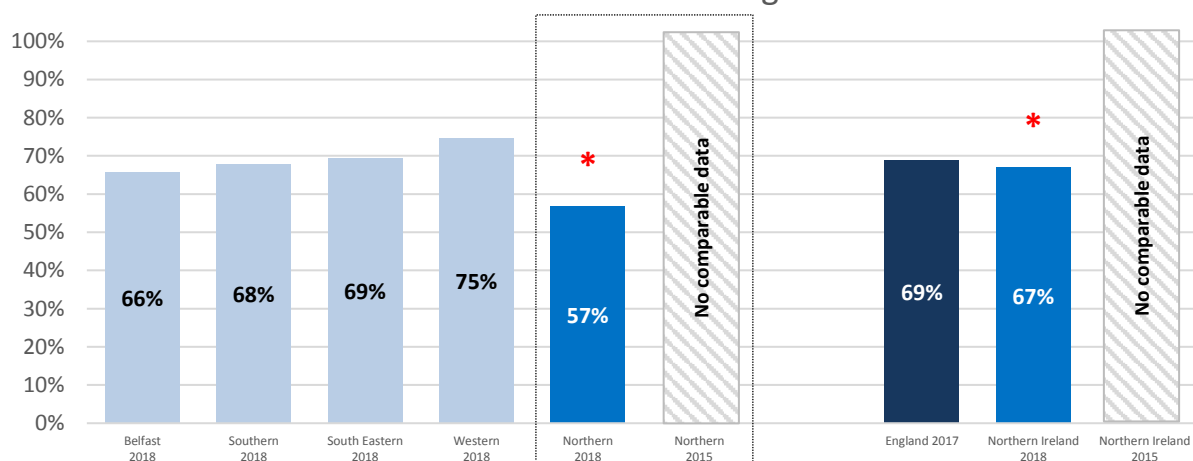
Q59 Patient thought the administration of their care was either good or very good



Number of responders for this Trust: 409

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Q60 Patient thought the wait time when attending clinics for treatment was about right



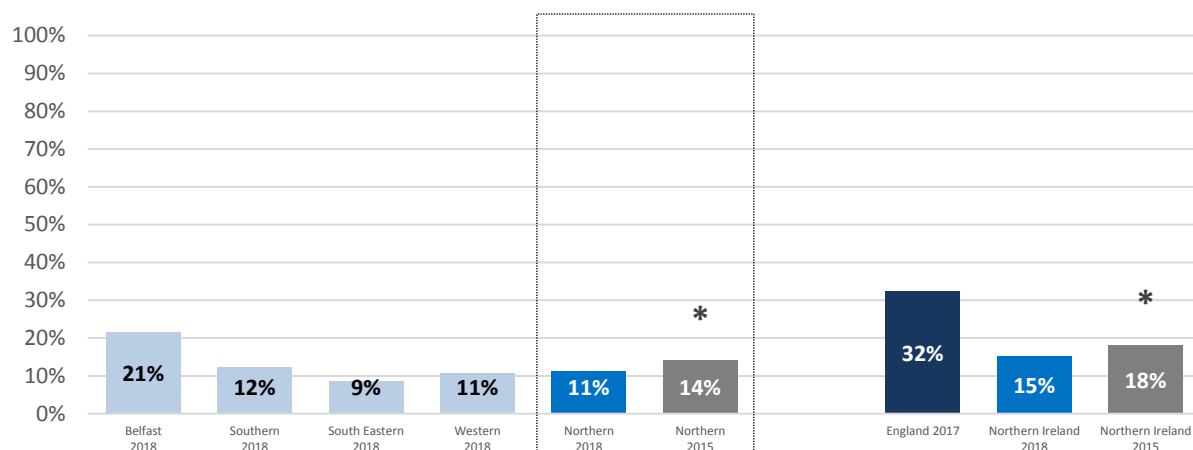
Number of responders for this Trust: 407

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Your Overall Care (continued)

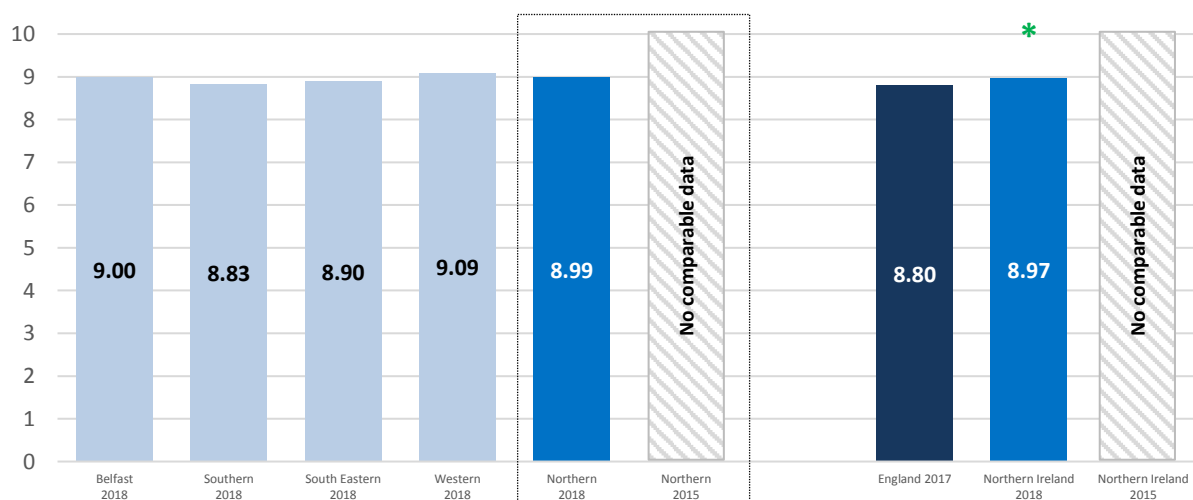
Q61 Patient was asked whether they would like to take part in cancer research



Number of responders for this Trust: 395

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Q62 Overall rating patient gave for care received



Number of responders for this Trust: 413

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Response Rates

	Sample Size	Excluded	Adjusted Sample	Not Returned	Blank / Refused	Completed	Response Rate
Northern Ireland	6256	126	6130	2383	242	3478	56.7%
Northern	802	17	785	308	47	424	54.0%

Respondents by cancer type

Cancer Type	Number of respondents*
Brain / CNS	0
Breast	136
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	87
Gynaecological	25
Haematological	94
Head and Neck	1
Lung	19
Prostate	19
Sarcoma	0
Skin	6
Upper Gastro	5
Urological (exc. Prostate)	5
Other Cancers	27

* These figures may not match the numerator for all questions in the 'Comparisons by cancer type' section of this report because not all questions were answered by all responders.

Age and sex

The Trust provided the age information as part of the Sample data. This information has been amalgamated into 6 age bands. The age and gender distribution of respondents for the Northern Trust was as follows:

	16-25	26-35	36-50	51-65	66-75	76+	Total
Men	0	1	5	44	70	38	158
Women	1	4	37	118	73	33	266
Total	1	5	42	162	143	71	424

Comparisons by cancer type for this Trust

The following tables show the Trust (in 2015 & 2018) and the all Northern Ireland percentage scores for each question broken down by cancer type. Where a cell in the table has an asterisk (*) this indicates that the number of patients in that group was below 20 and too small to display. Where a cell in the table has a dash (-) this indicates that there is no comparability for this question. Where a cell in the table has an 'na' this indicates there was no response for that question within the cancer type.

BEFORE YOUR DIAGNOSIS

	Q1. Patient saw GP once or twice before being told they had to go to the hospital			Q2. Patient thought they were seen as soon as necessary for their first appointment		
	Q1			Q2		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	*	na	na	78%
Breast	92%	97%	97%	84%	92%	90%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	63%	74%	72%	82%	82%	81%
Gynaecological	*	86%	81%	*	83%	83%
Haematological	55%	63%	63%	83%	86%	85%
Head and Neck	*	*	76%	*	*	81%
Lung	*	*	63%	85%	*	85%
Prostate	64%	*	71%	88%	*	84%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	*	*	88%	*	*	74%
Upper Gastro	*	*	72%	*	*	81%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	78%	*	*	85%
Other Cancers	*	*	67%	*	78%	80%
All Cancers	72%	78%	75%	84%	86%	84%

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Diagnostic Tests

	Q6. Patient had all the information needed about their test beforehand			Q7. Patient thought length of time for test to be done was about right			Q8. Results of test were explained in a way the patient completely understood		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	-	na	*	-	na	90%	na	na	73%
Breast	-	86%	92%	-	85%	91%	86%	89%	84%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	-	90%	93%	-	96%	87%	80%	85%	84%
Gynaecological	-	*	95%	-	*	82%	*	*	83%
Haematological	-	92%	95%	-	83%	91%	89%	73%	82%
Head and Neck	-	na	94%	-	na	87%	*	na	83%
Lung	-	*	89%	-	*	88%	*	*	85%
Prostate	-	*	97%	-	*	83%	88%	*	84%
Sarcoma	-	na	*	-	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	-	*	95%	-	*	78%	*	*	71%
Upper Gastro	-	*	95%	-	*	88%	*	*	76%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	-	*	92%	-	*	89%	*	*	79%
Other Cancers	-	*	96%	-	*	85%	*	*	82%
All Cancers	-	89%	94%	-	85%	88%	85%	83%	82%

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Finding Out What Was Wrong With You

	Q9. Patient had been told they could bring a family member or friend when they were first told about cancer			Q10. Patient thought they were told they had cancer in a sensitive manner			Q11. Patient completely understood the explanation of what was wrong with them		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	82%	na	na	86%	na	na	75%
Breast	88%	83%	84%	93%	96%	91%	75%	77%	76%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	83%	83%	79%	90%	86%	86%	83%	81%	77%
Gynaecological	*	58%	71%	*	84%	87%	*	84%	74%
Haematological	77%	62%	74%	83%	84%	88%	57%	53%	59%
Head and Neck	*	*	66%	*	*	83%	*	*	69%
Lung	90%	*	82%	78%	*	83%	83%	*	76%
Prostate	85%	*	79%	92%	*	86%	80%	*	79%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	*	*	61%	*	*	85%	*	*	85%
Upper Gastro	*	*	73%	*	*	83%	*	*	72%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	75%	*	*	85%	*	*	77%
Other Cancers	*	81%	72%	*	81%	82%	*	67%	68%
All Cancers	83%	76%	76%	88%	88%	86%	76%	73%	72%

	Q12. Patient was given easy to understand written information about the type of cancer they had when they were first told they had cancer		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	64%
Breast	74%	71%	78%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	49%	68%	59%
Gynaecological	*	92%	80%
Haematological	78%	72%	74%
Head and Neck	*	*	62%
Lung	*	*	63%
Prostate	70%	*	74%
Sarcoma	na	na	*
Skin	*	*	62%
Upper Gastro	*	*	64%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	61%
Other Cancers	*	50%	58%
All Cancers	64%	70%	69%

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Deciding The Best Treatment For You

	Q13. Treatment options were completely explained to patient before treatment started			Q14. Side effects of treatment were definitely explained in a way the patient could understand			Q15. Patient was given easy to understand written information regarding side effects		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	-	na	93%	na	na	66%	na	na	70%
Breast	-	85%	87%	87%	68%	68%	88%	82%	81%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	-	88%	87%	82%	80%	74%	87%	77%	74%
Gynaecological	-	*	91%	*	86%	80%	*	*	81%
Haematological	-	87%	84%	72%	65%	71%	80%	74%	77%
Head and Neck	-	*	87%	*	*	70%	*	*	68%
Lung	-	*	85%	91%	*	75%	78%	*	76%
Prostate	-	*	90%	75%	*	78%	54%	*	81%
Sarcoma	-	na	*	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	-	*	85%	*	*	70%	*	*	74%
Upper Gastro	-	*	87%	*	*	76%	*	*	80%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	-	*	86%	*	*	70%	*	*	71%
Other Cancers	-	83%	84%	*	76%	74%	*	83%	80%
All Cancers	-	86%	86%	80%	72%	72%	80%	81%	77%

	Q16. Patient was definitely told about future side effects before treatment			Q17. Patient was definitely involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	58%	na	na	76%
Breast	60%	54%	54%	76%	79%	79%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	58%	59%	52%	82%	84%	78%
Gynaecological	*	*	54%	*	90%	84%
Haematological	51%	39%	49%	75%	78%	80%
Head and Neck	*	*	54%	*	*	78%
Lung	55%	*	55%	74%	*	80%
Prostate	70%	*	68%	97%	*	84%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	*	*	50%	*	*	80%
Upper Gastro	*	*	51%	*	*	78%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	51%	*	*	78%
Other Cancers	*	38%	55%	*	68%	78%
All Cancers	59%	51%	54%	79%	79%	80%

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Clinical Nurse Specialist

	Q18. Patient was given the name of a Clinical Nurse Specialist who would support them through treatment			Q19. Patient found it very easy or quite easy to contact their Clinical Nurse Specialist			Q20. Patient was able to get answers they could understand from their Clinical Nurse Specialist all or most of the time		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	79%	-	na	81%	na	na	81%
Breast	95%	97%	96%	-	96%	88%	93%	91%	89%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	57%	81%	76%	-	96%	92%	97%	90%	89%
Gynaecological	*	100%	95%	-	96%	91%	*	96%	90%
Haematological	62%	60%	81%	-	93%	95%	90%	92%	93%
Head and Neck	*	*	82%	-	*	88%	*	*	86%
Lung	67%	*	84%	-	*	87%	*	*	89%
Prostate	44%	*	83%	-	*	91%	*	*	93%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	-	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	*	*	74%	-	*	94%	na	*	84%
Upper Gastro	*	*	83%	-	*	94%	*	*	91%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	66%	-	*	89%	*	*	93%
Other Cancers	*	64%	73%	-	*	89%	*	*	88%
All Cancers	69%	82%	82%	-	94%	91%	93%	91%	90%

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Support For People With Cancer

	Q21. Patient was given information by hospital staff about support or self-help groups			Q22. Staff discussed / gave patient information about the impact cancer could have on their work-life or education			Q23. Hospital staff gave patient information about financial help and benefits available		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	78%	na	na	*	na	na	*
Breast	91%	94%	91%	81%	84%	80%	68%	79%	77%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	79%	87%	84%	84%	75%	72%	60%	71%	63%
Gynaecological	*	96%	91%	*	*	84%	*	*	73%
Haematological	90%	76%	87%	67%	72%	86%	78%	58%	77%
Head and Neck	*	*	83%	*	*	69%	*	*	66%
Lung	85%	*	84%	*	*	70%	87%	*	69%
Prostate	77%	*	89%	*	*	89%	33%	*	66%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	na	*	81%	na	*	61%	na	*	40%
Upper Gastro	*	*	86%	*	*	78%	*	*	68%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	69%	na	*	72%	*	*	44%
Other Cancers	*	80%	83%	*	*	75%	*	60%	60%
All Cancers	86%	88%	85%	78%	81%	79%	64%	73%	68%

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Operations

	Q26. Patient had all the information they needed about their operation beforehand			Q27. A member of staff completely explained outcome of the operation to the patient in a way they could understand		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	-	na	95%	na	na	*
Breast	-	92%	96%	88%	78%	83%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	-	93%	91%	88%	88%	82%
Gynaecological	-	*	98%	*	*	81%
Haematological	-	*	95%	*	*	80%
Head and Neck	-	na	97%	*	na	86%
Lung	-	na	90%	*	na	76%
Prostate	-	*	95%	*	*	81%
Sarcoma	-	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	-	*	86%	*	*	83%
Upper Gastro	-	*	95%	*	*	79%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	-	*	91%	*	*	80%
Other Cancers	-	*	94%	*	*	81%
All Cancers	-	93%	94%	85%	81%	82%

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Hospital Care As An Inpatient

	Q30. Patient thought no doctors or nurses talked in front of them as if they weren't there			Q31. Patient had confidence and trust in all of the doctors treating them			Q32. Family or friends of the patient were definitely able to talk to a doctor if they wanted to		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	-	na	71%	na	na	95%	na	na	67%
Breast	-	89%	86%	91%	88%	85%	67%	63%	73%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	-	80%	73%	89%	93%	88%	78%	84%	76%
Gynaecological	-	*	93%	*	*	89%	*	*	74%
Haematological	-	86%	87%	*	86%	91%	*	*	83%
Head and Neck	-	na	78%	*	na	82%	*	na	78%
Lung	-	*	65%	*	*	79%	*	*	75%
Prostate	-	*	83%	*	*	83%	*	*	79%
Sarcoma	-	na	*	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	-	na	*	*	na	*	na	na	*
Upper Gastro	-	*	63%	*	*	90%	*	*	83%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	-	*	81%	*	*	92%	*	*	72%
Other Cancers	-	*	83%	*	*	80%	*	*	71%
All Cancers	-	86%	81%	89%	89%	87%	77%	74%	76%

	Q33. Patient had confidence and trust in all of the nurses treating them			Q34. Patient thought there were always or nearly always enough nurses on duty to care for them in hospital			Q35. Patient was asked which name they prefer to be called by all doctors and nurses		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	86%	na	na	67%	na	na	70%
Breast	84%	83%	79%	49%	61%	66%	56%	61%	64%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	76%	83%	83%	56%	79%	67%	63%	79%	72%
Gynaecological	*	*	82%	*	*	68%	*	*	68%
Haematological	*	90%	84%	*	85%	66%	*	71%	69%
Head and Neck	*	na	72%	*	na	60%	*	na	62%
Lung	*	*	84%	*	*	69%	*	*	69%
Prostate	*	*	89%	*	*	78%	*	*	80%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	*	na	*	*	na	*	*	na	*
Upper Gastro	*	*	86%	*	*	65%	*	*	72%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	85%	*	*	72%	*	*	74%
Other Cancers	*	*	73%	*	*	59%	*	*	66%
All Cancers	80%	86%	81%	56%	69%	67%	56%	69%	69%

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Hospital Care As An Inpatient (continued)

	Q36. Patient was always given enough privacy when discussing their condition or treatment			Q37. As an inpatient, patient was definitely able to find a member of hospital staff to talk to about their worries and fears			Q38. Patient thought staff definitely did all they could to help control their pain		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	*	na	na	*	na	na	85%
Breast	79%	72%	82%	66%	57%	53%	93%	87%	89%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	87%	81%	85%	74%	60%	52%	85%	92%	89%
Gynaecological	*	*	82%	*	*	54%	*	*	88%
Haematological	*	95%	90%	*	*	63%	*	*	89%
Head and Neck	*	na	79%	na	na	45%	*	na	89%
Lung	*	*	85%	*	*	49%	*	*	83%
Prostate	*	*	94%	*	*	76%	*	*	84%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	*	na	*	*	na	*	*	na	*
Upper Gastro	*	*	86%	*	*	54%	*	*	97%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	na	88%	*	*	48%	*	*	75%
Other Cancers	*	*	81%	*	*	48%	*	*	84%
All Cancers	84%	80%	85%	73%	61%	53%	88%	89%	87%

	Q39. Patient thought they were always treated with respect and dignity while in hospital			Q40. Patient was given clear written information about what they should or should not do after leaving hospital			Q41. Patient was told who to contact if they were worried about their condition or treatment after leaving hospital		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	90%	na	na	*	na	na	95%
Breast	94%	91%	91%	95%	89%	91%	97%	95%	96%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	87%	88%	92%	84%	78%	81%	96%	86%	93%
Gynaecological	*	*	90%	*	*	90%	*	*	95%
Haematological	*	95%	95%	*	*	83%	*	100%	98%
Head and Neck	*	na	93%	*	na	82%	*	na	95%
Lung	*	*	93%	*	*	83%	*	*	89%
Prostate	*	*	94%	*	*	79%	*	*	92%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	*	na	*	*	na	*	*	na	*
Upper Gastro	*	*	91%	*	*	80%	*	*	97%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	89%	*	na	81%	*	*	85%
Other Cancers	*	*	89%	*	*	77%	*	*	93%
All Cancers	88%	91%	91%	88%	85%	84%	94%	93%	94%

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Hospital Care As A Day Patient / Outpatient

	Q44. As an outpatient, patient was able to find a member of hospital staff to talk to about their worries and fears			Q45. Cancer doctor had the right documents during patient's last outpatient appointment			Q47. Patient had all the information they needed about their radiotherapy beforehand		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	-	na	*	na	na	91%	-	na	*
Breast	-	74%	70%	97%	97%	98%	-	87%	86%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	-	71%	64%	96%	100%	99%	-	*	81%
Gynaecological	-	*	72%	*	*	99%	-	*	85%
Haematological	-	73%	78%	98%	98%	99%	-	*	89%
Head and Neck	-	na	68%	*	na	99%	-	na	79%
Lung	-	*	66%	95%	*	99%	-	*	85%
Prostate	-	*	77%	94%	*	98%	-	*	94%
Sarcoma	-	na	*	na	na	*	-	na	*
Skin	-	*	62%	*	*	96%	-	na	*
Upper Gastro	-	*	65%	*	*	98%	-	*	*
Urological (exc. Prostate)	-	*	68%	*	*	100%	-	*	90%
Other Cancers	-	*	71%	*	*	98%	-	*	89%
All Cancers	-	74%	71%	96%	98%	98%	-	88%	87%

	Q48. Patient was given enough information about whether their radiotherapy was working, in a way they could completely understand			Q50. Patient had all the information they needed about their chemotherapy beforehand			Q51. Patient was given enough information about whether their chemotherapy was working, in a way they could completely understand		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	-	na	*	-	na	90%	-	na	*
Breast	-	47%	55%	-	75%	82%	-	54%	62%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	-	*	52%	-	71%	82%	-	*	69%
Gynaecological	-	*	54%	-	*	91%	-	*	70%
Haematological	-	*	73%	-	84%	88%	-	85%	82%
Head and Neck	-	na	56%	-	na	*	-	na	*
Lung	-	*	64%	-	*	85%	-	*	79%
Prostate	-	*	69%	-	*	89%	-	*	74%
Sarcoma	-	na	*	-	na	*	-	na	*
Skin	-	na	*	-	na	*	-	na	*
Upper Gastro	-	na	*	-	*	85%	-	*	68%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	-	*	82%	-	na	78%	-	na	73%
Other Cancers	-	na	72%	-	*	87%	-	*	73%
All Cancers	-	54%	61%	-	79%	85%	-	69%	73%

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Home Care And Support

	Q52. Doctors or nurses definitely gave the patient's family or friends all the information they needed to help care for them at home			Q53. Patient was definitely given enough care and support by health or social services during treatment			Q54. Patient was definitely given enough care and support by health or social services after treatment		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	41%	-	na	*	-	na	*
Breast	55%	62%	61%	-	66%	68%	-	46%	50%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	76%	63%	65%	-	76%	75%	-	71%	61%
Gynaecological	*	*	66%	-	*	64%	-	*	58%
Haematological	*	65%	73%	-	67%	73%	-	58%	64%
Head and Neck	*	*	62%	-	na	50%	-	na	39%
Lung	*	*	69%	-	*	63%	-	*	54%
Prostate	*	*	68%	-	*	55%	-	*	56%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	-	na	*	-	na	*
Skin	na	*	52%	-	*	61%	-	na	*
Upper Gastro	*	*	66%	-	*	74%	-	*	62%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	62%	-	*	58%	-	*	48%
Other Cancers	*	59%	59%	-	70%	73%	-	*	59%
All Cancers	65%	64%	65%	-	68%	68%	-	57%	56%

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Care From Your General Practice

	Q55. Patient thought their GP was given enough information about their condition and treatment			Q56. Patient thought GP staff definitely did everything they could to support them during treatment		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	96%	na	na	62%
Breast	94%	96%	97%	76%	74%	72%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	97%	97%	97%	75%	65%	70%
Gynaecological	*	100%	97%	*	*	70%
Haematological	98%	96%	96%	69%	78%	73%
Head and Neck	*	*	91%	*	*	68%
Lung	100%	*	96%	*	*	72%
Prostate	98%	*	96%	89%	*	77%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	na	na	*
Skin	*	*	98%	*	*	70%
Upper Gastro	*	*	98%	*	*	63%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	94%	*	*	70%
Other Cancers	*	90%	95%	*	63%	71%
All Cancers	97%	97%	96%	78%	73%	71%

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Your Overall Care

	Q57. Patient thought all the different people treating and caring for them always worked well together			Q58. Patient was offered a needs assessment and care plan			Q59. Patient thought the administration of their care was either good or very good		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	na	na	55%	na	na	14%	-	na	90%
Breast	74%	75%	69%	23%	18%	32%	-	90%	94%
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	80%	73%	70%	13%	36%	26%	-	92%	92%
Gynaecological	*	79%	71%	*	*	36%	-	96%	95%
Haematological	75%	76%	77%	16%	32%	33%	-	100%	98%
Head and Neck	*	*	63%	*	*	23%	-	*	95%
Lung	81%	*	70%	*	*	24%	-	*	88%
Prostate	80%	*	78%	13%	*	22%	-	*	95%
Sarcoma	na	na	*	na	na	*	-	na	*
Skin	*	*	80%	*	*	29%	-	*	86%
Upper Gastro	*	*	67%	*	*	25%	-	*	93%
Urological (exc. Prostate)	*	*	71%	*	*	19%	-	*	91%
Other Cancers	*	69%	69%	*	24%	29%	-	88%	92%
All Cancers	75%	75%	72%	16%	28%	28%	-	93%	93%

	Q60. Patient thought the wait time when attending clinics for treatment was about right			Q61. Patient was asked whether they would like to take part in cancer research			Q62. Overall rating patient gave for care received		
Cancer type	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.	This Trust 2015 [§]	This Trust 2018	N.I.
Brain / CNS	-	na	32%	na	na	4%	-	na	8.26
Breast	-	54%	65%	16%	10%	16%	-	9.13	9.05
Colorectal / Lower Gastro	-	74%	71%	10%	12%	10%	-	8.72	8.92
Gynaecological	-	83%	65%	*	4%	14%	-	9.29	9.04
Haematological	-	35%	60%	24%	13%	19%	-	9.06	9.17
Head and Neck	-	*	82%	*	*	11%	-	*	8.92
Lung	-	*	64%	5%	*	13%	-	*	8.84
Prostate	-	*	80%	16%	*	31%	-	*	9.14
Sarcoma	-	na	*	na	na	*	-	na	*
Skin	-	*	77%	*	*	8%	-	*	8.85
Upper Gastro	-	*	62%	*	*	22%	-	*	8.80
Urological (exc. Prostate)	-	*	77%	*	*	5%	-	*	8.80
Other Cancers	-	46%	56%	*	4%	13%	-	8.65	8.78
All Cancers	-	57%	67%	14%	11%	15%	-	8.99	8.97

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BEFORE YOUR DIAGNOSIS

1. Before you were told you needed to go to hospital about cancer, how many times did you see your GP (family doctor) about the health problem caused by cancer?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None - I went straight to hospital	158	11%	36	9%	41	9%	47	8%	33	7%	315	10%
None - I went to hospital following a cancer screening appointment	134	10%	69	17%	55	12%	47	8%	57	12%	362	11%
* I saw my GP once	534	54%	177	63%	163	51%	257	58%	197	53%	1,328	55%
* I saw my GP twice	192	19%	40	14%	71	22%	89	20%	74	20%	466	19%
* I saw my GP 3 or 4 times	161	16%	43	15%	53	17%	66	15%	67	18%	390	16%
* I saw my GP 5 or more times	103	10%	19	7%	31	10%	33	7%	35	9%	221	9%
Don't know / can't remember	31	2%	7	2%	21	5%	12	2%	9	2%	80	2%
Other	68	5%	11	3%	13	3%	24	4%	22	4%	138	4%
Missing	74		22		25		23		34		178	

2. How do you feel about the length of time you had to wait before your first appointment with a hospital doctor?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
I was seen as soon as I thought was necessary	1,166	83%	356	86%	379	82%	488	83%	461	89%	2,850	84%
I should have been seen a bit sooner	128	9%	41	10%	48	10%	51	9%	36	7%	304	9%
I should have been seen a lot sooner	115	8%	17	4%	34	7%	46	8%	21	4%	233	7%
Missing	46		10		12		13		10		91	

3. How long was it from the time you first thought something might be wrong with you until you first saw a GP or other doctor?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Less than 3 months	1,062	76%	331	82%	334	74%	448	78%	380	76%	2,555	77%
3-6 months	165	12%	33	8%	51	11%	68	12%	53	11%	370	11%
6-12 months	54	4%	13	3%	22	5%	16	3%	19	4%	124	4%
More than 12 months	44	3%	10	2%	20	4%	16	3%	16	3%	106	3%
Don't know / can't remember	71	5%	18	4%	25	6%	26	5%	35	7%	175	5%
Missing	59		19		21		24		25		148	

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

4. In the last 12 months, have you had a diagnostic test(s) for cancer such as an endoscopy, biopsy, mammogram, or scan?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	1,195	86%	328	81%	371	82%	477	82%	426	84%	2,797	84%
No	201	14%	79	19%	83	18%	102	18%	82	16%	547	16%
Missing	59		17		19		19		20		134	

5. Did the test(s) take place at the hospital named on the letter that came with this questionnaire?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	875	74%	226	72%	283	79%	316	71%	328	80%	2,028	75%
No, at another NHS hospital in Northern Ireland	247	21%	77	25%	66	18%	101	23%	73	18%	564	21%
No, at a private hospital / centre in Northern Ireland	31	3%	1	0%	3	1%	15	3%	3	1%	53	2%
No, somewhere outside Northern Ireland	6	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	3	1%	10	0%
Don't know / can't remember	17	1%	10	3%	8	2%	14	3%	4	1%	53	2%
Missing	279		110		113		151		117		770	

6. Beforehand, did you have all the information you needed about your test?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	811	95%	195	89%	251	93%	290	95%	301	95%	2,593	93%
* No, I would have liked more information	42	5%	23	11%	19	7%	15	5%	15	5%	188	7%
Don't know / can't remember	19	2%	6	3%	9	3%	9	3%	10	3%	75	3%
Missing	583		200		194		284		202		622	

7. Overall, how did you feel about the length of time you had to wait for your test to be done?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* It was about right	760	90%	187	85%	245	90%	273	87%	283	89%	2,442	87%
* It was a little too long	72	9%	25	11%	21	8%	30	10%	30	9%	267	10%
* It was much too long	15	2%	7	3%	6	2%	11	4%	5	2%	86	3%
Don't know / can't remember	7	1%	4	2%	4	1%	0	0%	5	2%	26	1%
Missing	601		201		197		284		205		657	

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS (continued)

8. Were the results of the test explained in a way you could understand?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, completely	707	82%	186	83%	230	82%	266	86%	271	84%	2,316	82%
* Yes, to some extent	136	16%	32	14%	44	16%	39	13%	46	14%	458	16%
* No, I did not understand the explanation	7	1%	4	2%	3	1%	3	1%	3	1%	29	1%
* I did not have an explanation but would have liked one	12	1%	1	0%	2	1%	3	1%	1	0%	28	1%
I did not need an explanation	7	1%	2	1%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	16	1%
Don't know / can't remember	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	2	1%	8	0%
Missing	586		199		193		284		204		623	

FINDING OUT WHAT WAS WRONG WITH YOU

9. When you were first told that you had cancer, had you been told you could bring a family member or friend with you?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	1,033	76%	299	76%	331	74%	424	76%	406	81%	2,493	76%
* No	297	22%	90	23%	110	25%	124	22%	90	18%	711	22%
* I was told I had cancer by phone or letter	24	2%	7	2%	6	1%	10	2%	8	2%	55	2%
Don't know / can't remember	74	5%	22	5%	14	3%	32	5%	16	3%	158	5%
Missing	27		6		12		8		8		61	

10. How do you feel about the way you were told you had cancer?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
It was done sensitively	1,201	84%	367	88%	412	89%	522	89%	431	84%	2,933	86%
It should have been done a bit more sensitively	151	11%	37	9%	35	8%	47	8%	58	11%	328	10%
It should have been done a lot more sensitively	70	5%	11	3%	17	4%	17	3%	24	5%	139	4%
Missing	33		9		9		12		15		78	

11. Did you understand the explanation of what was wrong with you?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, I completely understood it	1,031	72%	303	73%	319	69%	457	77%	371	71%	2,481	72%
* Yes, I understood some of it	363	25%	102	25%	123	27%	126	21%	142	27%	856	25%
* No, I did not understand it	45	3%	8	2%	19	4%	10	2%	8	2%	90	3%
Don't know / can't remember	6	0%	4	1%	5	1%	2	0%	2	0%	19	1%
Missing	10		7		7		3		5		32	

12. When you were told you had cancer, were you given written information about the type of cancer you had?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, and it was easy to understand	838	68%	257	70%	291	69%	339	70%	313	67%	2,038	69%
* Yes, but it was difficult to understand	115	9%	36	10%	41	10%	29	6%	43	9%	264	9%
* No, I was not given written information about the type of cancer I had	281	23%	74	20%	87	21%	119	24%	109	23%	670	23%
I did not need / want written information	127	9%	33	8%	24	5%	54	9%	25	5%	263	8%
Don't know / can't remember	68	5%	16	4%	18	4%	42	7%	25	5%	169	5%
Missing	26		8		12		15		13		74	

DECIDING THE BEST TREATMENT FOR YOU

13. Before your cancer treatment started, were your treatment options explained to you?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, completely	1,126	87%	309	86%	343	82%	428	86%	397	89%	2,603	86%
* Yes, to some extent	155	12%	46	13%	69	17%	58	12%	41	9%	369	12%
* No	15	1%	3	1%	4	1%	10	2%	9	2%	41	1%
There was only one type of treatment that was suitable for me	114	8%	51	12%	40	9%	76	13%	57	11%	338	10%
Don't know / can't remember	9	1%	2	0%	4	1%	5	1%	3	1%	23	1%
Missing	36		13		13		21		21		104	

14. Were the possible side effects of treatment(s) explained in a way you could understand?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	989	72%	281	72%	305	71%	381	71%	370	77%	2,326	72%
* Yes, to some extent	331	24%	93	24%	104	24%	122	23%	98	20%	748	23%
* No, side effects were not explained	53	4%	18	5%	20	5%	32	6%	14	3%	137	4%
I did not need an explanation	35	2%	16	4%	17	4%	38	7%	17	3%	123	4%
Don't know / can't remember	15	1%	4	1%	8	2%	6	1%	7	1%	40	1%
Missing	32		12		19		19		22		104	

15. Before you started your treatment, were you given written information about the side effects of treatment(s)?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, and it was easy to understand	1,005	77%	310	81%	320	77%	374	73%	356	79%	2,365	77%
* Yes, but it was difficult to understand	110	8%	30	8%	39	9%	32	6%	29	6%	240	8%
* No, I was not given written information about side effects	183	14%	43	11%	56	13%	103	20%	64	14%	449	15%
Don't know / can't remember	100	7%	22	5%	24	5%	53	9%	40	8%	239	7%
Missing	57		19		34		36		39		185	

DECIDING THE BEST TREATMENT FOR YOU (continued)

16. Before you started your treatment(s), were you also told about any side effects of the treatment that could affect you in the future rather than straight away e.g. late effects?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	690	54%	181	51%	225	57%	233	51%	239	55%	1,568	54%
* Yes, to some extent	355	28%	107	30%	102	26%	120	26%	138	32%	822	28%
* No, future side effects were not explained	228	18%	68	19%	69	17%	102	22%	59	14%	526	18%
I did not need an explanation	61	4%	21	5%	22	5%	59	11%	25	5%	188	6%
Don't know / can't remember	65	5%	26	6%	25	6%	42	8%	31	6%	189	6%
Missing	56		21		30		42		36		185	

17. Were you involved as much as you wanted to be in decisions about your care and treatment?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	1,104	80%	319	79%	349	78%	452	80%	385	80%	2,609	80%
* Yes, to some extent	241	17%	70	17%	83	19%	88	16%	85	18%	567	17%
* No, but I would like to have been more involved	43	3%	13	3%	13	3%	22	4%	14	3%	105	3%
Don't know / can't remember	16	1%	3	1%	5	1%	6	1%	8	2%	38	1%
Missing	51		19		23		30		36		159	

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

18. Were you given the name of a Clinical Nurse Specialist who would support you through your treatment?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	1,069	81%	324	82%	346	80%	435	81%	423	89%	2,597	82%
* No	256	19%	70	18%	85	20%	99	19%	54	11%	564	18%
Don't know / can't remember	89	6%	19	5%	23	5%	42	7%	22	4%	195	6%
Missing	41		11		19		22		29		122	

19. How easy or difficult has it been for you to contact your Clinical Nurse Specialist?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Very easy	561	60%	202	70%	191	63%	225	62%	244	63%	1,423	63%
* Quite easy	282	30%	71	25%	88	29%	92	25%	103	27%	636	28%
* Neither easy nor difficult	57	6%	10	3%	18	6%	29	8%	23	6%	137	6%
* Quite difficult	22	2%	4	1%	4	1%	12	3%	12	3%	54	2%
* Very difficult	9	1%	2	1%	3	1%	6	2%	4	1%	24	1%
I have not tried to contact my Clinical Nurse Specialist	147	14%	38	12%	45	13%	70	16%	40	9%	340	13%
Missing	377		97		124		164		102		864	

20. When you have had important questions to ask your Clinical Nurse Specialist, how often have you got answers you could understand?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* All or most of the time	818	90%	250	91%	262	91%	303	88%	329	91%	1,962	90%
* Some of the time	77	9%	26	9%	22	8%	32	9%	22	6%	179	8%
* Rarely or never	10	1%	0	0%	3	1%	9	3%	9	3%	31	1%
I have not asked any questions	159	15%	50	15%	57	17%	87	20%	59	14%	412	16%
Missing	391		98		129		167		109		894	

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH CANCER

21. Did hospital staff give you information about support or self-help groups for people with cancer?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	975	86%	310	88%	280	81%	354	84%	352	87%	2,271	85%
* No, but I would have liked information	159	14%	42	12%	64	19%	69	16%	53	13%	387	15%
It was not necessary	225	16%	49	12%	85	19%	116	20%	85	17%	560	17%
Don't know / can't remember	66	5%	14	3%	30	7%	32	6%	20	4%	162	5%
Missing	30		9		14		27		18		98	

22. Did hospital staff discuss with you or give you information about the impact cancer could have on your work-life or education?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	588	79%	176	81%	191	79%	191	75%	225	81%	1,371	79%
* No, but I would have liked a discussion or information	160	21%	41	19%	51	21%	64	25%	54	19%	370	21%
It was not necessary / relevant to me	595	42%	179	43%	187	41%	292	51%	211	41%	1,464	44%
Don't know / can't remember	67	5%	18	4%	26	6%	25	4%	20	4%	156	5%
Missing	45		10		18		26		18		117	

23. Did hospital staff give you information about how to get financial help or any benefits you might be entitled to?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	566	63%	193	73%	206	66%	189	63%	322	82%	1,476	68%
* No, but I would have liked information	339	37%	72	27%	104	34%	111	37%	72	18%	698	32%
It was not necessary	450	32%	137	33%	123	27%	262	46%	102	20%	1,074	32%
Don't know / can't remember	61	4%	16	4%	24	5%	12	2%	12	2%	125	4%
Missing	39		6		16		24		20		105	

OPERATIONS

24. During the last 12 months, have you had an operation (such as removal of a tumour or lump)?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	650	46%	199	48%	235	51%	295	51%	220	43%	1,599	47%
No	767	54%	218	52%	225	49%	280	49%	288	57%	1,778	53%
Missing	38		7		13		23		20		101	

25. Did the operation take place at the hospital named on the letter that came with this questionnaire?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	516	81%	126	69%	188	82%	224	81%	170	79%	1,224	79%
No, at another NHS hospital in Northern Ireland	101	16%	52	28%	37	16%	41	15%	36	17%	267	17%
No, at a private hospital / centre in Northern Ireland	12	2%	1	1%	2	1%	5	2%	0	0%	20	1%
No, somewhere outside Northern Ireland	5	1%	0	0%	1	0%	4	1%	4	2%	14	1%
Don't know / can't remember	6	1%	4	2%	1	0%	4	1%	4	2%	19	1%
Missing	815		241		244		320		314		1,934	

26. Beforehand, did you have all the information you needed about your operation?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	481	94%	115	93%	174	95%	209	95%	158	94%	1,514	94%
* No, I would have liked more information	30	6%	9	7%	10	5%	11	5%	10	6%	101	6%
Don't know / can't remember	1	0%	0	0%	2	1%	2	1%	0	0%	13	1%
Missing	943		300		287		376		360		1,850	

27. After the operation, did a member of staff explain how it had gone in a way you could understand?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, completely	410	81%	101	81%	153	83%	190	86%	136	82%	1,316	81%
* Yes, to some extent	83	16%	18	15%	25	14%	26	12%	25	15%	254	16%
* No, but I would have liked an explanation	13	3%	5	4%	6	3%	4	2%	4	2%	46	3%
I did not need an explanation	4	1%	0	0%	2	1%	3	1%	2	1%	16	1%
Missing	945		300		287		375		361		1,846	

HOSPITAL CARE AS AN INPATIENT

28. During the last 12 months, have you had an operation or stayed overnight for cancer care?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	789	55%	230	56%	248	54%	276	48%	271	53%	1,814	54%
No	636	45%	184	44%	214	46%	298	52%	238	47%	1,570	46%
Missing	30		10		11		24		19		94	

29. Did the overnight stay take place at the hospital named on the letter that came with this questionnaire?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	623	84%	153	72%	180	80%	205	82%	204	80%	1,365	81%
No, at another NHS hospital in Northern Ireland	93	13%	55	26%	43	19%	36	14%	40	16%	267	16%
No, at a private hospital / centre in Northern Ireland	11	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	12	1%
No, somewhere outside Northern Ireland	5	1%	0	0%	1	0%	4	2%	5	2%	15	1%
Don't know / can't remember	8	1%	4	2%	0	0%	5	2%	5	2%	22	1%
Missing	715		212		248		348		274		1,797	

30. Did groups of doctors and nurses talk in front of you as if you weren't there?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes, often	26	4%	8	5%	10	6%	12	6%	8	4%	86	5%
Yes, sometimes	89	14%	12	8%	35	20%	25	12%	21	10%	266	14%
No	505	81%	128	86%	134	75%	167	82%	173	86%	1,495	81%
Missing	835		276		294		394		326		1,631	

31. Did you have confidence and trust in the doctors treating you?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes, in all of them	546	88%	136	89%	153	85%	182	89%	180	88%	1,613	87%
Yes, in some of them	71	11%	17	11%	26	15%	23	11%	22	11%	236	13%
No, in none of them	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	6	0%
Missing	836		271		294		393		324		1,623	

HOSPITAL CARE AS AN INPATIENT (continued)

32. If your family or someone else close to you wanted to talk to a doctor, were they able to?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	407	76%	94	74%	115	74%	134	80%	143	83%	1,214	76%
* Yes, to some extent	112	21%	28	22%	38	25%	27	16%	25	15%	322	20%
* No	19	4%	5	4%	2	1%	6	4%	4	2%	54	3%
No family or friends were involved	32	5%	3	2%	8	4%	16	8%	7	3%	86	5%
My family did not want to talk to a doctor	28	5%	14	9%	9	5%	16	8%	18	9%	111	6%
I did not want my family or friends to talk to a doctor	22	4%	8	5%	8	4%	5	2%	5	2%	69	4%
Missing	835		272		293		394		326		1,622	

33. Did you have confidence and trust in the ward nurses treating you?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes, in all of them	502	81%	131	86%	138	77%	163	80%	177	87%	1,513	81%
Yes, in some of them	118	19%	20	13%	40	22%	39	19%	24	12%	333	18%
No, in none of them	2	0%	1	1%	2	1%	3	1%	3	1%	15	1%
Missing	833		272		293		393		324		1,617	

34. In your opinion, were there enough nurses on duty to care for you in hospital?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
There were always or nearly always enough on duty	410	67%	102	69%	120	67%	144	71%	136	68%	1,234	67%
There were sometimes enough on duty	164	27%	34	23%	41	23%	48	24%	48	24%	463	25%
There were rarely or never enough on duty	42	7%	12	8%	17	10%	11	5%	16	8%	140	8%
Missing	839		276		295		395		328		1,641	

35. While you were in hospital did the doctors and nurses ask you what name you prefer to be called by?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes, all of them did	421	69%	103	69%	122	69%	137	67%	152	75%	1,253	68%
Only some of them did	122	20%	25	17%	46	26%	42	21%	25	12%	365	20%
None of them did	68	11%	22	15%	10	6%	24	12%	27	13%	215	12%
Missing	844		274		295		395		324		1,645	

HOSPITAL CARE AS AN INPATIENT (continued)

36. Were you given enough privacy when discussing your condition or treatment?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes, always	515	83%	121	80%	148	83%	196	96%	175	87%	1,569	85%
Yes, sometimes	86	14%	27	18%	22	12%	6	3%	25	12%	232	13%
No	19	3%	3	2%	9	5%	3	1%	2	1%	53	3%
Missing	835		273		294		393		326		1,624	

37. During your hospital visit, did you find someone on the hospital staff to talk to about your worries and fears?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	245	51%	73	61%	67	51%	85	56%	92	58%	758	53%
* Yes, to some extent	178	37%	30	25%	47	36%	43	28%	44	28%	465	33%
* No	54	11%	16	13%	17	13%	24	16%	23	14%	202	14%
I had no worries or fears	137	22%	30	20%	48	27%	53	26%	44	22%	417	23%
Missing	841		275		294		393		325		1,636	

38. Do you think the hospital staff did everything they could to help control your pain?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	501	87%	126	89%	129	79%	168	90%	167	89%	1,465	86%
* Yes, to some extent	57	10%	13	9%	27	17%	16	9%	18	10%	191	11%
* No	15	3%	2	1%	7	4%	3	2%	3	2%	44	3%
I did not have any pain	47	8%	12	8%	17	9%	18	9%	16	8%	155	8%
Missing	835		271		293		393		324		1,623	

39. Overall, did you feel you were treated with respect and dignity while you were in the hospital?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes, always	569	92%	138	91%	158	88%	187	92%	191	94%	1,687	91%
Yes, sometimes	45	7%	10	7%	19	11%	11	5%	8	4%	133	7%
No	5	1%	4	3%	3	2%	5	2%	5	2%	31	2%
Missing	836		272		293		395		324		1,627	

HOSPITAL CARE AS AN INPATIENT (continued)

40. Were you given clear written information about what you should or should not do after leaving hospital?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	479	83%	120	85%	153	90%	158	82%	164	86%	1,467	84%
* No	98	17%	22	15%	17	10%	35	18%	26	14%	279	16%
Don't know / can't remember	39	6%	8	5%	8	4%	10	5%	13	6%	98	5%
Missing	839		274		295		395		325		1,634	

41. Did hospital staff tell you who to contact if you were worried about your condition or treatment after you left hospital?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	567	94%	134	93%	159	92%	181	95%	177	91%	1,657	93%
* No	36	6%	10	7%	13	8%	10	5%	18	9%	118	7%
Don't know / can't remember	15	2%	7	5%	6	3%	11	5%	7	3%	69	4%
Missing	837		273		295		396		326		1,634	

HOSPITAL CARE AS A DAY PATIENT / OUTPATIENT

42. During the last 12 months, have you been treated as an outpatient or day case for cancer care?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	1,253	88%	351	85%	400	87%	497	86%	448	88%	2,949	87%
No	171	12%	64	15%	60	13%	79	14%	61	12%	435	13%
Missing	31		9		13		22		19		94	

43. Was this at the hospital named on the letter that came with this questionnaire?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	1,086	89%	237	72%	299	79%	374	79%	370	86%	2,366	83%
No, at another NHS hospital in Northern Ireland	115	9%	81	25%	72	19%	79	17%	55	13%	402	14%
No, at a private hospital / centre in Northern Ireland	5	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	7	0%
No, somewhere outside Northern Ireland	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Don't know / can't remember	16	1%	9	3%	9	2%	18	4%	7	2%	59	2%
Missing	231		96		93		125		96		641	

44. While you were being treated as an outpatient or day case, did you find someone on the hospital staff to talk to about your worries and fears?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	626	69%	146	74%	195	78%	219	71%	226	73%	1,741	71%
* Yes, to some extent	206	23%	31	16%	40	16%	63	20%	58	19%	514	21%
* No	71	8%	21	11%	16	6%	28	9%	27	9%	210	9%
I did not have any worries or fears	170	16%	36	15%	46	15%	58	16%	54	15%	477	16%
Missing	382		190		176		230		163		536	

45. The last time you had an outpatients appointment with a cancer doctor, did they have the right documents, such as medical notes, x-rays and test results?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	1,042	98%	226	98%	282	99%	356	99%	349	99%	2,831	98%
* No	16	2%	4	2%	3	1%	5	1%	5	1%	44	2%
I didn't have an appointment with a cancer doctor	10	1%	3	1%	9	3%	10	3%	10	3%	56	2%
Don't know / can't remember	17	2%	3	1%	4	1%	3	1%	4	1%	50	2%
Missing	370		188		175		224		160		497	

HOSPITAL CARE AS A DAY PATIENT / OUTPATIENT (continued)

46. During the last 12 months, have you had radiotherapy?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	337	31%	77	33%	73	25%	106	28%	137	37%	940	32%
No	741	69%	158	67%	220	75%	266	72%	231	63%	2,031	68%
Missing	377		189		180		226		160		507	

47. Beforehand, did you have all of the information you needed about your radiotherapy treatment?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, completely	295	88%	69	88%	65	86%	96	91%	121	88%	823	87%
* Yes, to some extent	38	11%	9	12%	11	14%	9	8%	13	9%	111	12%
* No	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	3	2%	10	1%
I did not need any information	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	6	1%
Missing	1,118		346		396		492		391		2,528	

48. Once you started your treatment, were you given enough information about whether your radiotherapy was working in a way you could understand?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, completely	169	59%	37	54%	43	60%	58	59%	93	71%	510	61%
* Yes, to some extent	73	26%	14	21%	17	24%	27	28%	25	19%	205	24%
* No	43	15%	17	25%	12	17%	13	13%	13	10%	126	15%
It is too early to know if my radiotherapy is working	33	10%	7	9%	2	3%	4	4%	4	3%	66	7%
I did not need any information	16	5%	3	4%	3	4%	3	3%	2	1%	36	4%
Missing	1,121		346		396		493		391		2,535	

49. During the last 12 months, have you had chemotherapy?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	548	52%	127	55%	140	49%	156	43%	159	44%	1,365	47%
No	503	48%	105	45%	144	51%	208	57%	199	56%	1,536	53%
Missing	404		192		189		234		170		577	

HOSPITAL CARE AS A DAY PATIENT / OUTPATIENT (continued)

50. Beforehand, did you have all of the information you needed about your chemotherapy treatment?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, completely	458	83%	99	79%	124	87%	137	87%	146	92%	1,164	85%
* Yes, to some extent	87	16%	23	18%	19	13%	20	13%	12	8%	197	14%
* No	6	1%	3	2%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	16	1%
I did not need any information	3	1%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	9	1%
Missing	901		297		330		440		368		2,092	

51. Once you started your treatment, were you given enough information about whether your chemotherapy was working in a way you could understand?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, completely	352	70%	77	69%	106	79%	105	75%	121	78%	909	72%
* Yes, to some extent	115	23%	25	22%	22	16%	23	16%	28	18%	272	22%
* No	33	7%	10	9%	6	4%	12	9%	6	4%	84	7%
It is too early to know if my chemotherapy is working	38	7%	13	10%	3	2%	12	8%	4	3%	89	6%
I did not need any information	12	2%	4	3%	3	2%	5	3%	1	1%	25	2%
Missing	905		295		333		441		368		2,099	

HOME CARE AND SUPPORT

52. Did the doctors or nurses give your family or someone close to you all the information they needed to help care for you at home?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	756	63%	218	64%	274	69%	279	63%	296	70%	1,823	65%
* Yes, to some extent	273	23%	75	22%	71	18%	85	19%	80	19%	584	21%
* No	176	15%	48	14%	54	14%	79	18%	47	11%	404	14%
No family or friends were involved	69	5%	27	7%	23	5%	53	10%	29	6%	201	6%
My family or friends did not want or need information	79	6%	30	7%	14	3%	41	7%	23	5%	187	6%
I did not want my family or friends to be involved	27	2%	8	2%	13	3%	20	4%	7	1%	75	2%
Missing	75		18		24		41		46		204	

53. During your cancer treatment, were you given enough care and support from health or social services (for example, district nurses, home helps or physiotherapists)?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	623	66%	189	68%	176	64%	242	69%	250	75%	1,480	68%
* Yes, to some extent	175	19%	55	20%	56	20%	52	15%	48	14%	386	18%
* No	144	15%	34	12%	45	16%	56	16%	34	10%	313	14%
I did not need help from health or social services	441	32%	128	32%	163	37%	206	37%	153	31%	1,091	33%
Don't know / can't remember	8	1%	0	0%	1	0%	4	1%	4	1%	17	1%
Missing	64		18		32		38		39		191	

54. Once your cancer treatment finished, were you given enough care and support from health or social services (for example, district nurses, home helps or physiotherapists)?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	333	52%	114	57%	114	55%	126	56%	159	64%	846	56%
* Yes, to some extent	140	22%	48	24%	44	21%	37	16%	38	15%	307	20%
* No	166	26%	37	19%	51	24%	62	28%	50	20%	366	24%
I did not need help from health or social services	453	33%	126	32%	163	38%	230	41%	146	31%	1,118	35%
I am still having treatment	264	19%	72	18%	60	14%	94	17%	81	17%	571	18%
Don't know / can't remember	3	0%	1	0%	0	0%	6	1%	3	1%	13	0%
Missing	96		26		41		43		51		257	

CARE FROM YOUR GENERAL PRACTICE

55. As far as you know, was your GP given enough information about your condition and the treatment you had at the hospital?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	1,094	95%	327	97%	381	95%	459	97%	412	96%	2,673	96%
* No	55	5%	11	3%	18	5%	12	3%	17	4%	113	4%
Don't know / can't remember	270	19%	71	17%	57	13%	106	18%	91	18%	595	18%
Missing	36		15		17		21		8		97	

56. Do you think the GPs and nurses at your general practice did everything they could to support you while you were having cancer treatment?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, definitely	739	69%	247	73%	271	71%	287	70%	313	75%	1,857	71%
* Yes, to some extent	223	21%	68	20%	74	19%	93	23%	71	17%	529	20%
* No, they could have done more	102	10%	22	7%	35	9%	32	8%	31	7%	222	9%
My general practice was not involved	336	24%	75	18%	69	15%	155	27%	96	19%	731	22%
Missing	55		12		24		31		17		139	

YOUR OVERALL CARE

57. Did the different people treating and caring for you (such as GP, hospital doctors, hospital nurses, specialist nurses, community nurses) work well together to give you the best possible care?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes, always	934	69%	299	75%	317	71%	394	72%	381	76%	2,325	72%
* Yes, most of the time	298	22%	69	17%	95	21%	107	19%	95	19%	664	20%
* Yes, some of the time	92	7%	25	6%	28	6%	40	7%	20	4%	205	6%
* No, never	31	2%	5	1%	5	1%	8	1%	8	2%	57	2%
Don't know / can't remember	52	4%	13	3%	14	3%	19	3%	13	3%	111	3%
Missing	48		13		14		30		11		116	

58. Have you been offered a needs assessment and care plan?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Yes	255	26%	84	28%	108	34%	99	24%	119	34%	665	28%
* No	743	74%	213	72%	213	66%	320	76%	235	66%	1,724	72%
I do not know / understand what a needs assessment or care plan is	259	19%	67	17%	86	20%	88	16%	90	18%	590	18%
Don't know / can't remember	103	8%	31	8%	32	7%	43	8%	45	9%	254	8%
Missing	95		29		34		48		39		245	

59. Overall, how would you rate the administration of your care (getting letters at the right time, doctors having the right notes/tests results, etc.)?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* Very good	979	69%	279	68%	292	64%	388	67%	369	71%	2,307	68%
* Good	355	25%	103	25%	134	29%	128	22%	128	25%	848	25%
* Neither good nor bad	49	3%	19	5%	21	5%	43	7%	16	3%	148	4%
* Quite bad	23	2%	6	1%	7	2%	12	2%	6	1%	54	2%
* Very bad	11	1%	2	0%	1	0%	5	1%	2	0%	21	1%
Don't know / can't remember	6	0%	3	1%	1	0%	6	1%	2	0%	18	1%
Missing	32		12		17		16		5		82	

YOUR OVERALL CARE (continued)

60. Overall, how do you feel about the length of time you had to wait when attending clinics and appointments for your cancer treatment?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* <i>It was much too long</i>	133	9%	64	16%	45	10%	57	10%	32	6%	331	10%
* <i>It was a little too long</i>	352	25%	112	28%	101	22%	118	21%	98	19%	781	23%
* <i>It was about right</i>	930	66%	231	57%	308	68%	397	69%	382	75%	2,248	67%
Don't know / can't remember	6	0%	3	1%	4	1%	1	0%	3	1%	17	1%
Missing	34		14		15		25		13		101	

61. Since your diagnosis, has anyone discussed with you whether you would like to take part in cancer research for example, clinical trials?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* <i>Yes</i>	296	21%	44	11%	55	12%	48	9%	54	11%	497	15%
* <i>No</i>	1,082	79%	351	89%	389	88%	511	91%	447	89%	2,780	85%
Don't know / can't remember	43	3%	16	4%	16	3%	22	4%	16	3%	113	3%
Missing	34		13		13		17		11		88	

62. Overall, how would you rate your care?	Belfast		Northern		Southern		South Eastern		Western		NI CPES	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
* <i>Very Poor 0</i>	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	3	0%
* <i>1</i>	2	0%	0	0%	3	1%	1	0%	1	0%	7	0%
* <i>2</i>	3	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	3	1%	8	0%
* <i>3</i>	4	0%	0	0%	1	0%	2	0%	0	0%	7	0%
* <i>4</i>	8	1%	2	0%	3	1%	4	1%	0	0%	17	1%
* <i>5</i>	16	1%	8	2%	8	2%	12	2%	7	1%	51	2%
* <i>6</i>	24	2%	9	2%	15	3%	19	3%	9	2%	76	2%
* <i>7</i>	74	5%	21	5%	29	6%	30	5%	25	5%	179	5%
* <i>8</i>	256	18%	70	17%	79	17%	91	16%	84	17%	580	17%
* <i>9</i>	358	26%	119	29%	132	29%	158	28%	114	22%	881	26%
* <i>Very Good 10</i>	656	47%	183	44%	183	40%	255	44%	265	52%	1,542	46%
Ambiguous Response	13	1%	2	0%	4	1%	4	1%	5	1%	28	1%
Missing	39		9		16		20		15		99	



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Further information on the Cancer Patient Experience Survey programmes and the 2018 survey can be obtained at:

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