

# 2017 NATIONAL TRAINEE SURVEY RESULTS

PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

SPECIALTY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

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## Introduction

The Specialty Specific Questions have been developed to test trainee's access to, participation in or confidence in the attainment of specific aspects of the specialty training curriculum.

The questions have been included as Programme Specific Questions in the annual GMC National Trainee Survey. A table showing trainee's collective responses from a national perspective, a comparison with the responses last previously received for the question (if it has been asked in a previous year) and the region or regions where agreement is highest or lowest are shown on pages 3-5 with a fuller breakdown of the questions and the trainee responses (nationally, by Deanery/LETB and by grade later in this report.

173 Palliative Medicine trainees (46 ST3, 42 ST4, 45 ST5, 39 ST6 and 1 ST7 trainee) an overall decrease of 5% compared to 2016, completed the 2017 survey. The numbers of trainees in each Deanery / LETB completing the survey were as follows:

| Deanery / LETB                                    | 2016       | 2017       | % Difference |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|
| Health Education East Midlands                    | 12         | 13         | + 8%         |
| Health Education East of England                  | 13         | 13         | + 0%         |
| Health Education N, C & E London                  | 5          | 11         | +120%        |
| Health Education North East                       | 9          | 8          | - 11%        |
| Health Education North West                       | 21         | 18         | - 14%        |
| Health Education NW London                        |            | 11         |              |
| Health Education South London                     | 43         | 26         | - 40%        |
| Health Education South West                       | 10         | 10         | + 0%         |
| Health Education Thames Valley                    | 3          | 3          | + 0%         |
| Health Education Wessex                           | 7          | 5          | - 29%        |
| Health Education West Midlands                    | 17         | 16         | - 6%         |
| Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber         | 19         | 14         | - 26%        |
| NHS Education for Scotland                        | 10         | 9          | - 10%        |
| Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency | 6          | 6          | + 0%         |
| Wales Deanery                                     | 8          | 10         | + 25%        |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>183</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>- 5%</b>  |

Reduction of >10% of trainees completing the NTS in 2017 compared to 2016

## Specialty Specific Questions

| Specialty Specific Questions (Palliative Medicine)  | % trainees agreeing overall                            | 2016/2017 Difference | Agreement Highest   |  | Agreement Lowest  |  |
|---|--|----------------------|---|--|---|--|
| 1) My training to date has prepared me to manage patients independently out of hours  | 100  | +3%                  | 15/15 regions   | 100%   |   |  |
| 2) There have been adequate opportunities for me to develop my leadership skills in the NHS, over the course of my training.              | 85%  | +11%                 | 6/15 regions  | 100%   | East of England<br>Yorks and Humber<br>NE, WAL                    | 56% (5/9)<br>77% (7/9)<br>80%          |
| 3) There have been adequate opportunities for me to develop my leadership skills in the voluntary sector, over the course of my training. | 68%  | -1%                  | SCO, THV, WES   | 100%   | Northern Ireland<br>East Midlands<br>EOE, LDN (S)                 | 0% (0/3)<br>40% (2/5)<br>44%           |
| 4) I am confident in planning and delivering a range of educational sessions.   | 95%  | +1%                  | 11/15 regions   | 100%   | Wales<br>LDN (S), NW, YAH   | 80% (4/5)<br>89%                       |
| 5) I feel that I can make an informed choice about the type of consultant post I would like to obtain.                                    | 92%  | +7%                  | 9/15 regions  | 100%   | Northern Ireland<br>London (S)<br>EMD, WAL                        | 67% (2/3)<br>77% (7/9)<br>80%          |
| 6) The HANDOVER of on-call patients across care settings in this post ensures continuity of care for patients.                            | 85%  | No data              | 5/15 regions  | 100%   | Wessex<br>East of England<br>East Midlands                        | 60% (3/5)<br>70% (9/13)<br>77% (10/13) |
| 7) The HANDBACK of on-call patients across care settings in this post ensures continuity of care for patients.                            | 73%  | No data              | Thames Valley<br>Scotland<br>North East                             | 100% (3/3)<br>89% (8/9)<br>88% (7/8)                             | East of England<br>WAL, WES                                       | 15% (2/13)<br>60%                      |
| 8) In your last on-call weekend, how many unplanned face to face assessments/admissions did you undertake of unstable patients?           | 0: 10%<br>1-3: 47%<br>4-6: 20%<br>7-10: 13%<br>>10: 9% | No data              | Northern Ireland<br>South Western<br>Wessex<br>Wales<br>London (NW) | 50% (3/6)<br>80% (8/10)<br>40% (2/5)<br>40% (4/10)<br>18% (2/11) | 5/15 regions<br>Wales<br>NIR, THV<br>5/15 regions<br>6/15 regions | 0%<br>10% (1/10)<br>0%<br>0%<br>0%     |

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|--|--|--|---|---|
| 9) In your last on-call weekend, how many times did you give advice, without face to face assessment, to another clinical team in a hospital and/or the community? | 0: 15%<br>1-3: 49%<br>4-6: 24%<br>7-10: 7%<br>>10: 5%  | +3%<br>+4%<br>-9%<br>-1%<br>+3%              | Wessex 60% (3/5)<br>NW, NIR, SCO 67%<br>Wales 50% (5/10)<br>South Western 40% (4/10)<br>Scotland 22% (2/9)  | 5/15 regions 0%<br>Wales 20% (2/10)<br>Wessex 0% (0/5)<br>8/15 regions 0%<br>10/15 regions 0%                               |
| 10) I feel I've had sufficient on-call experience managing unstable patients.  | 93%  | No data                                      | 7/15 regions 100%   | London (NW) 82% (9/11)<br>East Midlands 85% (11/13)<br>NE, WMID 88%   |
| 11) On average over the past year, how frequently have you had the opportunity to see patients with consultants?   | Several times a day: 8%<br>Once a day: 2%<br>Several times a week: 44%<br>Once a week: 32%<br>Less than once a week: 13%<br>Not at all: 1% | +6%<br>-6%<br>No data<br>+0%<br>-5%<br>+1%   | East of England 23% (2/9)<br>Northern Ireland 33% (1/3)<br>Scotland 78% (7/9)<br>West Midlands 50% (8/16)<br>Yorks & Humber 36% (5/14)<br>East of England 8% (1/13) | 6/15 regions 0%<br>13/15 regions 0%<br>SW, WES 20%<br>Northern Ireland 0%<br>NIR, SCO 0%<br>14/15 regions 0%                |
| 12) On average over the past year, how frequently have you had the opportunity to discuss individual patients with consultants?                                    | Several times a day: 46%<br>Once a day: 24%<br>Several times a week: 27%<br>Once a week: 3%<br>Less than once a week: 0%<br>Not at all: 0% | +33%<br>18%<br>No data<br>-12%<br>-6%<br>+0% | Thames Valley 100% (3/3)<br>East of England 46% (6/13)<br>Wales 70% (7/10)<br>London (NC&E) 9% (1/11)<br>East of England 8% (1/13)                                  | Wales 20% (2/10)<br>London (NC&E) 9% (1/11)<br>NIR, SCO, THV 0%<br>10/15 regions 0%<br>14/15 regions 0%<br>15/15 regions 0% |

| Deanery / LETB                                    | Year | N= | Q1      | Q2      | Q3      | Q4      | Q5      | Q6      | Q7      | Q8 | Q9 | Q10     | Q11 | Q12 |
|---|------|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|----|---------|-----|-----|
| Health Education East Midlands                    | 2016 | 12 | 83      | 50      | 50      | 83      | 50      | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 13 | 100     | 100     | 40      | 100     | 80      | 77      | 61      |    |    | 85      |     |     |
| Health Education East of England                  | 2016 | 13 | 100     | 50      | 50      | 83      | 83      | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 14 | 100     | 56      | 44      | 100     | 100     | 70      | 15      |    |    | 100     |     |     |
| Health Education London (North, Central & East)   | 2016 | 5  | 100     | 67      | 33      | 100     | 100     | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 10 | 100     | 88      | 88      | 100     | 100     | 82      | 73      |    |    | 91      |     |     |
| Health Education London (North West)              | 2016 | 0  | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 11 | 100     | 88      | 76      | 100     | 100     | 82      | 73      |    |    | 82      |     |     |
| Health Education London (South)                   | 2016 | 43 | 100     | 76      | 52      | 90      | 86      | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 24 | 100     | 89      | 44      | 89      | 77      | 81      | 81      |    |    | 92      |     |     |
| Health Education North East                       | 2016 | 9  | No data | No data | No data | No data | 100     | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 8  | 100     | 80      | 60      | 100     | 100     | 100     | 88      |    |    | 88      |     |     |
| Health Education North West                       | 2016 | 21 | 75      | 92      | 92      | 92      | 92      | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 18 | 100     | 88      | 89      | 89      | 89      | 84      | 84      |    |    | 100     |     |     |
| Health Education South West                       | 2016 | 10 | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 10 | 100     | 100     | 75      | 100     | 100     | 80      | 70      |    |    | 90      |     |     |
| Health Education Thames Valley                    | 2016 | 3  | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 3  | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     |    |    | 100     |     |     |
| Health Education Wessex                           | 2016 | 7  | 100     | No data | 50      | 100     | 83      | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 5  | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 60      | 60      |    |    | 100     |     |     |
| Health Education West Midlands                    | 2016 | 17 | 100     | 67      | 89      | 100     | 89      | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 16 | 100     | 88      | 88      | 100     | 100     | 100     | 82      |    |    | 88      |     |     |
| Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber         | 2016 | 19 | 100     | 57      | 86      | 100     | 86      | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 14 | 100     | 77      | 77      | 89      | 89      | 92      | 85      |    |    | 100     |     |     |
| NHS Education for Scotland                        | 2016 | 10 | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 9  | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 100     | 89      |    |    | 100     |     |     |
| Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency | 2016 | 6  | 75      | 50      | 75      | 100     | 50      | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 6  | 100     | 100     | 0       | 100     | 67      | 100     | 83      |    |    | 100     |     |     |
| Wales Deanery                                     | 2016 | 8  | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data |    |    | No data |     |     |
|   | 2017 | 10 | 100     | 80      | 80      | 80      | 80      | 80      | 60      |    |    | 90      |     |     |

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| Increase in agreement 2016/17 | decrease in agreement 2016/17 | Agreement unchanged 2016/17 |
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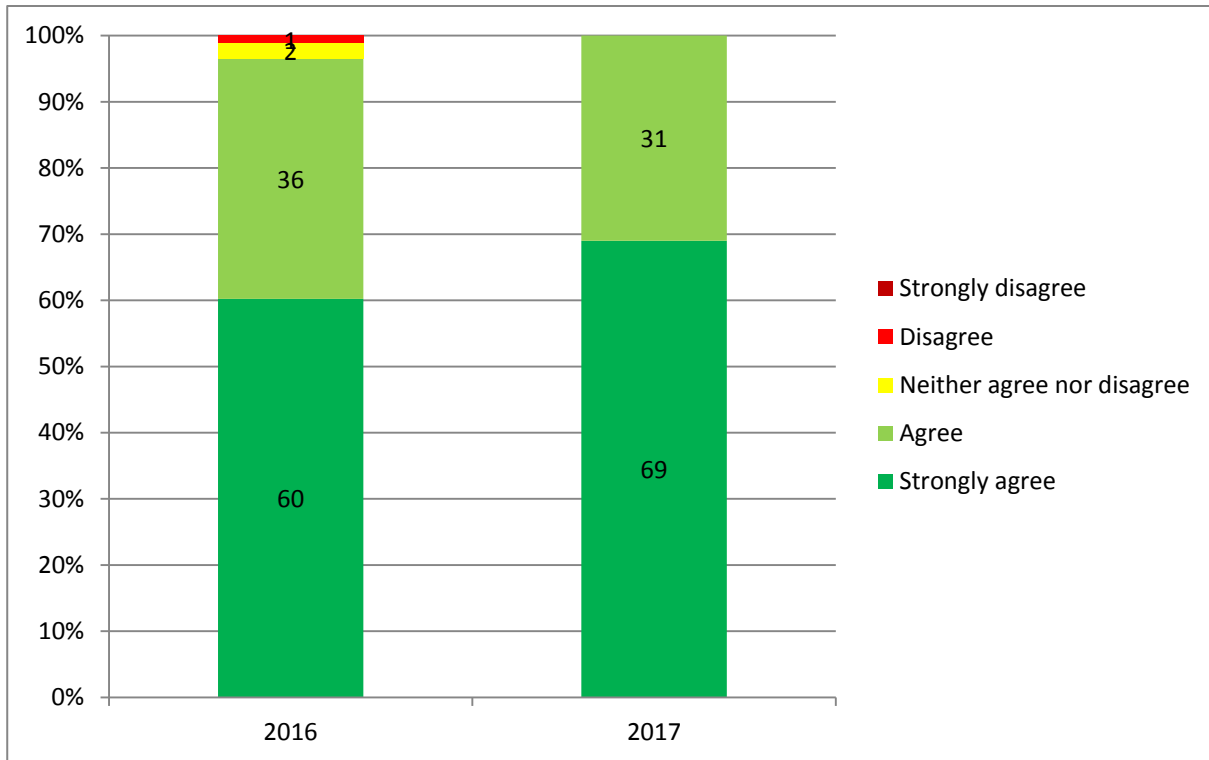
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## Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

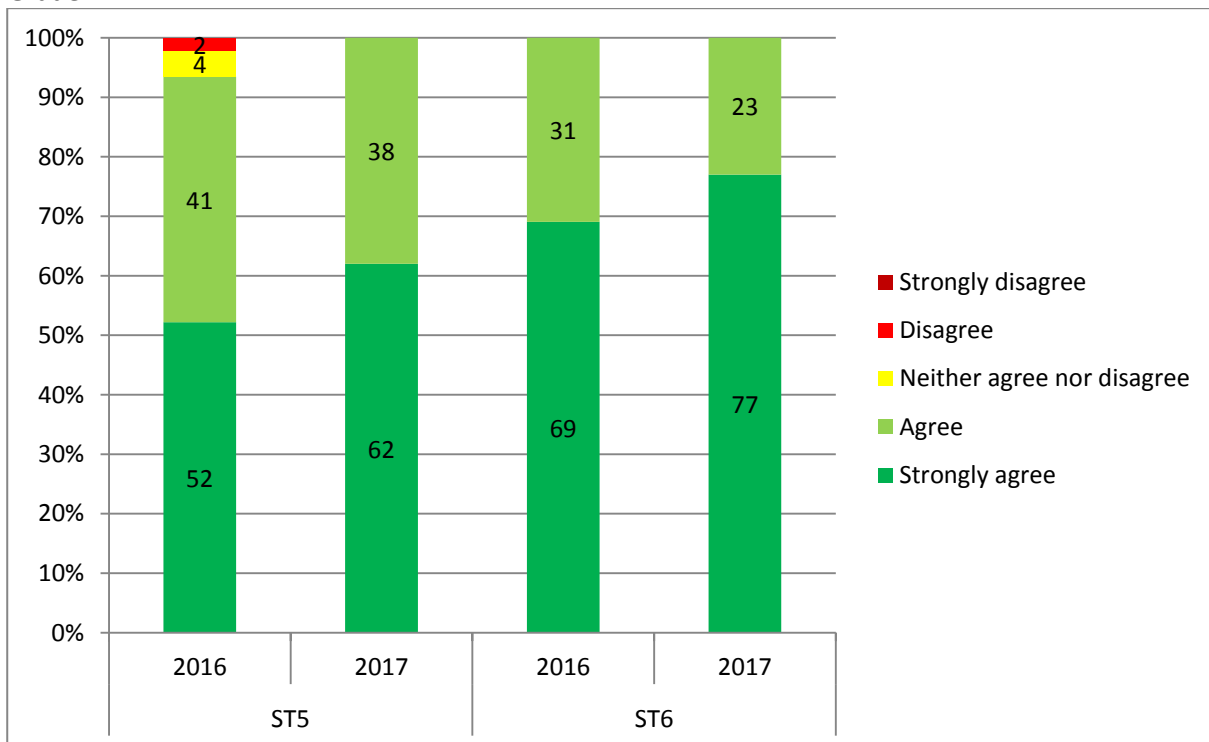
**My training to date has prepared me to manage patients independently out of hours.**

(This question was presented to trainees of the following grades: ST5, ST6) 2016: n=88, 2017: n=85

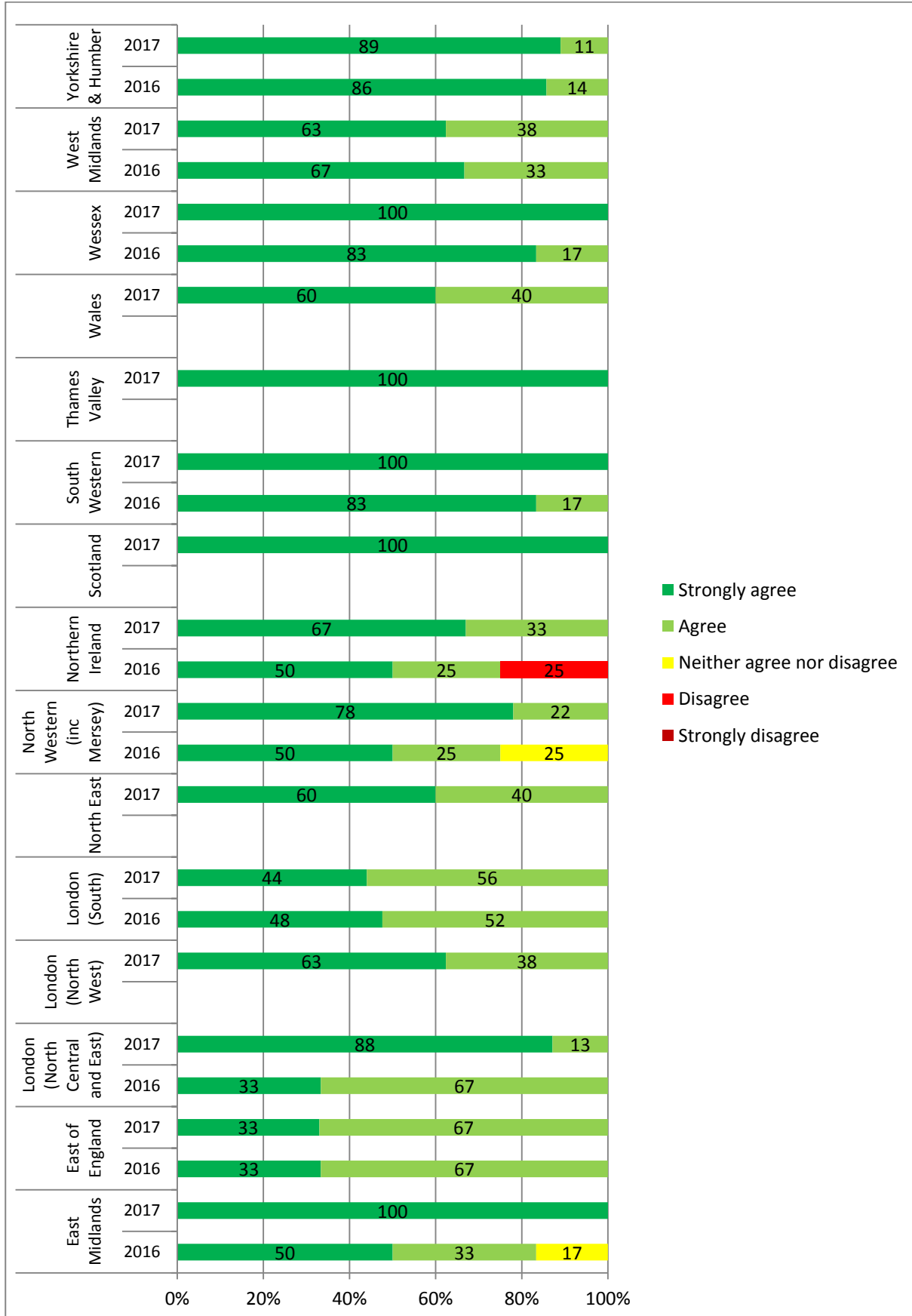
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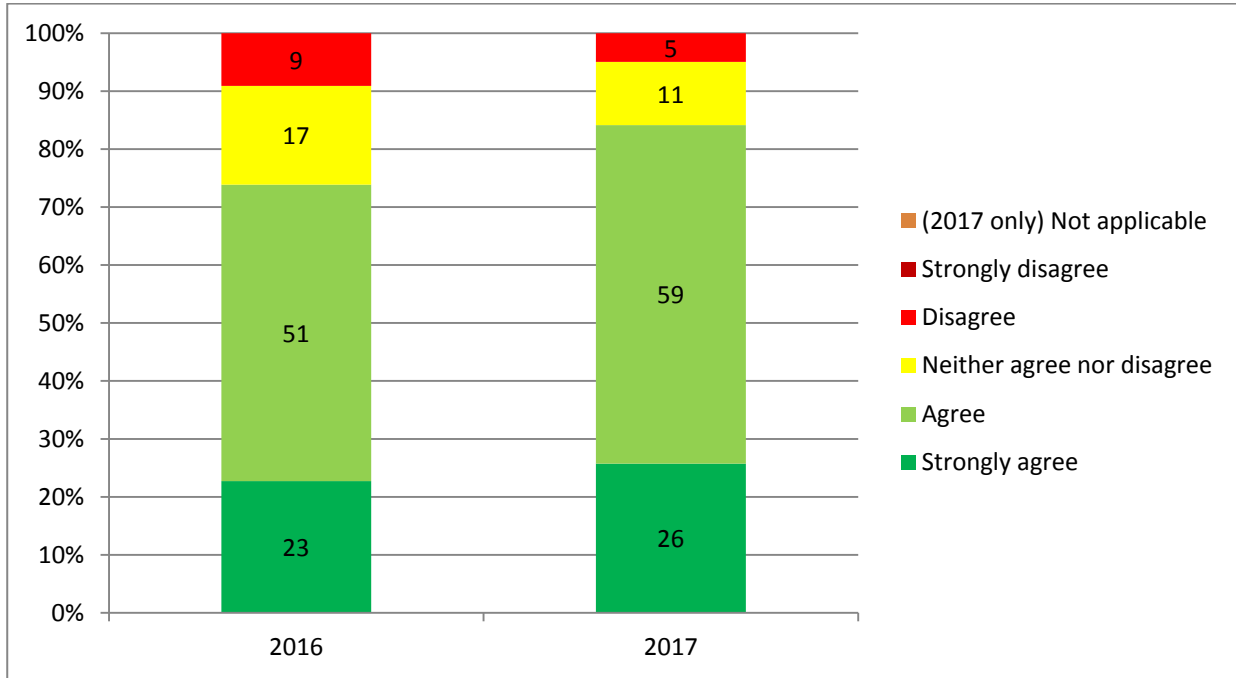


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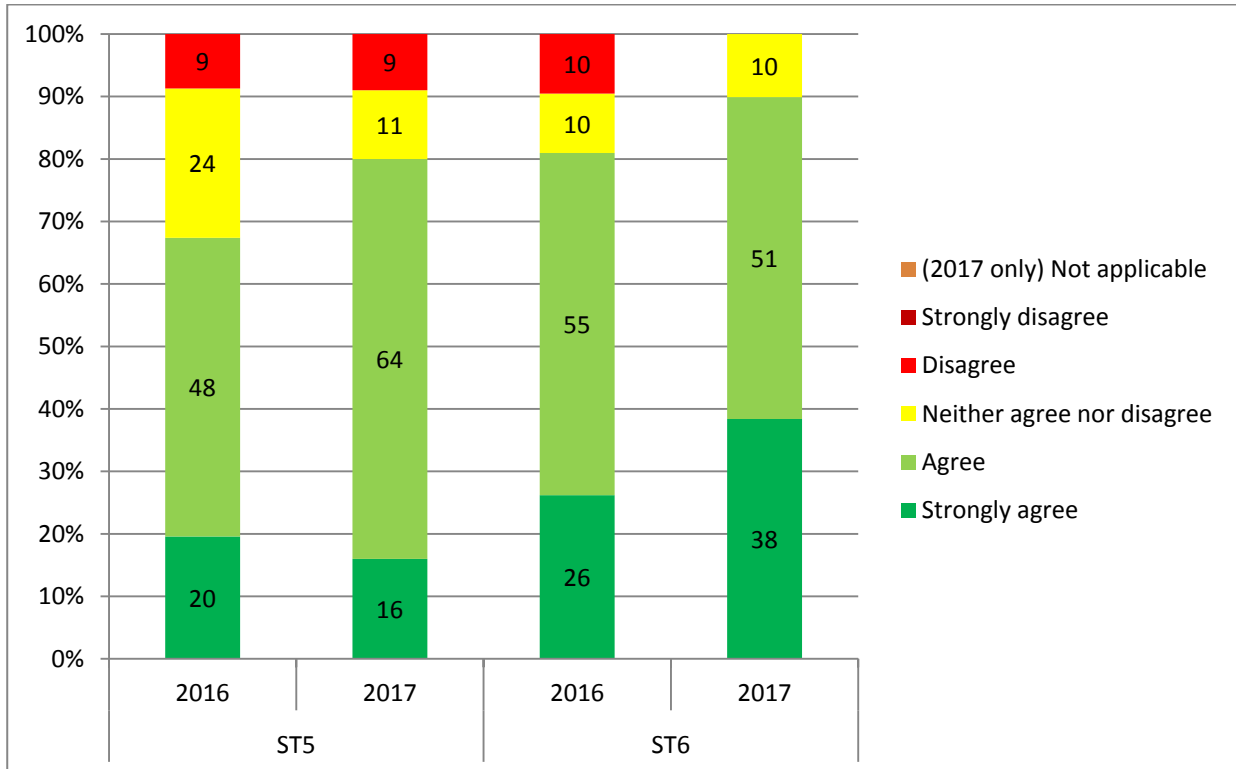
There have been adequate opportunities for me to develop my leadership skills in the NHS, over the course of my training.

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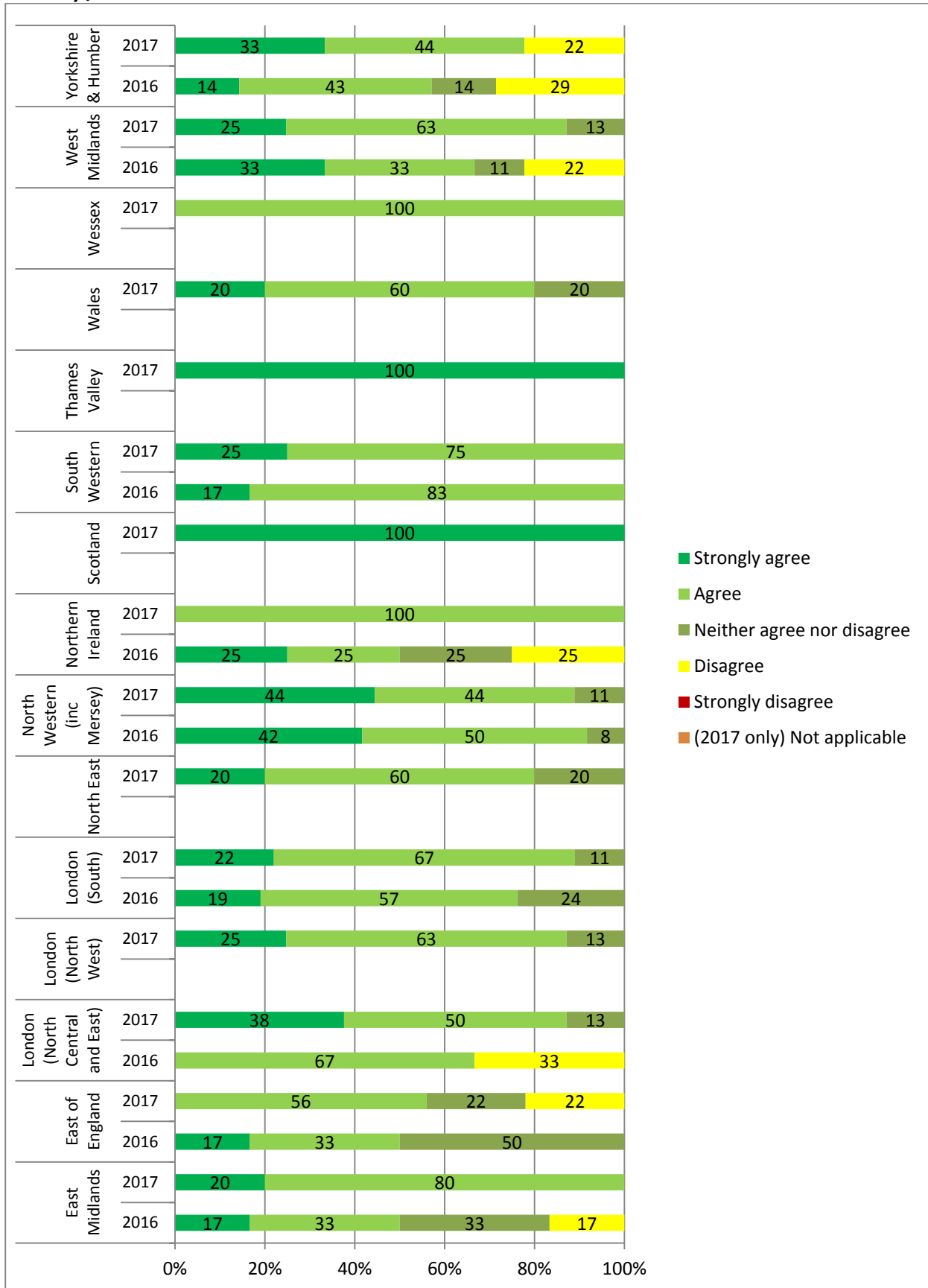


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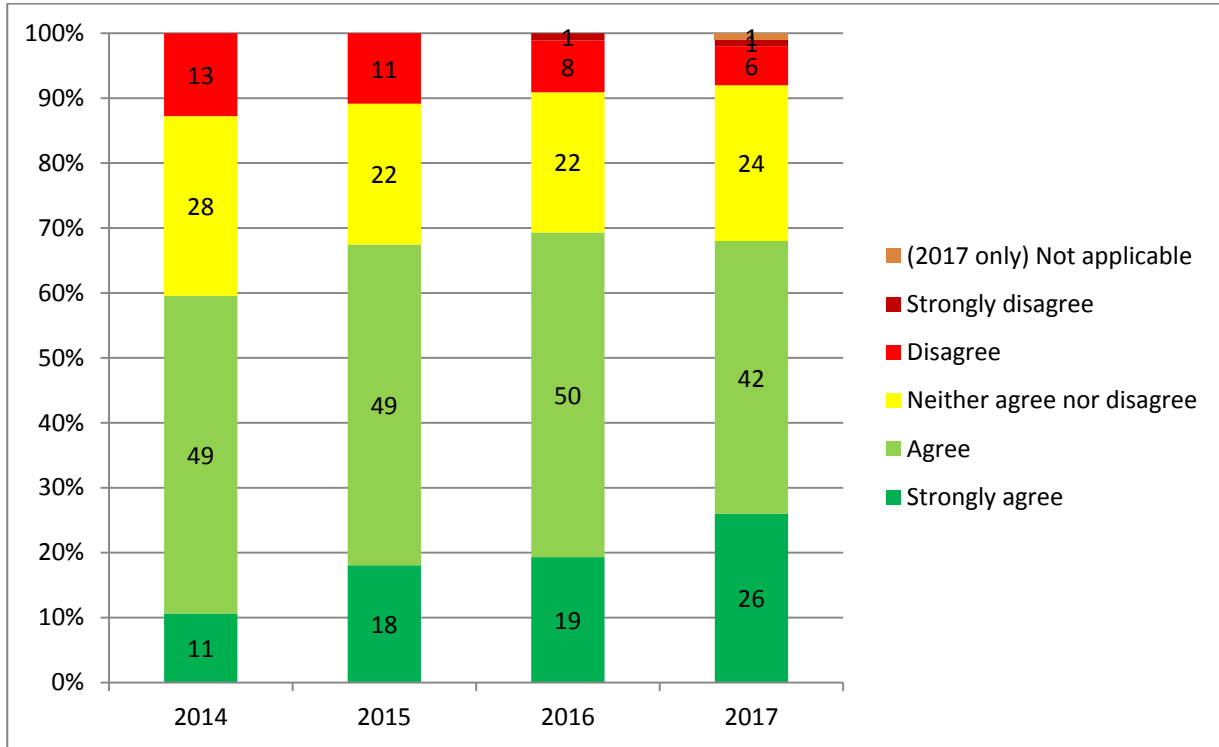


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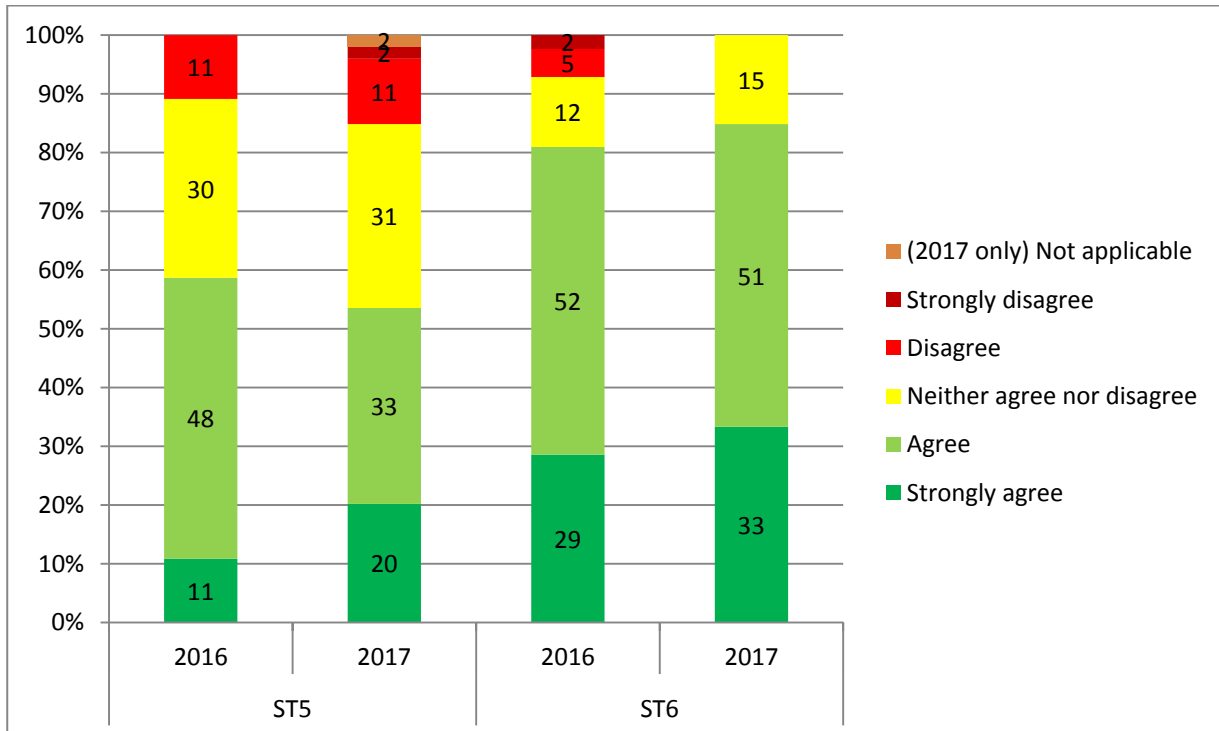
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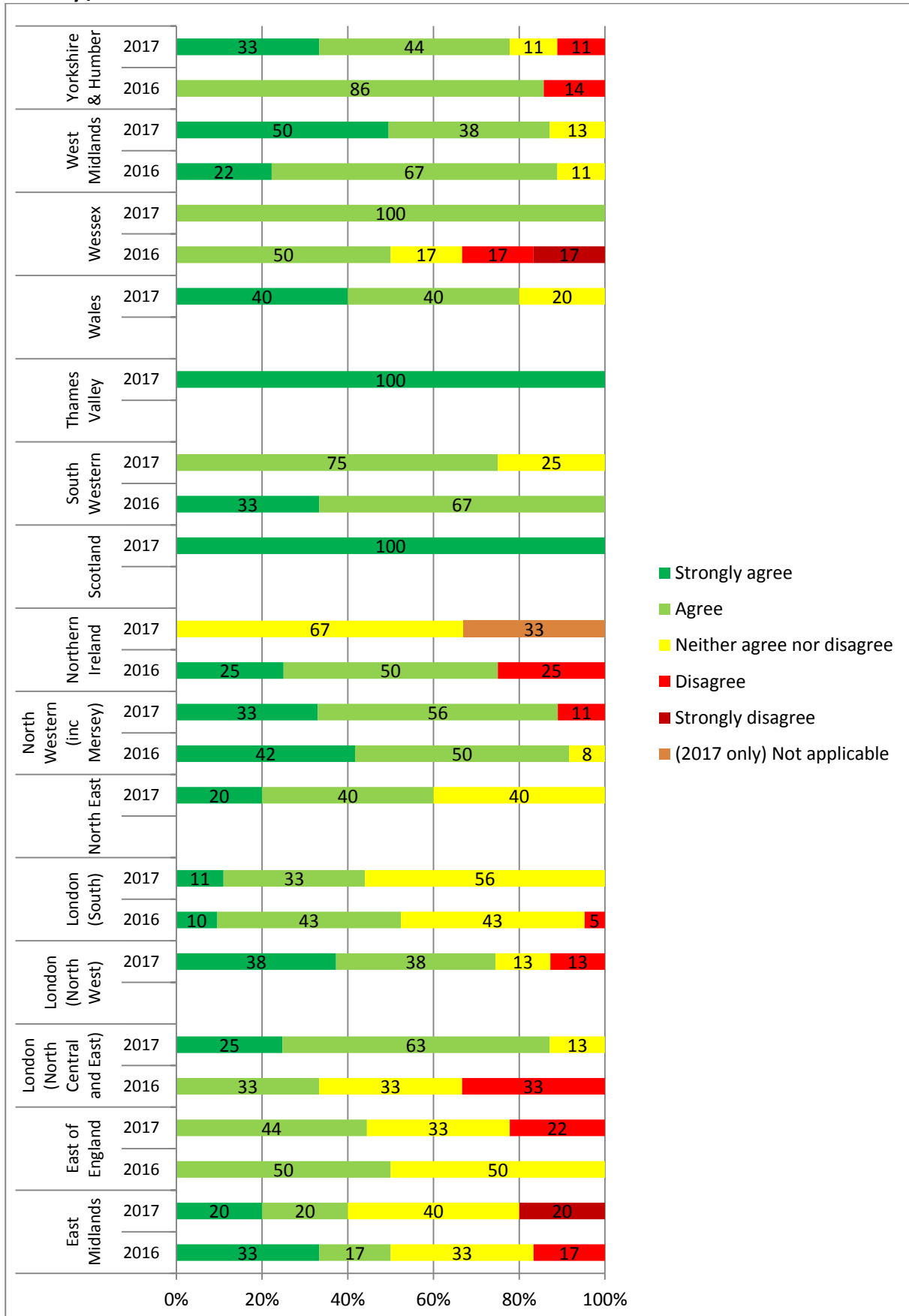
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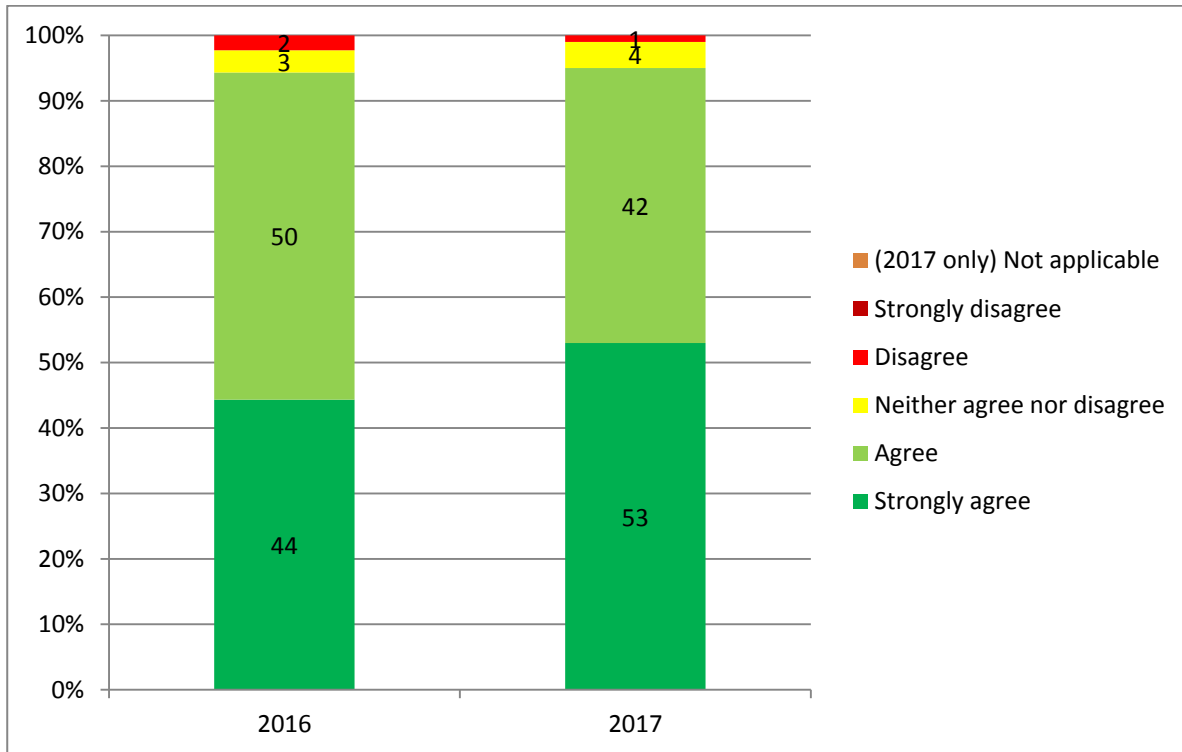


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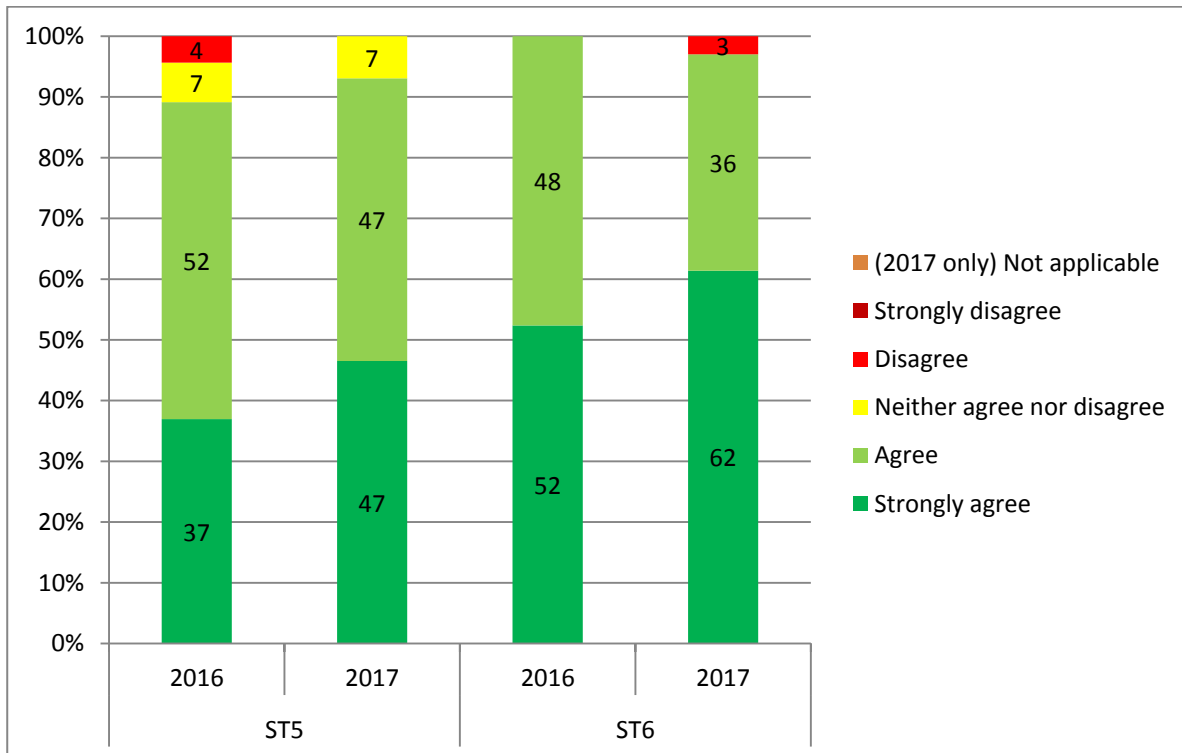
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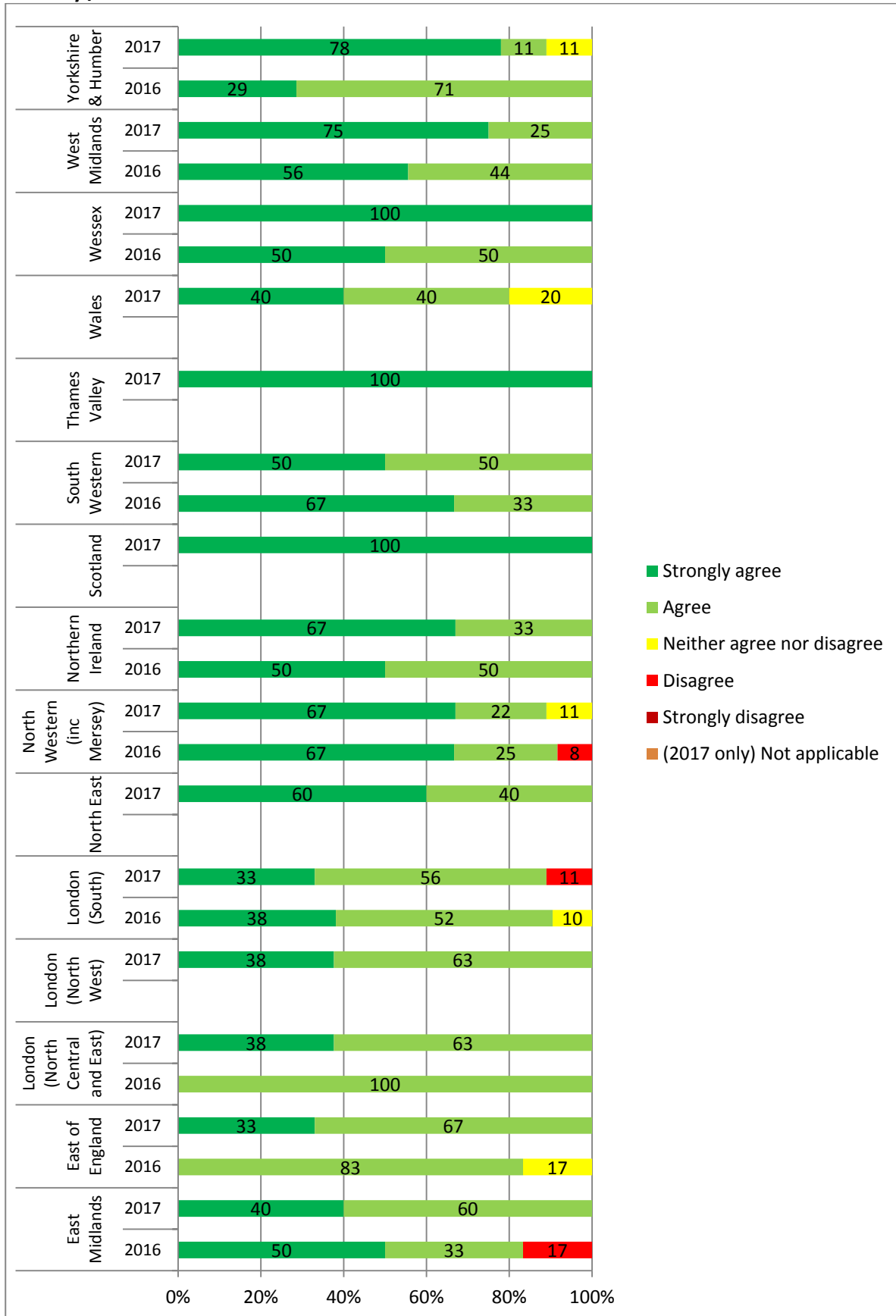
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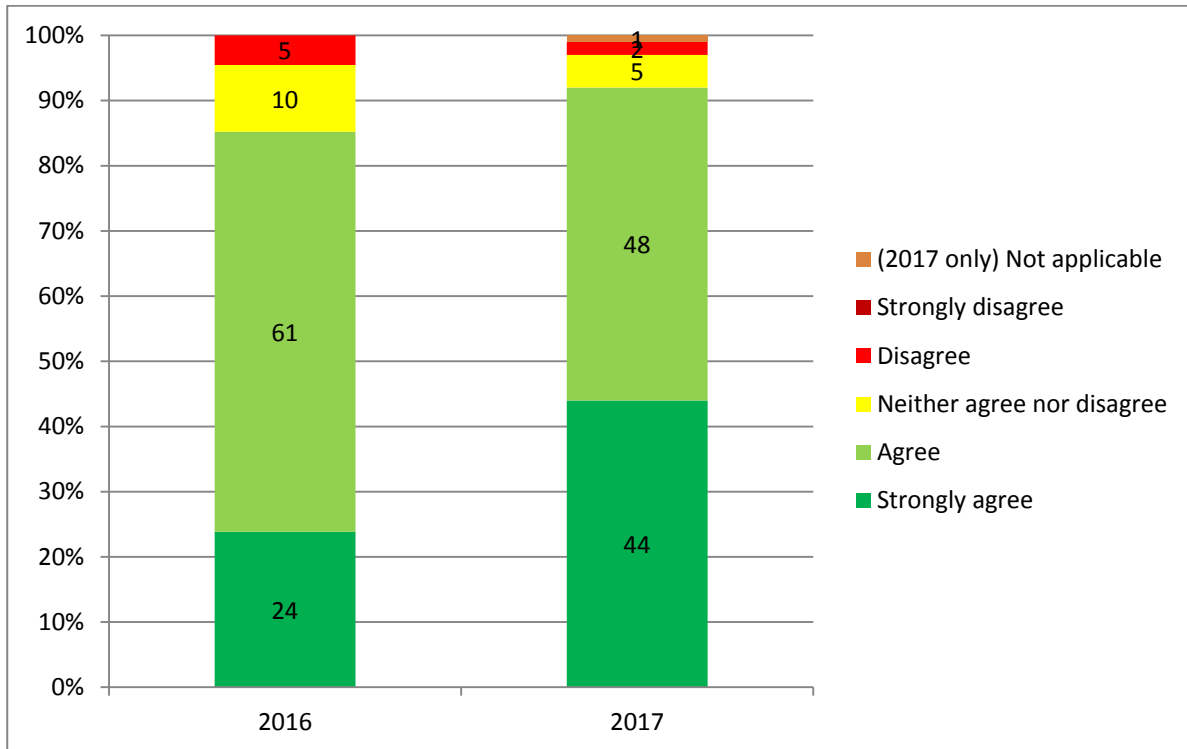


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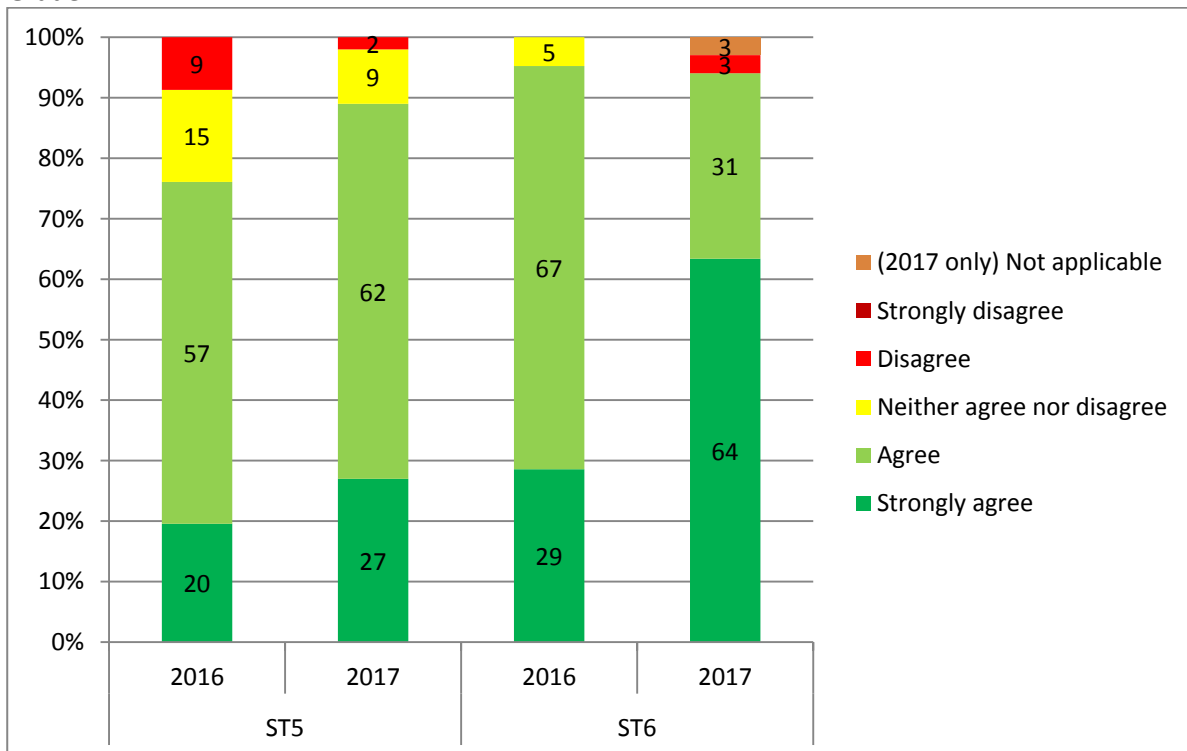
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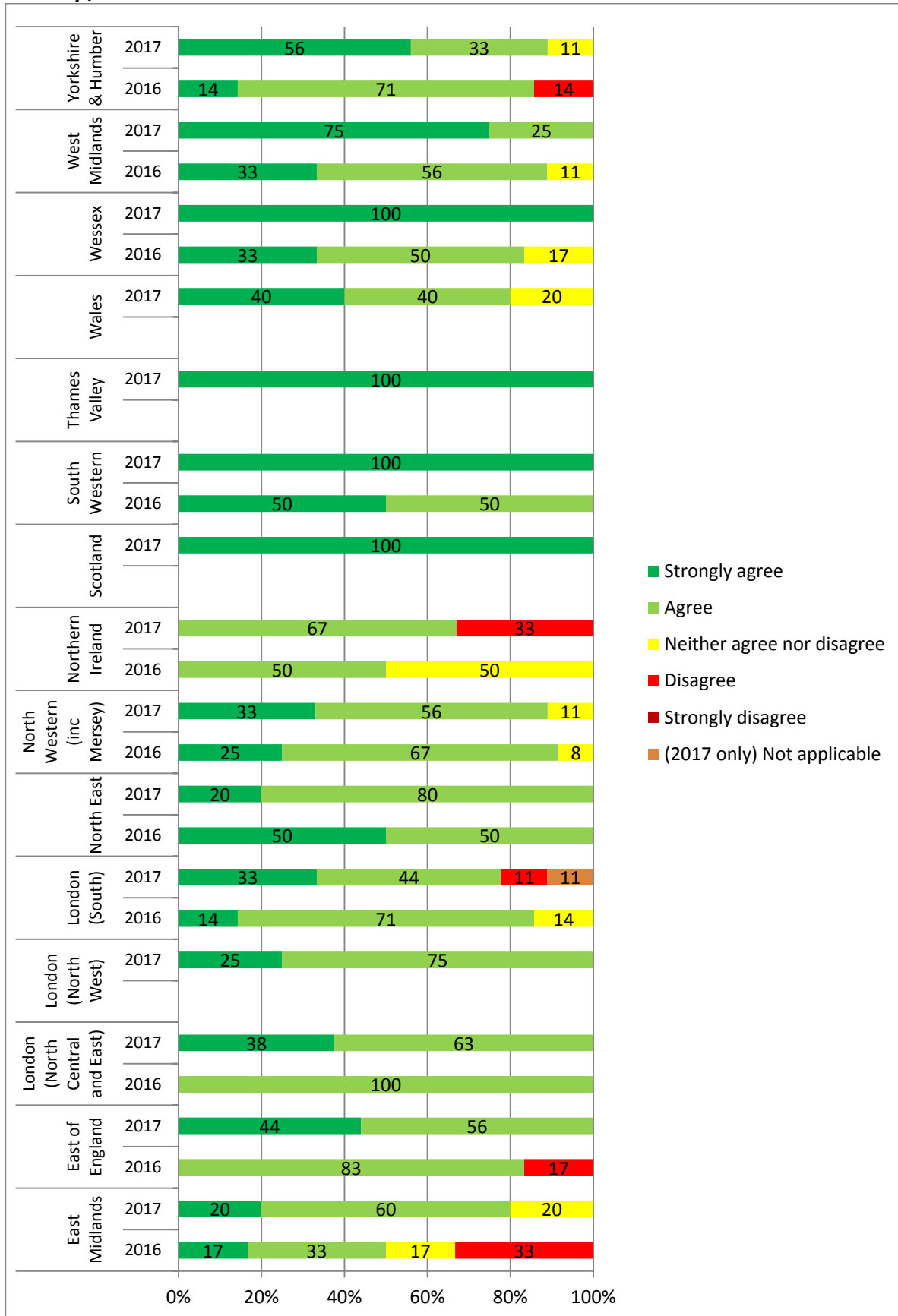
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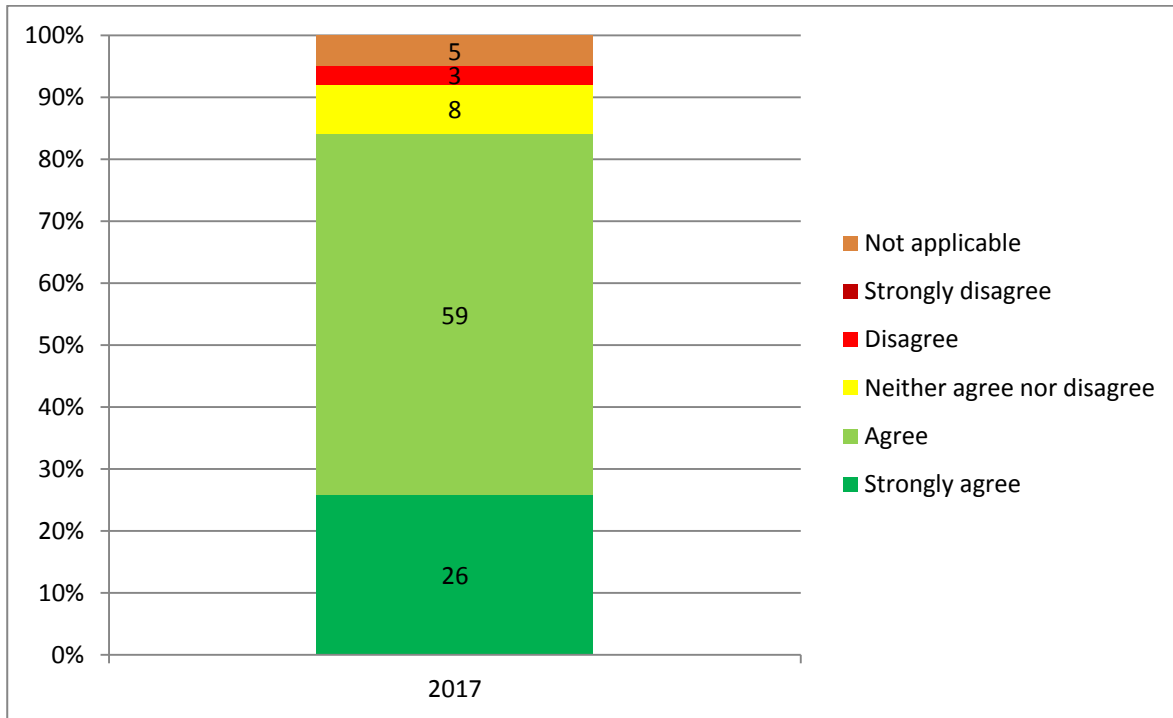


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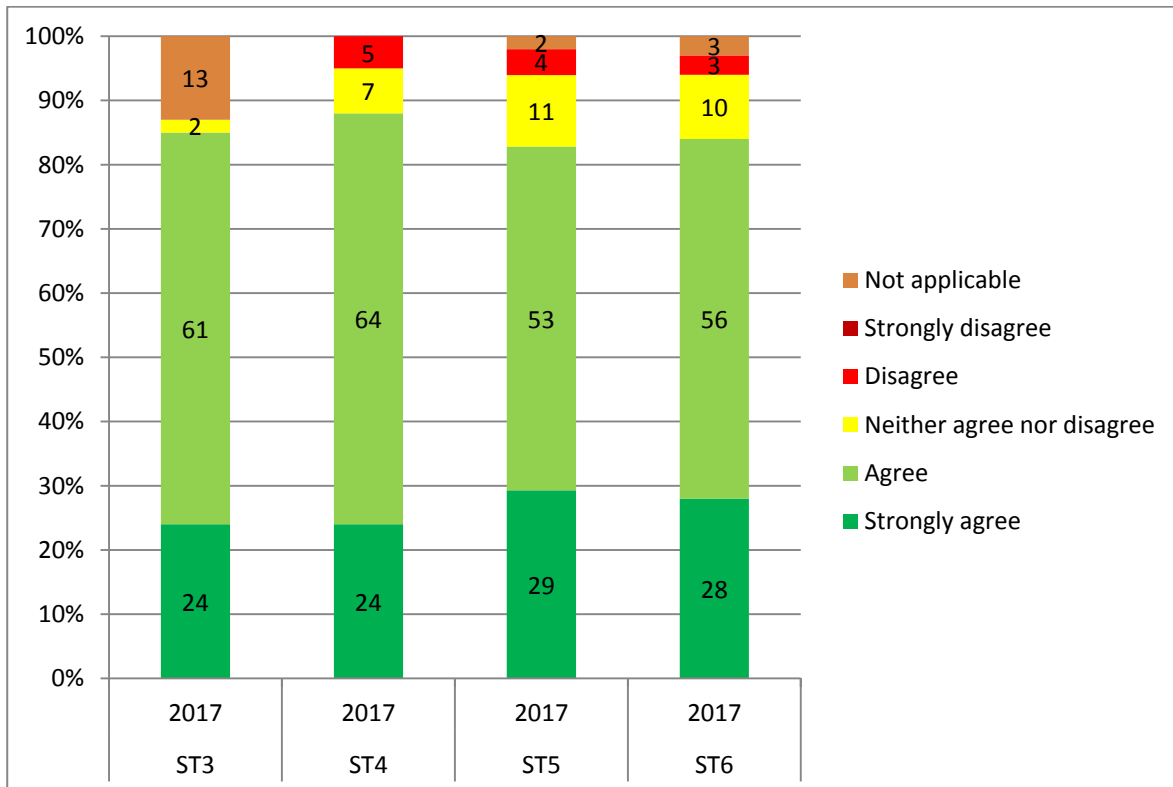
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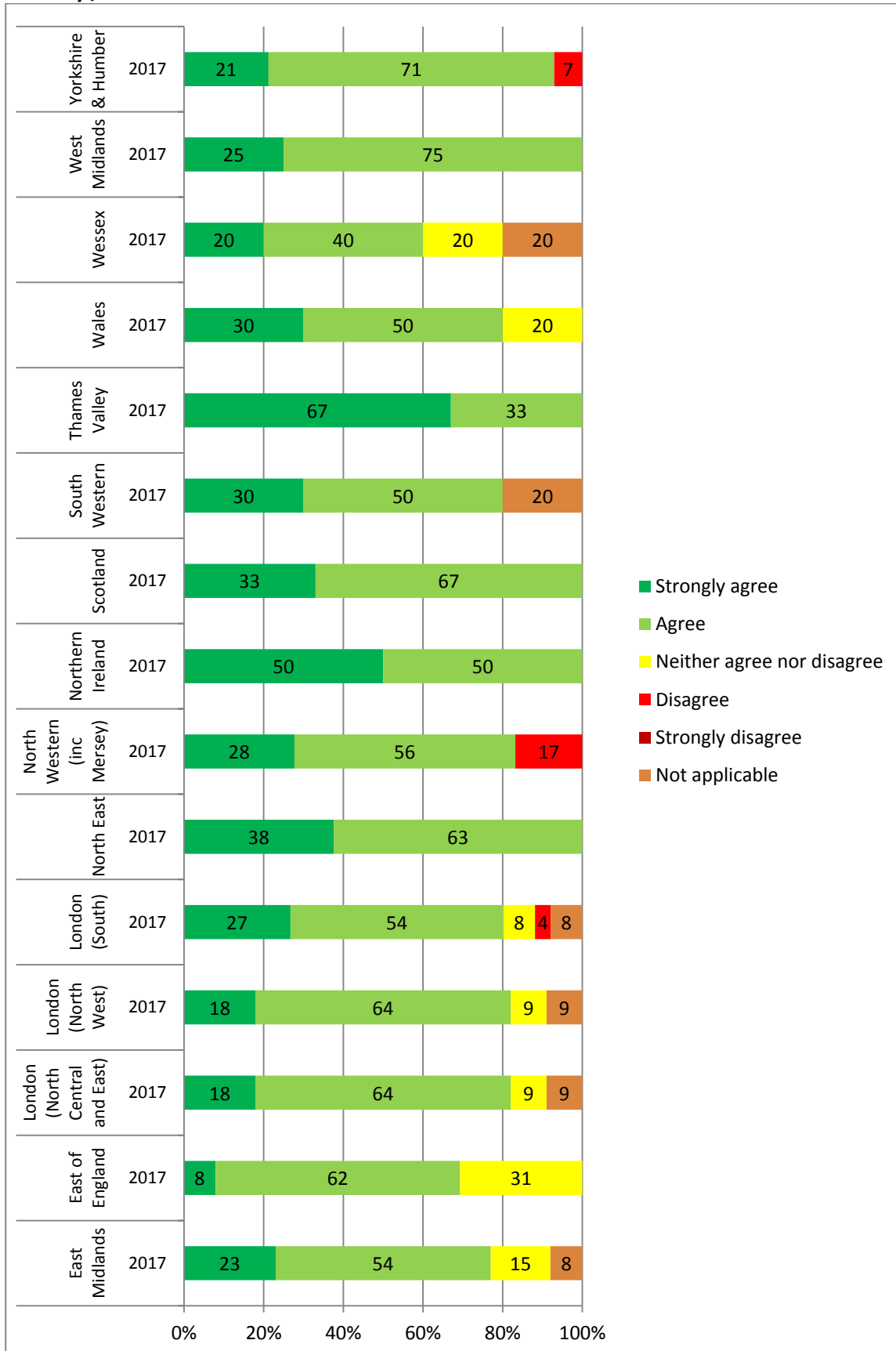


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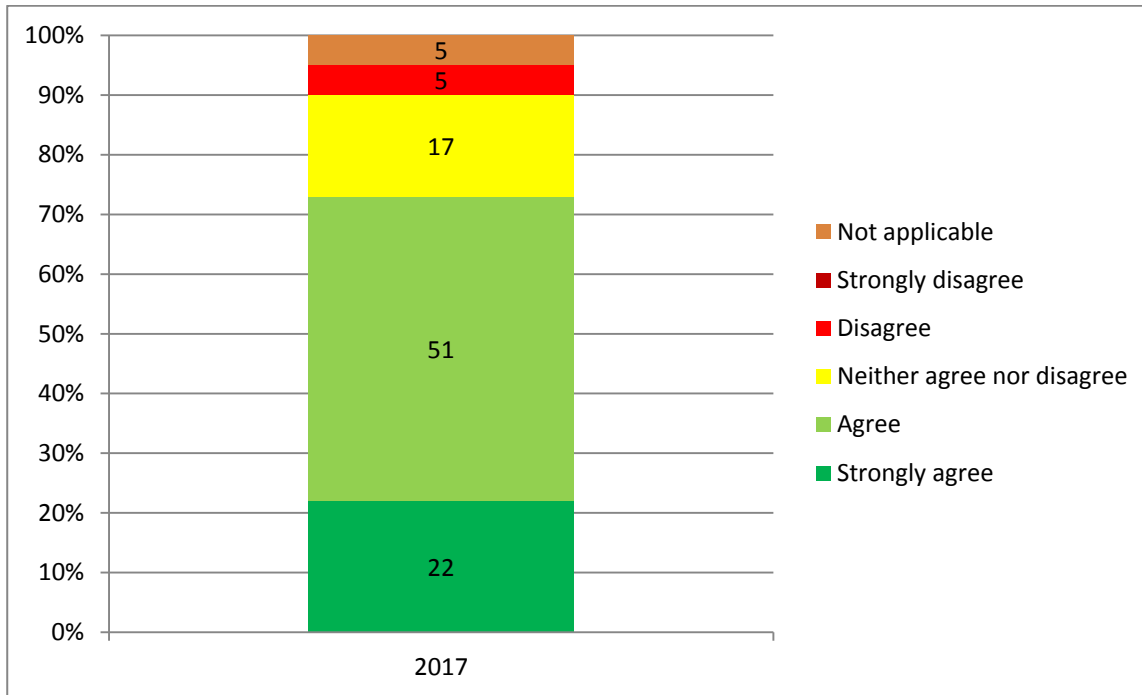


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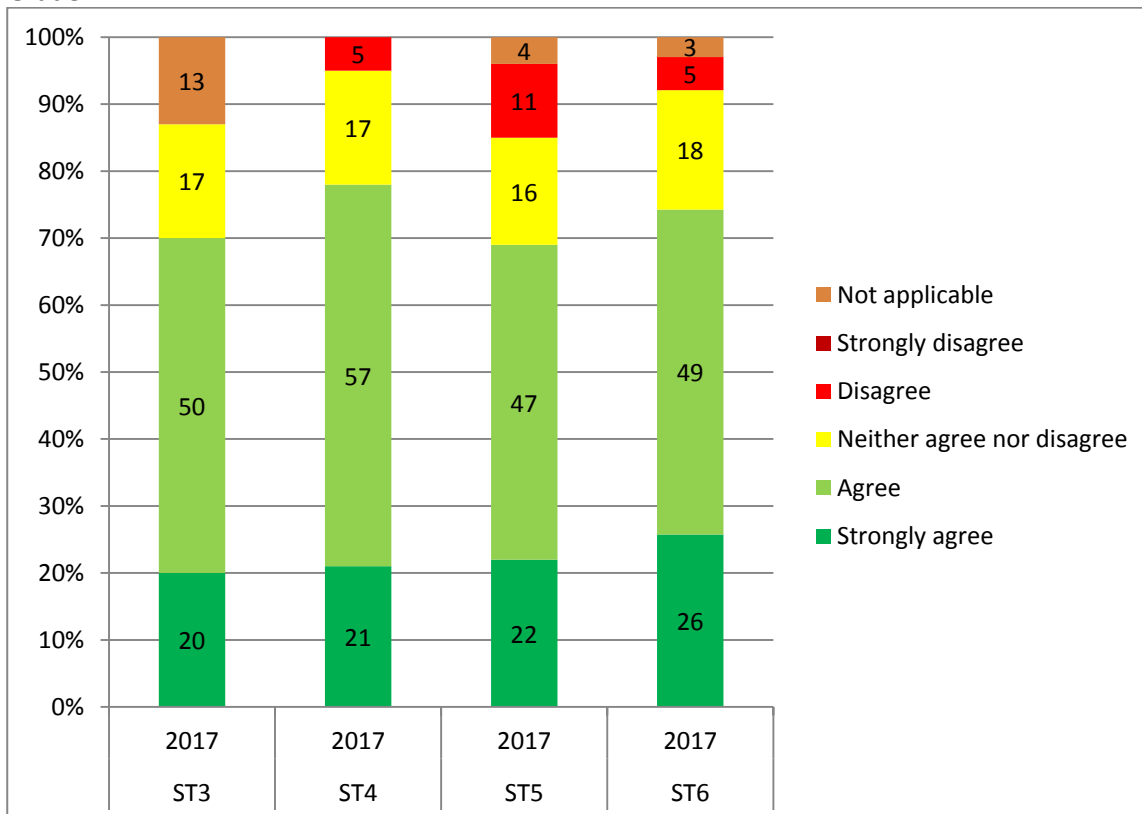
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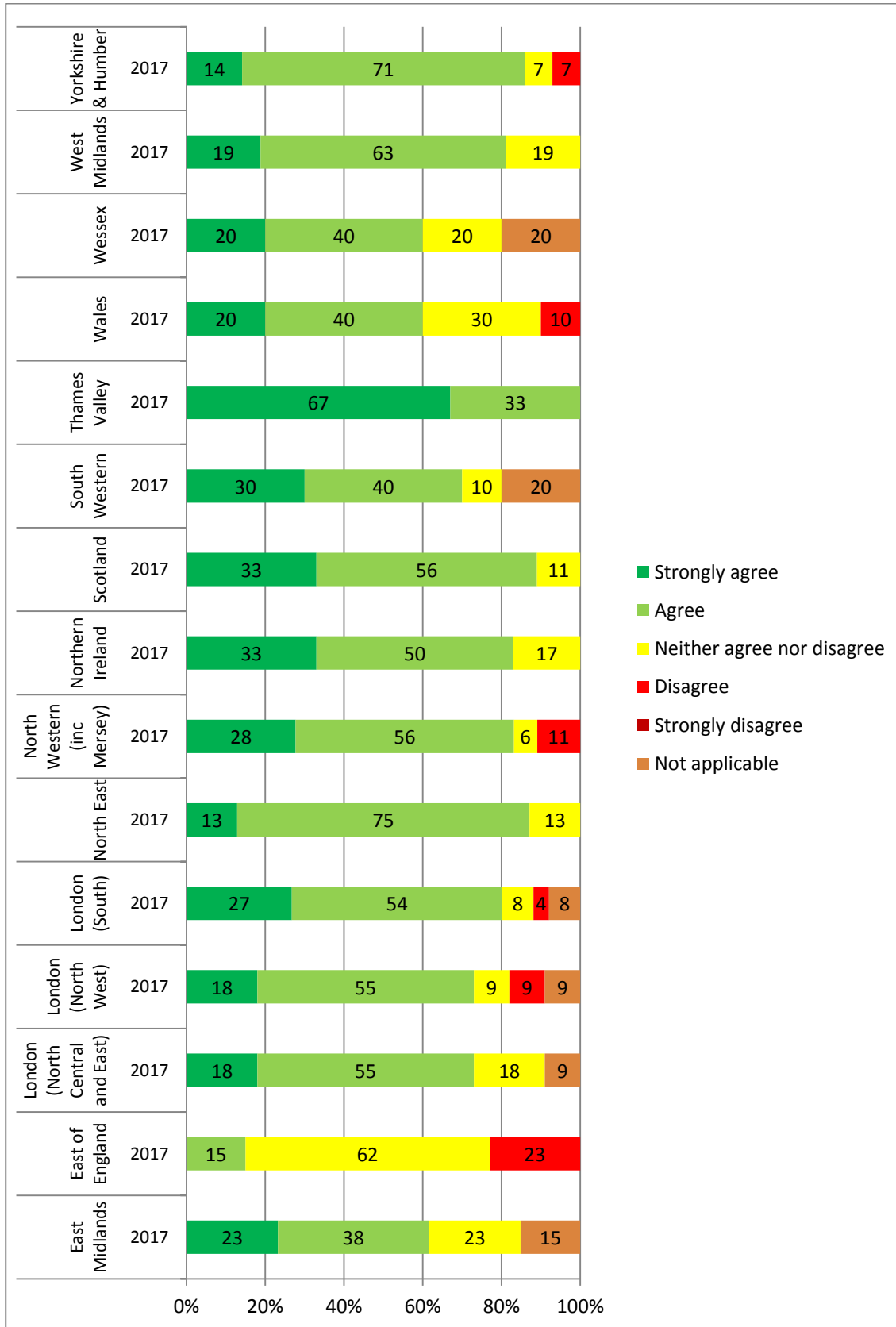
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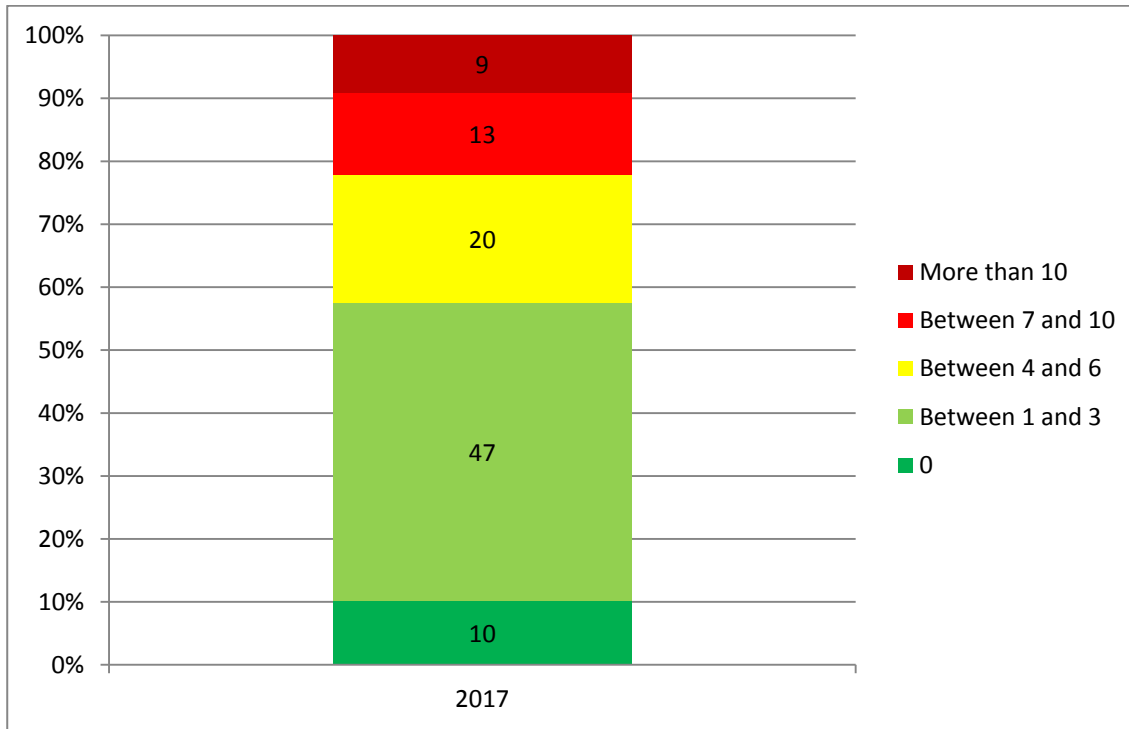
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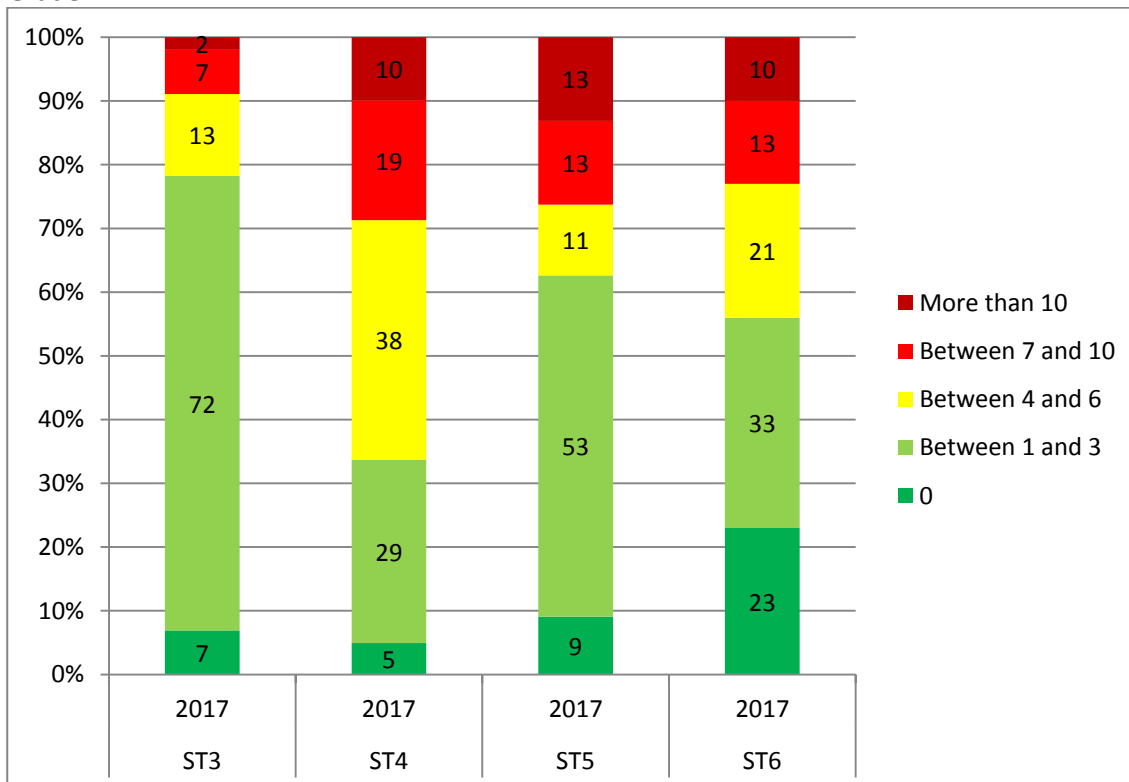
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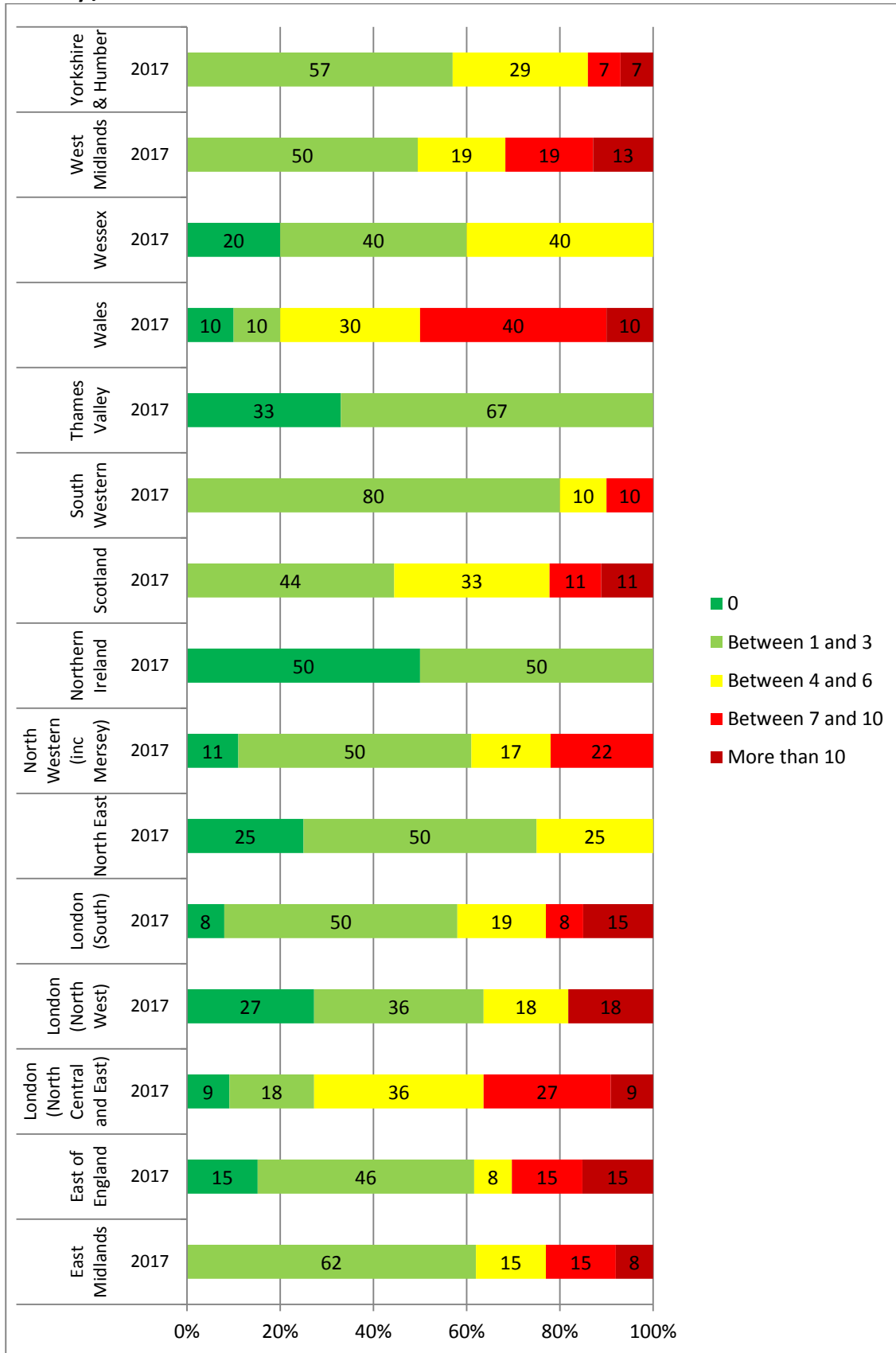
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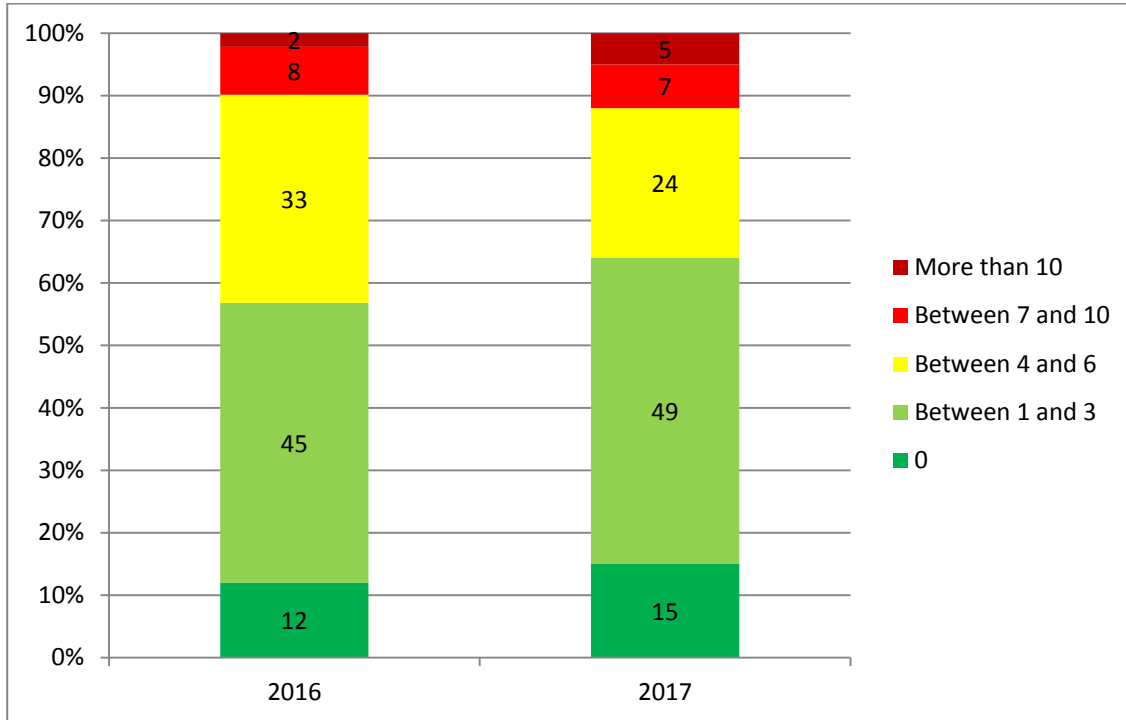
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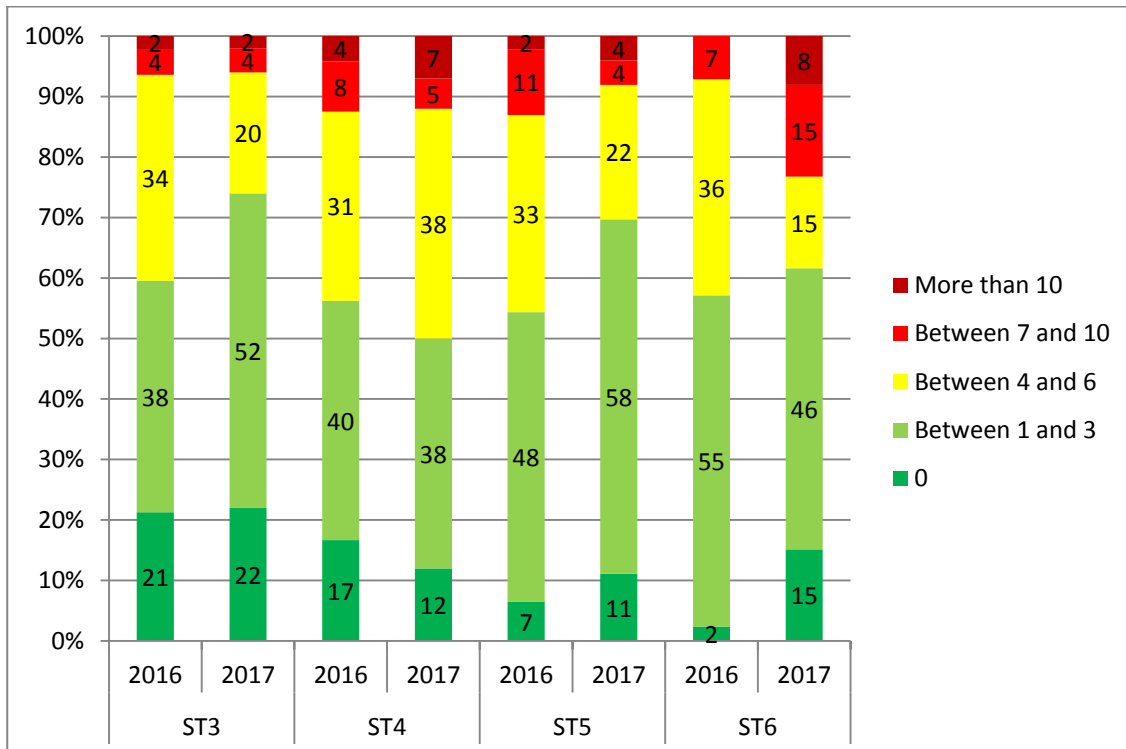
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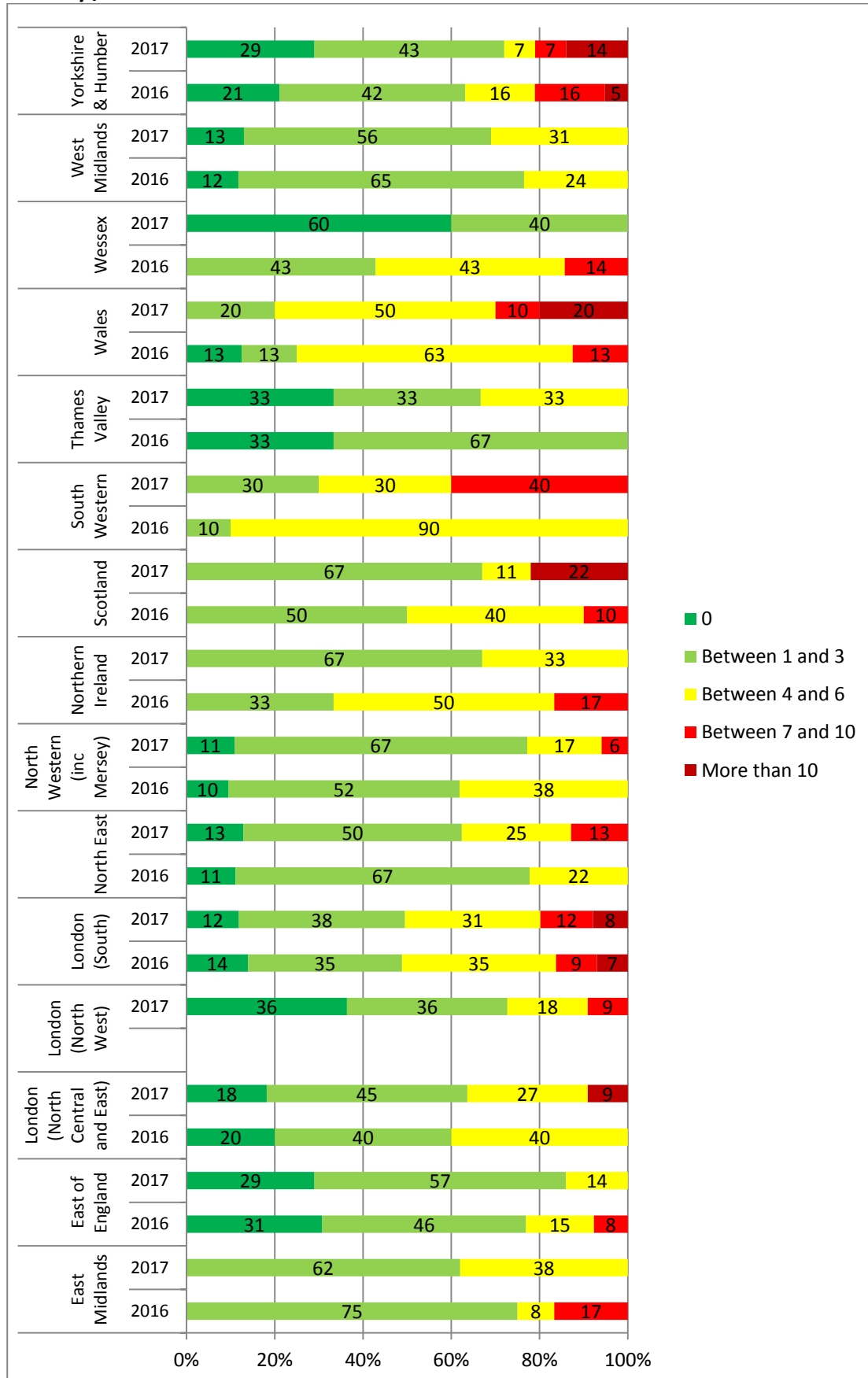
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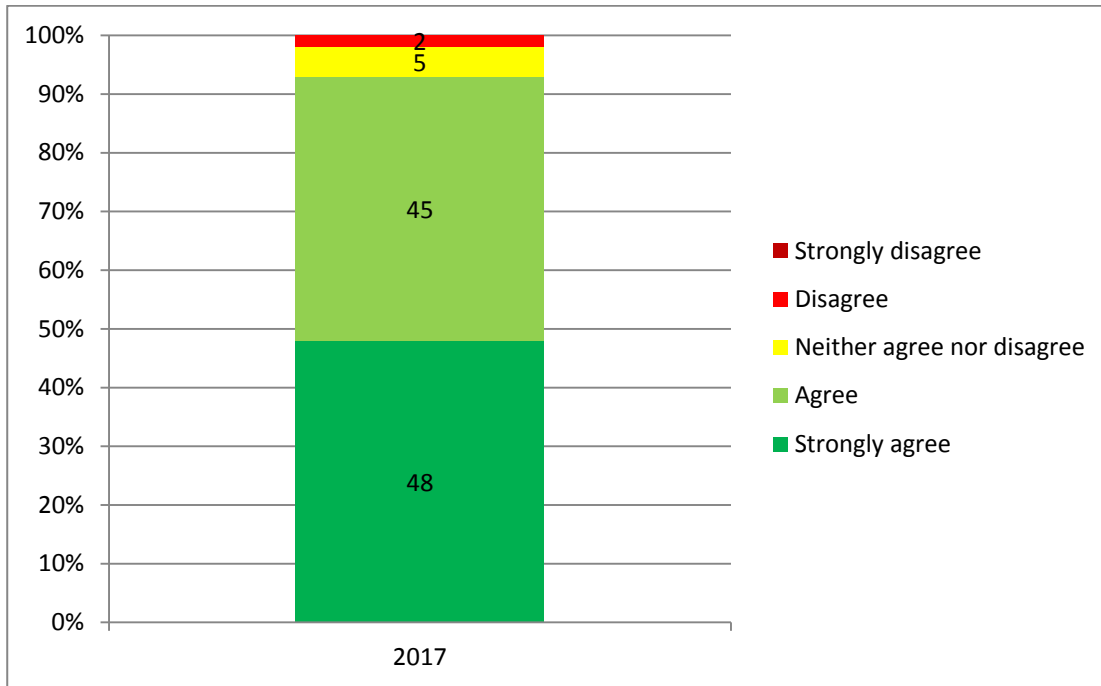


## 10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

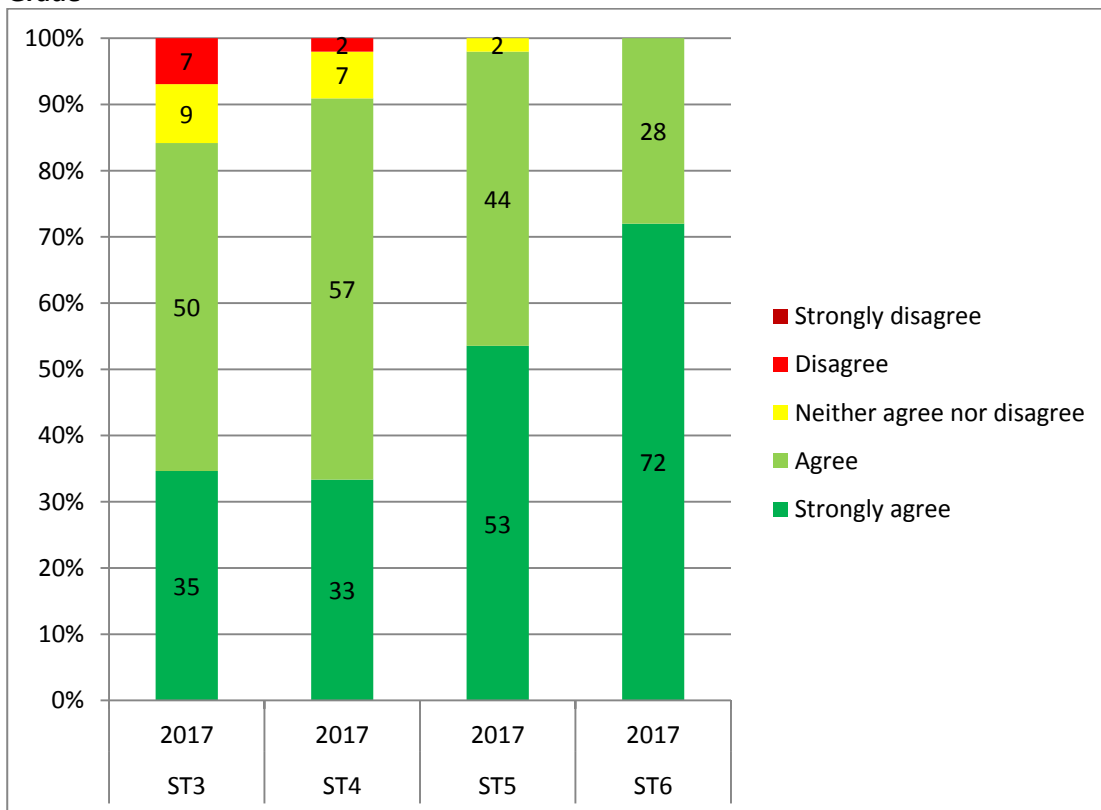
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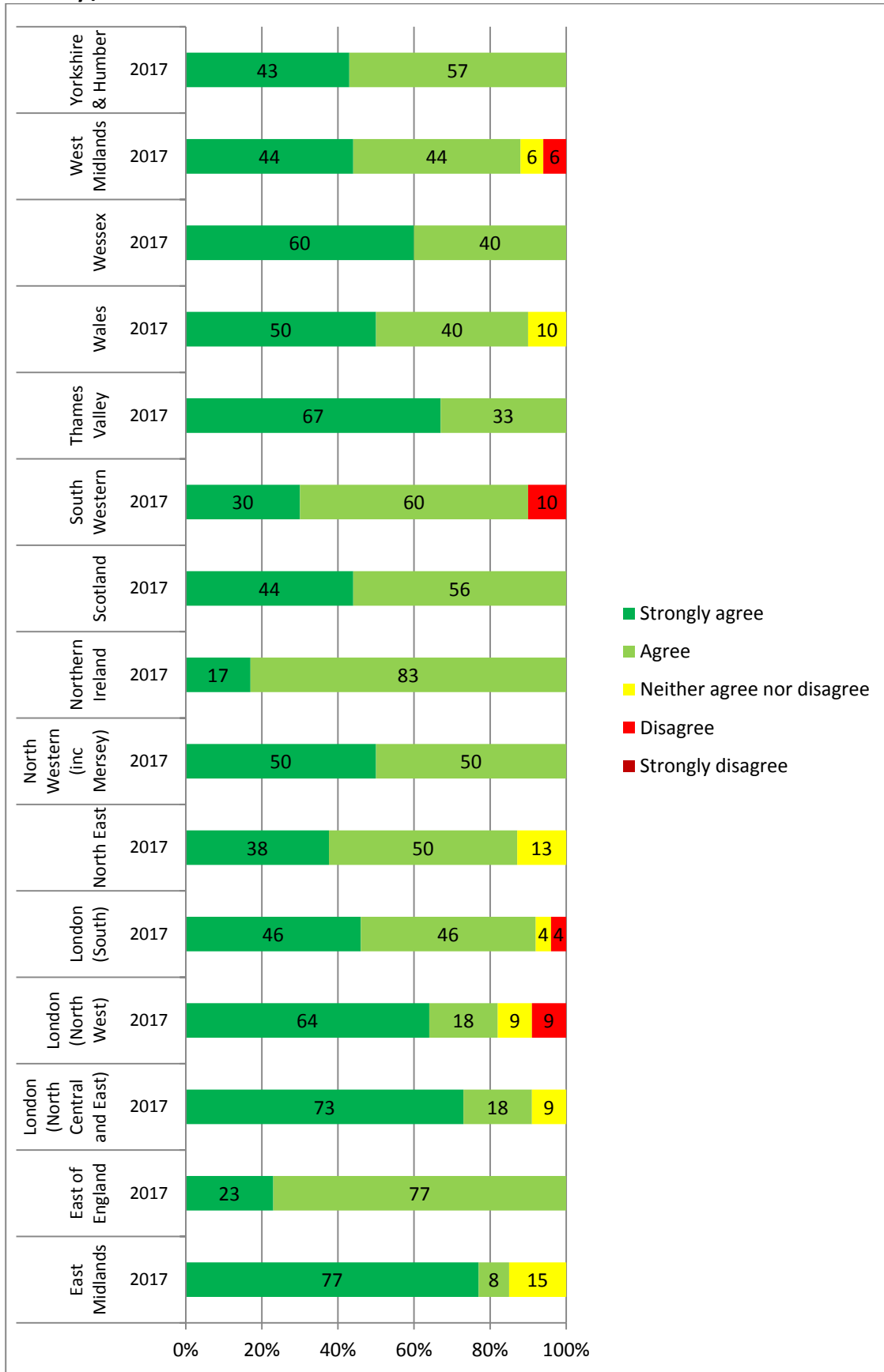


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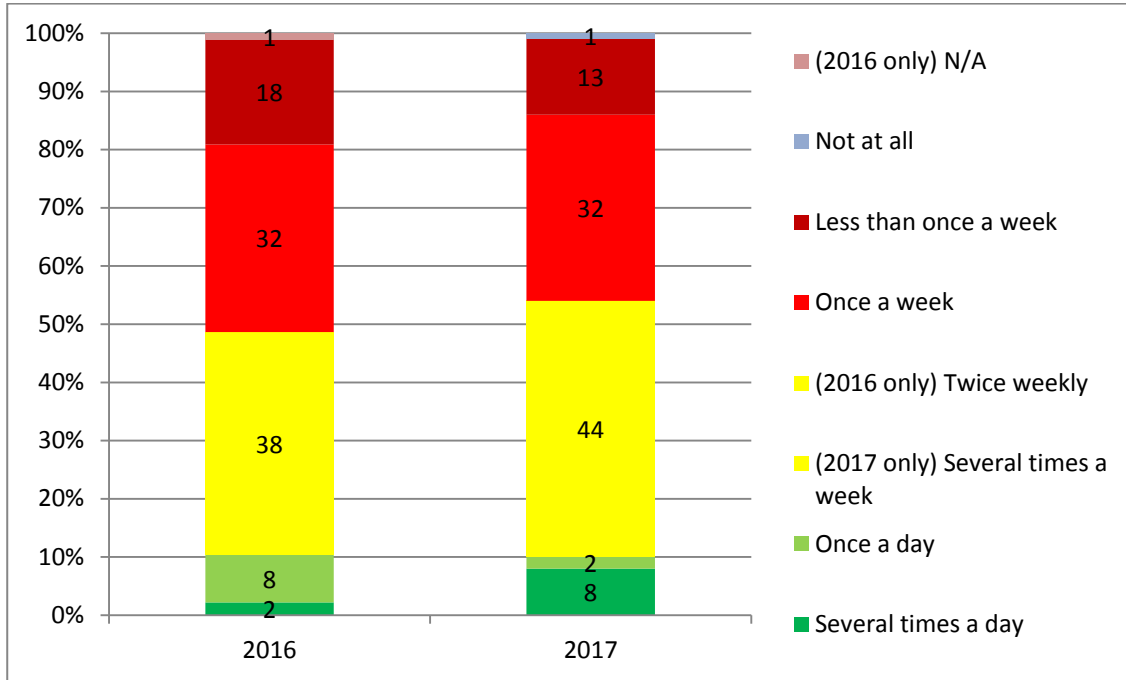


**Q11. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

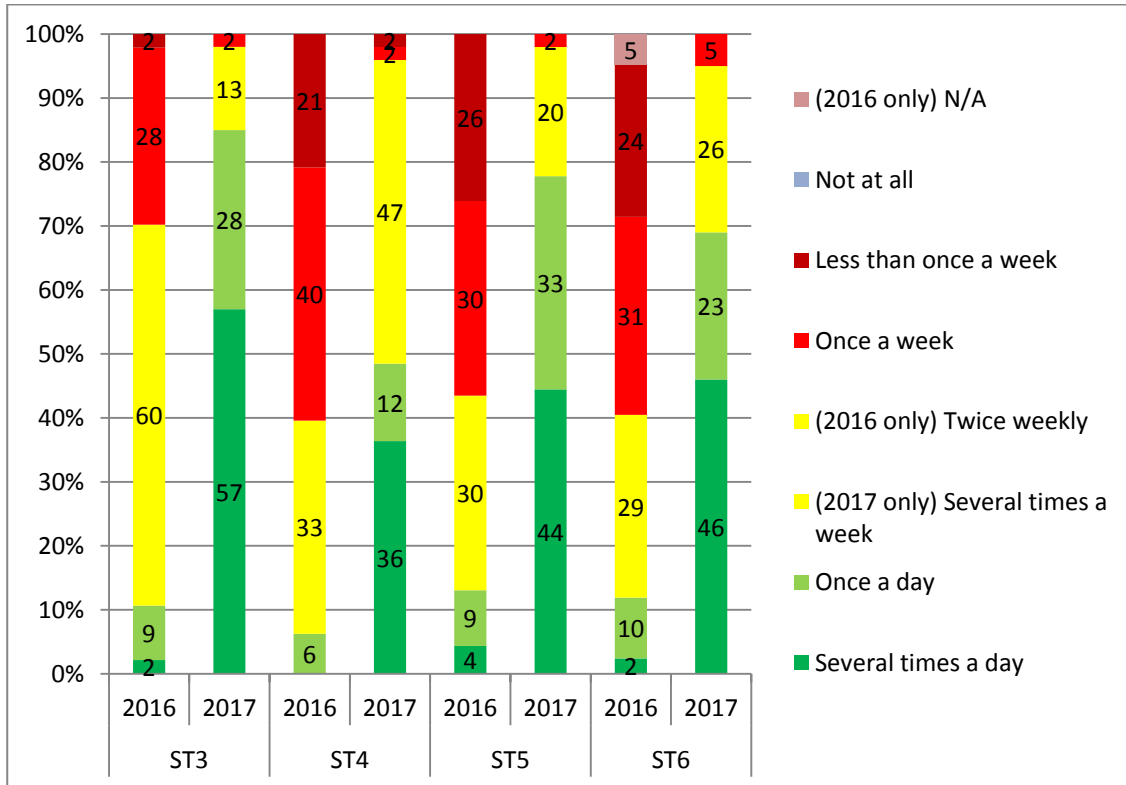
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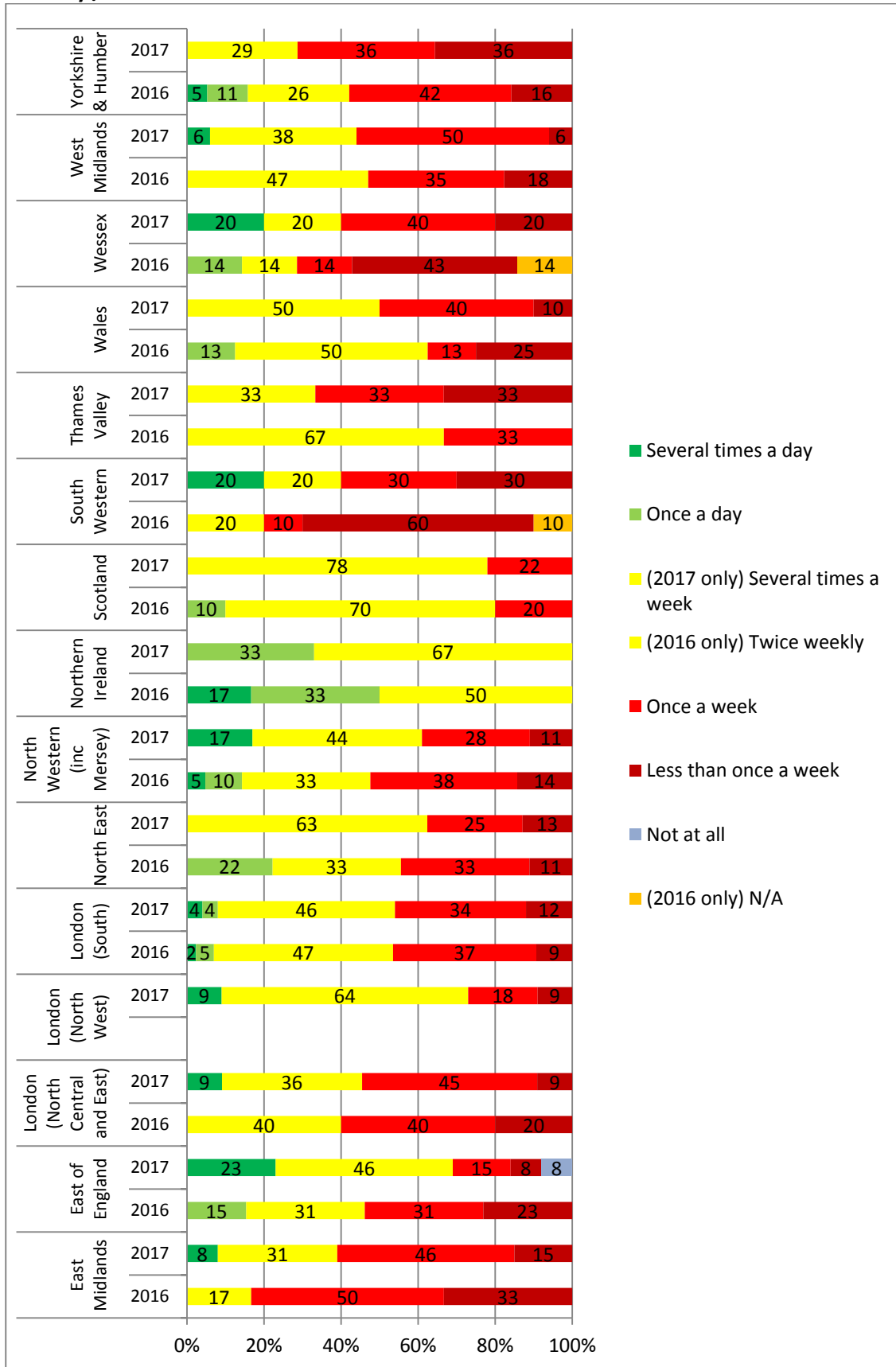
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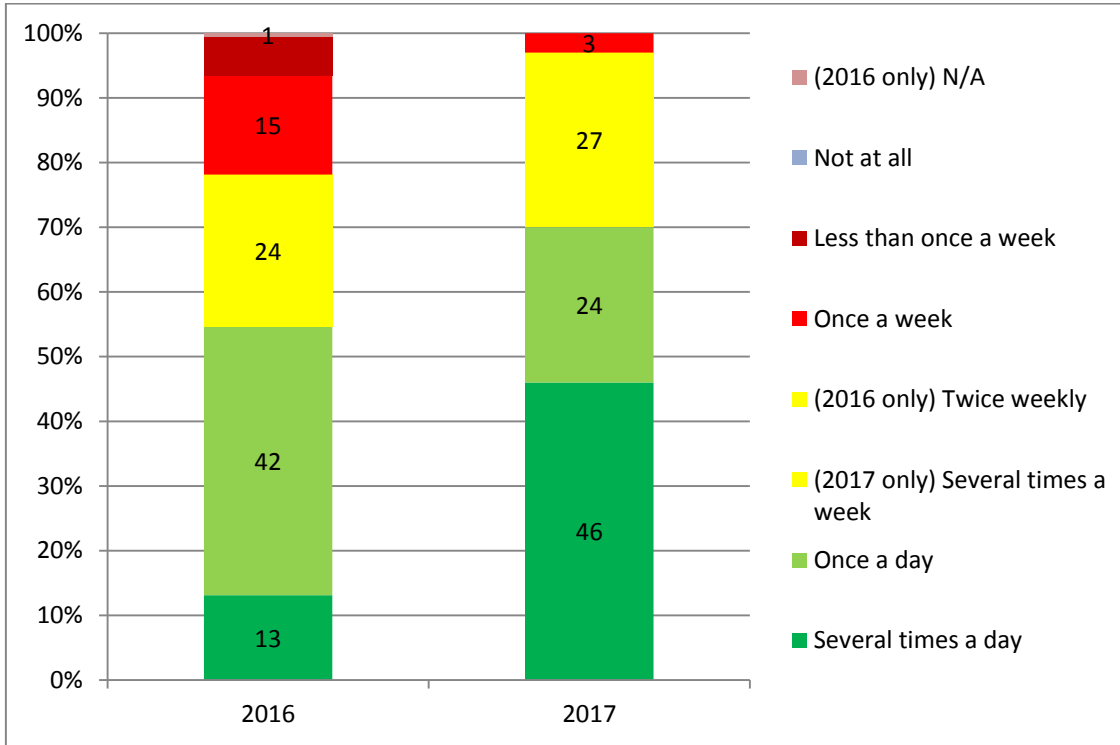
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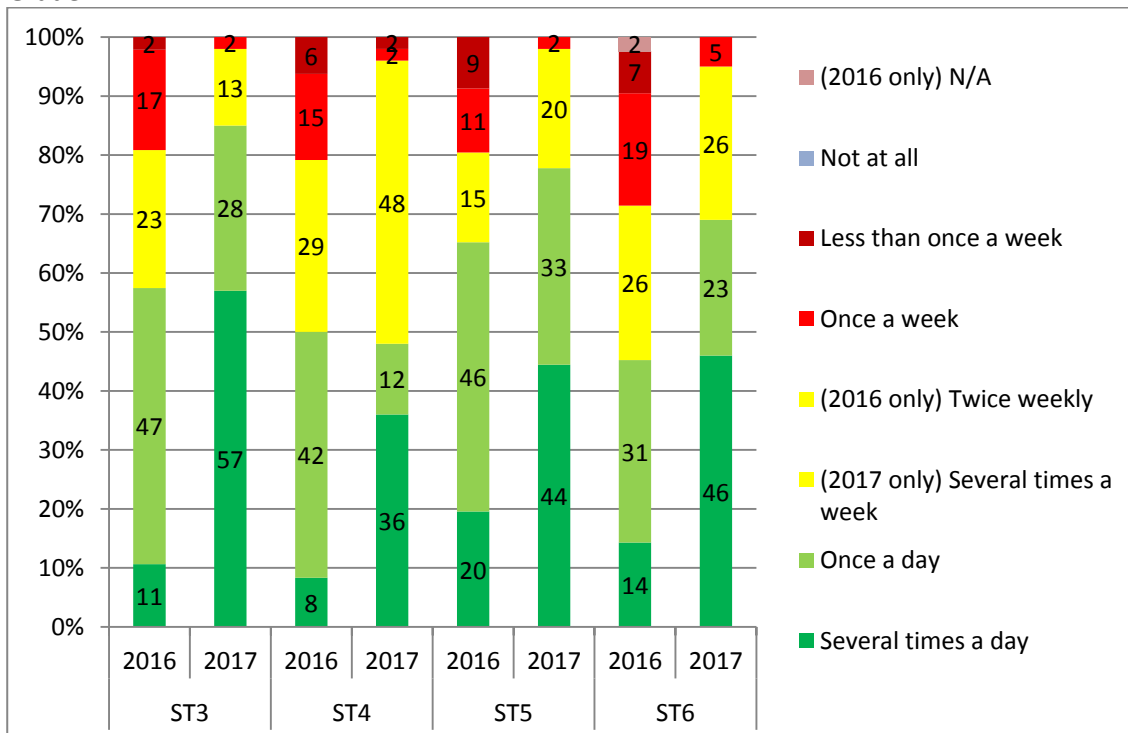
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