

# **2017 NATIONAL TRAINEE SURVEY RESULTS**

**NEUROLOGY**

**SPECIALTY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

## 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. The details of these questions and the trainee responses (nationally, by Deanery/LETB and by grade can be found within this report.

254 Neurology trainees (58 ST3, 61 ST4, 45 ST5, 48 ST6, 37 ST7 and 3 ST8 trainees) an overall increase of 9% 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	11	11	+ 0%
Health Education East of England	14	17	+ 8%
Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex	13	9	-31%
Health Education N, C & E London	27	35	+23%
Health Education North East	11	12	+ 8%
Health Education North West	21	23	+ 9%
Health Education NW London	7	10	+30%
Health Education South London	17	18	+ 6%
Health Education South West	16	16	+ 0%
Health Education Thames Valley	8	11	+27%
Health Education Wessex	10	8	-20%
Health Education West Midlands	18	16	-11%
Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber	26	26	+ 0%
NHS Education for Scotland	15	21	+29%
Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency	8	9	+11%
Wales Deanery	10	12	+17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>+ 9%</b>

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

A table showing the overall percentage of trainees in agreement with each of the specialty specific questions, the 2016/17 percentage difference, and the regions with the highest and lowest levels of agreement can be found on pages 2, 3 and 4 below.

## Specialty Specific Questions – Neurology

Quality Criteria	% trainees agreeing overall	2016/2017 Difference	Agreement Highest	Agreement Lowest
Q1: Are you involved in the delivery of the National Stroke Strategy (ie rapid access TIA clinics or acute stroke care service)?	60%	-12%	LDN (NW), WES 100% Northern Ireland 89% YAH 85%	North East 17% Scotland 24% KSS 33%
Q2: Does this include thrombolysis for acute ischaemic stroke?	88%	+1%	8/16 regions 100%	Thames Valley 33% Scotland 40% KSS 67%
Q3: What is the extent of your involvement?	Office hrs only: 15% Office + part O/H: 50% Full 24 hrs: 35%	+4% +1% -6%	EMID, NE, WAL 100% SW, WES 89% East of England 100%	4/16 regions 0% 6/16 regions 0% 4/16 regions 0%
Q4: What is the format of your out of office hours neurology/thrombolysis on call?	On call: 77% Part Shift: 9% Full Shift: 4% No O/H: 10%	-3% +3% -2% +3%	KSS, WES 100% South Western 44% London (S) 22% EMID, THA 36%	Thames Valley 36% 8/16 regions 0% 10/16 regions 0% 4 deaneries/LETBs 0%
Q5: Please indicate the number of clinics completed each week.	0: 9% 1: 13% 2: 36% 3: 34% >3: 8%	+3% +0% +2% -4% -1%	East of England 29% KSS 56% Wessex 63% North Western 65% North East 33%	5/16 regions 0% 4/16 regions 0% East Midlands 9% KSS 11% 8/16 regions 0%
Q6: Please indicate the number of new patients seen in an average clinic.	0: 7% 1-2: 13% 3-4: 49% 5-6: 27% >6: 4%	+3% +2% -7% +4% -2%	East of England 24% East Midlands 55% North East 92% West Midlands 63% WES, WMID 13%	6/16 regions 0% 6 /16 regions 0% East Midlands 0% Wessex 0% 9/16 regions 0%

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Q7: Please indicate the number of follow up patients seen in an average clinic.	0:	11%	-2%	East of England	29%	4/16 regions	0%
	1-2:	18%	+1%	KSS	56%	WAL, WES	0%
	3-4:	30%	-4%	Northern Ireland	56%	KSS	11%
	5-6:	26%	+2%	London (NC&E)	40%	West Midlands	6%
	7-8:	9%	+0%	North Western	30%	6/16 regions	0%
	>8:	5%	+1%	North Western	22%	8/16 regions	0%
Q8. The 2010 curriculum requires trainees to complete at least 12 months' training in a District General Hospital (DGH) type setting. Are you confident this training requirement can be completed in your training scheme?	97%		+3%	11/16 regions	100%	YAH	88%
						EOE, WMID	94%
						Scotland	95%
Q9: The 2010 curriculum encourages trainees to complete a 3 month acting up role in preparation for becoming a consultant. Are you confident this training opportunity is available in your training scheme?	66%		-6%	East Midlands	91%	KSS	33%
				Northern Ireland	89%	East of England	41%
				Wessex	88%	Thames Valley	45%

Quality Criteria	% trainees agreeing overall	2016/2017 Difference	Agreement Highest	Agreement Lowest
Q10: Have you applied for an OOPE in the last 12 months?	No: 87% Approved: 10% Declined: 2% No decision: 2%	-4% +4% +2% +0%	THA, WMID 100% Wessex 38% KSS 11% London (S) 11%	Wessex 63% 4/16 regions 0% 12/16 regions 0% 14/16 regions 0%
Q11: Do you believe your OOPE application was declined primarily due to clinical service commitments?	50%	2017 only	EoE, LDN (N,C&E) 100%	KSS, NE Not sure 100%
Q12: Does your training programme include a three month period of acting up as a consultant for all trainees?	14%	2017 only	Wessex 50% East Midlands 45% Scotland 38%	6/16 regions 0%

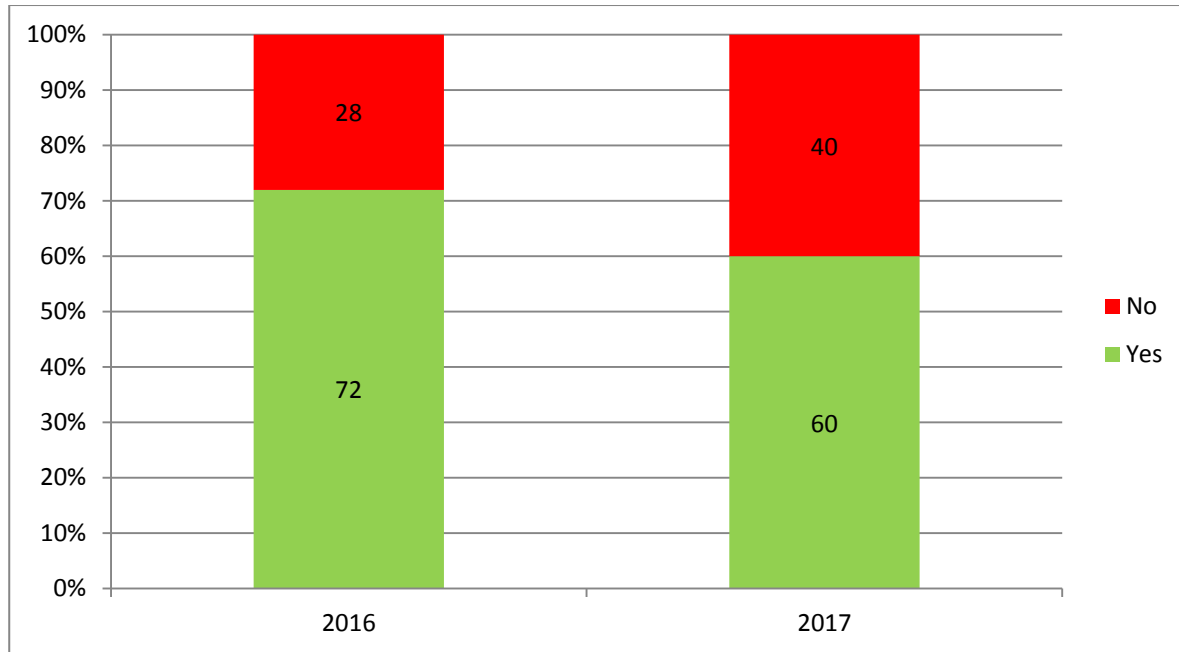
Deanery / LETB	Year	N=	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
Health Education East Midlands	2016	11	36	100						100	100			
	2017	11	55	83						100	91			45
Health Education East of England	2016	14	71	100						100	50			
	2017	17	47	100						94	41		100	0
Health Education Kent, Surrey & Sussex	2016	13	38	100						92	54			
	2017	9	33	67						100	33			0
Health Education London (North, Central & East)	2016	27	74	70						96	59			
	2017	35	71	84						100	51		100	6
Health Education London (North West)	2016	7	100	71						86	71			
	2017	10	100	90						100	50			10
Health Education London (South)	2016	17	82	100						88	59			
	2017	18	78	100						100	67			6
Health Education North East	2016	11	64	43						91	73			
	2017	12	17	100						100	58			
Health Education North West	2016	21	62	100						95	95			
	2017	23	39	100						96	78			35
Health Education South West	2016	16	88	93						100	63			
	2017	16	56	100						100	69			0
Health Education Thames Valley	2016	8	100	25						100	50			
	2017	11	82	33						100	45			0
Health Education Wessex	2016	10	100	100						90	80			
	2017	8	100	100						100	88			50
Health Education West Midlands	2016	18	67	100						94	89			
	2017	16	63	100						94	75			19
Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber	2016	26	88	100						88	73			
	2017	26	85	91						88	65			4
NHS Education for Scotland	2016	15	40	67						93	80			
	2017	21	24	40						95	81			38
Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency	2016	8	100	100						100	100			
	2017	9	89	88						100	89			22
Wales Deanery	2016	10	60	100						100	60			
	2017	12	58	100						100	83			0

\* Questions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 are excluded as the questions are not yes/no or strongly agree/disagree.

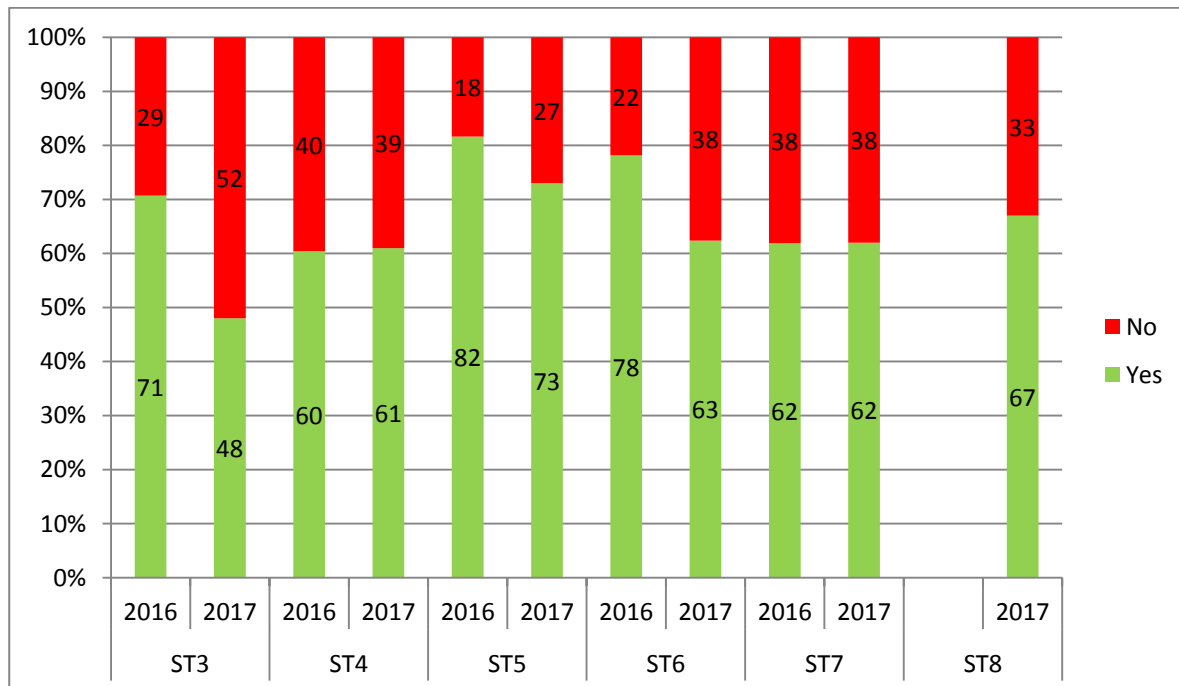
Increase in agreement 2016/17	decrease in agreement 2016/17	Agreement unchanged 2016/17
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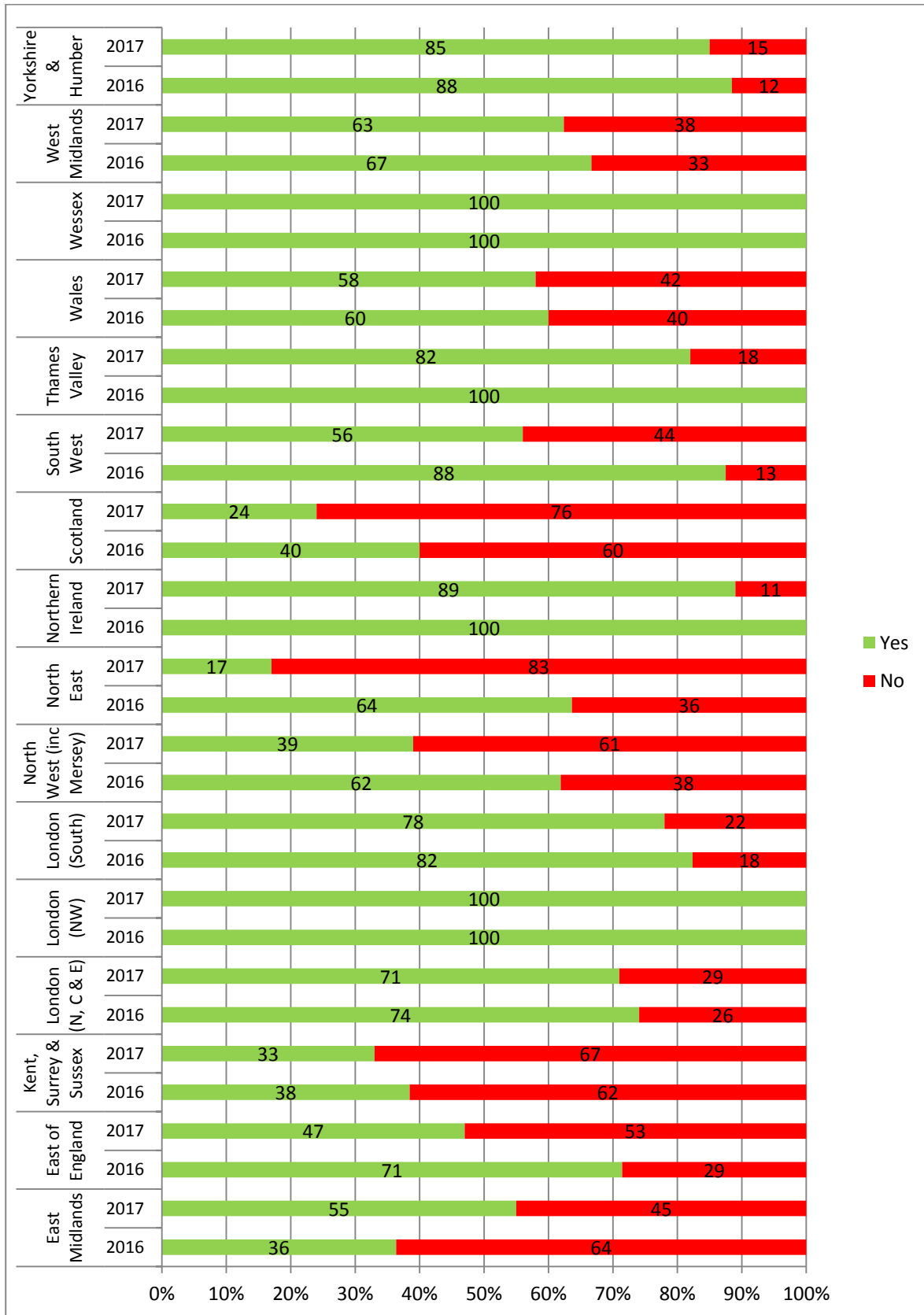
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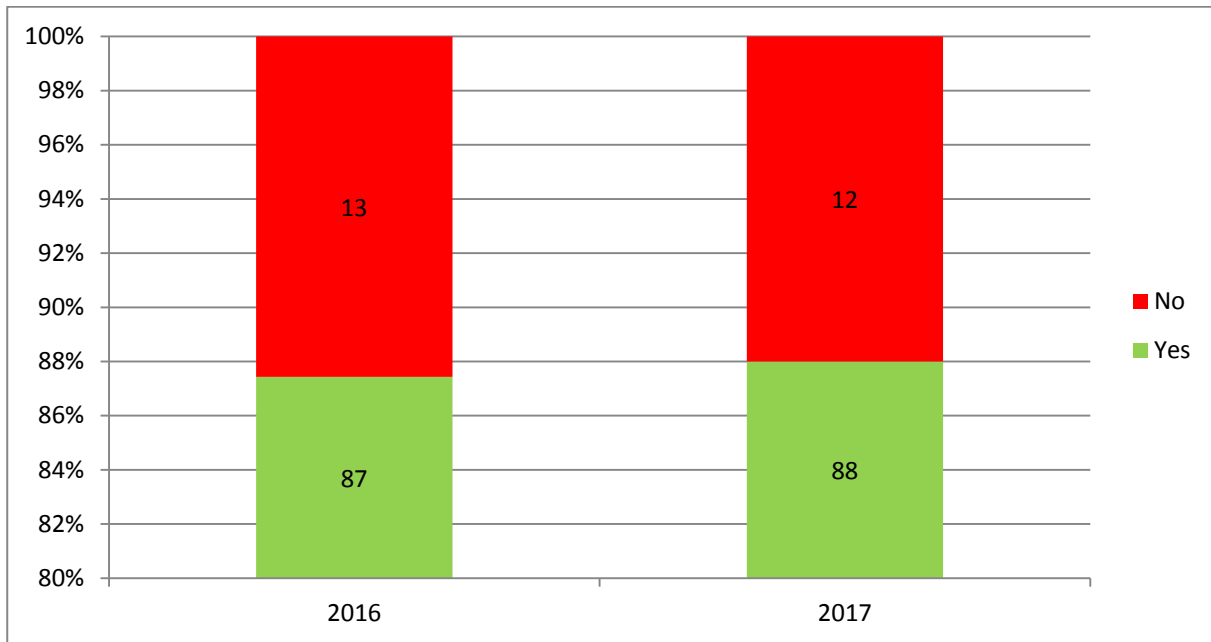




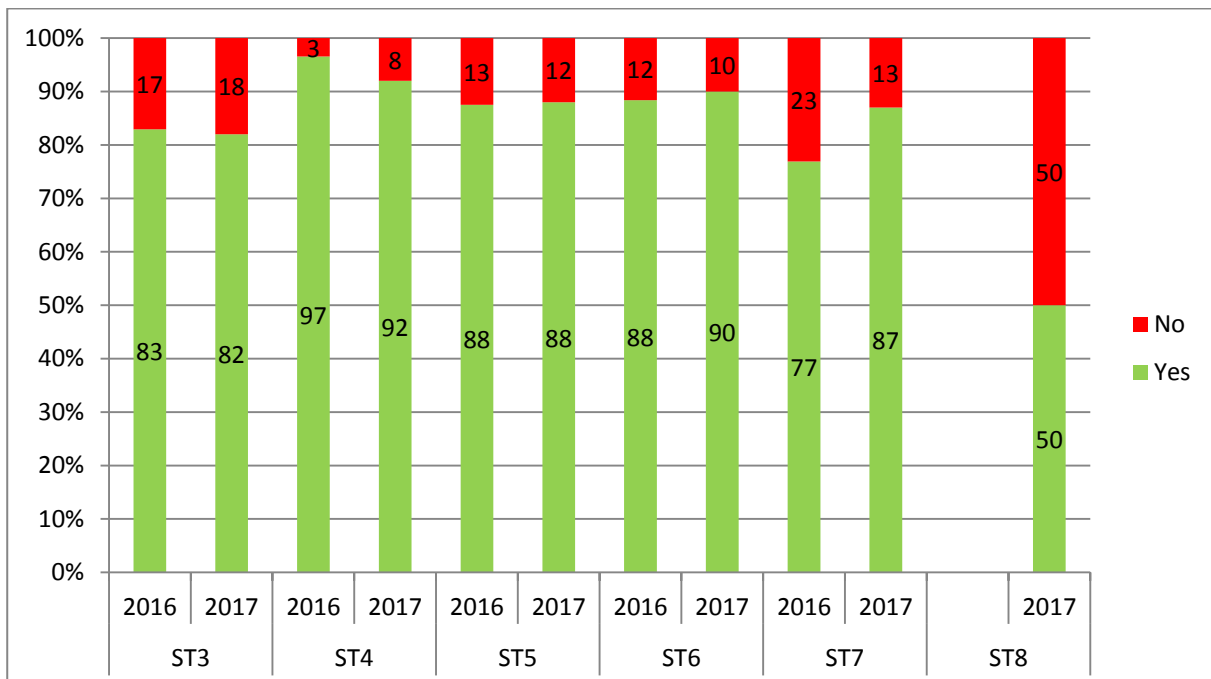
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**2016: n=167, 2017: n=153**

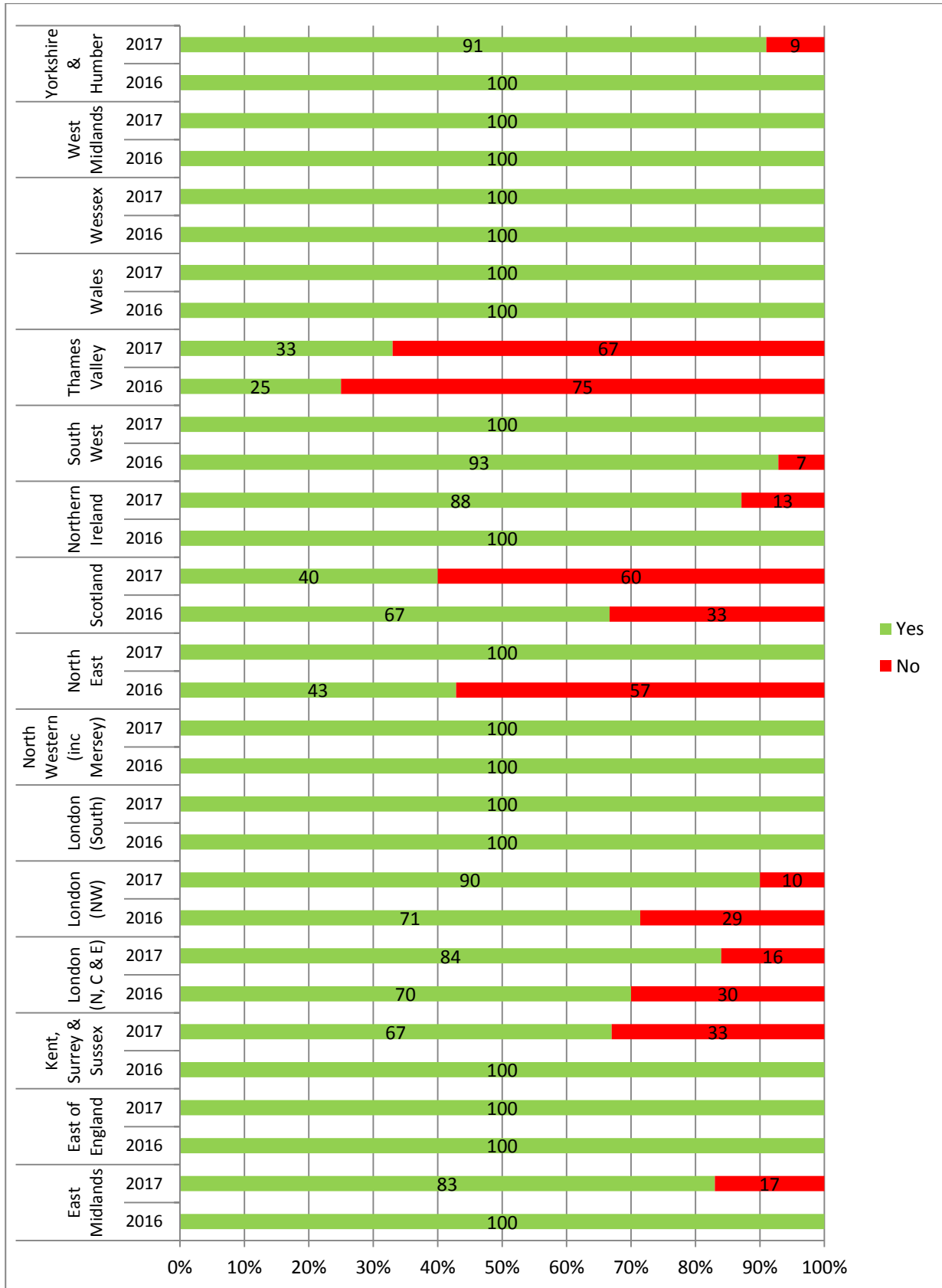
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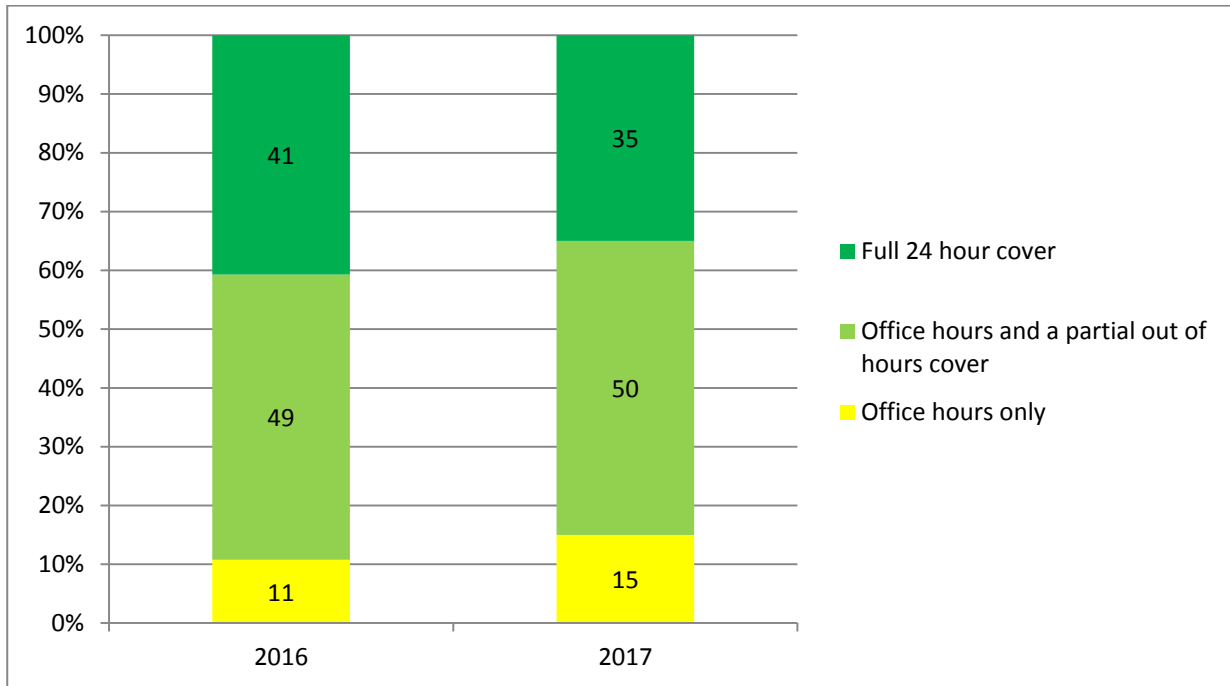


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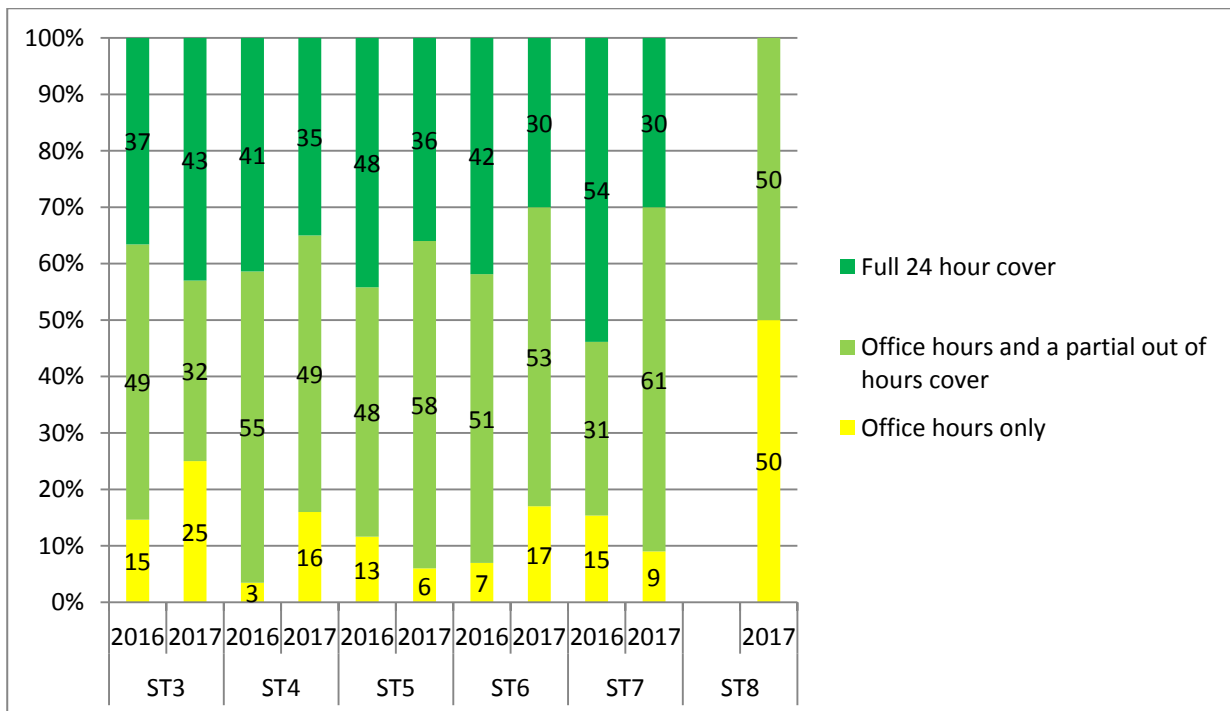


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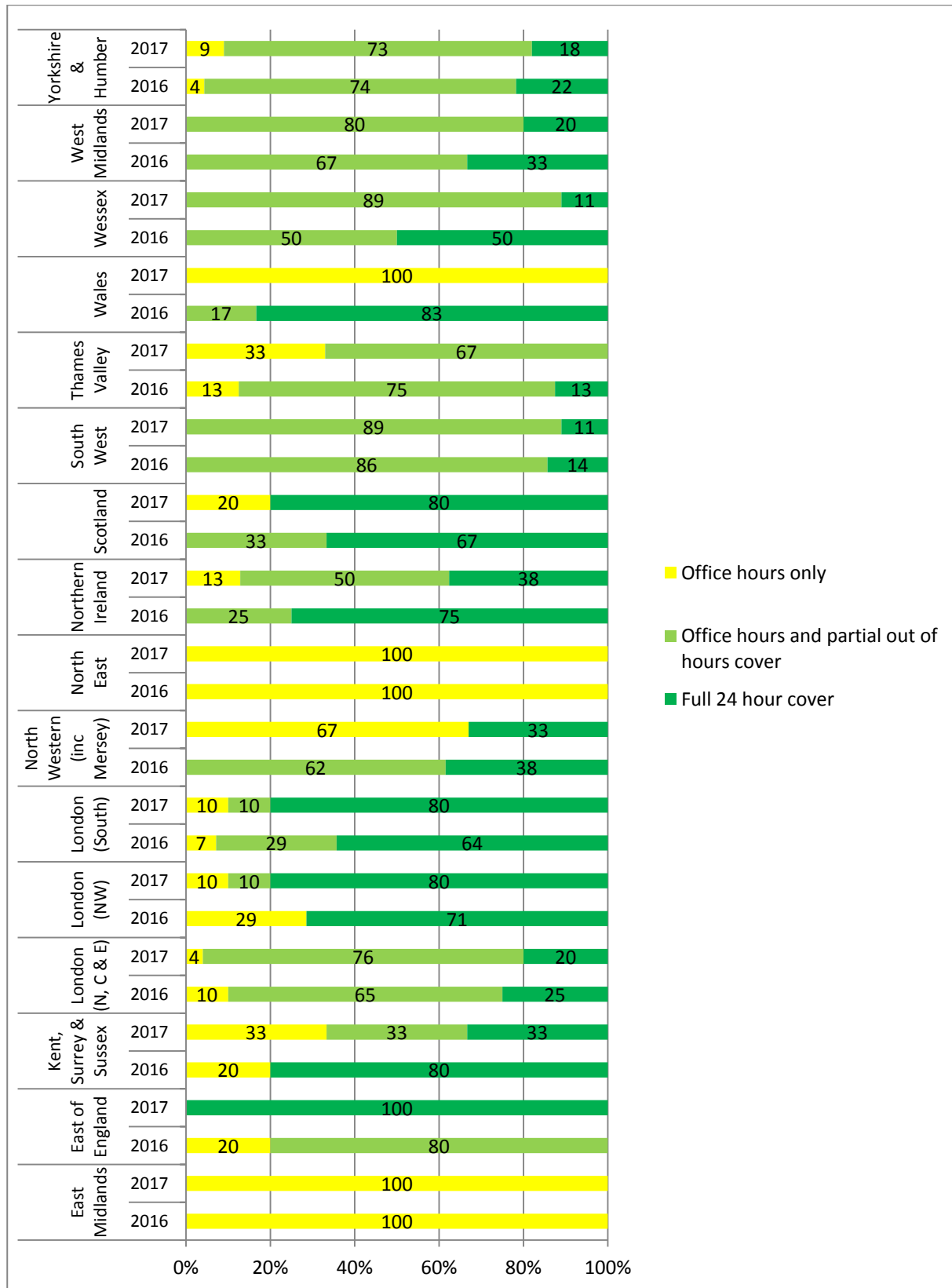
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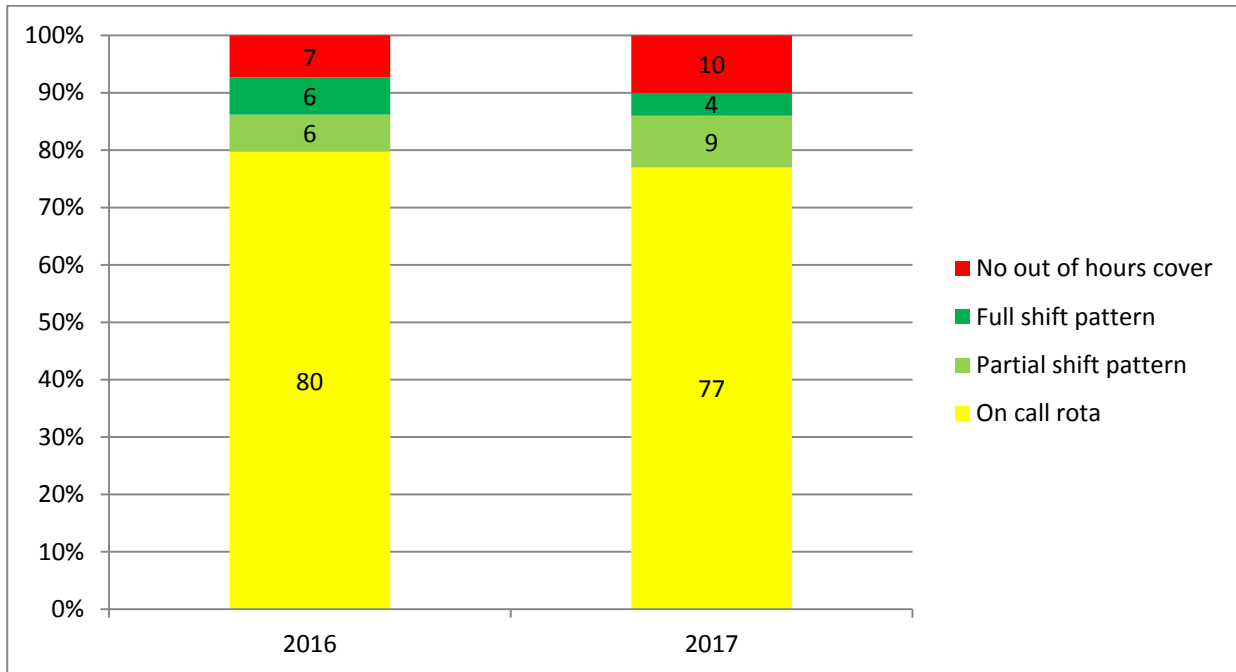


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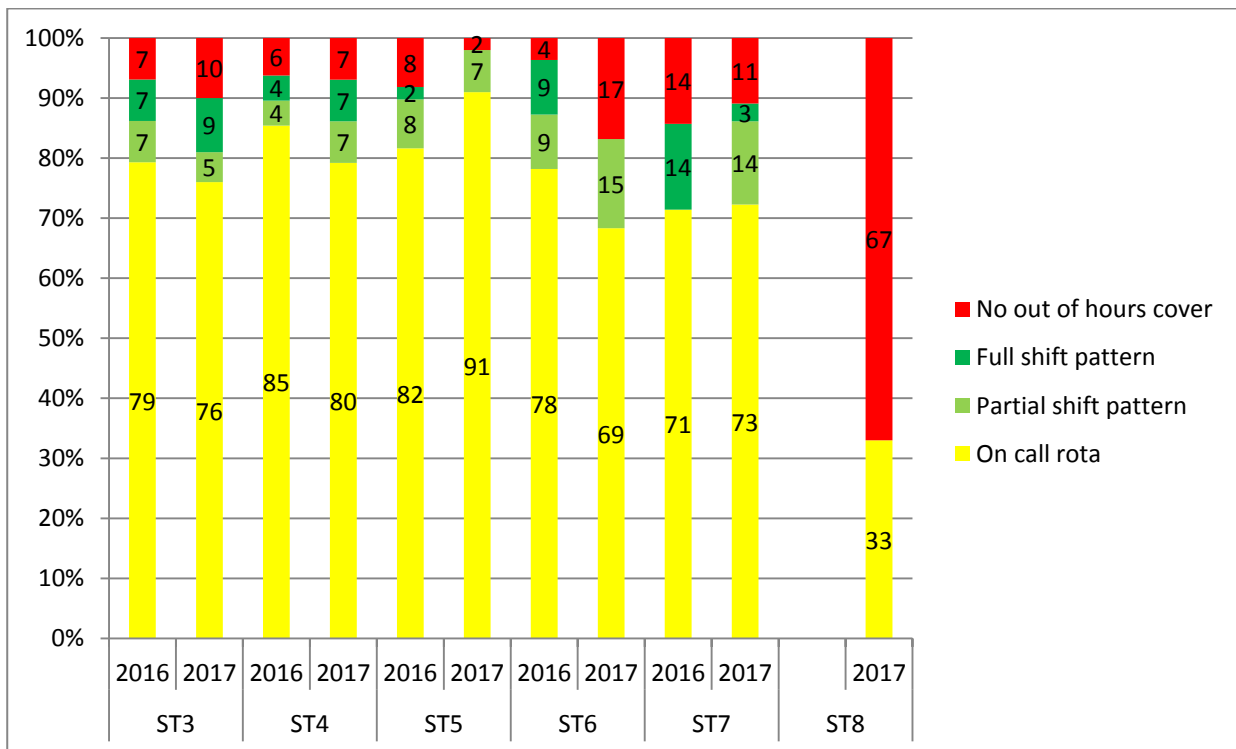


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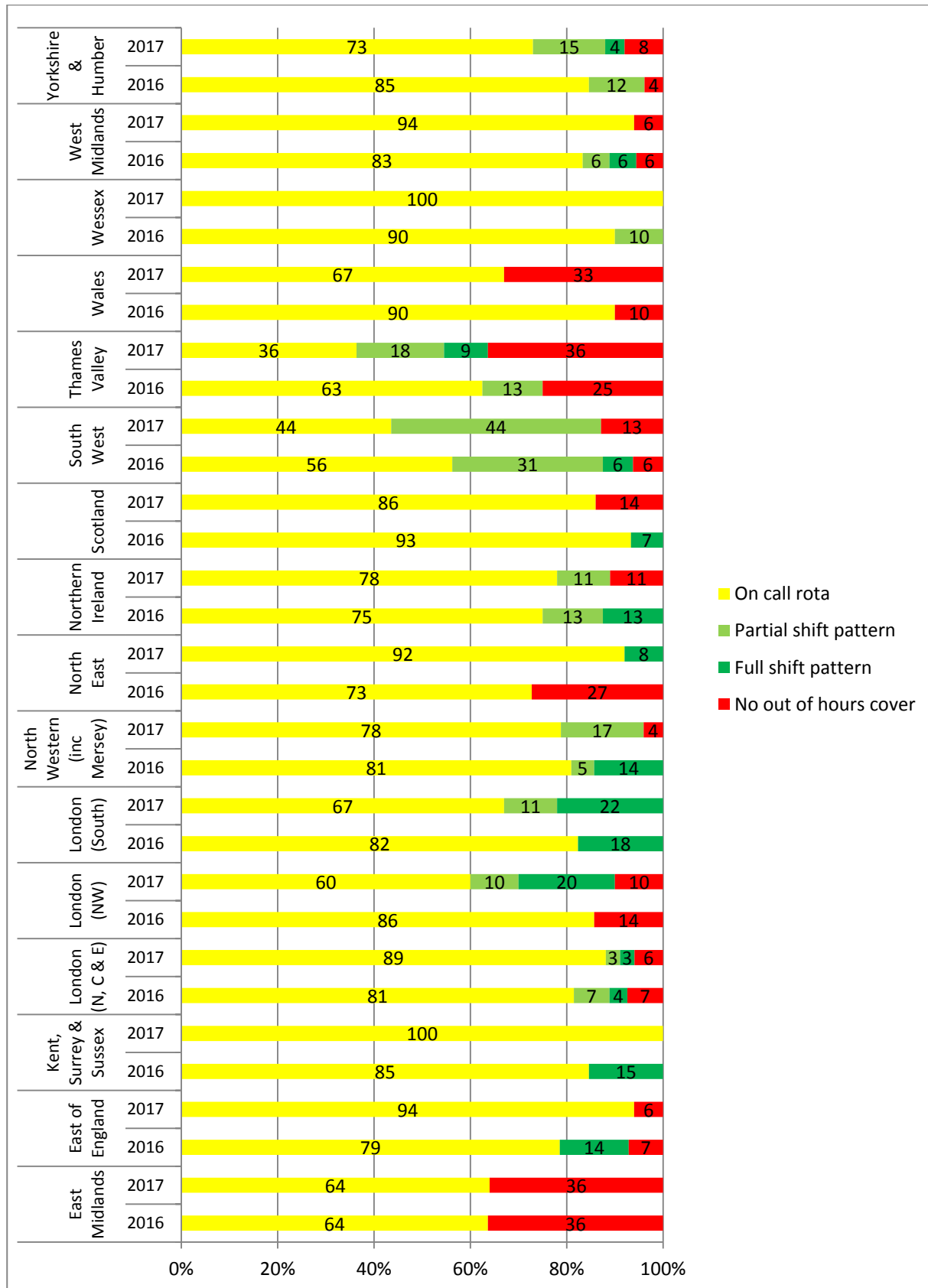
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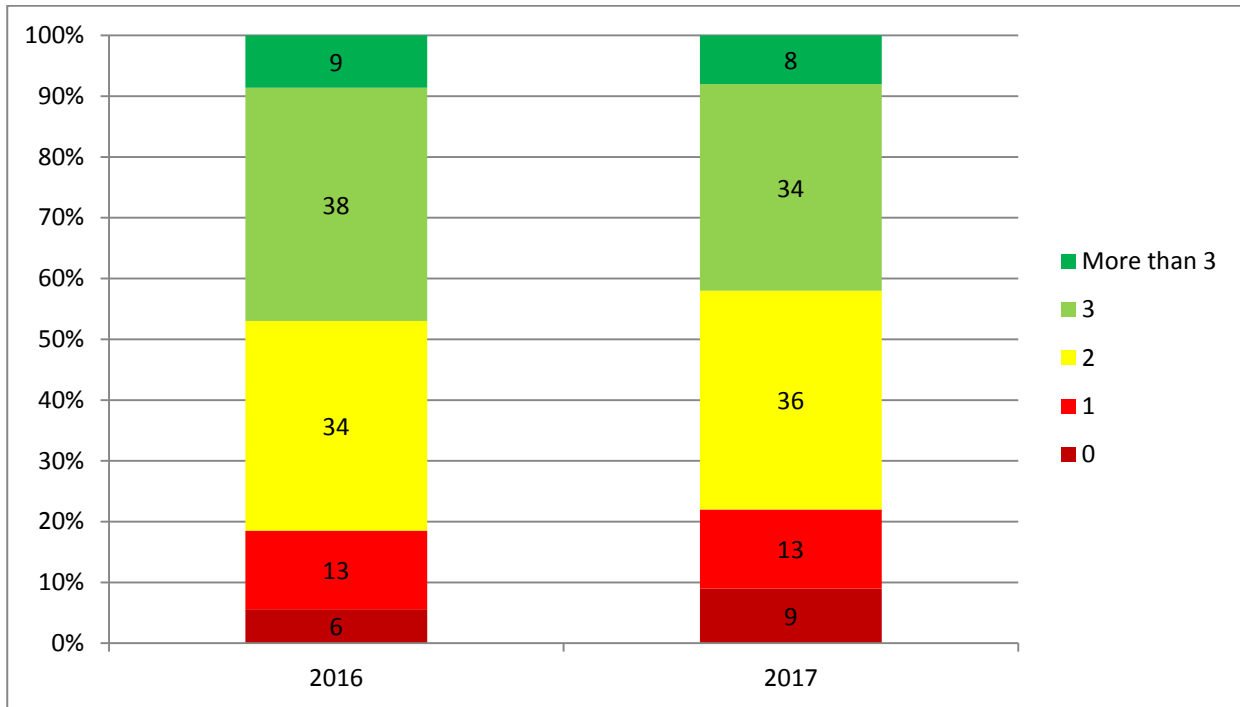


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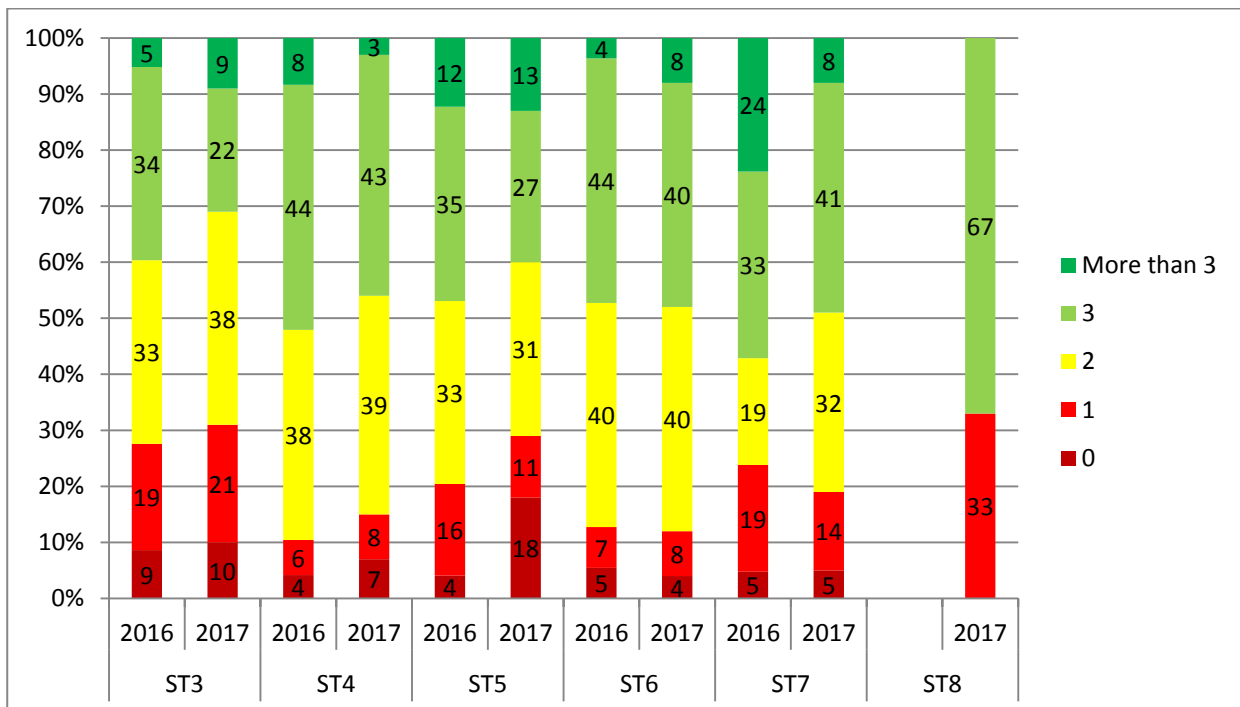


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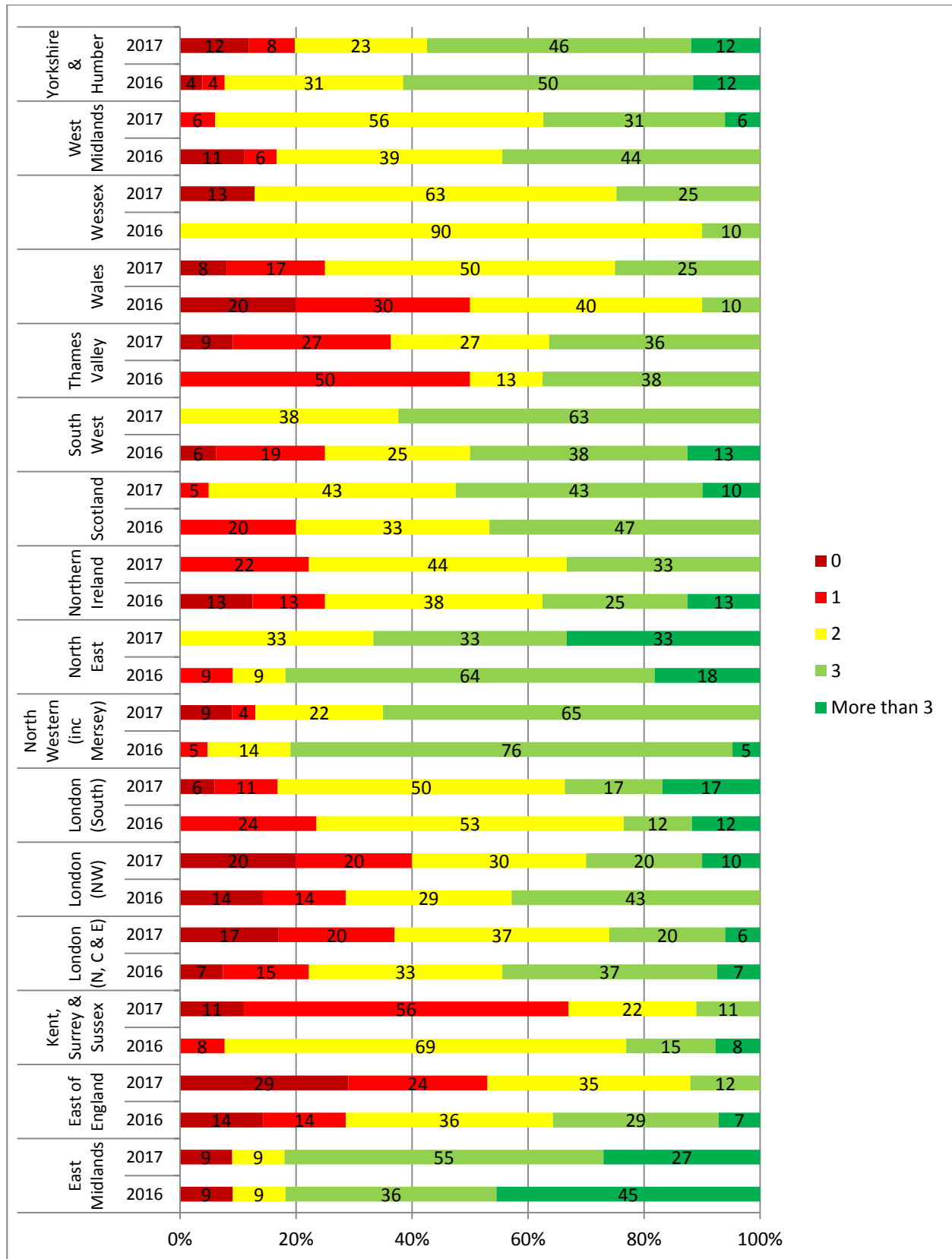
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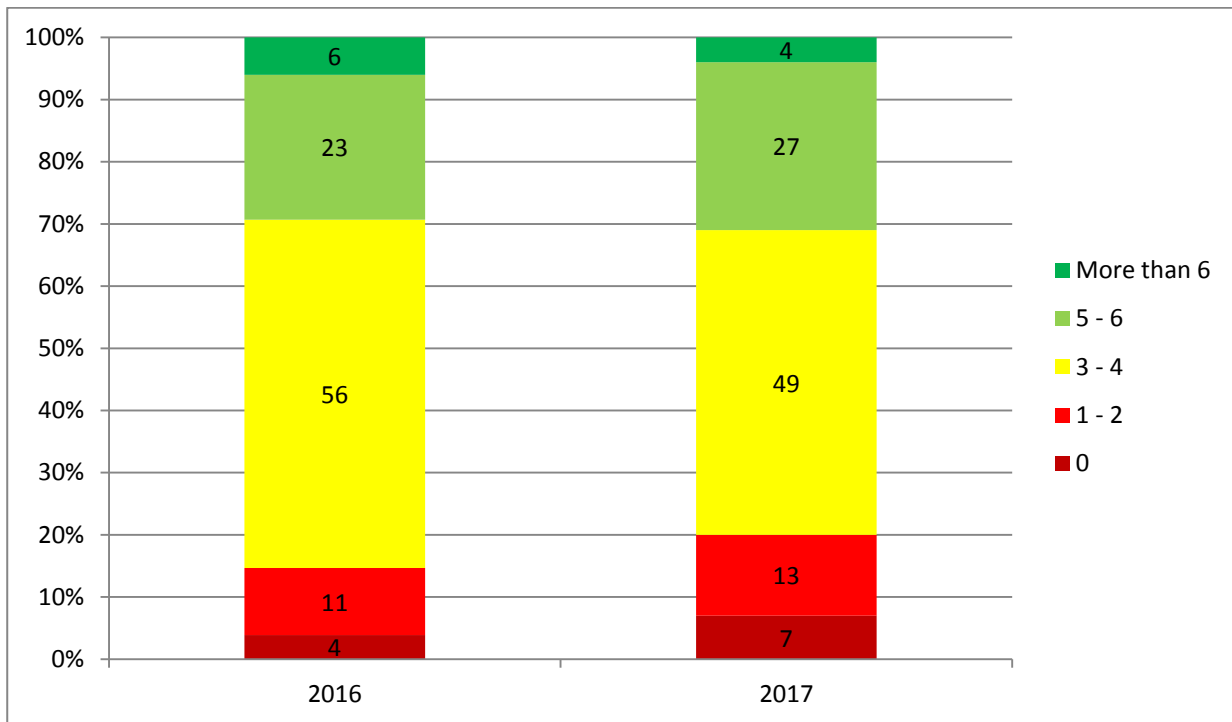
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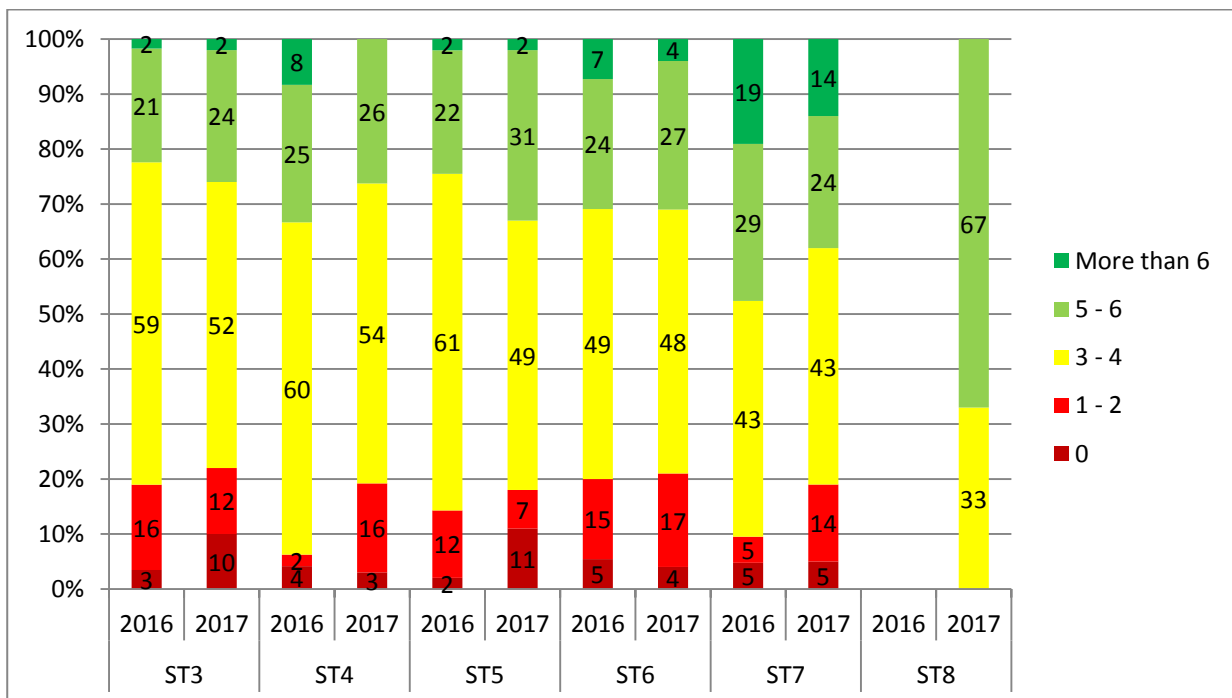


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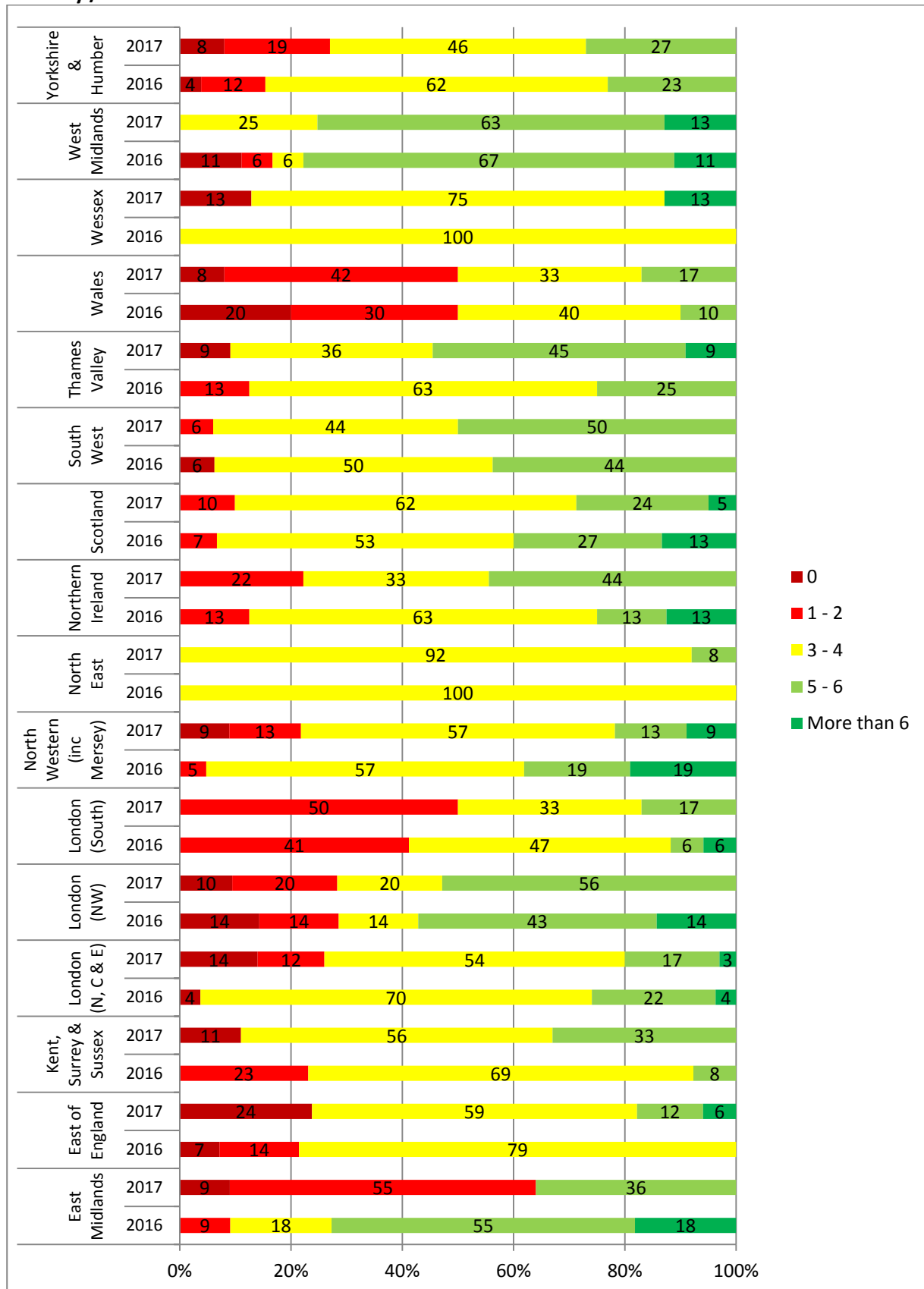
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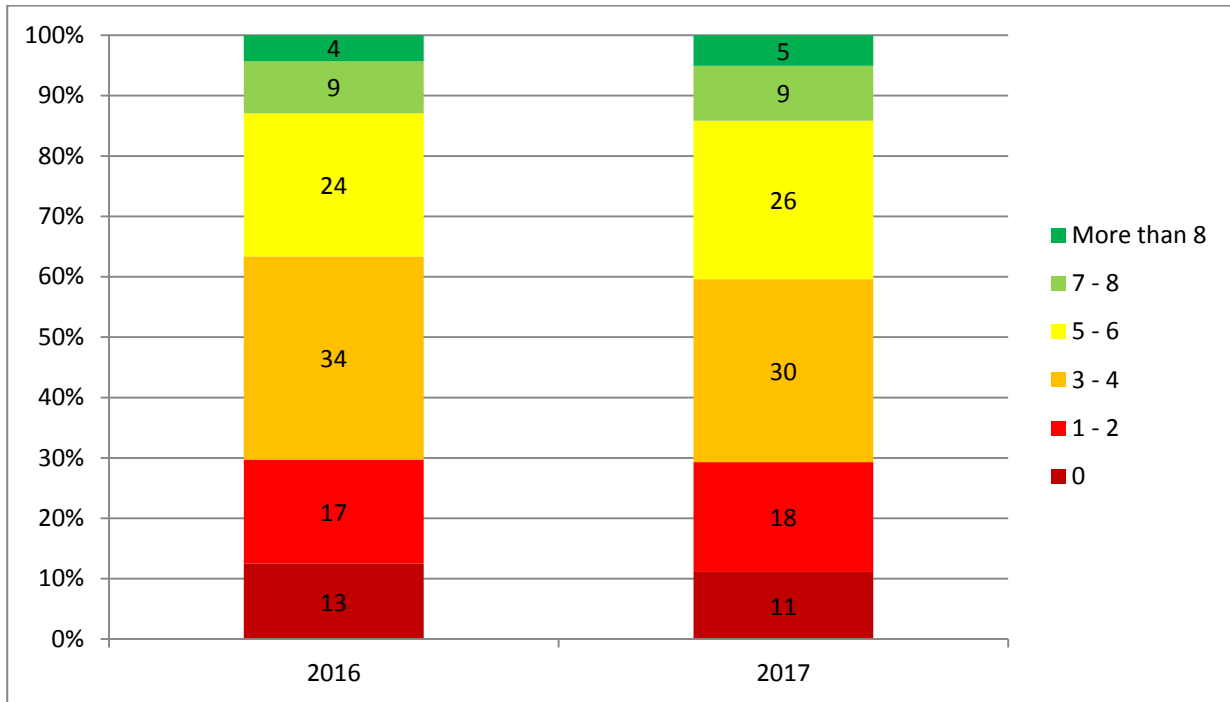
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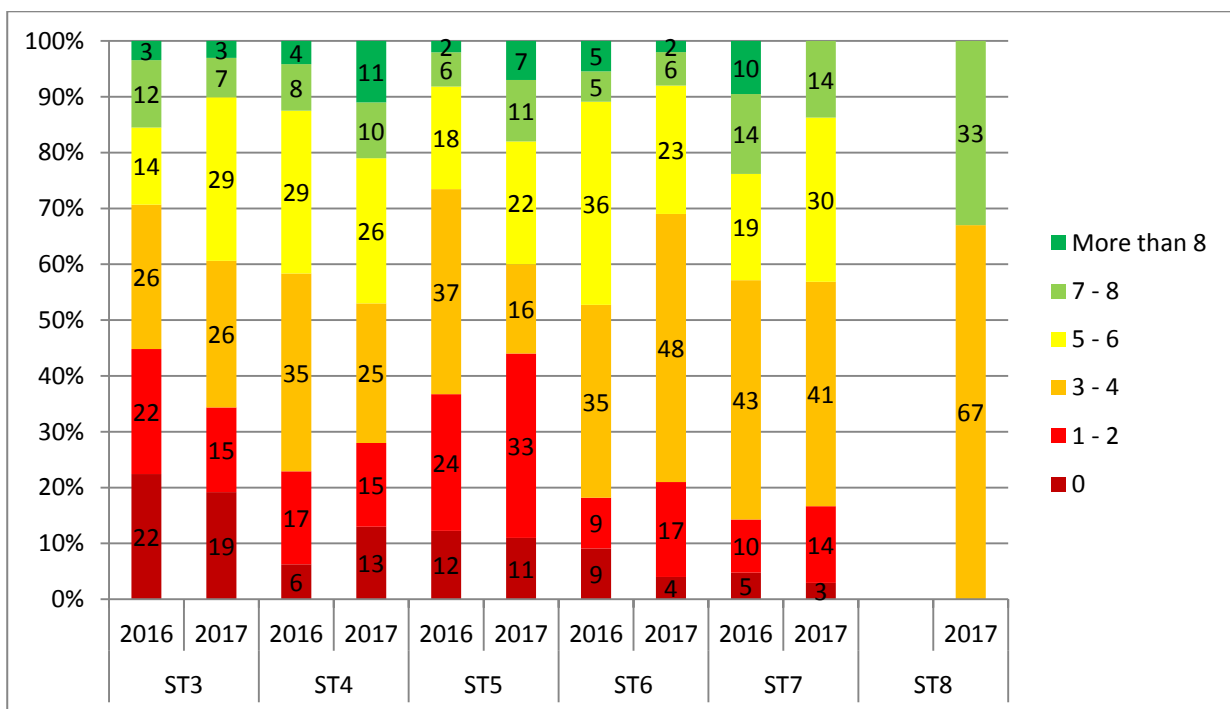
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**2014: n=211-215, 2015: n=237, 2016: n=232**

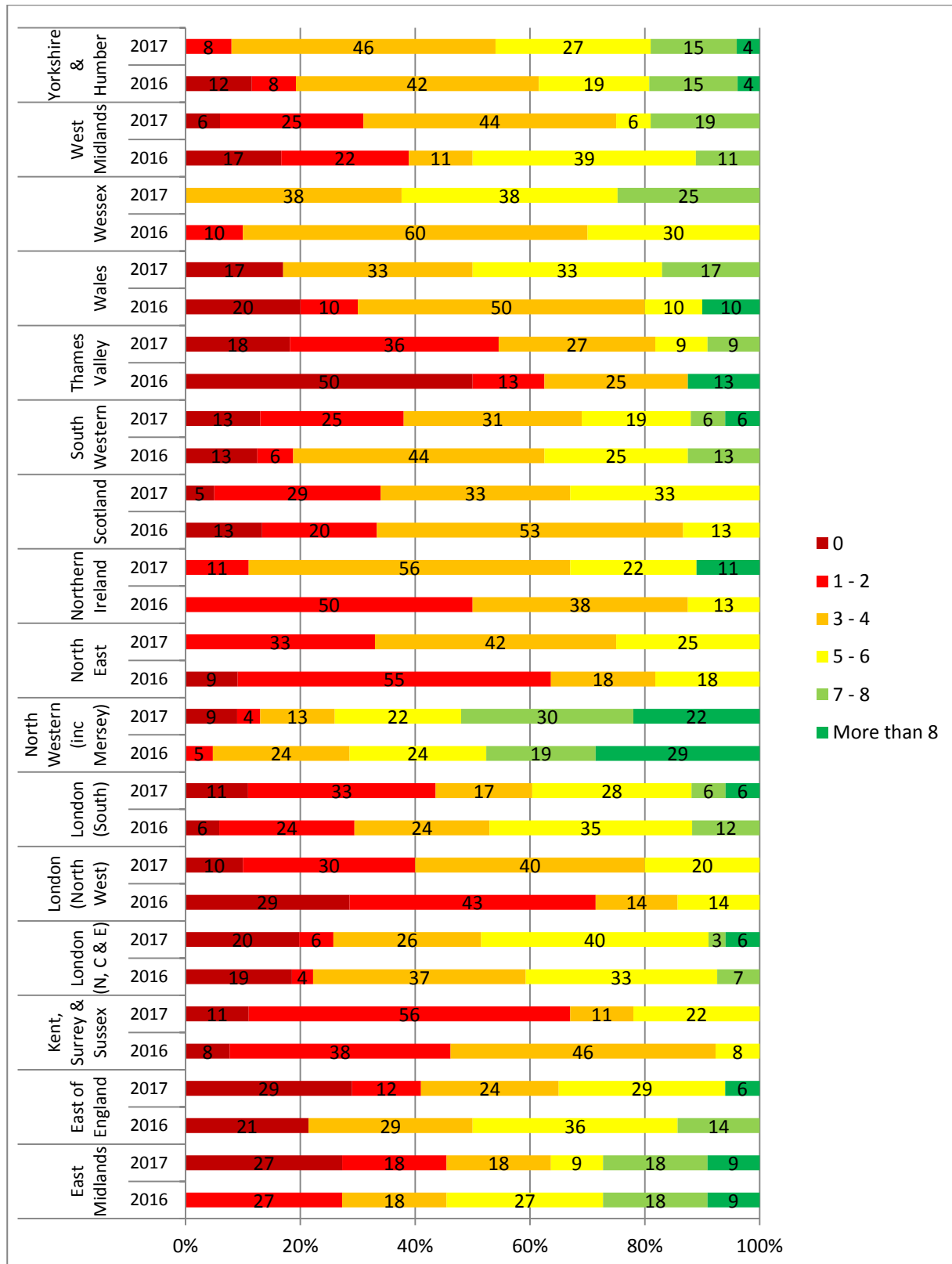
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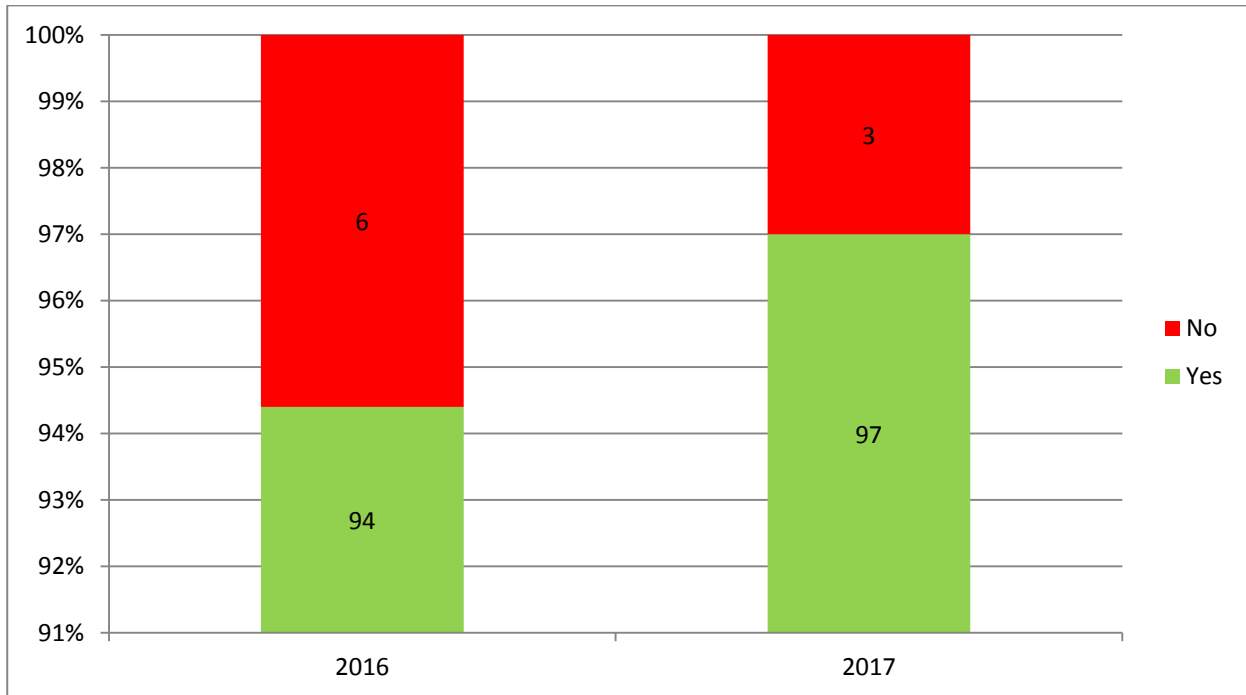


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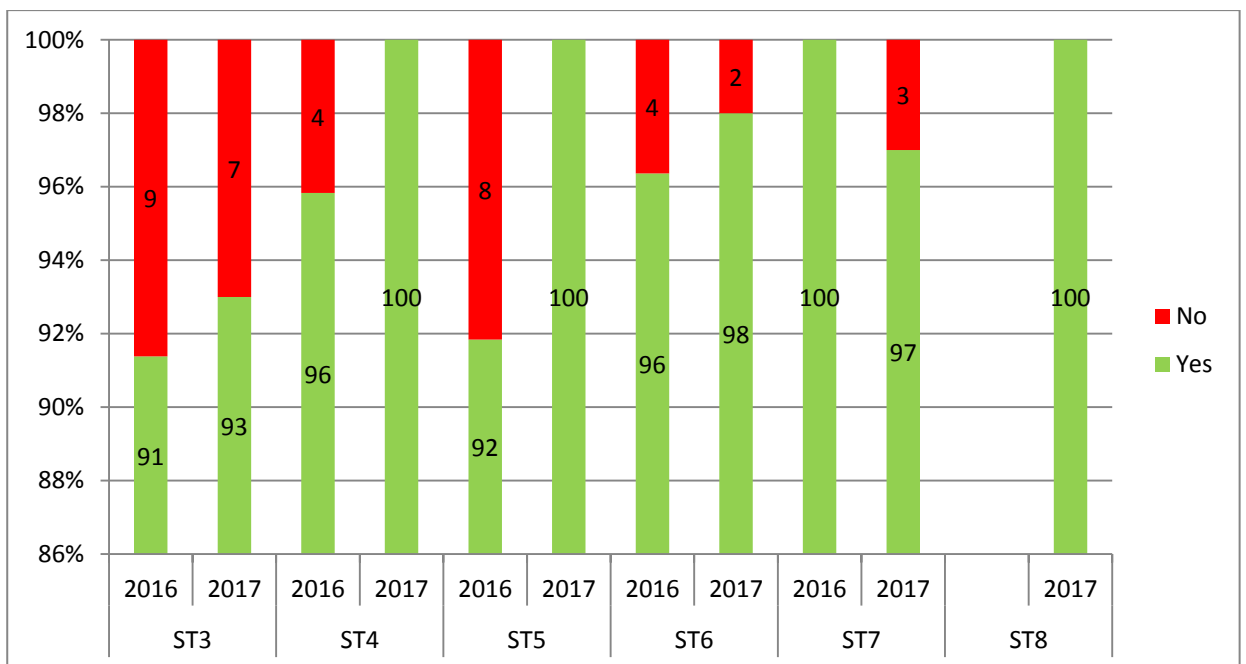


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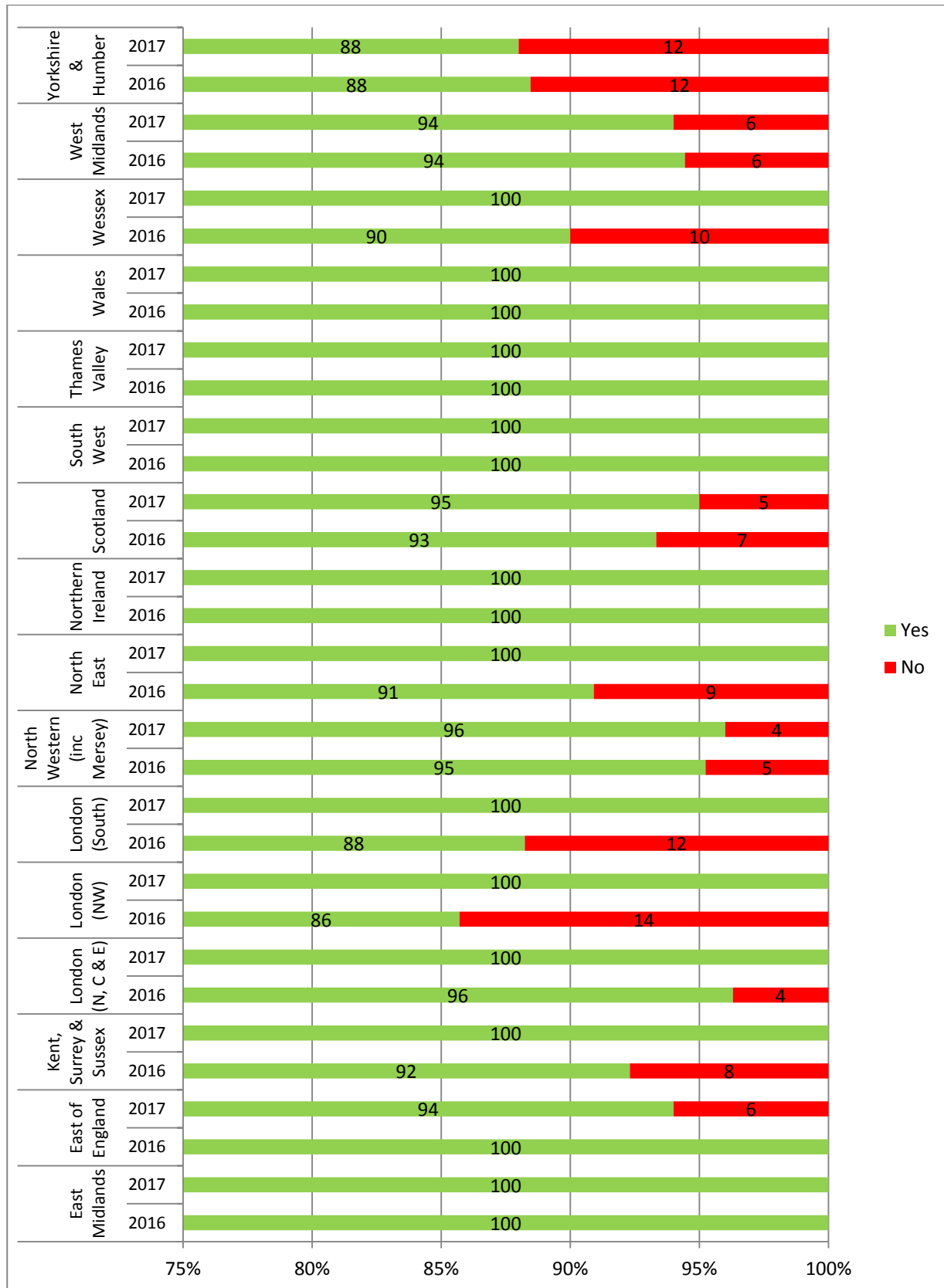
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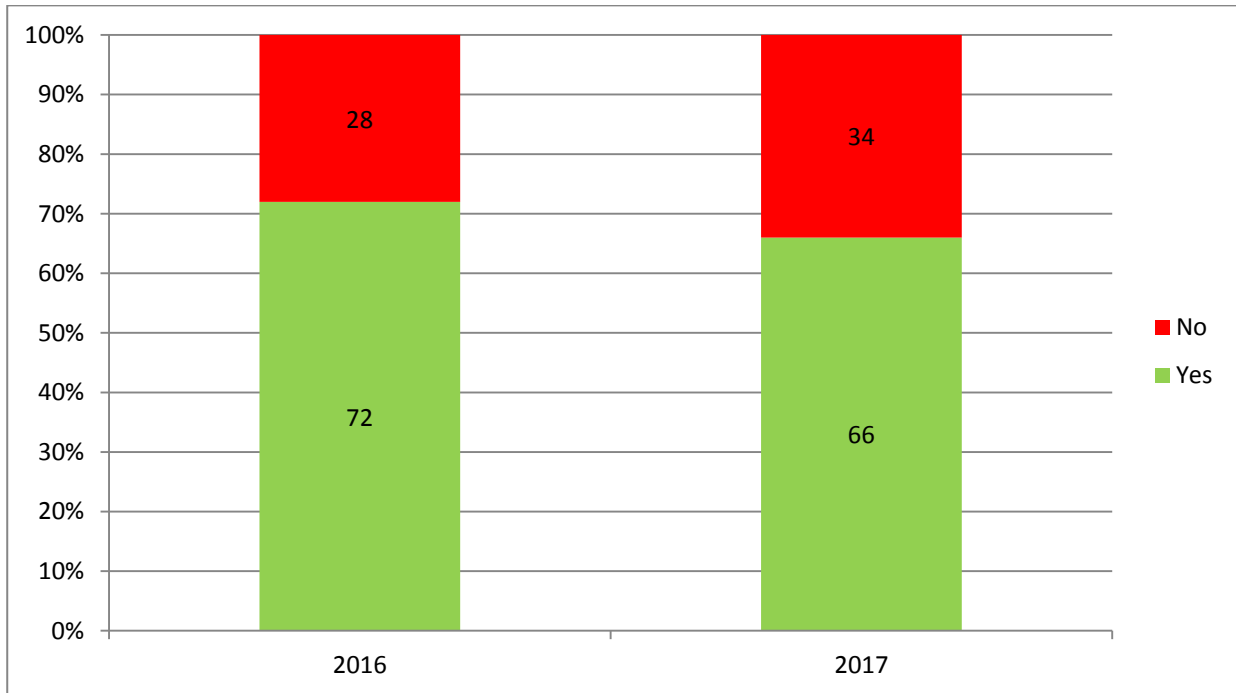
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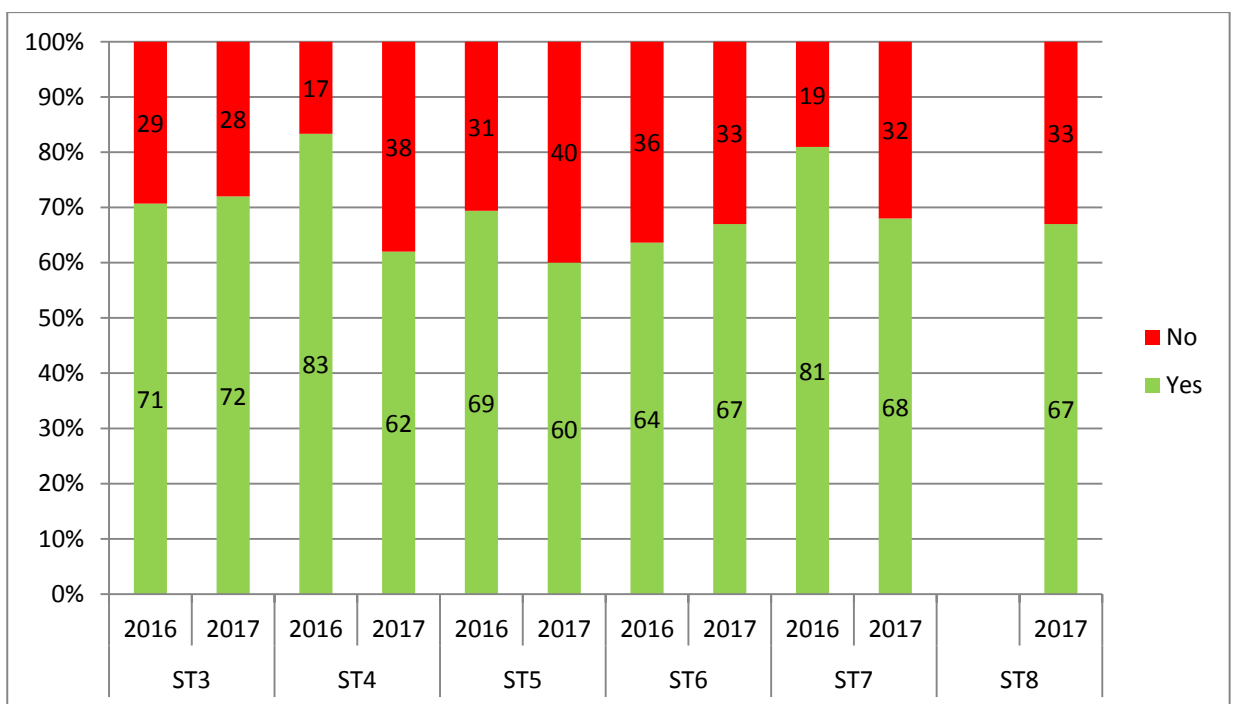
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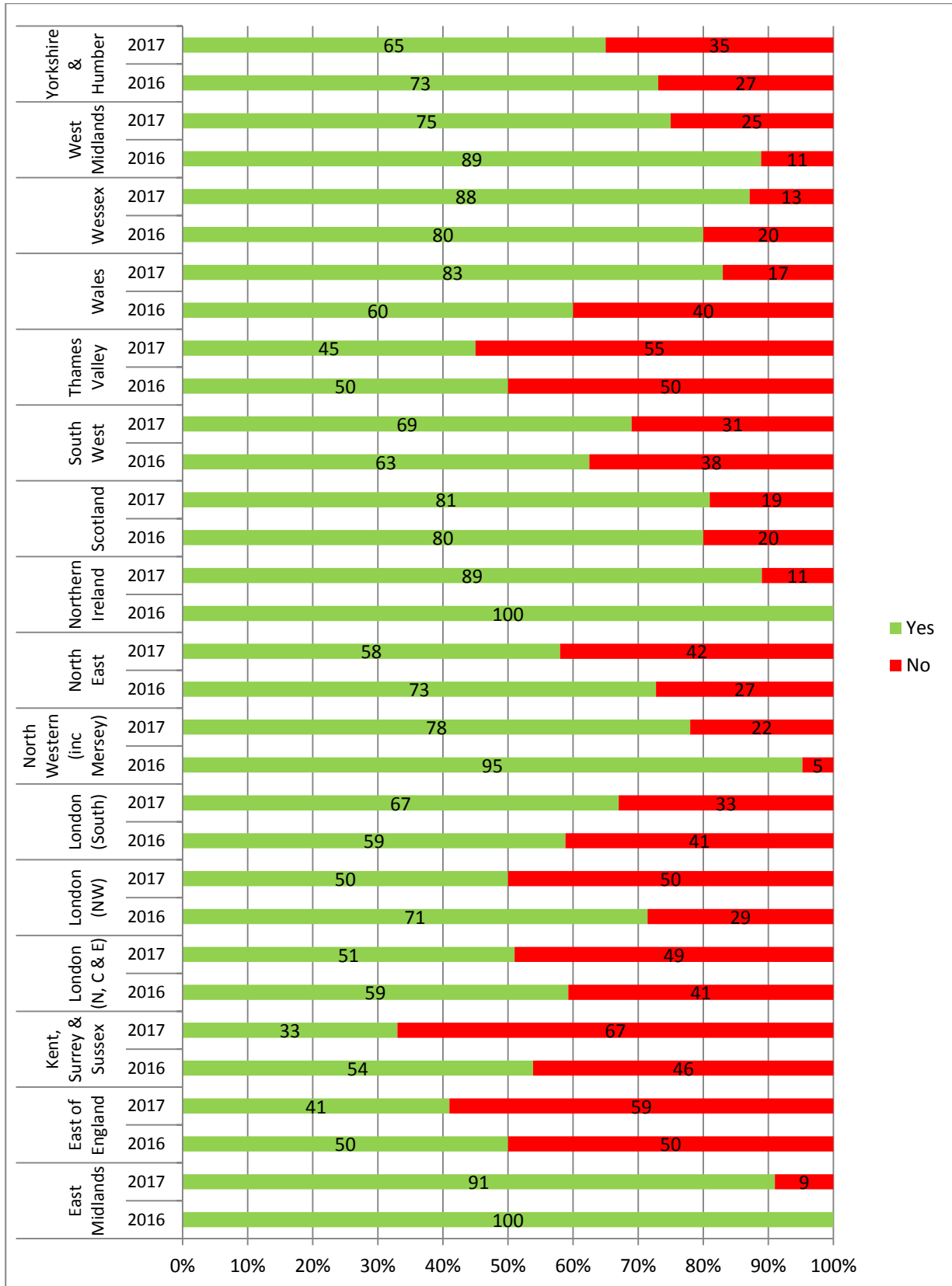
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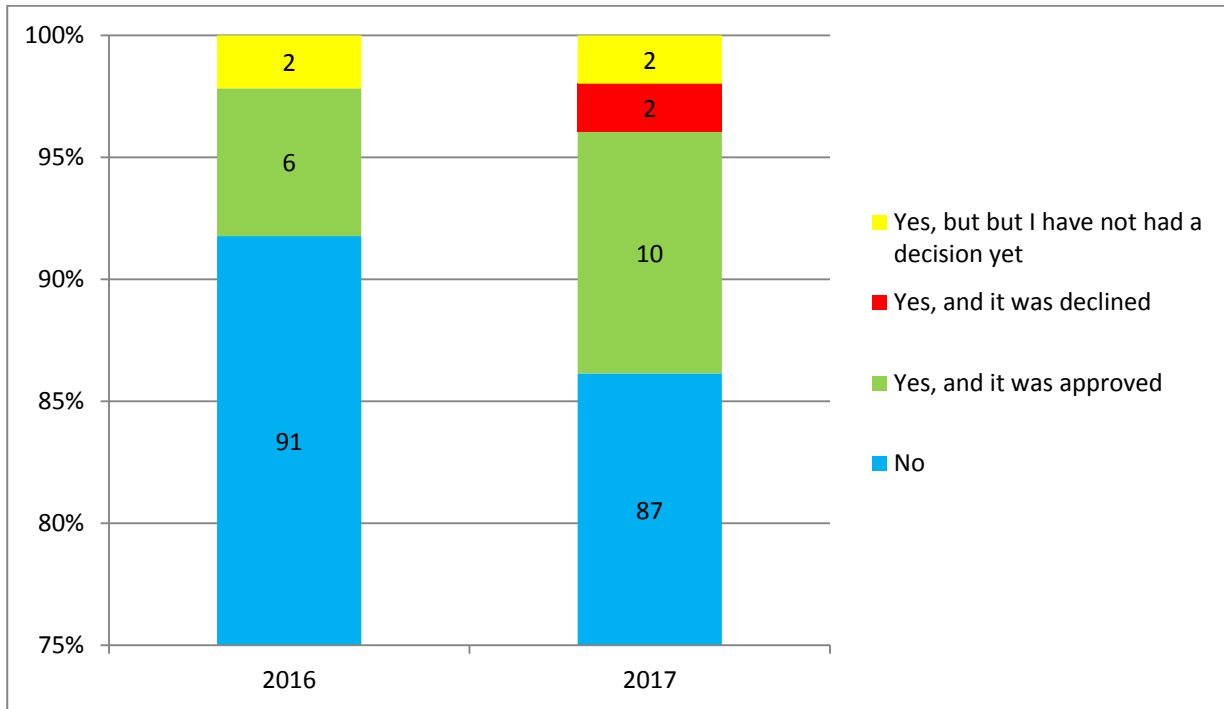
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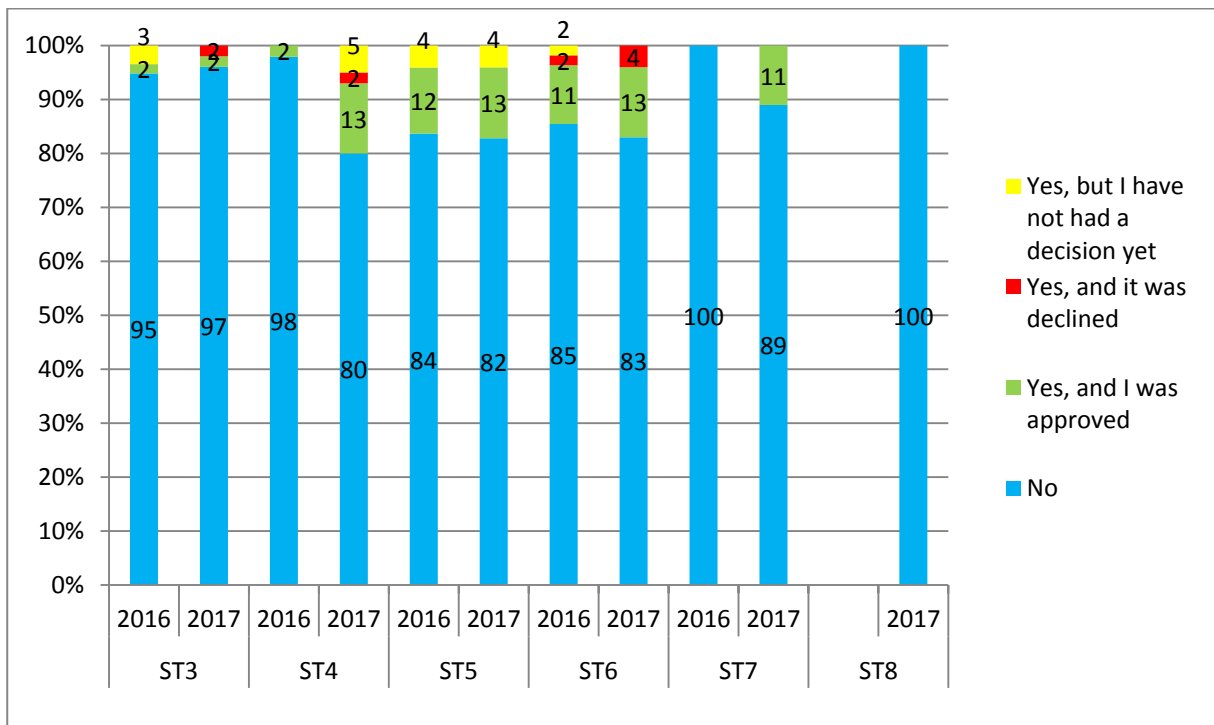


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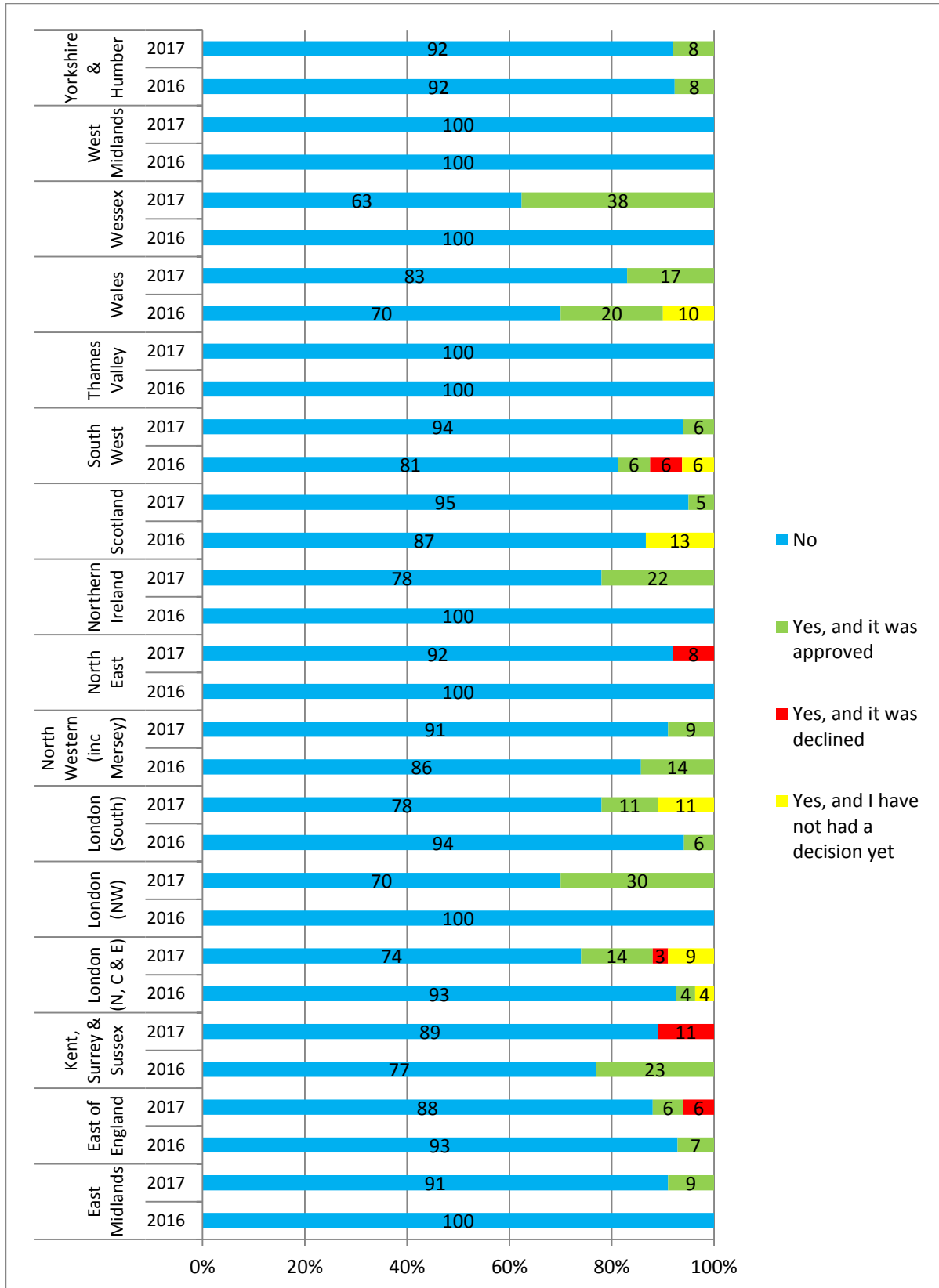
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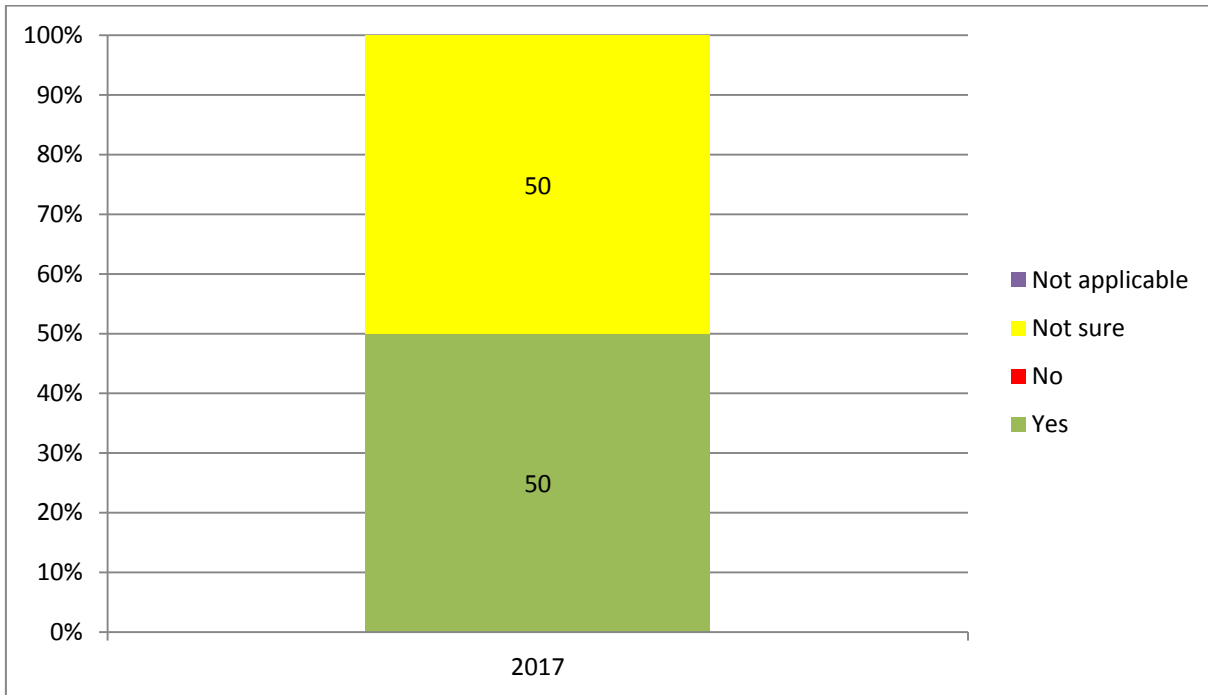
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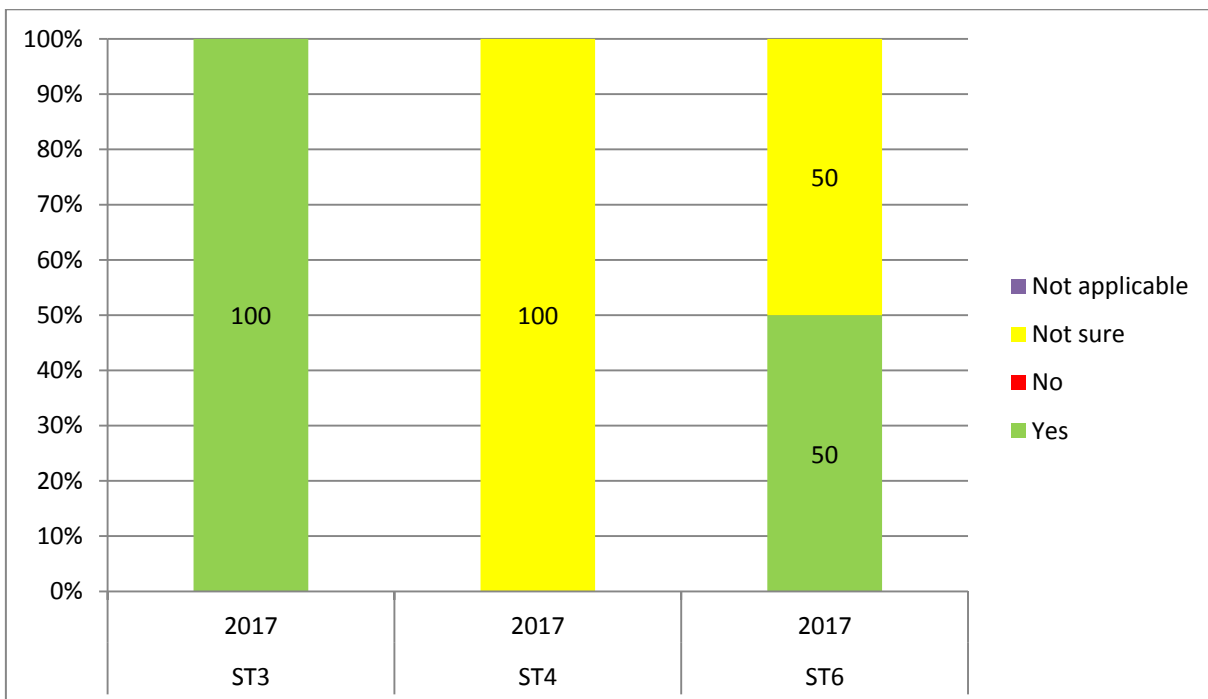
**Q11. Do you believe your OOPE application was declined primarily due to clinical service commitments?**  
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2017: n=4

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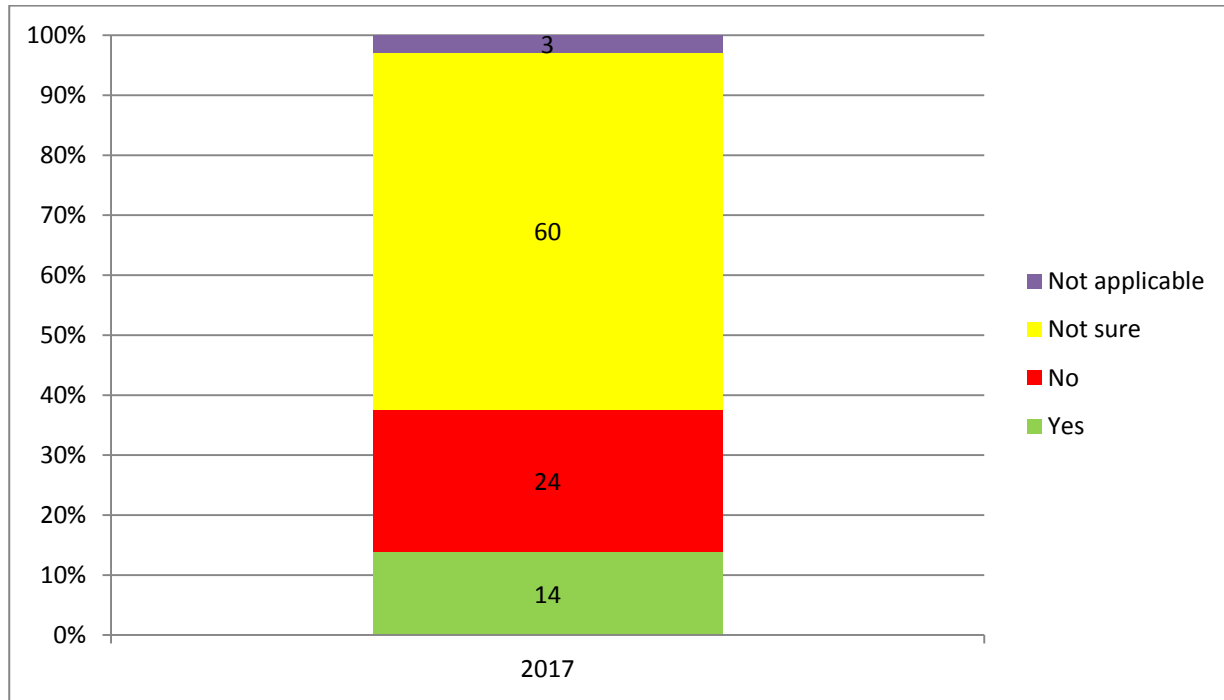


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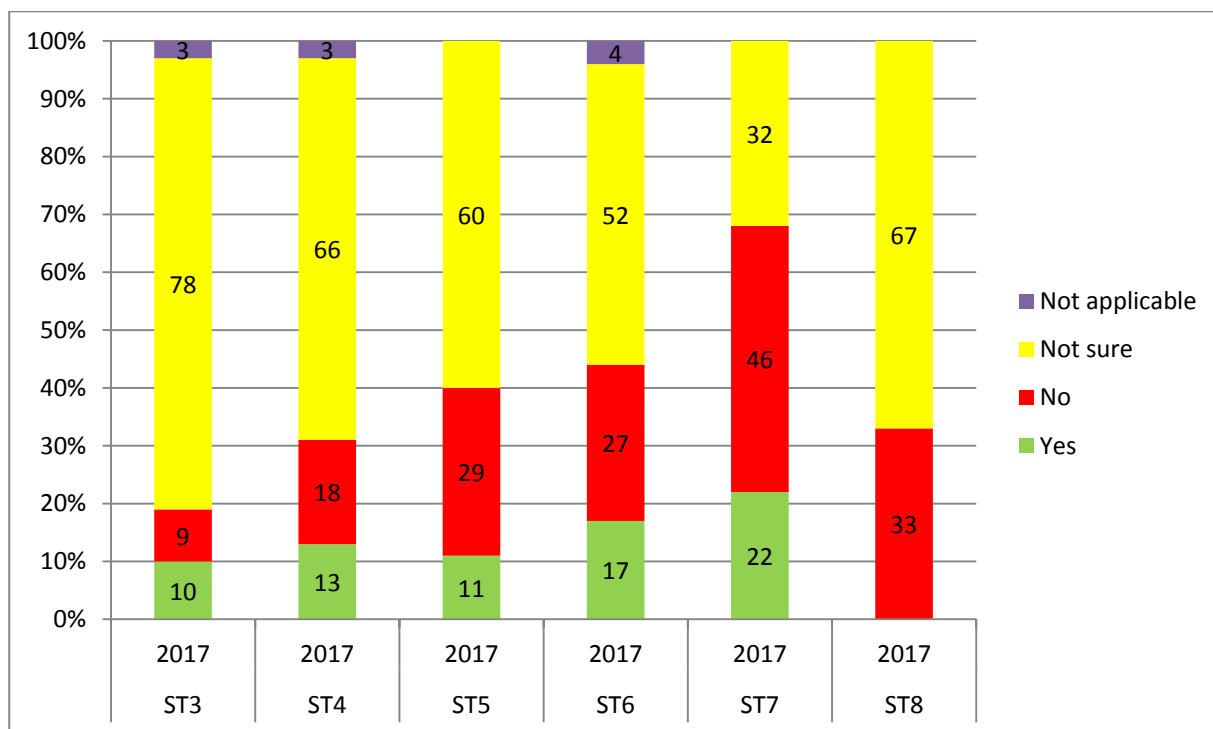


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