

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%
Total	183	173	- 5%

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 56% (5/9) Yorks and Humber 77% (7/9) NE, WAL 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 0% (0/3) East Midlands 40% (2/5) EOE, LDN (S) 44%	
4) I am confident in planning and delivering a range of educational sessions.	95%	+1%	11/15 regions	100%	Wales 80% (4/5) LDN (S), NW, YAH 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 67% (2/3) London (S) 77% (7/9) EMD, WAL 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 60% (3/5) East of England 70% (9/13) East Midlands 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 100% (3/3) Scotland 89% (8/9) North East 88% (7/8)		East of England 15% (2/13) WAL, WES 60%	
8) In your last on-call weekend, how many unplanned face to face assessments/admissions did you undertake of unstable patients?	0: 10% 1-3: 47% 4-6: 20% 7-10: 13% >10: 9%	No data	Northern Ireland 50% (3/6) South Western 80% (8/10) Wessex 40% (2/5) Wales 40% (4/10) London (NW) 18% (2/11)		5/15 regions 0% Wales 10% (1/10) NIR, THV 0% 5/15 regions 0% 6/15 regions 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% 1-3: 49% 4-6: 24% 7-10: 7% >10: 5%	+3% +4% -9% -1% +3%	Wessex 60% (3/5) NW, NIR, SCO 67% Wales 50% (5/10) South Western 40% (4/10) Scotland 22% (2/9)	5/15 regions 0% Wales 20% (2/10) Wessex 0% (0/5) 8/15 regions 0% 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) East Midlands 85% (11/13) 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% Once a day: 2% Several times a week: 44% Once a week: 32% Less than once a week: 13% Not at all: 1%	+6% -6% No data +0% -5% +1%	East of England 23% (2/9) Northern Ireland 33% (1/3) Scotland 78% (7/9) West Midlands 50% (8/16) Yorks & Humber 36% (5/14) East of England 8% (1/13)	6/15 regions 0% 13/15 regions 0% SW, WES 20% Northern Ireland 0% NIR, SCO 0% 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% Once a day: 24% Several times a week: 27% Once a week: 3% Less than once a week: 0% Not at all: 0%	+33% 18% No data -12% -6% +0%	Thames Valley 100% (3/3) East of England 46% (6/13) Wales 70% (7/10) London (NC&E) 9% (1/11) East of England 8% (1/13)	Wales 20% (2/10) London (NC&E) 9% (1/11) NIR, SCO, THV 0% 10/15 regions 0% 14/15 regions 0% 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		

Increase in agreement 2016/17	decrease in agreement 2016/17	Agreement unchanged 2016/17
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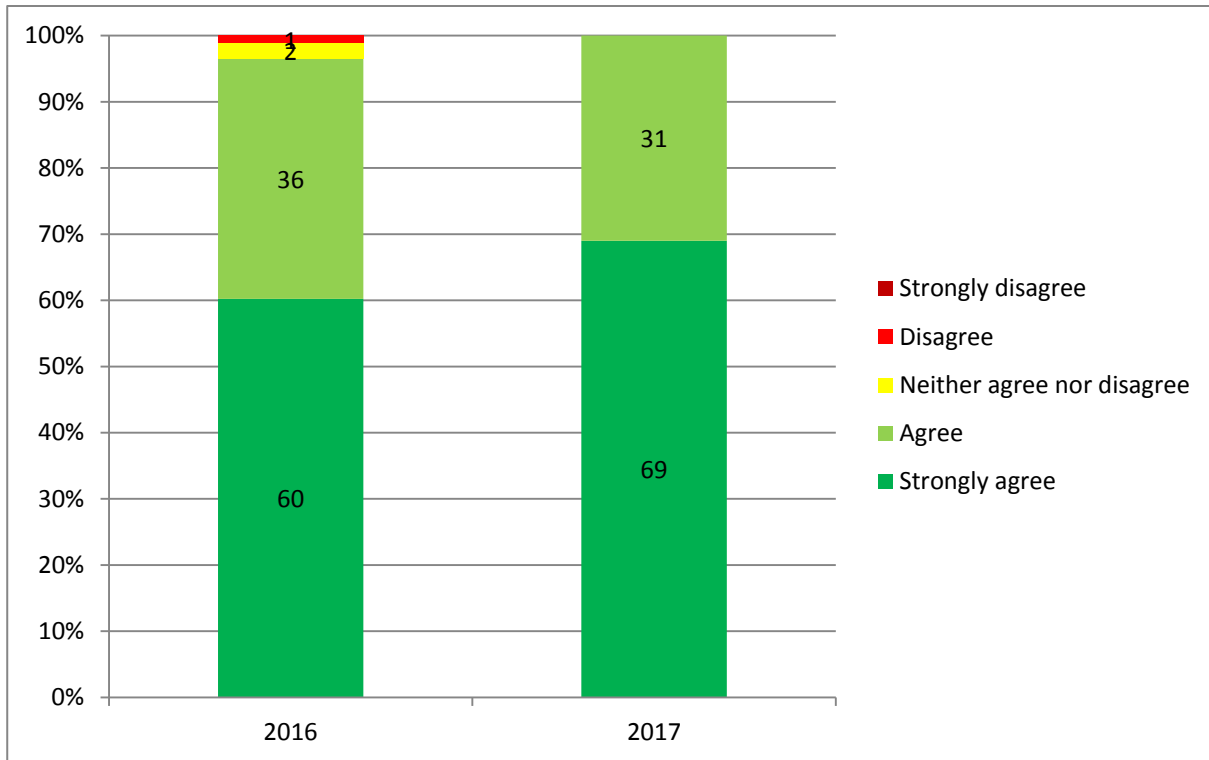
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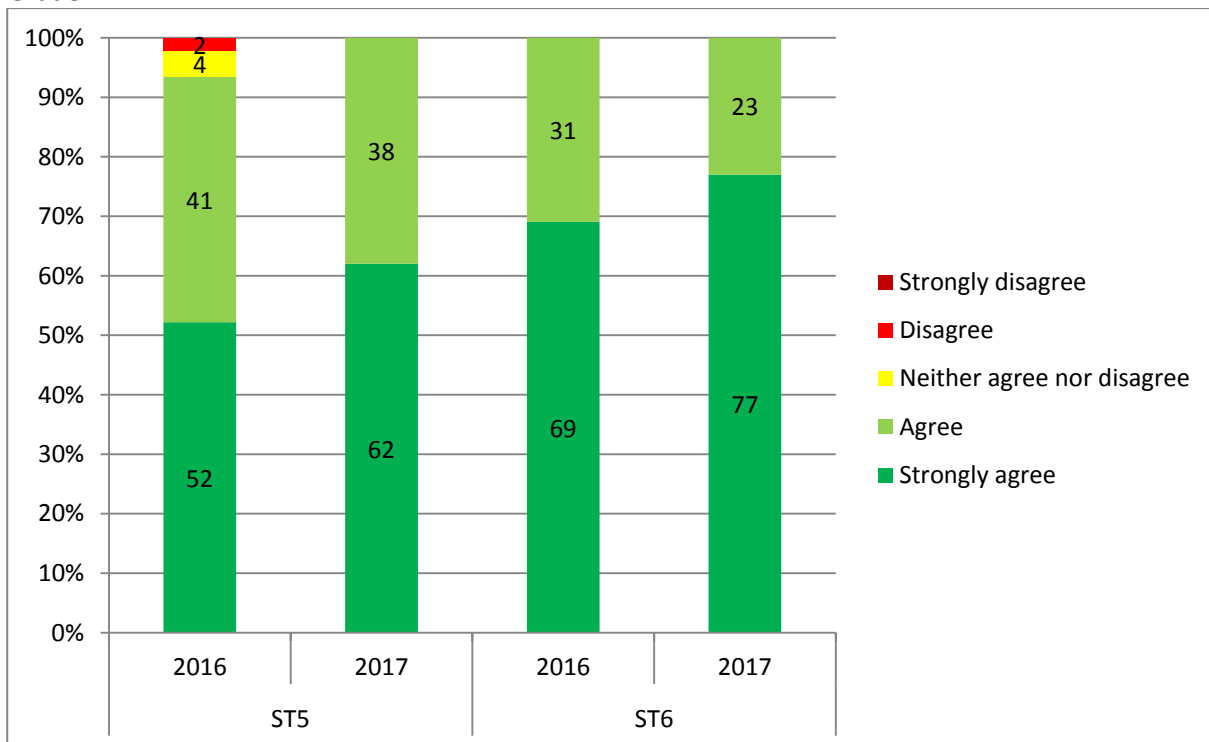
My training to date has prepared me to manage patients independently out of hours.

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

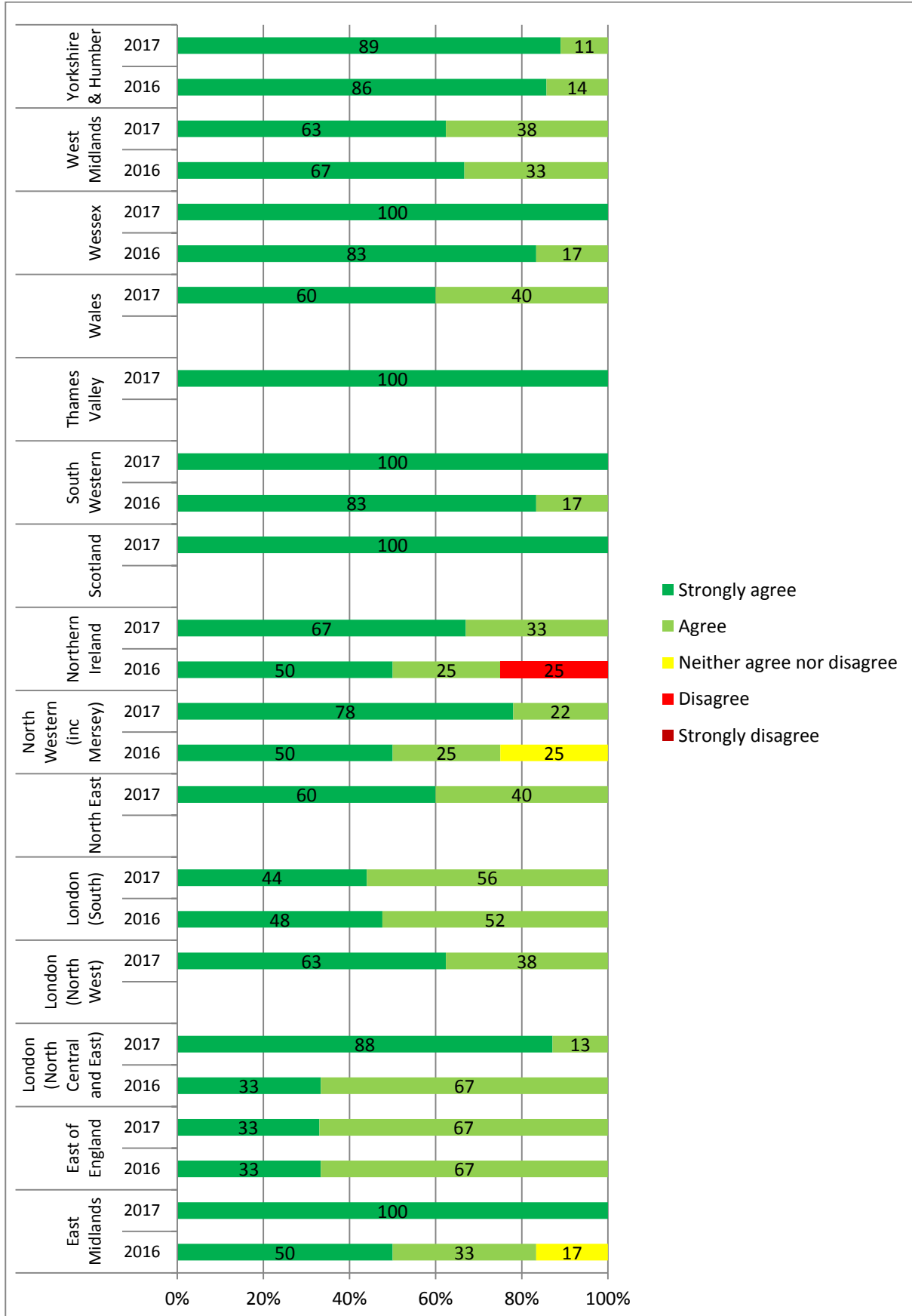
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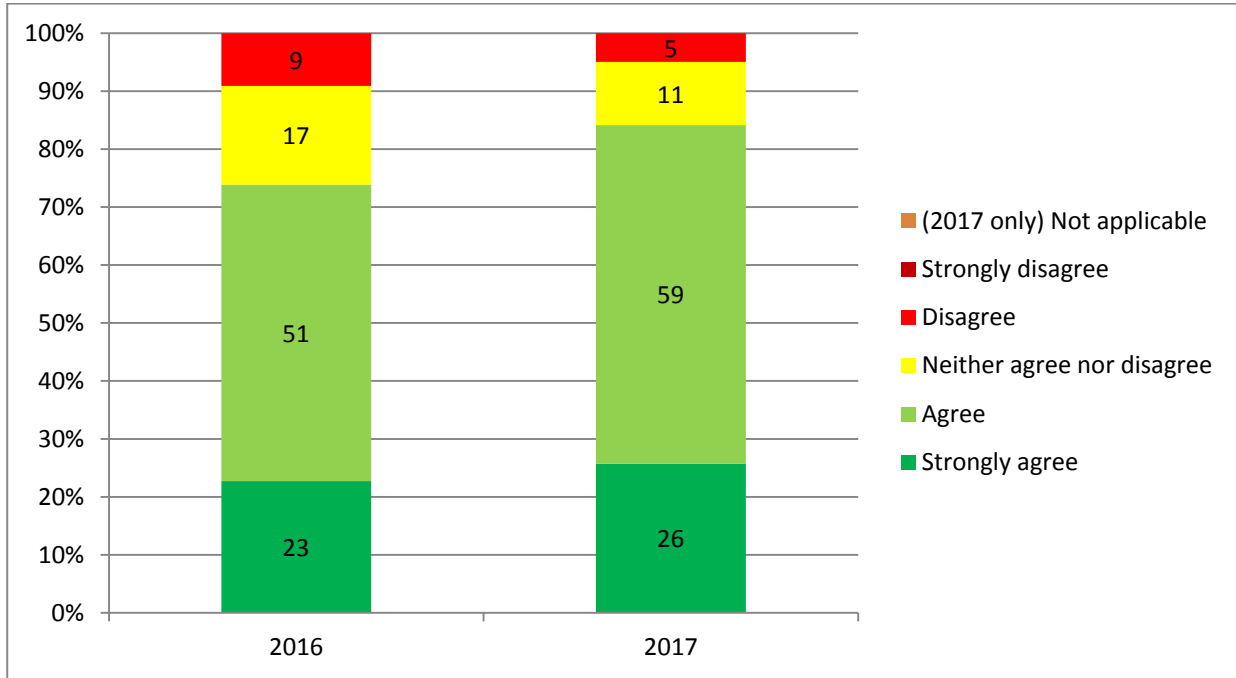


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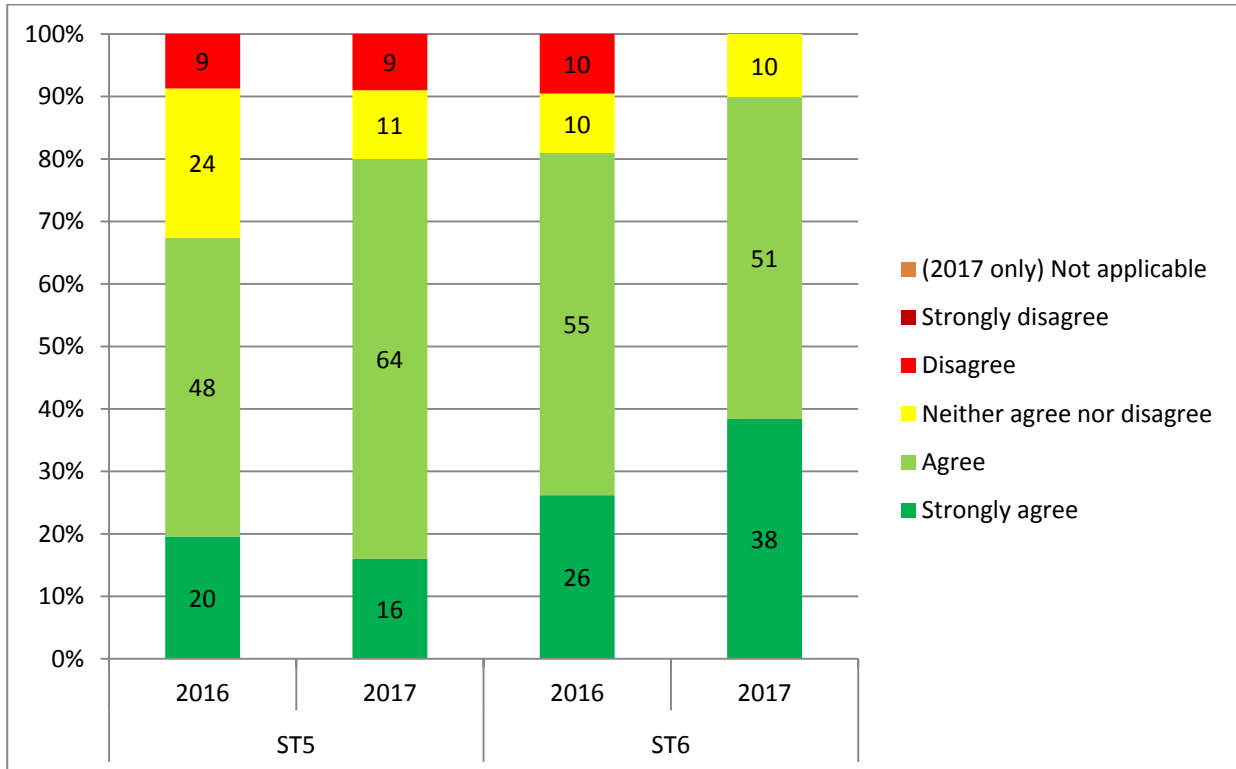
There have been adequate opportunities for me to develop my leadership skills in the NHS, over the course of my training.

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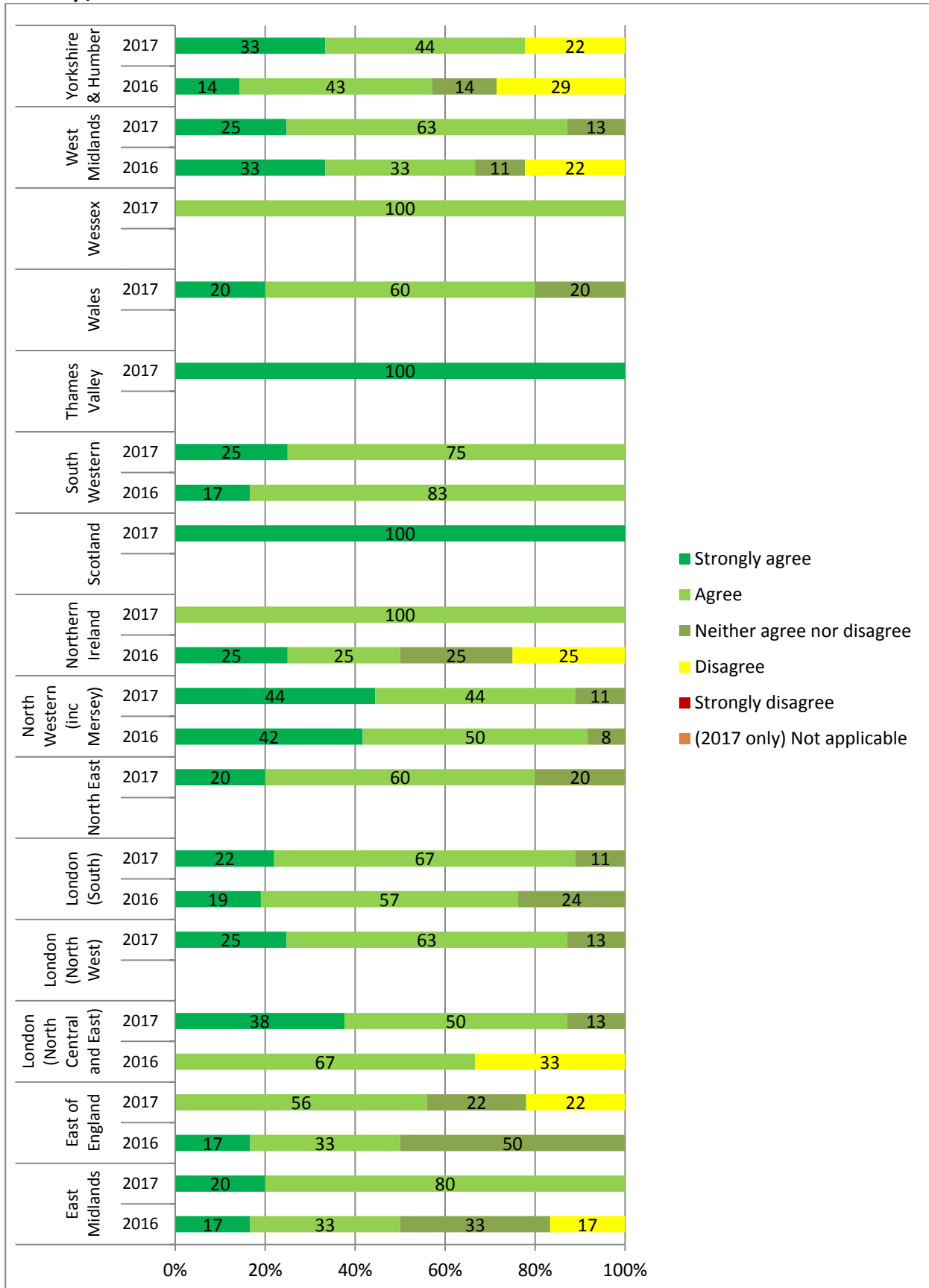
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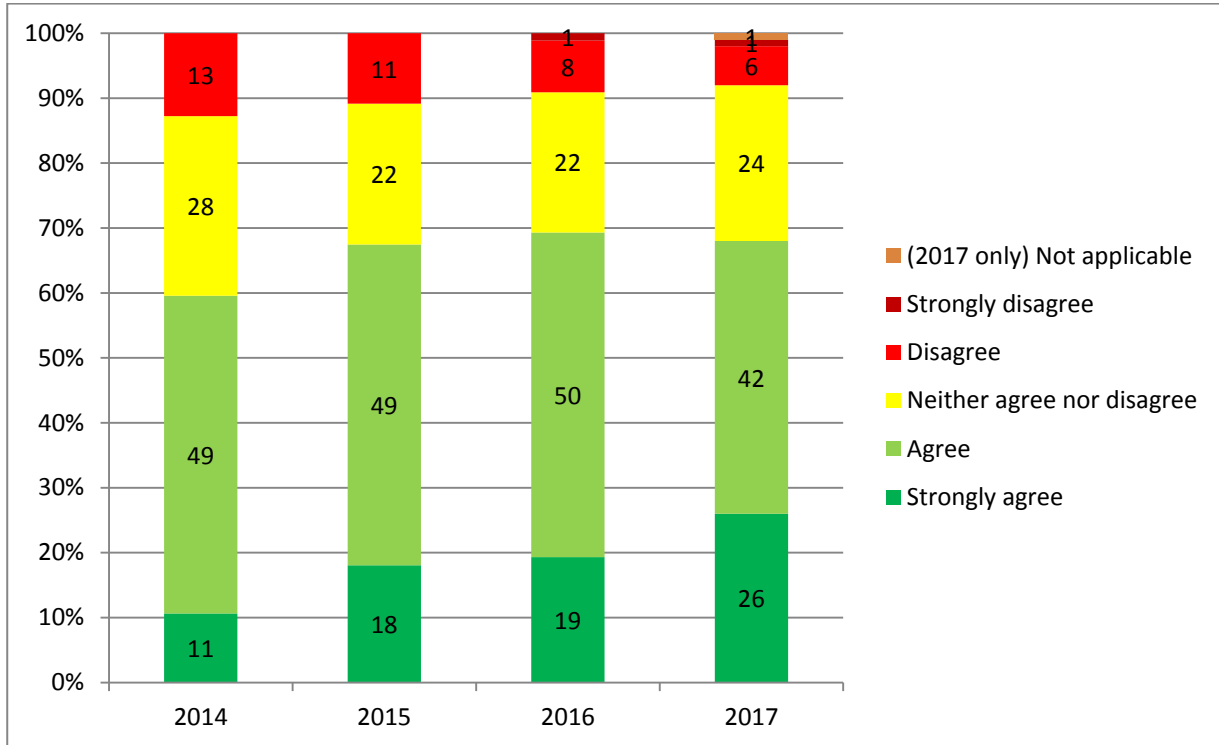


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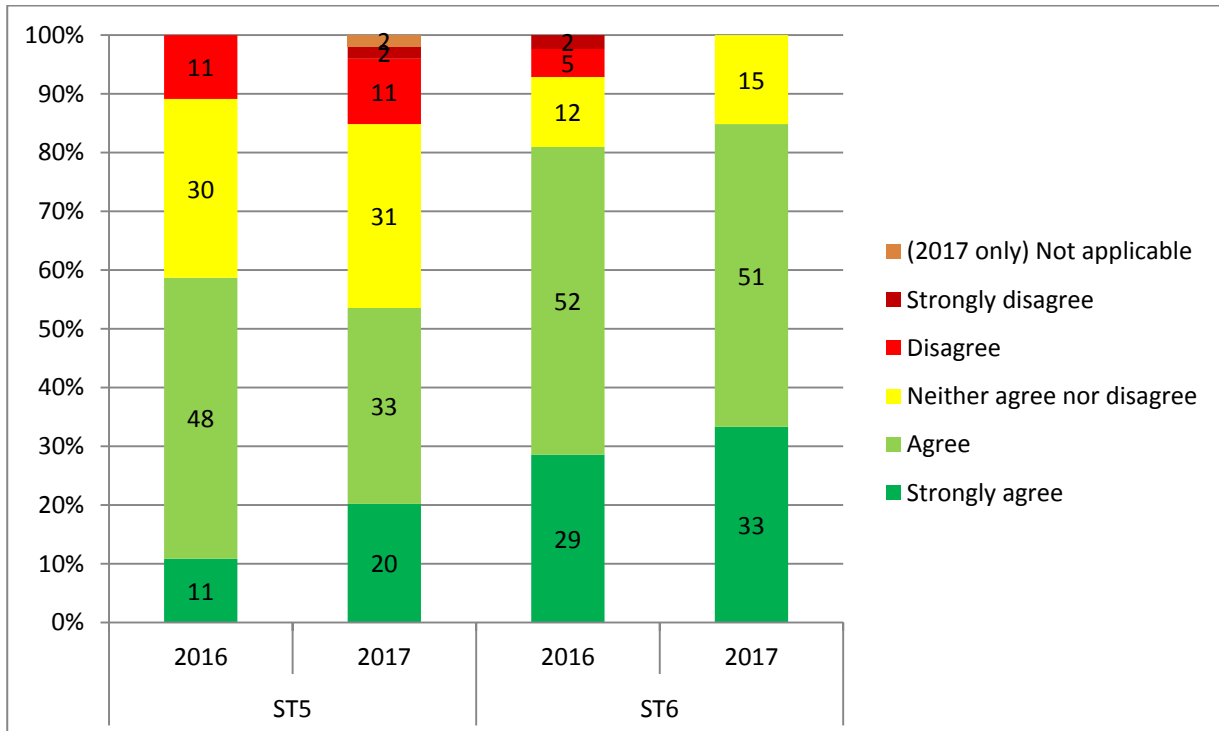
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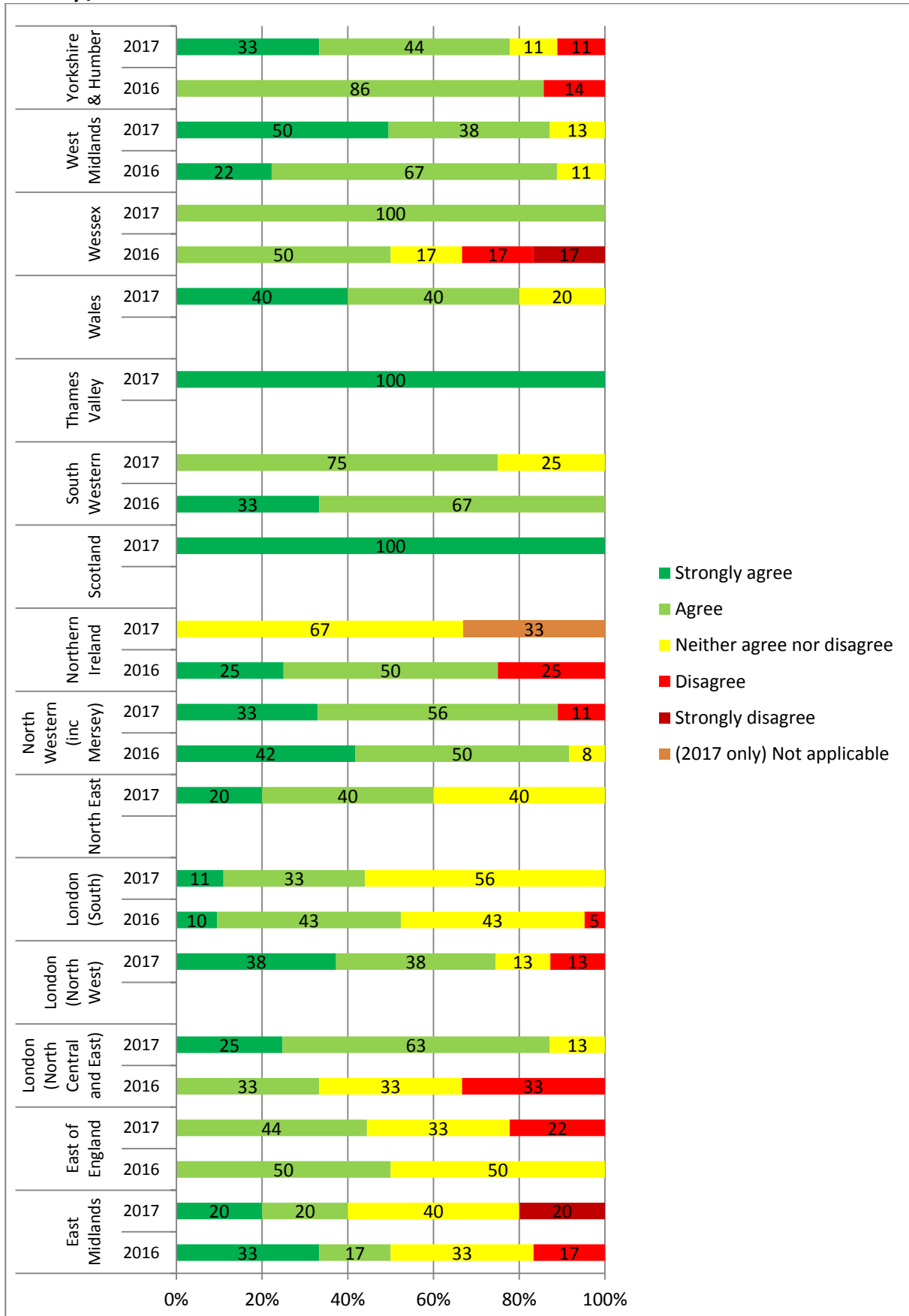
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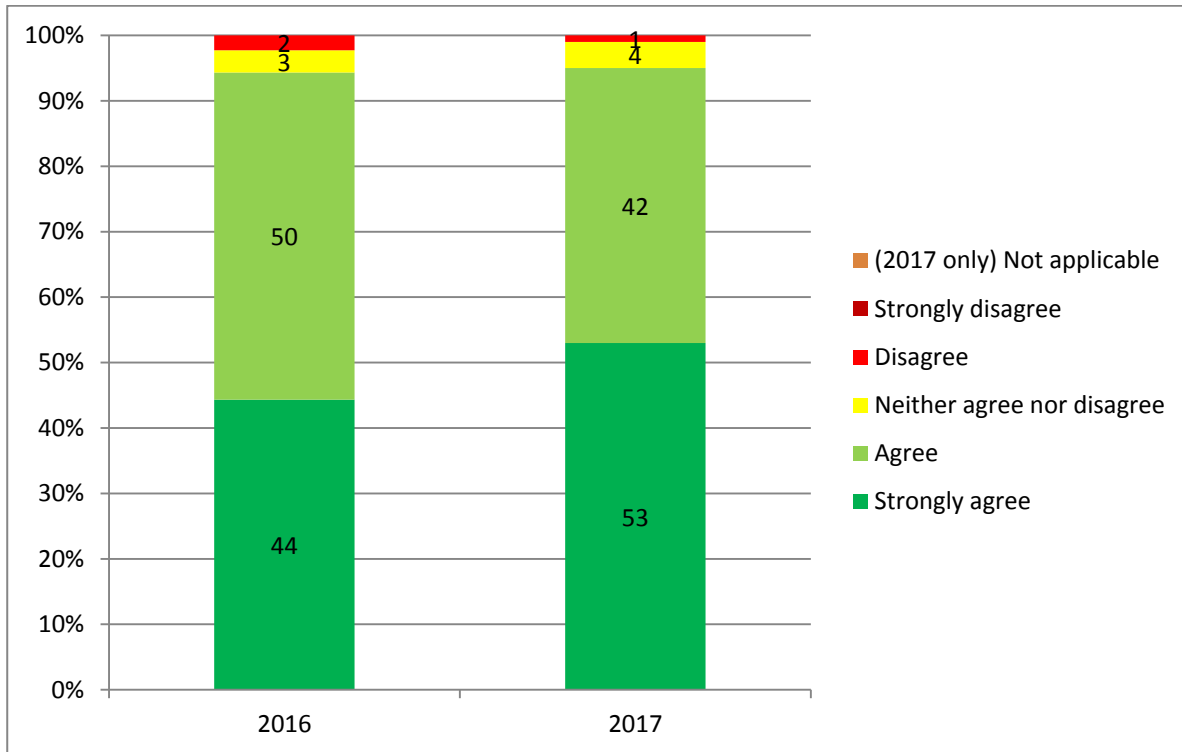


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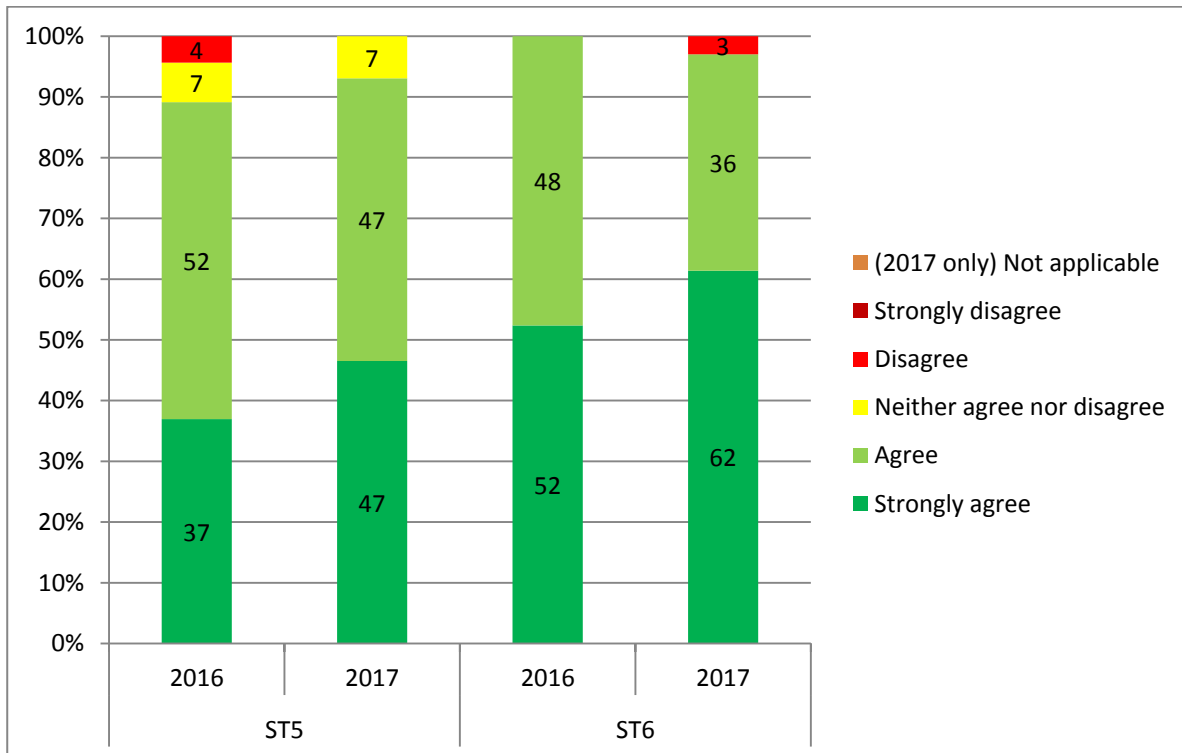
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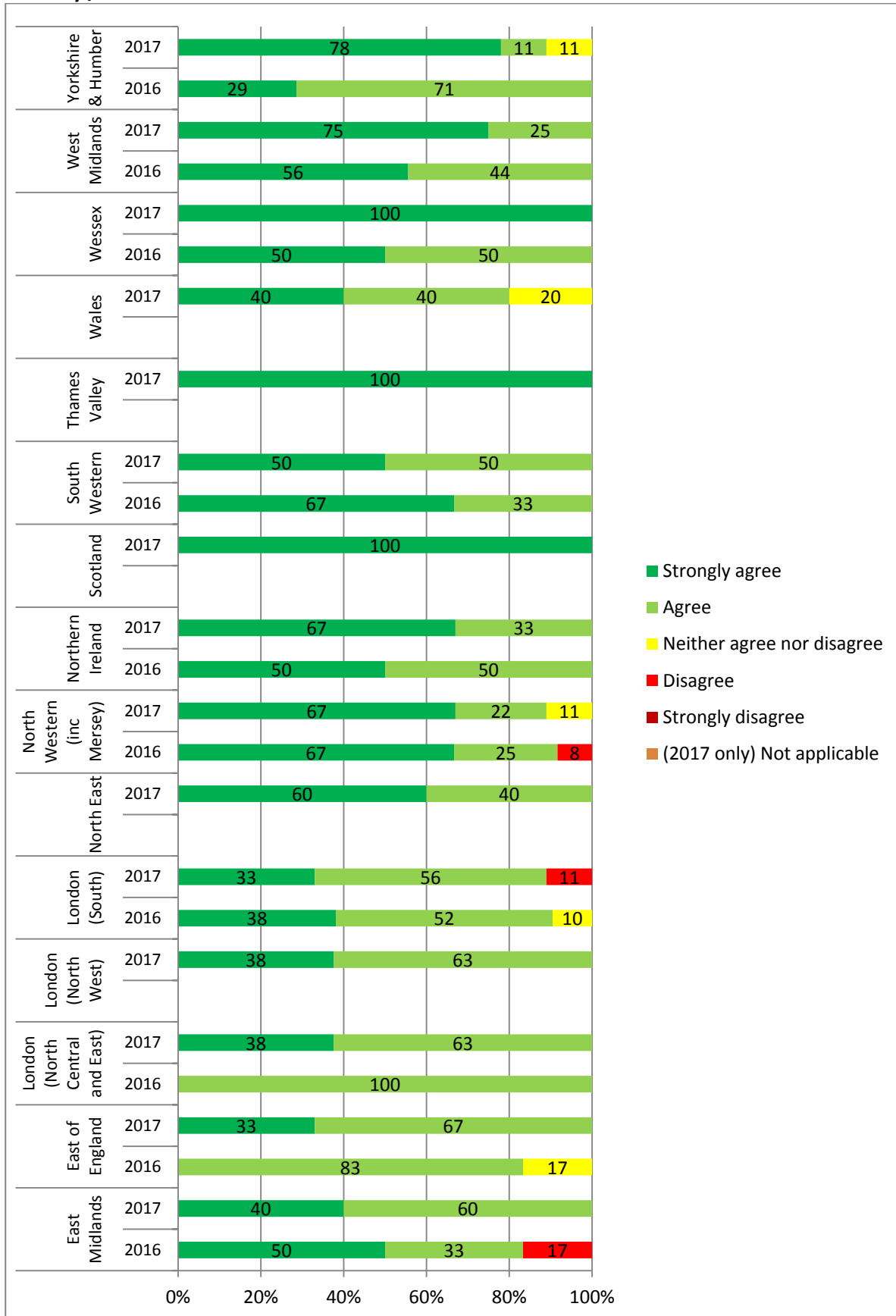
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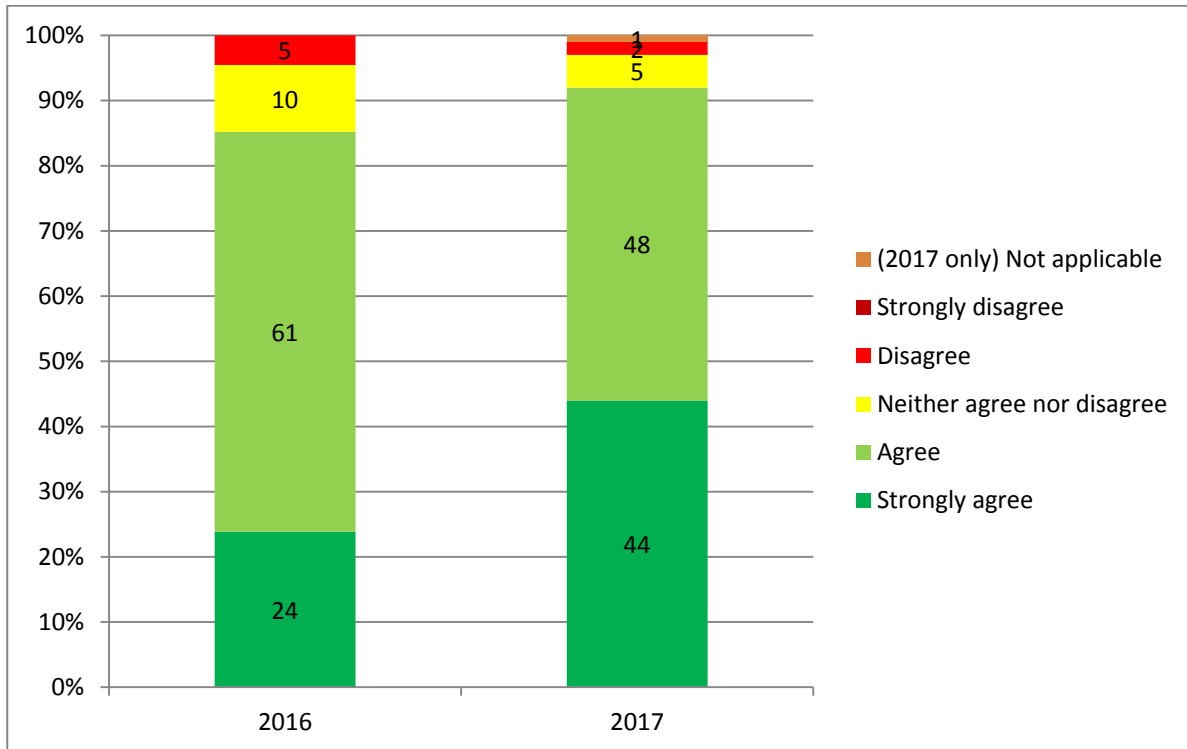


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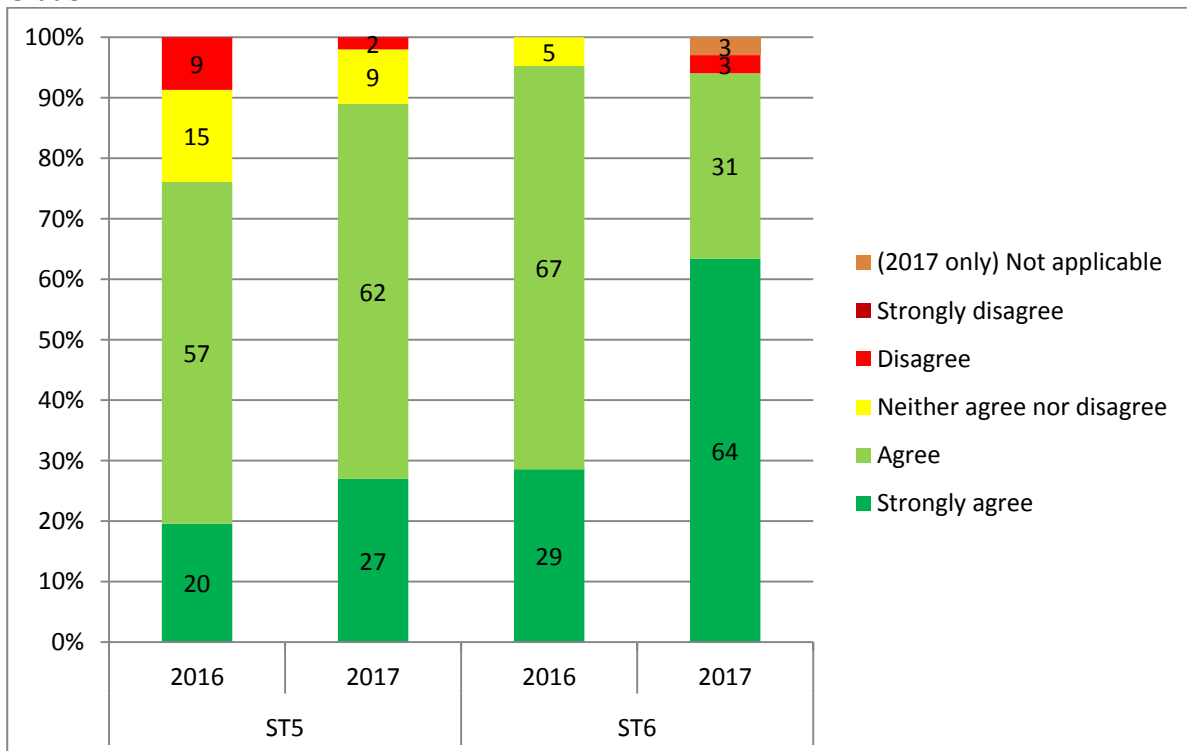
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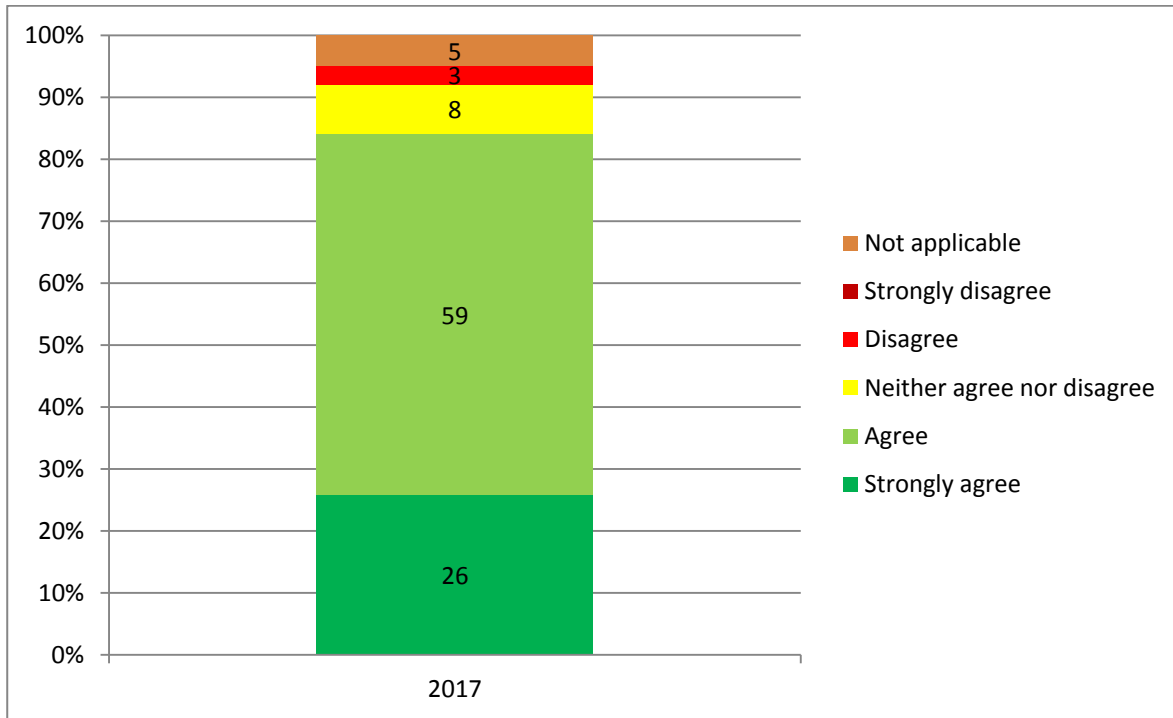


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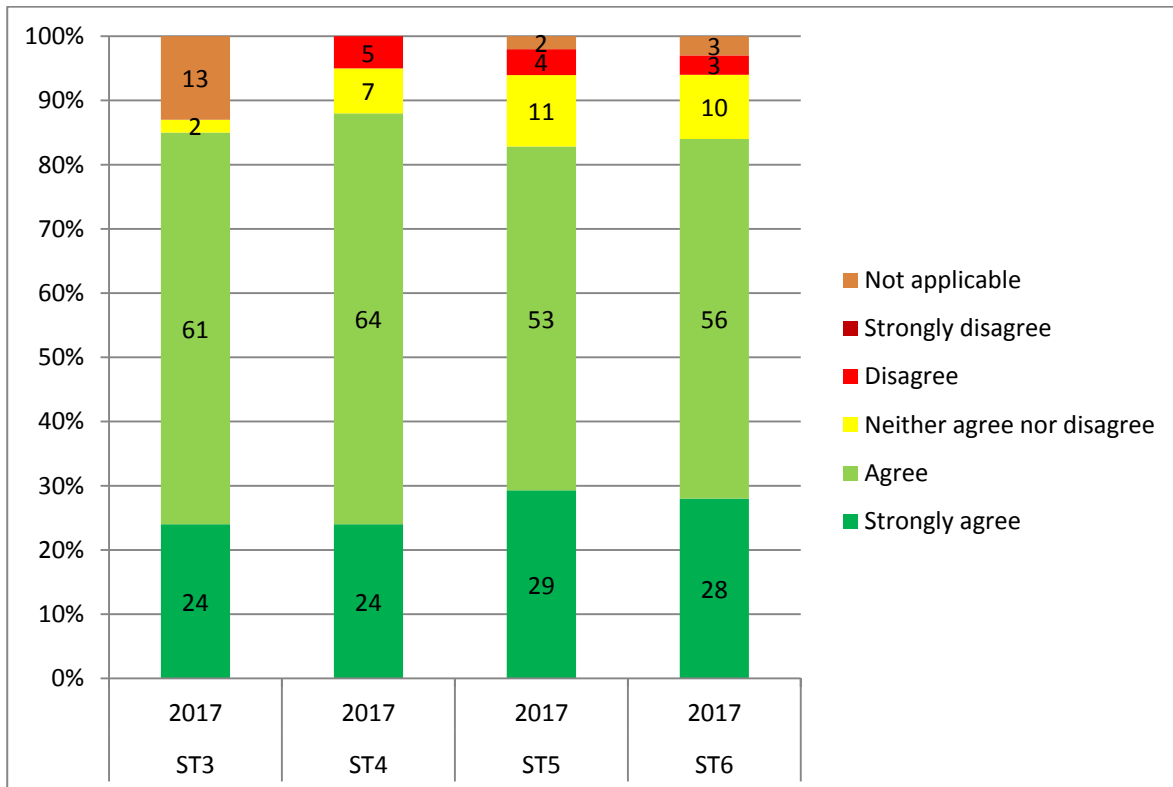
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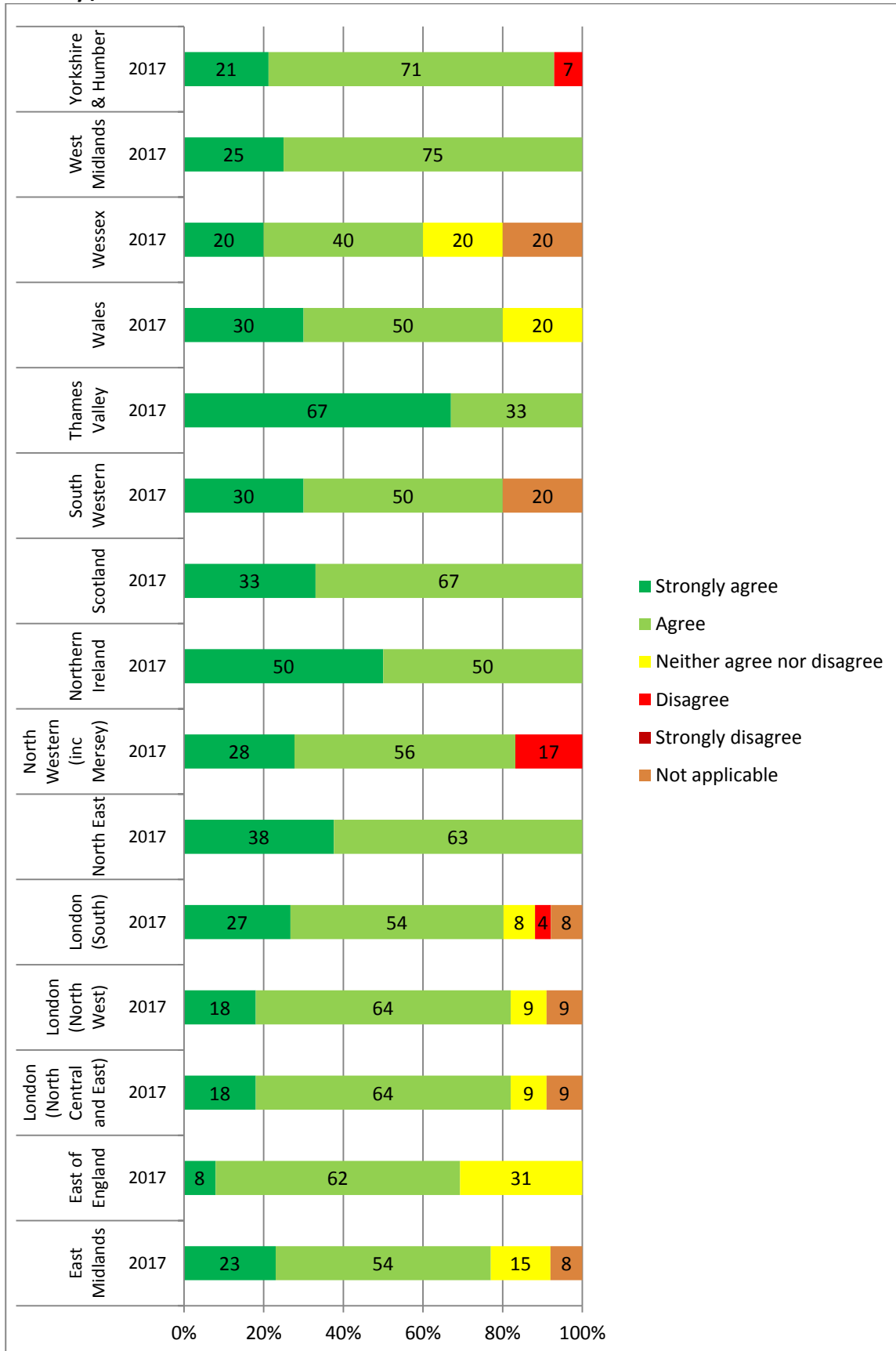
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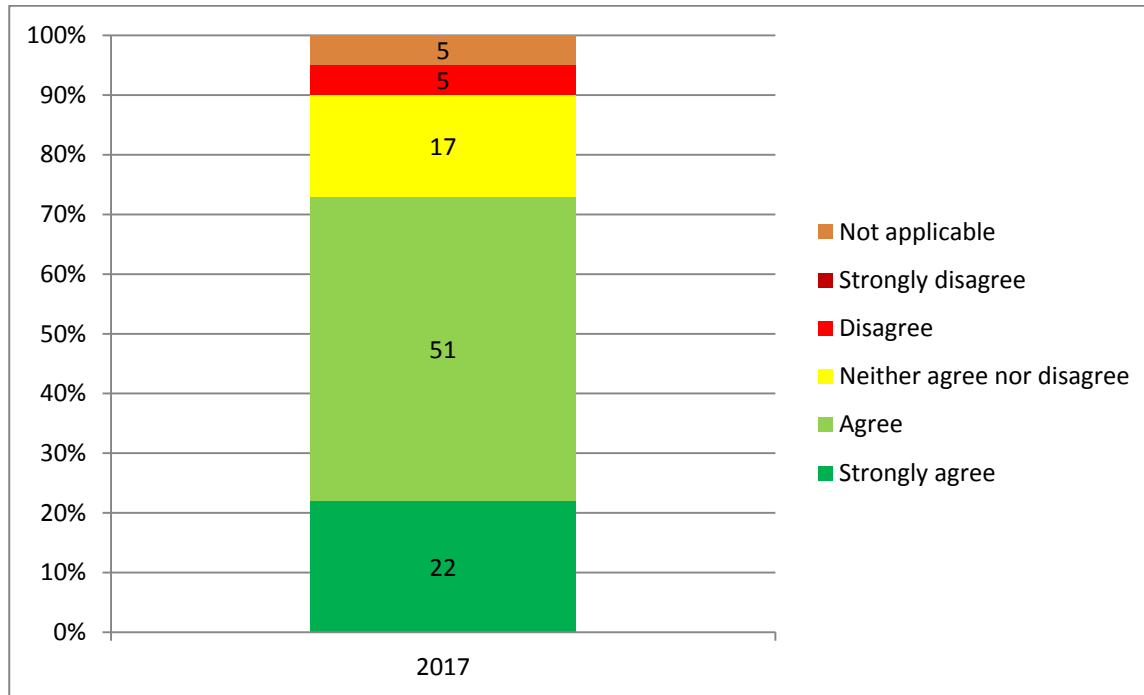


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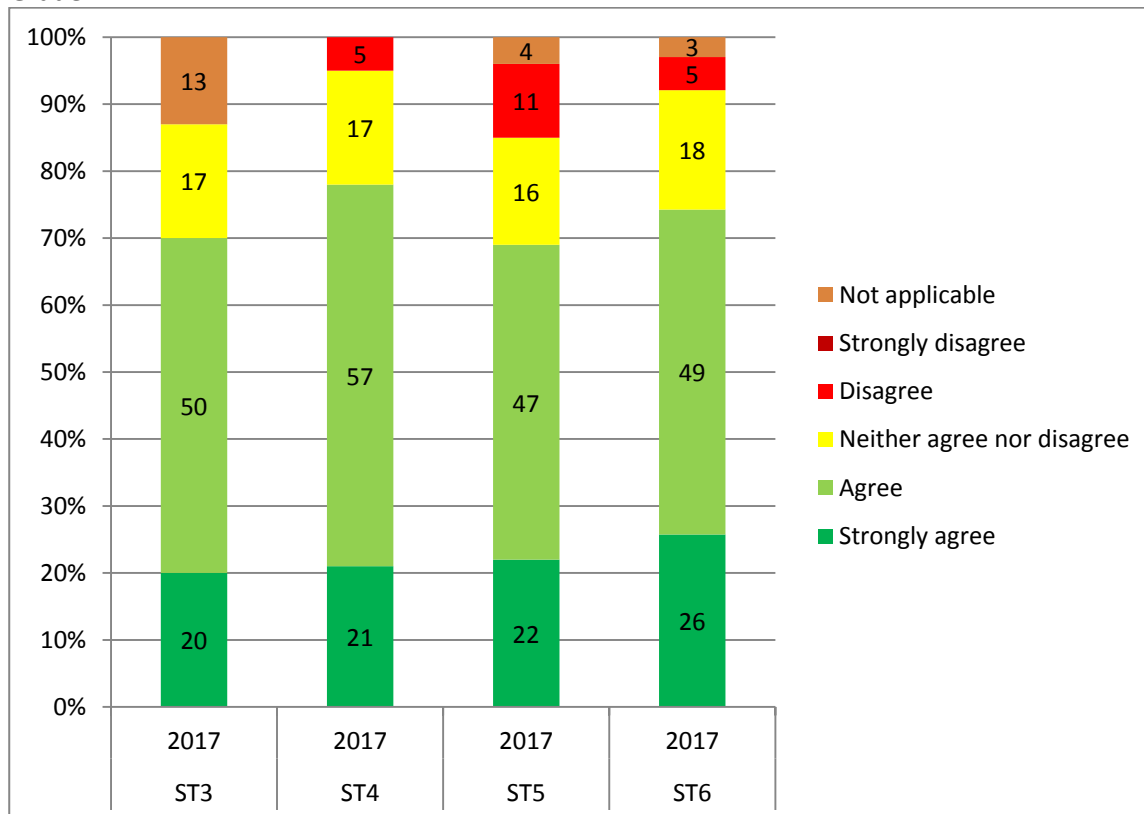
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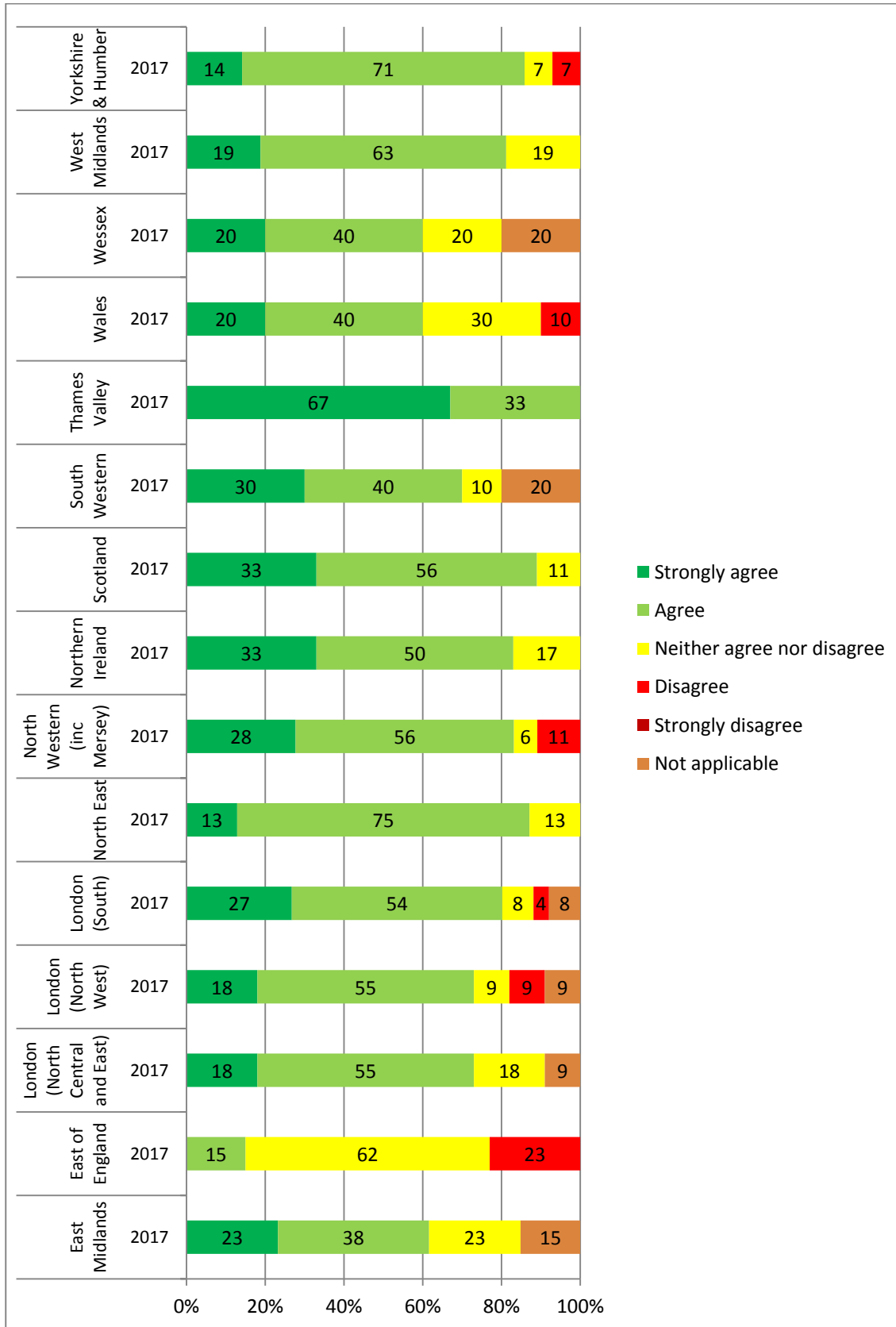
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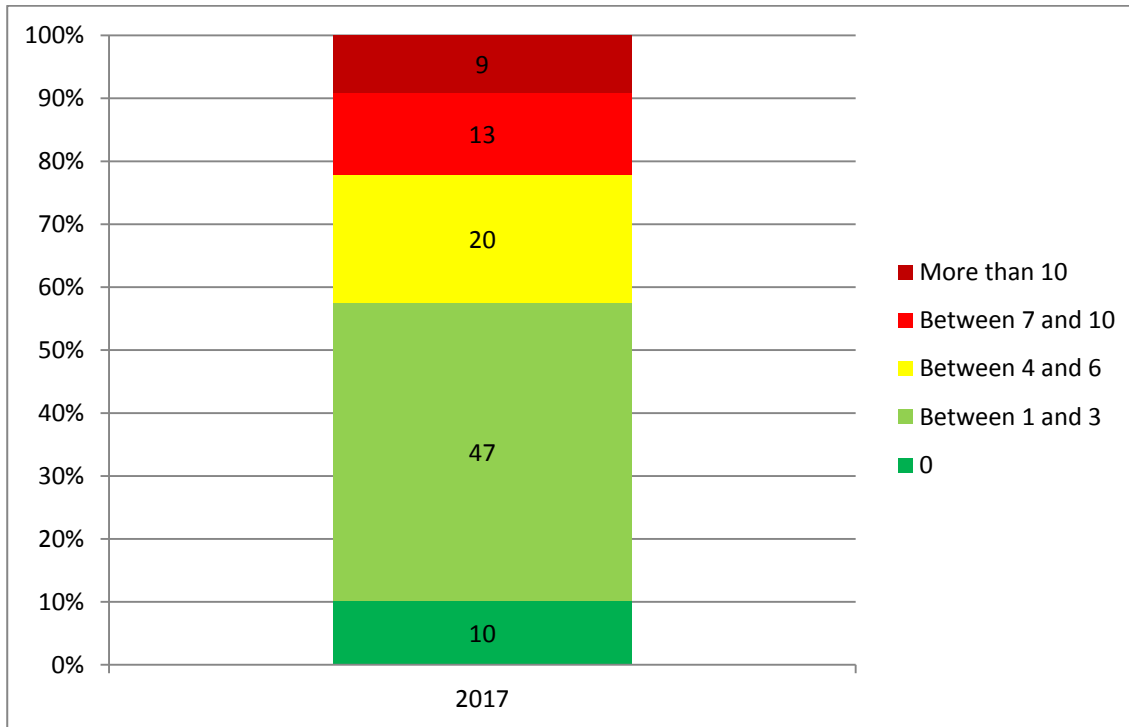
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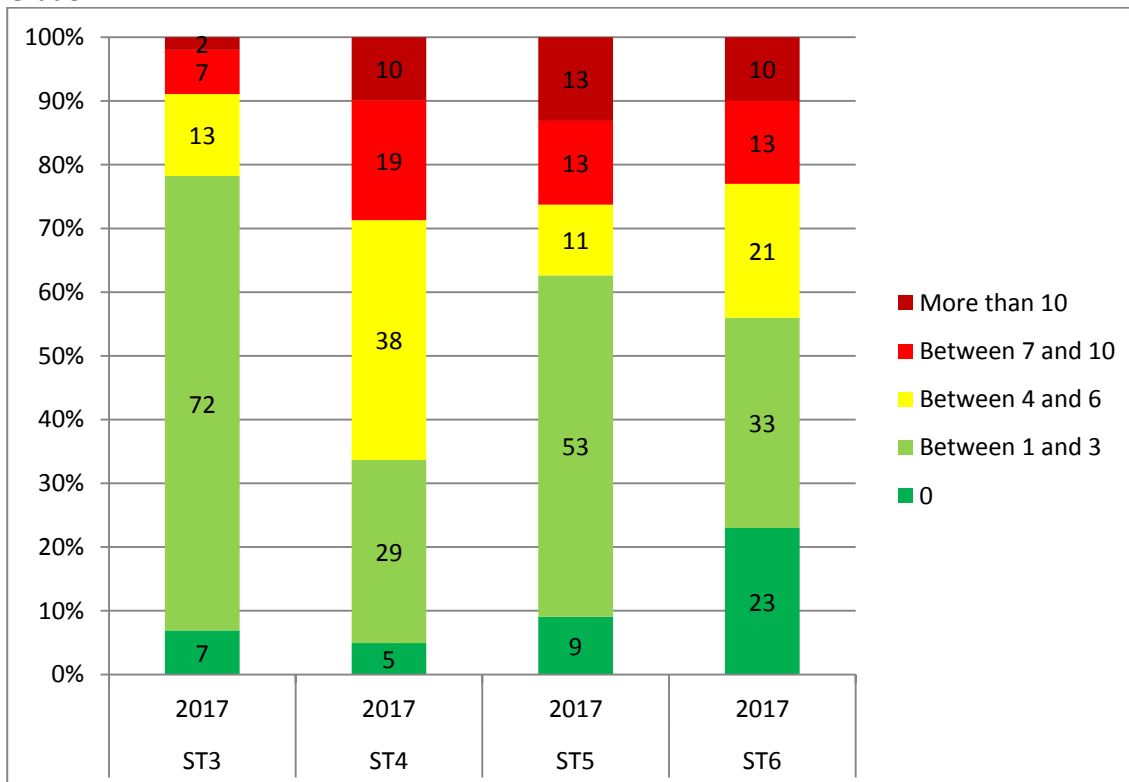
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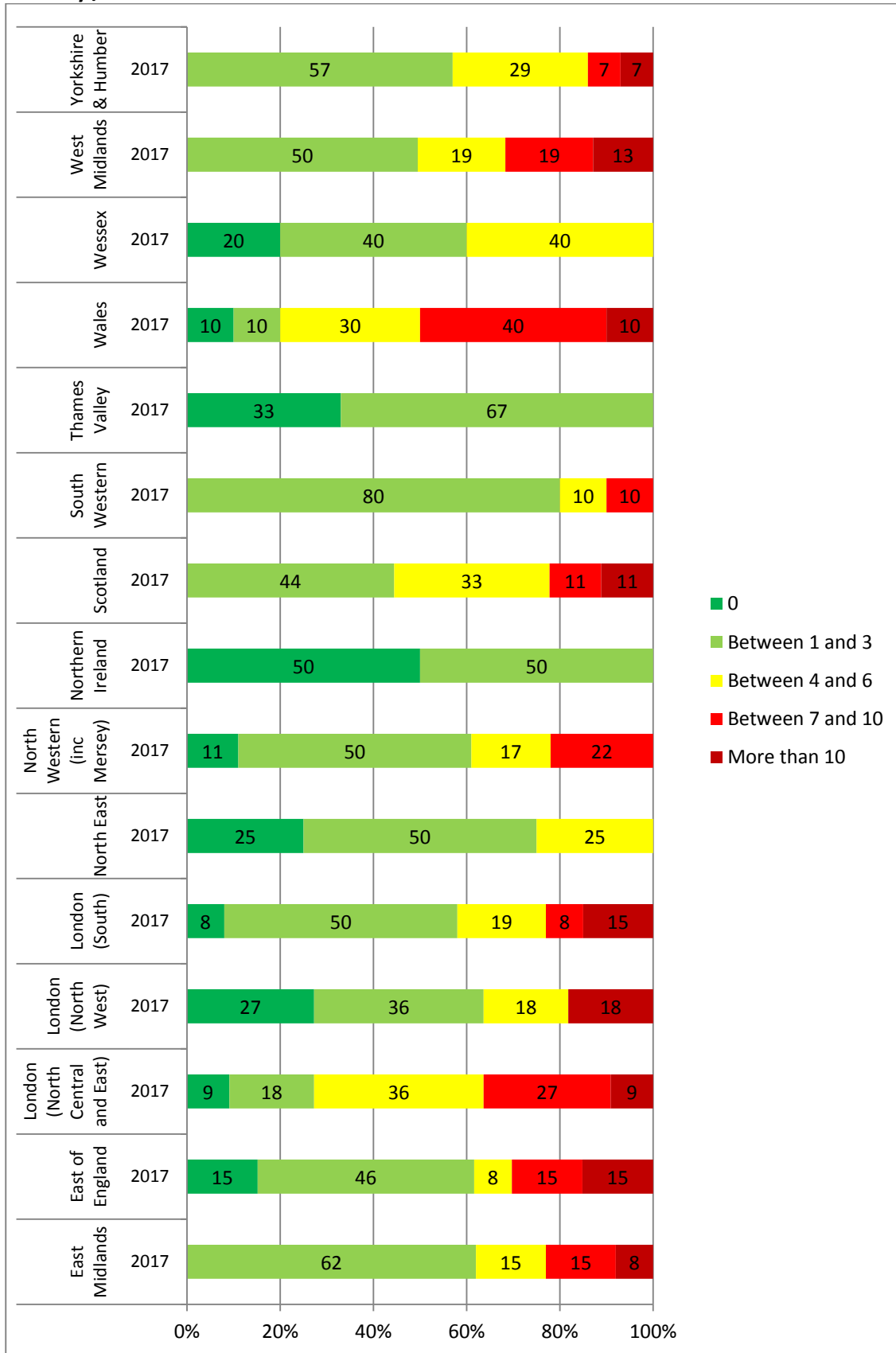
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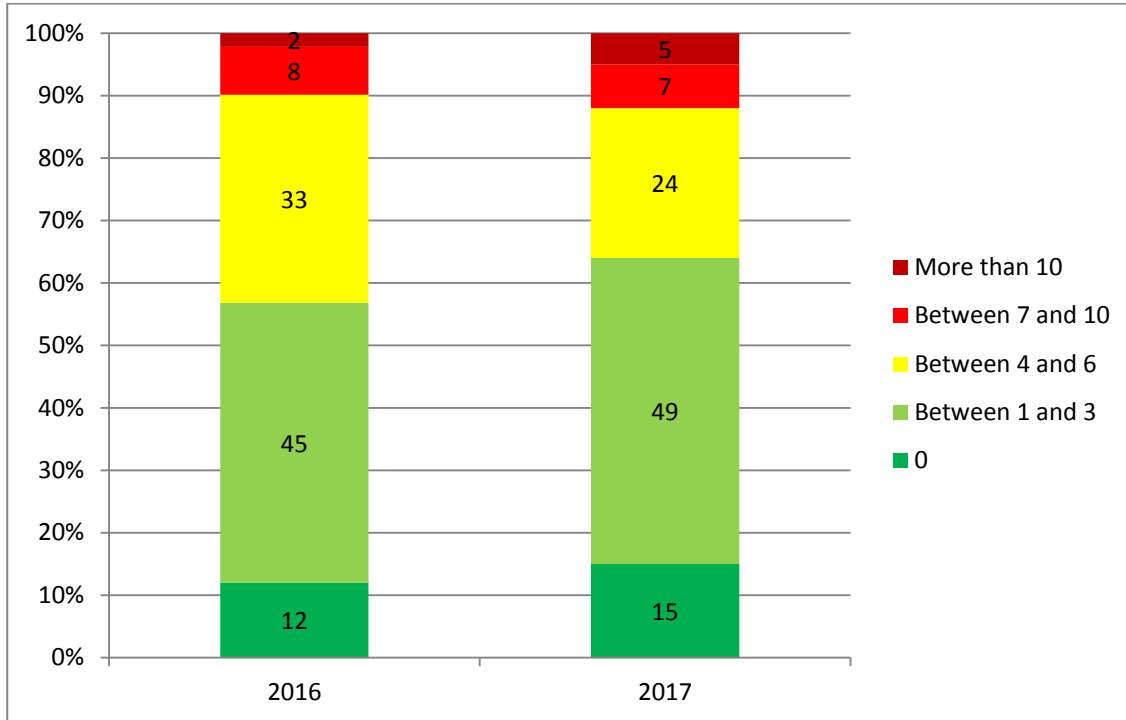
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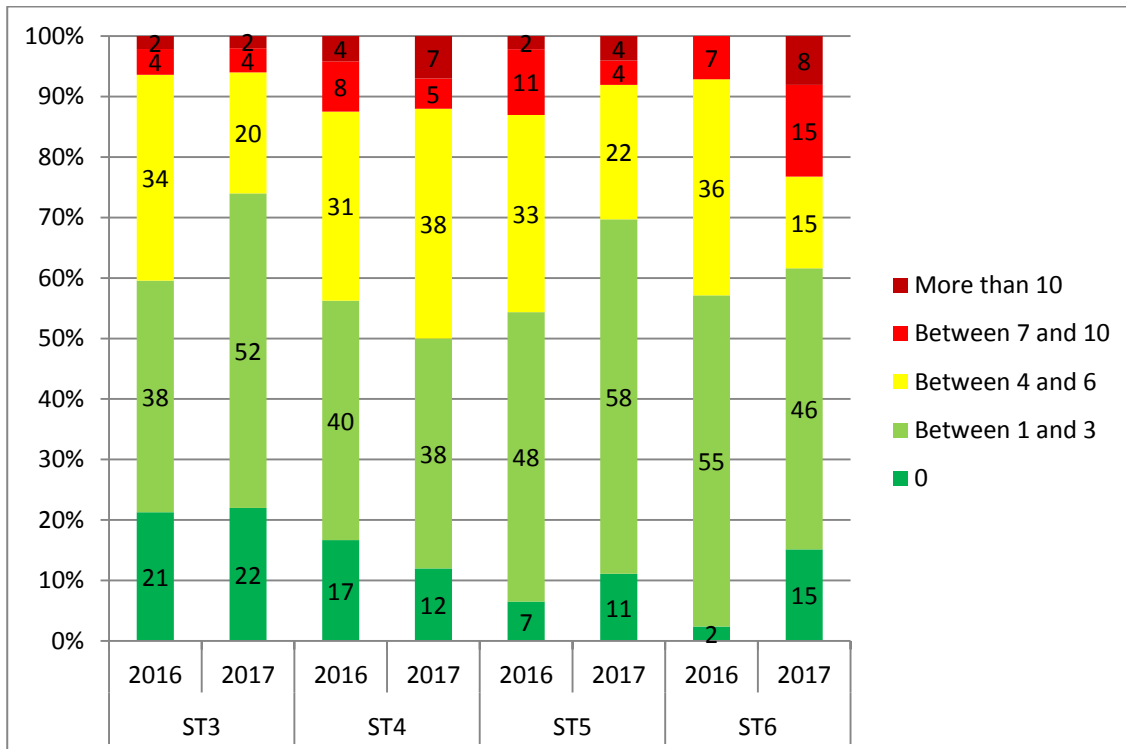
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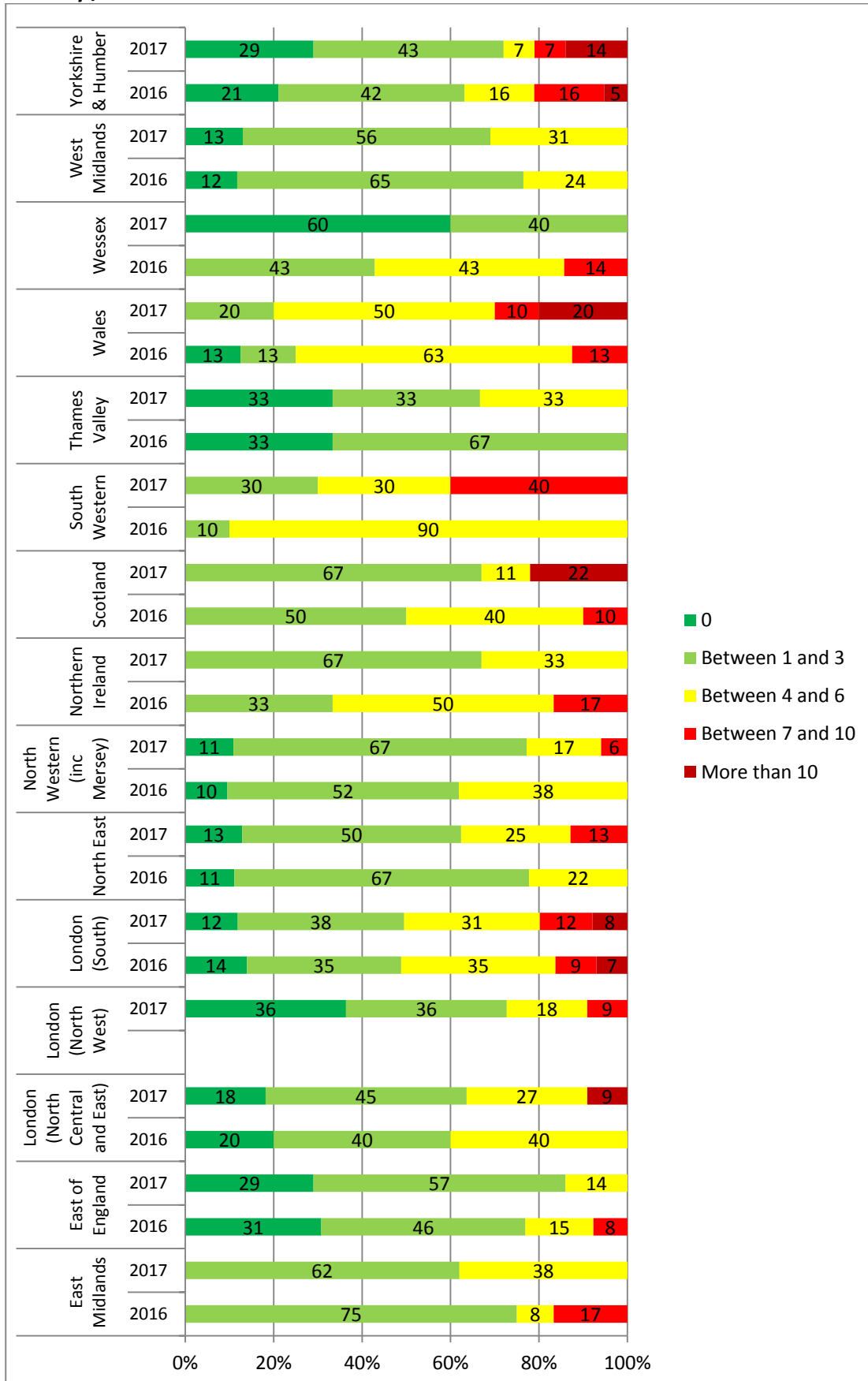
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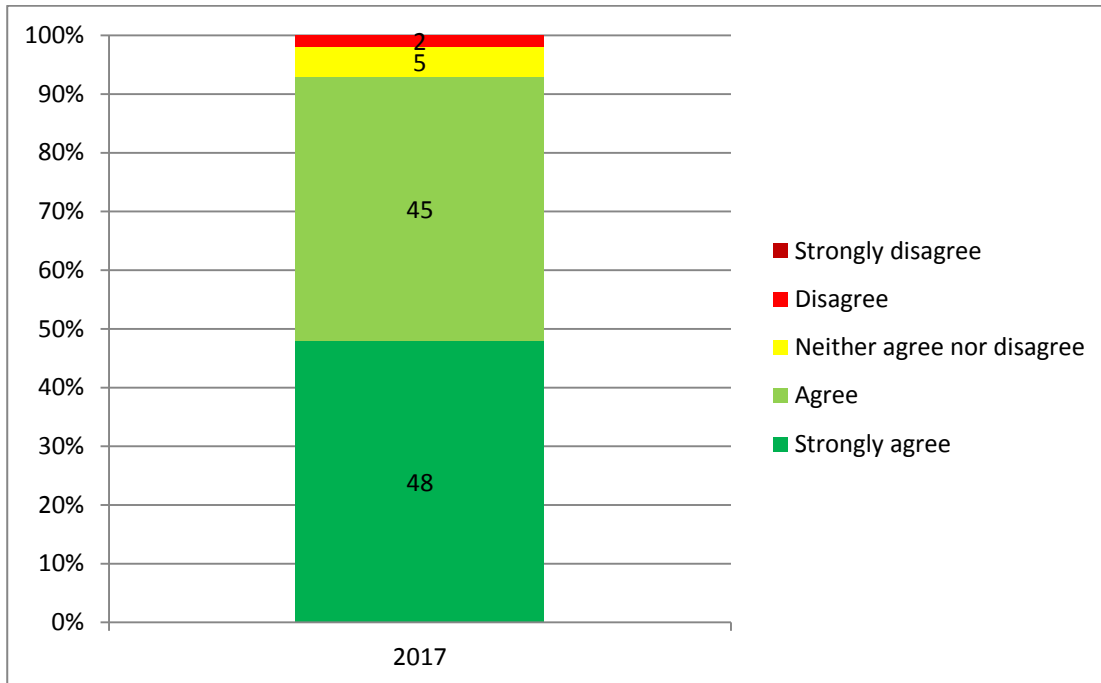


10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

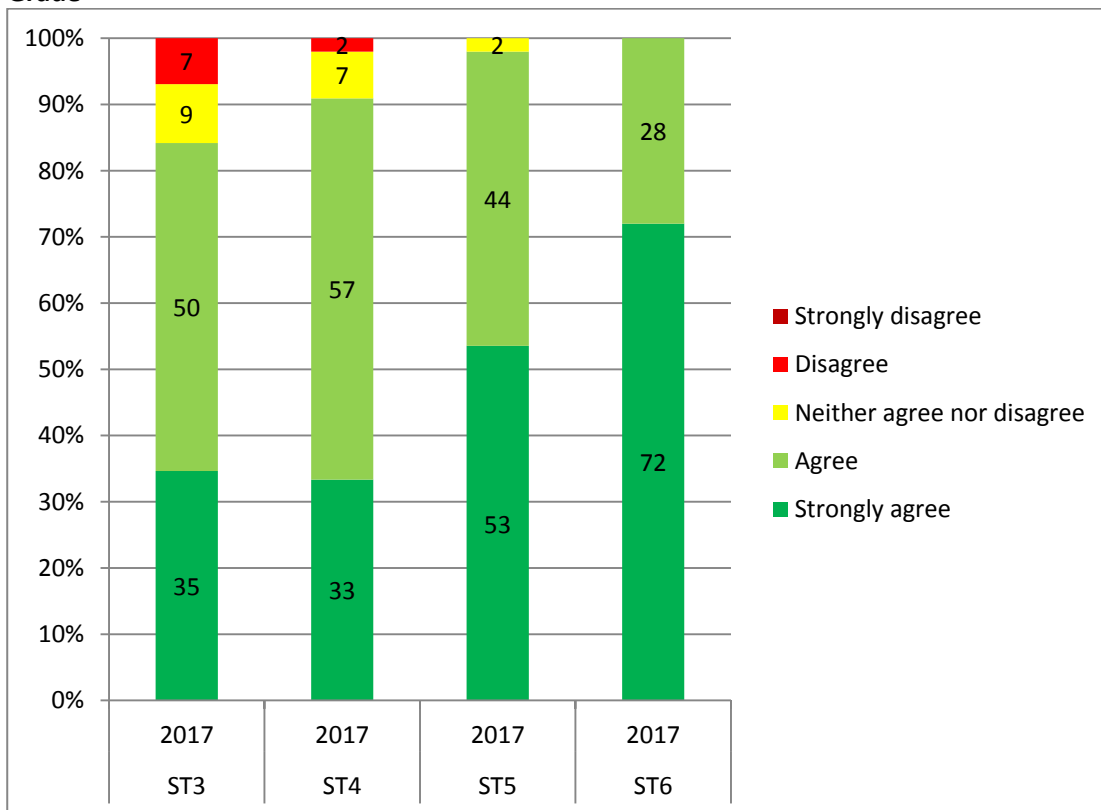
I feel I've had sufficient on-call experience managing unstable patients.

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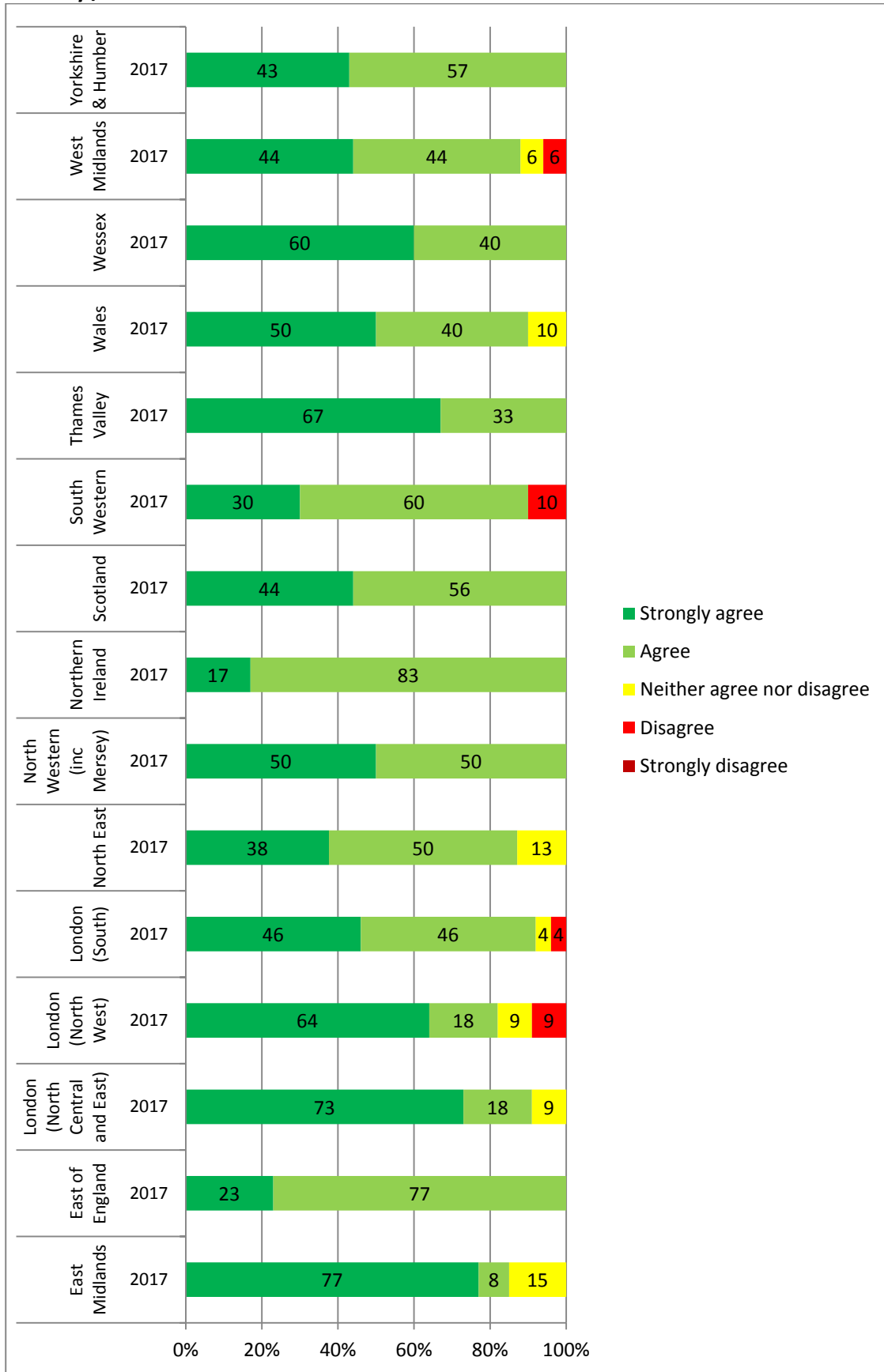
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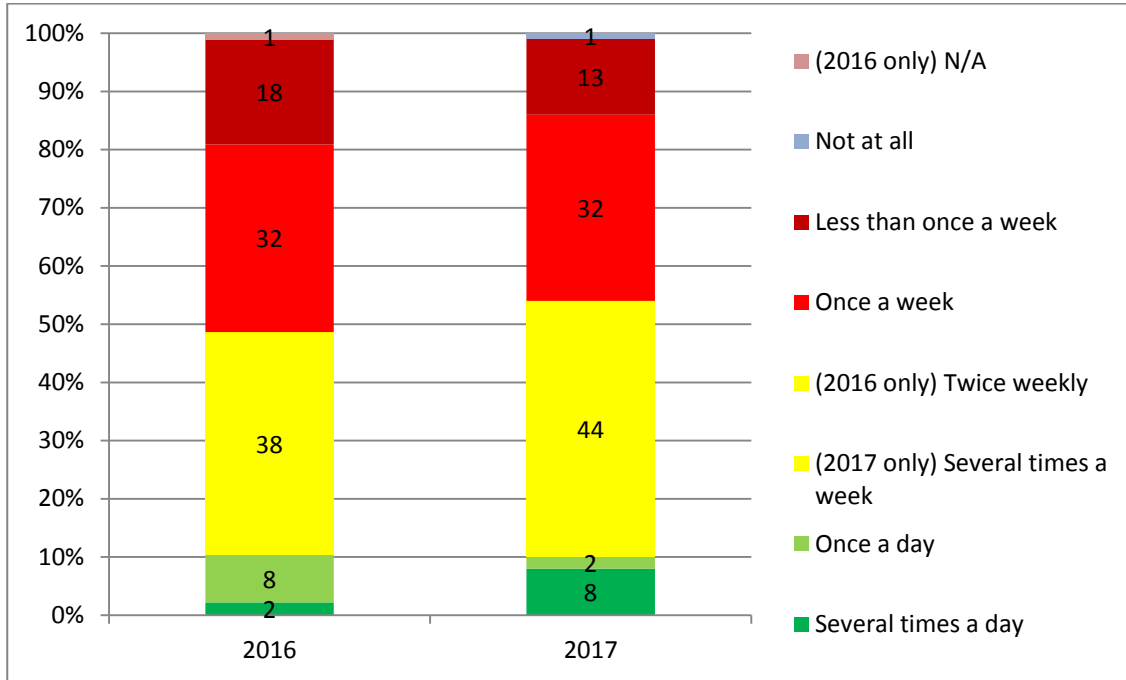


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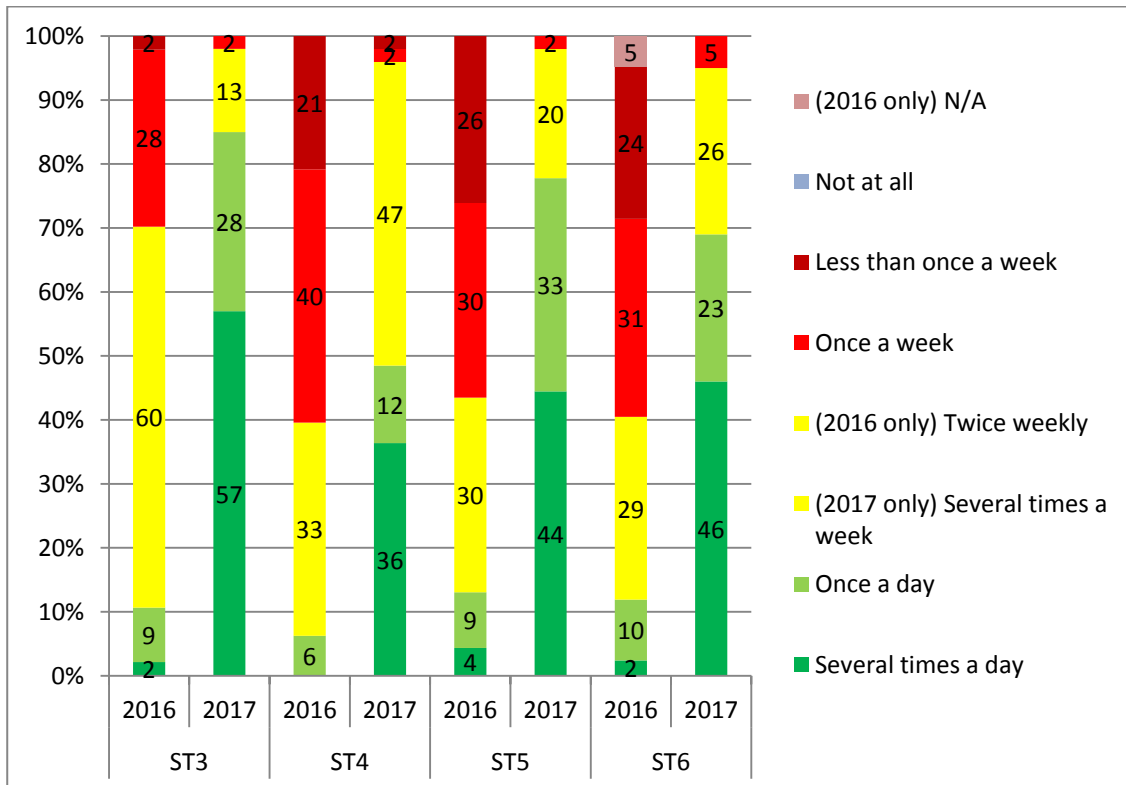


**Q11. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:
I feel that I can make an informed choice about the type of consultant post I would like to obtain.**
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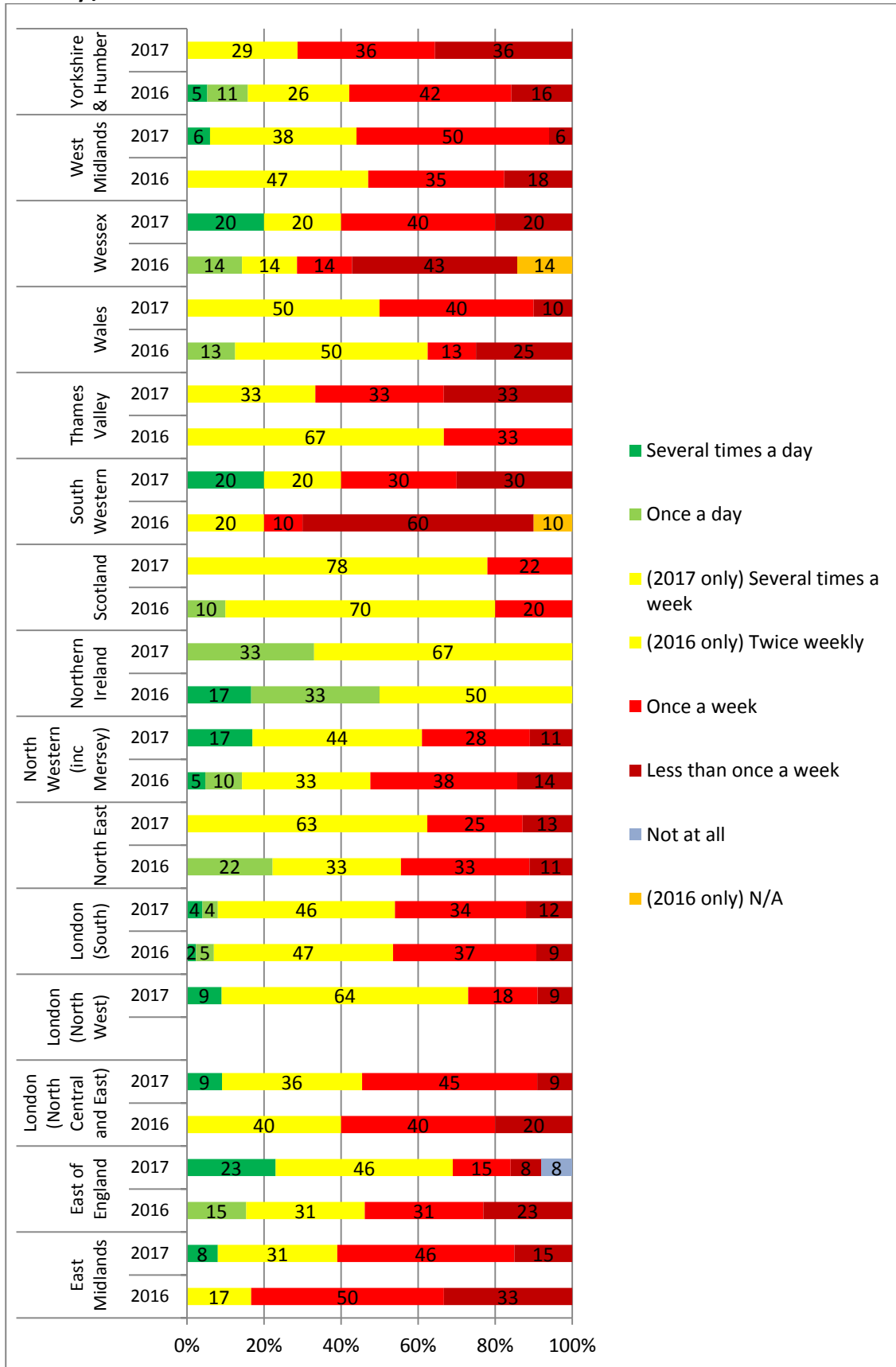
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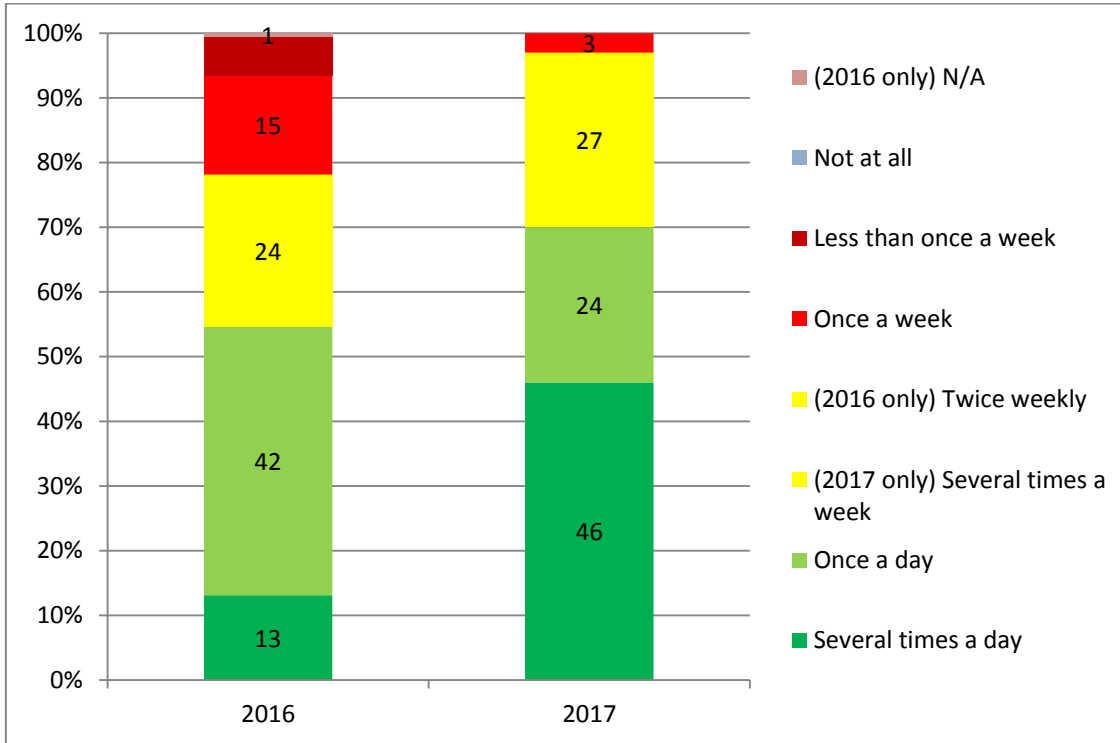
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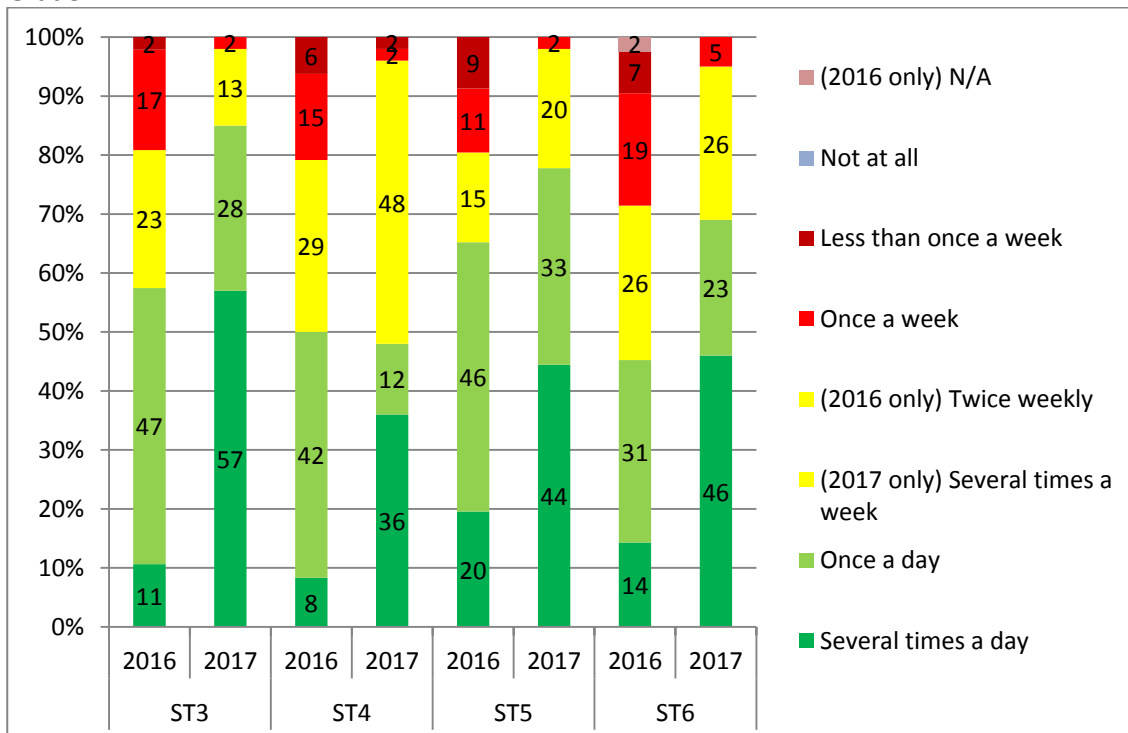
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