

# **2018 NATIONAL TRAINEE SURVEY RESULTS**

**RHEUMATOLOGY**

**SPECIALTY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

## 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 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.

222 Rheumatology trainees (59 ST3s, 46 ST4s, 52 ST5s, 44 ST6s and 23 ST7s) completed the survey. This was an increase of 1.4% (3 trainees) on the number of trainees completing the 2018 survey. The numbers of trainees in each Deanery / LETB completing the survey were as follows:

Deanery / LETB	2017	2018	% Difference
Health Education East Midlands	9	11	+22%
Health Education East of England	17	17	+0%
Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex	13	14	+8%
Health Education N, C & E London	10	9	-10%
Health Education North East	15	11	-27%
Health Education North West	34	29	-15%
Health Education NW London	8	14	+75%
Health Education South London	13	15	+15%
Health Education South West	13	15	+15%
Health Education Thames Valley	9	11	+22%
Health Education Wessex	11	10	-9%
Health Education West Midlands	14	15	+7%
Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber	17	18	+6%
NHS Education for Scotland	17	17	+0%
Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency	10	8	-20%
Wales Deanery	9	8	-11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>+1%</b>

	Reduction of >10% of trainees completing the NTS in 2018 compared to 2017
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## Specialty Specific Questions

Overall, agreement decreased in three of seven Rheumatology specialty specific questions compared with 2017, whilst three of the questions were asked in 2018 only. However there were significant regional differences with regional results shown below.

Specialty Specific Questions	% satisfactory responses	2017/2018 Difference	Agreement Highest	Agreement Lowest	% difference [Range]
1) In my current post, I've had adequate opportunity to discuss the management of rheumatology patients I've seen with my consultant(s)	Strongly agree/agree 2017: 97% (213/219) 2018: 93% (209/224)	-4%	8/16 regions (100%) London (South) (94%) North West (93%) EMD, THV (91%)	East of England (76%) London (NW) (78%) Scotland (88%)	24 [76-100]
2) In my current training post, I have been able to attend radiology meetings to discuss imaging results on patients with rheumatological conditions	Strongly agree/agree 2017: 86% (188/219) 2018: 80% (179/224)	-6%	4/16 regions (100%) London (NW) (93%) Wales (88%) East Midlands (81%) NW, WMD (80%)	Wessex (40%) Scotland (65%) EOE, NE (70%) KSS (71%) Yorks and Humber (72%) London (South) (73%)	60 [40-100]
3) In my current training post, I've gained adequate experience relevant to my current stage of training in identifying the appropriate investigations for patients with rheumatological conditions	Strongly agree/agree 2018: 96% (214/224)	2018 only	4/16 regions (100%) London (NW) (93%) Wales (88%) EMD, NE (81%) NW, Wessex, WMD (80%)	Scotland (65%) East of England (70%) KSS (71%) Yorks and Humber (72%) London (South) (73%)	35 [65-100]

Specialty Specific Questions	% satisfactory responses	2017/2018 Difference	Agreement Highest	Agreement Lowest	% difference [Range]
5) In my current post, I have gained experience relevant to my stage of training in safe prescribing for rheumatic diseases	Strongly agree/agree 2017: 95% (209/219) 2018: 97% (217/224)	+2%	10/16 regions (100%) Scotland (94%) London (Sth), NW (93%)	East Midlands (79%) Wessex (90%) London (NW) (92%)	21 [79-100]
6) In my current post, I have gained experience relevant to my stage of training in joint and soft tissue injection	Strongly agree/agree 2017: 90% (197/219) 2018: 85% (191/224)	-5%	NE, NIR, YAH (100%) West Midlands (94%) London (NW) (93%) Thames Valley (91%) Wessex (90%) London (N, C & E) (89%) East of England (88%)	KSS (64%) London (S) (66%) East Midlands (73%) Scot, WAL (76%) North West (83%) South West (87%)	36 [64-100]
9) I have gained the relevant experience to know when to refer to other medical and surgical specialties	Strongly agree/agree 2018: 96% (215/224)	2018 only	10/16 regions (100%) North West (96%) South West (94%)	West Midlands (87%) EOE, SCO (88%) Thames Valley (91%)	13 [87-100]
13) Please rate the opportunities that you've had in your current post to interact with primary care physicians	Strongly agree/agree 2018: 57% (127/224)	2018 only	London (NC&E) (88%) West Midlands (80%) LDN (S), SWN (67%) Scotland (65%) EMD, LDN (NW) (64%) Wales (63%) Wessex (60%)	East of England (35%) KSS (36%) Northern Ireland (38%) North East (45%) North West (48%) Yorks and Humber (50%) Thames Valley (54%)	53 [35-88]

Deaneries are listed alphabetically by quartile in the table below with 'quartile four' containing the highest ranked and 'quartile one' the lowest. The data was produced by taking an average of the percentage of trainees answering Strongly agree/Agree to the questions with these answers as possible responses. Questions with different possible answers are shown in the graphs on pages 6-17.

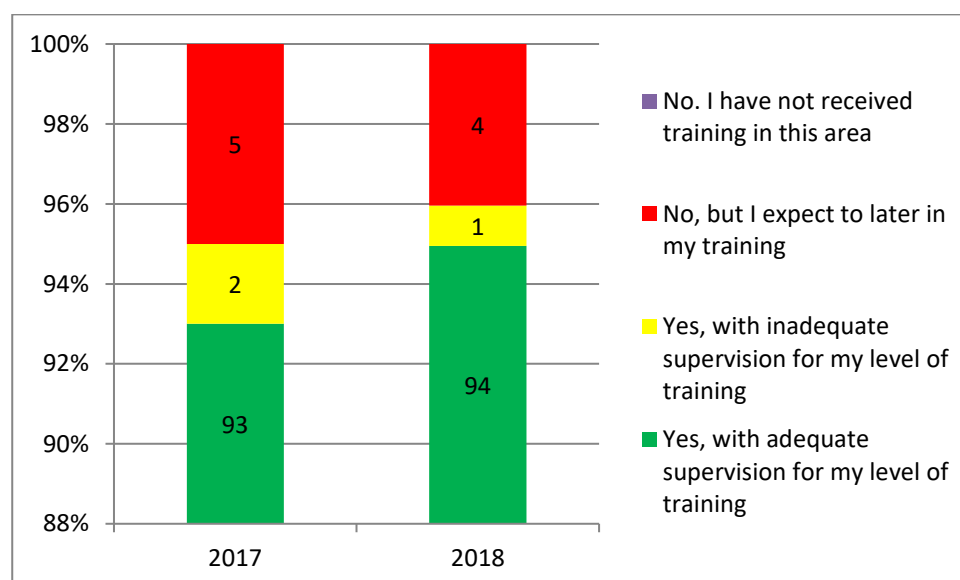
Quartile	Deanery / LETB	Year	N=	1	2	3*	5	6	9*	13*
4	Health Education London (North Central and East)	2017	10	100	100		100	100		
4		2018	9	100	100	100	100	89	100	88
4	Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency	2017	10	100	100		100	100		
4		2018	8	100	100	100	100	100	100	38
4	Health Education South West	2017	13	100	92		100	100		
4		2018	15	100	100	100	100	87	94	67
4	Health Education Thames Valley	2017	9	100	100		100	88		
4		2018	11	91	100	100	100	91	91	54
3	Health Education London (North West)	2017	8	100	88		100	88		
3		2018	14	78	93	93	92	93	100	64
2	Health Education North East	2017	15	100	80		100	93		
3		2018	11	100	70	81	100	100	100	45
4	Wales Deanery	2017	9	100	100		100	88		
3		2018	8	88	88	88	100	76	100	63
3	Health Education West Midlands	2017	14	100	86		100	100		
3		2018	15	100	80	80	100	94	87	80
3	Health Education East Midlands	2017	9	100	100		100	78		
2		2018	11	91	81	81	79	73	100	64
2	Health Education London (South)	2017	13	92	92		93	92		
2		2018	15	94	73	73	93	66	100	67
1	Health Education North West	2017	34	95	88		94	82		
2		2018	29	93	80	80	93	83	96	48
2	Health Education Yorkshire and Humber	2017	17	100	76		94	94		
2		2018	18	100	72	72	100	100	100	50
2	Health Education East of England	2017	17	94	89		94	88		
1		2018	17	76	70	70	100	88	88	35
1	Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex	2017	13	85	85		84	84		
1		2018	14	100	71	71	100	64	100	36
1	NHS Education for Scotland	2017	17	100	48		94	88		
1		2018	17	88	65	65	94	76	88	65
1	Health Education Wessex	2017	11	100	82		81	81		
1		2018	10	100	40	80	90	90	100	60
	0-50% overall agreement in 2018			51-75% overall agreement in 2018			76-100% overall agreement in 2018			

\*Question was not included in 2017 survey

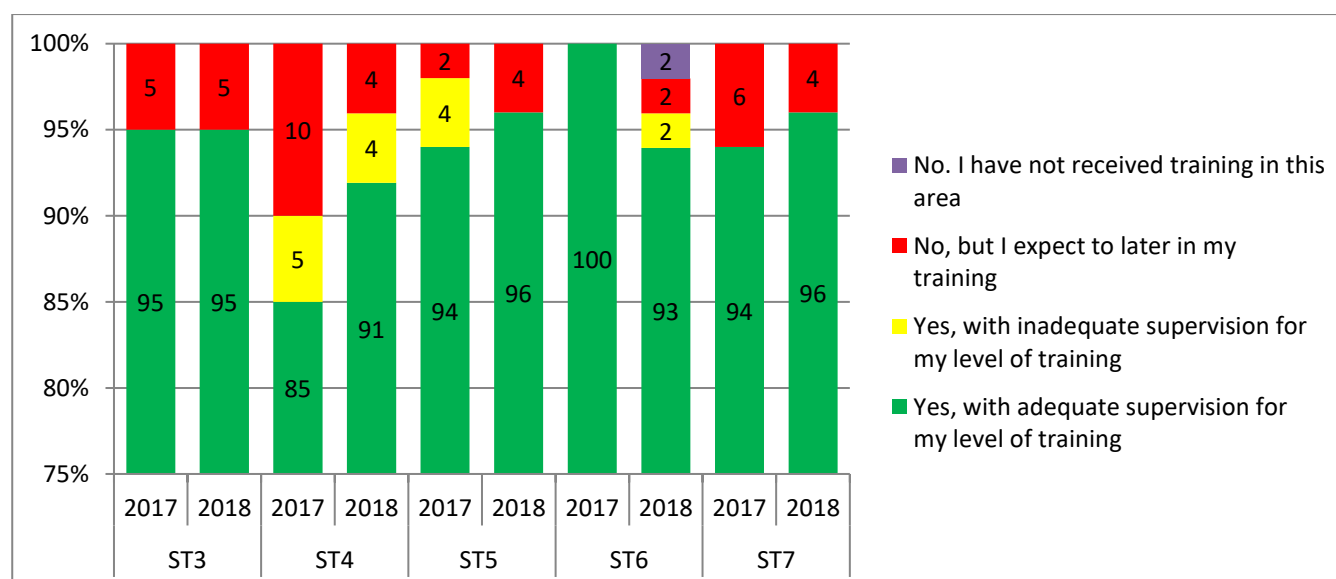
## 4) In your current training post, have you been responsible for, or involved in, the management of sick in-patients with multisystem disease?

(This question was presented to trainees of the following grades: ST3, ST4, ST5, ST6, ST7) 2017: n=219, 2018: n=224

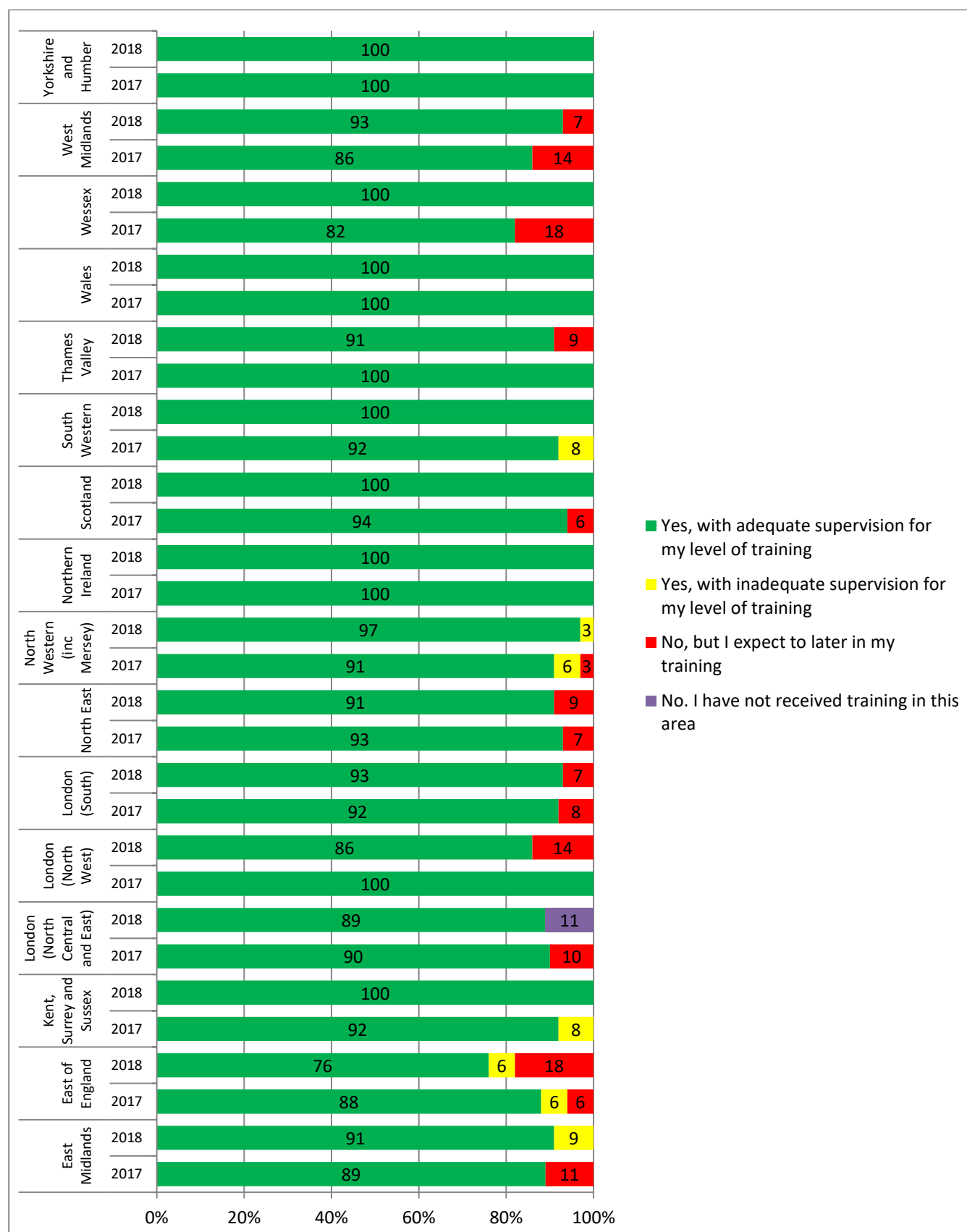
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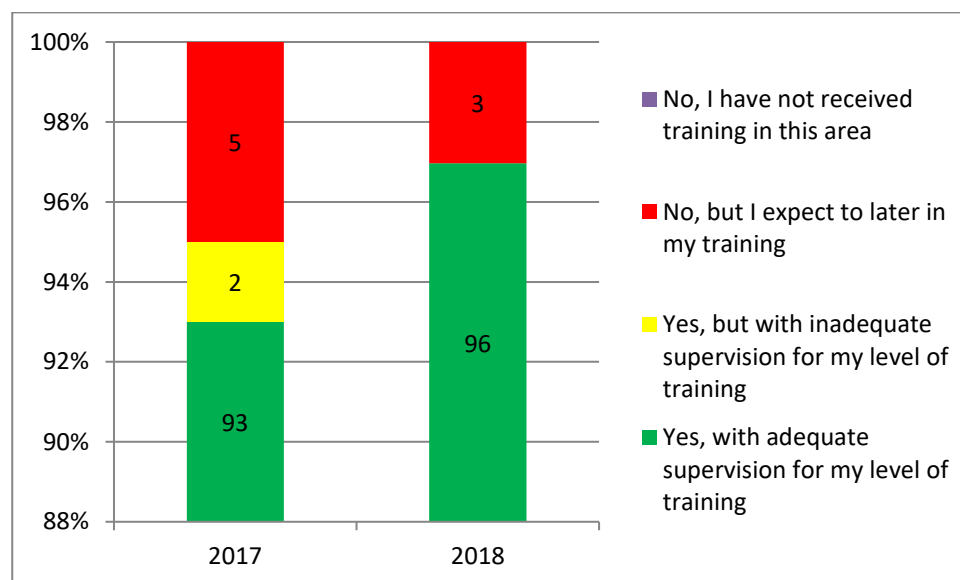
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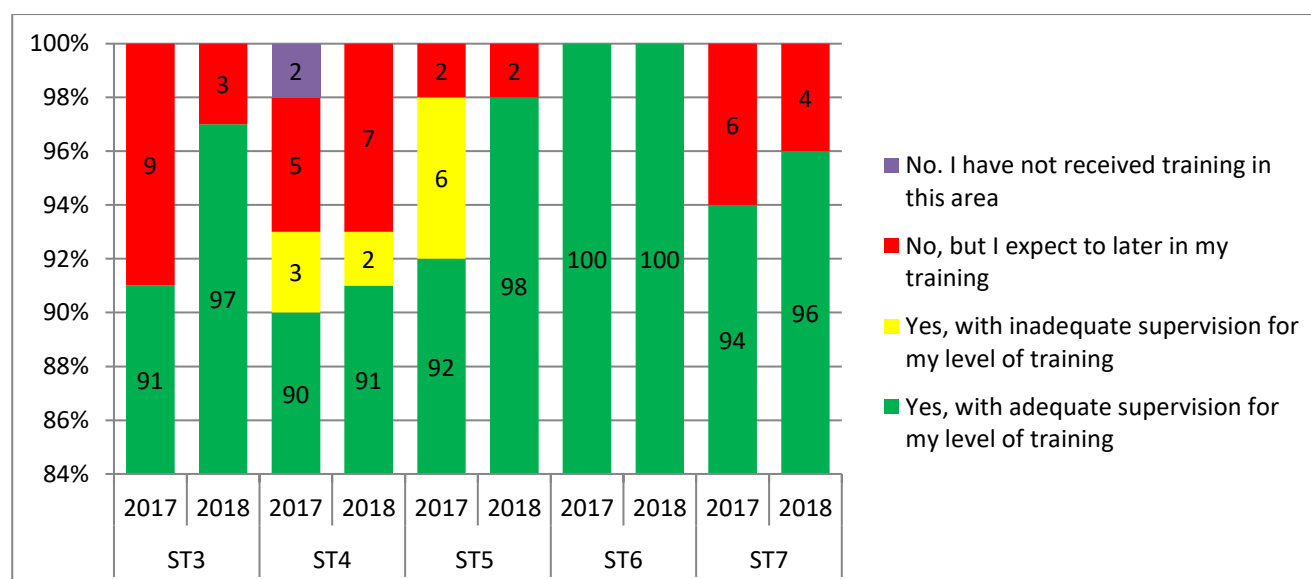
## 7) In your current training post, are you responsible for initial assessment of inpatient rheumatology referrals from other specialties?

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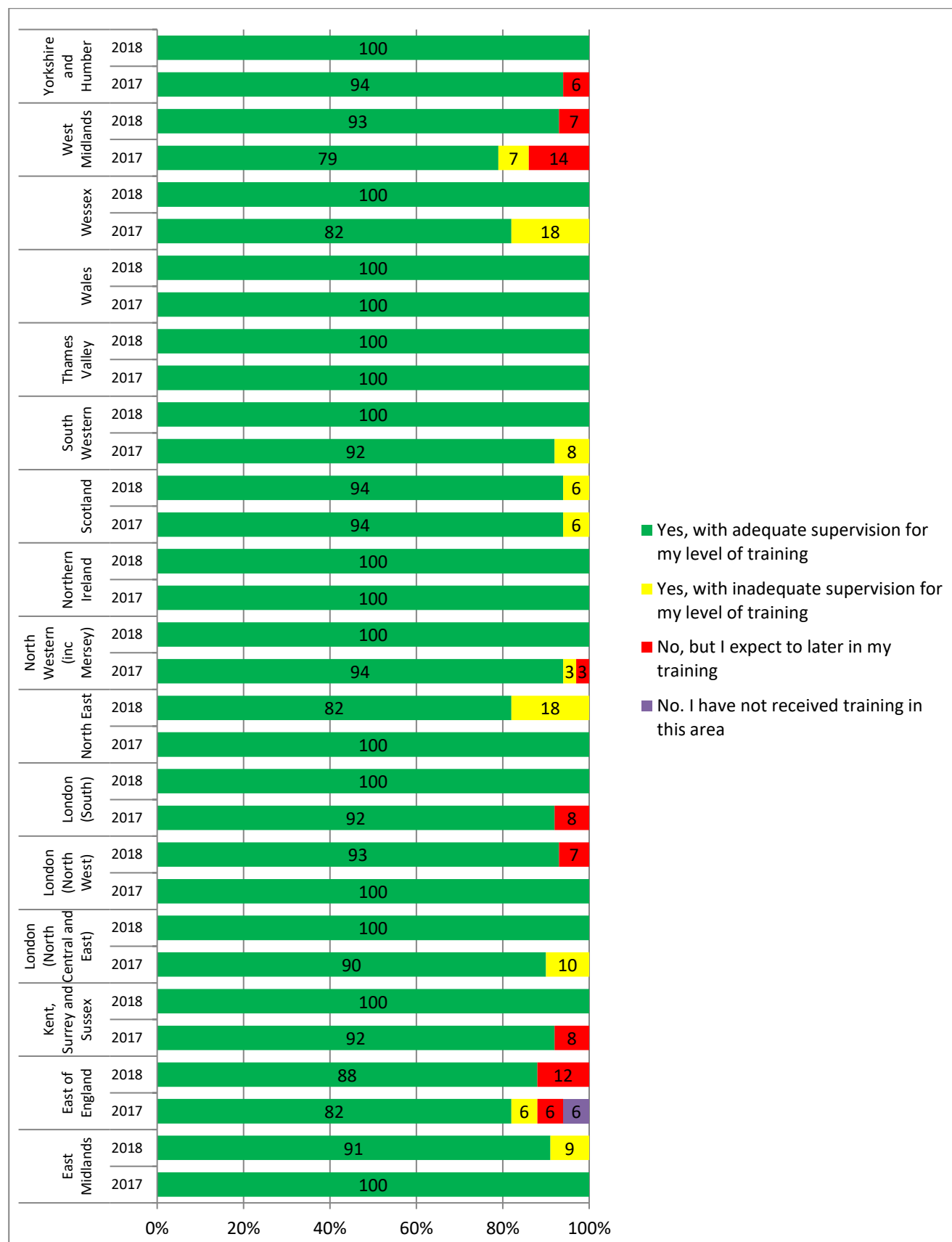


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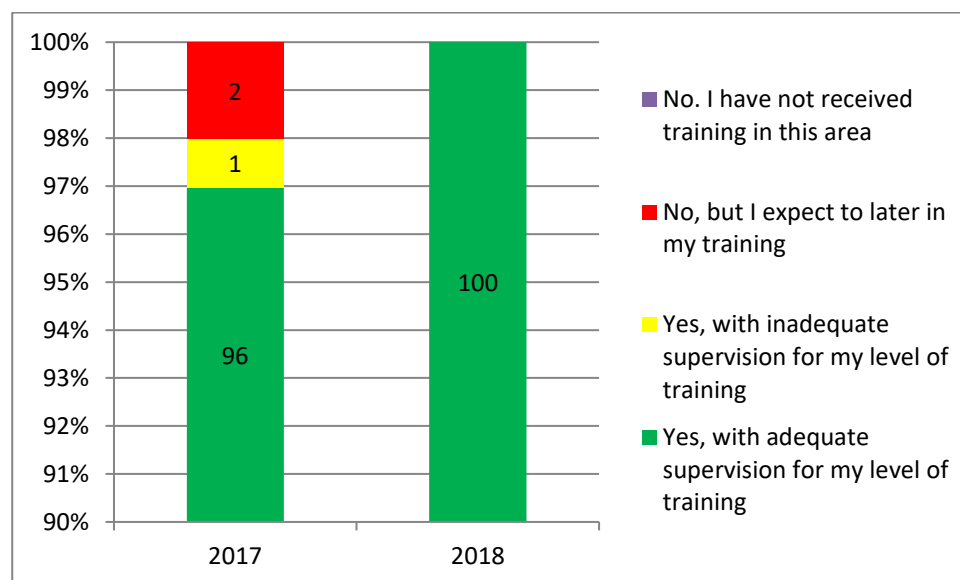
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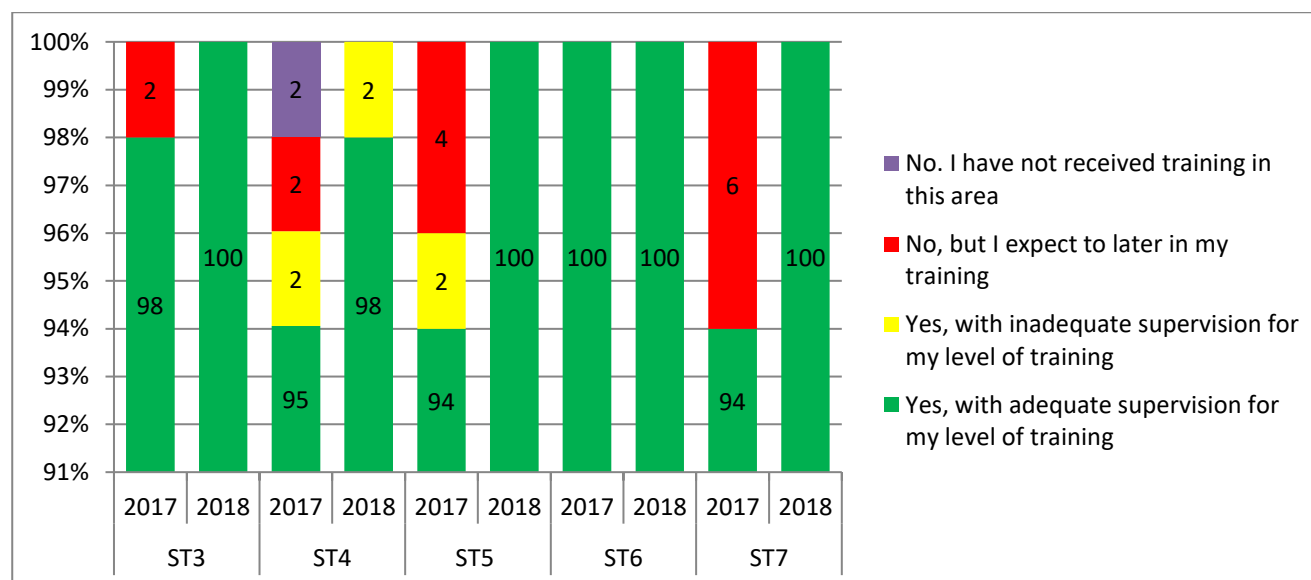
## 8) In your current training post, have you managed patients with acute monoarthritis?

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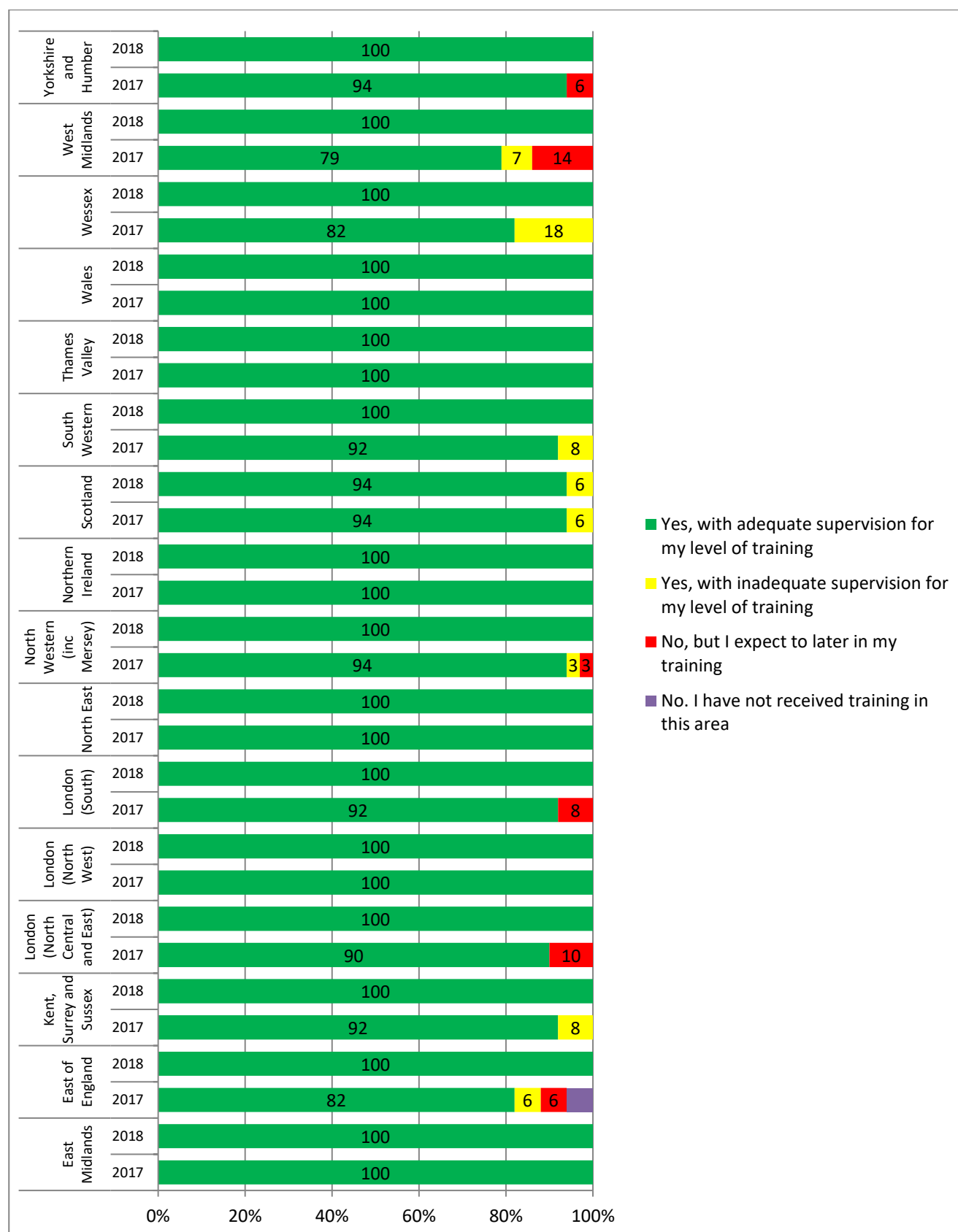
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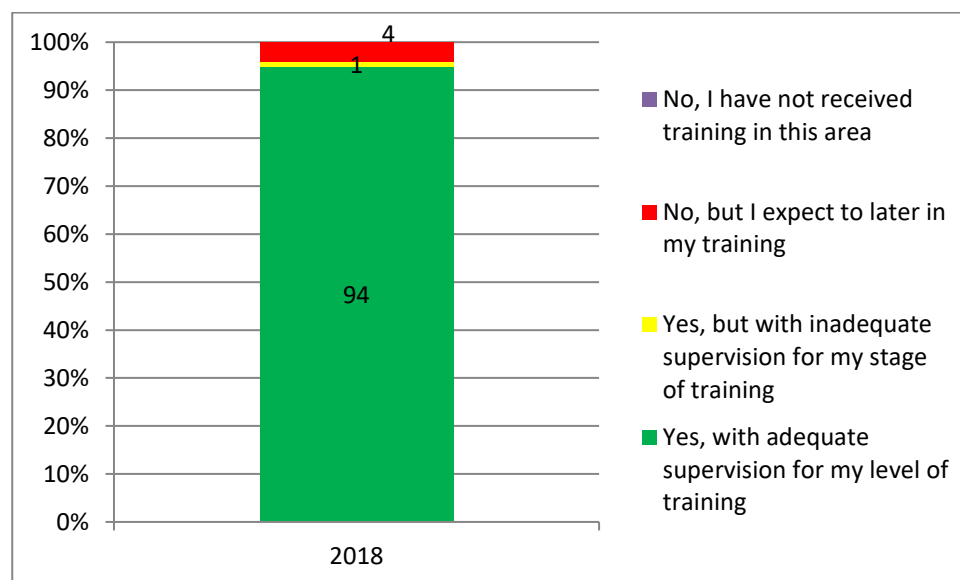
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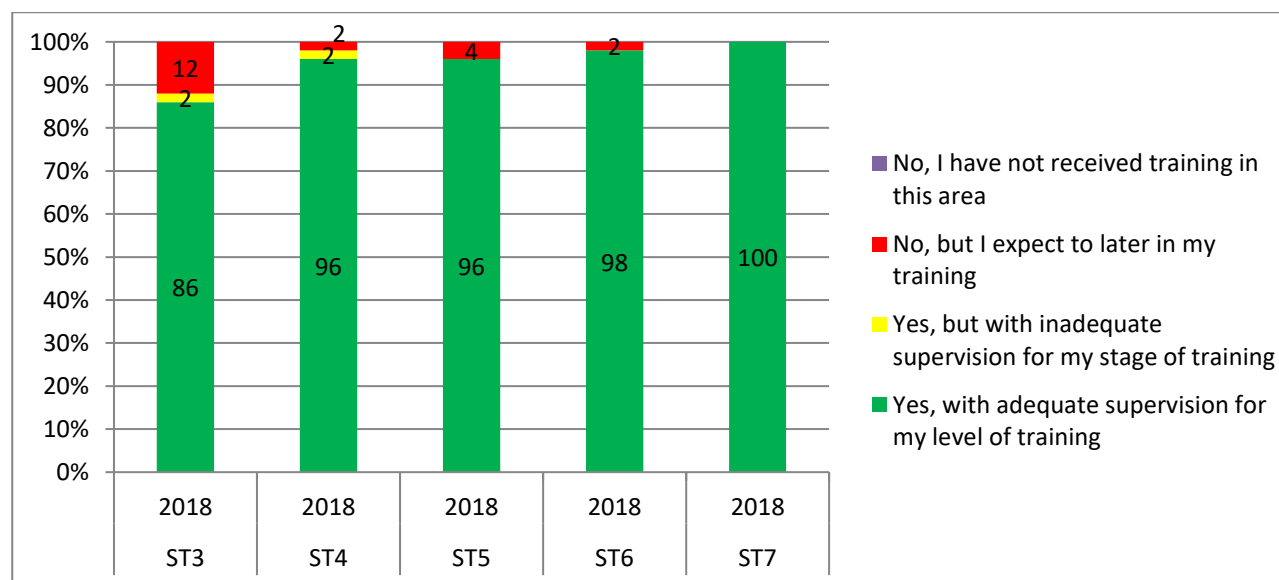
## 10) In your current training post, have you managed patients with rheumatologic emergencies relevant to your stage of training?

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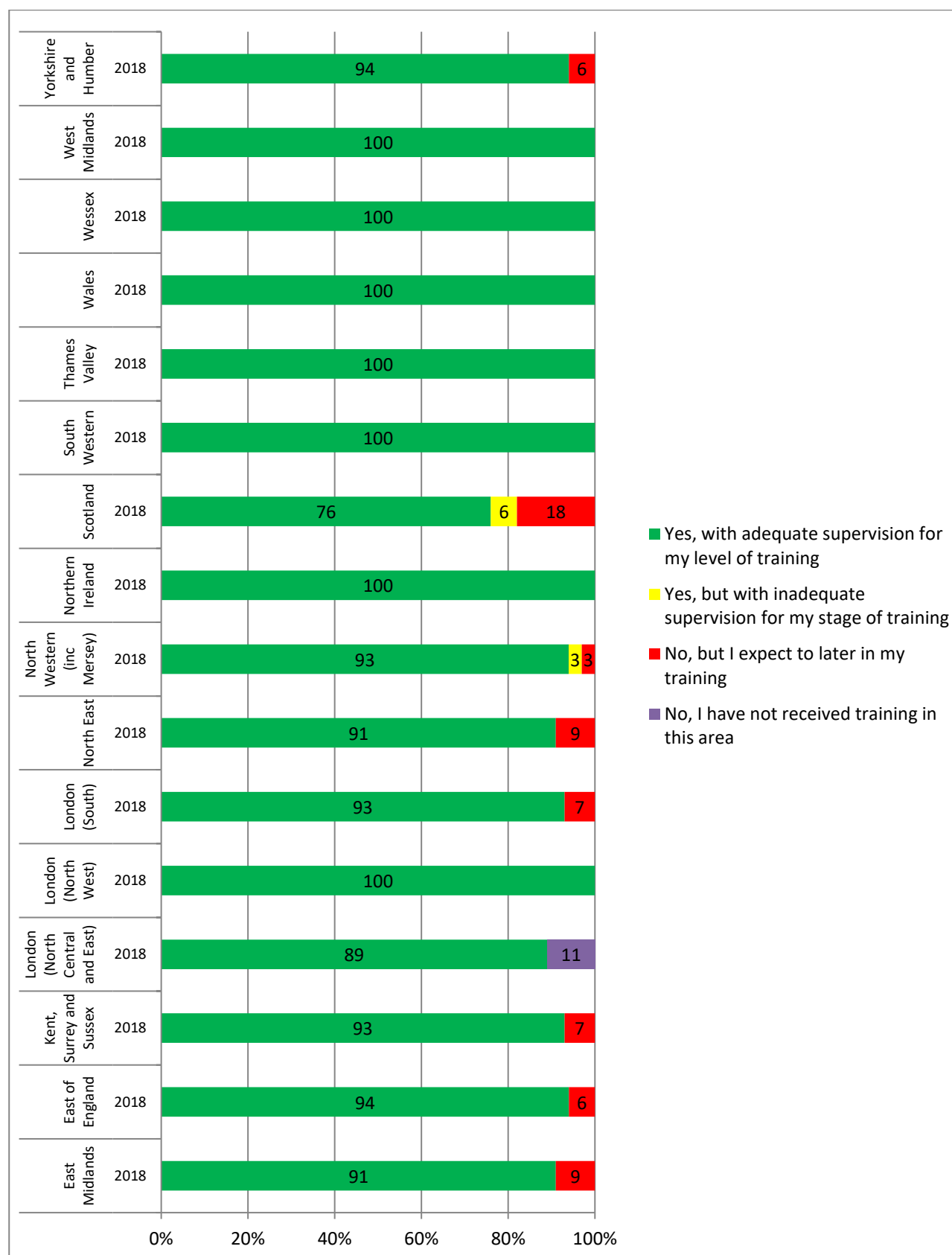
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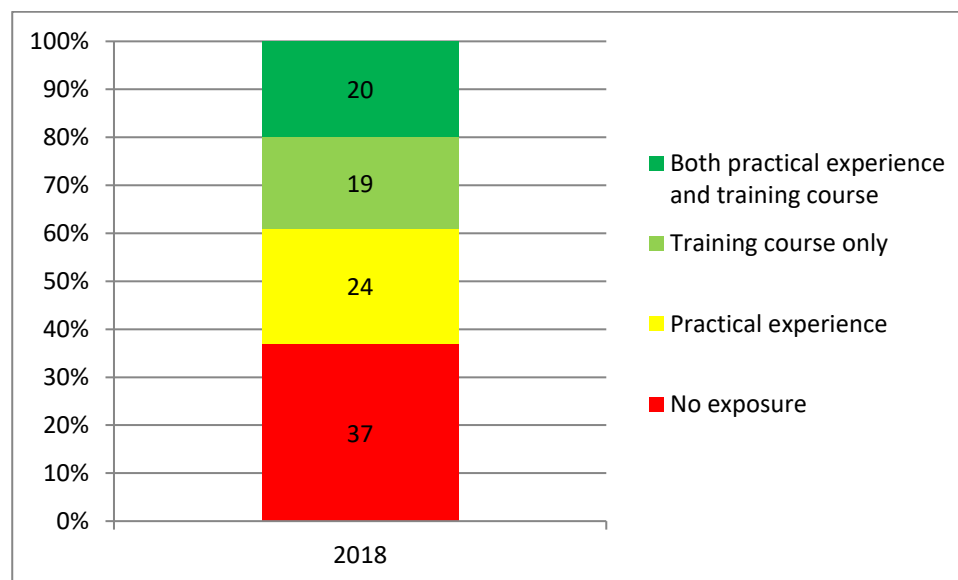
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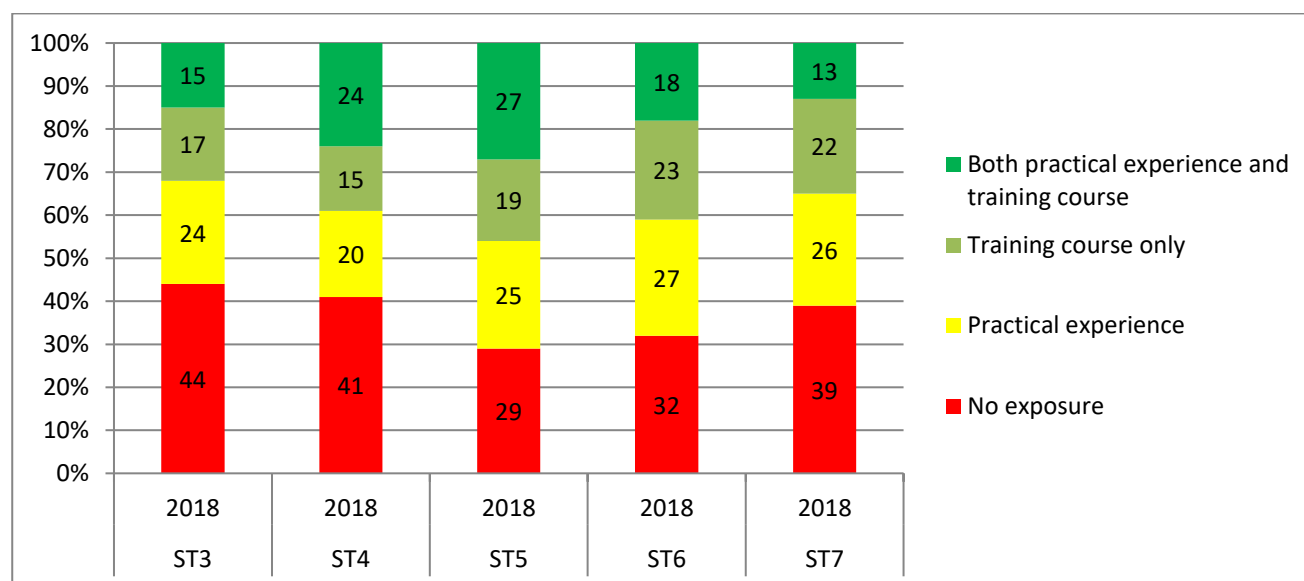
## 11) In your current post, what level of exposure have you had to musculoskeletal ultrasound?

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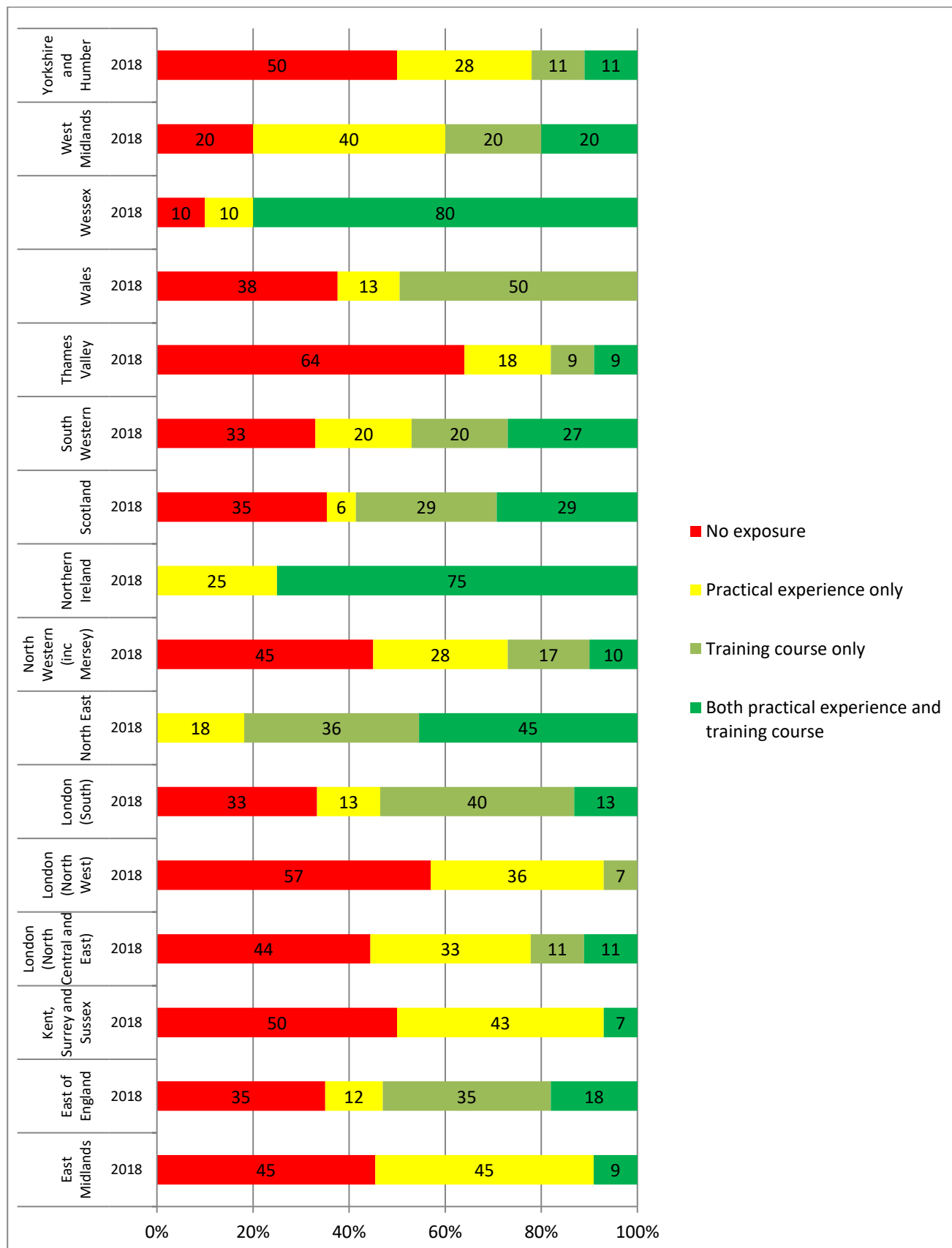
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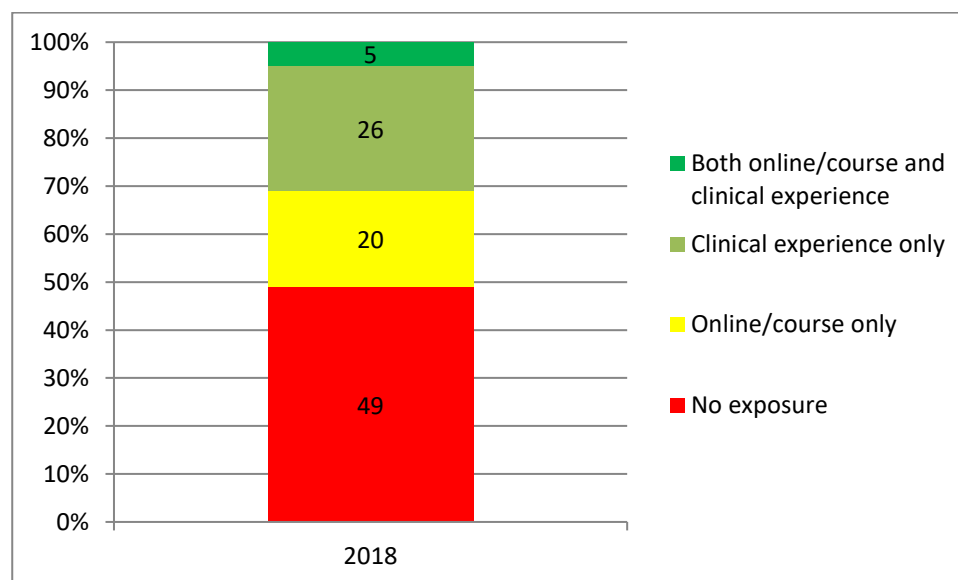
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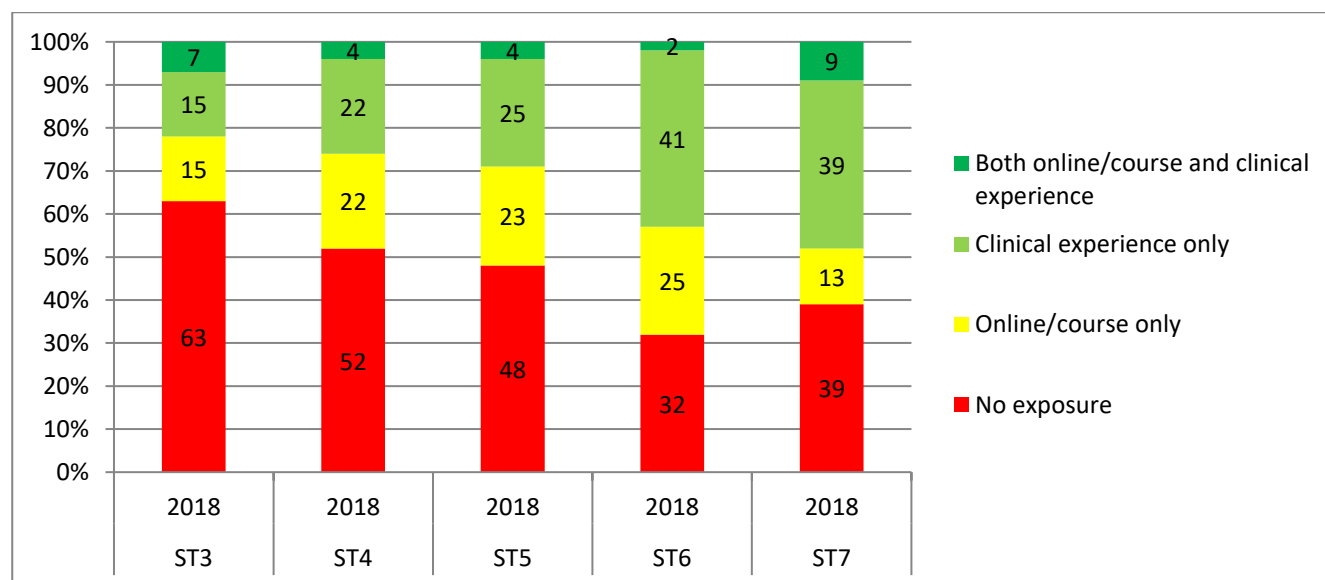
## 12) In your current post, what level of exposure have you had to paediatric and adolescent rheumatology?

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