

2019 NATIONAL TRAINEE SURVEY RESULTS

GERIATRIC MEDICINE

SPECIALTY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

NOVEMBER 2019

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.

616 Geriatric Medicine trainees (124 ST3, 99 ST4, 126 ST5, 138 ST6 and 128 ST7 and 1 ST8) completed the 2019 survey. This was an overall decrease of 1% (2 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	2018	2019	% Difference
Health Education East Midlands	37	31	-16%
Health Education East of England	31	29	-6%
Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex	39	38	-3%
Health Education N, C & E London	41	32	-22%
Health Education NW London	35	26	-26%
Health Education South London	35	39	+ 11%
Health Education North East	28	29	+4%
Health Education North West	39	46	+ 18%
Health Education Mersey	27	29	+7%
Health Education Severn	29	30	+3%
Health Education South West Peninsula	15	16	+ 7%
Health Education Thames Valley	23	25	+ 9%
Health Education Wessex	28	26	- 7%
Health Education West Midlands	48	40	-17%
Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber	51	59	+16%
Health Education and Improvement Wales	34	43	+26%
NHS Education for Scotland (East Region)	9	7	- 22%
NHS Education for Scotland (North Region)	7	6	-14%
NHS Education for Scotland (South-East Region)	21	24	+14%
NHS Education for Scotland (West Region)	24	27	+13%
Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency	17	14	-18%
Total	618	616	- 1%

	Reduction of >10% trainees completing the NTS in 2019 compared to 2018
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Specialty Specific Questions

Overall, agreement decreased in two of the five Geriatric Medicine specialty specific questions compared with 2018, however there were significant regional differences. The questions have been ranked highest to lowest percentage of trainees agreeing overall in the summary below.

Specialty Specific Questions	% satisfactory responses		2018/2019 Difference	Agreement Highest in 2019		Agreement Lowest in 2019		% difference [Range]
1) Please indicate any training areas that you do not feel confident you will attain during your training programme (select all that apply) (ST3 – ST7)	2018	2019						
None, I am confident of attaining all areas	57%	58%	+1%	Thames Valley	72%	Severn	37%	35 [37-72]
Continence	20%	22%	+2%	LDN (N, C & E)	41%	North West	12%	29 [12-41]
Old age psychiatry	22%	18%	-4%	London (S)	41%	Northern Ireland	0%	41 [0-41]
Community Geriatrics	18%	17%	-1%	Severn	37%	NI, TV	0%	37 [0-37]
Tissue viability	16%	13%	-3%	LDN (N, C & E)	28%	Thames Valley	4%	24 [4-28]
Movement disorder	13%	11%	-2%	London (NW)	31%	North East	3%	28 [3-31]
Palliative Care	7%	7%	+0%	KSS	21%	4/17 Regions	0%	21 [0-21]
Rehabilitation	7%	7%	-1%	East of England	17%	LDN (NW), NI, TV	0%	17 [0-17]
Orthogeriatrics	6%	5%	-1%	Northern Ireland	14%	6/17 Regions	0%	14 [0-14]
Stroke	5%	7%	+2%	East of England	17%	NI, TV	0%	17 [0-17]
Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment	3%	4%	+1%	KSS	11%	5/17 Regions	0%	11 [0-11]
Falls	3%	3%	+1%	KSS, WMD	8%	7/17 regions	0%	8 [0-8]
Planning transfers of care	3%	5%	+2%	KSS	16%	5/17 regions	0%	16 [0-16]
Poor mobility	2%	3%	+1%	EoE, Severn	7%	7/17 regions	0%	7 [0-7]
2) Have you attended or will you be able to arrange and attend dedicated subspecialty sessions (e.g. palliative care, community)?	2018	2019						
Always	10%	19%	+9%	Scotland	47%	LDN (N, C & E)	3%	44 [3-47]
Most of the time	46%	62%	+16%	Wessex	88%	Scotland	47%	41 [47-88]
Rarely	41%	18%	-23%	London (S)	33%	Wessex	0%	33 [0-33]
Never	3%	2%	-1%	East of England	7%	9/17 regions	0%	7 [0-7]

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3) How would you describe the ratio of G(I)M to Geriatric Medicine in your current rotation? (ST3 – ST7)	2018	2019						
Too much G(I)M	32%	29%	-3%	Wessex	23%	7/17 regions	0%	23 [0-23]
About right	64%	67%	+3%	Northern Ireland	86%	KSS	42%	44 [42-86]
Too little G(I)M	4%	4%	+0%	KSS	55%	Wessex	12%	43 [12-55]
4) Do you think that the amount of G(I)M in your current rotation facilitates your Geriatric Medicine training? (ST3 – ST7)	2018	2019						
Yes	28%	63%	+35%	Northern Ireland	86%	KSS	39%	47 [39-86]
No	63%	23%	-40%	KSS	42%	LDN (N, C & E)	9%	33 [9-42]
Don't know	9%	14%	+5%	East Midlands	26%	Northern Ireland	0%	26 [0-26]
5) If you have applied for Out Of Programme (OOP) time from your Geriatric Medicine training, what was the outcome of your application? (ST3 – ST7)	2018	2019						
N/A (I have not applied for OOP time)	82%	78%	-4%	East of England	90%	Severn	57%	33 [57-90]
Of the trainees who had applied:								
Granted	96%	93%	-3%	10/17 regions	100%	London (NW)	71%	29 [71-100]
Declined	3%	5%	+2%	SW Peninsula	25%	12/17 regions	0%	25 [0-25]
Deferred	2%	2%	+0%	London (NW)	29%	15/17 regions	0%	29 [0-29]
6) If you have taken OOP time to undertake research or intend to in the future, which of the following best describes the main focus of this?	2018	2019						
N/A (have not taken nor intend to take time out for research)	81%	78%	-3%	SW Peninsula	94%	East Midlands	61%	33 [61–94]

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6a) If you have taken OOP time to undertake research or intend to in the future, which of the following best describes the main focus of this? (ST3 – ST7) Of the trainees who had applied:	2018	2019						
Laboratory or patient based research	21%	24%	+3%	Wessex	75%	5/17 regions	0%	100 [0-100]
Medical management training/experience	31%	34%	-3%	Northern Ireland	100%	NE, SW Peninsula	0%	100 [0-100]
Medical education training/diploma	24%	21%	-3%	SW Peninsula	100%	5/17 regions	0%	100 [0-100]
Other	24%	21%	-3%	London (N,C&E)	60%	4/17 regions	0%	60 [0-60]
7) In your ordinary working week are you able to find sufficient time for supporting professional activities such as audit or Quality Improvement? (ST3 – ST7) Yes	2018	2019						
	53%	61%	+8%	NW, West Midlands	75%	London (S)	41%	34% [41-75]
				North East	72%	LDN (N,C&E),	47%	
				Scotland	70%	KSS, NI, SW Peninsula	50%	
				Wessex	69%	Wales	51%	
				East Midlands	68%	Severn	53%	
				Yorkshire & Humber	61%	London (NW)	54%	
				Thames Valley	60%	East of England	59%	
8) Within the last year, how many non-clinical management or organisational meetings (e.g. about service development with commissioners, trust managers or boards etc) have you attended? (ST3 – ST7)	2018	2019						
0	34%	36%	+2%	Thames Valley	56%	Wessex	23%	33 [23-56]
1	23%	20%	-3%	Wessex	42%	Thames Valley	4%	38 [4-42]
2	17%	19%	+2%	Northern Ireland	36%	SW Peninsula	0%	36 [0-36]
3	8%	8%	+0%	East Midlands	16%	London (S), NI	0%	16 [0-16]
4	5%	5%	+0%	London (N, C & E)	19%	LDN (NW), TV	0%	19 [0-19]
More than 4	14%	12%	-2%	Scotland	27%	Wessex	0%	27 [0-27]

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9) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your training in Geriatric Medicine? Very satisfied/satisfied	2018 2019 83% 80%	-3%	Wessex 96% Thames Valley 92% Severn 90% SW Peninsula 87% Scot, WDM, Y & H 83% North West 82% Wales 79%	London (N, C & E) (S) 69% Northern Ireland 71% East of England 72% KSS 74% North East 76% EMD, LDN (NW) 77%	27% [69-96]
10) Over the last 4 weeks at work (exclude leave), how many days of work in geriatric medicine have you done? (ST3 – ST7) <7 8-14 15-21 22-28	2019 13% 36% 39% 13%	2019 Only	Scotland 38% West Midlands 60% Northern Ireland 57% London (N, C & E) 22%	NI, Severn 0% Scotland 17% Thames Valley 16% KSS, WMD 3%	38 [0-38] 43 [17-60] 41 [16-57] 19 [3-22]
11) Over the last 4 weeks at work (exclude leave), how many days of work in GIM, including on calls, have you done? (ST3 – ST7) <7 8-14 15-21 22-28	2019 53% 39% 6% 2%	2019 Only	London (S) 74% Northern Ireland 57% Scotland 19% Scotland 9%	East Midlands 42% Scotland 16% 6/17 regions 0% 11/17 regions 0%	32 [42-74] 41 [16-57] 19 [0-19] 9 [0-9]
12) I have enough protected time to support professional activities such as audit, QI and research etc ? (ST3 – ST7) Strongly agree/agree	2019 41%	2019 Only	North East 62% NW, WMD, Wessex 58% Scotland 49% SW Peninsula 44% EoE, EDM, Y & H 42% LDN (NW), Wales 35%	London (N, C & E) 19% LDN (S), TV 20% KSS 21% Severn 27% Northern Ireland 28%	43% [19-62]

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13) How much protected time do you get? (ST3 – ST7)	2019				
<0.5 Pas	15	2019 Only	EoE, Wales 28%	North East 3%	25 [3-28]
0.5 PA	16		SW Peninsula 38%	KSS 5%	33 [5-38]
1 PA	23		North East 48%	Northern Ireland 0%	48 [0-48]
1.5 PA	3		North East 10%	7/17 regions 0%	10 [0-10]
2 PA	8		North West 35%	7/17 regions 0%	35 [0-35]
>2 PA	1		EoE, West Midlands 3%	13/17 regions 0%	3 [0-3]
N/A-don't get any protected time	35		LDN (S), TV 72%	SW Peninsula 0%	72 [0-72]

Deaneries / LETBs are listed alphabetically by quartile in the table below with 'quartile four' containing the highest ranked and 'quartile one' the lowest where possible answers were: confident of attaining all competencies, About right, Yes, Very satisfied/satisfied or Strongly Agree/Agree to the question.

Quartile	Deanery / LETB	Year	N=	1	3	4	7	9	12
4	Health Education Wessex	2018	28	61	68	71	71	89	N/A
4		2019	26	69	65	73	69	96	58
1	Health Education North East	2018	28	54	46	50	50	75	N/A
4		2019	29	69	72	62	72	76	62
3	Health Education North West	2018	66	65	58	61	65	88	N/A
4		2019	46	68	65	65	75	82	58
3	NHS Education for Scotland	2018	61	64	69	61	61	84	N/A
4		2019	64	70	69	63	70	83	49
3	Health Education West Midlands	2018	48	73	60	63	58	83	N/A
3		2019	40	60	70	55	75	83	58
4	Health Education Thames Valley	2018	23	70	74	70	70	91	N/A
3		2019	25	72	76	80	60	92	20
4	Health Education South West Peninsula	2018	15	73	40	53	80	100	N/A
3		2019	16	69	63	69	50	87	44
2	Health Education Yorkshire and Humber	2018	51	51	63	69	51	80	N/A
3		2019	59	59	71	64	61	83	42
4	Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency	2018	17	59	94	94	47	89	N/A
2		2019	14	50	86	86	50	71	28
4	Health Education and Improvement Wales	2018	34	62	76	68	59	85	N/A
2		2019	43	58	70	65	51	79	35
1	Health Education East Midlands	2018	37	65	38	32	38	65	N/A
2		2019	31	52	58	52	68	77	42
3	Health Education Severn	2018	29	48	69	59	52	100	N/A
2		2019	30	37	73	63	53	90	27
1	Health Education London (North Central and East)	2018	41	49	66	68	34	61	N/A
1		2019	32	41	84	81	47	69	19
2	Health Education London (North West)	2018	35	37	74	80	49	86	N/A
1		2019	26	54	54	58	54	77	35
2	Health Education East of England	2018	31	52	61	65	52	90	N/A
1		2019	29	45	52	55	59	72	42
1	Health Education London (South)	2018	35	40	74	57	29	78	N/A
1		2019	39	44	67	67	41	69	20
2	Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex	2018	39	49	64	59	49	83	N/A
1		2019	38	47	42	39	50	74	21
	0-50% overall agreement in 2019			51-75% overall agreement in 2019			76-100% overall agreement in 2019		

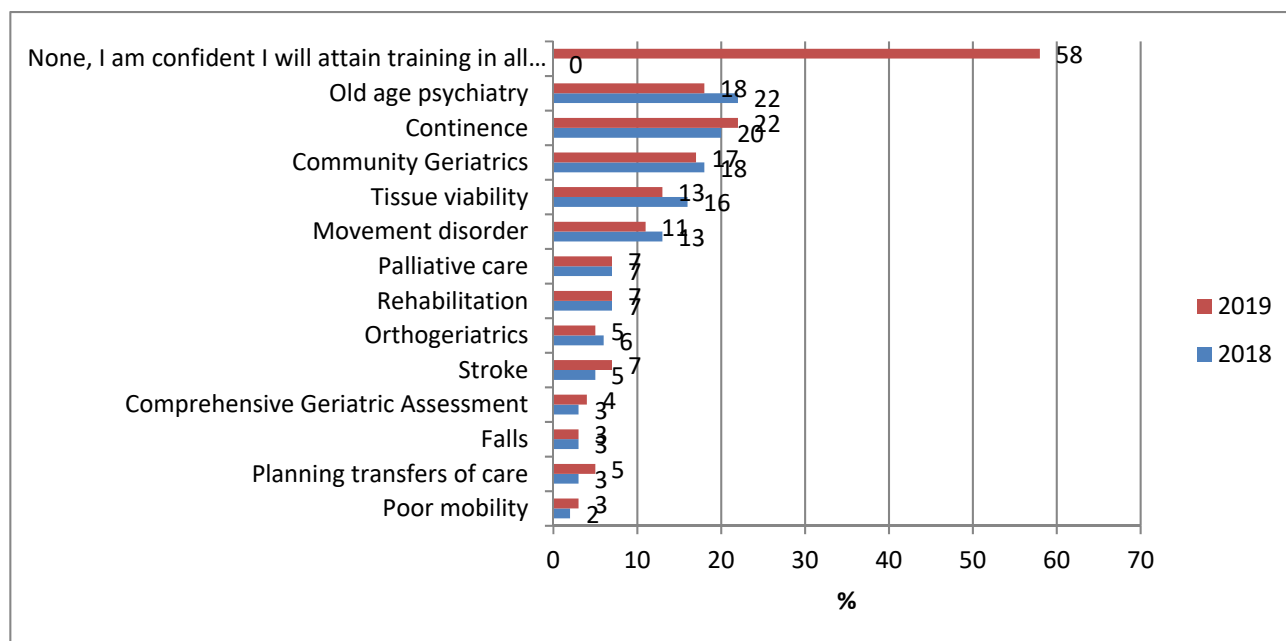
1) The Geriatric Medicine curriculum is broad and challenging. Some areas are easier to gain training in than others.

Please indicate any training areas that you do not feel confident you will attain during your training programme (select all that apply)

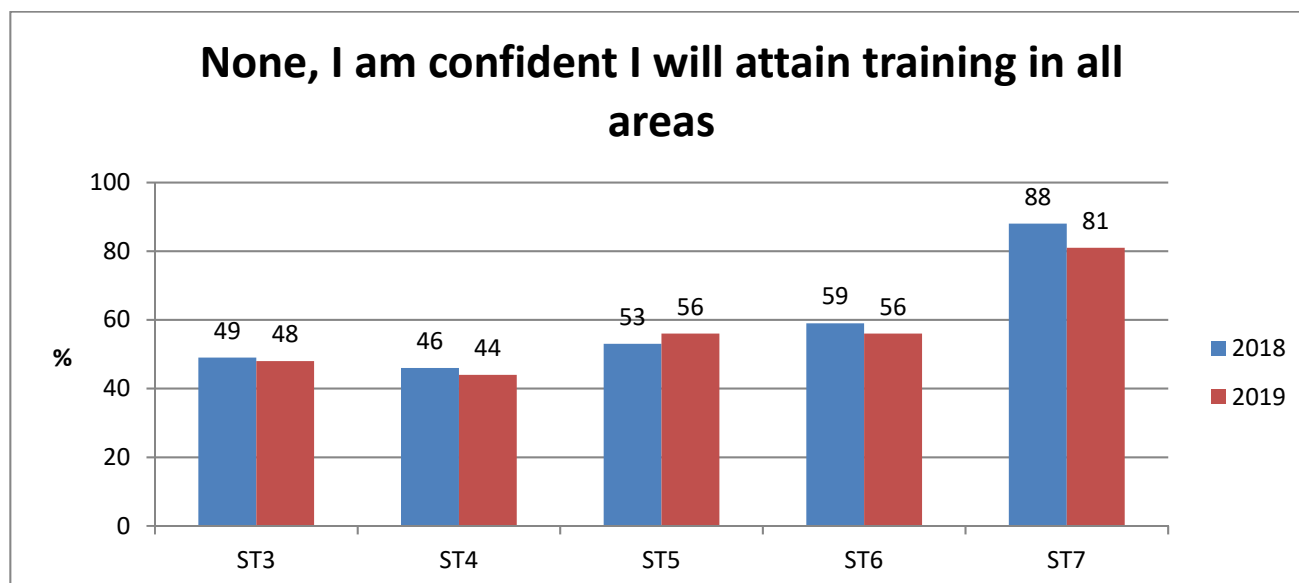
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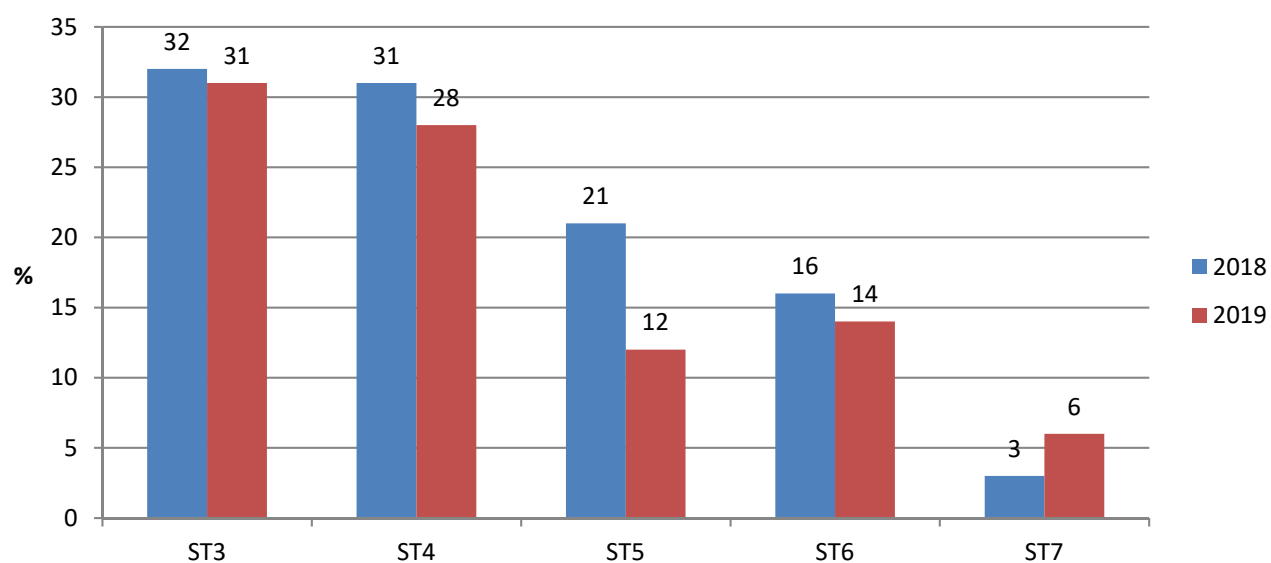
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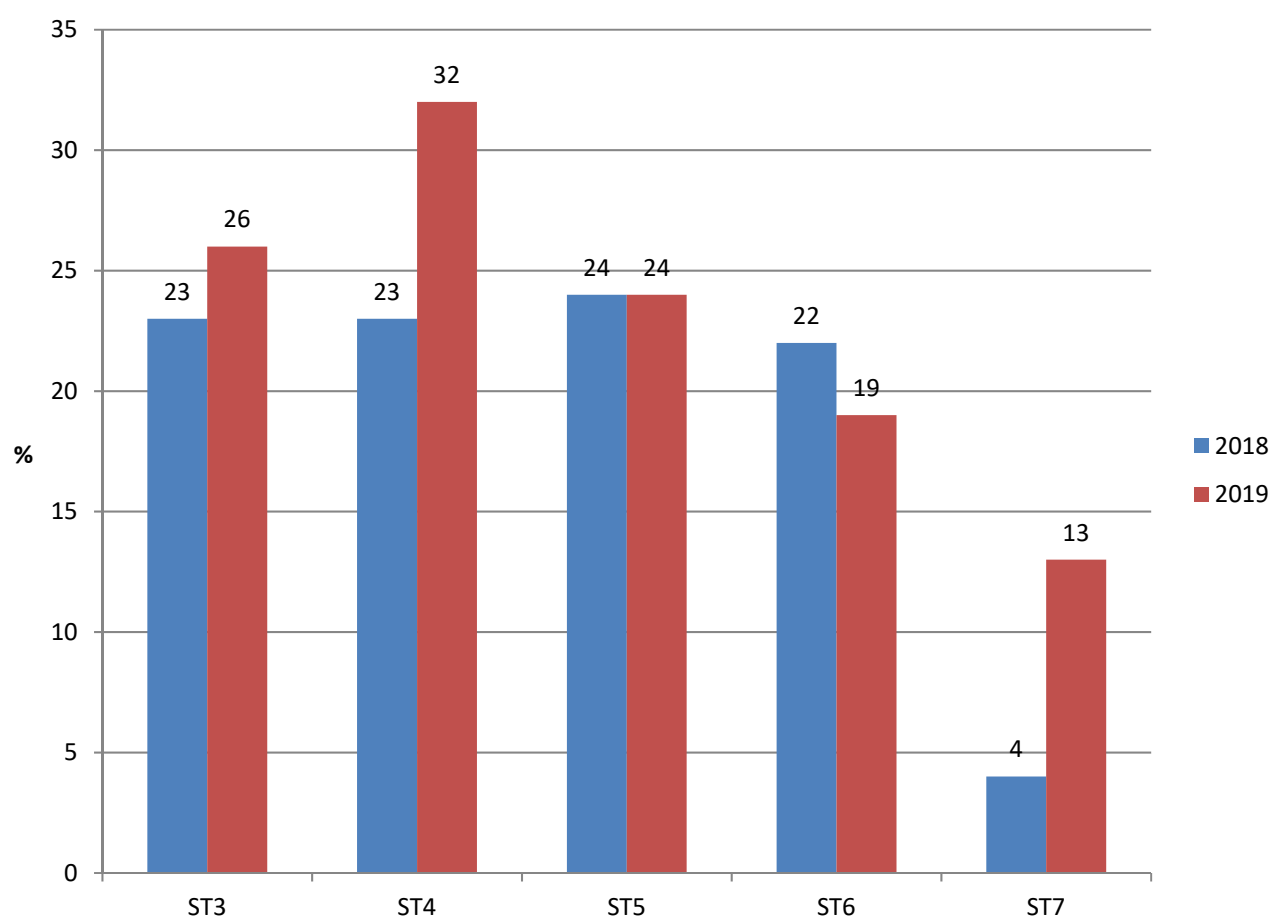
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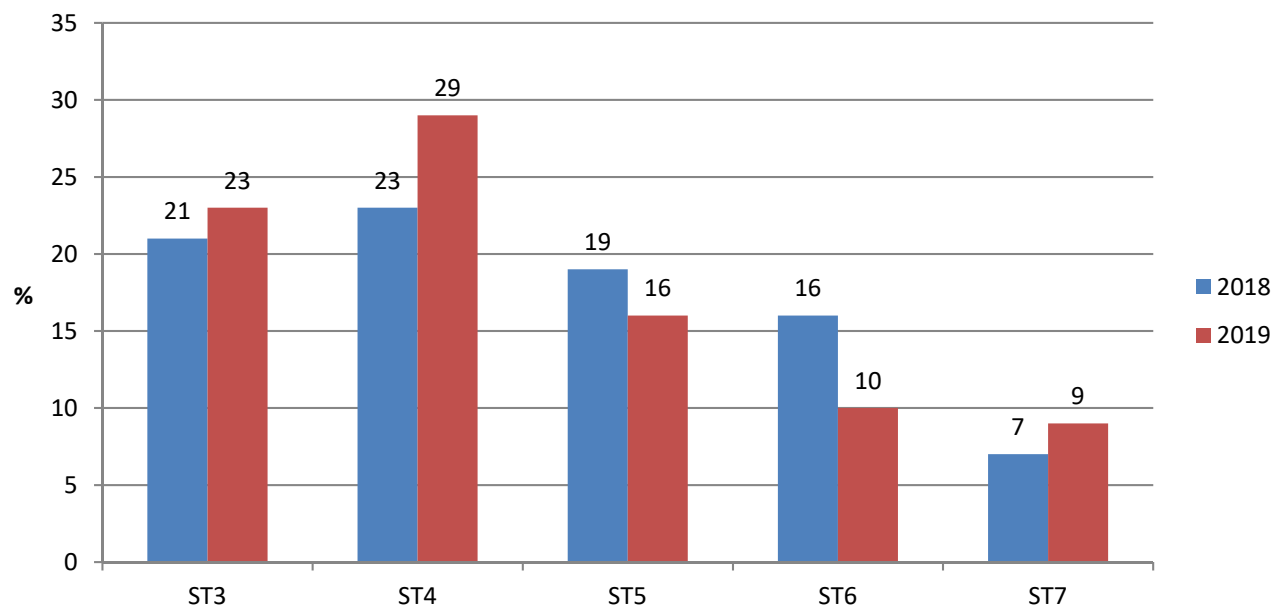
Old age psychiatry



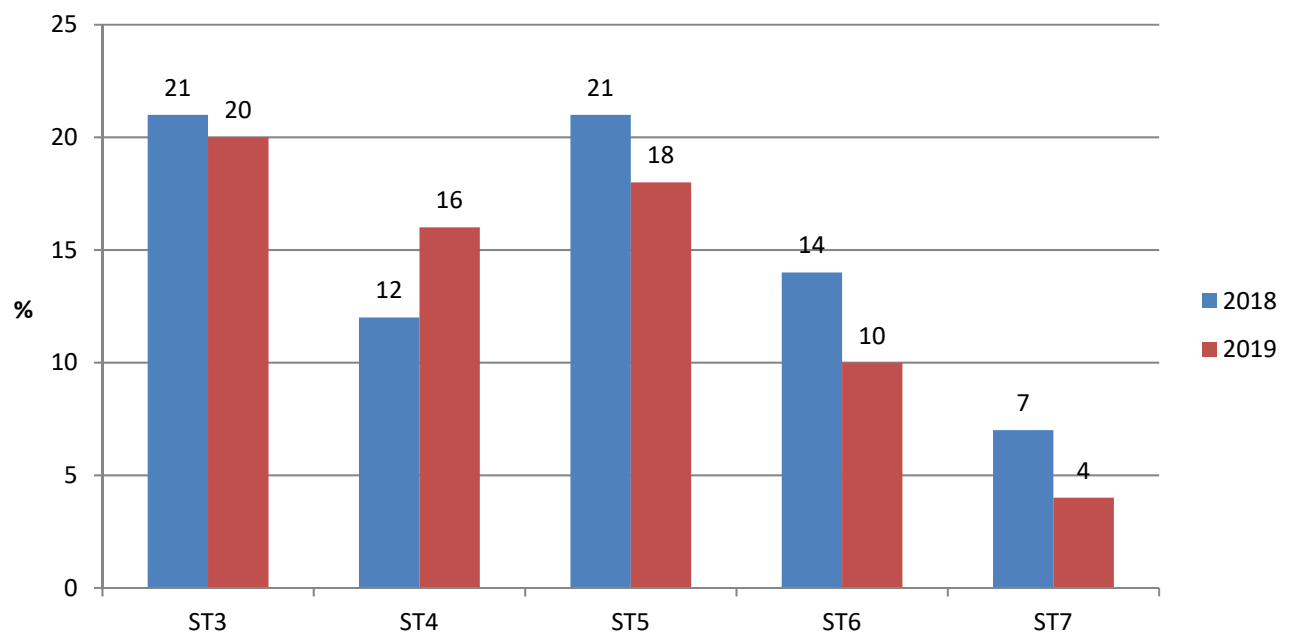
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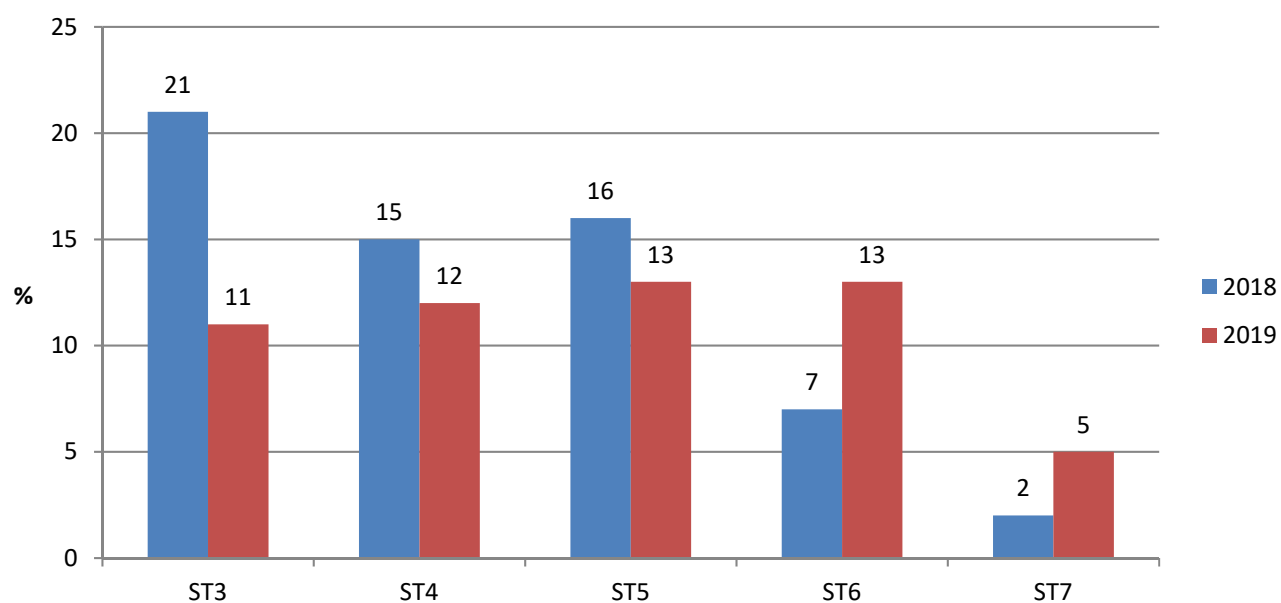
Community Geriatrics



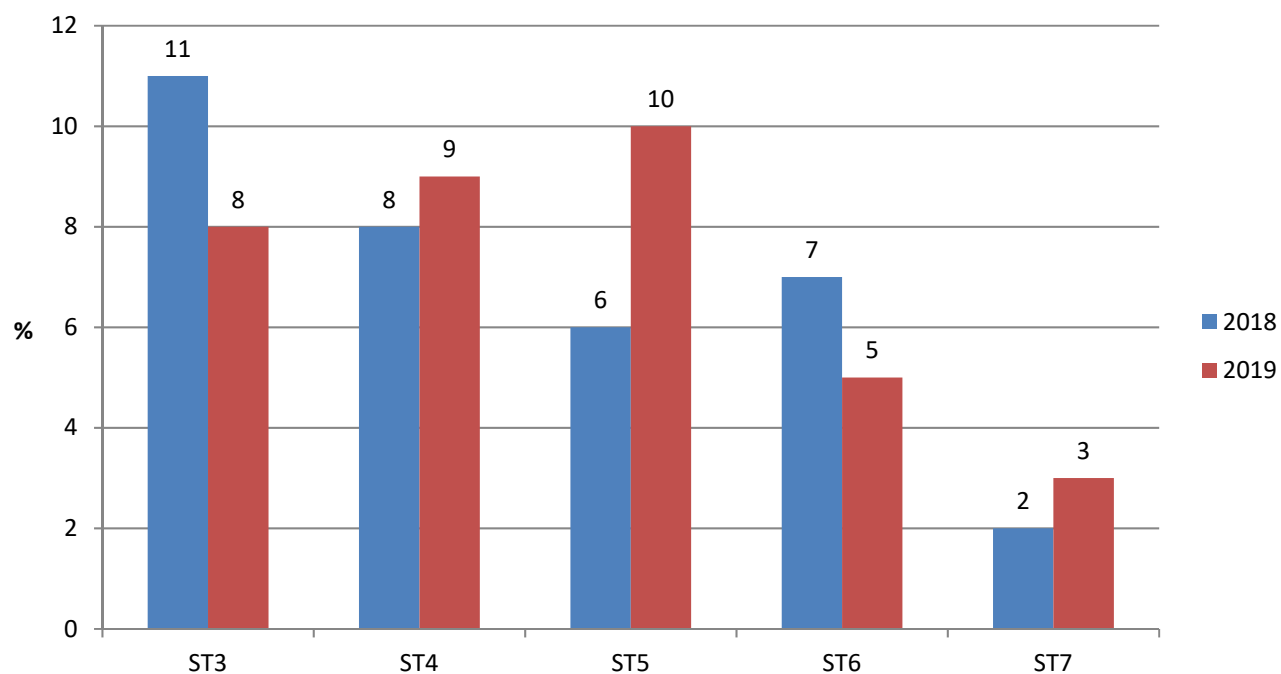
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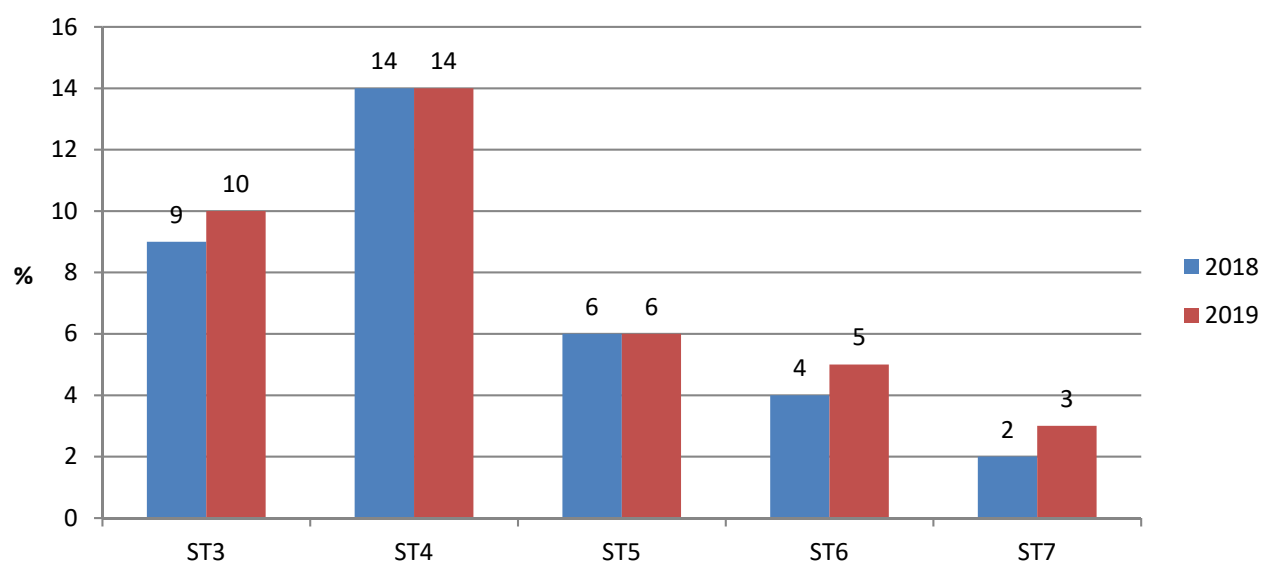
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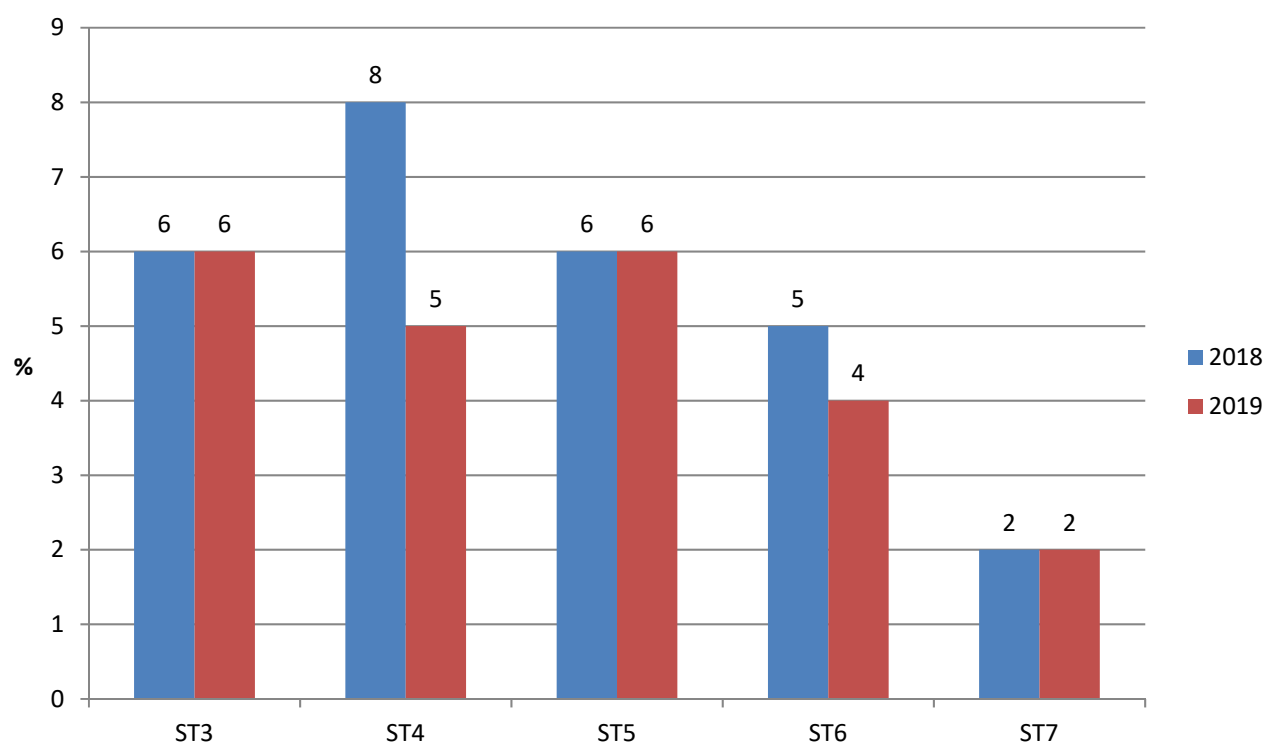
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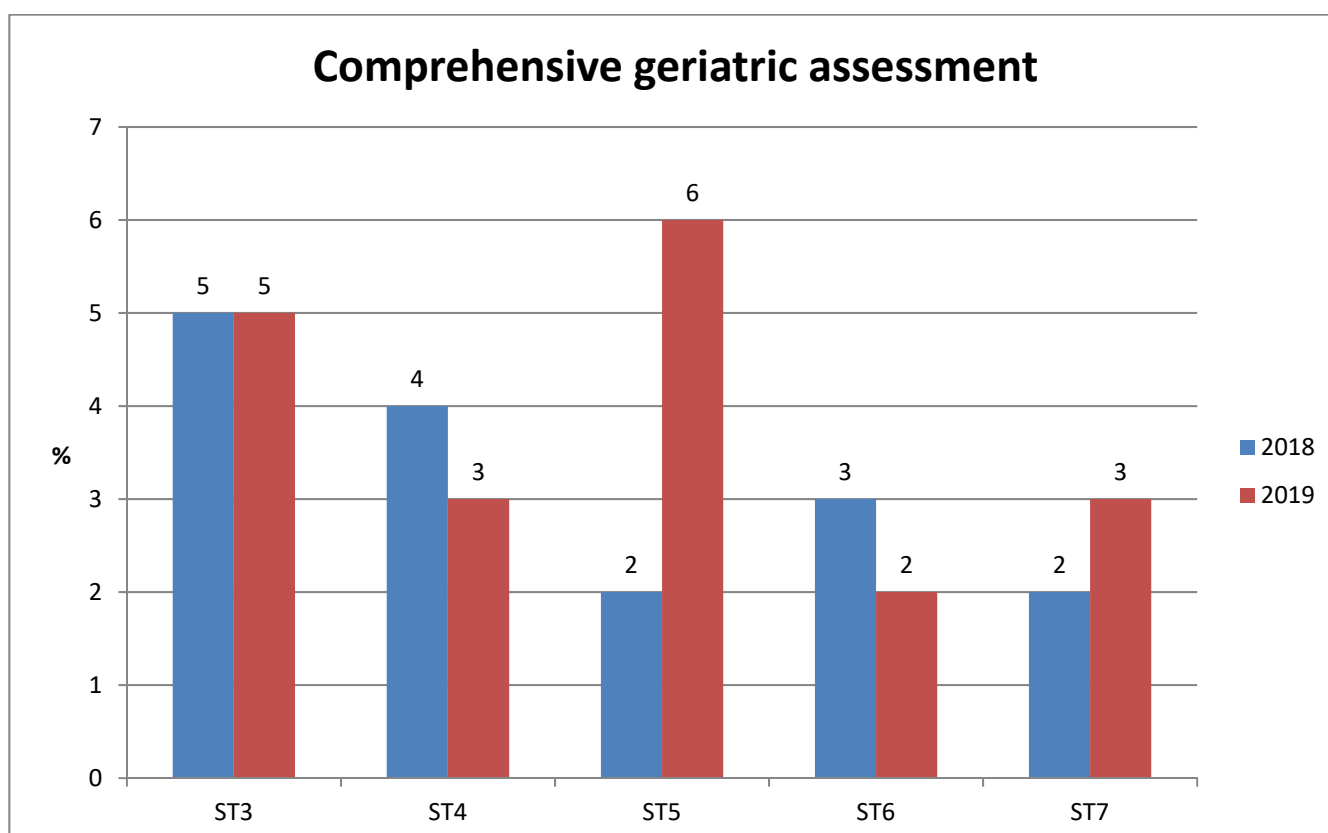
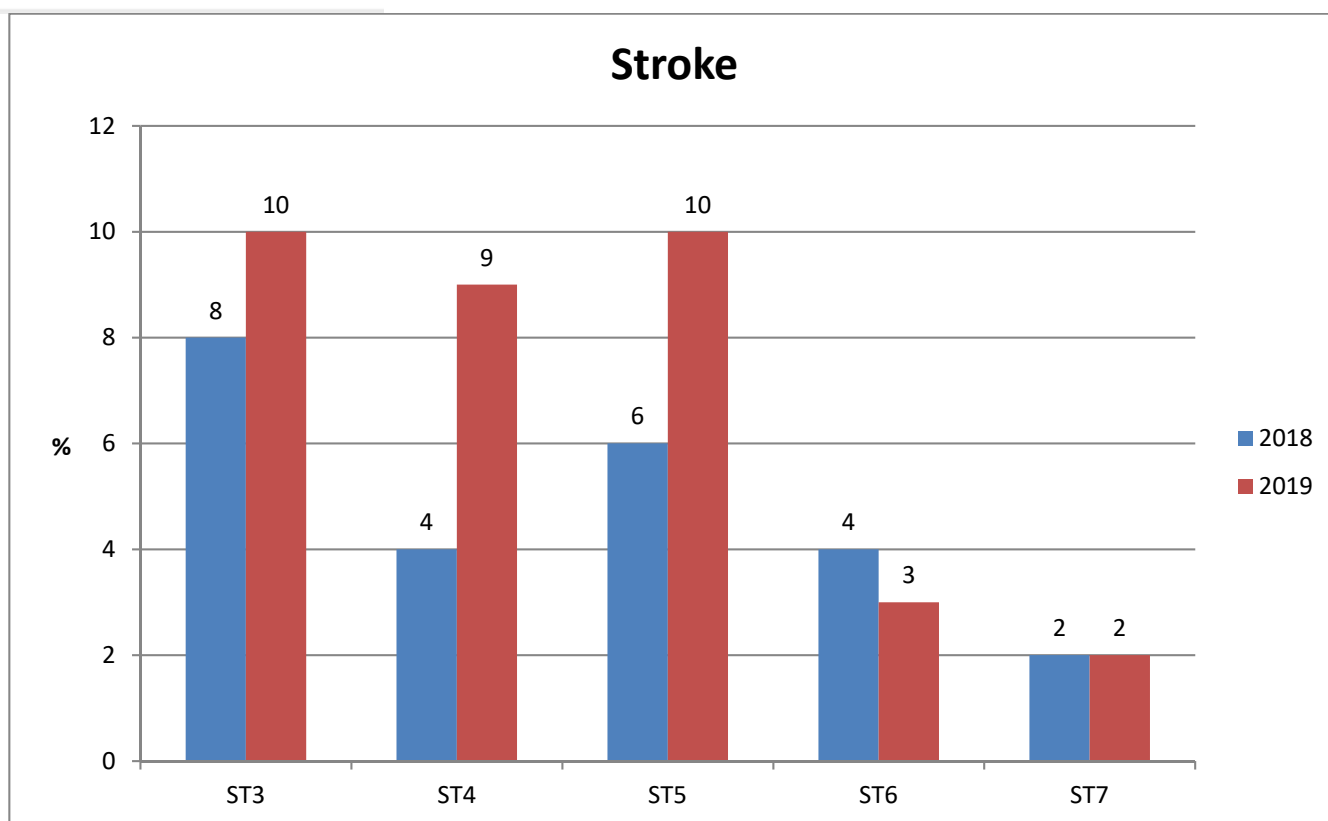


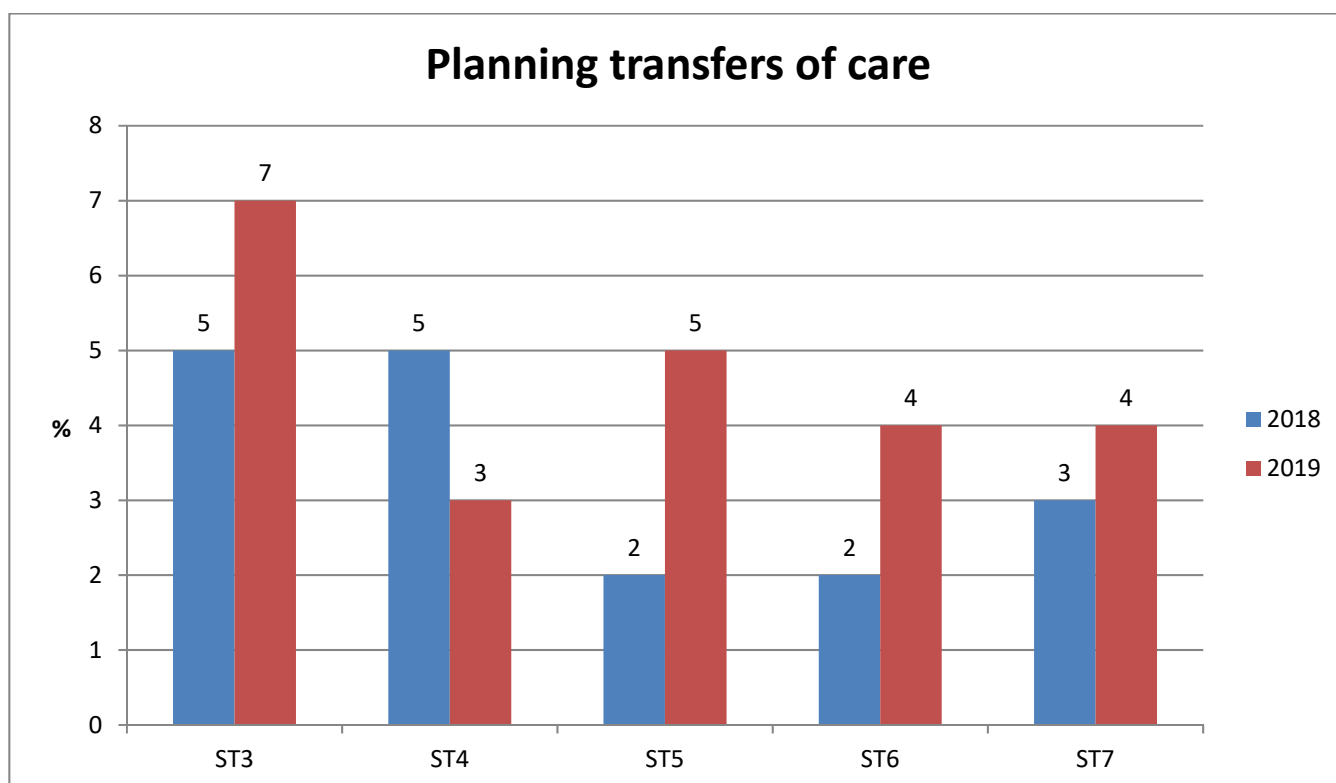
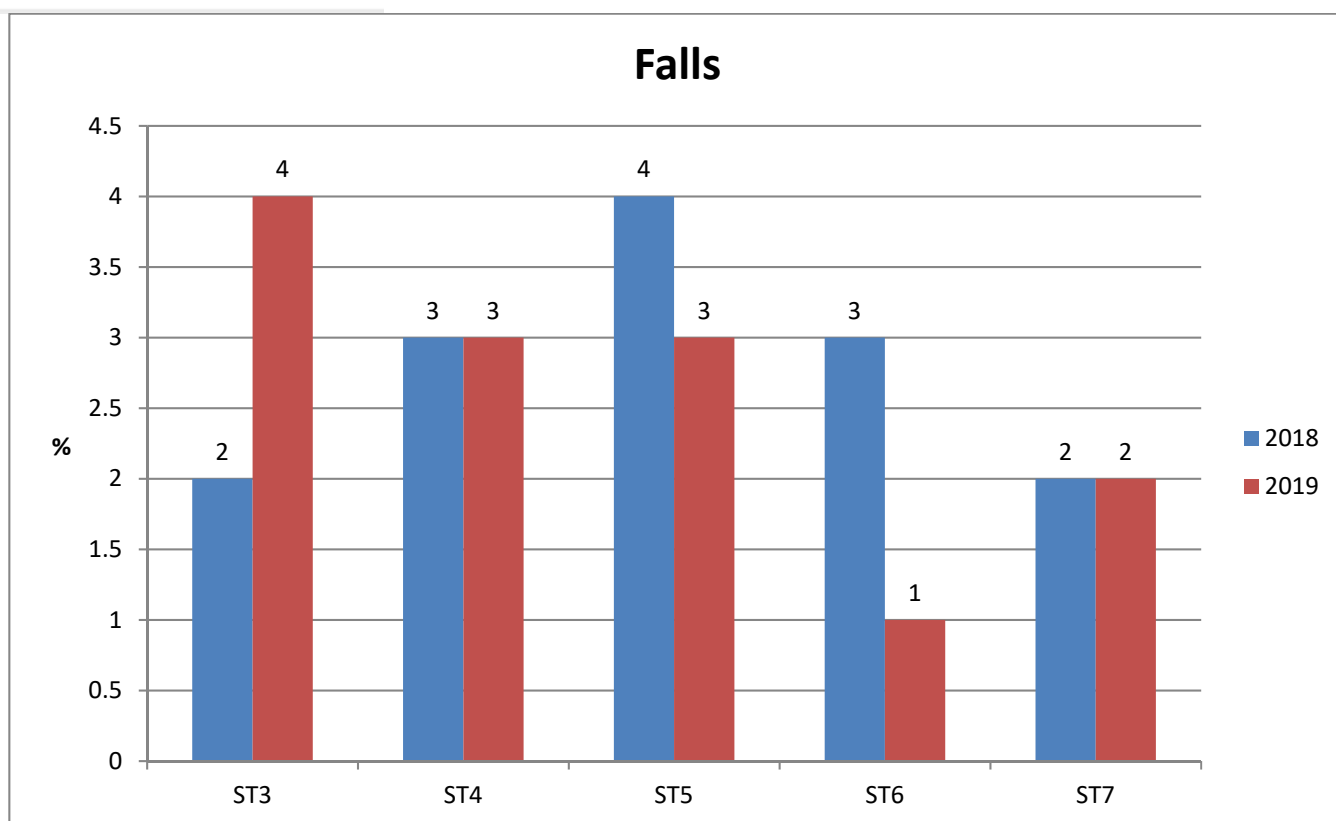
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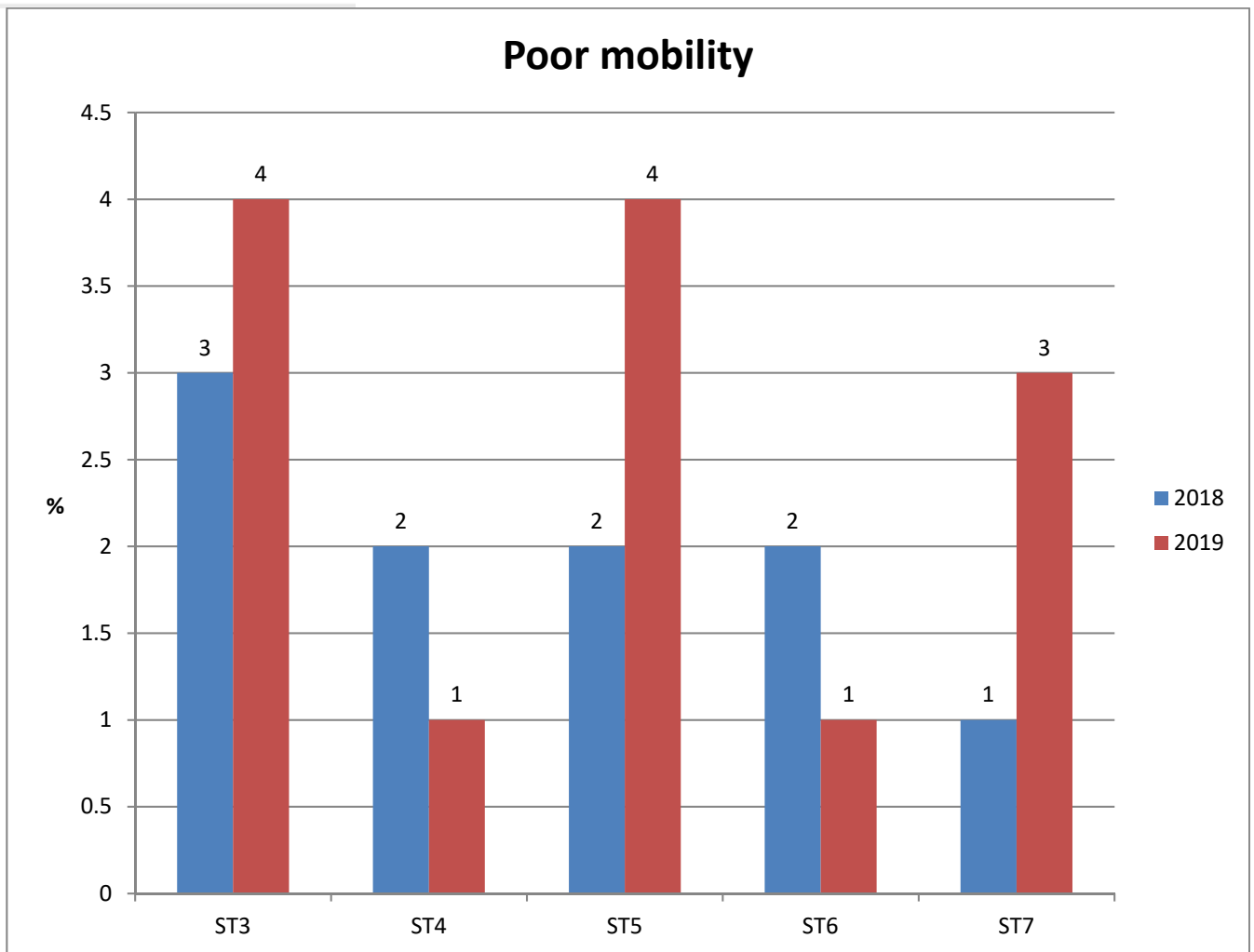


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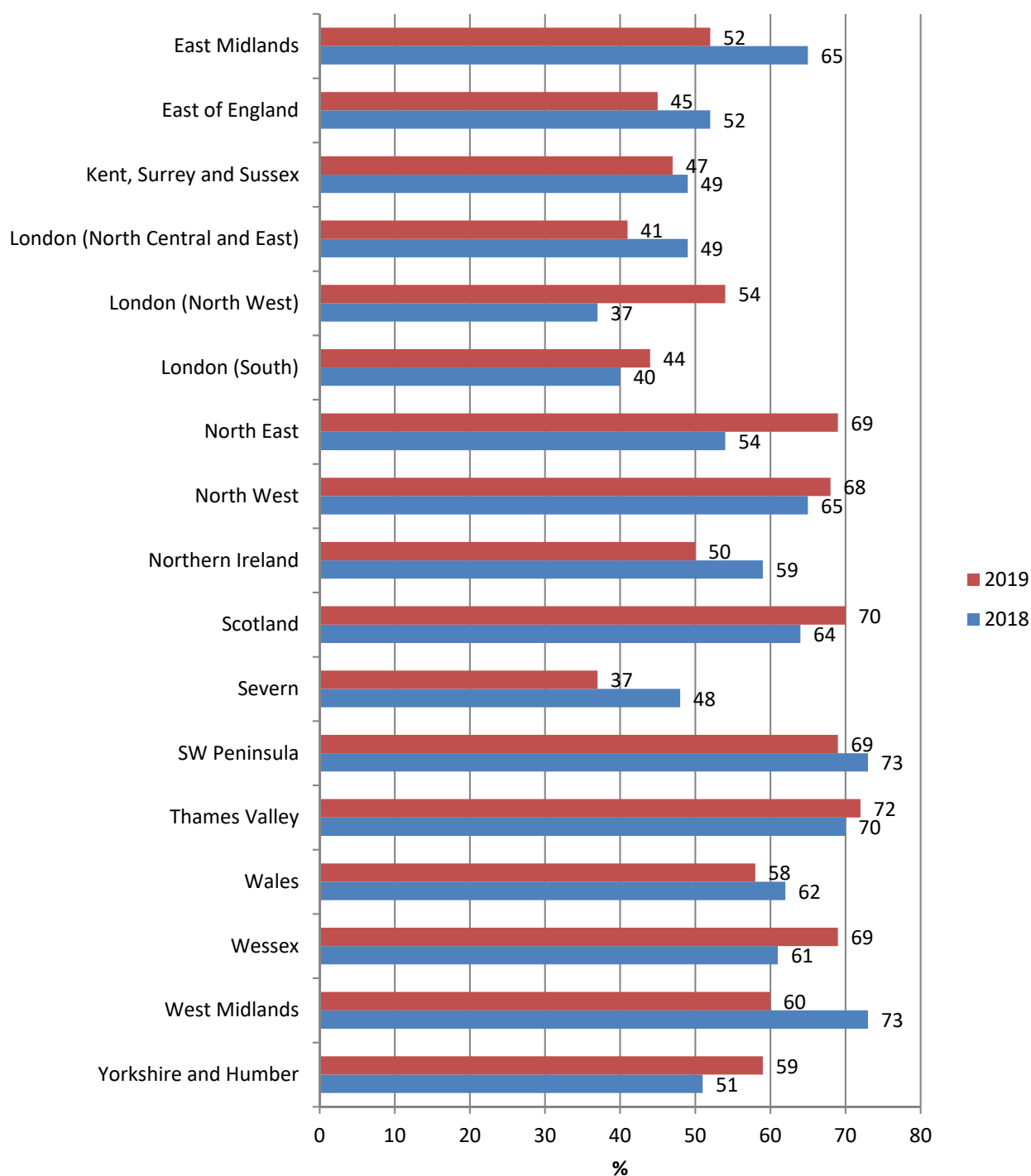


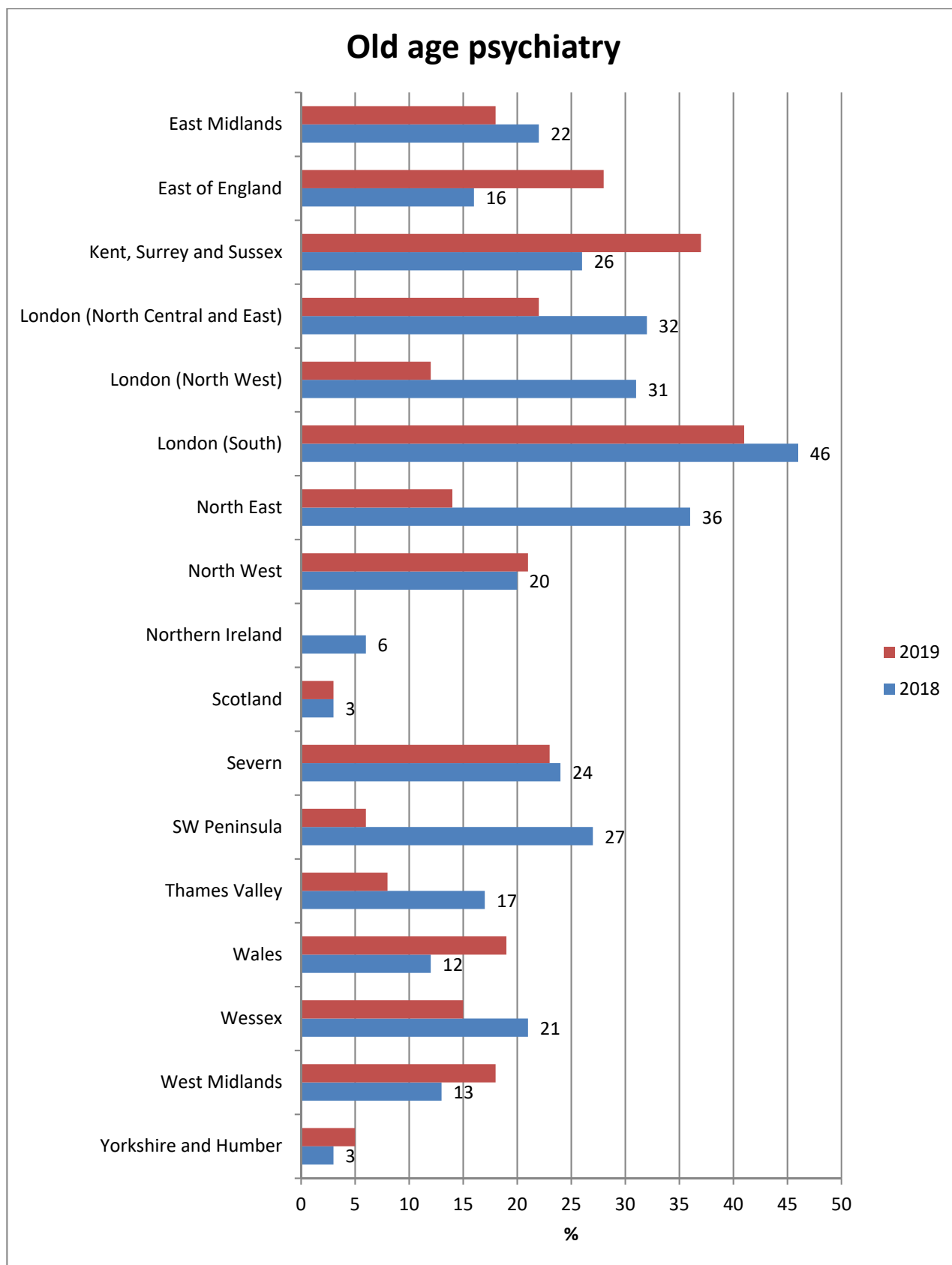


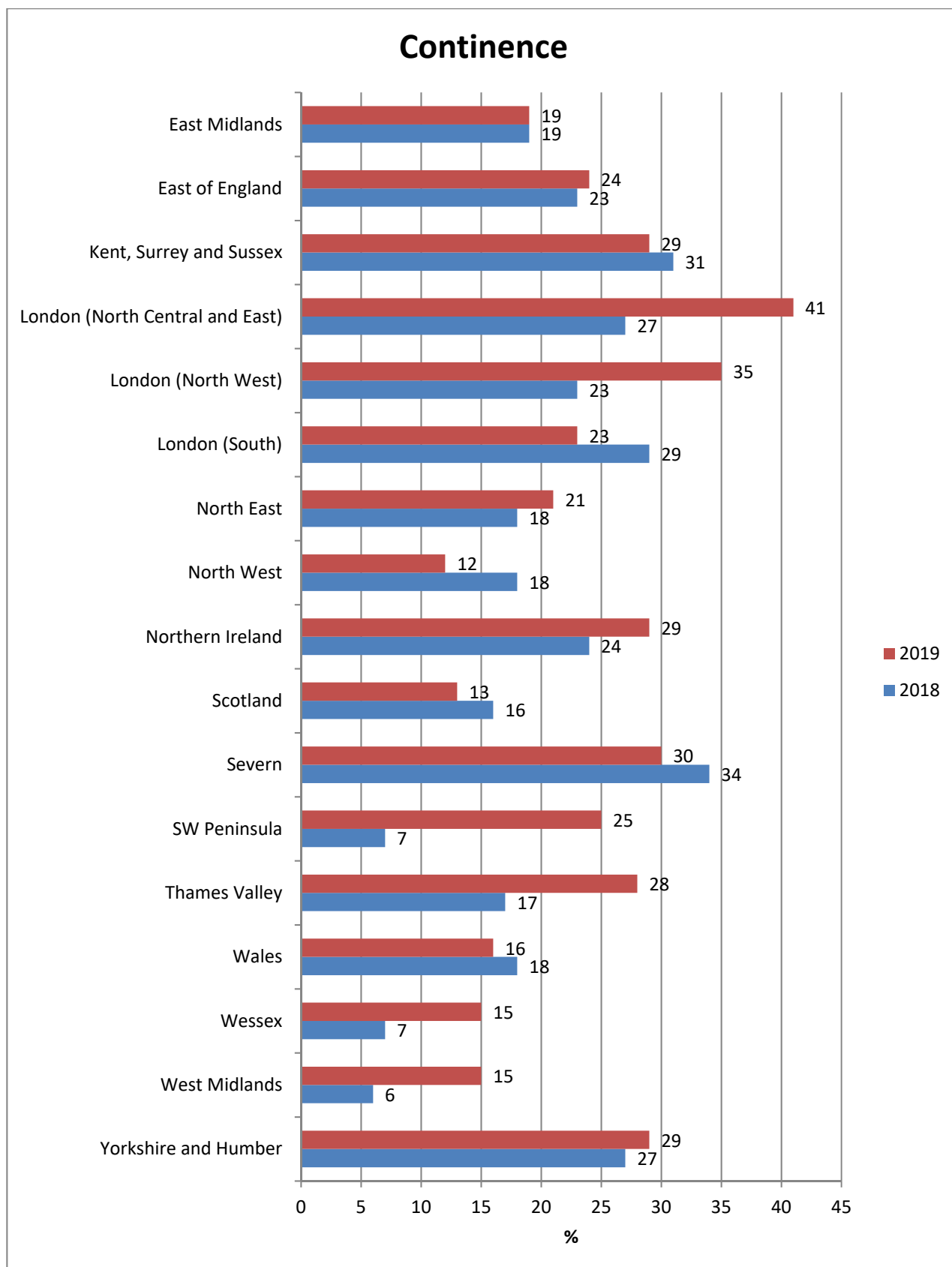


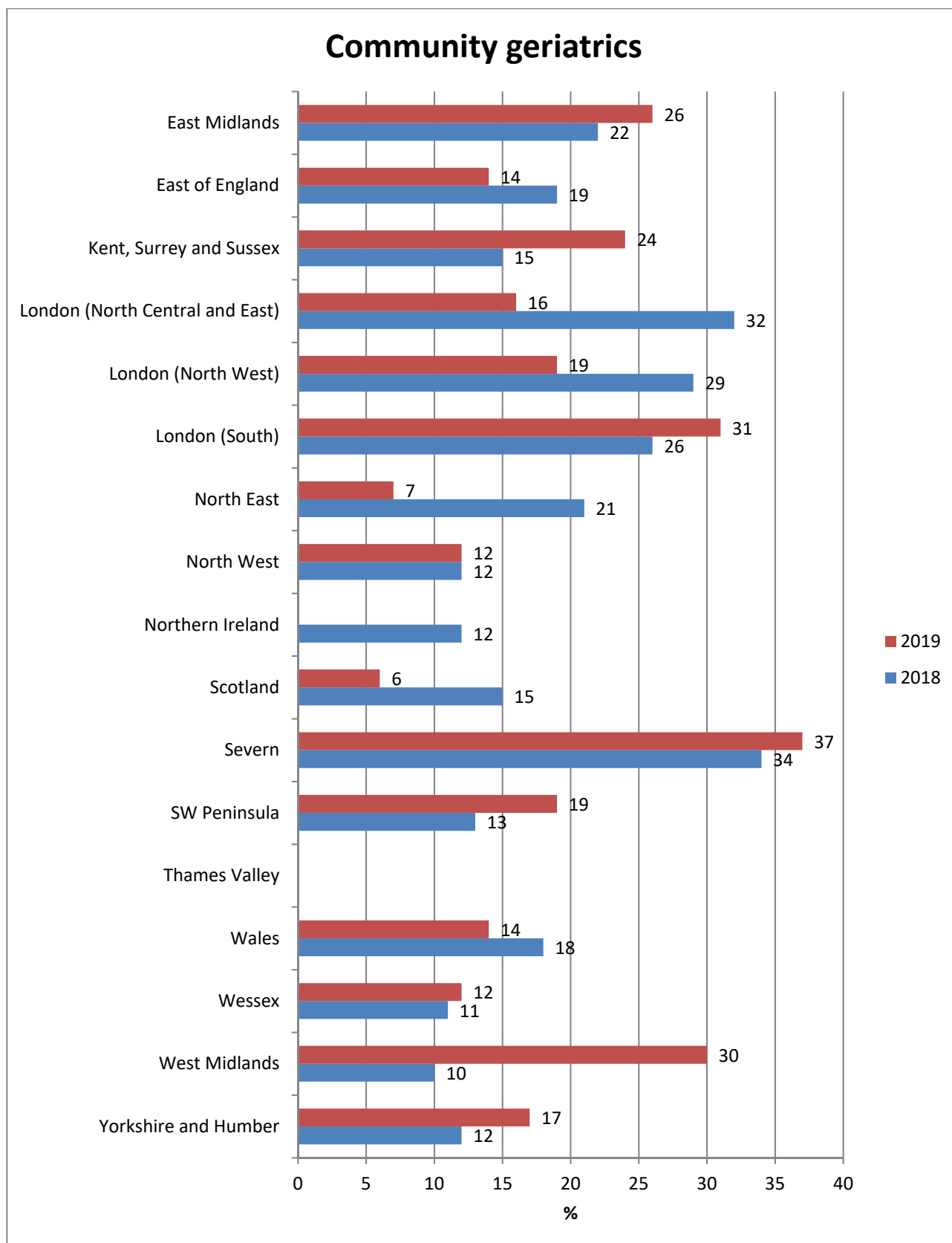
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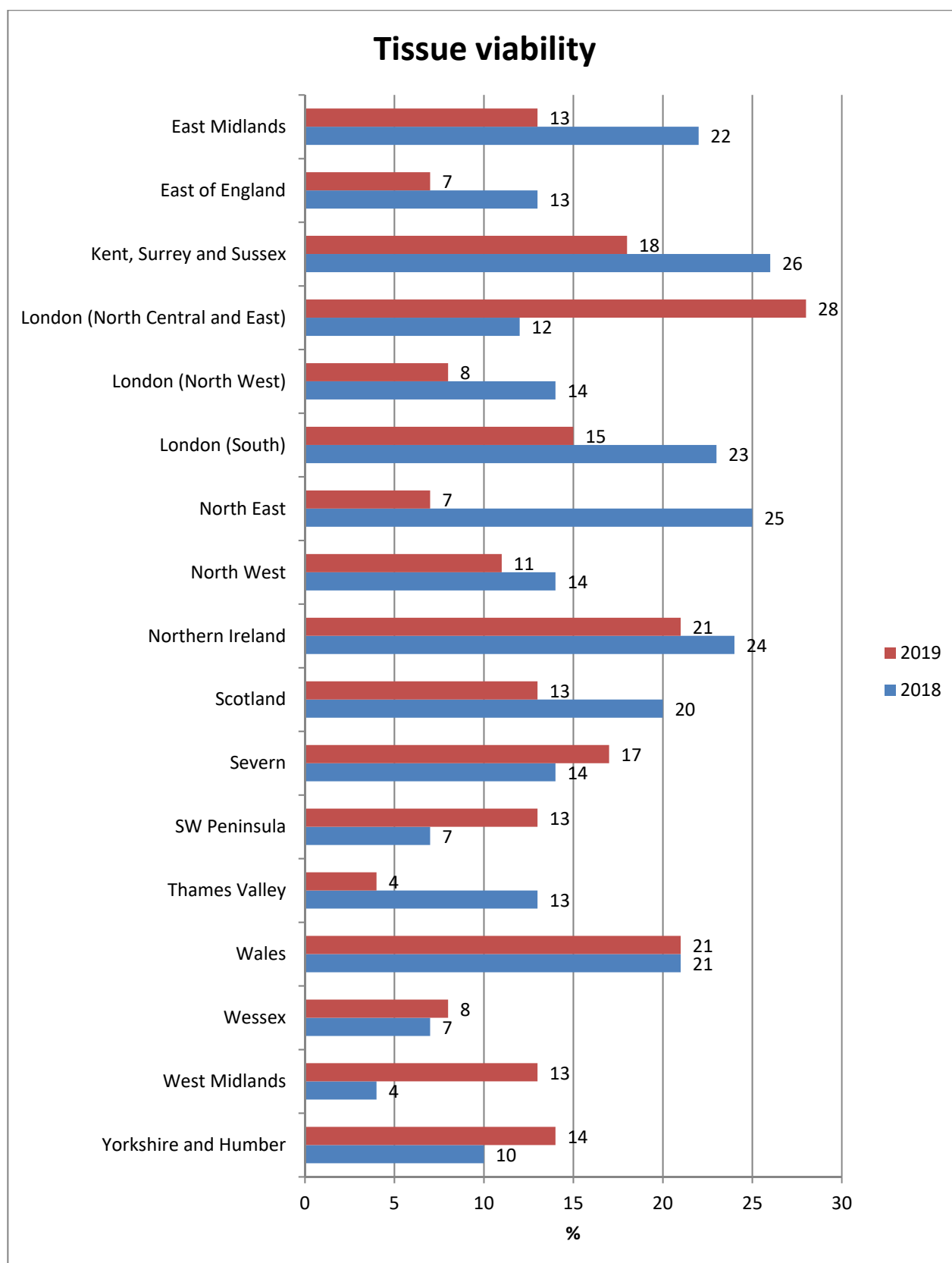
None, I am confident I will attain training in all areas



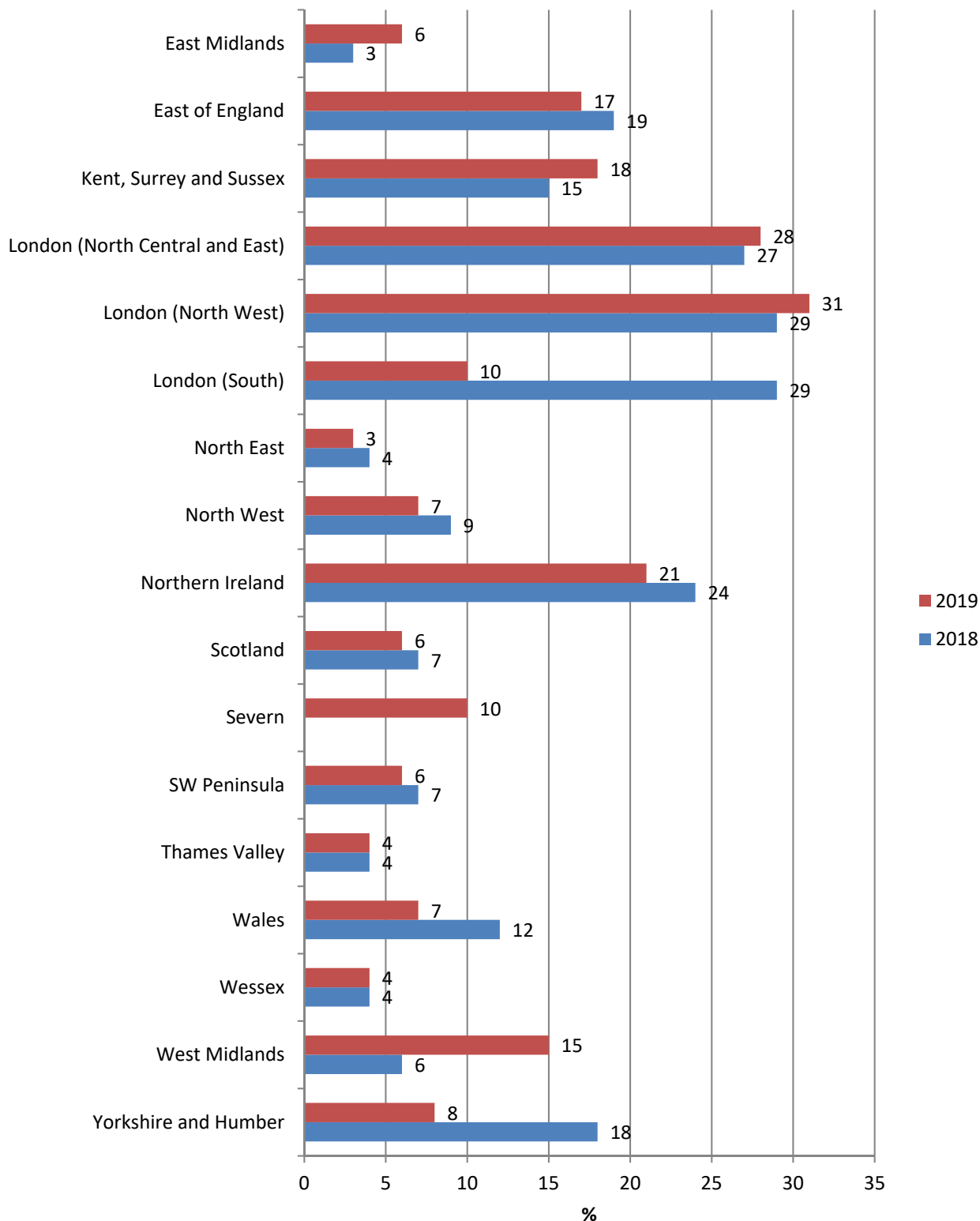


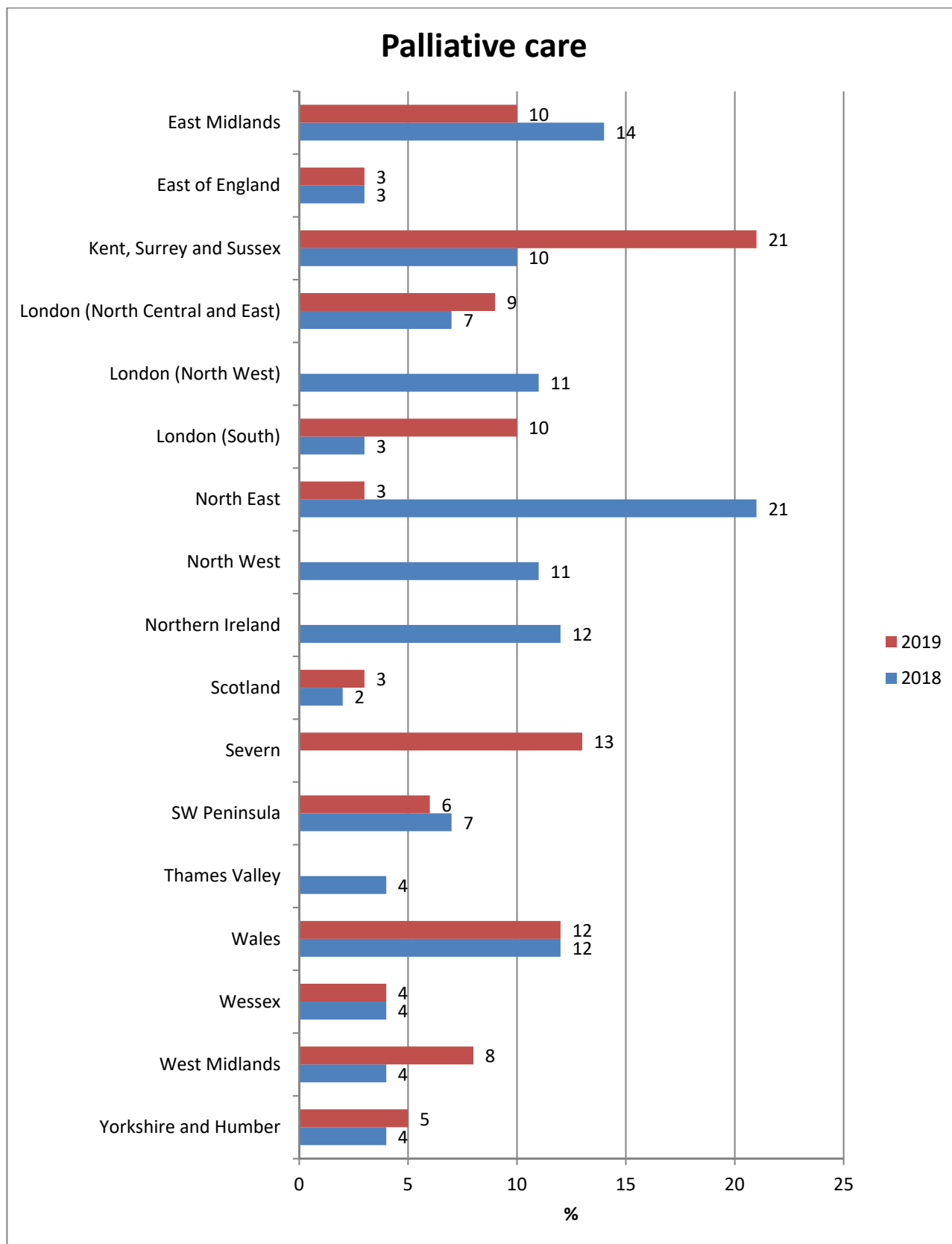


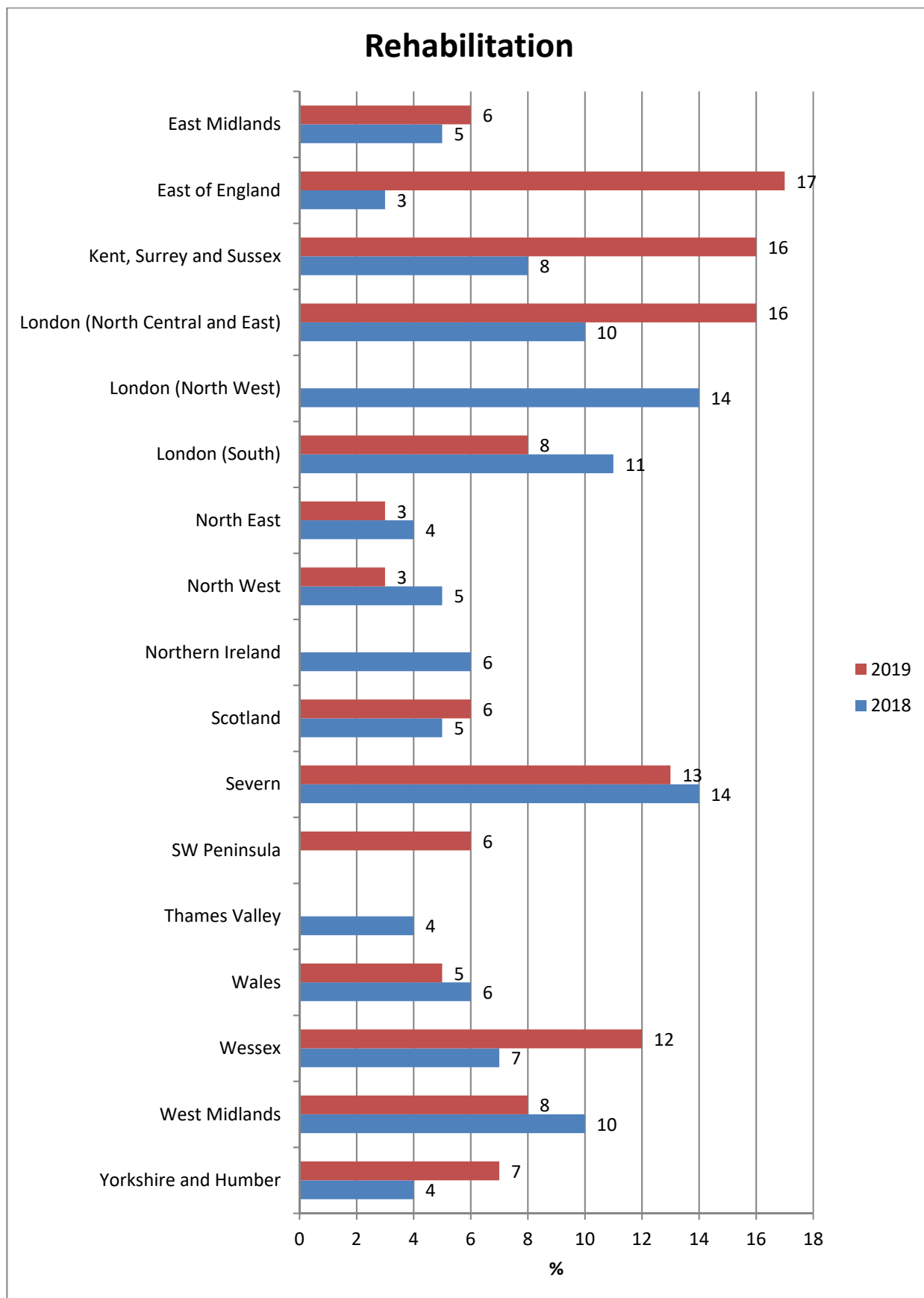




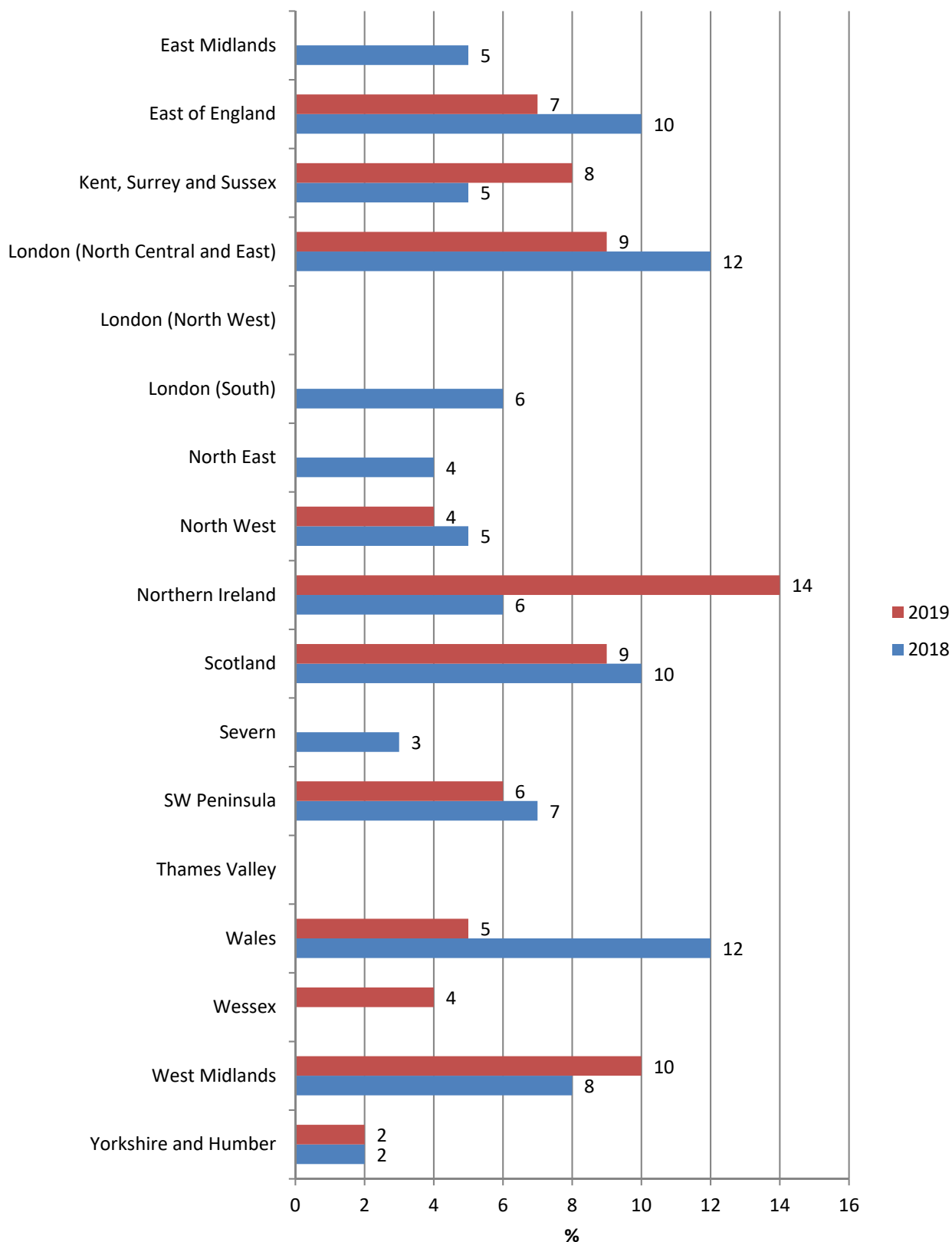
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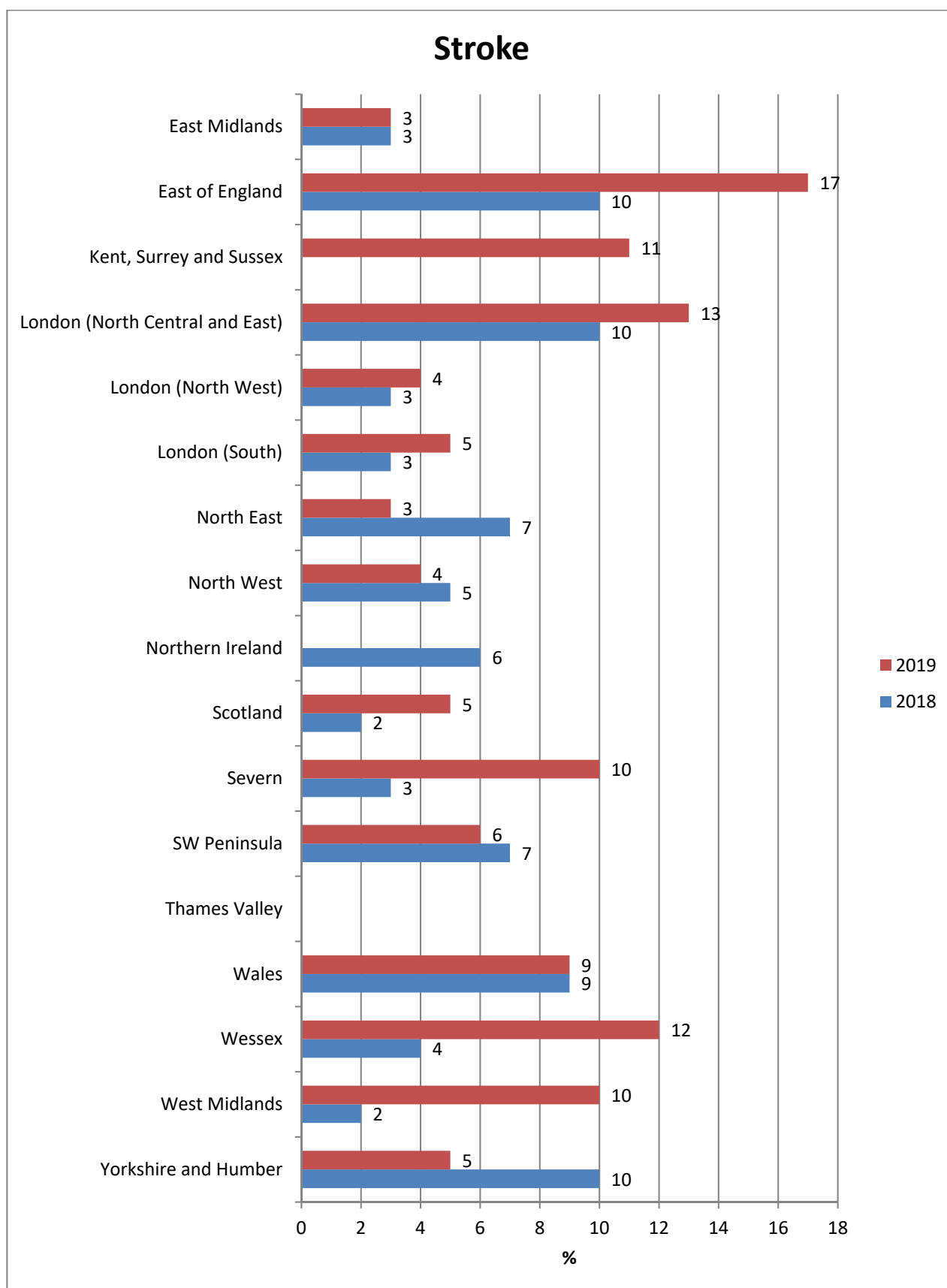




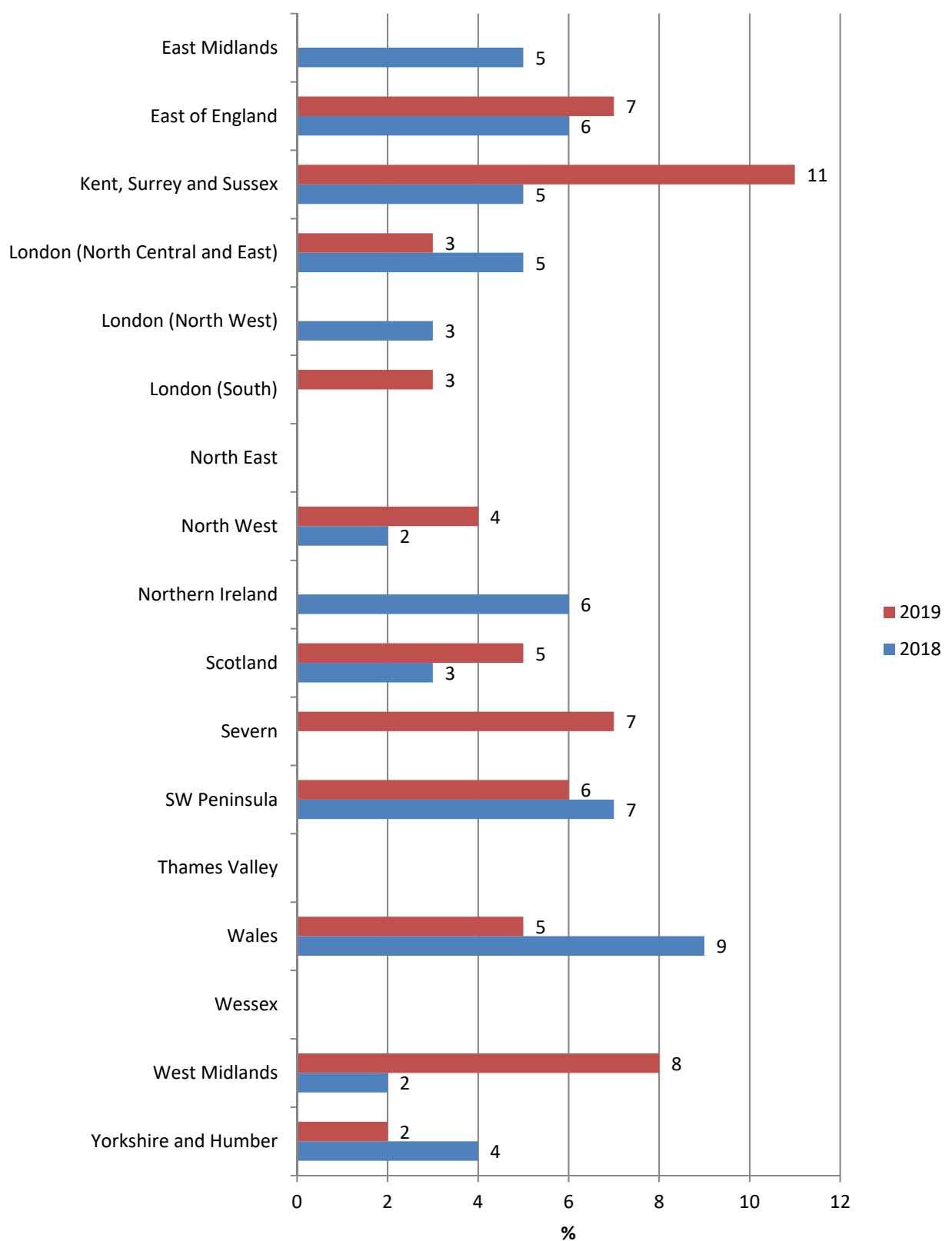


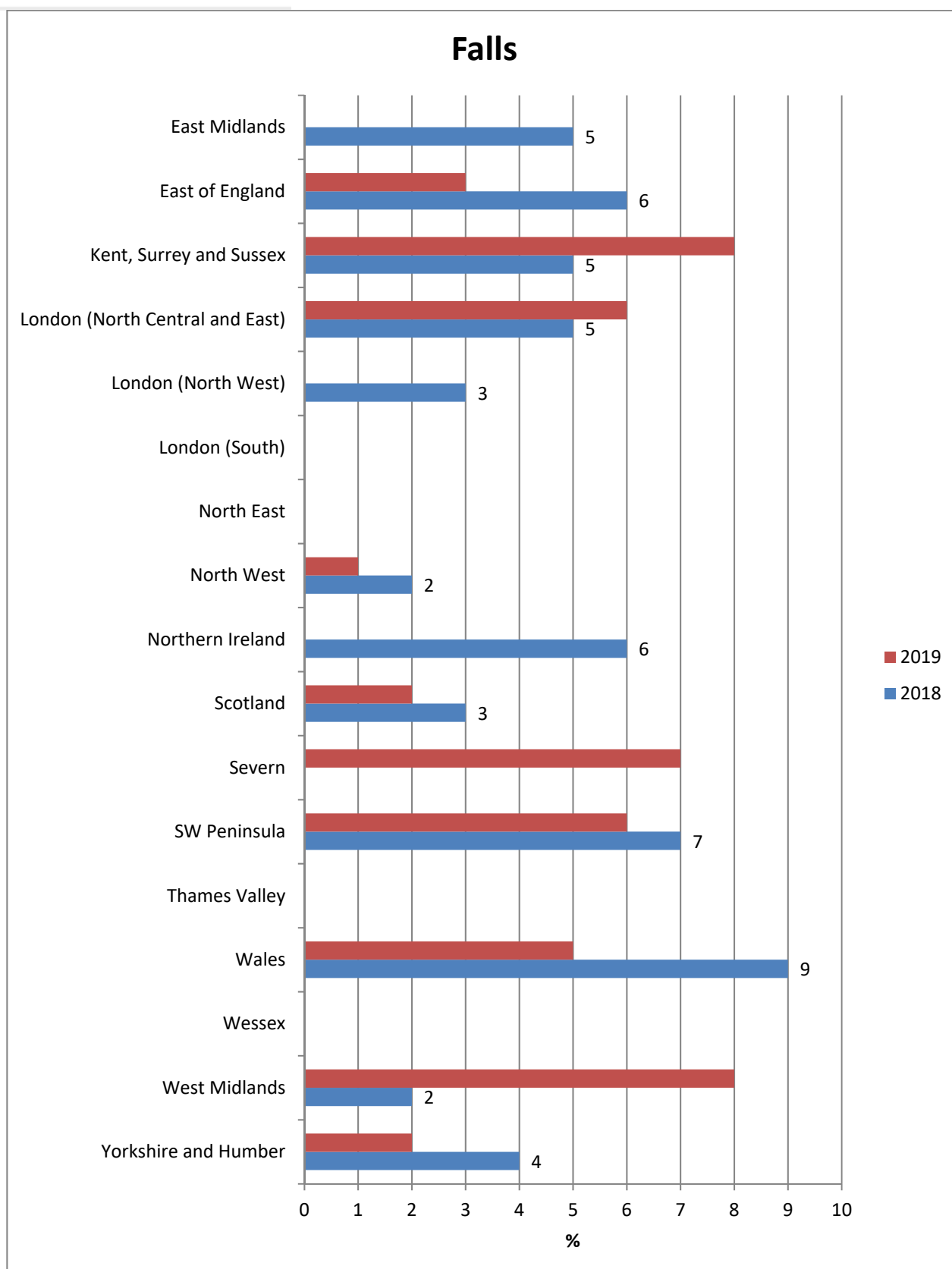
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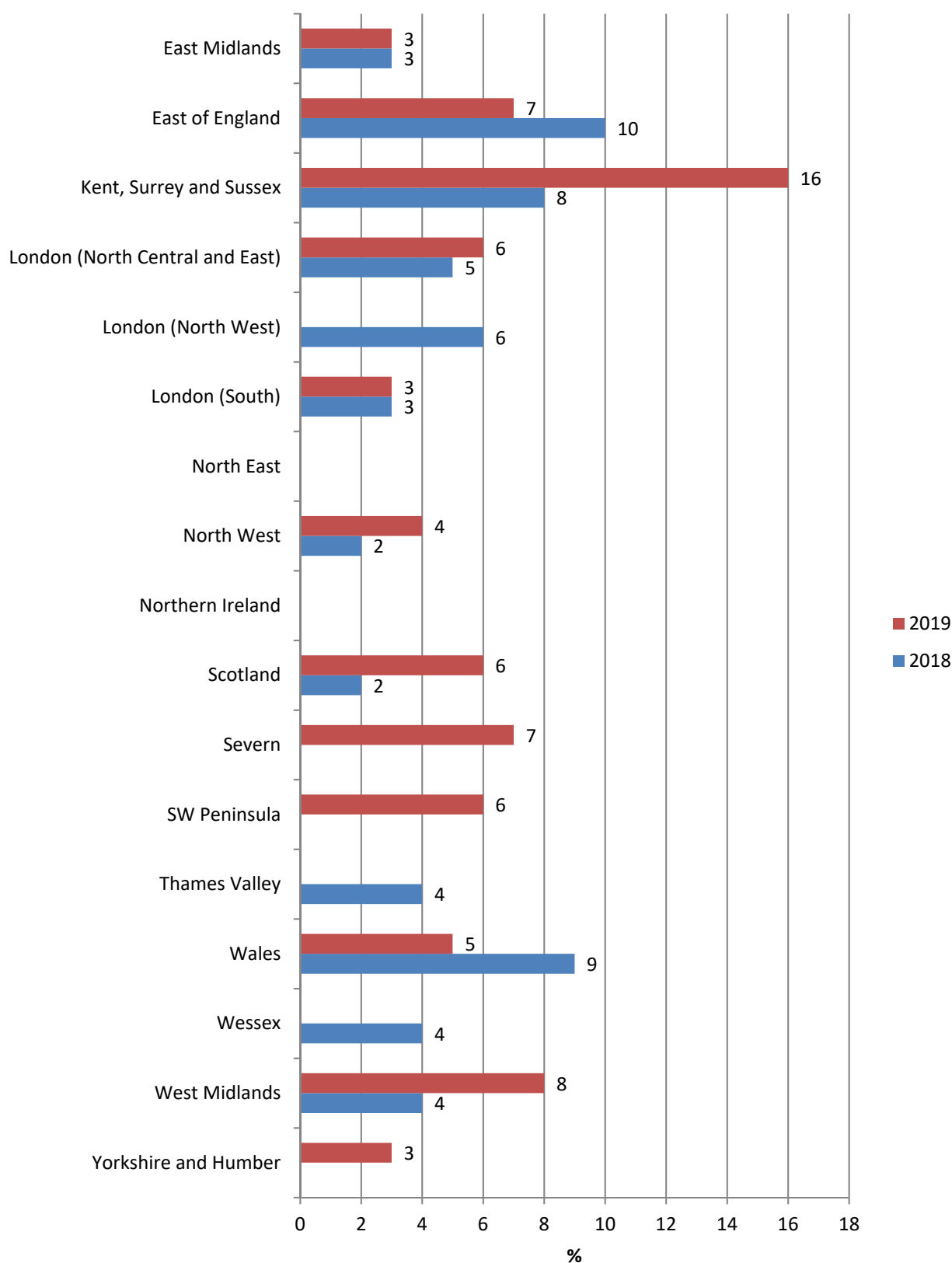


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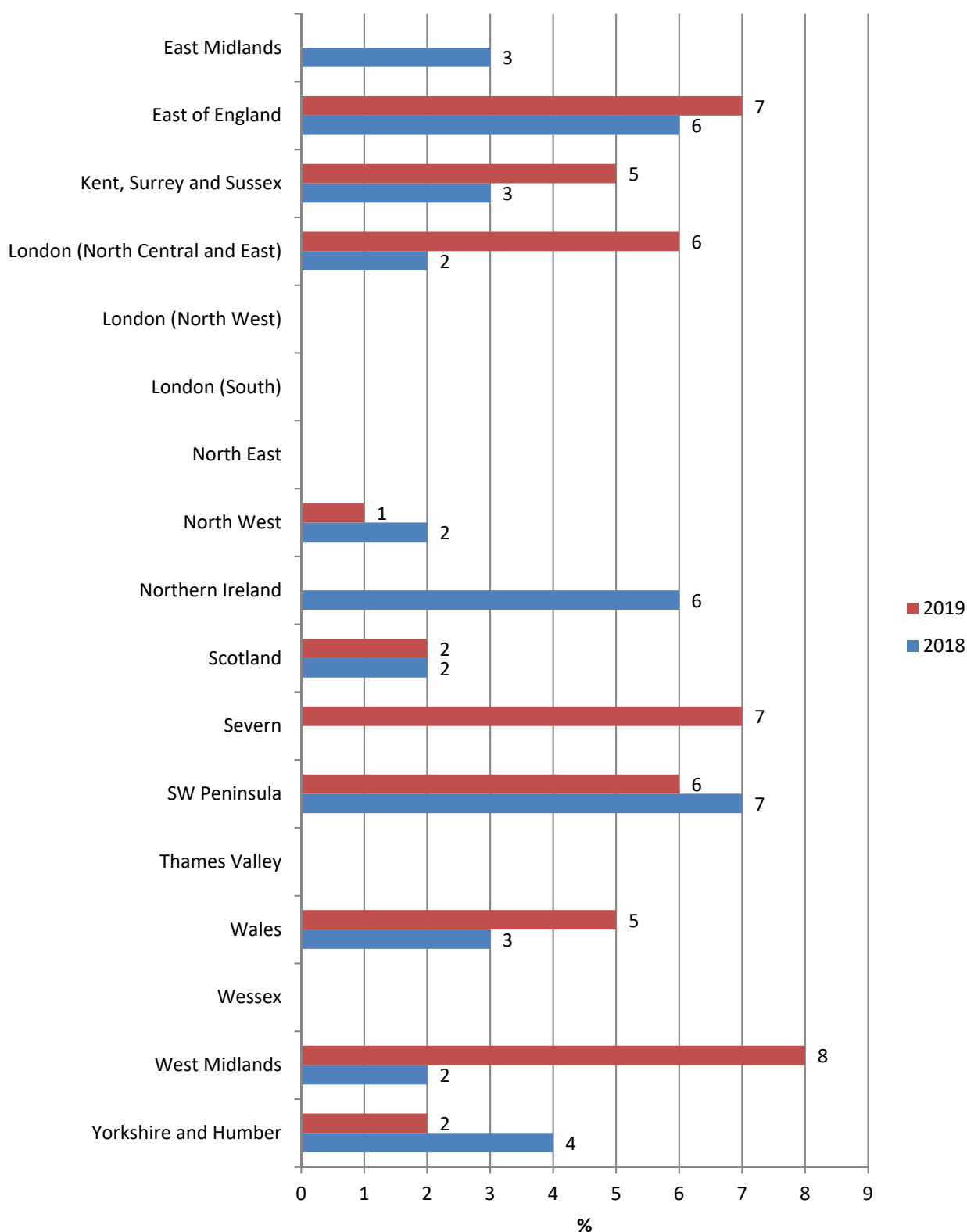




Planning transfers of care



Poor mobility

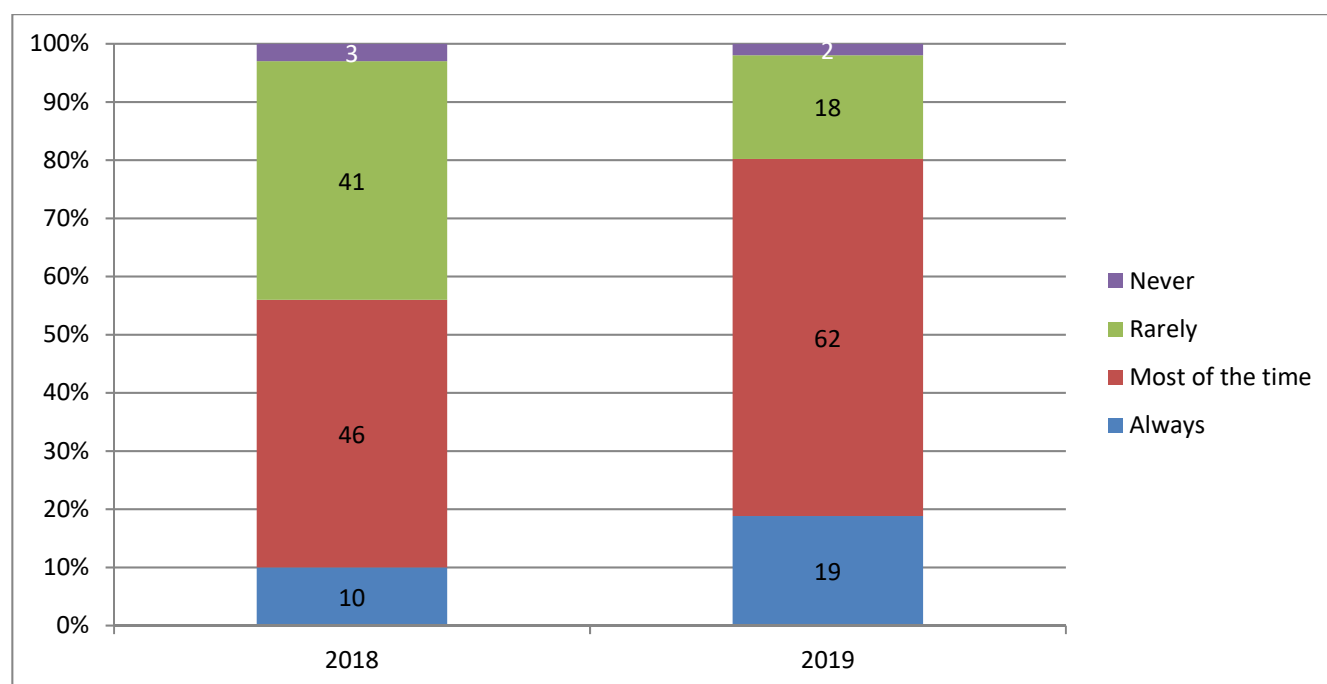


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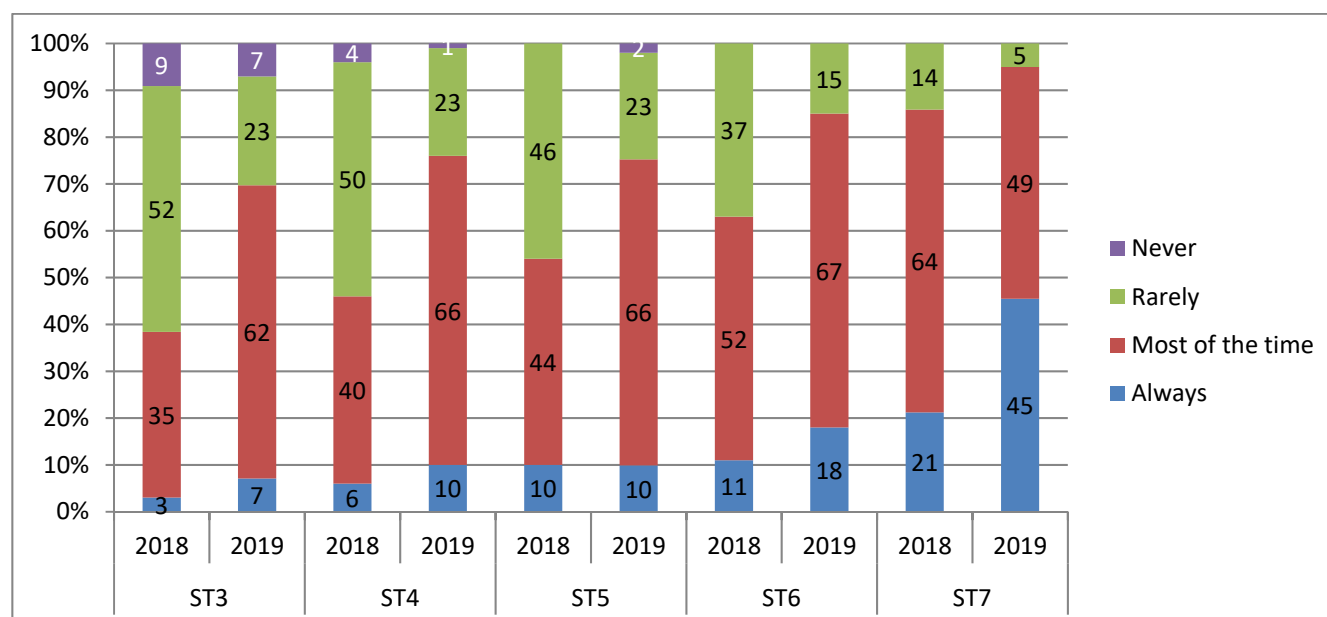
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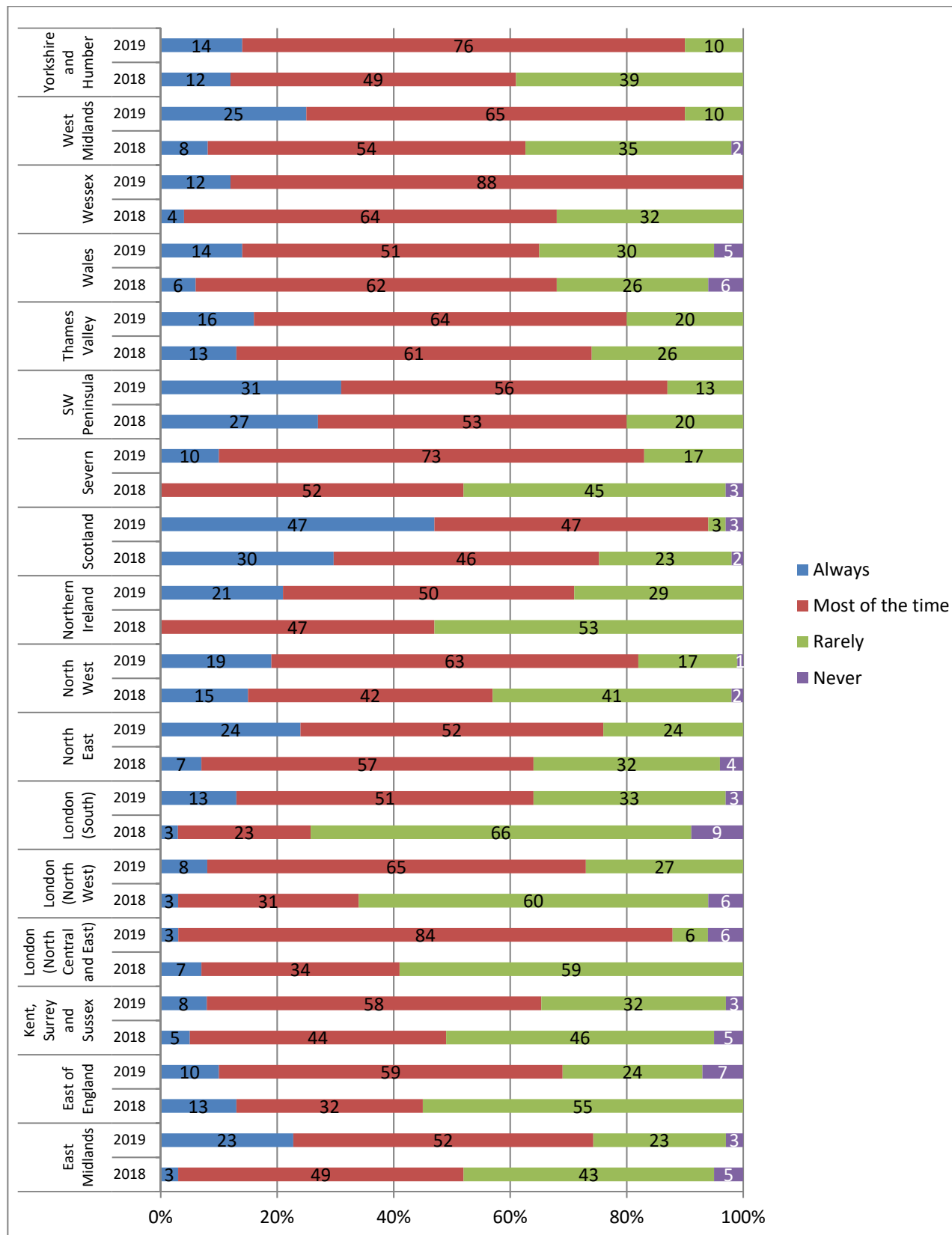
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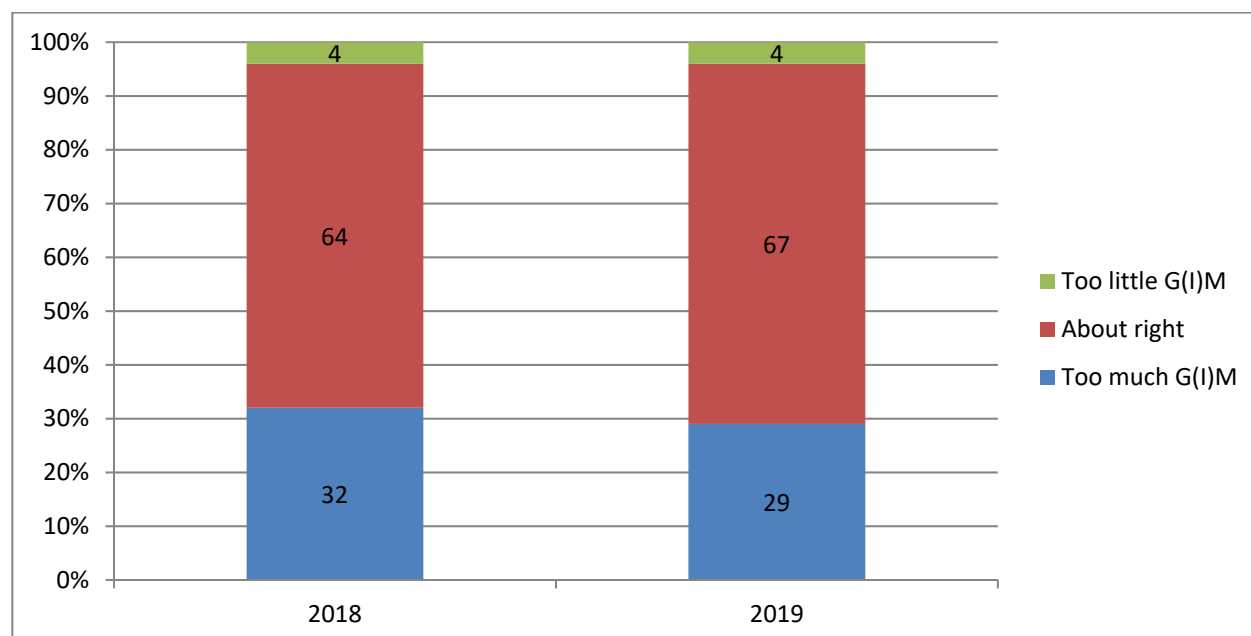


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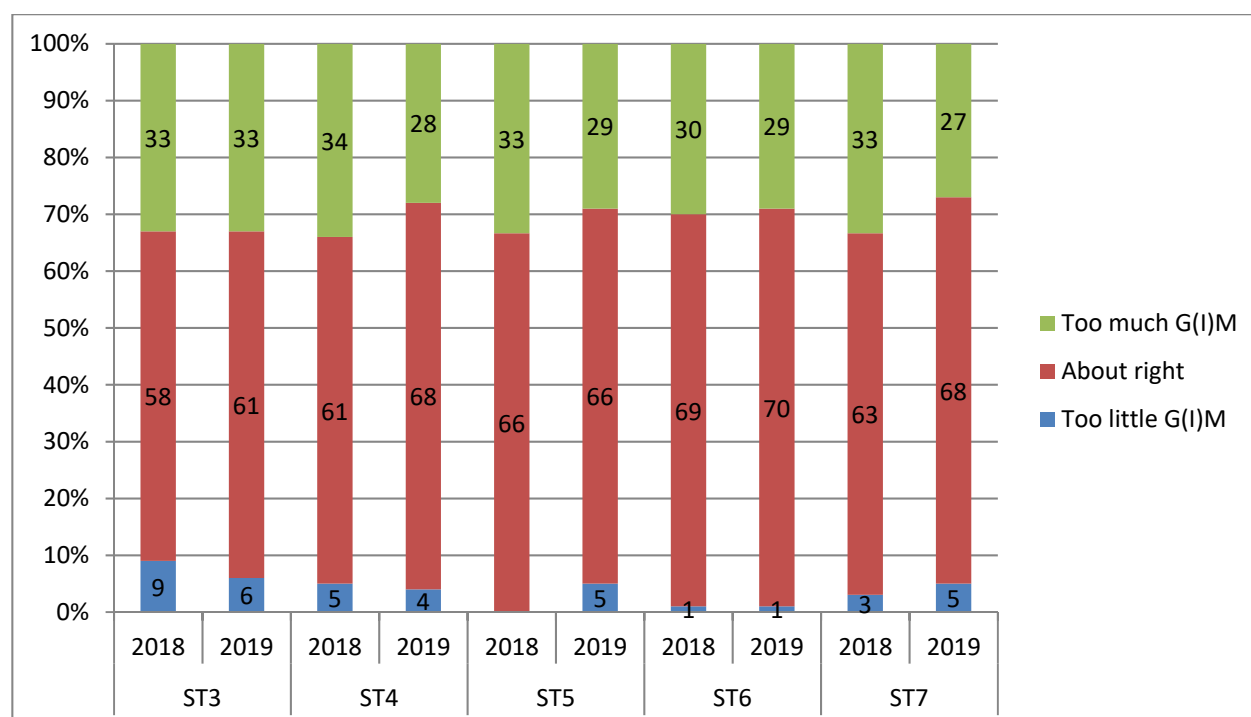
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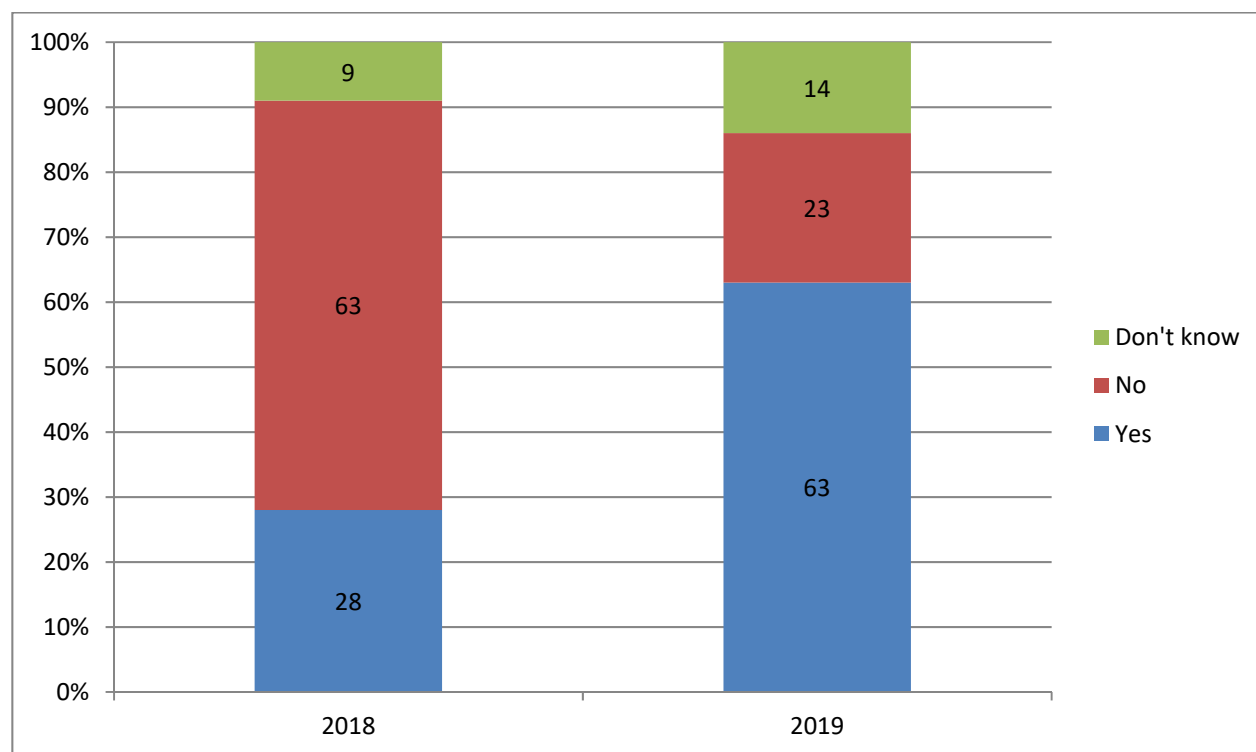
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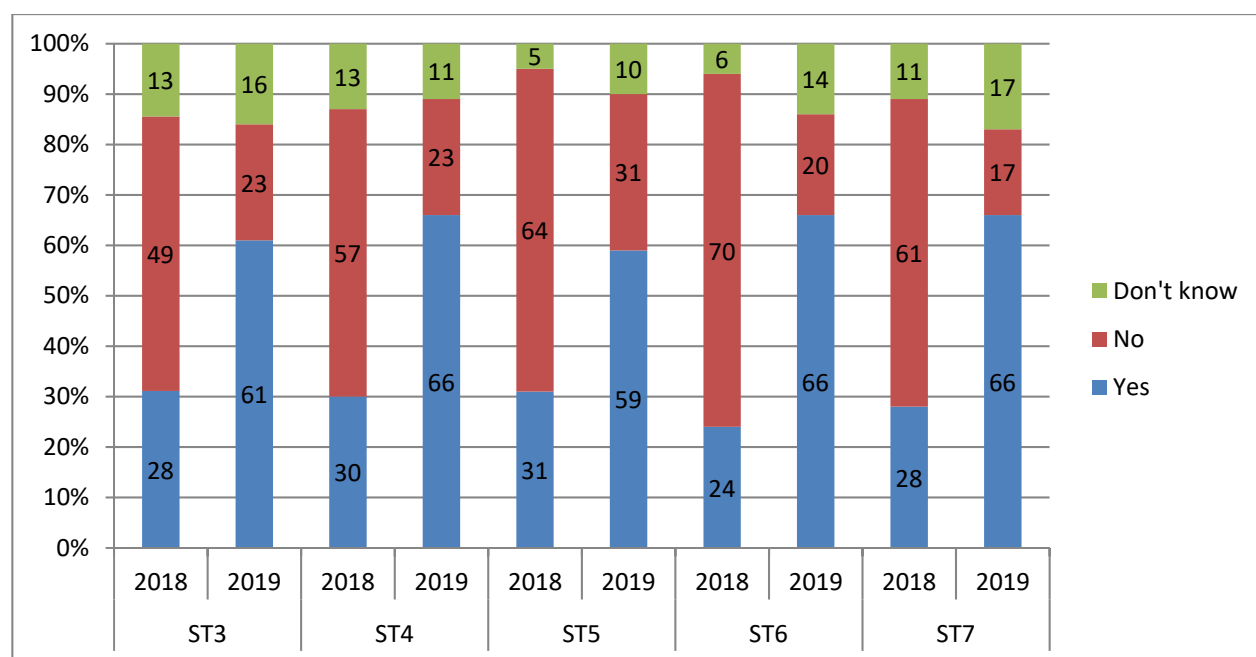
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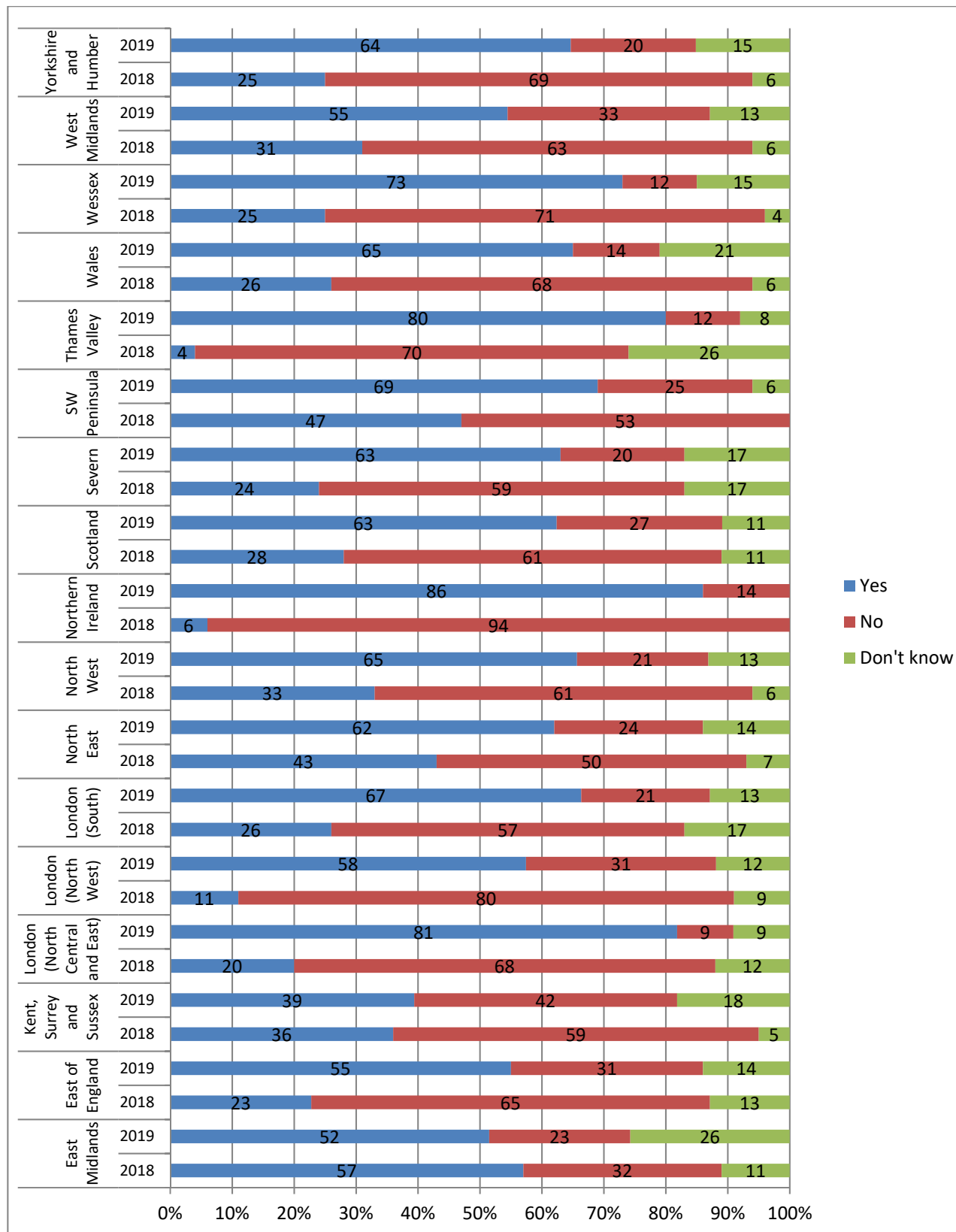
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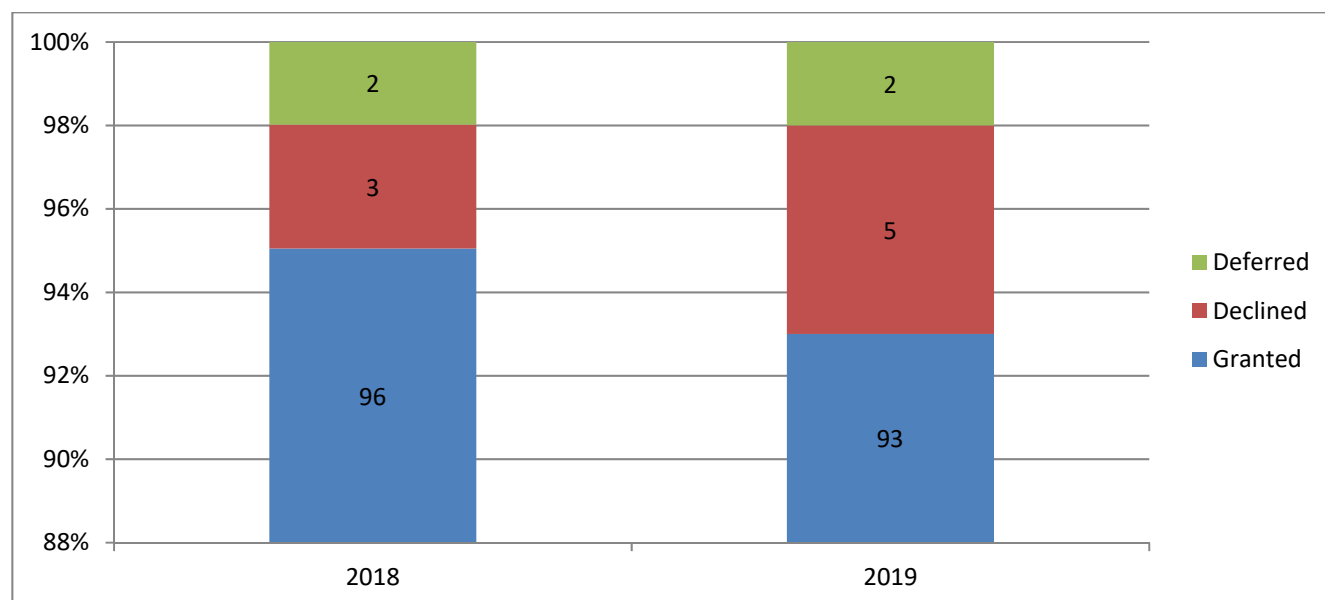


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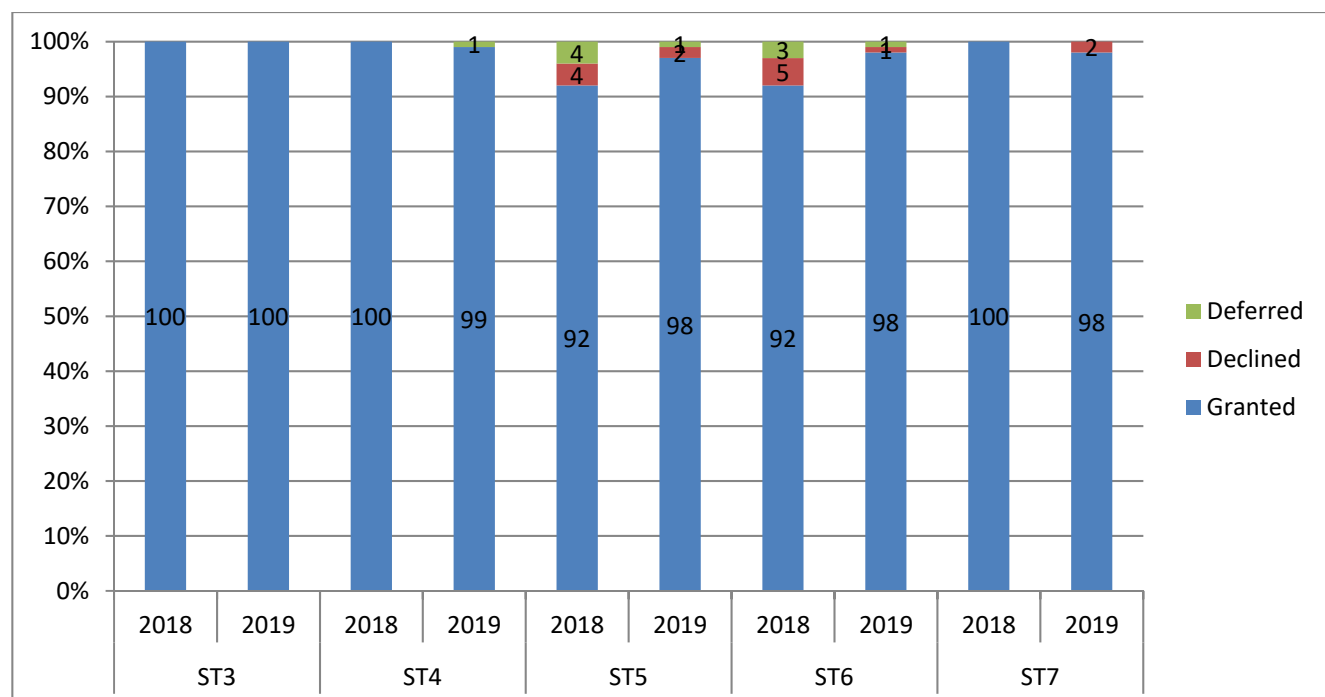
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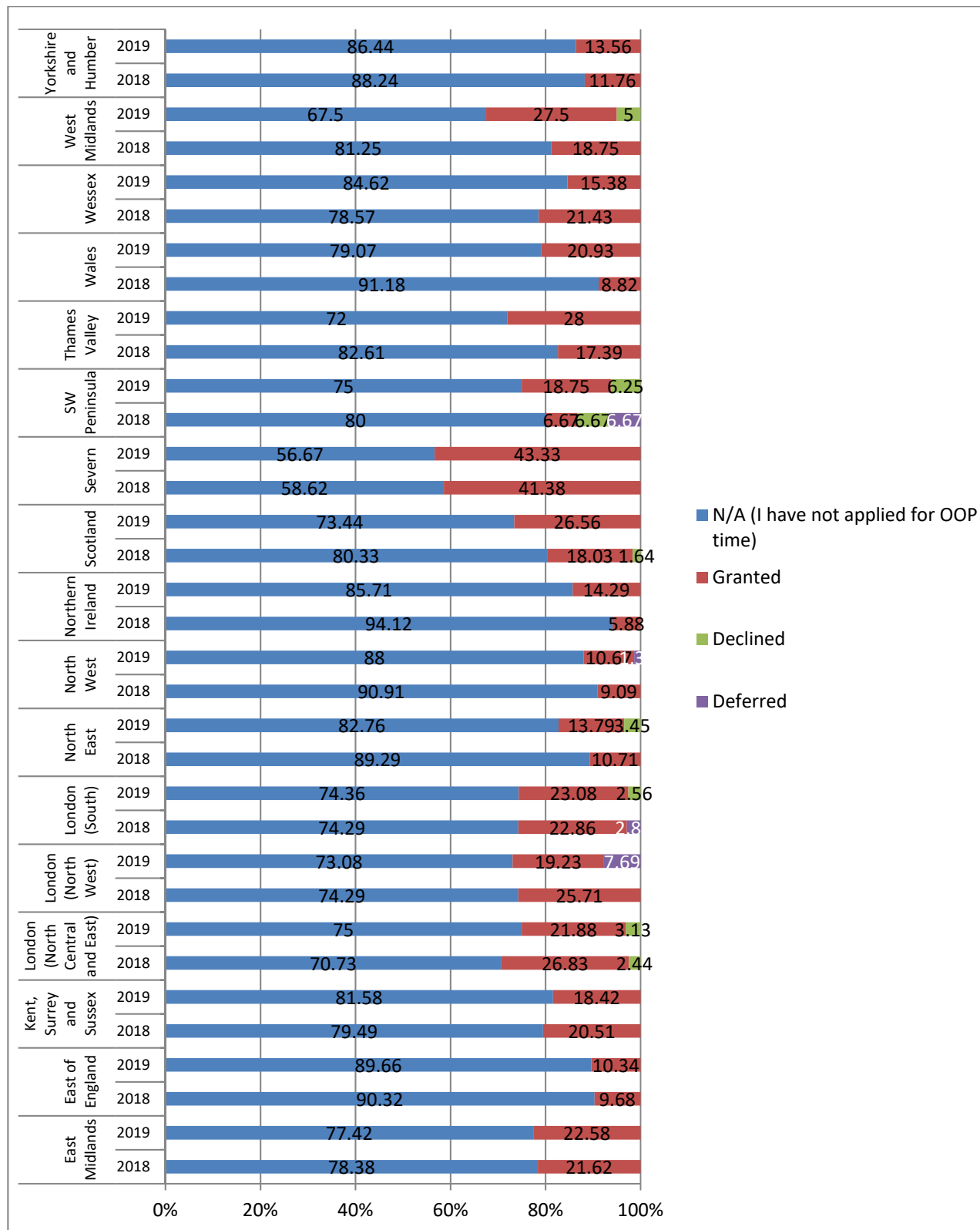
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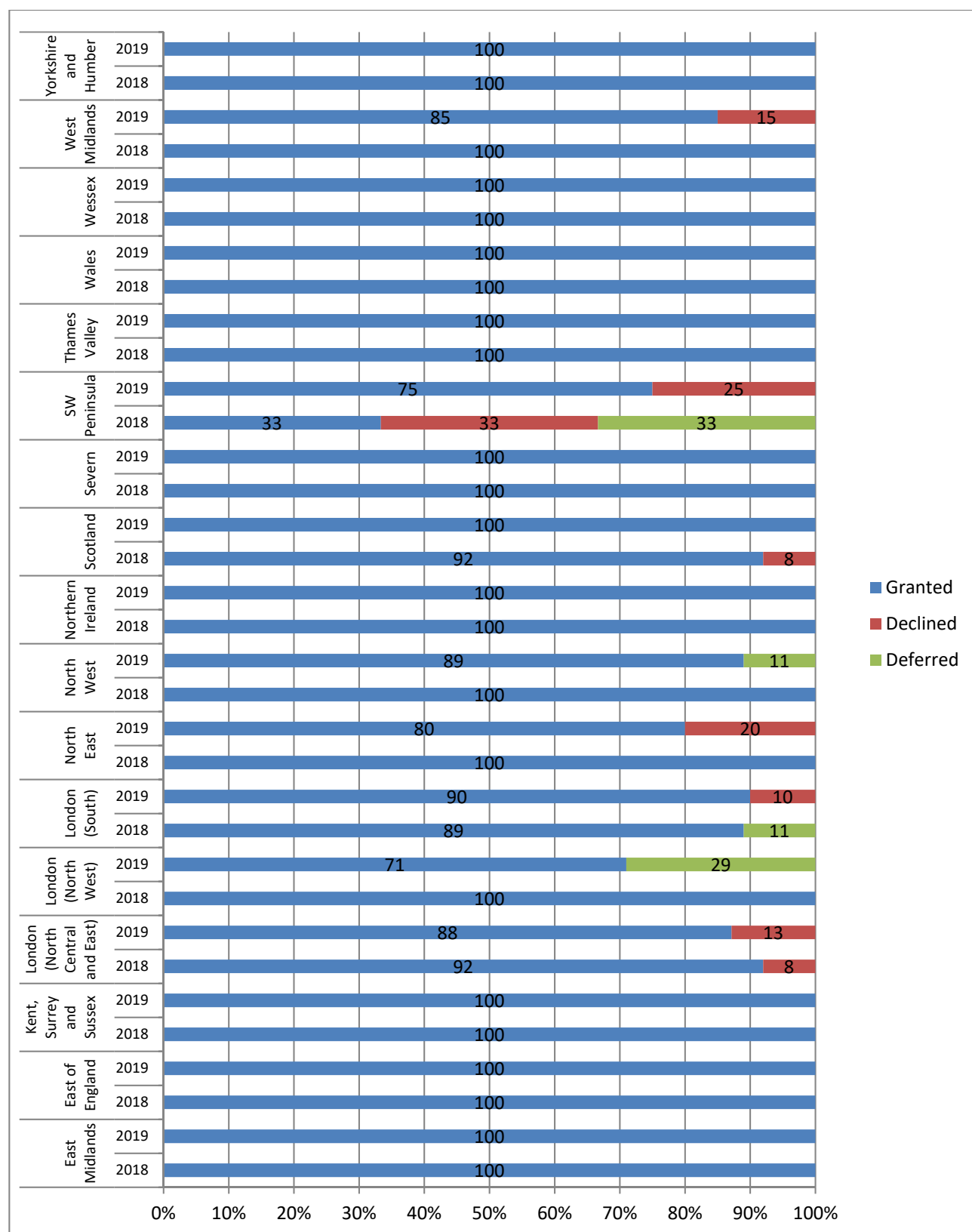
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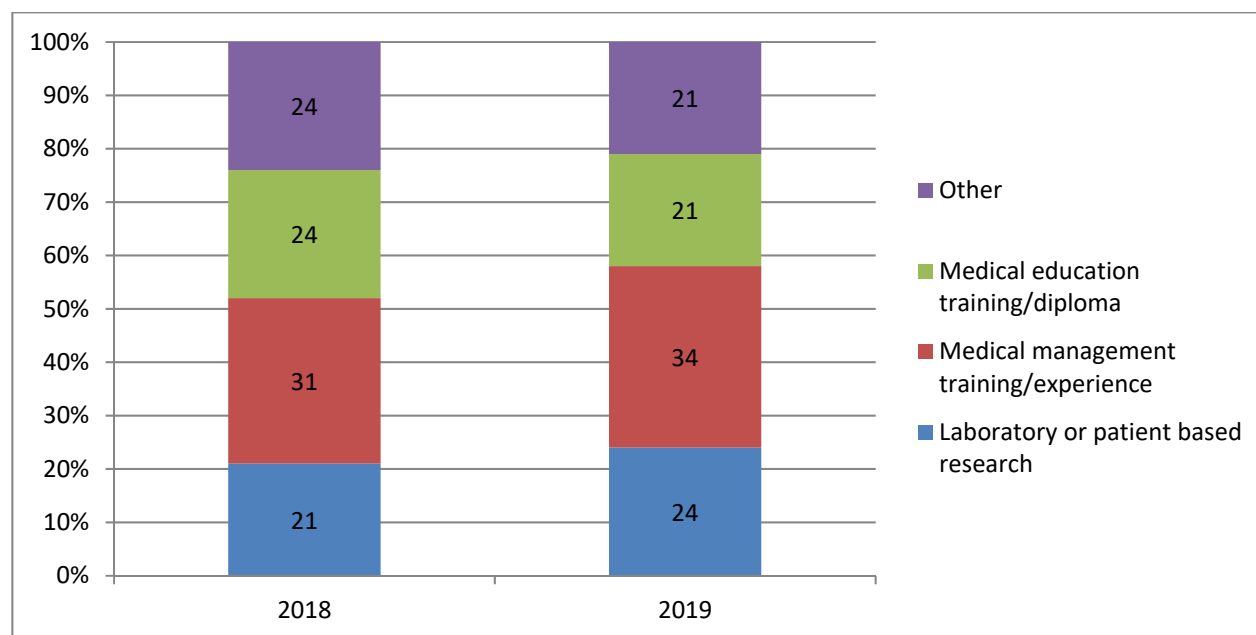


6) If you have taken OOP time to undertake research or intend to in the future, which of the following best describes the main focus of this?

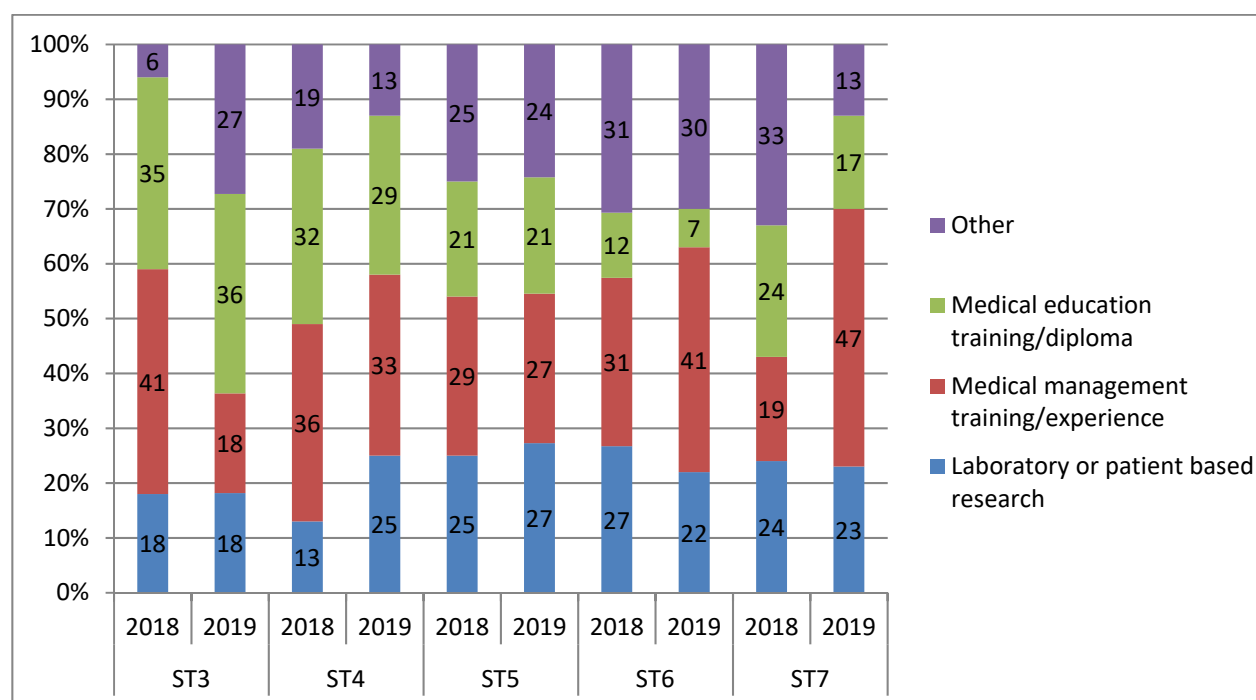
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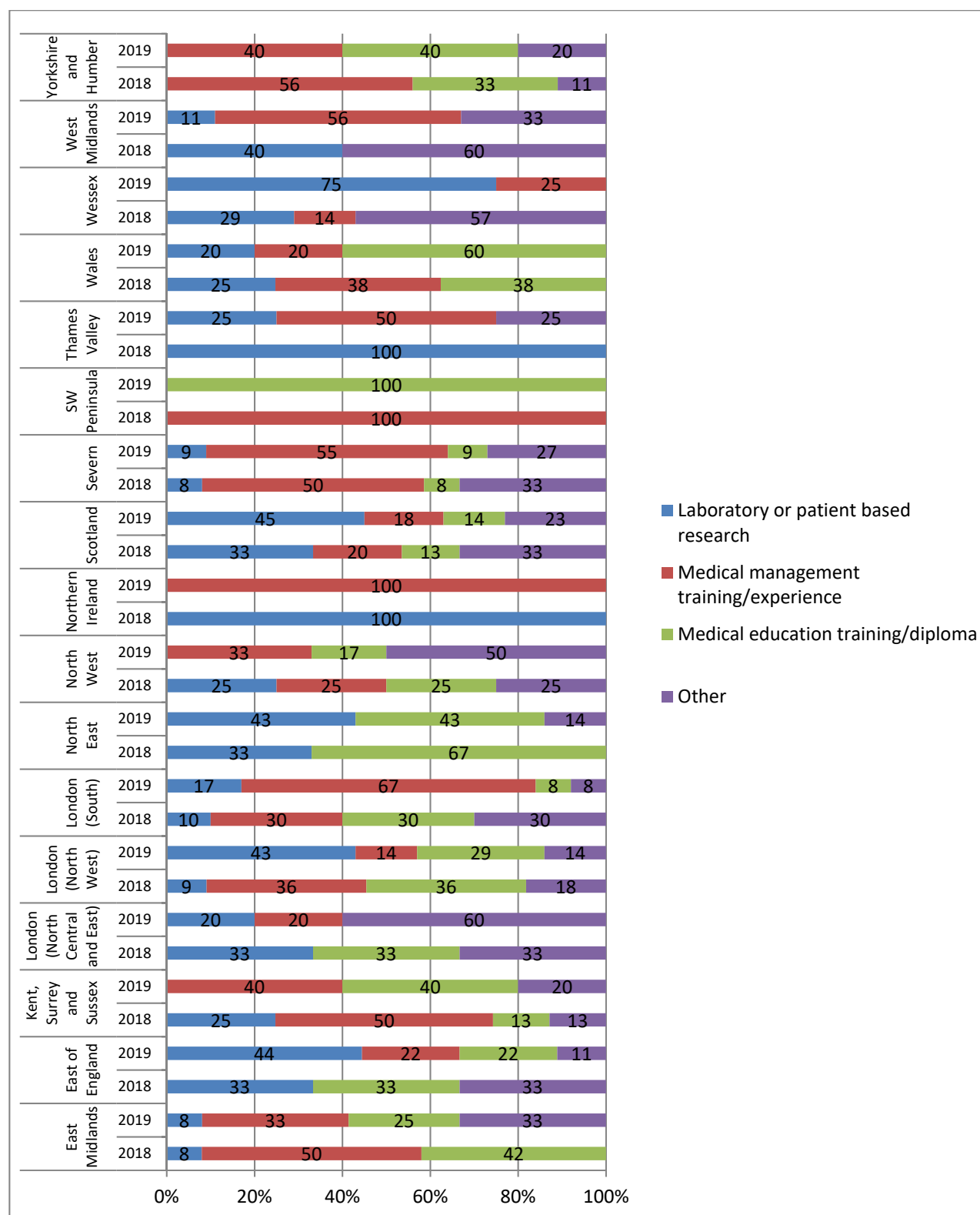
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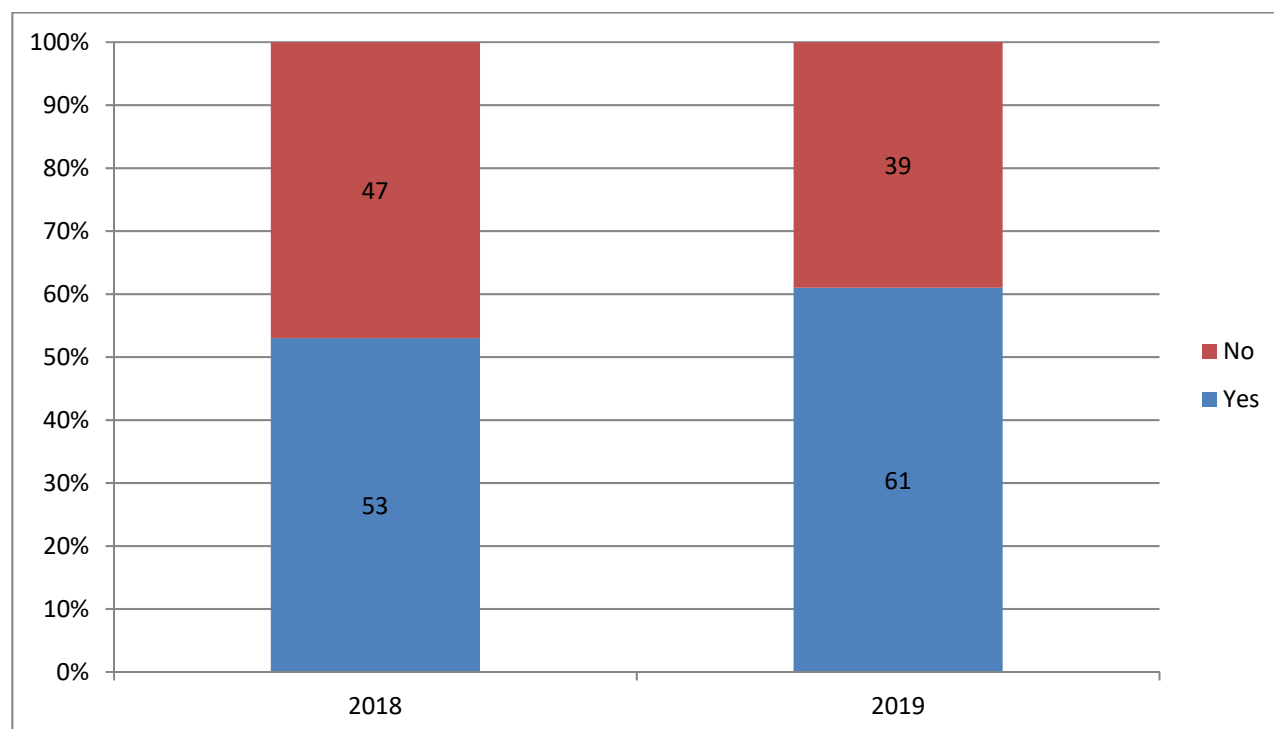


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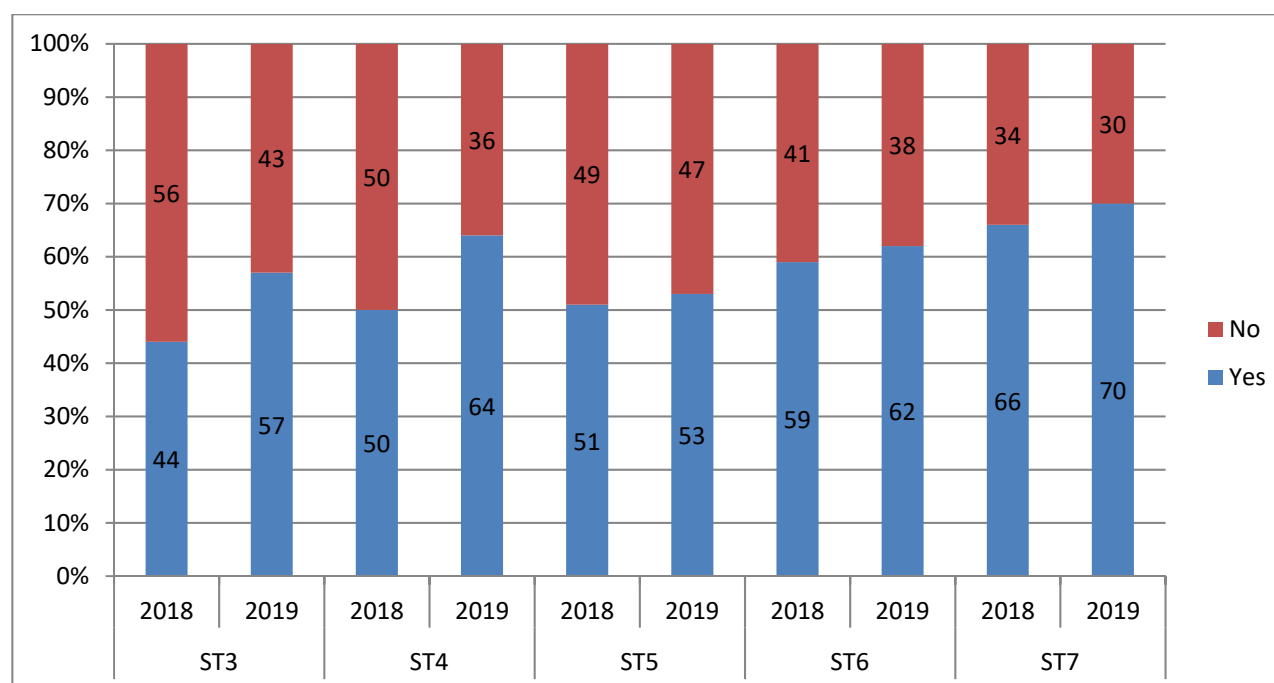


7) In your ordinary working week are you able to find sufficient time for supporting professional activities such as audit or Quality Improvement? (This question was presented to trainees of the following grades: ST3, ST4, ST5, ST6, ST7, ST8) 2018 n Range 618, 2019 n Range 616

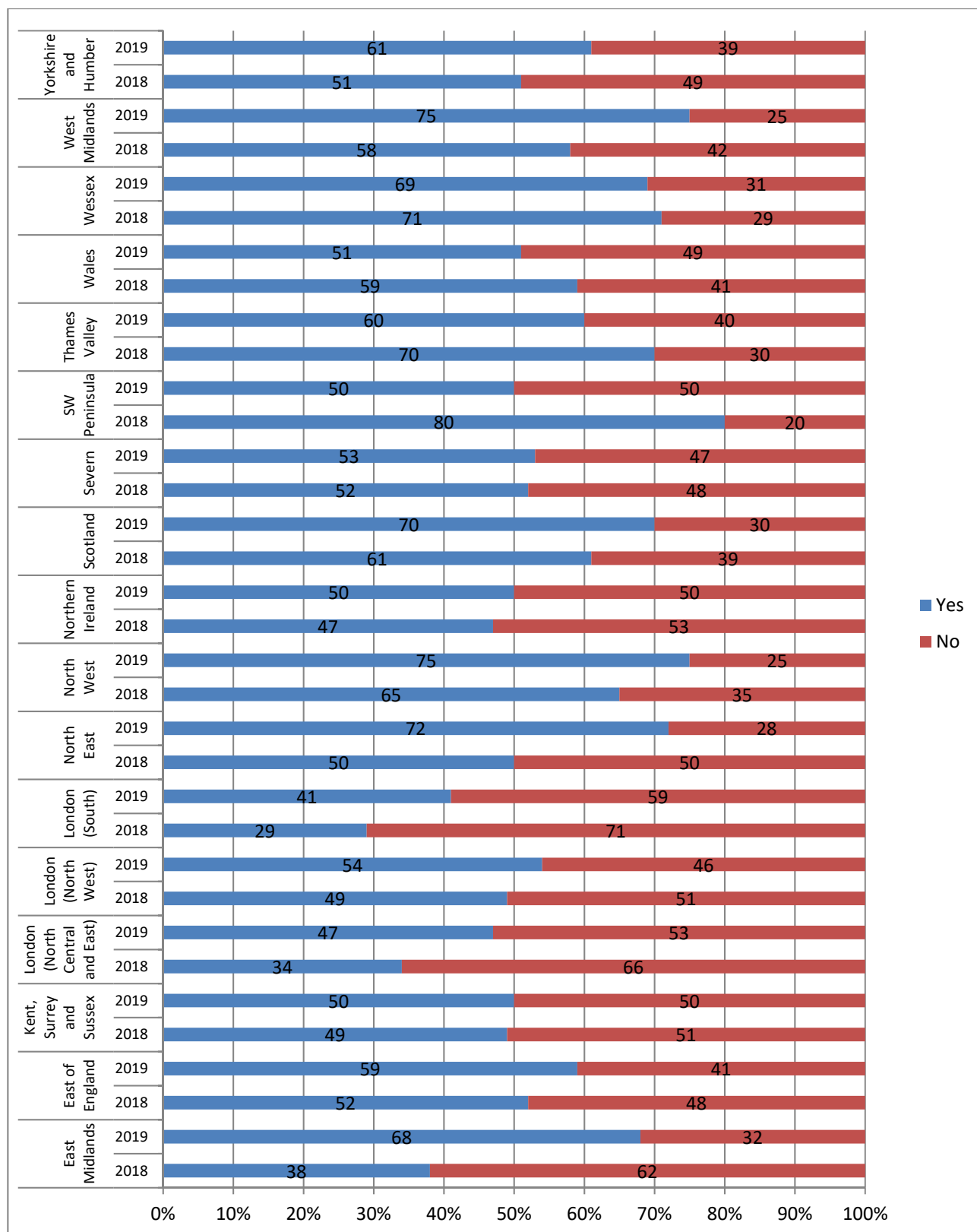
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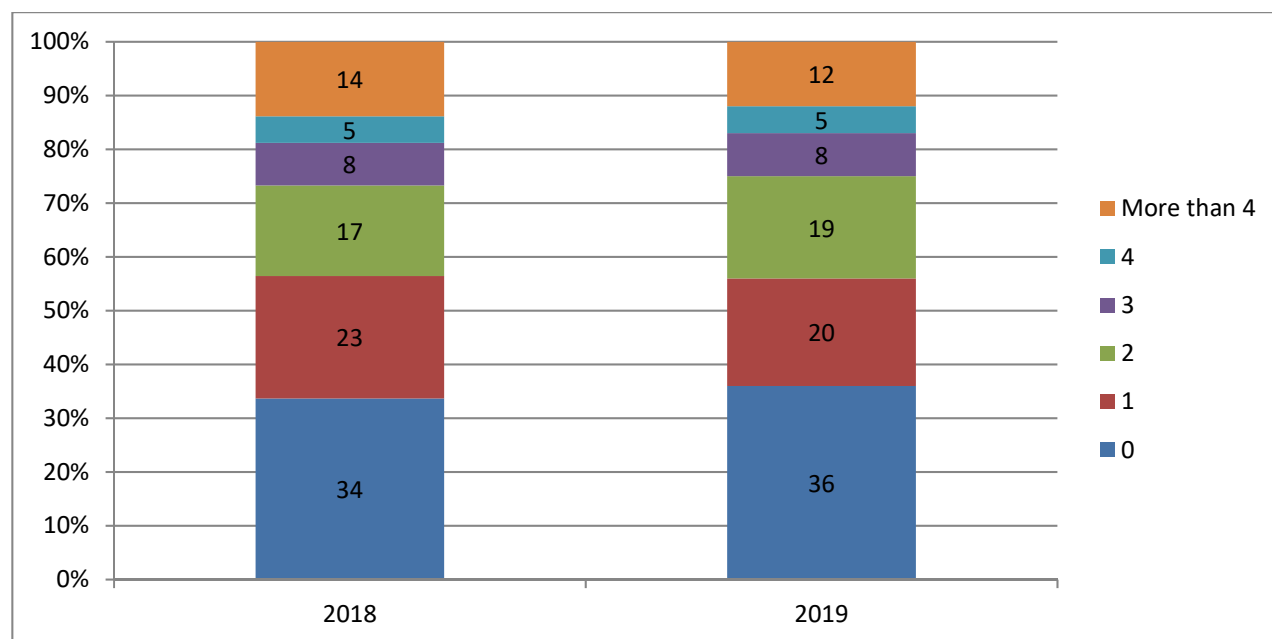


8) Within the last year, how many non-clinical management or organisational meetings (e.g. about service development with commissioners, trust managers or boards etc) have you attended?

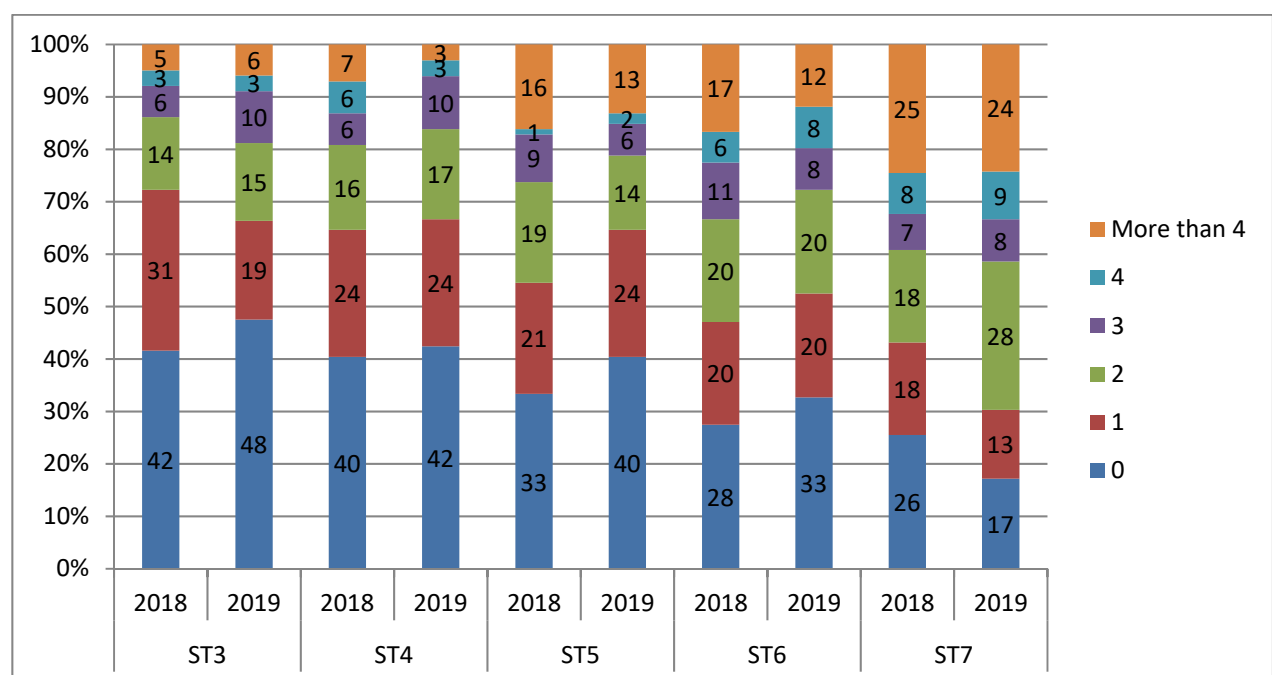
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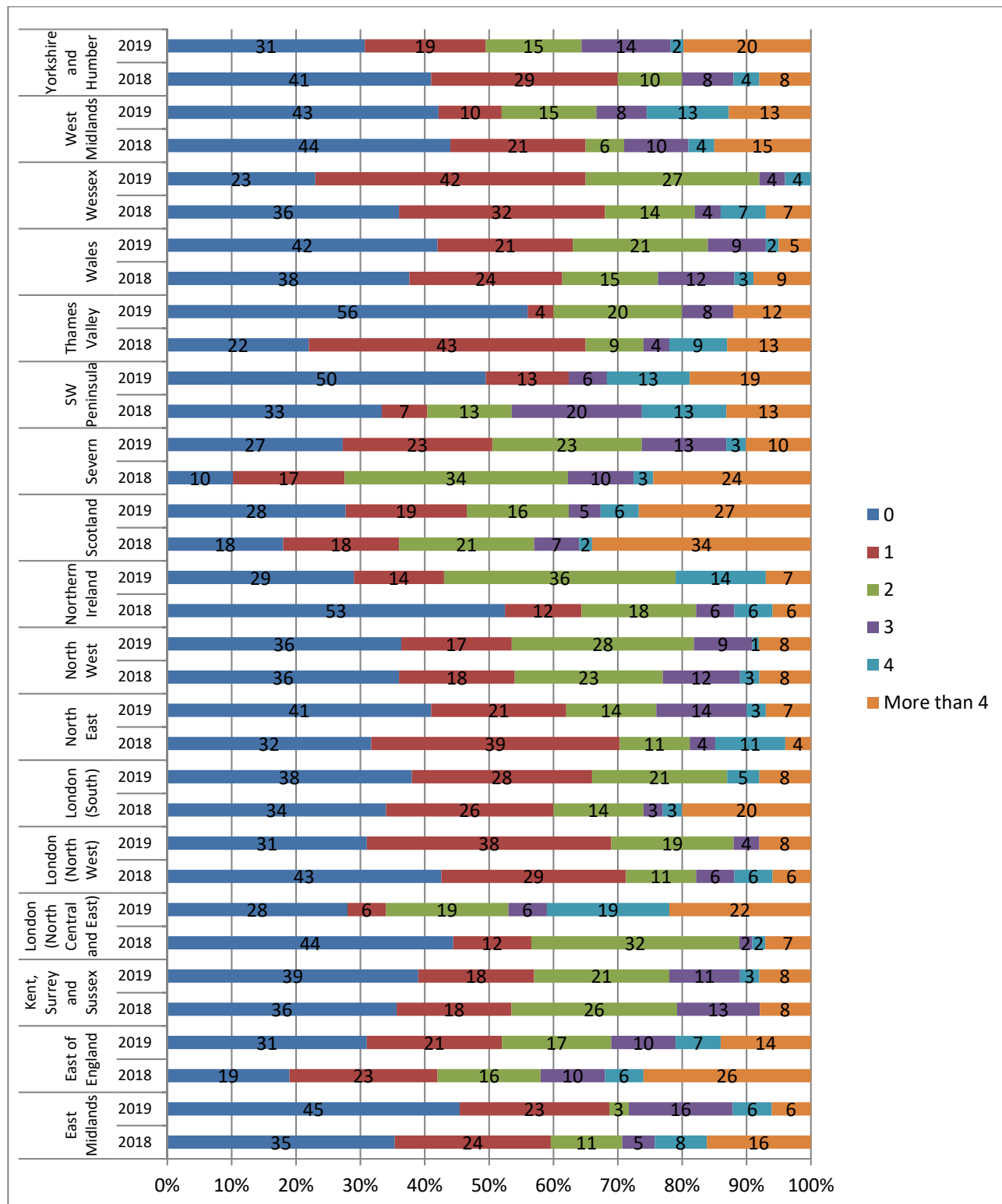
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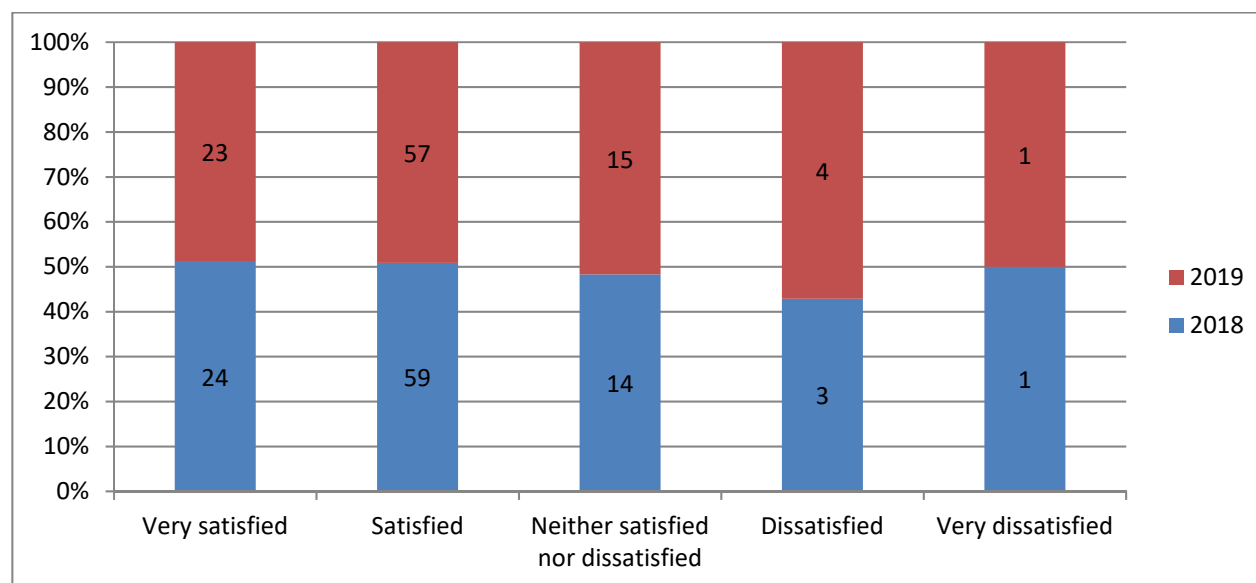


9) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your training in Geriatric Medicine?

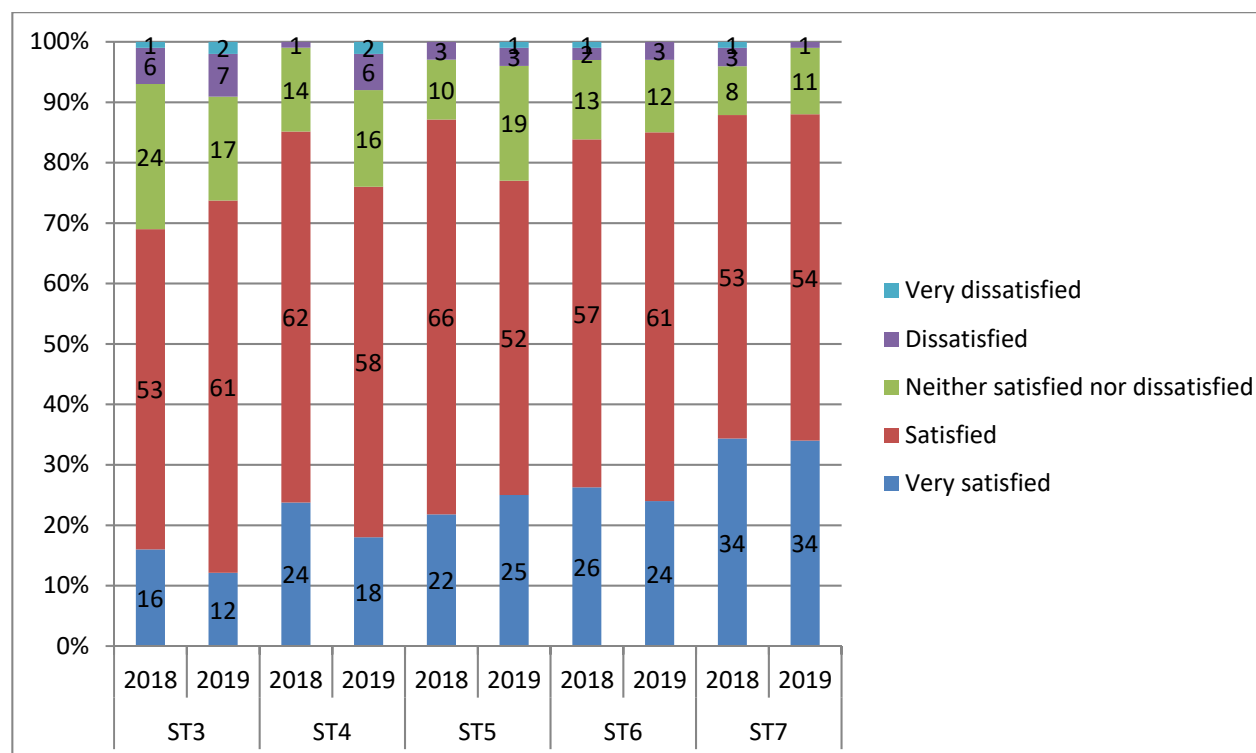
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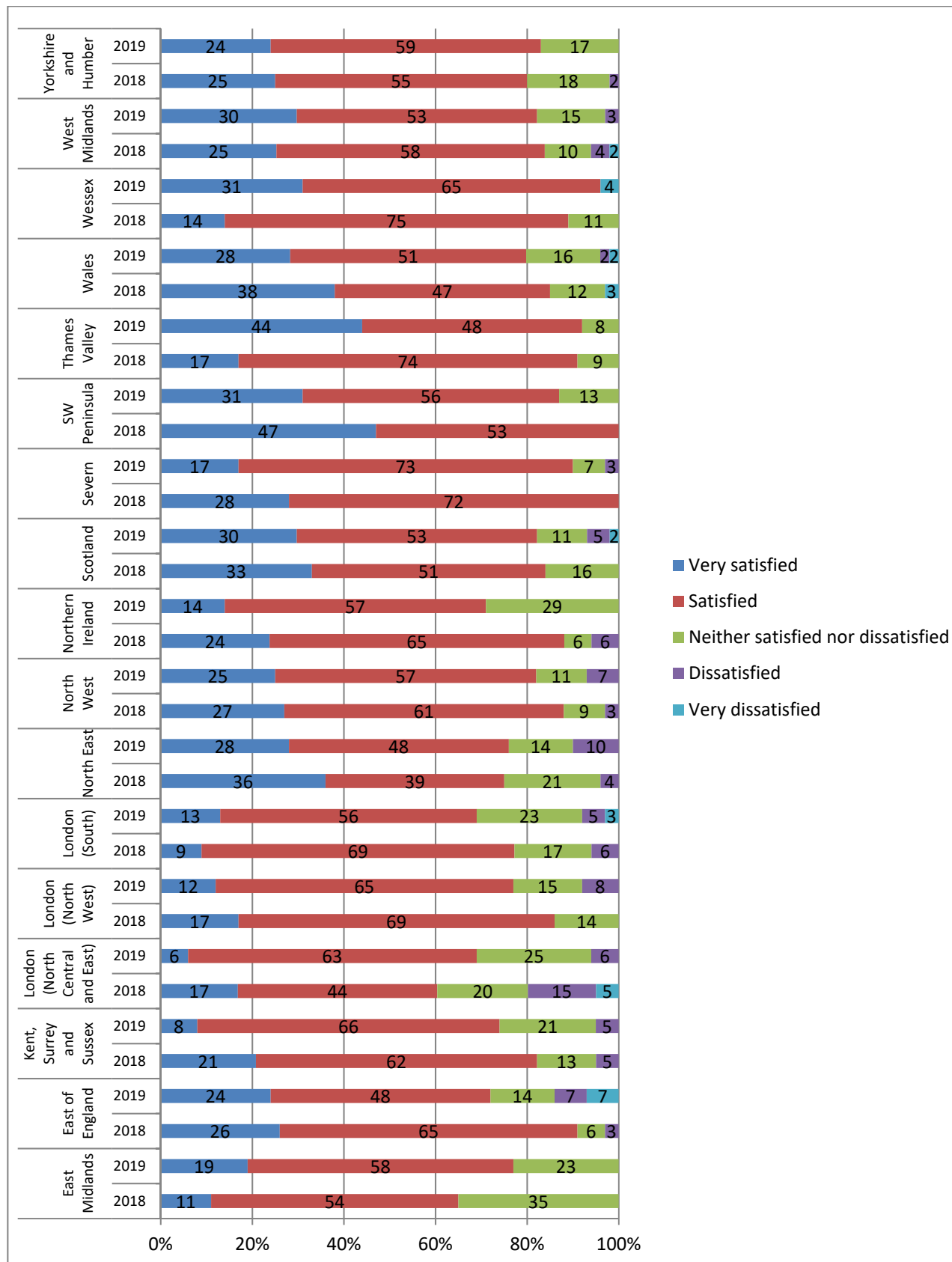
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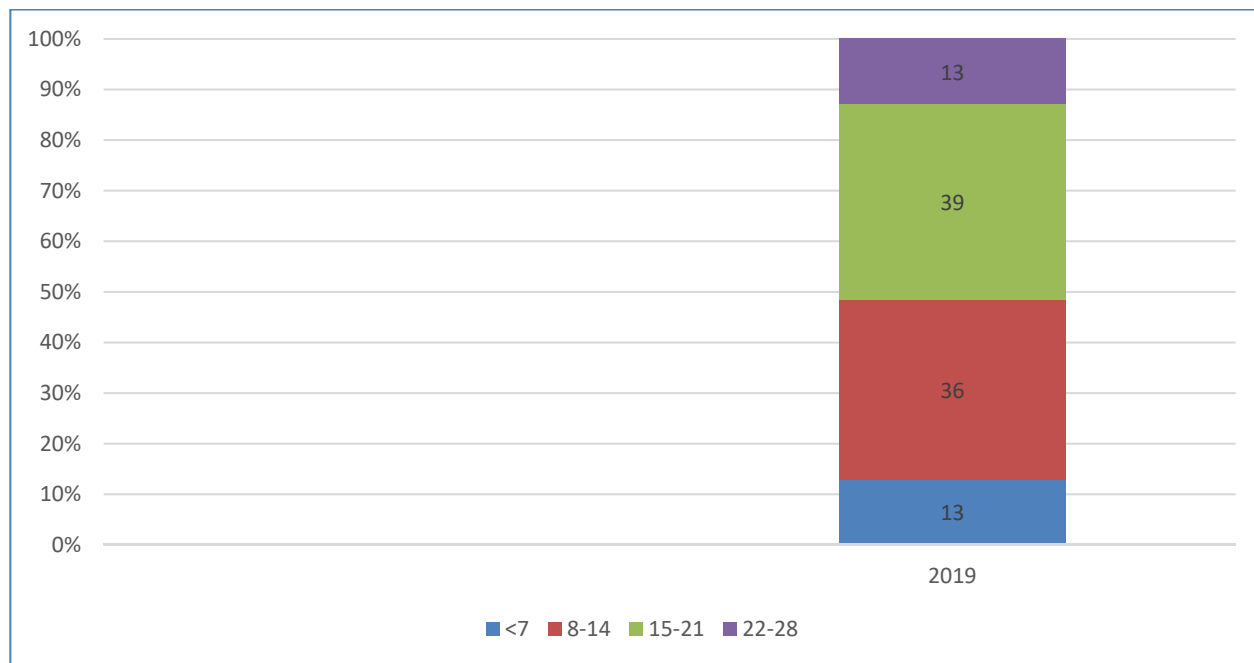


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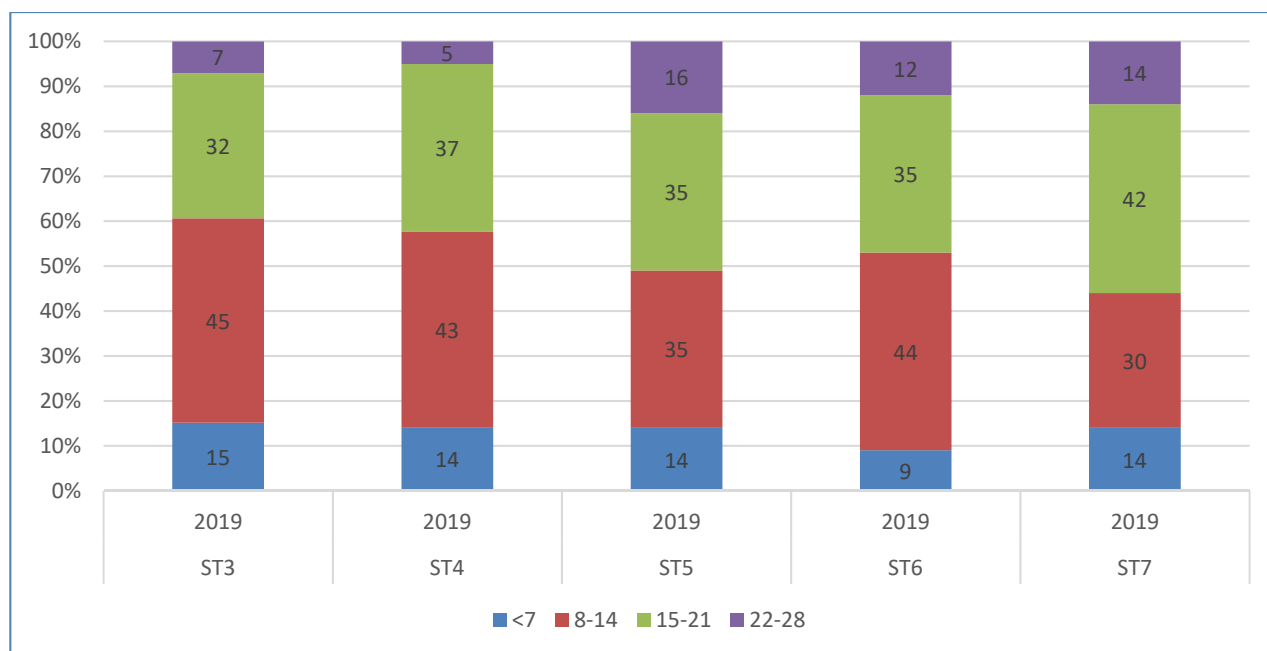


10) Over the last 4 weeks at work (exclude leave), how many days of work in geriatric medicine have you done? (This question was presented to trainees of the following grades: ST3, ST4, ST5, ST6, ST7, ST8, 2019 n Range 616)

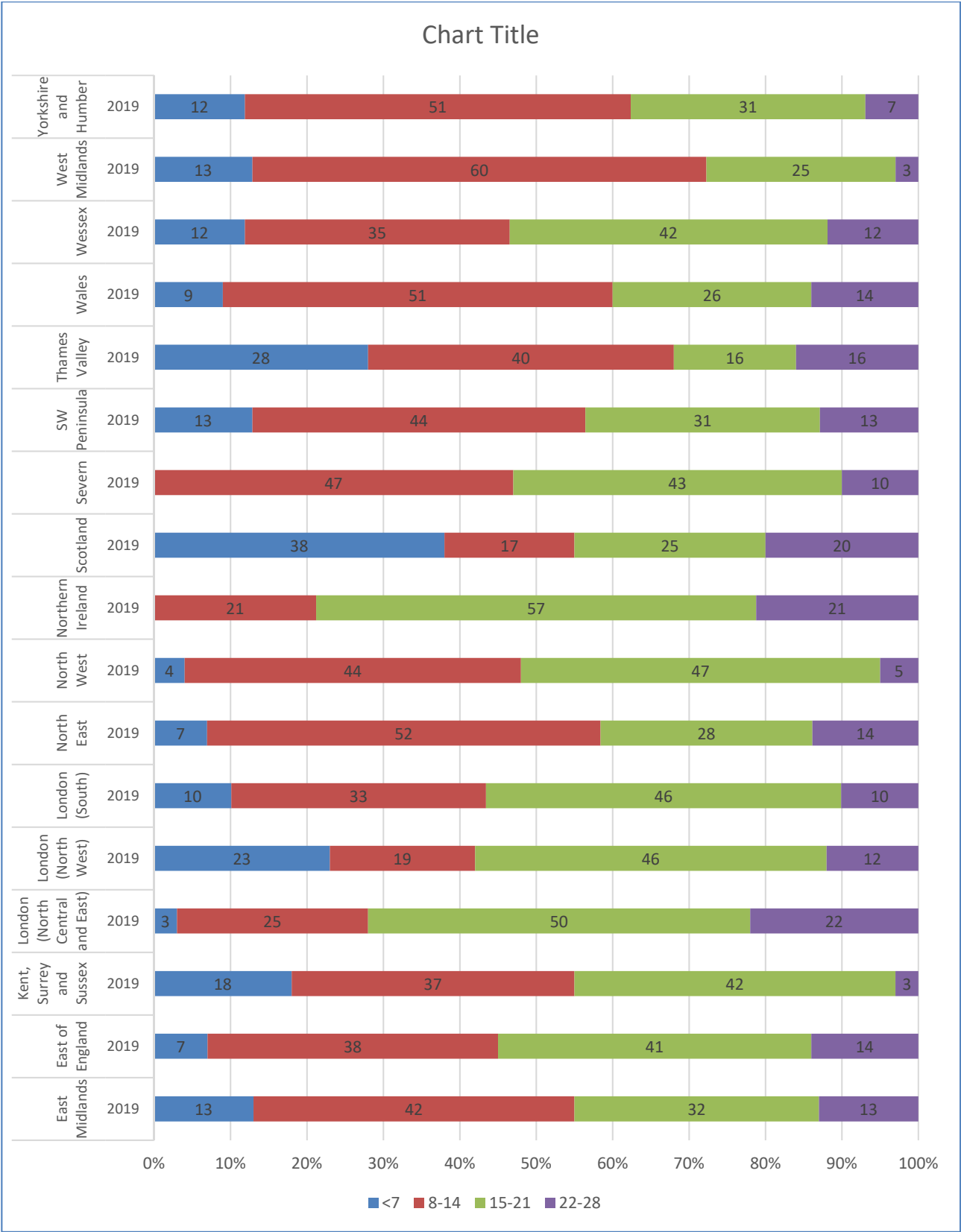
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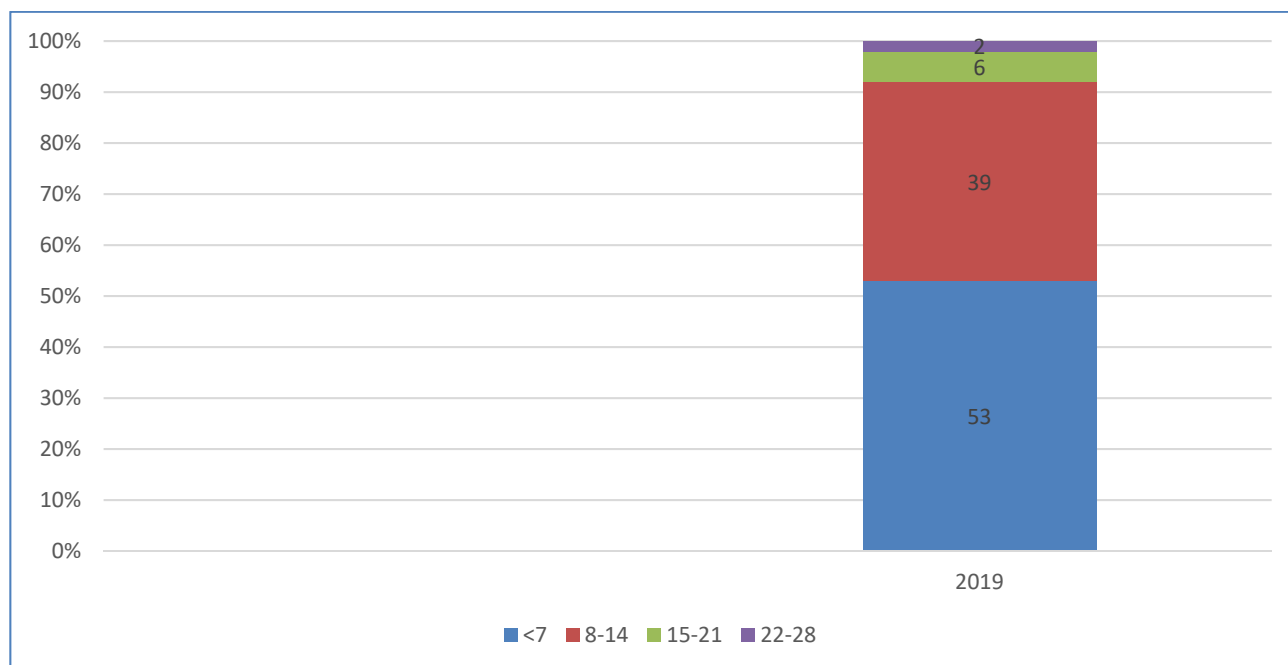


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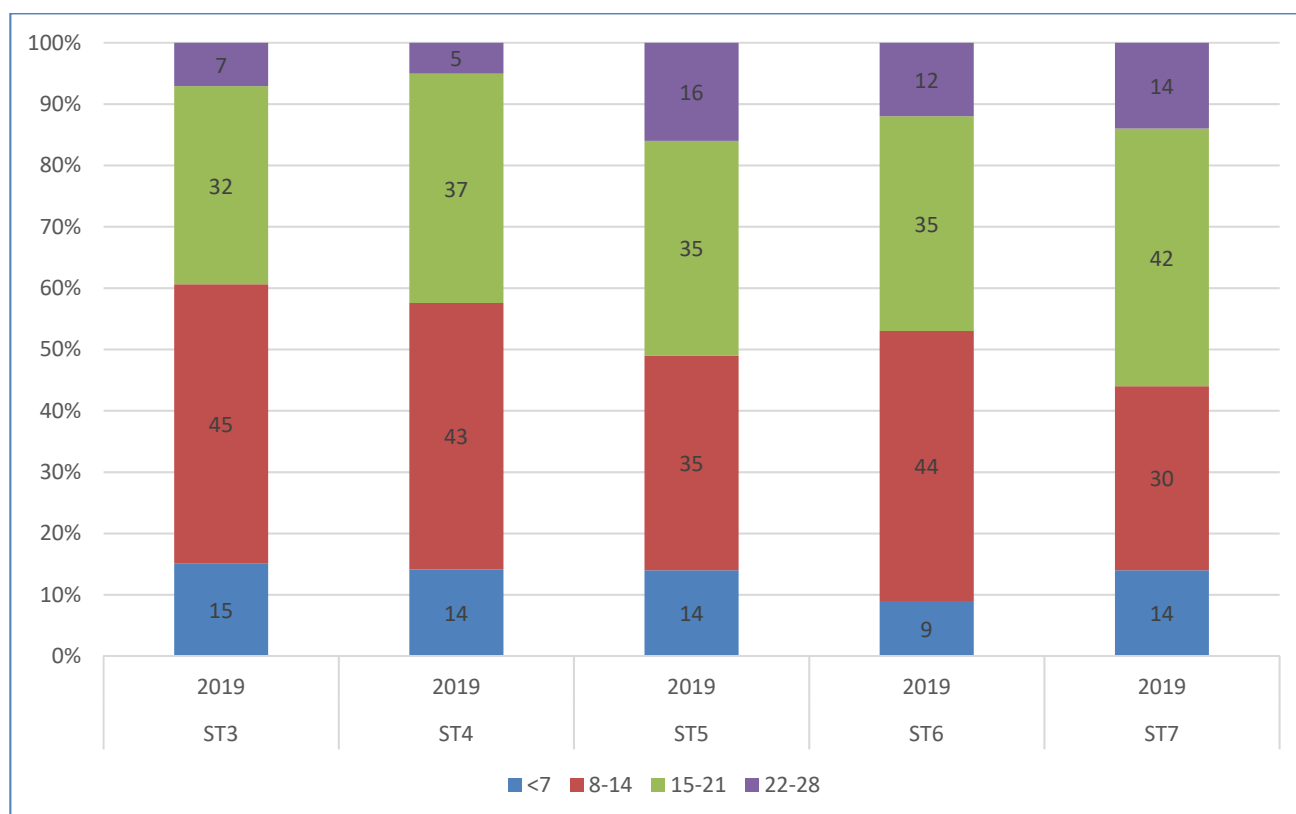


11) Over the last 4 weeks at work (exclude leave), how many days of work in GIM have you done? (This question was presented to trainees of the following grades: ST3, ST4, ST5, ST6, ST7, ST8, 2019 n Range 616)

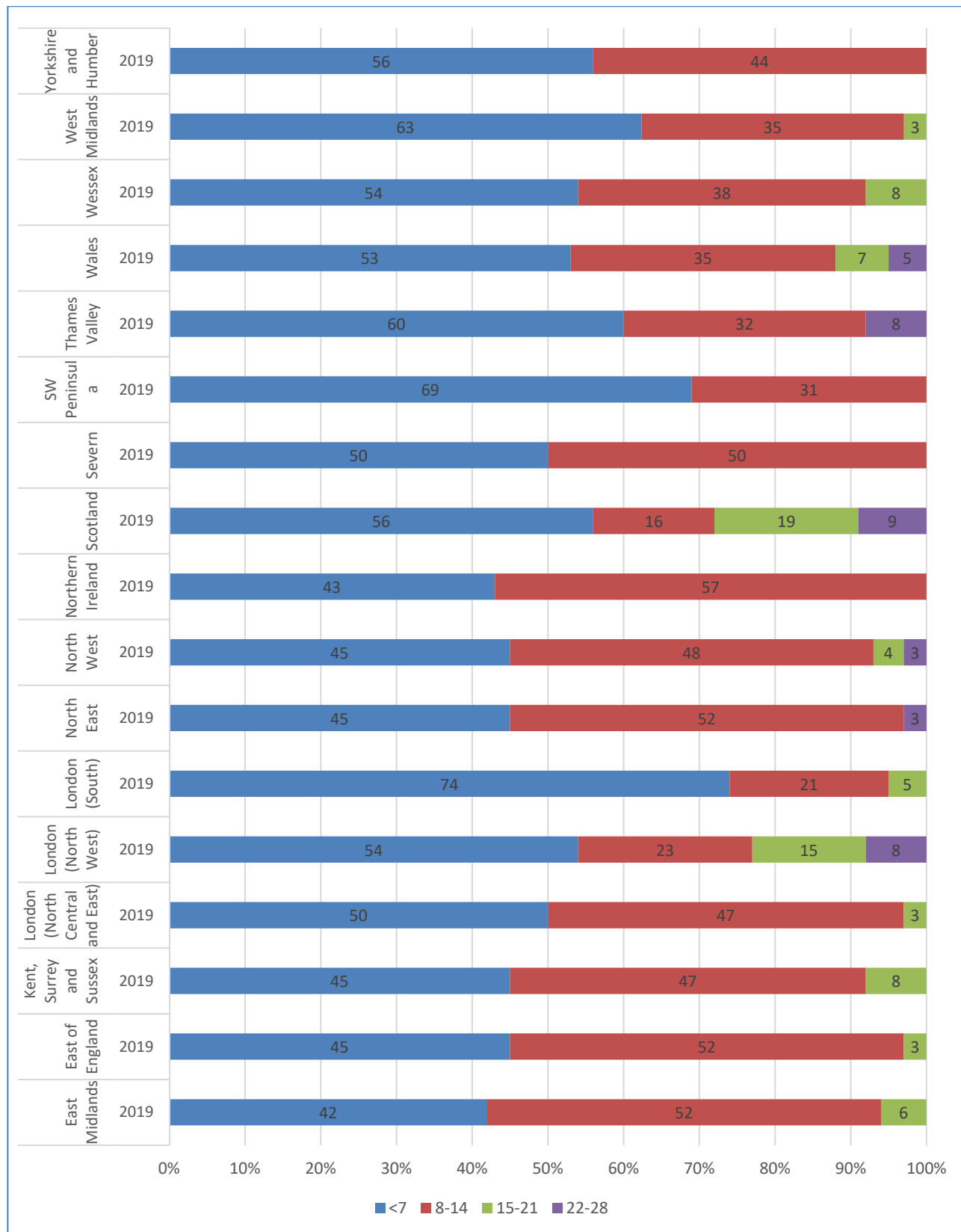
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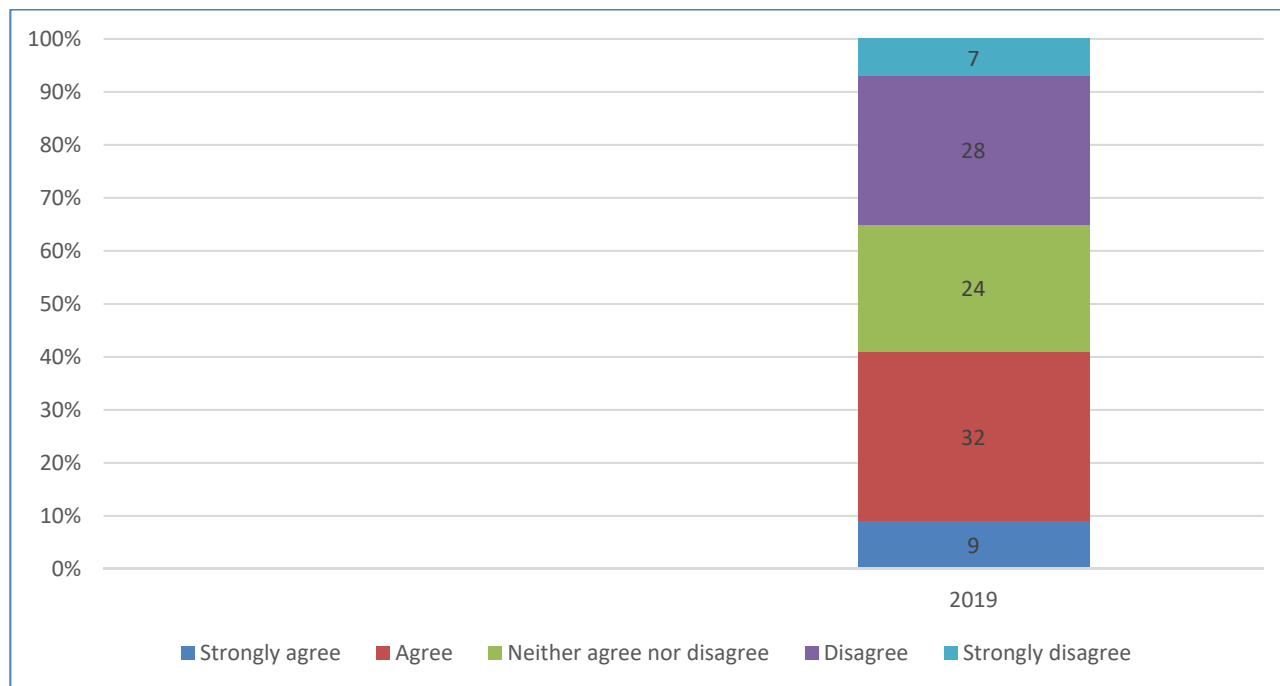
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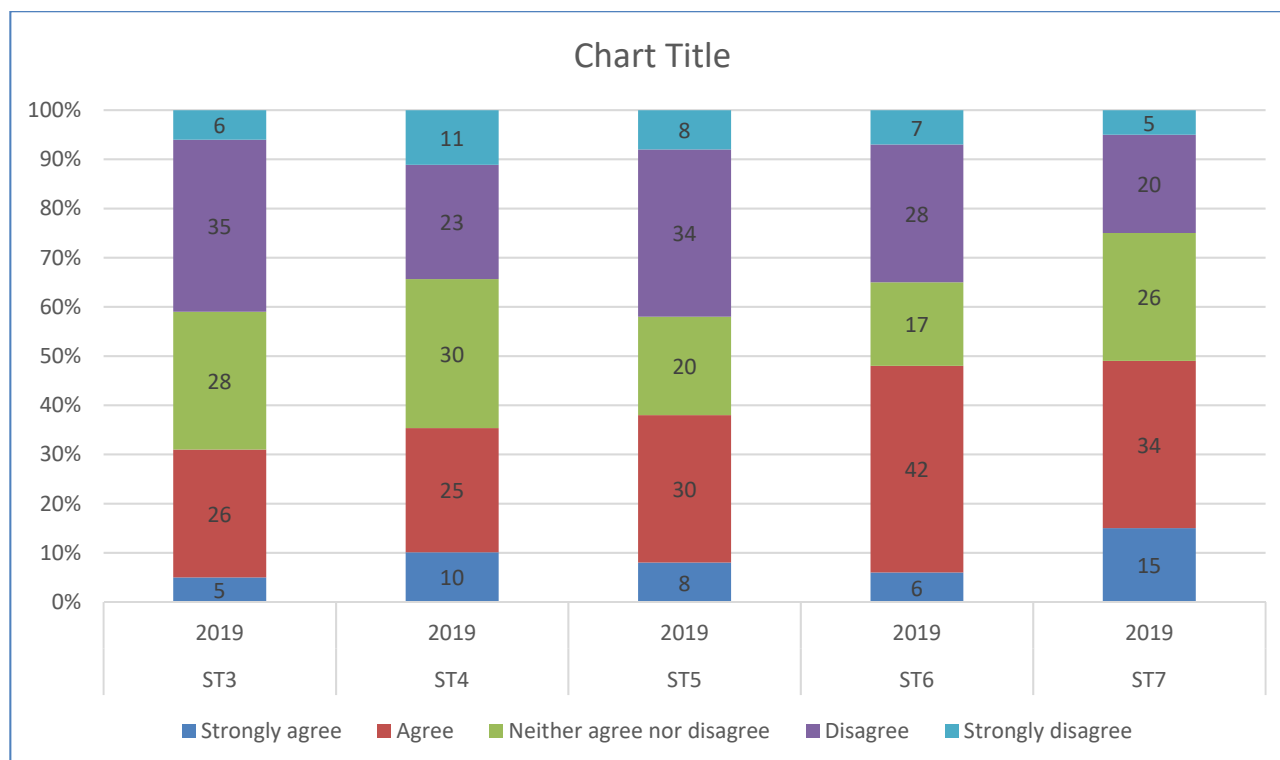
12) I have enough protected time to support professional activities such as audit, QI and research etc

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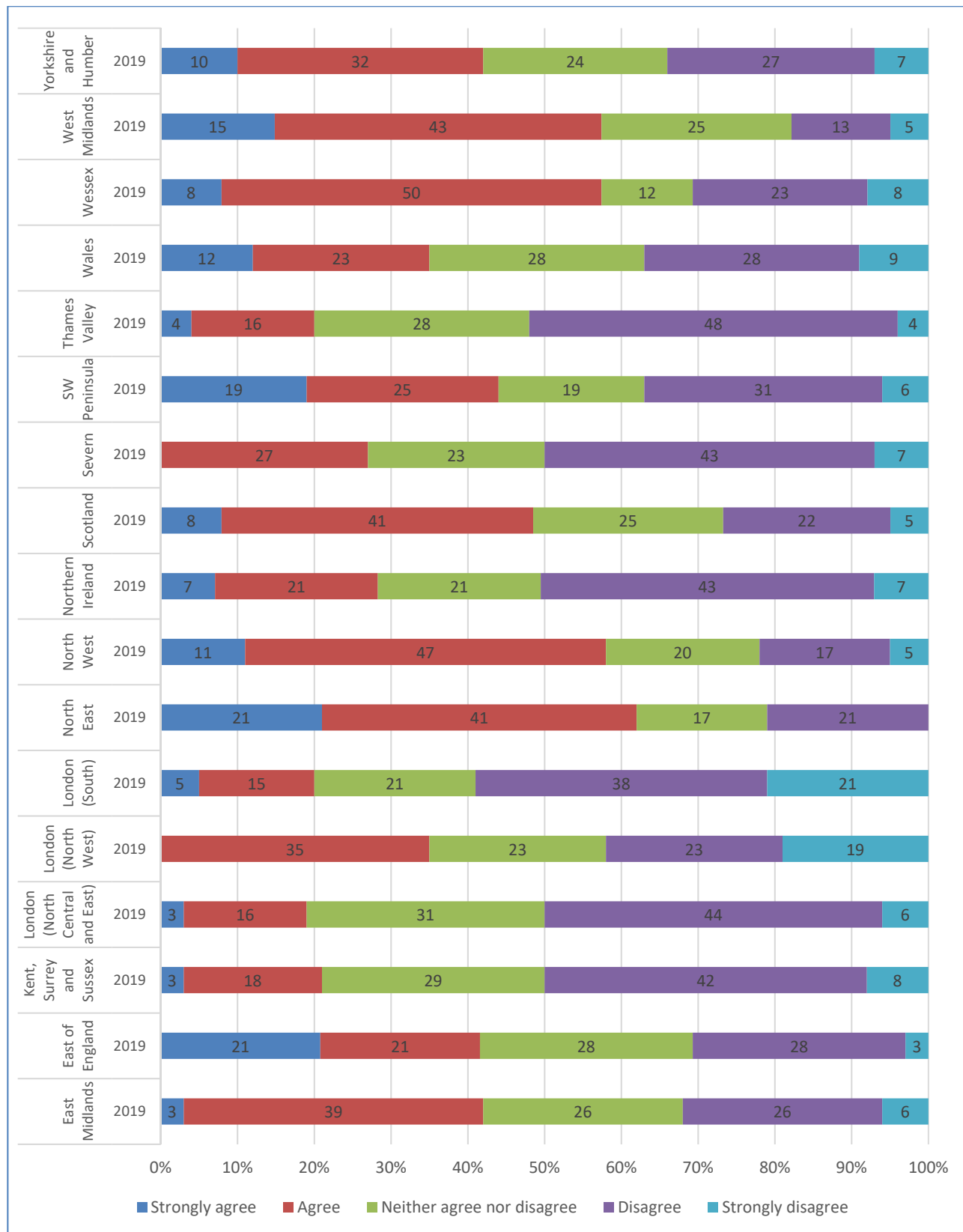
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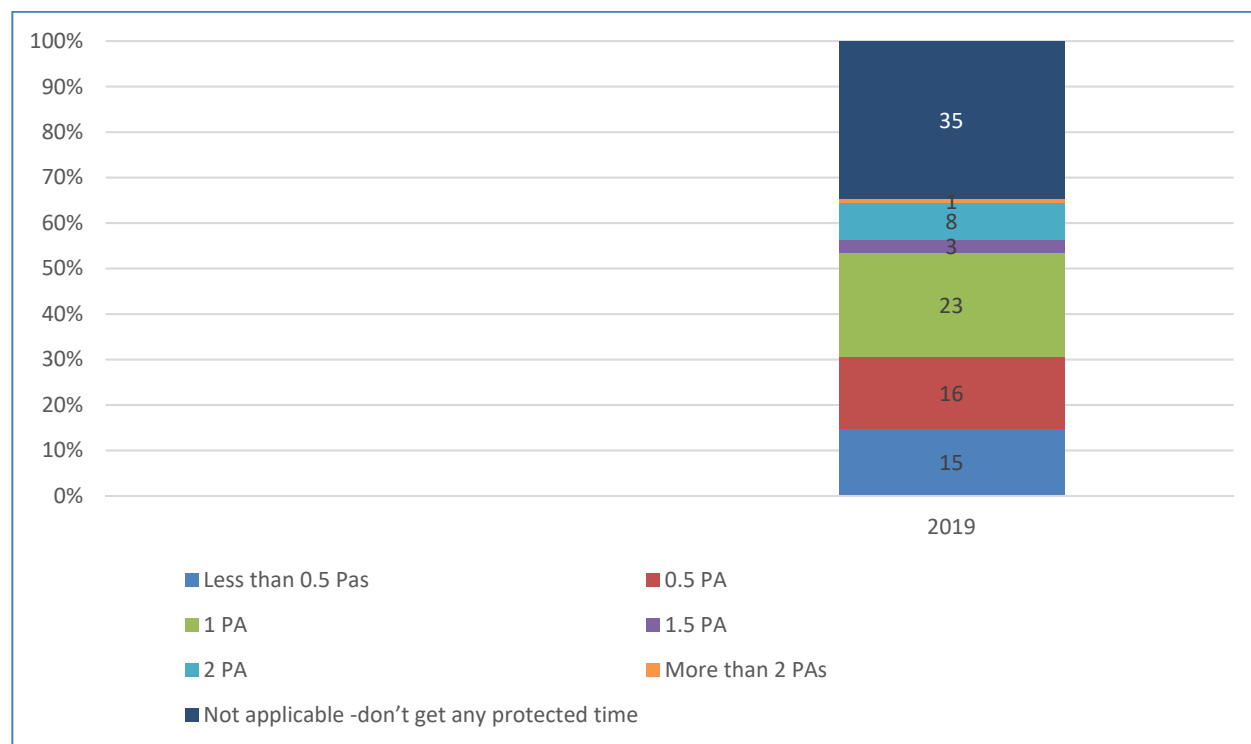


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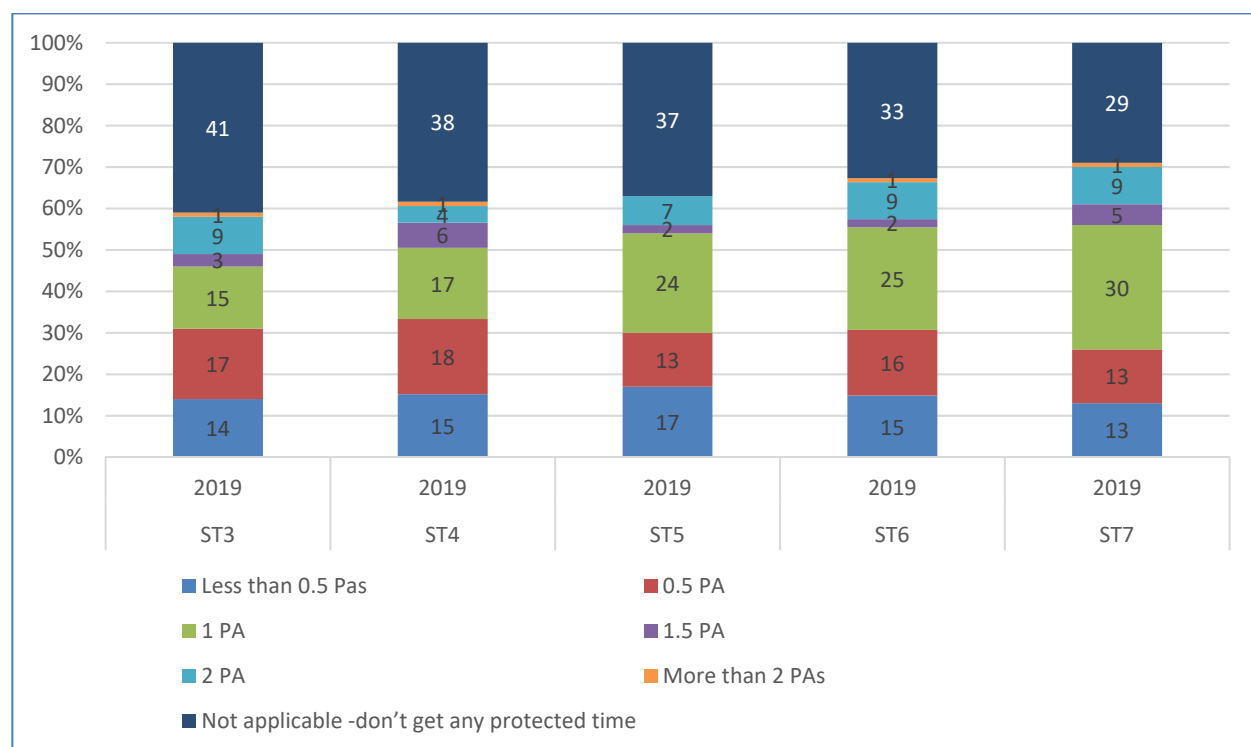


13) How much protected time do you get? (This question was presented to trainees of the following grades: ST3, ST4, ST5, ST6, ST7, ST8, 2019 n Range 616)

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