

# East Grampians Health Service [Ararat and Willaura]

## Adult Inpatient

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## About the Victorian Healthcare Experience Survey

The Victorian Healthcare Experience Survey (VHES) is a state-wide survey of people's public healthcare experiences. The Ipsos Social Research Institute is an independent contractor that conducts the survey on behalf of the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services using questionnaires based on the internationally recognised work of the Picker Institute.

The VHES allows a wide range of people to provide feedback on their experiences and provides specialised questionnaires for:

- adult and child inpatients, including parents/guardians
- adult and child emergency department attendees, including parents/guardians
- maternity consumers
- adult and child specialist clinic attendees, including parents/guardians.
- adult community health clients
- adult ambulance service users (both planned and emergency)
- palliative care community and admitted clients, carers and bereaved carers

The inpatient, emergency, maternity, specialist, palliative care community & bereaved carer and ambulance questionnaires are distributed to a randomly selected group of eligible people from each health service in the month following the hospital discharge or the emergency department attendance. Community health and palliative care admitted questionnaires are distributed to clients while they use the health service.

Inpatient, emergency and maternity surveys are conducted monthly, while specialist clinics, ambulance, community health and palliative care surveys are conducted over a three monthly period once annually.

People are able to respond either online or by pen and paper with a freepost return.

Comprehensive quarterly survey results for individual health services are reported through this website. Health Services use these results to direct quality improvement activities.

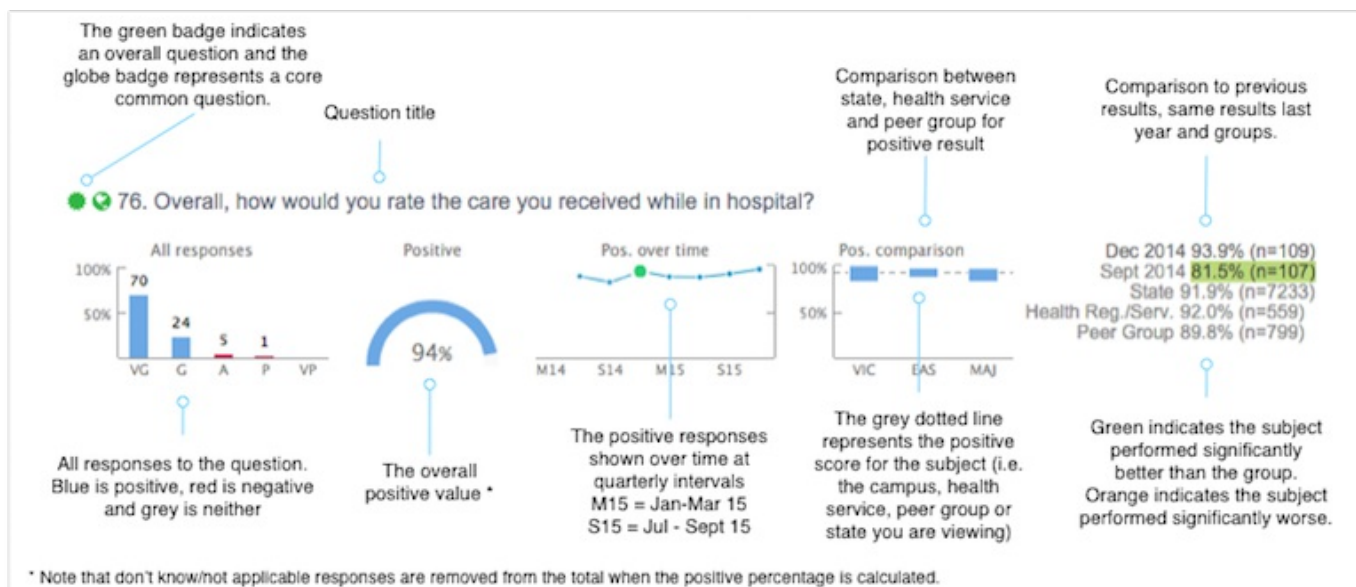
For further information about the VHES please email: [vhes@vahi.vic.gov.au](mailto:vhes@vahi.vic.gov.au)

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Answers to frequently asked questions and further information about the project's methodology are available in the appendix of this report.

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# East Grampians Health Service [Ararat and Willaura]

East Grampians Health Service [Ararat and Willaura] is a member of East Grampians Health Service health service (EAS) and is within the Local Rural peer group (LOC).

The Local Rural peer group consists of the following campuses

Bass Coast Regional Health [Wonthaggi campus]

Benalla & District Memorial Hospital

Castlemaine Health

Colac Area Health

Djerriwarrh Health Services [Bacchus Marsh Hospital]

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Gippsland Southern Health Service [Korrumburra campus]

Gippsland Southern Health Service [Leongatha campus]

Kyabram & District Health Service

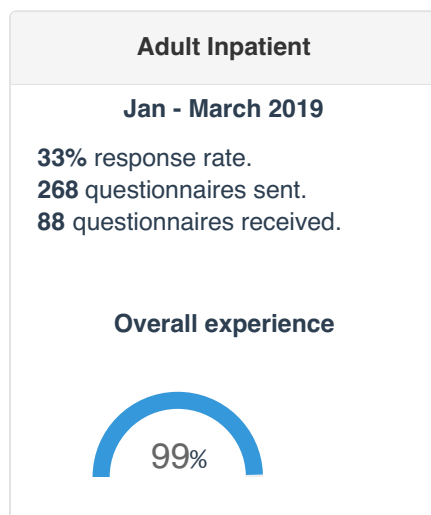
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Stawell Regional Health

Maryborough District Health Service [Maryborough and Dunolly]

East Grampians Health Service [Ararat and Willaura]

## Response rates and overall experience



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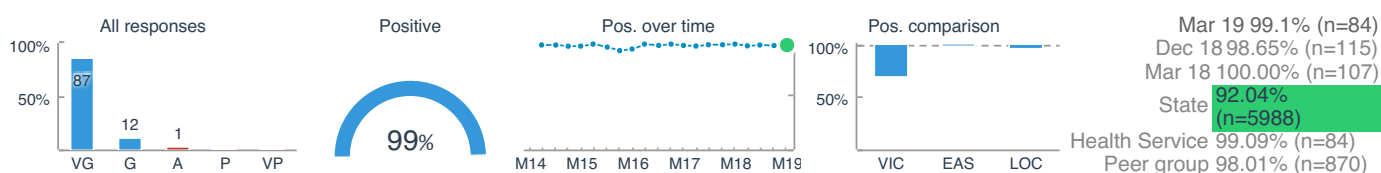
## Overall Experience and Key Aspects of Care

The VHES Adult inpatient questionnaire seeks to discover the experience of people, 16 and over, who have been admitted to one of 116 Victorian public hospitals. Potential respondents are randomly selected from people who were discharged from the health service in the preceding month.

This section features the overall experience question, and the five key aspects of care that were most likely to differentiate a positive overall experience from a negative overall experience for the adult inpatient category.

In order to better understand the factors influencing patients' overall experiences in Victorian public hospitals, we asked a range of people to tell the story of their recent healthcare experiences. Videos about care and compassion, information and communication and confidence and trust can be viewed below.

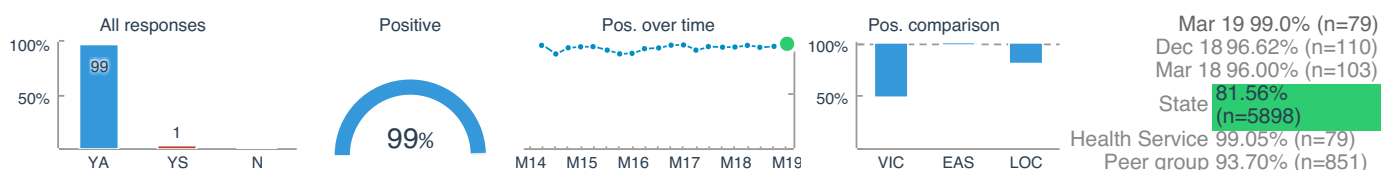
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Answers

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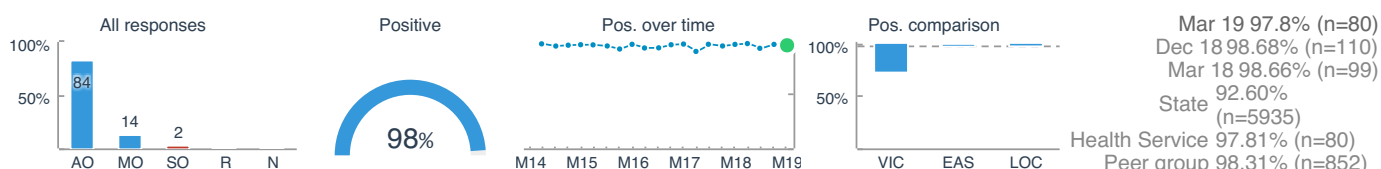
### 25. Did you have confidence and trust in the nurses treating you? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

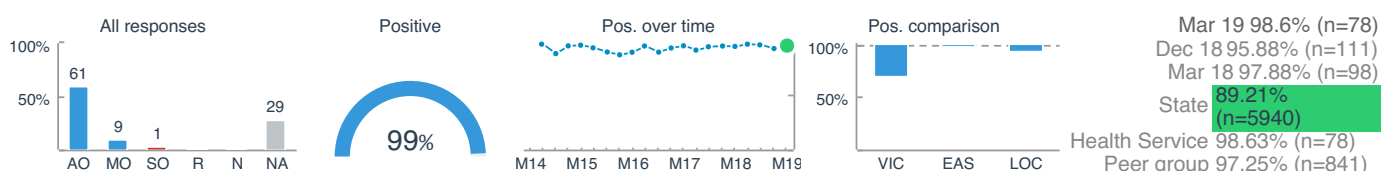
### 33. How often did the doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals caring for you explain things in a way you could understand? [View data](#)



Answers

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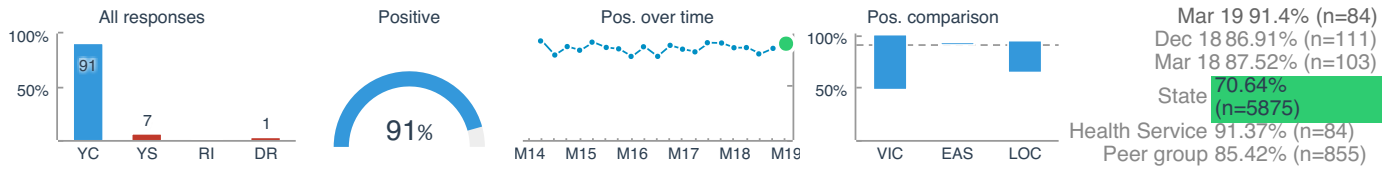
### 42. If you needed assistance, were you able to get a member of staff to help you within a reasonable time? [View data](#)



Answers

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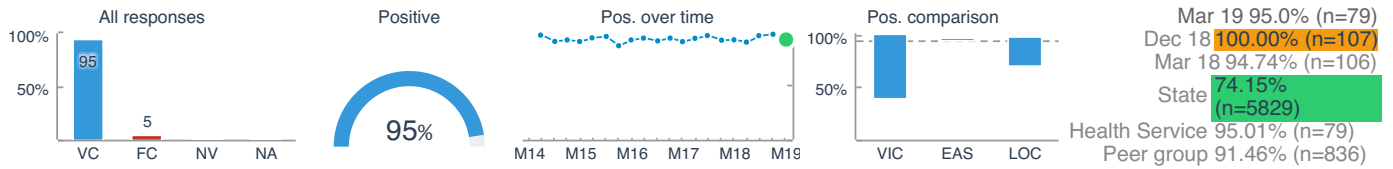
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Answers

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Answers

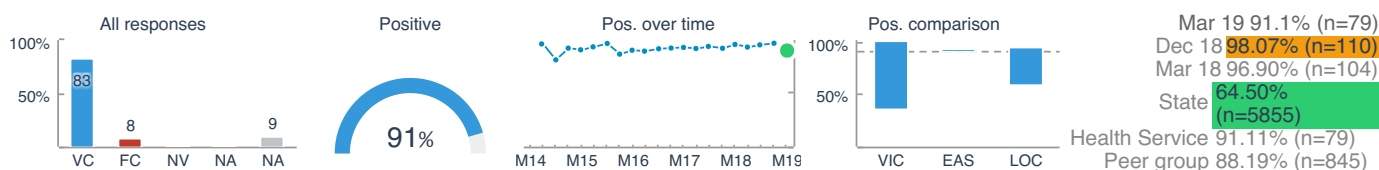
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## Core Common Questions

These are a nationally-endorsed set of hospital-level survey questions and are used for adult inpatients in surveys throughout Australia. In the survey they are marked with a 🌱 symbol.

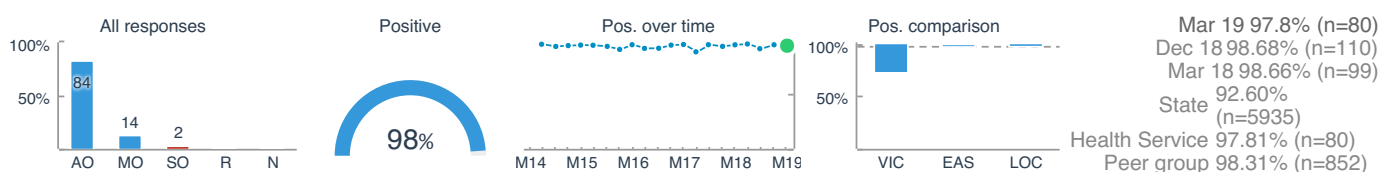
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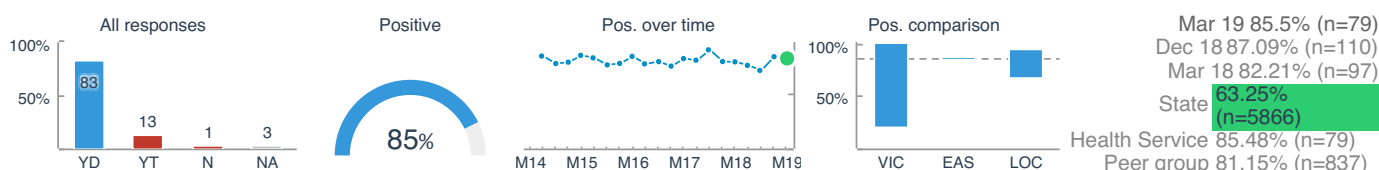
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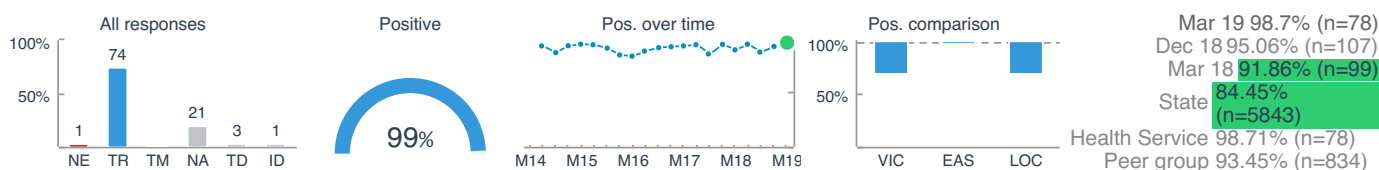
🌱 37. Were you involved as much as you wanted to be in decisions about your care and treatment? [View data](#)



Answers

**YD** - Yes, definitely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **NA** - Not applicable

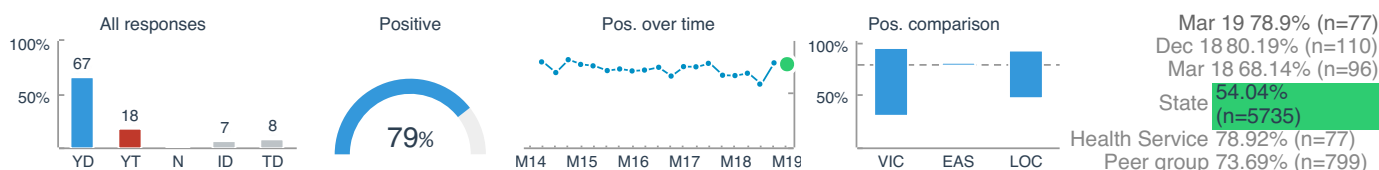
🌱 39. How much information about your condition or treatment was given to your family, carer or someone close to you? [View data](#)



Answers

**NE** - Not enough **TR** - The right amount **TM** - Too much **NA** - Not applicable **TD** - They did not want this **ID** - I didn't want this

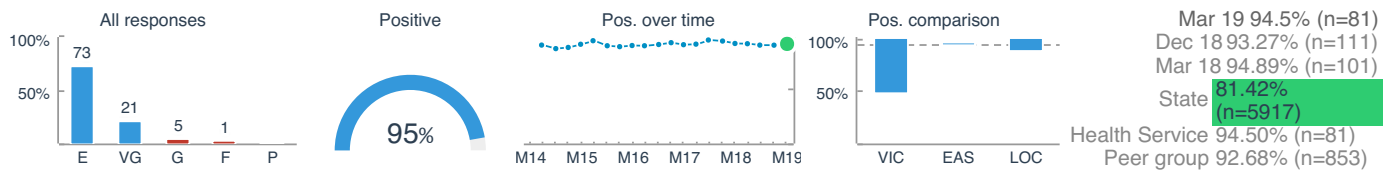
🌱 40. Did your family or someone close to you have enough opportunity to talk to the staff? [View data](#)



Answers

**YD** - Yes, definitely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **ID** - I didn't want this **TD** - They didn't want this

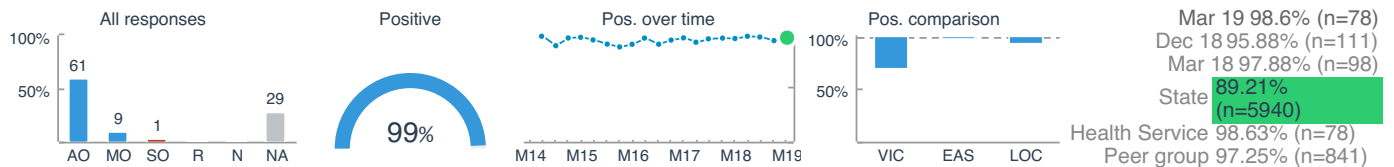
41. How would you rate how well the doctors and nurses worked together? [View data](#)



Answers

E - Excellent VG - Very good G - Good F - Fair P - Poor

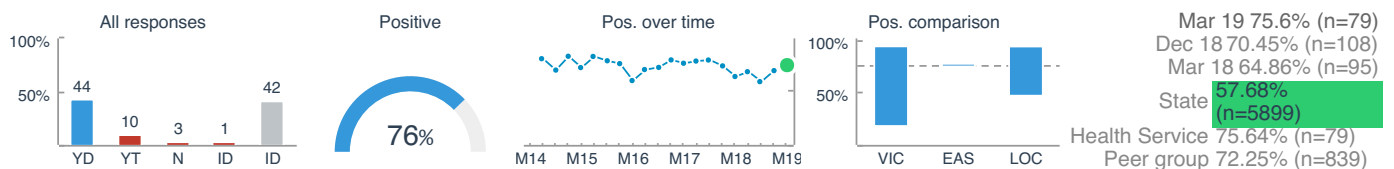
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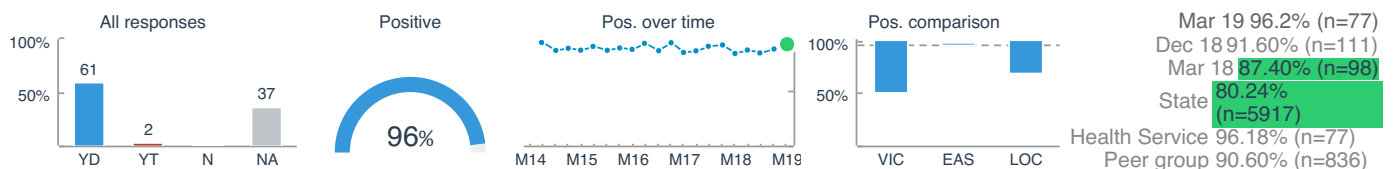
43. If you had any worries or fears about your condition or treatment, did a health professional discuss them with you? [View data](#)



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No ID - I didn't raise them ID - I didn't have any

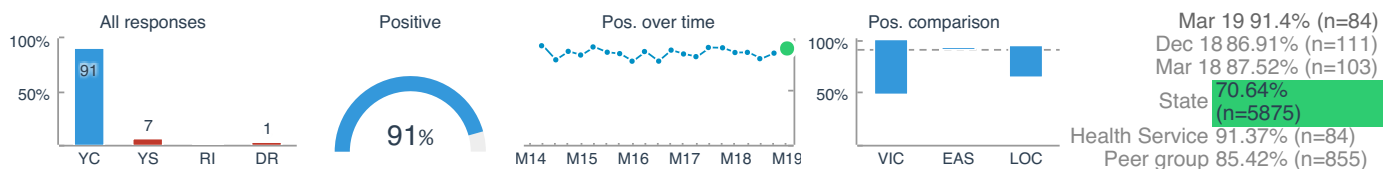
47. Do you think the hospital staff did everything they could to help manage your pain? [View data](#)



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No NA - Not applicable

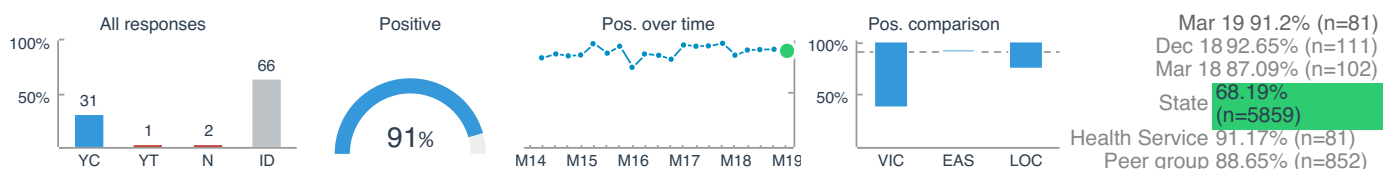
69. Before you left hospital, did the doctors and nurses give you sufficient information about managing your health and care at home? [View data](#)



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YS - Yes, somewhat RI - Received insufficient info DR - Didn't receive info

71. Thinking about when you left hospital, were adequate arrangements made by the hospital for any services you needed? (e.g. transport, meals, mobility aids) [View data](#)

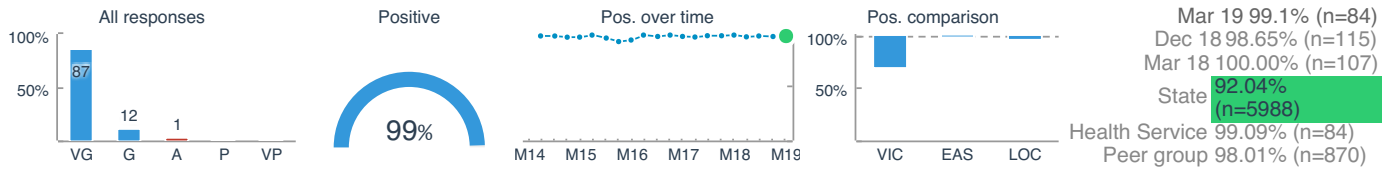


Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No ID - I didn't need this



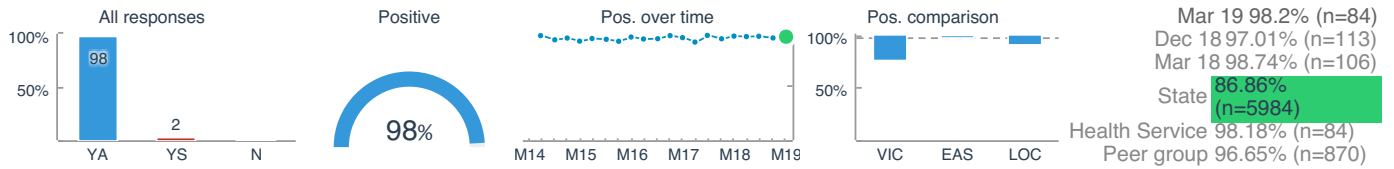
76. Overall, how would you rate the care you received while in hospital? [View data](#)



Answers

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78. Overall, did you feel you were treated with respect and dignity while you were in hospital? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

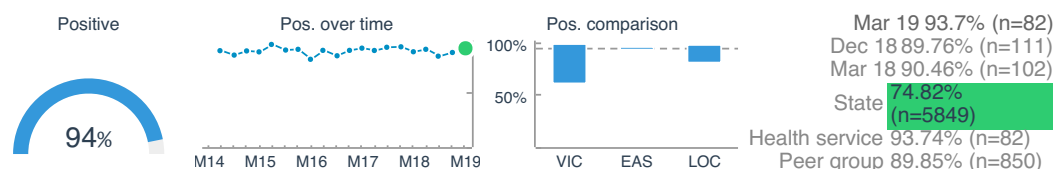
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## Spotlight

### Transitions index adult inpatient

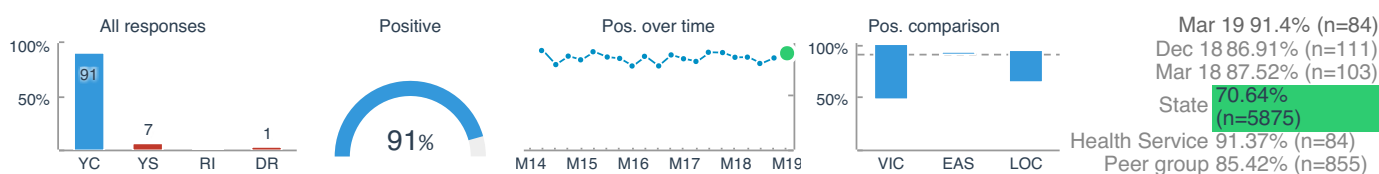
The transitions index has been developed with the aim of improving processes relating to discharge planning. It incorporates the average of the positive scores for four adult inpatient questions relating to discharge. The index provides an overview of how hospitals, health services, peer groups and the state are performing in the discharge process.

The transitions index is shown below followed by the four questions that contribute to the index.



n represents the average n across questions within the Spotlight. [View data »](#)

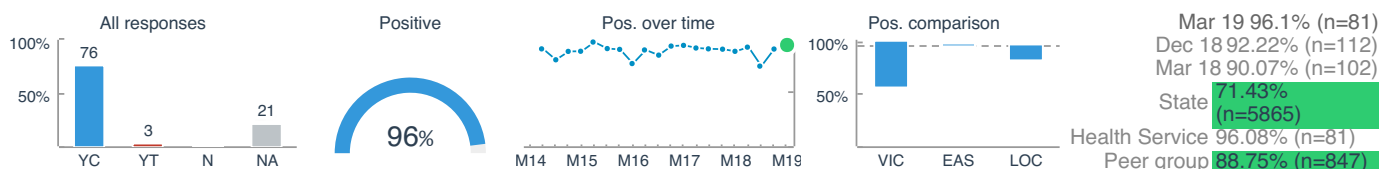
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#### Answers

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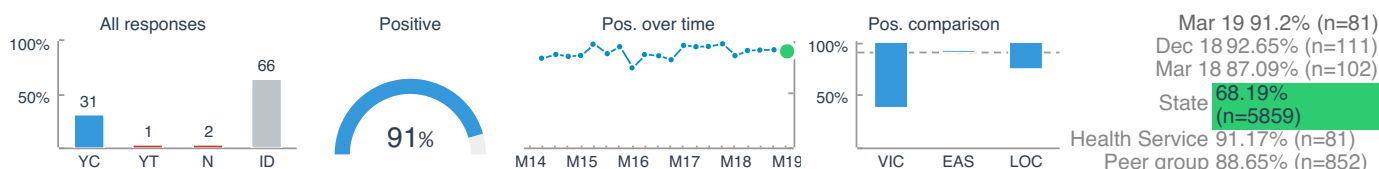
### 70. Did hospital staff take your family or home situation into account when planning your discharge? [View data](#)



#### Answers

**YC** - Yes, completely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **NA** - Not applicable

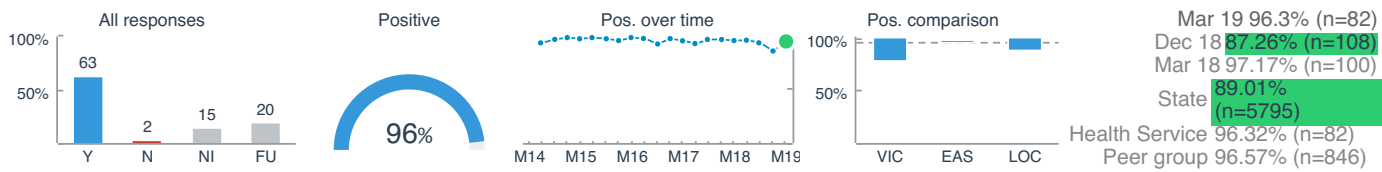
### 🌍 71. Thinking about when you left hospital, were adequate arrangements made by the hospital for any services you needed? (e.g. transport, meals, mobility aids) [View data](#)



#### Answers

**YC** - Yes, completely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **ID** - I didn't need this

72. If follow up with your General Practitioner (GP) was required, was he or she given all the necessary information about the treatment or advice that you received while in hospital? [View data](#)



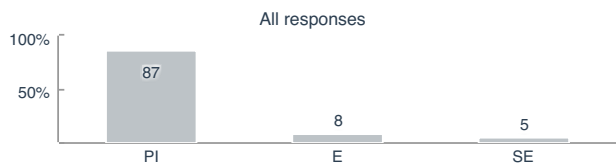
Answers  
Y - Yes N - No NI - No info was needed FU - Follow up wasn't required

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## Admission To Hospital

Patients were asked whether their hospital stay was planned in advance or an emergency.

1. Was this hospital stay planned in advance or an emergency?



### Answers

**PI** - Planned in advance **E** - Emergency **SE** - Something else

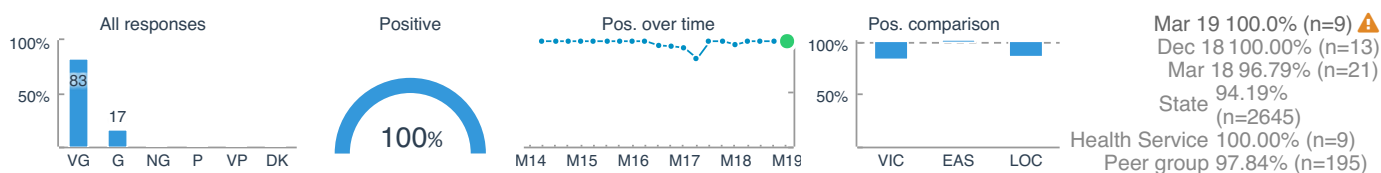
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## The Emergency Department

In this section, patients who arrived at hospital via the Emergency Department were asked to rate the politeness and courtesy of staff and the care and treatment they received from the doctors and nurses in the ED.

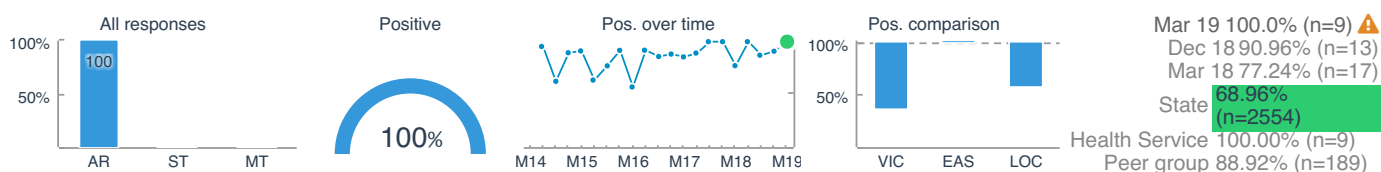
2. How would you rate the politeness and courtesy of staff in the ED? [View data](#)



Answers

**VG** - Very good **G** - Good **NG** - Neither good nor poor **P** - Poor **VP** - Very poor **DK** - Don't know

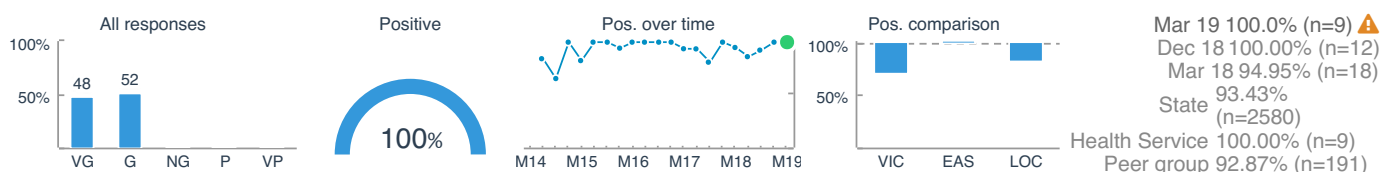
3. Do you think the amount of time you spent in the ED was...? [View data](#)



Answers

**AR** - About right **ST** - Slightly too long **MT** - Much too long

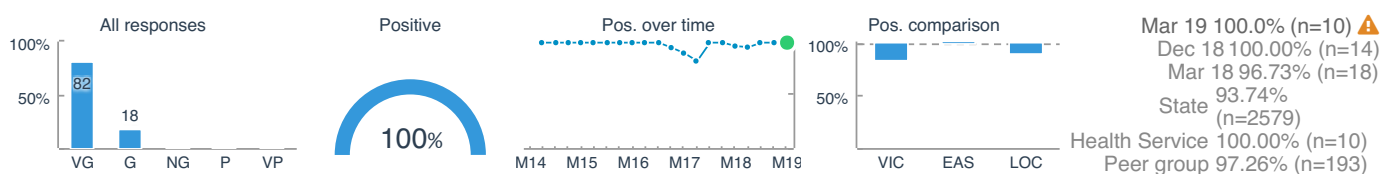
4. Overall, how would you rate the care and treatment you received from your doctors in the ED? [View data](#)



Answers

**VG** - Very good **G** - Good **NG** - Neither good nor poor **P** - Poor **VP** - Very poor

5. Overall, how would you rate the care and treatment you received from your nurses in the ED? [View data](#)



Answers

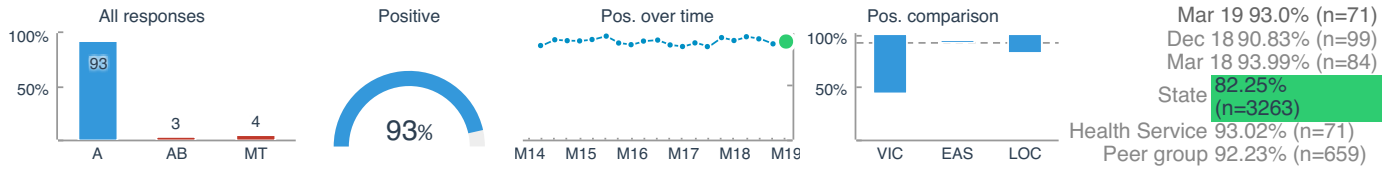
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## Waiting List Or Planned Admission

Those whose hospital stay was planned in advance were asked how they felt about the length of time they were on the waiting list before their admission to hospital and whether they received sufficient information about their hospital stay before their arrival.

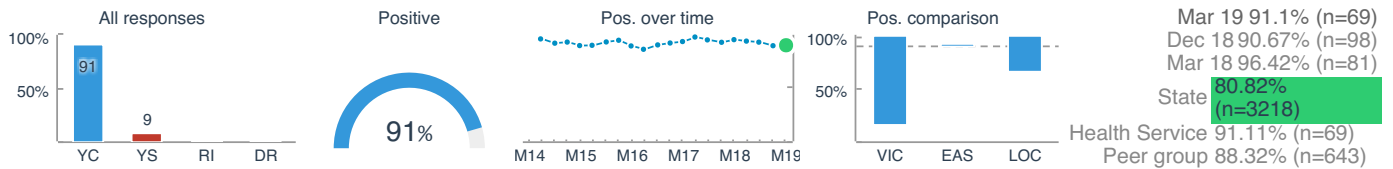
6. How do you feel about the length of time you were on the waiting list before your admission to hospital? [View data](#)



Answers

**A** - Appropriate **AB** - A bit too long **MT** - Much too long

7. Before your arrival, did you receive sufficient information about your hospital stay? [View data](#)



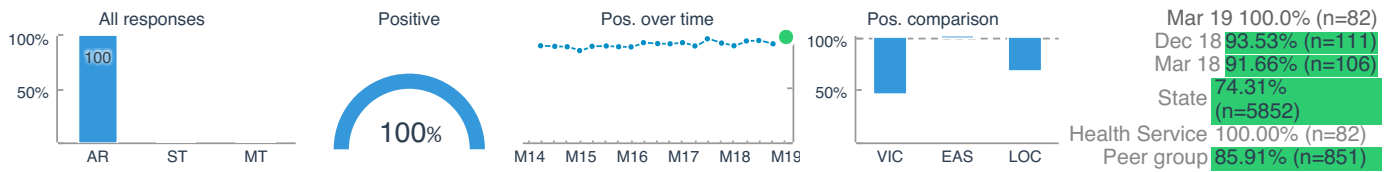
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**YC** - Yes, completely **YS** - Yes, somewhat **RI** - Received insufficient info **DR** - Didn't receive info

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## All Types Of Admission

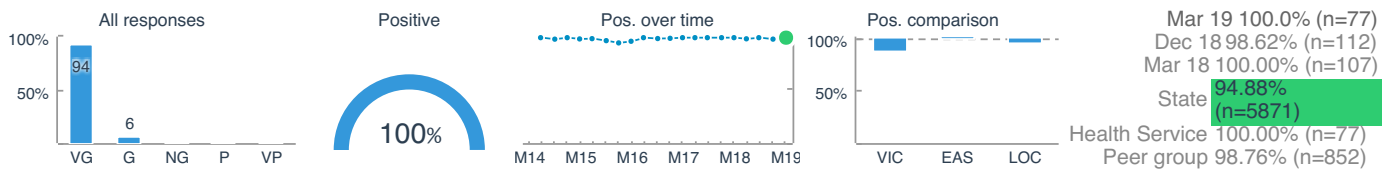
8. Do you think the time you had to wait from arrival at hospital until you were taken to your room or ward was...? [View data](#)



Answers

**AR** - About right **ST** - Slightly too long **MT** - Much too long

9. How would you rate the politeness and courtesy of admissions staff? [View data](#)



Answers

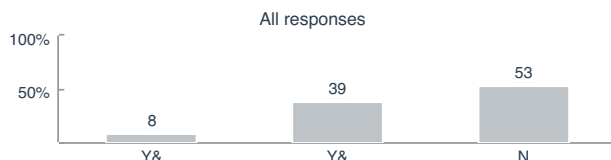
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## The Hospital & Ward

This section explored the physical environment of the hospital and ward. Patients were asked about the cleanliness of their ward and the toilets and whether hand-wash gels were available for patients and visitors. They were also asked if they shared a room with a patient of the opposite sex.

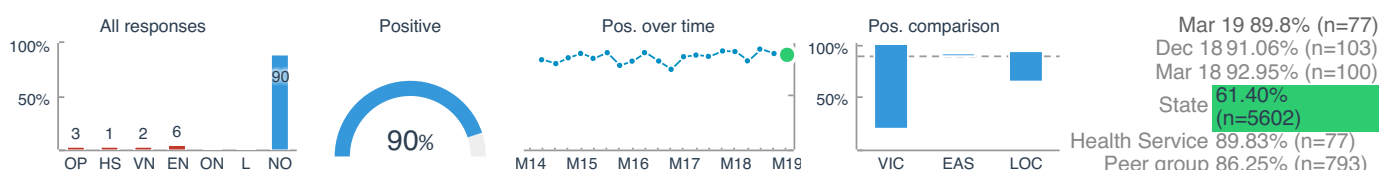
10. During your hospital stay, did you share a room with a patient of the opposite sex?



Answers

**Y&** - Yes & this was a concern **Y&** - Yes & this was not a concern **N** - No

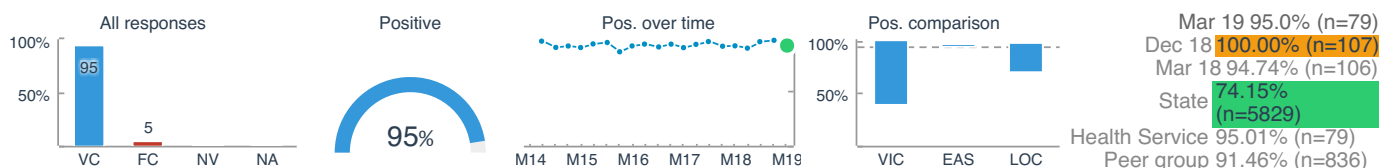
11. During your hospital stay, were you ever bothered by any of the following? (Please select all that apply) [View data](#)



Answers

**OP** - Other patients' noise **HS** - Hospital staff noise **VN** - Visitors' noise **EN** - Equipment noise **ON** - Other noise **L** - Lighting  
**NO** - None of the above

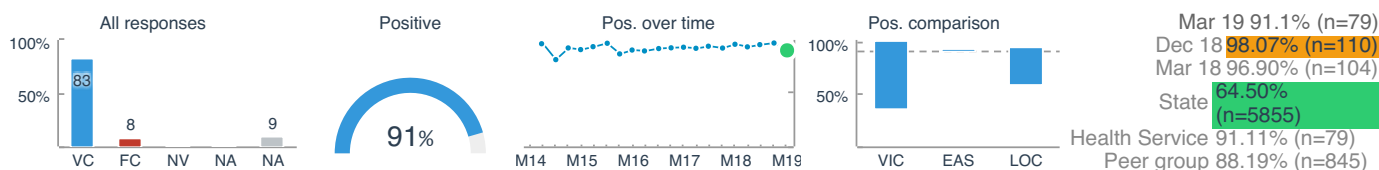
★ 12. In your opinion, how clean was the hospital room or ward that you were in? [View data](#)



Answers

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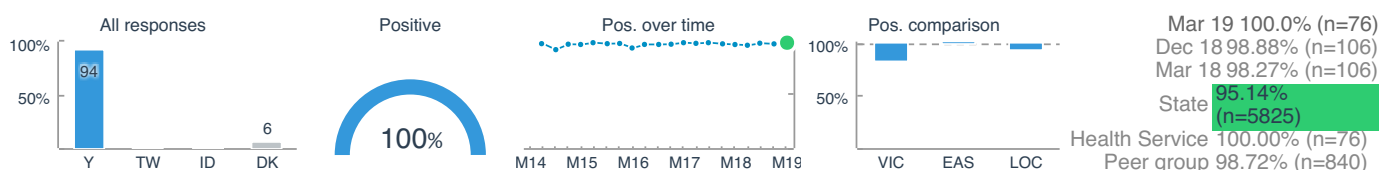
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Answers

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14. Were hand-wash gels available for patients and visitors to use? [View data](#)

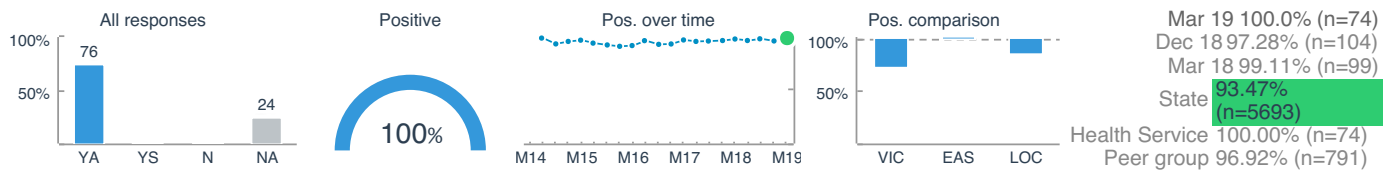


Answers

**Y** - Yes **TW** - They were empty **ID** - I did not see any **DK** - Don't know



15. Did you feel friends and family were welcome to visit you? [View data](#)



Answers

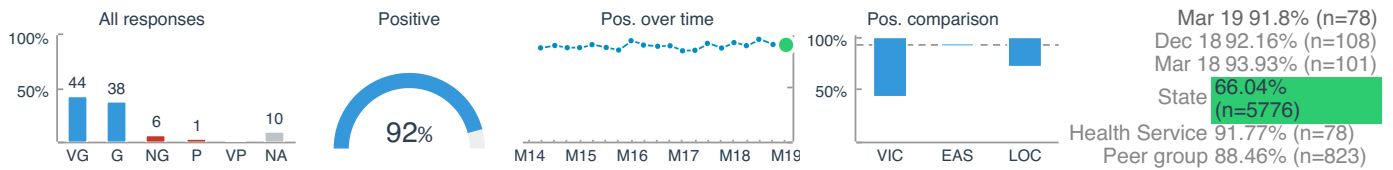
**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No **NA** - Not applicable

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## Food

In this section, patients were asked whether the hospital food was suitable for their dietary needs and whether they received enough help from staff to eat their meals. Patients were also asked to rate the hospital food.

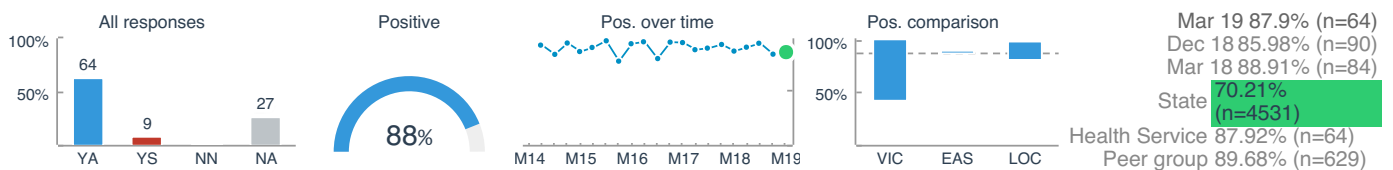
16. How would you rate the hospital food? [View data](#)



Answers

**VG** - Very good **G** - Good **NG** - Neither good nor poor **P** - Poor **VP** - Very poor **NA** - Not applicable

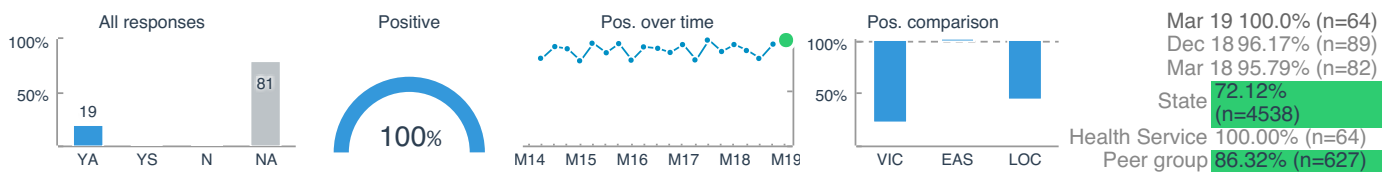
17. Was the hospital food suitable for your dietary needs (for example medical, cultural, or religious needs or personal preference)? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **NN** - No, never **NA** - Not applicable

18. Did you get enough help from staff to eat your meals? [View data](#)



Answers

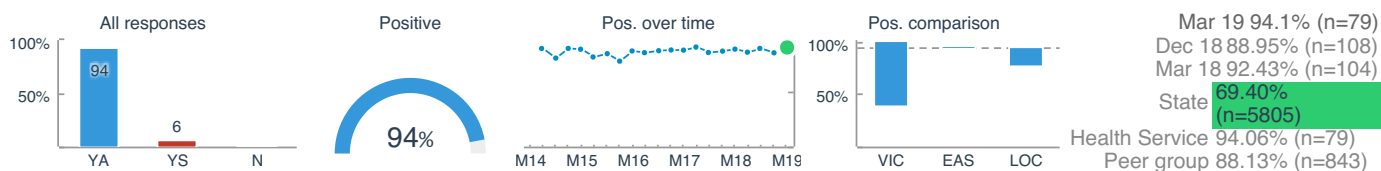
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## Your Doctors

This section covers the care provided specifically by doctors. It includes whether the patient felt that the doctors treating them knew enough about their medical history and whether they had confidence and trust in these doctors. Patients were also asked about the doctors' compassion, and to rate the care they received from doctors overall.

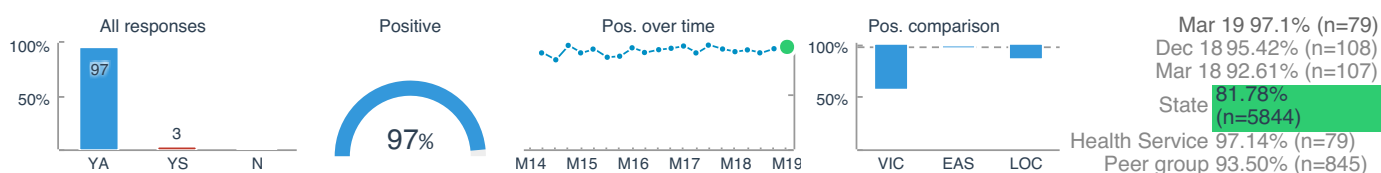
19. During your hospital stay, did the doctors who treated you know enough about your medical history? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

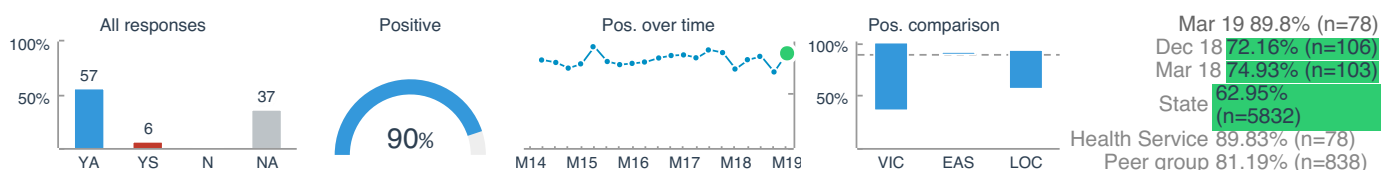
20. Did you have confidence and trust in the doctors treating you? [View data](#)



Answers

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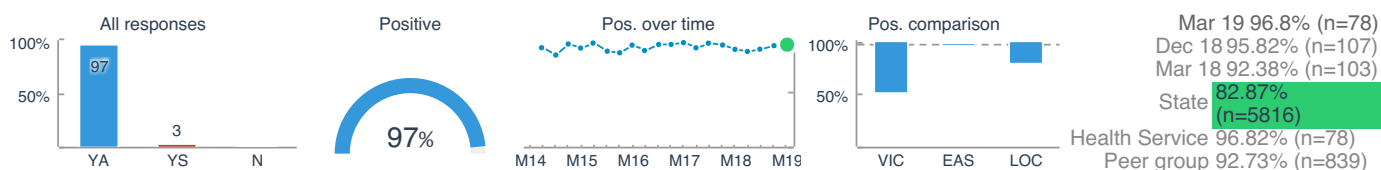
21. If you needed to talk to a doctor, did you get the opportunity to do so? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No **NA** - Not applicable

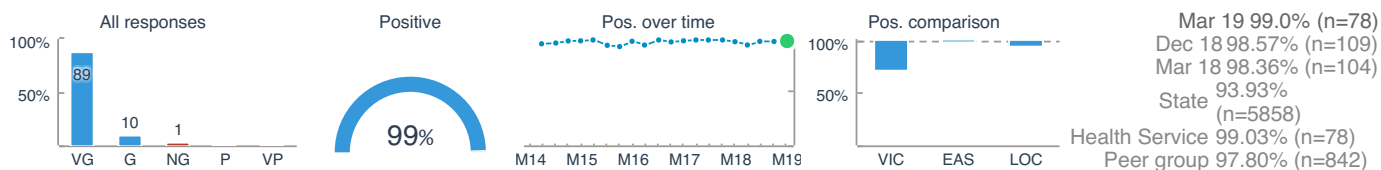
22. Were the doctors treating you compassionate? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

23. Overall, how would you rate the care and treatment you received from your doctors? [View data](#)



Answers

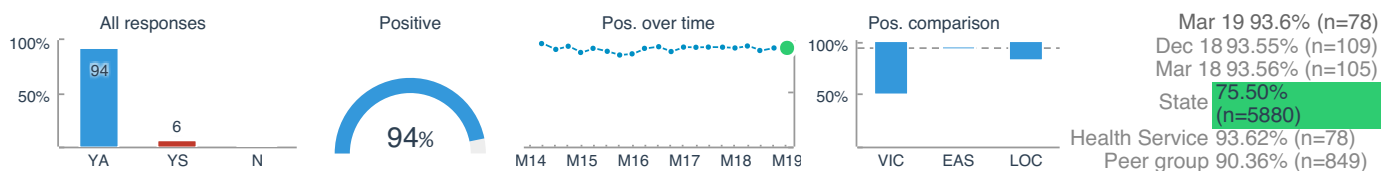
**VG** - Very good **G** - Good **NG** - Neither good nor poor **P** - Poor **VP** - Very poor

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## Your Nurses

This section covers the care provided specifically by nurses. It included questions about nurses' knowledge of patients' condition and treatment and patients' feelings of confidence and trust in nurses. Patients were also asked whether the nurses treated them compassionately and to rate the treatment they received from the nurses.

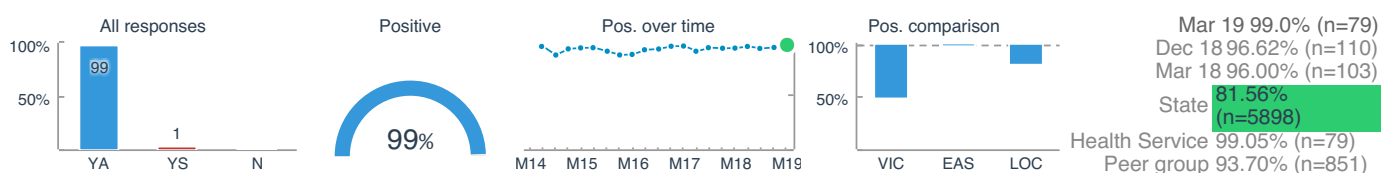
24. During your hospital stay, did the nurses who treated you know enough about your condition and treatment? [View data](#)



### Answers

YA - Yes, always YS - Yes, sometimes N - No

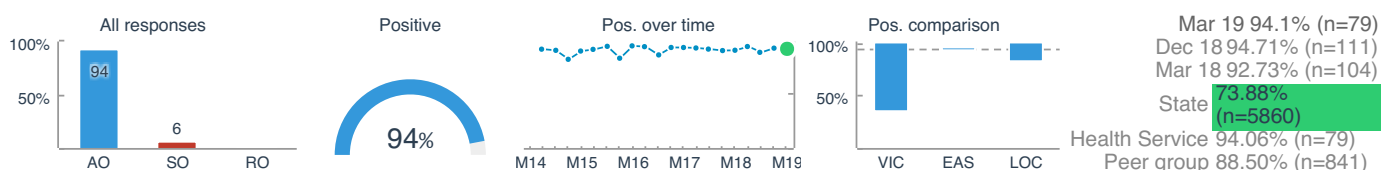
★ 25. Did you have confidence and trust in the nurses treating you? [View data](#)



### Answers

YA - Yes, always YS - Yes, sometimes N - No

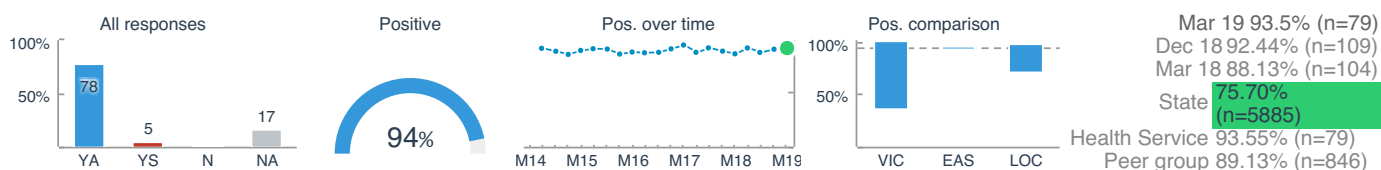
26. In your opinion, were there enough nurses on duty to care for you in hospital? [View data](#)



### Answers

AO - Always or nearly always SO - Some of the time RO - Rarely or never

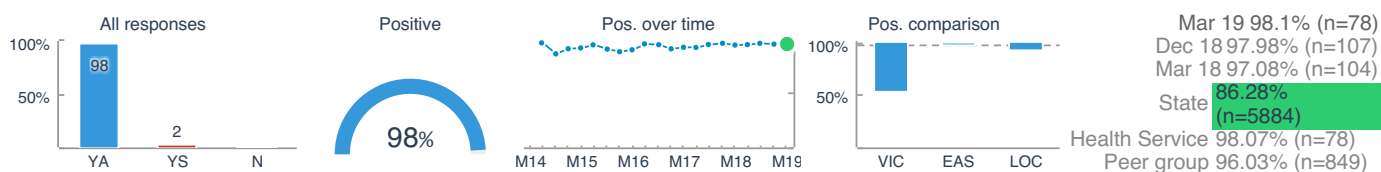
27. If you needed to talk to a nurse, did you get the opportunity to do so? [View data](#)



### Answers

YA - Yes, always YS - Yes, sometimes N - No NA - Not applicable

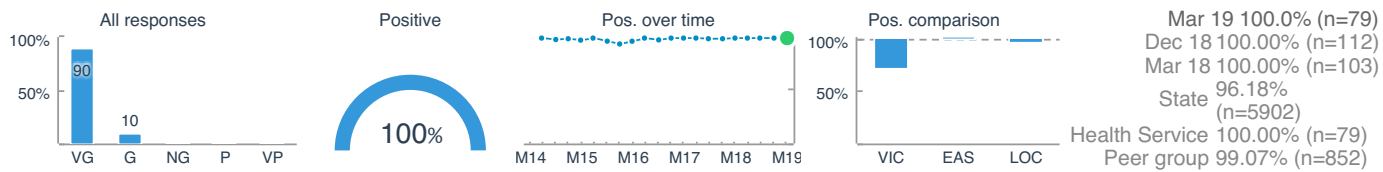
28. Were the nurses treating you compassionate? [View data](#)



### Answers

YA - Yes, always YS - Yes, sometimes N - No

29. Overall, how would you rate the care and treatment you received from your nurses? [View data](#)



Answers

**VG** - Very good **G** - Good **NG** - Neither good nor poor **P** - Poor **VP** - Very poor

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## Other Healthcare Professionals

In this section, patients were asked about the quality of care and treatment they received from health professionals other than doctors and nurses.

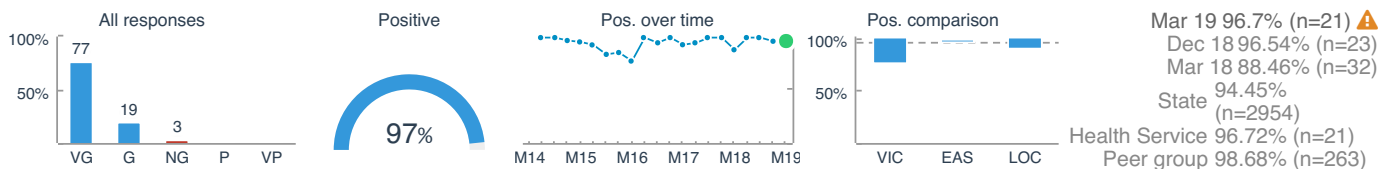
30. Which, if any, of the following other healthcare professionals did you receive care or treatment from during this hospital stay? (Please select all that apply)



### Answers

**D** - Dietician **OT** - Occupational Therapist **P** - Pharmacist **P** - Physiotherapist **P** - Psychologist **R** - Radiographer **SW** - Social worker  
**SP** - Speech Pathologist **O** - Other **N** - None

31. Overall, how would you rate the care and treatment you received from these other healthcare professionals? [View data](#)



### Answers

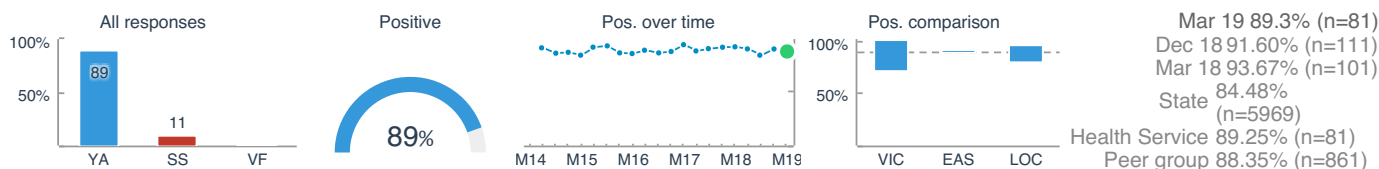
**VG** - Very good **G** - Good **NG** - Neither good nor poor **P** - Poor **VP** - Very poor

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## Your Care

This section covers care provided by all health professionals to patients during their hospital stay. Patients were asked whether the staff treating and examining them introduced themselves and their role and how often doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals explained things in a way the patient could understand. Questions also covered the behaviour of the hospital staff, including whether they talked about the patient as if they weren't there and whether they cleaned their hands or put on gloves before examining the patient. Patients were also asked how much information was given to them and their relatives about their condition and treatment and whether they received emotional support and assistance from hospital staff during their stay.

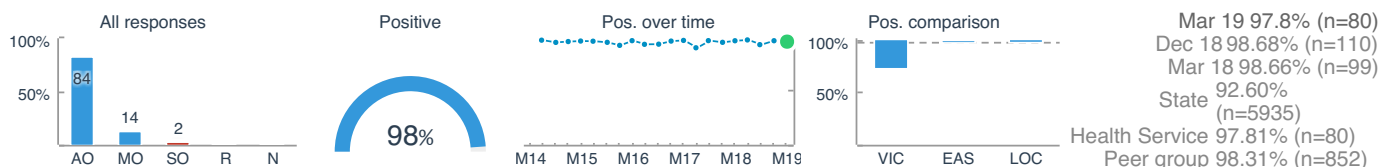
32. Did the staff treating and examining you introduce themselves and their role? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, all staff **SS** - Some staff **VF** - Very few / none

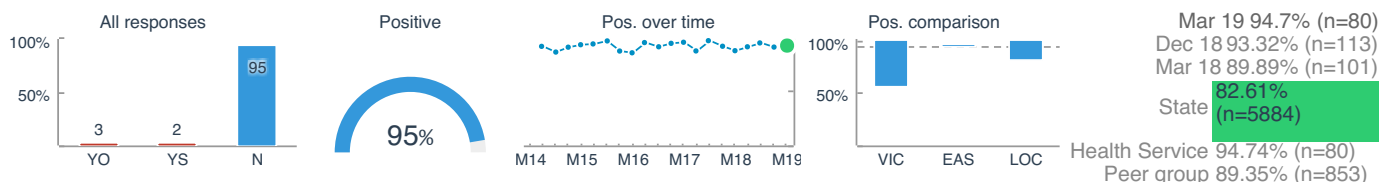
★ 33. How often did the doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals caring for you explain things in a way you could understand? [View data](#)



Answers

**AO** - All of the time **MO** - Most of the time **SO** - Some of the time **R** - Rarely **N** - Never

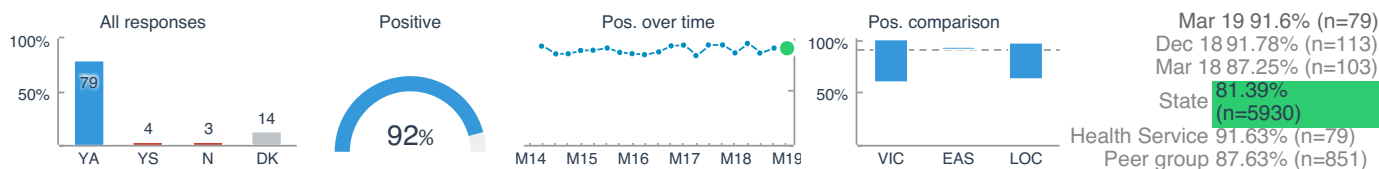
34. While you were in hospital, did hospital staff talk about you as if you weren't there? [View data](#)



Answers

**YO** - Yes, often **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

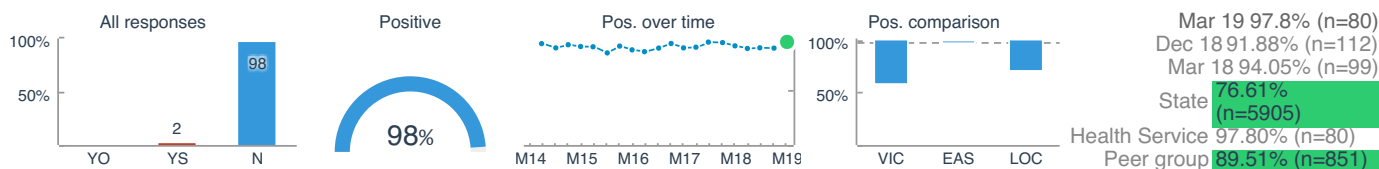
35. Did you see hospital staff wash their hands, use hand gel to clean their hands, or put on clean gloves before examining you? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No **DK** - Don't know

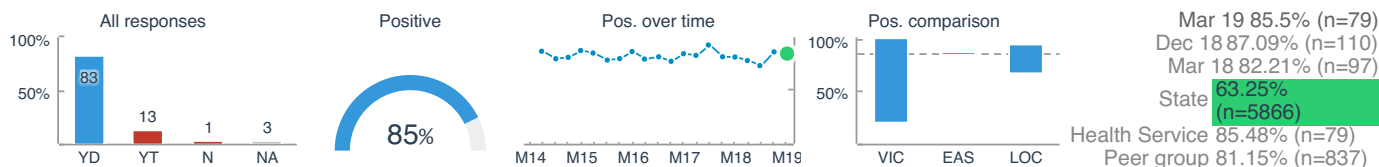
36. Sometimes in a hospital, a member of staff will say one thing about your care and another will say something quite different. Did this happen to you? [View data](#)



Answers

**YO** - Yes, often **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

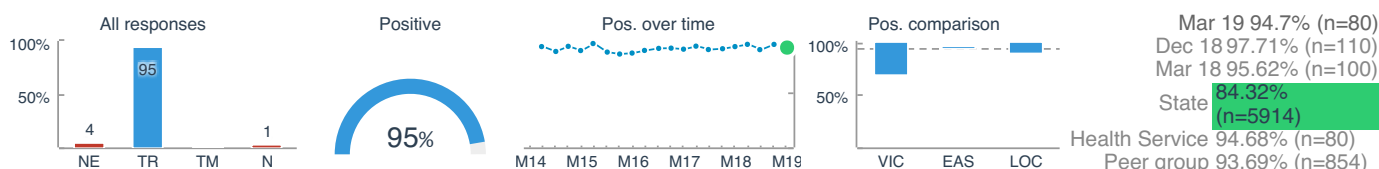
37. Were you involved as much as you wanted to be in decisions about your care and treatment? [View data](#)



Answers

**YD** - Yes, definitely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **NA** - Not applicable

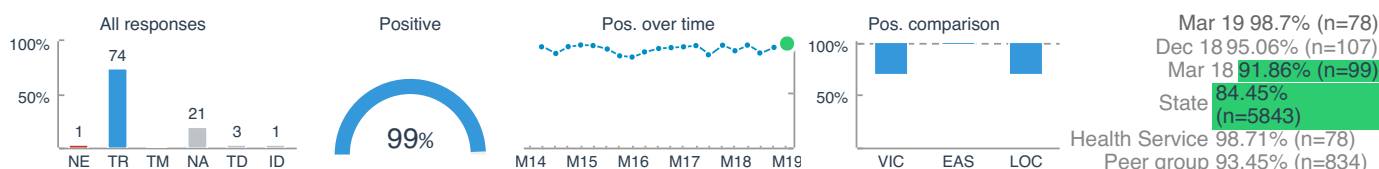
38. How much information about your condition and treatment was given to you? [View data](#)



Answers

**NE** - Not enough **TR** - The right amount **TM** - Too much **N** - None

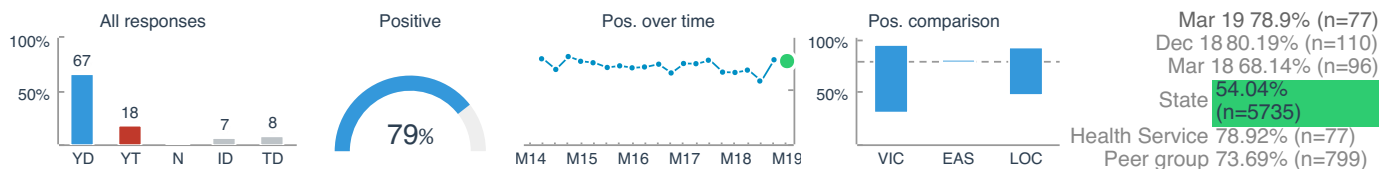
39. How much information about your condition or treatment was given to your family, carer or someone close to you? [View data](#)



Answers

**NE** - Not enough **TR** - The right amount **TM** - Too much **NA** - Not applicable **TD** - They did not want this **ID** - I didn't want this

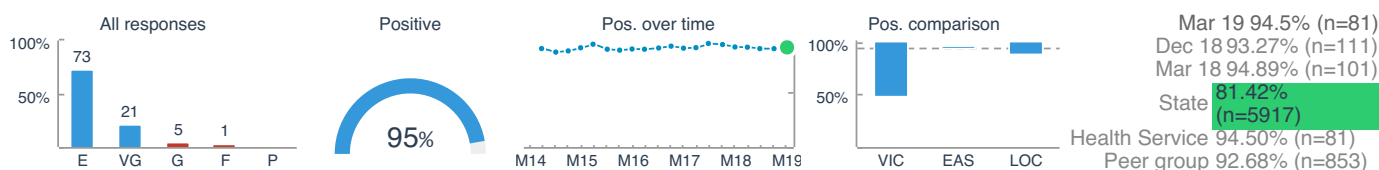
40. Did your family or someone close to you have enough opportunity to talk to the staff? [View data](#)



Answers

**YD** - Yes, definitely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **ID** - I didn't want this **TD** - They didn't want this

41. How would you rate how well the doctors and nurses worked together? [View data](#)

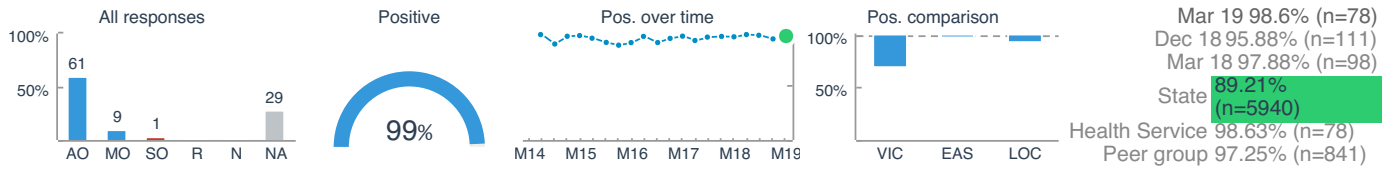


Answers

**E** - Excellent **VG** - Very good **G** - Good **F** - Fair **P** - Poor



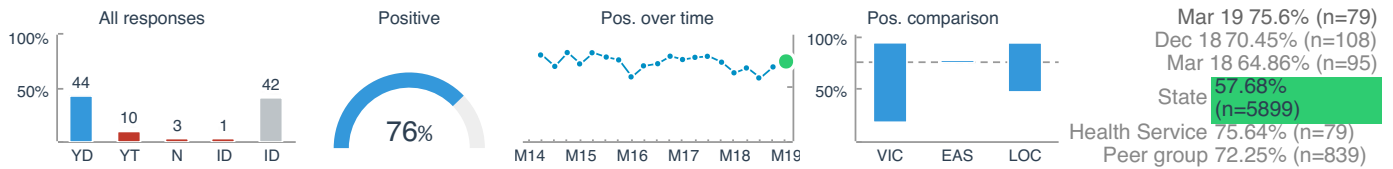
★ 42. If you needed assistance, were you able to get a member of staff to help you within a reasonable time? [View data](#)



Answers

**AO** - All of the time **MO** - Most of the time **SO** - Some of the time **R** - Rarely **N** - Never **NA** - Not applicable

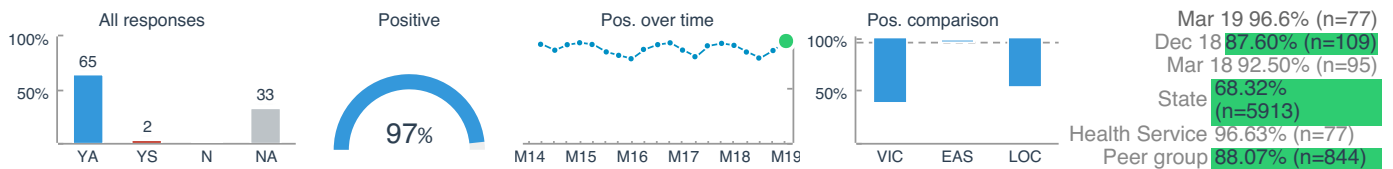
🌱 43. If you had any worries or fears about your condition or treatment, did a health professional discuss them with you? [View data](#)



Answers

**YD** - Yes, definitely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **ID** - I didn't raise them **ID** - I didn't have any

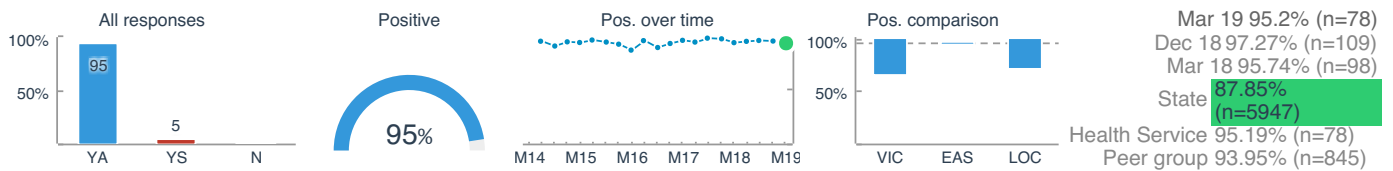
44. Do you feel you received enough emotional support from hospital staff during your stay? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No **NA** - Not applicable

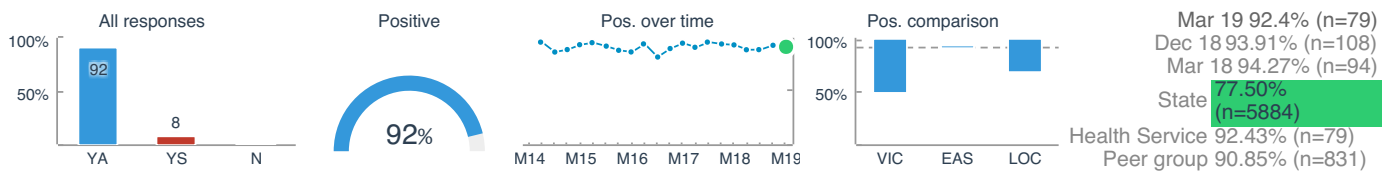
45. Were you given enough privacy when being examined or treated? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

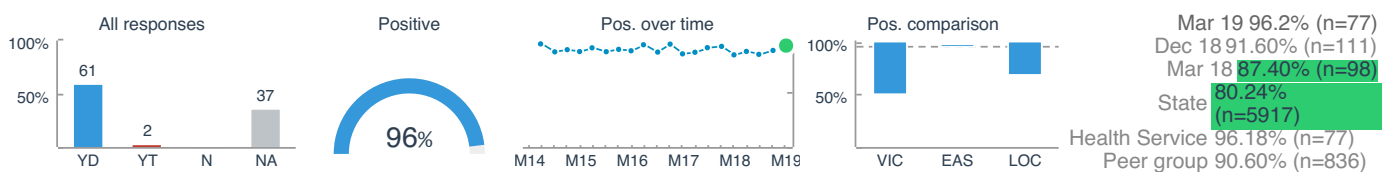
46. At other times during your hospital stay did you have enough privacy? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

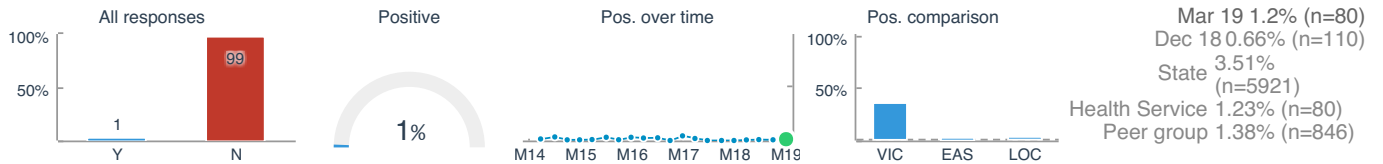
🌱 47. Do you think the hospital staff did everything they could to help manage your pain? [View data](#)



Answers

**YD** - Yes, definitely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **NA** - Not applicable

48. Do you need any help understanding English? [View data](#)



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

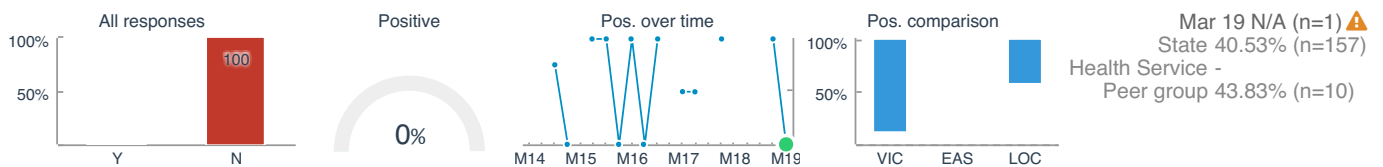
49. When you were in hospital, was there someone who could interpret for you?



Answers

AR - A relative or friend AH - A hospital interpreter YS - Yes, someone else on hospital staff AT - A telephone interpreter N - No

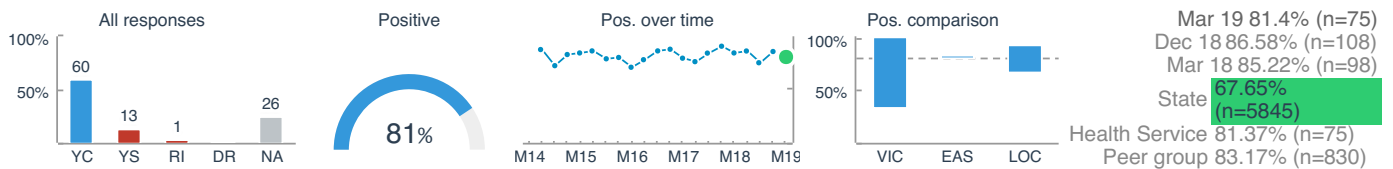
50. Were you given any information (e.g. leaflets) in your language? [View data](#)



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

51. Did you receive sufficient information about any medication you were given while in hospital (e.g. purpose, side effects and how to administer the medication)? [View data](#)



Answers

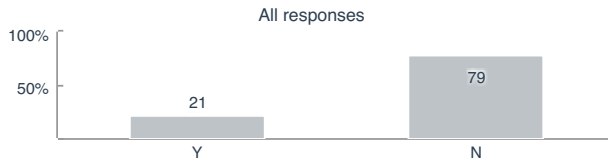
YC - Yes, completely YS - Yes, somewhat RI - Received insufficient info DR - Didn't receive info NA - Not applicable

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## Tests

This section covers any tests (such as X-rays or scans) experienced by patients during their hospital stay. Those who received tests were asked whether a staff member explained why the patient needed the tests and the results of the tests in a way they could understand.

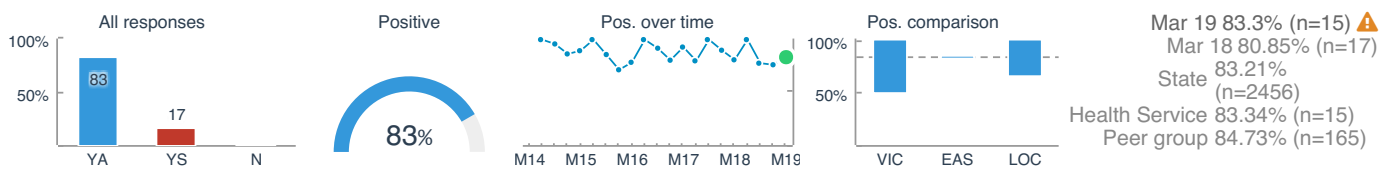
52. During your stay in hospital, did you have any tests, X-rays or scans?



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

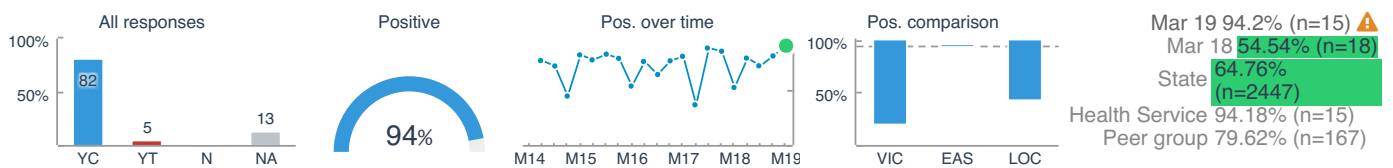
53. Did a member of staff explain why you needed these test(s) in a way you could understand? [View data](#)



Answers

YA - Yes, always YS - Yes, sometimes N - No

54. Did a member of hospital staff explain the results of the tests in a way you could understand? [View data](#)



Answers

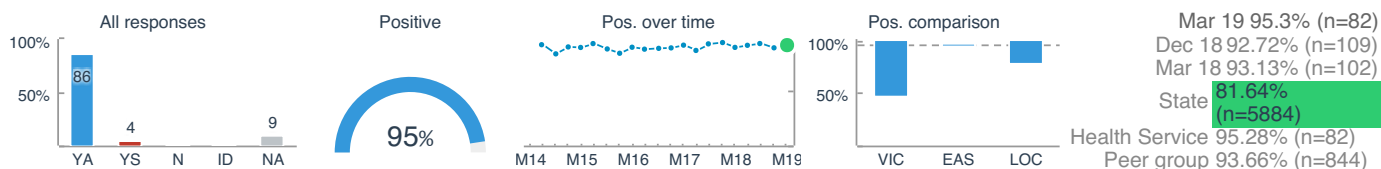
YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No NA - Not applicable

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## Your Treatments

In this section, patients were asked about any treatments (such as injections, dressings or physiotherapy) they experienced while in hospital. Questions covered whether the purpose of any treatments they received was explained to them and whether they felt that they could refuse any treatment that they did not agree with or want. Patients were also asked whether their permission was sought if any students accompanied any health professionals and whether they were comfortable with the students' presence.

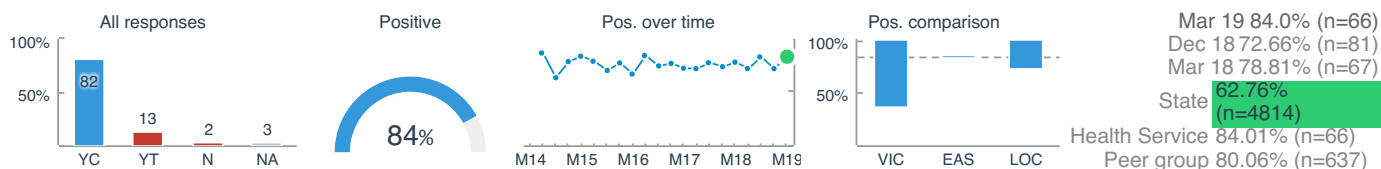
55. Did hospital staff explain the purpose of any treatments (e.g. an injection, dressing, physiotherapy) before these were administered? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No **ID** - I didn't want this **NA** - Not applicable

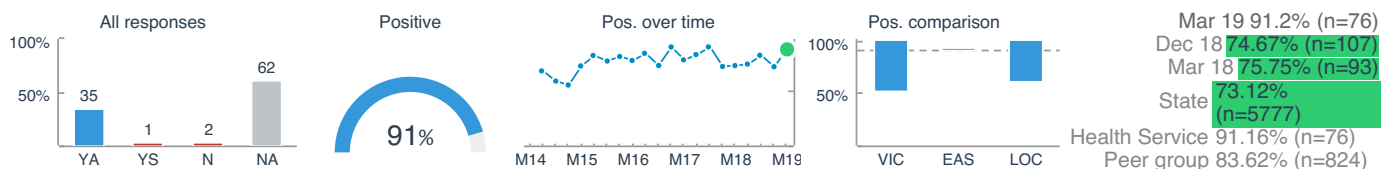
56. Did you feel you could refuse any treatment that you did not agree with or did not want? [View data](#)



Answers

**YC** - Yes, completely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **NA** - Not applicable

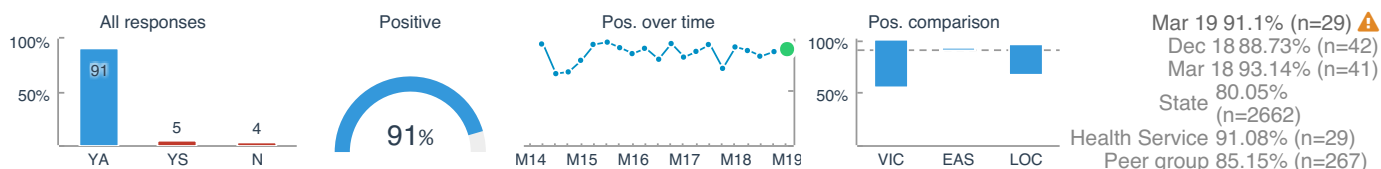
57. Sometimes, students accompany health professionals when they are treating or examining patients. If this happened to you, was your permission sought? [View data](#)



Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No **NA** - Not applicable

58. Were you comfortable with the presence of students? [View data](#)



Answers

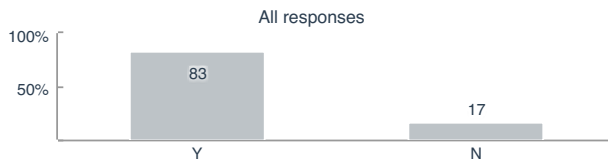
**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

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## Operations & Procedures

Patients who had an operation or procedure while in hospital were asked whether a staff member explained what would be done and how the procedure went in a way that they could understand.

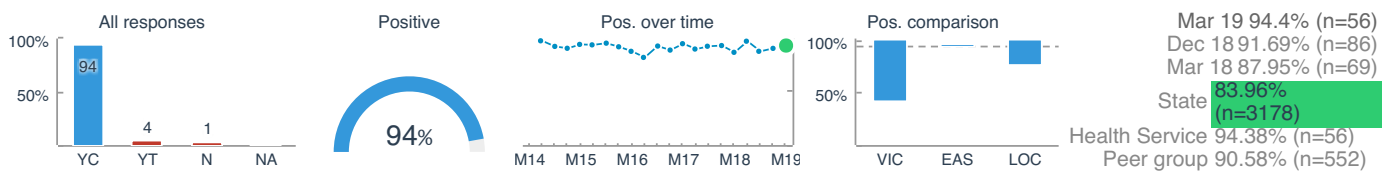
59. During your stay in hospital, did you have an operation or procedure?



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

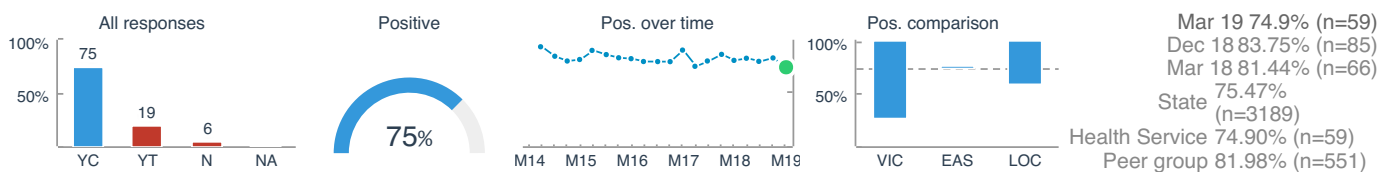
60. Before your operation or procedure, did a member of hospital staff explain what would be done in a way that you could understand? [View data](#)



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No NA - Not applicable

61. During your hospital stay, did a member of staff explain how your operation or procedure had gone in a way you could understand? [View data](#)



Answers

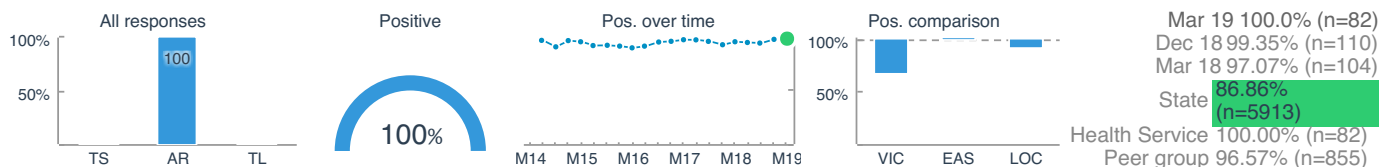
YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No NA - Not applicable

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## Leaving Hospital

This section covers the discharge process. Patients were asked about how they felt about the length of their hospital stay, whether they were given enough notice about when they were going to be discharged and about any delays they faced. In addition, questions also covered whether the patient was given enough information about managing their health and care at home and whether their family/home situation was taken into account when planning their discharge. Patients were also asked to rate the discharge process.

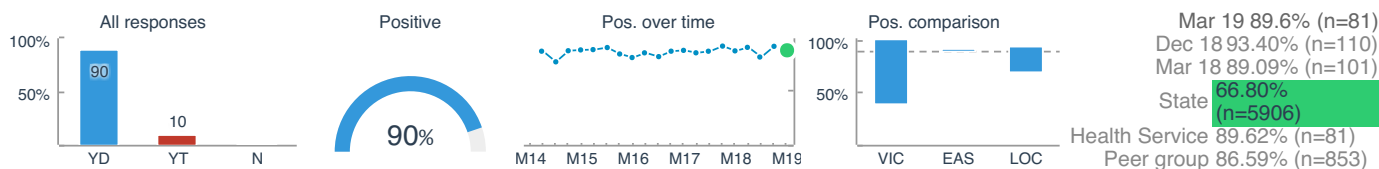
62. Looking back, do you feel that the length of your hospital stay was? [View data](#)



Answers

**TS** - Too short **AR** - About right **TL** - Too long

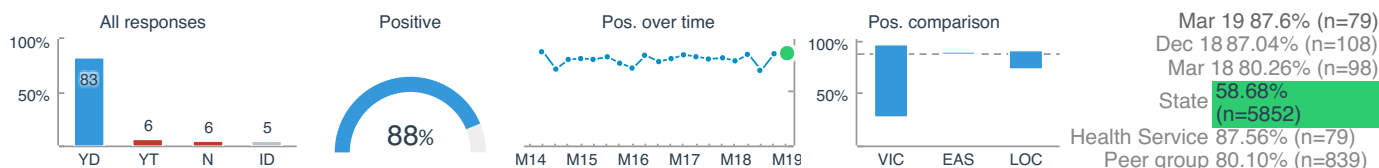
63. Were you given enough notice about when you were going to be discharged? [View data](#)



Answers

**YD** - Yes, definitely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No

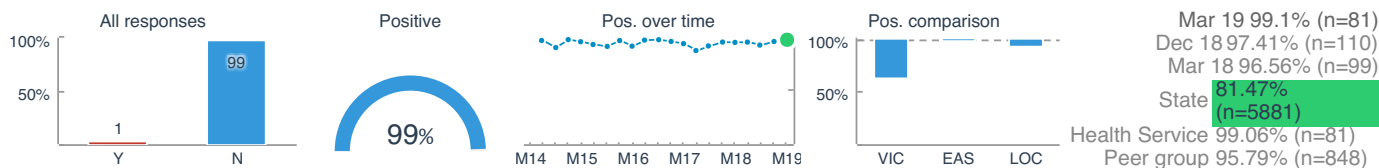
64. Did you feel you were involved in decisions about your discharge from hospital? [View data](#)



Answers

**YD** - Yes, definitely **YT** - Yes, to some extent **N** - No **ID** - I didn't want this

65. On the day you left hospital, was your discharge delayed for any reason? [View data](#)



Answers

**Y** - Yes **N** - No

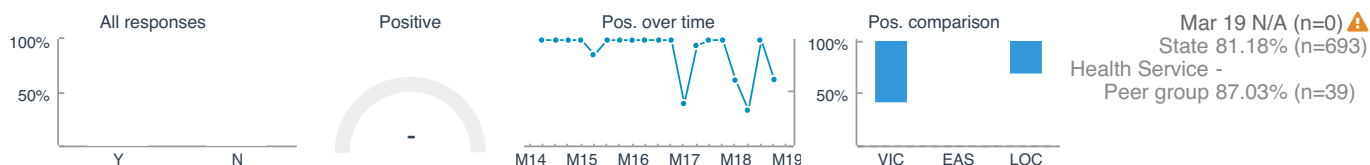
66. How long was the delay?



Answers

**LT** - Less than 1 hour **1-** - 1 - 2 hours **2-** - 2 - 4 hours **4H** - 4 hours or longer

## 67. Did a member of staff explain the reason for the delay? [View data](#)



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

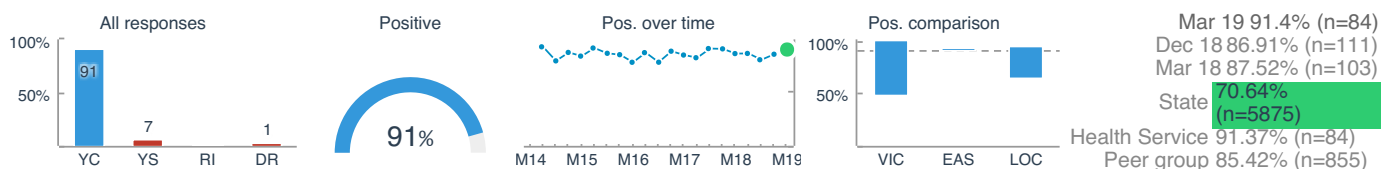
## 68. What was the reason or reasons for the delay? (Please select all that apply)



Answers

WF - Wait for medicines WT - Wait to see the doctor WF - Wait for transport WF - Wait for GP letter SO - Some other reason

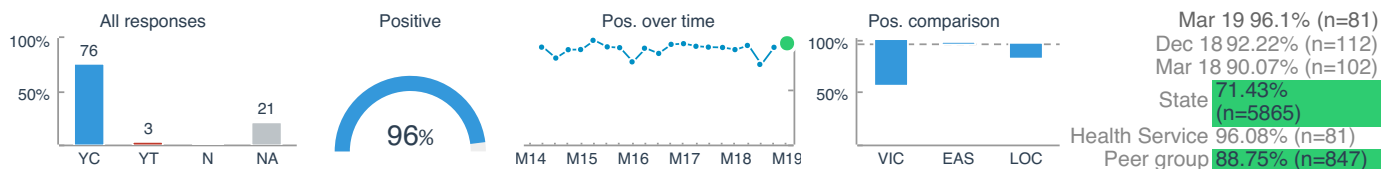
## ★ 69. Before you left hospital, did the doctors and nurses give you sufficient information about managing your health and care at home? [View data](#)



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YS - Yes, somewhat RI - Received insufficient info DR - Didn't receive info

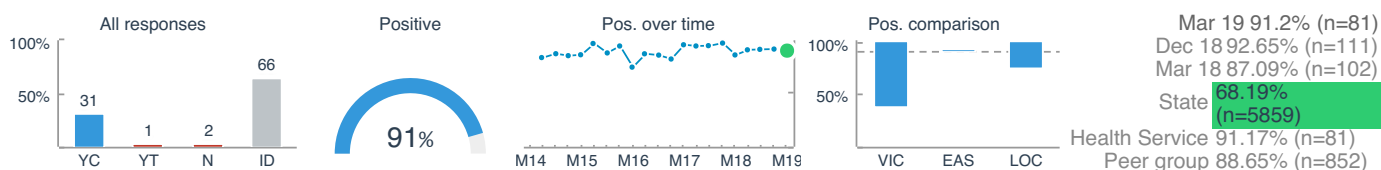
## 70. Did hospital staff take your family or home situation into account when planning your discharge? [View data](#)



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No NA - Not applicable

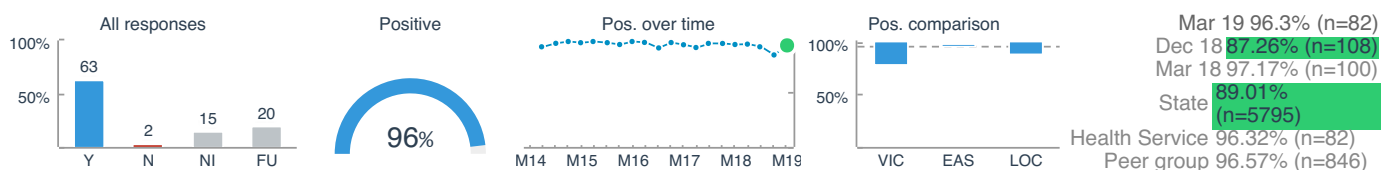
## 71. Thinking about when you left hospital, were adequate arrangements made by the hospital for any services you needed? (e.g. transport, meals, mobility aids) [View data](#)



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No ID - I didn't need this

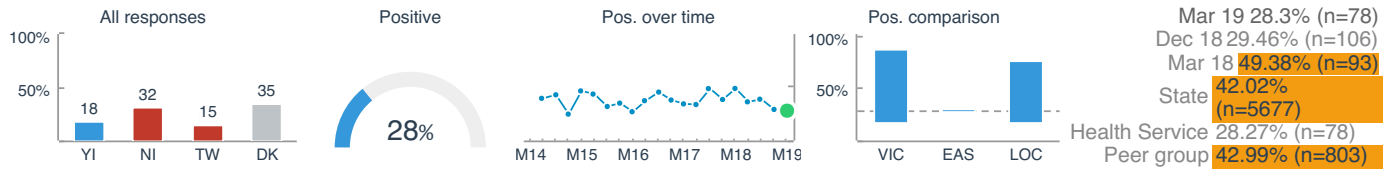
## 72. If follow up with your General Practitioner (GP) was required, was he or she given all the necessary information about the treatment or advice that you received while in hospital? [View data](#)



Answers

Y - Yes N - No NI - No info was needed FU - Follow up wasn't required

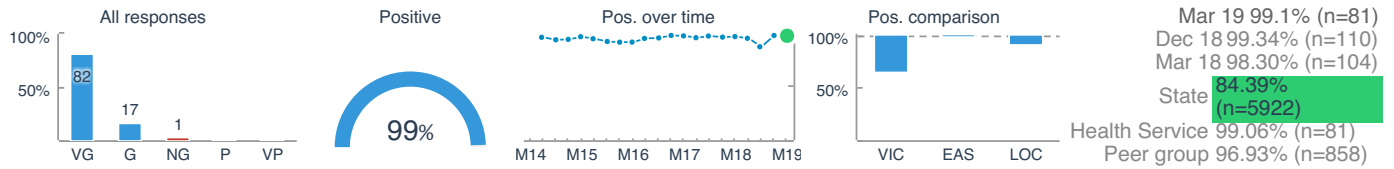
73. Did you receive copies of communications sent between hospital doctors and your GP? [View data](#)



Answers

**YI** - Yes, I received copies **NI** - No, I did not receive copies **TW** - There were none **DK** - Don't know

74. Overall, how would you rate the discharge process? [View data](#)



Answers

**VG** - Very good **G** - Good **NG** - Neither good nor poor **P** - Poor **VP** - Very poor

75. Did you have any follow up with the doctors or other health professionals you saw while in hospital after you were discharged?



Answers

**Y** - Yes **N** - No

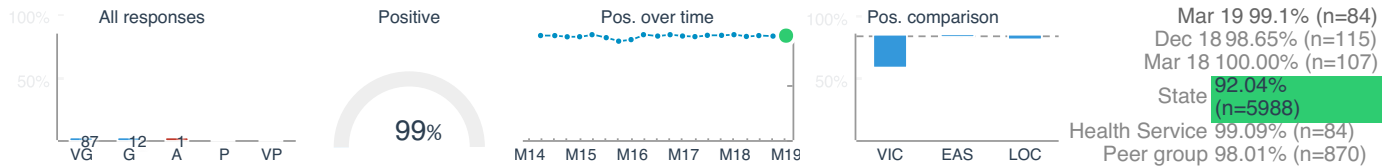


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## Overall

This section covers patient's overall feelings about their experience, including whether they felt they were treated with respect and dignity and were listened to and understood by the people looking after them. Questions also asked the patients to rate the care they received and whether they felt that they were treated unfairly.

🌱👤 76. Overall, how would you rate the care you received while in hospital? [View data](#)



### Answers

**VG** - Very good **G** - Good **A** - Adequate **P** - Poor **VP** - Very poor

77. Do you feel that you were listened to and understood by the people looking after you in hospital? [View data](#)

State  
Health Service  
Peer group

### Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

👤 78. Overall, did you feel you were treated with respect and dignity while you were in hospital? [View data](#)

State  
Health Service  
Peer group

### Answers

**YA** - Yes, always **YS** - Yes, sometimes **N** - No

79. Were you ever treated unfairly for any of the reasons below? (Please select all that apply) [View data](#)

State  
Health Service  
Peer group

### Answers

**YA** - Your age **YS** - Your sex **YE** - Your ethnic background **YR** - Your religion **YS** - Your sexual orientation **AD** - A disability that you have  
**MS** - Marital status **SE** - Something else **IW** - I was not treated unfairly

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## About You

This section covers general demographic questions about the patient. These included year of birth, gender, main language spoken and Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander status. Patients were also asked a number of questions about their health, including how often in the last twelve months they had been admitted as an inpatient and any long standing medical conditions they have.

80. What is your gender?

### Answers

**M** - Male **F** - Female **T** - Transgender **O** - Other **NA** - Would prefer not to say

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81. Average age of patient

71

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82. Which language do you mainly speak at home?

### Answers

**E** - English **AL** - A language other than English

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83. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

### Answers

**HN** - Have not completed secondary school **CS** - Completed secondary school **TO** - Trade or technical certificate or diploma  
**UG** - University graduate **PG** - Post graduate / higher degree

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84. Are you of Aboriginal origin, Torres Strait Islander origin, or both?

### Answers

**YA** - Yes, Aboriginal **YT** - Yes, Torres Strait Islander **YB** - Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **N** - No

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85. How many times in the last 12 months have you been admitted as an inpatient to this hospital?

Answers

**TT** - This time only **2T** - 2 times **3-** - 3 - 5 times **6O** - 6 or more times

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86. Which, if any, of the following long-standing conditions do you have? (Please select all that apply)

Answers

**AC** - A chronic illness **AM** - A mobility impairment **DO** - Deafness or hearing impairment **BO** - Blindness or vision impairment  
**AM** - A mental health condition **AL** - A learning disability **NO** - None of these

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87. Thinking about the month leading up to your hospital stay, how many days did illness or injury keep you in bed for all or a substantial part of the day?

Answers

**N** - None **1D** - 1 day **2D** - 2 days **3D** - 3 days **4D** - 4 days **5T** - 5 to 7 days **8T** - 8 to 10 days **MT** - More than 10 days **DK** - Don't know

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88. In general, how would you rate your health?

Answers

**E** - Excellent **VG** - Very good **G** - Good **F** - Fair **P** - Poor

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89. Who completed this questionnaire?

Answers

**ID** - I did (the patient) **IR** - I received help from someone else **SE** - Someone else on my behalf

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# Adult Inpatient January - March 2019

## Other Comments

This section allowed the patients to suggest ways that they felt the hospital could improve their care and services and to list the best and worst things about their stay in the hospital.

90. What could the hospital do to improve the care and services it provides to better meet the needs of patients?

### Answers

**NT** - Nothing **N** - None **I** - Incomprehensible **IN** - Staff numbers **IE** - Emotional / interpersonal care **IM** - Medical treatment **IH** - Handwashing  
**IP** - Patient involvement in care **IM** - Follow-up or communication with GP **MA** - Length of stay **IP** - Patient safety **IP** - Privacy  
**PM** - Provide more information **IC** - Communication between staff and family / friends / carers **IC** - Communication between staff and patient  
**IC** - Communication / collaboration between staff members **RW** - Wait times (waiting list) **RW** - Wait times (ED) **RW** - Wait times (discharge)  
**RW** - Wait times (other) **IC** - Cleanliness **IF** - Facilities **RN** - Reduce noise **IC** - Car parking **IR** - Room sharing protocol **IF** - Food quality  
**BM** - Meeting dietary needs **IF** - Food quantity **O** - Other **U** - Unclear **GQ** - Staff quality

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91. What were the best things about your stay in hospital?

### Answers

**NB** - Nothing **N** - None **I** - Incomprehensible **E** - Everything **NW** - Wait times **EC** - Emotional / interpersonal care **QO** - Medical treatment  
**MO** - Medical outcome **PI** - Patient involvement in care **AC** - A chance to rest / recover **GC** - Communication between staff and patient  
**GC** - Communication between staff and family / friends / carers **GC** - Communication / collaboration between staff members  
**QO** - Information quality **F** - Facilities - general **PR** - Private rooms / good room sharing **QE** - Quiet / relaxed environment **SA** - Social aspect  
**F** - Food **O** - Other **U** - Unclear **GQ** - Staff quality

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92. What were the worst things about your stay in hospital?

### Answers

**N** - None **NW** - Nothing **I** - Incomprehensible **BU** - Being unwell / in hospital **PM** - Medical treatment **IL** - Length of stay  
**PF** - Follow-up or communication with GP **PE** - Emotional / interpersonal care **LO** - Lack of patient involvement in care **NE** - Not enough staff  
**PH** - Poor handwashing **FU** - Felt unsafe **LO** - Lack of privacy **PC** - communication between staff and family / friends / carers  
**PC** - Communication between staff and patient **PC** - Communication / collaboration between staff members **II** - Insufficient information  
**WT** - Wait times (ED) **WT** - Wait times (discharge) **WT** - Wait times (other) **RS** - Room sharing **N** - Noise **UW** - Unclean ward / bathrooms  
**PF** - Facilities **PC** - Car-parking **FQ** - Food quality **FQ** - Food quantity **FD** - Food did not meet dietary needs **O** - Other **U** - Unclear  
**GQ** - Staff quality **WT** - Wait times (waiting list)

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The VHES asks consumers to provide in-depth feedback about a specific healthcare experiences.

## Patient categories

Currently, there are 10 patient categories included in the VHES, and several sub-categories. Three of these are continuous surveys, sent monthly to a sample of eligible patients who had a hospital or emergency department experience in the previous month, and asking them to reflect on that specific experience, and seven are annual surveys.

**Continuous** surveys are:

1. Adult inpatients aged 16 or over who were admitted to one of 116 hospitals.
2. Adult emergency patients aged 16 or over who attended one of 39 emergency departments but were not admitted to hospital.
3. Maternity consumers who received services from Victorian public hospital services in relation to antenatal, labour and birth and postnatal care at one of 42 hospitals.

**Annual** surveys are:

1. Paediatric inpatients aged 15 or under who were admitted to one of 34 hospitals. For those aged under eight, the survey is directed to the parent or carer, while the 8-15 year-olds questionnaire has questions for the parent or carer to complete, the child to complete and both to complete together (2 different questionnaires)
2. Paediatric emergency patients aged 16 or under who attended one of 39 emergency departments but were not admitted to hospital, aged 15 or under who were admitted to one of 34 hospitals. For those aged under eight, the survey is directed to the parent or carer, while the 8-15 year-olds questionnaire has questions for the parent or carer to complete, the child to complete and both to complete together (2 different questionnaires).
3. Adult specialist clinics patients who had an outpatient appointment at one of 47 hospitals.
4. Paediatric specialist clinics patients who had an outpatient appointment at one of 10 hospitals.
5. Community health services who used one of 88 community health services.
6. Planned and emergency ambulance service users (2 different questionnaires).
7. Palliative care clients and carers of admitted and community services, and bereaved carers (5 different questionnaires).

Questionnaires can be viewed by clicking on the download symbol next to each patient category name in the results view.

## Sampling and data collection

All patient categories use the same basic method of data collection, with the exception of community health which uses a different methodology designed to meet the unique needs of this population explained further below.

### Data collection excluding community health and palliative care admitted

For all inpatient, emergency, maternity, specialist clinic and ambulance surveys, sample is provided monthly by each campus and by Ambulance Victoria (AV) from patient files. Campuses and AV are required to provide limited details (name, patient category, preferred language, date of birth, postal address and where possible, email address) for a defined number of randomly selected patients each month via a secure portal. These details are kept for six months to ensure that patients are not surveyed too frequently and then securely destroyed to preserve anonymity.

Patients for whom an email address is provided are then emailed a link to the online version of the questionnaire. If they do not complete the survey online within two business days, they are then posted a hard copy version of the questionnaire. Those patients for whom an email address is not provided are also posted a

hard copy survey at this point. Patients who receive a survey in a language other than English will only have the option to complete this survey in hard copy. A questionnaire is sent to a patient in a language other than English if a patient's preferred language, as identified in the data provided by campuses, matches one of the languages available in the VHES.

Those who receive a mail-out survey are also given details to complete the survey online if they prefer, or to complete the hard copy version and return by reply paid envelope. All mail-out surveys are data entered, and the data is merged with online results. At this point, the unique patient IDs are checked to ensure no patients have attempted to complete online and hard copy versions of the survey.

### **Data-collection - community health**

As noted above, a very different methodology is used for community health. Rather than surveys being mailed to the patient address, community health service clients are invited to participate, in person while using the service itself. This protects the anonymity of clients, addresses the absence of a consistent state-wide database of client details, and increases the opportunity for homeless or transitory clients and those with low-literacy to participate.

For each survey site, a unique survey pack is provided with the allocated number of English and other language surveys, based on estimates of monthly client appointments and language preferences provided by services.

Sites are instructed to offer the survey to each eligible client using the service (including taking services on home visits) until the survey allocation is depleted, or the fieldwork period ends.

Community service clients who agree to the survey have the opportunity to complete it in hard copy and mail by reply-paid envelope or online. In addition, community health services are encouraged to assist clients to complete the survey by providing pads, computers and where possible, volunteer assistance within the service.

### **Data-collection - palliative care admitted**

For palliative care admitted, a similar methodology to community health is utilised. Palliative care admitted clients are invited to participate in the client survey, in person while using the service. They are also provided with a carer survey.

For each survey site, a unique survey pack is provided with the allocated number of English client and carer surveys, based on population estimates provided by the Department.

Sites are instructed to offer the survey packs to each eligible client using the service until the survey allocation is depleted, or the fieldwork period ends.

## **Languages**

Adult inpatient, adult emergency and specialist clinic surveys are offered in the following 15 languages, in addition to English:

Arabic

Croatian

Greek

Hindi

Italian

Macedonian

Maltese

Polish

Russian

Serbian

Simplified Chinese

Spanish

Traditional Chinese

Turkish

Vietnamese

Paediatric inpatient, paediatric emergency, maternity and specialist paediatric surveys are offered in the following 6 languages, in addition to English:

Arabic

Hindi

Simplified Chinese

Turkish

Traditional Chinese

Vietnamese

Community health surveys are offered in the following 15 languages, in addition to English:

Arabic

Burmese

Chin Hakha (from Burma, India, Bangladesh)

Dari

Farsi

Greek

Italian

Karen

Russian

Simplified Chinese

Somali

Tamil

Traditional Chinese

Turkish

Vietnamese.

These languages were selected based on the top languages spoken by patients in Victoria's public health systems.

The ambulance surveys are currently provided in English only, as limited information on the preferred language of patients is available.

## **Weighting and significance testing all patient categories**

To ensure that data accurately represents the population of interest (the true population of patients at each campus), normalising factors are applied to the data. Normalising factors are calculated based on the difference between the proportion of a certain type of respondent in the sample and the proportion of that type of respondent attending the health service. In essence, applying normalising factors to a dataset readjusts the achieved sample to resemble the population, removing any skew in the results. The calculation of proportional factors to normalise survey data is a standard research process.

**For adult inpatient, emergency, ambulance and specialist clinics categories**, a proportional weighting scheme is applied to the sample at each campus to bring it into line with each campus's true population by age and gender (and for ambulance - by patient type). This is based on the average annual separation data for each campus in 2013 and applies to all adult inpatient, emergency and specialist clinics results. This means, for example, that older people aren't over-represented in the survey results by virtue of older people being more likely to complete the survey than younger people. No age or gender weighting is applied to paediatric, maternity or community health results.

When looking at results that reflect a group of campuses (for example, at health service, state or peer group level) each campus is normalised according to what percentage of the group's true population it represents.

This means, for example, that one hospital isn't underrepresented because its patients were less likely to complete the survey than those at another hospital. This level of normalisation occurs for **all patient categories**.

While weighting is applied to make a sample more accurate, any data manipulation can introduce error. Ipsos accounts for this by using an effective error margin, a process that estimates the degree of error introduced into a sample by a weighting scheme and accounts for it in all statistical tests applied.

## Reporting

Results for the inpatient, maternity and emergency surveys are reported on a quarterly basis on this reporting portal, three months following the completion of each quarter. Specialist clinics surveys are reported once annually in September/October based on data collected among April-June patients and community health service results are reported in March/April based on data collected in October-December.

Quarters are:

January to March stays (referred to as M in charts throughout the portal) - results made available in the middle of the following June

April to June stays (referred to as J in charts throughout the portal) - results made available in the middle of the following September

July to September stays (referred to as S in charts throughout the portal) - results made available in the middle of the following December

October to December stays (referred to as D in charts throughout the portal) - results made available in the middle of the following March.

## Minimum sample size requirement

For all categories, results for each campus or health service (district or region for ambulance) are published on the portal only if the campus achieves the minimum survey returns requirement to ensure the data is statistically robust. However, these campuses will still contribute to the peer group, health service and state average. Where a campus does not achieve this minimum survey returns, the portal will state that there is insufficient data for this period.

However, **continuous surveys campuses** who do not receive the minimum will receive a rolling sample as the survey progresses. This means that results for multiple quarters will be merged to provide a sufficient sample size over a longer period.

As at March 15, 2019, there are different minimum survey return (sample size) requirements. These are:

10 for continuous surveys (adult inpatient, adult emergency, maternity), paediatric (inpatient and emergency), specialist clinics, community health and palliative care surveys.

42 for ambulance surveys.

## Margin of error

A margin of error is a measure of the accuracy of a summary statistic. It indicates how much a survey result which is collected from a **sample** of patients is likely to vary from the true result if we were able to survey **all**



patients. The margin of error is calculated based on the sample size (number of patients completing the survey at a given campus during a given quarter), population size (number of patients attending a given campus during a given quarter) and the proportion (result) of interest. We calculate margins of error for the VHES at the 95% level of confidence (see below). The table below outlines margins of error for different sample sizes, assuming a finite population and a proportion of 50%.

Sample size	Margin of error (+/-)
10	31
20	22
30	18
42	15
60	13
80	11
100	10
200	7
1000	3
5000	1.4

Example: a margin of error of +/- 10 means that if, for example, 50% of Acme hospital survey respondents who had their experience between Jan-March 2018 described their overall experience as very good, we expect that between 40% and 60% of patients attending Acme hospital during this period would have actually felt this way.

However, it is important to note that these margins of error assume an infinite or very large population. If your campus had a very small population of patients (20, for example) and you received responses from all of them, then the margin of error would be zero because there is no difference between your sample and the population. In a similar way, if your population is small, your margin of error is smaller than in the table above even if the number of responses is small.

If you'd like to know more about margins of error for your campus, please email us at [results@vhes.com.au](mailto:results@vhes.com.au).

## Confidence level

A confidence level is a description of how close we expect the sample to be to the entire population, when the sample is selected at random. It is expressed in a percentage. We use a 95 per cent confidence level, which means that we expect the characteristics of the sample to be the same as the whole population 95 times out of 100.

## Analysis

Throughout this portal, statistically relevant significant findings have been reported at the 95% confidence interval and are represented within tables in green where the subject (campus, health service or state) has performed significantly higher than the comparator or in orange where it has performed significantly lower.

In addition, a key driver analysis was run to determine the Key Aspects of Care for each patient category. These Key Aspects of Care are the defining hospital experiences: those that are most likely to separate a patient who rated their overall experience as very good, from those who rate it as something else (good, adequate, poor, very poor).

Specifically, two methods were used to identify which parts of the patients' visit or stay in hospital are linked to a very good overall experiences:

1. The primary method was a binary logistic regression where the dependent variable (DV) is: Overall how would you rate the care you received while in hospital? The DV was categorised as 1= very good and 0 = all other modalities. The independent variables were all categorised so as to provide results as changes in odd ratios. For example, patients who always had confidence and trust in nurses are 8 times more likely to have had a very good experience overall than patients who had no confidence in nurses. The binary regression was used in forward stepwise model, using the conditional' rule to include variables. The results of the analysis were evaluated on the basis of change in the log-likelihood (LL) goodness of fit criterion as each additional variable was included stepwise. The results were also evaluated on the basis of the p values for the WALD test applied to the coefficient (effect size) of each categorised variable.

2. The secondary method used to confirm the results of the binary logit analysis is a machine learning algorithm: A classification and regression tree was used to identify variables which best account for the variation in the overall rating of patients' stay in hospital. CRT also provides a rank for all variables (whether apparent in tree or not). The relative importance of the variables linked to the target variable was examined for consistency with the binary logit analysis. Note: for technical reasons (i.e. not losing cases because of streaming in the questionnaire), some modalities were added to the list of modalities of some questions. Those modalities are then used as the base of the odds even though they may not be relevant to the question (e.g. base of odds is 'patient did not see Dr' when the question evaluates confidence in treating Dr). However, the odds were evaluated on the effect size vs a meaningful base (e.g. I received assistance all of the time is evaluated as an odd ratio vs I never received assistance, rather than I did not need assistance).

## Response rates

In the Jan - March 2019 period, the following statewide response rates were achieved for each patient category:

- **Adult Inpatient:** 6117 individuals, or 27% of those invited completed the survey
- **Adult Emergency:** 2116 individuals, or 16% of those invited completed the survey
- **Paediatric Inpatient:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Paediatric Emergency:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Maternity:** 1483 individuals, or 25% of those invited completed the survey
- **Paediatric Specialist Clinics:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Adult Specialist Clinics:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Community Health:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Ambulance Planned:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Ambulance Emergency:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Palliative Care - Bereaved carer:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Palliative Care - Hospital carer:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Palliative Care - Hospital patient:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Palliative Care - In-home carer:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Palliative Care - In-home patient:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period
- **Cancer experience:** No surveying was conducted during the Jan - March 2019 period

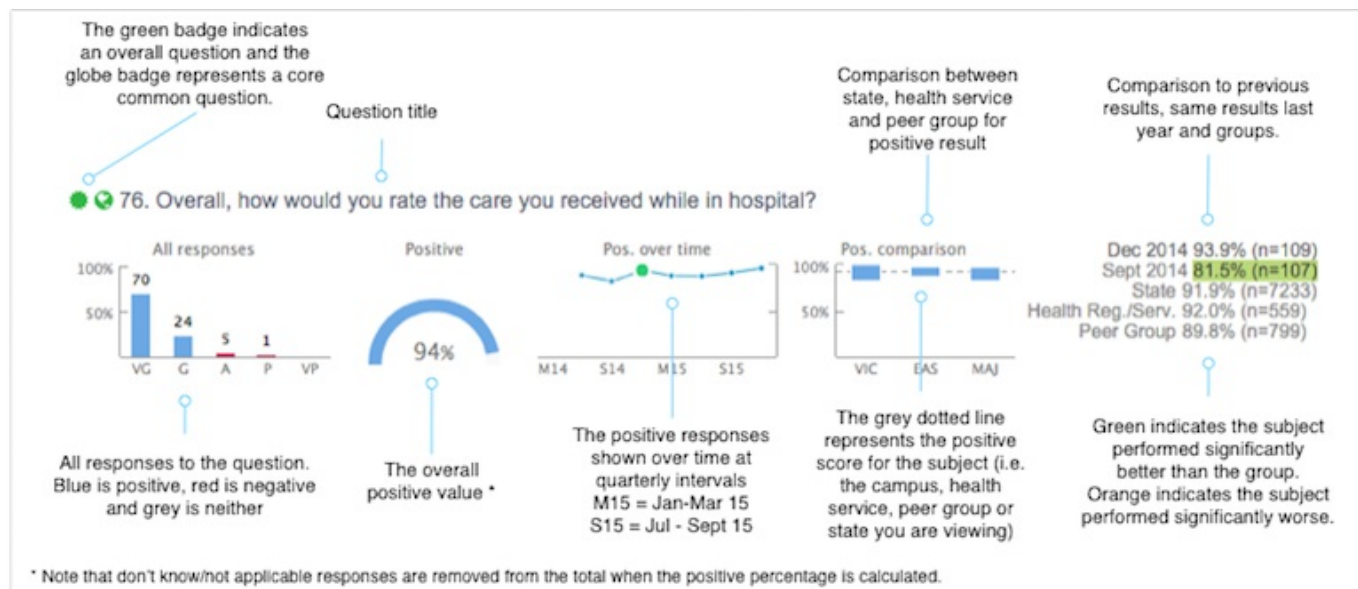
# Help

Answers to frequently asked questions are presented below. If these do not respond to your query, please contact us at [results@vhes.com.au](mailto:results@vhes.com.au)

## Frequently asked questions

### Q: How do I interpret each question chart?

A: The images below provide detailed information on how to interpret and navigate charts and data.



### Q: How frequently are results provided?

A: Results for the survey are reported on a quarterly basis, three months following the completion of each quarter. Quarters are:

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### Q: Why can't I see results for certain patient categories for my campus?

A: Results for each campus are provided only if the campus achieves enough survey returns to ensure the data is statistically robust (please see the Method section in Appendix 2 for more information on this). Where a campus does not achieve enough survey returns, the portal will state that there is insufficient data for this period. Many health services experienced initial difficulties with data extraction and uploading. Most services have resolved these difficulties with and should expect results for all categories for the July- September results.

However, campuses with only small numbers of completed questionnaires will have the opportunity to receive a rolling sample as the survey progresses. This means that results for multiple quarters will be merged to provide a sufficient sample size over a longer period.

### Q: What does the alert symbol ⚠ mean?

A: An alert symbol is shown where the sample size for a particular question is less than 30. This means that the margin of error for this question is quite large (more than +/- 18%), so results should be interpreted with caution.

### Q: How can I see the patient comments?

A: Patient comments are analysed and presented at an aggregate level under the 'other comments' tab for each patient category. These comments are also provided, verbatim, to campuses.

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