



# Community Mental Health Survey Benchmark Report 2025

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust



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This work was carried out in accordance with the requirements of the international standard for organisations conducting social research (accreditation to ISO27001:2013; certificate number GB10/80275).

# Background and methodology

This section includes:

- an explanation of the NHS Patient Survey Programme
- information on the 2025 Community mental health survey
- a description of key terms used in this report
- navigating the report



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# Background and methodology

## The NHS Patient Survey Programme

The NHS Patient Survey Programme (NPSP) collects feedback on adult inpatient care, maternity care, children and young people's inpatient and day services, urgent and emergency care, and Community mental health services.

The NPSP is commissioned by the Care Quality Commission (CQC); the independent regulator of health and adult social care in England.

As part of the NPSP, the Community mental health survey has been conducted almost every year since 2004. CQC use the results from the survey in its assessment of mental health trusts in England.

To find out more about the survey programme and to see the results from previous surveys, please refer to the section on further information on this page.

## Community mental health survey

The survey was administered by the Survey Coordination Centre (SCC) at Picker Institute.

A total of 67,127 community mental health service users were invited to participate in the survey across 50 NHS trusts.

Completed responses were received from 12,319 community mental health service users; a 19% adjusted response rate, where undelivered questionnaires are removed from the response rate calculation.

Service users aged 16 and over were eligible to participate in the survey if they were receiving care or treatment for a mental health condition and were seen face-to-face at the trust, via video conference or telephone between 1 April 2025 and 31 May 2025. Full sampling criteria can be found in the [Sampling Instructions](#).

Fieldwork for the survey (the time during which questionnaires were sent out and returned) took place between August and November 2025.

## Trend data

In 2023, the Community mental health survey transitioned from a solely paper-based methodology to both paper and online, which impacted trend data.

Therefore, only data from the 2023, 2024 and 2025 survey years are comparable, unless a question has changed or there are other reasons for lack of comparability such as changes in organisational structure of a trust.

Where results are comparable with previous years, a section on historical trends has been included.

## Further information about the survey

- For published results and for more information on the Community mental health survey please visit the [NHS Survey website](#).
- For published results for other surveys in the NPSP, and for information to help trusts implement the surveys across the NPSP, please visit the [NHS Surveys website](#).
- To learn more about the CQC's survey programme, please visit the [CQC website](#).

# Key terms used in this report

## The 'expected range' technique

This report shows how your trust scored for each evaluative question in the survey, compared with other trusts that took part. It uses an analysis technique called the 'expected range' to determine if your trust is performing about the same, better or worse compared with most other trusts. This is designed to help understand the performance of individual trusts and identify areas for improvement. More information can be found in the [How to interpret benchmarking in this report](#) section.

## Standardisation

Demographic characteristics, such as age and sex, can influence care experiences and how they are reported. For example, research shows that older people report more positive experiences of care than younger people. Since trusts have differing profiles of Community mental health service users, this could make fair trust comparisons difficult. To account for this, we 'standardise' the results, which means we apply a weight to individual service user responses to account for differences in demographic profile between trusts.

For each trust, results have been standardised by the age and sex of respondents to reflect the 'national' age-sex type distribution (based on all respondents to the survey). This helps ensure that no trust will appear better or worse than another because of its profile and enables a fairer and more useful comparison of results across trusts. In most cases this standardisation will not have a large impact on trust results.

## Scoring

For selected questions in the survey, the individual (standardised) responses are converted into scores, typically 0, 5, or 10. A score of 10 represents the best possible result and a score of 0 the worst. The higher the score for each question, the better the trust is performing.

Only evaluative questions in the questionnaire are scored. Some questions are descriptive (for example Q1), and others are 'routing questions', which are designed to filter out respondents to whom subsequent questions do not apply (for example Q20). These questions are not scored.

Please refer to the [scored questionnaire](#) for further details. Section scoring is computed as the arithmetic mean of question scores for the section

after weighting is applied. More information can be found in the [How questions are scored](#) slide.

## National average

The 'national average' mentioned in this report is the arithmetic mean of all trusts' scores after weighting is applied.

## Suppressed data

If fewer than 30 respondents have answered a question, no score will be displayed for that question (or the corresponding section the question contributes to).

Benchmark data is not provided if fewer than 30 trusts have data for a given question.

## Further information about the methods

For further information about the statistical methods used in this report, please refer to the [survey technical document](#) which is on the 'Analysis and Reporting' section of the 2025 Community mental health survey webpage on the NHS Surveys website.

# Using the survey results

## Navigating this report

This report is split into five sections:

- **Background and methodology** – provides information about the survey programme, how the survey is run and details on the contents of this report.
- **Headline results** – includes key trust-level findings relating to the service users who took part in the survey, benchmarking, and top and bottom scores. This section provides an overview of results for your trust, identifying areas where your organisation performs better than the average and where you may wish to focus improvement activities.
- **Benchmarking** – shows how your trust scored for each evaluative question in the survey, compared with other trusts that took part; using the ‘expected range’ analysis technique. This allows you to see the range of scores achieved and compare yourself with the other organisations that took part in the survey. Benchmarking can provide you with an indication of where you perform better than the average, and what you should aim for in areas

where you may wish to improve.

- **Change over time** – includes your trust’s mean score for each evaluative question in the survey. Significance test table compares 2025 score to your 2023 and 2024 mean score. This allows you to see if your trust has made statistically significant improvements between survey years.
- **Comparison to other trusts** – includes where your trust has performed better or worse in comparison to other trusts.

## How to interpret the graphs in this report

There are several types of graphs in this report that show how the score for your trust compares to the scores achieved by all trusts that took part in the survey.

The two chart types used in the section ‘Benchmarking’ use the ‘expected range’ technique to show results. For information on how to interpret these graphs, please refer to the [‘How to interpret benchmarking in this report’](#) slides.

## Other data sources

More information is available about the following topics at their respective websites, listed below:

- [Full national results; technical document](#).
- [National and trust-level data](#) for all trusts who took part in the 2025 Community mental health survey.
- Full details of the methodology for the survey, instructions for trusts and contractors to carry out the survey, and the survey development report can also be found on the [NHS Surveys website](#).
- Information on the [NHS Patient Survey Programme](#), including results from other surveys.
- Information about how [CQC monitors providers](#).

# Headline results

This section includes:

- information about your trust population
- an overview of benchmarking for your trust
- the best and worst scores for your trust presented in charts (slide 10) and poster format (slide 11)



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# Who took part in the survey?

This slide is included to help you interpret responses and to provide information about the population of service users who took part in the survey.



**1350** invited to take part



**301** completed

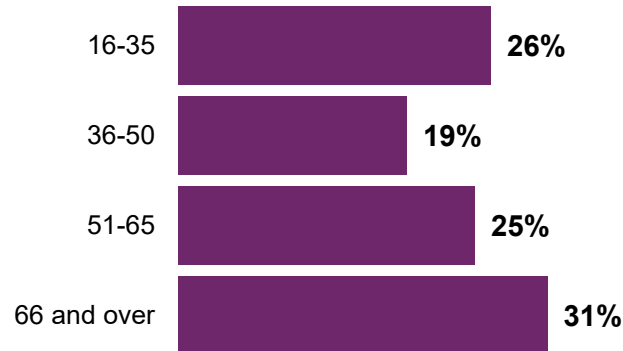


**23%** response rate

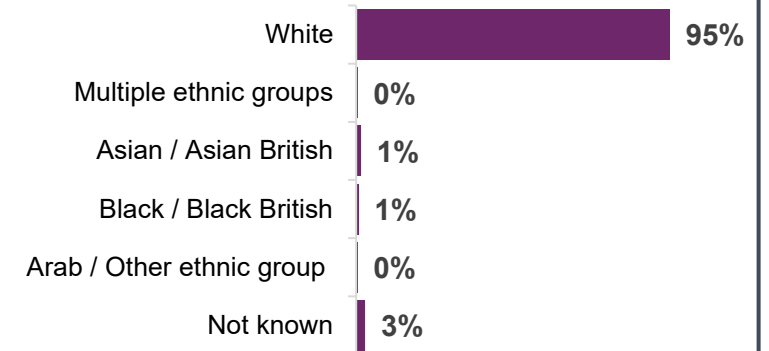
19% average response rate for all trusts  
22% response rate for your trust in 2024



## Age



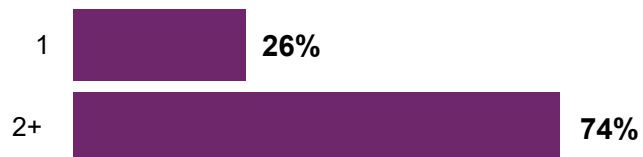
## Ethnicity



## Long-term conditions

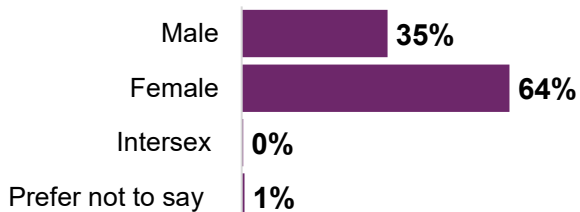
93% of service users have a **physical or mental health condition or illness that has lasted or is expected to last for 12 months or more.**

Number of long-term conditions reported:



## Sex

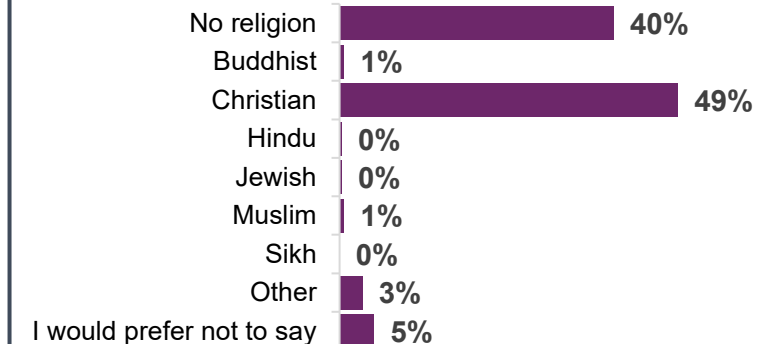
At birth were you assigned as...



3% of service users said their **gender is different from the sex they were assigned with at birth.**



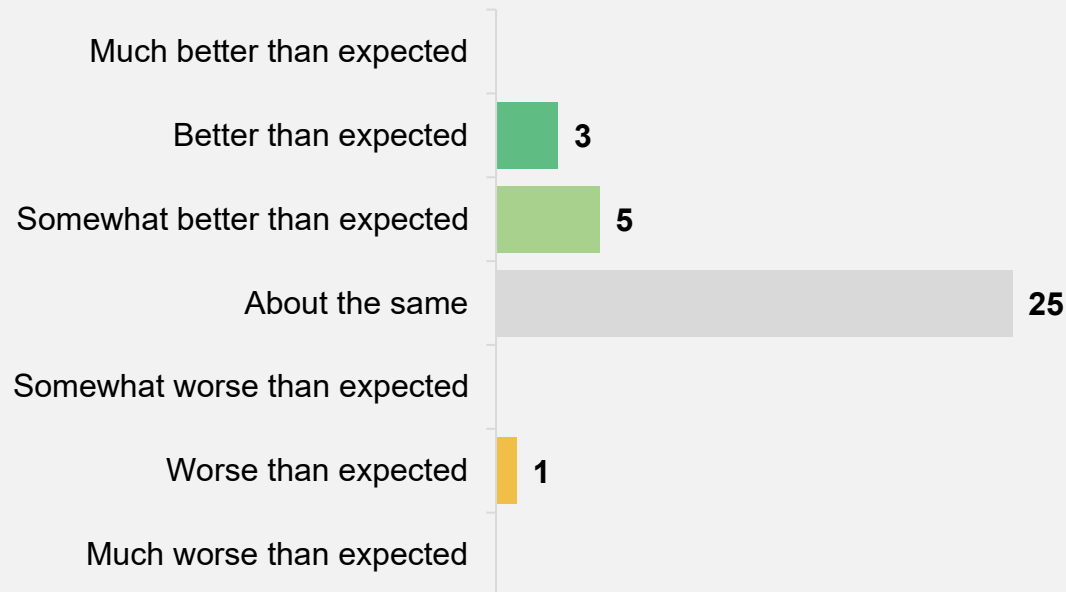
## Religion



# Summary of findings for your trust

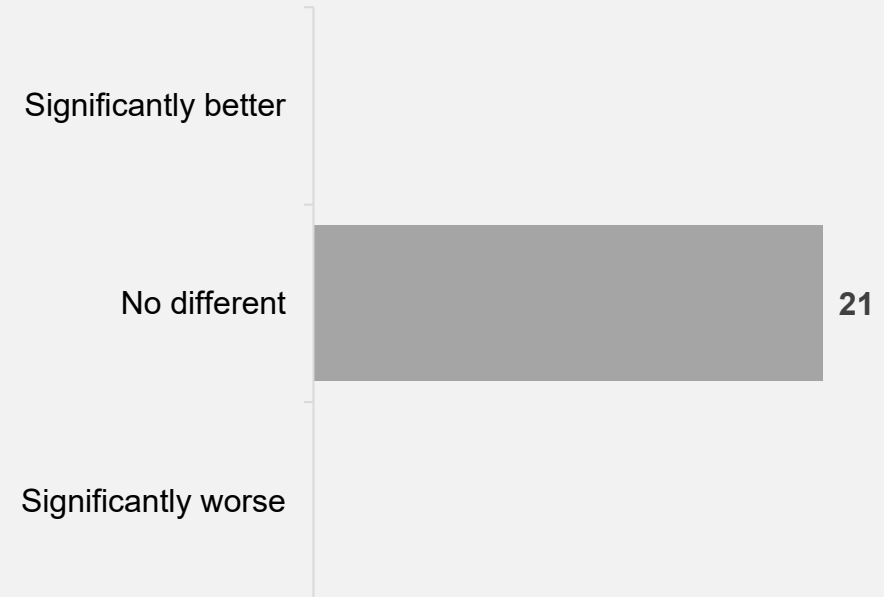
## Comparison with other trusts

The **number of questions** at which your trust has performed better, worse, or about the same compared with all other trusts.



## Comparison with last year's results

The **number of questions** at which your trust has performed statistically significantly better, significantly worse, or no different than your result from the previous year, 2025 vs 2024.



For a breakdown of the questions where your trust has performed better or worse compared with all other trusts, please refer to the section [“Comparison to other trusts”](#).

# Best and worst performance relative to the national average

These five questions are calculated by comparing your trust's results to the national average.

- **Top five scores:** These are the five results for your trust that are highest compared with the national average. If none of the results for your trust are above the national average, then the results that are closest to the national average have been chosen, meaning a trust's best performance may be worse than the national average.
- **Bottom five scores:** These are the five results for your trust that are lowest compared with the national average. If none of the results for your trust are below the national average, then the results that are closest to the national average have been chosen, meaning a trust's worst performance may be better than the national average.

## Top five scores (compared with national average)

■ Your trust score ■ National average

### Section 6 Crisis care support

Q30. Did the NHS mental health team give your family or carer information or support whilst you were in crisis?



### Section 7 Crisis care access

Q28. Thinking about the last time you contacted NHS mental health crisis support, how did you feel about the length of time it took you to get through to someone?



### Section 4 Medication

Q21\_3. Have any of the following been discussed with you about your medication? Side effects of medication



### Section 6 Crisis care support

Q29. Thinking about the last time you contacted NHS mental health crisis support, did you get the help you needed?



### Section 4 Medication

Q21\_2. Have any of the following been discussed with you about your medication? Benefits of medication

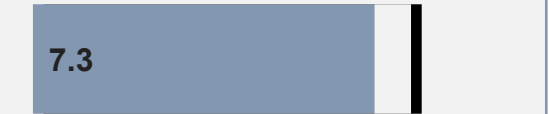


## Bottom five scores (compared with national average)

■ Your trust score ■ National average

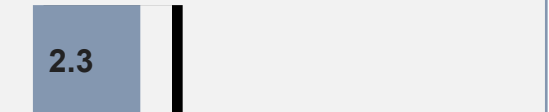
### Section 3 Your care

Q19. Have you been given a diagnosis for your mental health?



### Section 12 Feedback

Q40. Aside from this questionnaire, in the last 12 months, have you been asked by NHS mental health services to give your views on the quality of your care?



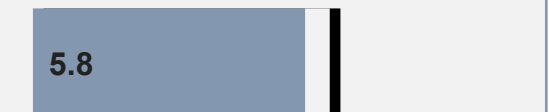
### Section 3 Your care

Q17. In the last 12 months, have you had a care review meeting with your NHS mental health team to discuss how your care is working?



### Section 1 Support while waiting

Q6. While waiting, between your assessment with the NHS mental health team and your first appointment for treatment, were you offered support with your mental health?



### Section 1 Support while waiting

Q7. Was the support offered appropriate for your mental health needs?



# NHS Community Mental Health Survey

## Results for Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

### Where service user experience **is best**

- ✓ **Crisis care support:** NHS mental health team provided support to family / carer when service users had a crisis
- ✓ **Crisis care access:** the length of time it took service users to get through to support during a mental health crisis
- ✓ **Medication:** side effects of medication being discussed with service users
- ✓ **Crisis care support:** service users getting help needed when they last contacted crisis support
- ✓ **Medication:** benefits of medication being discussed with service users

### Where service user experience **could improve**

- **Your care:** service users being given a diagnosis for their mental health
- **Feedback:** NHS mental health services asking service users for their views on the quality of their care
- **Your care:** service users had a care review meeting in the last 12 months
- **Support while waiting:** service users offered support while waiting
- **Support while waiting:** service users offered appropriate support while waiting

These questions are calculated by comparing your trust's results to the national average. "Where service user experience is best": These are the five results for your trust that are highest compared with the national average. "Where service user experience could improve": These are the five results for your trust that are lowest compared with the national average.

This survey looked at the experiences of people who were receiving care or treatment for a mental health condition and had been treated by the trust between 1 April 2025 and 31 May 2025. Between August and November 2025, a questionnaire was sent to 1350 recent service users. Responses were received from 301 service users at this trust. If you have any questions about the survey and our results, please contact [INSERT TRUST CONTACT DETAILS].



# Scoring and benchmarking

This section includes:

- how your trust scored for each evaluative question in the survey, compared with other trusts that took part
- an analysis technique called the 'expected range' to determine if your trust is performing about the same, better or worse compared with most other trusts

**Please note:** If data is missing, this is due to a low number of responses.



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# How questions are scored

Each evaluative question is scored on a scale from 0 to 10. The scores represent the extent to which the service user's experience could be improved. A score of 0 is assigned to all responses that reflect considerable scope for improvement, whereas a score of 10 refers to the most positive service user experience possible. Where a number of options lay between the negative and positive responses, they are placed at equal intervals along the scale. Where options were provided that did not have any bearing on the trust's performance in terms of service user experience, the responses are classified as "not applicable" and a score is not given. Similarly, where respondents stated they could not remember or did not know the answer to a question, a score is not given.

## Example of how questions are scored

The following provides an example for the scoring system applied for each respondent. For question 18 "Has your NHS mental health team supported you to make decisions about your care and treatment? Support includes sharing information on risks and benefits of your care and treatment.":

- The answer code "Yes, definitely" would be given a score of 10, as this refers to the most positive service user experience possible.
- The answer code "Yes, to some extent" would be given a score of 5, as it is placed at an equal interval along the scale.
- The answer code "No" would be given a score of 0, as this response reflects considerable scope for improvement.
- The answer code "Don't know / can't remember" would not be scored, as they do not have a clear bearing on the trust's performance in terms of service user's experience.

## Calculating the trust score for each question

The weighted mean score for each trust, for each question, is calculated by dividing the sum of the weighted scores for a question by the weighted sum of all eligible respondents to the question for each trust. An example of this is provided in the [survey technical document](#).

## Calculating the section score

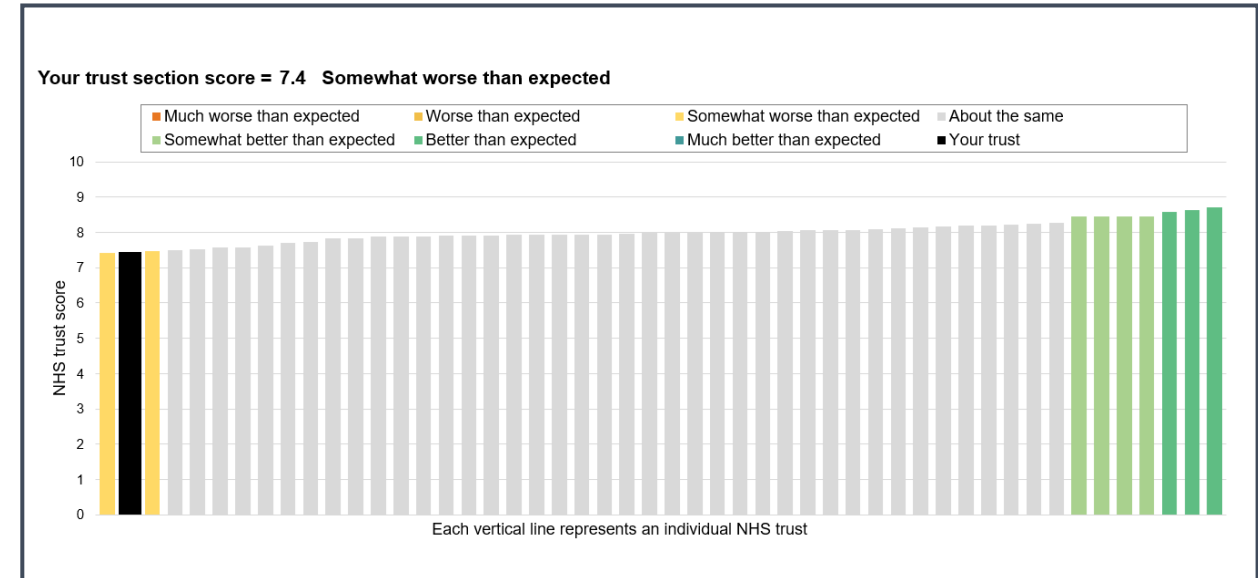
An arithmetic mean of each trust's question scores is taken to provide a score for each section.

# How to interpret benchmarking in this report

The charts in the 'benchmarking' section show how the score for your trust compares to the range of scores achieved by all trusts taking part in the survey. The black line shows the score for your trust. The graphs are divided into seven sections, comparing the score for your trust to most other trusts in the survey:

- If your trust's score lies in the **dark green section** of the graph, its result is 'Much better than expected'.
- If your trust's score lies in the **mid-green section** of the graph, its result is 'Better than expected'.
- If your trust's score lies in the **light green section** of the graph, its result is 'Somewhat better than expected'.
- If your trust's score lies in the **grey section** of the graph, its result is 'About the same'.
- If your trust's score lies in the **yellow section** of the graph, its result is 'Somewhat worse than expected'.
- If your trust's score lies in the **light orange section** of the graph, its result is 'Worse than expected'.
- If your trust's score lies in the **dark orange section** of the graph, its result is 'Much worse than expected'.

These groupings are based on a rigorous statistical analysis of the data termed the '[expected range](#)' technique.



## How to interpret benchmarking in this report (continued)

The 'much better than expected', 'better than expected', 'somewhat better than expected', 'about the same', 'somewhat worse than expected', 'worse than expected' and 'much worse than expected' categories are based on an analysis technique called the 'expected range'. Expected range determines the range within which a trust's score could fall without differing significantly from the average, taking into account the number of respondents for each trust, to indicate whether the trust has performed significantly above or below what would be expected.

If it is within this expected range, we say that the trust's performance is 'about the same' as other trusts. Where a trust is identified as performing 'better' or 'worse' than the majority of other trusts, the result is unlikely to have occurred by chance.

The question score charts show the trust scores compared to the minimum and maximum scores achieved by any trust. In some cases, this minimum or maximum limit will mean that one or more of the bands are not visible – because the range of other bands is broad enough to include the highest or lowest score achieved by a trust this year. This could be because there were few respondents, meaning the confidence intervals around your data are slightly larger, or because there was limited variation between trusts for this question this year.

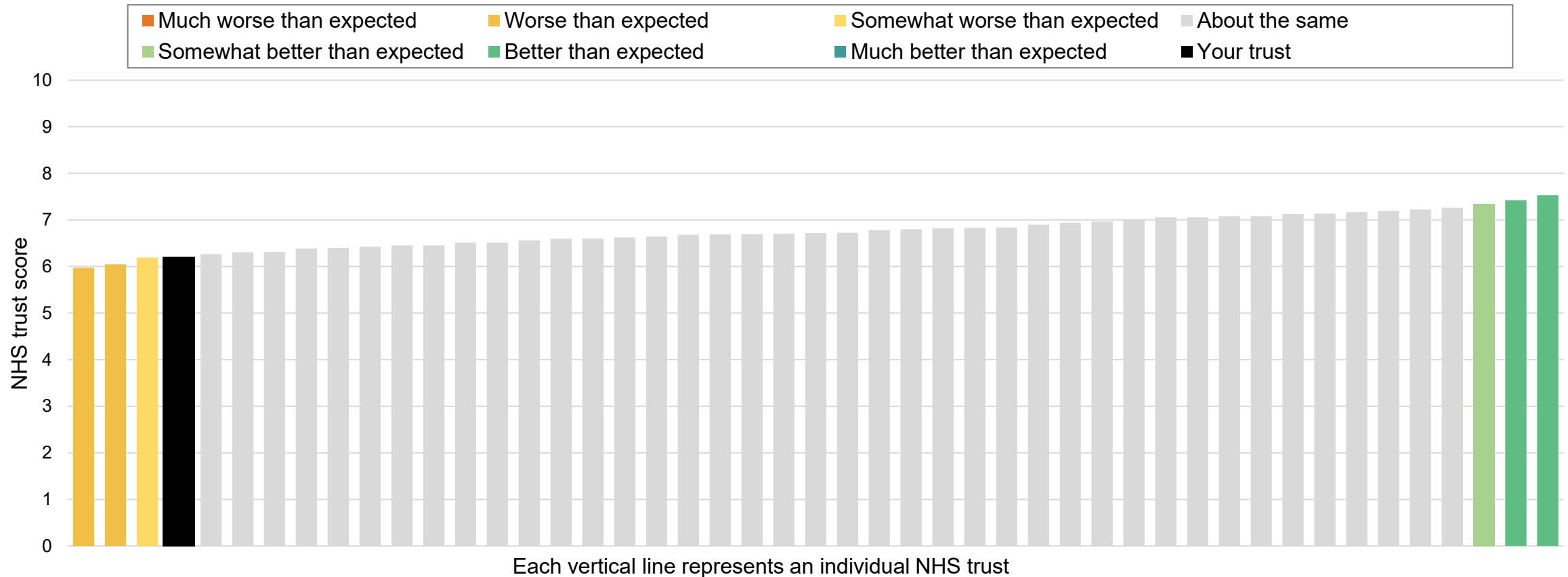
In some cases, a trust could be categorised as 'about the same' whilst having a lower score than a 'worse than expected' trust, or categorised as 'about the same' whilst having a higher score than a 'better than expected' trust. This occurs as the bandings are calculated through standard error rather than standard deviation. Standard error takes into account the number of responses achieved by a trust, and therefore the banding may differ for a trust with a low number of responses.

Additional information on the 'expected range' analysis technique can be found in the survey technical report on the [NHS Surveys website](#).

# Section 1. Support while waiting

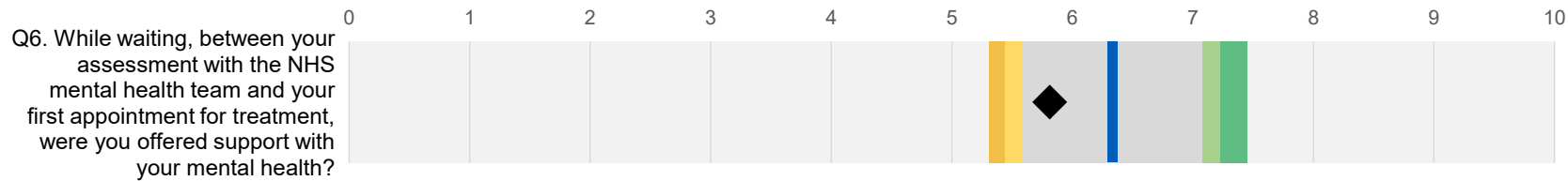
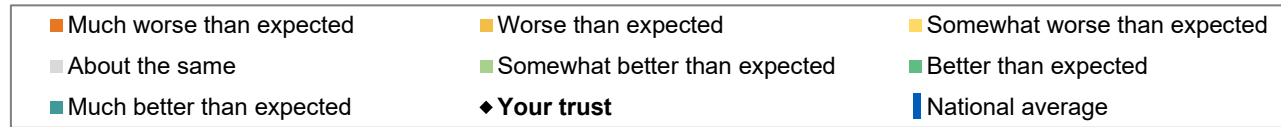
This shows the range of section scores for all NHS trusts. Section scores are calculated as the mean of a selection of questions that fall under a particular theme. The colour of the line denotes whether a trust has performed better, worse, or about the same compared with all other trusts (as detailed in the legend). The result for your trust is shown in black. Please note, as a result of the 'expected range' analysis technique used, a trust could be categorised as 'about the same' whilst having a lower score than a 'worse than expected' trust, or categorised as 'about the same' whilst having a higher score than a 'better than expected' trust.

**Your trust section score = 6.2 Somewhat worse than expected**



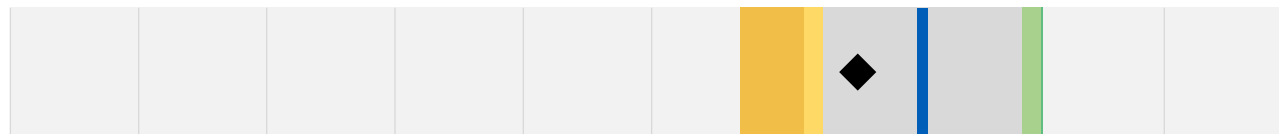
# Section 1. Support while waiting (continued)

## Question scores



About the same

Q7. Was the support offered appropriate for your mental health needs?



About the same

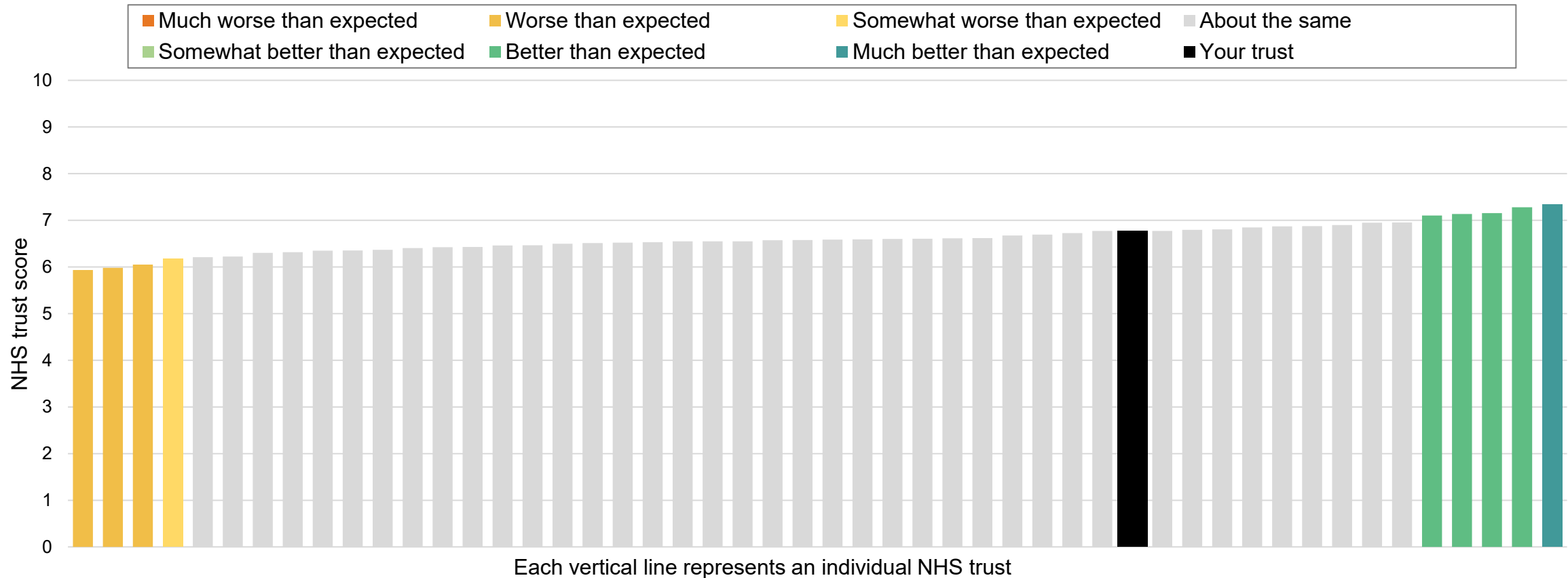
Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
120	5.8	6.3	5.3	7.5

Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
70	6.6	7.1	5.7	8.0

# Section 2. Mental health team

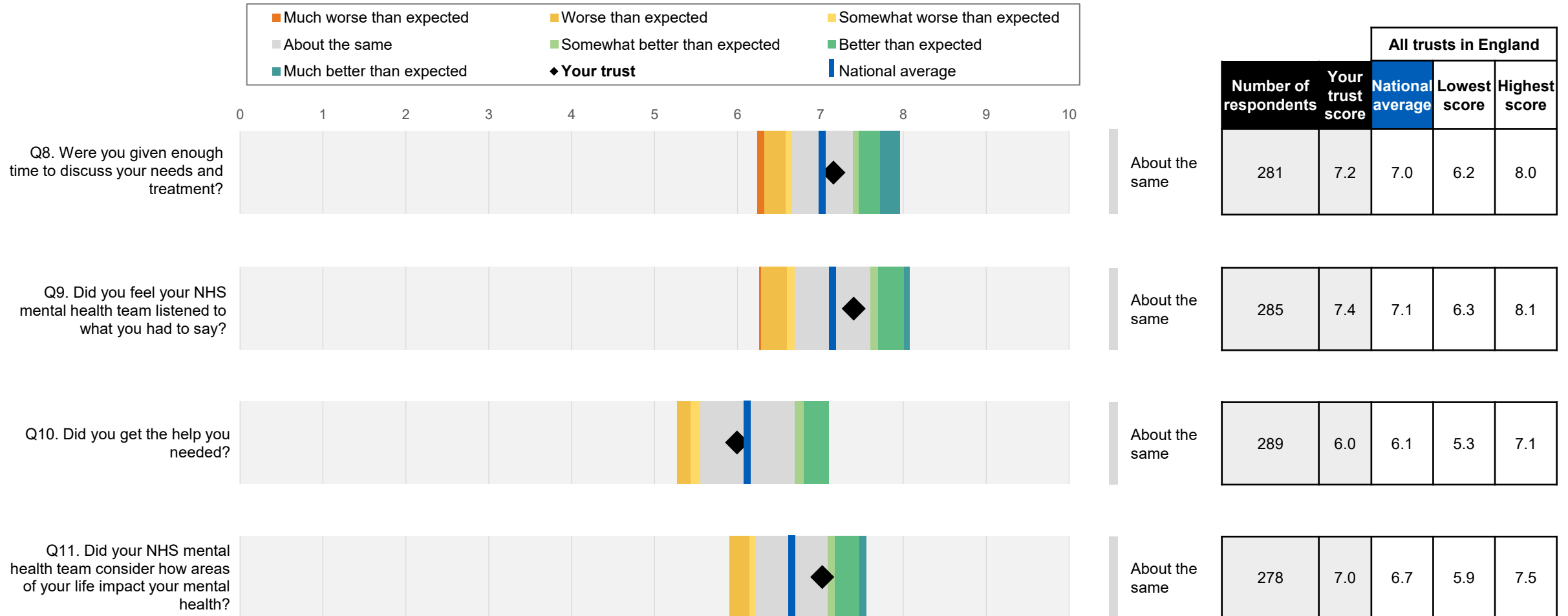
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**Your trust section score = 6.8 About the same**



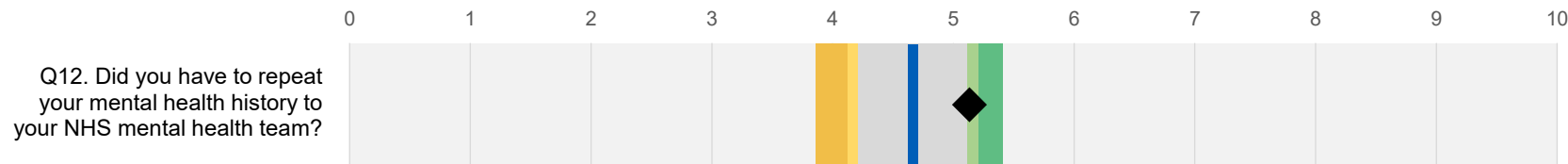
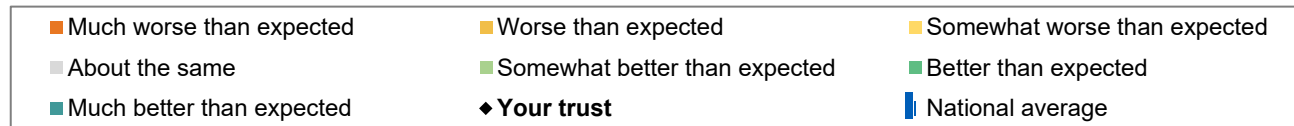
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### Question scores



## Section 2. Mental health team (continued)

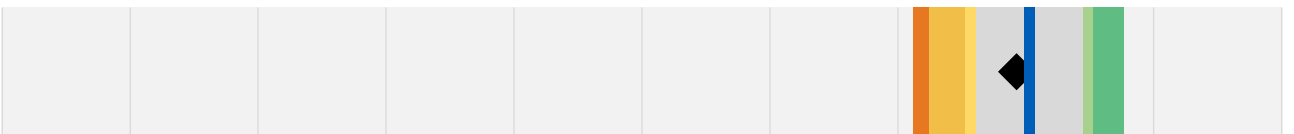
### Question scores



Somewhat better than expected

Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
279	5.1	4.7	3.9	5.4

Q13. Did your mental health team tell you who to contact if you had any questions or concerns about your care or treatment?



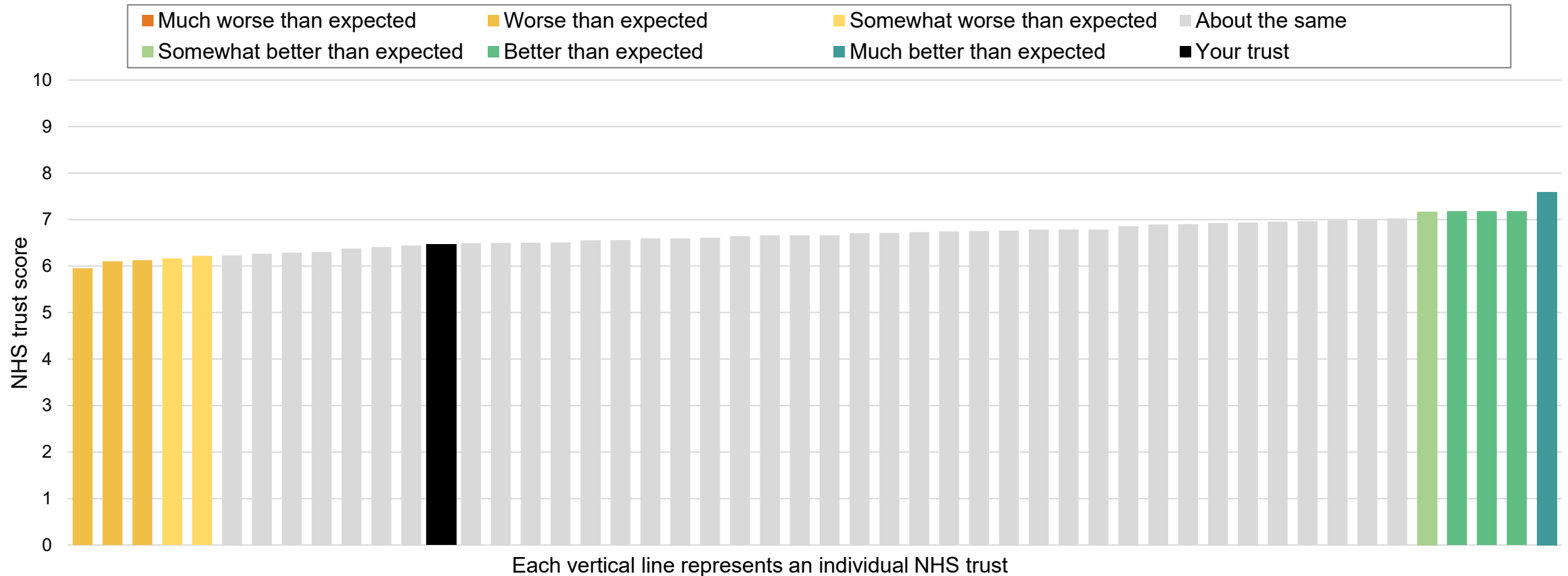
About the same

Number of respondents	Your trust score	National average	Lowest score	Highest score
264	7.9	8.0	7.1	8.8

# Section 3. Your care

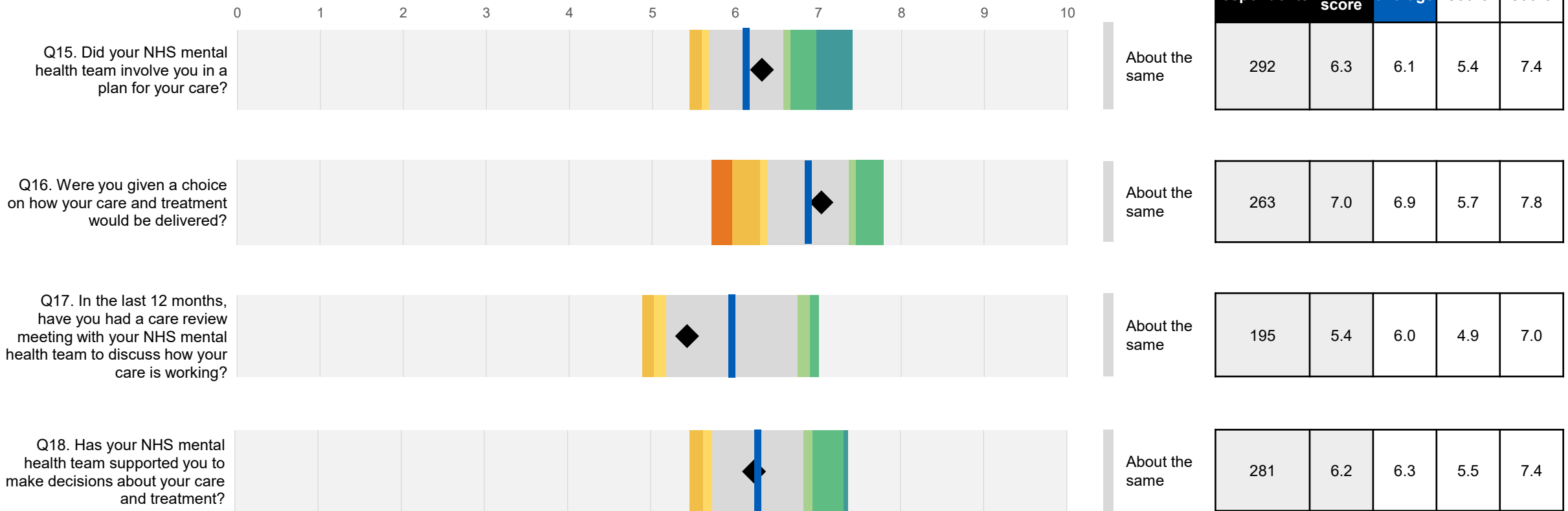
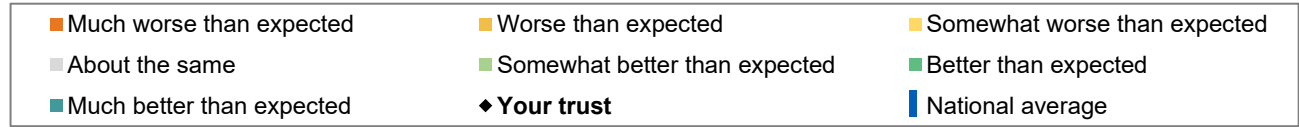
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**Your trust section score = 6.5 About the same**



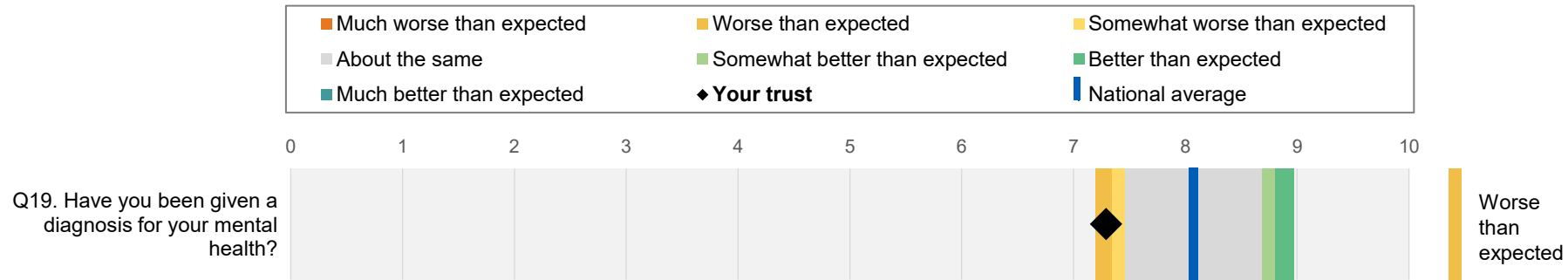
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## Question scores



## Section 3. Your care (continued)

### Question scores

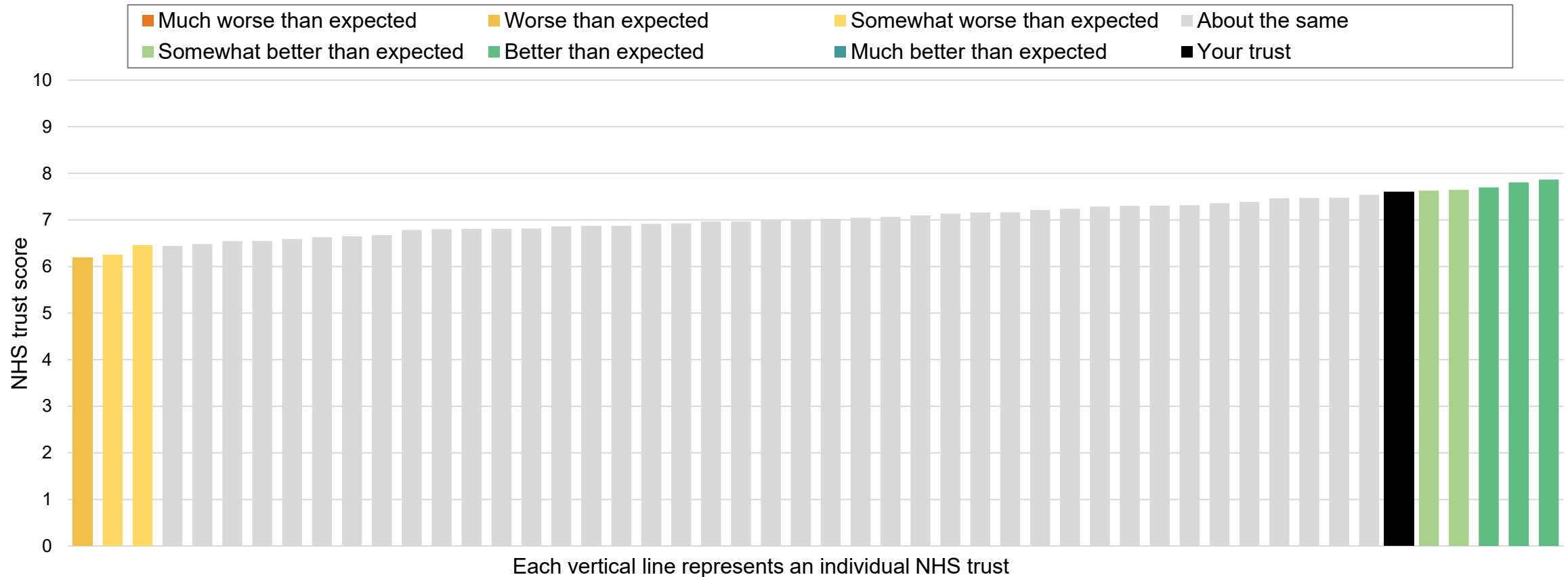


		All trusts in England		
Number of respondents	Your trust score	National average	Lowest score	Highest score
271	7.3	8.1	7.2	9.0

## Section 4. Medication

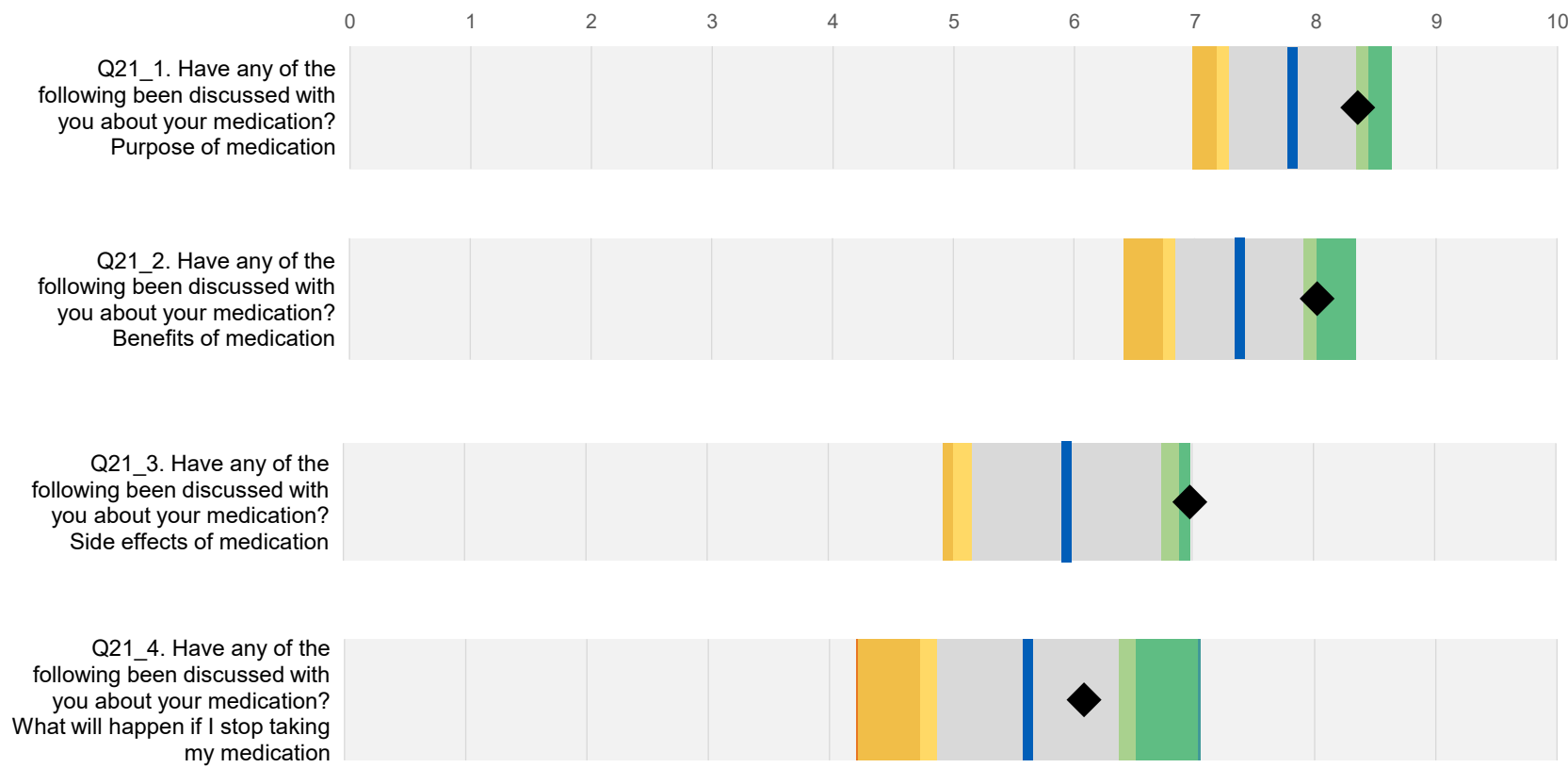
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**Your trust section score = 7.6 About the same**



# Section 4. Medication (continued)

## Question scores



Somewhat better than expected

Better than expected

Better than expected

About the same

Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
139	8.3	7.8	7.0	8.6

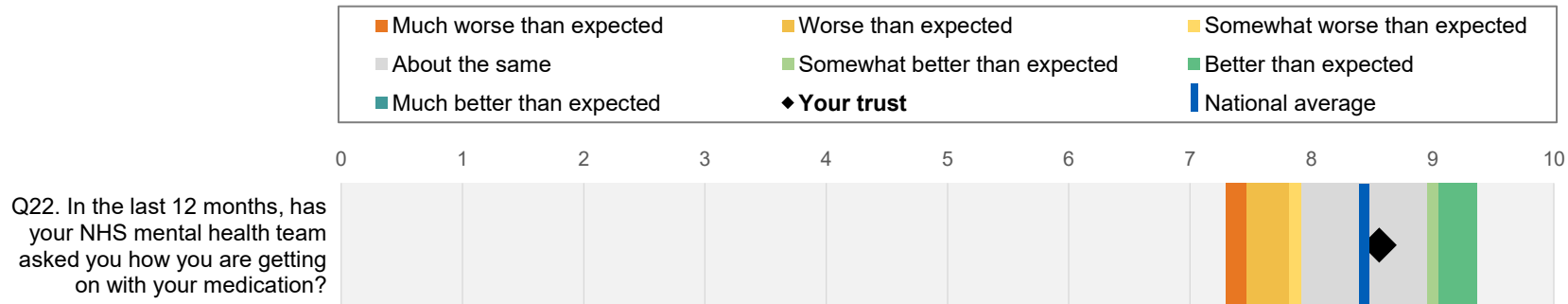
133	8.0	7.4	6.4	8.3
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135	7.0	6.0	4.9	7.0
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123	6.1	5.6	4.2	7.1
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## Section 4. Medication (continued)

### Question scores



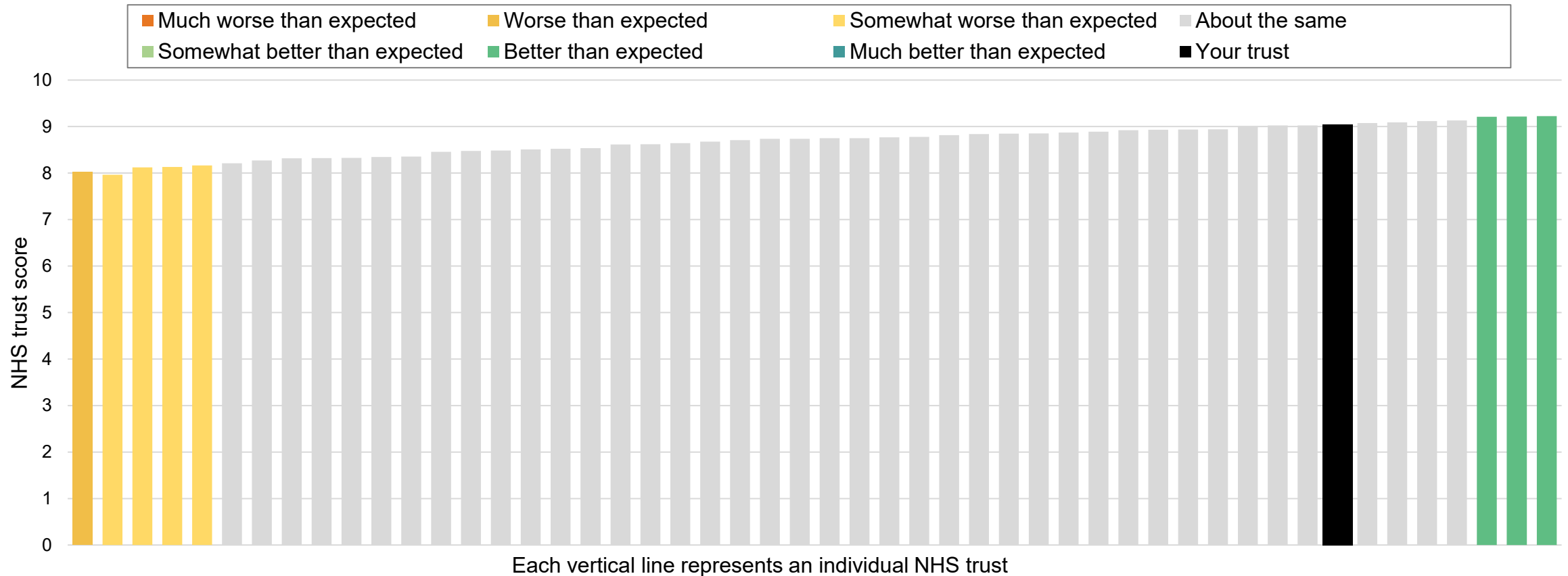
About the same

Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
127	8.6	8.4	7.3	9.4

# Section 5. Psychological therapies

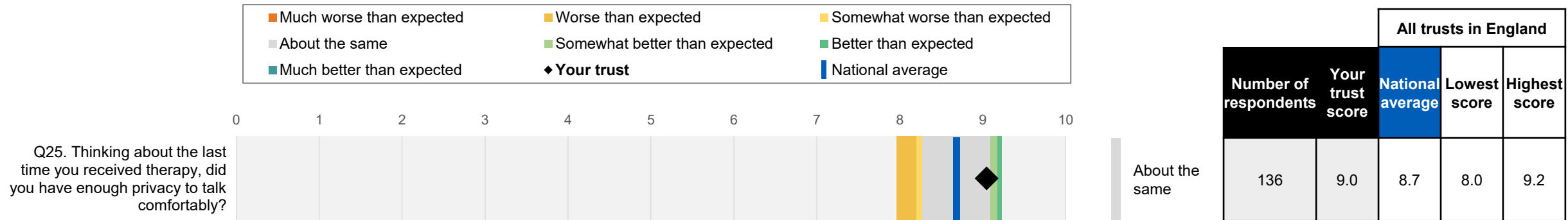
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**Your trust section score = 9.0 About the same**



## Section 5. Psychological therapies (continued)

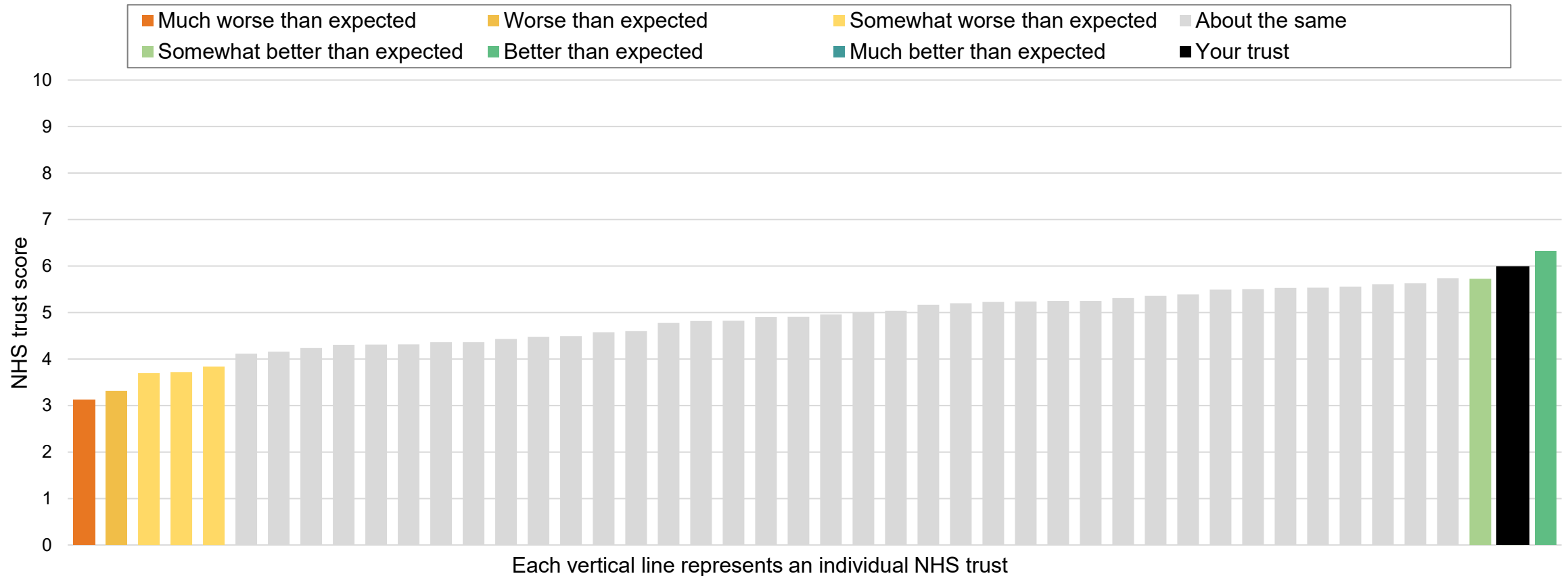
### Question scores



# Section 6. Crisis care support

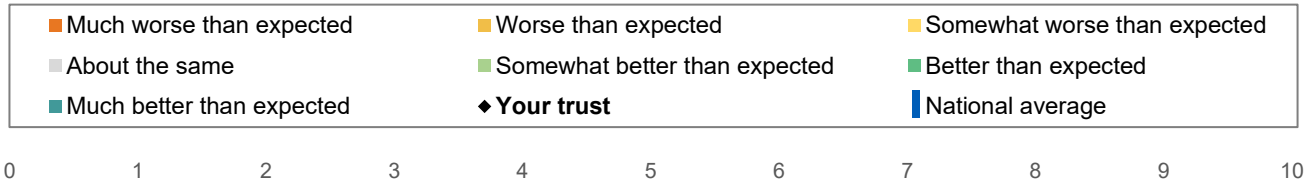
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**Your trust section score = 6.0 Somewhat better than expected**

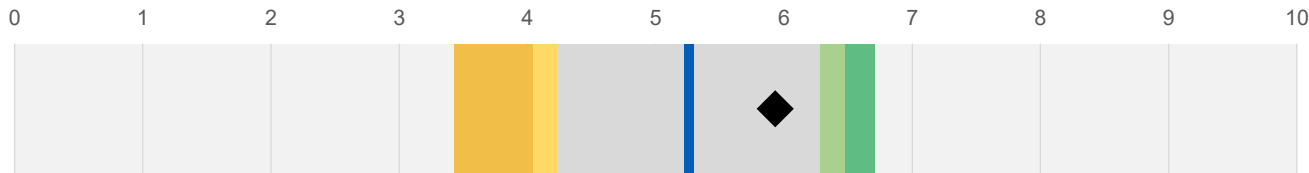


## Section 6. Crisis care support (continued)

### Question scores



Q29. Thinking about the last time you contacted NHS mental health crisis support, did you get the help you needed?



About the same

Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
62	5.9	5.3	3.4	6.7

Q30. Did the NHS mental health team give your family or carer information or support whilst you were in crisis?



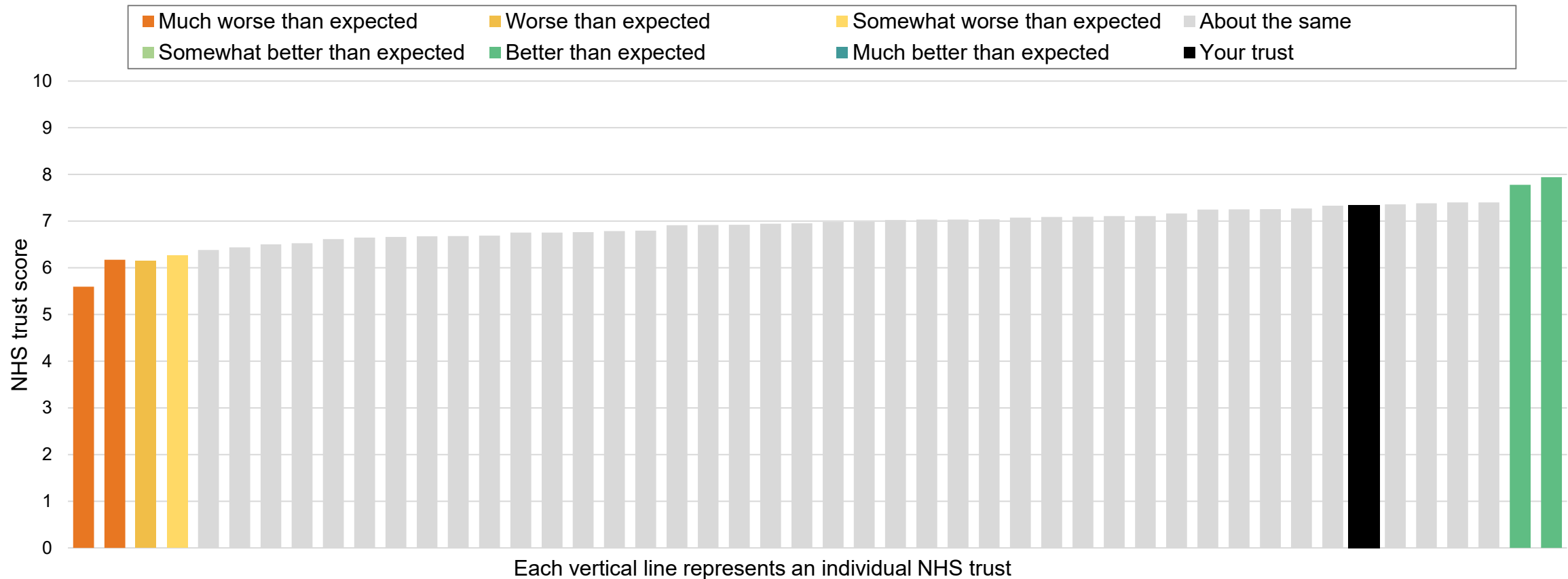
Better than expected

Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
49	6.0	4.4	2.4	6.4

# Section 7. Crisis care access

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**Your trust section score = 7.3 About the same**

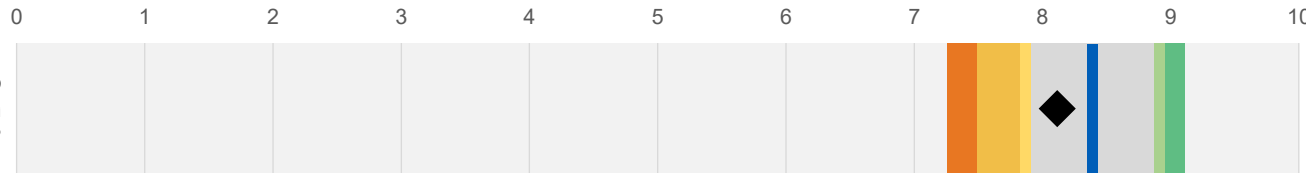


# Section 7. Crisis care access (continued)

## Question scores



Q26. Would you know who to contact out of office hours within the NHS if you had a crisis?



About the same

Q28. Thinking about the last time you contacted NHS mental health crisis support, how do you feel about the length of time it took you to get through to someone?



Somewhat better than expected

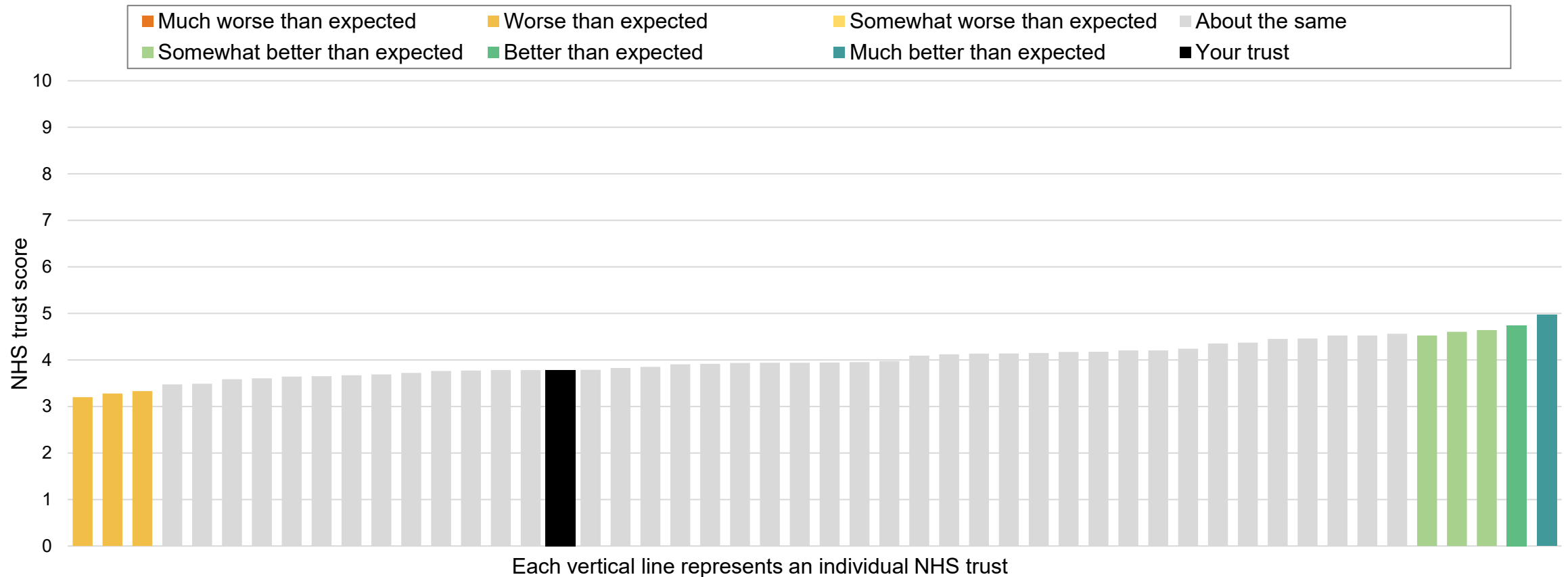
Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
266	8.1	8.4	7.3	9.1

60	6.6	5.4	3.5	7.4
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# Section 8. Support with other areas of life

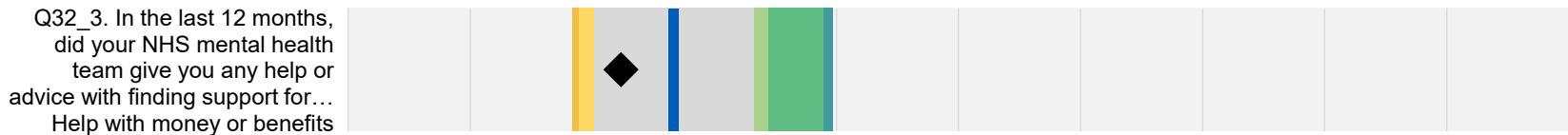
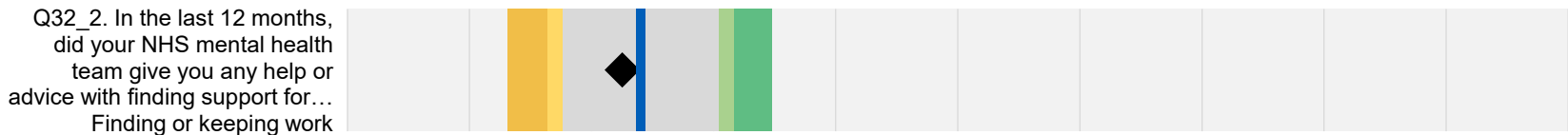
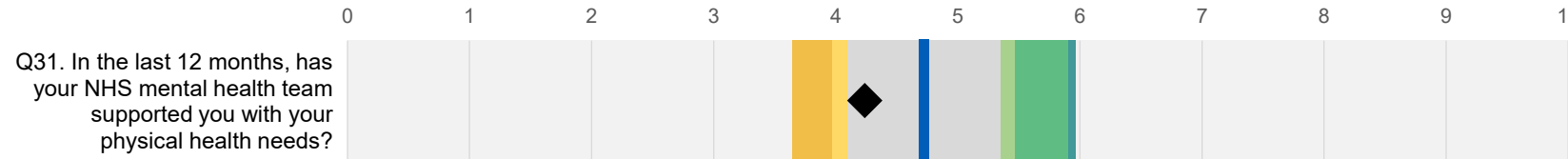
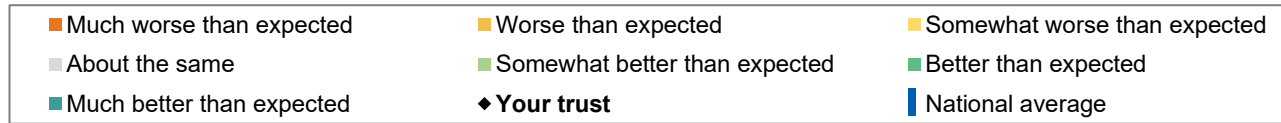
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**Your trust section score = 3.8 About the same**



# Section 8. Support with other areas of life (continued)

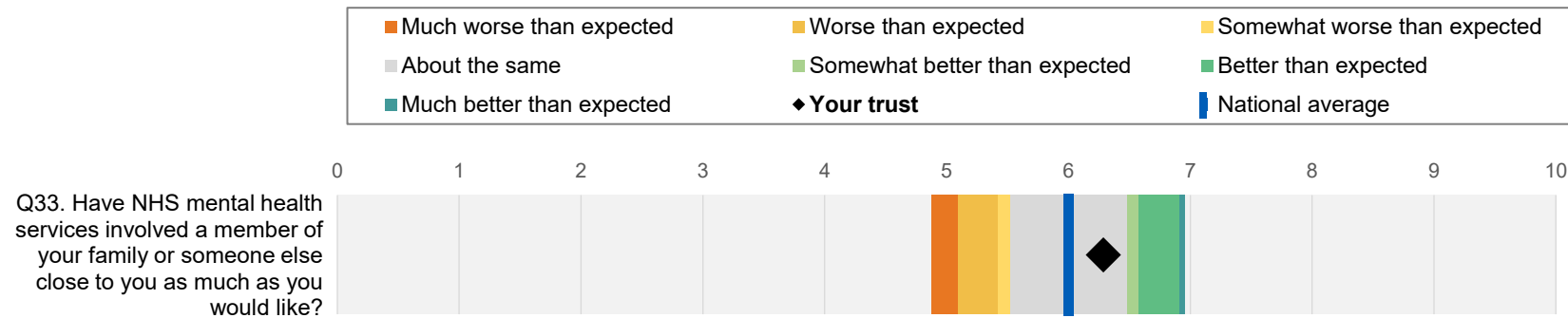
## Question scores



		All trusts in England		
Number of respondents	Your trust score	National average	Lowest score	Highest score
166	4.2	4.7	3.6	6.0
226	3.9	4.3	3.0	5.4
150	2.3	2.4	1.3	3.5
169	2.2	2.7	1.8	4.0

## Section 8. Support with other areas of life (continued)

### Question scores



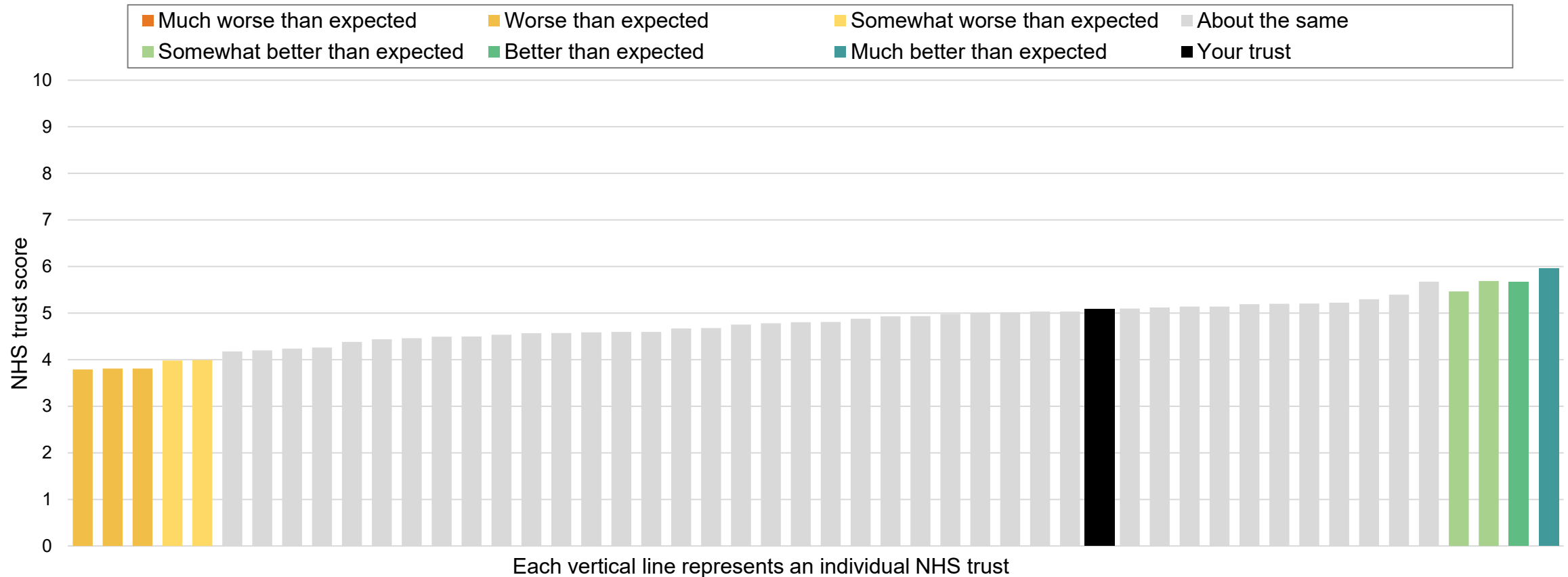
About the same

Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
187	6.3	6.0	4.9	7.0

## Section 9. Support in accessing care

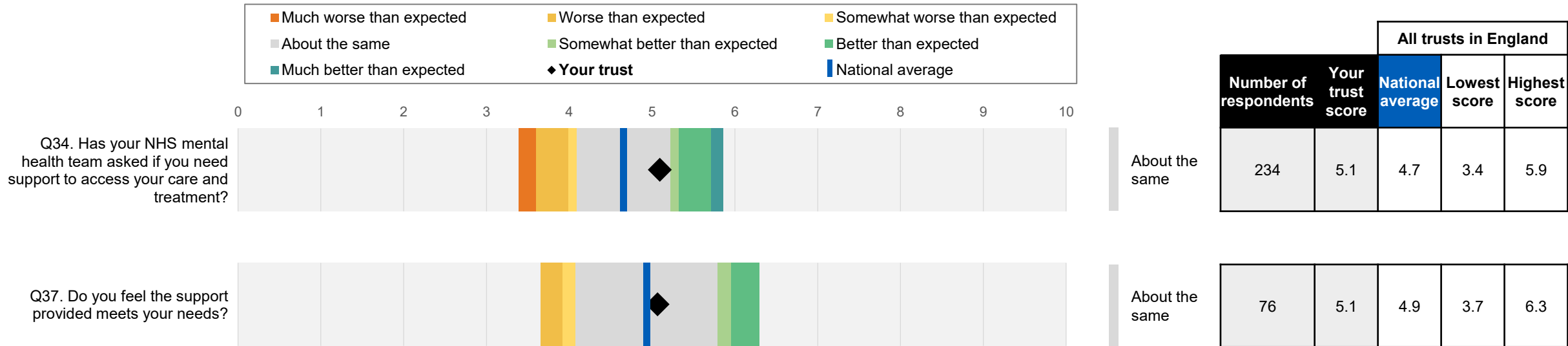
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**Your trust section score = 5.1 About the same**



## Section 9. Support in accessing care (continued)

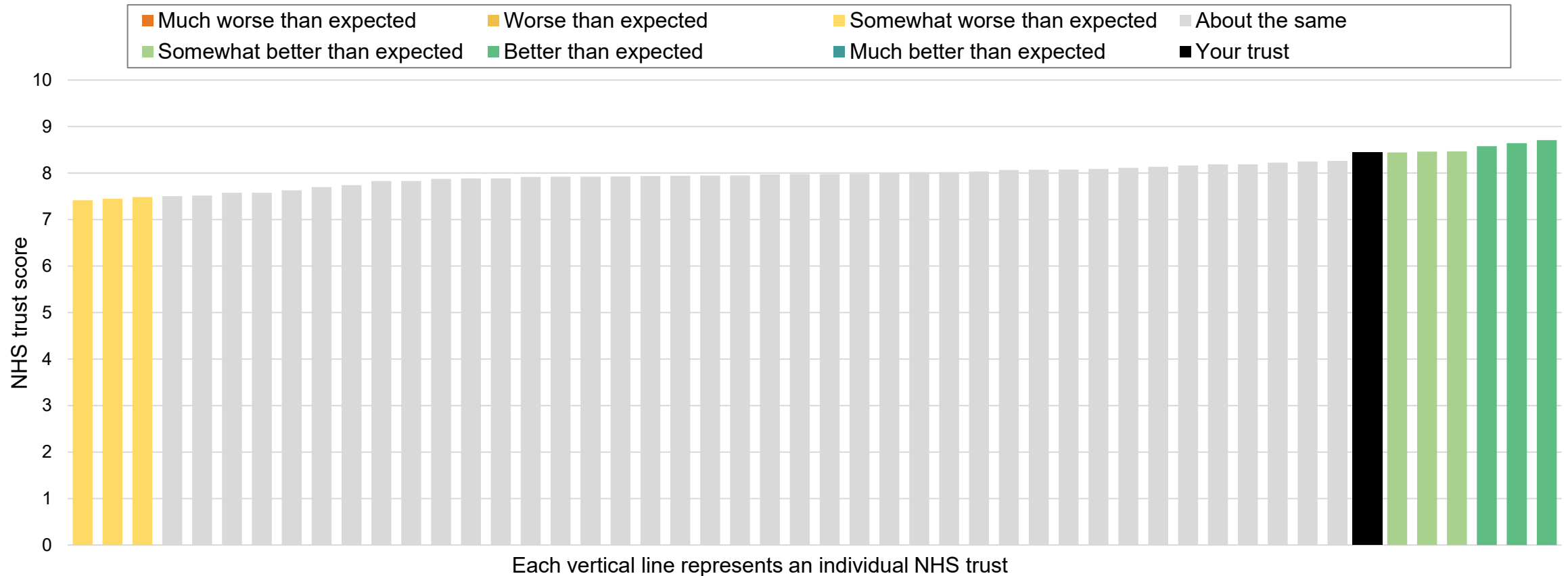
### Question scores



# Section 10. Respect, dignity and compassion

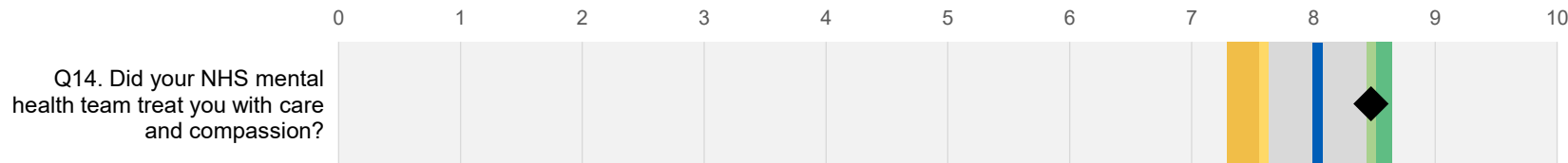
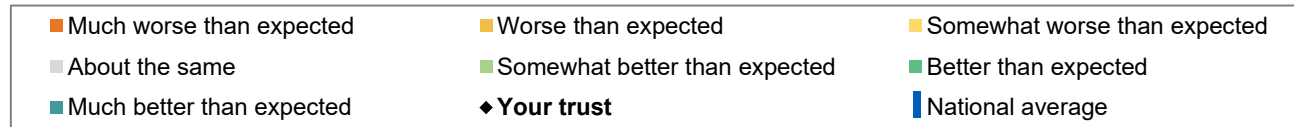
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**Your trust section score = 8.4 Somewhat better than expected**



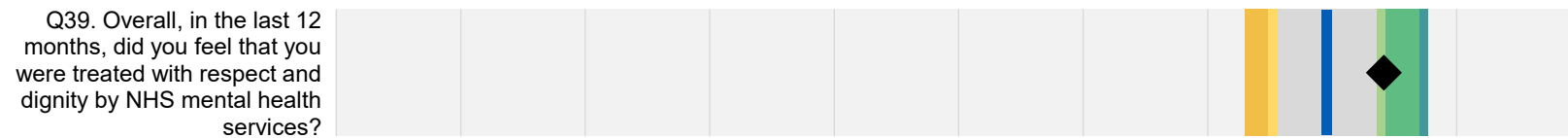
# Section 10. Respect, dignity and compassion (continued)

## Question scores



Somewhat better than expected

Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
294	8.5	8.0	7.3	8.6



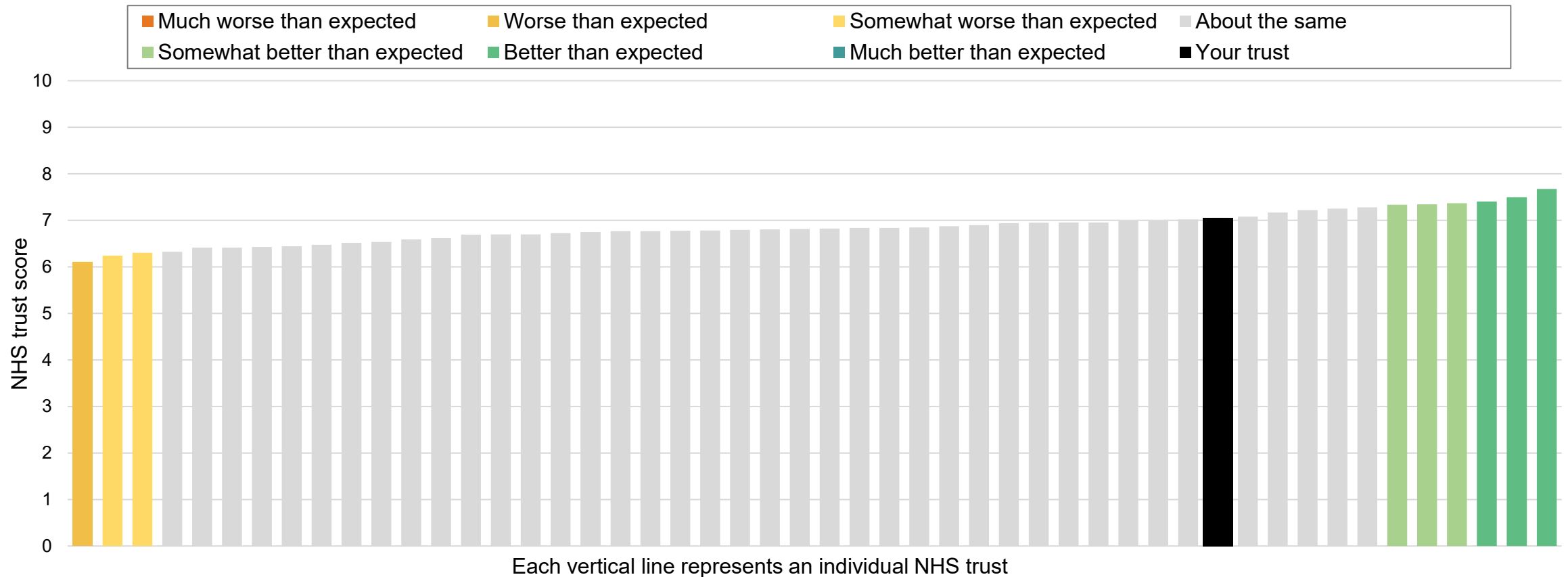
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Number of respondents	Your trust score	National average	Lowest score	Highest score
292	8.4	8.0	7.3	8.8

# Section 11. Overall experience

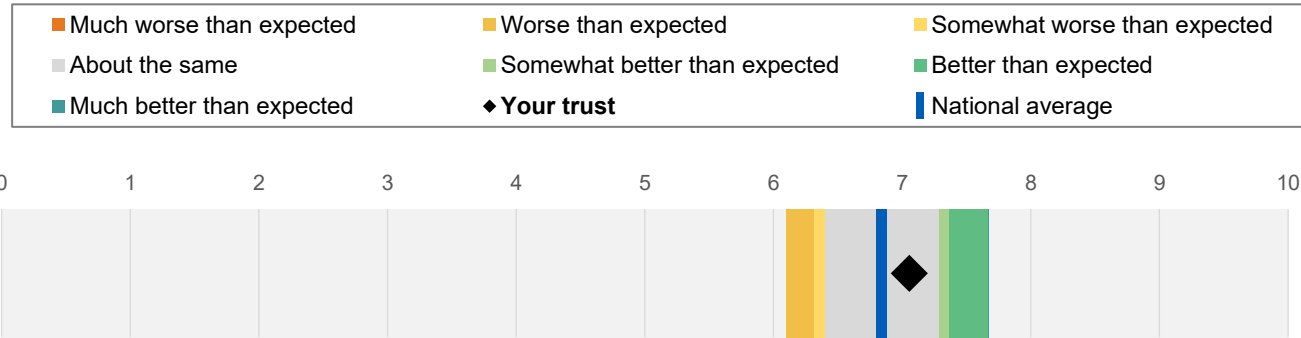
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**Your trust section score = 7.1 About the same**



# Section 11. Overall experience (continued)

## Question scores



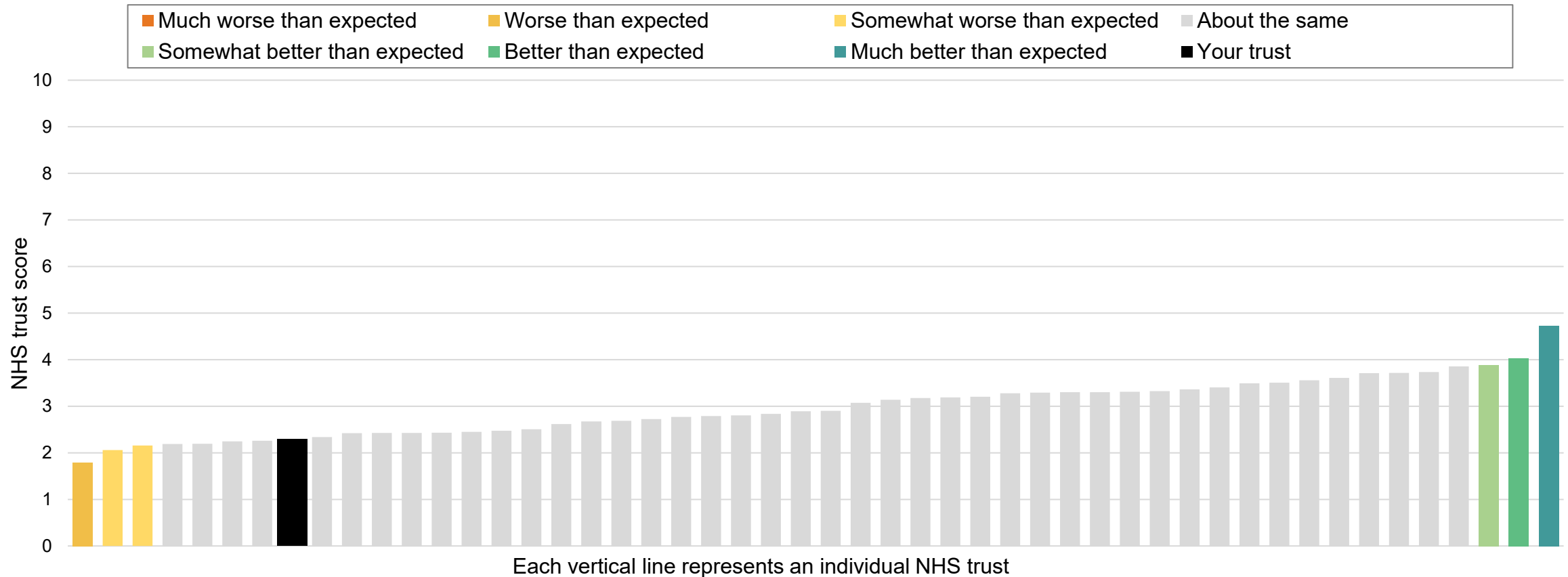
Number of respondents	Your trust score	All trusts in England		
		National average	Lowest score	Highest score
289	7.1	6.8	6.1	7.7

About the same

## Section 12. Feedback

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**Your trust section score = 2.3 About the same**



# Section 12. Feedback (continued)

## Question scores



		All trusts in England		
Number of respondents	Your trust score	National average	Lowest score	Highest score
252	2.3	3.0	1.8	4.7

About the same

# Change over time

## This section includes:

- your mean trust score for each evaluative question in the survey
- where comparable data is available, statistical significance testing using a two-sample t-test has been carried out against the 2023, 2024 and 2025 survey results for each relevant question. Where a change in results is shown as ‘significant’, this indicates that this change is not due to random chance, but is likely due to some particular factor at your trust

### Please note:

- If data is missing for a survey year, this is due to a low number of responses, or because the trust data was not included in the survey that year, due to sampling errors or ineligibility.
- The following questions were new, amended or non-comparable and therefore are not included in this section: Q13, Q15, Q19, Q20, Q21\_1, Q21\_2, Q21\_3, Q21\_4, Q22, Q27, Q28, Q29, Q30, Q32\_3, Q37.
- A two-sample t-test is a statistical test used to compare the means of two groups to see if there is a significant difference between them and assess whether observed differences are likely due to chance or not.



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# How to interpret change over time in this report

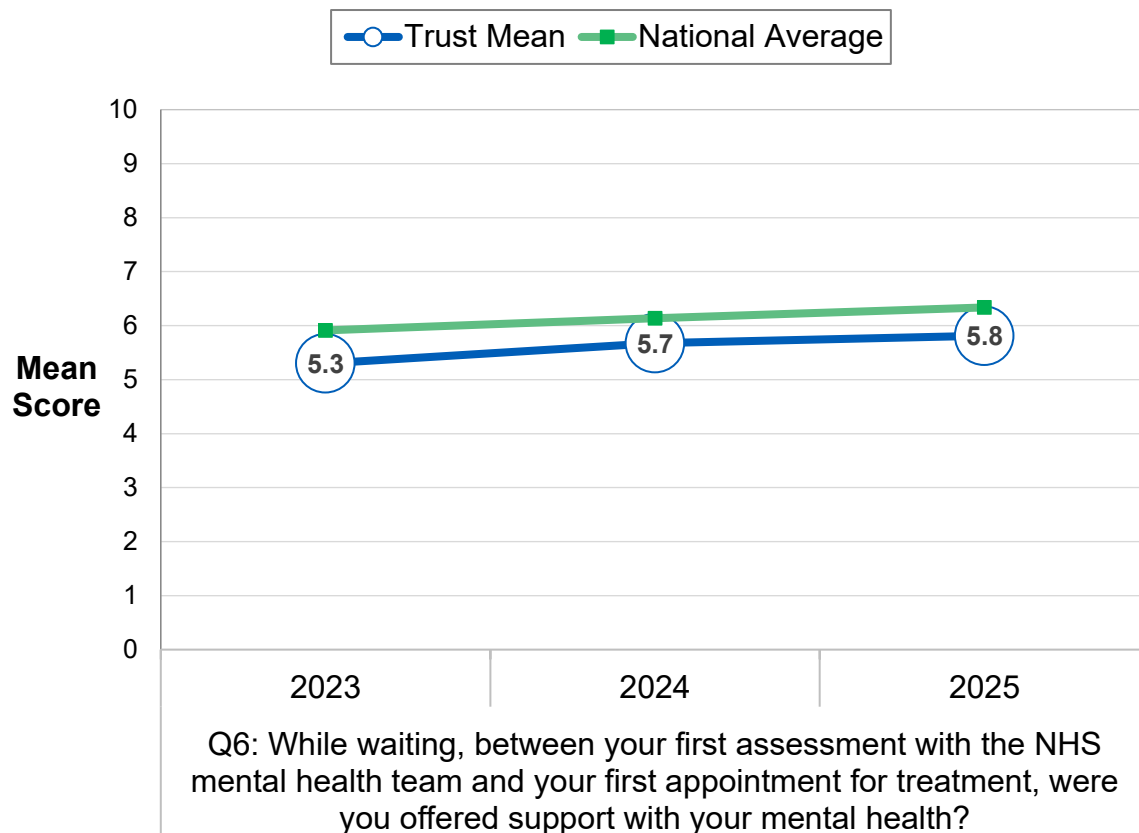
The charts in the 'change over time' section show how your trust scored in each Community mental health survey iteration. Where available, trend data from 2023 to 2025 is shown. If a question only has one data point, this question is not shown. Questions that are not historically comparable are also not shown.

Each question is displayed in a line chart. These charts show your trust mean score for each survey year (blue line). The national average is also shown across survey years, this is the average score for that question across all NHS community mental health trusts in England (green line). This enables you to see how your trust compares to the national average. If there is data missing for a survey year, this may be due to either a low number of responses, because the trust was not included in the survey that year, sampling errors or ineligibility.

Statistically significant changes are also displayed in the table underneath the charts, showing significant differences between this year (2025) and the previous years (2023 and 2024). Z-tests set to 95% significance were used to compare data between the three years (2025 vs 2024 and 2025 vs 2023). A statistically significant difference means it is unlikely we would have obtained this result if there was no real difference.



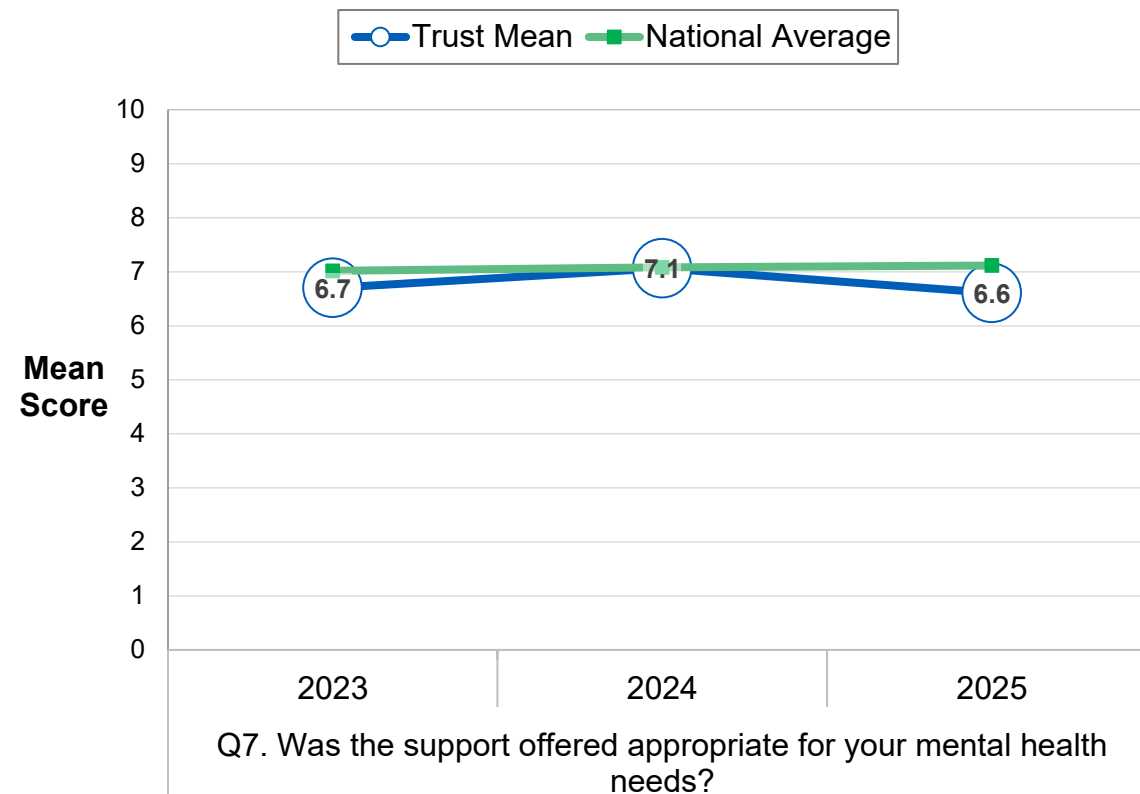
# Section 1. Support while waiting



<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
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<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2023</b>	No change
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Answered by those who have been in contact with the NHS mental health services for the past 2 years. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded. Number of respondents: 2023: 124; 2024: 94; 2025: 120

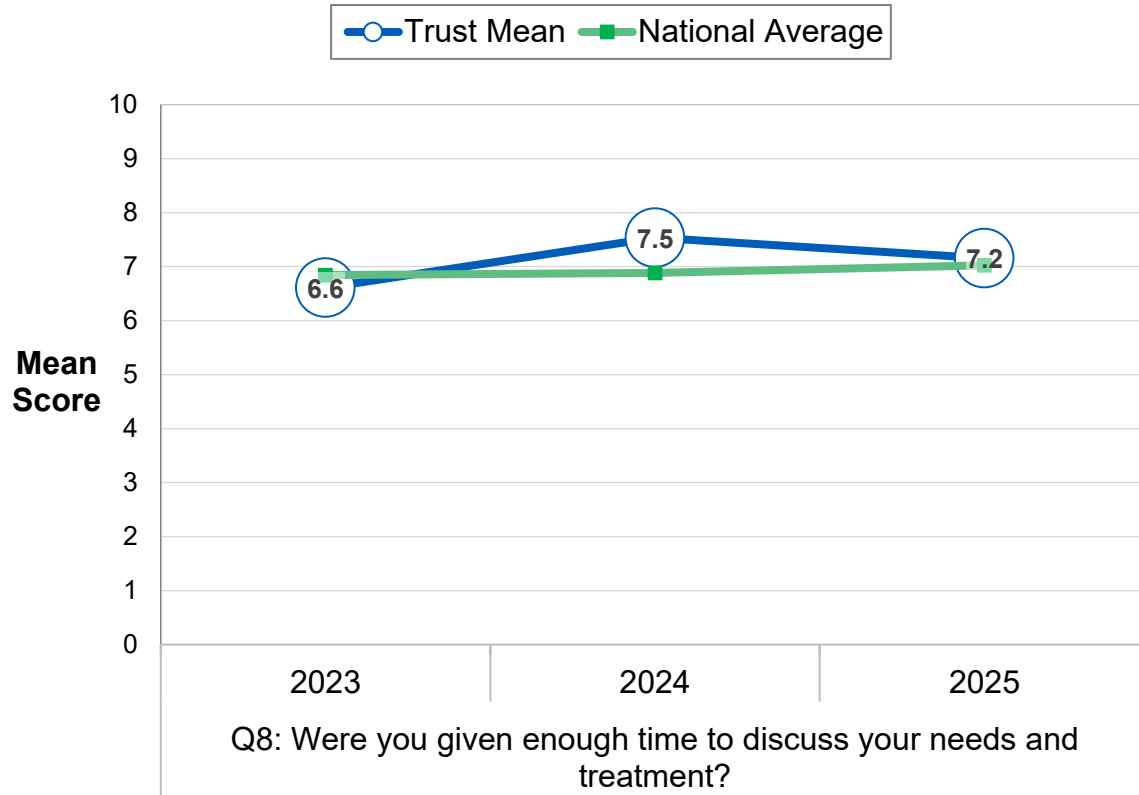


<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
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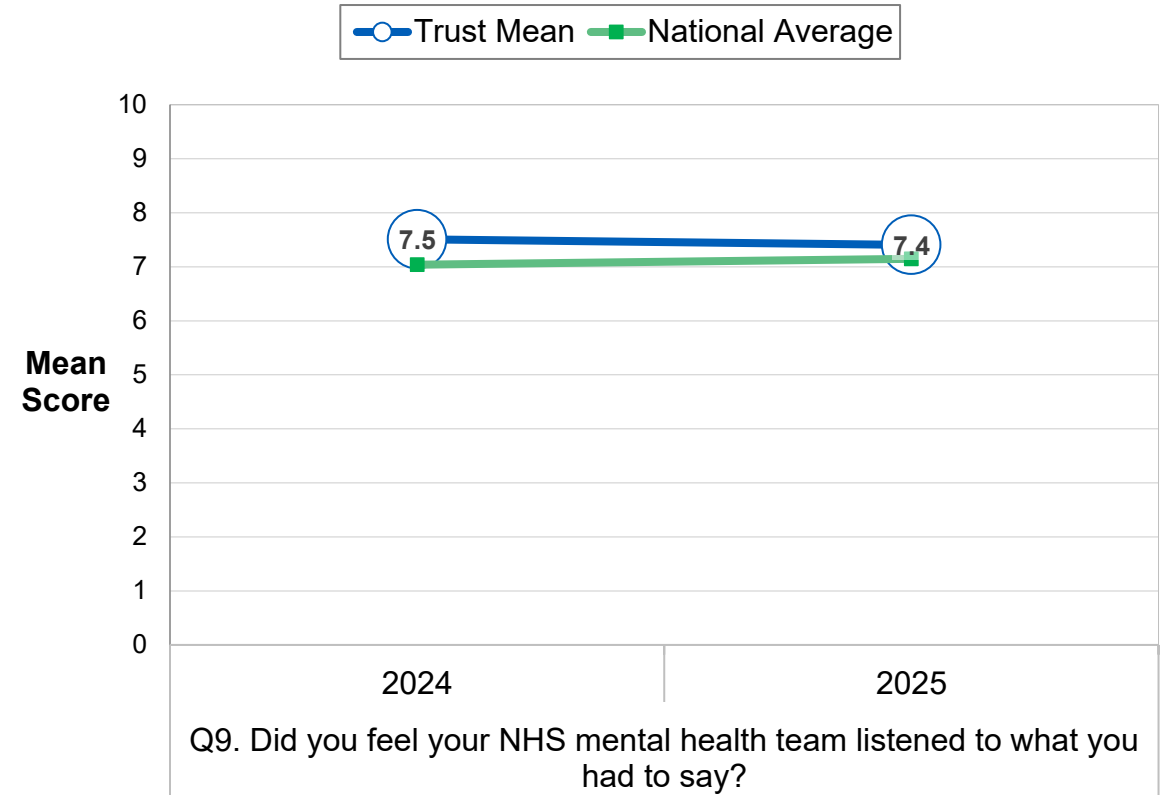
Answered by those who have been in contact with the NHS mental health services for the past 2 years and were offered support while waiting for treatment. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember or that they did not need any support have been excluded. Number of respondents: 2023: 63; 2024: 50; 2025: 70

# Section 2. Mental health team



<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2023</b>	No change

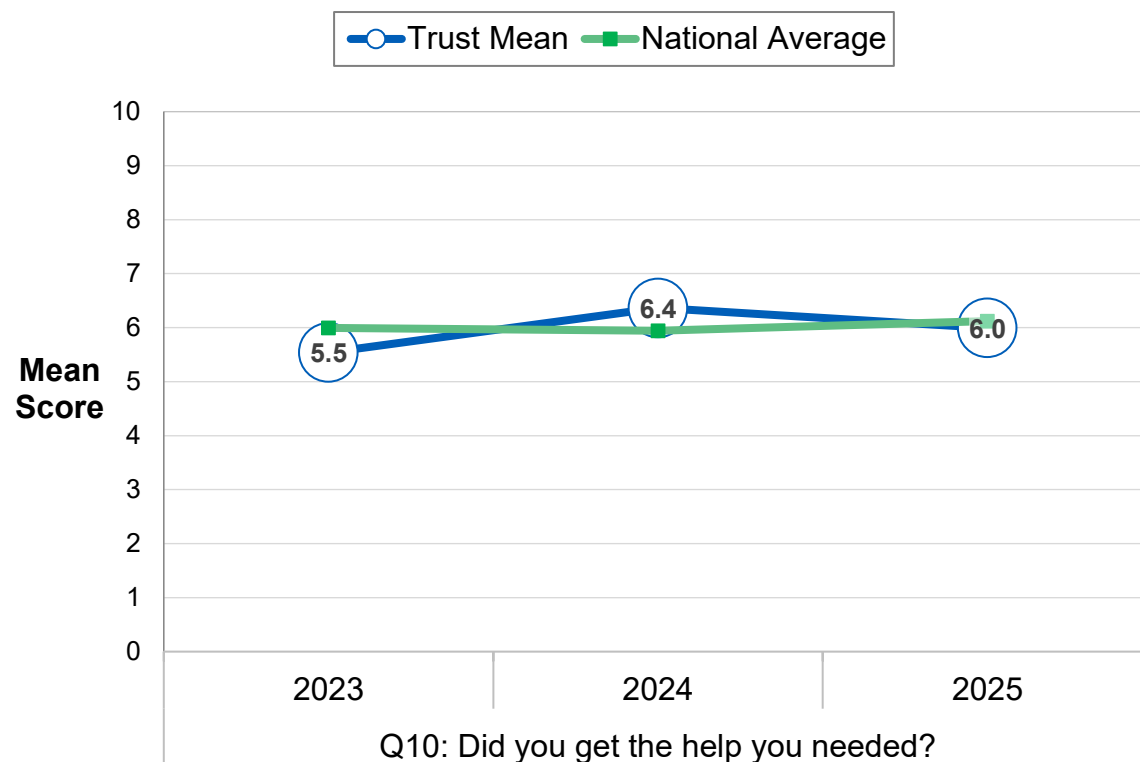
Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.  
 Number of respondents: 2023: 284; 2024: 252; 2025: 281



<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
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Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.  
 Number of respondents: 2024: 259; 2025: 285

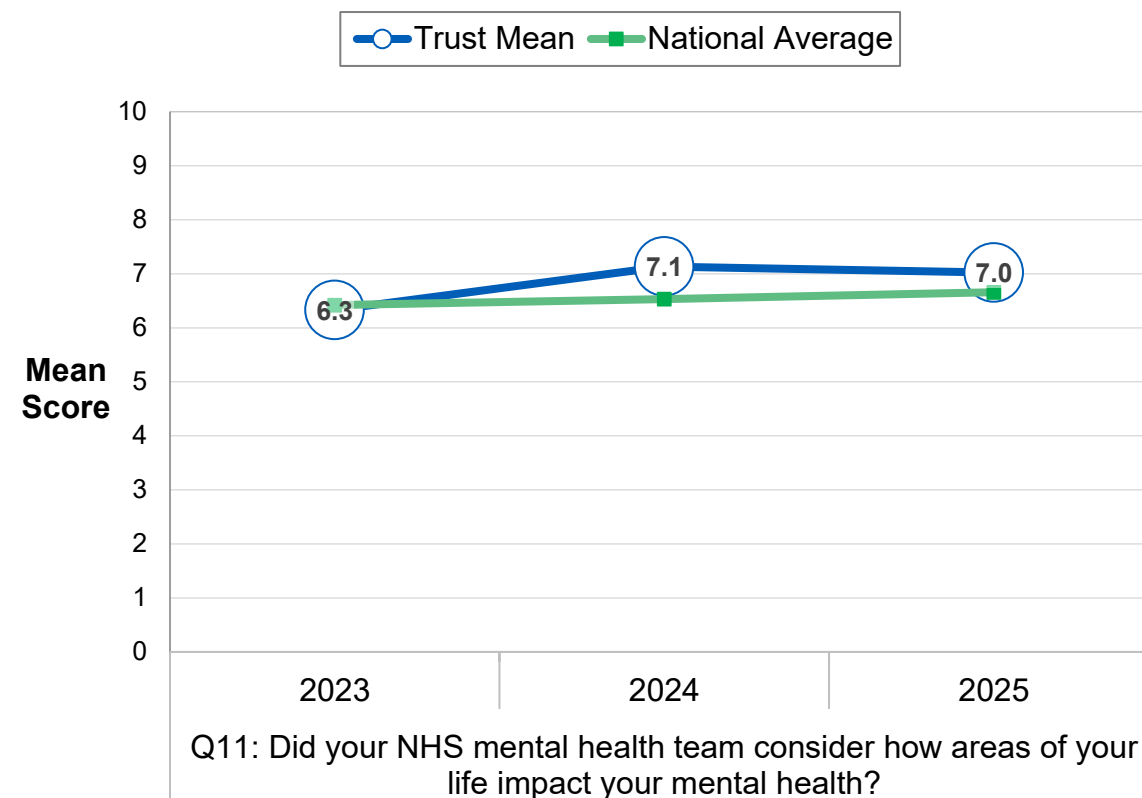
## Section 2. Mental health team (continued)



Significant change 2025 vs 2024	No change
Significant change 2025 vs 2023	No change

Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.

Number of respondents: 2023: 287; 2024: 253; 2025: 289

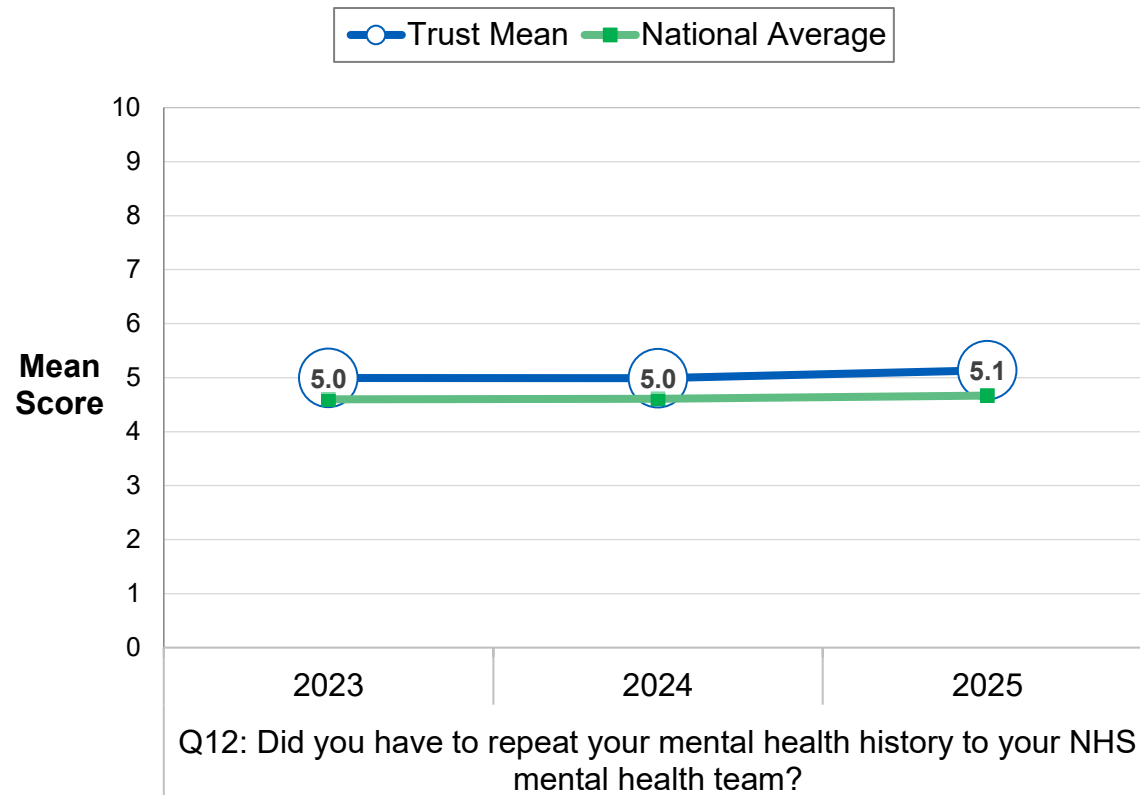


Significant change 2025 vs 2024	No change
Significant change 2025 vs 2023	Increase

Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.

Number of respondents: 2023: 281; 2024: 251; 2025: 278

## Section 2. Mental health team (continued)

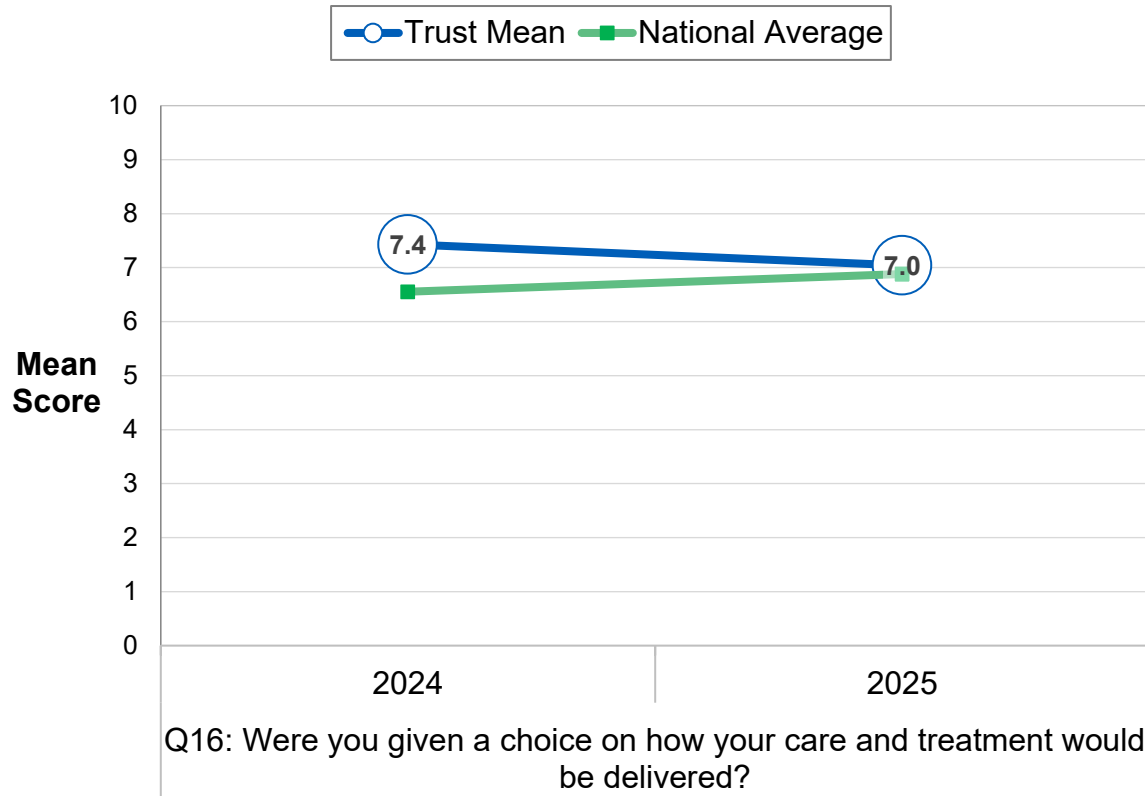


<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2023</b>	No change

Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.

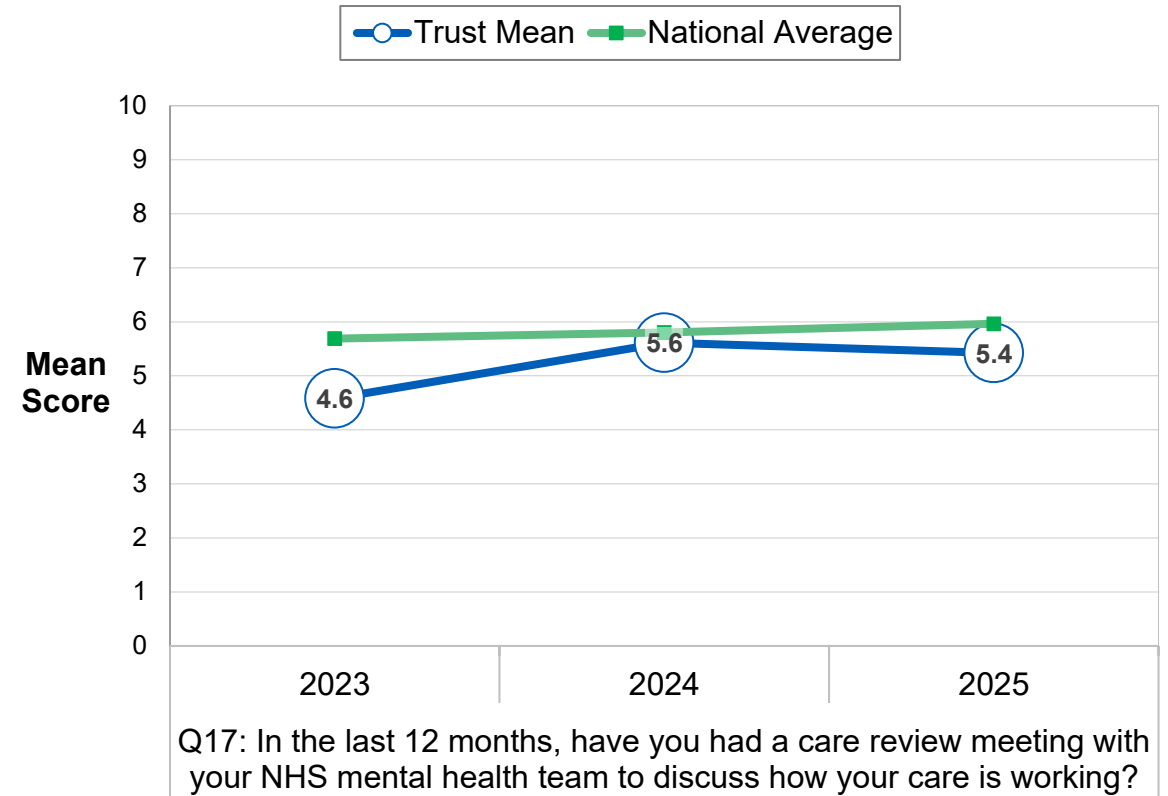
Number of respondents: 2023: 269; 2024: 246; 2025: 279

# Section 3. Your care



<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
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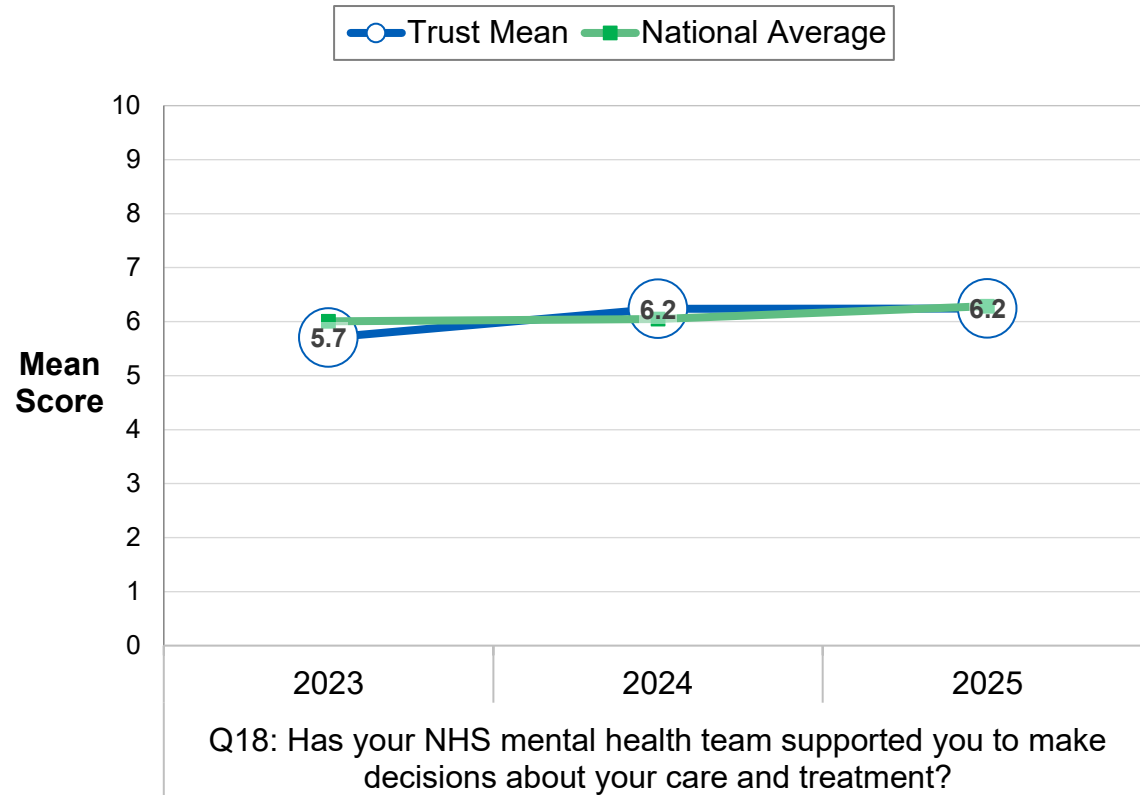
Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.  
 Number of respondents: 2024: 230; 2025: 263



<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2023</b>	No change

Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.  
 Number of respondents: 2023: 193; 2024: 175; 2025: 195

## Section 3. Your care (continued)



<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2023</b>	No change

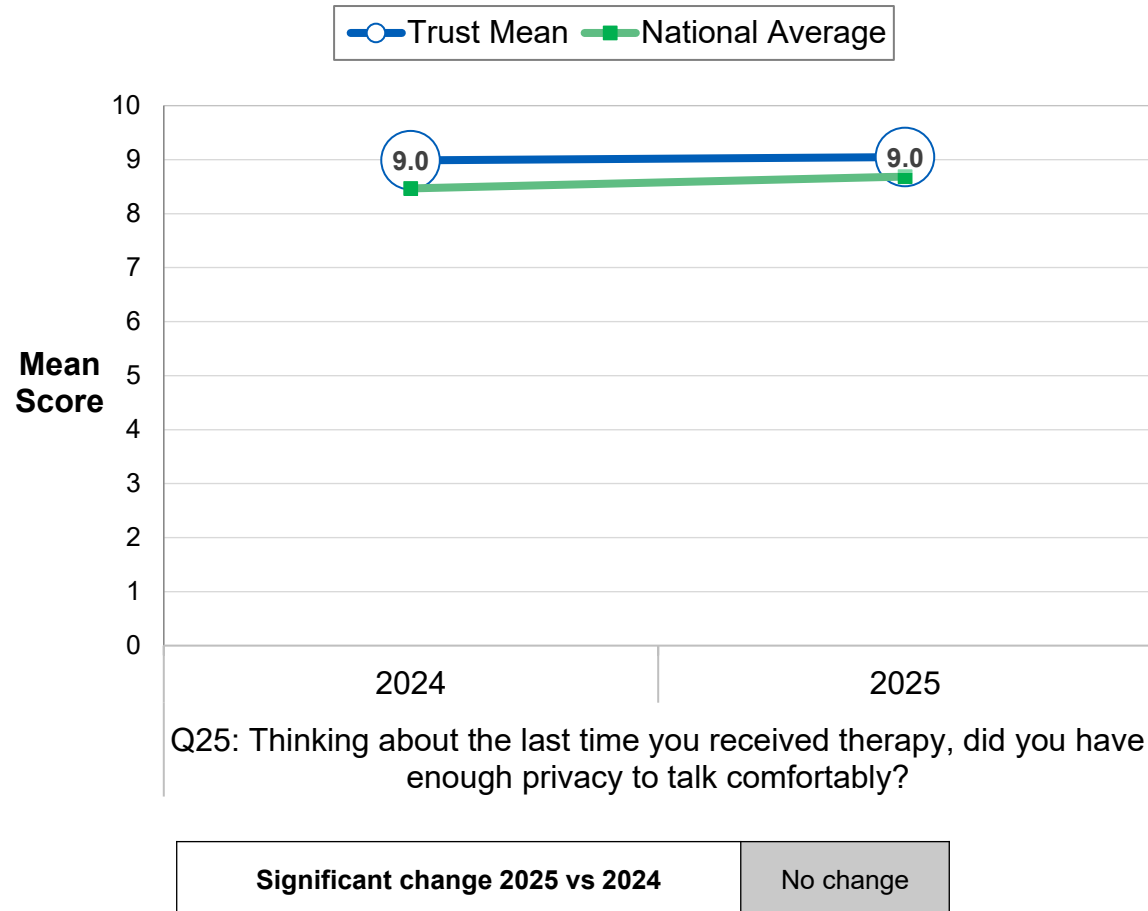
Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.

Number of respondents: 2023: 272; 2024: 247; 2025: 281

## Section 4. Medication

Please note, no data is available for this section. Question 20 has been revised for 2025, leading to questions 21 and 22 not retaining historical comparability to previous survey years.

## Section 5. Psychological therapies

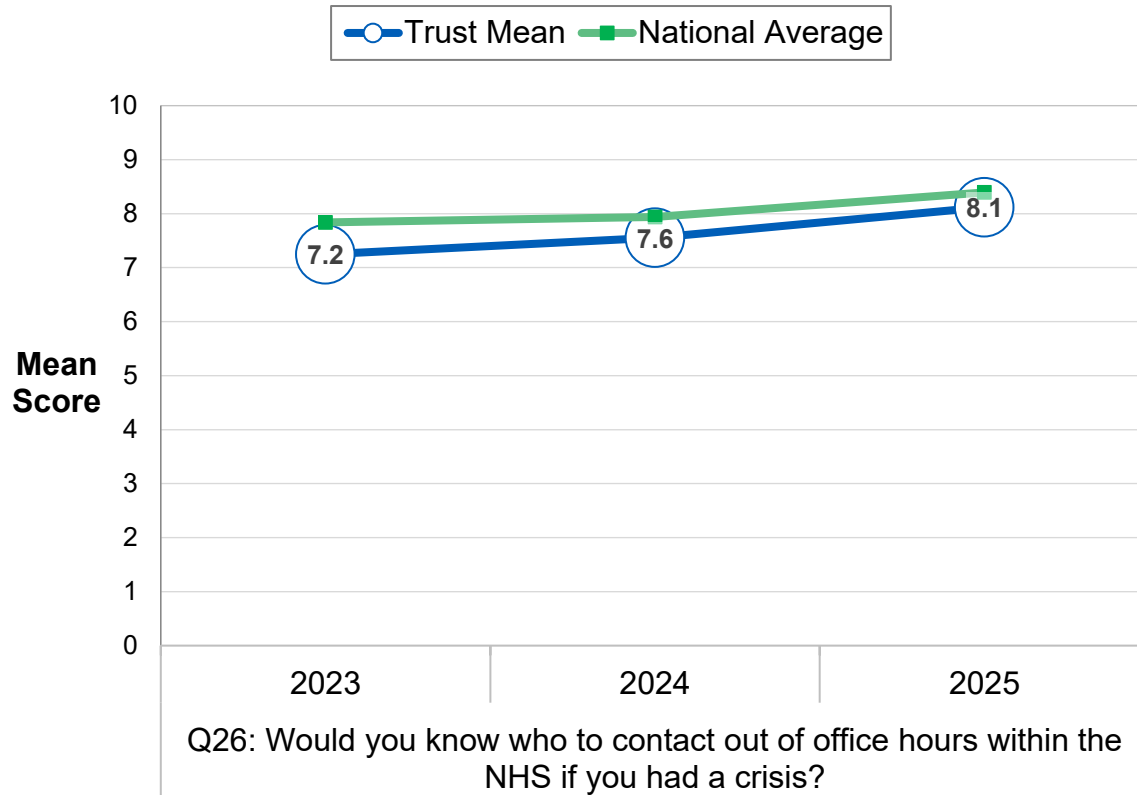


Answered by those who have received any therapy in the last 12 months for their mental health needs. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded. Number of respondents: 2024: 144; 2025: 136

## Section 6. Crisis care support

Please note, that no data is available for this section due to question amendments, which means historical comparability with previous survey years cannot be maintained.

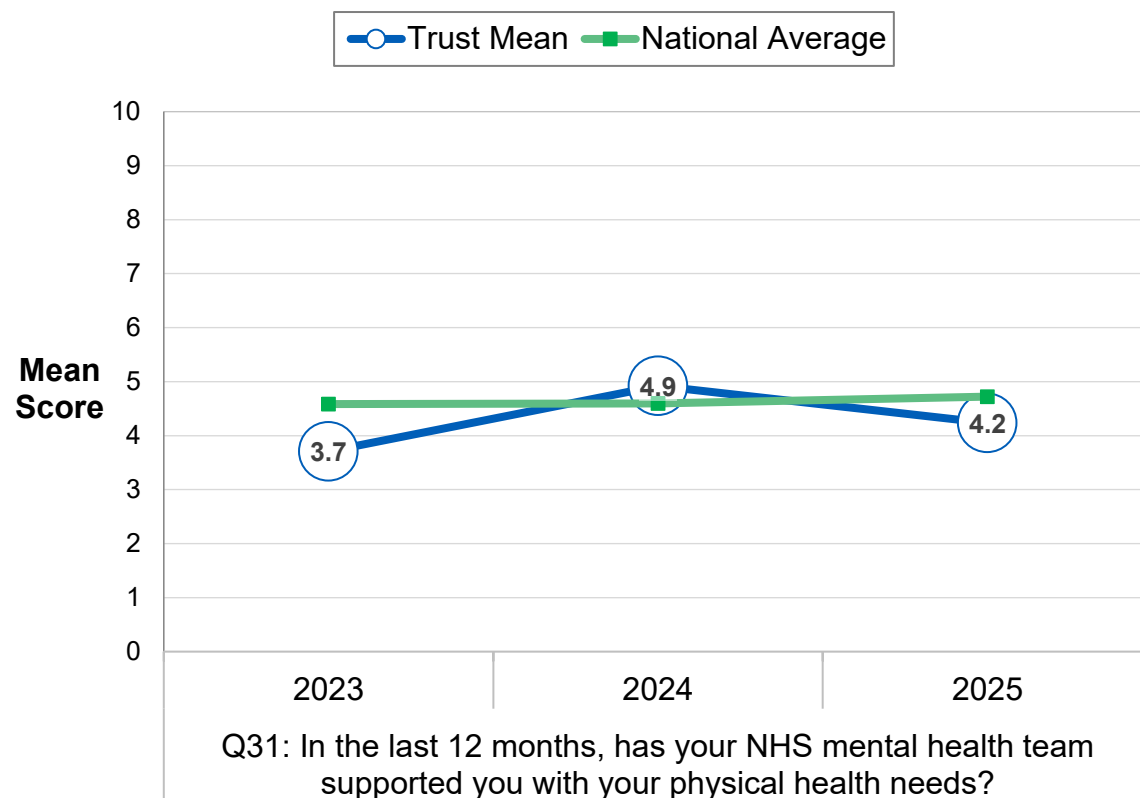
## Section 7. Crisis care access



Significant change 2025 vs 2024	No change
Significant change 2025 vs 2023	Increase

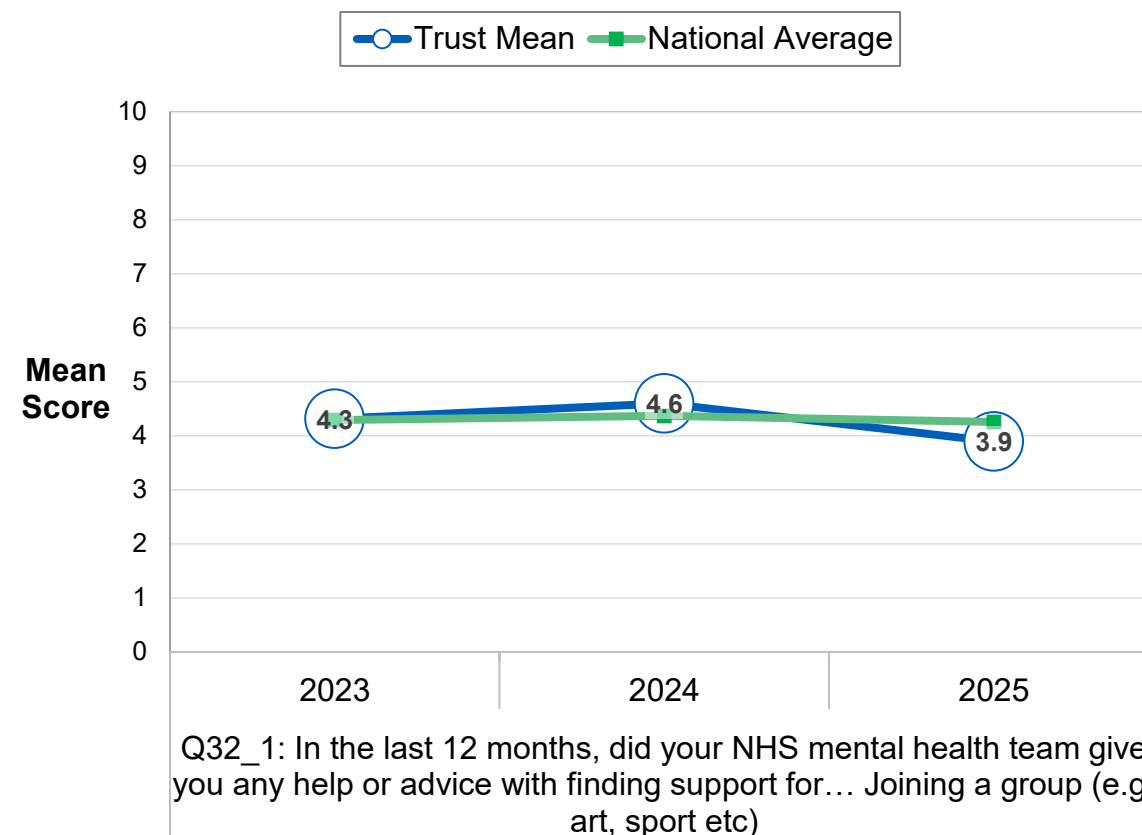
Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they were not sure have been excluded.  
 Number of respondents: 2023: 251; 2024: 234; 2025: 266

## Section 8. Support with other areas of life



Significant change 2025 vs 2024	No change
Significant change 2025 vs 2023	No change

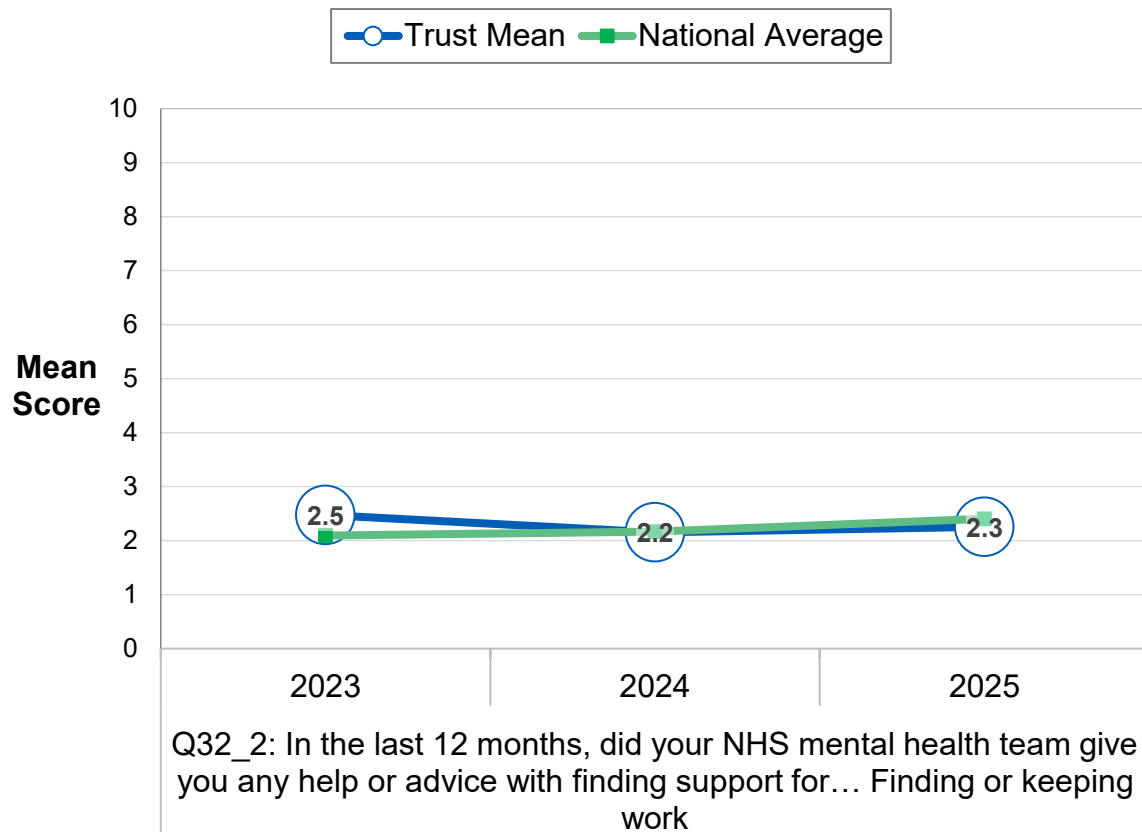
Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they had support and did not need this, did not need support or did not have physical health needs have been excluded.  
Number of respondents: 2023: 137; 2024: 141; 2025: 166



Significant change 2025 vs 2024	No change
Significant change 2025 vs 2023	No change

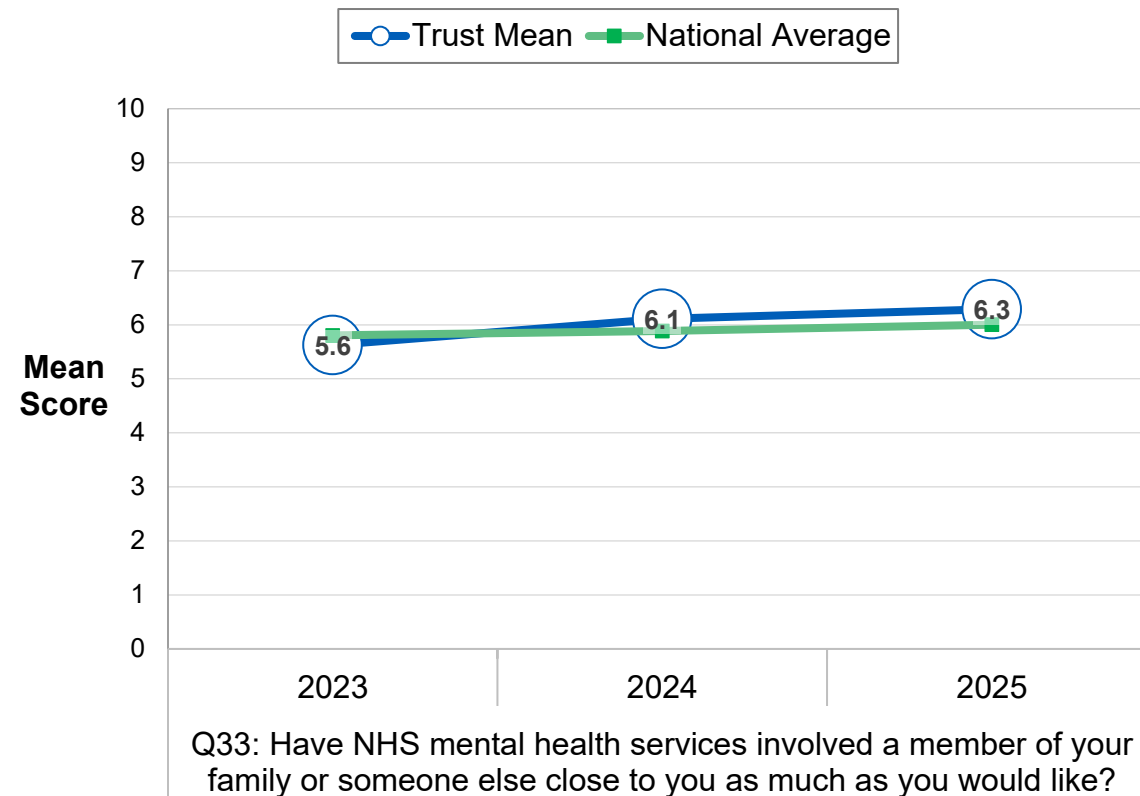
Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they did not need support have been excluded.  
Number of respondents: 2023: 224; 2024: 211; 2025: 226

# Section 8. Support with other areas of life (continued)



<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2023</b>	No change

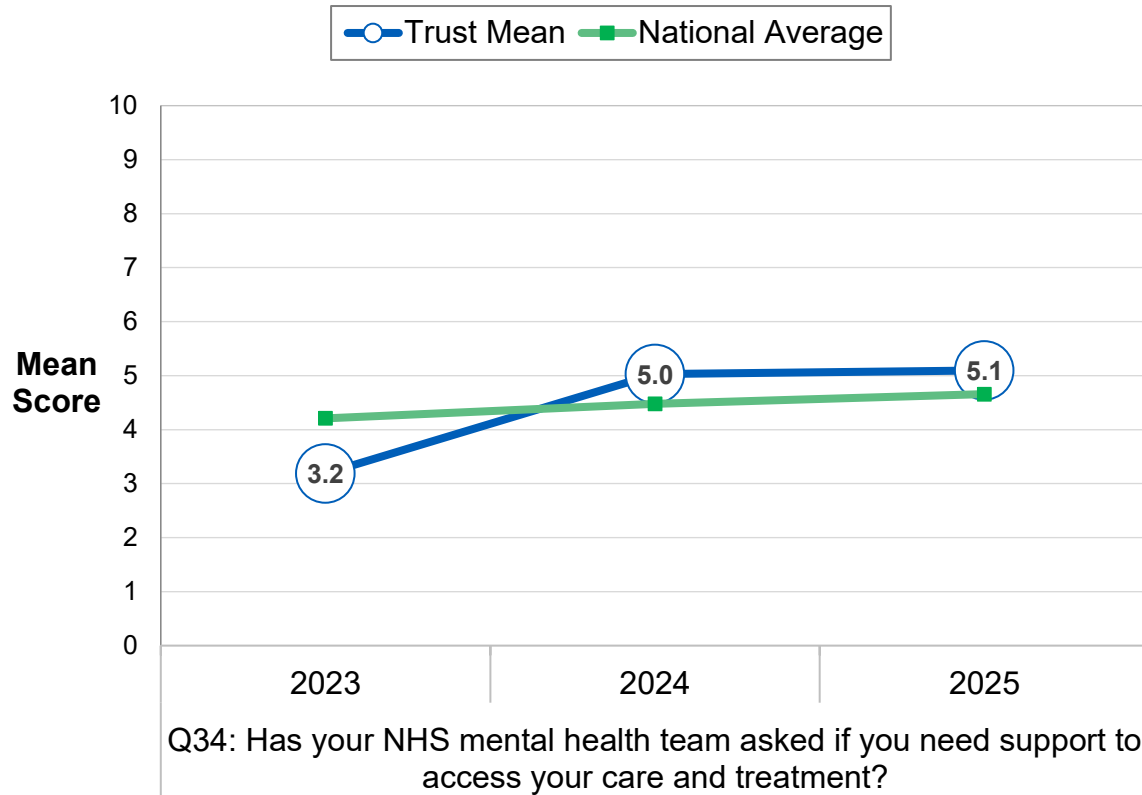
Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they did not need support have been excluded. Number of respondents: 2023: 148; 2024: 130; 2025: 150



<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2023</b>	No change

Answered by all. Respondents who stated that this was not applicable to them have been excluded. Number of respondents: 2023: 205; 2024: 191; 2025: 187

## Section 9. Support in accessing care

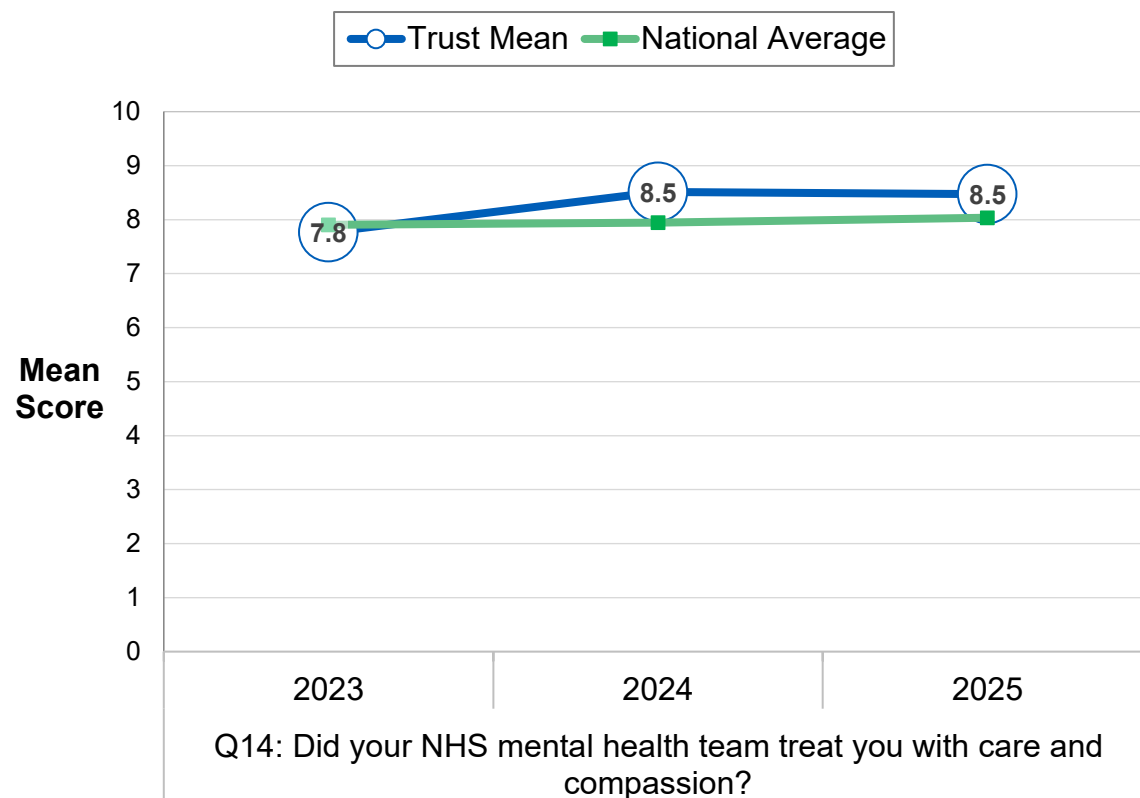


Significant change 2025 vs 2024	No change
Significant change 2025 vs 2023	Increase

Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.

Number of respondents: 2023: 222; 2024: 195; 2025: 234

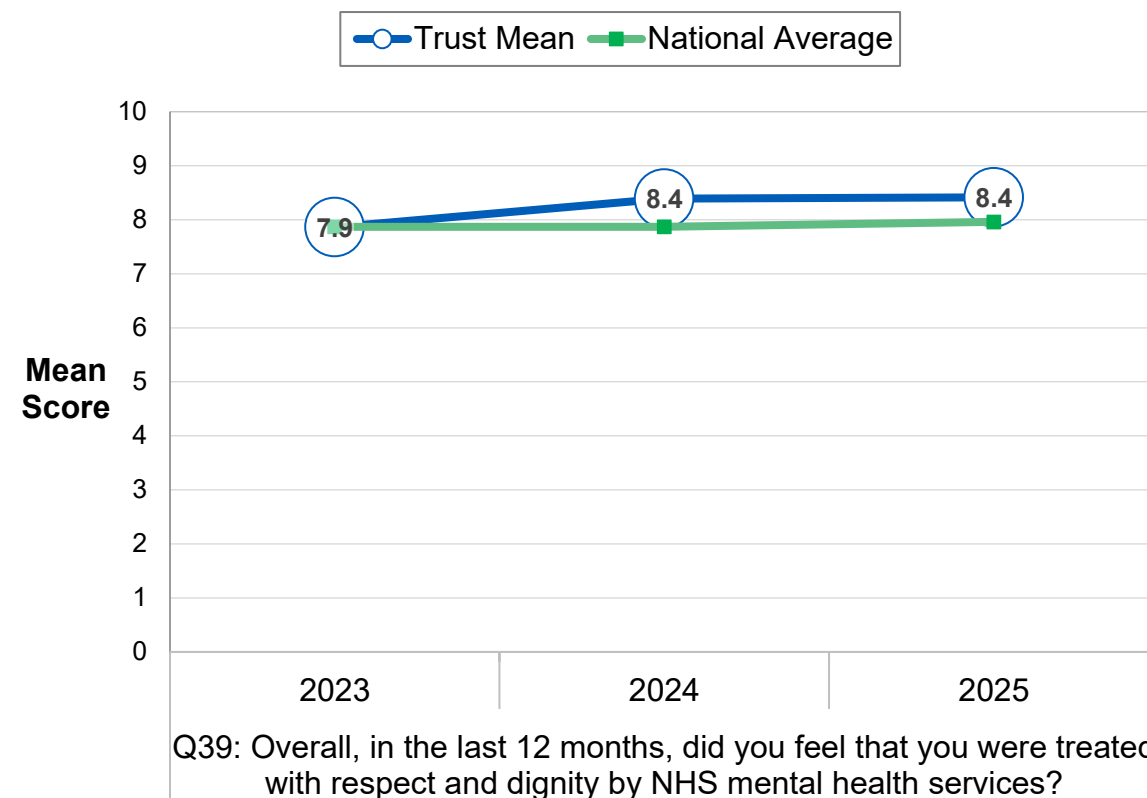
## Section 10. Respect, dignity and compassion



Significant change 2025 vs 2024	No change
Significant change 2025 vs 2023	Increase

Answered by all. Respondents who stated that they didn't know or couldn't remember have been excluded.

Number of respondents: 2023: 292; 2024: 256; 2025: 294

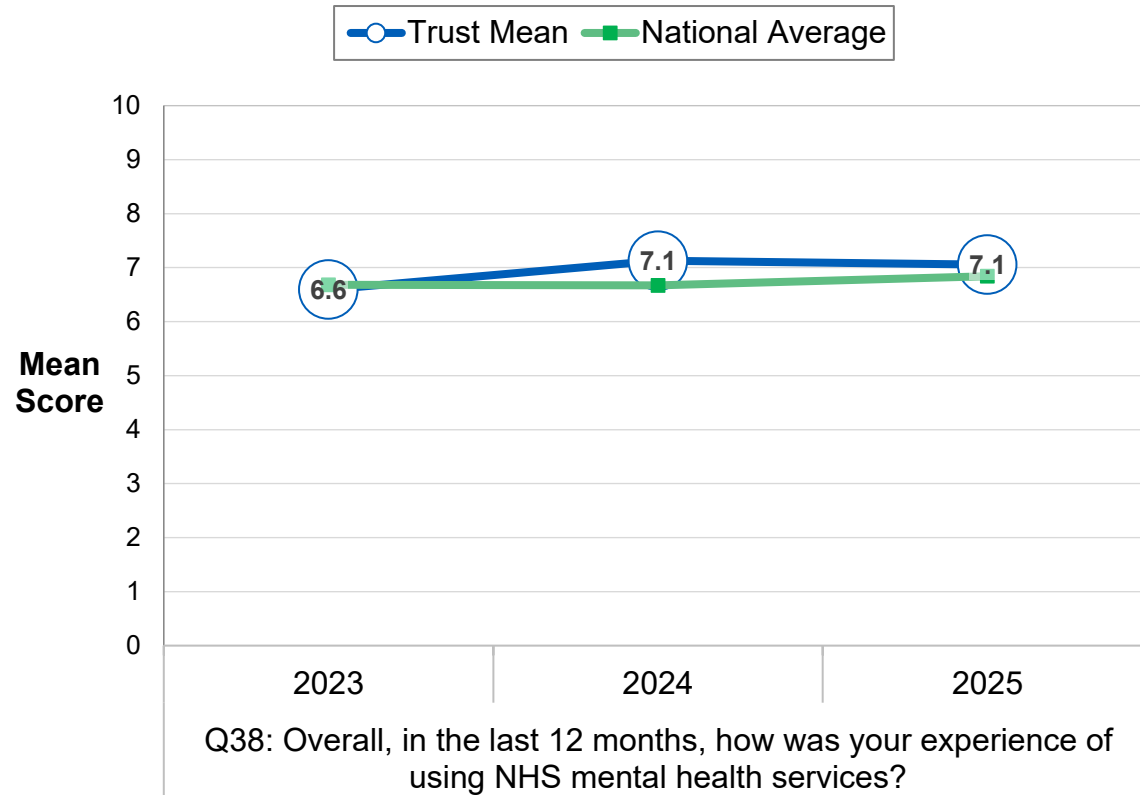


Significant change 2025 vs 2024	No change
Significant change 2025 vs 2023	Increase

Answered by all.

Number of respondents: 2023: 290; 2024: 263; 2025: 292

# Section 11. Overall experience

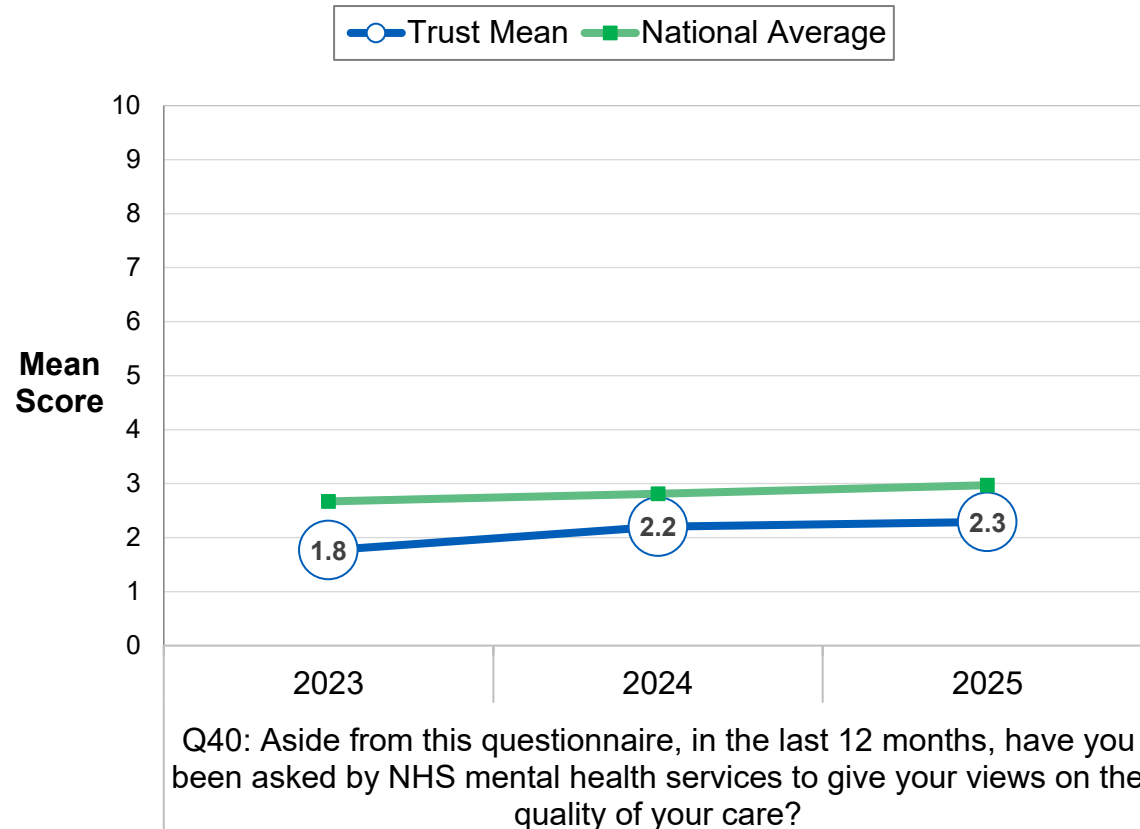


<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2023</b>	No change

Answered by all.

Number of respondents: 2023: 287; 2024: 261; 2025: 289

## Section 12. Feedback



<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2024</b>	No change
<b>Significant change 2025 vs 2023</b>	No change

Answered by all. Respondents who answered that they were not sure have been excluded.  
Number of respondents: 2023: 243; 2024: 223; 2025: 252

# Comparison to other trusts

## Comparison to other trusts: where your trust has performed much better

The questions at which your trust has performed much better when compared with all other trusts are listed below. The questions where your trust has performed about the same compared with all other trusts have not been listed.

### Much better than expected

- No questions for your trust fall within this banding.

# Comparison to other trusts: where your trust has performed better

The questions at which your trust has performed better than compared with all other trusts are listed below.  
The questions where your trust has performed about the same compared with all other trusts have not been listed.

## Better than expected

- Q21\_2. Have any of the following been discussed with you about your medication? Benefits of medication
- Q21\_3. Have any of the following been discussed with you about your medication? Side effects of medication
- Q30. Did the NHS mental health team give your family or carer information or support whilst you were in crisis?

# Comparison to other trusts: where your trust has performed somewhat better

The questions at which your trust has performed somewhat better when compared with all other trusts are listed below. The questions where your trust has performed about the same compared with all other trusts have not been listed.

## Somewhat better than expected

- Q12. Did you have to repeat your mental health history to your NHS mental health team?
- Q14. Did your NHS mental health team treat you with care and compassion?
- Q21\_1. Have any of the following been discussed with you about your medication? Purpose of medication
- Q28. Thinking about the last time you contacted NHS mental health crisis support, how did you feel about the length of time it took you to get through to someone?
- Q39. Overall, in the last 12 months, did you feel that you were treated with respect and dignity by NHS mental health services?

## Comparison to other trusts: where your trust has performed somewhat worse

The questions at which your trust has performed somewhat worse when compared with all other trusts are listed below. The questions where your trust has performed about the same compared with all other trusts have not been listed.

### Somewhat worse than expected

- No questions for your trust fall within this banding.

## Comparison to other trusts: where your trust has performed worse

The questions at which your trust has performed worse compared with all other trusts are listed below.  
The questions where your trust has performed about the same compared with all other trusts have not been listed.

### Worse than expected

- Q19. Have you been given a diagnosis for your mental health?

## Comparison to other trusts: where your trust has performed much worse

The questions at which your trust has performed much worse when compared with all other trusts are listed below. The questions where your trust has performed about the same compared with all other trusts have not been listed.

### Much worse than expected

- No questions for your trust fall within this banding.

# Thank you.

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