

# 2011 YourSay Workplace Survey

## Facility Report



## Far West Local Health District

### This Report

This report provides Far West Local Health District with data from the 2011 YourSay Workplace Survey. It summarises staff views and presents comparative data to help put the results into perspective.

### Response Rates

The Actual Responses gives the total number of valid surveys that were returned for this facility.

The Estimated Response Rate quoted in this report is an estimate only, based on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff as at 27 April 2011. This figure does not include contractors, agency staff and volunteers, nor does it account for staff on secondment or extended leave, hence the estimated response rate is not accurate.

The final estimated response rates have been weighted to account for our part-time and temporary staff.

The estimated response rates for individual facilities cannot be provided where the actual number of surveys received exceeded the nominated FTE for that facility. This error could be from an incorrect FTE value being used and/or errors in self selection when completing the survey.

### Confidence Intervals

Confidence intervals have been calculated on the total facility responses (within a 5% error rating). If the CI is less than 5% these responses are a representative sample of this facility population.

If the CI is greater than 5% these responses are a snapshot of the views of staff at this facility, as opposed to being a representative sample.

### Results

Where results are shown as positive percentages (% Positive), these are calculated by adding together positive responses ("Strongly Agree" + "Agree") and dividing by the number of respondents which answered the question.

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading, with rounding performed at the last stage of calculation for maximum accuracy. Therefore in some instances, results may not total 100%.

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### Comparative data

Comparative data is the average % positive score achieved from all NSW Health organisations that participated in the 2011 Workplace Survey.

### Anonymity

It is ORC International's practice not to allow the breakdown of groups to the extent where the anonymity of individuals may be compromised. Results for teams with less than ten will not receive an individual report. However, their data will still contribute to the scores for their group and the organisation overall.

Summary responses for each question by demographic data is not provided where there are less than ten respondents from each demographic.

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ACTUAL RESPONSES

65%

3% Confidence Interval

ESTIMATED RESPONSE RATE

64%

ENGAGEMENT INDEX

49%

WORKPLACE CULTURE INDEX

# Employee Engagement Index

The Engagement Index is a measure of respondent's commitment to the organisation they work for. Engagement goes beyond satisfaction and can be defined as employees' willingness to invest their personal effort in the success of the organisation.

The three elements of Employee Engagement

**Say**

Strongly advocating the organisation

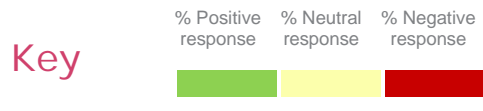
**Stay**

An emotional commitment to the organisation and a desire to stay

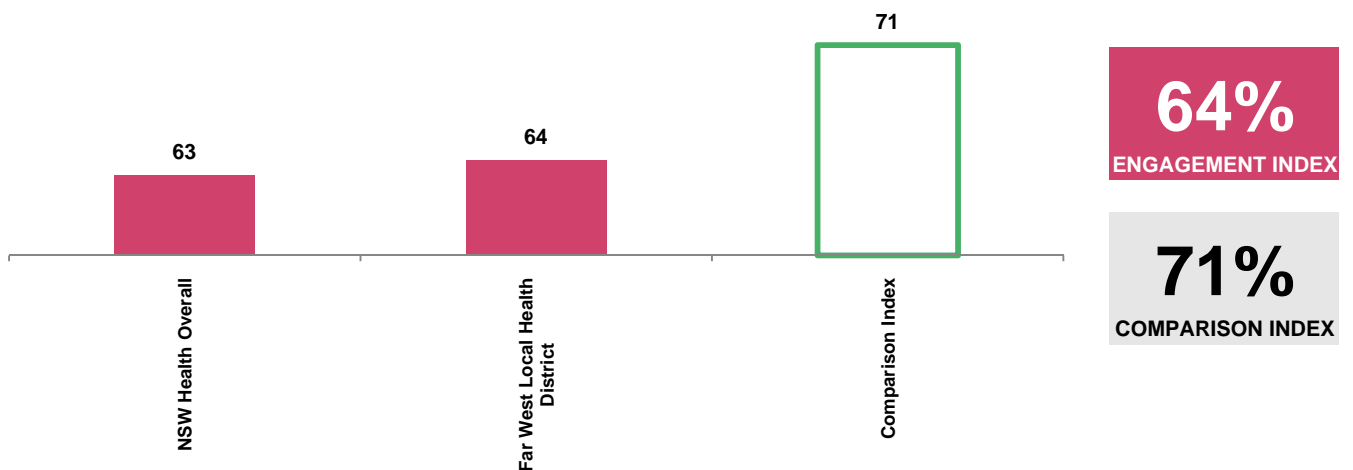
**Strive**

Providing sustained additional effort in line with organisational goals

The following six questions have been identified as being most aligned to Employee Engagement. The Engagement Index is an average of the following scores:



Question	Response Scale	Variance NSW Health Overall
41. Overall I am proud to be a part of this workplace	68% Positive, 20% Neutral, 12% Negative	0
42. I would recommend my workplace as a good place to work	59% Positive, 21% Neutral, 20% Negative	+1
44. I have a strong sense of belonging to my workplace	62% Positive, 20% Neutral, 18% Negative	+1
45. Overall I am satisfied to be working here at the present time	64% Positive, 17% Neutral, 19% Negative	0
3. Working here makes me want to do the best job I can	69% Positive, 19% Neutral, 13% Negative	+2
43. I feel motivated to contribute more than what is normally required at work	61% Positive, 20% Neutral, 19% Negative	0

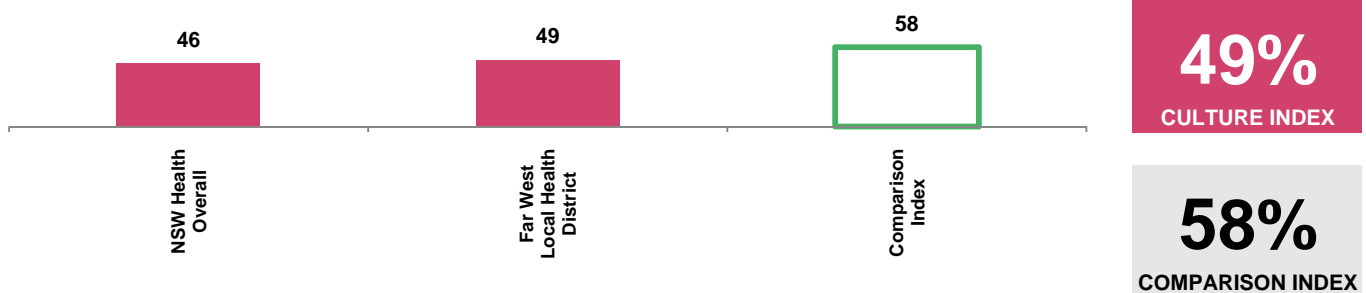


# Employee Workplace Culture Index

The Workplace Culture Index is a measure statistically constructed based on the NSW Health Workplace Culture Framework.

The following fifteen questions have been identified as being most aligned to Workplace Culture. The Workplace Culture Index is an average of the following scores:

Question	Key			Response Scale	Variance from NSW Health Overall
	% Positive response	% Neutral response	% Negative response		
11. Morale is good in my team	45	20	36	-1	
12. I believe I am valued for what I can offer at my workplace	62	17	21		+4
13. In my workplace, we recognise our successes and innovations	51	23	26		+1
14. Staff are treated respectfully regardless of their job	53	18	28	-2	
17. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my line manager	59	20	21		+1
18b. The senior managers at my workplace have a clear direction for the future	35	39	26		+3
18c. The senior managers at my workplace lead by example in creating a positive workplace	35	32	33		+1
20. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my senior managers	37	32	30		+1
22. I have a say in decisions which affect my work	48	20	31		+7
23. I think it is safe to speak up and challenge the way things are done	52	16	32		+6
24. Where I work, we share the lessons learnt when mistakes are made	56	21	22		+3
28. I have confidence in the processes that my workplace uses to resolve staff conflict	40	25	36		+3
38. My team's objectives/work plans are clearly outlined	64	21	15		+4
39. Our objectives/work plans help us to deliver a quality service	65	24	12		+5
46. Overall, I believe the culture at my workplace has improved in the last 12 months	32	33	35		+3



# Drivers of Engagement

A statistical technique known as Key Driver Analysis (KDA) has been used to help focus on those aspects of working for this organisation which have the greatest impact on Employee Engagement. The dashboard below shows the questions with the greatest impact on Employee Engagement for Far West Local Health District overall. These questions are not necessarily the lowest performers, rather the questions having the greatest impact on engagement for Far West Local Health District as a whole.

The questions derived from the KDA should be used to guide the action planning process following the survey, as taking effective action in these areas should have a positive impact on Employee Engagement. This information should also be used in conjunction with the rest of the questions included in the survey.

The questions are listed below in descending order of greatest impact on engagement.

## Drivers of Employee Engagement

	Impact (on Employee Engagement)	% Positive	NSW Health Overall % positive
12. I believe I am valued for what I can offer at my workplace	<i>Greatest</i> 	62	58
6. At my workplace I am able to positively influence the way we do things at work, including how we work with each other and how we behave		56	54
30. There are mechanisms in place to support me if I experience stress or pressure		56	49
29. I am able to achieve a healthy work/life balance most of the time		65	60
38. My team's objectives/work plans are clearly outlined		64	60
36. My work environment allows me to deliver the best possible services (patient care or support services)		59	54

# Highlights and Lowlights

This section shows the three highest scoring sections and five highest scoring questions (Highlights). It also shows the three lowest scoring sections and the five lowest scoring questions (Lowlights).

## Highlights

Sections	% Positive
Training and Development Opportunities	72
Your Line Manager	59
Your Workplace	58

Questions	% Positive
26. I am given the opportunity to complete my annual mandatory training requirements e.g. Fire safety, DETECT (Between the Flags) as a part of my every day work	82
1. My job makes good use of my skills and abilities	81
15d. My line manager treats me with respect	73
25. I have received the appropriate training and development to do my job effectively	71
3. Working here makes me want to do the best job I can	69

## Lowlights

Sections	% Positive
Senior Managers	37
Communication	51
Being valued	55

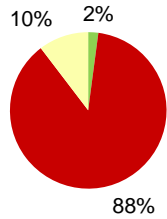
  

Questions	% Positive
4. Too many approvals are required for routine decisions*	10
40. At my workplace we are too focused on monitoring rather than delivering services*	25
46. Overall, I believe the culture at my workplace has improved in the last 12 months	32
19. There is a positive relationship between senior management and staff in my workplace	33
18b. The senior managers at my workplace have a clear direction for the future	35

# External Comparison

This section shows comparisons between Far West Local Health District and the Australian and International Health Sector comparisons. The comparative data has been drawn from random sampling of 1,065 Australian, 376 UK and 468 Canadian health care employees in both the public and private sectors.

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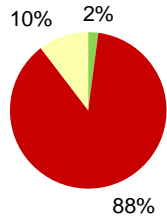
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	% Positive	Variance from Australian and International Health Sector benchmark	% Positive
26. I am given the opportunity to complete my annual mandatory training requirements e.g. Fire safety, DETECT (Between the Flags) as a part of my every day work	82	+5	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
22. I have a say in decisions which affect my work	48	0	<span style="color: grey;">■</span>
15d. My line manager treats me with respect	73	-2	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
40. At my workplace we are too focused on monitoring rather than delivering services*	25	-3	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
1. My job makes good use of my skills and abilities	81	-4	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
37. In my workplace patient safety is at the centre of all decision making	68	-4	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
44. I have a strong sense of belonging to my workplace	62	-5	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
43. I feel motivated to contribute more than what is normally required at work	61	-5	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
27. I am encouraged to take opportunities to learn new skills and have new experiences	62	-5	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
23. I think it is safe to speak up and challenge the way things are done	52	-5	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
18a. The senior managers at my workplace are aware of the issues I face in my job	44	-5	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
4. Too many approvals are required for routine decisions*	10	-6	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
17. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my line manager	59	-6	<span style="color: red;">■</span>

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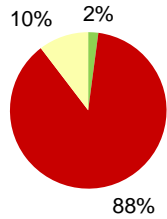
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30. There are mechanisms in place to support me if I experience stress or pressure	56	-6	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
15a. My line manager recognises and acknowledges when I have done my job well	62	-6	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
32. My workplace is proactive in minimising potential violence/abuse from patients or visitors	67	-6	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
29. I am able to achieve a healthy work/life balance most of the time	65	-6	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
42. I would recommend my workplace as a good place to work	59	-7	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
31. Reasonable expectations are placed on staff according to their position	54	-7	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
12. I believe I am valued for what I can offer at my workplace	62	-7	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
15c. My line manager ensures that when issues are raised in the team, they are addressed	57	-7	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
39. Our objectives/work plans help us to deliver a quality service	65	-7	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
16. I receive regular and constructive feedback on my performance	47	-7	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
2. I feel I am able to suggest ideas to improve our ways of doing things	67	-7	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
15b. My line manager treats all staff in my team fairly	56	-8	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
25. I have received the appropriate training and development to do my job effectively	71	-8	<span style="color: red;">■</span>

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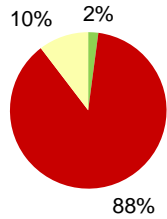
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6. At my workplace I am able to positively influence the way we do things at work, including how we work with each other and how we behave	56	-8	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
38. My team's objectives/work plans are clearly outlined	64	-8	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
8. In my team we generally acknowledge one another's efforts and achievements	68	-8	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
24. Where I work, we share the lessons learnt when mistakes are made	56	-9	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
45. Overall I am satisfied to be working here at the present time	64	-9	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
20. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my senior managers	37	-9	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
5. I have sufficient control over my work so I can do my job well	61	-9	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
41. Overall I am proud to be a part of this workplace	68	-9	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
46. Overall, I believe the culture at my workplace has improved in the last 12 months	32	-9	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
3. Working here makes me want to do the best job I can	69	-9	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
18c. The senior managers at my workplace lead by example in creating a positive workplace	35	-10	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
7. The people I work with are willing to help each other even if this means doing something outside their usual job	63	-10	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
19. There is a positive relationship between senior management and staff in my workplace	33	-11	<span style="color: red;">■</span>



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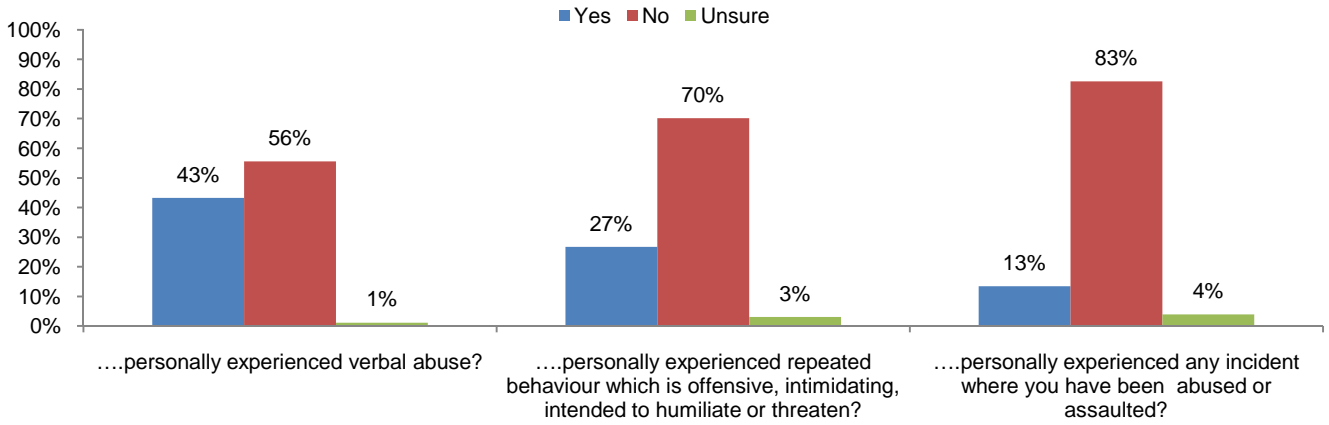
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36. My work environment allows me to deliver the best possible services (patient care or support services)	59	-11	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
14. Staff are treated respectfully regardless of their job	53	-12	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
21. I am kept well informed about what is happening in my workplace	46	-12	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
13. In my workplace, we recognise our successes and innovations	51	-12	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
9. People in my team are honest and open	58	-13	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
28. I have confidence in the processes that my workplace uses to resolve staff conflict	40	-14	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
11. Morale is good in my team	45	-14	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
18b. The senior managers at my workplace have a clear direction for the future	35	-15	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
10. My team resolves conflict quickly when it arises	46	-16	<span style="color: red;">■</span>

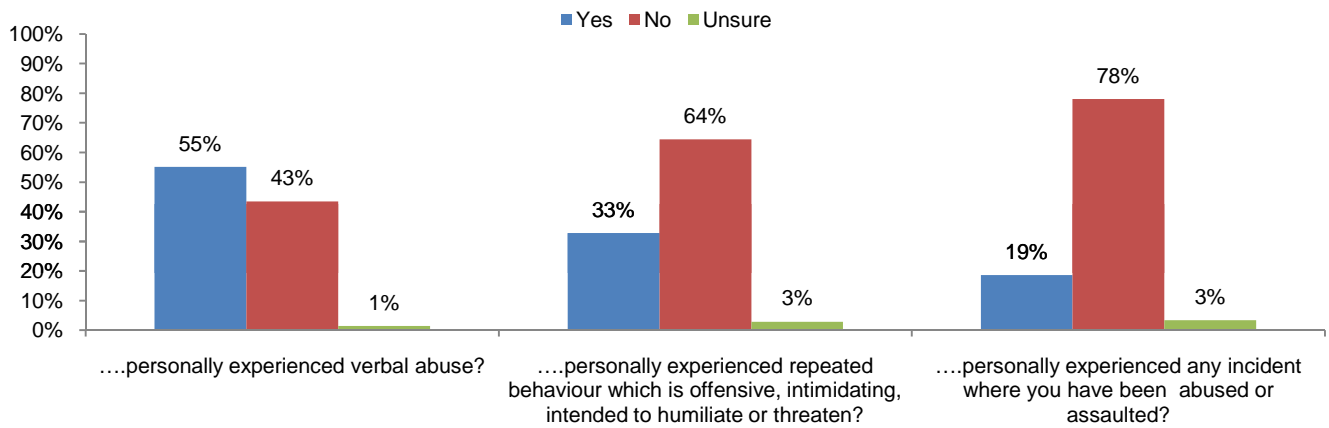
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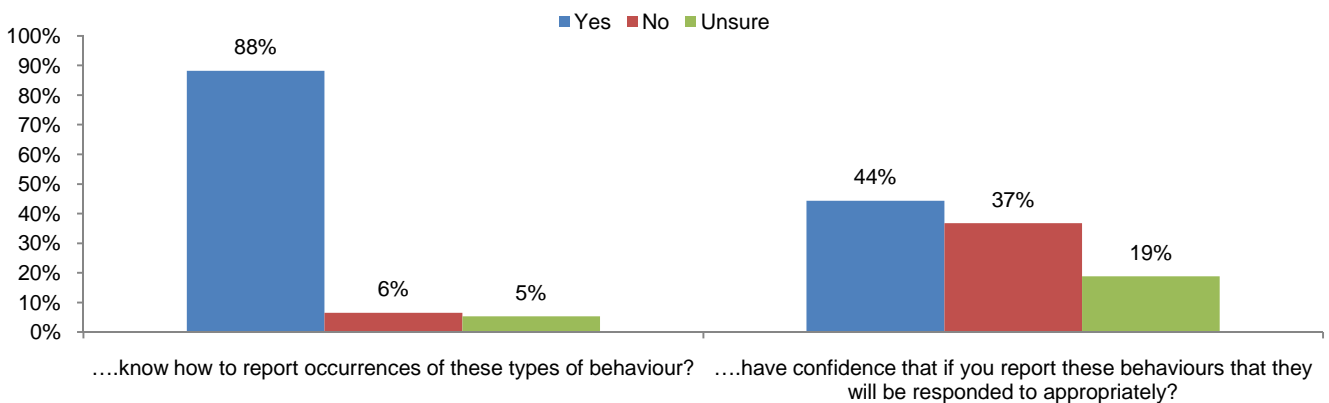
## 33. In the last three (3) months have you....



## 34. In the last twelve (12) months, have you....



## 35. Do you currently....

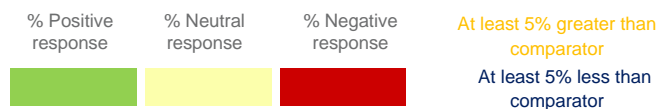


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**Key** A question identified as being a key driver of employee engagement



## Your Job

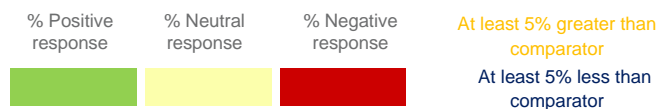
Question	Response Scale			% Positive Score	% Positive Variance Compared to:	
	% Positive response	% Neutral response	% Negative response		NSW Health Overall	Australian and International Health Sector Benchmark
1. My job makes good use of my skills and abilities	81	8	11	81	+5	-4
2. I feel I am able to suggest ideas to improve our ways of doing things	67	13	21	67	+2	-7
3. Working here makes me want to do the best job I can	69	19	13	69	+2	-9
4. Too many approvals are required for routine decisions*	10	24	66	10	-4	-6
5. I have sufficient control over my work so I can do my job well	61	19	20	61	+1	-9
<b>Key</b> 6. At my workplace I am able to positively influence the way we do things at work, including how we work with each other and how we behave	56	20	24	56	+2	-8

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## Your Team

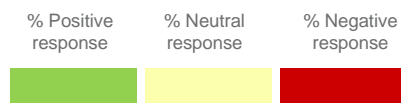
	Response Scale	% Positive Score	% Positive Variance Compared to:
			NSW Health Overall Australian and International Health Sector Benchmark
7. The people I work with are willing to help each other even if this means doing something outside their usual job	63 14 23	63	-2 -10
8. In my team we generally acknowledge one another's efforts and achievements	68 15 17	68	+2 -8
9. People in my team are honest and open	58 19 22	58	-2 -13
10. My team resolves conflict quickly when it arises	46 23 31	46	-1 -16
11. Morale is good in my team	45 20 36	45	-2 -14

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At least 5% greater than comparator  
At least 5% less than comparator

## Being valued

**Key**

12. I believe I am valued for what I can offer at my workplace



55

% Positive Variance Compared to:

NSW Health Overall  
Australian and International Health Sector Benchmark

+1 -11

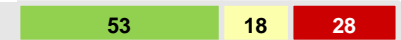
13. In my workplace, we recognise our successes and innovations



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+4 -7

14. Staff are treated respectfully regardless of their job



53

+1 -12

-2 -12

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## Your Line Manager

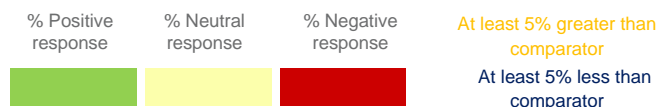
	Response Scale			% Positive Score	% Positive Variance Compared to:	NSW Health Overall	Australian and International Health Sector Benchmark
<b>15a.</b> My line manager recognises and acknowledges when I have done my job well	62	17	21	62	+2	-6	-6
<b>15b.</b> My line manager treats all staff in my team fairly	56	18	26	56	-2	-8	-8
<b>15c.</b> My line manager ensures that when issues are raised in the team, they are addressed	57	18	25	57	+1	-7	-7
<b>15d.</b> My line manager treats me with respect	73	14	13	73	0	-2	-2
<b>16.</b> I receive regular and constructive feedback on my performance	47	21	33	47	+3	-7	-7
<b>17.</b> Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my line manager	59	20	21	59	+1	-6	-6

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## Senior Managers

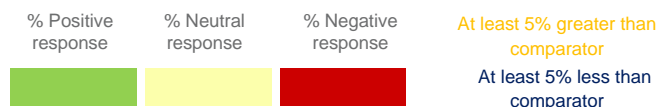
	Response Scale			% Positive Score	% Positive Variance Compared to:	NSW Health Overall	Australian and International Health Sector Benchmark
<b>18a.</b> The senior managers at my workplace are aware of the issues I face in my job	44	24	32	44	+4	+2	-5
<b>18b.</b> The senior managers at my workplace have a clear direction for the future	35	39	26	35	+3	+3	-15
<b>18c.</b> The senior managers at my workplace lead by example in creating a positive workplace	35	32	33	35	+1	+1	-10
<b>19.</b> There is a positive relationship between senior management and staff in my workplace	33	28	39	33	-1	-1	-11
<b>20.</b> Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my senior managers	37	32	30	37	+1	+1	-9

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## Communication

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21. I am kept well informed about what is happening in my workplace	46	25	29	46	+1	-12
22. I have a say in decisions which affect my work	48	20	31	48	+7	0
23. I think it is safe to speak up and challenge the way things are done	52	16	32	52	+6	-5
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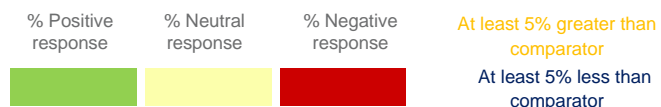


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## Training and Development Opportunities

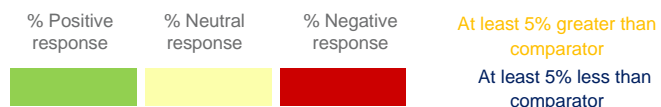
	Response Scale	% Positive Score	% Positive Variance Compared to:
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<b>25.</b> I have received the appropriate training and development to do my job effectively	71 16 13	71	+3 -8
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<b>27.</b> I am encouraged to take opportunities to learn new skills and have new experiences	62 18 20	62	+7 -5

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## Work Environment

Question	Response Scale			% Positive Score	% Positive Variance Compared to:	NSW Health Overall	Australian and International Health Sector Benchmark
28. I have confidence in the processes that my workplace uses to resolve staff conflict	40	25	36	40	+3	+3	-14
<b>Key</b> 29. I am able to achieve a healthy work/life balance most of the time	65	17	18	65	+5	+5	-6
<b>Key</b> 30. There are mechanisms in place to support me if I experience stress or pressure	56	19	25	56	+7	+7	-6
31. Reasonable expectations are placed on staff according to their position	54	16	30	54	+2	+2	-7
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**Note:** Questions 33, 34 and 35 below use a scale of Yes, No and Unsure. Questions 33 and 34 questions are negatively worded, therefore the positive score is taken as those who responded 'No', the negative score as those who responded 'Yes' and those who responded 'Unsure' are not included in score calculations. Question 35 is positively worded, therefore positive is 'Yes', negative is 'No'.

% Positive Variance Compared to:

## Inappropriate Behaviour

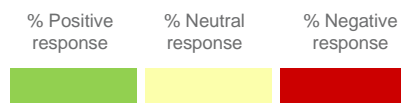
	% No response	% Unsure response	% Yes response	% Positive Score	NSW Health	Australian and International Health Sector Benchmark	
<b>33a.</b> In the last three (3) months, have you personally experienced verbal abuse?	56		43	56	-7	-7	
<b>33b.</b> In the last three (3) months, have you personally experienced repeated behaviour which is offensive, intimidating, intended to humiliate or threaten?	70		27	70	-1	-2	
<b>33c.</b> In the last three (3) months, have you personally experienced any incident where you have been abused or assaulted?	83		13	83	-2	-1	
<b>34a.</b> In the last twelve (12) months, have you personally experienced verbal abuse?	43		55	43	-11	-15	
<b>34b.</b> In the last twelve (12) months, have you personally experienced repeated behaviour which is offensive, intimidating, intended to humiliate or threaten?	64		33	64	-1	-6	
<b>34c.</b> In the last twelve (12) months, have you personally experienced any incident where you have been abused or assaulted?	78		19	78	-4	-5	
		% Yes response	% Unsure response	% No response			
<b>35a.</b> Do you currently know how to report occurrences of these types of behaviour?		88	5	6	88	+5	+7
<b>35b.</b> Do you currently have confidence that if you report these behaviours that they will be responded to appropriately?	44	19	37	44	+1	-11	

# All Questions

This section shows the breakdown of responses to each question.

## Key

**Key** A question identified as being a key driver of employee engagement



At least 5% greater than comparator  
At least 5% less than comparator

## Service Delivery

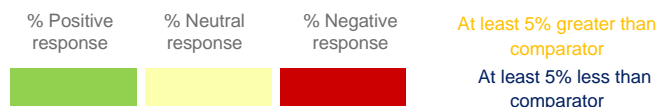
	Response Scale			% Positive Score	% Positive Variance Compared to:	NSW Health Overall	Australian and International Health Sector Benchmark
<b>Key</b> 36. My work environment allows me to deliver the best possible services (patient care or support services)	59	20	20	59	+5	+3	-11
37. In my workplace patient safety is at the centre of all decision making	68	19	13	68	+4	+4	-4
<b>Key</b> 38. My team's objectives/work plans are clearly outlined	64	21	15	64	+4	+4	-8
39. Our objectives/work plans help us to deliver a quality service	65	24	12	65	+5	+4	-7
40. At my workplace we are too focused on monitoring rather than delivering services*	25	32	43	25	-2	-2	-3

# All Questions

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## Key

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## Your Workplace

Question	Response Scale			% Positive Score	% Positive Variance Compared to:	
	% Positive response	% Neutral response	% Negative response		NSW Health Overall	Australian and International Health Sector Benchmark
41. Overall I am proud to be a part of this workplace	68	20	12	68	0	-9
42. I would recommend my workplace as a good place to work	59	21	20	59	+1	-7
43. I feel motivated to contribute more than what is normally required at work	61	20	19	61	+0	-5
44. I have a strong sense of belonging to my workplace	62	20	18	62	+1	-5
45. Overall I am satisfied to be working here at the present time	64	17	19	64	+0	-9
46. Overall, I believe the culture at my workplace has improved in the last 12 months	32	33	35	32	+3	-9