# Sunbury Day Centre September 2016

## About the Victorian Healthcare Experience Survey

The Victorian Healthcare Experience Survey (VHES) is a statewide survey of people's public healthcare experiences. The Ipsos Social Research Institute - an independent contractor - conducts the survey on behalf of the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services using guestionnaires 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 consumers

These 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.

For further information about the VHES please contact: vhes@dhhs.vic.gov.au

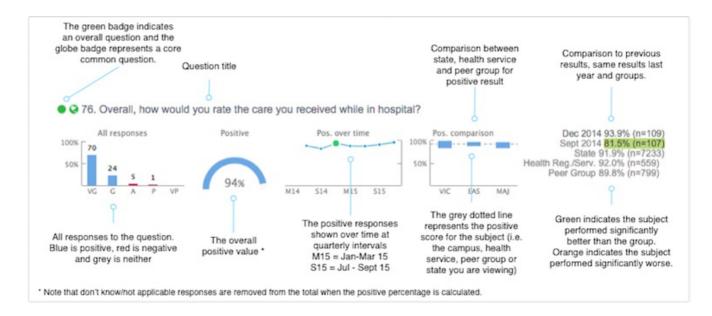
## About this report

This report provides results for your campus or health service for all patient categories for which a sufficient sample size (n=42) was achieved in the period July - Sept 2016.

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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.

The diagram below describes how to interpret each chart



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## Sunbury Day Centre

Sunbury Day Centre is a member of Western Health health service (WES) and is within the Other Metro peer group (OTH).

The Other Metro peer group consists of the following campuses

Angliss Hospital

Sandringham Hospital

Healesville & District Hospital

Yarra Ranges Health

Werribee Mercy Hospital

Broadmeadows Health Service

Craigieburn Health Service

Rosebud Hospital

Moorabbin Hospital

Casey Hospital

Cranbourne Integrated Care Service

Williamstown Hospital

Sunbury Day Centre

### Response rates

### **Adult Inpatient**

191 questionnaires sent, 72 received. Response rate - 38%

### **Paediatric Specialist Clinics**

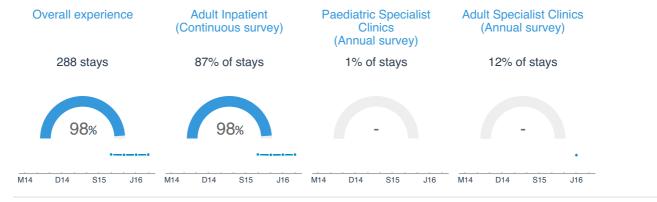
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### **Adult Specialist Clinics**

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## Campus Wide Experience - Sept 2016

In July - Sept 2016, 97.78% of patients from Sunbury Day Centre rated their overall hospital experience as either 'very good' or 'good'.



### 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.

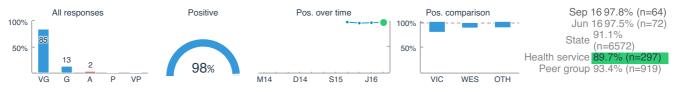
This section features the overall experience question, and the three key aspects of care that were most likely to differentiate a positive overall experience from a negative overall experience for the adult inpatient category.

Key aspects of care questions are identified with a \*

Overall experience questions are identified with a #

Analysis shows that if a campus providing adult inpatient services improves the care and treatment provided by nurses, teamwork between doctors and nurses and the discharge process, patients' overall experience is likely to improve.

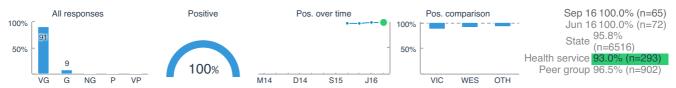
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Answers

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

🖈 29. Overall, how would you rate the care and treatment you received from your nurses? View data



Answers

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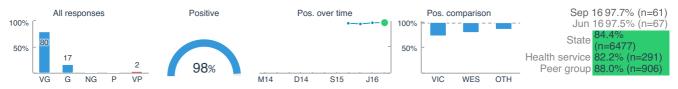
★ ② 41. How would you rate how well the doctors and nurses worked together? View data



Answers

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

★ 74. Overall, how would you rate the discharge process? View data



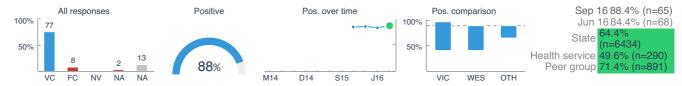
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### Core Common Questions

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  $\odot$  symbol.

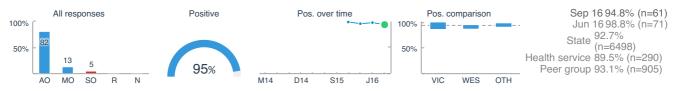
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#### **Answers**

VC - Very clean FC - Fairly clean NV - Not very clean NA - Not at all clean NA - Not applicable

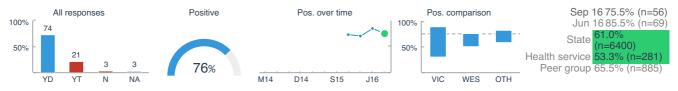
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#### Answers

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

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

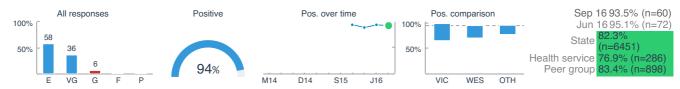
40. Did your family or someone close to you have enough opportunity to talk to the staff? View data



### Answers

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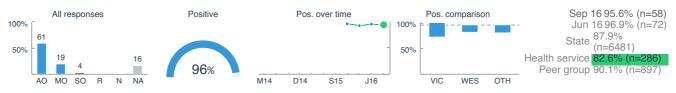


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## 42. If you needed assistance, were you able to get a member of staff to help you within a reasonable time?

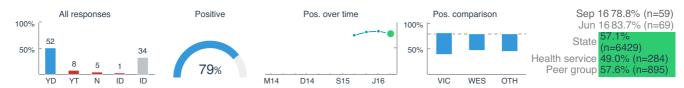
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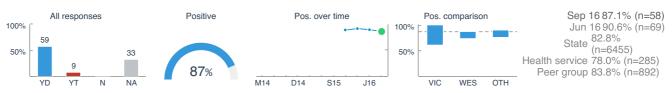
# 43. If you had any worries or fears about your condition or treatment, did a health professional discuss them with you? View data



**Answers** 

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

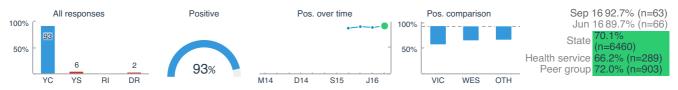
#### 3 47. Do you think the hospital staff did everything they could to help manage your pain? View data



Answers

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

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Answers

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

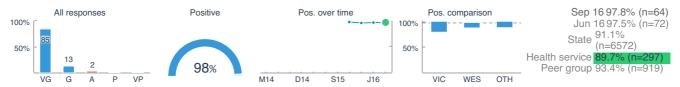
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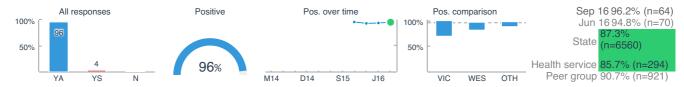
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Answers

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## 3 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

## Spotlight

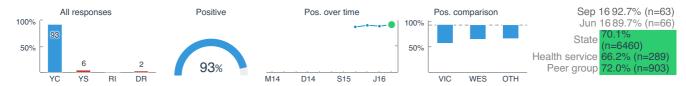
#### Transitions index adult inpatient

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 »



#### 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

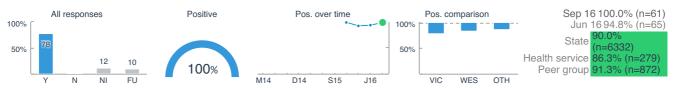
YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No NA - Not applicable



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



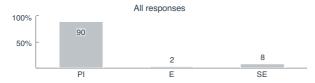
Answers

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

## 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?



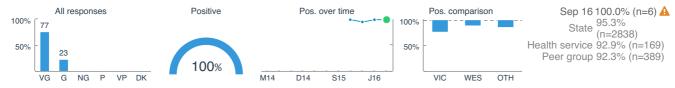
#### Answers

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

### 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.

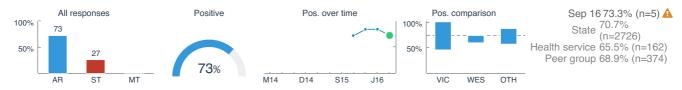
2. How would you rate the politeness and courtesy of staff in the ED? View data



#### Answers

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

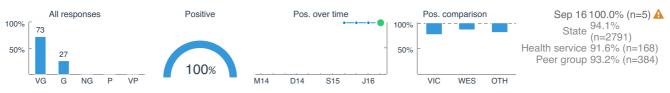
3. Do you think the amount of time you spent in the ED was...? View data



#### **Answers**

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

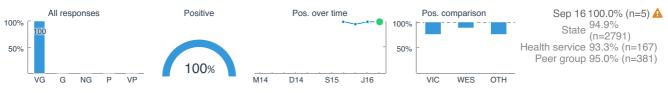
4. Overall, how would you rate the care and treatment you received from your doctors in the ED? View data



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

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

## 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.

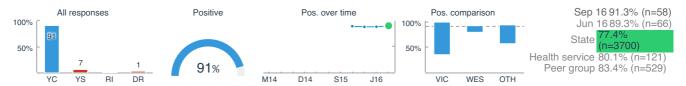
6. How do you feel about the length of time you were on the waiting list before your admission to hospital? View data



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



Answers

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

## All Types Of Admission

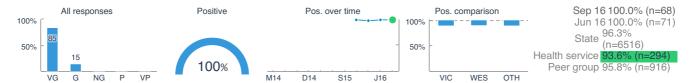
8. Do you think the time you had to wait from arrival at hospital until you were taken to your room or ward was...? View data



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



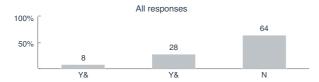
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### The Hospital & Ward

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

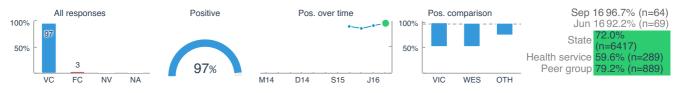


#### Answers

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

VC - Very clean FC - Fairly clean NV - Not very clean NA - Not at all clean

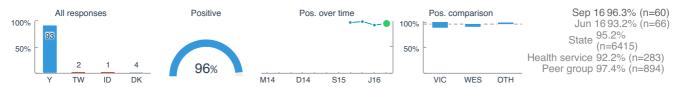
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#### Answers

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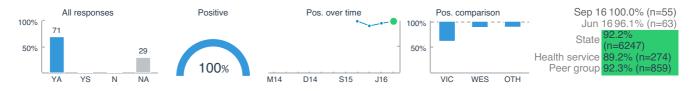
14. Were hand-wash gels available for patients and visitors to use? View data



#### 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



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

Answers

### 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

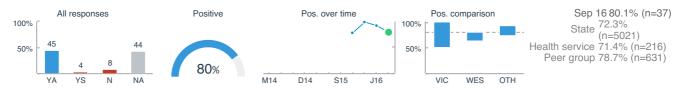
17. Was the hospital food suitable for your dietary needs (for example medical, cultural, or religious needs or personal preference)? View data



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

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

### 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.

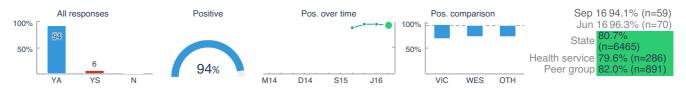
19. During your hospital stay, did the doctors who treated you know enough about your medical history? View data



#### Answers

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

20. Did you have confidence and trust in the doctors treating you? View data



#### Answers

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

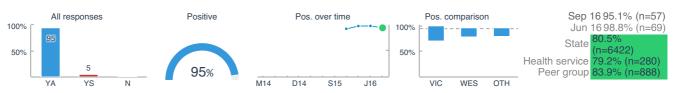
21. If you needed to talk to a doctor, did you get the opportunity to do so? View data



#### 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



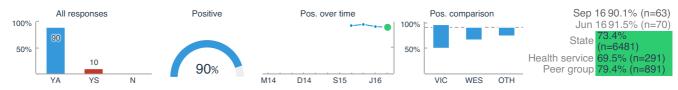
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### Your Nurses

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

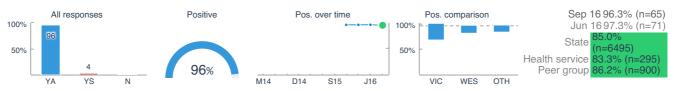
27. If you needed to talk to a nurse, did you get the opportunity to do so? View data



#### 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



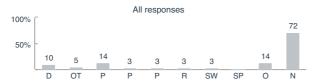
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Answers

## 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.

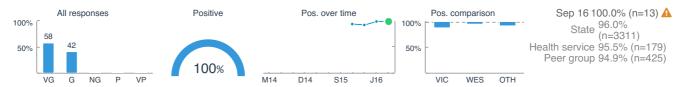
30. Which, if any, of the following other healthcare professionals did you receive care or treatment from during this hospital stay? (Please select all that apply)



#### 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



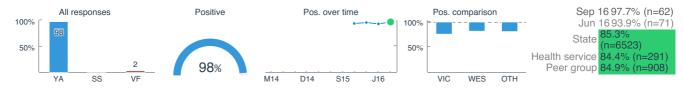
Answers

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

### 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 thing 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.

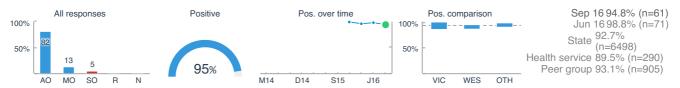
32. Did the staff treating and examining you introduce themselves and their role? View data



Answers

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

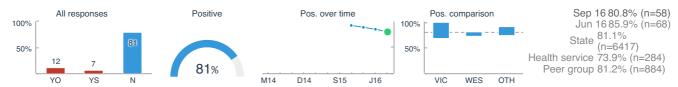
③ 33. How often did the doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals caring for you explain things in a
 way you could understand? View data



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

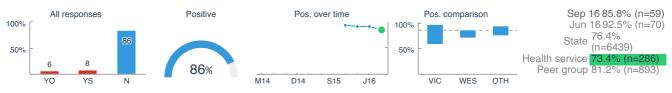
35. Did you see hospital staff wash their hands, use hand gel to clean their hands, or put on clean gloves before examining you? View data



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

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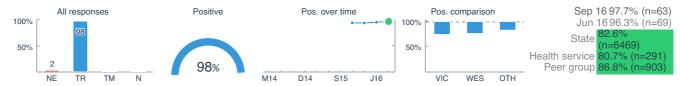
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Answers

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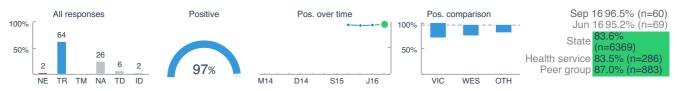
#### 38. How much information about your condition and treatment was given to you? View data



**Answers** 

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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

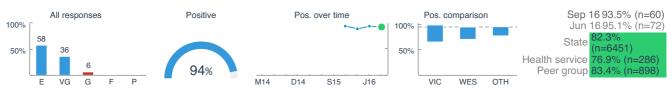
### 40. Did your family or someone close to you have enough opportunity to talk to the staff? View data



Answers

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

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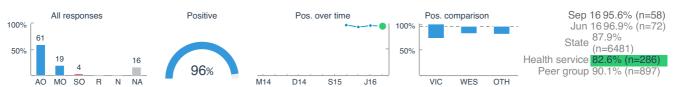


Answers

 $\textbf{E} - \text{Excellent} \quad \textbf{VG} - \text{Very good} \quad \textbf{G} - \text{Good} \quad \textbf{F} - \text{Fair} \quad \textbf{P} - \text{Poor}$ 

## 42. If you needed assistance, were you able to get a member of staff to help you within a reasonable time?

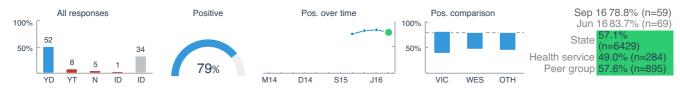
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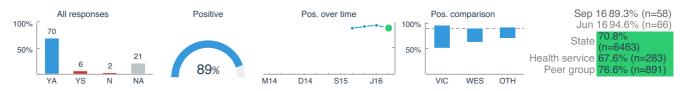
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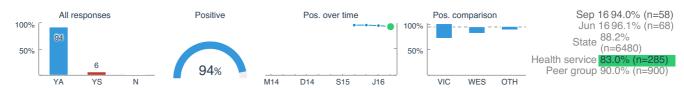
### 44. Do you feel you received enough emotional support from hospital staff during your stay? View data



#### 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

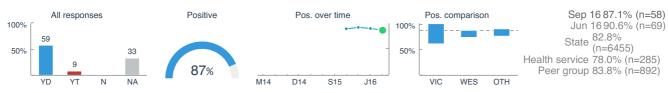
### 46. At other times during your hospital stay did you have enough privacy? View data



### Answers

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

### 3 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

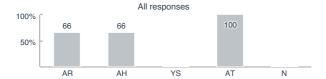
### 48. Do you need any help understanding English? View data



#### 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

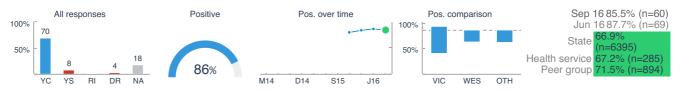
50. Were you given any information (e.g. leaflets) in your language? View data



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

### **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



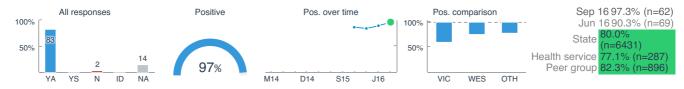
Answers

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

### 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

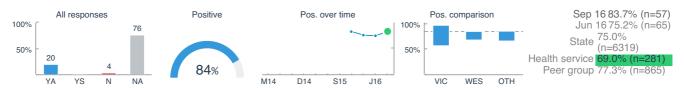
56. Did you feel you could refuse any treatment that you did not agree with or did not want? View data



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

## 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.

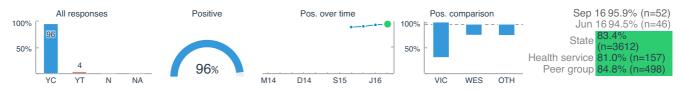
59. During your stay in hospital, did you have an operation or procedure?



#### 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

### 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

 $\boldsymbol{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\,\boldsymbol{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\,\boldsymbol{N}$  - No

64. Did you feel you were involved in decisions about your discharge from hospital? View data



### Answers

 $\mathbf{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\ \mathbf{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\ \mathbf{N}$  - No  $\ \mathbf{ID}$  - I didn't want this

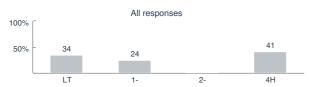
65. On the day you left hospital, was your discharge delayed for any reason? View data



#### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

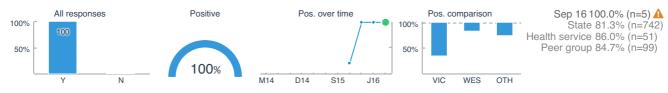
66. How long was the delay?



#### 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

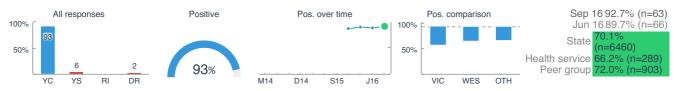
#### 68. What was the reason or reasons for the delay? (Please select all that apply)



**Answers** 

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

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Answers

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

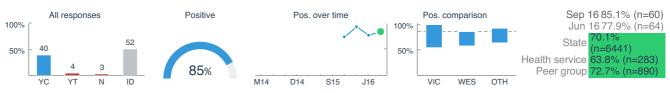
### 70. Did hospital staff take your family or home situation into account when planning your discharge? View data



Answers

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

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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?



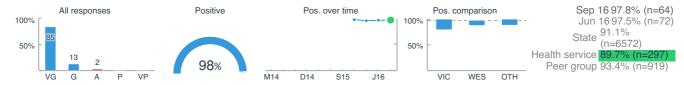
#### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

### 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.

\* 3 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



Answers

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

3 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

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



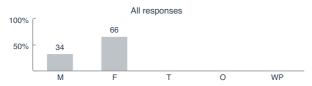
Answers

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

### 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 WP - Would prefer not to say

81. Average age of patient



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82. Which language do you mainly speak at home?

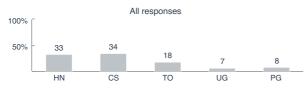


## English 86% Other 14%

#### Answers

E - English AL - A language other than English

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

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



### Answers

 $\textbf{YA -} Yes, Aboriginal \ \textbf{YT -} Yes, Torres \ Strait \ Islander \ \textbf{YB -} Yes, both \ Aboriginal \ and \ Torres \ Strait \ Islander \ \textbf{N -} No \ Aboriginal \ Aboriginal$ 

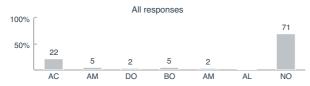
85. How many times in the last 12 months have you been admitted as an inpatient to this hospital?



Answers

TT - This time only 2T - 2 times 3- - 3 - 5 times 60 - 6 or more times

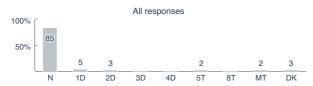
86. Which, if any, of the following long-standing conditions do you have? (Please select all that apply)



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

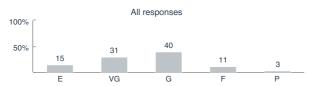
87. Thinking about the month leading up to your hospital stay, how many days did illness or injury keep you in bed for all or a substantial part of the day?



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

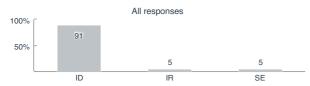
88. In general, how would you rate your health?



Answers

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

89. Who completed this questionnaire?



Answers

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

## 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?

All responses

Improve care/treatment co	Improve ommunication	Reduce wait times	<u>Improve</u> <u>facilities</u>	Improve food	<u>Other</u>	
Answers  IC - Improve care/treatment IC - Improve communication RW - Reduce wait times IF - Improve facilities IF - Improve food O - Other						
		All resp	onses			
Other	Care	and treatment	Communica	<u>ition</u>	<u>acilities</u>	
Answers						
O - Other CA - Care a	and treatment C	- Communication	F - Facilities			
92. What were the	worst things a	bout your stay in	n hospital?			
		A.II				
		All resp	onses			

Wait times

**Facilities** 

**Food** 

**Other** 

Care and

treatment

 ${f O}$  - Other  ${f CA}$  - Care and treatment  ${f C}$  - Communication  ${f WT}$  - Wait times  ${f F}$  - Facilities  ${f F}$  - Food

Communication

## Paediatric Specialist Clinics - July - Sept 2016

### Overall Experience and Key Aspects of Care

The VHES Paediatric Specialist questionnaire seeks to discover the experience of children under 16 and their parents or carers at a specialist clinic. Potential respondents are randomly selected from people who had an appointment at a Specialist Clinic in the preceding month.

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

\* 69. Overall, how would you rate the care you received at the clinic? View data



Answers

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

★ 10. Approximately, how long after the stated appointment time did the appointment start? View data



Answers

SO - Seen on time, or early WU - Waited up to 15 minutes W1 - Waited 16 - 30 minutes W3 - Waited 30 minutes to 1 hour

W1 - Waited 1 - 2 hours WM - Waited more than 2 hours DK - Don't know / Can't remember

★ 23. Did you have confidence and trust in the doctor examining and treating you? View data

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Answers

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

★ 32. Did you have confidence and trust in this health professional? View data



Answers

 $\mathbf{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\ \mathbf{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\ \mathbf{N}$  - No

## Paediatric Specialist Clinics - July - Sept 2016

## The Appointment

Patients were asked when their most recent appointment was.

1. On what date was your most recent appointment at the hospital identified on the cover of this booklet?

▲ Insufficient data for this period



Answers

PW - Please write in (DDMMYYYY) DK - Don't know IP - I'd prefer not to say

# Before The Day Of The Appointment

In this section, patients were asked to about the severity of their symptoms while waiting for an appointment, changes in the appointment date and time and whether they received the information they needed.

2. While you were waiting for this appointment did your symptoms or condition...?



Answers

GM - Get much better GA - Get a little better SA - Stay about the same GA - Get a little worse GM - Get much worse

3. Were you able to get an appointment time that suited you? View data



Answers

Y - Yes NB - No, but I would have liked a choice NB - No, but I did not need / want a choice

4. Was your appointment changed to a later date by the hospital? View data



Answers

N - No YO - Yes, once YM - Yes, more than once

5. Before the appointment did you receive all the information that you needed? (e.g. about how to prepare for the appointment, what to bring, what would happen at the appointment and who to contact if your symptoms got worse) View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but this was not needed

# Arrival At The Hospital

In this section, patients were asked how they travelled to the hospital, how they would rate the transportation facilities and whether it was easy to find the specialist clinic. Patients were also asked to rate the politeness and helpfulness of the reception staff

6. How did you travel to the hospital for your most recent specialist clinic appointment? Please think about your main form of transport only.



Answers

BP - By private car BH - By hospital or community transport services BT - By taxi OF - On foot OP - On public transport O - Other

7. How would you rate the transportation facilities at the hospital (e.g. car parking, foot paths, taxi drop off areas, access to public transport)? View data



Answers

 ${f VG}$  - Very good  ${f G}$  - Good  ${f NG}$  - Neither good nor poor  ${f P}$  - Poor  ${f VP}$  - Very poor

8. Once you arrived at the hospital, was it easy to find your way to the specialist clinic? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YS - Yes, somewhat N - No

9. How would you rate the politeness and helpfulness of the reception staff at the specialist clinic? View data



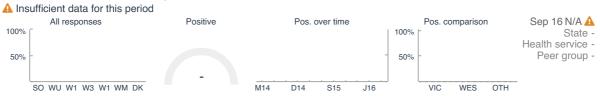
Answers

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

# Waiting At The Clinic

This section covered the patients' wait at the clinic. They were asked how long they had to wait, about any inconveniences due to the wait and whether they were told how long the wait would be. Questions about the comfort of the waiting area and whether suitable food and drinks were available were also asked.

🖈 10. Approximately, how long after the stated appointment time did the appointment start? View data

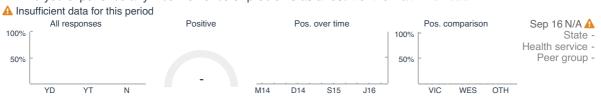


#### **Answers**

SO - Seen on time, or early WU - Waited up to 15 minutes W1 - Waited 16 - 30 minutes W3 - Waited 30 minutes to 1 hour

W1 - Waited 1 - 2 hours WM - Waited more than 2 hours DK - Don't know / Can't remember

11. Did you experience any inconvenience or problems as a result of the wait? View data



#### **Answers**

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

12. Were you told how long you would have to spend in the waiting area? View data

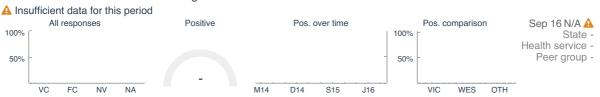


### **Answers**

YB - Yes, but the wait was longer YB - Yes, but the wait was shorter YA - Yes, and I had to wait about as long as I was told

NI - No, I was not told

13. How comfortable was the waiting area? View data



# Answers

VC - Very comfortable FC - Fairly comfortable NV - Not very comfortable NA - Not at all comfortable

14. Were suitable food and drinks available at the hospital if you wanted them? View data

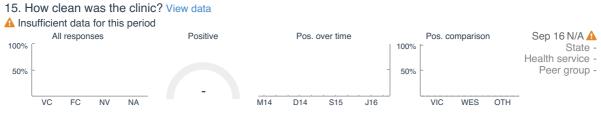


## Answers

Y - Yes N - No ID - I didn't want to access food or drinks because I was worried about missing my appointment DK - Don't know

# Clinic Environment And Facilities

Patients were asked about the cleanliness of the clinic and of the toilets at the clinic.



Answers

VC - Very clean FC - Fairly clean NV - Not very clean NA - Not at all clean



Answers

VC - Very clean FC - Fairly clean NV - Not very clean NA - Not at all clean ID - I did not use a toilet

# Seeing A Doctor

This section covered the care provided specifically by doctors. Those who had an appointment with a doctor as part of their specialist clinic appointment were asked whether they had enough time to discuss their condition or symptoms, if the doctor knew enough about their medical history, the length of time with the doctor and the doctors' explanation of the treatment or care plan. Patients were also asked whether they felt listened to and understood, whether they had confidence and trust in the doctor and whether the doctor discussed any worries or fears with them.

17. Was any part of your specialist clinic appointment with a doctor? (e.g. a medical specialist or surgeon)



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

18. Did you have enough time to discuss your condition or symptoms with the doctor? View data



Answers

 $\mathbf{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\ \mathbf{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\ \mathbf{N}$  - No

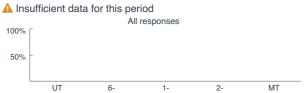
19. Did the doctor know enough about your medical history? View data



Answers

 ${f YD}$  - Yes definitely  ${f YT}$  - Yes to some extent  ${f N}$  - No

20. Approximately, how long were you with the doctor?



Answers

UT - Up to 5 minutes 6- - 6 - 10 minutes 1- - 11 - 20 minutes 2- - 21 - 30 minutes MT - More than 30 minutes

21. Did the doctor explain the reasons for any treatment or care plan in a way that you could understand? View data



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need an explanation

NT - No treatment or action plan was needed





### Answers

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

# ★ 23. Did you have confidence and trust in the doctor examining and treating you? View data

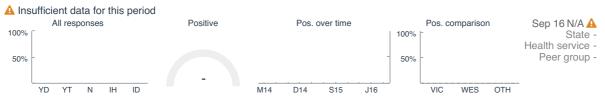


### Answers

 $\mathbf{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\ \mathbf{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\ \mathbf{N}$  - No

# 24. If you had any worries or fears about your condition or treatment, did the doctor discuss them with you?

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### Answers

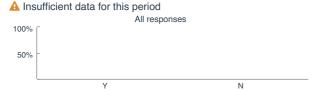
YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No IH - I had worries or fears but did not discuss them ID - I did not have worries or fears

# Seeing Another Health Professional

In this section of the questionnaire, questions covered the care provided by other health professionals. Those who had an appointment with any health professional other than a doctor during their specialist clinic appointment were asked who the health professional was that they saw, whether they had enough time to discuss their condition or symptoms, if the health professional knew enough about their medical history, the length of time with the health professional and the health professional's explanation of the treatment or care plan.

They were also asked whether they felt listened to and understood to, whether they had confidence and trust in the health professional and whether the health professional discussed any worries or fears with them.

25. Was all or part of your specialist clinic appointment with any health professional, other than a doctor?



#### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

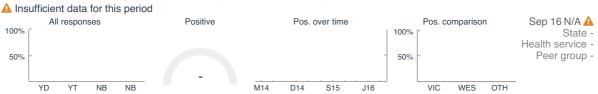
26. Who was the main person, other than a doctor, you saw?



Answers

AN - A nurse AP - A physiotherapist AR - A radiographer (X-ray, ultrasound, MRI) D - Dietician OT - Occupational therapist SW - Social worker SP - Speech pathologist P - Podiatrist SE - Someone else (please write in box)

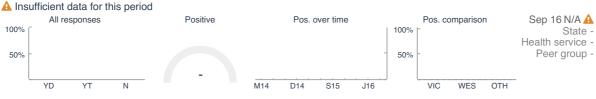
27. Did you have enough time to discuss your condition or symptoms with this health professional? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need to discuss it with them

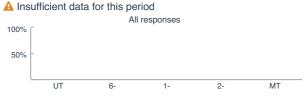
28. Did this health professional know enough about your medical history? View data



Answers

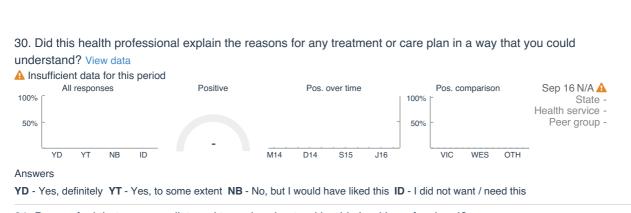
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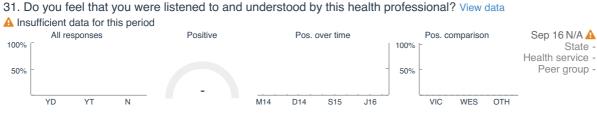
29. Approximately how long were you with this health professional?



Answers

UT - Up to 5 minutes 6- - 6 - 10 minutes 1- - 11 - 20 minutes 2- - 21 - 30 minutes MT - More than 30 minutes





Answers  $\label{eq:YD-Yes} \textbf{YD} \text{ - Yes, definitely } \textbf{YT} \text{ - Yes, to some extent } \textbf{N} \text{ - No}$ 

★ 32. Did you have confidence and trust in this health professional? View data Insufficient data for this period All responses Positive Pos. over time Sep 16 N/A 🛕 Pos. comparison 100% 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% ΥD M14 D14 S15 J16 VIC WES ОТН

Answers

 $\boldsymbol{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\,\boldsymbol{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\,\boldsymbol{N}$  - No

33. If you had any worries or fears about your condition or treatment, did this health professional discuss them with you? View data



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No ID - I did not have worries or fears

### Your Care And Treatment

This section covered the care and treatment the patient received at their specialist clinic appointment. Patients were asked whether the staff treating and examining them introduced themselves and their role, whether the doctor or health professionals ever talked about the them as if they weren't there, if enough information about their condition and treatment was given and if they were involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about the treatment and care plan.

Patients were also asked if enough privacy was given when discussing the condition or treatment and when being examined or treated, whether staff had clean hands before examining the patient and whether different staff said different things about the care being received.

Those whose appointment was about a long term condition and/or symptoms they need ongoing care or treatment for were asked whether a healthcare professional asked them what was important in managing the condition/symptoms, whether the appointment helped the patient feel that they could better manage their condition/symptoms and whether permission was sought if any students accompanied any health professions during the treatment and examination. Patients who reported that they needed help in understanding English were asked if there was someone in the clinic that could interpret for them and whether information was given in their language.

34. Did the staff treating and examining you introduce themselves and their role? View data



#### Answers

- YA Yes, all of the staff introduced themselves SO Some of the staff introduced themselves
- VF Very few or none of the staff introduced themselves TW This was not needed

35. While you were in the specialist clinic, did the doctor or other health professionals you saw talk about you as if you weren't there? View data



### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

36. While you were in the clinic how much information about your condition or treatment was given to you? View data



### Answers

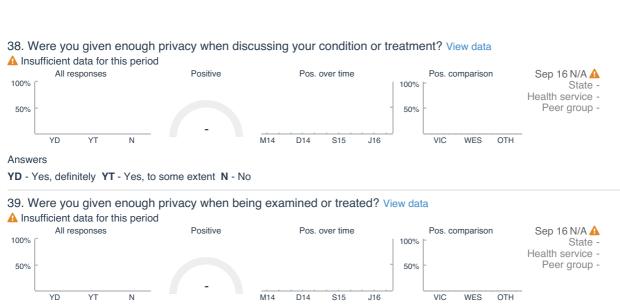
NE - Not enough RA - Right amount TM - Too much IW - I was not given any information about my treatment or condition

37. Were you involved as much as you wanted to be in decisions about your treatment or care plan? View data



Answers

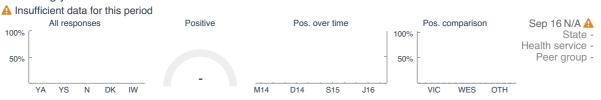
YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need this



Answers

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

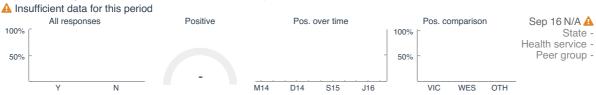
40. Did you see staff wash their hands, use hand gel to clean their hands, or put on clean gloves before examining you? View data



Answers

YA - Yes, always YS - Yes, sometimes N - No DK - Don't know IW - I was not physically examined

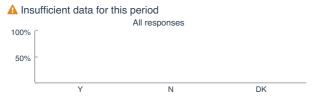
41. Sometimes in clinic, a member of staff will say one thing about your care and another member of staff will say something quite different. Did this happen to you? View data



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

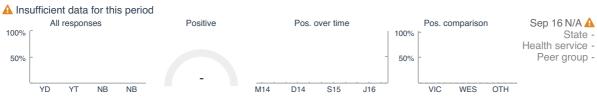
42. Was your appointment about a long term condition and / or symptoms that you need ongoing care or treatment for?



Answers

Y - Yes N - No DK - Don't know

43. Did a healthcare professional ask you what was important to you in managing your condition or symptoms? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but this was not necessary

44. Did your appointment help you to feel that you could better manage your condition or symptoms? View data A Insufficient data for this period Sep 16 N/A 🛕 All responses Positive Pos. over time Pos. comparison 100% 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% ОТН ΥD NB M14 D14 J16 VIC WES ΥT NB S15 Answers YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but this was not necessary 45. Sometimes, students accompany health professionals when they are treating or examining patients. If this happened during your most recent appointment, was your permission sought? View data Insufficient data for this period Positive Sep 16 N/A A All responses Pos. over time Pos. comparison 100% 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% SW M14 D14 S15 J16 WES ОТН Answers  $\boldsymbol{Y}$  - Yes  $\,\boldsymbol{N}$  - No  $\,\boldsymbol{SW}$  - Students were not present when I was treated or examined 46. Do you need any help understanding English? Insufficient data for this period All responses 100% 50% Ν Answers Y-Yes N-No 47. When you were in the clinic was there someone who could interpret for you? Insufficient data for this period All responses 100%

50%

YS Answers

YA - Yes, an interpreter from the hospital YS - Yes, someone else on the hospital staff YA - Yes, a telephone interpreter

YA - Yes, a relative or friend N - No

48. Were you given any information in your language? View data A Insufficient data for this period Positive All responses Pos. over time Pos. comparison Sep 16 N/A 🛕 100% 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% M14 D14 S15 J16 VIC WES OTH

Y - Yes N - No

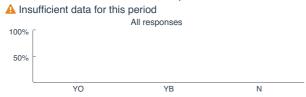
**Answers** 

### **Tests**

This section covers any test (such as X-rays or scans) experienced by patients during their specialist clinic appointment. Those who had tests on the day of their appointment were asked whether a healthcare professional explained why the test(s) were needed in a way that the patient could understand and whether it was easy to find where the patient needed to go in the hospital for these test(s). Those who had their tests before the day of the appointment were asked whether staff member explained the results of the test in a way that the patient could understand.

49. Did you have any tests for or during your most recent specialist clinic appointment (e.g. x-rays, biopsies,

MRIs, ultrasounds or blood tests)?



#### Answers

YO - Yes, on the day of the appointment YB - Yes, before the day of the appointment N - No

50. Did a healthcare professional explain why you needed these test(s) in a way you could understand? View data



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this ID - I did not want / need an explanation

51. Was it easy to find where you needed to go in the hospital to have these test(s)? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YB - Yes, but could be improved N - No

52. Did a member of staff explain the results of these test(s) in a way you could understand? View data



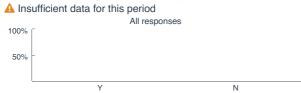
Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this IW - I was told I would get the results at a later date IW - I was never told the results of the tests

### **Treatment**

In this section, patients were asked about any treatments (such as injections, dressings or physiotherapy) they experienced during their specialist clinical appointment. Those who had a treatment for their condition during their specialist clinic appointment were asked whether a health professional explained what would happen before the treatment, as well as any risks and/or benefits in a way that could be understood, and afterwards, whether a health professional explained how the treatment had gone in a way that could be understood.

53. During your most recent specialist clinic appointment, did you have any treatment for your condition (e.g. an injection, dressing, physiotherapy)?



#### Answers

Y-Yes N-No

54. Before the treatment did a health professional explain what would happen? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need an explanation

55. Before the treatment did a health professional explain any risks and / or benefits in a way you could understand? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this ID - I did not want an explanation TW - This was not necessary

56. Afterwards, did a health professional explain how the treatment had gone in a way you could understand?



Answers

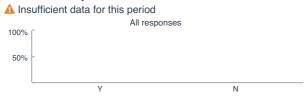
YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NI - No, I did not get an explanation I could understand

NB - No, but they explained it to a friend or family member IW - I was told how the treatment had gone at a later date

### Medications

This section covered any medications that were prescribed or ordered for the patient (e.g. medicines, tablets, ointments, puffers). Those who had medications prescribed or ordered for them before they left the clinic were asked whether they received sufficient information about the medications and whether a health professional provided any written or printed information about the new medications. Patients were also asked whether any changes were made to any medications they were taking before their appointment. Those who had changes made to their medications were asked whether a staff member explained the reason for the change in a way that could be understood.

57. Before you left the clinic were any new medications (e.g. medicines, tablets, ointments, puffers) prescribed or ordered for you?



#### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

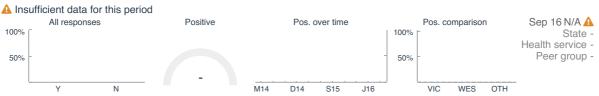
58. Did you receive sufficient information about any new medication prescribed or ordered for you (e.g. purpose, side effect and / or how to administer the medication)? View data



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not need an explanation

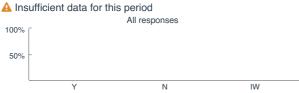
59. Did the healthcare professional provide you with any written or printed information about your new medicines? View data



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

60. If you were taking any medications (e.g. medicines, tablets, ointments, puffers) before your specialist clinic appointment, were any changes made to this medication?



Answers

Y - Yes N - No IW - I was not taking any medication before my appointment

61. Did a member of staff explain the reason for the change to your medication in a way that you could understand? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but would have like this NB - No, but I did not need an explanation

### Information

This section covers the information that the patient received during their specialist clinic appointment. Patients were asked whether their GP was given all the necessary information about the treatment or advice received at the appointment. Those who had a regular GP were asked whether they received copies of communications sent between hospital doctors and their GP. Patients were also asked whether they received any information about a care plan for their condition/treatment, whether they were told what would happen next prior to leaving the clinic and whether the clinic staff told the patient who to contact if they were worried about their condition or treatment after they left the clinic.

62. As far as you know, was your general practitioner (GP) given all the necessary information about the treatment or advice that you received at your appointment? View data



#### Answers

Y - Yes N - No DK - Don't know ID - I do not have a regular GP

63. 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 no communications between hospital doctors and my GP.

64. Before you left the clinic were you given any information about a care plan for your condition or treatment?

### View data



### Answers

Y - Yes NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need this type of information.

65. Before you left the specialist clinic were you told what would happen next (e.g. whether you needed another clinic appointment, to see your GP etc)? View data



### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

66. Did clinic staff tell you who to contact if you were worried about your condition or treatment after you left the clinic? View data



### Answers

Y - Yes NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need this information

## Overall

This section covers patient's overall feelings about their experience including whether they felt that the clinic they visited was organised, whether they felt they were treated with respect and dignity, how they would rate the care they received and whether they felt that the specialist clinic appointment was beneficial to their health and/or wellbeing.

67. How well organised was the clinic you visited? View data A Insufficient data for this period All responses Positive Pos. over time Pos. comparison Sep 16 N/A 🛕 100% 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% ОТН FO NV NA M14 D14 S15 J16 WES **Answers** VO - Very organised FO - Fairly organised NV - Not very organised NA - Not at all organised 68. Did you feel you were treated with respect and dignity while you were at the clinic? View data A Insufficient data for this period All responses Positive Pos. over time Sep 16 N/A 🛕 100% 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% YC. ΥT N M14 D14 S15 J16 VIC WES OTH **Answers** YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No # 69. Overall, how would you rate the care you received at the clinic? View data A Insufficient data for this period All responses Positive Pos. over time Pos. comparison Sep 16 N/A 🛕 100% 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% VG G Р VP M14 D14 S15 .116 VIC WES OTH Answers VG - Very good G - Good A - Adequate P - Poor VP - Very Poor 70. Did you think this specialist clinic appointment was beneficial to your health and / or wellbeing? View data A Insufficient data for this period All responses Positive Pos. over time Pos. comparison Sep 16 N/A 🛕 100% 100% State -



YC - Yes, completely YS - Yes, somewhat N - No

## Children

Those who were answering the survey on behalf of a child who was a patient at the specialist clinic were asked whether there was enough for the child to do when waiting to be seen, whether the staff treating and examining the child introduced themselves and their role, whether doctors, nurses and other healthcare professional explained things in a way that was appropriate for the child and whether the healthcare professionals were compassionate to the needs of the child.

71. Was there enough for your child (the patient) to do when waiting to be seen? View data



#### Answers

YL - Yes, lots to do YS - Yes some things, but not enough TW - There were things but not for my child's age group or health

NB - No, but we would have liked this WD - We did not want / need things to do

72. Did the staff treating and examining your child introduce themselves and their role to you and your child?

#### View data



#### Answers

YA - Yes, all of the staff introduced themselves SO - Some of the staff introduced themselves

VF - Very few or none of the staff introduced themselves TW - This was not necessary

73. Did doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals explain things to your child in a way that was appropriate for him / her? View data



### Answers

Y - Yes YT - Yes, to some extent N - No

74. Were the healthcare professionals treating your child compassionate to the needs of your child? View data



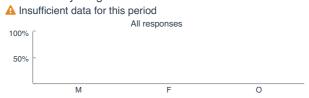
### Answers

Y - Yes YT - Yes, to some extent N - No

## **About The Patient**

This section covers general demographic questions about the patient. These included gender, year of birth, main language spoken, highest level of education completed and Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander status. Patients were also asked a number of questions about their health, including any long-standing conditions they have and how they would rate their health.

75. What is your gender?



#### **Answers**

M - Male F - Female O - Other

76. Average age of patient

0

77. Which language do you mainly speak at home?

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## English 0% Other

0%

#### Answers

E - English AL - A language other than English

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

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### 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

79. Are you of Aboriginal origin, Torres Straight Islander origin, or both?

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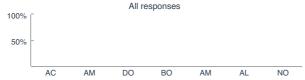


Answers

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

80. Which, if any, of the following long-standing conditions do you have?

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Answers

AC - A chronic illness, such as cancer, diabetes, asthma, or epilepsy AM - A mobility impairment DO - Deafness or severe hearing impairment

BO - Blindness or severe vision impairment AM - A mental health condition (including dementia or Alzheimer's)

AL - A learning disability or developmental delay NO - None of these

# 81. In general, how would you rate your health?

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### Answers

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

# 82. Who completed this questionnaire?

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## Answers

TP - The patient AP - A parent / guardian on behalf of the patient who is a child. SE - Someone else on behalf of the patient

TP - The patient with help from someone else

## Other Comments

This section allowed the patients to suggest ways that they felt the specialist clinic could improve their care and services and to list the best and worst things about their visit to the specialist clinic.

83. Would could the specialist clinic do to improve the care and services it provides to better meet you needs?

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All responses

 Improve
 Improve
 Improve
 Improve facilities
 Other

 care/treatment
 communication
 organisation

Answers

IC - Improve care/treatment IC - Improve communication IO - Improve organisation IF - Improve facilities O - Other

84. What were the best things about your visit to the specialist clinic?

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All responses

 Care and treatment
 Organisation
 Communication
 Facilities
 Other

Answers

CA - Care and treatment  $\,\textbf{O}$  - Organisation  $\,\textbf{C}$  - Communication  $\,\textbf{F}$  - Facilities  $\,\textbf{O}$  - Other

85. What were the worst things about your visit to the specialist clinic?

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All responses

Care and treatment Communication Organisation Facilities Other

Answers

CA - Care and treatment C - Communication O - Organisation F - Facilities O - Other

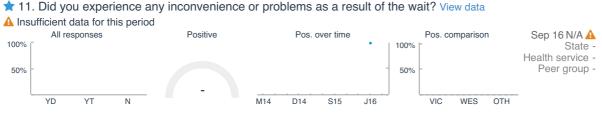
Overall Experience and Key Aspects of Care

The VHES Adult Specialist questionnaire seeks to discover the experience of people, 16 and over, who have had an experience at a specialist clinic. Potential respondents are randomly selected from people who had an appointment at a Specialist Clinic in the preceding month.

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



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



Answers

 $\boldsymbol{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\,\boldsymbol{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\,\boldsymbol{N}$  - No



Answers

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



Answers

 $\boldsymbol{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\ \boldsymbol{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\ \boldsymbol{N}$  - No

# The Appointment

Patients were asked when their most recent appointment was.

1. On what date was your most recent appointment at the hospital identified on the cover of this booklet?

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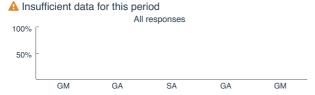
Answers

PW - Please write in (DDMMYYYY) DK - Don't know IP - I'd prefer not to say

## Before The Day Of The Appointment

In this section, patients were asked to about the severity of their symptoms while waiting for an appointment, changes in the appointment date and time and whether they received the information they needed.

2. While you were waiting for this appointment did your symptoms or condition...?



### Answers

GM - Get much better GA - Get a little better SA - Stay about the same GA - Get a little worse GM - Get much worse

3. Were you able to get an appointment time that suited you? View data



#### **Answers**

Y - Yes NB - No, but I would have liked a choice NB - No, but I did not need / want a choice

4. Was your appointment changed to a later date by the hospital? View data



### Answers

N - No YO - Yes, once YM - Yes, more than once

5. Before the appointment did you receive all the information that you needed? (e.g. about how to prepare for the appointment, what to bring, what would happen at the appointment and who to contact if your symptoms got worse) View data



## Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but this was not needed

## Arrival At The Hospital

In this section, patients were asked how they travelled to the hospital, how they would rate the transportation facilities and whether it was easy to find the specialist clinic. Patients were also asked to rate the politeness and helpfulness of the reception staff.

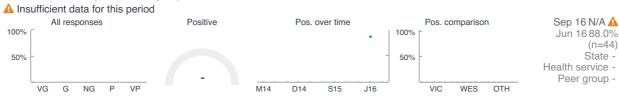
6. How did you travel to the hospital for your most recent specialist clinic appointment? Please think about your main form of transport only.



Answers

BP - By private car BH - By hospital or community transport services BT - By taxi OF - On foot OP - On public transport O - Other

7. How would you rate the transportation facilities at the hospital (e.g. car parking, foot paths, taxi drop off areas, access to public transport)? View data



Answers

 $\textbf{VG} - \text{Very good} \quad \textbf{G} - \text{Good} \quad \textbf{NG} - \text{Neither good nor poor} \quad \textbf{P} - \text{Poor} \quad \textbf{VP} - \text{Very poor}$ 

8. Once you arrived at the hospital, was it easy to find your way to the specialist clinic? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YS - Yes, somewhat N - No

9. How would you rate the politeness and helpfulness of the reception staff at the specialist clinic? View data

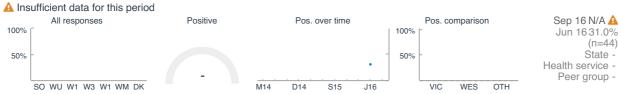


VG - Very good G - Good NG - Neither good nor poor P - Poor VP - Very poor

# Waiting At The Clinic

This section covered the patients' wait at the clinic. They were asked how long they had to wait, about any inconveniences due to the wait and whether they were told how long the wait would be. Questions about the comfort of the waiting area and whether suitable food and drinks were available were also asked.

10. Approximately, how long after the stated appointment time did the appointment start? View data



#### **Answers**

SO - Seen on time, or early WU - Waited up to 15 minutes W1 - Waited 16 - 30 minutes W3 - Waited 30 minutes to 1 hour

W1 - Waited 1 - 2 hours WM - Waited more than 2 hours DK - Don't know / Can't remember

## ★ 11. Did you experience any inconvenience or problems as a result of the wait? View data



### Answers

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

12. Were you told how long you would have to spend in the waiting area? View data

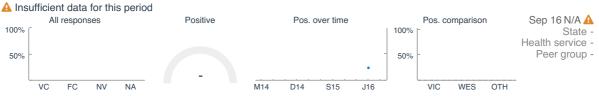


### Answers

YB - Yes, but the wait was longer YB - Yes, but the wait was shorter YA - Yes, and I had to wait about as long as I was told

NI - No, I was not told

# 13. How comfortable was the waiting area? View data



# Answers

VC - Very comfortable FC - Fairly comfortable NV - Not very comfortable NA - Not at all comfortable

# 14. Were suitable food and drinks available at the hospital if you wanted them? View data



## Answers

Y - Yes N - No ID - I didn't want to access food or drinks because I was worried about missing my appointment DK - Don't know

# Clinic Environment And Facilities

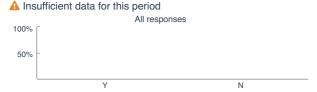
Patients were asked about the cleanliness of the clinic and of the toilets at the clinic.



# Seeing A Doctor

This section covered the care provided specifically by doctors. Those who had an appointment with a doctor as part of their specialist clinic appointment were asked whether they had enough time to discuss their condition or symptoms, if the doctor knew enough about their medical history, the length of time with the doctor and the doctors' explanation of the treatment or care plan. Patients were also asked whether they felt listened to and understood, whether they had confidence and trust in the doctor and whether the doctor discussed any worries or fears with them.

17. Was any part of your specialist clinic appointment with a doctor? (e.g. a medical specialist or surgeon)



#### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

18. Did you have enough time to discuss your condition or symptoms with the doctor? View data



#### Answers

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

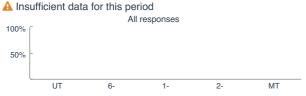
19. Did the doctor know enough about your medical history? View data



Answers

 $\mathbf{YD}$  - Yes definitely  $\ \mathbf{YT}$  - Yes to some extent  $\ \mathbf{N}$  - No

20. Approximately, how long were you with the doctor?



### Answers

UT - Up to 5 minutes 6- - 6 - 10 minutes 1- - 11 - 20 minutes 2- - 21 - 30 minutes MT - More than 30 minutes

21. Did the doctor explain the reasons for any treatment or care plan in a way that you could understand? View data



### Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need an explanation

NT - No treatment or action plan was needed





### Answers

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

# ★ 23. Did you have confidence and trust in the doctor examining and treating you? View data



#### Answers

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

# 24. If you had any worries or fears about your condition or treatment, did the doctor discuss them with you?

#### View data



### Answers

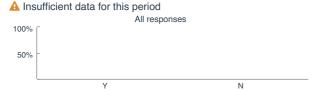
YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No IH - I had worries or fears but did not discuss them ID - I did not have worries or fears

# Seeing Another Health Professional

In this section of the questionnaire, questions covered the care provided by other health professionals. Those who had an appointment with any health professional other than a doctor during their specialist clinic appointment were asked who the health professional was that they saw, whether they had enough time to discuss their condition or symptoms, if the health professional knew enough about their medical history, the length of time with the health professional and the health professional's explanation of the treatment or care plan.

They were also asked whether they felt listened to and understood to, whether they had confidence and trust in the health professional and whether the health professional discussed any worries or fears with them.

25. Was all or part of your specialist clinic appointment with any health professional, other than a doctor?



#### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

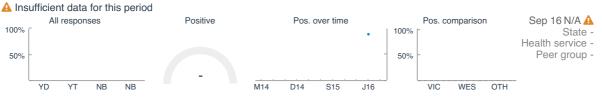
26. Who was the main person, other than a doctor, you saw?



Answers

AN - A nurse AP - A physiotherapist AR - A radiographer (X-ray, ultrasound, MRI) D - Dietician OT - Occupational therapist SW - Social worker SP - Speech pathologist P - Podiatrist SE - Someone else (please write in box)

27. Did you have enough time to discuss your condition or symptoms with this health professional? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need to discuss it with them

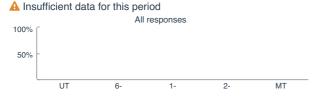
28. Did this health professional know enough about your medical history? View data



Answers

 $\boldsymbol{YD}$  - Yes definitely  $\ \boldsymbol{YT}$  - Yes to some extent  $\ \boldsymbol{N}$  - No

29. Approximately how long were you with this health professional?



Answers

UT - Up to 5 minutes 6- - 6 - 10 minutes 1- - 11 - 20 minutes 2- - 21 - 30 minutes MT - More than 30 minutes

30. Did this health professional explain the reasons for any treatment or care plan in a way that you could understand? View data A Insufficient data for this period Sep 16 N/A 🛕 Positive All responses Pos. over time Pos. comparison 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% ID M14 ΥD NB D14 S15 J16 VIC WES ОТН ΥT

Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this ID - I did not want / need this

🛊 31. Do you feel that you were listened to and understood by this health professional? View data



Answers

 $\mathbf{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\ \mathbf{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\ \mathbf{N}$  - No

32. Did you have confidence and trust in this health professional? View data



Answers

 $\boldsymbol{YD}$  - Yes, definitely  $\,\boldsymbol{YT}$  - Yes, to some extent  $\,\boldsymbol{N}$  - No

33. If you had any worries or fears about your condition or treatment, did this health professional discuss them with you? View data



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No ID - I did not have worries or fears

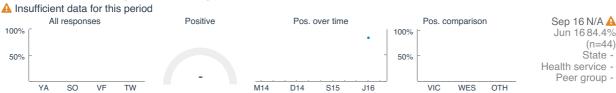
### Your Care And Treatment

This section covered the care and treatment the patient received at their specialist clinic appointment. Patients were asked whether the staff treating and examining them introduced themselves and their role, whether the doctor or health professionals ever talked about the them as if they weren't there, if enough information about their condition and treatment was given and if they were involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about the treatment and care plan.

Patients were also asked if enough privacy was given when discussing the condition or treatment and when being examined or treated, whether staff had clean hands before examining the patient and whether different staff said different things about the care being received.

Those whose appointment was about a long term condition and/or symptoms they need ongoing care or treatment for were asked whether a healthcare professional asked them what was important in managing the condition/symptoms, whether the appointment helped the patient feel that they could better manage their condition/symptoms and whether permission was sought if any students accompanied any health professions during the treatment and examination. Patients who reported that they needed help in understanding English were asked if there was someone in the clinic that could interpret for them and whether information was given in their language.

34. Did the staff treating and examining you introduce themselves and their role? View data



#### Answers

- YA Yes, all of the staff introduced themselves SO Some of the staff introduced themselves
- VF Very few or none of the staff introduced themselves TW This was not needed

35. While you were in the specialist clinic, did the doctor or other health professionals you saw talk about you as if you weren't there? View data



### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

36. While you were in the clinic how much information about your condition or treatment was given to you? View data



### Answers

NE - Not enough RA - Right amount TM - Too much IW - I was not given any information about my treatment or condition

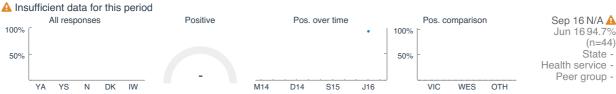
37. Were you involved as much as you wanted to be in decisions about your treatment or care plan? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need this

#### 38. Were you given enough privacy when discussing your condition or treatment? View data A Insufficient data for this period All responses Positive Pos. over time Pos. comparison Sep 16 N/A 🔔 100% 100% Jun 16 96.6% (n=44)State -50% 50% Health service -Peer group -YD M14 D14 VIC WES ОТН S15 J16 Answers YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No 39. Were you given enough privacy when being examined or treated? View data A Insufficient data for this period Positive Pos. over time All responses Pos. comparison Sep 16 N/A 🔔 100% 100% Jun 1687.4% (n=44)State -50% 50% Health service -Peer group -ОТН ΥD M14 WES D14 S15 J16 VIC Answers YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent N - No 40. Did you see staff wash their hands, use hand gel to clean their hands, or put on clean gloves before examining you? View data Insufficient data for this period All responses Positive Sep 16 N/A A Pos. over time Pos. comparison



Answers

 ${\bf YA}$  - Yes, always  ${\bf YS}$  - Yes, sometimes  ${\bf N}$  - No  ${\bf DK}$  - Don't know  ${\bf IW}$  - I was not physically examined

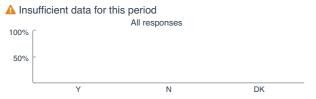
41. Sometimes in clinic, a member of staff will say one thing about your care and another member of staff will say something quite different. Did this happen to you? View data



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

42. Was your appointment about a long term condition and / or symptoms that you need ongoing care or treatment for?



Answers

Y - Yes N - No DK - Don't know

43. Did a healthcare professional ask you what was important to you in managing your condition or symptoms? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but this was not necessary

44. Did your appointment help you to feel that you could better manage your condition or symptoms? View data A Insufficient data for this period Sep 16 N/A 🛕 All responses Positive Pos. over time Pos. comparison 100% 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% ОТН ΥD NB M14 D14 VIC WES ΥT NB S15 J16 Answers YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but this was not necessary 45. Sometimes, students accompany health professionals when they are treating or examining patients. If this happened during your most recent appointment, was your permission sought? View data Insufficient data for this period Positive Sep 16 N/A A All responses Pos. over time Pos. comparison 100% 100% Jun 16 69.4% (n=44)State -50% 50% Health service -Peer group -SW M14 D14 S15 J16 VIC WES ОТН Answers Y - Yes N - No SW - Students were not present when I was treated or examined 46. Do you need any help understanding English? Insufficient data for this period All responses 100% 50% Ν Answers Y-Yes N-No 47. When you were in the clinic was there someone who could interpret for you? Insufficient data for this period All responses 100% 50%

Answers

YA - Yes, an interpreter from the hospital YS - Yes, someone else on the hospital staff YA - Yes, a telephone interpreter

YA - Yes, a relative or friend N - No

YS

48. Were you given any information in your language? View data A Insufficient data for this period Positive All responses Pos. over time Pos. comparison Sep 16 N/A 🛕 100% 100% State -Health service -Peer group -50% 50% M14 D14 S15 J16 VIC WES OTH

Answers

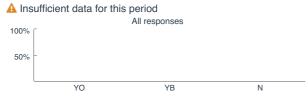
Y - Yes N - No

### **Tests**

This section covers any test (such as X-rays or scans) experienced by patients during their specialist clinic appointment. Those who had tests on the day of their appointment were asked whether a healthcare professional explained why the test(s) were needed in a way that the patient could understand and whether it was easy to find where the patient needed to go in the hospital for these test(s). Those who had their tests before the day of the appointment were asked whether staff member explained the results of the test in a way that the patient could understand.

49. Did you have any tests for or during your most recent specialist clinic appointment (e.g. x-rays, biopsies,

MRIs, ultrasounds or blood tests)?



#### Answers

YO - Yes, on the day of the appointment YB - Yes, before the day of the appointment N - No

50. Did a healthcare professional explain why you needed these test(s) in a way you could understand? View data



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this ID - I did not want / need an explanation

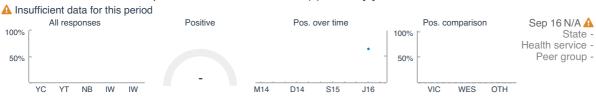
51. Was it easy to find where you needed to go in the hospital to have these test(s)? View data



Answers

 ${\bf YD}$  - Yes, definitely  ${\bf YB}$  - Yes, but could be improved  ${\bf N}$  - No

52. Did a member of staff explain the results of these test(s) in a way you could understand? View data



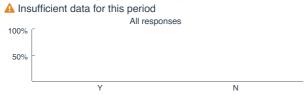
Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this IW - I was told I would get the results at a later date IW - I was never told the results of the tests

### **Treatment**

In this section, patients were asked about any treatments (such as injections, dressings or physiotherapy) they experienced during their specialist clinical appointment. Those who had a treatment for their condition during their specialist clinic appointment were asked whether a health professional explained what would happen before the treatment, as well as any risks and/or benefits in a way that could be understood, and afterwards, whether a health professional explained how the treatment had gone in a way that could be understood.

53. During your most recent specialist clinic appointment, did you have any treatment for your condition (e.g. an injection, dressing, physiotherapy)?



#### Answers

Y-Yes N-No

54. Before the treatment did a health professional explain what would happen? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need an explanation

55. Before the treatment did a health professional explain any risks and / or benefits in a way you could understand? View data



Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this ID - I did not want an explanation TW - This was not necessary

56. Afterwards, did a health professional explain how the treatment had gone in a way you could understand?



Answers

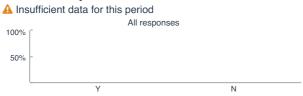
YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NI - No, I did not get an explanation I could understand

NB - No, but they explained it to a friend or family member IW - I was told how the treatment had gone at a later date

### Medications

This section covered any medications that were prescribed or ordered for the patient (e.g. medicines, tablets, ointments, puffers). Those who had medications prescribed or ordered for them before they left the clinic were asked whether they received sufficient information about the medications and whether a health professional provided any written or printed information about the new medications. Patients were also asked whether any changes were made to any medications they were taking before their appointment. Those who had changes made to their medications were asked whether a staff member explained the reason for the change in a way that could be understood.

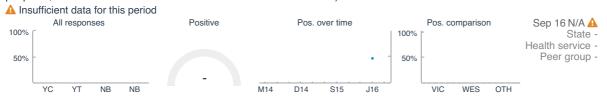
57. Before you left the clinic were any new medications (e.g. medicines, tablets, ointments, puffers) prescribed or ordered for you?



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

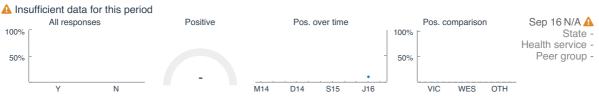
58. Did you receive sufficient information about any new medication prescribed or ordered for you (e.g. purpose, side effect and / or how to administer the medication)? View data



Answers

YC - Yes, completely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not need an explanation

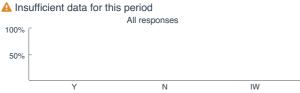
59. Did the healthcare professional provide you with any written or printed information about your new medicines? View data



Answers

Y - Yes N - No

60. If you were taking any medications (e.g. medicines, tablets, ointments, puffers) before your specialist clinic appointment, were any changes made to this medication?



Answers

Y - Yes N - No IW - I was not taking any medication before my appointment

61. Did a member of staff explain the reason for the change to your medication in a way that you could understand? View data



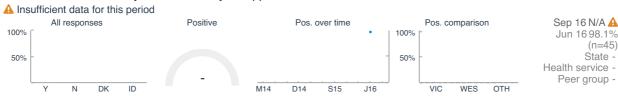
Answers

YD - Yes, definitely YT - Yes, to some extent NB - No, but would have like this NB - No, but I did not need an explanation

### Information

This section covers the information that the patient received during their specialist clinic appointment. Patients were asked whether their GP was given all the necessary information about the treatment or advice received at the appointment. Those who had a regular GP were asked whether they received copies of communications sent between hospital doctors and their GP. Patients were also asked whether they received any information about a care plan for their condition/treatment, whether they were told what would happen next prior to leaving the clinic and whether the clinic staff told the patient who to contact if they were worried about their condition or treatment after they left the clinic.

62. As far as you know, was your general practitioner (GP) given all the necessary information about the treatment or advice that you received at your appointment? View data



#### Answers

Y - Yes N - No DK - Don't know ID - I do not have a regular GP

63. 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 no communications between hospital doctors and my GP.

64. Before you left the clinic were you given any information about a care plan for your condition or treatment?

### View data



### Answers

Y - Yes NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need this type of information.

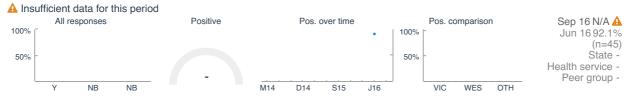
65. Before you left the specialist clinic were you told what would happen next (e.g. whether you needed another clinic appointment, to see your GP etc)? View data



### Answers

Y - Yes N - No

66. Did clinic staff tell you who to contact if you were worried about your condition or treatment after you left the clinic? View data

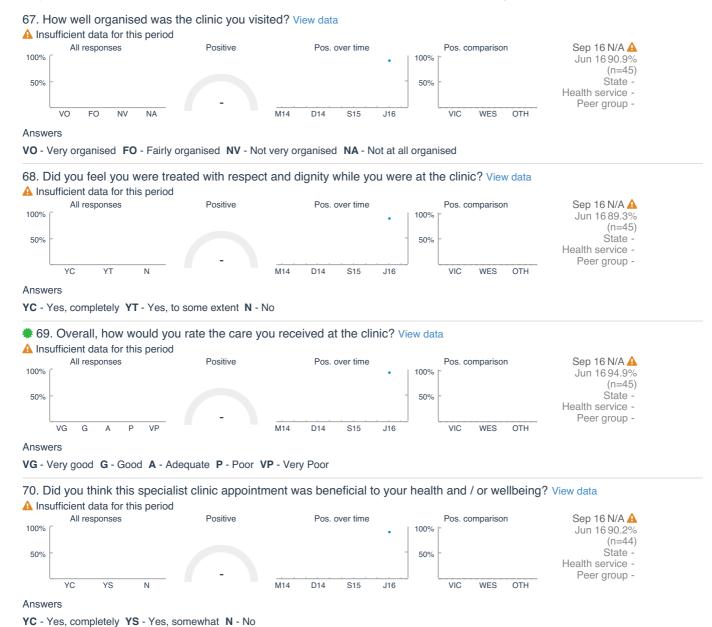


### Answers

Y - Yes NB - No, but I would have liked this NB - No, but I did not want / need this information

## Overall

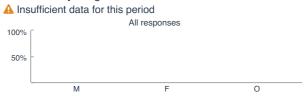
This section covers patient's overall feelings about their experience including whether they felt that the clinic they visited was organised, whether they felt they were treated with respect and dignity, how they would rate the care they received and whether they felt that the specialist clinic appointment was beneficial to their health and/or wellbeing.



## **About The Patient**

This section covers general demographic questions about the patient. These included gender, year of birth, main language spoken, highest level of education completed and Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander status. Patients were also asked a number of questions about their health, including any long-standing conditions they have and how they would rate their health.

75. What is your gender?



#### **Answers**

M - Male F - Female O - Other

76. Average age of patient

0

77. Which language do you mainly speak at home?

Insufficient data for this period

## English 0% Other

0%

#### Answers

E - English AL - A language other than English

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

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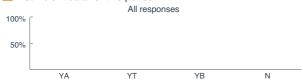
### Answers

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

79. Are you of Aboriginal origin, Torres Straight Islander origin, or both?

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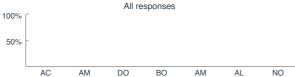


### Answers

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

80. Which, if any, of the following long-standing conditions do you have?

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### Answers

AC - A chronic illness, such as cancer, diabetes, asthma, or epilepsy AM - A mobility impairment DO - Deafness or severe hearing impairment

BO - Blindness or severe vision impairment AM - A mental health condition (including dementia or Alzheimer's)

AL - A learning disability or developmental delay NO - None of these

# 81. In general, how would you rate your health?

▲ Insufficient data for this period



### Answers

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

# 82. Who completed this questionnaire?

▲ Insufficient data for this period



## Answers

TP - The patient AP - A parent / guardian on behalf of the patient who is a child. SE - Someone else on behalf of the patient

TP - The patient with help from someone else

## Other Comments

This section allowed the patients to suggest ways that they felt the specialist clinic could improve their care and services and to list the best and worst things about their visit to the specialist clinic.

83. Would could the specialist clinic do to improve the care and services it provides to better meet you needs?

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All responses

 Improve care/treatment
 Improve communication
 Improve organisation
 Other

 Answers
 IC - Improve care/treatment
 IC - Improve communication
 IO - Improve organisation
 IF - Improve facilities
 O - Other

 84. What were the best things about your visit to the specialist clinic?

 ▲ Insufficient data for this period

All responses

<u>Care and treatment</u> <u>Organisation</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Facilities</u> <u>Other</u>

Answers

CA - Care and treatment  $\,\textbf{O}$  - Organisation  $\,\textbf{C}$  - Communication  $\,\textbf{F}$  - Facilities  $\,\textbf{O}$  - Other

85. What were the worst things about your visit to the specialist clinic?

A Insufficient data for this period

All responses

Care and treatment Communication Organisation Facilities Other

Answers

CA - Care and treatment C - Communication O - Organisation F - Facilities O - Other

# Methodology

The Victorian Healthcare Experience Survey utilises a combination of a mail-out and online method, and is sent monthly to a sample of eligible patients who had a hospital or emergency department experience in the previous month.

Until November 2014, the survey was provided only in English. From December 2014, surveys were made available in 15 languages other than English for the Adult Inpatient and Adult Emergency categories, and in six languages for Paediatric and Maternity categories.

# Sampling and data collection

The sample for each campus to be surveyed is provided to Ipsos monthly. Campuses 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.

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 identification is checked to ensure no patients have attempted to complete online and hard copy versions of the survey.

# Weighting and significance testing

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.

A proportional weighting scheme is applied to the sample at each campus to bring it into line with each campus's true population. This is based the average annual separation data for each campus in 2013. In addition, in presenting the campus wide data, each patient category is normalised according to what percentage of the campus's true population it represents.

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

- **January to March stays** (referred to as 'M' in charts throughout the portal) results made available at the beginning of the following June.
- April to June stays (referred to as 'J' in charts throughout the portal) results made available at the beginning of the following September
- July to September stays (referred to as 'S' in charts throughout the portal) results made available at the beginning of the following December
- October to December stays (referred to as 'D' in charts throughout the portal) results made available at the beginning of the following March.

Results for each campus are published only if the campus achieves at least 42 survey returns 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 42 survey returns, the portal will state that there is insufficient data for this period.

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.

Note that a sample size of 42 affords a maximum margin of error of +/- 15% at the 95% level of confidence. This means that if 70% of patients at campus with 42 survey completes rate their overall experience as 'very good' or 'good', we can be 95% confident that between 55% and 85% of all patients actually feel this way. As the sample size increases, the margin of error decreases. For example, if 70% of a sample of 150 patients rate their experience as 'very good' or 'good, we can be 95% confident that between 78% and 62% actually feel this way, as the maximum margin of error is +/- 8%.

# **Analysis**

In all reporting, 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' or 'good', from those who rate it as 'poor' or 'very poor'.

## Response rates

In the July - Sept 2016 period, the following statewide response rates were achieved for each patient category:

- Adult Inpatient: 7090 individuals, or 33% of those invited completed the survey
- Adult Emergency: 2503 individuals, or 20% of those invited completed the survey
- Paediatric Inpatient: 1275 individuals, or 20% of those invited completed the survey
- Paediatric Emergency: 1548 individuals, or 17% of those invited completed the survey
- Maternity: 1301 individuals, or 30% of those invited completed the survey
- Paediatric Specialist Clinics: No surveying was conducted during the July Sept 2016 period
- Adult Specialist Clinics: No surveying was conducted during the July Sept 2016 period

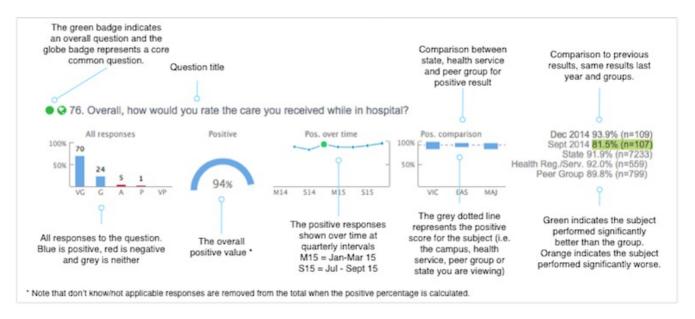
# Help

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

# 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?

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  of the following March.

### 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 at least 42 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 42 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 A 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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