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Civil Service People Survey 2015


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Employee engagement is shaped by experience at work, as measured by nine themes in the survey shown below.



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The table below shows how you performed on each of the nine themes ranked by the strength of association with engagement. The themes which have the strongest association with engagement should be the focus for action. See the appendix for further details.

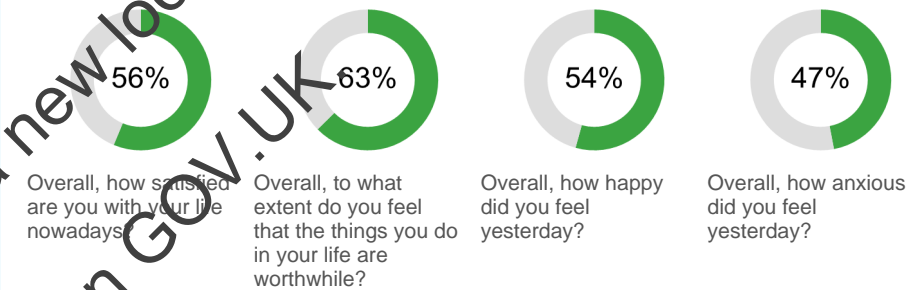
Drivers of Engagement

	Strength of association with engagement	Theme score % Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
Leadership and managing change		25%	0	-17 ✧	-26 ✧
My work		69%	-1	-5 ✧	-9 ✧
My manager		61%	+1	-6 ✧	-9 ✧
Pay and benefits		28%	+2 ✧	-1 ✧	3 ✧
Learning and development		42%	-1	8 ✧	-14 ✧
Resources and workload		67%	-1	-6 ✧	-10 ✧
Organisational objectives and purpose		71%	+4 ✧	-12 ✧	-16 ✧
My team		77%	+2 ✧	-3 ✧	-6 ✧
Inclusion and fair treatment		69%	+1	-6 ✧	-10 ✧

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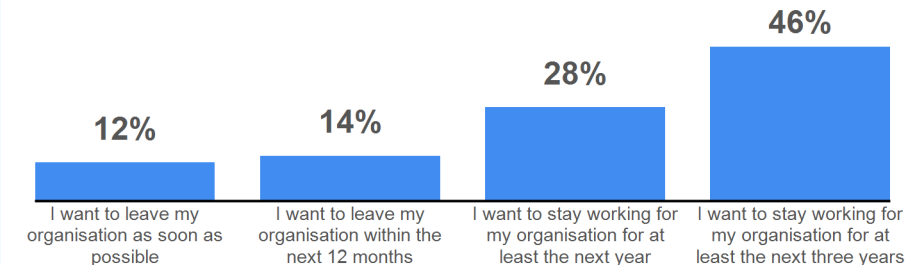
Wellbeing



Discrimination, bullying and harassment



Your plans for the future



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My work

69% -1

Difference from previous survey



Strength of association with engagement



% Positive

Difference from previous survey

Difference from CS2015

Difference from CS High Performers

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B01 I am interested in my work	40	48	7	1	2	88%	-1 ◆	-1 ◆	-3 ◆
B02 I am sufficiently challenged by my work	32	43	12	9	4	75%	-1	-4 ◆	-7 ◆
B03 My work gives me a sense of personal accomplishment	24	46	15	11	5	70%	-1	-6 ◆	-9 ◆
B04 I feel involved in the decisions that affect my work	17	34	22	21	12	44%	-2	-12 ◆	-20 ◆
B05 I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	20	49	16	10	6	69%	+1	-4 ◆	-10 ◆

Organisational objectives and purpose

71% +4

Difference from previous survey



Strength of association with engagement



% Positive

Difference from previous survey

Difference from CS2015

Difference from CS High Performers

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B06 I have a clear understanding of my organisation's purpose	17	57	13	9	5	74%	+6 ◆	-10 ◆	-15 ◆
B07 I have a clear understanding of my organisation's objectives	12	53	19	11	5	65%	+5 ◆	-14 ◆	-19 ◆
B08 I understand how my work contributes to my organisation's objectives	16	56	17	8	3	72%	+2 ◆	-11 ◆	-15 ◆

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My manager

61% +1

Difference from previous survey



Strength of association with engagement



% Positive

Difference from previous survey

Difference from CS2015

Difference from CS High Performers

Question ID	Question Text	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B09	My manager motivates me to be more effective in my job	18	42	20	13	7	60%	+1	-8 ◆	-12 ◆
B10	My manager is considerate of my life outside work	34	45	12	5		79%	0	-3 ◆	-7 ◆
B11	My manager is open to my ideas	28	48	14	6		76%	0	-5 ◆	-8 ◆
B12	My manager helps me to understand how I contribute to my organisation's objectives	17	42	25	11	6	58%	+3 ◆	-5 ◆	-10 ◆
B13	Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my manager	22	42	18	10	7	64%	0	-8 ◆	-13 ◆
B14	My manager recognises when I have done my job well	26	47	14	8	5	73%	0	-6 ◆	-8 ◆
B15	I receive regular feedback on my performance	16	45	18	13	6	63%	+2	-4 ◆	-7 ◆
B16	The feedback I receive helps me to improve my performance	15	38	27	13	6	53%	+1	-8 ◆	-12 ◆
B17	I think that my performance is evaluated fairly	14	39	23	13	10	53%	0	-9 ◆	-15 ◆
B18	Poor performance is dealt with effectively in my team	7	28	35	17	13	35%	0	-4 ◆	-8 ◆

My team

77% +2

Difference from previous survey



Strength of association with engagement



Question ID	Question Text	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B19	The people in my team can be relied upon to help when things get difficult in my job	34	48	10	5		83%	+2 ◆	-2 ◆	-4 ◆
B20	The people in my team work together to find ways to improve the service we provide	30	49	14	5		79%	+1	-1 ◆	-5 ◆
B21	The people in my team are encouraged to come up with new and better ways of doing things	23	47	18	8		70%	+2 ◆	-4 ◆	-8 ◆

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Learning and development

42% -1

Difference from previous survey



Strength of association with engagement



% Positive

Difference from previous survey

Difference from CS2015

Difference from CS High Performers

Question ID	Question Text	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B22	I am able to access the right learning and development opportunities when I need to	10	47	25	13	5	57%	-1	-6 ◆	-11 ◆
B23	Learning and development activities I have completed in the past 12 months have helped to improve my performance	10	38	31	15	7	48%	+3 ◆	-4 ◆	-10 ◆
B24	There are opportunities for me to develop my career in my organisation	6	27	25	18	24	30%	-3 ◆	-12 ◆	-20 ◆
B25	Learning and development activities I have completed while working for my organisation are helping me to develop my career	6	26	24	21	13	32%	-2 ◆	-11 ◆	-17 ◆

Inclusion and fair treatment

69% +1

Difference from previous survey



Strength of association with engagement



% Positive

Difference from previous survey

Difference from CS2015

Difference from CS High Performers

Question ID	Question Text	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B26	I am treated fairly at work	19	51	17	8	5	70%	0	-8 ◆	-11 ◆
B27	I am treated with respect by the people I work with	24	57	12	5	2	81%	+1	-3 ◆	-6 ◆
B28	I feel valued for the work I do	15	41	18	15	10	57%	+2 ◆	-7 ◆	-12 ◆
B29	I think that my organisation respects individual differences (e.g. cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas, etc)	18	48	21	8	5	66%	0	-6 ◆	-12 ◆

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Resources and workload **67%** -1

Difference from previous survey: -1

Strength of association with engagement

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B30 In my job, I am clear what is expected of me	18	60	13	7	7	77%	-1	-6 ◆	-8 ◆
B31 I get the information I need to do my job well	10	51	22	12	5	61%	+1	-8 ◆	-12 ◆
B32 I have clear work objectives	13	54	18	10	5	67%	-1	-9 ◆	-13 ◆
B33 I have the skills I need to do my job effectively	26	58	10	6	0	85%	-1	-3 ◆	-5 ◆
B34 I have the tools I need to do my job effectively	13	52	17	13	7	65%	-2 ◆	-4 ◆	-9 ◆
B35 I have an acceptable workload	7	44	21	19	10	51%	-1	-9 ◆	-14 ◆
B36 I achieve a good balance between my work life and my private life	14	47	19	14	6	60%	-3 ◆	-6 ◆	-11 ◆

Pay and benefits **28%** +2

Difference from previous survey: +2

Strength of association with engagement

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B37 I feel that my pay adequately reflects my performance	23	20	30	23	0	26%	+2 ◆	-5 ◆	-11 ◆
B38 I am satisfied with the total benefits package	29	27	23	16	5	34%	+3 ◆	+1	-5 ◆
B39 Compared to people doing a similar job in other organisations I feel my pay is reasonable	20	22	29	24	5	24%	+1	-1	-8 ◆

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Leadership and managing change

25% 0

Difference from previous survey



Strength of association with engagement



% Positive

Difference from previous survey

Difference from CS2015

Difference from CS High Performers

Question ID	Question Text	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers		
B40	I feel that my organisation as a whole is managed well	22	29	30	17	24%	+1	-22	◆	-32	◆	
B41	Senior managers (typically Grade 7 and above) in my organisation are sufficiently visible	31	26	25	15	35%	0	-19	◆	-31	◆	
B42	I believe the actions of senior managers (typically Grade 7 and above) are consistent with my organisation's values	22	40	17	13	31%	+2	-14	◆	-25	◆	
B43	I believe that the Executive Committee have a clear vision for the future of my organisation	20	40	21	17	22%	+1	-20	◆	-32	◆	
B44	Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my organisation's senior managers (typically Grade 7 and above)	21	34	24	18	23%	+1	-18	◆	-28	◆	
B45	I feel that change is managed well in my organisation	15	35	22	16%	-1	-14	◆	-23	◆		
B46	When changes are made in my organisation they are usually for the better	17	34	32	21	13%	0	-14	◆	-22	◆	
B47	My organisation keeps me informed about matters that affect me	37	30	18	12	40%	-2	-16	◆	-24	◆	
B48	I have the opportunity to contribute my views before decisions are made that affect me	19	27	32	20	21%	-3	◆	-15	◆	-23	◆
B49	I think it is safe to challenge the way things are done in my organisation	26	28	24	19	29%	0	-13	◆	-21	◆	

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Engagement

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B50 I am proud when I tell others I am part of my organisation	8	32	38	14	7	41%	+5 ◆	-17 ◆	-26 ◆
B51 I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	6	20	37	25	12	26%	0	-21 ◆	-33 ◆
B52 I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	10	30	32	19	8	40%	+2 ◆	-7 ◆	-13 ◆
B53 My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	6	24	36	20	12	30%	+1	-15 ◆	-22 ◆
B54 My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	22	39	23	12		26%	+1	-15 ◆	-22 ◆

Taking action

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B55 I believe that senior managers (typically Grade 7 and above) in my organisation will take action on the results from this survey	24	30	23	20		27%	-1	-16 ◆	-28 ◆
B56 I believe that managers where I work will take action on the results from this survey	8	37	26	16	13	45%	0	-10 ◆	-17 ◆
B57 Where I work, I think effective action has been taken on the results of the last survey	21	36	22	17		25%	-1	-8 ◆	-17 ◆

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Organisational culture

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B58 I am trusted to carry out my job effectively	29	58	7			87%	0	-1	-3 ◆
B59 I believe I would be supported if I try a new idea, even if it may not work	15	45	23	12		61%	0	-7 ◆	-12 ◆
B60 My performance is evaluated based on whether I get things done, rather than solely follow processes	9	44	27	13	7	53%	+1	-12 ◆	-17 ◆
B61 When I talk about my organisation I say "we" rather than "they"	4	44	25	12	6	58%	+2	-12 ◆	-21 ◆
B62 I have some really good friendships at work	27	48	17	5		75%	0	0	-4 ◆

Leadership statement

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
B63 My manager inspires my team to do our best	16	43	22	11	7	59%	--	-8 ◆	-12 ◆
B64 Senior managers (typically Grade 7 and above) inspire people across my organisation to do their best	22	36	24	14		25%	--	-12 ◆	-21 ◆
B65 My manager leads our team with confidence	17	45	20	10	8	62%	--	-8 ◆	-14 ◆
B66 Senior managers (typically Grade 7 and above) lead my organisation with confidence	5	28	37	17	13	33%	--	-14 ◆	-24 ◆
B67 My manager empowers me to do my job effectively	18	46	21	8	7	64%	--	-8 ◆	-11 ◆
B68 My organisation's senior managers (typically Grade 7 and above) empower teams to deliver	5	24	39	18	14	29%	--	-11 ◆	-19 ◆
B69 Senior managers (typically Grade 7 and above) in my organisation actively role model the behaviours set out in the Civil Service Leadership Statement	21	45	17	14		25%	--	-11 ◆	-19 ◆
B70 My manager actively role models the behaviours set out in the Civil Service Leadership Statement	12	39	33	9	8	51%	--	-6 ◆	-11 ◆

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Wellbeing



Unlike the questions B01-B70 which ask people to rate their agreement from strongly agree to strongly disagree, the four wellbeing questions use a 11-point scale. The scale ranges from 0 to 10 for each question, where 0 is equivalent to 'not at all' (e.g. 'not at all satisfied' or 'not at all worthwhile') and where 10 is equivalent to 'completely' (e.g. 'completely satisfied' or 'completely anxious').

For questions W01, W02 and W03 the percent positive is the proportion answering 7, 8, 9 or 10 to each question.

Question	0-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
W01 Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?	19	25	45	11	56%	-1	-9 ◆	-12 ◆
W02 Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile?	14	23	45	17	63%	-1	-8 ◆	-11 ◆
W03 Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?	22	24	37	17	54%	-2 ◆	-8 ◆	-11 ◆

For question W04 the percent positive is the proportion answering 0, 1, 2 or 3 to the question.

Question	0-1	2-3	4-5	6-10	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
W04 Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?	21	26	21	32	47%	-3 ◆	-3 ◆	-5 ◆

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Your plans for the future

C01. Which of the following statements most reflects your current thoughts about working for your organisation?

			Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
I want to leave my organisation as soon as possible		12%	0	+3 ◆	0
I want to leave my organisation within the next 12 months		14%	-1	-2 ◆	-6 ◆
I want to stay working for my organisation for at least the next year		28%	+2	-4 ◆	-10 ◆
I want to stay working for my organisation for at least the next three years		46%	-1	+4 ◆	-5 ◆

The Civil Service Code

Differences are based on '% Yes' score

	% Yes	% No	% Yes	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2015	Difference from CS High Performers
D01. Are you aware of the Civil Service Code?		7	93%	0	+2 ◆	-2 ◆
D02. Are you aware of how to raise a concern under the Civil Service Code?		36	64%	-2 ◆	-2 ◆	-8 ◆
D03. Are you confident that if you raised a concern under the Civil Service Code in your organisation it would be investigated properly?		42	58%	0	-10 ◆	-15 ◆

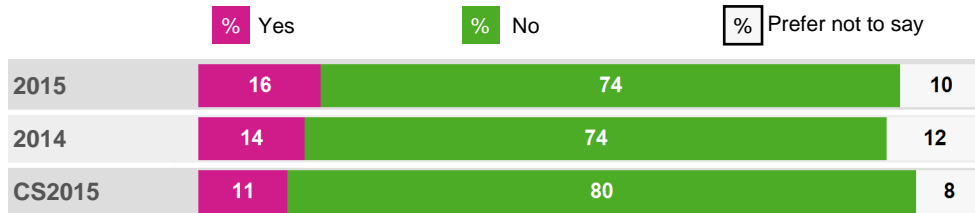
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Discrimination, harassment and bullying

E01. During the past 12 months, have you personally experienced discrimination at work?



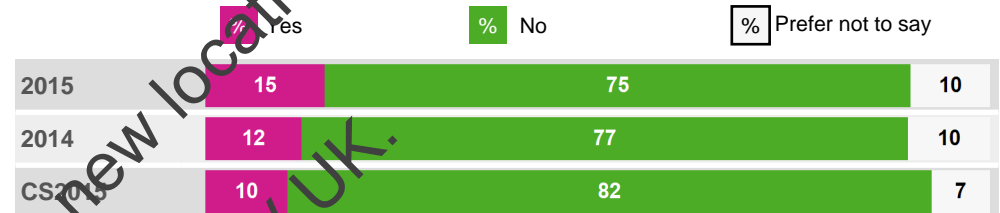
For respondents who selected 'Yes' to question E01.

E02. On which of the following grounds have you personally experienced discrimination at work in the past 12 months? (multiple selection)

Ground	Response Count
Age	20
Caring responsibilities	26
Disability	46
Ethnic background	11
Gender	30
Gender reassignment or perceived gender	--
Grade, pay band or responsibility level	64
Main spoken/written language or language ability	6
Religion or belief	--
Sexual orientation	18
Social or educational background	17
Working location	43
Working pattern	55
Any other grounds	9
Prefer not to say	23

Please note: Counts of fewer than ten responses are suppressed and replaced with '--'

E03. During the past 12 months, have you personally experienced bullying or harassment at work?



For respondents who selected 'Yes' to question E03.

E04. Who were you bullied or harassed by at work in the past 12 months? (multiple selection)

Who	Response Count
A colleague	72
Your manager	55
Another manager in my part of your organisation	70
Someone you manage	18
Someone who works for another part of your organisation	18
A member of the public	16
Someone else	--
Prefer not to say	36

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Animal and Plant Health Agency questions

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	% Positive	Difference from previous survey	
F01 I believe my organisation cares about the Wellbeing of its staff	10	47	20	16	7	57%	-1	
F02 I understand what health and safety standards are expected of me	25	68	5	1	0	93%	0	
F03 I have the resources needed to carry out my role to the expected safety standards	16	63	12	6	0	79%	-1	
F04 My senior manager (typically Grade 7 or above) gives explanations to help me understand the reasoning behind decisions that are made at Executive Committee level	6	31	33	19	11	37%	-1	
F05 I attend face to face meetings with my manager at least monthly	Yes: 72%		No: 28%			72%	+4 ◆	
F06 Managers across the organisation are committed to continuous improvement of the business and the services we offer	7	41	36	10	6	48%	+6 ◆	
F07 We act on feedback from our customers (internal & external)	Yes: 50%		No: 14%		Don't know: 36%		50%	0
F08 I would be willing to move between locations and or organisations to develop skills and experience	Yes: 47%		No: 35%		Don't know: 18%		47%	0
F09 I have taken the opportunity to undertake 5 Learning and Development days this year	Yes: 61%		No: 39%			61%	-1	
F10 I have had a positive development conversation with my manager who is involved in my learning	Yes: 68%		No: 32%			68%	+4 ◆	
F11 "One business" will make a difference to the way I work	6	21	55	11	7	27%	--	

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Appendix

Glossary of key terms

% positive	The proportion who selected either "agree" or "strongly agree" for a question (or all questions within a theme in the case of Theme score % positive).
Previous survey	Comparisons to the previous survey relate to the results from the 2014 Civil Service People Survey. Where a question is flagged as changed since the last survey comparisons should be treated with caution as changes to wording may affect how people respond to the question.
CS2015	The CS2015 benchmark is the median percent positive across all organisations that participated in the 2015 Civil Service People Survey.
CS High Performers	For each question, this is the upper quartile score across all organisations that have taken part in the 2015 Civil Service People Survey.

Rounding

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading, with rounding performed at the last stage of calculation for maximum accuracy.

Statistical significance: ✨

Statistical testing has been carried out on the comparisons between this year's results and your previous survey, CS2015 results and CS High Performers results to identify differences that are statistically significant. You can therefore be confident that the difference represents a real difference in opinion between the results.

The employee engagement index

The survey includes five questions that make up the engagement index (B50-B54). The index score represents the average level of engagement in that unit and ranges from 0 to 100. An index score of 0 represents all respondents in that unit saying they strongly disagree to all five engagement questions and a score of 100 represents all respondents saying they strongly agree to all five engagement questions.

The drivers of engagement

While the engagement index shows the average level of engagement, it does not show what you can do to improve engagement. Nine themes have been included in the survey to measure employees' experiences at work. A statistical technique, stepwise regression, is used to identify the extent to which each of these themes has an association with engagement. The themes identified as having an association are called the 'Drivers of engagement'. The strength of association with engagement varies by theme and is illustrated by a 4-bar icon, as shown below. Themes with a full 4-bar icon have the strongest association with engagement.

strength of association
with engagement



the analysis has not identified a
significant association with engagement

Confidentiality

The survey was carried out as part of the 2015 Civil Service People Survey, which is managed by the Cabinet Office on behalf of all participating organisations. The Cabinet Office commissioned ORC International to carry out the survey. ORC International is a member of the Market Research Society, and is bound by their strict code of conduct and confidentiality rules. These rules do not allow for the breakdown of the results to the extent where the anonymity of individuals may be compromised. Groups of less than 10 respondents will not be reported on, however their responses do contribute to the overall scores for the unit and organisation they belong to and the overall Civil Service results.

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