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Returns: 12,220 Response rate: 91%

Your engagement index

67%

Difference from previous survey

Difference from CS2012

Difference from CS
High Performers
+5

See the appendix for further details

The three elements of engagement and their component questions are:		Difference from			
Say: speaks positively of the organisation	% Positive	previous survey	Difference from CS2012		
B50. I am proud when I tell others I am part of the FCO	79%	+2 ♦	+25 ♦		
B51. I would recommend the FCO as a great place to work	60%	+3 ♦	+14 ❖		
Stay: emotionally attached and committed to the organisation					
B52. I feel a strong personal attachment to the FCO	61%	+2 ♦	+16 ❖		
Strive: motivated to do the best for the organisation					
B53. The FCO inspires me to do the best in my job	59%	+2 ♦	+18 ❖		
B54. The FCO motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	55%	+3 ♦	+17 ♦		

Drivers of engagement

Employee engagement is shaped by experiences at work, as measured by nine themes in the survey. The table below shows how you performed on each of these 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.

	Strength of association with engagement	Theme score % positive	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2012	Difference from CS High Performers
Leadership and managing change		50%	+2 ♦	+9 ♦	0
My work	الأمو	78%	+1 ♦	+6 ❖	+2 ♦
My line manager	الام	71%	+1 ♦	+5 ♦	+2 ♦
Learning and development	الام	57%	0	+13 ♦	+5 ♦
Pay and benefits	الأمو	31%	0	+1 ♦	-4 💠
Resources and workload		78%	-1 ♦	+4 ♦	+1 ♦
Organisational objectives and purpose		82%	+1 ♦	0 �	-5 ♦
My team		81%	0	+3 ♦	0
Inclusion and fair treatment		78%	+1 💠	+4 �	+1 💠

♦ = Statistically significant difference from comparison





Top three key driver themes in more detail

The three themes which have the strongest association with engagement are shown below. Questions are ranked by difference from CS2012.

 ^ indicates a variation in question wording from your previous survey ❖ indicates statistically significant difference from comparison 	% Positive	Diff. from previous survey	Difference from CS2012
Leadership and managing change Strength of ass	sociation with	n engagement	: .oO
B43. I believe that the FCO Board has a clear vision for the future of the FCO	54%	+3 ♦	+14 ❖
B42. I believe the actions of senior managers are consistent with the FCO's values	55%	+3 💠	+13 💠
B40. I feel that the FCO as a whole is managed well	56%	+2 💠	+13 ❖
B45. I feel that change is managed well in the FCO	42%	+2 💠	+12 💠
B41. Senior managers in the FCO are sufficiently visible	59%	+3 💠	+11 💠
B46. When changes are made in the FCO they are usually for the better	36%	+2 💠	+11 💠
B44. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by the FCO's senior managers	50%	+3 💠	+11 ❖
B48. I have the opportunity to contribute my views before decisions are made that affect me	42%	+2 💠	+6 ❖
B47. The FCO keeps me informed about matters that affect me	62%	+1 💠	+5 ♦
B49. I think it is safe to challenge the way things are done in the FCO	45%	+1 💠	+4 💠
My work Strength of ass	sociation with	n engagement	: .oO
B04. I feel involved in the decisions that affect my work	64%	+2 💠	+11 💠
B03. My work gives me a sense of personal accomplishment	81%	+1 💠	+8 ❖
B02. I am sufficiently challenged by my work	81%	+1 💠	+5 ❖
B01. I am interested in my work	93%	+1 💠	+3 ❖
B05. I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	73%	+2 ♦	+1 💠
My line manager Strength of ass	sociation with	n engagement	: .oO
B18. Poor performance is dealt with effectively in my team	54%	0	+17 💠
B16. The feedback I receive helps me to improve my performance	71%	+1 💠	+11 💠
B09. My manager motivates me to be more effective in my job	73%	+1 💠	+8 ❖
B15. I receive regular feedback on my performance	69%	+1 💠	+6 ❖
B17. I think that my performance is evaluated fairly	68%	+1 💠	+5 ❖
B14. My manager recognises when I have done my job well	82%	+1 💠	+5 ♦
B12. My manager helps me to understand how I contribute to the FCO's objectives	65%	+1 💠	+4 💠
B13. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my manager	73%	+1 💠	+1 💠
B11. My manager is open to my ideas	80%	+1 💠	+1 💠
B10. My manager is considerate of my life outside work	73%	+2 💠	-7 ♦

B07. I have a clear understanding of the FCO's objectives

B08. I understand how my work contributes to the FCO's objectives

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My line manager :Strength of ass

:Strength of association with engagement

B09. My manager motivates me to be more effective in my job	28	45	15 8 73%	+1 💠 +8	♦ +5 ♦
B10. My manager is considerate of my life outside work	31	42	15 8 4 73%	+2 💠 -7	→ -10 →
B11. My manager is open to my ideas	34	46	12 5 80%	+1 💠 +1	→ -3 →
B12. My manager helps me to understand how I contribute to the FCO's objectives	21	44	24 8 65%	+1 💠 +4	→ -1 →
B13. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by my manager	27	46	17 7 4 73%	+1 💠 +1	→ -3 →
B14. My manager recognises when I have done my job well	34	48	11 5 82%	+1 💠 +5	→ +2 →
B15. I receive regular feedback on my performance	22	47	18 10 69%	+1 💠 +6	♦ +1 ♦
B16. The feedback I receive helps me to improve my performance	25	46	19 7 71%	+1 💠 +11	♦ +8 ♦
B17. I think that my performance is evaluated fairly	21	47	20 8 4 68%	+1 💠 +5	♦ 0 ♦
B18. Poor performance is dealt with effectively in my team	15	39 29	12 6 54%	0 +17	→ +12 →

My team

:Strength of association with engagement

B19. The people in my team can be relied upon to help when things get difficult in my job	34	49	11	4	83%	0
B20. The people in my team work together to find ways to improve the service we provide	31	51	13	5	82%	0 �
B21. The people in my team are encouraged to come up with new and better ways of doing things	29	49	15	5	78%	+1 �

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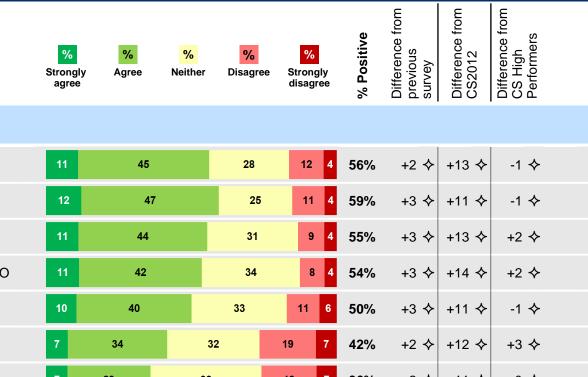
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Resources and workload Strength of association with engagement									
B30. In my job, I am clear what is expected of me	32		5	66	8 4	88%	0 \$	+4 ♦	+1 �
B31. I get the information I need to do my job well	22		55		16 7	76%	0 �	+8 ❖	+4 �
B32. I have clear work objectives	27		56		11 5	83%	0 �	+8 ❖	+4 �
B33. I have the skills I need to do my job effectively	35			56	7	91%	0	+2 ❖	0
B34. I have the tools I need to do my job effectively	22		51	15	5 10	73%	-2 💠	+1 ❖	-3 💠
B35. I have an acceptable workload	16		50	16	13 5	65%	0	+5 ♦	0
B36. I achieve a good balance between my work life and my private life	20		49	15	11 4	69%	-1 💠	+2 ❖	-4 💠
Pay and benefits :Strength of association with engagement									
B37. I feel that my pay adequately reflects my performance	6 26	;	21	27	19	33%	0 �	+2 ❖	-4 💠
B38. I am satisfied with the total benefits package	6 27	7	24	25	17	34%	+1 💠	+1 💠	-6 💠
B39. Compared to people doing a similar job in other organisations I feel my pay is reasonable	6 21	:	21	28	24	27%	-1 💠	+1 💠	-6 💠

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B40. I feel that the FCO as a whole is managed well	11	45	28	12 4	56%	+2 �	+13 💠	-1 ❖
B41. Senior managers in the FCO are sufficiently visible	12	47	25	11 4	59%	+3 ♦	+11 💠	-1 ❖
B42. I believe the actions of senior managers are consistent with the FCO's values	11	44	31	9 4	55%	+3 �	+13 💠	+2 �
B43. I believe that the FCO Board has a clear vision for the future of the FCO	11	42	34	8 4	54%	+3 ❖	+14 💠	+2 ❖
B44. Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by the FCO's senior managers	10	40	33	11 6	50%	+3 ❖	+11 💠	-1 ❖
B45. I feel that change is managed well in the FCO	7	34	32	19 7	42%	+2 �	+12 💠	+3 ❖
B46. When changes are made in the FCO they are usually for the better	7	29	38	19 7	36%	+2 ♦	+11 💠	0 �
B47. The FCO keeps me informed about matters that affect me	10	52	25	9 4	62%	+1 �	+5 ♦	-2 ♦
B48. I have the opportunity to contribute my views before decisions are made that affect me	7	35	31	19 8	42%	+2 �	+6 ❖	0 �
B49. I think it is safe to challenge the way things are done in the FCO	8	37	32	16 8	45%	+1 �	+4 💠	-2 ♦

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B56. I believe that managers where I work will take action on the results from

B57. Where I work, I think effective action has been taken on the results of the

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Strongly disagree

Difference from previous survey % Positive

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Engagement					
B50. I am proud when I tell others I am part of the FCO	31	47		17 4 79%	+2 💠 +25 💠 +14 💠
B51. I would recommend the FCO as a great place to work	21	40	26	10 4 60%	+3 💠 +14 💠 +3 💠
B52. I feel a strong personal attachment to the FCO	21	40	27	10 61%	+2 💠 +16 💠 +9 💠
B53. The FCO inspires me to do the best in my job	19	40	29	9 59%	+2 💠 +18 💠 +9 💠
B54. The FCO motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	16	39	30	11 4 55%	+3 💠 +17 💠 +8 💠
Taking action					
B55. I believe that senior managers in the FCO will take action on the results	15	42	26	11 6 57%	+2 ♦ +14 ♦ +3 ♦

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Your plans for the future C01. Which of the following statements most reflects your current thoughts about working for the FCO?



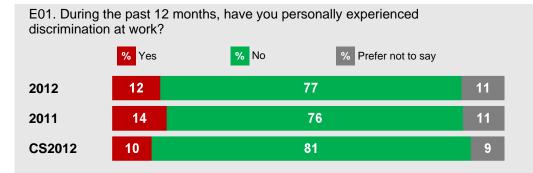
The Civil Service Code

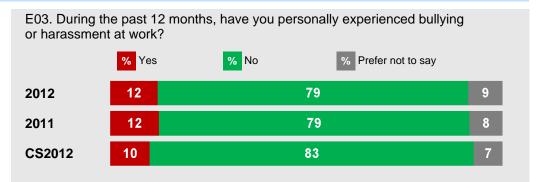
Differences are based on '% Yes' score	% Yes % No		% Yes	Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2012	Difference from CS High Performers
D01. Are you aware of the Civil Service Code?	59	41	59%	+7 ❖	-30 ❖	-35 ♦
D02. Are you aware of how to raise a concern under the Civil Service Code?	43	57	43%	+6 ❖	-20 💠	-27 ♦
D03. Are you confident that if you raised a concern under the Civil Service Code in the FCO it would be investigated properly?	56	44	56%	+4 ❖	-11 ♦	-15 ❖

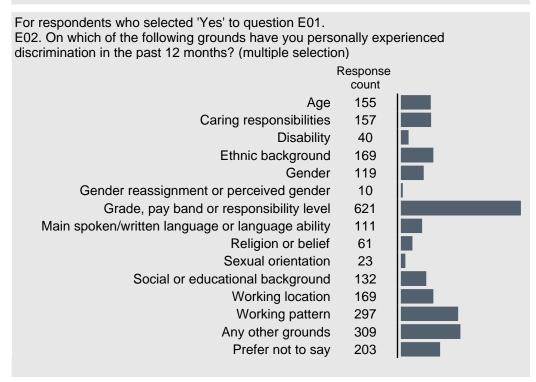
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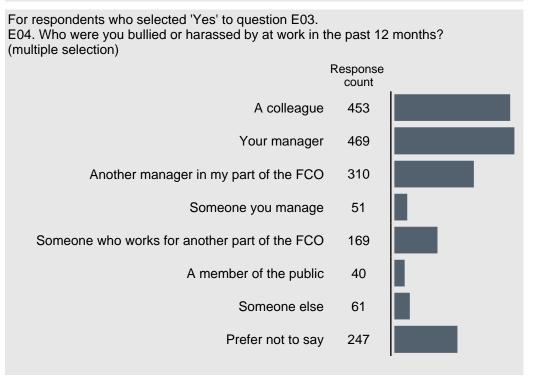
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Discrimination, harassment and bullying









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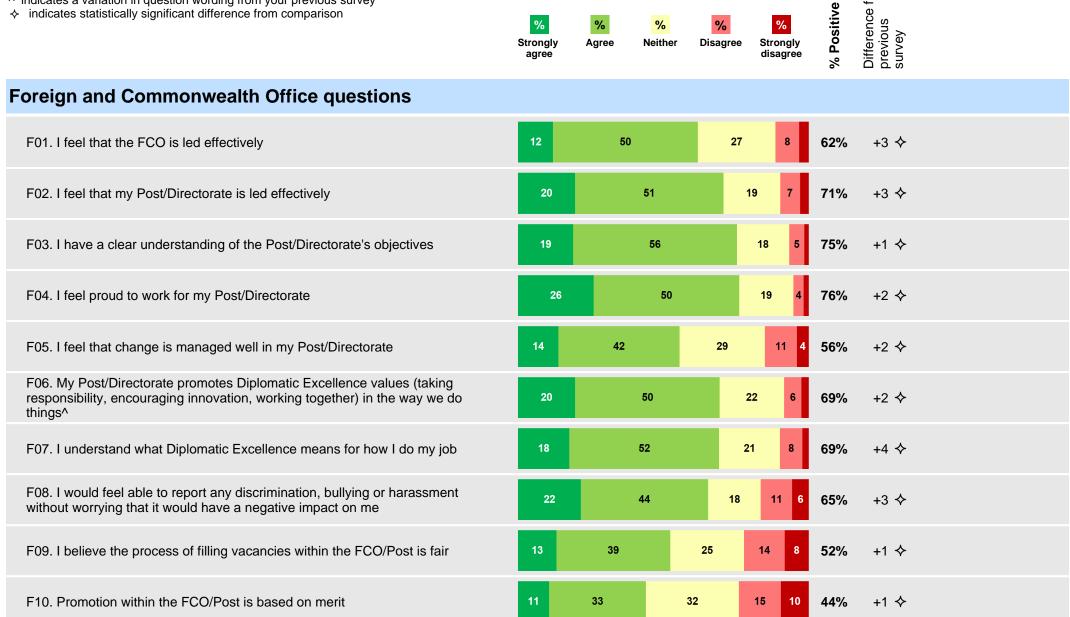








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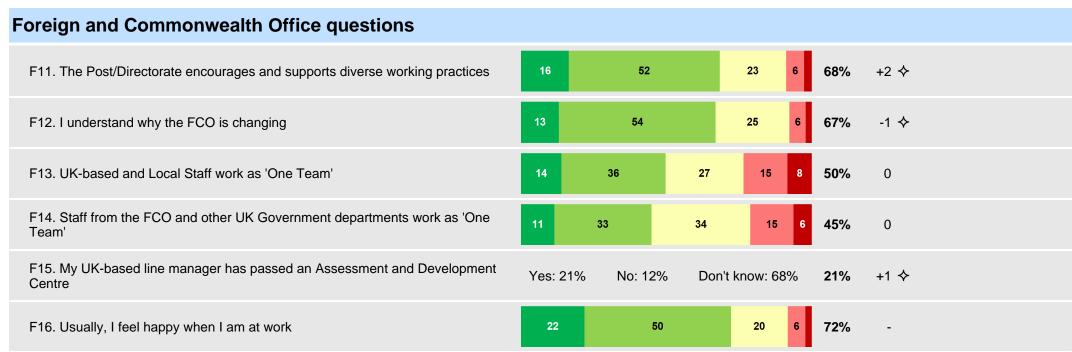






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Appendix

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 2011 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.
CS2012	The CS2012 benchmark is the median percent positive across all organisations that participated in the 2012 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 2012 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: ♦

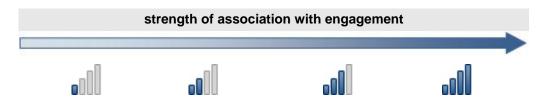
Statistical testing has been carried out on the comparisons between this year's results and your previous survey, CS2012 results and CS High Performers results to identify differences that are statistically significant. You can therefore be confident that the difference represents a real difference in 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 show below. Themes with a full 4-bar icon have the strongest association with engagement.





the analysis has not identified a significant association with engagement

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