

Old Age Faculty: Result of 2018 Survey of Services based on Information from Faculty Members

In summer 2018 we again sent an email to all Faculty members asking for information about their services. On behalf of the Faculty Executive, I would like to thank all of you who responded. Here is an outline of the preliminary key findings (taken across the UK):

- **Response rate:** 92% of UK NHS health providers providing OA MH services were represented in the responses.
- **Percentage of respondents working in organisations providing ageless CMHT: 13%**
- **Percentage of respondents working in organisations without age specific wards: 8%**
- **Percentage of respondents working in organisations who have had some services that were ageless revert back to old age specific in the last year: 2%**

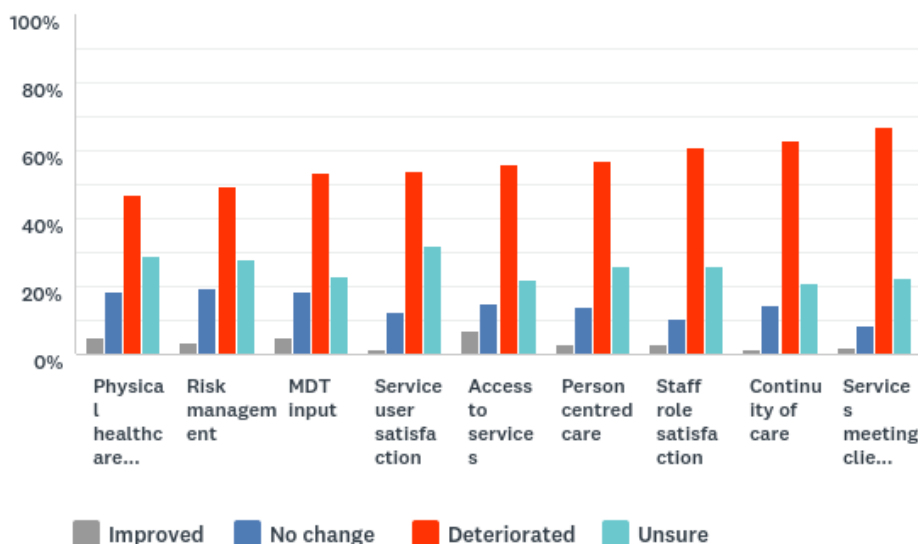
New questions added this year were as follows -

- **Percentage of respondents in organisations with a specific old age directorate: 61%**
- **Percentage of respondents whose organisations were involved in developing frailty pathways: 36%**
- **Percentage of respondents working in organisations where OA consultants are involved in local STPs: 28%**

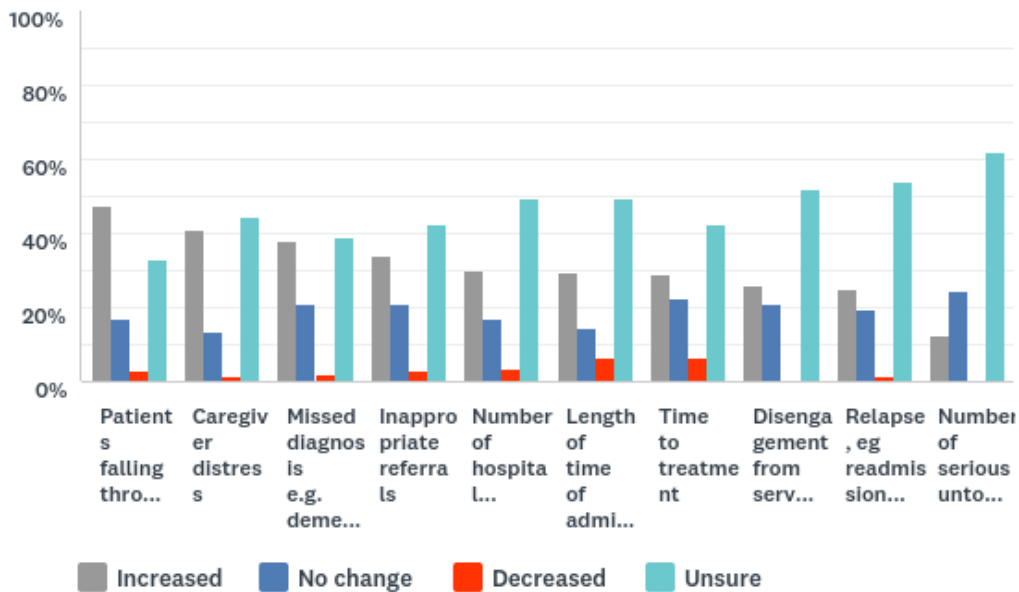
Opinions of members on the impact of moving to ageless services

Members' views on the effect of service changes are presented below:

Impact of the change from old age specific services to ageless services on measures of service quality



Impact of the change from old age services to ageless services on patient outcomes



Key points

- 87% of respondents thought that ageless services were bad or very bad
- Only 2.5% of respondents thought that ageless services were good or very good
- The views of Faculty members on the negative impact of ageless services appear to have been fairly similar between 2017 and 2018 but with more Faculty members feeling that there has been increased deterioration in continuity of care with ageless services than in 2017.
- Most changes to ageless services appear to have occurred over 3 years ago
- The switch back from ageless to age specific appears to have slowed – only 1-3% of respondents stating that this had happened in the last year, compared with 49% in 2017 and 69% in 2012
- 20% of respondents said they had no access to HTT for Older adults
- Care home support and liaison are major areas for service development – 58% and 57% of respondents reporting that these are areas of expansion
- 78% reported having lost day hospital services
- 21% reported having lost inpatient services

Further Action as result of survey

We plan to undertake more detailed analysis and triangulation of the data from this survey in order to provide more meaningful results, and to break down the results by devolved nations We are aiming for this to be completed by March 2019

We plan to undertake qualitative analysis of reasons to want to leave the profession are going to be reviewed and shared with the College and those responsible for recruitment /workforce in England and the devolved nations. We are aiming for this to be completed by March 2019

Approximately 50 respondents kindly shared their email addresses with regards to STP involvement and have been contacted for further information so that the executive can write a report based on their experiences to share with members. We are aiming for this to be completed by April 2019

We are planning to continue to refine the survey and repeat again next summer.