

2023 Staff Survey The results (PHSO)



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Staff Survey 2023: PHSO results

Response rate: 83%

No. of responses: 487

Engagement Index: 68%

Largest improvement since 2022*	% positive	Difference	Largest deterioration since 2022*
I have clear work objectives	89%	+6%	There are opportunities for me to develop my career in PHSO
The feedback I receive helps me to improve my performance	86%	+4%	When changes are made in PHSO they are usually for the better
My manager recognises when I have done my job well	94%	+4%	I believe that the Ombudsman and CEO have a clear vision for the future of PHSO
My manager helps me to understand how I contribute to PHSO's objectives	86%	+3%	Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by the Executive Team
I get the information I need to do my job well	79%	+3%	I believe the actions of the Ombudsman and CEO are consistent with PHSO's values

^{*}Includes questions from headline scores (i.e. themes listed on slide 4) only.

% positive

36%

33%

67%

45%

70%

Difference

-23%

-15%

-13%

-13%

-11%

Headline scores

Engagement index	My work	Organisational objectives	My manager	My team
68% Comparison: CSPS 2023: 64% +4 Staff Survey 2022: 71% -3	81% Comparison: CSPS 2023: 78% +3 Staff Survey 2022: 82% -1	86% Comparison: CSPS 2023: 84% +2 Staff Survey 2022: 88% -2	90% Comparison: CSPS 2023: 78% +12 Staff Survey 2022: 88% +2	90% Comparison: CSPS 2023: 83% +7 Staff Survey 2022: 89% +1
Learning and development*	Inclusion and fair treatment	Resources and workload	Pay and benefits	Leadership and managing change**

Further details about how the engagement index score and other headline scores are calculated is outlined in the final page of this report.

^{*}Learning and development - This theme includes a question that was amended in 2020. Therefore, direct comparisons with the CSPS should be treated with caution.

^{**}Leadership and managing change takes into account more questions than the CSPS. Therefore, direct comparisons with the CSPS should be treated with caution.

Other theme scores

Taking action*	Organisational culture*	Support for managers*	Safe to challenge*	Intentions to stay for at least one year
48% Comparison: Staff Survey 2022: 51% 3	79% Comparison: Staff Survey 2022: 81% -2	91% Comparison: Staff Survey 2022: 91% +/-0	61% Comparison: Staff Survey 2022: 61% +/-0	81% Comparison: CSPS 2023: 78% +3 Staff Survey 2022: 86% -5
Satisfaction with life nowadays**	Anxiety***	Discrimination experienced	Bullying & harassment experienced	
58% Comparison: CSPS 2023: 67% -9	38% Comparison: CSPS 2023: 35%	8% (experienced discrimination) Comparison: CSPS 2023: 7%	7% (experienced bullying & harassment) Comparison: CSPS 2023: 8%	

^{*}Not directly comparable to CSPS or no comparison available

^{**&#}x27;Satisfaction with life nowadays' is those scoring 7 or above on a scale of 0-10.

^{*** &#}x27;Anxiety' is the percentage of colleagues who rated they had high anxiety levels (i.e. 6 or above on a scale of 0-10).

Questions with the strongest responses*

Here are the questions that received the most positive and negative responses from colleagues.

What are colleagues most positive about?	% agree
My manager is considerate of my life outside work	95%
I have the skills I need to do my job effectively	94%
My manager recognises when I have done my job well	94%
My manager is open to my ideas	93%
I am interested in my work	93%

What are colleagues most negative about?	% disagree
There are opportunities for me to develop my career in PHSO	37%
I feel that my pay adequately reflects my performance	36%
I feel that change is managed well in PHSO	35%
Compared to people doing a similar job in other organisations I feel my pay is reasonable	35%
I have the opportunity to contribute my views before decisions are made that affect me	26%

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Civil Service Benchmark 2023

Comparing our results to CSPS*

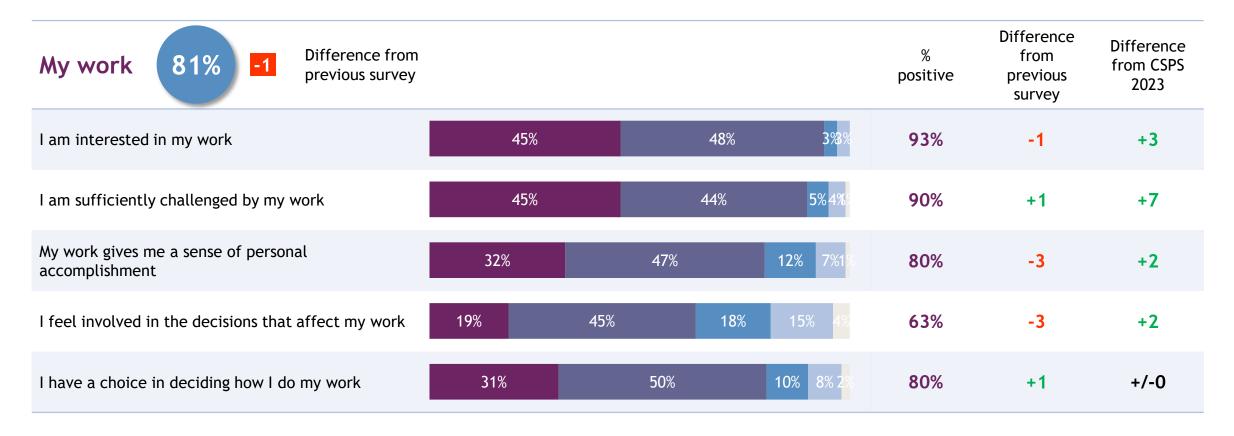
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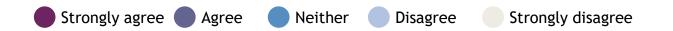
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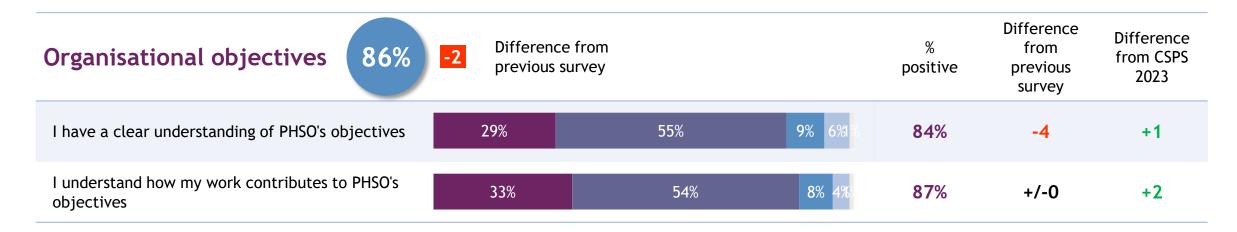
PHSO (% positive) Questions higher than CSPS benchmark Compared to people doing a similar job in other 45% +19 organisations I feel my pay is reasonable **58%** +19 I am satisfied with the total benefits package The feedback I receive helps me to improve my 86% +17 performance I feel that my pay adequately reflects my 48% +17 performance 88% +15 I receive regular feedback on my performance My manager helps me to understand how I +14 86% contribute to PHSO's objectives My manager motivates me to be more effective in 89% +12 my job 85% +12 think that my performance is evaluated fairly 89% +11 I have clear work objectives My manager recognises when I have done my job 94% +11 well

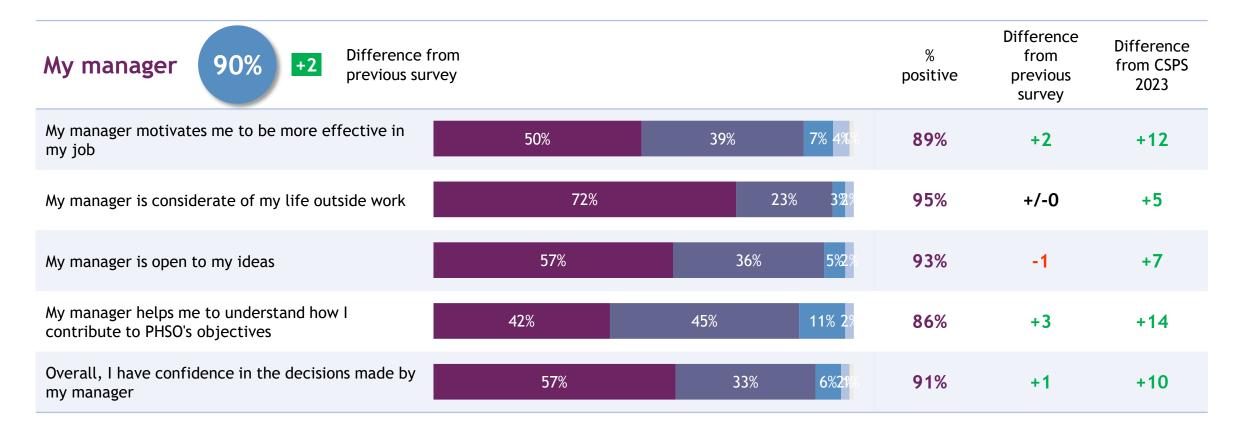
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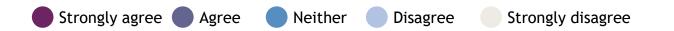
Questions lower than CSPS benchmark	PHSO (% positive)	Difference from CSPS (% point)
There are opportunities for me to develop my career in PHSO	36%	-18
PHSO keeps me informed about matters that affect me	60%	-4
When changes are made in PHSO they are usually for the better	33%	-1



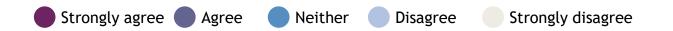


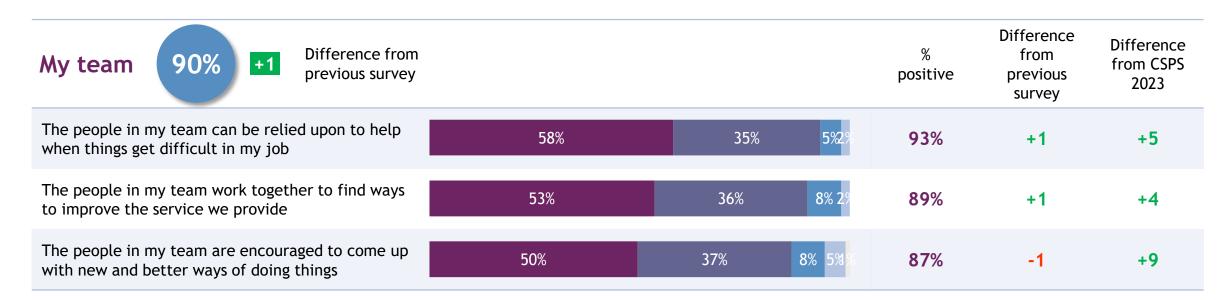


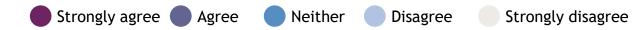


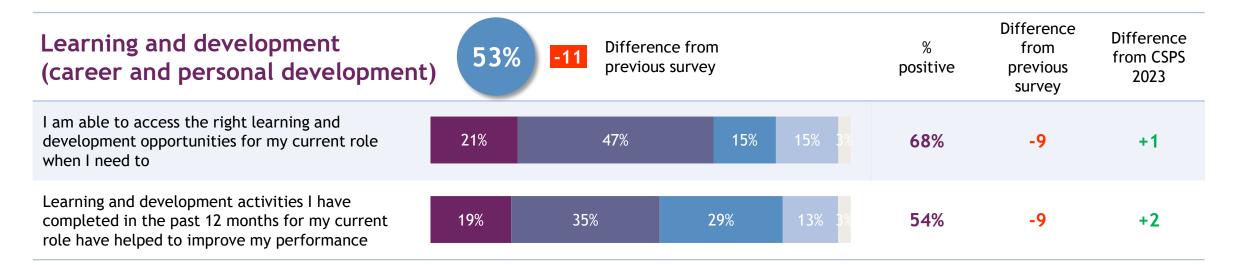


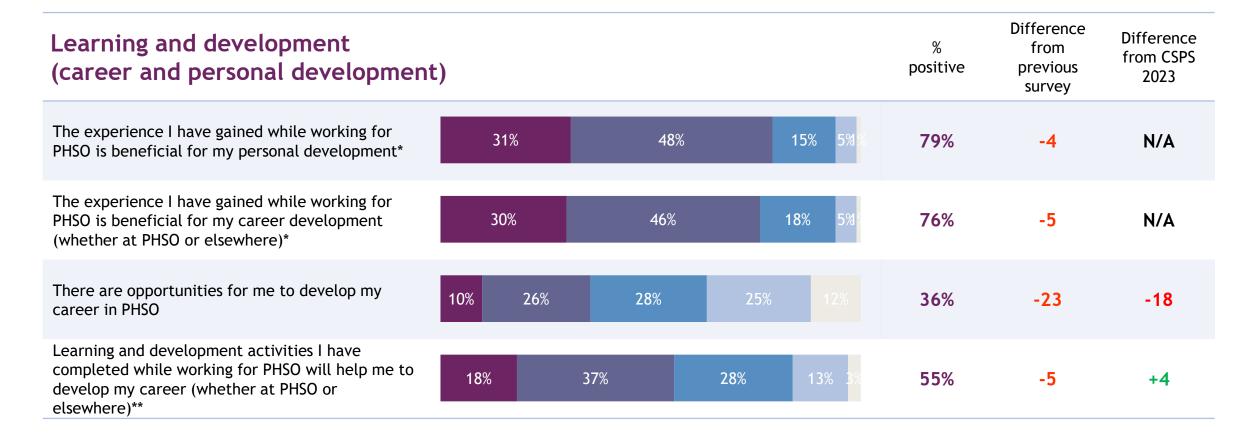












Strongly agree Agree

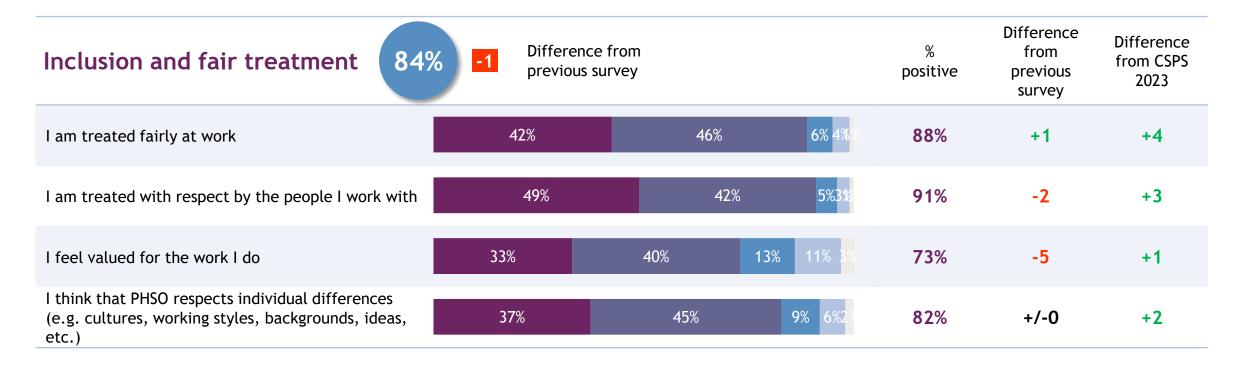
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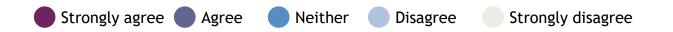
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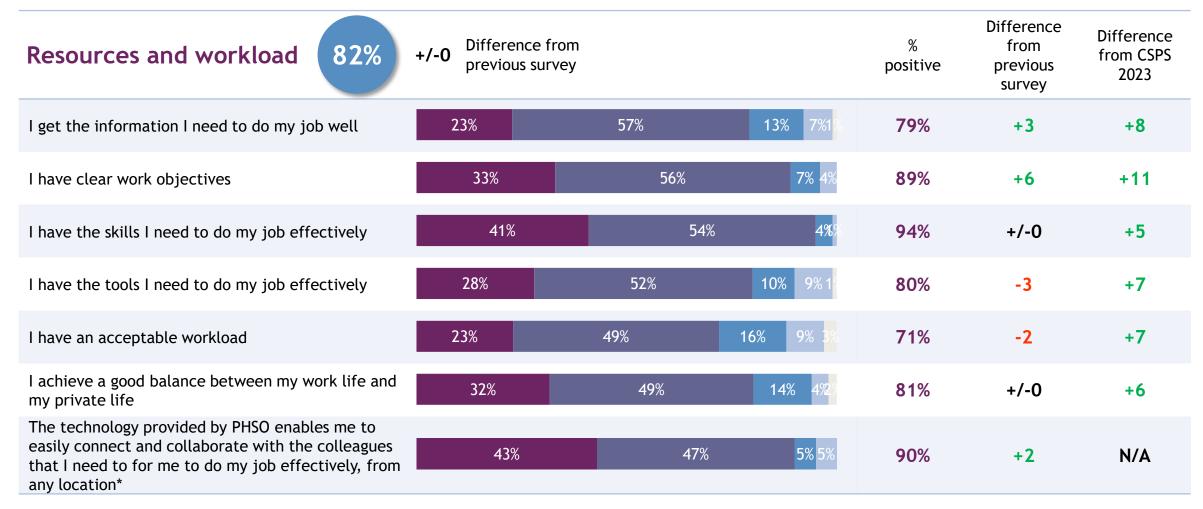
Strongly disagree

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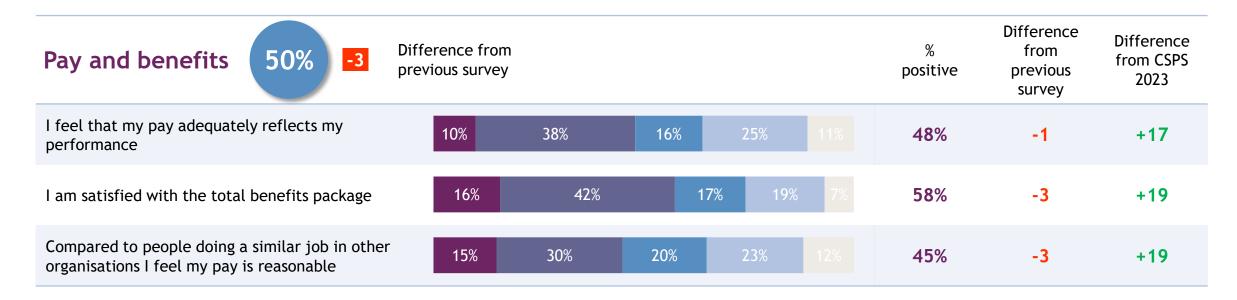
Strongly agree Agree

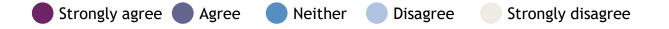


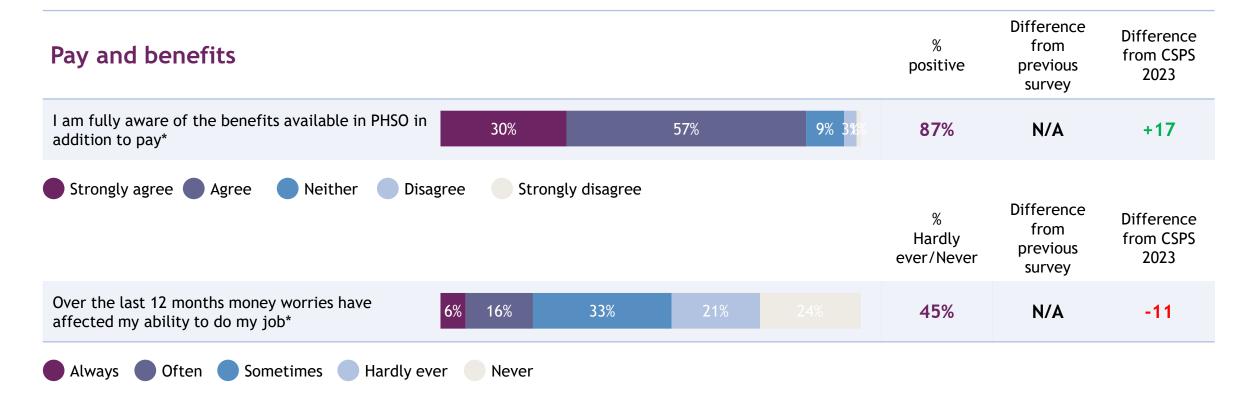
Neither

Disagree

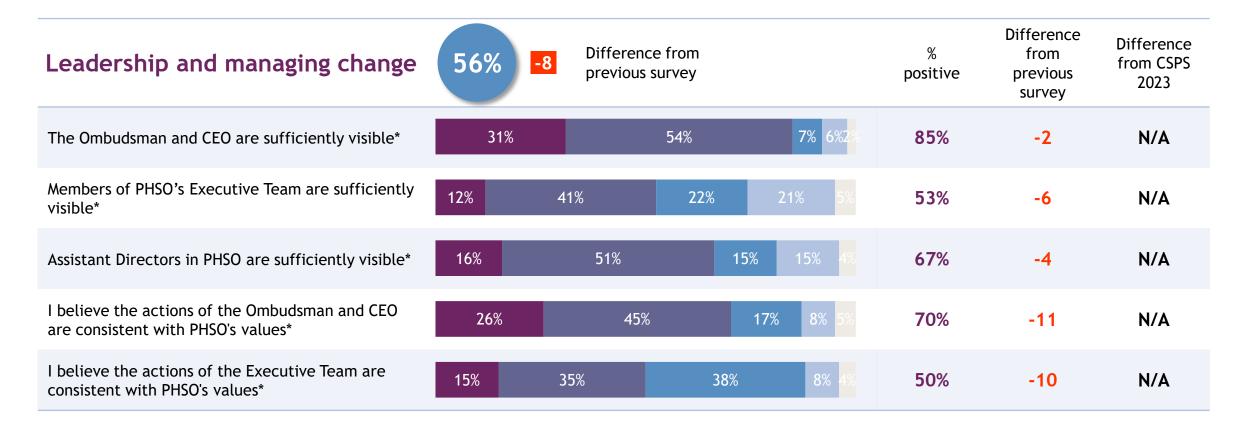
Strongly disagree







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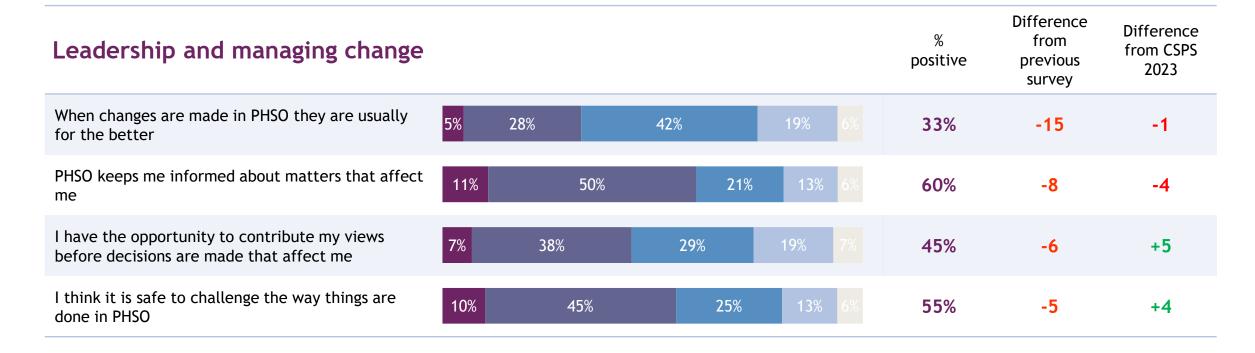
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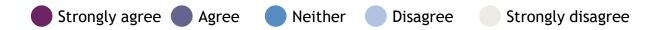
Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

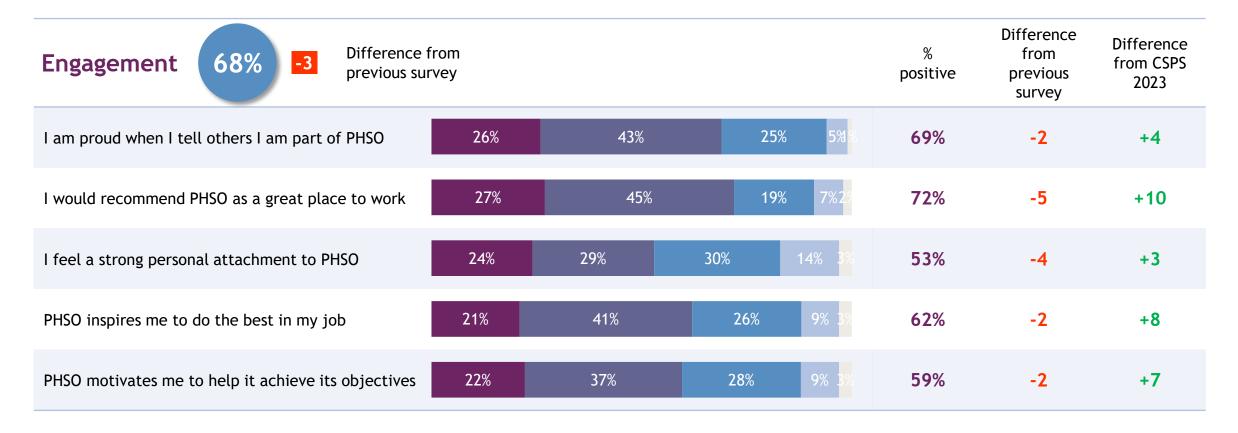


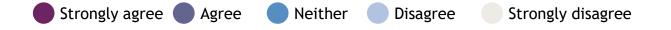
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Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree









Often or Difference Difference always or from **Engagement** from CSPS some of the previous 2023 time survey I consider how my work impacts upon the public in 65% 23% 88% -1 +2 the course of carrying out my duties*

*Question is not included in the overall score for the Engagement index.

Often or always Some of the time Occasionally





Hardly ever





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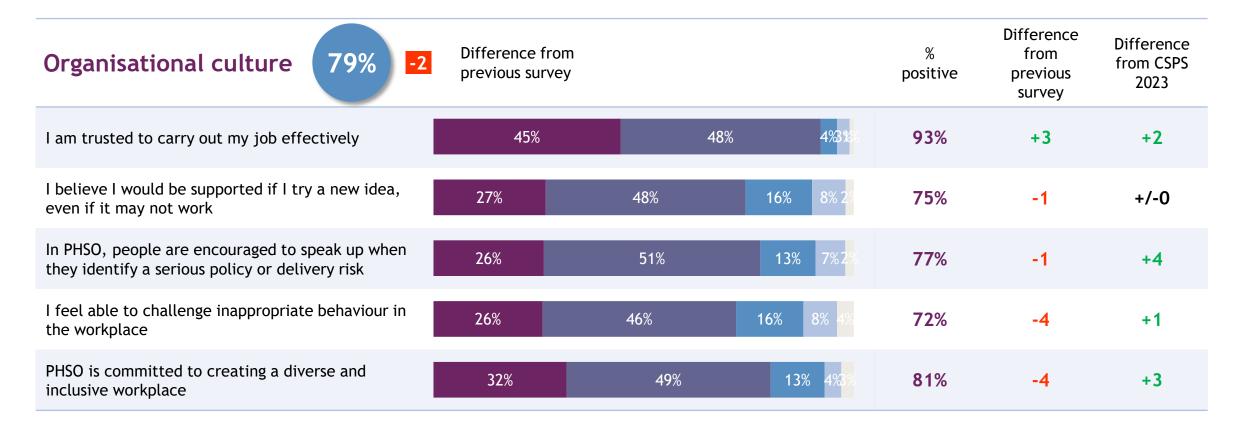
Strongly agree Agree

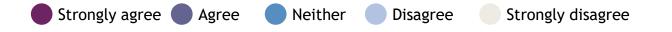


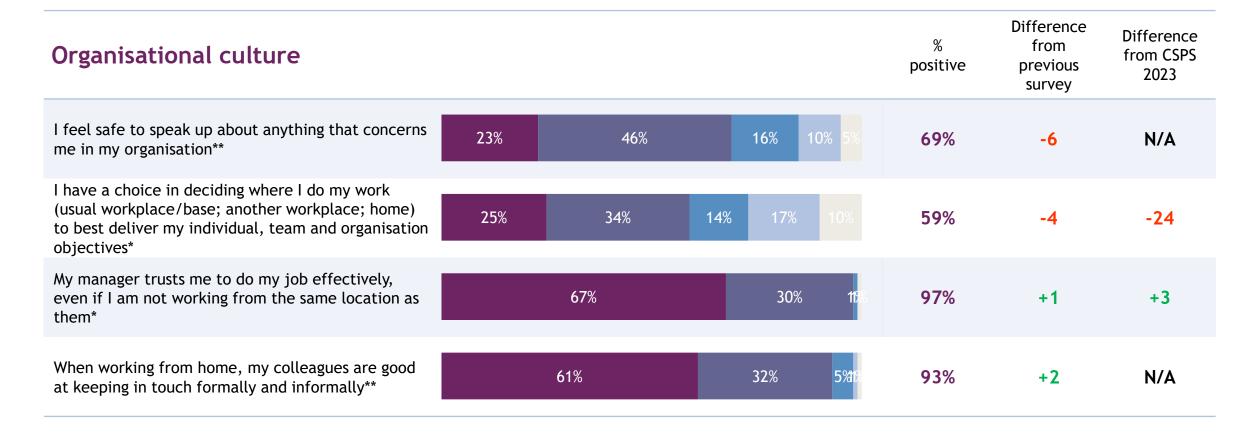
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Strongly agree Agree

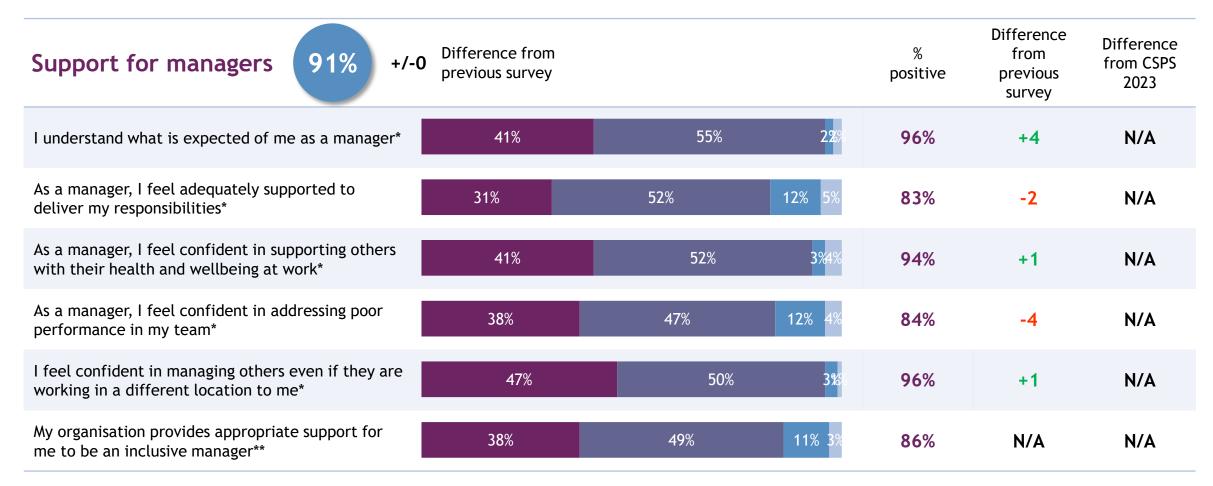
Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

^{*}Question is not included in the overall score for Organisational culture.

^{**}Note that these questions do not have a comparator score in the CSPS.



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Strongly agree Agree Neither Disagree Strongly disagree

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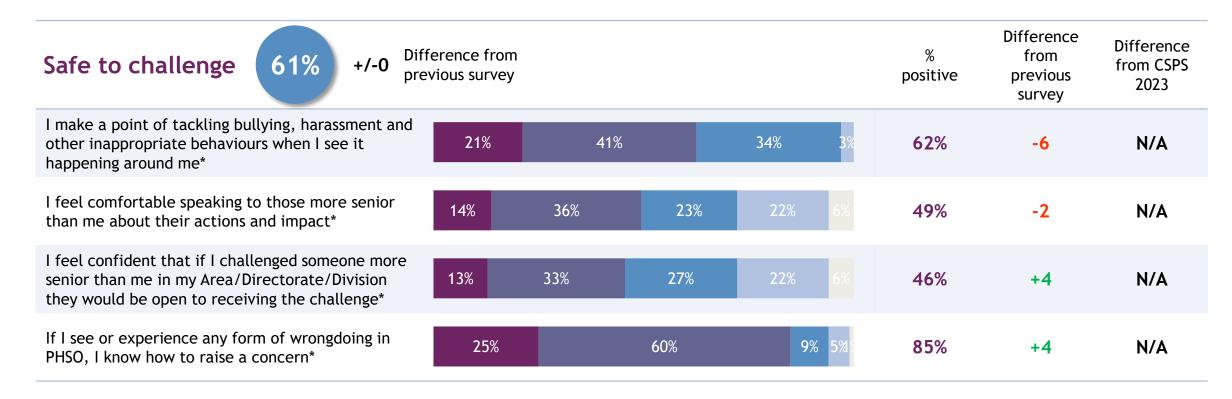
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Prefer not to say



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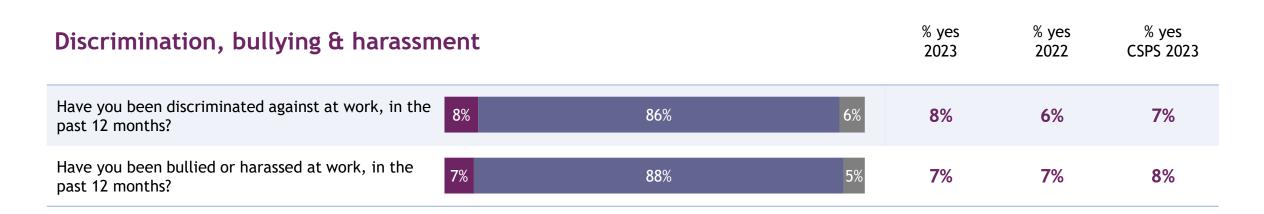
Strongly agree



Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree





Discrimination grounds

On which of the following grounds were you discriminated against?	Number of responses
Age	-
Caring responsibilities	-
Disability	14
Ethnic background	-
Gender	-
Gender reassignment or perceived gender	-
Grade or responsibility level	-
Main spoken or written language or language ability	-
Marital status or civil partnership	-
Mental health	-
Pay	-
Pregnancy, maternity or paternity	-
Religion or belief	-
Sex	-
Sexual orientation	-
Social or educational background	-
Working location	-
Working pattern	-
Any other grounds	-
Prefer not to say	-

Nature of the bullying and/or harassment

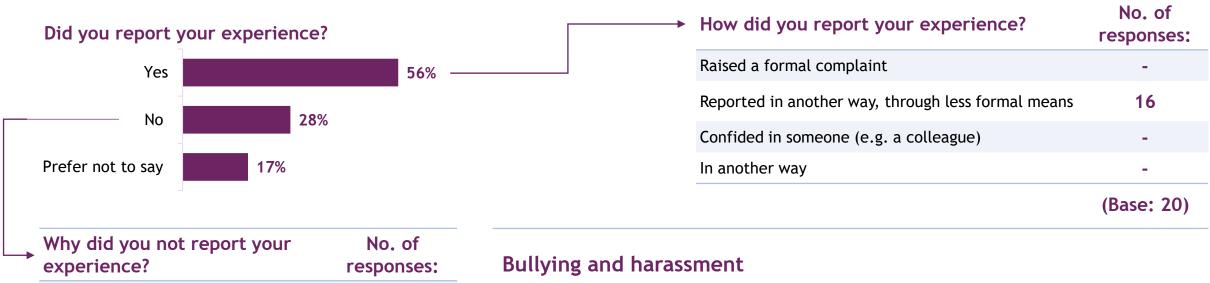
How would you describe the nature of the bullying and/or harassment you experienced?	Number of responses
Comments about my personal appearance or accent	-
Sexual harassment (e.g. sexual comments or jokes, unwelcome sexual advances, touching or assault)	-
Spreading gossip or making false accusations about me	-
Intimidation, or verbal or written aggression (e.g. shouting, making threats, sending aggressive emails)	13
Physical assault (e.g. object thrown at me, pushed, hit)	-
Humiliated in front of team or others	18
Negative micromanagement (e.g. excessive control; made to feel incompetent)	17
Removal of job responsibilities, unconstructive criticism, or changing expectations	10
Treated less favourably to others	12
Ignored, excluded, marginalised	13
Undermining or taking credit for my work	-
Denied time off for personal ill health	-
Denied time off for family or caring responsibilities	-
Disclosure of personal/sensitive information to colleagues without my consent	-
Unhelpful comments about my mental health or being off sick	-
Something else not listed here	-
Prefer not to say	-

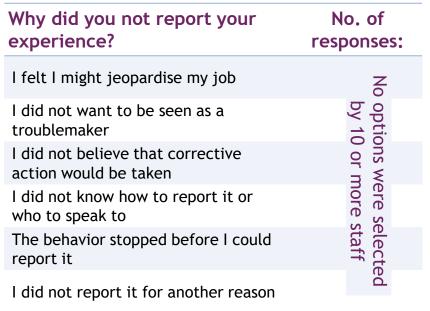
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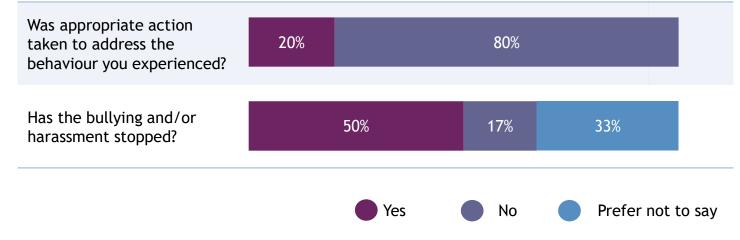
Perpetrators

Who was the perpetrator of this discrimination? Who bullied and/or harassed you?	Perpetrator of discrimination	Perpetrator of bullying/harassment
A colleague in my Area, Directorate or Division	-	-
A colleague in a different Area, Directorate or Division of PHSO	-	-
My manager	11	10
Another senior member of staff in PHSO	12	11
Someone I manage	-	-
Someone working in a different organisation	-	-
A contractor	-	-
A service user (e.g. complainant)	-	-
A member of the public	-	-
Someone else not listed here	-	-
Prefer not to say	-	-
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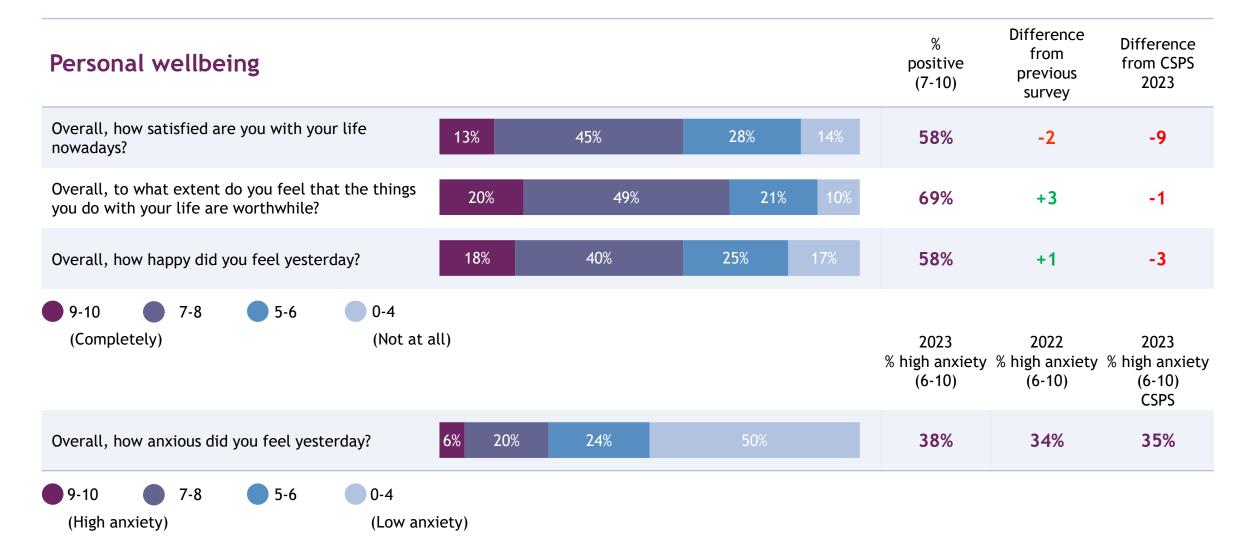
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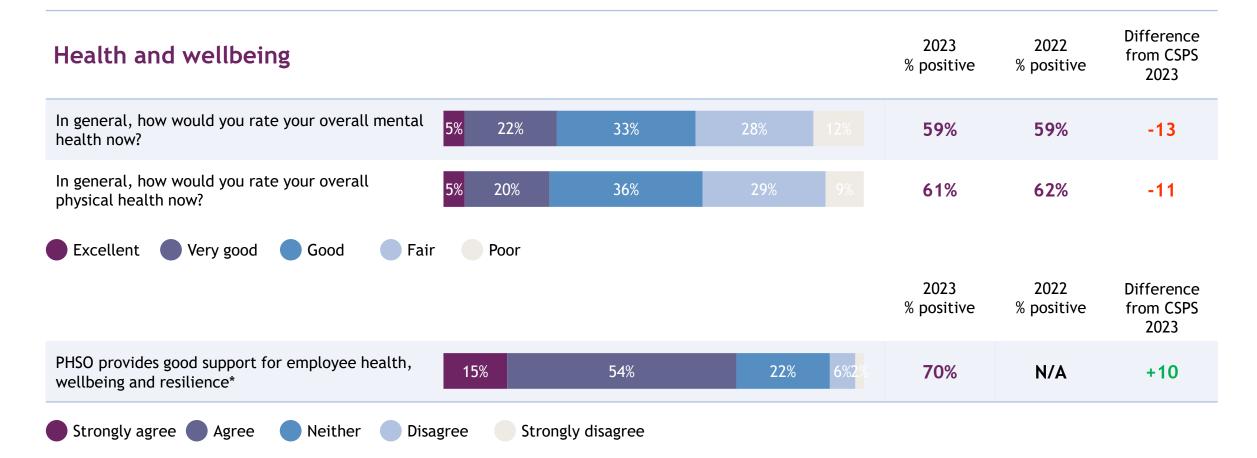






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Strongly agree Agree

Neither

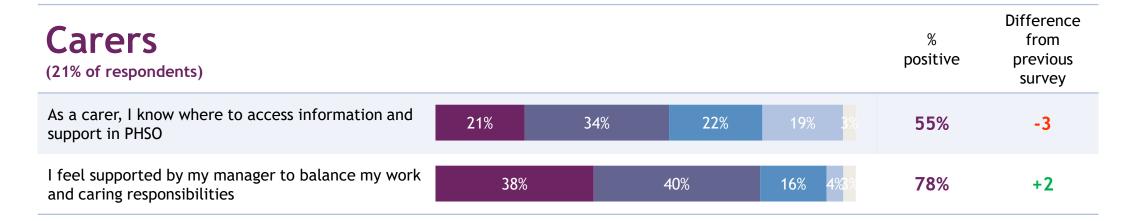
Disagree

Strongly disagree

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Do you have a current workplace adjustment passport? (All colleagues with a condition/illness)	% yes 2023	% yes 2022
Yes, and it helps me to get appropriate workplace adjustments and support in place	22%	13%
Yes, but it doesn't help me to get appropriate workplace adjustments and support in place	4%	2%
No, I do not have a passport	56%	61%
I do not know what that is	17%	24%



Strongly disagree

Future intentions	% yes 2023	% yes 2022	% yes CSPS 2023
I want to leave PHSO as soon as possible	6%	4%	7 %
I want to leave PHSO within the next 12 months	14%	10%	15%
I want to stay working at PHSO for at least the next year	34%	32%	36%
I want to stay working for PHSO for at least the next three years	46%	54%	42%

Future intentions - reasons staff wish to leave PHSO immediately or within the next 12 months		% 2023	Difference from CSPS 2023
End of my current contract or loan	I	2%	-2
A promotion or career progression in a different organisation**		52 %	N/A
For a better pay and benefit package		49%	-1
For more interesting work		30%	+/-0
Due to unmanageable workload		17%	-1
For a better work-life balance		26%	+6
Lack of inclusion and fair treatment		14%	+/-0
Don't like the organisational culture		31%	+6
Due to poor line management		11%	-6
Due to poor leadership		26%	-2
Personal circumstances (for example, caring responsibilities, ill health)		11%	+4
Retiring	I	2%	-4
Just want a change		26%	+9
Other		14%	+6

^{*}Staff were able to select multiple answers to this question, which is why the figures do not sum to 100%

^{**}This reason does not have a direct comparison in the CSPS results

A guide to this report

The benchmark data

The results are benchmarked against PHSO overall data.

Rounding

Differences in scores are calculated based on the unrounded figures, rather than the rounded figures in this report. Figures in the tables may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Anonymity

It is practice not to present the results of groups to the extent where the anonymity of individuals may be compromised. Results where less than 10 responses have been received will not be presented in the reports. However, their data will still contribute to the scores for their group and the organisation overall.

Employee engagement index

Each of the answer options relating to the engagement questions are allocated a score (i.e. strongly disagree is equivalent to 0, disagree to 25, neither agree nor disagree to 50, agree to 75 and strongly agree to 100).

For each respondent, an engagement score is calculated as the average score across these questions. The engagement index is then calculated as the average engagement score in the organisation, or selected subgroup.

Overall theme scores

The overall scores for each theme are calculated by taking the mean of the percentage of people who selected either 'agree' or 'strongly agree' for all questions within that theme.

These calculation methods are consistent with those used in the Civil Service People Survey.