











## **Employee Survey**Presentation of Results to Staff

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# Background and Methodology

#### **Background/Methodology**



- Previous survey carried out in 2015 by People Insight
- PHSO worked to take action on 2015 survey results and 2016 survey designed to be able to track any changes
- 2016 Online survey
  - Sent out by email to all PHSO employees on 1<sup>st</sup>
     September
  - Reminders also sent on 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September.
  - Closed 19<sup>th</sup> September
- 396 responses received yielding an overall response rate in 2016 of <u>82%</u> (ranging from 69% for Clinical Advice to 93% for Q&SI) cf. to 80% overall in 2015

#### **Survey Contents**



#### The survey contained questions on the following topics:

- 1. My Job
- 2. Our Strategic Plan
- 3. Our Customers
- 4. Communication and Involvement
- 5. Leadership Team
- 6. Senior Managers
- 7. My Manager
- 8. Learning and Development
- 9. Recognition and Reward
- 10. Working Together
- 11. My Overall Experience
- 12. And Finally











## Engagement Score

#### **Engagement Score**



Employees engagement linked to <u>productivity</u>, <u>quality</u> & <u>customer satisfaction</u>. Engagement score calculated as an average of all responses given across 5 key questions (below).

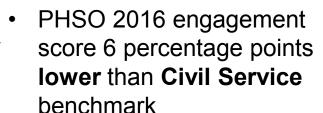
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Questions used to derive	PHSO	Civil Service	Variance
engagement score	Score*	Score**	
PHSO motivates me to help it achieve its objectives/ [My organisation] motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	24%	42%	-18%
I feel a sense of belonging to PHSO/ I feel a strong personal attachment to [my organisation]	47%	47%	0%
Working here makes me want to do the best work I can/ [My organisation] inspires me to do the best in my job	58%	44%	+14%
I am proud to say I work for PHSO/I am proud when I tell others I am part of [my organisation]	52%	57%	-5%
If asked, I would recommend to family and friends that PHSO is a good place to work/ I would recommend [my organisation] as a great place to work	37%	47%	-10%
<b>Overall Engagement Score</b>	<b>52%</b>	58%	-6%

**52%** 

PHSO 2016

**58%**Civil Service

PHSO 2016 engagement score 2.4 percentage points higher than PHSO 2015 engagement score\*\*\*



<sup>\*\*\* 2015</sup> comparator score calculated using same questions as in 2016. Score presented in 2015 report uses different questions and is therefore not comparable.

**Engagement Score** 

<sup>\*</sup>PHSO score: 2016 proportion 'Strongly agree/tend to agree'.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Civil Service score: People's Survey 2015







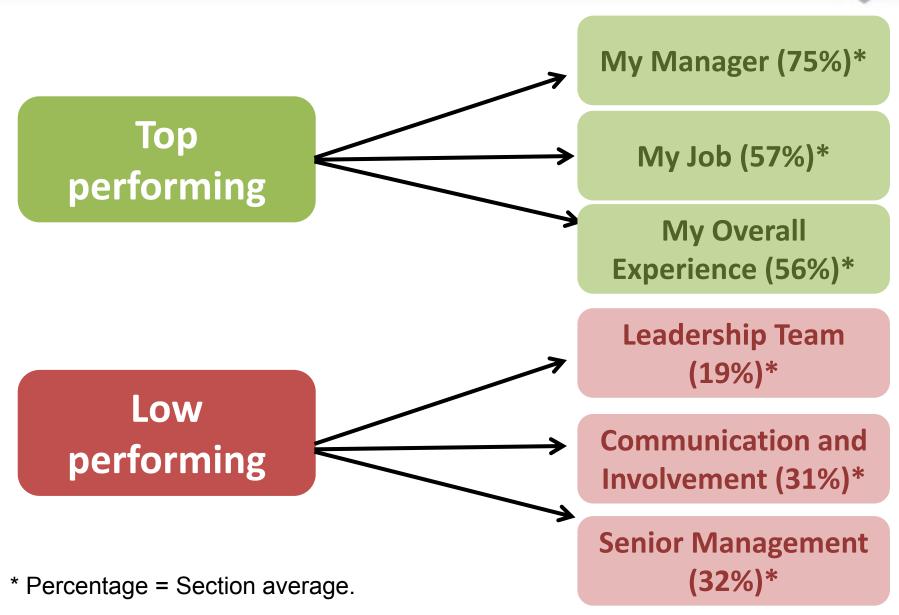




# Best/Worst Performing Areas

#### **Best/Worst Performing Areas**





#### Which areas have got better or worse since 2015



#### Areas that have improved since 2015\*:

My Job ↑ 6% Communication and Involvement ↑8% Working Together ↑8%



#### Areas that have got worse since 2015\*:

Our Strategic Plan ↓ 10%



Changes shown where difference is 'significant' at a 95% cl.

<sup>\*</sup> Based on section averages

#### Questions which have seen the Largest Increases in since 2015



#### Proportion who 'strongly agree/tend to agree'

- ↑42% Different parts of PHSO work together well/We are good at cross-team working
- **↑21%** Morale is good at PHSO/where I work
- ↑19% Organisation wide communication is good
- ↑19% My immediate team has clear aims and objectives
- ↑19% I get enough information to understand what's happening across the business/organisation
- ↑12% I know how to access the information that I need to do my job well
- ↑11% Ombudsnet allows me to access the information I need in a user friendly way
- ↑9% I feel a sense of belonging to PHSO
- ↑9% The reasons for change are well communicated to me
- ↑9% Considering everything/Overall, I am satisfied with my job at PHSO
- ↑8% The leadership team communicate effectively with the rest of the organisation
- ↑8% My opinion is sought on decisions that affect my work
- ↑7% We are good at listening to and using customer feedback about our service
- ↑7% Morale in my immediate team is generally high
- **↑7%** Changes here are well managed
- ↑6% PHSO motivates me to help it achieve its objectives
- ↑5% I have confidence in the way the leadership team lead

Changes shown where difference is 'significant' at a 95% cl.



#### Proportion who 'strongly agree/tend to agree'

- ↑5% In the last year, I have personally experienced discrimination at PHSO
- **↓17%** Senior managers are open and approachable
- **↓23%** I understand the aims and objectives of PHSO (for 2016/17)



Changes shown where difference is 'significant' at a 95% cl.











## My Job

#### My Job

Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
I enjoy my work	73%	68%	+5%
I know how to access the information that I need to do my job well	80%	68%	+12%*
I am able to strike the right balance between my work and home life	68%	68%	-
Overall /Considering everything, I am satisfied with my job at PHSO	57%	48%	+9%*
My job makes the best use of the skills and abilities that I have	51%	45%	+6%
I get a sense of achievement from working at PHSO	54%	50%	+4%
Morale is good where I work/at PHSO	27%	6%	+21%*
I have the equipment and resources I need to do my work properly	58%	52%	+6%
My workload is reasonable	46%	52%	-6%

#### Significant increases in agreement since 2015:

- Morale is good at PHSO ↑ 21%
- Overall I am satisfied with my job at PHSO †9%
- I know how to access information that I need to do my job well ↑ 12%



#### Directorates more/ likely to agree\*



#### **Project Team**

- Satisfied with job overall
- I get a sense of achievement from working at PHSO

#### **Clinical Advice**

- I enjoy my work
- Satisfied with job overall
- · My Job makes best use of skills and abilities
- I get a sense of achievement from working at PHSO
- Morale is good where I work
- I have equipment I need to do my job properly
- I know how to access information that I need to do my job well
- Able to strike right balance between my work and home life

**Investigations** I enjoy my work

My workload is reasonable

#### **Customer Services**

- I enjoy my work
- Satisfied with job overall
- Job makes best use of skills and abilities
- I get a sense of achievement from working at PHSO
- Morale is good where I work

#### **External Affairs & Strategy**

- I know how to access information that I need to do my job well
- Able to strike right balance between my work and home life
- My workload is reasonable

## Directorates less



### likely to agree\*

I have equipment I need to do my job properly I know how to access information that I need to do my job well

I get a sense of achievement from working at PHSO

Job makes best use of skills and abilities

- Able to strike right balance between my work and home life
- My workload is reasonable

Satisfied with job overall

Morale is good where I work

\*Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

#### My Job



#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly	Generally Significantly
More Likely to Agree	Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for less than a year</li> <li>Employed on a fixed term contract</li> <li>Temporary</li> <li>Grade 2 or 4</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for 5-10 years</li> <li>Grade 3</li> <li>Has a limiting long- term illness or disability</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>These sub-groups are significantly more/less likely to agree <u>in general</u> across all questions in this section – Differences by individual question are detailed in the main report.

#### Benchmarking

PHSO 2016 Civil Service 2015 74%

#### What Staff said about 'My Job':

Over the past three years there have been constant threats of redundancies that the morale across the office is incredibly low.

Personally, I really enjoy case work and the research process for each complaint. I enjoy problem solving and the feeling that I am making a positive difference to both organisations and the general public. The company benefits are all fantastic and let me have a great work/life balance.

The Civil Service also asks questions about 'My Work' which scored 74% on average. Owing to differences in the question-set asked, this is <u>not directly comparable</u> to PHSO (56%); however it suggests that PHSO is performing less well in terms of employee satisfaction with their job/work.











## Our Strategic Plan

#### **Our Strategic Plan**

Question	2016 'Strongly agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
The leadership team provide a clear vision for the direction of PHSO	23%	-	-
I understand how to the work I do helps PHSO to achieve its aims	69%	73%	-4%
I understand the aims and objectives of PHSO (for 2016/17)	49%	72%	-23%*
I understand the aims and objectives of PHSO beyond 2016/17	30%	-	-
I believe we are doing the right things to achieve our aims/strategic plan	29%	23%	+6%
PHSO motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	24%	18%	+6%*

#### Significant increases in agreement since 2015:

PHSO motivates me to help achieve its objectives ↑ 6%



Significant decreases in agreement since 2015:

I understand the aims and objectives of PHSO (for 2016/17) ↓ 23%

#### **Our Strategic Plan**



## Directorates more likely to agree\*



#### **Clinical Advice**

- I understand how the work I do helps PHSO achieve its aims
- PHSO motivates me to help it achieve its objectives

Investigations

#### **Project Team**

- The leadership team provide a clear vision for the direction of PHSO
- I believe we are doing the right things to achieve our aims
- PHSO motivates me to help it achieve its objectives

#### FFP&G

 I understand the aims and objectives of PHSO beyond 2017

#### **External Affairs & Strategy**

 I understand the aims and objectives of PHSO for 2016/17 and beyond 2017

#### • The leaders

- The leadership team provide a clear vision for the direction of PHSO
- I understand the aims and objectives of PHSO for 2016/17 and beyond 2017
- I understand how the work I do helps PHSO achieve its aims
- I believe we are doing the right things to achieve our aims
- PHSO motivates me to help it achieve its objectives

## Directorates less likely to agree\*



\*Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

#### Q&SI

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#### **Our Strategic Plan**

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#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly	Generally Significantly
More Likely to Agree	Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for less than a year</li> <li>Employed on a fixed term contract</li> <li>Temporary</li> <li>Based in Manchester (PH)</li> <li>Grade 4</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for 5+ years</li> <li>Grade 3</li> </ul>

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#### Benchmarking

PHSO 2016 **37%**  Civil Service 2015 83%

## What Staff said about 'Our Strategic Plan':

Please, just make a plan, keep to it for more than 18 months, and be fair and honest about what you expect from staff in the delivery of that plan.

I would like one person to set out one clear strategic vision, and for that to be acted upon for a significant amount of time. I'd like all change and restructure to be focused around that vision, rather than our current approach of piecemeal change here, restructure there, without thought of the consequences of one action on another.

The Civil Service also asks questions about 'Organisational Objectives & Purpose' which scored 83% on average. Owing to differences in the question-set asked, this is not directly comparable to PHSO (37%); however it suggests that PHSO is performing less well in terms of employee satisfaction with the strategic plan.











## Our customers

#### **Our Customers**



Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
PHSO supports all people who use our service regardless of their individual differences	72%	71%	+1%
PHSO is improving the accessibility of its external communications	50%	55%	-5%
PHSO delivers a high quality service to the public	52%	46%	+6%
We are good at listening to and using customer feedback about our service/sharing positive customer feedback within PHSO	41%	34%	+7%*
PHSO works effectively with other external organisations	33%	28%	+5%

#### **Significant increases in agreement since 2015:**

 We are good at listening to and using customer feedback about our service ↑ 6%



#### **Our Customers**



## Directorates more likely to agree\*



 PHSO delivers a high quality service to the public

**Clinical Advice** 

 PHSO supports all people who use our service regardless of their individual difference

#### **External Affairs & Strategy**

- PHSO is improving the accessibility of its external communications
- PHSO works effectively with other external organisations

#### **Project Team**

- PHSO delivers a high quality service to the public
- We are good at listening to and using customer feedback about our service
- PHSO supports all people who use our service regardless of their individual difference
- PHSO works effectively with other external organisations

## Directorates less likely to agree\*



#### QS&I

- PHSO is improving the accessibility of its external communications
- We are good at listening to and using customer service feedback about our service

#### **Investigations**

- PHSO delivers a high quality service to the public
- PHSO is improving the accessibility of its external communications
- PHSO supports all people who use our service regardless of their individual difference
- PHSO works effectively with other external organisations
- We are good at listening to and using customer service feedback about our service.

<sup>\*</sup>Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

#### **Our Customers**



#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

#### **Generally Significantly Generally Significantly** More Likely to Agree **Less Likely to Agree** Worked at PHSO for Worked at PHSO for less than a year 5+ years • Grade 3 Employed on a fixed Based in London term contract **Temporary** Based in Manchester (PH) Grade 4

What Staff said about 'Our Customers':

Being in a position where you can make a difference to people's lives, whether that be through remedying their complaints or simply by being able to give them closure.

I don't think we listen to the needs of customers or staff. It is definitely marketed that we do, but I just feel that anything we say is ignored. I feel that we act on the views of one or two customers, and intake / assessors / investigators are being restricted in the way they communicate with all our customers - so we can no longer be customer focused because we need to 'tick a box' by acting in a certain way.

#### Benchmarking

There is no comparable section in the Civil Service survey for 'Our Customers', therefore this section cannot be benchmarked. PHSO average score for this section – 50%

<sup>\*</sup>These sub-groups are significantly more/less likely to agree <u>in general</u> across all questions in this section – Differences by individual question are detailed in the main report.











Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
Organisation wide communication is good	31%	12%	+19%*
I get enough information to understand what's happening across the organisation/business	37%	18%	+19%*
Ombudsnet allows me to access the information I need in a user friendly way	45%	34%	+11%*
My opinion is sought on decisions that affect my work	35%	27%	+8%*
If I share my views, I feel they are listened and responded to	30%	26%	+4%
I am encouraged to suggest new ideas for continuous improvement	44%	43%	+1%
The reasons for change are well communicated to me	30%	21%	+9%*
Changes here are well managed	11%	4%	+7%*
Staff are appropriately involved in change	16%	-	-
PHSO promotes a culture of openness and honesty	26%	23%	+3%
Cascading of information through the management structure works well in my area	38%	-	-



#### Significant increases in agreement since 2015:

- Organisation wide communication is good ↑ 19%
- I get enough information to understand what's happening across the organisation/business ↑ 19%
- Ombudsnet allows me to access the information I need in a user friendly way ↑ 11%
- The reasons for change are well communicated to me ↑ 9%
- My opinion is sought on decisions that affect my work ↑ 8%
- Changes here are well managed ↑ 7%



## Directorates more likely to agree\*

#### **Customer Services**

- My opinion is sought on decisions that affect my work
- If I share my views I feel they are listened and responded to
- I am encouraged to suggest new ideas for continuous improvement
- Staff are appropriately involved in change
- PHSO Promotes a culture of openness and honesty

## Directorates less likely to agree\*

\*Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

#### **External Affairs and Strategy**

- Ombudsnet allows me to access the information I need in a user friendly way.
- My opinion is sought on decisions that affect my work.
- If I share my views I feel they are listened and responded to.
- I am encouraged to suggest new ideas for continuous improvement.

#### **Project Team**

- Organisation wide communication is good
- I get enough information to understand what's happening across the organisation
- Ombudsnet allows me to access the information I need in a user friendly way
- Changes here are well managed
- Cascading of information works well in my area

#### Clinical Advice

- PHSO Promotes a culture of openness and honesty
- Cascading of information works well in my area

#### FFP&G

- If I share my views I feel they are listened and responded to
- I am encouraged to suggest new ideas for continuous improvement
- PHSO promotes a culture of openness and honesty

#### **Investigations**

- · Organisation wide communication is good
- I get enough information to understand what's happening across the organisation
- Ombudsnet allows me to access the information I need in a user friendly way
- My opinion is sought on decisions that affect my work.
- If I share my views I feel they are listened and responded to.
- I am encouraged to suggest new ideas for continuous improvement.
- The reasons for change are well communicated to me
- Changes here are well managed
- Staff are appropriately involved in change
- PHSO Promotes a culture of openness and honesty
  - Cascading of information works well in my area

#### QS&I

- If I share my views I feel they are listened and responded to
- Changes here are well managed
- Staff are appropriately involved in change



#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly	Generally Significantly
More Likely to Agree	Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for less than a year</li> <li>Employed on a fixed term contract</li> <li>Temporary</li> <li>Based in Manchester</li> <li>Grade 2, 4 or 6</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for 5+ years</li> <li>Grade 3</li> <li>Based in London</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>These sub-groups are significantly more/less likely to agree <u>in general</u> across all questions in this section – Differences by individual question are detailed in the main report.

## What Staff said about 'Communication & Involvement':

Honest communication.
There is a real divide
between senior
management and other
areas of the business. Both
areas are not listening to
each other.

Communication: information about strategic changes and issues has improved. However, when it comes to changes in our daily working practice, communication, which implies a two-way flow of information, is non-existent. We are told what changes we have to make and any questions or suggestions are routinely dismissed.

#### Benchmarking

There is no comparable section in the Civil Service survey for 'Communication & Involvement', therefore this section cannot be benchmarked. PHSO average score for this section – 31%.











## Leadership Team

#### **Leadership Team**



Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
I have confidence in the way the leadership team lead	16%	11%	+5%*
The leadership team are open, visible and approachable	19%	24%	-5%
The leadership team communicate effectively with the rest of the organisation	19%	11%	+8%*
The leadership team listen to staff	17%	17%	-
The leadership team has a clear vision for the direction of PHSO	23%	25%	-2%
The results of the 2015 Staff Survey are being acted upon by the leadership team	18%	-	-

#### Significant increases in agreement since 2015:

- The leadership team communicate effectively with the rest of the organisation ↑ 8%
- I have confidence in the way the leadership team lead ↑ 5%

#### **Leadership Team**



## Directorates more likely to agree\*



### External Affairs and Strategy

 The results of the 2015 Staff Survey are being acted upon by the leadership team

#### **Project Team**

- I have confidence in the way the leadership team lead the organisation
- The leadership team are open, visible and approachable
- The leadership team communicates effectively with the rest of the organisation

#### FFP&G

- The leadership team are open, visible and approachable
- The results of the 2015 Staff Survey are being acted upon by the leadership team

## Directorates less likely to agree\*



\*Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

#### **Investigations**

- I have confidence in the way the leadership team lead the organisation
- The leadership team are open, visible and approachable
- The leadership team communicates effectively with the rest of the organisation
- The leadership team listens to staff
- The leadership team has a clear vision for the future of PHSO
- The results of the 2015 Staff Survey are being acted upon by the leadership team

#### Q&SI

 I have confidence in the way the leadership team lead the organisation

#### **Leadership Team**



Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly More Likely to Agree	Generally Significantly Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for less than a year</li> <li>Employed on a fixed term contract</li> <li>Temporary</li> <li>Based in Manchester (PH)</li> <li>Grade 2 or 4</li> <li>Management responsibility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for 2+ years</li> <li>Grade 3</li> <li>Permanent</li> <li>Based in London</li> </ul>

What Staff said about 'The Leadership Team':

The leadership team have a lot of work to do on being open, visible and approachable; you rarely see any of them on the office floor, or sitting at desks amongst the team or engaging with staff on a friendly term.

\*These sub-groups are significantly more/less likely to agree <u>in general</u> across all questions in this section – Differences by individual question are detailed in the main report.

#### Benchmarking

PHSO 2016 Civil Service 2015

19% 43%

Currently the best thing is our change agenda which will allow us to become a modern, flexible and responsive business. I understand it will be challenging and uncomfortable - but it needs to happen.

The Civil Service also asks questions about 'Leadership and Managing Change' which scored 43% on average. Owing to differences in the question-set asked, this is <u>not</u> <u>directly comparable</u> to PHSO (19%); however it suggests that PHSO is performing less well in terms of employee satisfaction with the leadership team.











## Senior Managers

#### **Senior Managers**



Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
Senior managers are open and approachable	44%	61%	-17%*
Senior managers are empowered to make decisions	31%	28%	+3%
Senior managers have the necessary information to do their jobs	27%	25%	+2%
Senior managers are effective at passing the views of staff on to the leadership team	24%	28%	-4%

#### Significant decreases in agreement since 2015:

Senior managers are open and approachable 

17%



#### **Senior Managers**



## Directorates more likely to agree\*



#### **Project Team**

- Senior managers are empowered to make decisions
- Senior managers have the necessary information to do their jobs

#### **Customer Services**

 Senior managers are empowered to make decisions

#### **External Affairs & Strategy**

Senior managers are open and approachable

## Directorates less likely to agree\*



#### **Investigations**

- Senior managers are open and approachable
- Senior managers are empowered to make decisions
- Senior managers have the necessary information to do their jobs
- Senior managers are effective at passing the views of staff on to the leadership team

#### Q&SI

- Senior managers are open and approachable
- Senior managers are effective at passing the views of staff on to the leadership team

<sup>\*</sup>Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

#### **Senior Managers**



Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly More Likely to Agree	Generally Significantly Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for less than a year</li> <li>Employed on a fixed term contract</li> <li>Temporary</li> <li>Based in Manchester (PH)</li> <li>Grade 2 or 4</li> <li>Management responsibility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for 2+ years</li> <li>Grade 3</li> <li>Permanent</li> <li>Based in London</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>These sub-groups are significantly more/less likely to agree <u>in general</u> across all questions in this section – Differences by individual question are detailed in the main report.

## What Staff said about 'Senior Managers':

Make sure that the senior managers and ET fully understand what it is that we do. New processes are often implemented despite staff who use those processes voicing strong opinions against such changes.

There has been a lot of 'communication' in the last year. We have had the chance to meet senior managers and express our views. However, I do not feel we have been truly listened to on key things - because action has not been taken to address the issues which have a significant negative impact in our day to day work.

#### Benchmarking

There is no comparable section in the Civil Service survey for 'Senior Managers', therefore this section cannot be benchmarked. PHSO average score for this section – 32%.













Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
My manager communicates clearly what is expected of me	79%	80%	-1%
My manager treats people fairly and with respect	84%	87%	-3%
My manager gives me regular feedback on how I am doing	79%	76%	+3%
My manager shows appreciation for the work I do	79%	81%	-2%
My manager helps me to understand how I contribute to PHSO's objectives	71%	67%	+4%
My manager motivates me to be more effective in my job	68%	67%	+1%
My team is managed well	73%	70%	+3%
My manager takes the time to help me drive my development	63%	62%	+1%

No significant change since 2015





# Directorates more likely to agree\*



#### **Clinical Advice**

- My manager clearly communicates what is expected of me.
- My manager motivates me to be more effective in my job.
- My team is well managed
- My Manager treats people fairly and with respect
- My manager gives me regular feedback on how I am doing.
- My manager takes time to help me drive my development

#### **Customer Services**

- My manager motivates me to be more effective in my job.
- My Manager treats people fairly and with respect
- My manager takes time to help me drive my development

# Directorates less likely to agree\*



#### **Investigations**

My manager motivates me to be more effective in my job.

#### Q&SI

 My manager takes time to help me drive my development

<sup>\*</sup>Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.



#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly	Generally Significantly
More Likely to Agree	Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Grade 2</li> <li>Not married or in a civil partnership</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for 10+ years</li> <li>Management responsibility</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>These sub-groups are significantly more/less likely to agree <u>in general</u> across all questions in this section – Differences by individual question are detailed in the main report.

What Staff said about 'My Manager':

My manager who encourages every one of us to take initiative in our work, and who is active to seek out and provides career development opportunities for each of us.

#### Benchmarking

PHSO 2016 Civil Service 2015 68%

My direct manager is supportive and helps me wherever possible.

The Civil Service also asks questions about 'My Manager' which scored 68% on average. Owing to differences in the question-set asked, this is <u>not directly comparable</u> to PHSO (75%); however it suggests that PHSO is performing better in terms of employee satisfaction with their manager.











# Learning and Development

## **Learning and Development**



Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
The recruitment processes at PHSO are fair and transparent	29%	27%	+2%
My last appraisal was useful in helping me to improve how I do my job	41%	40%	+1%
I receive/I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	44%	47%	-3%
I have the right opportunities to learn and grow at work	35%	37%	-2%
I am aware of my possible career paths within PHSO	30%	33%	-3%
My career development aspirations at PHSO are being addressed	21%	23%	-3%

No significant change since 2015



#### **Learning and Development**



# Directorates more likely to agree\*



#### **Clinical Advice**

- The recruitment processes at PHSO are fair and transparent
- My last appraisal was useful in helping me improve how I do my job
- I receive the training and development I need to do my job well.
- I have the right opportunities to learn and grow at work

#### **Customer Services**

- I have the right opportunities to learn and grow at work
- I am aware of my possible career paths within PHSO
- My career development aspirations as PHSO are being addressed

# Directorates less likely to agree\*



#### **Investigations**

- The recruitment processes at PHSO are fair and transparent
- My last appraisal was useful in helping me improve how I do my job
- I receive the training and development I need to do my job well.
- I have the right opportunities to learn and grow at work
- My career development aspirations as PHSO are being addressed

<sup>\*</sup>Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

## **Learning & Development**



#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly More Likely to Agree	Generally Significantly Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for less than 1 or 2 years</li> <li>Employed on a fixed term contract</li> <li>Temporary</li> <li>Grade 2</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Worked at PHSO for 5+ years</li><li>Grade 3</li></ul>

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#### Benchmarking

PHSO 2016 Civil Service 2015 49%

What Staff said about 'Learning & Development':

I would love the knowledge that I can develop my career at the PHSO and I don't have to worry that it is a short term contract.

The learning and development opportunities (the best thing about working for PHSO).

The Civil Service also asks questions about 'Learning & Development' which scored 49% on average. Owing to differences in the question-set asked, this is <u>not directly comparable</u> to PHSO (33%); however it suggests that PHSO is performing less well in terms of employee satisfaction with learning & development.











# Recognition and Reward

## **Recognition and Reward**



Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
I think the benefits I receive compare favourably with other employers in our industry	63%	62%	+1%
I feel the organisation values and recognises the work that I do/I feel valued and recognised for the work that I do	34%	38%	-4%
The way that basic pay is determined is clear and transparent	32%	27%	+5%
I think the pay I receive compares favourably with other employers in our industry	49%	48%	+1%
I understand the new PDRS system	34%	-	-
I think the new PDRS system works well	12%	-	-

No significant change since 2015



#### **Recognition and Reward**



# Directorates more likely to agree\*



#### **Clinical Advice**

I feel the organisation values and recognises the work I do.

## External Affairs & Strategy

• I feel the organisation values and recognises the work I do.

# Directorates less likely to agree\*



#### **Investigations**

 I feel the organisation values and recognises the work I do.

#### Q&SI

 The way basic pay is determined is clear and transparent.

#### **Project Team**

- The way basic pay is determined is clear and transparent.
- I think the pay I receive compares favourably with other employers in our industry.
- I understand the new PDRS system

\*Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

### **Recognition & Reward**



#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly	Generally Significantly
More Likely to Agree	Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Based in Manchester</li> <li>Grade 2</li> <li>Management responsibilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for 10+ years</li> <li>Employed on a fixed- term contract</li> <li>Based in London or Manchester (PH)</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>These sub-groups are significantly more/less likely to agree in general across all questions in this section – Differences by individual question are detailed in the main report.

# What Staff said about 'Recognition & Reward':

The way staff are assessed re. pay increments, this system is unfair and does not reflect the work people have done. It more reflects the savings the PHSO wants to make.

#### Benchmarking

PHSO 2016 Civil Service 2015 30%

The pay and benefits are good and reflect the level of work we do well.

The Civil Service also asks questions about 'Pay and Benefits' which scored 30% on average. Owing to differences in the question-set asked, this is <u>not directly comparable</u> to PHSO (37%); however it suggests that PHSO is performing better in terms of employee satisfaction with recognition and reward.













Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
Discrimination is not tolerated at PHSO	63%	68%	-5%
PHSO respects the individual differences (e.g. cultures, working styles, grade, backgrounds, disabilities, sexual orientation) of its employees	68%	70%	-2%
My immediate team has clear aims and objectives	74%	55%	+19%*
Morale in my immediate team is generally high	39%	32%	+7%*
We are good at cross-team working/Different parts of PHSO work together well	59%	17%	+42%*
The processes at PHSO enable employees to work effectively	-	12%	-
I feel a sense of belonging to PHSO	47%	38%	+9%*
Bullying, harassment and discrimination are not tolerated at PHSO	55%	53%	+2%
In the last year, I have personally experienced bullying or harassment at PHSO	14%	13%	+1%
In the last year, I have personally experienced discrimination at PHSO	9%	4%	+5%*



## Significant increases in agreement since 2015:

- We are good at cross-team working/Different parts of PHSO work together well ↑ 42%
- My immediate team has clear aims and objectives †19‰
- I feel a sense of belonging to PHSO ↑ 9%
- Morale in my immediate team is generally high ↑ 7%

#### **Significant increase since 2015:**

 In the last year, I have personally experienced discrimination at PHSO ↑ 5%





Directorates more likely to agree\*

#### **Clinical Advice**

- My immediate team has clear aims and objectives.
- Morale in my immediate team is generally high.
- I feel a sense of belonging to PHSO.
- Bullying and harassment are not tolerated at PHSO.
- Discrimination is not tolerated at PHSO.
- PHSO respects the individual differences of its employees
- Less likely to have experienced bullying or harassment, or discrimination, at PHSO

#### **Project Team**

- Morale in my immediate team is generally high.
- Bullying and harassment are not tolerated at PHSO.
- PHSO respects the individual differences of its employees
- Less likely to have experienced bullying or harassment at PHSO

#### **Customer Services**

- My immediate team has clear aims and objectives.
- Morale in my immediate team is generally high
- I feel a sense of belonging to PHSO
- Bullying and harassment are not tolerated at PHSO.
- Discrimination is not tolerated at PHSO.
- PHSO respects the individual differences of its employees
- Less likely to have experienced bullying or harassment at PHSO

# Directorates less likely to agree\*



#### **Investigations**

- Morale in my immediate team is generally high.
- We are good at cross-team working.
- I feel a sense of belonging to PHSO
- Bullying and harassment are not tolerated at PHSO.
- Discrimination is not tolerated at PHSO.
- PHSO respects the individual differences of its employees
- · My immediate team has clear aims and objectives
- More likely to have experienced bullying or harassment at PHSO

\*Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

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#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

# Generally Significantly More Likely to Agree

- Worked at PHSO for less than 1 or 2 years
- Based in Manchester
- Grade 2 or 4
- Employed on a fixed-term contract
- Management responsibilities

## Generally Significantly Less Likely to Agree

- Worked at PHSO for 5+ years
- · Based in London
- Grade 3

What Staff said about 'Working Together':

The people that I work with at PHSO are great.

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#### Benchmarking

PHSO 2016 48% Civil Service 2015 80%

My peers and manager provide a supportive, positive environment to work in. This is vital to maintaining the motivation and commitment required to manage an investigator caseload, and to staff retention.

- The Civil Service also asks questions about 'My Team' which scored 80% on average. Owing to differences in the question-set asked, this is <u>not directly</u> <u>comparable</u> to PHSO (48%); however it suggests that PHSO is performing less well in terms of employee satisfaction with working together and their team.
- Levels of bullying and harassment (14%) and discrimination (9%) at PHSO are similar to those across the civil service (10% & 11% respectively).













Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
I care about the future of PHSO	85%	85%	-
Working here makes me want to do the best work I can	58%	60%	-2%
I am proud to say I work for PHSO	52%	50%	+2%
I would still like to be working at PHSO in two years' time	49%	43%	+6%
If asked, I would recommend to friends and family that PHSO is a good place to work	37%	33%	+4%

No significant change since 2015





Directorates more likely to agree\*



#### **Clinical Advice**

- I am proud to say I work for PHSO.
- I would still like to be working at PHSO in two year's time.
- Working here makes me want to do the best work I can.
- If asked I would recommend to friends and family that PHSO is a good place to work.

## External Affairs & Strategy

 I care about the future of PHSO.

#### **Project Team**

- I am proud to say I work for PHSO.
- Working here makes me want to do the best work I can.
- If asked I would recommend to friends and family that PHSO is a good place to work.

#### **Customer Services**

- I am proud to say I work for PHSO.
- I would still like to be working at PHSO in two year's time.
- Working here makes me want to do the best work I can.
- If asked I would recommend to friends and family that PHSO is a good place to work.

# Directorates less likely to agree\*



#### **Investigations**

- I am proud to say I work for PHSO.
- I would still like to be working at PHSO in two year's time.
- Working here makes me want to do the best work
   I can.
- If asked I would recommend to friends and family that PHSO is a good place to work.

#### Q&SI

- I would still like to be working at PHSO in two year's time.
- Working here makes me want to do the best work I can.
- If asked I would recommend to friends and family that PHSO is a good place to work.

<sup>\*</sup>Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.



#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly More Likely to Agree	Generally Significantly Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for less than 1 year</li> <li>Based in Manchester</li> <li>Employed on a fixed-term contract</li> <li>Grade 2 or 4</li> <li>Temporary</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for 5+ years</li> <li>Based in London</li> <li>Grade 3</li> </ul>

\*These sub-groups are significantly more/less likely to agree <u>in general</u> across all questions in this section – Differences by individual question are detailed in the main report.

What Staff said about 'My Overall Experience':

Its a great organisation with fantastically motivated people.

PHSO used to be a fantastic place to work. Now everybody is fed up. Just like everywhere else, I suppose. Money and targets is all that matters now.

#### Benchmarking

There is no comparable section in the Civil Service survey for 'My Overall Experience', therefore this section cannot be benchmarked. PHSO average score for this section – 56%.











# And Finally...

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Question	2016 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	2015 'Strongly agree/Tend to agree'	Change +/-
I believe action will be taken as a result of this survey	31%	27%	+4%

## » 31% agree that action will be taken as a result of this survey.

No significant change since 2015



## And finally....



# Directorates more likely to agree\*



#### **Clinical Advice**

I believe action will be taken as a result of this survey.

#### **Project Team**

 I believe action will be taken as a result of this survey.

## External Affairs & Strategy

 I believe action will be taken as a result of this survey.

#### FFP&G

 I believe action will be taken as a result of this survey

# Directorates less likely to agree\*



#### **Investigations**

 I believe action will be taken as a result of this survey.

<sup>\*</sup>Significantly more/less likely than overall at 95% c.l.

## And Finally (Action taken as result of this survey)...



#### Differences by Sub-Group\*

Generally Significantly	Generally Significantly
More Likely to Agree	Less Likely to Agree
<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for less than 1 year</li> <li>Employed on a fixed-term contract</li> <li>Grade 2 or 4</li> <li>Temporary</li> <li>Non-heterosexual</li> <li>Aged 55 years or more</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Worked at PHSO for 5+ years</li> <li>Grade 3</li> </ul>

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What Staff said about 'Action being taken as a result of this survey':

I predict the results of this survey will be worse than the last given the continued lack of action from management. I personally was invested in the future of PHSO when I completed this survey last year though I marked many things negatively. This year I no longer care about PHSO's future, the way the office is run has worn me down so much I no longer feel any loyalty to it, which I feel very sad about.

#### Benchmarking

We have had many of these surveys over the years, and I have still not seen any action being taken on them. There has always been a platitude following the survey then a group is set up and no action taken.

There is no comparable section in the Civil Service survey for 'And Finally', therefore this section cannot be benchmarked. PHSO average score for this section – 31%.

## What is the best thing about working for PHSO?



- Half (50%) of all employees said that they had good/supportive colleagues.
- Around a third (34%) find the work rewarding/ feel they are helping to make a difference to people's lives.

It has lots of committed, dedicated people, who really want to help others, and plug at it despite the obstructions and trials placed in their way.

What staff said...

Being in a position where you can make a difference to people's lives, whether that be through remedying their complaints or simply being able to give them closure

I have a good relationship with my team. I like the work. I like helping to make a difference to the public.

Work-life balance is easy to achieve with flexi-time

#### What one thing would you change about working for PHSO?



#### Most frequently stated:

- Need general improvement in management/leadership team/senior management 14%
- More realistic targets needed/staff under too much pressure/more manageable workload 14%
- There is too much change/more stability needed 12%
- Management need to listen to staff more and act on staff concerns 11%

For management to actually listen to staff regarding the best way to make necessary changes and improvements.

Less day to day pressure on staff - reduction to one set of targets from two sets of targets, the workload is too high and there is too much day to day pressure to meet targets over providing high quality work.

What staff said...

We need to stop trying to make so many changes to save money and actually get on with the job. Over the past three years there has been constant threat of redundancies that the morale across the office is incredibly low.

I think having greater clarity, structure and consistency would help greatly.

Needs a clear vision that makes sense and is consistent across senior managers.

#### Is there anything else you would like to add?



- Almost half of employees added further comments.
- Most frequently stated:
  - General complaints about managers 28%
  - Current procedures/practice is driving down quality 19%
  - Senior management need to listen to staff more 16%
  - PHSO currently an unsettled place to work 13%

PHSO used to be a fantastic place to work. Now everybody is fed up. Just like everywhere else I suppose. Money and targets is all that matters now.

I do think that the senior management has tried to listen but we continue to have new staff at senior level. I look forward to the new Chief Exec joining us and some continuity.

What staff said...

place to work at the moment and the service we provide to our customers is inconsistent as a result.

I passionately believe in PHSO, its people and what it could achieve but I have no faith in senior management.

Staff morale, particularly in investigations, has been severely eroded due to the constant process changes that have been made.

These changes have been implemented without input from frontline staff. They have not been justified or considered from a practical point of view.



## Length of employment:

Those who have worked at PHSO for <u>less than a year</u> and those who are employed on a <u>temporary or fixed term</u> basis are generally <u>more likely to have responded positively</u> across all areas. While those who have worked at PHSO for longer (<u>5-10 years or more</u>) are <u>less likely to have</u>

## responded positively.

## Location of Employment:

 Those who are based in either <u>Manchester</u> or <u>Manchester (PH)</u> are generally <u>more likely to have responded positively</u>, while those based in <u>London</u> are generally less likely to have responded positively.

#### **Further Observations**



#### Directorate:

- Clinical Advice, Customer Services, Project Team, External Affairs and Strategy and FFP&G generally score more highly than other directorates.
  - Clinical Advice directorate scores highly for 'My job' and also 'My Manager', 'Learning and Development' and 'Working Together' suggesting a link between good team management /team working and satisfaction with their job.
  - While the Clinical Advice directorate are less positive about the 'Leadership Team' and 'Senior Management', External Affairs and strategy and Project team are generally more positive about the 'Leadership Team' and 'Senior Management'.
- Employees within the Investigations directorate are less likely to respond positively across all areas.
- Employees within the QS&I directorate are also generally less likely to respond positively.

## **Quick wins/Action now**



- » Personal commitment from all ET members to improve visibility, especially to Operations staff
  - drop in on meetings, open plan working, attending talks, blogs.
- » Discussion with Engagement Champions Network (ECN) to sense check approach and identify anything missing.
- » EDs communicate and agree actions in their departments.
- » ECN / ET discussion to understand discrimination issues and take action.
- » Keep doing what's working
  - staff talks, staff awards, ET update, weekly message from CEO, Ombudsnet improvements.
- » Use Phase 2 restructuring as major opportunity to set out our story linking back to our strategic plan and objectives with visible ET leadership.
- » Bring in Directors / Heads to the development of Phase 2.

#### **Next 3 months**



#### » Review of management community:

- Ensure that managers at all levels in PHSO are at the forefront of our transformation agenda
- Broaden pool of senior leaders and involve Directors / ADs / Heads more in conversation affecting organisation e.g. quarterly meetings on key planning work such as business planning and phase 2.
- » Learning and Development plan to pick-up any specific issues from survey, working with ECN.
- » Review of PDRS and hot-desking (already planned).
- » Review long term strategy for Internal Communications and Engagement.



# Thank you for listening!

# Any questions?

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