

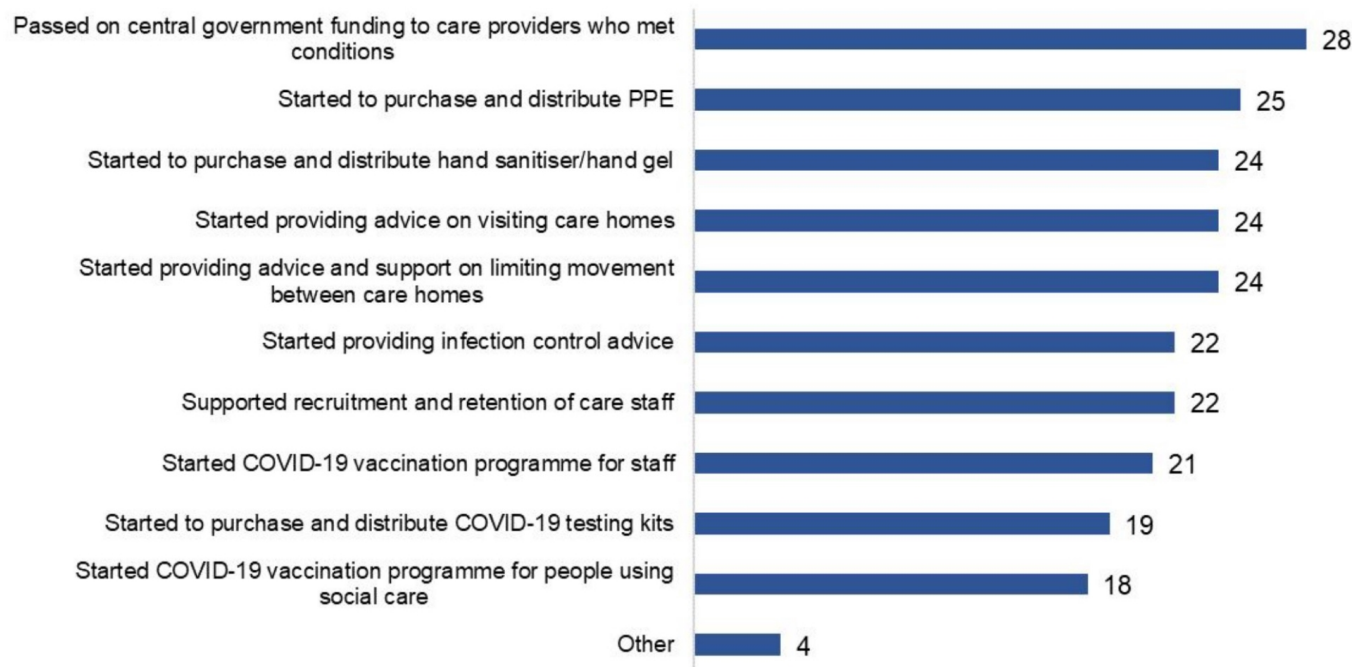
The logo for the UK Covid-19 Inquiry, featuring a stylized 'C' with the text 'UK Covid-19 Inquiry' inside.

COSLA Survey - Note on data quality

- The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities conducted a survey of their 32 members about adult social care responsibilities and Covid-19.
- The majority of Local Authorities responded to the survey. However, 2 Local Authorities provided a nil response, leaving 30 complete or partial responses.
- Partial responses vary in their scale. Some respondents missed one or two questions and highlighted why, while other respondents only answered one or two questions.
- For each chart in this pack, the number of responses to the question is made clear.
- We do not know who completed the survey within each Local Authority, and whether they interpreted the questions in the same way.
- As the survey was completed within a document rather than on a survey platform, there are some formatting issues. In analysing, we have interpreted individual responses as consistently and accurately as is possible.

Changes in activities provided for care homes

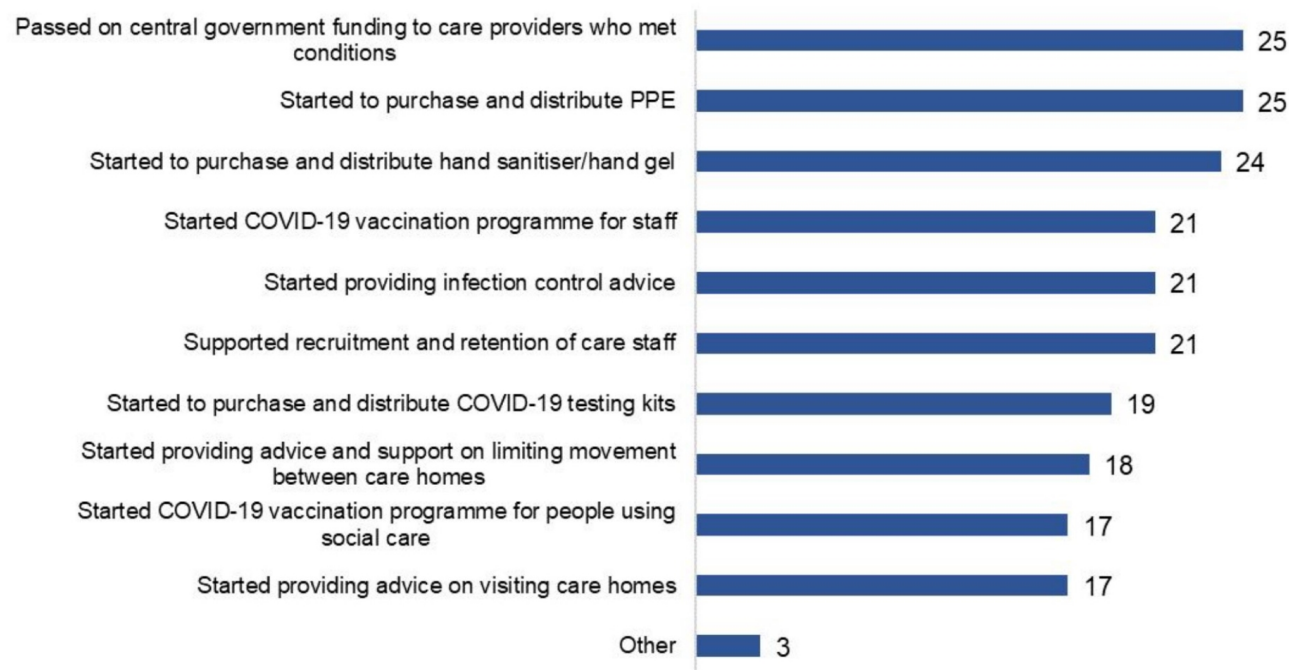
How, if at all, did the activities your Local Authority undertook for the following types of care providers change during the pandemic? In residential care and/or nursing homes (n=29)



Of the 29 Local Authorities which responded to this question, the most frequently selected new activities were passing on central government funding (n=28, 97%) and purchasing / distributing PPE (n=25, 86%). Data is missing for 3 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Changes in activities provided for domiciliary care

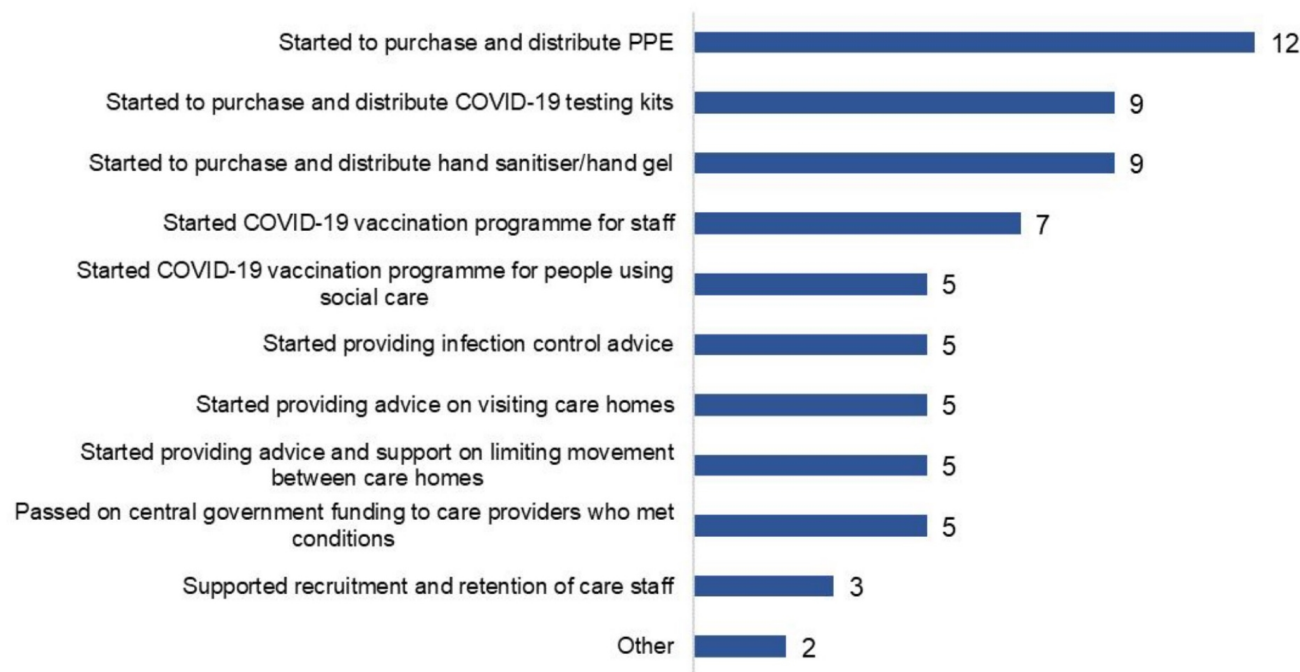
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Changes in activities provided for other care settings

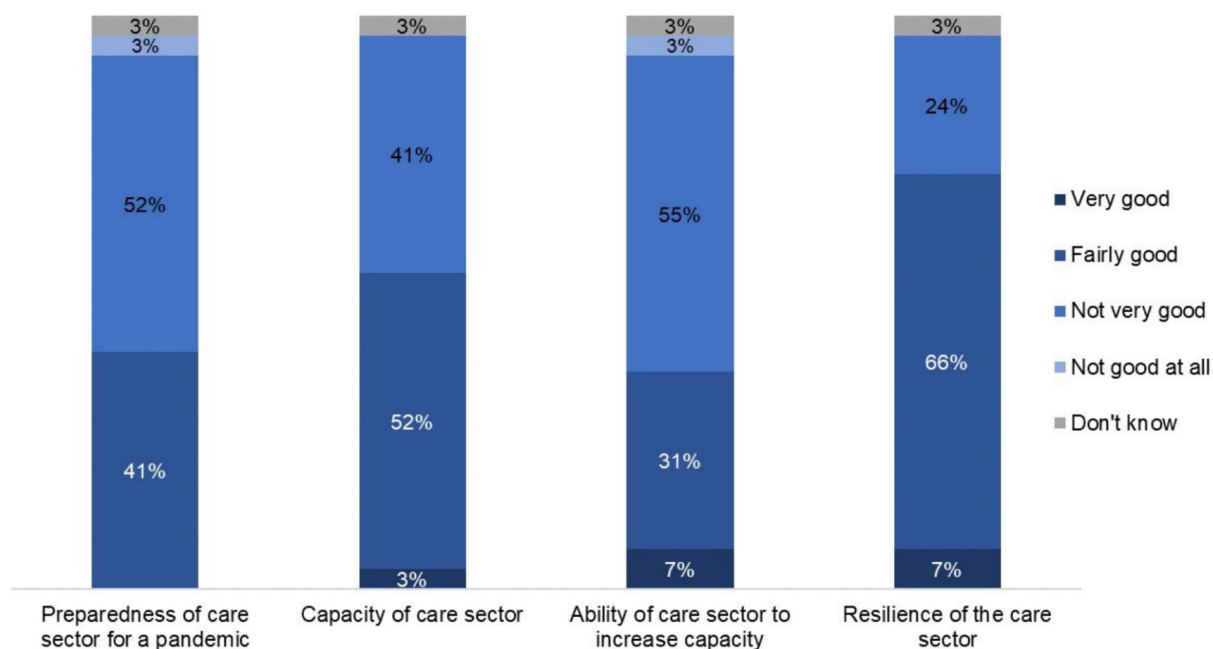
How, if at all, did the activities your Local Authority undertook for the following types of care providers change during the pandemic? Other care settings (n=29)



Of the 29 Local Authorities which responded to this question, the most frequently selected new activity was purchasing / distributing PPE (n=12, 41%). Data is missing for 3 out of 32 Local Authorities.

The care sector before Covid-19

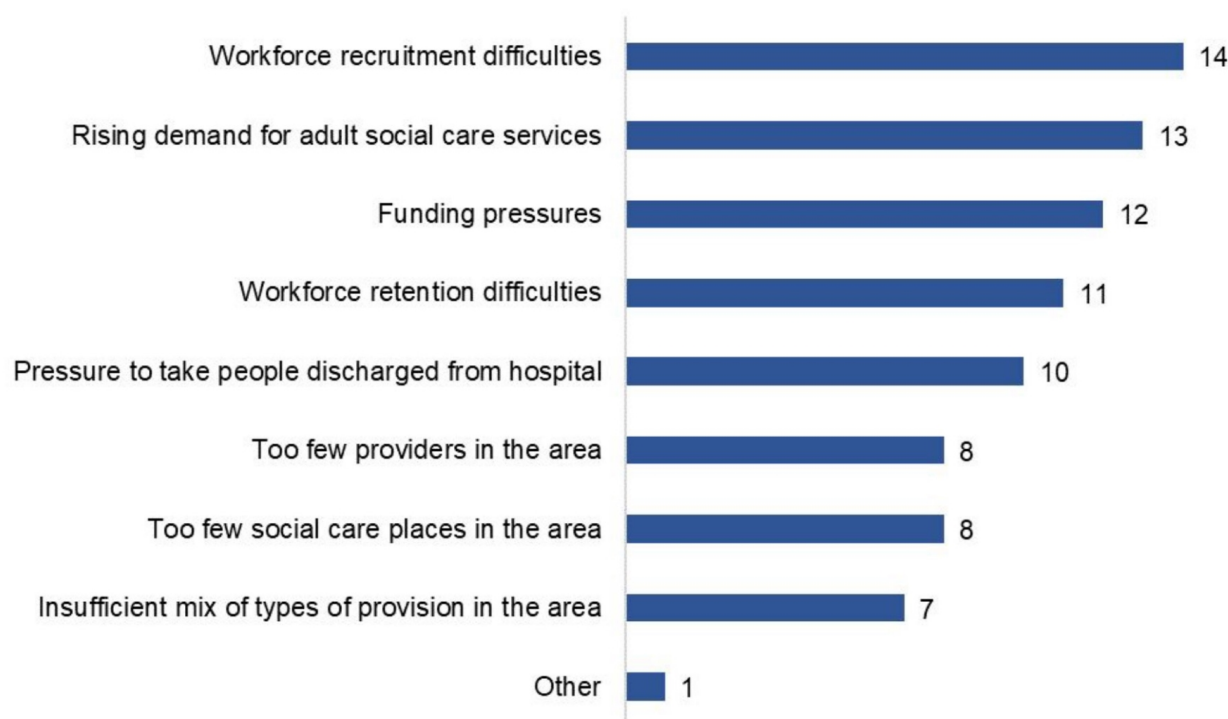
How would you judge the following elements of the adult social care sector in your area in the year leading up to the COVID-19 pandemic?
(n=29)



Of the 29 Local Authorities which responded to this question, the resilience of the care sector had the highest proportion of very or fairly good ratings (n=21, 72%), and the ability of the care sector to increase capacity had the highest proportion of not very good or not good at all ratings (n=17, 59%). Data is missing for 3 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Why capacity and/or resilience of the care sector was not good before Covid-19

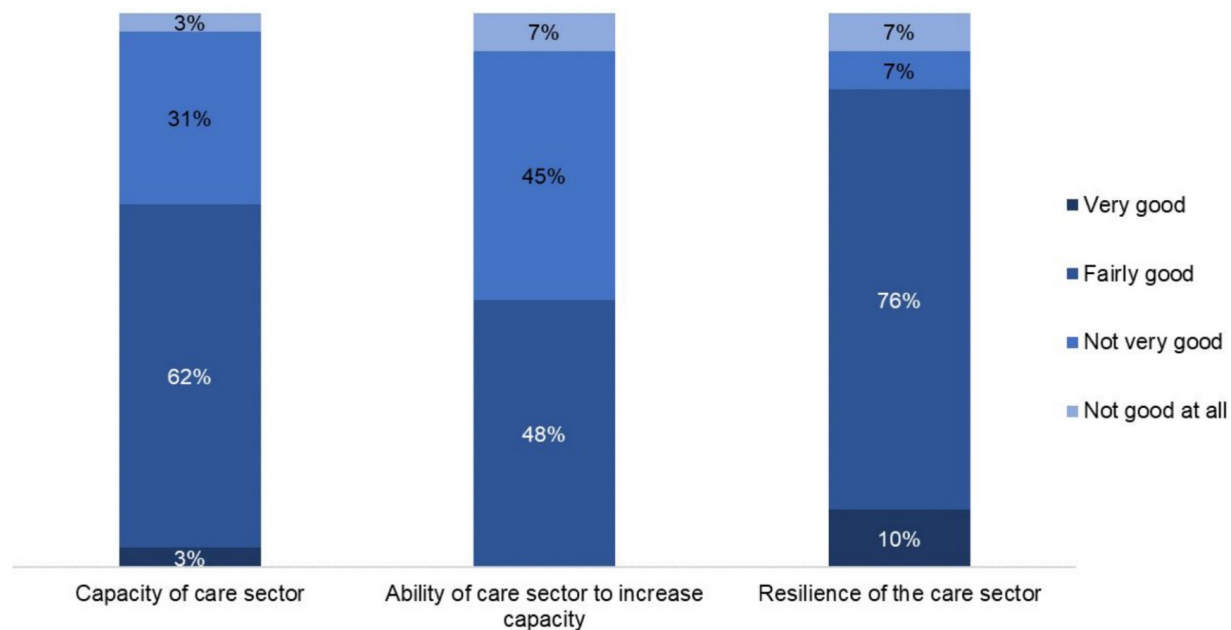
For what reasons would you say the capacity and/or resilience of the care sector was not good?
Among those who selected not very good/not at all good (n=14)



14 Local Authorities reported that the capacity and/or resilience of the care sector was not good before Covid-19 on the previous question. Among this group, the most selected reasons for this were workforce recruitment difficulties and the rising demand for adult social care services.

The care sector during Covid-19

How would you judge the following elements of the adult social care sector in your area in the years during the pandemic? (n=29)

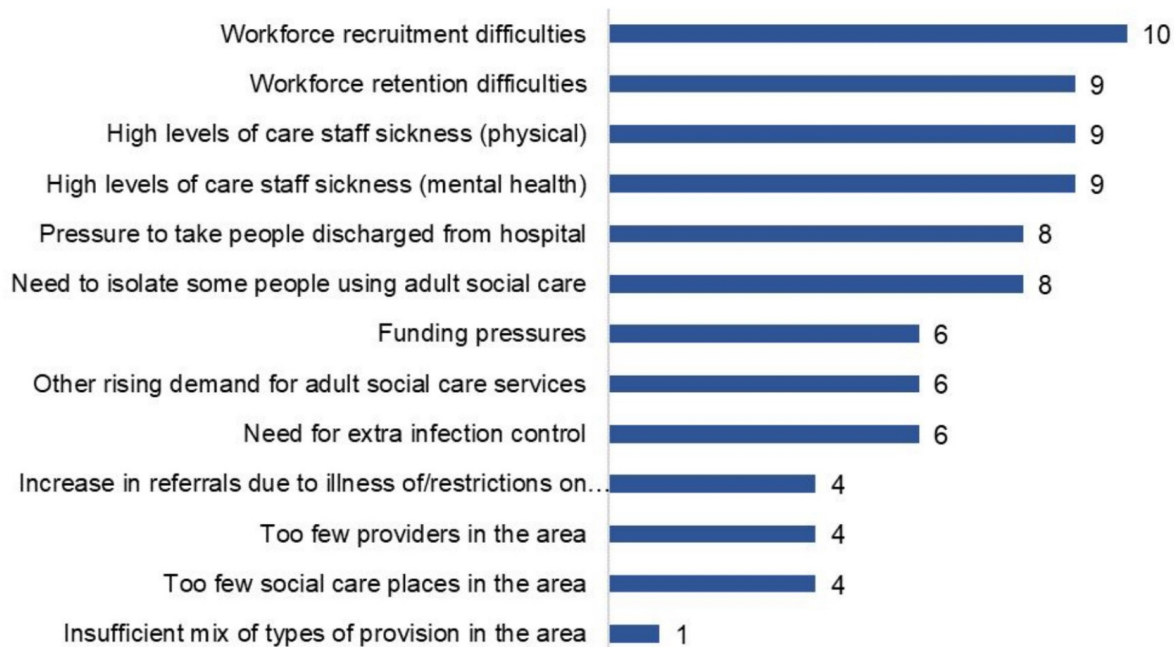


Of the 29 Local Authorities which responded to this question, the resilience of the care sector had the highest proportion of very or fairly good ratings (n=25, 86%), and the ability of the care sector to increase capacity had the highest proportion of not very good or not good at all ratings (n=15, 52%). Data is missing for 3 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Why capacity and/or resilience of the care sector was not good during Covid-19

For what reasons would you say the capacity and/or resilience of the care sector was not good during the pandemic?

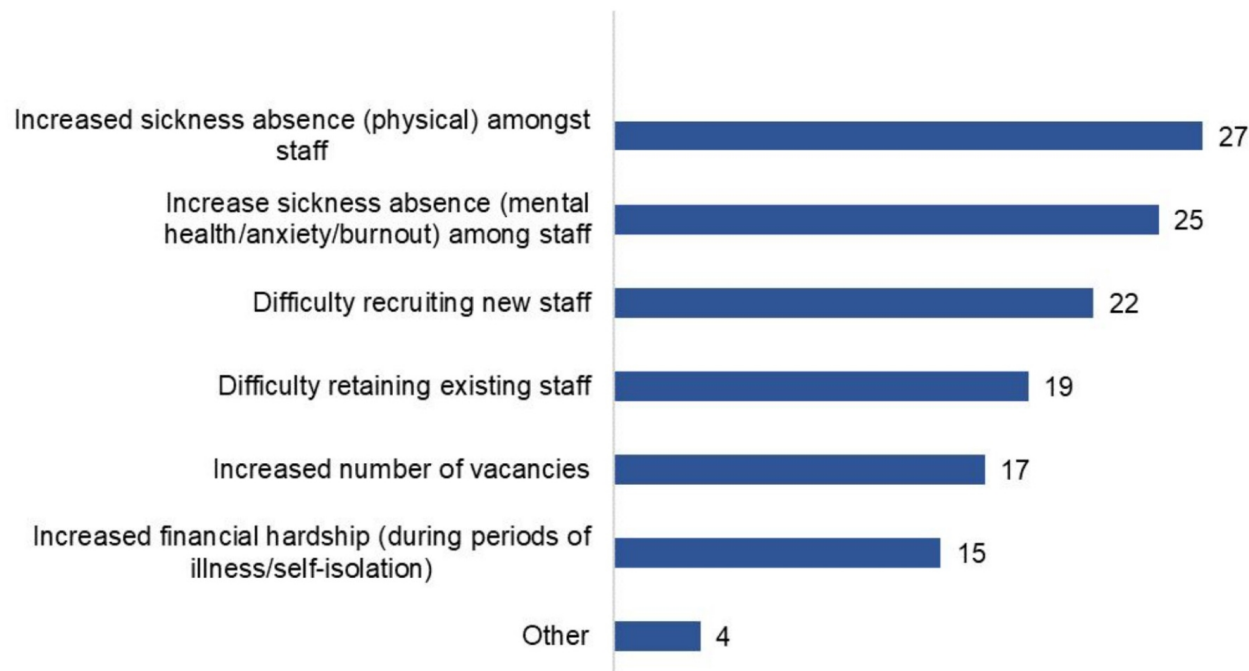
Among those who selected not very good/not at all good (n=11)



11 Local Authorities reported that the capacity and/or resilience of the care sector was not good during Covid-19 on the previous question. Among the 10 that responded to this question, the most selected reason for this was workforce recruitment difficulties.

Workforce issues in relation to care workers

During the pandemic, which, if any, of the following workforce issues were experienced by the adult social care sector in your local authority area in relation to care workers? (n=29)

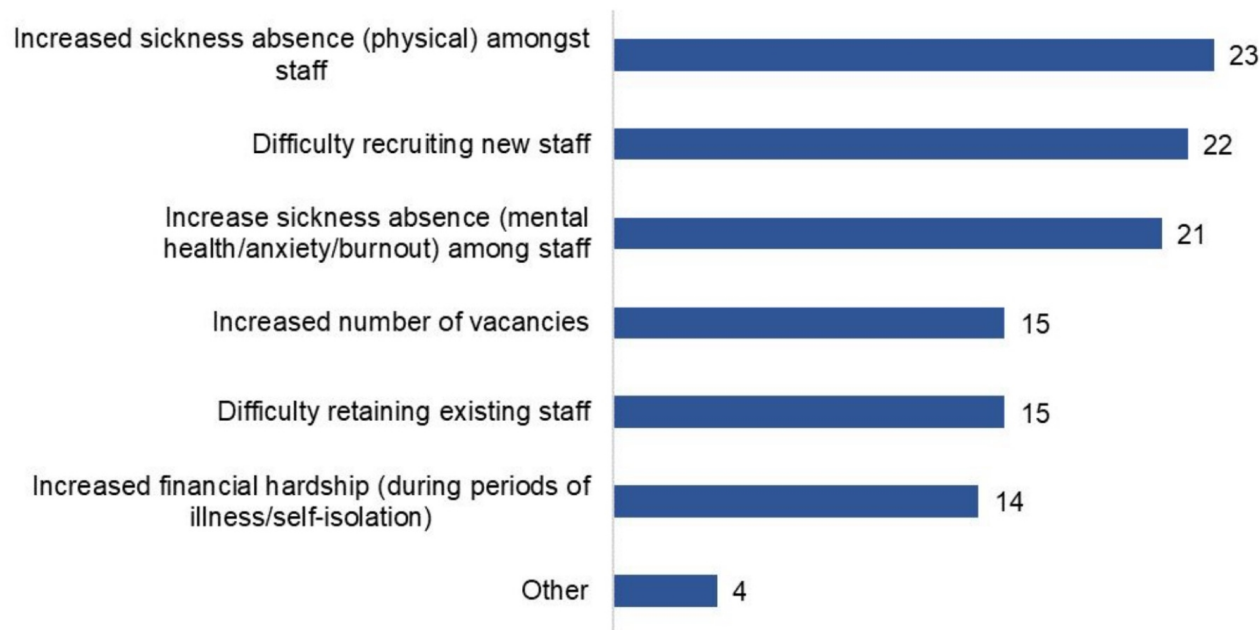


Of the 29 Local Authorities which responded to this question, the most frequently selected workforce issues for care workers were increased physical (n=27, 93%) and mental health (n=25, 86%) sickness absences. Data is missing for 3 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Workforce issues in relation to auxiliary workers

During the pandemic, which, if any, of the following workforce issues were experienced by the adult social care sector in your local authority area in relation to auxiliary workers (for example, cleaning staff and kitchen staff)?

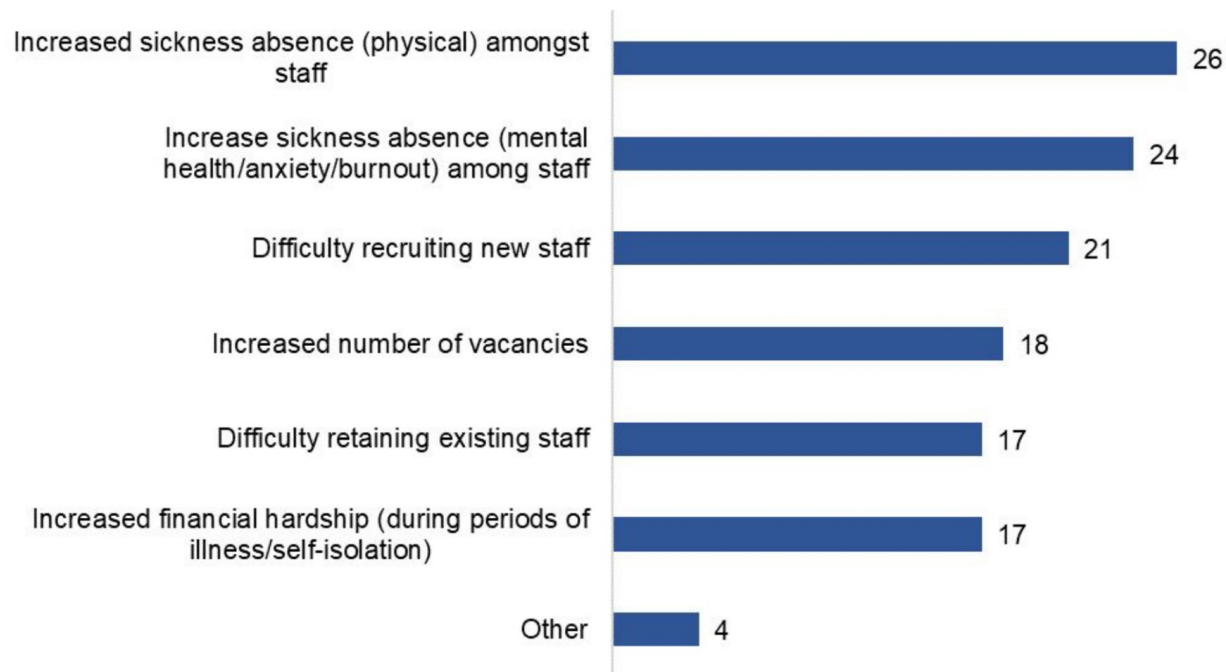
(n=29)



Of the 29 Local Authorities which responded to this question, the most frequently selected workforce issues for auxiliary workers were increased physical sickness absence (n=23, 79%) and difficulty recruiting new staff (n=22, 76%). Data is missing for 3 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Workforce issues in relation to domiciliary care workers

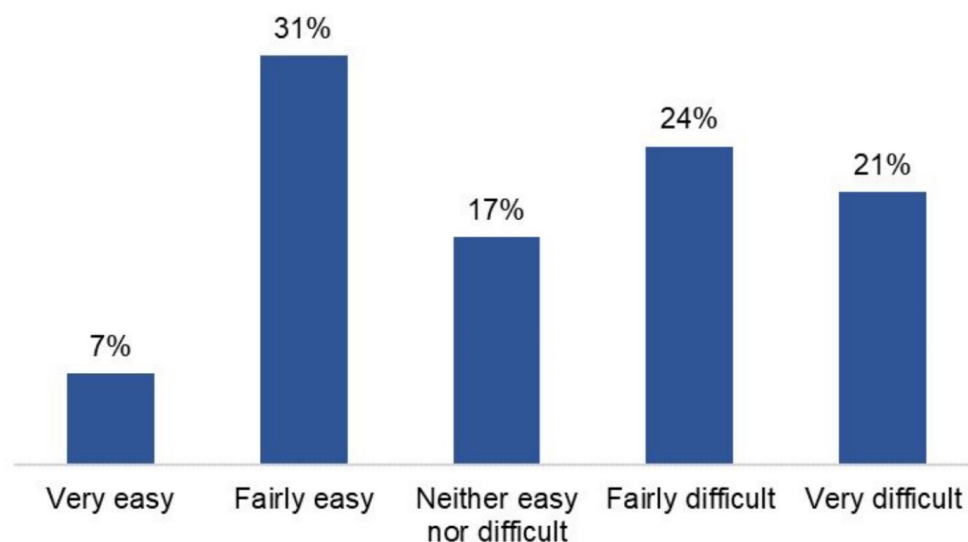
During the pandemic, which, if any, of the following workforce issues were experienced by the adult social care sector in your local authority area in relation to domiciliary care workers? (n=29)



Of the 29 Local Authorities which responded to this question, the most frequently selected workforce issues for domiciliary care workers were increased physical (n=26, 90%) and mental health (n=24, 83%) sickness absences. Data is missing for 3 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Accessibility of PPE in the first 6 months

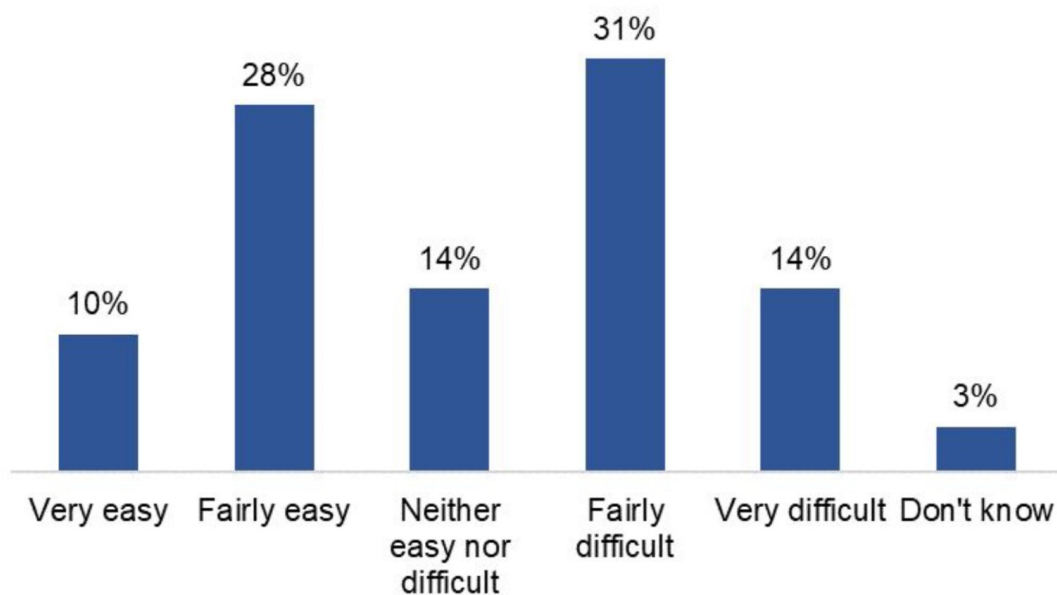
Overall, in the first six months of the pandemic, how easy or difficult were care providers within your local authority area finding it to access PPE? (n=29)



Responses about how easy it was to access PPE in the first six months of the pandemic were mixed amongst the 29 Local Authorities that responded. 13 (45%) said care providers found it very or fairly difficult, and 11 (38%) said they found it very or fairly easy. Data is missing for 3 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Accessibility of Covid-19 tests in the first 6 months

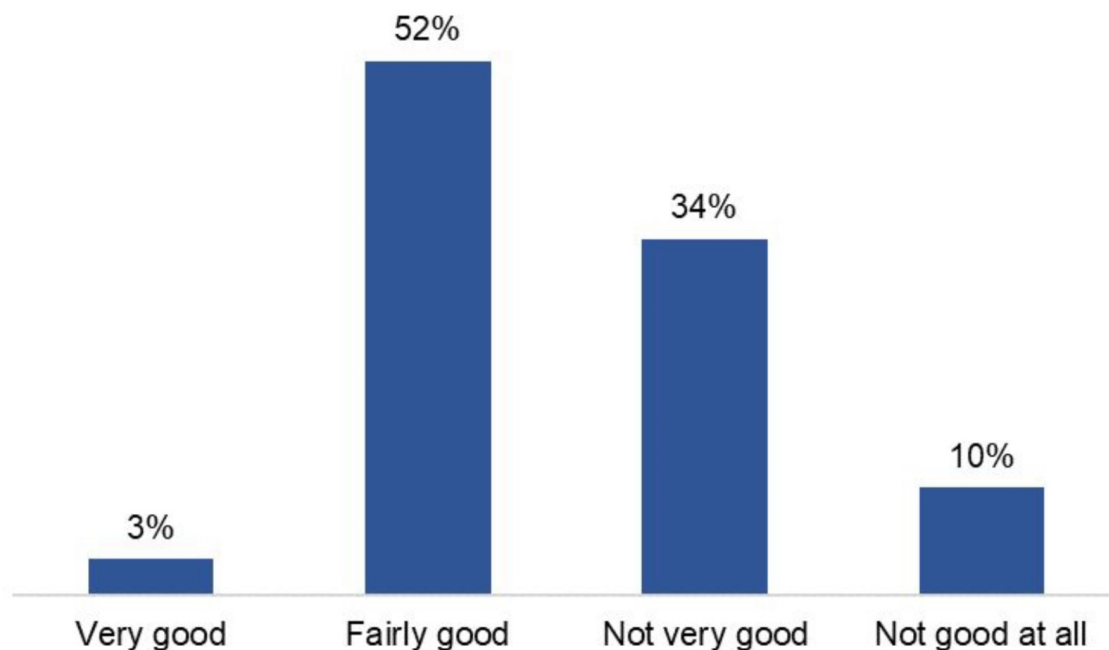
Overall, in the first six months of the pandemic, how easy or difficult were care providers within your local authority area finding it to access Covid-19 tests? (n=29)



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Quality of guidance on restrictions to home care visits

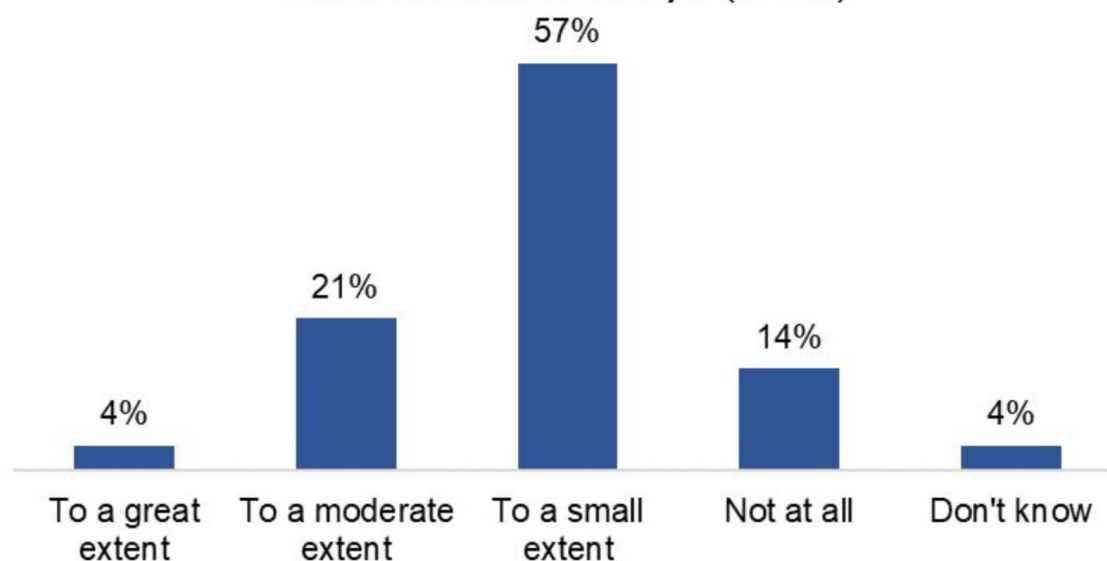
Was the guidance received from the Scottish Government, about restrictions on home care visits, good or not? (n=29)



Of the 29 Local Authorities which responded to this question, most felt the guidance about restrictions on home care visits were either fairly good (n=15, 52%) or not very good (n=10, 34%). Data is missing for 3 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Healthcare professionals visiting residential/nursing homes

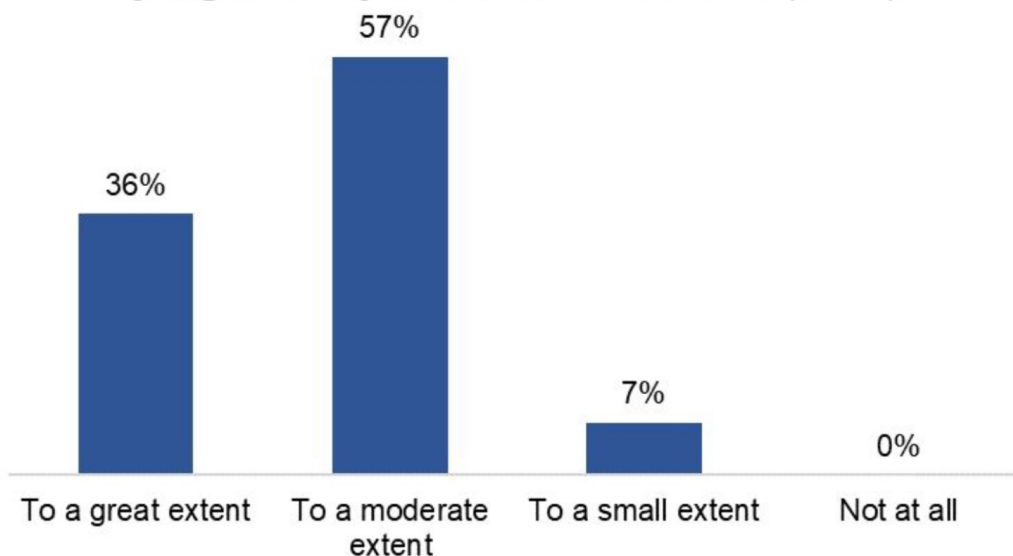
To what extent, if at all, were visits by healthcare professionals limited in residential care and/or nursing homes within your local authority area generally, over the period of the pandemic (March 2020 to June 2022)? (n=28)



Of the 28 Local Authorities which responded to this question, the most frequent answer was that healthcare visits were limited to a small extent (n=16, 57%). A further 6 (21%) reported that visits were limited to a moderate extent, and 4 (14%) reported that they weren't limited at all. Data is missing for 4 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Isolating residents with Covid-19

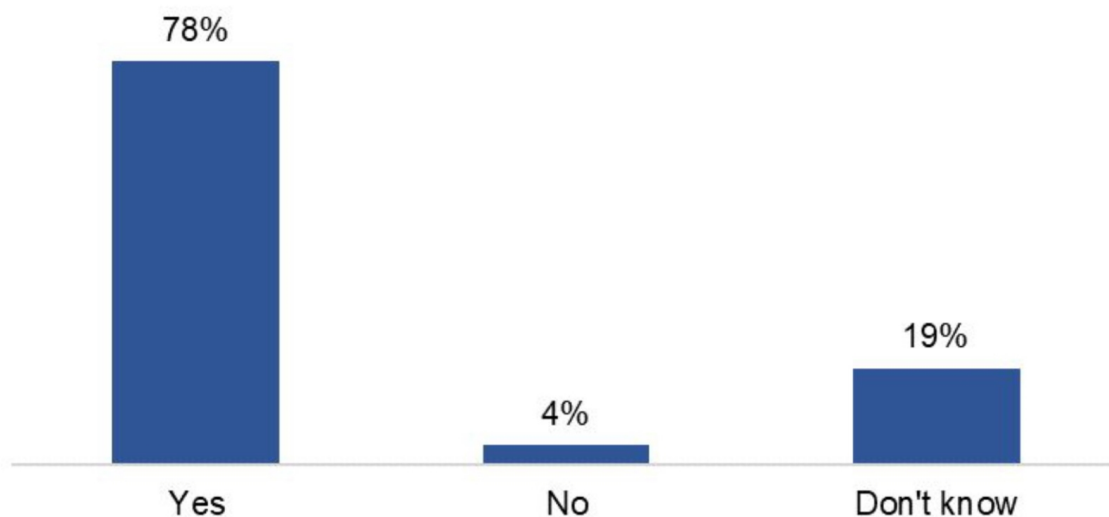
In general, to what extent were residential care and/or nursing homes within your local authority area able to isolate residents who tested positive for, or were judged likely to have, COVID-19? (n=28)



Of the 28 Local Authorities which responded to this question, most (26, 93%) felt that residential/nursing homes within their area were able to isolate residents with Covid-19 to a great or moderate extent. Data is missing for 4 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Consultation about hospital discharge policy

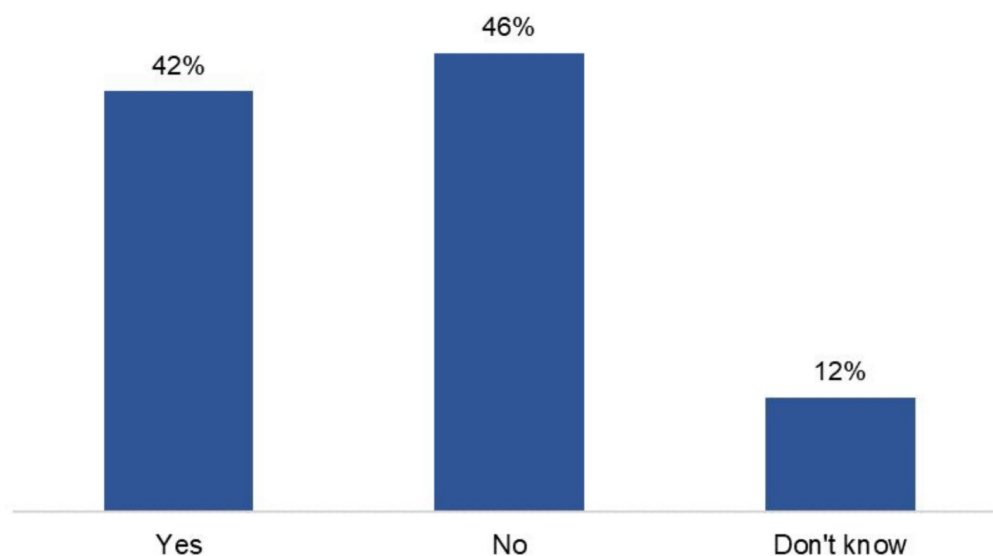
As far as you are aware, did any consultation take place between the Health Boards and Local Authority about the discharge policy for moving people between hospitals and residential care and/or nursing homes? (n=27)



Of the 27 Local Authorities which responded to this question, most (n=21, 78%) were aware of consultation between Health Boards and the Local Authority about hospital discharge policy. Data is missing for 5 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Hospital discharge without testing

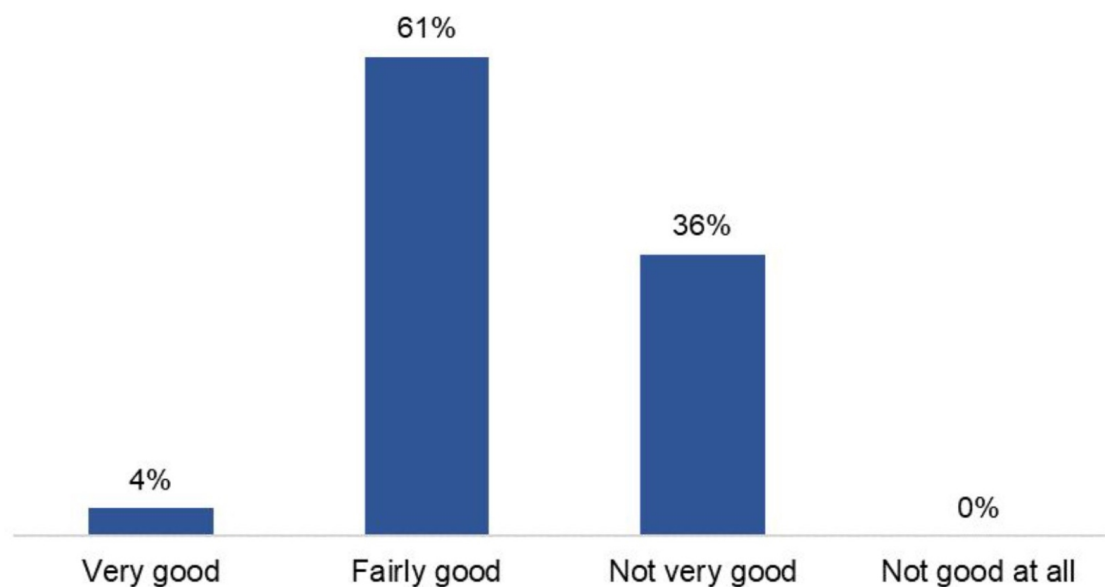
In your experience, did the NHS discharge people from acute hospitals into residential care and/or nursing homes within your local authority area without testing them routinely first? (n=26)



Of the 26 Local Authorities which responded to this question, 12 did not experience NHS discharge into residential care without testings (46%), while 11 did (42%). A further 3 did not know whether this occurred. Data is missing for 6 out of 32 Local Authorities.

Guidance on discharge from hospital

How would you assess the guidance your Local Authority received from the Scottish Government about how to deal with people who use adult social care returning from hospital? (n=28)

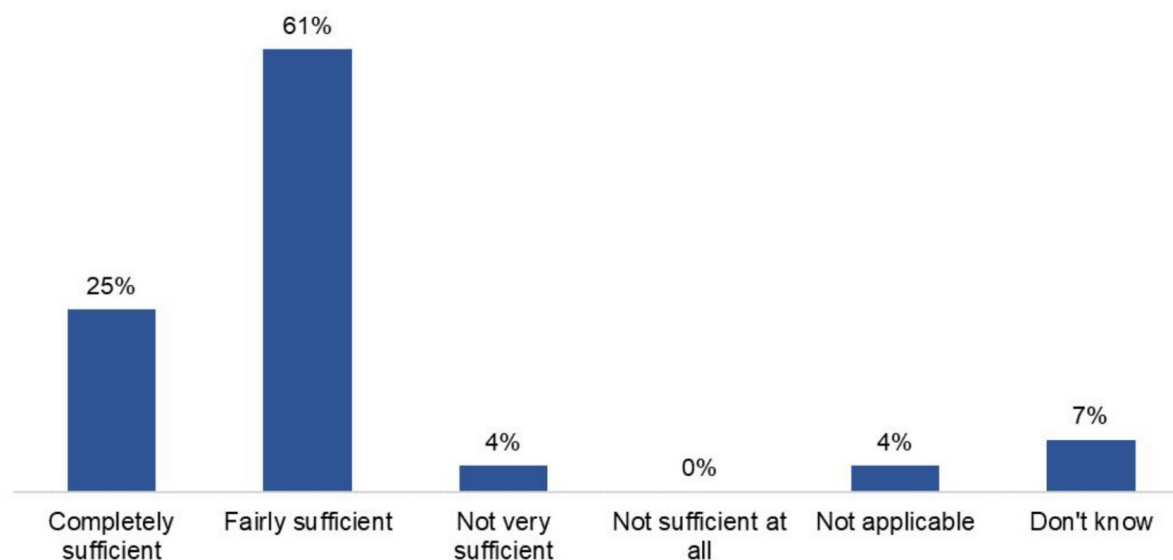


Of the 28 Local Authorities which responded to this question, most thought guidance on hospital discharge was either fairly good (n=17, 61%) or not very good (n=10, 36%). Data is missing for 4 Local Authorities.

Sufficiency of funding for IPC measures

How sufficient overall was the amount of any additional funding for infection prevention and control measures that your Local Authority received to support care providers?

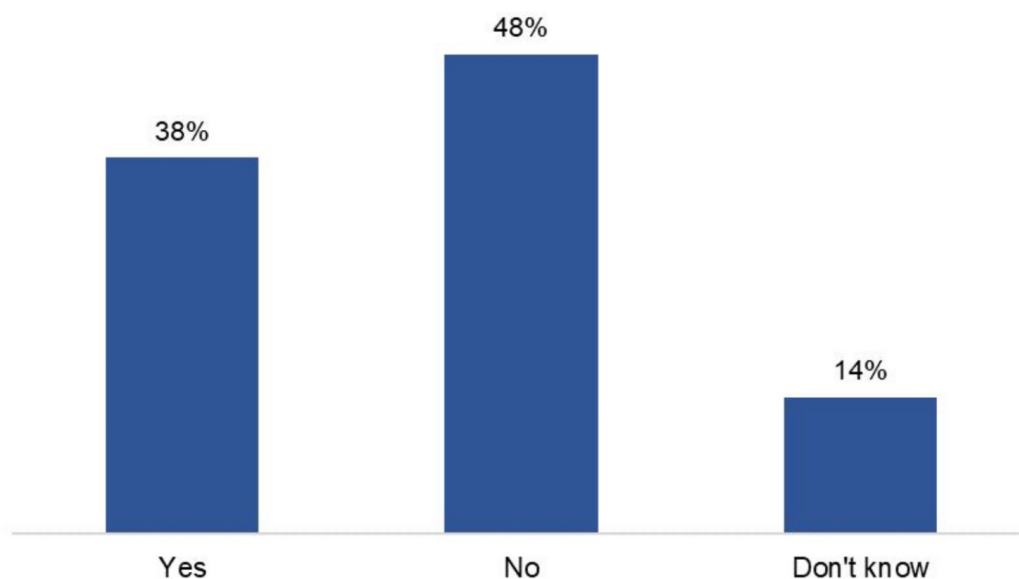
(n=28)



Of the 28 Local Authorities which responded to this question, 24 (86%) felt that the amount of additional funding for IPC measures they received to support care providers was fairly or completely sufficient. Data is missing for 4 Local Authorities.

Safeguarding and suspension of inspections of care homes

Do you feel that the suspension of inspections of care homes had a negative impact on safeguarding or not? (n=29)



Of the 29 Local Authorities which responded to this question, opinions were mixed about whether the suspension of inspections had a negative impact on safeguarding - 14 Local Authorities felt it did not (48%), while 11 felt it did (38%). Data is missing for 3 Local Authorities.