



Mental Health Faculty confidence survey

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Background

The HFMA's Mental Health Steering Group commissioned a survey to assess faculty members' confidence that their organisation and their commissioning body would achieve the targets set out for the sector in *Implementing the five year forward view for mental health*¹ and the mental health investment standard.

Responses were received from 26 mental health provider organisations in November 2018. Not all organisations answered all questions, percentages shown relate to those who responded to that question.

A mirror survey has been undertaken with the HFMA's Commissioning Faculty to include their views in the analysis.

Previous work

During 2017, the HFMA's Mental Health Faculty carried out a number of surveys² around parity of esteem and the mental health investment standard. The surveys reached three main conclusions:

- the national commitment for commissioners to increase their real term investment in mental health services was a significant challenge
- there was a lack of alignment between commissioners and providers over what it meant to implement the mental health investment standard
- local visibility and transparency was crucial in enabling local areas to understand where mental health money was spent and how it was prioritised.

¹ NHS England, *Implementing the five year forward view for mental health*, July 2016

² HFMA, *Mental health investment standard*, June 2017