



Staff Pulse Survey

S&R Committee

18 October 2021

**892 Responses
(about 45%) ✓**

**All staff groups
and networks
represented ✓**

**A good balance
across all
directorates ✓
and services**

**Includes questions
about wellbeing,
connections with ✓
colleagues and the
Council, and working
practices**

Generally, respondents reported that their wellbeing has remained about the same or improved slightly in the past year

How would you compare your wellbeing now against this time last year?



■ Improved significantly

■ Improved

■ About the same

■ Declined

■ Declined significantly

40% of respondents said their wellbeing has improved

However, a significant number of respondents (21%) said their wellbeing has declined

Most staff, concerns and worries have reduced since the early stages of lockdown, but many are still feeling uncertain

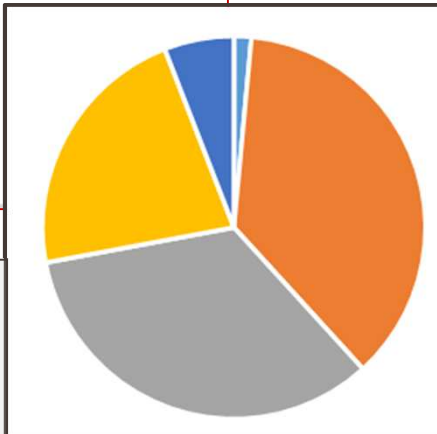
With most lockdown restrictions having come to an end in England on 19 July, how are you currently feeling?



- Good and feeling positive
- OK and hopeful
- Mixed - I'm not sure what to make of the situation
- I'm quite concerned and anxious
- I'm very worried / upset

- The percentage of respondents who said that they were feeling either 'good and positive' or 'OK and hopeful' (54%) was very similar to the total for the May 2020 survey.
- There was a significant rise in those who had mixed feelings and were unsure what to make of the situation, from 13% in May 2020 to 34%.
- The proportion of respondents reporting that they were either 'concerned' or 'very worried / upset' reduced from 35% in May 2020 to 12%.

Results for different staff groups were consistent overall, with the exception of **staff with disabilities**



Staff with disabilities are:

- 17 x less likely to feel 'good or positive'
- Twice as likely to feel 'quite concerned and anxious'
- 6 x more likely to feel 'very worried and upset'

People are more likely to turn to external and informal sources of support rather than the support provided internally

3. Which of the following sources of support have you used?

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Talking with family or friends	820
Talking with colleagues	518
Talking with my manager	374
Haringey's Employee Assistan...	31
Intranet resources such as 'Be ...	32
External professional support	79
Fuse resources and events	23
Hays Thrive	6
Mental Health First Aider	3
Other	51



We will look at ways to increase the take-up of our internal wellbeing support, such as the Employee Assistance Programme and Mental Health First Aiders

At a third of respondents would not be confident to speak openly with their manager if they experienced a negative impact on their wellbeing at work and just half would not be confident to speak openly with colleagues

If you have experienced, or were to experience, a negative impact on your mental wellbeing at work, how confident would you be to speak about it openly?



- I would be confident to speak with my manager and colleagues about it openly
- I would be confident to speak with my manager about it openly, but not my colleagues
- I would be confident to speak with my colleagues about it openly, but not my manager
- I would not be confident to speak about it openly with my manager or colleagues

- 46% of respondents reported that they would be confident to speak with their manager and colleagues openly and 22% of respondents would be confident to speak openly with their manager but not their colleagues, meaning that **68% overall would be confident to speak openly with their manager**
- 11% of respondents would be confident to speak openly with the colleagues but not their manager, meaning that **57% overall would be confident to speak openly with the colleagues**

We are exploring what we can do to increase confidence in speaking openly with managers about mental health and wellbeing

Most people feel well connected with their immediate work team

5. How connected do you feel with your immediate work team? (1 = not at all connected, 10 = very connected)

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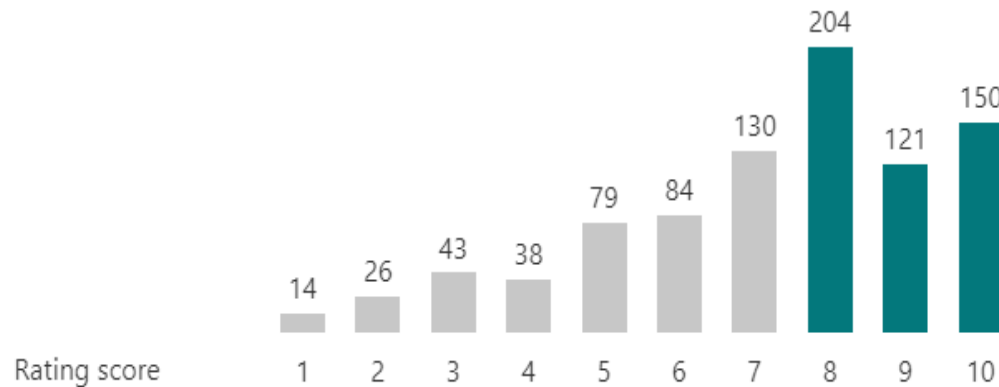
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Average Number

53% rated between "8-10"

Score distribution

(May 2020 average was 7.66)



Although the average score has reduced slightly since the May 2020, despite mainly working remotely, people's connection to their immediate team remains high

...t they feel less well connected with other teams and services

6. How connected do you feel with other teams and services? (1 = not at all connected, 10 = very connected)

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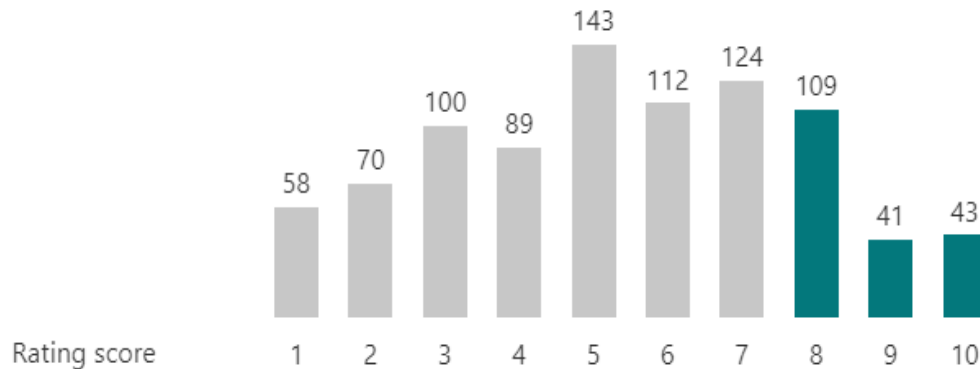
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Average Number

22% rated between "8-10"

Score distribution



The lower score here reflects wider global research that a high degree of remote working has a potential to erode relationships across organisations and reinforce silos

We will discuss with Corporate Management Group, to generate ideas for encouraging greater collaboration across the Council

ough it has reduced slightly in the past year, people generally feel
they have been kept well informed by the Council during lockdown

7. I have been kept up-to-date and well informed by the Council during lockdown (1 = very strongly disagree, 10 = very strongly agree)

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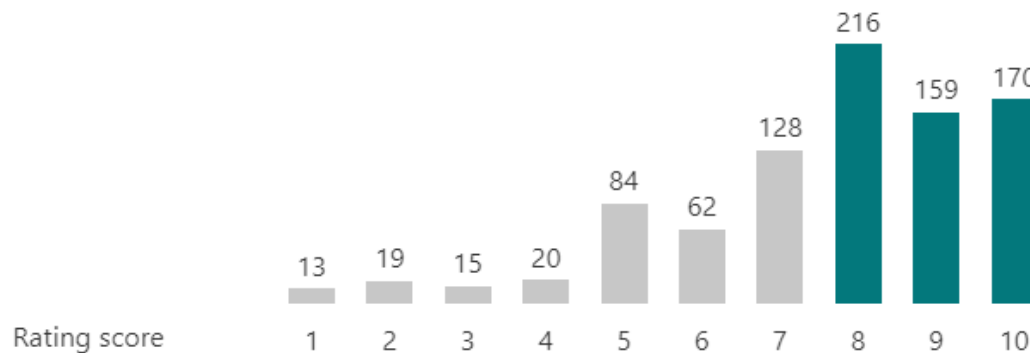
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Average Number

62% rated between "8-10"

Score distribution

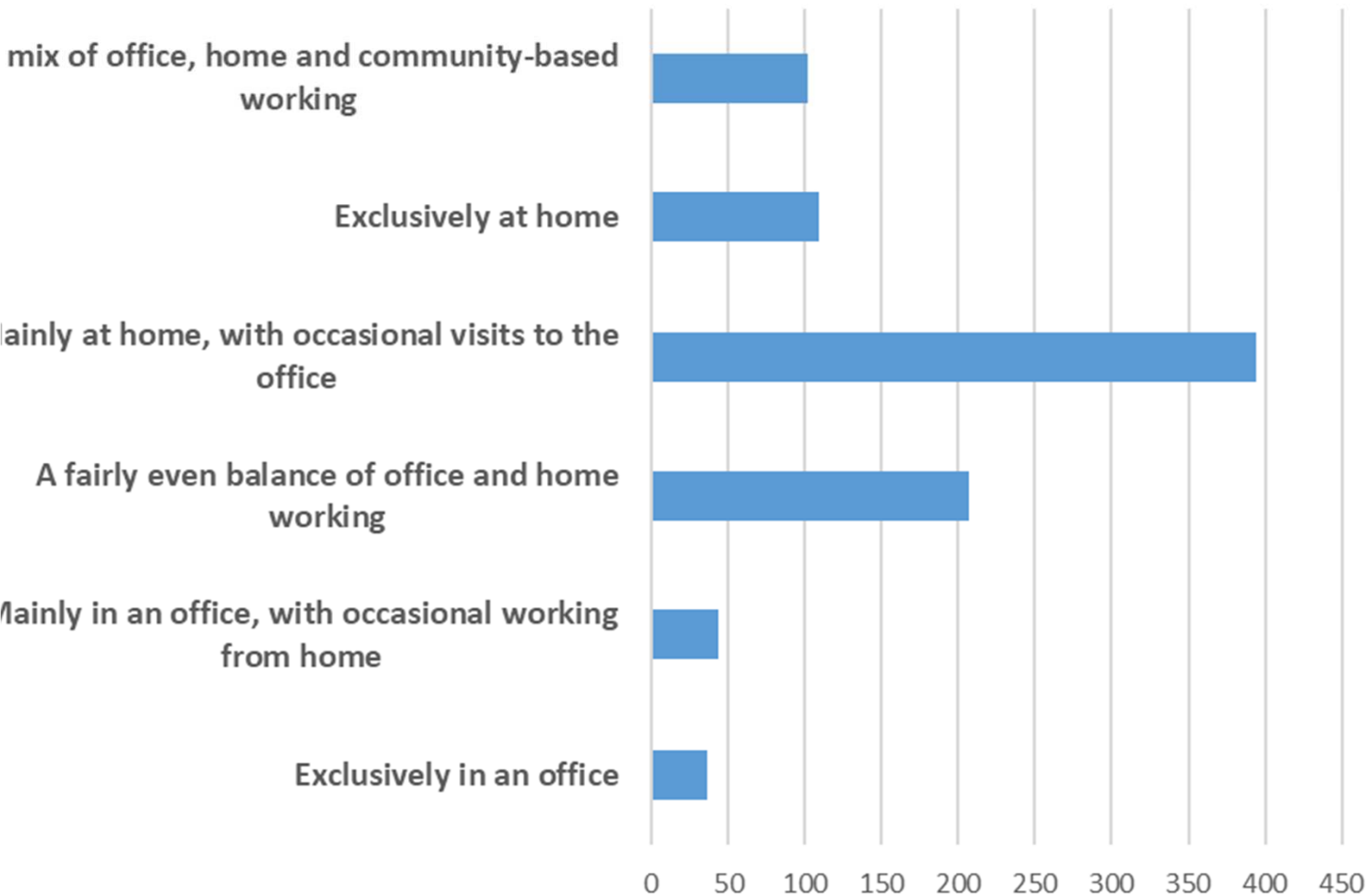
(May 2020 average was 8.48)



Most staff are still feeling well informed, which has been helped by remote working technology like MS Teams significantly increasing engagement in events like 'Let's Talk'

Most people don't want an 'either/or' home vs office, but something in between

As we transition out of lockdown, what would your preferred work location be going forward?



Despite its obvious popularity as a work location, only 12% of respondents want to work exclusively from home.

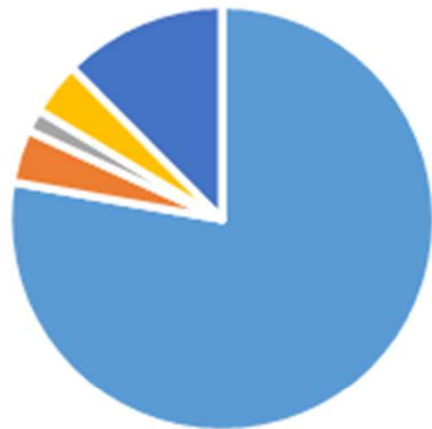
Only 4% want to work exclusively in the office.

What the majority want is a balance

Returning to a balance between office and home each week will be the best of both worlds for me.

Over 77% of staff have had both vaccinations

What is your current vaccination status?



- I've had both jabs
- I've had a single jab
- I haven't been vaccinated yet, but intend to
- I haven't been vaccinated yet, and don't intend to
- I would prefer not to indicate my vaccination status

Vaccination status remains a sensitive issue, with 12% preferring not to indicate their status.

I am concerned that some people have chosen not to be jabbed. I feel this is going to be a huge hindrance when people start coming back together over the Autumn/Winter period.

Concerns over colleagues not being vaccinated came up several times in the open-ended survey question.

Many are concerned about the prospect of using public transport

How do you currently feel about using public transport to get to a work location?

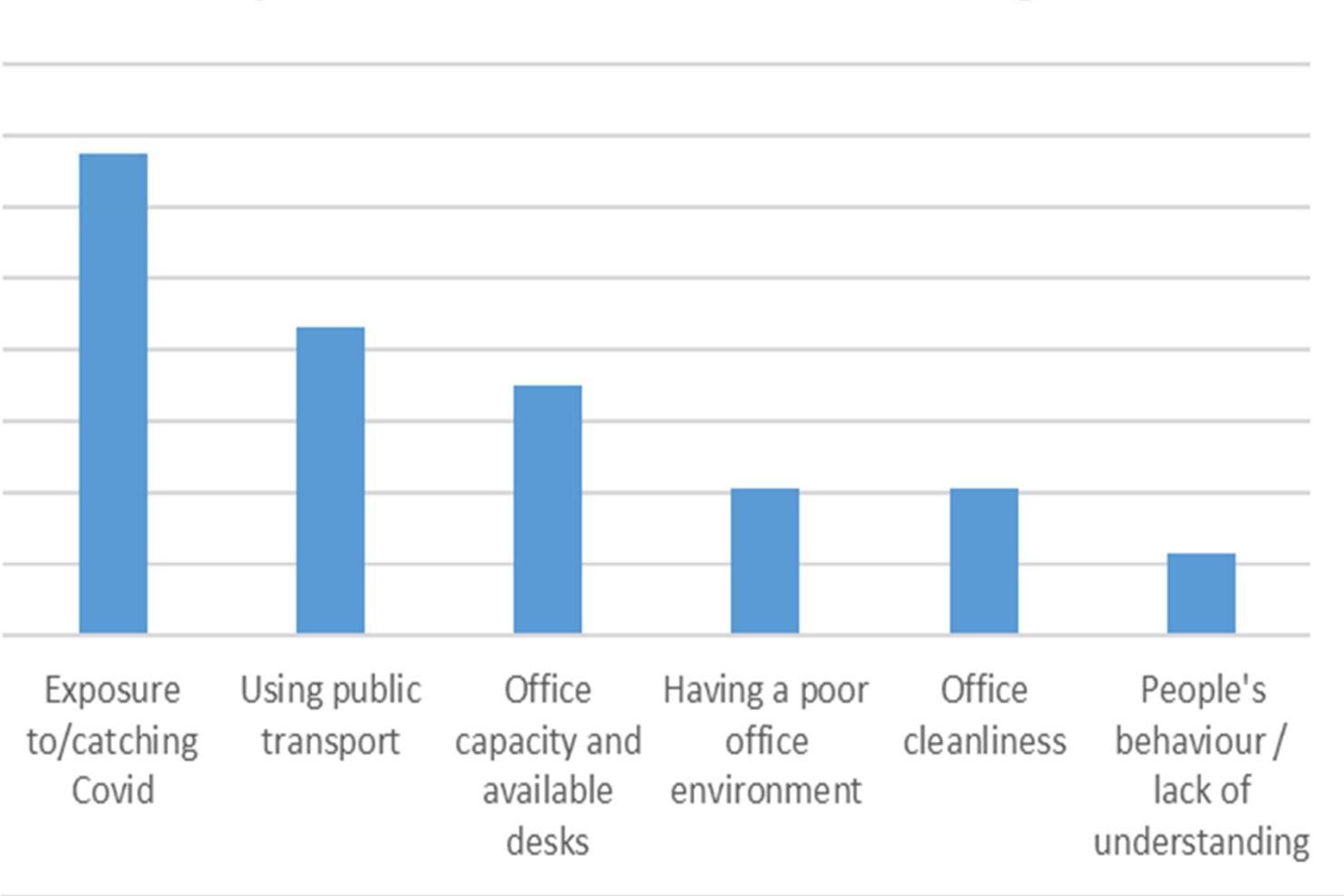


- I'm pretty relaxed about it
- I've got slight concerns
- I've got strong concerns
- I'm not prepared to use public transport at the moment

3 in 4 respondents have concerns about using public transport to get to work, with 19% not prepared to use it at all

Exposure to Covid is still the main concern*

Top 6 concerns about office working



I am more concerned about travel to work than actually being in the office

I'm concerned about other people's behaviours, though and understanding when you are part of an at risk group or part of an extended family with vulnerable members

I'm concerned about what the return to the office logistically looks like; how do we ensure there is a workspace waiting for us after a long commute?

Based on an analysis of 649 answers to the open-ended survey question

Many people are looking forward to seeing colleagues in person again

Top 6 general comments



We have employed so many new people in the team during lockdown it was wonderful to meet up with them at the Team Day

I am keen to meet and mix with colleagues, particularly those outside my team that I feel my connections is not as strong these days.

I need a reason to be in the office i.e. not just to do the same work I do from home or have Microsoft Teams meetings in an office environment

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