

## Introduction

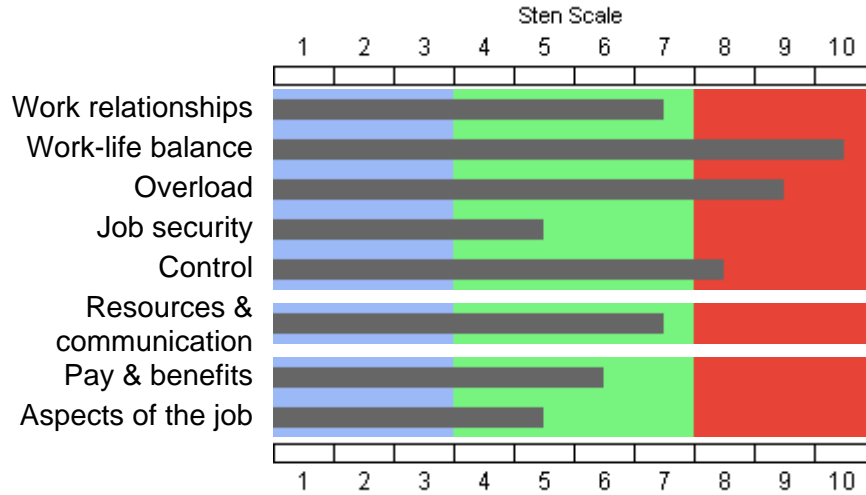
This report provides a force-specific overview of the results from the Inspectors' Well-Being at Work Survey. A graphical summary of the key findings is presented, detailing the results from your force in comparison to both the general working population and others in the Police Service (officers and staff). The three key areas measured by the Inspectors' Well-Being at Work Survey were: Sources of Pressure, Organisational Commitment and Health perceptions. Within these areas a number of scales were assessed (e.g. Work-life balance as a source of pressure) and each scale is comprised of a number of items (individual questions). Results are reported for all of the scales and the individual items. Firstly, comparisons of the data from your force with the general working population are presented and comparisons with the Police Service follow.

Scores for the scales on the ASSET survey are reported on a sten scale. This is a normally distributed 1 to 10 scale where the mean (average) score is 5.5 and the standard deviation is 2. Scores in the range 4 to 7 (green area of graph) indicate a response that is *typical* of most other organisations in the comparison group. Scores in the range 1 to 3 or 8 to 10 indicate a response that is more extreme than most organisations. ***Please note that scores in the red area of the graphs are always indicative of poor scores relative to the comparison group.*** The scores reported are not absolute scores, but an indication of how the results fair *relative* to the particular comparison (norm) group.

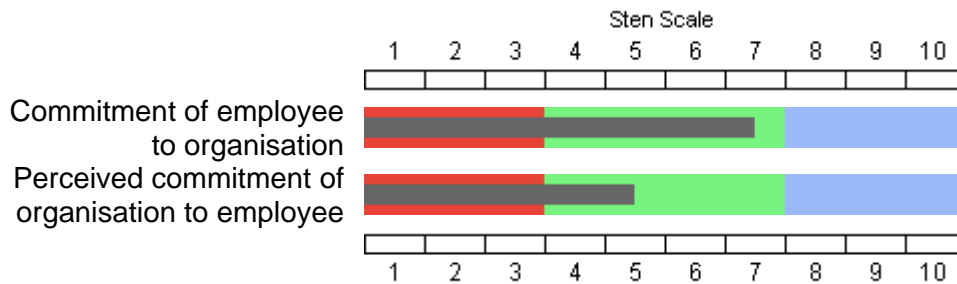
Force: **Thames Valley** (148 respondents)

This data is being compared to the: **General Working Population Norms 2006**

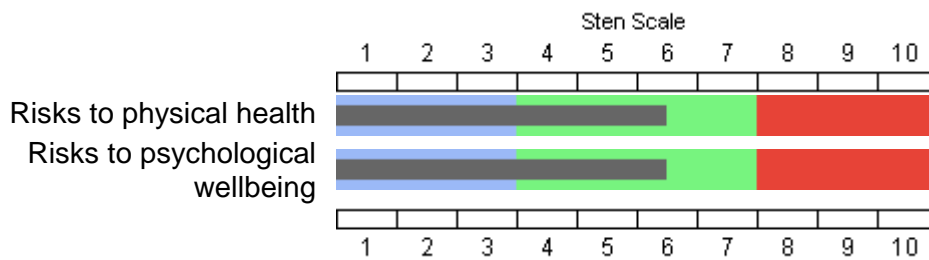
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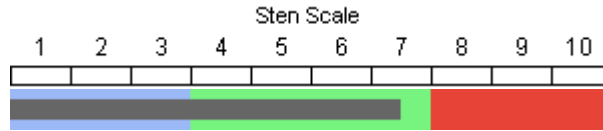


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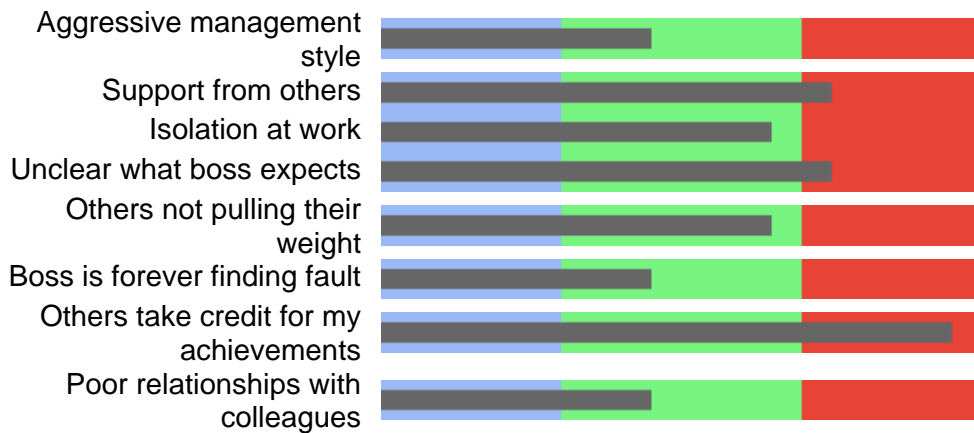


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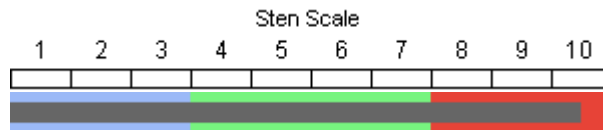


The extent to which work relationships are seen as a source of workplace pressure is similar to most other organisations.

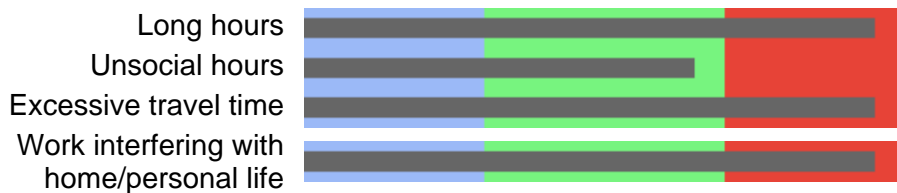


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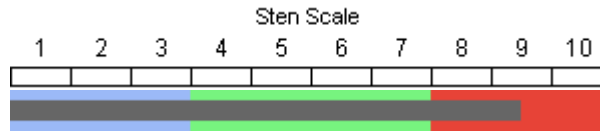


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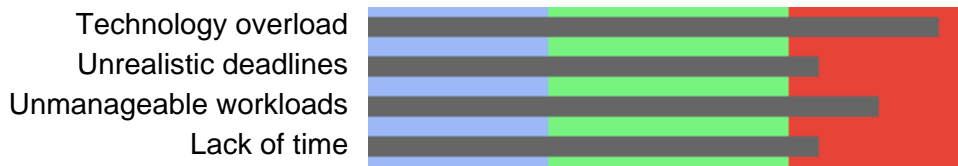


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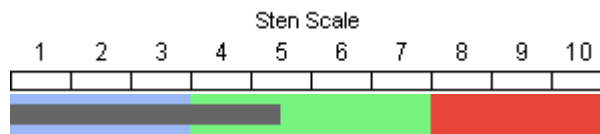


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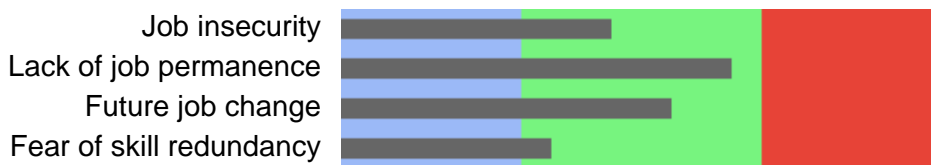


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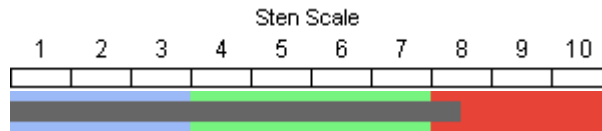


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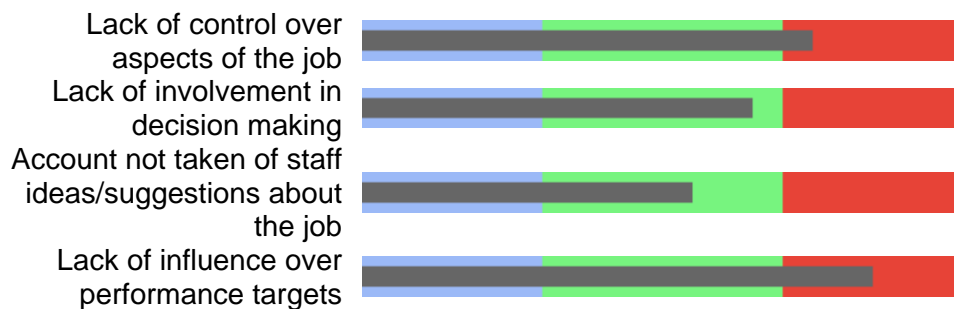


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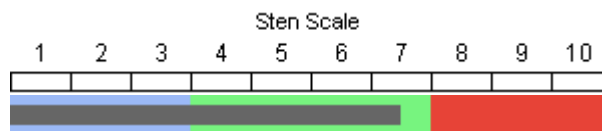


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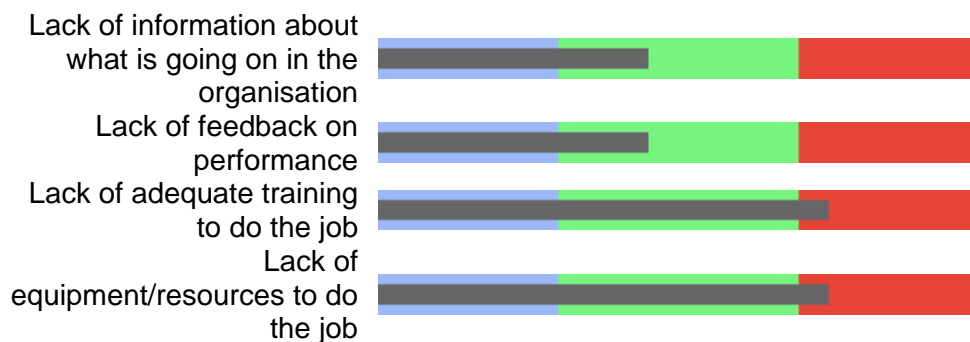


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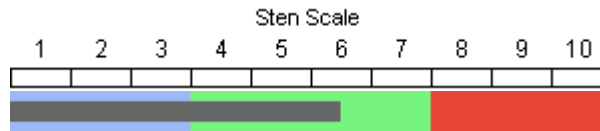


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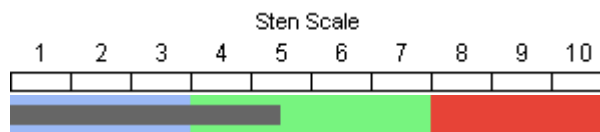


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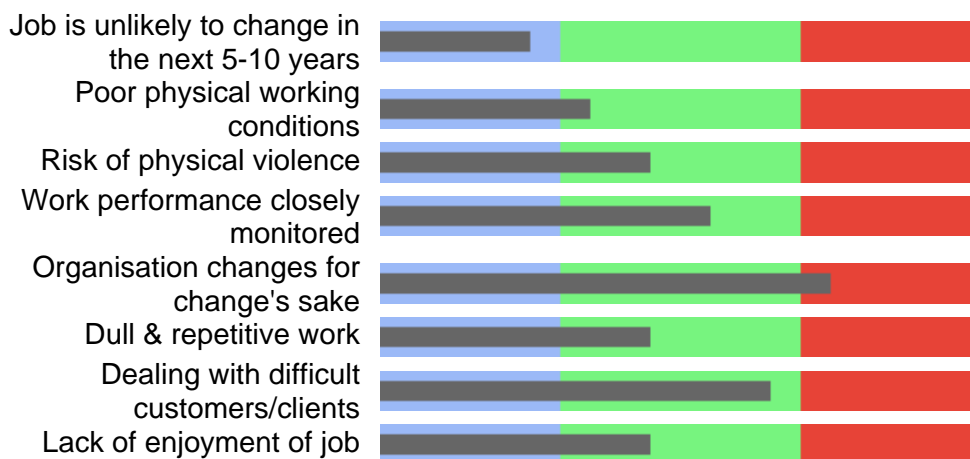


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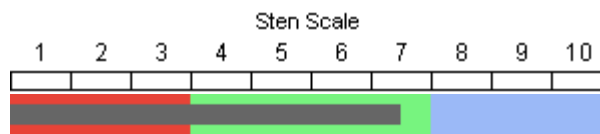


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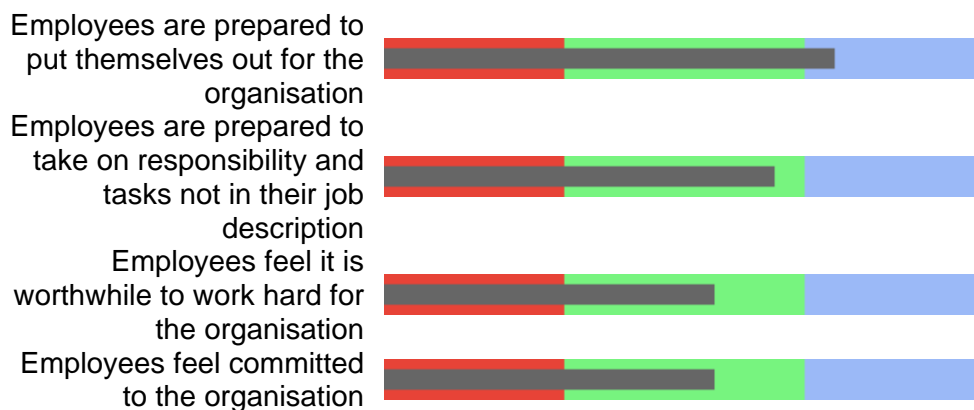


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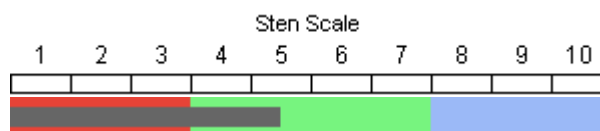


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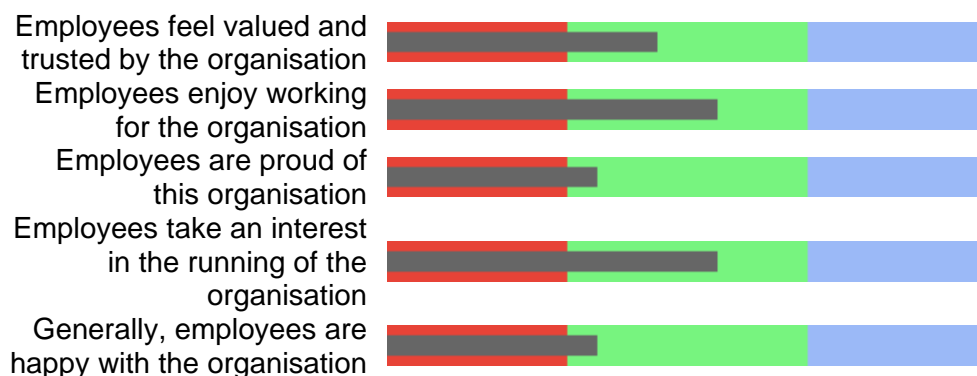


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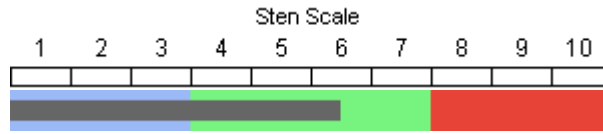


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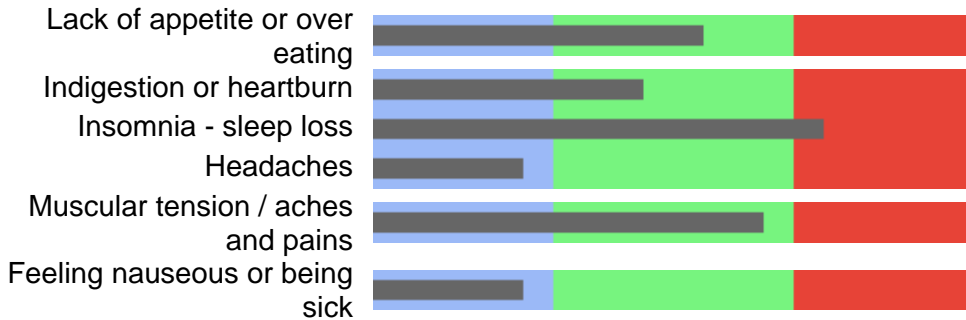


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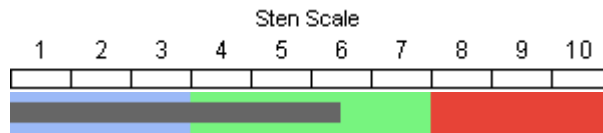


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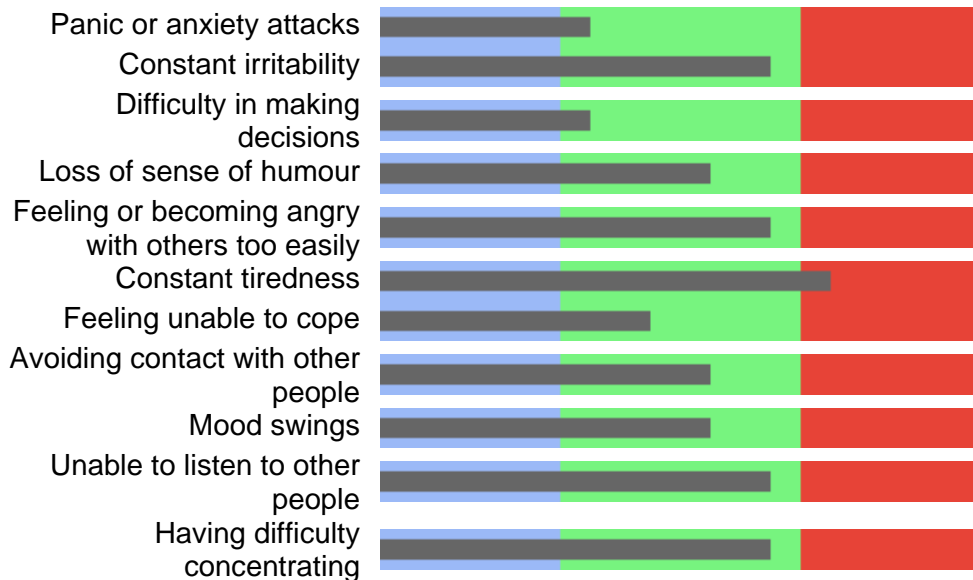


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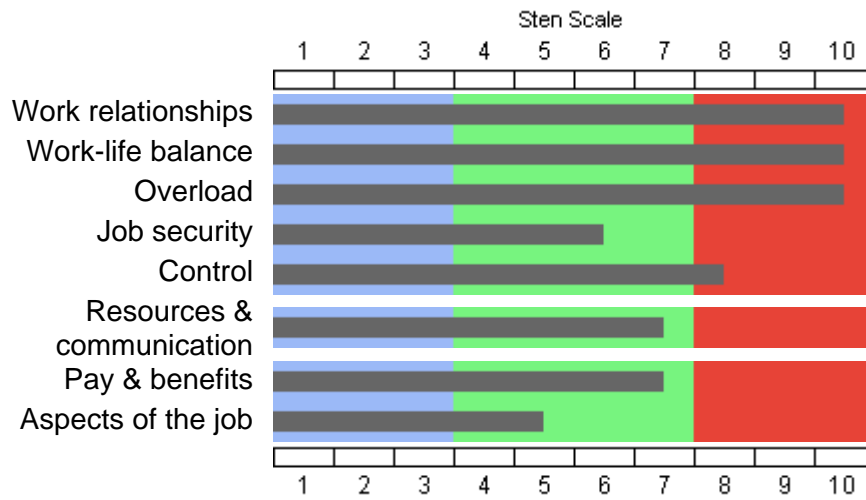
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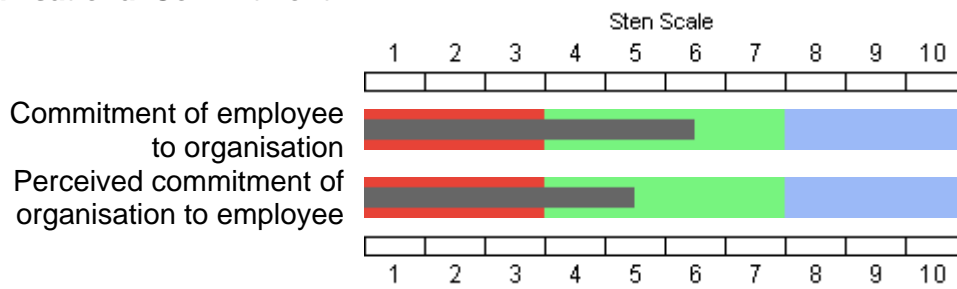
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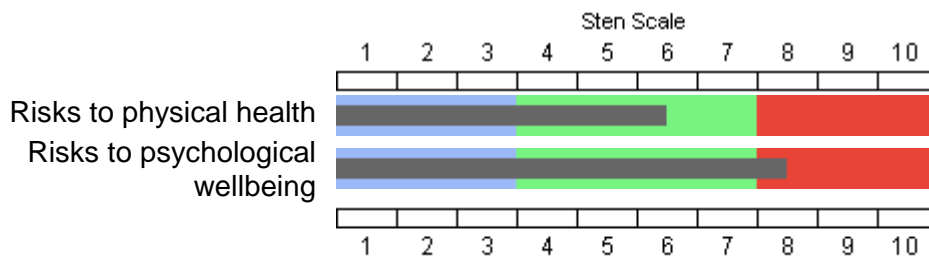
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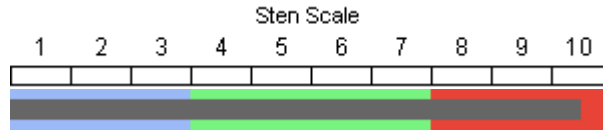


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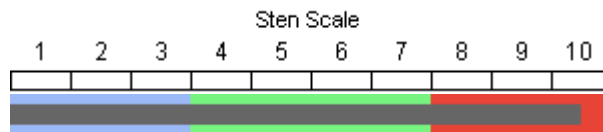


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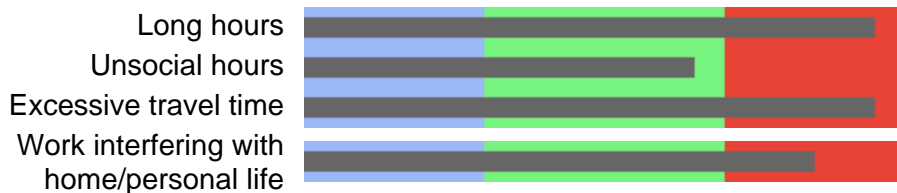


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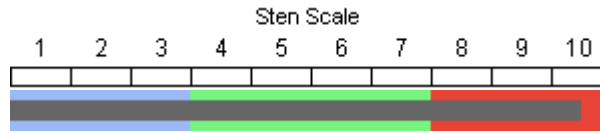


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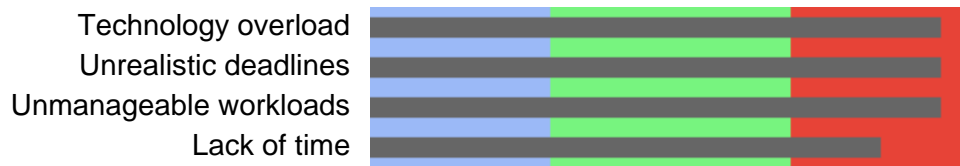


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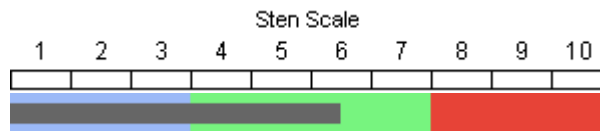


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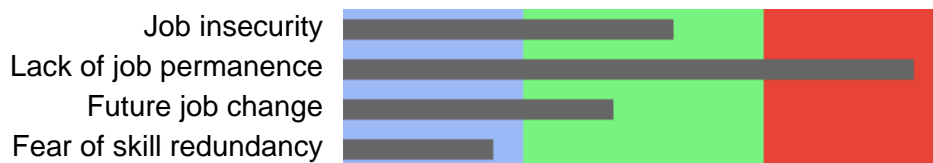


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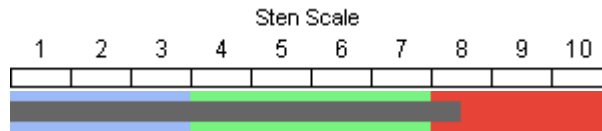


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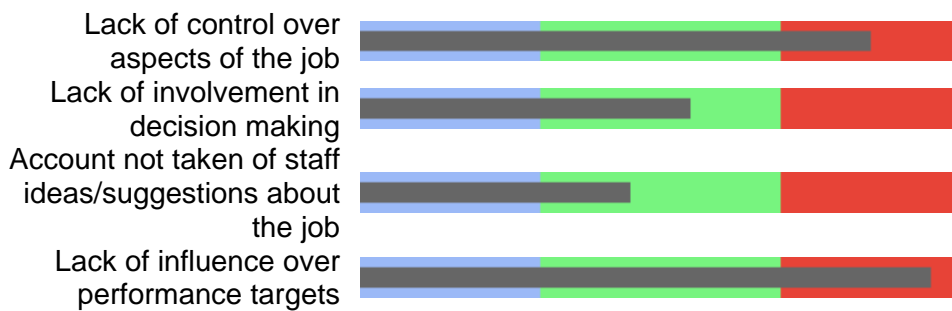


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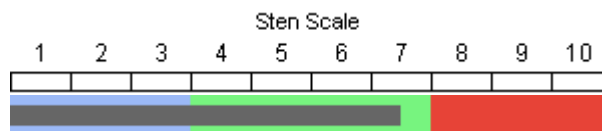


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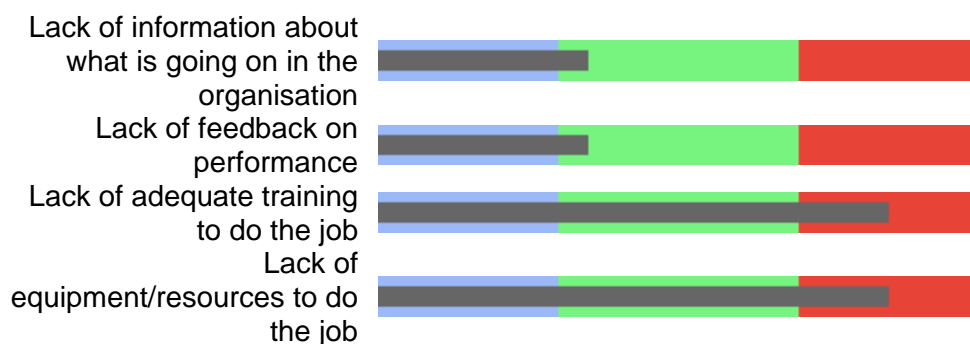


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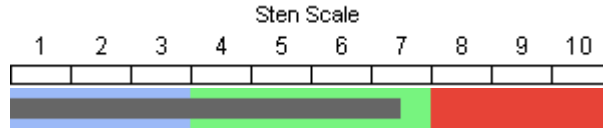


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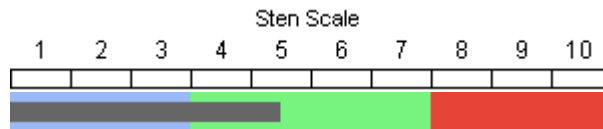


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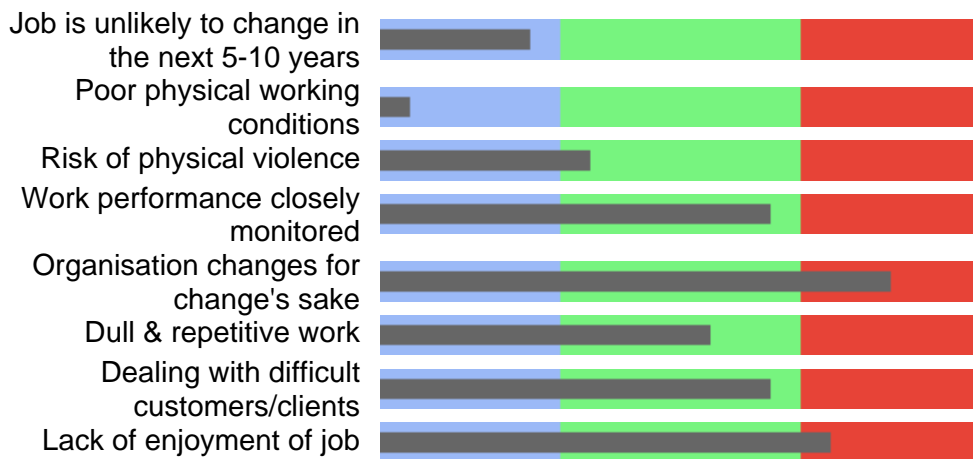


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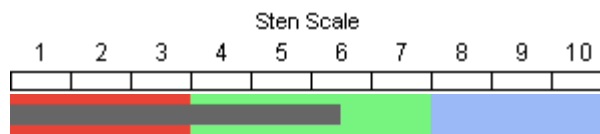


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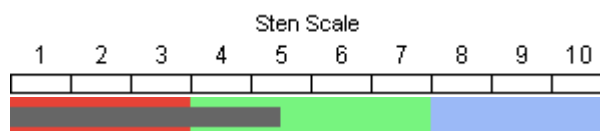


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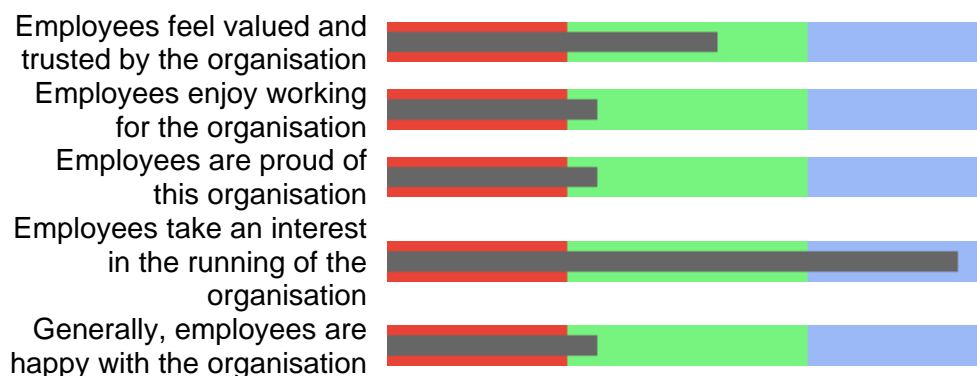


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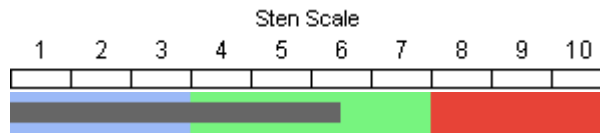


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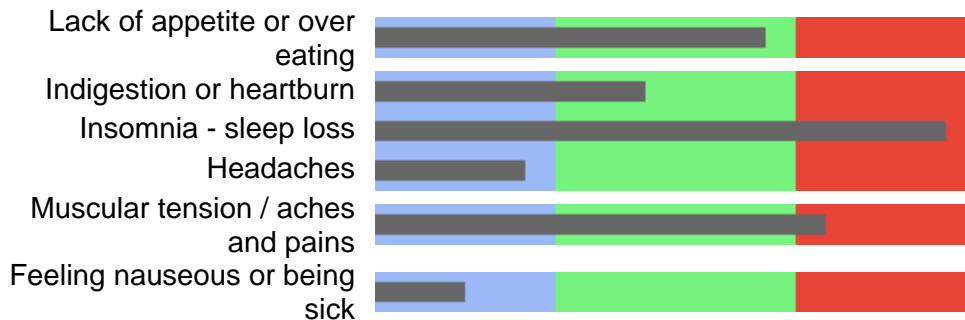


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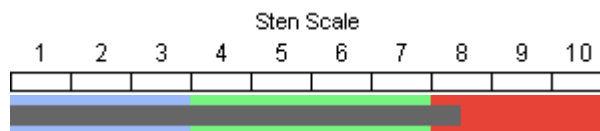


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