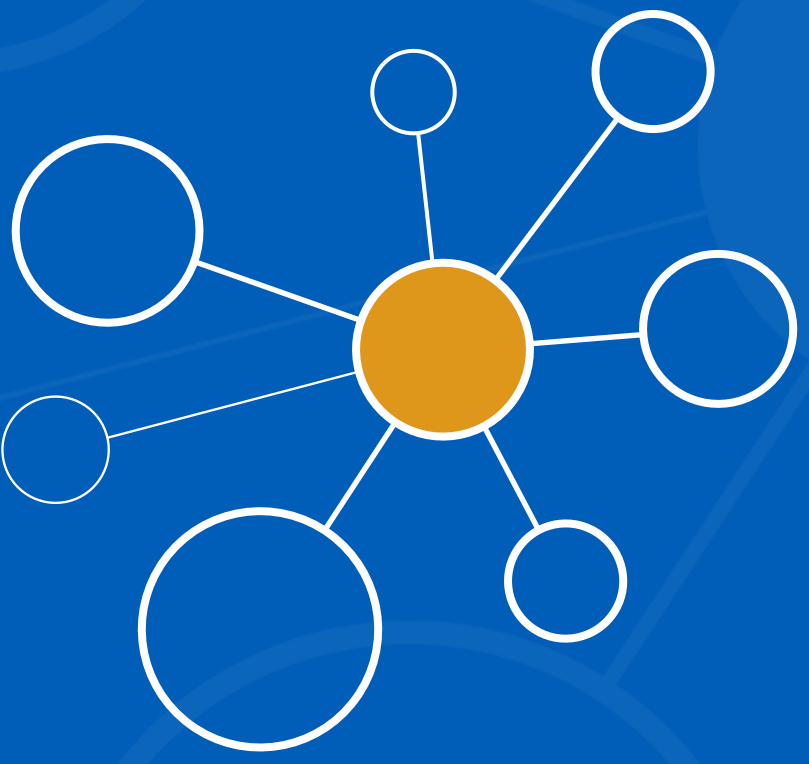




Fostering Collaboration across two NHS Trusts' Research Teams

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Aim

To see an increase in research staff's knowledge and confidence of collaborative working between GHC and GHFT research teams by 25% by March 2026.

Outcome Measure

average knowledge percentage scores

Process Measures

- no. names listed as contacts from other teams
- no. process meetings to discuss collaboration opportunities.
- no. expressions of interest in the three speciality areas.

Balancing Measure

GHFT using GHC pharmacy resources for studies

Background



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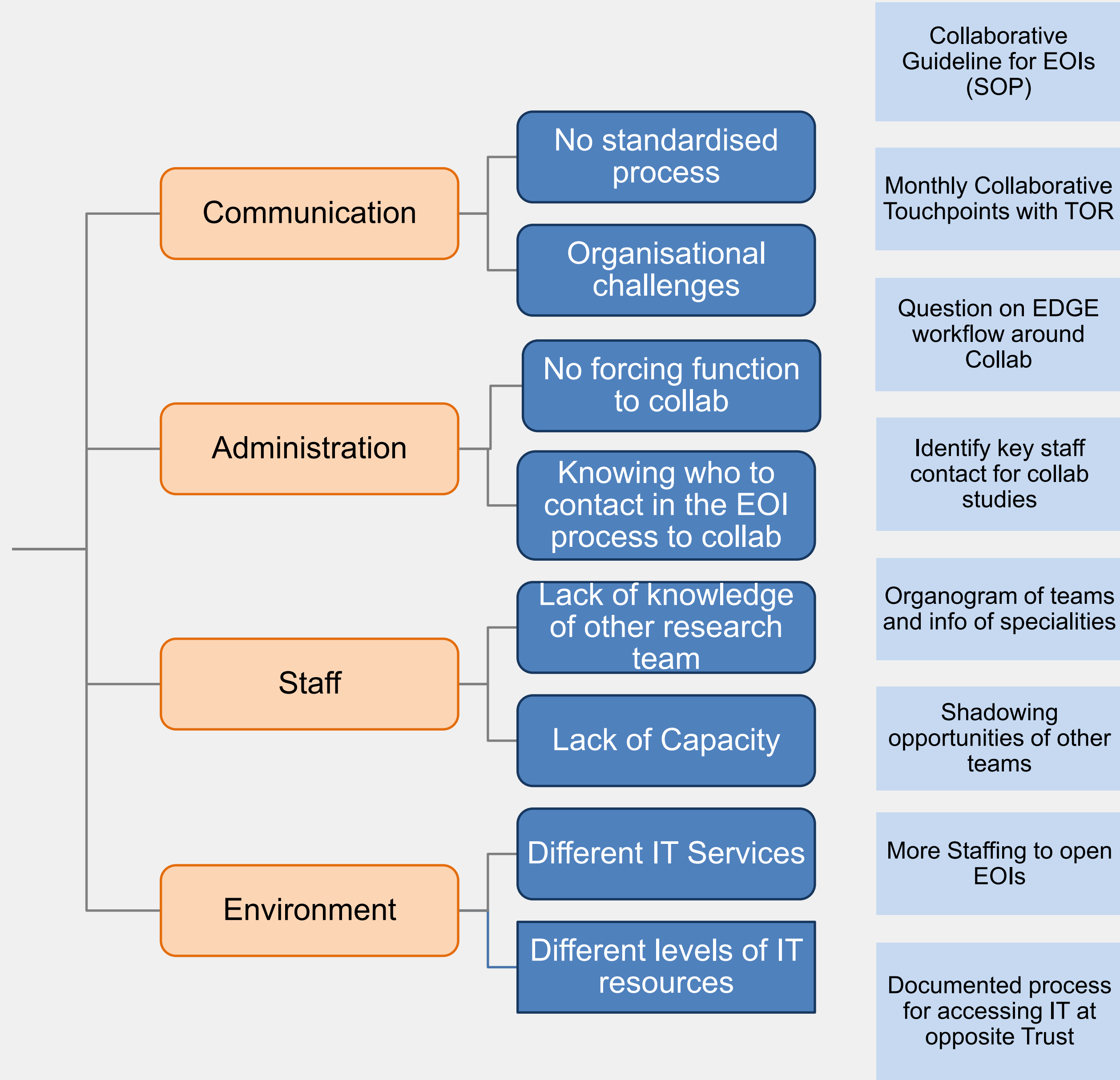


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Historically, GHC and GHFT research teams have not worked collaboratively or had an awareness of each other's processes. This has inhibited our ability to express a joint interest in enough research studies that are relevant for patients across 3 clinical pathways – Cardiovascular, Stroke and Diabetes. These barriers have also affected the 2 Trusts' staff's experience for a variety of reasons.

Driver Diagram

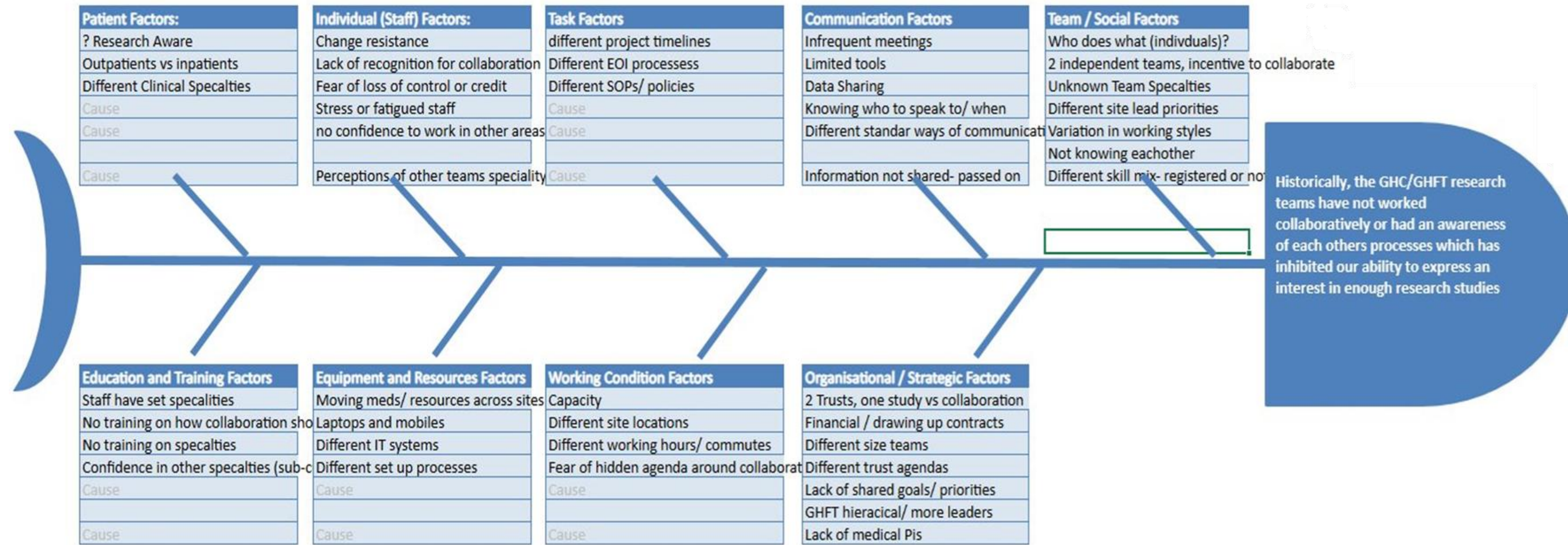
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Results

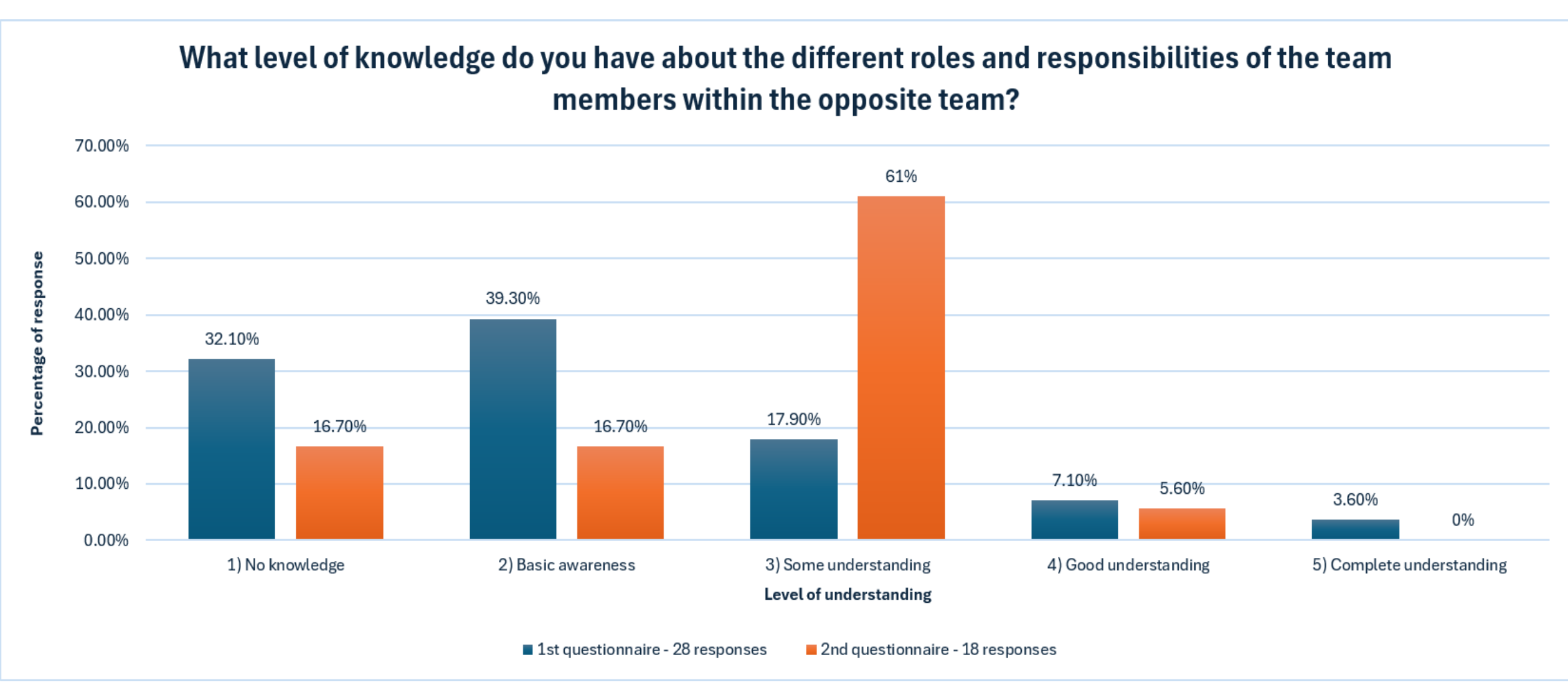
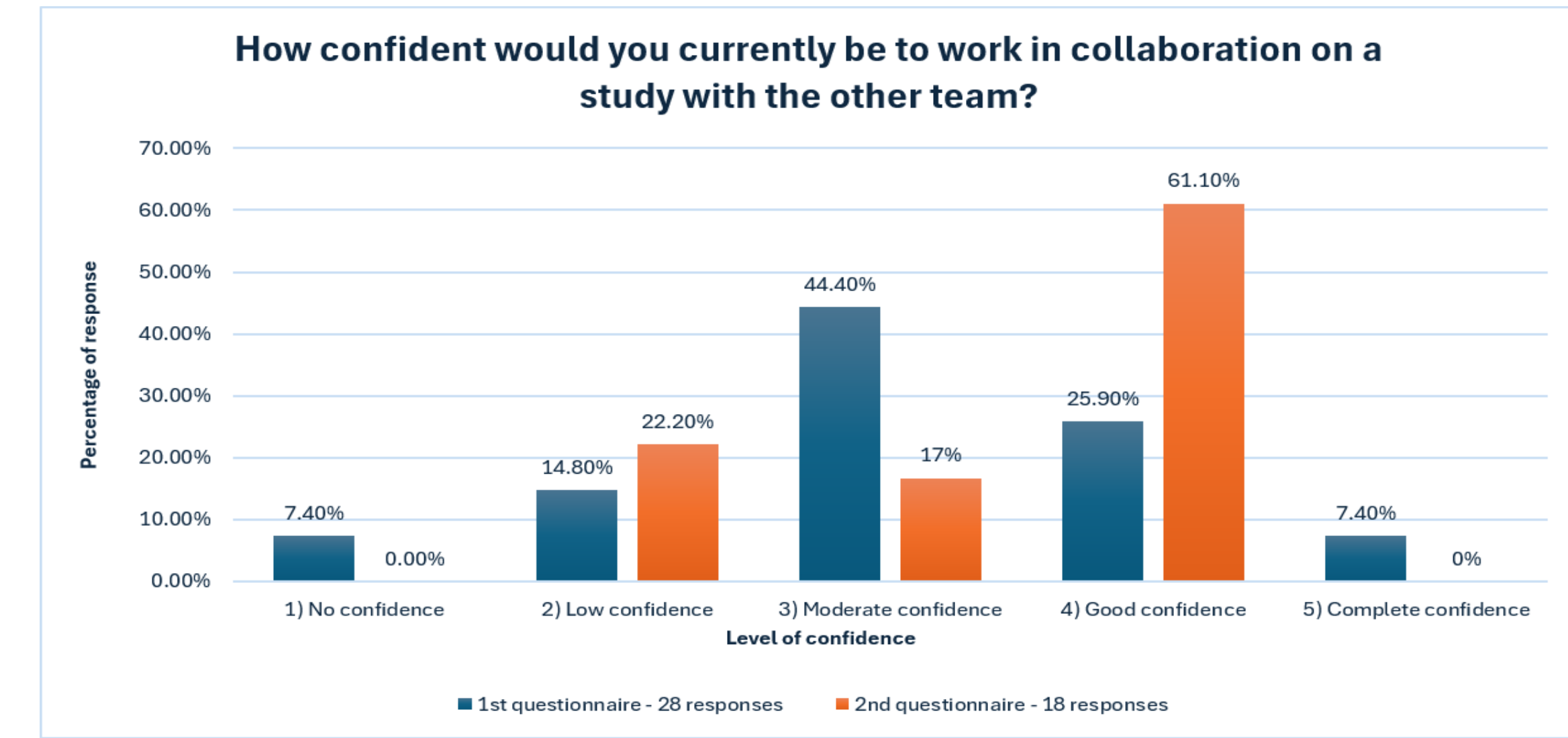
- Attendance to monthly collaboration meetings.
- Increase in named contacts for each NHS Trust.
- An increased use of shared resources.
- An increase in knowledge and confidence.
- A decrease in reported barriers to collaboration.

Fishbone Analysis



Other Benefits

- Upskilling each other's research team on logistical elements, resources and processes.
- Joint meetings with the NIHR to discuss specialty areas and identify links with primary care.
- Sharing information on relevant events to advertise research across clinical pathways.
- Running peer support sessions for delivery staff.
- Across site shadowing to share skills and knowledge of research delivery.
- External and internal networking with key stakeholders within the three speciality areas.



Next Steps

Fostering collaboration across NHS Trusts is both feasible and beneficial. By supporting research staff to work together across organisational boundaries, research delivery can become more consistent, efficient and rewarding - ultimately improving patient access to high-quality clinical research. Next steps - to continue to meet monthly to increase collaboration opportunities and work on addressing other barriers to collaboration.