



Thames Valley Cardiac Arrest Response Pilot

A collaborative approach to saving more lives

Background



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- Developing the Co-Responder partnership with SCAS
- Aligned to the Authority's vision
- Resuscitation Council Guidelines 2015

Project so far

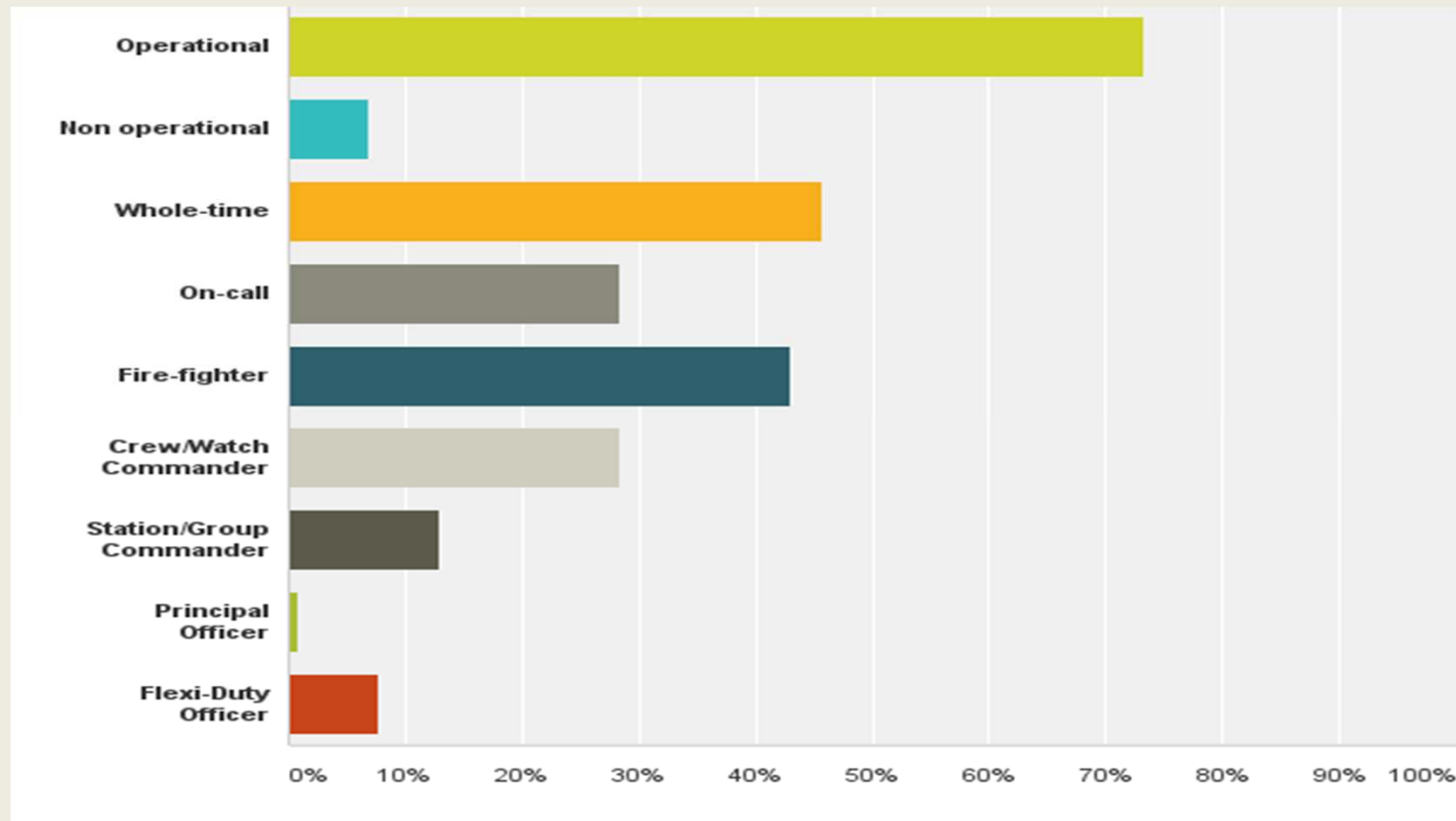


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- Rep Body support
- Staff engagement and consultation
- 118 responses to the on-line survey
- Six month pilot approved

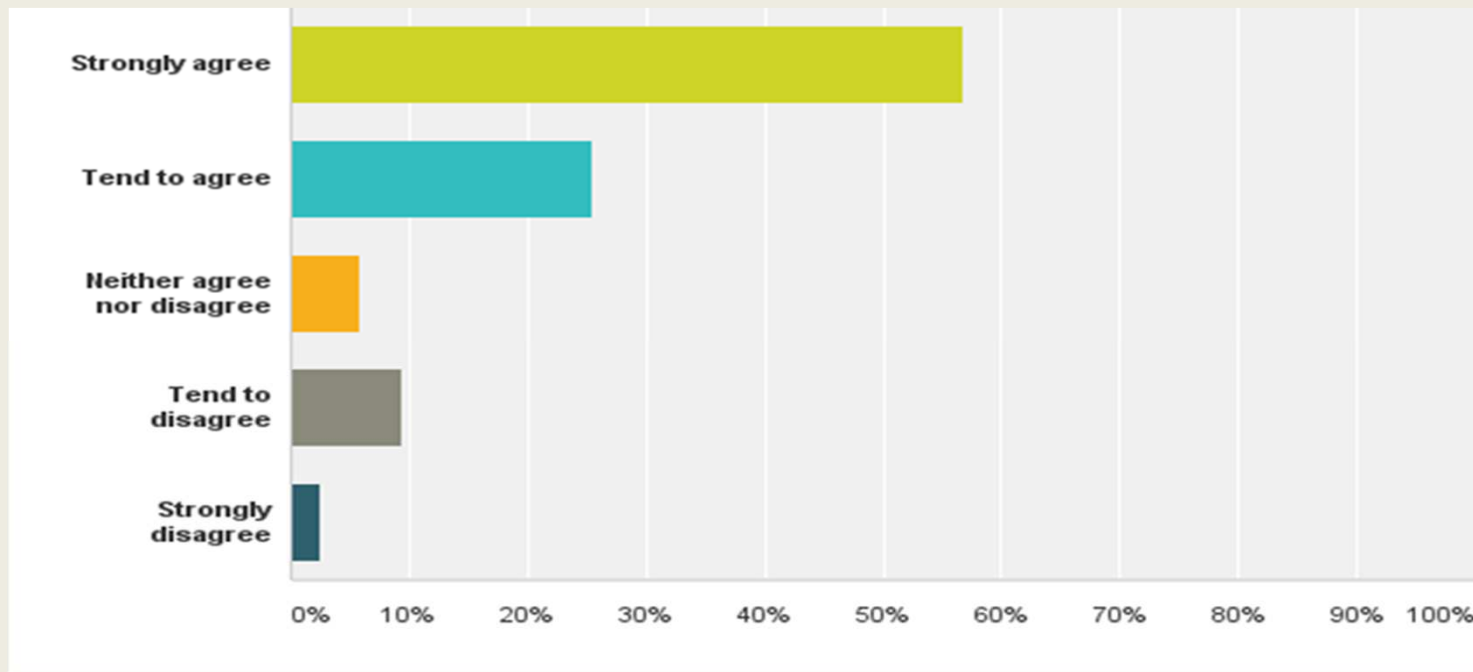


The response was cross-sectional and representative



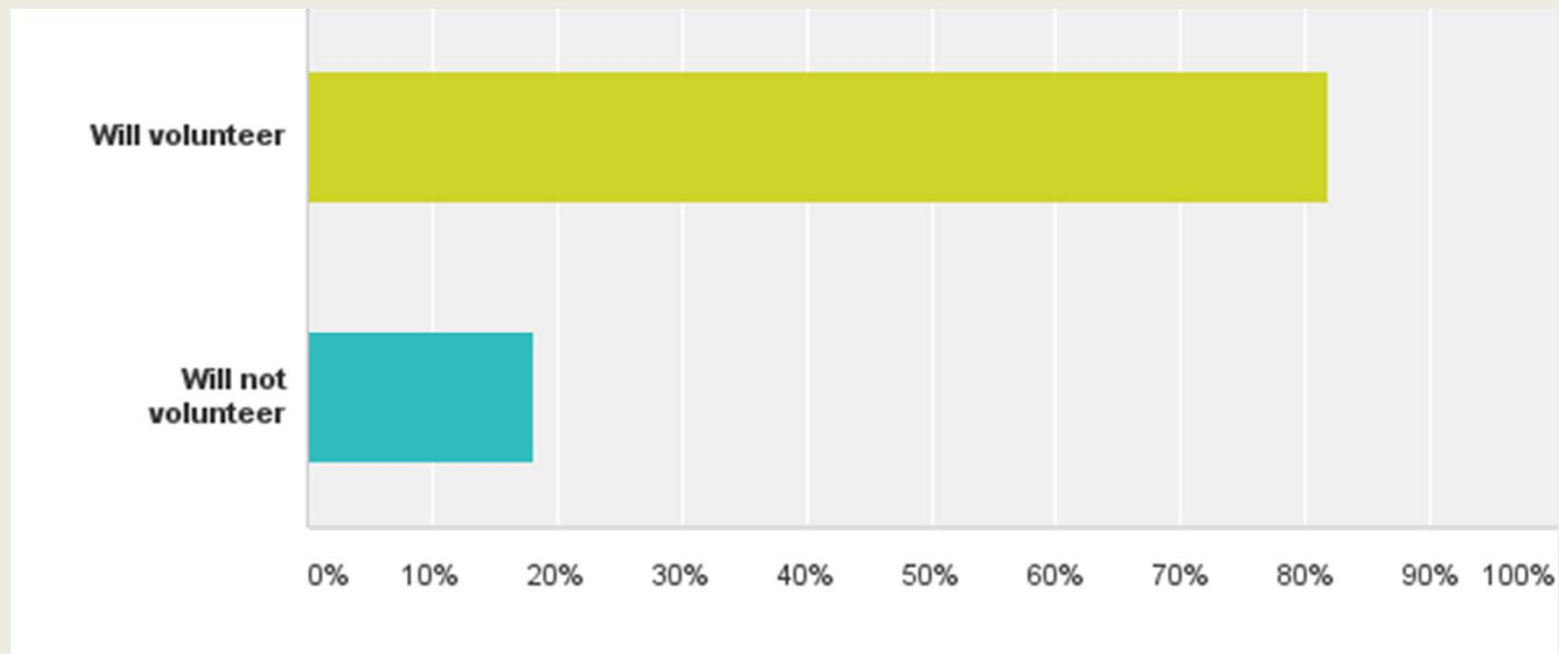


82% agree that there should be a trial to assist South Central Ambulance Service when attending Cardiac Arrest incidents



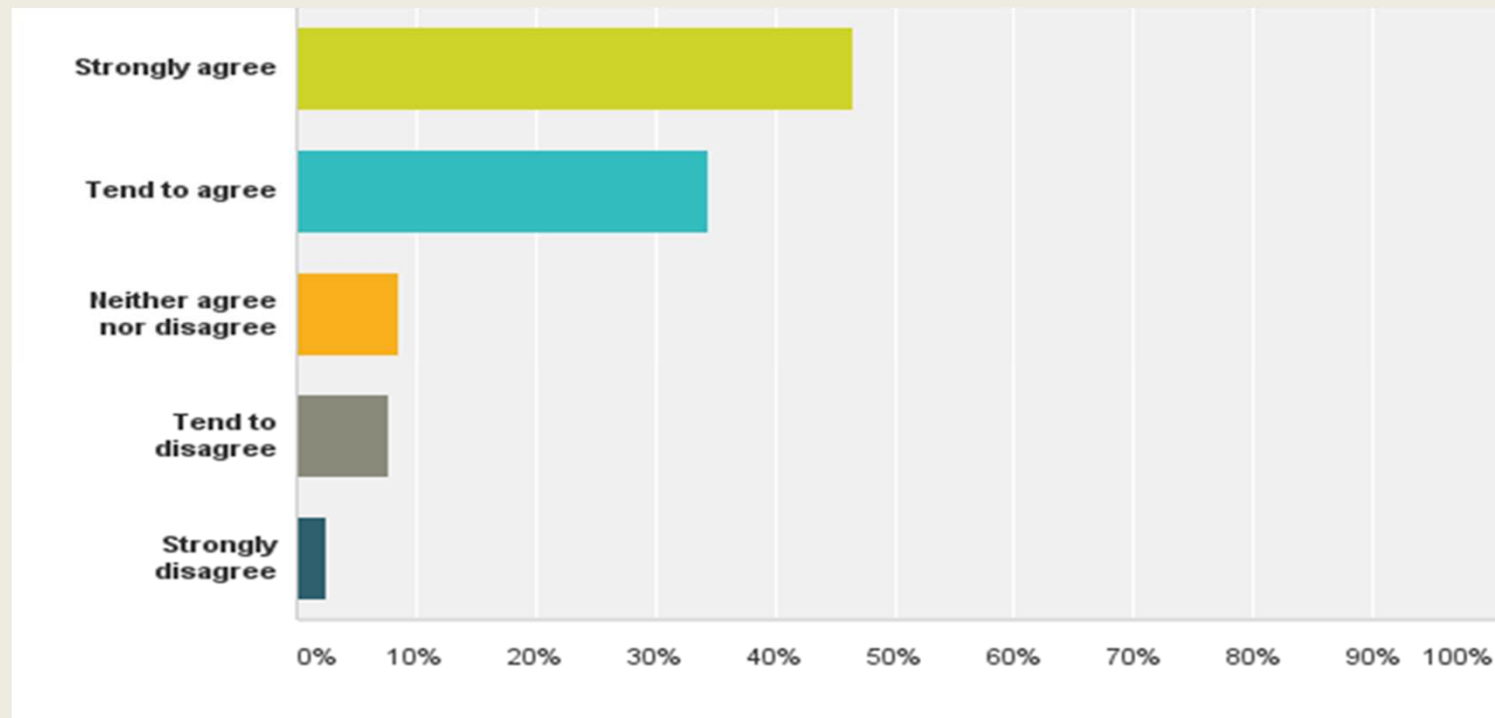


82% would volunteer to take part in a Service-wide trial to attend Cardiac Arrest incidents in partnership with South Central Ambulance Service



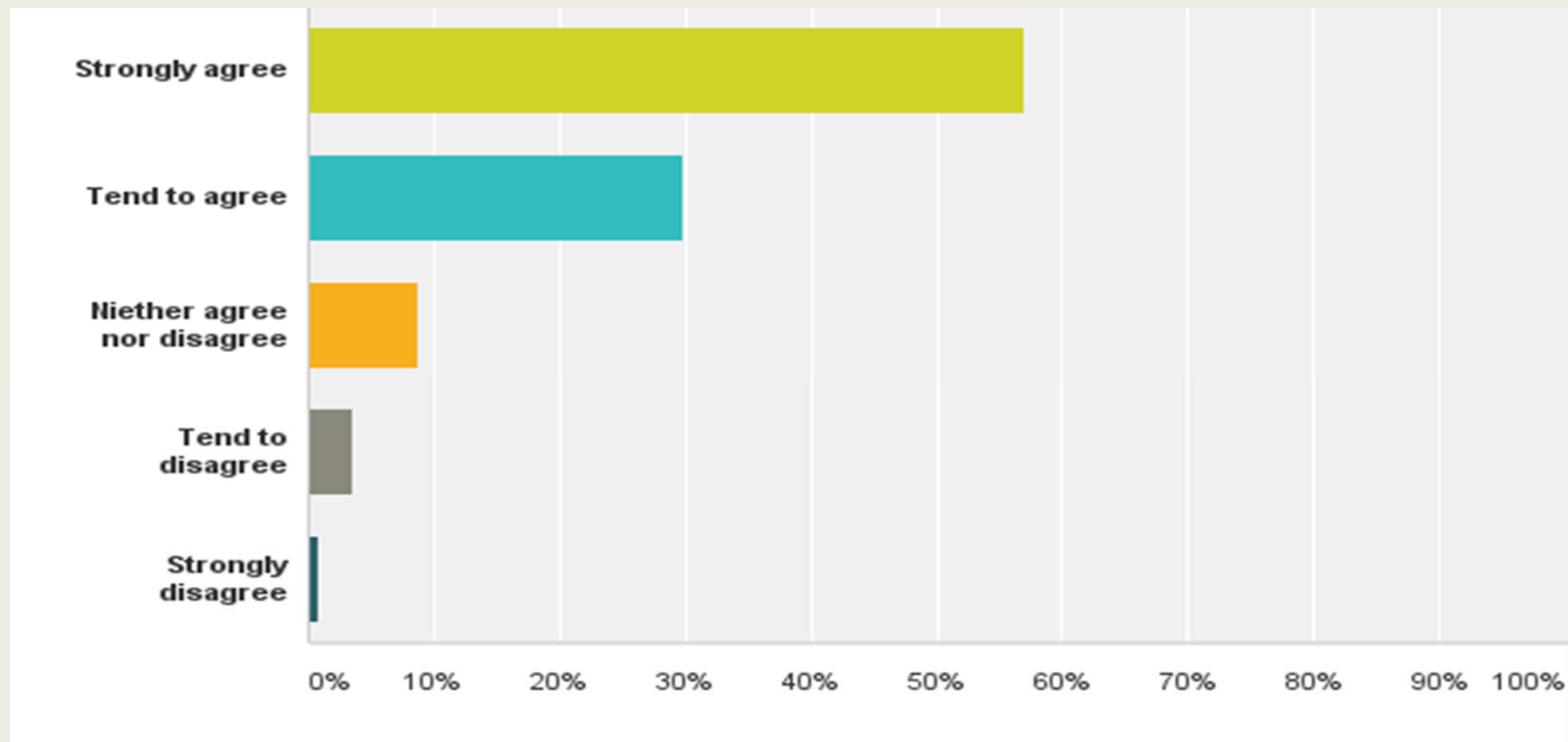


81% of crews agree that they have the required basic skills to make an intervention at a Cardiac Arrest incident before the arrival of an Ambulance.





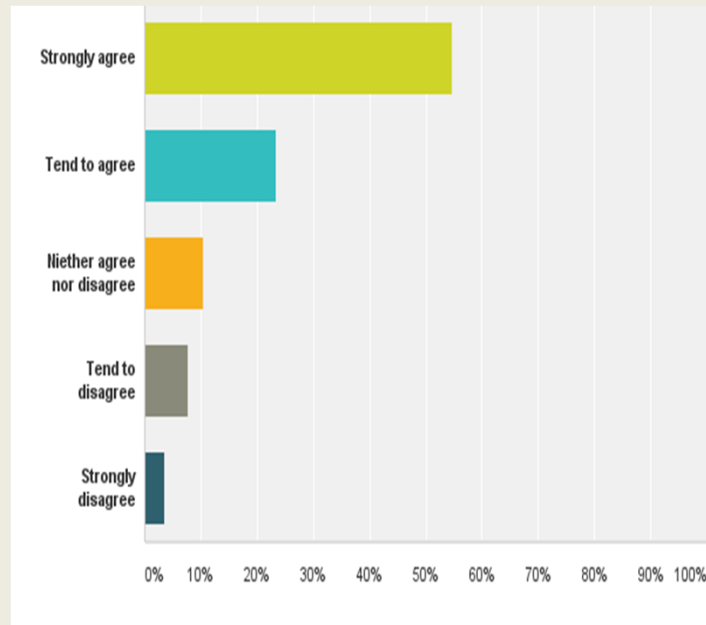
87% of respondents agree that our appliances carry the basic essential equipment required to make an intervention at a Cardiac Arrest incident before the arrival of an Ambulance.



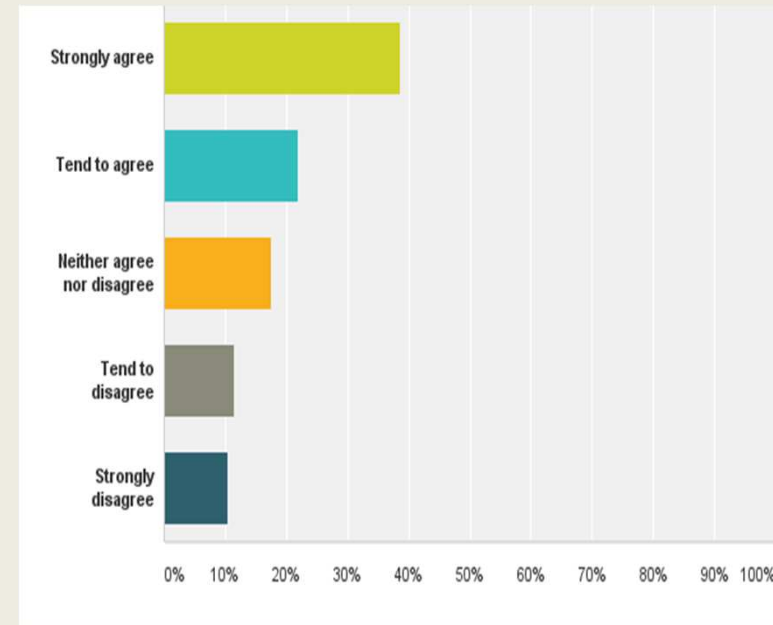


There was also support for an Officer scheme and Support Services employees being involved

Officer scheme



Support Services scheme



Staff Comments



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“This is a fantastic opportunity for BMKFRS to add another string to our bow, and show our willingness to adapt and move with the times of the modern fire service. If we can save more lives and ease the pressure on the Ambulance service it has to be a good thing”

“This will save people’s lives, as fire-fighters we are here to save lives and this is another opportunity to do this in our community”

Next steps



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- A new Memorandum Of Understanding
- Collate list of BFRS volunteers
- Enhanced DBS
- Robust refresher training to SCAS agreed standard
- Commence trial in Q2 2016

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- A Service-wide response to the most serious incidents that SCAS face
- Expansion of Co-Responder schemes across Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes
- Improved mobilisation to Co-Responder incidents
- Enhanced and standardised equipment
- The Immediate Emergency Care Qualification



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Questions