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coaching, coach identity and coach development, coaching competences, supervision and coaching ethics. The Centre also provides continuous professional development and supervision for coaches across the world. You can join the Henley Centre for Coaching and access our research, resources, supervision and bi-monthly webinars.

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Europe and beyond, for the benefit of society. EMCC International is a council made up of countries providing coaching and mentoring membership in affiliated countries. Direct membership is available globally where an affiliation does not exist. The EMCC was founded in 1992 by David Clutterbuck, David Megginson, Bob Garvey, Kim Langridge, Julie Hay, Eric Parsloe and Sir John Whitmore.

As of 2018, it has affiliations in 25 countries: Belgium, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. The EMCC provides course accreditation, alongside individual accreditation for coaches, mentors and supervisors.

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Introduction

This report provides an overview of the UK results from *The State of Play in European Coaching & Mentoring (2017)* research project, and compares these with the results from England, Wales, Scotland and Europe (excluding the UK).

Research methodology

The aim of the research project was to extend beyond traditional institutional networks and the main European languages (English, French, German and Spanish), to provide a more inclusive research study, recognising the equal value of all European countries, languages and cultures, and of the different professional bodies and institutions.

The research questions were designed by the researchers in collaboration with the EMCC, and were adapted during the development phase. For each country, a research partner or team was identified and a National Research Lead was consulted on whether the survey should be translated, and which language(s) should be used. The National Research Leads led the translation process, which involved initial translation and an independent review.

The survey was launched on 1 March 2017 in 31 languages, ranging from English, Spanish, Portuguese, French and German, to regional and less well-known languages, including Catalan and Serbian.

The survey was publicised through established coaching federations and management bodies, as well as online through social media interest groups. In total, approximately 100 organisations committed to sharing the research link with their members or to publishing details of the research on their website.

Participants took, on average, 25 minutes to complete the questionnaire.



The development of coaching in the UK

Coaching development in the UK has progressed since the 1980s, becoming a popular HR practice from the early 2000s. Since that date, both the use of coaching and coach training has grown in scale and scope. This is evidenced by the growth in the number of training providers, the length of coach training courses, the development of university coach training programmes and a growth in the membership of professional coaching bodies.

Since 2006, coaching supervision has become a recognised practice and is encouraged by all of the main professional coaching bodies that operate in the UK: European Mentoring and Coaching Council (EMCC); Association for Coaching (AC); International Coach Federation (ICF); World Association of Business Coaches (WABC); and Association of Professional Executive Coaches and Supervisors (APECS).

In addition to the above there are a number of sizable coaching sub-groups within bodies such as the British Psychological Society (BPS) and the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).

Membership for the professional bodies fluctuates, but in Summer 2017 membership of the three largest bodies in the UK was:

3,400 – Association for Coaching

1,400 – International Coach Federation

1,050 – European Mentoring and Coaching Council

Current hot topics in UK coaching practice include:

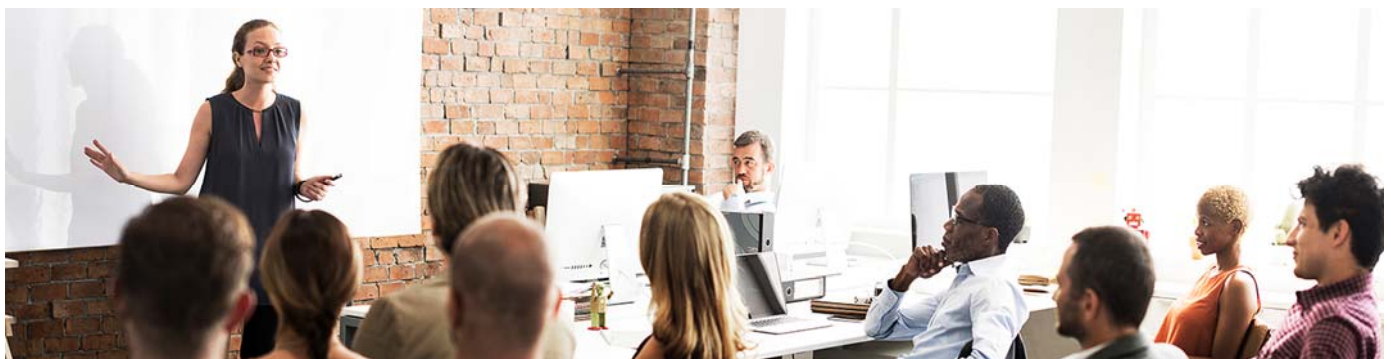
Neuroscience coaching – understanding the brain and its impact on human and leadership development

Mindfulness coaching – how coaches can use mindfulness in their personal coaching practice and with their clients

Acceptance and Commitment coaching – a third wave cognitive behavioural approach.

Mentoring too has developed since the 1980s and is generally seen as a non-chargeable activity, and is most often conducted within organisations as part of a wider HR strategy, with more senior employees mentoring junior talent.

As in other countries, within the UK there is a wide number of providers of coach and mentoring training. Private providers are generally accredited by one of the professional bodies, including: Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM), Chartered Management Institute (CMI), ICF, AC and EMCC. There is also a number of university programmes at institutions such as the University of East London, Oxford Brookes University, Sheffield Hallam University, the University of South Wales and Henley Business School, University of Reading.



Biographical information

In total, 951 participants completed the online questionnaire from the UK; England (708), Scotland (74), Wales (150) and Northern Ireland (19). In some cases, we show the data for each separately. As with all research, not all participants responded to all the questions.

Diagram 1: Gender of respondents

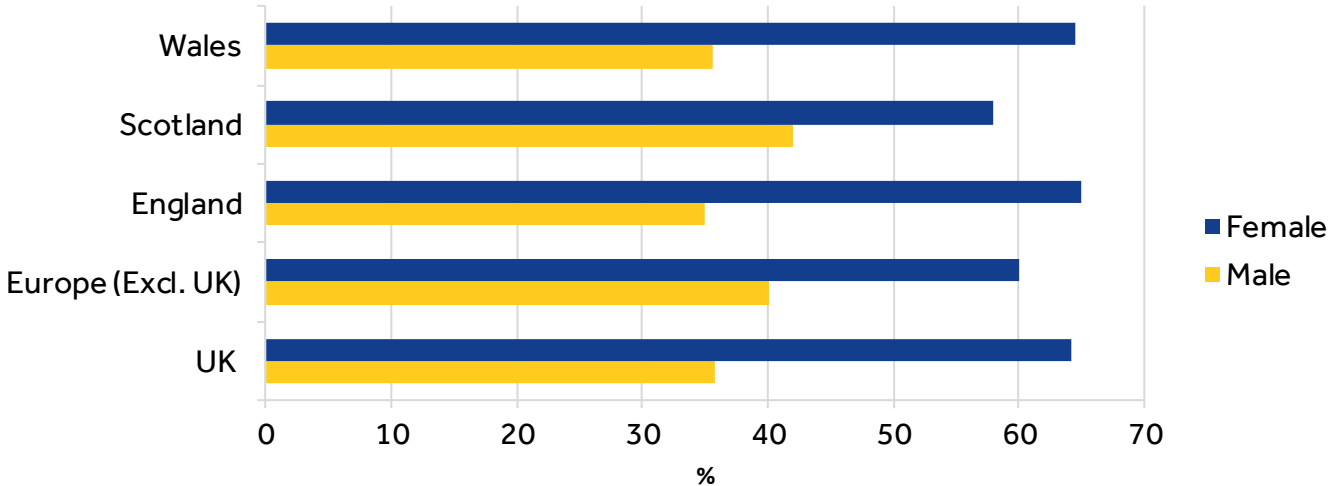
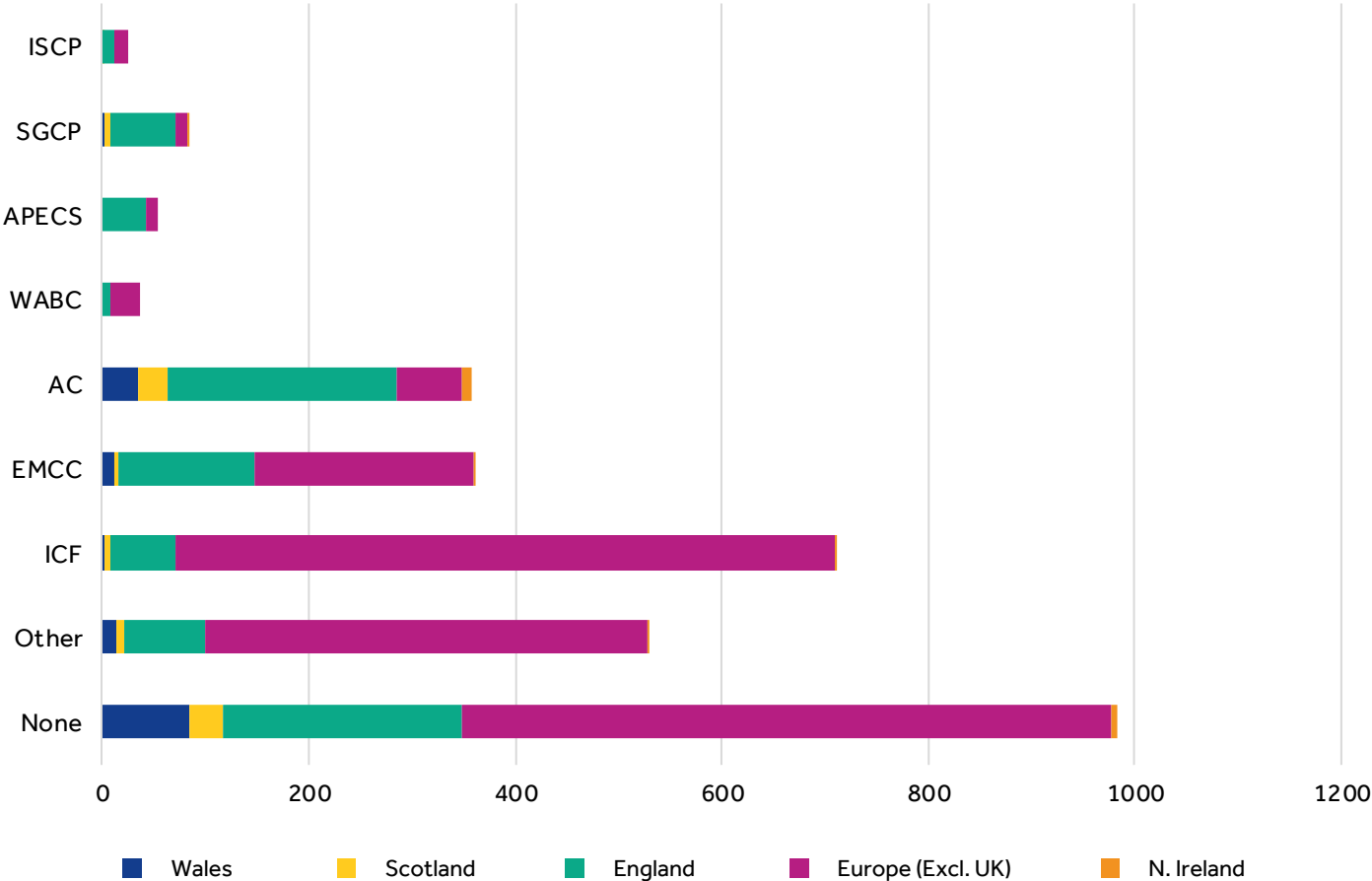


Diagram 2: Membership of professional coaching associations

Q1.6 Which coaching and mentoring bodies are you a member of?



Coaching practice

Diagram 3: Proportion of working time coaches spent delivering coaching

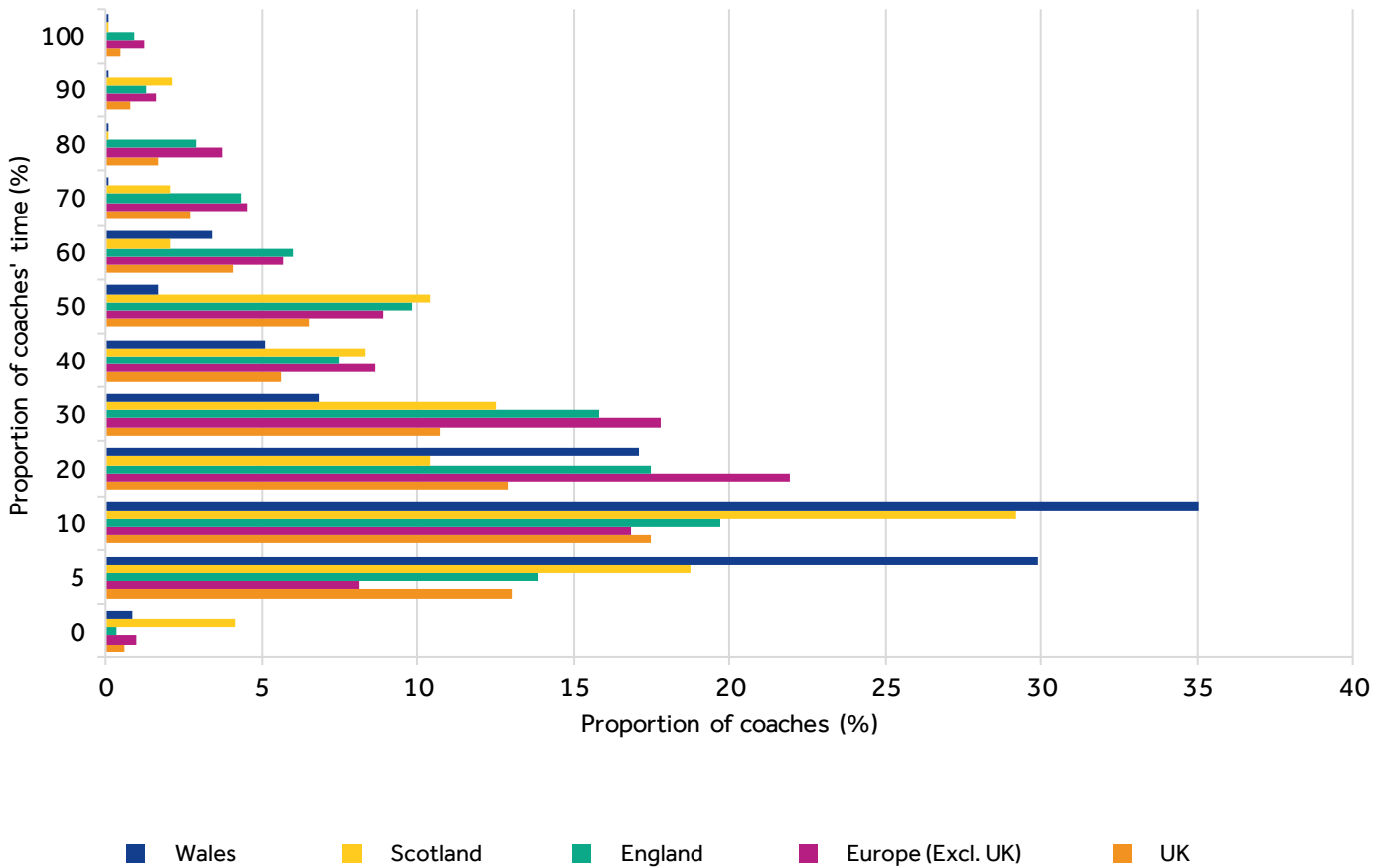
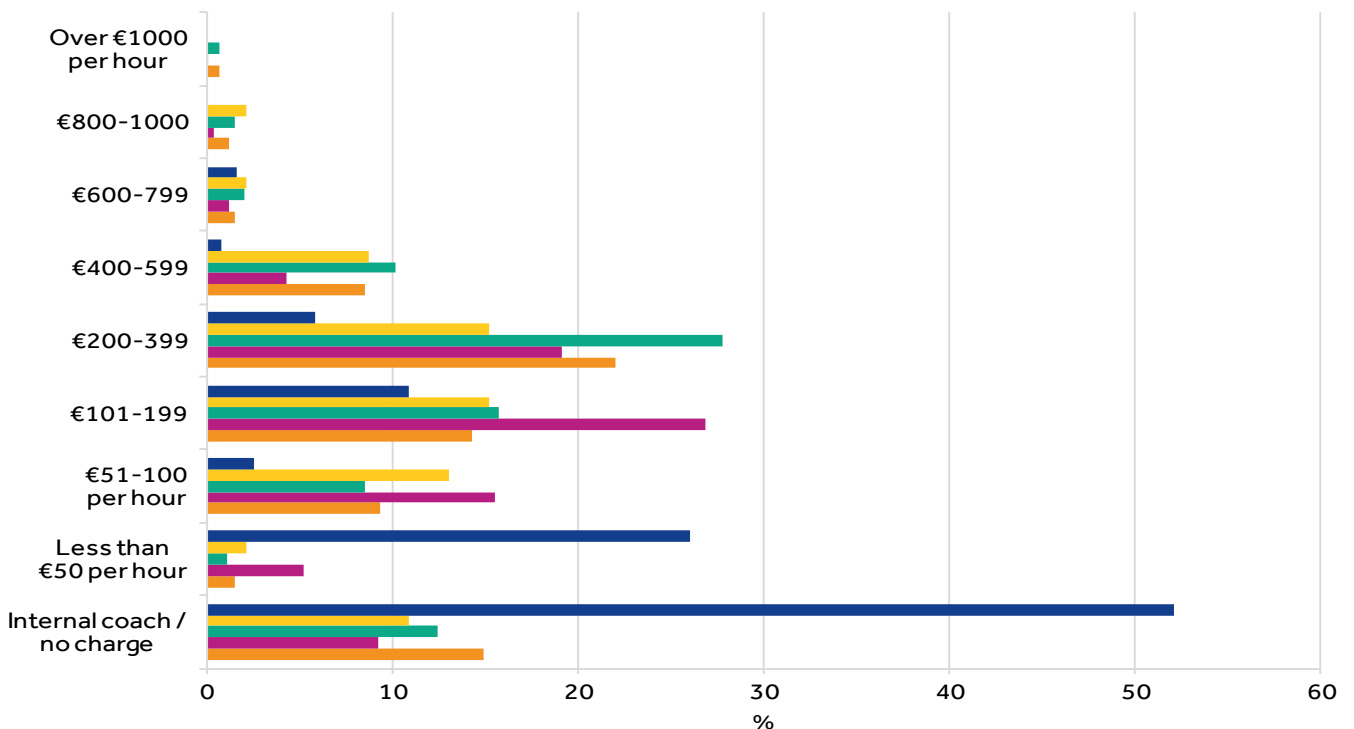


Diagram 4: Hourly fee rates: Corporate funded coaching in the UK

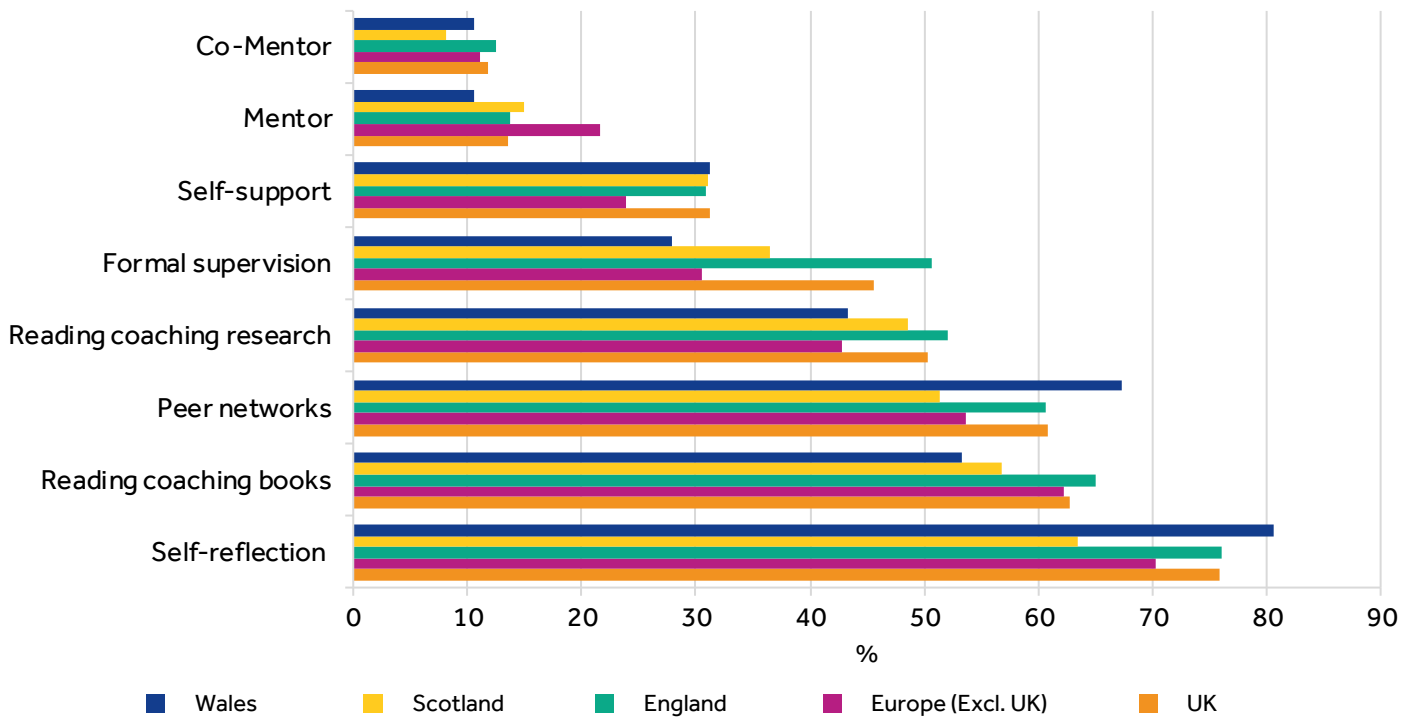
Q5.6 Fee rates for corporate clients



Reflective practice and supervision

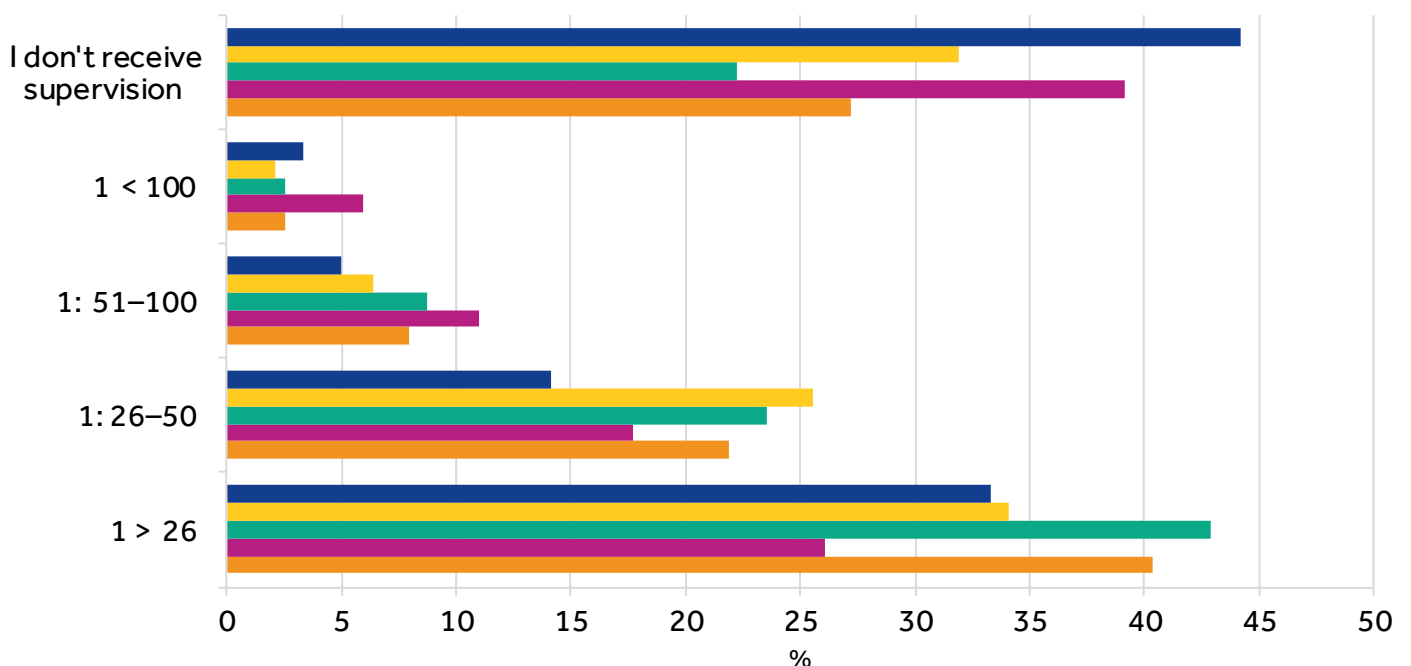
Diagram 5: Methods of reflection

Q6.1 What methods do you use to reflect on your practice?
(You can select more than one option)



**Diagram 6: Frequency of supervision
(based on ratio of 1 hour of supervision per X hours of coaching)**

Q6.4 How often do you receive formal coaching supervision?



Continuous professional development

Diagram 7: Time invested in CPD

Q7.1 How do you divide your working time?

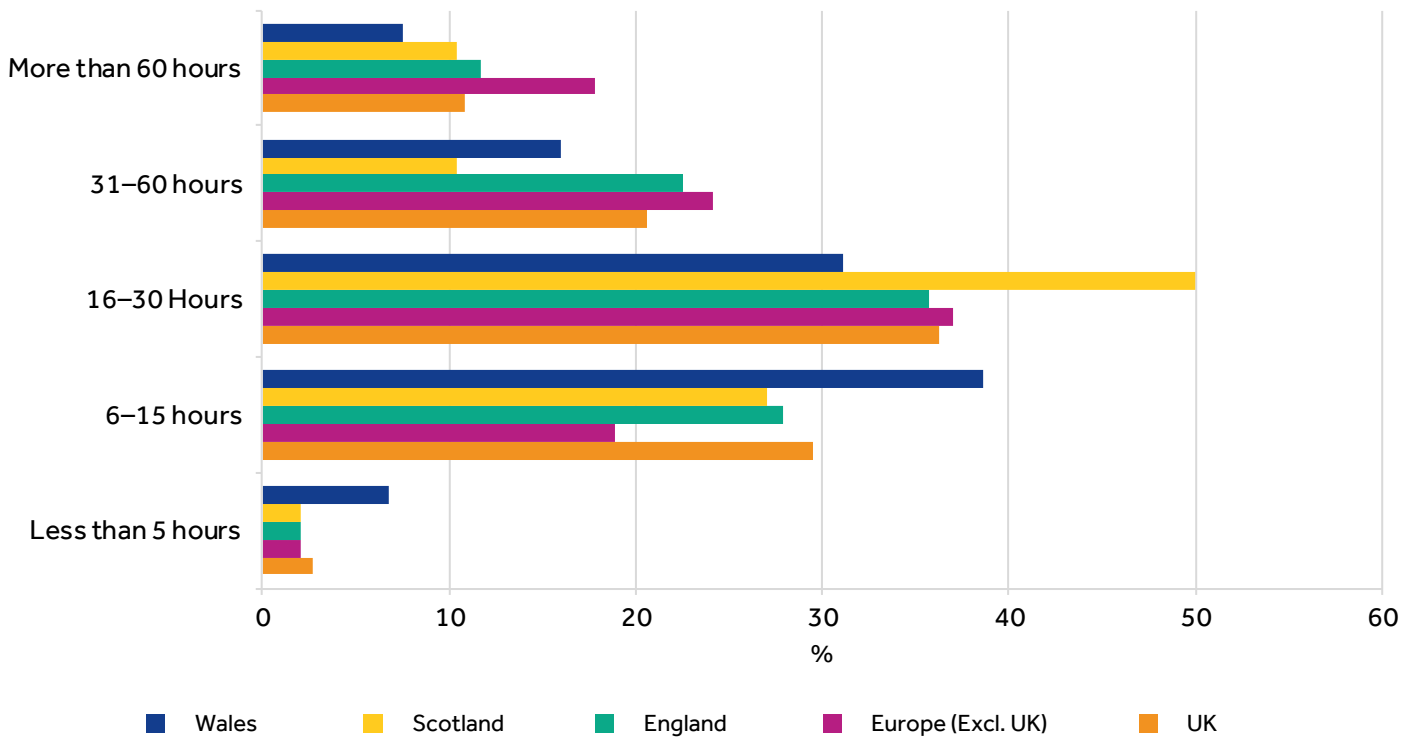
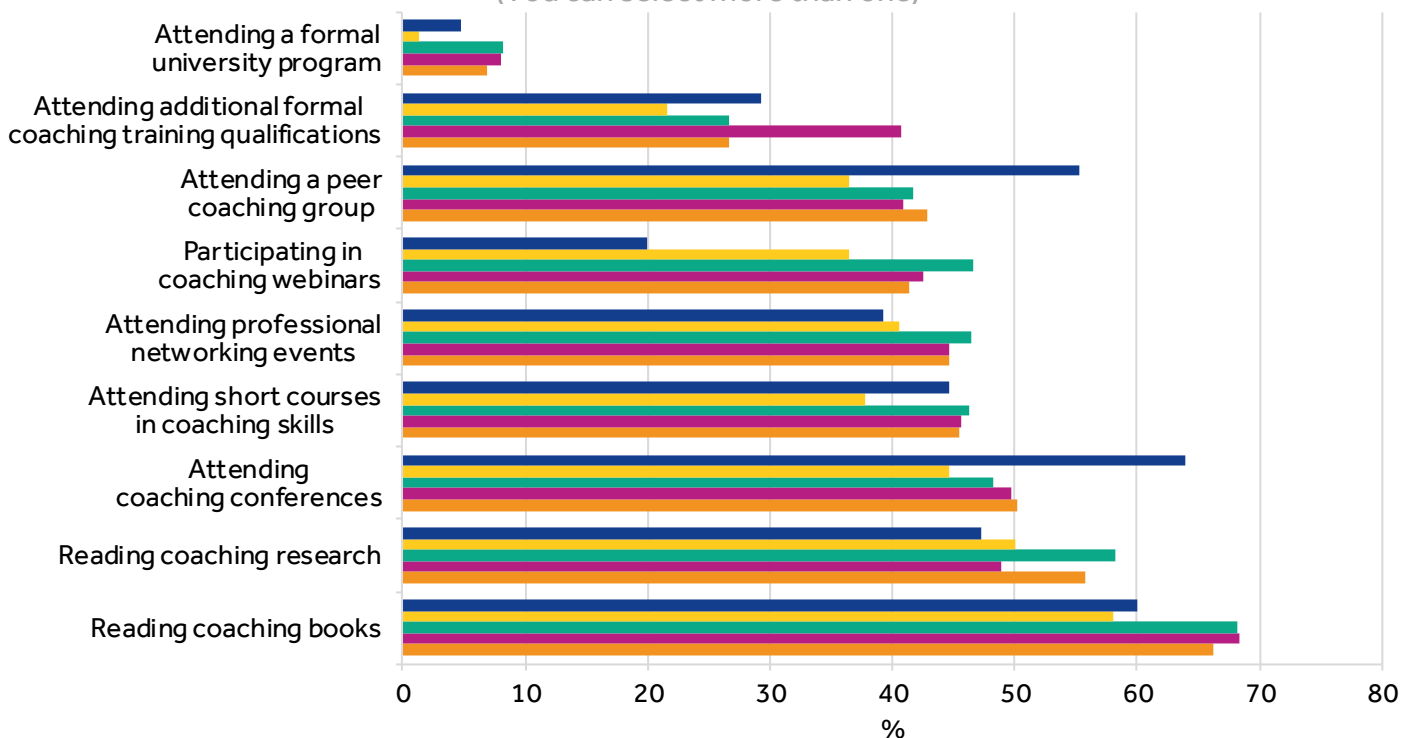


Diagram 8: Keeping up to date

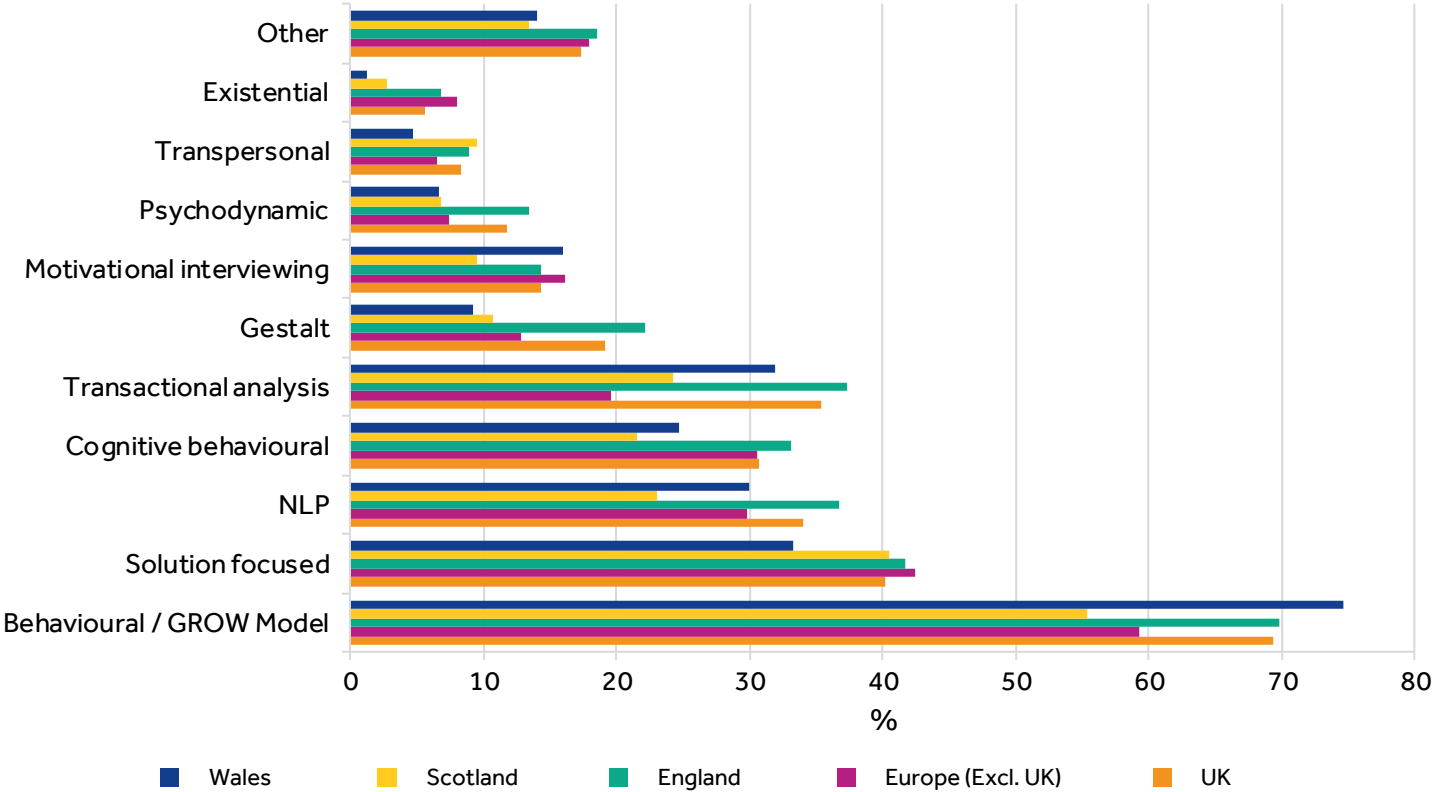
Q7.2 How do you keep up to date in your coaching practice?
(You can select more than one)



Conceptual models

Diagram 9: Coaching practice

Q9.2 Which models do you use in your coaching practice?
(You can select more than one)



Diversity of approaches

Diagram 10: Presenting issue 1 – Career change

Q9.3 What model do you use with the following presenting issue?

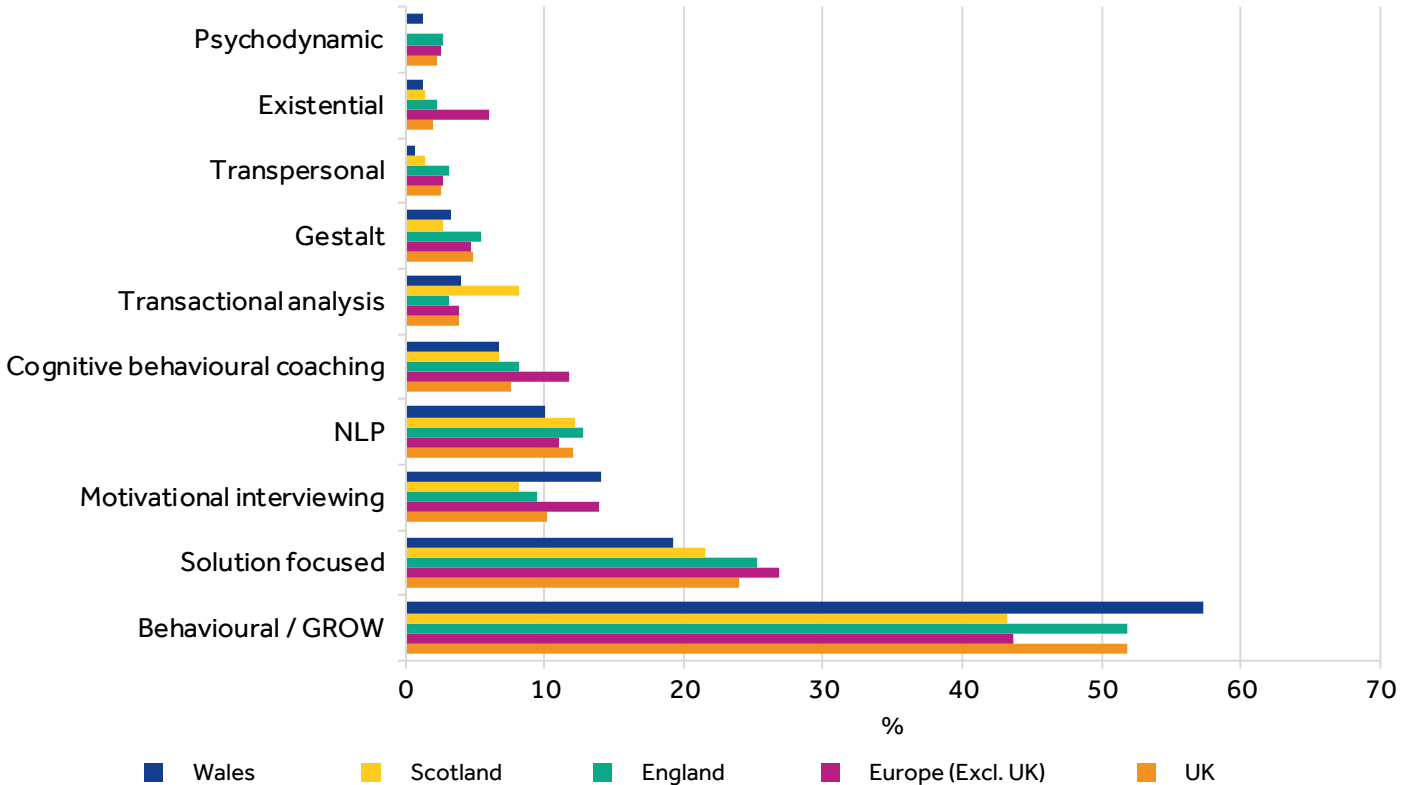


Diagram 11: Presenting issue 2 – Workplace stress

Q. What model do you use with the following presenting issue?

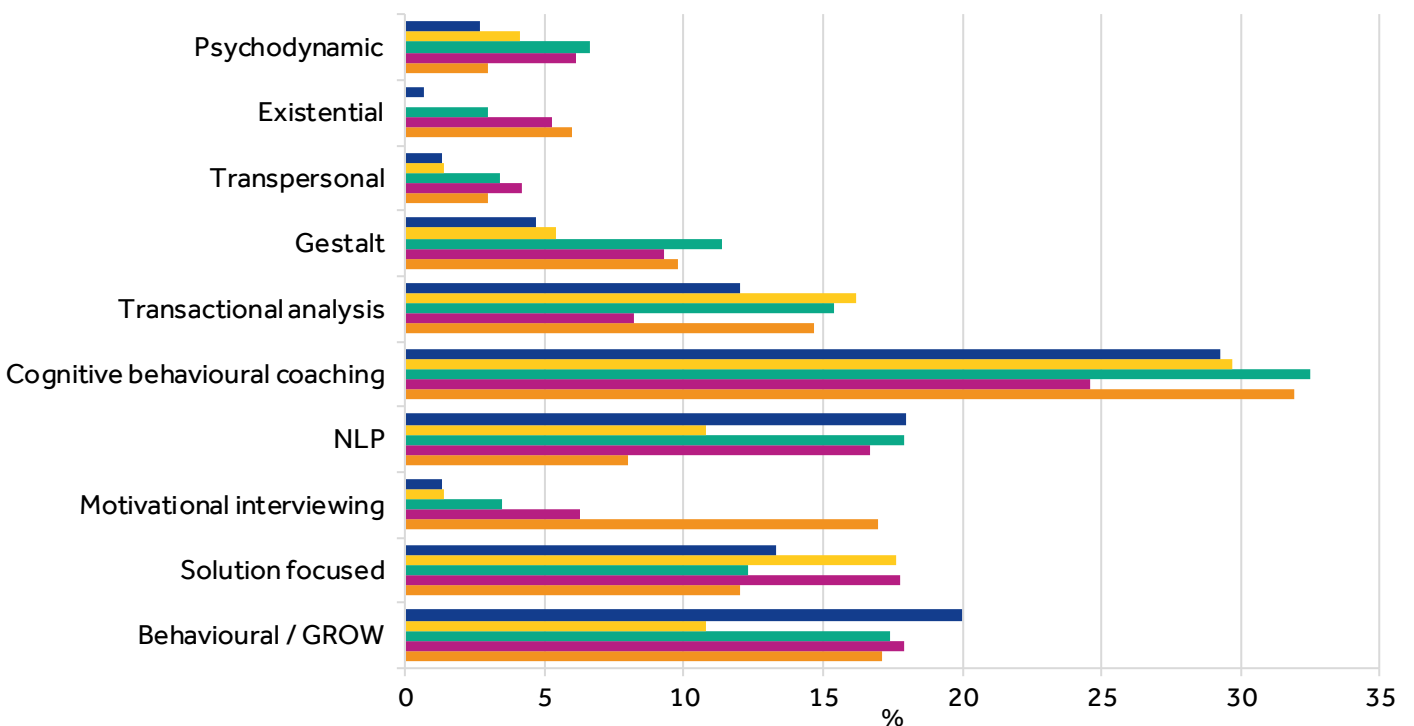


Diagram 12: Presenting issue 3 – Improving presentation skills

Q. What model do you use with the following presenting issue?

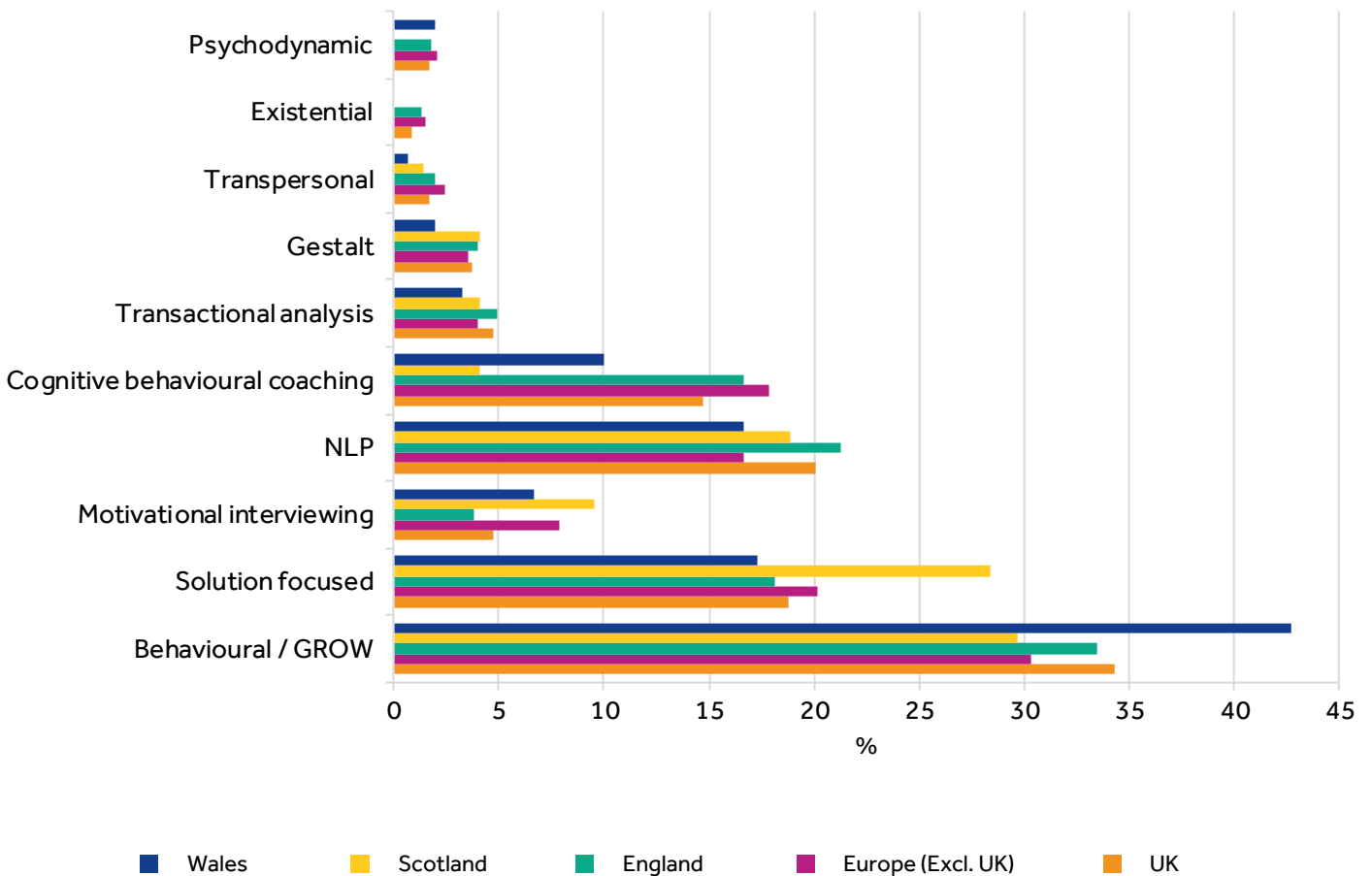
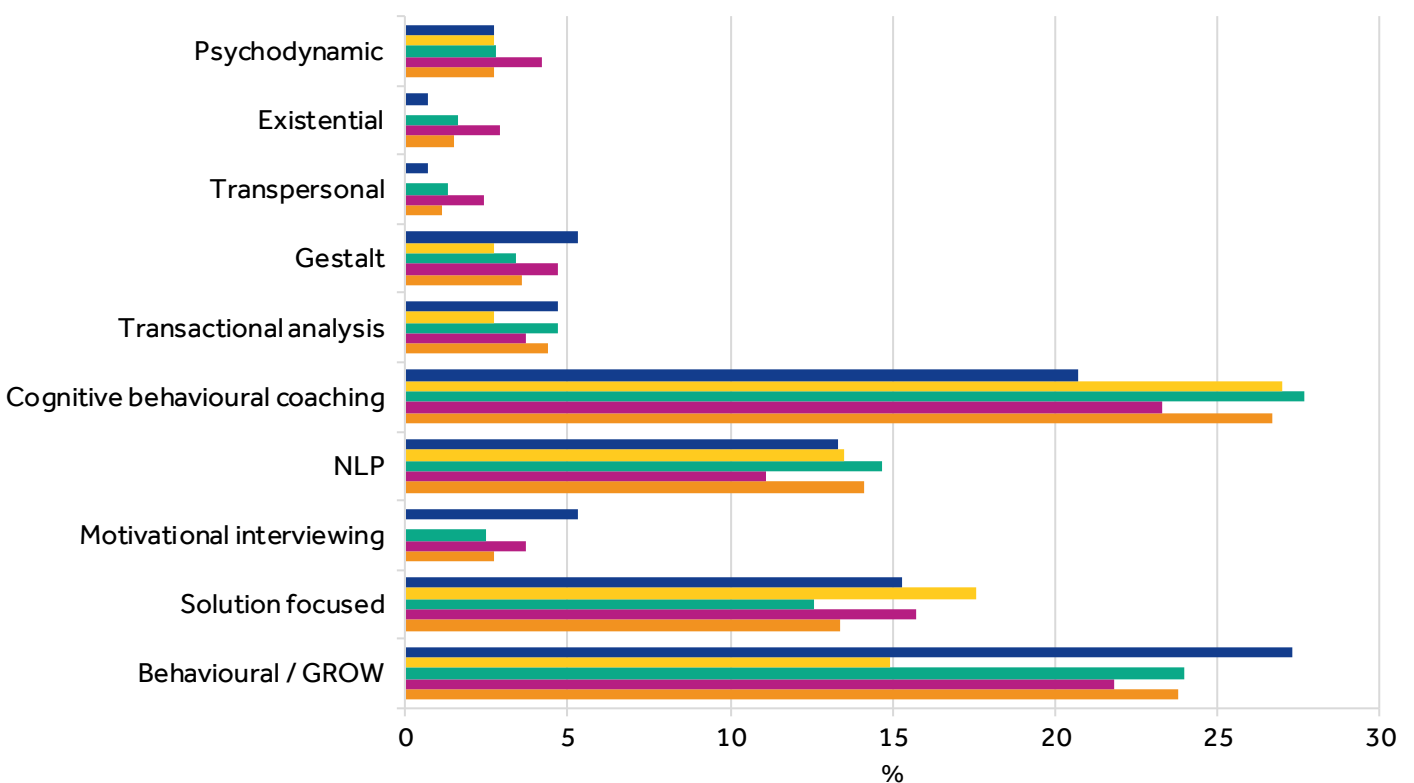


Diagram 13: Presenting issue 4 – Persistent checking of non-work emails

Q. What model do you use with the following presenting issue?



Evaluation

Diagram 14: Evaluating impact

Q10.1 How do you evaluate the impact of your coaching

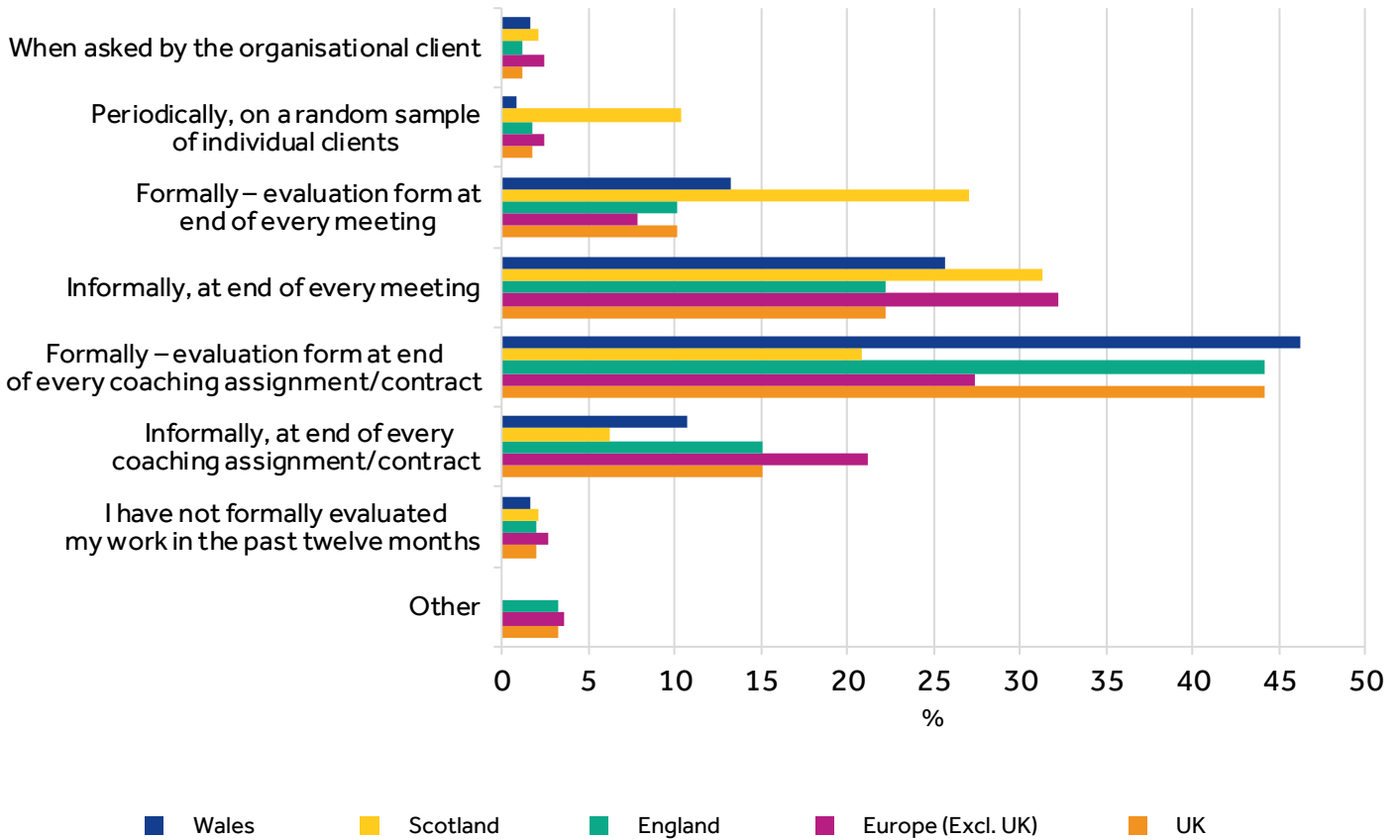
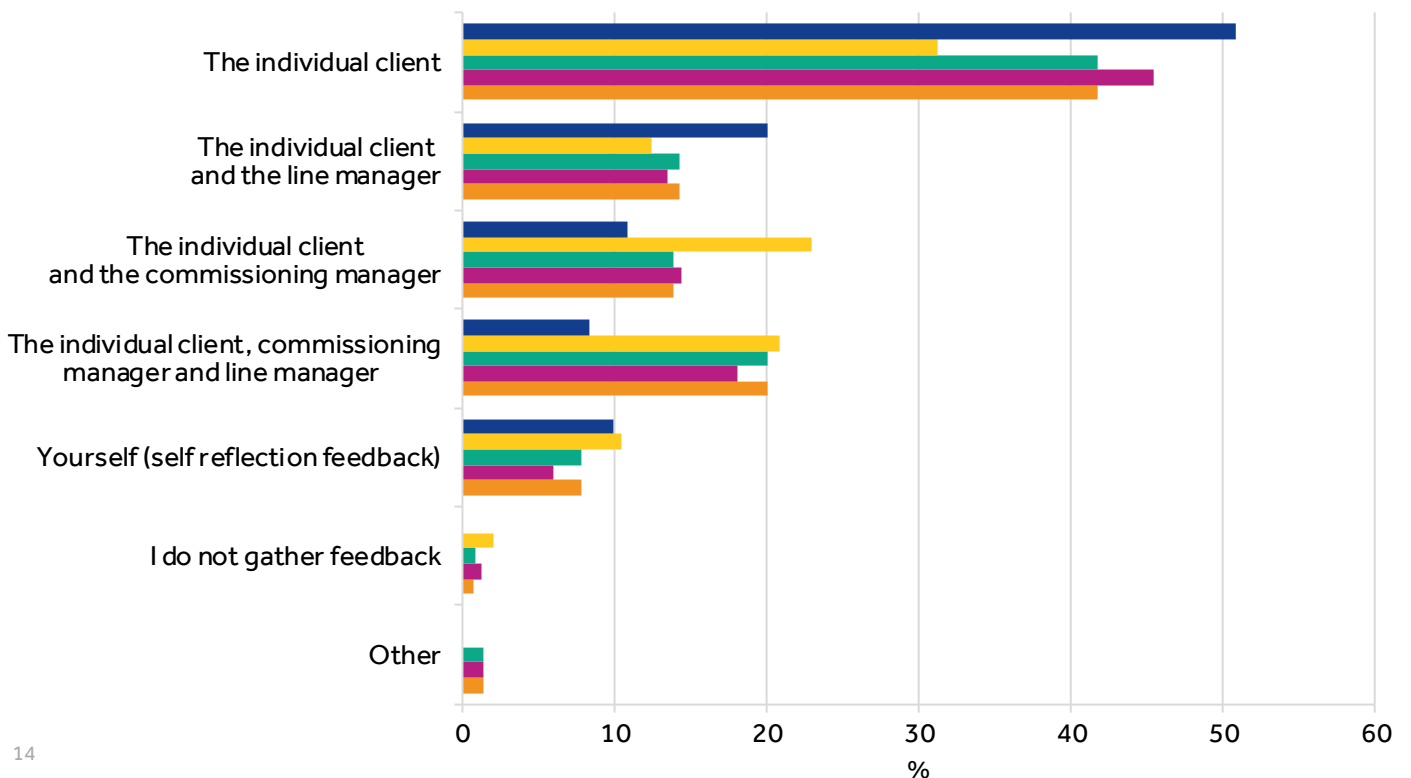


Diagram 15: Gathering feedback

Q10.2 Who do you gather evaluation feedback from in your coaching?



Contracting for corporate coaching assignments

Diagram 16: Contract partners

Q11.1 When you enter into a coaching agreement, who do you contract with most frequently?

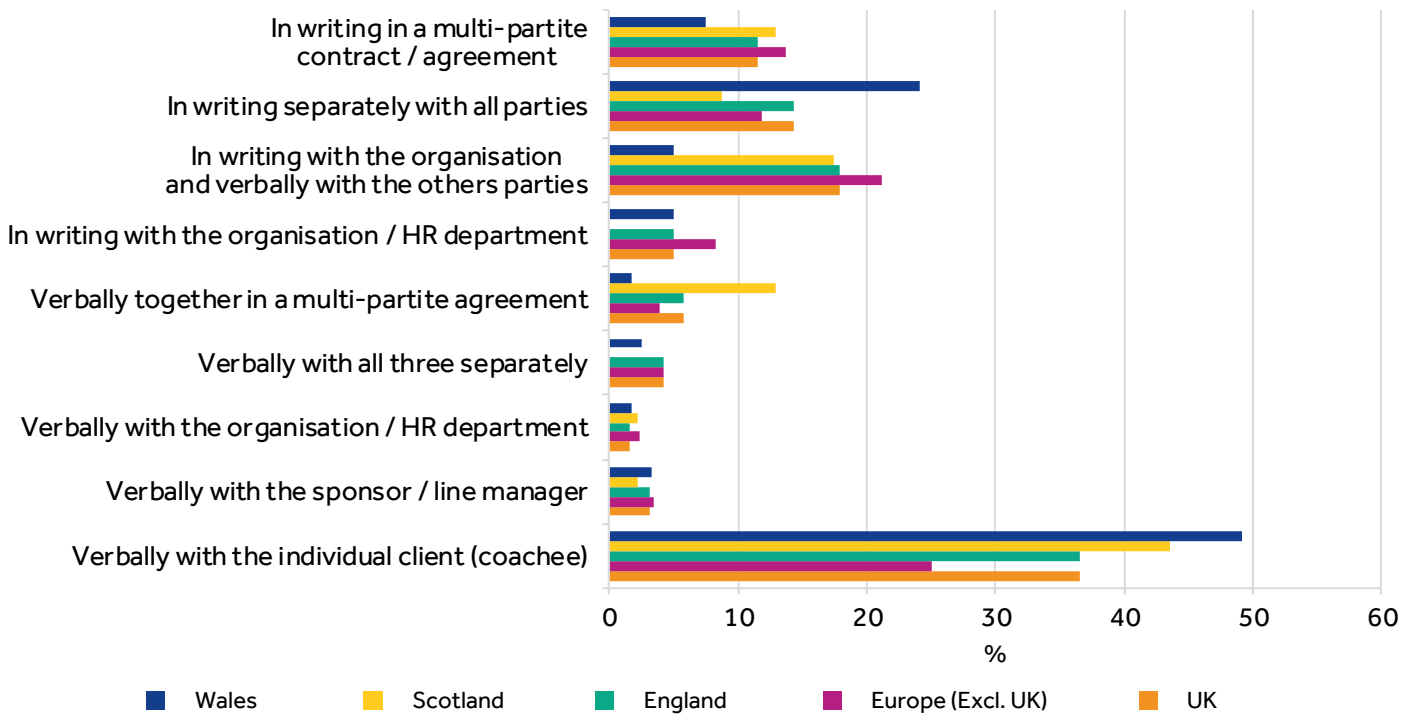


Diagram 17: The primary partners

Q11.2 Who do you believe is the primary client when you are delivering corporate/organisational coaching?

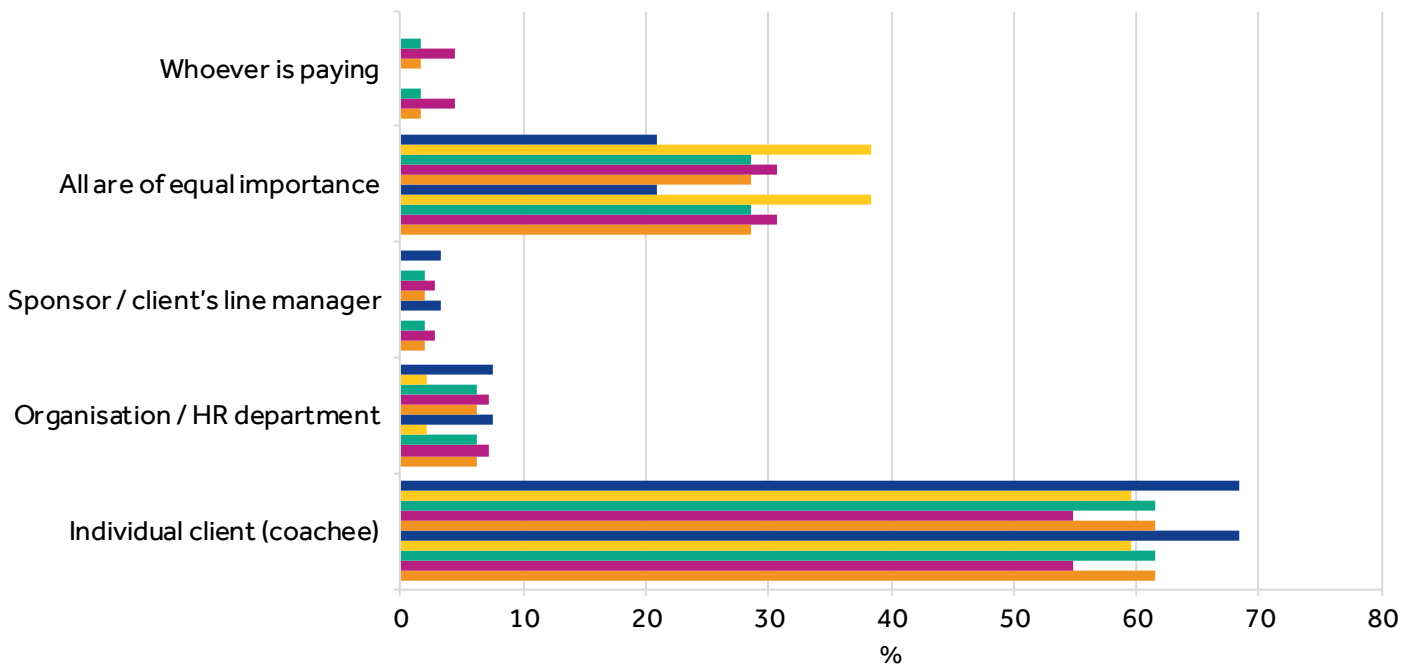


Diagram 18: Contract clauses – Individual client agreements

Q11.3 What aspects are explicitly included in your contract with the individual?
(You can select as many as appropriate)

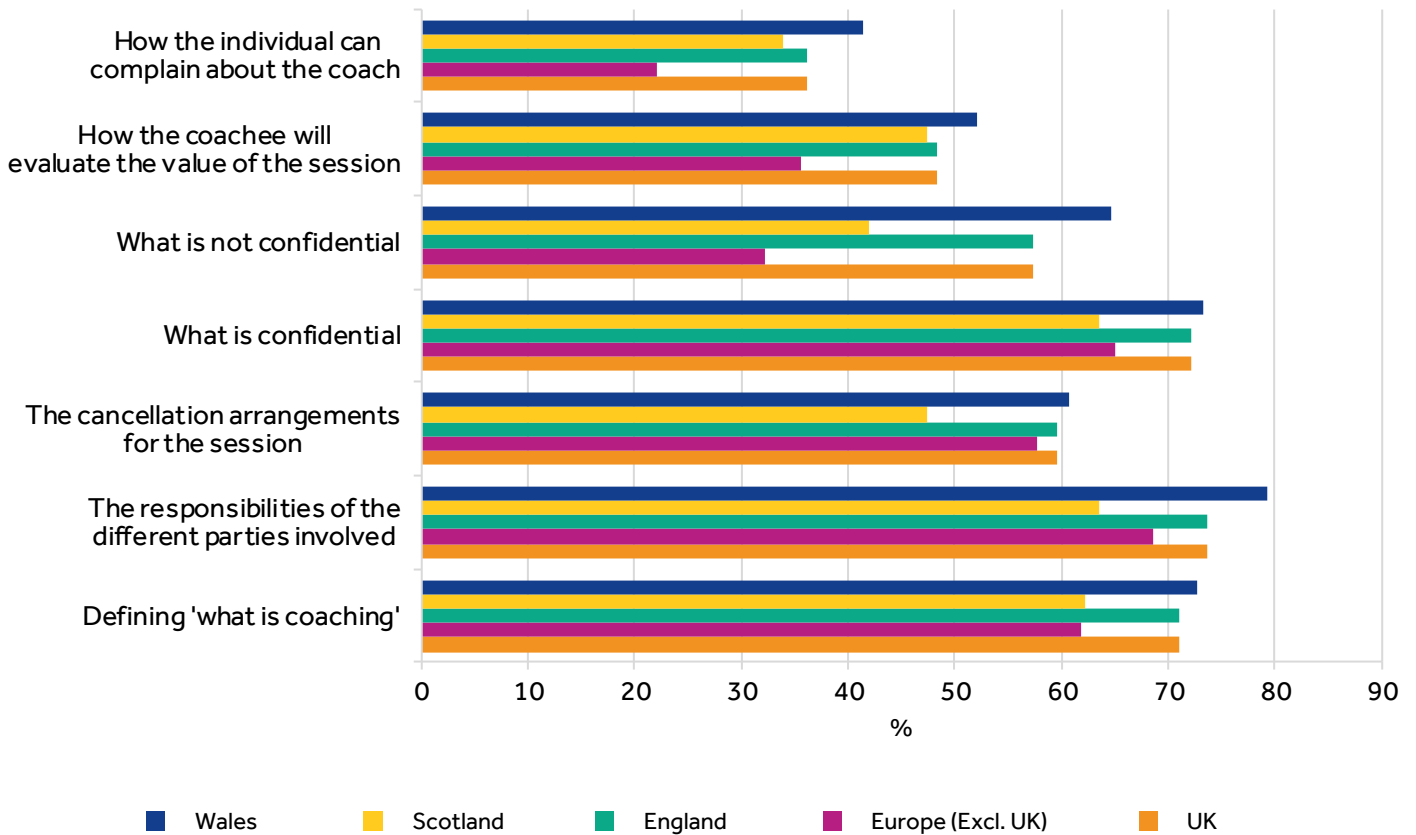
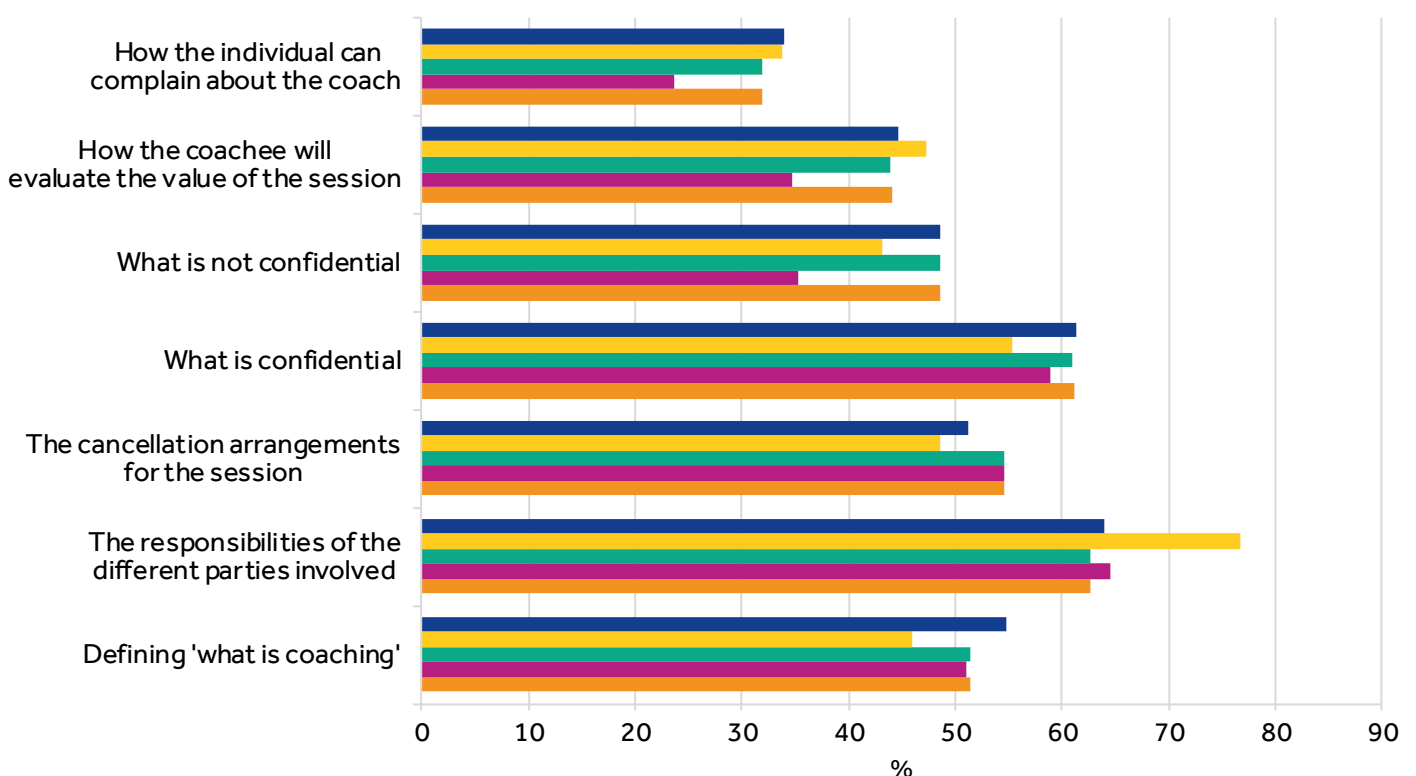


Diagram 19: Contract clauses – Organisational client agreements

Q11.4 What aspects are explicitly included in your contract with the organisation?
(You can select as many as are appropriate)



Coaching ethics

Diagram 20: Sharing ethical codes – 1

Q12.1 Do you share your ethical codes with individual clients?

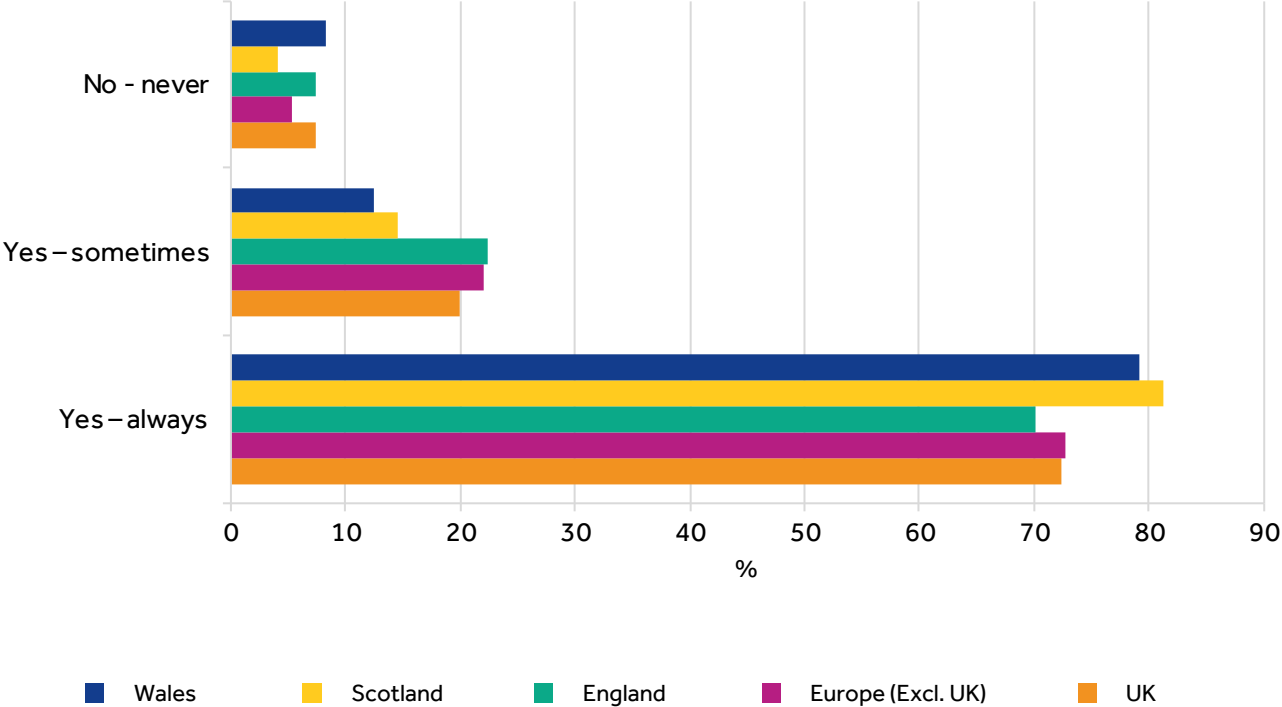


Diagram 21: Sharing ethical codes – 2

Q12.2 How do you share the ethical code with individual clients?

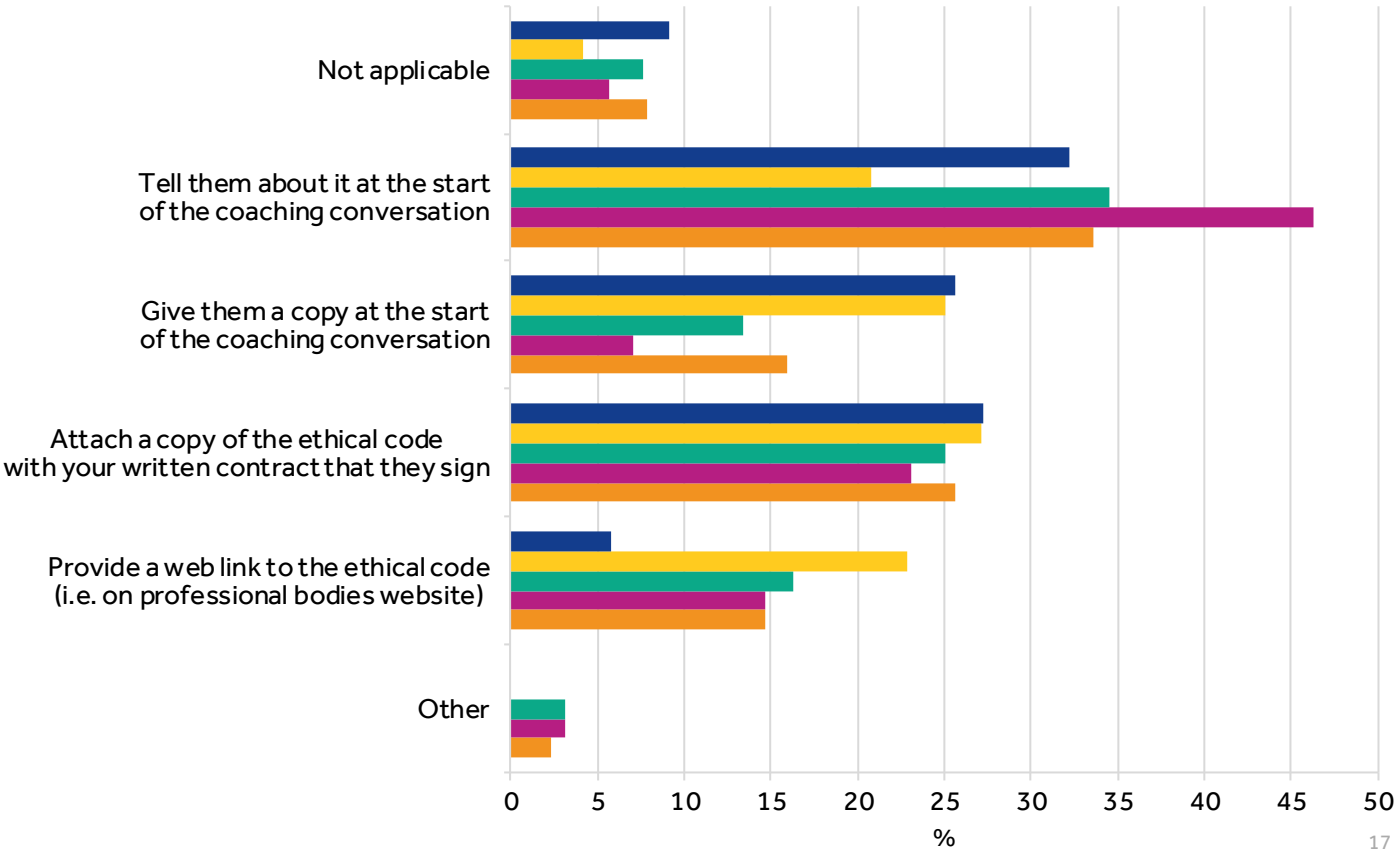


Diagram 22: Ethical dilemma 1 – Coach pays a fee to secure contract

Q13.1.1 What do you think should happen in the following scenario?

A coach pays a fee to an individual to gain a coaching contract with an organisation

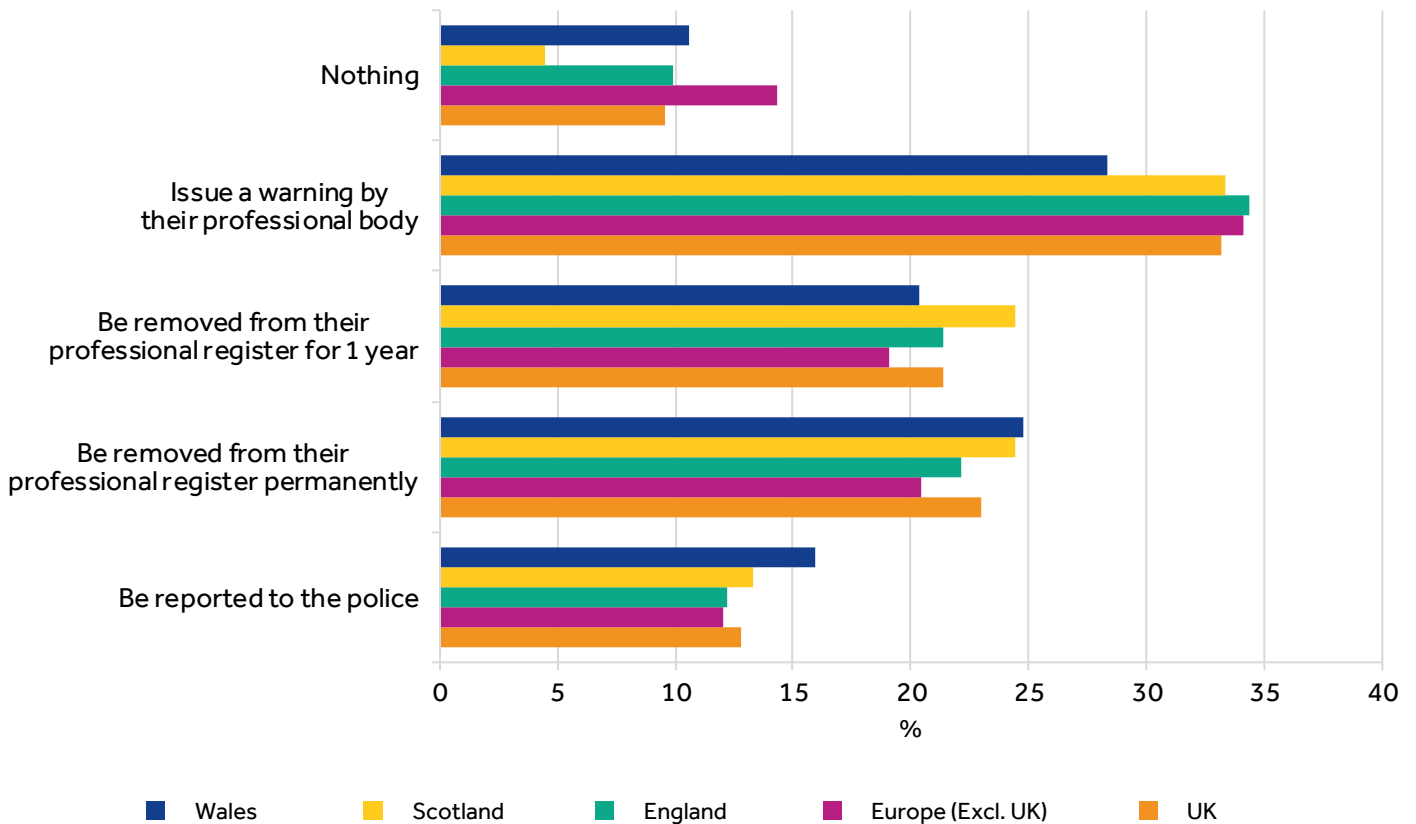


Diagram 23: Ethical dilemma 2 – Coach enters sexual relationship with client

Q13.1.2 What do you think should happen in the following scenario?

A coach enters into a sexual relationship with a client during a coaching assignment

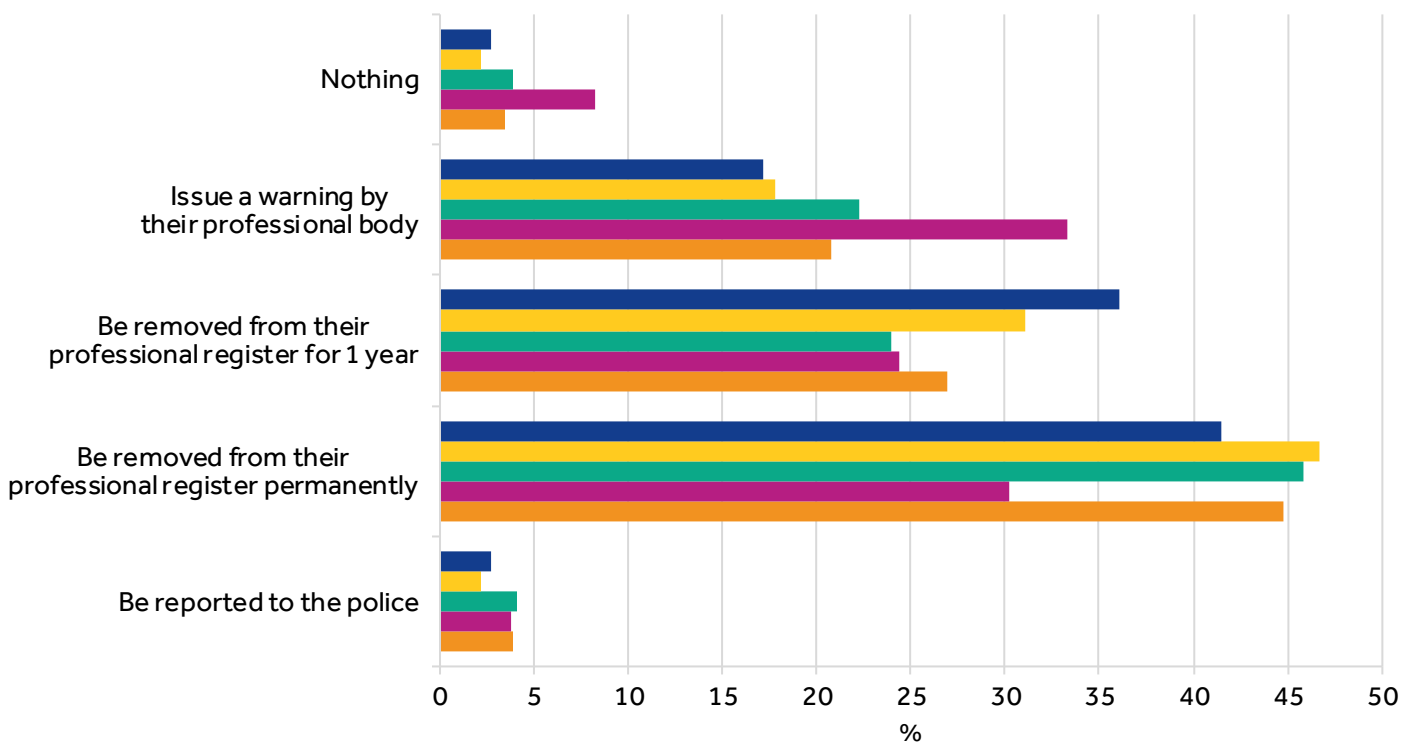


Diagram 24: Ethical dilemma 3 – Coach fails to report low-level drug taking by their client

Q13.1.4 What do you think should happen in the following scenario?

A coach fails to report to the appropriate authorities a client who is using low-level illegal drugs

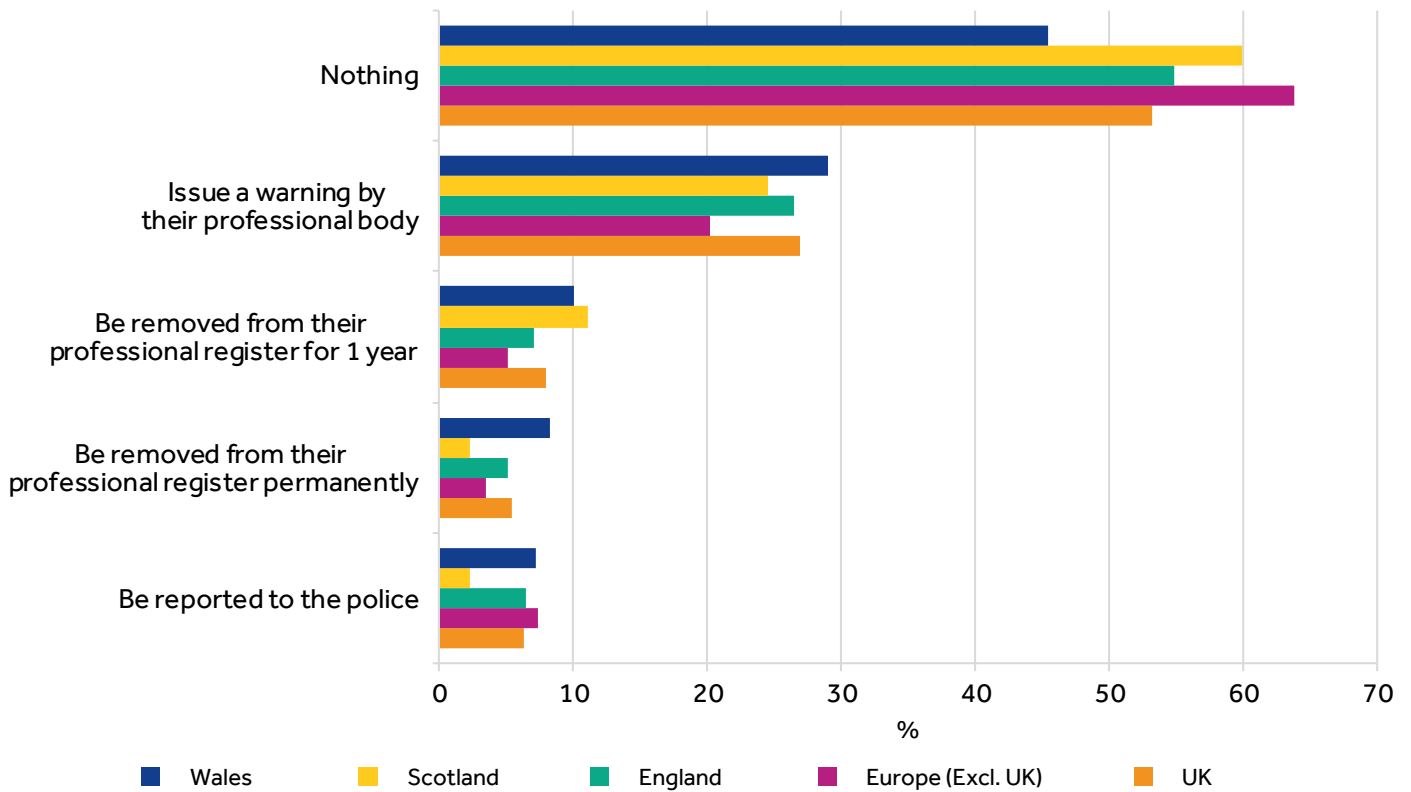
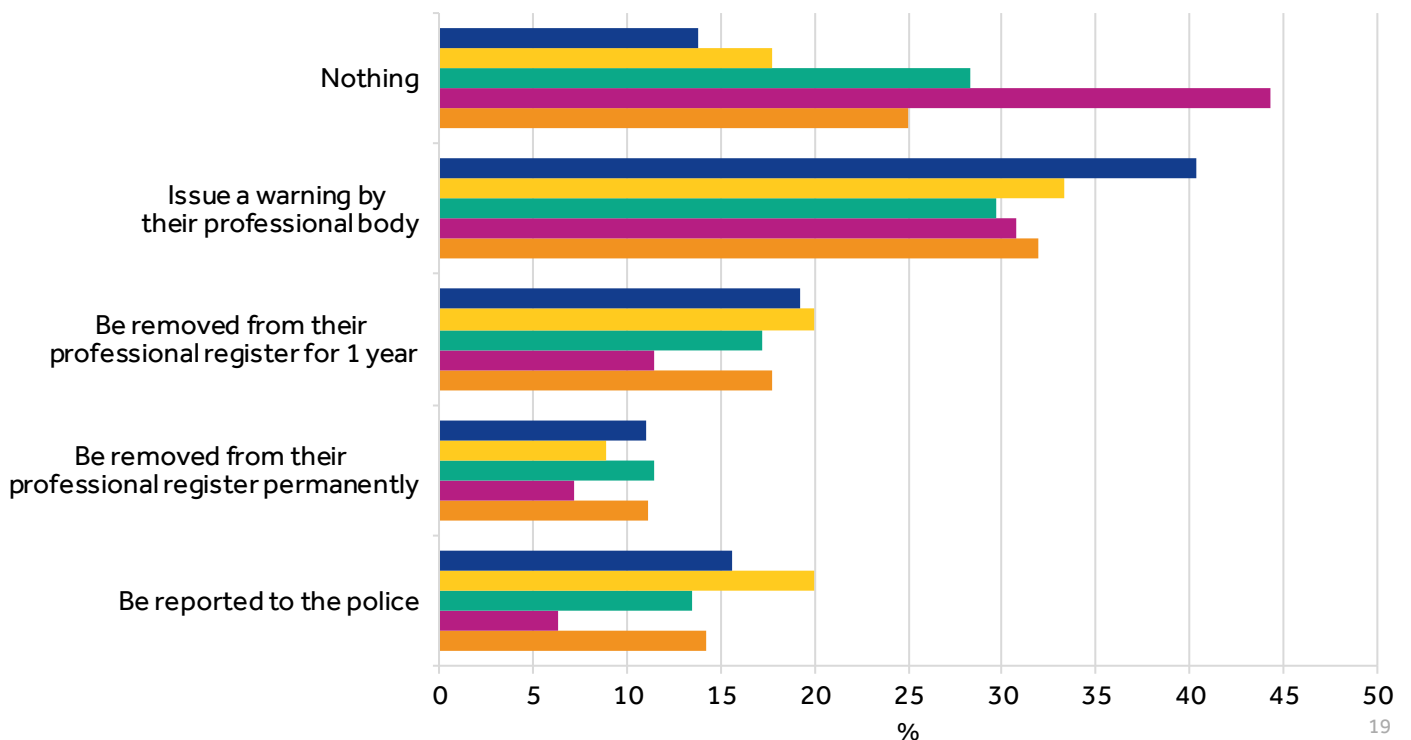


Diagram 25: Ethical dilemma 4 – Coach fails to report theft of commercial information

Q13.1.5 What do you think should happen in the following scenario?

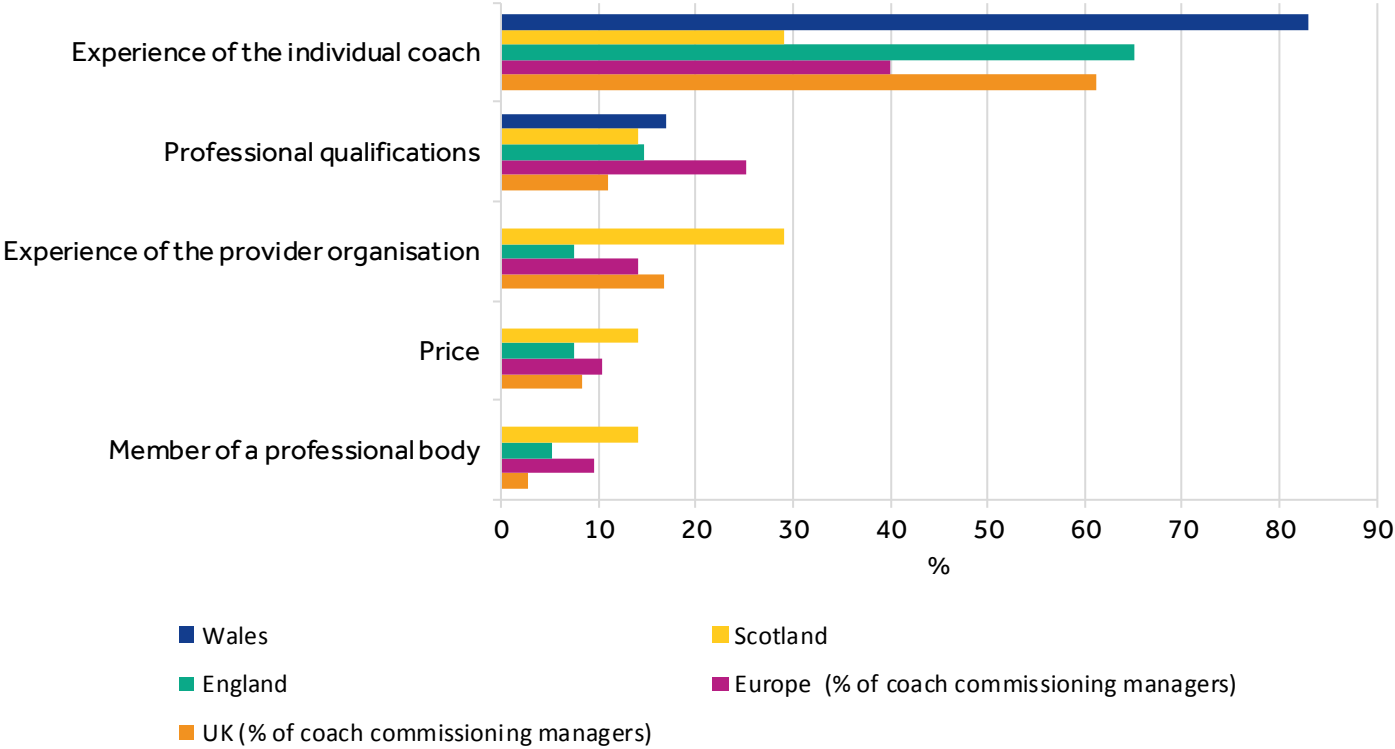
A coach fails to report the actions of a client who has disclosed commercially sensitive information, which has affected the value of the company



Commissioning coaching

Diagram 26: Criteria in coach selection

Q16.1 When commissioning coaching, what are the most important factors (in order of importance)?



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- European Mentoring and Coaching Council International
- International Coach Federation
- Association for Coaching (Global)
- Worldwide Association of Business Coaches (WABC)

National research partners

- Oil & Gas UK
- Chartered Institute of Professional Development (CIPD)
- British Psychological Society (BPS)
- British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (BACP)
- Association of Business Mentors (ABM)
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