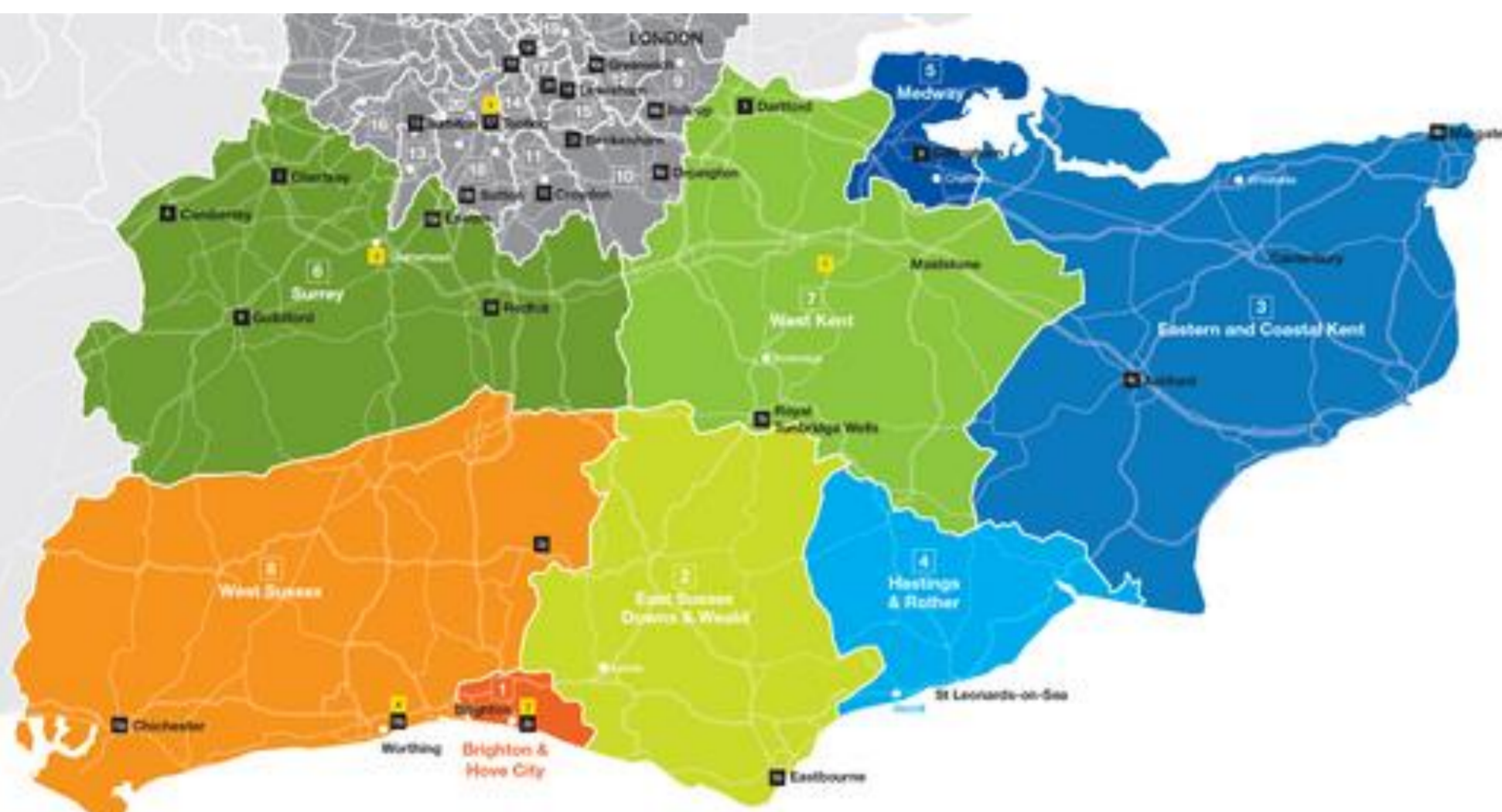


Are foundation doctors in South London, Kent, Surrey & Sussex meeting their minimum requirement for simulation training?

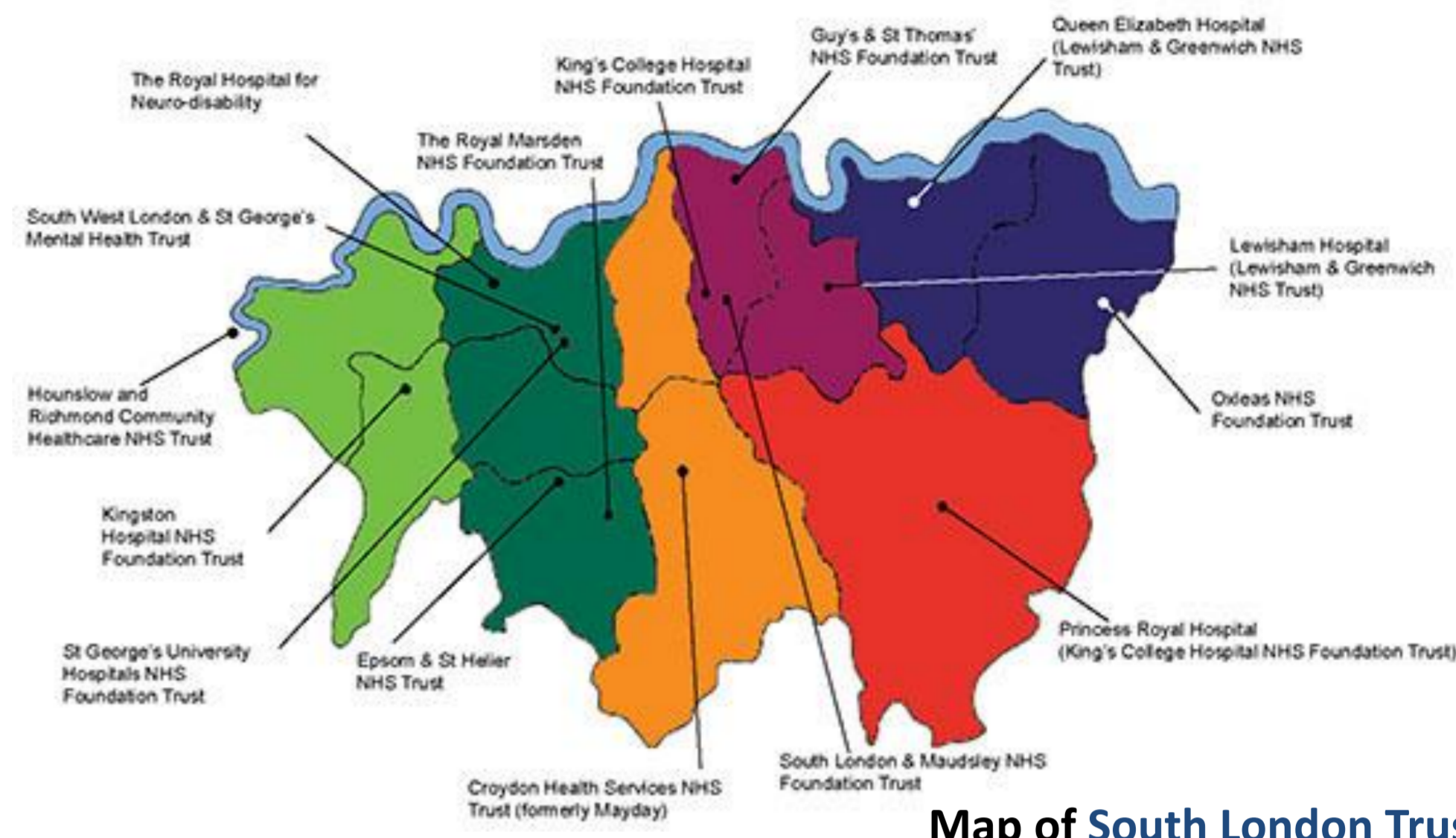
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Introduction

Since August 2017 it is mandatory for both FY1 and FY2 doctors to undertake one full day, or two half days, of simulation training sessions throughout the year¹. As part of a larger study into the provision of simulation training across the region, we sent electronic surveys to simulation leads and education managers between September and November 2017. These surveys were followed-up with site visits in early 2018. Below we present the reported number of hours of simulation training provided for a typical foundation doctor in 2017.



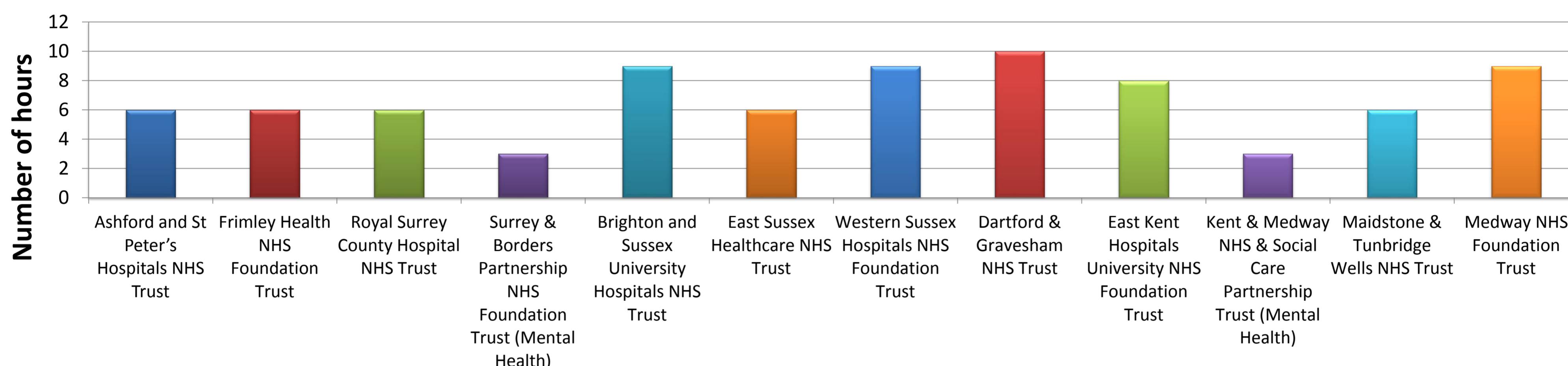
Map of Kent, Surrey and Sussex region



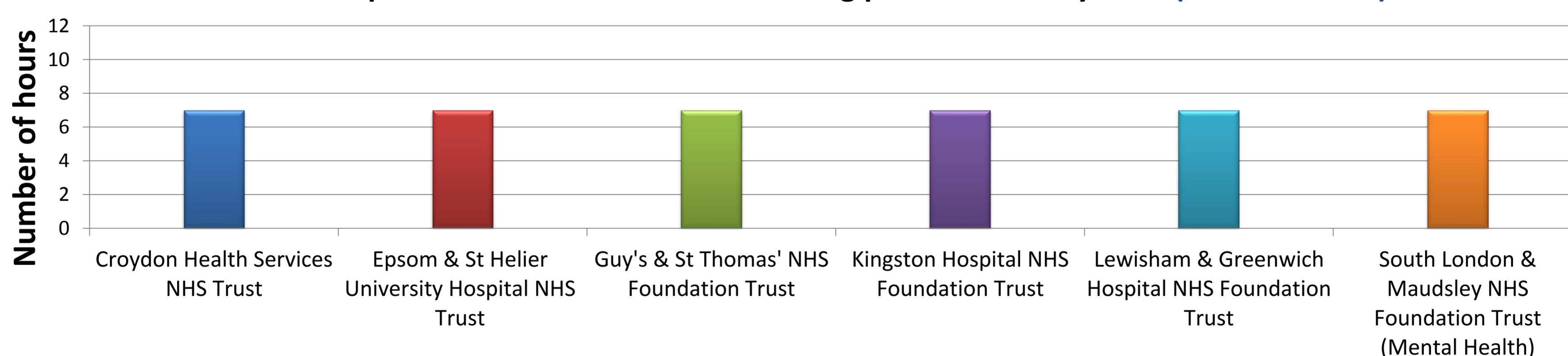
Map of South London Trusts

Q: How many hours of simulation training does a typical foundation doctor in your trust attend per year?

Minimum reported hours of simulation training per FY doctor by trust (Kent, Surrey & Sussex)



Minimum reported hours of simulation training per FY doctor by trust (South London)



Conclusions

- Within Kent, Surrey & Sussex, 82% of trusts (9 of 11 respondents) provide at least one full day (6 hours) of simulation training for their foundation doctors. The remaining 18% of KSS trust's do not provide one full day per candidate. However, these two trusts are both mental health trusts that host foundation doctors in placements lasting only 4 months. During these placements they provide specialist mental health simulation training. These FY doctors also receive simulation training from their acute trust.
- Trusts across south London appear to provide a more consistent minimum amount of simulation training than trusts in KSS. Those trusts responding from south London all reported that they provide at least a full day of simulation training for all foundation doctors.
- Our research suggests that all acute trusts within south London, Kent, Surrey and Sussex are providing the recommended minimum simulation training for their foundation trainees. This reveals improvement compared to 2016/17, when research showed poor uptake of simulation training by FY2 doctors across KSS³. At that time simulation training for FY2 doctors was not a mandatory part of the curriculum.

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