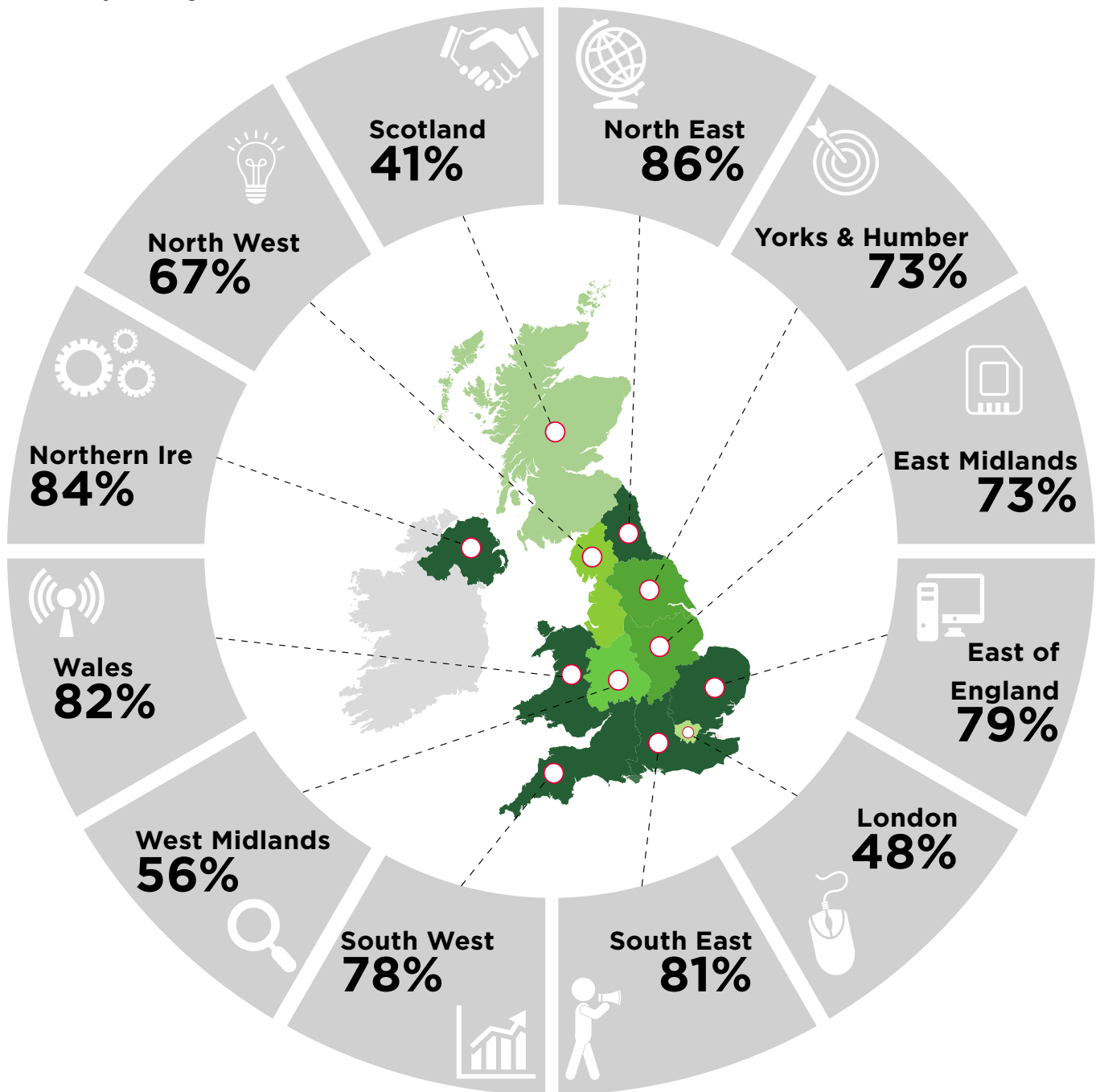


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IN FOCUS **RAW MATERIALS**

The percentage of manufacturers reporting the rising cost of 'raw materials' as the biggest factor in price rises stood at its highest level since Q4 2011. This heat map shows the breakdown of this indicator by UK region:



In the manufacturing sector, the regions which saw the highest percentage of firms reporting the rising cost of 'raw materials' as the biggest factor in price rises were the North East at 86%, followed by Northern Ireland at 84%, and Wales at 82%. The regions and nations which saw the lowest percentage of manufacturers reporting raw material as the biggest factor were Scotland at 41%, London at 48%, and the West Midlands at 56%.