



Royal College of General Practitioners – Care.data Survey

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,049 GB adults online, including 1,782 English adults, between 28th February and 2nd March 2014. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Table 1

Q1. The Government is introducing a large, new electronic database of all patients' records from GP practices across England, called 'care.data'. It is intended to create better understanding about major illnesses and diseases.

However some people have expressed concerns about the impact it might have on the privacy of individuals' medical records.

How well do you think the Government has publicised the case for 'care.data' to the public?

Base: All respondents

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | | | Social Class | | | | Region | | | | | Q3 - Would you say that you support or oppose the creation of the care.dataq database? | | | |
|---|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|--|---------|--------|------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | AB | C1 | C2 | DE | Net: Eng-land | South East | Mid-lands | North Eng-land | Wales & South West | Scot-land | Support | Oppose | Don't know |
| Unweighted base | 2049 | 961 | 1088 | 156 | 345 | 428 | 366 | 326 | 428 | 713 | 524 | 300 | 512 | 1782 | 551 | 539 | 505 | 282 | 172 | 682 | 576 | 791 |
| Weighted base | 2049 | 1004 | 1045 | 246 | 328 | 389 | 348 | 307 | 430 | 553 | 594 | 430 | 471 | 1763 | 521 | 541 | 514 | 295 | 178 | 691 | 557 | 800 |
| I think the case for care.dataq has been well-publicised to the public | 304 | 174 | 130 | 34 | 71 | 42 | 43 | 40 | 74 | 103 | 77 | 70 | 54 | 272 | 85 | 79 | 78 | 44 | 18 | 216 | 50 | 38 |
| | 15% | 17% | 12% | 14% | 22% | 11% | 12% | 13% | 17% | 19% | 13% | 16% | 12% | 15% | 16% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 10% | 31% | 9% | 5% |
| I do not think the case for care.dataq has been well-publicised to the public | 1329 | 623 | 706 | 116 | 172 | 243 | 239 | 232 | 327 | 372 | 382 | 269 | 306 | 1147 | 317 | 356 | 351 | 191 | 114 | 418 | 458 | 453 |
| | 65% | 62% | 68% | 47% | 52% | 62% | 69% | 76% | 76% | 67% | 64% | 63% | 65% | 65% | 61% | 66% | 68% | 65% | 64% | 60% | 82% | 57% |
| Don't know | 416 | 207 | 209 | 96 | 85 | 105 | 66 | 35 | 29 | 78 | 135 | 91 | 111 | 344 | 118 | 106 | 85 | 60 | 47 | 58 | 49 | 309 |
| | 20% | 21% | 20% | 39% | 26% | 27% | 19% | 11% | 7% | 14% | 23% | 21% | 24% | 20% | 23% | 20% | 17% | 20% | 26% | 8% | 9% | 39% |

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Table 2

Q2. Patients' records will automatically be added to the 'care.data' database, but can opt out via their doctors surgery if they do not want their records to be included. How well do you think the Government has publicised people's right to opt out of the 'care.data' database?

Base: All respondents

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | | | Social Class | | | | Region | | | | | Q3 - Would you say that you support or oppose the creation of the care.data database? | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | AB | C1 | C2 | DE | Net: Eng-land | South East | Mid-lands | North Eng-land | Wales & South West | Scot-land | Support | Oppose | Don't know |
| Unweighted base | 2049 | 961 | 1088 | 156 | 345 | 428 | 366 | 326 | 428 | 713 | 524 | 300 | 512 | 1782 | 551 | 539 | 505 | 282 | 172 | 682 | 576 | 791 |
| Weighted base | 2049 | 1004 | 1045 | 246 | 328 | 389 | 348 | 307 | 430 | 553 | 594 | 430 | 471 | 1763 | 521 | 541 | 514 | 295 | 178 | 691 | 557 | 800 |
| I think the Government has publicised people's right to opt out of care.data well | 292 14% | 164 16% | 128 12% | 46 19% | 74 23% | 43 11% | 30 9% | 37 12% | 62 14% | 109 20% | 73 12% | 63 15% | 48 10% | 263 15% | 86 16% | 77 14% | 74 14% | 39 13% | 17 10% | 233 34% | 33 6% | 27 3% |
| I do not think the Government has publicised people's right to opt out of care.data well | 1352 66% | 643 64% | 710 68% | 114 46% | 162 50% | 241 62% | 262 75% | 238 77% | 335 78% | 371 67% | 381 64% | 288 67% | 313 66% | 1163 66% | 316 61% | 360 67% | 359 70% | 202 68% | 115 65% | 404 58% | 491 88% | 457 57% |
| Don't know | 404 20% | 197 20% | 207 20% | 86 35% | 91 28% | 106 27% | 56 16% | 32 10% | 32 8% | 73 13% | 141 24% | 80 19% | 110 23% | 336 19% | 119 23% | 104 19% | 82 16% | 55 19% | 45 25% | 55 8% | 33 6% | 316 40% |

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Table 3

Q3. Would you say that you support or oppose the creation of the 'care.data' database?

Base: All respondents

| | Gender | | Age | | | | | | Social Class | | | | Region | | | | | Q3 - Would you say that you support or oppose the creation of the 'care.data' database? | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---|-----------|---------|--------|------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | AB | C1 | C2 | DE | Net: Eng-land | South East | Mid-lands | North Eng-land | Wales & South West | Scot-land | Support | Oppose | Don't know |
| Unweighted base | 2049 | 961 | 1088 | 156 | 345 | 428 | 366 | 326 | 428 | 713 | 524 | 300 | 512 | 1782 | 551 | 539 | 505 | 282 | 172 | 682 | 576 | 791 |
| Weighted base | 2049 | 1004 | 1045 | 246 | 328 | 389 | 348 | 307 | 430 | 553 | 594 | 430 | 471 | 1763 | 521 | 541 | 514 | 295 | 178 | 691 | 557 | 800 |
| Support | 691 | 384 | 307 | 75 | 114 | 110 | 100 | 109 | 183 | 236 | 194 | 125 | 137 | 618 | 180 | 192 | 174 | 102 | 42 | 691 | - | - |
| | 34% | 38% | 29% | 31% | 35% | 28% | 29% | 35% | 43% | 43% | 33% | 29% | 29% | 35% | 35% | 36% | 34% | 35% | 24% | 100% | - | - |
| Oppose | 557 | 258 | 299 | 51 | 76 | 108 | 97 | 89 | 135 | 146 | 141 | 132 | 138 | 482 | 138 | 134 | 163 | 70 | 52 | - | 557 | - |
| | 27% | 26% | 29% | 21% | 23% | 28% | 28% | 29% | 32% | 26% | 24% | 31% | 29% | 27% | 27% | 25% | 32% | 24% | 29% | - | 100% | - |
| Don't know | 800 | 361 | 439 | 120 | 137 | 171 | 151 | 109 | 112 | 171 | 260 | 174 | 196 | 663 | 202 | 214 | 177 | 123 | 84 | - | - | 800 |
| | 39% | 36% | 42% | 49% | 42% | 44% | 43% | 36% | 26% | 31% | 44% | 40% | 42% | 38% | 39% | 40% | 34% | 42% | 47% | - | - | 100% |

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Table 4
Q4. How concerned or otherwise would you be about partly anonymised personal information being passed on - via 'care.data' - to organisations outside the NHS for commercial purposes?
Base: All respondents

| | Gender | | Age | | | | | | | Social Class | | | | Region | | | | | | Q3 - Would you say that you support or oppose the creation of the care.data database? | | |
|----------------------|---------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------------|------|------|------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|---|--------|------------|
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unweighted base | 2049 | 961 | 1088 | 156 | 345 | 428 | 366 | 326 | 428 | 713 | 524 | 300 | 512 | 1782 | 551 | 539 | 505 | 282 | 172 | 682 | 576 | 791 |
| Weighted base | 2049 | 1004 | 1045 | 246 | 328 | 389 | 348 | 307 | 430 | 553 | 594 | 430 | 471 | 1763 | 521 | 541 | 514 | 295 | 178 | 691 | 557 | 800 |
| NET:Concerned | 1355 | 634 | 720 | 125 | 187 | 251 | 248 | 230 | 312 | 377 | 371 | 295 | 311 | 1171 | 344 | 350 | 351 | 188 | 121 | 389 | 524 | 442 |
| | 66% | 63% | 69% | 51% | 57% | 65% | 71% | 75% | 73% | 68% | 62% | 69% | 66% | 66% | 66% | 65% | 68% | 64% | 68% | 56% | 94% | 55% |
| Very concerned | (4) 676 | 308 | 369 | 46 | 72 | 115 | 119 | 150 | 174 | 206 | 183 | 120 | 168 | 581 | 179 | 167 | 183 | 83 | 64 | 161 | 341 | 174 |
| | 33% | 31% | 35% | 19% | 22% | 30% | 34% | 49% | 40% | 37% | 31% | 28% | 36% | 33% | 34% | 31% | 36% | 28% | 36% | 23% | 61% | 22% |
| Fairly concerned | (3) 678 | 327 | 352 | 80 | 116 | 136 | 129 | 80 | 138 | 171 | 188 | 176 | 144 | 589 | 165 | 183 | 168 | 106 | 57 | 228 | 183 | 268 |
| | 33% | 33% | 34% | 32% | 35% | 35% | 37% | 26% | 32% | 31% | 32% | 41% | 31% | 33% | 32% | 34% | 33% | 36% | 32% | 33% | 33% | 33% |
| Not very concerned | (2) 376 | 204 | 172 | 41 | 77 | 64 | 68 | 49 | 77 | 108 | 118 | 70 | 81 | 323 | 102 | 104 | 81 | 62 | 27 | 219 | 27 | 130 |
| | 18% | 20% | 16% | 17% | 24% | 16% | 19% | 16% | 18% | 20% | 20% | 16% | 17% | 18% | 20% | 19% | 16% | 21% | 15% | 32% | 5% | 16% |
| Not at all concerned | (1) 86 | 62 | 23 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 32 | 33 | 22 | 18 | 12 | 80 | 14 | 26 | 27 | 16 | 2 | 76 | 1 | 8 |
| | 4% | 6% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 5% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 1% | 11% | * | 1% |
| NET:Not concerned | 462 | 266 | 196 | 49 | 84 | 75 | 79 | 65 | 109 | 141 | 140 | 88 | 93 | 403 | 116 | 130 | 108 | 78 | 30 | 295 | 29 | 138 |
| | 23% | 26% | 19% | 20% | 26% | 19% | 23% | 21% | 25% | 26% | 23% | 20% | 20% | 23% | 22% | 24% | 21% | 26% | 17% | 43% | 5% | 17% |
| Don't know | 233 | 104 | 129 | 71 | 56 | 63 | 21 | 12 | 8 | 35 | 83 | 47 | 67 | 189 | 60 | 60 | 55 | 29 | 27 | 7 | 5 | 221 |
| | 11% | 10% | 12% | 29% | 17% | 16% | 6% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 14% | 11% | 14% | 11% | 12% | 11% | 11% | 10% | 15% | 1% | 1% | 28% |
| Mean | 3.07 | 2.98 | 3.16 | 2.94 | 2.93 | 3.09 | 3.09 | 3.23 | 3.08 | 3.06 | 3.04 | 3.04 | 3.16 | 3.06 | 3.11 | 3.02 | 3.11 | 2.96 | 3.21 | 2.69 | 3.56 | 3.05 |
| Standard deviation | 0.87 | 0.92 | 0.82 | 0.82 | 0.81 | 0.82 | 0.84 | 0.92 | 0.95 | 0.93 | 0.87 | 0.83 | 0.84 | 0.88 | 0.85 | 0.88 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.80 | 0.95 | 0.60 | 0.76 |
| Standard error | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.03 |