

## Care Not Killing – Assisted Suicide Poll – February 2019

Methodology: ComRes surveyed 2,040 British adults online between 8th and 10st February 2019. Data were weighted to be representative of all British adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules. Full tables at <a href="https://www.comresglobal.com">www.comresglobal.com</a>

All press releases or other publications must be checked with ComRes before use. ComRes requires 48 hours to check a press release unless otherwise agreed.

For information about commissioning research please contact <u>info@comresglobal.com</u> or call +44 (0)20 7871 8660.

To register for Pollwatch, featuring commentary and insight from the ComRes team, please email: pollwatch@comresglobal.com

## **REPUTATION | COMMUNICATIONS | PUBLIC POLICY**

Four Millbank | London | SW1P 3JA | T. +44 (0)20 7871 8660

Rond-Point Schuman / Schumanplein 6 | Box 5 | 1040 Bruxelles | T. +32 (0)2 234 63 82

51/F Raffles City | No.268 Xi Zang Middle Road | HuangPu District Shanghai | 200001 China | T. +86 (0)21 2312 7674

Table 1

Q.1 When you need to see a GP, which one of the following statements is closest to your experience? Base: All respondents

		Ger	Ider					Age						Social G	Grade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ ·	18-34 	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
I sometimes see my own GP but it's often another one in the same practice or a locum	803 39%	401 40%	402 39%	61 27%	118 34%	128 39%C	125 35%c	126 42%CDf	244 52%CDEF	180 G 31%	254 37%l	369 48%IJ	208 37%	234 41%	159 38%	202 41%	118 37%	322 37%
I almost never see my own GP but usually another one in the same practice or a locum	577 28%	240 24%	337 32%A	57 25%	106 30%H	89 27%	124 34%CeH	93 31%H	108 23%	163 28%	213 31%K	201 26%	152 27%	157 27%	140 34%LmO	129 26%	88 28%	247 29%
l always see my own GP	468 23%	234 23%	235 22%	79 35%DEFG	77 6H 22%	76 23%	76 21%	63 21%	96 20%	156 27%jK	152 22%	160 21%	139 25%N	128 22%	75 18%	126 25%N	73 23%	204 24%
l never visit a GP	139 7%	90 9%B	48 5%	20 9%H	33 9%gH	25 8%H	29 8%H	17 6%	15 3%	53 9%K	54 8%K	32 4%	48 9%mO	34 6%	32 8%	24 5%	32 10%	63 7%
l only use minor injury clinics of my local hospital	5 *	2 *	3 *	1 1%	2 1%	-	1 *	-	1 *	4 1%	1 *	1 *	-	3 1%l	2 *	1 *	-	2 *
Prefer not to say	8 *	3 *	5 *	-	3 1%	1 *	1 *	1 *	2 *	3 1%	2 *	3 *	3 1%	2 *	1 *	2 *	2 1%	2 *
Don't know	40 2%	26 3%b	15 1%	7 3%g	13 4%GH	6 2%	6 2%	2 1%	6 1%	20 3%jK	12 2%	8 1%	6 1%	16 3%l	6 1%	12 2%	4 1%	21 2%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Absolutes/col percents

Page 1

Absolutes/col percents

 Table 2

 Q.1 When you need to see a GP, which one of the following statements is closest to your experience?

 Base: All respondents

							Reg	ion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England <u>(d)</u>	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)		I sometimes see my own GP (o)	l almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
I sometimes see my own GP but it's often another one in the same practice or a locum	803 39%	73 41%l	39 39%	691 39%	33 39%	91 39%	69 40%i	63 35%	45 30%	89 45%hlk	102 37%	118 41%l	80 44%l	-	803 100%NP	-
I almost never see my own GP but usually another one in the same practice or a locum	577 28%	42 24%	28 28%	506 29%	25 29%	71 30%	51 30%	45 25%	59 40%AbfgH	61 KL 31%	70 25%	69 24%	56 31%	-	-	577 100%NO
l always see my own GP	468 23%	45 25%jm	20 19%	404 23%	21 24%	52 22%	38 22%	56 31%BfgIJ	30 M 20%	33 17%	73 26%J№	69 1 24%j	32 18%	468 100%OI	-	-
l never visit a GP	139 7%	13 7%	11 11%g	115 7%	6 7%	17 7%	9 5%	11 6%	8 5%	11 5%	22 8%	21 7%	10 6%	-	-	-
l only use minor injury clinics of my local hospital	5 *	-	-	5 *	-	-	1 1%	2 1%	2 1%fkl	1 *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	8 *	1 *	-	7 *	-	1 *	1 *	2 1%	-	-	1 1%	1 *	1 *	-	-	-
Don't know	40 2%	4 2%	4 4%	32 2%	1 1%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	5 4%j	2 1%	7 2%	8 3%	3 2%	-	-	-

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Prepared by ComRes

### Table 3

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue? Summary

### Base: All respondents

	Cases such as Dr Harold Shipman and the Gosport Hospital scandal, make me concerned that changing the law would fundamentally change the relationship between doctors and patients	If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust my own GP enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust both my own GP and other doctors in the same practice enough for them to make a decision about my mental <u>capacity</u>	If assisted suicide were legal, I would be concerned that some people would feel pressurised into accepting help to take their own life so as not to be a burden on others	If assisted suicide were legal, it would risk normalising suicide which may lead to an increase in suicide rates more generally	Assisted suicide should not be made legal in Britain if it can be proved that where assisted suicide has been legalised shows an increase in suicide rates in general	As a society we ought to try to do everything we reasonably can to reduce the rate of suicides, especially among men who are three times as likely as women to take their own lives	If GPs are given the power to help patients commit suicide it will change the relationship between a doctor and patient, since GPs are currently under a duty to protect and preserve lives
Unweighted base	2040	2040	2040	2040	2040	2040	2040	2040
Weighted base	2040	2040	2040	2040	2040	2040	2040	2040
Agree	865	853	828	1046	761	730	1582	971
	42%	42%	41%	51%	37%	36%	78%	48%
Disagree	572	541	526	509	760	639	117	474
	28%	27%	26%	25%	37%	31%	6%	23%
Don't know	604	646	686	485	519	671	341	594
	30%	32%	34%	24%	25%	33%	17%	29%



Absolutes/col percents

Absolutes/col percents

Page 4

Table 4

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Agree

Base: All respondents

		Ger	nder					Age						Social (	Grade		Employmer	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (0)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
As a society we ought to try to do everything we reasonably can to reduce the rate of suicides, especially among men who are three times as likely as women to take their own lives	1582 78%	763 77%	819 78%	170 75%	244 69%	251 77%D	271 75%	252 84%CDEF	394 - 84%CDEF	413 = 71%	522 76%i	647 84%IJ	443 80%	447 78%	313 76%	379 76%	246 78%	653 76%
If assisted suicide were legal, I would be concerned that some people would feel pressurised into accepting help to take their own life so as not to be a burden on others	1046 51%	523 52%	523 50%	110 49%	178 50%	170 52%	170 47%	166 55%f	252 54%f	288 50%	340 49%	418 54%	315 57%MnO	286 50%	209 50%	236 48%	180 57%Q	422 49%
If GPs are given the power to help patients commit suicide it will fundamentally change the relationship between a doctor and patient, since GPs are currently under a duty to protect and preserve the lives of patients	971 48%	498 50%B	473 45%	98 43%	154 44%	163 50%	165 46%	154 51%d	238 50%d	252 44%	328 48%	392 51%l	275 49%	273 48%	196 47%	227 46%	176 56%Q	407 47%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Absolutes/col percents

Page 5

Table 4

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Agree

Base: All respondents

		Gen	ıder					Age						Social C	Grade		Employmen	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Cases such as Dr Harold Shipman, the Yorkshire GP who murdered more than 250 of his patients, and the Gosport Hospital scandal involving the unnecessary deaths of more than 450 patients, make me concerned that changing the law to allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of a substance to kill terminally ill patients would fundamentally change the relationship between doctors and patients	865 42%	430 43%	434 42%	99 44%	136 39%	131 40%	147 41%	134 44%	216 46%d	236 41%	279 41%	350 45%j	246 44%M	216 38%	186 45%M	216 44%m	151 48%q	359 42%
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust my own GP enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	853 42%	423 42%	431 41%	83 37%	124 35%	137 42%d	149 41%	130 43%d	231 49%CDe	207 <del>-</del> 36%	286 42%i	361 47%lj	227 41%	254 44%	167 40%	204 41%	132 42%	335 39%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Absolutes/col percents

Table 4

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Agree

Base: All respondents

		Ger	nder					Age						Social C	Grade		Employmer	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (0)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust both my own GP and all the other doctors in the same practice enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	828 41%	420 42%	408 39%	84 37%	129 37%	139 43%	139 38%	124 41%	212 45%cDf	213 37%	278 40%	337 44%l	241 43%o	238 42%	161 39%	188 38%	139 44%	338 39%
If assisted suicide were legal, it would risk normalising suicide which may lead to an increase in suicide rates more generally	761 37%	397 40%B	365 35%	83 37%	128 36%	117 36%	133 37%	117 39%	183 39%	211 36%	250 36%	300 39%	218 39%	200 35%	164 40%	179 36%	126 40%	330 38%
Assisted suicide should not be made legal in Britain if it can be proved that the experience of most other countries where assisted suicide has been legalised shows an increase in suicide rates in general	730 36%	368 37%	363 35%	89 39%f	123 35%	106 33%	112 31%	115 38%f	185 39%eF	213 37%j	218 32%	300 39%J	207 37%	198 35%	145 35%	180 36%	119 38%	305 35%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Prepared by ComRes

Absolutes/col percents

Page 7

Table 5

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Agree

Base: All respondents

							Reg	ion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands <u>(h)</u>	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	I always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	I almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
As a society we ought to try to do everything we reasonably can to reduce the rate of suicides, especially among men who are three times as likely as women to take their own lives	1582 78%	152 86%DE	76 fGHKm74%	1354 77%	68 79%	184 78%	131 76%	131 72%	118 79%k	156 79%k	197 71%	229 80%hł	141 < 78%	353 75%	648 81%N	463 80%r
If assisted suicide were legal, I would be concerned that some people would feel pressurised into accepting help to take their own life so as not to be a burden on others	1046 51%	83 47%	42 41%	921 52%B	51 59%aE	125 3G 53%Bg	75 g 44%	101 55%BG	75 51%	102 52%b	153 56%aE	147 G 52%b	92 50%	234 50%	432 54%	290 50%
If GPs are given the power to help patients commit suicide it will fundamentally change the relationship between a doctor and patient, since GPs are currently under a duty to protect and preserve the lives of patients	971 48%	85 48%	41 40%	845 48%	44 51%	114 48%	79 46%	87 48%	73 49%	90 46%	131 48%	144 50%b	83 46%	236 50%	389 48%	276 48%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Absolutes/col percents

Page 8

Table 5

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Agree

Base: All respondents

							Reg	ion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	l always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	l almost never see my own GP (p)
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
Cases such as Dr Harold Shipman, the Yorkshire GP who murdered more than 250 of his batients, and the Gosport Hospital scandal involving the unnecessary deaths of more than 450 batients, make me concerned that changing the law to allow doctors to prescribe ethal doses of a substance to kill terminally jil patients would fundamentally change the relationship between doctors and patients	865 42%	74 42%	42 41%	748 43%	35 40%	106 45%	68 40%	78 43%	58 39%	86 44%	114 41%	127 44%	77 42%	209 45%	346 43%	240 42%
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust my own GP enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	853 42%	94 53%DFt	43 IIjKIM 42%	717 41%	40 47%f	80 34%	75 44%f	74 41%	62 41%	84 43%f	108 39%	124 44%f	69 38%	222 47%P	352 44%p	222 39%



Table 5

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Agree

Base: All respondents

							Reg	gion							GP experience	;
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	l always see my own GP (n)	l sometimes see my own GP (o)	l almost never see my own G (p)
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust both my own GP and all the other doctors in the same practice enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	828 41%	85 48%DFM	40 40%	703 40%	35 41%	81 34%	68 40%	71 39%	64 43%	80 41%	112 41%	125 44%f	66 36%	201 43%	338 42%	235 41%
If assisted suicide were legal, it would risk normalising suicide which may lead to an increase in suicide rates more generally	761 37%	64 36%	28 28%	669 38%B	37 43%Bg	102 g 44%B	51 Gij 30%	75 41%BG	51 34%	67 34%	105 38%ხე	115 g 40%Bi	66 G 36%	190 40%	300 37%	206 36%
Assisted suicide should not be made legal in Britain if it can be proved that the experience of most other countries where assisted suicide has been legalised shows an increase in suicide rates in general	730 36%	60 34%	35 34%	635 36%	35 41%g	79 34%	49 29%	71 39%g	47 31%	68 35%	109 39%G	113 40%G	63 35%	167 36%	306 38%	198 34%
Proportions/Mea * small base; ** v	ins: Co very sm	lumns Tes all base (u	ted (5% nder 30	, 10% risl ) ineligib	k level) - a le for sig	a/d - b/d - testing	c/d - a/b/c	:/e/f/g/h/i/j	/k/l/m - n/	/o/p						



Absolutes/col percents

Prepared by ComRes

Absolutes/col percents

Page 10

### Table 6

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Disagree

Base: All respondents

Total         Male         Fernale         18-24         25-34         35-44         45-54         55+         AB         C1         C2         DE         Public         vale           weighted base         2040         963         1077         216         354         360         339         328         443         570         699         771         614         553         343         530         324         84           sighted base         2040         963         1077         216         355         326         361         302         472         579         687         774         557         573         414         496         316         86           sissisted suicide         760         365         395         87         131         128         118         188         217         256         287         220         222         149         168         110         31           relegal, it would         37%         37%         38%         35%         39%         36%         38%         37%         37%         40%o         39%         36%         34%         35%         3           sisted suicide         639         335			Ger	nder					Age						Social G	Grade		Employme	
understand         040         985         1045         226         353         320         361         302         472         579         667         774         557         573         414         496         316         96           sesslets suicide         760         365         395         67         131         128         128         138         168         217         256         287         220         222         149         168         110         31           normalising         adde which may lead         an increase in         adde         38%         37%         37%         39%         36%         36%         37%         37%         40%o         39%         34%         35%         3           an increase in cide rates more increase in cide rates in contrase where issed suicide subset issed suicide subset issed subset issed subset issed subset isset i		Total											55+ (k)				DE (0)		Pri- vate (q)
	Inweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
re legal, it would 37% 37% 38% 38% 37% 39% 35% 39% 36% 38% 37% 37% 40% 39% 36% 38% 37% 37% 40% 39% 36% 34% 35% 3 normality lead an increase in cide rates more nerally sisted suicide should 639 335 304 64 107 102 124 104 138 171 226 242 192 187 111 149 91 29 the made legal in 31% 34% 29% 28% 30% 31% 34% 29% 30% 33% 31% 34% 33% 21% 34%N 33%n 27% 30% 29% 3 word that the period of most er countries where sisted suicide have en legalised shows an rease in cide rates in neral	Veighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	86
t be made legal in 31% 34%B 29% 28% 30% 31% 34% 34% 29% 30% 33% 31% 34%N 33%n 27% 30% 29% 3 wed that the serience of most lere countries where sisted suicide has en legalised shows an rease in cide rates in neral	assisted suicide ere legal, it would sk normalising uicide which may lead an increase in uicide rates more enerally	760 37%	365 37%	395 38%			128 39%	128 35%		168 36%			287 37%		222 39%		168 34%	110 35%	31! 3
roportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q	ssisted suicide should of be made legal in itain if it can be oved that the perience of most her countries where ssisted suicide has seen legalised shows an crease in sicide rates in hereal	639 31%	335 34%B	304 29%	64 28%	107 30%	102 31%	124 34%	104 34%	138 29%	171 30%	226 33%	242 31%	192 34%N	187 33%n	111 27%	149 30%	91 29%	29) 34
	oportions/Mea	ans: Col	umns T	ested (5	%, 10% ri	sk level)	) - a/b - c/	/d/e/f/g/h	- i/j/k - l/i	m/n/o - p	<u>ə/q</u>								



Absolutes/col percents

Page 11

### Table 6

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

#### Disagree

Base: All respondents

L			Gen	der					Age						Social Gr	ade		Employment	
l		Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
L	Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
	Cases such as Dr Harold Shipman, the Yorkshire GP who murdered more than 250 of his patients, and the Gosport Hospital scandal involving the unnecessary deaths of more than 450 patients, make me concerned that changing the law to allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of a substance to kill terminally ill patients would fundamentally change the relationship between doctors and patients	572 28%	299 30%b	272 26%	56 25%	91 26%	87 27%	97 27%	103 34%CDEf	137 29%	147 25%	184 27%	240 31%lj	172 31%NO	179 31%NO	101 24%	119 24%	79 25%	243 28%
	If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust my own GP enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	541 27%	275 28%	266 25%	65 29%h	114 32%efH	85 26%	91 25%	84 28%h	103 22%	179 31%jK	176 26%	186 24%	164 29%n	144 25%	96 23%	137 28%	99 31%	247 29%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Absolutes/col percents

### Table 6

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Disagree

Base: All respondents

		Ger	nder					Age						Social G	Grade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (0)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust both my own GP and all the other doctors in the same practice enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	526 26%	253 25%	273 26%	61 27%	102 29%H	83 25%	91 25%	84 28%h	105 22%	163 28%	174 25%	188 24%	145 26%	148 26%	90 22%	143 29%N	84 27%	233 27%
If assisted suicide were legal, I would be concerned that some people would feel pressurised into accepting help to take their own life so as not to be a burden on others	509 25%	255 26%	253 24%	62 27%	84 24%	74 23%	96 27%	77 25%	116 25%	146 25%	170 25%	192 25%	142 25%	147 26%	94 23%	126 25%	68 21%	230 27%p
If GPs are given the power to help patients commit suicide it will fundamentally change the relationship between a doctor and patient, since GPs are currently under a duty to protect and preserve the lives of patients	474 23%	236 24%	238 23%	54 24%	88 25%e	61 19%	88 24%e	74 24%e	110 23%	142 25%	148 22%	184 24%	146 26%o	129 23%	95 23%	104 21%	59 19%	210 24%p



Absolutes/col percents

### Table 6

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Disagree

Base: All respondents

Weighted base         2040         995         1045         226         353         326         361         302         472         579         687         774         557         573         414         496         316         861           Ne a society we ought to try to do everything erasonably crait to enduce the rate of subicides, especially among men who are three imes as likely as women to take their own ives         117         74         537         573         414         496         316         861           Net assonably crait to erasonably crait to enduce the rate of subicides, especially among men who are three imes as likely as women to take their own         117         42         41         33         33         30         22         31         21         60           You the rate of subicides, especially among men who are three imes as likely as         6%         8%H         5%         7%h         5%         4%         7%K         6%         4%         6%         5%         6%         7%         7%           Visit         3         30         30         22         31         21         60         7%         6%         4%         6%         4%         6%         5%         6%         7%         7%           Visite         30         3	Total       Male       Female       18-24       25-34       35-44       45-54       55-64       65+       18-34       35-54       55+       AB       C1       C2       DE       Public       vate         eighted base       2040       995       1045       226       353       326       361       302       472       579       687       774       557       573       414       496       316       861         s a society we ought try to do everything reasonably can to duce the rate of icides, especially nong men who are three nes as likely as some to take their own       16%       8%B       4%       6%       8%H       5%       7%h       5%       4%       7%K       6%       4%       6%       5%       7%h       5%       4%       7%K       6%       4%       6%       5%       7%h       5%       4%       7%K       6%       4%       6%       5%       6%       7%h       5%       4%       7%K       6%       4%h       6%       5%       6%       7%h       5%       4%h       7%K       6%h       4%h       6%       5%       5%       6%h       4%h       6%       5%       5%h       6%h       4%h       6%h       5%h       6			Och	der					Age						Social C	Grade		Employme	
Weighted base         2040         995         1045         226         353         326         961         302         472         579         687         774         557         573         414         496         316         861           As a society we ought to try to do everything we reasonably crait to educe the rate of subides, especially among men who are three iners as likely as women to take their own twes         117         79         38         13         29         18         24         16         17         42         41         33         33         30         22         31         21         60           versachaby crait to extracted by crait to extracted by subides, especially         8%B         4%         8%H         5%         7%h         5%         4%         7%K         6%         4%         6%         5%         5%         6%         7%         7%	eighted base       2040       995       1045       226       353       326       361       302       472       579       687       774       557       573       414       496       316       861         xa society we ought thy to do everything reasonably can to take their own es       117       79       887       74       579       687       774       557       573       414       496       316       861         to do everything reasonably can to take their own es       116       17       42       41       33       33       30       22       31       21       600         to doe everything reasonably can to take their own es       1667       7% th       5%       4%       7% th       5%       4%       4%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       6%       7%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       7%       7%       7%       7%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       7%       7%       7%       7%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5%       5% </th <th></th> <th>Total</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>25-34 (d)</th> <th>35-44 (e)</th> <th>45-54 (f)</th> <th></th> <th>65+ (h)</th> <th>18-34 (i)</th> <th>35-54 (i)</th> <th>55+ (k)</th> <th>AB (I)</th> <th></th> <th>C2 (n)</th> <th>DE (o)</th> <th></th> <th>vate</th>		Total				25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)		65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (i)	55+ (k)	AB (I)		C2 (n)	DE (o)		vate
reasonably can to licides, especially nong men who are three es as likely as omen to take their own es	reasonably can to licides, especially nong men who are three es as likely as omen to take their own es	eighted base	2040																	
roportions/Means: Columns Tostad (5% 10% risk loval) alb c/d/o/f/a/b jij/k j/m/n/a p/a	roportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q	reasonably can to Juce the rate of icides, especially nong men who are three es as likely as men to take their own	117 6%	79 8%B	38 4%	13 6%	29 8%H	18 5%	24 7%h	16 5%	17 4%	42 7%K	41 6%	33 4%	33 6%	30 5%	22 5%	31 6%	21 7%	60 7
anartians/Maans: Calumns Tastad (5% 10% risk laval) a/b c/d/o/f/g/b i/i/k //m/n/a n/g	oportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q																			
Sportions/means. Columns rested (5%, 10% lisk level) - a/b - C/a/e/lig/ii - lij/k - l/m/l/o - p/q																				
		roportions/Mean	ıs: Colu	mns Te	sted (5%	o, 10% ris	k level) -	a/b - c/c	l/e/f/g/h -	i/j/k - l/m	n/n/o - p/	q								
		roportions/Mean	ns: Colu	mns Te	sted (5%	, 10% ris	k level) -	a/b - c/c	1/e/f/g/h -	i/j/k - l/m	ı/n/o - p/	q								
		roportions/Mean	ns: Colu	mns Tes	sted (5%	, 10% ris	k level) -	a/b - c/c	1/e/f/g/h -	i/j/k - l/m	ı/n/o - p/	q								
		Proportions/Mean	ns: Colu	mns Tes	sted (5%	, 10% ris	k level) -	a/b - c/c	1/e/f/g/h -	i/j/k - l/m	ı/n/o - p/	q								

Absolutes/col percents

Page 14

Table 7

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Disagree

Base: All respondents

						Reg	ion							GP experience	e I almost
Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	GP		
2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
760 37%	79 44%DFHk	44 m 43%Fh	636 36%	29 33%	68 29%	69 40%F	58 32%	60 41%F	81 41%Fh	97 35%	111 39%F	63 35%	149 32%	303 38%N	243 42%
639 31%	<sup>59</sup> 33% Iumns Tes all base (u	32 31% ted (5%, nder 30	548 31% 10% ris ) ineligib	23 26% k level) - a le for sig	<sup>63</sup> 27% a/d - b/d - testing	63 37%F	53 29% :/e/f/g/h/i/	48 32%	67 34%	81 29%	91 32%	58 32%	133 28%	254 32%	199 35%r
re	2040 2040 760 37% 639 31%	(a) 2040 206 2040 177 760 79 37% 44%DFHk 639 59 31% 33% 639 33%	(a) (b) 2040 206 114 2040 177 102* 760 79 44 37% 44%DFHkm 43%Fh 639 59 32 31% 33% 31%	Total         Scotland         Wales         England           2040         206         114         1720           2040         177         102*         1761           760         79         44         636           37%         44%DFHkm         43%Fh         36%           639         59         32         548           31%         33%         31%         31%	Total         Scotland         Wales         England         North East           (a)         (b)         (d)         (e)           2040         206         114         1720         81           2040         177         102*         1761         86*           760         79         44         636         29           37%         44%DFHkm         43%Fh         36%         33%           639         59         32         548         23           31%         33%         31%         31%         26%	Total         Scotland         Wales         England         North East         North West           2040         206         114         1720         81         218           2040         177         102*         1761         86*         235           760         79         44         636         29         68           37%         44%DFHkm         43%Fh         36%         33%         29%           639         59         32         548         23         63           31%         33%         31%         31%         26%         27%	Total         Scotland         Wales         England         North East         North West         Humberside           2040         206         114         1720         81         218         182           2040         177         102*         1761         86*         235         171           760         79         44         636         29         68         69           37%         44%DFHkm         43%Fh         36%         33%         29%         40%F           639         59         32         548         23         63         63           31%         33%         31%         31%         26%         27%         37%F	Total         Scotland         Wales         England         North East         North West         Humberside         Midlands           2040         206         114         1720         81         218         182         172           2040         177         102*         1761         86*         235         171         182           760         79         44         636         29         68         69         58           37%         44%DFHkm         43%Fh         36%         33%         29%         40%F         32%           639         59         32         548         23         63         63         53           31%         33%         31%         31%         26%         27%         37%F         29%	Total         Scotland         Wales         England         North East         North West         Humberside         Midlands         Midlands         Midlands         Midlands         Midlands         (i)         (i)	Total         Scotland         Wales         England         North Teast         North West         Humberside         Midlands         Eastern         (i)         (ii)         (iii)         (iiii)         (iiii)         (iiii)<	Total         Scotland         Wales         England         North East         North West         Humberside         Midlands         Eastern         London           2040         206         114         1720         81         218         182         172         170         199         278           2040         177         102*         1761         86*         235         171         182         149         196         275           760         79         44         636         29         68         69         58         60         81         97           37%         44%DFHkm         43%Fh         36%         33%         29%         40%F         32%         41%F         41%Fh         35%           639         59         32         548         23         63         63         53         48         67         81           31%         33%         31%         26%         27%         37%F         29%         32%         34%         29%	Total         Scotland         Wales         England         North East         Morth West         Humberside         Midlands         Eastern         London         South East           2040         206         114         1720         81         218         182         172         170         199         278         245           2040         177         102*         1761         86*         235         171         182         149         196         275         286           760         79         44         636         29         68         69         58         60         81         97         111           37%         44%DFHkm         43%Fh         36%         33%         29%         40%F         32%         41%F         41%Fh         35%         39%F           639         59         32         548         23         63         63         53         48         67         81         91           31%         33%         31%         26%         27%         37%F         29%         32%         34%         29%         32%	Total         Scotland         Wales         England         North West         Humberside         Midlands         Midlands         Eastern         London         South East         South West           2040         206         114         1720         81         218         182         172         170         199         278         245         175           2040         177         102*         1761         86*         235         171         182         149         196         275         286         182           760         79         44         636         29         68         69         58         60         81         97         111         63           37%         44%DFHkm         43%Fh         36%         33%         29%         40%F         32%         41%F         41%Fh         35%         39%F         35%           639         59         32         548         23         63         63         53         48         67         81         91         58           31%         33%         31%         26%         27%         37%F         29%         32%         34%         29%         32%         32% <td>Total         Scotland         Wates         England         North East         North West         Humberside         Midlands         Midlands         Conton         South East         South West         CP           2040         206         114         1720         81         218         182         172         170         199         278         245         175         463           2040         177         102*         1761         86*         235         171         182         149         196         275         286         182         488           760         79         44         636         29         68         69         58         60         81         97         111         63         149           37%         44%0FHkm         43%Fh         36%         33%         29%         40%F         32%         41%F         35%         39%F         35%         32%         133           639         59         32         548         23         63         63         53         48         67         81         91         58         133           31%         33%         31%         26%         27%         37%F<td>Total         Scotland         Wales         North East (d)         Yorkshir &amp; (d)         West (h)         East (h)         East (h)         East (h)         East (h)         South East (h)         South West (m)         &lt;</td></td>	Total         Scotland         Wates         England         North East         North West         Humberside         Midlands         Midlands         Conton         South East         South West         CP           2040         206         114         1720         81         218         182         172         170         199         278         245         175         463           2040         177         102*         1761         86*         235         171         182         149         196         275         286         182         488           760         79         44         636         29         68         69         58         60         81         97         111         63         149           37%         44%0FHkm         43%Fh         36%         33%         29%         40%F         32%         41%F         35%         39%F         35%         32%         133           639         59         32         548         23         63         63         53         48         67         81         91         58         133           31%         33%         31%         26%         27%         37%F <td>Total         Scotland         Wales         North East (d)         Yorkshir &amp; (d)         West (h)         East (h)         East (h)         East (h)         East (h)         South East (h)         South West (m)         &lt;</td>	Total         Scotland         Wales         North East (d)         Yorkshir & (d)         West (h)         East (h)         East (h)         East (h)         East (h)         South East (h)         South West (m)         <



Absolutes/col percents

Page 15

Table 7

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Disagree

Base: All respondents

Weighted base 2040 Cases such as Dr Harold 572 Shipman, the Yorkshire 28% GP who murdered more than 250 of his patients, and the Gosport Hospital scandal involving the unnecessary deaths of more than 450 patients, make me concerned that changing the law to allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of a substance to kill terminally ill patients	cotland (a)         Wales (b)           177         102*           55         27           31%         26%	NET: England (d) 1761 489 28%	North East (e) 86* 26 30%	North West (f) 235 58 25%	Yorkshire & Humberside (g) 171 53 31%	West Midlands (h) 182 49 27%	East Midlands (i) 149 40 27%	Eastern (j) 196 55 28%	London (k) 275 73 27%	South East (I) 286 81 28%	South West (m) 182 54 30%	I always see my own GP (n) 468 112 24%	I sometimes see my own GP (0) 803 216 27%	I almost never see my own GP (p) 577 192 33%NO
Cases such as Dr Harold 572 Shipman, the Yorkshire 28% GP who murdered more than 250 of his 552 scandai involving the 155 unnecessary deaths of 552 more than 450 patients, make me concerned that changing the law to allow 450 doctors to prescribe 155 lethal doses of a 155 substance to kill 155 terminally ill patients	55 27	489	26	58	53	49	40	55	73	81	54	112	216	192
Shipman, the Yorkshire 28% GP who murdered more than 250 of his patients, and the Gosport Hospital scandal involving the unnecessary deaths of more than 450 patients, make me concerned that changing the law to allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of a substance to kill terminally ill patients	55 27 31% 26%		26 30%	58 25%	53 31%									
would fundamentally change the relationship between doctors and patients														
If assisted suicide 541 were legal, I would 27% trust my own GP enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	43 24 24% 23%	474 27%	19 23%	53 23%	46 27%	50 28%	40 27%	54 27%	81 29%	82 29%	49 27%	103 22%	199 25%	179 31%NO



Absolutes/col percents

Page 16

Table 7

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

### Disagree

Base: All respondents

							Rec	ion							GP experience	•
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	I always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	l almost never see my own GP (p)
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust both my own GP and all the other doctors in the same practice enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	526 26%	42 24%	24 23%	460 26%	20 24%	59 25%	53 31%	44 24%	37 25%	50 26%	70 26%	74 26%	53 29%	111 24%	187 23%	174 30%NO
If assisted suicide were legal, I would be concerned that some people would feel pressurised into accepting help to take their own life so as not to be a burden on others	509 25%	57 32%DFhil	31 31%F	420 24%	19 22%	43 18%	47 27%f	42 23%	33 22%	48 24%	67 24%	74 26%f	46 26%	116 25%	189 23%	161 28%0
If GPs are given the power to help patients commit suicide it will fundamentally change the relationship between a doctor and patient, since GPs are currently under a duty to protect and preserve the lives of patients	474 23%	50 28%fh	24 24%	400 23%	19 22%	47 20%	40 23%	35 19%	40 27%	48 24%	66 24%	63 22%	42 23%	100 21%	175 22%	151 26%no
Proportions/Mea * small base; ** v							c/d - a/b/o	c/e/f/g/h/i	/j/k/l/m - n	/o/p						



Absolutes/col percents

Table 7

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue? Disagree

Base: All respondents

							Reg	ION							GP experience	l almost
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	l always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	never see my own GF
/eighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
a society we ought try to do everything e reasonably can to duce the rate of icides, especially nong men who are three nes as likely as omen to take their own as	117 6%	9 5%	4 4%	104 6%	6 7%	6 3%	11 6%f	17 9%Fin	6 n 4%	12 6%	20 7%F	17 6%	8 4%	26 6%	36 5%	33 6%
roportions/Mean small base; ** ve	is: Colu ery sma	umns Tes III base (u	ited (5%, Inder 30)	10% risk ineligible	level) - a e for sig t	/d - b/d - c esting	c/d - a/b/c/	e/f/g/h/i/j/l	k/l/m - n/c	o/p						
roportions/Mean small base; ** ve	ery sma	umns Tes III base (u	ted (5%, Inder 30)	10% risk ineligible	level) - a e for sig t	/d - b/d - c esting	:/d - a/b/c/	e/f/g/h/i/j/l	k/l/m - n/c	o/p						
roportions/Mean small base; ** ve	ıs: Colu Pry sma	umns Tes III base (u	ted (5%, Inder 30)	10% risk ineligible	level) - a e for sig t	/d - b/d - c esting	c/d - a/b/c/	e/f/g/h/i/j/l	k/l/m - n/c	o/p						
Proportions/Mean small base; ** ve	ıs: Colu ery sma	umns Tes III base (u	ted (5%, Inder 30)	10% risk ineligible	level) - a e for sig t	/d - b/d - c esting	:/d - a/b/c/	e/f/g/h/i/j/l	k/l/m - n/c	<mark>o/p</mark>						
roportions/Mean small base; ** ve	ıs: Colu ry sma	umns Tes III base (u	ted (5%, Inder 30)	10% risk ineligible	level) - a e for sig t	/d - b/d - c esting	c/d - a/b/c/	e/f/g/h/i/j/l	k/l/m - n/c	D/p						
Proportions/Mean small base; ** ve	is: Colu ery sma	umns Tes III base (u	ted (5%, Inder 30)	10% risk ineligible	level) - a e for sig t	/d - b/d - c esting	:/d - a/b/c/	e/f/g/h/i/j/l	k/l/m - n/c	o/p						

Absolutes/col percents

### Table 8

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country.

Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue? Don't know

Base: All respondents

		Ger	nder					Age						Social (	Grade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust both my own GP and all the other doctors in the same practice enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	686 34%	323 32%	364 35%	82 36%	121 34%	104 32%	131 36%	94 31%	155 33%	202 35%	235 34%	248 32%	171 31%	186 33%	164 40%LMo	165 33%	94 30%	289 34%
Assisted suicide should not be made legal in Britain if it can be proved that the experience of most other countries where assisted suicide has been legalised shows an increase in suicide rates in general	671 33%	293 29%	378 36%A	73 32%	123 35%g	118 36%G	125 35%g	83 28%	149 32%	195 34%	243 35%K	233 30%	158 28%	188 33%	158 38%L	167 34%l	106 34%	265 31%
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust my own GP enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	646 32%	298 30%	348 33%	78 34%	115 33%	104 32%	122 34%	88 29%	139 29%	193 33%	226 33%	227 29%	166 30%	175 31%	150 36%lm	154 31%	86 27%	279 32%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q

Prepared by ComRes

Absolutes/col percents

Page 19

### Table 8

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

Don't know

Base: All respondents

		Ger	nder					Age						Social G	Grade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Cases such as Dr Harold Shipman, the Yorkshire GP who murdered more than 250 of his patients, and the Gosport Hospital scandal involving the unnecessary deaths of more than 450 patients, make me concerned that changing the law to allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of a substance to kill terminally ill patients would fundamentally change the relationship between doctors and patients	604 30%	266 27%	338 32%A	71 31%G	125 35%GH	108 33%GH	116 32%GH	65 22%	119 25%	196 34%K	224 33%K	184 24%	138 25%	178 31%L	127 31%	161 33%L	87 27%	258 30%
If GPs are given the power to help patients commit suicide it will fundamentally change the relationship between a doctor and patient, since GPs are currently under a duty to protect and preserve the lives of patients	594 29%	261 26%	333 32%A	74 33%gh	111 31%g	102 31%g	109 30%	74 25%	124 26%	185 32%K	211 31%K	198 26%	136 24%	170 30%l	123 30%	165 33%L	81 26%	244 28%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Absolutes/col percents

Table 8

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue? Don't know

Base: All respondents

		Ger	nder					Age						Social G	irade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (0)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
assisted suicide vere legal, it would sk normalising uicide which may lead o an increase in uicide rates more enerally	519 25%	234 24%	285 27%a	57 25%	94 27%	81 25%	100 28%	67 22%	120 25%	151 26%	181 26%	187 24%	118 21%	152 26%L	101 24%	148 30%L	81 26%	211 25%
assisted suicide are legal, I would be ncerned that some sople would feel essurised into cepting help to take ari own life so as to be a burden on hers	485 24%	218 22%	268 26%a	55 24%	90 26%	82 25%	95 26%g	60 20%	104 22%	145 25%	177 26%k	163 21%	100 18%	141 25%L	111 27%L	134 27%L	69 22%	208 24
s a society we ought try to do everything e reasonably can to duce the rate of uicides, especially mong men who are three nes as likely as omen to take their own res	341 17%	154 15%	188 18%	44 19%GH	80 23%GH	58 18%Gh	66 18%GH	33 11%	61 13%	124 21%K	124 18%K	94 12%	81 14%	96 17%	79 19%l	86 17%	50 16%	148 179
roportions/Mean	ns: Colu	ımns Te	ested (5%	., 10% risl	( level) -	a/b - c/d/	/e/f/g/h -	i/j/k - l/m	n/n/o - p/	9								
repared by Com	Res																Co	MR

Absolutes/col percents

Table 9

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

Don't know

Base: All respondents

							Reg	ion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	l always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	l almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust both my own GP and all the other doctors in the same practice enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	686 34%	51 29%	38 37%	598 34%	30 35%	95 40%AG	51 GL 30%	67 37%	48 32%	65 33%	93 34%	87 30%	62 34%	156 33%	278 35%P	168 29%
Assisted suicide should not be made legal in Britain if it can be proved that the experience of most other countries where assisted suicide has been legalised shows an increase in suicide rates in general	671 33%	58 32%	35 35%	578 33%	28 32%	92 39%jkL	58 . 34%	57 31%	54 36%	60 31%	86 31%	82 29%	60 33%	169 36%O	243 30%	179 31%
If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust my own GP enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life	646 32%	41 23%	35 35%A	570 32%A	26 31%	102 43%Ae	50 GHIJKL 29%	57 31%a	47 32%a	58 29%	87 31%a	80 28%	63 35%A	143 31%	252 31%	176 30%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Prepared by ComRes

Absolutes/col percents

Table 9

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue? Don't know

Base: All respondents

							Reg	ion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	I always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	I almost never see my own GP (p)
/eighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
ases such as Dr Harold hipman, the Yorkshire iP who murdered more ian 250 of his atients, and the osport Hospital sandal involving the nnecessary deaths of iore than 450 atients, make me oncerned that changing ie law to allow octors to prescribe thal doses of a ubstance to kill mminally lil patients ould fundamentally nange the relationship etween octors and patients	604 30%	48 27%	33 32%	523 30%	25 30%	71 30%	50 29%	54 30%	51 34%	55 28%	88 32%	77 27%	51 28%	147 31%P	240 30%p	144 25%
GPs are given the ower to help patients ommit suicide it will indamentally change is relationship etween a doctor and atient, since GPs are urrently under a duty protect nd preserve the lives f patients	594 29%	42 24%	37 36%AI	515 29%	23 27%	74 31%	52 30%	59 32%a	36 24%	58 30%	78 28%	78 27%	56 31%	132 28%	239 30%	150 26%



Prepared by ComRes

Absolutes/col percents

### Table 9

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue? Don't know

Base: All respondents

							Reg	ion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	I always see my own GP (n)	l sometimes see my own GP (o)	l almost never see my own GP (p)
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
If assisted suicide were legal, it would risk normalising suicide which may lead to an increase in suicide rates more generally	519 25%	35 20%	29 29%	455 26%a	20 24%	64 27%a	51 30%AL	48 26%	38 25%	49 25%	73 26%	60 21%	53 29%al	130 28%p	200 25%	128 22%
If assisted suicide were legal, I would be concerned that some people would feel pressurised into accepting help to take their own life so as not to be a burden on others	485 24%	38 21%	29 28%k	419 24%	16 18%	66 28%К	50 29%eK	39 21%	40 27%	46 23%	55 20%	64 23%	44 24%	118 25%	182 23%	126 22%
As a society we ought to try to do everything we reasonably can to reduce the rate of suicides, especially among men who are three times as likely as women to take their own lives	341 17%	17 9%	22 21%A	303 17%A	12 14%	44 19%A	30 17%A	33 18%A	24 16%a	28 15%	58 21%Aj	40 L 14%	33 18%A	89 19%oF	118 9 15%	81 14%
Proportions/Mear * small base; ** ve	ns: Coli ery sma	umns Tes III base (I	sted (5%, under 30)	10% risk ineligible	level) - a e for sig t	/d - b/d - c esting	c/d - a/b/c/	e/f/g/h/i/j/	k/l/m - n/c	<u>b/p</u>						
Prepared by Com	Res															Сом

Absolutes/col percents

Page 24

#### Table 10

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

Cases such as Dr Harold Shipman, the Yorkshire GP who murdered more than 250 of his patients, and the Gosport Hospital scandal involving the unnecessary deaths of more than 450 patients, make me concerned that changing the law to allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of a substance to kill terminally ill patients would fundamentally change the relationship between doctors and patients

Base: All respondents

		Gen	der					Age						Social Gr	ade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Agree	865 42%	430 43%	434 42%	99 44%	136 39%	131 40%	147 41%	134 44%	216 46%d	236 41%	279 41%	350 45%j	246 44%M	216 38%	186 45%M	216 44%m	151 48%q	359 42%
Disagree	572 28%	299 30%b	272 26%	56 25%	91 26%	87 27%	97 27%	103 34%CDEf	137 29%	147 25%	184 27%	240 31%lj	172 31%NO	179 31%NO	101 24%	119 24%	79 25%	243 28%
Don't know	604 30%	266 27%	338 32%A	71 31%G	125 35%GH	108 33%GH	116 32%GH	65 22%	119 25%	196 34%K	224 33%K	184 24%	138 25%	178 31%L	127 31%l	161 33%L	87 27%	258 30%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Absolutes/col percents

Page 25

### Table 11

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

Cases such as Dr Harold Shipman, the Yorkshire GP who murdered more than 250 of his patients, and the Gosport Hospital scandal involving the unnecessary deaths of more than 450 patients, make me concerned that changing the law to allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of a substance to kill terminally ill patients would fundamentally change the relationship between doctors and patients

Base: All respondents

							Rec	ion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	l always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	I almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
Agree	865 42%	74 42%	42 41%	748 43%	35 40%	106 45%	68 40%	78 43%	58 39%	86 44%	114 41%	127 44%	77 42%	209 45%	346 43%	240 42%
Disagree	572 28%	55 31%	27 26%	489 28%	26 30%	58 25%	53 31%	49 27%	40 27%	55 28%	73 27%	81 28%	54 30%	112 24%	216 27%	192 33%NO
Don't know	604 30%	48 27%	33 32%	523 30%	25 30%	71 30%	50 29%	54 30%	51 34%	55 28%	88 32%	77 27%	51 28%	147 31%P	240 30%p	144 25%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



### Table 12

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust my own GP enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life

### Base: All respondents

Prepared by ComRes

		Ger	nder					Age						Social G	irade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Agree	853 42%	423 42%	431 41%	83 37%	124 35%	137 42%d	149 41%	130 43%d	231 49%CDeF	207 36%	286 42%i	361 47%lj	227 41%	254 44%	167 40%	204 41%	132 42%	335 39%
Disagree	541 27%	275 28%	266 25%	65 29%h	114 32%efH	85 26%	91 25%	84 28%h	103 22%	179 31%jK	176 26%	186 24%	164 29%n	144 25%	96 23%	137 28%	99 31%	247 29%
Don't know	646 32%	298 30%	348 33%	78 34%	115 33%	104 32%	122 34%	88 29%	139 29%	193 33%	226 33%	227 29%	166 30%	175 31%	150 36%lm	154 31%	86 27%	279 32%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Page 26

Absolutes/col percents

### Table 13

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust my own GP enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life

### Base: All respondents

							Reg	lion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)		Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East	South West (m)	I always see my own GP (n)	l sometimes see my own GP (o)	l almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
Agree	853 42%	94 53%DF	43 Hijkim 42%	717 41%	40 47%f	80 34%	75 44%f	74 41%	62 41%	84 43%f	108 39%	124 44%f	69 38%	222 47%P	352 44%p	222 39%
Disagree	541 27%	43 24%	24 23%	474 27%	19 23%	53 23%	46 27%	50 28%	40 27%	54 27%	81 29%	82 29%	49 27%	103 22%	199 25%	179 31%NO
Don't know	646 32%	41 23%	35 35%A	570 32%A	26 31%	102 43%AeG	50 SHIJKL 29%	57 31%a	47 32%a	58 29%	87 31%a	80 28%	63 35%A	143 31%	252 31%	176 30%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Absolutes/col percents

#### Table 14

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust both my own GP and all the other doctors in the same practice enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life

Base: All respondents

		Ger	nder					Age						Social C	Grade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Agree	828 41%	420 42%	408 39%	84 37%	129 37%	139 43%	139 38%	124 41%	212 45%cDf	213 37%	278 40%	337 44%l	241 43%o	238 42%	161 39%	188 38%	139 44%	338 39%
Disagree	526 26%	253 25%	273 26%	61 27%	102 29%H	83 25%	91 25%	84 28%h	105 22%	163 28%	174 25%	188 24%	145 26%	148 26%	90 22%	143 29%N	84 27%	233 27%
Don't know	686 34%	323 32%	364 35%	82 36%	121 34%	104 32%	131 36%	94 31%	155 33%	202 35%	235 34%	248 32%	171 31%	186 33%	164 40%LMo	165 33%	94 30%	289 34%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Page 28

Absolutes/col percents

### Table 15

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

If assisted suicide were legal, I would trust both my own GP and all the other doctors in the same practice enough for them to make a decision about my mental capacity to decide whether or not to accept help to take my own life

Base: All respondents

							Reg	ion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	l always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	I almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
Agree	828 41%	85 48%DFM	40 40%	703 40%	35 41%	81 34%	68 40%	71 39%	64 43%	80 41%	112 41%	125 44%f	66 36%	201 43%	338 42%	235 41%
Disagree	526 26%	42 24%	24 23%	460 26%	20 24%	59 25%	53 31%	44 24%	37 25%	50 26%	70 26%	74 26%	53 29%	111 24%	187 23%	174 30%NO
Don't know	686 34%	51 29%	38 37%	598 34%	30 35%	95 40%A0	51 GL 30%	67 37%	48 32%	65 33%	93 34%	87 30%	62 34%	156 33%	278 35%P	168 29%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Absolutes/col percents

Page 29

#### Table 16

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

If assisted suicide were legal, I would be concerned that some people would feel pressurised into accepting help to take their own life so as not to be a burden on others

### Base: All respondents

		Ger	nder					Age						Social G	irade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Agree	1046 51%	523 52%	523 50%	110 49%	178 50%	170 52%	170 47%	166 55%f	252 54%f	288 50%	340 49%	418 54%	315 57%MnO	286 50%	209 50%	236 48%	180 57%Q	422 49%
Disagree	509 25%	255 26%	253 24%	62 27%	84 24%	74 23%	96 27%	77 25%	116 25%	146 25%	170 25%	192 25%	142 25%	147 26%	94 23%	126 25%	68 21%	230 27%p
Don't know	485 24%	218 22%	268 26%a	55 24%	90 26%	82 25%	95 26%g	60 20%	104 22%	145 25%	177 26%k	163 21%	100 18%	141 25%L	111 27%L	134 27%L	69 22%	208 24%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Prepared by ComRes

Page 30

Absolutes/col percents

### Table 17

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

If assisted suicide were legal, I would be concerned that some people would feel pressurised into accepting help to take their own life so as not to be a burden on others

### Base: All respondents

							Rec	ion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	I always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	l almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
Agree	1046 51%	83 47%	42 41%	921 52%B	51 59%aBO	125 G 53%Bg	75 44%	101 55%BG	75 51%	102 52%b	153 56%aBG	147 G 52%b	92 50%	234 50%	432 54%	290 50%
Disagree	509 25%	57 32%DFhi	31 k 31%F	420 24%	19 22%	43 18%	47 27%f	42 23%	33 22%	48 24%	67 24%	74 26%f	46 26%	116 25%	189 23%	161 28%o
Don't know	485 24%	38 21%	29 28%k	419 24%	16 18%	66 28%K	50 29%eK	39 21%	40 27%	46 23%	55 20%	64 23%	44 24%	118 25%	182 23%	126 22%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Prepared by ComRes

Page 31

Absolutes/col percents

### Table 18

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country.

Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue? If assisted suicide were legal, it would risk normalising suicide which may lead to an increase in suicide rates more generally

### Base: All respondents

		Gen	der					Age						Social G	ade		Employme	nt Sector
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Agree	761 37%	397 40%B	365 35%	83 37%	128 36%	117 36%	133 37%	117 39%	183 39%	211 36%	250 36%	300 39%	218 39%	200 35%	164 40%	179 36%	126 40%	330 38%
Disagree	760 37%	365 37%	395 38%	87 38%	131 37%	128 39%	128 35%	118 39%	168 36%	217 38%	256 37%	287 37%	220 40%o	222 39%	149 36%	168 34%	110 35%	319 37%
Don't know	519 25%	234 24%	285 27%a	57 25%	94 27%	81 25%	100 28%	67 22%	120 25%	151 26%	181 26%	187 24%	118 21%	152 26%L	101 24%	148 30%L	81 26%	211 25%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Absolutes/col percents

Page 32

### Table 19

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country.

Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

If assisted suicide were legal, it would risk normalising suicide which may lead to an increase in suicide rates more generally

Base: All respondents

							Reg	jion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	I always see my own GP (n)	l sometimes see my own GP (o)	l almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
Agree	761 37%	64 36%	28 28%	669 38%B	37 43%Bg	102 44%BG	51 iij 30%	75 41%BG	51 34%	67 34%	105 38%bg	115 40%BG	66 36%	190 40%	300 37%	206 36%
Disagree	760 37%	79 44%DFHkr	44 n 43%Fh	636 36%	29 33%	68 29%	69 40%F	58 32%	60 41%F	81 41%Fh	97 35%	111 39%F	63 35%	149 32%	303 38%N	243 42%N
Don't know	519 25%	35 20%	29 29%	455 26%a	20 24%	64 27%a	51 30%AL	48 26%	38 25%	49 25%	73 26%	60 21%	53 29%al	130 28%p	200 25%	128 22%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Prepared by ComRes

Page 33

Absolutes/col percents

Table 20

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue? Assisted suicide should not be made legal in Britain if it can be proved that the experience of most other countries where assisted suicide has been legalised shows

an increase in suicide rates in general

Base: All respondents

		Gen	der					Age						Social G	rade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Agree	730 36%	368 37%	363 35%	89 39%f	123 35%	106 33%	112 31%	115 38%f	185 39%eF	213 37%j	218 32%	300 39%J	207 37%	198 35%	145 35%	180 36%	119 38%	305 35%
Disagree	639 31%	335 34%B	304 29%	64 28%	107 30%	102 31%	124 34%	104 34%	138 29%	171 30%	226 33%	242 31%	192 34%N	187 33%n	111 27%	149 30%	91 29%	290 34%
Don't know	671 33%	293 29%	378 36%A	73 32%	123 35%g	118 36%G	125 35%g	83 28%	149 32%	195 34%	243 35%K	233 30%	158 28%	188 33%	158 38%L	167 34%l	106 34%	265 31%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Page 34

Absolutes/col percents

### Table 21

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

Assisted suicide should not be made legal in Britain if it can be proved that the experience of most other countries where assisted suicide has been legalised shows an increase in suicide rates in general

Deed All reen and ante

Base: All respondents

							Reg	lion							GP experience	
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West (f)	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	l always see my own GP <u>(n)</u>	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	I almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
Agree	730 36%	60 34%	35 34%	635 36%	35 41%g	79 34%	49 29%	71 39%g	47 31%	68 35%	109 39%G	113 40%G	63 35%	167 36%	306 38%	198 34%
Disagree	639 31%	59 33%	32 31%	548 31%	23 26%	63 27%	63 37%F	53 29%	48 32%	67 34%	81 29%	91 32%	58 32%	133 28%	254 32%	199 35%n
Don't know	671 33%	58 32%	35 35%	578 33%	28 32%	92 39%jkl	58 L 34%	57 31%	54 36%	60 31%	86 31%	82 29%	60 33%	169 36%O	243 30%	179 31%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Absolutes/col percents

Page 35

Absolutes/col percents

Page 36

### Table 22

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country.

Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue? As a society we ought to try to do everything we reasonably can to reduce the rate of suicides, especially among men who are three times as likely as women to take their own lives

Base: All respondents

		Gen	der					Age						Social C	Grade		Employme	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ _(h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (I)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Agree	1582 78%	763 77%	819 78%	170 75%	244 69%	251 77%D	271 75%	252 84%CDEF	394 84%CDEF	413 71%	522 76%i	647 84%IJ	443 80%	447 78%	313 76%	379 76%	246 78%	653 76%
Disagree	117 6%	79 8%B	38 4%	13 6%	29 8%H	18 5%	24 7%h	16 5%	17 4%	42 7%K	41 6%	33 4%	33 6%	30 5%	22 5%	31 6%	21 7%	60 7%
Don't know	341 17%	154 15%	188 18%	44 19%GH	80 23%GH	58 18%Gh	66 18%GH	33 11%	61 13%	124 21%K	124 18%K	94 12%	81 14%	96 17%	79 19%l	86 17%	50 16%	148 17%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Table 23

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country.

Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

As a society we ought to try to do everything we reasonably can to reduce the rate of suicides, especially among men who are three times as likely as women to take their own lives

Base: All respondents

					GP experience											
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	I always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	I almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
Agree	1582 78%	152 86%DE	76 8fGHKm 74%	1354 77%	68 79%	184 78%	131 76%	131 72%	118 79%k	156 79%k	197 71%	229 80%hK	141 78%	353 75%	648 81%N	463 80%n
Disagree	117 6%	9 5%	4 4%	104 6%	6 7%	6 3%	11 6%f	17 9%Fim	6 4%	12 6%	20 7%F	17 6%	8 4%	26 6%	36 5%	33 6%
Don't know	341 17%	17 9%	22 21%A	303 17%A	12 14%	44 19%A	30 17%A	33 18%A	24 16%a	28 15%	58 21%AjL	40 14%	33 18%A	89 19%ol	118 P 15%	81 14%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Absolutes/col percents

Page 37

### Table 24

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

If GPs are given the power to help patients commit suicide it will fundamentally change the relationship between a doctor and patient, since GPs are currently under a duty to protect and preserve the lives of patients

Base: All respondents

		Gen	der		Age									Social C	Employment Sector			
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2040	963	1077	216	354	360	339	328	443	570	699	771	614	553	343	530	324	846
Weighted base	2040	995	1045	226	353	326	361	302	472	579	687	774	557	573	414	496	316	861
Agree	971 48%	498 50%B	473 45%	98 43%	154 44%	163 50%	165 46%	154 51%d	238 50%d	252 44%	328 48%	392 51%l	275 49%	273 48%	196 47%	227 46%	176 56%Q	407 47%
Disagree	474 23%	236 24%	238 23%	54 24%	88 25%e	61 19%	88 24%e	74 24%e	110 23%	142 25%	148 22%	184 24%	146 26%o	129 23%	95 23%	104 21%	59 19%	210 24%p
Don't know	594 29%	261 26%	333 32%A	74 33%gh	111 31%g	102 31%g	109 30%	74 25%	124 26%	185 32%K	211 31%K	198 26%	136 24%	170 30%l	123 30%	165 33%L	81 26%	244 28%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q



Prepared by ComRes

Page 38

Absolutes/col percents

### Table 25

Q.2 Physician assisted suicide is where a doctor or clinician prescribes lethal doses of a substance intending to cause the patient's death and is illegal in this country. Do you agree or disagree with these statements about this issue?

If GPs are given the power to help patients commit suicide it will fundamentally change the relationship between a doctor and patient, since GPs are currently under a duty to protect and preserve the lives of patients

Base: All respondents

					GP experience											
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	North East (e)	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside (g)	West Midlands (h)	East Midlands (i)	Eastern (j)	London (k)	South East (I)	South West (m)	l always see my own GP (n)	I sometimes see my own GP (o)	I almost never see my own GP (p)
Unweighted base	2040	206	114	1720	81	218	182	172	170	199	278	245	175	463	807	582
Weighted base	2040	177	102*	1761	86*	235	171	182	149	196	275	286	182	468	803	577
Agree	971 48%	85 48%	41 40%	845 48%	44 51%	114 48%	79 46%	87 48%	73 49%	90 46%	131 48%	144 50%b	83 46%	236 50%	389 48%	276 48%
Disagree	474 23%	50 28%fh	24 24%	400 23%	19 22%	47 20%	40 23%	35 19%	40 27%	48 24%	66 24%	63 22%	42 23%	100 21%	175 22%	151 26%no
Don't know	594 29%	42 24%	37 36%Al	515 29%	23 27%	74 31%	52 30%	59 32%a	36 24%	58 30%	78 28%	78 27%	56 31%	132 28%	239 30%	150 26%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m - n/o/p \* small base; \*\* very small base (under 30) ineligible for sig testing



Absolutes/col percents

Page 39