

Marie Curie – UK public opinion on taking care of a loved one with a terminal illness

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,182 UK adults online between the 20th and 22nd February 2015. Data were weighted to be representative of all UK adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Terminal Illness Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork: 20th-22nd February 2015

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.1 If you were required to take care of a loved one with a terminal illness, which of the following, if any, would concern you?

Please select up to three options

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri- vate
Unweighted base	2182	1101	1081	186	289	399	431	365	512	644	652	326	560	243	730
Weighted base	2182	1069	1113	259	367	367	389	324	475	583	605	475	518	306	916
That my loved one's pain would not be managed	1092 50%	506 47%	586 53%	109 42%	135 37%	153 42%	177 46%	197 61%	320 67%	296 51%	290 48%	253 53%	253 49%	123 40%	373 41%
Not having access to 24/7 care and support	970 44%	451 42%	518 47%	68 26%	107 29%	131 36%	179 46%	192 59%	292 62%	273 47%	244 40%	201 42%	252 49%	112 36%	328 36%
That it would strain my finances	891 41%	426 40%	464 42%	90 35%	191 52%	168 46%	167 43%	124 38%	150 31%	246 42%	259 43%	202 42%	183 35%	140 46%	422 46%
That I would not be able to take time off work	478 22%	230 22%	247 22%	76 29%	126 34%	117 32%	111 29%	38 12%	8 2%	133 23%	172 28%	97 20%	75 15%	115 38%	321 35%
That I would feel isolated and lonely	403 18%	185 17%	218 20%	49 19%	50 14%	57 16%	82 21%	72 22%	93 19%	118 20%	97 16%	78 16%	110 21%	50 16%	148 16%
That there would be a lack of information about my loved one's condition	345 16%	182 17%	162 15%	35 13%	45 12%	44 12%	42 11%	73 22%	106 22%	80 14%	77 13%	94 20%	94 18%	34 11%	108 12%
That my family would not get the emotional support needed	312 14%	134 13%	178 16%	37 14%	52 14%	43 12%	62 16%	46 14%	71 15%	80 14%	70 11%	74 16%	89 17%	49 16%	110 12%
That the rest of my family would not cope	297 14%	122 11%	175 16%	49 19%	45 12%	77 21%	45 12%	36 11%	45 9%	78 13%	99 16%	66 14%	54 10%	41 13%	142 16%
That I would not know how to talk to others about it	133 6%	79 7%	54 5%	29 11%	30 8%	23 6%	19 5%	11 3%	21 4%	28 5%	34 6%	27 6%	44 8%	17 6%	64 7%
That it would have a negative effect on my friendships	77 4%	55 5%	23 2%	21 8%	15 4%	12 3%	4 1%	10 3%	15 3%	19 3%	17 3%	22 5%	18 4%	31 10%	19 2%
None of the above	222 10%	126 12%	96 9%	31 12%	38 10%	41 11%	36 9%	28 9%	48 10%	54 9%	73 12%	33 7%	62 12%	22 7%	103 11%

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	Region																
	Total	Scot-land	Wales	North-ern Ire-land	NET: England	North East	North West	York-shire & Humber-side	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	Eastern	London	South East	South West	North (Net)	Mid-lands and East (Net)	London & South (Net)
Unweighted base	2182	184	106	102	1892	88	242	192	198	137	198	225	309	201	522	533	735
Weighted base	2182	191	106	64	1885	85	233	191	191	148	212	275	297	191	508	551	763
That my loved one's pain would not be managed	1092 50%	86 45%	44 42%	44 69%	961 51%	42 49%	112 48%	101 53%	77 40%	83 56%	118 56%	111 40%	166 56%	107 56%	255 50%	278 50%	385 50%
Not having access to 24/7 care and support	970 44%	81 42%	40 38%	28 45%	849 45%	29 34%	103 44%	96 50%	82 43%	78 52%	100 47%	93 34%	142 48%	98 51%	227 45%	260 47%	333 44%
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