

# MIP – Health and Assisted Dying Poll

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,019 British adults online between 31<sup>st</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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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Don't know	441 22%	202 20%	238 23%	68 28%	73 22%	82 24%	79 22%	56 19%	82 19%	111 21%	126 22%	88 20%	116 24%	59 20%	200 24%
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Don't know	521 26%	255 26%	266 26%	74 31%	77 23%	87 25%	76 21%	77 26%	129 29%	148 27%	142 25%	100 23%	131 27%	63 21%	230 28%
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Agree	197 10%	136 14%	62 6%	28 12%	39 11%	48 14%	29 8%	23 8%	31 7%	50 9%	42 7%	54 12%	52 11%	30 10%	102 12%
Disagree	1288 64%	589 60%	699 68%	123 51%	208 61%	185 54%	226 63%	216 72%	330 75%	360 67%	362 65%	276 63%	291 61%	188 64%	486 58%
Don't know	534 26%	265 27%	269 26%	89 37%	93 27%	107 32%	105 29%	61 20%	78 18%	130 24%	156 28%	110 25%	137 29%	77 26%	247 30%

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Agree	702	359	344	84	91	127	106	108	186	202	186	156	158	96	275
	35%	36%	33%	35%	27%	37%	29%	36%	42%	37%	33%	36%	33%	32%	33%
Disagree	619	311	308	58	115	101	137	92	116	159	185	130	145	102	250
	31%	31%	30%	24%	34%	30%	38%	31%	26%	29%	33%	30%	30%	34%	30%
Don't know	698	320	378	98	134	111	117	100	138	179	188	154	177	98	310
	35%	32%	37%	41%	39%	33%	33%	33%	31%	33%	34%	35%	37%	33%	37%
<b><u>If the law is changed so that people are able to be given lethal drugs to end their life prematurely, it will be impossible to make the system completely safe from abuse by unscrupulous relatives or others who could influence the process</u></b>															
Agree	1170	567	603	128	184	191	190	178	298	339	297	270	264	172	472
	58%	57%	59%	53%	54%	56%	53%	59%	68%	63%	53%	61%	55%	58%	57%
Disagree	364	180	184	36	65	63	85	54	61	83	124	61	96	60	133
	18%	18%	18%	15%	19%	19%	24%	18%	14%	15%	22%	14%	20%	20%	16%
Don't know	485	242	243	76	91	85	84	68	81	118	139	108	120	63	230
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		72%	73%	72%	48%	59%	69%	76%	86%	86%	70%	69%	77%	75%	69%
Disagree	244	117	127	61	68	44	36	15	21	82	80	39	44	43	124
		12%	12%	12%	25%	20%	13%	10%	5%	5%	15%	14%	9%	9%	15%
Don't know	316	150	166	64	70	61	51	28	41	81	96	62	76	49	154
		16%	15%	16%	27%	21%	18%	14%	9%	15%	17%	14%	16%	17%	18%
<b><u>Cuts to services means disabled and terminally ill people might feel pressured into ending their lives because they fear being a care burden</u></b>															
Agree	977	449	527	112	157	165	157	163	222	268	268	199	242	131	393
		48%	45%	51%	47%	46%	48%	44%	54%	50%	50%	48%	45%	50%	47%
Disagree	554	301	253	59	79	93	119	86	118	155	150	121	128	99	229
		27%	30%	25%	24%	23%	27%	33%	29%	29%	27%	28%	27%	33%	27%
Don't know	488	239	249	69	103	82	84	51	100	117	142	119	110	65	214
		24%	24%	24%	29%	30%	24%	23%	17%	23%	22%	25%	27%	23%	26%
<b><u>When there is not enough to fund health care vulnerable people such as the disabled, elderly and terminally ill are more likely to suffer</u></b>															
Agree	1526	721	804	155	240	237	261	256	378	412	412	333	369	211	586
		76%	73%	78%	64%	71%	70%	73%	85%	86%	76%	74%	76%	77%	72%
Disagree	178	109	69	19	31	44	40	19	24	52	53	36	37	43	77
		9%	11%	7%	8%	9%	13%	11%	6%	6%	10%	10%	8%	8%	15%
Don't know	316	159	157	67	69	59	59	25	38	76	95	71	75	41	173
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<b>Doctors should be able to charge patients who fail to turn up for appointments</b>															
Agree	1374	664	710	112	204	212	263	224	359	366	375	308	325	213	536
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Disagree	332	185	147	69	72	62	44	50	35	104	84	66	78	44	146
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Don't know	313	140	173	59	63	66	52	26	46	69	101	66	77	38	153
	15%	14%	17%	25%	19%	19%	14%	9%	11%	13%	18%	15%	16%	13%	18%
<b>Hospitals should be able to reclaim the cost of treatment from those who turn up drunk or under the influence of drugs</b>															
Agree	1491	720	771	136	218	222	274	250	390	395	409	334	353	205	589
	74%	73%	75%	57%	64%	65%	76%	83%	89%	73%	73%	76%	73%	69%	70%
Disagree	224	128	97	45	56	47	32	25	20	84	55	35	51	48	95
	11%	13%	9%	19%	16%	14%	9%	8%	4%	15%	10%	8%	11%	16%	11%
Don't know	304	141	162	59	66	71	53	24	31	61	96	70	76	42	151
	15%	14%	16%	25%	19%	21%	15%	8%	7%	11%	17%	16%	16%	14%	18%
<b>I would happily pay more tax to protect NHS services</b>															
Agree	744	403	341	78	119	111	135	112	190	201	206	155	182	109	288
	37%	41%	33%	32%	35%	33%	37%	37%	43%	37%	37%	35%	38%	37%	34%
Disagree	711	370	340	83	127	122	136	113	129	210	203	150	148	129	309
	35%	37%	33%	35%	37%	36%	38%	38%	29%	39%	36%	34%	31%	44%	37%
Don't know	564	216	348	79	94	107	89	75	121	129	150	135	150	57	239
	28%	22%	34%	33%	28%	32%	25%	25%	27%	24%	27%	31%	31%	19%	29%

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	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	Private
Weighted base	2019	989	1030	240	340	340	360	300	440	540	560	440	480	295	835
<b>Budget problems in the NHS inevitably hit services like palliative care (looking after the terminally ill) or geriatric care (care of the elderly)</b>															
Agree	1460 72%	713 72%	747 73%	134 56%	220 65%	230 68%	253 70%	248 83%	374 85%	393 73%	397 71%	320 73%	350 73%	222 75%	561 67%
Disagree	149 7%	98 10%	51 5%	22 9%	37 11%	28 8%	26 7%	20 7%	17 4%	45 8%	38 7%	29 7%	38 8%	34 11%	67 8%
Don't know	410 20%	178 18%	232 23%	84 35%	83 24%	82 24%	80 22%	32 11%	49 11%	102 19%	125 22%	91 21%	92 19%	39 13%	208 25%

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	Total	Scotland	Wales	NET: England	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2019	168	110	1741	74	219	199	176	137	213	255	290	178
Weighted base	2019	182	101	1736	81	222	182	182	141	202	262	283	182
<b><u>The NHS should stop non-emergency procedures like cosmetic surgery, breast enlargement surgery and sex change operations</u></b>													
Agree	1459	124	77	1258	60	170	135	128	106	153	169	200	137
	72%	68%	76%	72%	74%	77%	74%	70%	75%	76%	64%	71%	76%
Disagree	244	29	13	202	9	23	24	24	17	22	36	37	10
	12%	16%	13%	12%	11%	10%	13%	13%	12%	11%	14%	13%	5%
Don't know	316	28	11	276	12	29	23	29	18	27	57	47	35
	16%	16%	11%	16%	15%	13%	13%	16%	13%	13%	22%	16%	19%
<b><u>Cuts to services means disabled and terminally ill people might feel pressured into ending their lives because they fear being a care burden</u></b>													
Agree	977	76	56	844	51	112	72	100	71	94	125	123	96
	48%	42%	56%	49%	63%	50%	40%	55%	50%	47%	48%	44%	53%
Disagree	554	58	22	475	13	66	63	40	37	56	66	89	44
	27%	32%	21%	27%	16%	30%	35%	22%	26%	28%	25%	32%	24%
Don't know	488	47	23	418	17	45	46	41	33	52	72	70	42
	24%	26%	23%	24%	21%	20%	26%	23%	23%	26%	27%	25%	23%
<b><u>When there is not enough to fund health care vulnerable people such as the disabled, elderly and terminally ill are more likely to suffer</u></b>													
Agree	1526	136	81	1309	57	180	132	134	119	147	198	202	140
	76%	75%	80%	75%	70%	81%	73%	74%	84%	73%	75%	71%	77%
Disagree	178	17	9	152	8	13	24	14	9	25	17	32	10
	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%	6%	13%	8%	6%	12%	6%	11%	5%
Don't know	316	29	11	276	16	30	25	34	13	29	48	49	32
	16%	16%	11%	16%	20%	13%	14%	19%	9%	15%	18%	17%	18%

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Weighted base	2019	182	101	1736	81	222	182	182	141	202	262	283	182
<b>Doctors should be able to charge patients who fail to turn up for appointments</b>													
Agree	1374 68%	131 72%	80 80%	1162 67%	55 68%	166 75%	130 71%	105 58%	102 72%	133 66%	150 57%	190 67%	131 72%
Disagree	332 16%	28 15%	14 14%	291 17%	12 15%	29 13%	28 15%	42 23%	21 15%	32 16%	64 24%	42 15%	21 12%
Don't know	313 15%	22 12%	7 7%	284 16%	13 16%	27 12%	24 13%	35 19%	18 13%	37 18%	49 19%	51 18%	29 16%
<b>Hospitals should be able to reclaim the cost of treatment from those who turn up drunk or under the influence of drugs</b>													
Agree	1491 74%	128 71%	80 80%	1282 74%	64 80%	173 78%	132 73%	135 74%	106 75%	155 77%	170 65%	208 74%	138 76%
Disagree	224 11%	25 14%	10 10%	190 11%	4 5%	24 11%	21 12%	19 10%	14 10%	19 9%	37 14%	33 12%	18 10%
Don't know	304 15%	29 16%	11 10%	264 15%	12 15%	25 11%	28 15%	28 15%	21 15%	28 14%	55 21%	41 15%	26 14%
<b>I would happily pay more tax to protect NHS services</b>													
Agree	744 37%	97 53%	34 34%	613 35%	41 50%	90 40%	63 35%	62 34%	57 41%	61 30%	78 30%	92 33%	69 38%
Disagree	711 35%	40 22%	44 43%	626 36%	22 27%	76 34%	72 40%	63 34%	43 30%	83 41%	102 39%	101 36%	64 35%
Don't know	564 28%	45 25%	23 22%	497 29%	18 22%	56 25%	46 25%	58 32%	41 29%	57 28%	83 31%	89 32%	49 27%

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<b><u>Budget problems in the NHS inevitably hit services like palliative care (looking after the terminally ill) or geriatric care (care of the elderly)</u></b>													
Agree	1460 72%	142 78%	79 78%	1239 71%	57 71%	160 72%	138 76%	132 73%	109 77%	149 74%	176 67%	186 66%	132 72%
Disagree	149 7%	14 8%	9 9%	127 7%	1 1%	23 10%	13 7%	8 4%	13 9%	21 11%	18 7%	18 6%	10 6%
Don't know	410 20%	26 14%	13 13%	370 21%	22 28%	39 18%	31 17%	42 23%	19 14%	32 16%	68 26%	78 28%	40 22%