



# Royal College of Nursing – Wales Research

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 250 Welsh adults aged 18+ online between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Data were weighted to be representative of the Welsh public by age, gender and SEG. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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## Opinion Poll - Wales

### ONLINE Fieldwork: 14th - 18th October 2015

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

**Q.1 The Welsh Assembly is currently considering a new law on 'safe' nurse staffing levels in hospital wards. This law would establish an appropriate standard for nurse staffing levels based on the professional judgement of the senior nurse in charge, patients' needs, and the guidance of the NHS Wales Chief Nursing Officer. How important or otherwise would you say it is that this bill is passed?**

**Base: All respondents**

		Gender		Age						Social Grade						Employment Sector				
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-44	45+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base		250	132	118	20	34	40	48	44	64	94	156	55	80	41	74	135	115	37	90
Weighted base		250	121	129	31	37	41	43	40	58	108	142	45	73	61	71	118	132	36	93
NET: Important		217	105	112	26	29	33	36	38	55	88	129	37	62	54	63	99	117	31	75
		87%	87%	87%	85%	79%	81%	83%	94%	95%	81%	91%	82%	85%	88%	89%	84%	89%	85%	80%
Very important	(4)	144	63	81	17	19	18	21	29	40	54	90	22	40	32	50	62	82	19	42
		57%	52%	63%	56%	51%	44%	48%	72%	69%	49%	64%	49%	54%	52%	70%	52%	62%	53%	45%
Fairly important	(3)	73	43	31	9	11	15	15	9	15	35	39	15	23	22	14	37	36	11	33
		29%	35%	24%	30%	28%	37%	35%	22%	25%	32%	27%	33%	31%	36%	19%	32%	27%	32%	35%
Not very important	(2)	10	6	4	3	2	2	1	2	-	7	3	2	5	1	2	6	4	1	6
		4%	5%	3%	8%	6%	6%	2%	6%	-	6%	2%	3%	7%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%	6%
Not at all important	(1)	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
		*	1%	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%
NET: Not important		11	7	4	3	2	3	1	2	-	8	3	2	6	1	2	7	4	1	7
		4%	6%	3%	8%	6%	8%	2%	6%	-	7%	2%	3%	8%	2%	3%	6%	3%	2%	7%
Don't know		22	9	13	2	6	5	7	-	3	12	10	6	5	6	5	11	11	5	12
		9%	7%	10%	6%	15%	12%	16%	-	5%	11%	7%	14%	7%	10%	7%	10%	8%	13%	13%
Mean		3.58	3.49	3.67	3.51	3.53	3.38	3.55	3.67	3.73	3.47	3.66	3.53	3.49	3.55	3.73	3.50	3.65	3.59	3.43
Standard deviation		0.60	0.64	0.53	0.66	0.63	0.72	0.54	0.59	0.45	0.67	0.52	0.58	0.69	0.55	0.52	0.65	0.54	0.55	0.67
Standard error		0.04	0.06	0.05	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.10	0.08

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**Q.1 The Welsh Assembly is currently considering a new law on 'safe' nurse staffing levels in hospital wards. This law would establish an appropriate standard for nurse staffing levels based on the professional judgement of the senior nurse in charge, patients' needs, and the guidance of the NHS Wales Chief Nursing Officer. How important or otherwise would you say it is that this bill is passed?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
		No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	250	190	60	18	29	21	17
Weighted base	250	191	59	19	30	20	15
NET: Important	217 87%	167 87%	50 85%	14 75%	26 86%	19 91%	13 88%
Very important	(4) 57%	144 58%	33 56%	11 59%	19 63%	12 58%	9 62%
Fairly important	(3) 29%	73 29%	17 29%	3 16%	7 23%	7 33%	4 26%
Not very important	(2) 4%	10 4%	2 3%	1 4%	2 5%	1 4%	- -
Not at all important	(1) *	1 -	1 1%	- -	1 3%	- -	- -
NET: Not important	11 4%	8 4%	2 4%	1 4%	2 8%	1 4%	- -
Don't know	22 9%	16 8%	7 11%	4 21%	2 7%	1 5%	2 12%
Mean	3.58	3.58	3.57	3.69	3.56	3.57	3.70
Standard deviation	0.60	0.58	0.64	0.59	0.74	0.59	0.48
Standard error	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.12