

YouGov / Compassion in Dying Survey Results

Sample Size: 1972 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 28th - 29th October 2014

	Westminster VI				2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample 1972	x	x	x	x	555	468	406	956	1016	235	499	674	564	1124	848	252	641	422	485	172	
Unweighted Sample	446	571	91	258	521	516	425	967	1005	181	406	774	611	1279	693	227	547	433	512	253	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

In the event that you are unable to communicate or make a decision for yourself, for example if you have dementia or are in a coma, it is your legal right to set out your preferences for what life-prolonging medical treatment you are given (e.g. whether or not to refuse mechanical ventilation).

Whatever decisions you make, you will be kept comfortable and, as far as possible, free of pain and other distressing symptoms.

With this in mind, who would you prefer to make the final decisions about what, if any, life-prolonging medical treatment you receive?

Yourself, with your decisions about treatment written out in advance	52	55	53	56	49	54	49	53	47	57	45	54	54	50	55	47	53	50	53	52	54
Your partner or a close family member	30	30	31	27	40	32	31	32	32	28	25	28	31	35	31	30	25	32	30	31	30
The doctor/medical professional caring for you	7	9	7	7	4	6	7	8	7	6	4	5	7	8	6	8	6	8	6	6	4
Someone else	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	2	4	1	0	0	0
Don't know	10	6	8	9	7	8	11	6	12	8	24	11	8	7	8	14	12	9	11	10	11

An Advance Decision (commonly known as a Living Will) is a document that allows you to set out your preferences for medical treatment, in the event that you become unable to communicate with your healthcare team. The refusal of life-prolonging treatment, is legally binding with an Advance Decision. Do you currently have an Advance Decision?

Yes, I do	4	5	3	4	5	4	2	5	3	4	1	3	3	6	4	3	2	4	4	4	3
No, I don't	91	94	92	93	93	94	92	91	90	92	82	91	93	92	93	88	88	91	92	90	94
Don't know	6	2	5	3	2	2	5	4	7	4	17	6	4	3	3	9	10	5	4	6	3

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A Health and Welfare Lasting Power of Attorney gives a trusted person the legal power to make medical decisions on your behalf, in the event that you become unable to communicate with healthcare professionals. (Please note, there is also a separate type of Lasting Power of Attorney which covers decisions about property and finance). Have you appointed anyone as your Health and Welfare Lasting Power of Attorney?

Yes, I have	4	6	2	8	5	5	3	5	4	4	2	3	2	8	5	3	3	4	5	4	5
No, I haven't	91	92	94	92	92	91	92	93	89	92	83	90	94	91	92	89	89	91	92	90	91
Don't know	5	2	3	1	2	3	5	2	7	4	15	7	4	1	3	8	7	5	4	6	4