

YouGov Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 6th - 7th January 2021

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If NHS staff in overwhelmed hospitals are forced to choose which critically ill people to prioritise in a matter of life and death, do you think the following patients should be prioritised or not?

People under 30

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	8	7	10	9	7	9	8	8	9	9	7	7	7	9	5	6	10	10	7
Should be prioritised over some other patients	20	19	19	25	21	18	18	22	24	23	17	15	20	20	21	18	20	20	23
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	45	51	43	49	46	50	50	41	35	40	53	53	47	43	45	49	43	43	44
Prefer not to say	10	9	10	6	9	9	9	10	13	9	10	10	9	11	11	10	8	11	8
Don't know	17	14	19	12	16	14	15	19	19	13	16	17	17	18	16	19	16	16	18

People aged 30-60

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	5	5	7	4	4	6	5	6	5	6	5	4	5	6	6	5	5	6	5
Should be prioritised over some other patients	33	31	31	40	33	32	33	32	44	35	29	27	32	33	29	30	33	33	44
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	36	42	34	38	37	40	38	33	21	30	43	44	37	33	35	40	34	34	26
Prefer not to say	10	10	9	6	9	9	9	10	12	9	10	10	9	11	10	10	9	10	8
Don't know	17	12	19	12	17	13	15	19	18	20	13	15	17	16	20	15	19	16	16

People aged 60+

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	13	11	14	11	12	11	15	11	19	14	10	11	10	16	11	12	10	16	16
Should be prioritised over some other patients	29	30	24	35	29	30	30	29	26	30	30	31	29	30	30	29	31	26	36
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	32	37	34	34	33	37	32	32	26	29	38	34	35	28	32	34	33	32	23
Prefer not to say	9	9	9	6	10	9	8	10	12	8	9	10	8	10	9	10	8	10	8
Don't know	17	14	18	13	16	13	14	19	18	19	13	15	17	16	18	15	18	16	17

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People with no underlying health conditions

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	10	9	8	11	6	12	11	9	11	11	8	10	8	12	6	10	11	10	12
Should be prioritised over some other patients	17	17	15	20	17	16	17	17	12	20	17	13	18	15	16	16	17	17	22
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	47	51	49	50	51	50	48	46	40	42	54	53	48	46	48	49	46	46	43
Prefer not to say	9	10	9	6	9	9	9	10	12	9	9	10	9	11	10	9	8	10	8
Don't know	17	13	19	14	17	13	16	18	25	19	12	15	18	16	19	16	18	16	16

Key workers

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	29	27	28	28	28	30	32	26	25	27	27	36	25	34	29	28	29	30	32
Should be prioritised over some other patients	25	26	26	29	28	26	26	25	22	24	25	29	26	24	25	25	29	21	30
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	24	27	26	27	25	25	23	25	25	24	30	17	27	20	26	25	20	27	20
Prefer not to say	9	10	7	7	7	9	8	9	14	7	9	9	8	9	8	9	7	10	7
Don't know	13	11	13	9	12	10	11	15	15	16	9	9	13	13	12	13	15	12	11

People participating in research to improve treatments or vaccines

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	20	19	20	17	20	21	22	17	10	18	18	30	16	25	22	19	21	17	27
Should be prioritised over some other patients	25	25	25	29	27	23	29	22	33	24	21	27	28	21	23	24	25	26	29
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	31	32	33	39	32	32	29	33	27	32	40	21	34	27	34	34	29	30	23
Prefer not to say	9	9	8	6	8	8	8	9	11	8	9	9	8	10	8	9	7	9	8
Don't know	16	14	15	9	13	15	13	19	19	19	12	13	15	17	13	15	18	18	13

People with children under 18

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	11	9	12	12	8	11	8	13	16	11	8	10	9	12	11	10	12	11	9
Should be prioritised over some other patients	24	22	25	27	28	21	25	24	28	24	23	25	25	24	23	26	24	22	29
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	39	46	38	42	40	45	44	35	24	37	47	40	41	36	36	39	39	41	38
Prefer not to say	9	9	9	6	9	9	9	10	13	8	9	10	9	10	10	9	9	10	9
Don't know	17	13	17	13	16	14	14	19	19	20	12	14	16	17	20	16	16	16	14

People deemed to have the best future quality of life

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	9	8	10	9	8	8	8	9	10	11	6	7	8	10	9	7	12	8	9
Should be prioritised over some other patients	17	19	17	24	19	17	18	17	17	18	16	18	18	17	15	19	16	17	21
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	45	47	45	46	46	50	48	43	36	41	53	48	46	44	46	46	44	46	43
Prefer not to say	10	9	9	6	9	9	9	11	10	9	10	11	9	11	8	11	9	11	7
Don't know	19	16	19	15	18	16	17	21	26	22	15	16	19	19	22	17	20	19	20

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Those with the highest survival chance

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	13	13	13	14	13	12	14	12	17	14	10	12	13	12	13	11	15	12	14
Should be prioritised over some other patients	23	22	25	36	27	20	21	24	21	23	24	20	24	20	22	25	21	20	23
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	39	44	34	36	36	45	42	36	34	35	43	43	38	39	37	40	37	40	39
Prefer not to say	9	9	10	6	9	9	9	10	12	8	9	10	8	11	10	10	8	10	8
Don't know	17	12	18	9	15	14	15	18	17	20	13	15	16	18	18	15	19	18	15

Those who are quickest or easiest to save

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	9	9	9	8	7	10	10	8	11	8	8	9	8	10	9	7	12	7	10
Should be prioritised over some other patients	25	22	28	32	29	21	26	23	32	24	23	23	27	22	26	24	24	24	28
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	38	43	35	39	37	43	38	37	25	35	44	43	38	37	35	41	35	39	35
Prefer not to say	9	9	9	6	9	9	8	10	10	8	10	10	8	11	8	10	9	10	8
Don't know	20	16	19	15	18	16	18	21	22	24	15	15	20	20	22	18	20	20	19

People with COVID

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	15	13	15	5	13	15	18	13	23	14	13	18	12	20	18	12	17	16	19
Should be prioritised over some other patients	25	25	24	35	27	23	26	24	22	24	23	30	25	25	23	25	26	22	31
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	32	39	33	41	33	39	32	32	26	31	40	29	35	28	29	34	30	35	25
Prefer not to say	10	9	9	6	9	9	10	10	15	9	9	10	9	11	12	10	8	10	11
Don't know	18	14	19	13	19	14	14	21	15	22	15	13	19	16	18	18	18	17	15

People with other conditions than COVID

Should be prioritised over all other patients for treatment	12	11	12	7	9	12	12	12	11	12	11	13	9	17	10	12	14	12	13
Should be prioritised over some other patients	33	33	31	40	35	33	35	31	32	31	31	38	32	33	33	32	36	29	36
Should not be prioritised over anyone else	26	30	29	31	29	29	26	26	21	25	34	23	29	22	25	28	23	29	22
Prefer not to say	9	9	9	6	9	9	9	10	13	8	9	10	8	11	9	9	8	10	11
Don't know	20	16	19	15	19	16	18	21	22	24	15	15	21	17	23	19	19	20	18

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Do you think it is ethical or unethical to withdraw treatment from one patient to help another who has a higher chance of survival when it's a matter of life or death for both?

Very ethical	6	6	7	7	6	7	8	5	4	8	8	3	6	7	7	7	6	6	4
Fairly ethical	24	26	26	32	30	23	27	20	16	25	27	21	27	19	26	25	26	22	15
TOTAL ETHICAL	30	32	33	39	36	30	35	25	20	33	35	24	33	26	33	32	32	28	19
Fairly unethical	20	20	20	24	20	20	19	21	24	19	22	19	20	21	16	21	17	21	27
Very unethical	22	24	20	14	17	27	22	23	17	19	22	31	20	25	22	21	23	22	27
TOTAL UNETHICAL	42	44	40	38	37	47	41	44	41	38	44	50	40	46	38	42	40	43	54
Prefer not to say	7	7	5	3	5	7	6	8	13	6	5	8	7	8	7	5	7	9	10
Don't know	20	17	23	20	22	15	18	23	27	22	16	18	21	20	21	21	20	20	17

How likely or unlikely do you think it is that the NHS will run out of capacity to treat coronavirus patients in the next few weeks?

Very likely	22	19	27	28	27	22	22	23	21	23	25	19	23	21	20	25	24	19	22
Fairly likely	41	37	46	42	47	38	39	44	34	40	39	49	44	38	41	41	39	42	46
TOTAL LIKELY	63	56	73	70	74	60	61	67	55	63	64	68	67	59	61	66	63	61	68
Not very likely	18	25	11	20	14	22	20	16	17	17	20	17	16	20	15	16	19	22	15
Not at all likely	5	6	4	2	2	7	7	3	8	5	4	4	4	6	6	5	4	6	4
TOTAL NOT LIKELY	23	31	15	22	16	29	27	19	25	22	24	21	20	26	21	21	23	28	19
Don't know	14	13	12	8	10	12	13	14	20	14	13	11	13	15	17	13	15	12	13