

YouGov / Royal College of Nursing Survey Results



Sample Size: 2150 Adults in the UK
Fieldwork: 4th - 5th January 2026

	Vote in 2024 GE					EU Ref 2016			Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country				Region in England				
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Reform UK	Green	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	North	Midlands	London	South	
Weighted Sample	2150	374	533	193	226	123	761	765	1043	1107	226	888	533	503	1226	912	1800	112	178	60	495	342	247	716	
Unweighted Sample	2150	336	597	215	245	134	843	788	933	1217	194	785	572	596	1282	859	1806	125	171	48	486	364	198	758	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about when you used the NHS services in the last 6 months, have you or have you not seen patients receive care or treatment in a non-medical area (e.g. a corridor, waiting room, office, carpark)?

I have seen care or treatment in a non-medical area	18	15	19	14	25	14	13	21	17	18	19	18	17	16	17	19	18	28	7	26	19	16	16	18
I have NOT seen care or treatment in a non-medical area	31	26	34	43	23	32	36	28	32	30	33	29	31	32	32	29	31	20	40	19	27	32	35	31
Not applicable – I have not seen care or treatment delivered	47	54	46	40	49	50	49	48	47	47	37	46	50	50	48	46	47	49	49	46	50	46	46	45
Don't know	5	6	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	4	10	6	2	2	3	6	5	3	4	8	4	5	2	5

How urgent, if at all, do you think it is to prevent care and treatment from being done in non-medical areas (e.g. a corridor, waiting room, office, carpark)?

Very urgent	47	52	48	38	54	50	43	56	43	50	32	41	53	57	43	53	46	44	51	59	47	51	38	46
Fairly urgent	41	39	44	48	36	41	46	35	44	39	53	42	39	36	46	35	42	43	38	28	42	37	51	41
TOTAL URGENT	88	91	92	86	90	91	89	91	87	89	85	83	92	93	89	88	88	87	89	87	89	88	89	87
Not very urgent	5	5	4	8	4	4	6	5	6	4	7	6	4	5	6	5	6	6	4	7	5	5	6	5
Not urgent at all	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL NOT URGENT	5	5	4	10	4	4	6	5	6	4	7	7	4	5	6	5	6	6	4	7	5	6	6	6
Don't know	6	3	4	4	6	5	5	4	6	7	8	9	4	2	5	7	6	8	7	7	5	6	6	7

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Wes Streeting, has committed to eradicating care in non-medical areas (e.g. a corridor, waiting room, office, carpark) by the end of this Parliament (expected to be in 2029). Is this timeline too fast, too slow, or about right?

[Asked only to those living in England; n=1806]

Too fast	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Too slow	69	78	62	64	86	60	62	82	65	72	53	62	76	80	66	72	69	0	0	0	75	66	60	69
About right	18	15	25	24	3	27	24	10	22	14	30	21	13	12	21	13	18	0	0	0	14	20	24	17
Don't know	13	7	13	10	8	11	13	7	12	13	17	16	10	8	11	15	13	0	0	0	10	12	17	13

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.