

## YouGov Survey Results

Fieldwork: 23rd - 31st October 2019

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Unweighted base	1027	768	259	157	57	197	66	196
<b>Healthcare Professionals</b>	1027	769	258	164	57	205	53	205
Strongly support	8%	8%	7%	8%	5% *	8%	11% *	8%
Somewhat support	25%	24%	26%	23%	25% *	25%	18% *	23%
Somewhat oppose	31%	31%	28%	34%	40% *	30%	27% *	31%
Strongly oppose	31%	30%	32%	31%	23% *	33%	39% D*	29%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	4%	7% *	5%	5% *	10% H

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Unweighted base	1027	461	50	88	69	63	111	186	856	171
Heathcare Professionals										
Strongly support	8%	8%	10% *	11% *	6% *	10% *	10%	5%	9%	6%
Somewhat support	25%	22%	26% *	35% N.Q.R*	16% *	17% *	24%	32% N.Q.R	25%	22%
Somewhat oppose	31%	33%	22% *	25% *	36% *	33% *	28%	28%	29%	37%
Strongly oppose	31%	30%	30% *	23% *	41% P*	40% P*	31%	29%	31%	30%
Don't know	6%	7% R	12% Q,R*	6% *	1% *	- *	7% R	6% R	6%	6%

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People with certain medical conditions can apply for a medical exemption certificate if you have one of the following medical conditions: a permanent fistula which needs continuous surgical dressing or an appliance, a form of hypoadrenalism for which specific substitution therapy is essential, diabetes insipidus and other forms of hypopituitarism, diabetes mellitus, except where treatment is by diet alone, hypoparathyroidism, myasthenia gravis, myxoedema, epilepsy which needs continuous anticonvulsive therapy, a continuing physical disability which means you cannot go out without the help of another person, cancer (Source: NHS Business Services Authority) These conditions are currently exempt from paying prescription charges in England. In your opinion, are there medical conditions that should be included on the list that currently are not?

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<b>Healthcare Professionals</b>		1027	769	258	164	57	205	53	205
Yes there are conditions which are not currently exempt from prescription charges that should be	54%	55%	51%	55%	49%	*	63%	52%	48%
No, the current list of medical conditions exempt from prescription charges is correct	13%	13%	15%	9%	23%	C.H*	12%	18%	14%
Don't know	25%	25%	25%	30%	28%	*	17%	17%	31%
No, I think everyone should pay prescription charges regardless of any medical conditions	8%	7%	9%	6%	-	*	8%	14%	7%
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Yes there are conditions which are not currently exempt from prescription charges that should be	54%	53%	42%	58%	60%	62%	57%	50%	55%	50%
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No, the current list of medical conditions exempt from prescription charges is correct	13%	13%	20%	20%	6%	16%	13%	12%	14%	11%
			Q*	Q*	*	*				
Don't know	25%	27%	30%	14%	27%	13%	23%	28%	23%	33%
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You previously said that there are other medical conditions which you think should be included in the current list of conditions exempt from prescription charges. Which of the following types of medical conditions, if any, do you think should be added?

	Unweighted base	553	421	132	86	28	125	34	95
<b>Medical conditions missing from exempt list</b>		554	423	132	90	28	130	27	99
Non-communicable diseases e.g. cardiovascular disease	42%	42%	41%	45%	40%	39%	42%	59%	36%
Communicable diseases e.g. HIV/AIDS	53%	53%	54%	52%	51%	54%	53%	65%	53%
Mental disorders e.g. depression, schizophrenia	60%	60%	60%	61%	62%	64%	59%	65%	59%
Ongoing impairments e.g. blindness, joint disorders	55%	55%	54%	57%	50%	43%	53%	68%	55%
Chronic pain e.g. arthritis	53%	53%	51%	60%	50%	39%	47%	68%	55%
Cardiovascular conditions e.g. hypertension, angina	51%	51%	50%	52%	45%	46%	50%	71%	48%
Chronic respiratory conditions e.g. asthma, COPD	66%	66%	66%	67%	66%	61%	68%	74%	61%
Chronic neurological e.g. multiple sclerosis	72%	72%	72%	70%	73%	68%	76%	76%	68%
Other long term conditions e.g. IBS, chronic fatigue syndrome	41%	41%	39%	46%	41%	32%	35%	53%	42%
Other	12%	12%	12%	11%	5%	18%	14%	12%	15%
None of these	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	-
Don't know	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	-	3%	6%	6%

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	Unweighted base	553	247	21	51	41	39	62	92	469	84
<b>Medical conditions missing from exempt list</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>86</b>	
Non-communicable diseases e.g. cardiovascular disease	42%	36%	47%**	41%*	53% <i>N*</i>	54% <i>N*</i>	50% <i>N*</i>	43%*	43%	39%*	
Communicable diseases e.g. HIV/AIDS	53%	51%	62%**	37%*	67% <i>P*</i>	62% <i>P*</i>	62% <i>P*</i>	49%*	54%	49%*	
Mental disorders e.g. depression, schizophrenia	60%	58%	62%**	46%*	81% <i>N.P.T*</i>	72% <i>P.T*</i>	70% <i>P.T*</i>	52%*	60%	58%*	
Ongoing impairments e.g. blindness, joint disorders	55%	52% <i>P</i>	57%**	36%*	72% <i>N.P*</i>	59% <i>P*</i>	56% <i>P*</i>	61% <i>P*</i>	55%	53%*	
Chronic pain e.g. arthritis	53%	51%	71%**	38%*	58%*	62% <i>P*</i>	52%*	59% <i>P*</i>	54%	51%*	
Cardiovascular conditions e.g. hypertension, angina	51%	46%	52%**	51%*	63% <i>N*</i>	62%*	54%*	49%*	51%	48%*	
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Other	12%	12%	9%**	8%*	7%*	13%*	14%*	12%*	11%	12%*	
None of these	1%	1%	-**	-*	-*	3%*	2%*	1%*	1%	-*	
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Don't know	14%	14%	12%	14%	11%*	12%	9%*	18%

In your opinion, would abolishing prescription charges in England have a positive or negative impact on the NHS?

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A somewhat positive impact	15%	14%	16%	14%	26% C.H.I.K*	15%	6%*	12%
No overall impact	11%	10%	15% A	11%	14%*	8%	11%*	9%
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A significant negative impact	16%	16%	14% *	18% *	12% *	16% *	18%	17%	17% V	9%
Don't know	12%	14%	6% *	11% *	11% *	16% *	10%	11%	12%	14%