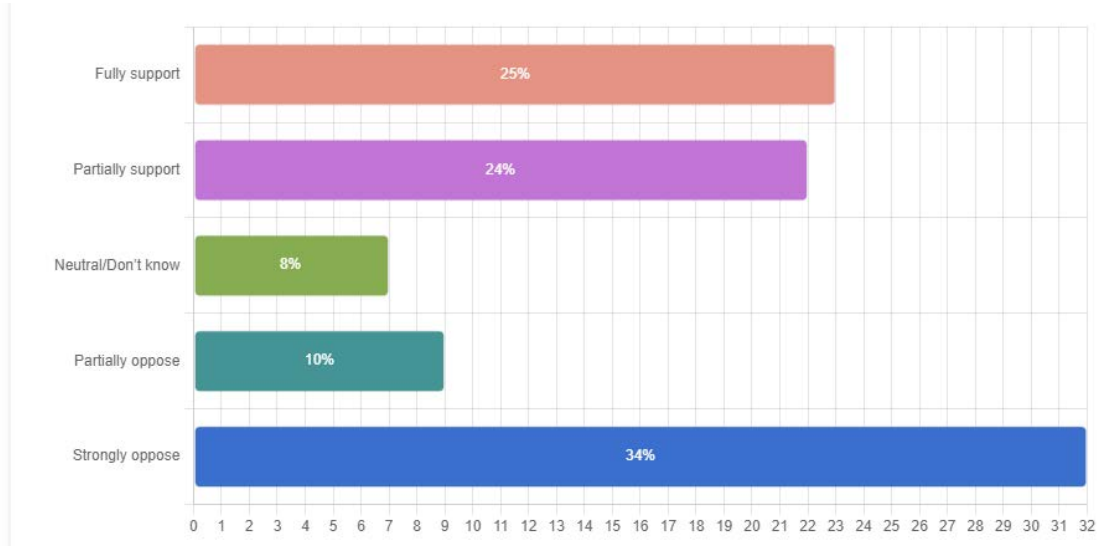




## Assisted Dying Survey Results.

Overarching question. Which of the following best reflects your views on the Bill?  
Neutral/Don't know Space



Question 1. Which of the following factors are most important to you when considering the issue of assisted dying? Please rank a maximum of three options

Option	Count	Percentage
Impact on healthcare professionals and the doctor/patient relationship	6	6%
Personal autonomy	15	16%
Personal dignity	6	6%
Reducing suffering	12	13%
Risk of coercion of vulnerable people	9	10%
Risk of devaluing lives of vulnerable groups	15	16%
Sanctity of life	7	8%
Risk of eligibility being broadened and safeguards reduced over time	18	19%
Other, please provide further detail at the final section	5	5%



Question 2. Which of the following most closely matches your opinion on the terminal illness criterion for determining eligibility for assisted dying?

No-one should be eligible for assisted dying	31	33%
Assisted dying should be available only to people who are terminally ill, and the definition of terminal illness should be narrower than in the Bill	22	24%
Assisted dying should be available only to people who are terminally ill, and the definition of terminal illness in the Bill is about right	24	26%
Assisted dying should be available only to people who are terminally ill, but the definition of terminal illness should be broader than in the Bill	4	4%
Assisted dying should be available to people who are terminally ill, and to people in some other categories.	8	9%
Other – please provide further detail at the final section	4	4%

Question 3. Which of the following most closely matches your opinion on the minimum age at which people should be eligible for assisted dying?

Option	Count	Percentage
No-one should be eligible for assisted dying.	31	34%
The minimum age should be lower than 16	3	3%
The minimum age should be 16	14	15%
The minimum age should be 18	28	30%
The minimum age should be higher than 18	12	13%
Other – please provide further detail at the final section	4	4%

Question 4. Which of the following most closely matches your opinion on the Assisted Dying procedure and the procedural safeguards set out in the Bill?

I do not agree with the procedure and procedural safeguards because I oppose assisted dying in principle	29	32%
The procedure should be strengthened to protect against abuse	21	23%
The procedure strikes an appropriate balance	35	38%
The procedure should be simplified to minimise delay and distress to those seeking an assisted death	2	2%
Other – please provide further detail at the final section	5	5%



Question 5. Method of dying. Which of the following most closely matches your opinion on this aspect of the Bill?

It should remain unlawful to supply people with a substance for the purpose of ending their own life.	33	35%
It should become lawful to supply people with a substance for the purpose of ending their own life, as proposed in the Bill	18	19%
It should become lawful to supply people with a substance for the purpose of ending their own life, as proposed in the Bill, and it should also be possible for someone else to administer the substance to the adult, where the adult is unable to self-administer.	35	38%
Other – please provide further detail at the final section	7	8%

Question 6.

Which of the following most closely matches your opinion on how the Bill may affect the medical profession?

Medical professionals should not be involved in assisted dying, as their duty is to preserve life, not end it.	27	29%
The Bill strikes an appropriate balance by requiring that there are medical practitioners involved, but also allowing those with a conscientious objection to opt out.	28	30%
Assisting people to have a "good death" should be recognised as a legitimate role for medical professionals	22	24%
Legalising assisted dying risks undermining the doctor-patient relationship	8	9%
Other – please provide further detail at the final section	8	9%

Question 7.

If a person underwent an assisted death, the Bill would require their underlying terminal illness to be recorded as the cause of death on their death certificate, rather than the substance that they took to end their life. Which of the following most closely matches your opinion on recording the cause of death?

I do not support this approach because it is important that the cause of death information is recorded accurately	49	53%
I support this approach because this will help to avoid potential stigma associated with assisted death	35	38%
Other – please provide further detail at the final section	9	10%



Question 8. Reporting and review requirements Which of the following most closely matches your opinion on the reporting and review requirements set out in the Bill?

The reporting and review requirements should be extended to increase transparency	26	28%
The reporting and review requirements set out in the Bill are broadly appropriate	51	55%
The reporting and review requirements seem excessive and would place an undue burden on frontline services	7	8%
Other – please provide further detail at the final section	9	10%