

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 30th MAY 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2023**

Question

“Will the Minister publish the detailed questions contained in the survey ‘Health Funding Attitudes in Jersey’ designed to reach over 1,000 members of the public and state what part the results of this survey will play, if any, in the formation of Health Policy?”

Answer

The Health Funding Attitudes Poll closed on 30 May 2023 having received 1144 valid responses, well above the target range of between 750 and 1000 responses. The polling questions are set out below.

The polling data will provide insight into public attitudes to health care funding, which will help inform potential options for changing the way Jersey funds health and care services in the future. The poll is not intended to inform specific, immediate health policy decisions. Jersey has not historically tracked public attitudes towards health funding – unlike many other jurisdictions - so the intelligence from the poll will provide important understanding and insight.

Poll questions

Preamble

Government is working now to deliver a range of improvements to Jersey’s health system, to make services more effective and help ensure fairer access to high quality care. But Government also needs to plan for the future and consider how to pay for the rising costs of health and care services over the next twenty years. Your answers to the questions below will help Government better understand Islanders’ views and attitudes to health and care funding at an early stage.

Personal questions

Which age category do you fall into? - required

- Under 17
- 17-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+
- I prefer not to say

What gender do you identify as?

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Which of the following ethnicities do you identify as?

- Jersey
- British
- Portuguese
- Madeiran
- Polish
- Irish
- Romanian
- Other (please specify)

Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?

- Less than £20,000
- £20,000 - £59,999
- £60,000 - £99,999
- £100,000 - £149,999
- £150,000 or more
- Prefer not to say

Do you have a long-term health condition?

- Yes
- No

Do you have private health insurance?

- Yes
- No

Question 1 (Strongly agree.....Strongly disagree)

To what extent do you agree with the following statements

- Government should raise more money to spend on health and care services for everyone
- Government should raise more money to provide health and care services for those that cannot afford to pay
- Government should not raise more money to pay for services; the people who use services should pay for them
- Government should not raise more money to pay for health and care services; it should provide less

Question 2 (Strongly agree.....Strongly disagree)

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- I would be willing to pay more so that more health and care services are free or lower cost for everyone
- I would be willing to pay more to provide free or lower cost health and care services to the people most in need
- I would not be willing to pay more for health and care services, people should pay more of the costs of health and care services themselves
- People should pay for health and care services according to their means