

Supplementary file

The political views of doctors in the United Kingdom: a cross-sectional study

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Introductory page

Doctors are often visible and effective opinion leaders on health issues and NHS reforms. Yet **little is known about doctors' and medical students' political views**. In light of the general election, we would like to invite doctors and medical students in the UK to participate in a survey on this topic.

We will ask you a series of questions on your political views, voting behaviour, about you and your work. **This survey will take approximately 2-3 minutes**. The results will be published. Your personal details and institution will not be recorded and you will not be identifiable in any reports or publications.

Part 1

1. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is extremely left wing political views and 10 is extremely right wing political views, where would you place yourself?

2. Please choose which political term best suits your views?

1) Extremely Liberal, (2) Liberal, (3) Slightly Liberal, (4) neither liberal nor conservative, (5) Slightly Conservative, (6) Conservative, (7) Extremely Conservative or (8) other- please state.....

3. How did you vote in the 2015 general election?

- a. Conservative
- b. The Green Party (England and Wales or Scottish)
- c. Labour
- d. Liberal Democrats
- e. Plaid Cymru
- f. Scottish National Party
- g. UK Independence Party (UKIP)
- h. Other (please specify) _____
- i. Not eligible to vote
- j. Chose not to vote

4. How did you vote in the 2017 general election?

- a. Conservative
- b. The Green Party (England and Wales or Scottish)
- c. Labour
- d. Liberal Democrats
- e. Plaid Cymru
- f. Scottish National Party
- g. UK Independence Party (UKIP)

- h. Other (please specify) _____
- i. Not eligible to vote
- j. Chose not to vote

5. How would you vote if you were eligible/were required to vote?

- a. Conservative
- b. The Green Party (England and Wales or Scottish)
- c. Labour
- d. Liberal Democrats
- e. Plaid Cymru
- f. Scottish National Party
- g. UK Independence Party (UKIP)
- h. Other (please specify) _____

6. How did you vote in the 2016 Referendum on whether the United Kingdom should remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?

- i. Remain a member of the European Union
- ii. Leave the European Union
- iii. Not eligible to vote
- iv. Chose not to vote

7. How would you have voted in the 2016 Referendum on whether the United Kingdom should remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?

- i. Remain a member of the European Union
- ii. Leave the European Union
- iii. Don't know

8. If 0 was the worst and 10 was the best, please rate the potential impact of Brexit on the NHS?

9. Should European Union staff working in the NHS be able to stay after the UK leaves the European Union?

- i. Yes
- ii. No
- iii. Don't Know

10. Is the current use of NHS funded private sector provision in your medical practice...:

- a. Too much
- b. About right
- c. Too little
- d. Not applicable

11. How much do you agree with the following statement: There should be a protected portion of national spending for the NHS

Where 1 is 'strongly disagree' and 5 is 'strongly agree'.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

12. How much do you agree with the following statement: Patients should be charged for non-urgent care if they are not eligible for free NHS treatment

Where 1 is 'strongly disagree' and 5 is 'strongly agree'.

- 1

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

13. How much do you agree with the following statement: The UK should introduce minimum alcohol pricing (i.e. a minimum price per unit of alcohol)

Where 1 is 'strongly disagree' and 5 is 'strongly agree'.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Part 2

D1. Age

- 20 to 29 years old
- 30 to 39 years old
- 40 to 49 years old
- 50 to 59 years old
- 60 to 69 years old
- ≥ 70 years old

D2. Gender

- Man
- Woman
- Non-Binary
- Other (please specify)

D3. Specialty

Drop down menu with all specialties

- Anaesthetics
- Emergency medicine
- General practice
- Obstetrics and gynaecology
- Occupational medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Paediatrics and child health
- Pathology
- Pharmaceutical medicine
- Physician
- Psychiatry
- Public Health
- Radiology
- Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
- Surgical
- Other – please specify

D4. Where do you live?

- a. Wales
- b. Scotland
- c. Northern Ireland
- d. North East England

- e. North West England
- f. Yorkshire and the Humber
- g. East Midlands
- h. West Midlands
- i. East of England
- j. Greater London
- k. South East England
- l. South West England

D5. How would you describe the area you live in?

- a. Urban
- b. Rural
- c. Other. Please specify:

D6. Where did you complete medical school?

- In the UK
- In a European Union Member State
- In a country that is not part of the European Union

D7. What grade are you?

- GP
- Speciality Doctor (staff grade/associate)
- Consultant
- Foundation years
- Junior doctor Speciality Training / Core Training 1-2
- Junior doctor Speciality Training 3+
- Medical student
- Other – please specify

D8. In which type of organisation do you do most of your work?

- a. NHS
- b. Academic
- c. Private Sector
- d. Charity
- e. Local Government
- f. Other. Please specify:

D9. What is your total income per year from medical/clinical activities?

- 0 to £9,999
- £10,000 to £19,999
- £20,000 to £29,999
- £30,000 to £39,999
- £40,000 to £49,999
- £50,000 to £59,999
- £60,000 to £69,999
- £70,000 to £79,999
- £80,000 to £89,999
- £90,000 to £99,999
- £100,000 to £109,999
- £110,000 to £119,999
- £120,000 to £129,999
- £130,000 to £139,999
- £140,000 to £149,999
- ≥ £150,000

