

YouGov Survey Results

Sample size: n=1,008 healthcare professionals

Fieldwork: 18th - 29th March 2019

Total

Do you have experience (personally or professionally) of caring for someone who has suffered at the end of their lives, despite receiving high quality palliative care?

Unweighted base	1008
Base	1008
Yes	43%
No	53%
Don't know	4%

In order to have control over their suffering and death, some terminally ill, mentally competent people stop eating and drinking to hasten their death; some refuse or discontinue life-sustaining treatment; some take their own lives at home; and some travel abroad to access an assisted death. Without a safeguarded assisted dying law in the UK, do you think there are sufficient options at the end of life to give terminally ill mentally competent people meaningful control over their death?

Unweighted base	1008
Base	1008
Yes	13%
No	73%
Don't know	14%

Please indicate which of the following statements is closest to your own personal view about the law:

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It is more ethical to allow a terminally ill person to refuse treatment that will result in their death, than it is to allow them to have an assisted death	24%
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There is no ethical difference between allowing assisted dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults and allowing them to refuse medical treatment that will result in their death	37%
Don't know	13%

Do you think there are circumstances in the UK in which healthcare professionals have intentionally hastened death as a compassionate response to a patient's request to end their suffering at the end of life?

Unweighted base	1008
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Yes	62%
No	10%
Don't know	28%