

# YouGov / Sunday Times Survey

## Party leadership and NHS

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Sample Size: 2014

Fieldwork: 13-15 May 2004

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<b>Who do you trust more to run the economy?</b>	
Labour and Tony Blair	31%
The Conservatives and Michael Howard	30%
Don't trust either	34%
Don't know	5%
<b>Who is the stronger leader, Tony Blair or Michael Howard?</b>	
Tony Blair	42%
Michael Howard	29%
Don't know	30%
<b>Thinking of Tony Blair, how long would you like him to stay on as prime minister?</b>	
He should step down before the next election	46%
He should step down soon after the next election	22%
He should stay in office indefinitely	20%
Don't know	12%
<b>How much do you trust Tony Blair to tell the truth?</b>	
Trust a great deal	7%
Trust a fair amount	29%
Do not trust much	28%
Do not trust at all	33%
Don't know	2%
<b>Which sums up your view of Tony Blair when it comes to telling the truth?</b>	
He always tells the truth	5%
He rarely lies outright but he often bends the truth	59%
He is slippery and lies a lot of the time	33%
Don't know	4%
<b>Among senior Labour politicians, who would you favour to succeed Tony Blair?</b>	
Gordon Brown	40%
Robin Cook	10%
David Blunkett	6%
Jack Straw	6%
Peter Hain	2%
Charles Clarke	1%
Don't know	35%
<b>Would you be more likely or less likely to vote Labour if...</b>	
<b>a) Gordon Brown led the party</b>	
More likely	15%
Less likely	11%
No difference - I would vote Labour anyway	20%
No difference - I would not vote Labour anyway	42%
Don't know	11%
<b>b) Another senior Labour politician other than Gordon Brown or Tony Blair led the party</b>	
More likely	9%
Less likely	13%
No difference - I would vote Labour anyway	19%
No difference - I would not vote Labour anyway	41%
Don't know	18%

**What is your general view of the NHS?**

It has got better over the past few years	<b>23%</b>
It has stayed about the same	<b>40%</b>
It has got worse	<b>32%</b>
Don't know	<b>5%</b>

**Would you say that the extra money that has gone into the NHS has been mostly well-spent or mostly wasted?**

Well spent	<b>23%</b>
Wasted	<b>58%</b>
Don't know	<b>19%</b>

**In the past year, have you visited an NHS GP?**

Yes	<b>81%</b>
No	<b>19%</b>

**(If yes) What was the experience like (if more than one, please relate your answer to your most recent experience)?**

Excellent	<b>26%</b>
Good	<b>58%</b>
Poor	<b>12%</b>
Very poor	<b>4%</b>
Don't know	<b>0%</b>

**In the past year, have you visited an NHS hospital as a patient or close relative of a patient?**

Yes	<b>69%</b>
No	<b>31%</b>

**(If yes) What was the experience like (if more than one, please relate your answer to your most recent experience)?**

Excellent	<b>19%</b>
Good	<b>51%</b>
Poor	<b>21%</b>
Very poor	<b>8%</b>
Don't know	<b>1%</b>

**In terms of the NHS in your area would you say:**

It is better than the national average	<b>26%</b>
It is worse than the national average	<b>16%</b>
It is about the same	<b>47%</b>
Don't know	<b>11%</b>

**How safe would you feel going into your local NHS hospital for treatment?**

Very safe	<b>22%</b>
Quite safe	<b>50%</b>
Not very safe	<b>19%</b>
Not safe at all	<b>7%</b>
Don't know	<b>2%</b>