

# RCGP – Scotland Devolved Polling

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 500 Scottish adults online between the 30<sup>th</sup> March and 1st April 2015. Data were weighted to be representative of all Scottish adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Table 4

**Q1. Thinking about the last time you tried to book an appointment with a GP for you or a family member, which best describes how you found the process?**

**Base: All respondents (Scotland)**

|   | Total      | Gender     |            | Age        |            |            |            |            |            | SEG        |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   |            | Male       | Female     | 18-24      | 25-34      | 35-44      | 45-54      | 55-64      | 65+        | AB         | C1         | C2         | DE         |
| Unweighted base   | 501        | 250        | 251        | 30         | 90         | 107        | 95         | 74         | 105        | 182        | 153        | 75         | 91         |
| Weighted base   | 501        | 240        | 261        | 50         | 90         | 100        | 90         | 70         | 100        | 135        | 140        | 110        | 115        |
| <b><u>NET: Booked within week</u></b>                                 | <b>356</b> | <b>176</b> | <b>180</b> | <b>31</b>  | <b>63</b>  | <b>63</b>  | <b>60</b>  | <b>52</b>  | <b>87</b>  | <b>95</b>  | <b>104</b> | <b>80</b>  | <b>77</b>  |
|   | <b>71%</b> | <b>73%</b> | <b>69%</b> | <b>61%</b> | <b>70%</b> | <b>63%</b> | <b>66%</b> | <b>74%</b> | <b>87%</b> | <b>70%</b> | <b>74%</b> | <b>73%</b> | <b>67%</b> |
| I was able to book an appointment with my GP within two days          | 181<br>36% | 103<br>43% | 78<br>30%  | 5<br>9%    | 27<br>30%  | 31<br>31%  | 32<br>36%  | 24<br>35%  | 62<br>62%  | 57<br>42%  | 48<br>34%  | 39<br>35%  | 36<br>32%  |
| I was able to book an appointment with my GP within the same week     | 175<br>35% | 73<br>30%  | 102<br>39% | 26<br>52%  | 36<br>40%  | 33<br>33%  | 28<br>31%  | 27<br>39%  | 26<br>26%  | 38<br>28%  | 55<br>39%  | 42<br>38%  | 40<br>35%  |
| I was not able to book an appointment with my GP within the same week | 140<br>28% | 62<br>26%  | 78<br>30%  | 17<br>35%  | 26<br>29%  | 36<br>36%  | 30<br>33%  | 18<br>26%  | 12<br>12%  | 38<br>28%  | 35<br>25%  | 30<br>27%  | 37<br>32%  |
| Don't know  | 5<br>1%    | 2<br>1%    | 3<br>1%    | 2<br>4%    | 1<br>1%    | 1<br>1%    | 1<br>1%    | *<br>*     | 1<br>1%    | 2<br>1%    | 2<br>1%    | -<br>-     | 2<br>2%    |

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**Q2. Do you think that your ability to see your GP will stay the same, improve, or decline over the next five years?**

**Base: All respondents (Scotland)**

|  | Total      | Gender     |            | Age       |           |           |           |           |           | SEG       |           |           |           |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  |            | Male       | Female     | 18-24     | 25-34     | 35-44     | 45-54     | 55-64     | 65+       | AB        | C1        | C2        | DE        |
| Unweighted base                            | 501        | 250        | 251        | 30        | 90        | 107       | 95        | 74        | 105       | 182       | 153       | 75        | 91        |
| Weighted base                              | 501        | 240        | 261        | 50        | 90        | 100       | 90        | 70        | 100       | 135       | 140       | 110       | 115       |
| My ability to see my GP will improve       | 34<br>7%   | 25<br>11%  | 9<br>3%    | 1<br>3%   | 8<br>9%   | 9<br>9%   | 7<br>8%   | 2<br>3%   | 7<br>7%   | 10<br>7%  | 5<br>4%   | 7<br>7%   | 12<br>10% |
| My ability to see my GP will stay the same | 254<br>51% | 137<br>57% | 117<br>45% | 26<br>52% | 40<br>44% | 41<br>41% | 45<br>50% | 36<br>52% | 65<br>65% | 72<br>53% | 75<br>53% | 52<br>47% | 56<br>48% |
| My ability to see my GP will decline       | 147<br>29% | 57<br>24%  | 90<br>35%  | 8<br>15%  | 26<br>29% | 39<br>39% | 28<br>31% | 24<br>34% | 22<br>22% | 40<br>30% | 36<br>26% | 37<br>34% | 33<br>28% |
| Don't know                                 | 66<br>13%  | 22<br>9%   | 45<br>17%  | 15<br>30% | 17<br>18% | 11<br>11% | 9<br>10%  | 8<br>11%  | 6<br>6%   | 13<br>10% | 24<br>17% | 14<br>12% | 15<br>13% |

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**Q3. Do you agree or disagree that waiting times to see a GP in Scotland is a national crisis?**

**Base: All respondents (Scotland)**

|                 | Total      | Gender     |            | Age       |           |           |           |           |           | SEG       |           |           |           |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                 |            | Male       | Female     | 18-24     | 25-34     | 35-44     | 45-54     | 55-64     | 65+       | AB        | C1        | C2        | DE        |
| Unweighted base | 501        | 250        | 251        | 30        | 90        | 107       | 95        | 74        | 105       | 182       | 153       | 75        | 91        |
| Weighted base   | 501        | 240        | 261        | 50        | 90        | 100       | 90        | 70        | 100       | 135       | 140       | 110       | 115       |
| Agree           | 210<br>42% | 89<br>37%  | 121<br>47% | 19<br>38% | 39<br>43% | 51<br>51% | 29<br>32% | 32<br>45% | 41<br>40% | 56<br>41% | 49<br>35% | 51<br>46% | 55<br>47% |
| Disagree        | 193<br>39% | 105<br>44% | 88<br>34%  | 26<br>51% | 35<br>38% | 31<br>31% | 40<br>45% | 28<br>39% | 34<br>34% | 57<br>42% | 64<br>45% | 41<br>37% | 31<br>27% |
| Don't know      | 98<br>19%  | 47<br>19%  | 51<br>20%  | 5<br>11%  | 16<br>18% | 18<br>18% | 21<br>23% | 11<br>16% | 25<br>25% | 22<br>16% | 28<br>20% | 18<br>17% | 29<br>25% |

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**Q4. The term 'primary care' refers to a range of health services provided out of hospital including general practice (GPs), pharmacists, dentists and opticians. The Scottish Government has announced a one-off £40 million investment in 'primary care'. Do you think that ...**

**Base: All respondents (Scotland)**

|  | Total      | Gender     |            | Age       |           |           |           |           |           | SEG       |           |           |           |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  |            | Male       | Female     | 18-24     | 25-34     | 35-44     | 45-54     | 55-64     | 65+       | AB        | C1        | C2        | DE        |
| Unweighted base  | 501        | 250        | 251        | 30        | 90        | 107       | 95        | 74        | 105       | 182       | 153       | 75        | 91        |
| Weighted base  | 501        | 240        | 261        | 50        | 90        | 100       | 90        | 70        | 100       | 135       | 140       | 110       | 115       |
| The majority of the funding should go to frontline GP services in the next year    | 306<br>61% | 149<br>62% | 157<br>60% | 25<br>51% | 55<br>61% | 61<br>60% | 54<br>60% | 44<br>62% | 67<br>67% | 81<br>60% | 91<br>65% | 63<br>57% | 70<br>61% |
| The majority of the funding shouldn't go to frontline GP services in the next year | 78<br>16%  | 37<br>15%  | 41<br>16%  | 8<br>16%  | 11<br>12% | 18<br>18% | 16<br>17% | 9<br>13%  | 17<br>17% | 26<br>19% | 18<br>13% | 27<br>24% | 7<br>6%   |
| Don't know   | 118<br>23% | 55<br>23%  | 63<br>24%  | 17<br>34% | 25<br>27% | 22<br>22% | 21<br>23% | 17<br>25% | 16<br>16% | 28<br>21% | 31<br>22% | 21<br>19% | 38<br>33% |

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Table 8  
**Q5. In England the government has invested £1 billion in general practice (GP) services over the next five years. In Scotland, the government has announced a one-off £40 million investment for next year. Do you think that ...**  
**Base: All respondents (Scotland)**

|  | Total      | Gender     |            | Age       |           |           |           |           |           | SEG       |           |           |           |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  |            | Male       | Female     | 18-24     | 25-34     | 35-44     | 45-54     | 55-64     | 65+       | AB        | C1        | C2        | DE        |
| Unweighted base  | 501        | 250        | 251        | 30        | 90        | 107       | 95        | 74        | 105       | 182       | 153       | 75        | 91        |
| Weighted base  | 501        | 240        | 261        | 50        | 90        | 100       | 90        | 70        | 100       | 135       | 140       | 110       | 115       |
| The Scottish Government should invest more than a one-off £40m investment over the next five years | 209<br>42% | 125<br>52% | 85<br>32%  | 16<br>33% | 37<br>41% | 47<br>47% | 35<br>38% | 26<br>37% | 49<br>49% | 62<br>46% | 43<br>31% | 58<br>53% | 46<br>40% |
| The Scottish Government's one-off £40m investment is sufficient                                    | 171<br>34% | 68<br>28%  | 103<br>40% | 12<br>25% | 34<br>38% | 30<br>30% | 30<br>33% | 34<br>48% | 31<br>31% | 49<br>36% | 60<br>43% | 30<br>27% | 32<br>28% |
| The Scottish Government should invest less than a one-off £40m investment over the next five years | 13<br>3%   | 7<br>3%    | 6<br>2%    | 1<br>2%   | 1<br>1%   | 2<br>2%   | 1<br>2%   | 2<br>2%   | 6<br>6%   | 3<br>3%   | 5<br>4%   | 4<br>4%   | -<br>-    |
| Don't know   | 108<br>22% | 41<br>17%  | 67<br>26%  | 20<br>40% | 18<br>21% | 21<br>21% | 24<br>27% | 9<br>13%  | 15<br>14% | 21<br>15% | 32<br>23% | 18<br>16% | 37<br>32% |

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**Q6. The English Government is considering an incentive scheme for GP trainees committed to working in specific, under-doctored areas. Rural areas and deprived, inner-city areas have significant difficulties in recruiting GPs. Do you think that ...**  
**Base: All respondents (Scotland)**

|   | Total      | Gender     |            | Age       |           |           |           |           |           | SEG       |           |           |           |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   |            | Male       | Female     | 18-24     | 25-34     | 35-44     | 45-54     | 55-64     | 65+       | AB        | C1        | C2        | DE        |
| Unweighted base   | 501        | 250        | 251        | 30        | 90        | 107       | 95        | 74        | 105       | 182       | 153       | 75        | 91        |
| Weighted base   | 501        | 240        | 261        | 50        | 90        | 100       | 90        | 70        | 100       | 135       | 140       | 110       | 115       |
| The Government should provide financial incentives for under-doctored areas in Scotland     | 366<br>73% | 172<br>72% | 193<br>74% | 38<br>76% | 59<br>65% | 77<br>77% | 63<br>70% | 55<br>78% | 74<br>74% | 99<br>73% | 94<br>67% | 83<br>75% | 90<br>78% |
| The Government should not provide financial incentives for under-doctored areas in Scotland | 77<br>15%  | 33<br>14%  | 43<br>17%  | 3<br>5%   | 20<br>22% | 10<br>10% | 15<br>16% | 9<br>12%  | 21<br>20% | 26<br>19% | 26<br>19% | 13<br>12% | 11<br>10% |
| Don't know  | 59<br>12%  | 34<br>14%  | 24<br>9%   | 9<br>19%  | 12<br>13% | 12<br>12% | 13<br>14% | 7<br>10%  | 6<br>6%   | 10<br>8%  | 20<br>14% | 15<br>13% | 14<br>12% |