

END OF LIFE SURVEY 2023: RESULTS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN

About the survey

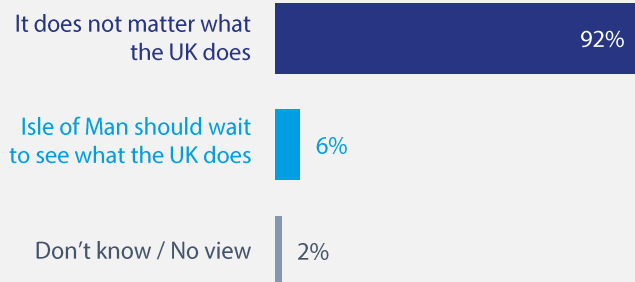
We undertook a survey in the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey about the end of life on behalf of Dignity in Dying. The information shared here focuses on survey responses received from Isle of Man residents.

The online survey was launched in the Isle of Man on 18 September 2023 and data collection continued until 30 September 2023. IGR Research Panel members were sent an email inviting them to share their views. Links to the survey were also posted on social media (Facebook and Instagram) and included as a news item on the IGR website.

Isle of Man residents aged 16 and over were eligible to take part. The final dataset (after cleaning to remove incomplete and duplicate/suspicious responses) contained 1206 responses from Isle of Man residents.

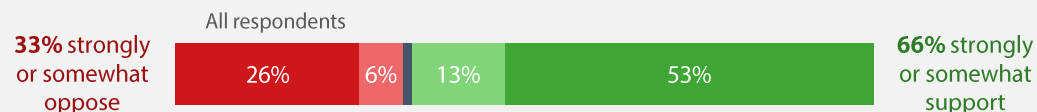
Note: There is some indication of self-selection bias. This is inferred from the distribution of responses over the data collection period to the question "Do you support or oppose a change in the law to allow mentally competent, terminally ill adult residents the option of seeking assistance in their death?" (see next page for more detail).

When it comes to changing the law to legalise assisted dying in the Isle of Man, which of the following statements do you agree with most?*

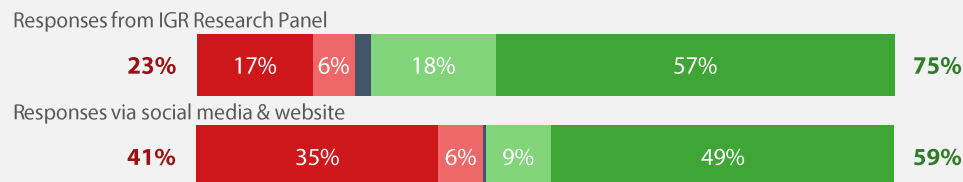


Do you support or oppose the law changing in the Isle of Man to allow mentally competent, terminally ill adult residents the option of seeking assistance in their death?

Legend: Strongly oppose (red), Somewhat oppose (light red), Don't know / No view (dark blue), Somewhat support (light green), Strongly support (dark green)

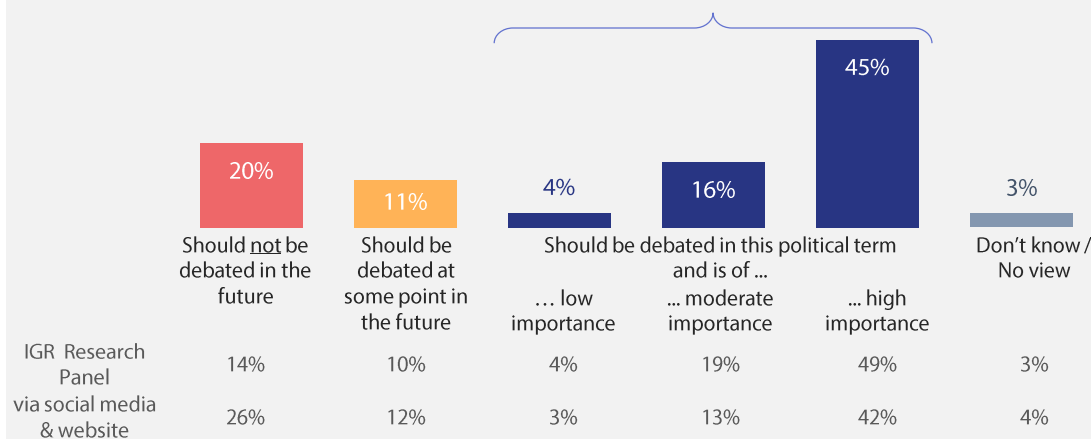


There were some differences in the responses received from the link in the email to the IGR Research Panel and responses received from links posted on social media and as a news item on IGR's website – see next page for more detail:



Do you think it is important that changing the law to allow assisted dying in the Isle of Man is debated in this political term?

65% of respondents think it should be debated in this political term

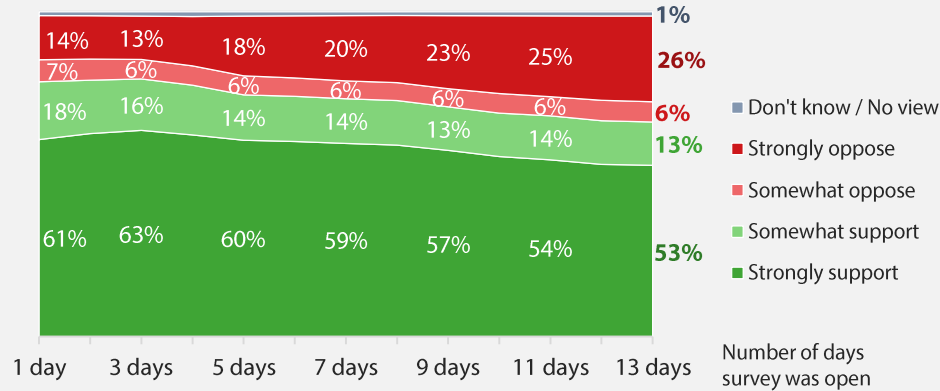


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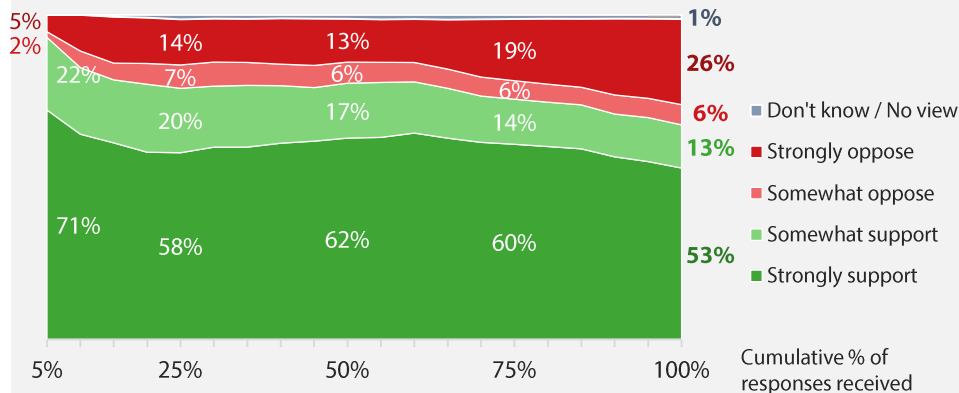
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The graphs show how responses to this key question changed over the data collection period.

After x days of data collection



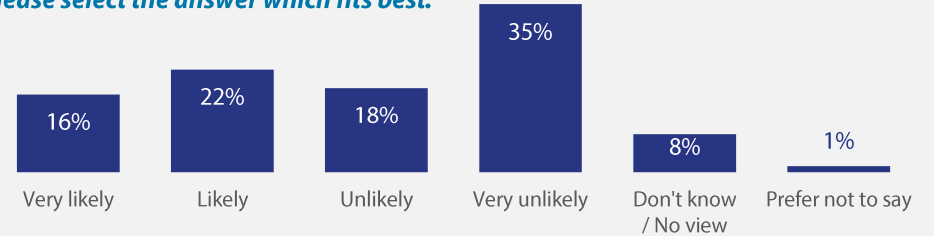
After x% of survey responses were received



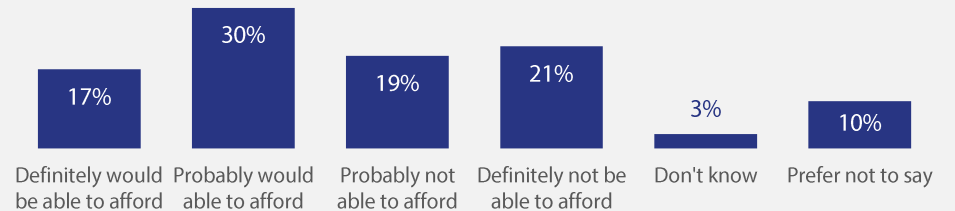
Based on your opinion of the quality of palliative care in the Isle of Man, how confident do you feel that when you reach the end of your life you will be able to have the death that is "right" for you?



Dignitas is a Swiss non-profit members' society providing assisted dying for those who are terminally or incurably ill. If you were terminally ill, how likely would you be to consider travelling overseas for an assisted death for yourself? Please select the answer which fits best.



Regardless of whether or not you would want to have an assisted death in Switzerland yourself, to what extent do you think you would be able to afford this cost?*



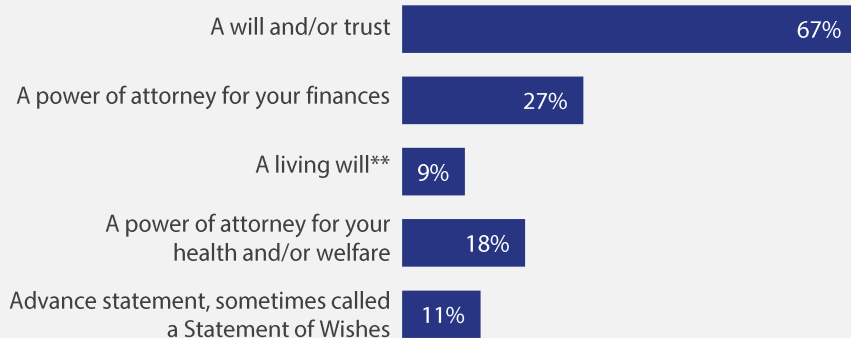
* Of the respondents who said they would be very likely or likely to consider travelling overseas for an assisted death for themselves, 16% selected "definitely would be able to afford" and 36% selected "probably would be able to afford".

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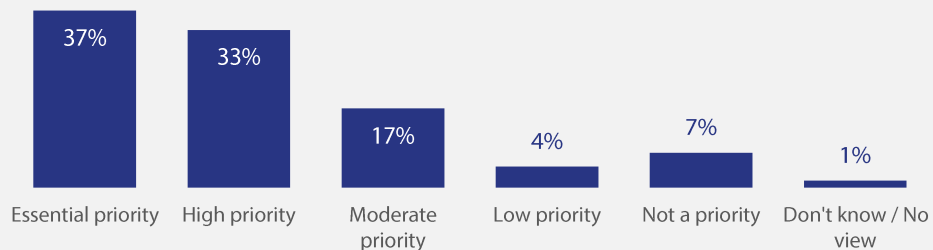
Before starting this survey how much thought have you given to issues around end of life care?



Do you have any of the following in place?*



To what extent do you believe developing end-of-life and specialist palliative care should be a priority in the Isle of Man?



Profile of survey respondents

	Survey Respondents			Population ***
	All N=1206	Email sent to IGR Panel N=550	Via social media/website N=656	
Age Group				
16-39	9%	7%	10%	31%
40-64	52%	53%	52%	43%
65+	38%	40%	37%	26%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	-
Gender				
Female	62%	53%	70%	51%
Male	36%	47%	28%	49%
Prefer to self-describe	<1%	<1%	<1%	-
Prefer not to say	1%	<1%	2%	-
Religion				
No religion	37%	44%	32%	44%
Christian	54%	50%	58%	55%
Other	2%	3%	1%	2%
Prefer not to say	6%	3%	9%	-
Would you describe yourself as having...? Please select all that apply				
A physical disability	7%	7%	6%	-
A mental or emotional health condition	7%	6%	8%	-
A chronic illness/condition	20%	18%	21%	-
A terminal illness	1%	1%	1%	-
None of the above	68%	71%	65%	-
Prefer not to say	4%	2%	6%	-
Have cared for or spent time with a dying family member/friend towards their end of life?				
Yes	84%	80%	87%	-
Do you have any other experience of end-of-life issues? (e.g. in a professional capacity, through your employment, charity work etc.)				
Yes	28%	23%	32%	-

Please note: totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding

* Results exclude those who prefer not to say.

**A living will is sometimes known as an Advance Decision to Refuse Treatment, which sets out wishes for what treatment you do not want to receive in the future

*** Isle of Man Census 2021. Biological sex is used as a proxy for gender