

END OF LIFE SURVEY 2023: RESULTS FROM GUERNSEY

About the survey

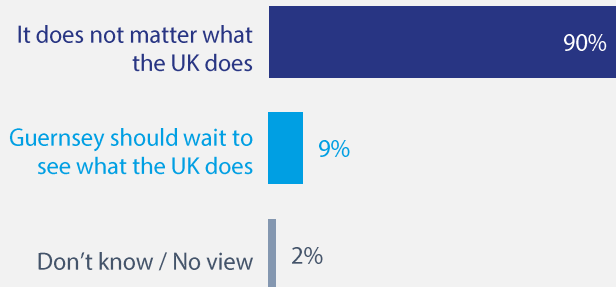
We undertook a survey in the Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man about the end of life on behalf of Dignity in Dying. The information shared here focuses on survey responses received from residents of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

The online survey was launched in Guernsey on 15 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.

Guernsey residents aged 16 and over were eligible to take part. The final dataset (after cleaning to remove incomplete and duplicate/suspicious responses) contained 1051 responses from Guernsey residents.

Note: There is some indication of self-selection bias in responses received from residents in Jersey and the Isle of Man, but not so for Guernsey. 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 Guernsey, which of the following statements do you agree with most?*

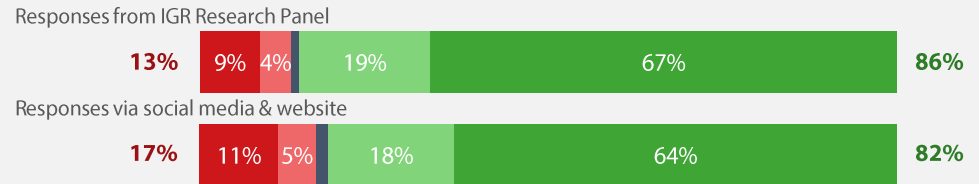


Do you support or oppose the law changing in Guernsey to allow mentally competent, terminally ill adult residents the option of seeking assistance in their death?

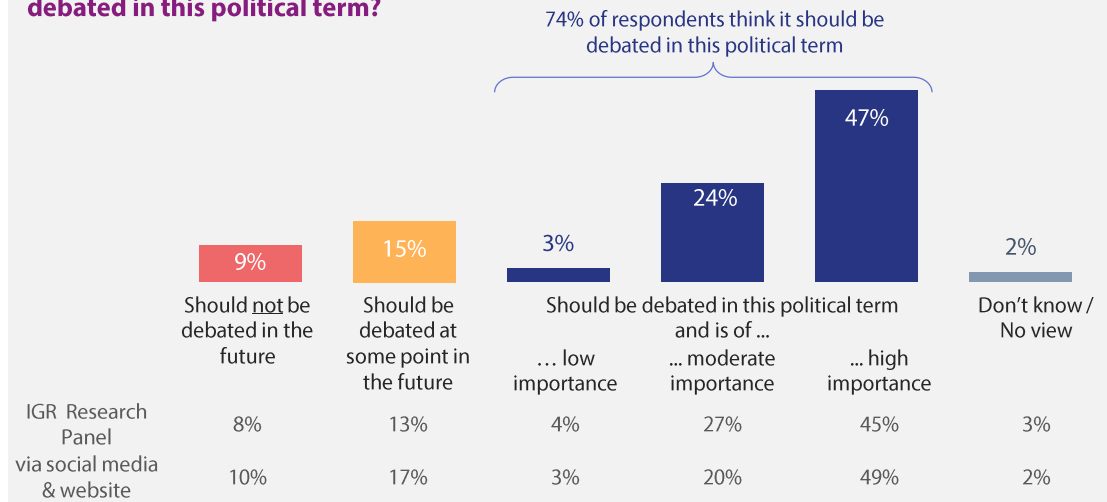
Strongly oppose Somewhat oppose Don't know / No view Somewhat support Strongly support



In Guernsey there were no notable 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.**



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



* Responses from the IGR Research Panel and via social media/website were similar: 89% responses received from the email to the IGR Research Panel and 91% of responses from social media/website selected "It does not matter what the UK does"

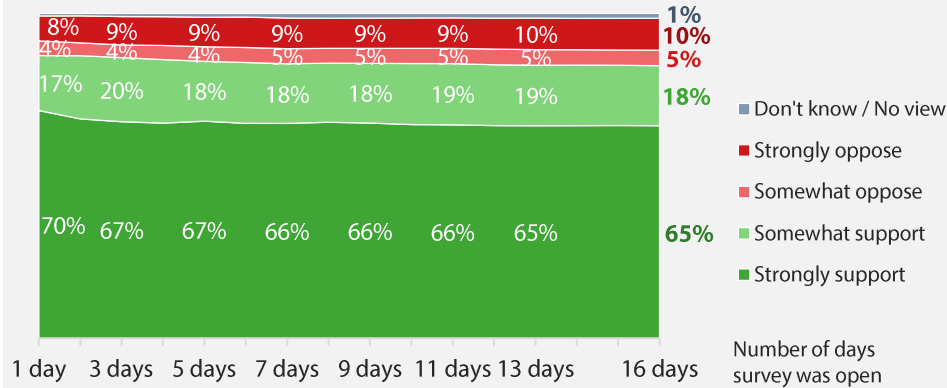
** In contrast, there were notable differences in Jersey and the Isle of Man, with responses from IGR Research Panel members were more likely to strongly or somewhat support a change in the law than responses via social media & website.

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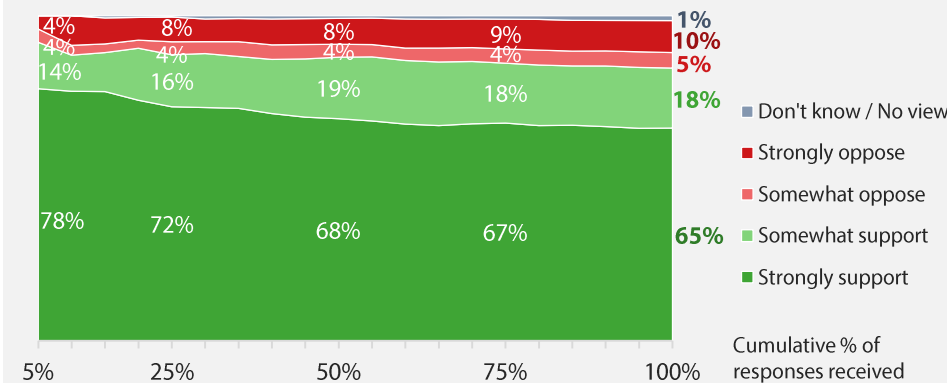
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The graphs show how responses to this key question changed over the data collection period.

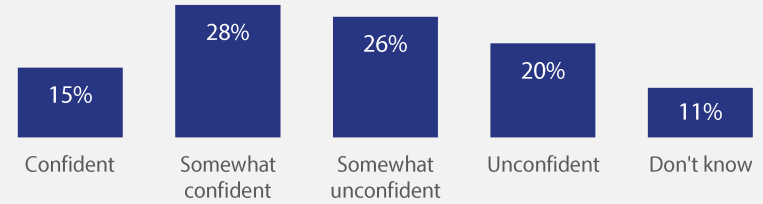
After x days of data collection



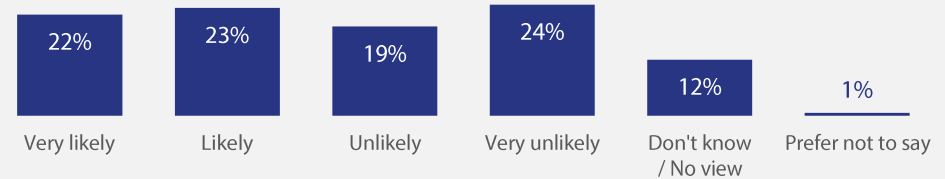
After x% of survey responses were received



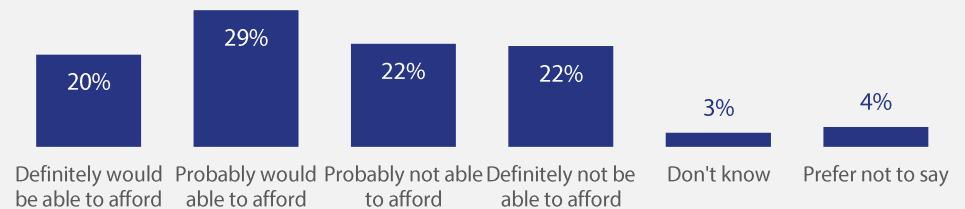
Based on your opinion of the quality of palliative care in Guernsey, how confident do you feel that when you reach the end of your life you will be able to have the death that is "right" for you?



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?*



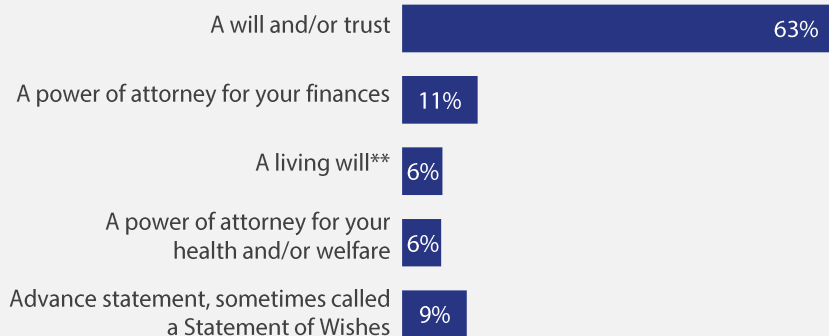
* Of the respondents who said they would be very likely or likely to consider travelling overseas for an assisted death for themselves, 21% selected "definitely would be able to afford" and 34% selected "probably would be able to afford".

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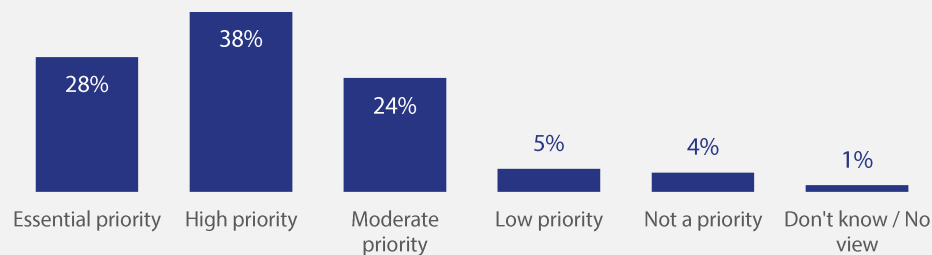
Before starting this survey how much thought have you given to issues around end of life care?



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 Guernsey?



Profile of survey respondents

	Survey Respondents			Population ***
	All N=1051	Email sent to IGR Panel N=594	Via social media/website N=457	
Age Group				
16-39	10%	11%	9%	34%
40-64	51%	51%	50%	42%
65+	39%	38%	40%	24%
Prefer not to say	<1%	1%	<1%	-
Gender				
Female	69%	62%	79%	51%
Male	30%	38%	20%	49%
Prefer to self-describe	<1%	<1%	1%	-
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	<1%	-
Religion				
No religion	45%	44%	45%	-
Christian	51%	52%	49%	-
Other	2%	2%	2%	-
Prefer not to say	3%	3%	4%	-
Would you describe yourself as having...? Please select all that apply				
A physical disability	7%	7%	6%	-
A mental or emotional health condition	9%	9%	10%	-
A chronic illness/condition	17%	16%	18%	-
A terminal illness	<1%	1%	<1%	-
None of the above	69%	70%	68%	-
Prefer not to say	4%	3%	4%	-
Have cared for or spent time with a dying family member/friend towards their end of life?				
Yes	80%	77%	84%	-
Do you have any other experience of end-of-life issues? (e.g. in a professional capacity, through your employment, charity work etc.)				
Yes	22%	19%	25%	-

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

*** Guernsey Census 2021. Biological sex is used as a proxy for gender