

Surrey Heartlands Health and Care Partnership

Latest survey results

2022 Survey

Appendix 1



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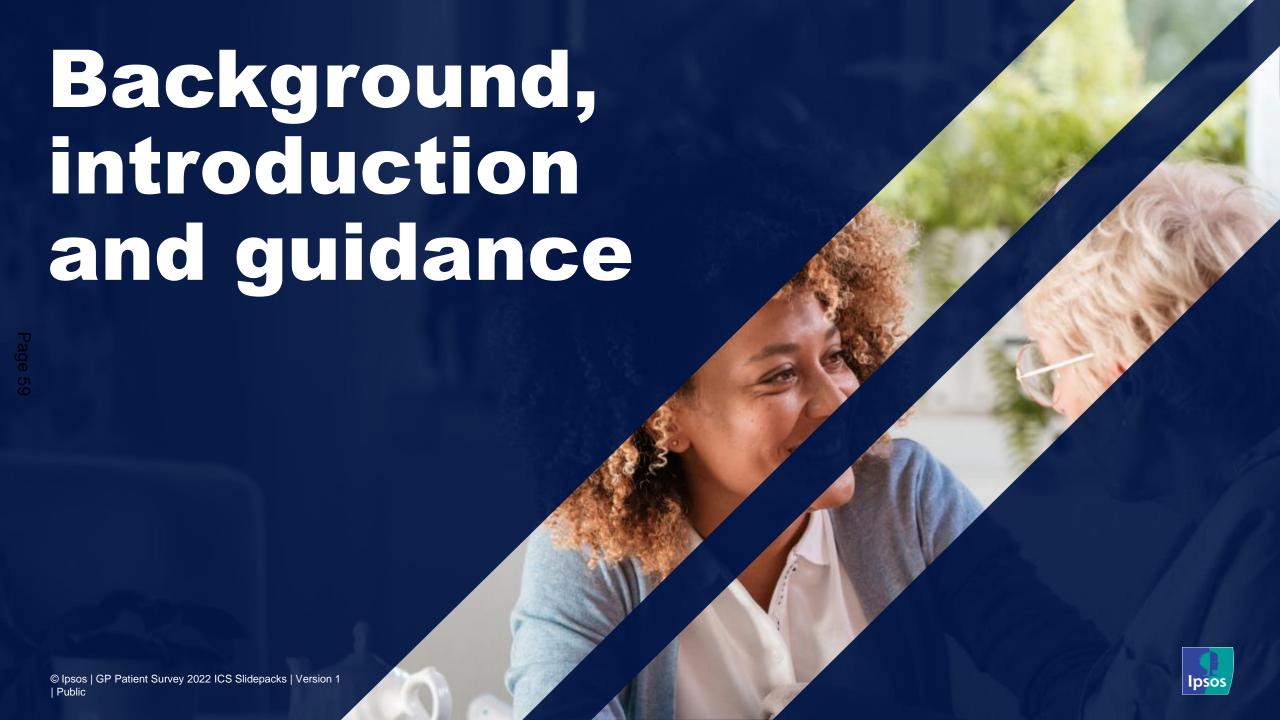
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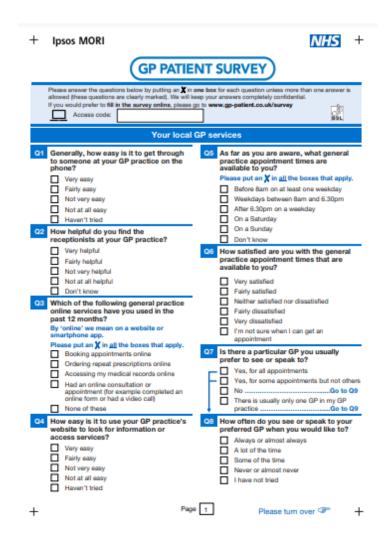




Introduction



- The GP Patient Survey (GPPS) is an England-wide survey, providing data about patients' experiences of their GP practices.
- This slide pack presents some of the key results from the 2022 GP Patient Survey for Surrey Heartlands Health and Care Partnership.
- In Surrey Heartlands Health and Care Partnership, 32,706
 questionnaires were sent out, and 11,240 were returned
 completed. This represents a response rate of 34%.
- Where available, packs include trend data beginning in 2020.
 Where questions have changed significantly for the 2022 questionnaire, data will not be comparable to previous years.





Background information about the survey



- The GP Patient Survey (GPPS) is an annual England-wide survey about patients' experiences of their GP practice and is administered by Ipsos on behalf of NHS England.
- The survey covers a range of topics including:
 - Your local GP services
 - Making an appointment
 - Your last appointment
 - Overall experience
 - COVID-19
 - Your health
 - When your GP practice is closed
 - NHS Dentistry
 - Some questions about you (including relevant protected characteristics and demographics)

- The survey provides data at practice level using a consistent methodology, which means it is comparable across organisations. The survey also provides data at Primary care network (PCN), Integrated care system (ICS) and National level.
- Minor changes were made to the questionnaire in 2022 to ensure that it continued to reflect how primary care services are delivered and how patients experience them. This followed more substantial changes in 2021.
- The effect of the pandemic should be taken into account when looking at results over time.
- In 2018 the questionnaire was redeveloped in response to substantial changes to primary care services as set out in the <u>GP</u> Forward View.

- The latest 2022 questionnaire including past versions, and the Technical Annex for further information about the survey can be found here: https://gppatient.co.uk/surveysandreports.
- Survey considerations:
 - Sample sizes at practice level are relatively small.
 - The survey does not include qualitative data which limits the detail provided by the results.
 - The survey is conducted annually and provides a snapshot of patient experience at a given time.
- Data users are encouraged to use insight from GPPS as one element of evidence when considering patients' experiences of general practice in order to identify potential improvements and highlight best practice.

The next slide suggests ideas for how the data can be used to help to improve services.



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How to use this data for improvement



The data in this slide pack can be used and interpreted to help to improve GP services, in the following ways:

- Comparison of an ICS against the national result: this allows benchmarking of the results to identify
 whether the ICS is performing well, poorly, or in line with the national picture. The ICS may wish to focus on
 areas where it compares less favourably.
- Analysing trends in an ICS's results over time: this provides a sense of the direction of the ICS's performance. The ICS may wish to focus on areas which have seen a decline in results over time.
- Comparison of PCN's results within an ICS area: this can identify PCNs in an area that seem to be overperforming or under-performing compared with others. The ICS may wish to work with individual PCNs: those
 that are performing particularly well may be able to highlight best practice, while those performing less well
 may be able to improve their performance.

An interactive report providing more detail at PCN level can be found here: https://www.gp-patient.co.uk/pcn-report.

Please note PCNs have been aligned to the ICS based on the Parent CCG identified by the NHS Digital ePCN mapping file accessed via the NHS Digital organisation data service. There were a very small number of PCNs which crossed ICS boundaries – if this is the case, this will be noted below.



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Interpreting the results



- The number of participants answering each question (the base size) is stated for each question. The total number of responses is shown at the bottom of each chart.
- All comparisons are indicative only.
 Differences may not be statistically significant.
- For guidance on statistical reliability, or for details of where you can get more information about the survey, please refer to the end of this slide pack.

- Note on the presentation of the data:
 - A * represents a percentage greater than 0% but less than 0.5%
 - There are cases where percentages for each of the different responses to a question do not add to the combined percentage totals (e.g. 'Good (total)'), or where results do not sum to 100%. This may be due to computer rounding, the rounding of weighted data, or where questions allow for multiple responses.
 - In cases where fewer than 10 patients have answered a question, the data have been suppressed and results will not appear within the charts. This is to prevent individuals and their responses being identifiable in the data.
 - Please note on pie charts where the results are 2% or less, these labels are not shown. Hovering over the segment on the pie chart will show the percentage.

- Trends:
 - 2022: refers to the 2022 survey (fieldwork 10 January to 11 April 2022)
 - 2021: refers to the 2021 survey (fieldwork 4 January to 6 April 2021)
 - 2020: refers to the 2020 survey (fieldwork 2 January to 6 April 2020)
- For further information on using the data please refer to the end of this slide pack.

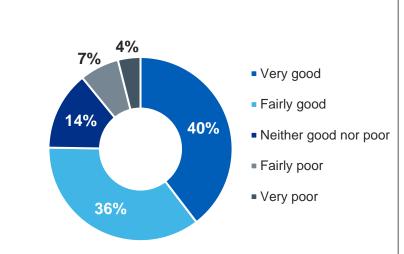


Overall experience of GP practice

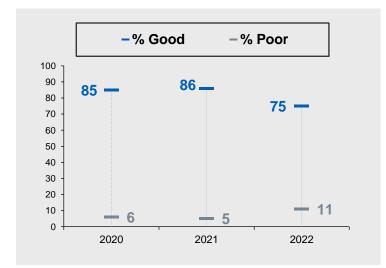


Q32. Overall, how would you describe your experience of your GP practice?

ICS result



ICS result over time





Comparison of results

ICS			Nati	onal
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Good	Poor		Good	Ро

Good	Poor
75%	11%

Good	Poor
72%	14%

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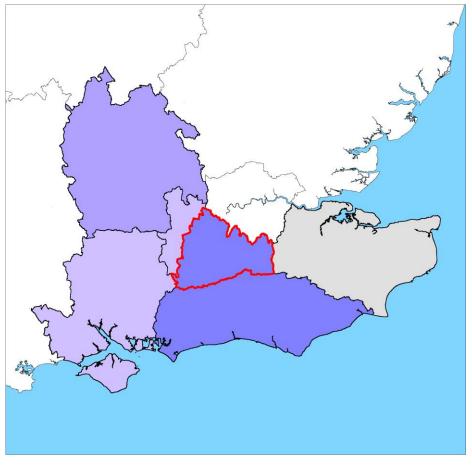
Base: Asked of all patients: National (709,235); ICS 2022 (11,099); ICS 2021 (13,864); ICS 2020 (11,352); PCN bases range from 152 to 771

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Overall experience: how the ICS result compares to other ICSs within the region



Q32. Overall, how would you describe your experience of your GP practice?





Results range from

67%

75%

The ICS represented by this pack is highlighted in red

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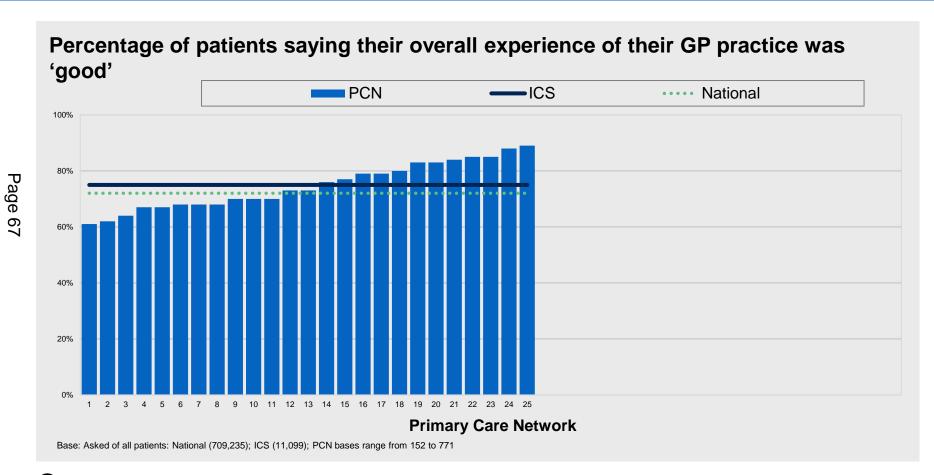
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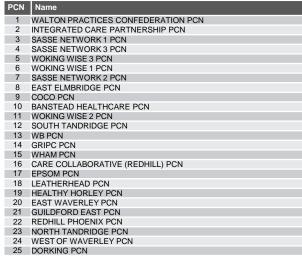


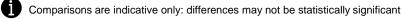
Overall experience: how the PCNs within the **ICS** compare

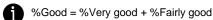


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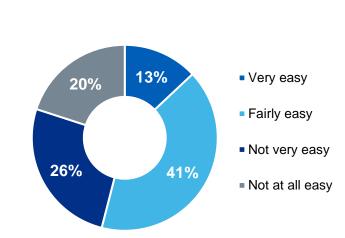


Ease of getting through to GP practice on the phone



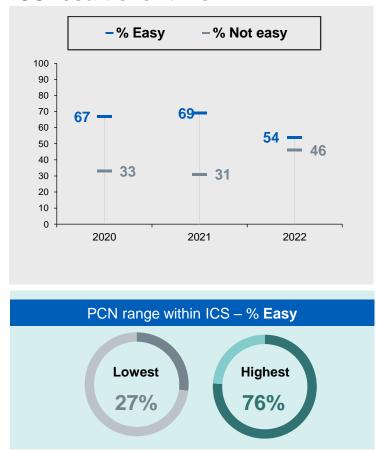
Q1. Generally, how easy is it to get through to someone at your GP practice on the phone?

ICS result



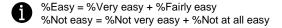
Base: Asked of all patients. Patients who selected 'Haven't tried' have been excluded: National (687,159); ICS 2022 (10,518); ICS 2021 (13,181); ICS 2020 (11,112); PCN bases range from 143 to 743

ICS result over time



Comparison of results

IC	S	Nat	ional
Easy	Not easy	Easy	Not easy
54%	46%	53%	47%

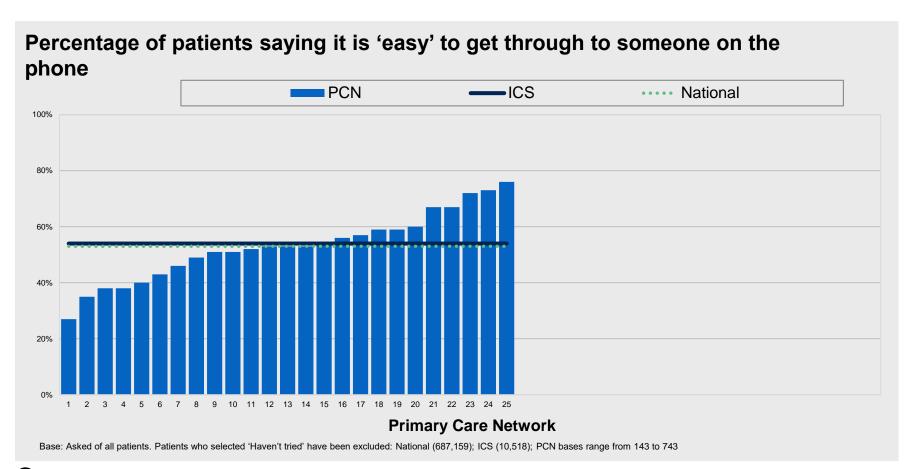


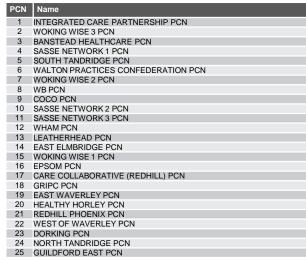


Ease of getting through to GP practice on the phone: how the PCNs within the ICS compare



Q1. Generally, how easy is it to get through to someone at your GP practice on the phone?





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%Easy = %Very easy + %Fairly easy

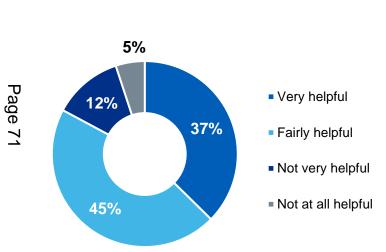


Helpfulness of receptionists at GP practice



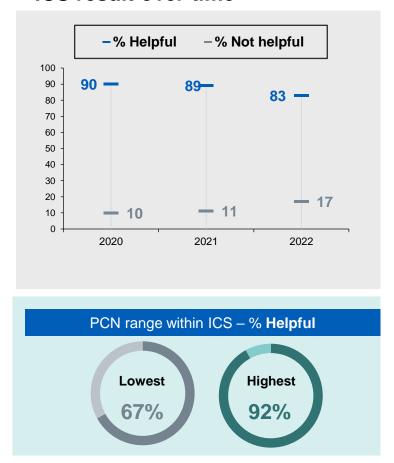
Q2. How helpful do you find the receptionists at your GP practice?

ICS result



Base: Asked of all patients. Patients who selected 'Don't know' have been excluded: National (685,426); ICS 2022 (10,552); ICS 2021 (13,395); ICS 2020 (11,326); PCN bases range from 143 to 734

ICS result over time



Comparison of results

Helpful	Not helpful
83%	17%

ICS

Helpful	Not helpful
82%	18%

National

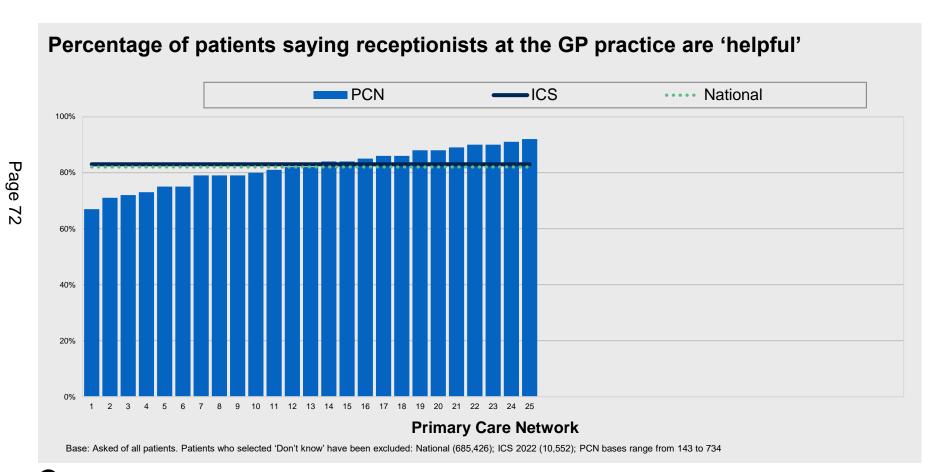
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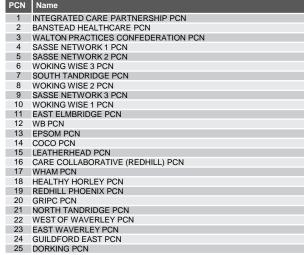


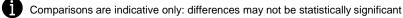
Helpfulness of receptionists at GP Practice: how the PCNs within the ICS compare



Q2. How helpful do you find the receptionists at your GP practice?







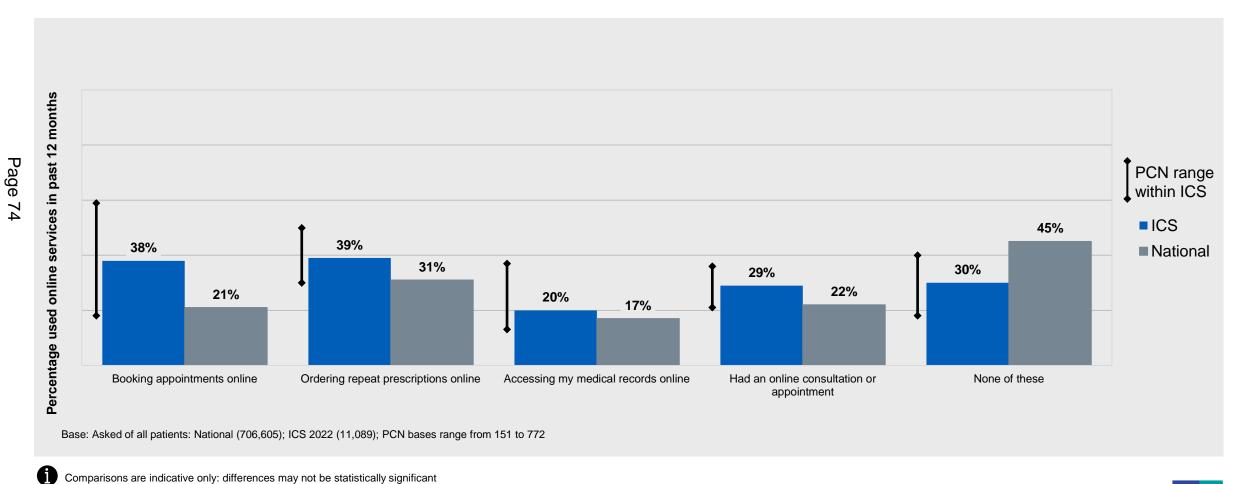
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Online service use



Q3. Which of the following general practice online services have you used in the past 12 months?



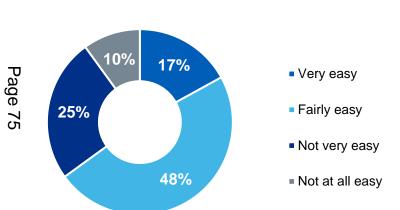


Ease of use of practice website



Q4. How easy is it to use your GP practice's website to look for information or access services?¹

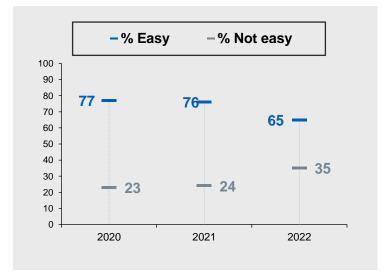
ICS result



¹Excluding those who said 'Haven't tried' (24%).

Base: Asked of all patients. Patients who selected 'Haven't tried' have been excluded: National (381,986); ICS 2022 (7,849); ICS 2021 (8,710); ICS 2020 (4,881); PCN bases range from 134 to 532

ICS result over time





Comparison of results

IC	,5
Easy	Not easy
65%	35%

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Easy	Not easy
67%	33%

National

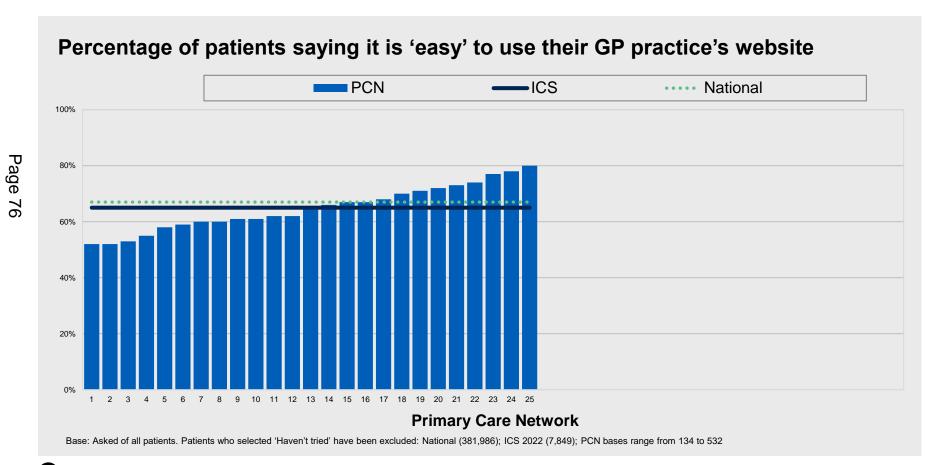
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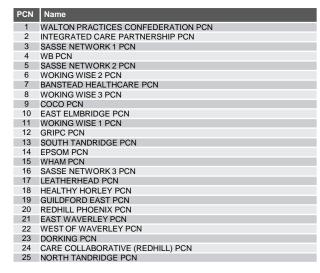


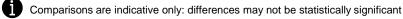
Ease of use of practice website: how the PCNs within the ICS compare



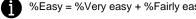
Q4. How easy is it to use your GP practice's website to look for information or access services?







%Easy = %Very easy + %Fairly easy



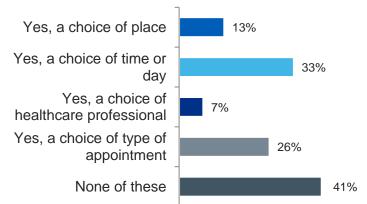


Choice of appointment



Q15. On this occasion (when you last tried to make a general practice appointment), were you offered any of the following choices of appointment?

ICS result



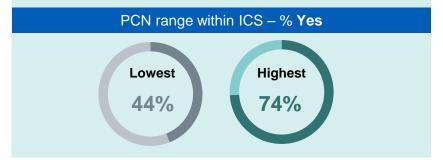
Comparison of results

ICS

Yes No 59% 41%

National

Yes	No
59%	41%



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%Yes = %A choice of place + %A choice of time or day + %A choice of healthcare professional + %A choice of type of appointment



range from 110 to 591

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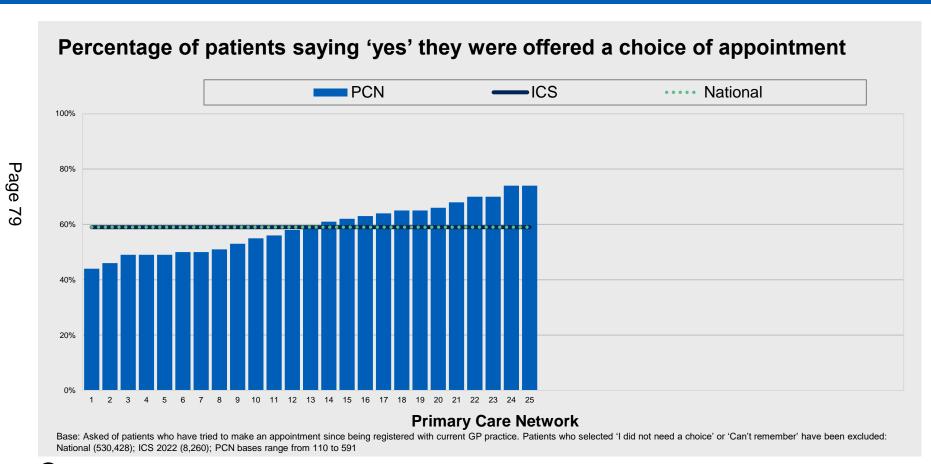
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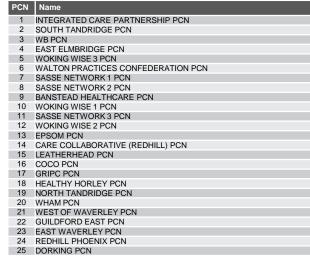
since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'I did not need a choice' or 'Can't remember' have been excluded: National (530,428); ICS 2022 (8,260); PCN bases

Choice of appointment: how the PCNs within the ICSs compare



Q15. On this occasion (when you last tried to make a general practice appointment), were you offered any of the following choices of appointment?





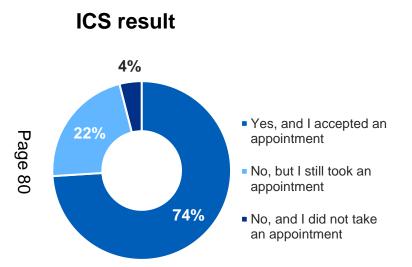
Comparisons are indicative only: differences may not be statistically significant

%Yes = %A choice of place + %A choice of time or day + %A choice of healthcare professional + %A choice of type of appointment

Satisfaction with appointment offered



Q16. Were you satisfied with the appointment (or appointments) you were offered?¹



Comparison of results

ICS

Yes, took appt	No, took appt	No, didn't take appt
74%	22%	4%

National

Yes, took	No, took	No, didn't
appt	appt	take appt
72%	24%	4%

¹Excluding those who said 'I was not offered an appointment' (10%)

Base: Asked of patients who have tried to make an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'I was not offered an appointment' have been excluded: National (594,163); ICS 2022 (9.547); PCN bases range from 111 to 643





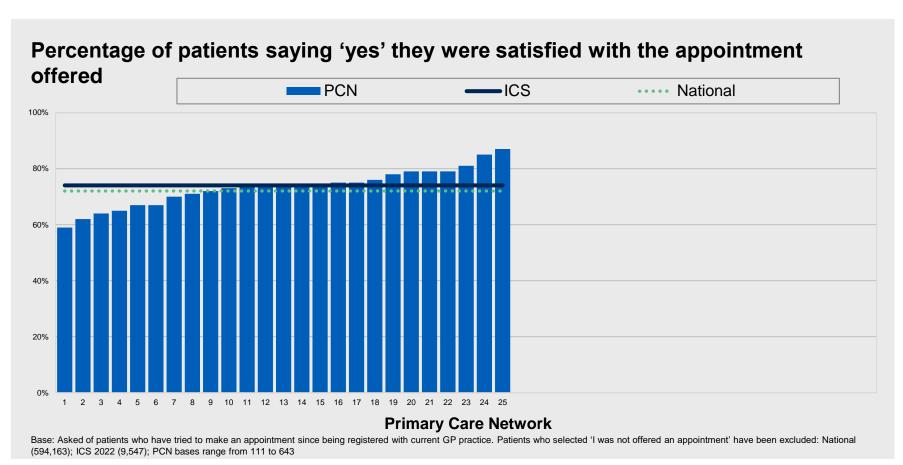
%Yes = %Yes, and I accepted an appointment

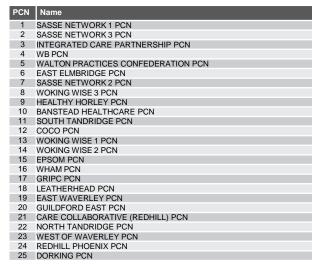


Satisfaction with appointment offered: how the PCNs within the ICS compare



Q16. Were you satisfied with the appointment (or appointments) you were offered?





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%Yes = %Yes, and I accepted an appointment



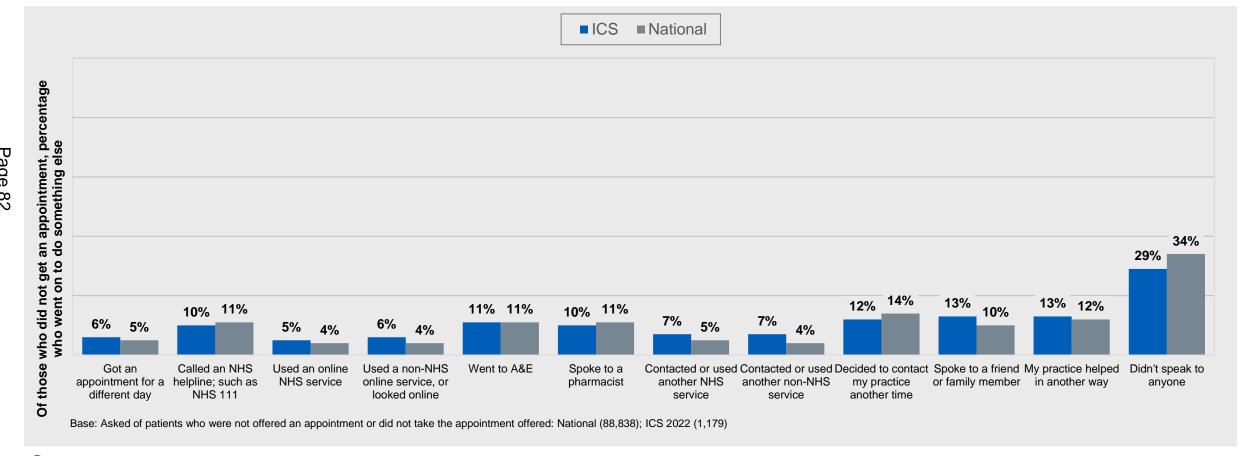
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What patients do when they did not get an appointment



Q18. What did you do when you did not get an appointment?





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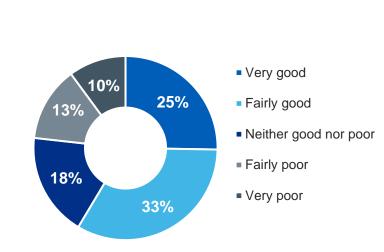


Overall experience of making an appointment

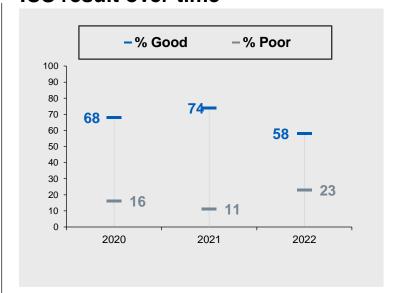


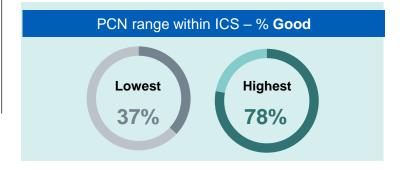
Q21. Overall, how would you describe your experience of making an appointment?

ICS result



ICS result over time





Comparison of results

IC	S
Good	Poor
58%	23%

Good	Poor
56%	26%

National

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%Good = %Very good + %Fairly good %Poor = %Very poor + %Fairly poor



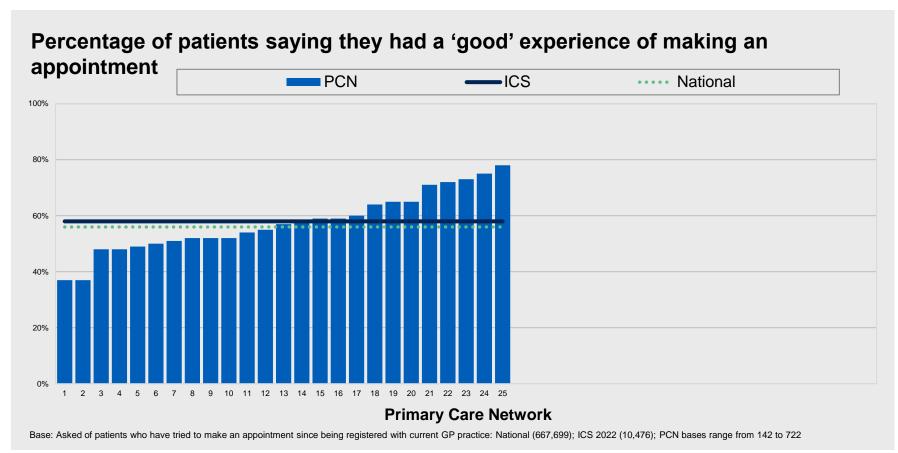
Base: Asked of patients who have tried to make an appointment since being registered with current GP practice: National (667,699); ICS 2022 (10,476); ICS 2021 (12,835); ICS 2020 (10,662); PCN bases range from 142 to 722

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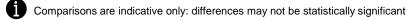
Overall experience of making an appointment: how the PCNs within the ICS compare



Q21. Overall, how would you describe your experience of making an appointment?



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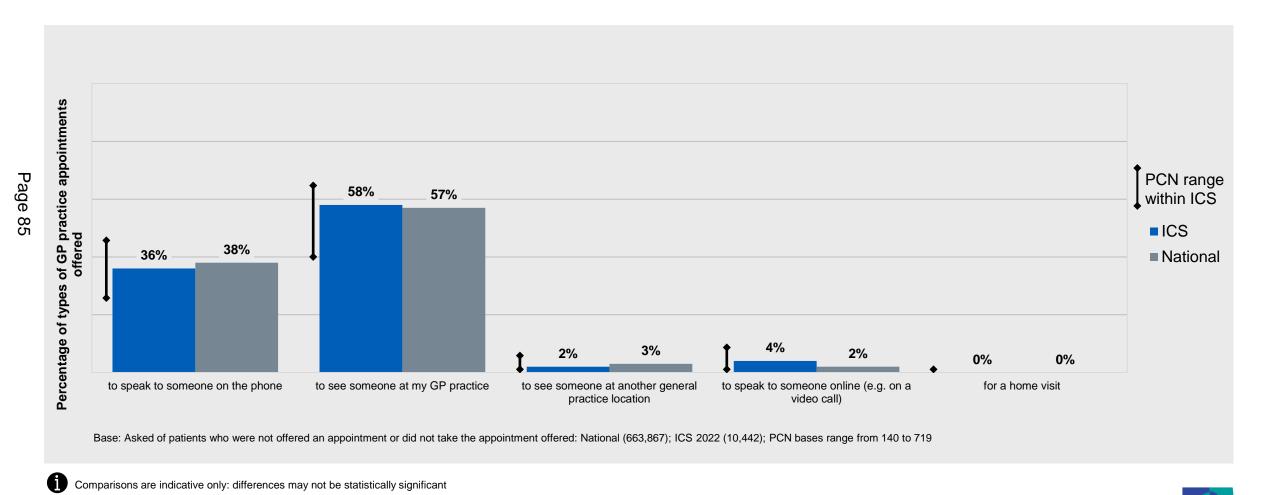
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Type of appointment



Q23. What type of appointment was your last general practice appointment? An appointment...



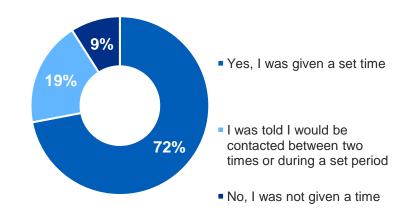


Given a time for appointment

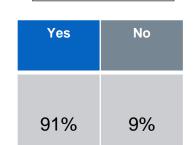


Q24. Were you given a time for the appointment?

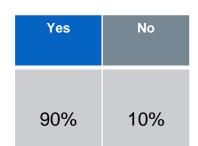
ICS result



Comparison of results



ICS



National



Base: Asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'Can't remember / don't know' have been excluded: National (640,472); ICS 2022 (10,102); PCN bases range from 131 to 697



%Yes = %Yes, I was given a set time + %I was told I would be contacted between two times or during a set period

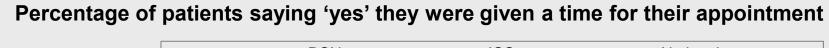


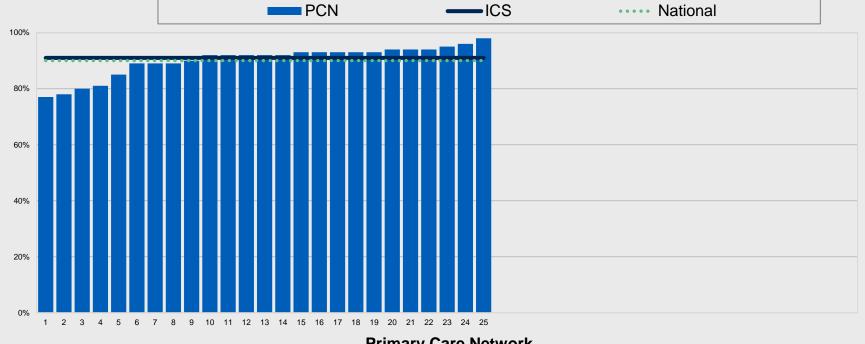
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Given a time for appointment: how the PCNs within the ICS compare



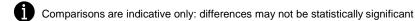
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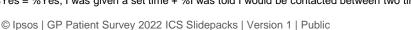


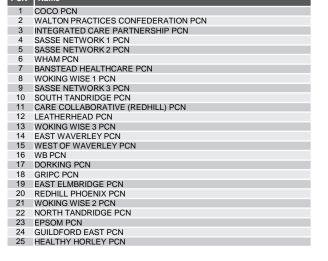
Primary Care Network

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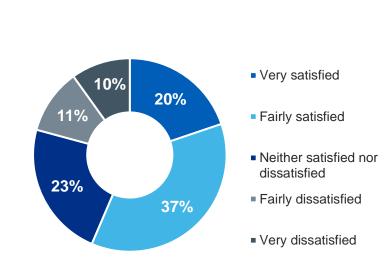


Satisfaction with appointment times



Q6. How satisfied are you with the general practice appointment times that are available to you?1

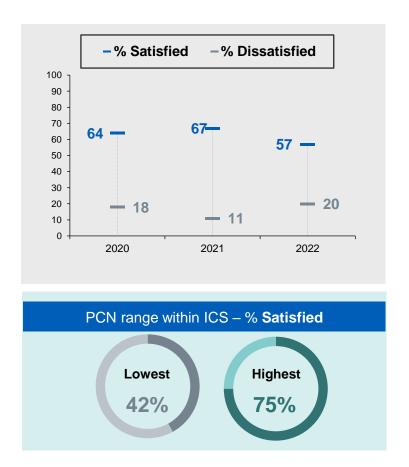
ICS result



¹Excluding those who said 'I'm not sure when I can get an appointment' (9%)

Base: Asked of all patients. Patients who selected 'I'm not sure when I can get an appointment' have been excluded: National (600,933); ICS 2022 (9,329); ICS 2021 (12,151); ICS 2020 (10,512); PCN bases range from 106 to 629

ICS result over time



Comparison of results

ICS		Nati	onal	
Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	
57%	20%	55%	23%	

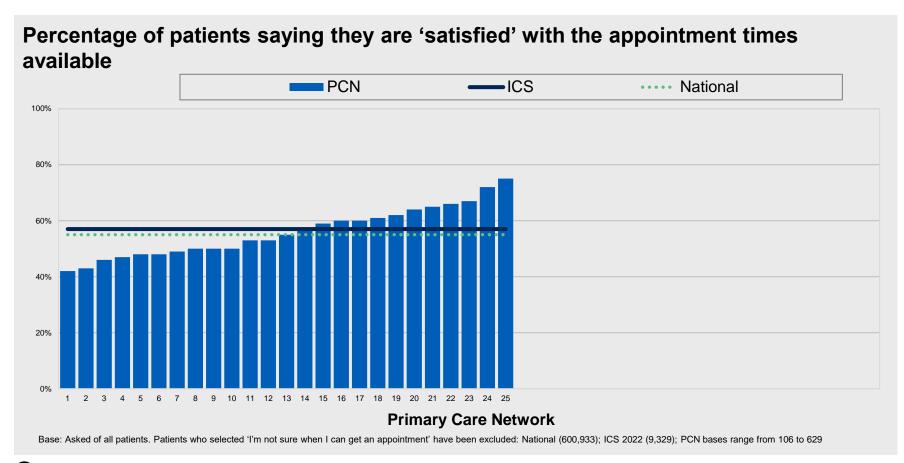
%Satisfied = %Very satisfied + %Fairly satisfied %Dissatisfied = %Very dissatisfied + %Fairly dissatisfied

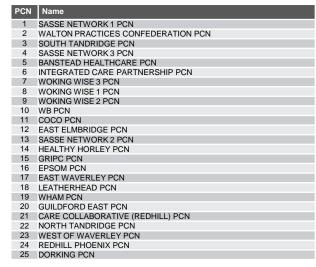


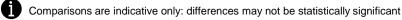
Satisfaction with appointment times: how the PCNs within the ICS compare



Q6. How satisfied are you with the general practice appointment times that are available to you?







%Satisfied = %Very satisfied + %Fairly satisfied



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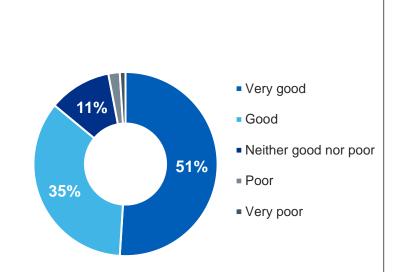


Perceptions of care at patients' last appointment with a healthcare professional



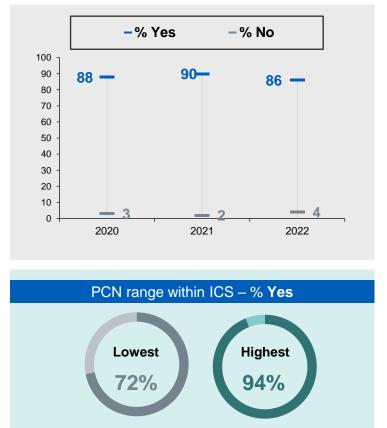
Q27a. Last time you had a general practice appointment, how good was the healthcare professional at giving you enough time?

ICS result



Base: Asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'Doesn't apply' have been excluded: National (663,252); ICS 2022 (10,468); ICS 2021 (12,849); ICS 2020 (10,732); PCN bases range from 136 to 719

ICS result over time



Comparison of results

Good	Poor		
86%	4%		

ICS

Good	Poor
83%	5%

National



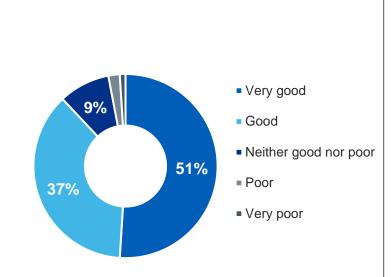
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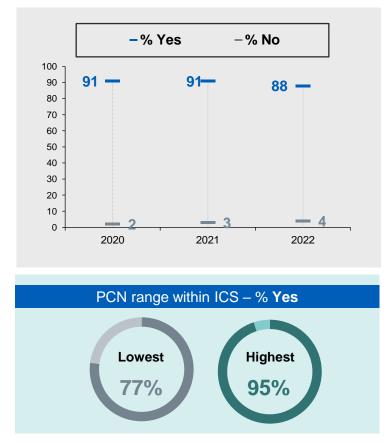
Q27b. Last time you had a general practice appointment, how good was the healthcare professional at listening to you?

ICS result



Base: Asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'Doesn't apply' have been excluded: National (652,716); ICS 2022 (10,324); ICS 2021 (12,599); ICS 2020 (10,695); PCN bases range from 135 to 715

ICS result over time



Comparison of results

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		National		
Good	Poor		Good	Poor
88%	4%		85%	6%



%Good = %Very good + %Good %Poor = %Very poor + %Poor



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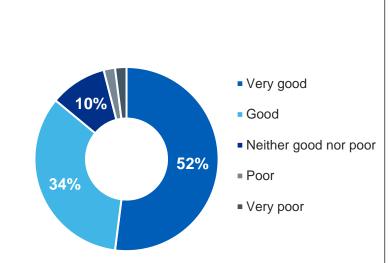
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Perceptions of care at patients' last appointment with a healthcare professional



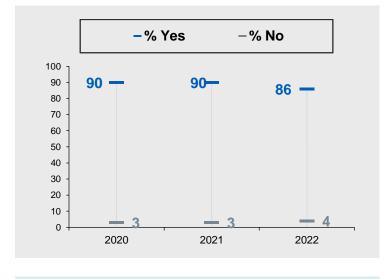
Q27c. Last time you had a general practice appointment, how good was the healthcare professional at treating you with care and concern?

ICS result



Base: Asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'Doesn't apply' have been excluded: National (640,504); ICS 2022 (10,173); ICS 2021 (12,752); ICS 2020 (10,725); PCN bases range from 132 to 699

ICS result over time





Comparison of results

ICS

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Good	Poor	G
86%	4%	8

Good	Poor
83%	6%

National



%Good = %Very good + %Good %Poor = %Very poor + %Poor

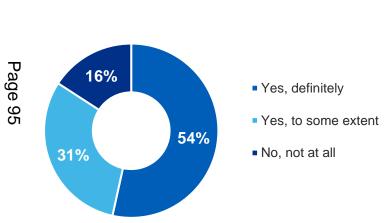


Mental health needs recognised and understood GP PATIENT SURVEY



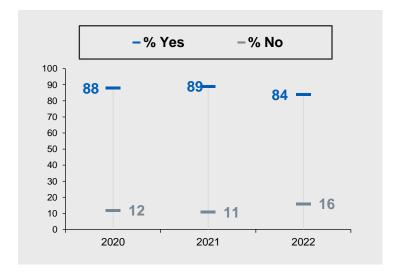
Q28. During your last general practice appointment, did you feel that the healthcare professional recognised and/or understood any mental health needs that you might have had?

ICS result



Base: Asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'I did not have any mental health needs' or 'Did not apply to my last appointment' have been excluded: National (297,429); ICS 2022 (4,319); ICS 2021 (5,299); ICS 2020 (3,940); PCN bases range from 52 to 292

ICS result over time





Comparison of results

ICS		Natio	onal
Yes	No	Yes	ľ
84%	16%	81%	19

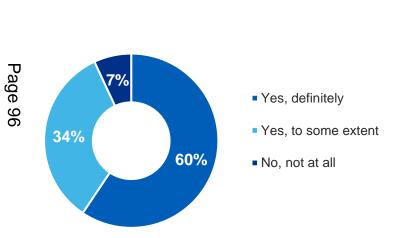






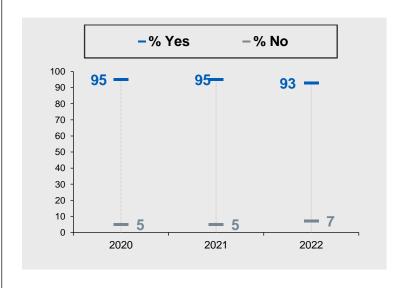
Q29. During your last general practice appointment, were you involved as much as you wanted to be in decisions about your care and treatment?

ICS result



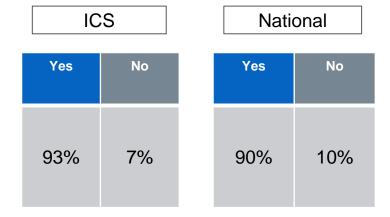
Base: Asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'Don't know / doesn't apply' have been excluded: National (587,718); ICS 2022 (9,223); ICS 2021 (11,292); ICS 2020 (9,558); PCN bases range from 110 to 619

ICS result over time





Comparison of results



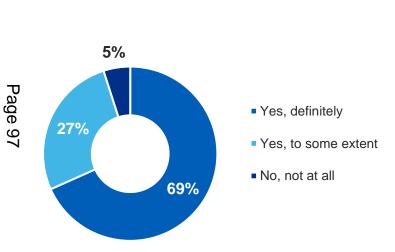






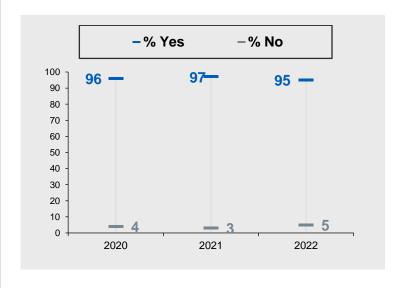
Q30. During your last general practice appointment, did you have confidence and trust in the healthcare professional you saw or spoke to?

ICS result



Base: Asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'Don't know / doesn't apply' have been excluded: National (650,855); ICS 2022 (10,340); ICS 2021 (12,711); ICS 2020 (10,605); PCN bases range from 134 to 706

ICS result over time





Comparison of results

ICS				onal	
Yes	No		Yes	No	
95%	5%		93%	7%	

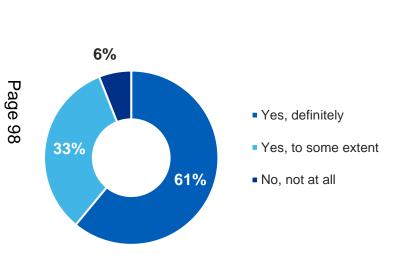






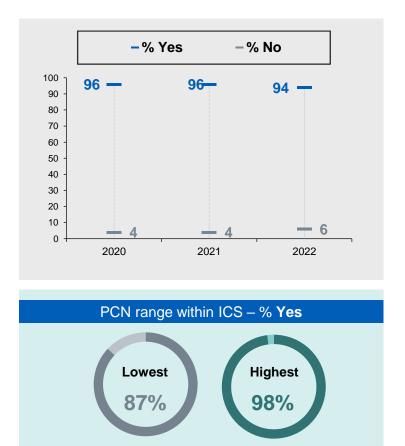
Q31. Thinking about the reason for your last general practice appointment, were your needs met?

ICS result

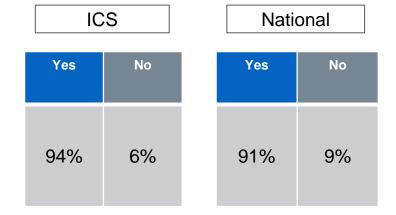


Base: Asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'Don't know / doesn't apply' have been excluded: National (652,557); ICS 2022 (10,338); ICS 2021 (12,752); ICS 2020 (10,554); PCN bases range from 137 to 708

ICS result over time



Comparison of results







Care and concern – in detail



GPPS can be used to look at how experience varies among different patient groups.

To demonstrate **one example** of this, the following three slides break down the results by a selection of key demographic variables for the question: "Last time you had a general practice appointment, how good was the healthcare professional at treating you with care and concern?".

- The charts present a summary result of % Good: a combination of '% Very good' and '% Good'.
- The answer options for each of the demographic questions are displayed in the order they appear in the questionnaire.

Please note all comparisons are indicative only. Differences in experience between different groups of patients may not be statistically significant and may be influenced by other factors.

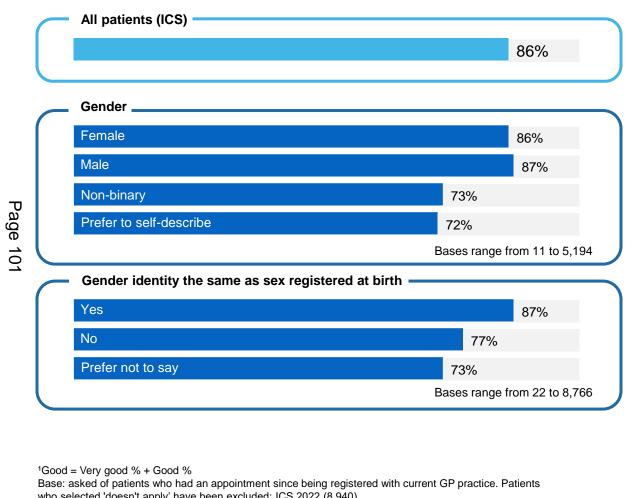
To break down the survey results by patient demographics for **all other questions** at national, PCN and practice level, go to https://gp-patient.co.uk/surveysandreports.

For more information about demographic breakdowns at ICS level please contact the GP Patient Survey team at gppatientsurvey@ipsos.com.

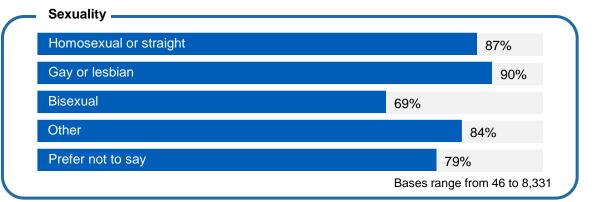


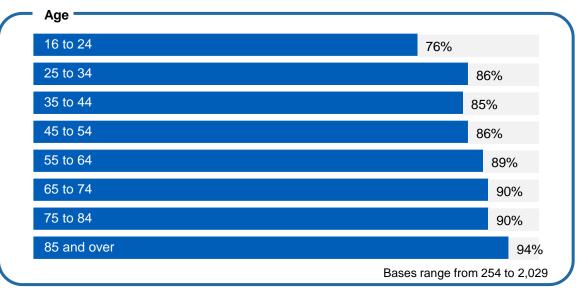
Q27. Last time you had a general practice appointment, how good was the healthcare professional at treating you with care and concern? % Good¹ (total)





who selected 'doesn't apply' have been excluded: ICS 2022 (8,940).

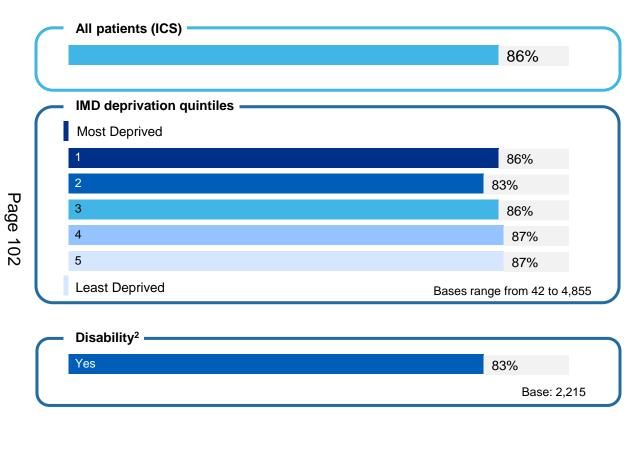


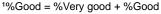




Q27. Last time you had a general practice appointment, how good was the healthcare professional at treating you with care and concern? % Good¹ (total)

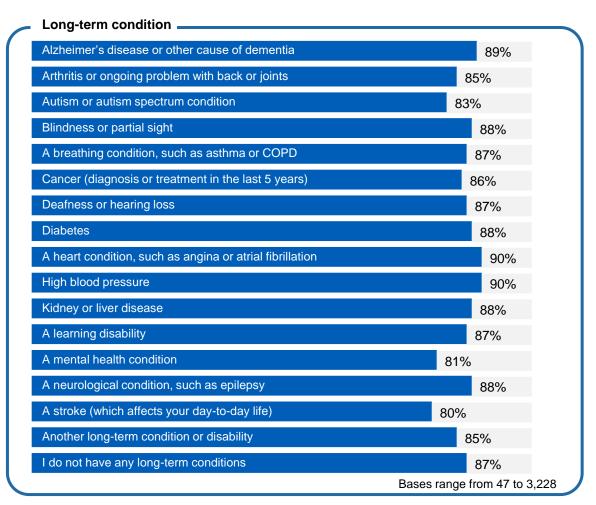






²Disability = 'Yes, a lot' + 'Yes, a little' at Q38. Do any of these conditions reduce your ability to carry out your day-to-day activities?

Base: asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'doesn't apply' have been excluded: ICS 2022 (8,940).

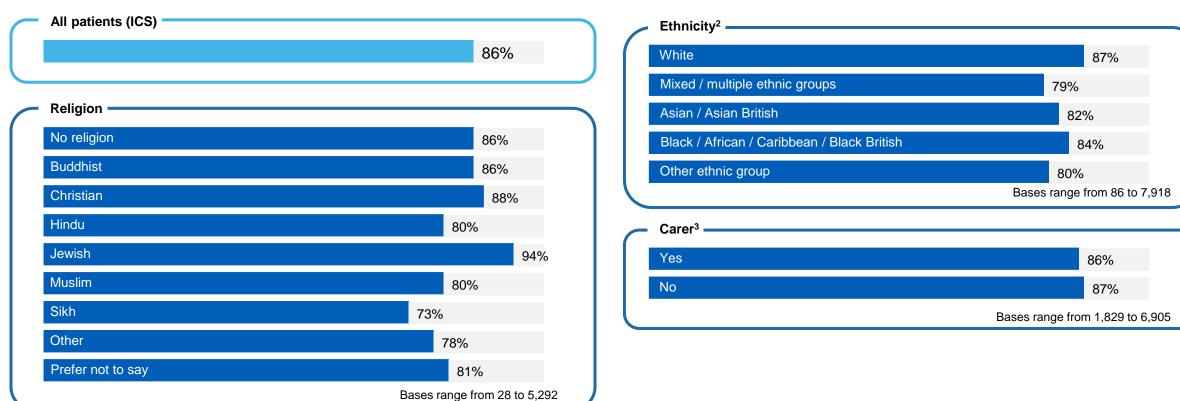




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Q27. Last time you had a general practice appointment, how good was the healthcare professional at treating you with care and concern? % Good¹ (total)







¹Good = Very good % + Good %

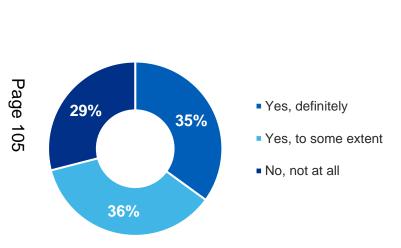
²A more detailed ethnicity breakdown is available, but individual base sizes may be too small for robust analysis ³Carer = Any 'yes' at Q58. Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either: long-term physical or mental ill health / disability, or problems related to old age? Base: asked of patients who had an appointment since being registered with current GP practice. Patients who selected 'doesn't apply' have been excluded: ICS 2022 (8,940).

Support with managing long-term conditions, disabilities, or illnesses



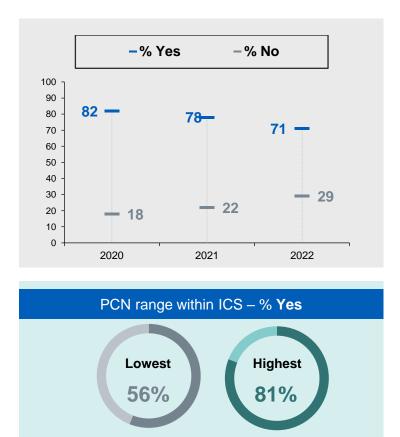
Q40. In the last 12 months, have you had enough support from local services or organisations to help you to manage your condition (or conditions)?

ICS result



Base: Asked of patients with a long-term condition, illness, or disability. Patients who selected 'I haven't needed support' or 'Don't know / can't say' have been excluded: National (267,139); ICS 2022 (3,585); ICS 2021 (4,526); ICS 2020 (4,038); PCN bases range from 57 to 234

ICS result over time



Comparison of results

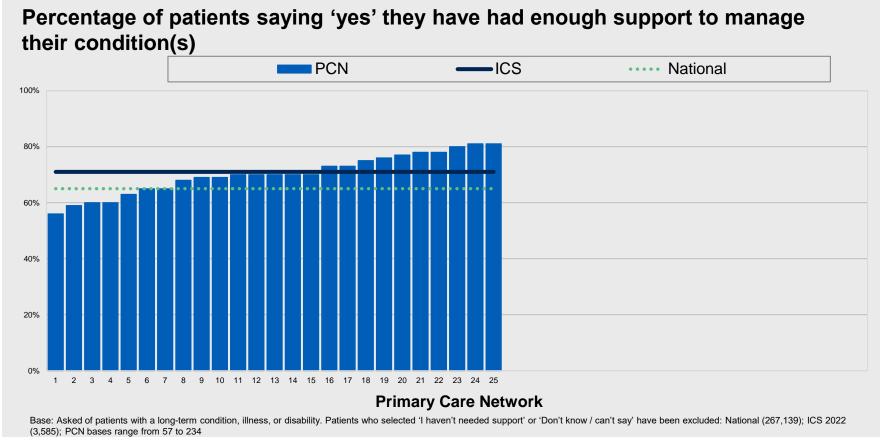
ICS			National		
Yes	No	Ye	es	No	
71%	29%	65	5%	35%	

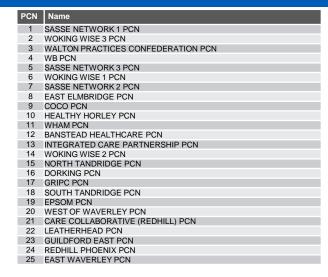


Support with managing long-term conditions, disabilities, or illnesses: how the PCNs within the ICS compare

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Q40. In the last 12 months, have you had enough support from local services or organisations to help you to manage your condition (or conditions)?





- Comparisons are indicative only: differences may not be statistically significant
- %Yes = %Yes, definitely + %Yes, to some extent



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These questions are only asked of those people who have recently used an NHS service when they wanted to see a GP but their GP practice was closed. As such, the base size is often too small to make meaningful comparisons at PCN level. The PCN range within ICS has therefore not been included for these questions.

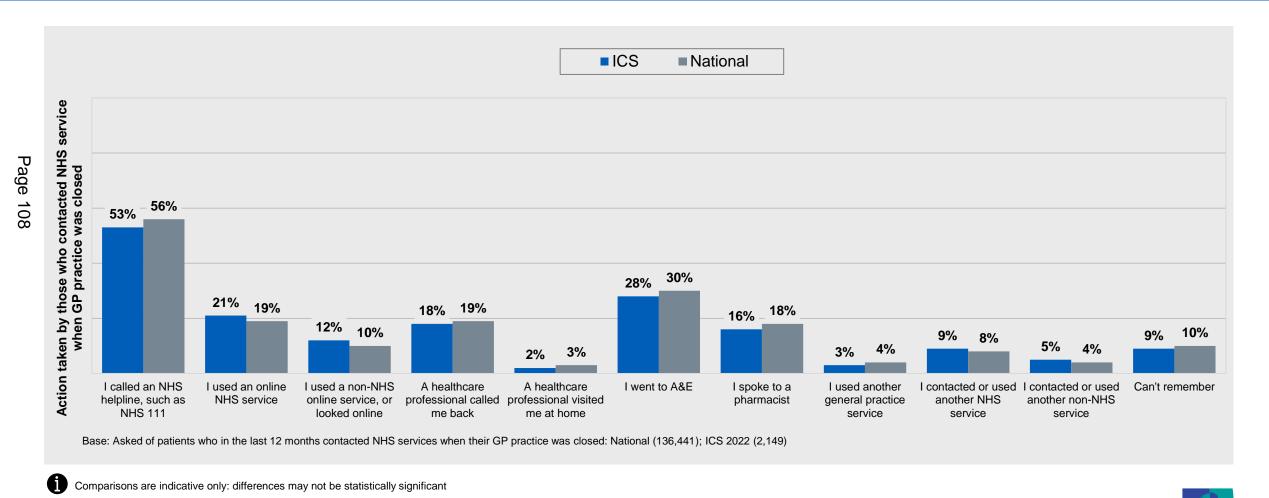
Please note that patients cannot always distinguish between these services and extended access appointments. Please view the results in this section with the configuration of your local services in mind.



Use of services when GP practice is closed



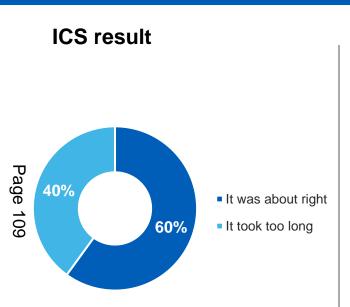
Q45. Considering all of the services you contacted, which of the following happened on that occasion?

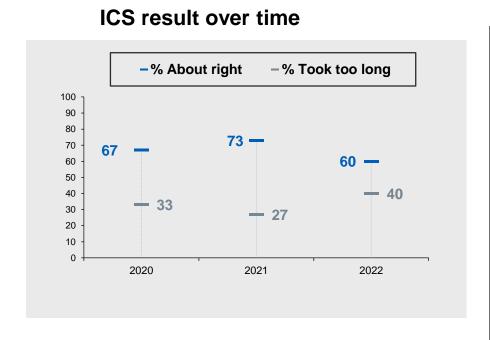


Time taken to receive care or advice when GP practice is closed



Q46. How do you feel about how quickly you received care or advice on that occasion?





Comparison of results

ICS		Nat	National	
About right	Took too long	About right	Took too long	
60%	40%	53%	47%	

Base: Asked of patients who in the last 12 months contacted NHS services when their GP practice was closed. Patients who selected 'Don't know / doesn't apply' have been excluded: National (123,066); ICS 2022 (1,962); ICS 2021 (2,148); ICS 2020 (1,996)

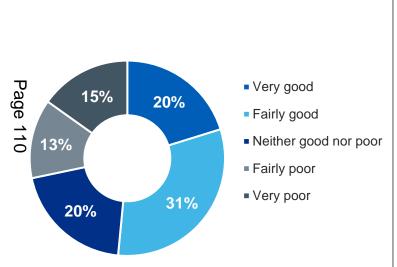


Overall experience of services when GP practice is closed

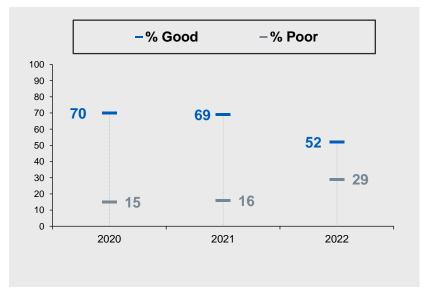


Q47. Overall, how would you describe your last experience of NHS services when you wanted to see a GP but your GP practice was closed?

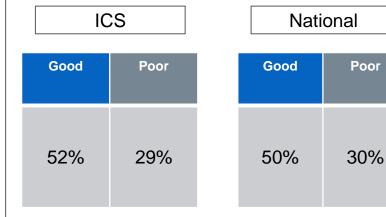
ICS result



ICS result over time



Comparison of results



Base: Asked of patients who in the last 12 months contacted NHS services when their GP practice was closed. Patients who selected 'Don't know / can't say' have been excluded: National (129,751); ICS 2022 (2,060); ICS 2021 (2,209); ICS 2020 (2,035)



%Good = %Very good + %Fairly good %Poor = %Very poor + %Fairly poor



Statistical reliability



Participants in a survey such as GPPS represent only a sample of the total population of interest – this means we cannot be certain that the results of a question are exactly the same as if everybody within that population had taken part ("true values").

However, we can estimate the true value by considering the size of the sample on which results are based, and the number of times a particular answer is given.

The confidence with which we make this estimate is usually chosen to be 95% – that is, the chances are 95 in 100 that the true value will fall within a specified range (the "95% confidence interval").

This table gives examples of what the confidence intervals look like for an ICS and PCN with an average number of responses, as well as the confidence intervals at the national level.

An example of confidence intervals (at national, ICS and PCN level) based on the average number of responses to the question "Overall, how would you describe your experience of your GP practice?"

	Average sample	Approximate confidence intervals for percentages at or near these levels (expressed in percentage points)			
	size on which		Level 2:	Level	
	results are	1:	30% or	3:	
	based	10% or	70%	50%	
		90%			
		+/-	+/-	+/-	
National	719,137	0.10	0.16	0.17	
ICS	17,122	0.65	0.99	1.08	
PCN	566	3.35	5.06	5.52	

For example, taking an ICS where 17,122 people responded and where 30% answered 'Very good' in response to 'Overall, how would you describe your experience of making an appointment', there is a 95% likelihood that the true value (which would have been obtained if the whole population had been interviewed) will fall within the range of +/-0.99 percentage points from that question's result (i.e. between 29.01% and 30.99%).

When results are compared between separate groups within a sample, the difference may be "real" or it may occur by chance (because not everyone in the population has been interviewed).

Confidence intervals will be wider when results are based on smaller numbers e.g. practices where 100 patients or fewer responded to a question.





Further information about the survey



- The survey was sent to c.2.5 million adult patients registered with a GP practice.
- Participants are sent a postal questionnaire, also with the option of completing the survey online or via telephone.
- Past results dating back to 2007 are available for every practice in the UK. From 2017 the survey has been annual; previously it ran twice a year (June 2011 July 2016), on a quarterly basis (April 2009 March 2011) and annually (January 2007 March 2009).
- For more information about the survey please visit https://gp-patient.co.uk/.
- The overall response rate to the survey is 29.1%, based on 719,137 completed surveys.

- Weights have been applied to adjust the data to account for potential age and gender differences between the profile of all eligible patients in a practice and the patients who actually complete a questionnaire. Since the first wave of the 2011-2012 survey the weighting also takes into account neighbourhood statistics, such as levels of deprivation, in order to further improve the reliability of the findings.
- Further information on the survey including questionnaire design, sampling, communication with patients and practices, data collection, data analysis, response rates and reporting can be found in the technical annex for each survey year, available here: https://gp-patient.co.uk/surveysandreports.

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Surveys to adults registered with an English GP practice

719,137

Completed surveys in the 2022 publication

29.1%
National response rate



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Where to go to do further analysis ...



- For reports which show the results broken down by ICS, PCN and Practice, go to https://gp-patient.co.uk/surveysandreports you can also see previous years' results here.
- To look at this year's survey data at a national, PCN or practice level, and filter on a specific participant group (e.g. by age), break down the survey results by survey question, or to create and compare different participant 'subgroups', go to https://gp-patient.co.uk/analysistool/2022.
- To look at results over time, and filter on a specific participant group, go to https://gp-patient.co.uk/analysistool/trends.
- For general FAQs about the GP Patient Survey, go to https://gp-patient.co.uk/faq.



For further information about the GP Patient Survey, please get in touch with the GPPS team at Ipsos MORI at GPPatientSurvey@ipsos.com

We would be interested to hear any feedback you have on this slide pack, so we can make improvements for the next publication.



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