

Survey of MPs

October to November 2007

In today's NHS, which of the following rights do you think the public believes they have

- The legal right to NHS Treatment?

	Total	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Other
Yes	93%	94%	91%	89%	100%
No	7%	6%	9%	11%	0%

- The legal right to a second opinion?

	Total	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Other
Yes	57%	55%	68%	44%	25%
No	43%	45%	32%	56%	75%

- The legal right to use their own money to top-up their NHS treatment by buying, for example, drugs not available on the NHS?

	Total	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Other
Yes	57%	62%	56%	56%	0%
No	43%	38%	44%	44%	100%

Would you say the public thinks the NHS can legally

- Deny patients treatment because of where they live?

	Total	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Other
Yes	46%	40%	53%	56%	50%
No	54%	60%	47%	44%	50%

- Prevent NHS patients from topping-up their treatment with their own money to get care - for example, cosmetic dentistry or certain cancer drugs - not available on the NHS?

	Total	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Other
Yes	31%	21%	47%	13%	67%
No	69%	79%	53%	88%	33%

- Refuse to treat a patient because of their age or lifestyle (e.g. smoking, obesity)?

	Total	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Other
Yes	55%	53%	47%	89%	50%
No	45%	47%	53%	11%	50%

Under the NHS, certain drugs and treatments are available within some parts of the country but not in others. Do you think that the general public finds it acceptable or unacceptable...?

- If it means people in Scotland having access to certain drugs and treatments that are not available in England, or vice-versa

	Total	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Other
Acceptable	10%	15%	3%	11%	0%
Unacceptable	90%	85%	97%	89%	100%

- If it means people in some parts of England or Scotland having access to certain drugs and treatments that are not available in other parts of the same country

	Total	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Other
Acceptable	3%	6%	0%	0%	0%
Unacceptable	97%	94%	100%	100%	100%