

Health and Social Care Committee

Public Health (Wales) Bill

Summary of the Public Health (Wales) Bill Questionnaire

Background

This document provides a summary of responses received to the Public Health (Wales) Bill survey conducted by the Outreach team.

This survey was open for consultation and responses between 13 July 2015 and 04 September 2015.

Methodology

As part of the Health and Social Care Committee consultation on the Public Health (Wales) Bill the Outreach Team conducted a survey in both online and paper-based formats. Participants were asked a range of questions relating to banning the use of e-cigarettes in enclosed places, introducing an age restriction on intimate body piercings, provision of public toilets and community pharmacies.

One survey was created with the aim of targeting the general public as a whole.

The purpose of this survey was to capture people's opinion of the Public Health (Wales) Bill. The statistical data outlined in this summary represent the views of those who responded, and not the general public as a whole. The statistical data does not reflect a representative sample of the public.

Awareness Raising

In order to promote awareness of the survey and attract participants the Outreach Team contacted a broad-range of organisations. Those contacted were able to raise awareness using a range of methods including – placing articles on websites; signposting on social media including Facebook and twitter; and emailing participants directly.

The surveys were also promoted by Assembly staff with relevant groups visiting the Senedd and receiving education visits, and during the Assembly's presence at summer shows.

Key Statistics

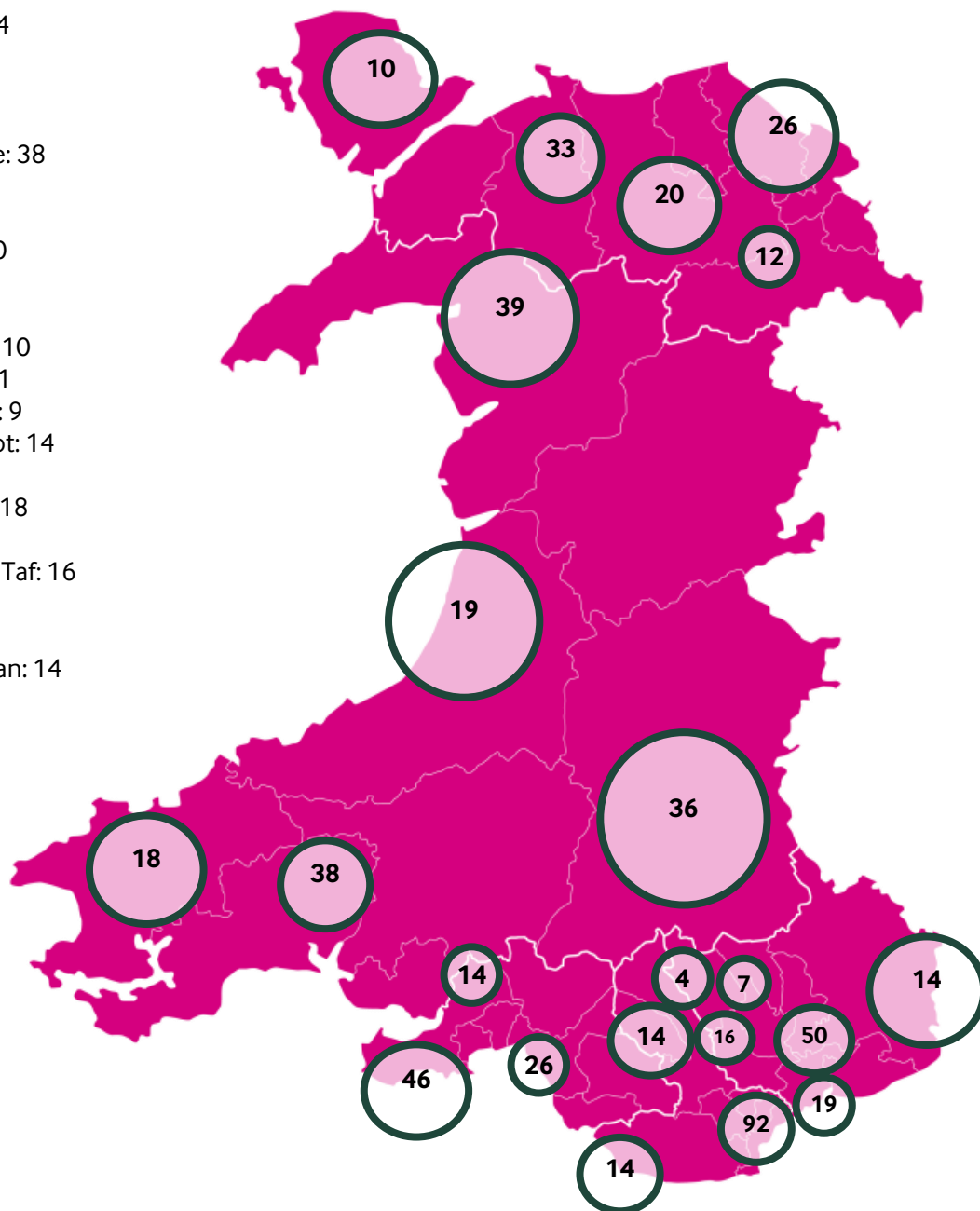
766 Total number of survey responses received

Geographical Summary of Responses

Number of survey responses broken down by local authority area

Total number of responses to this question: 559

Blaenau Gwent: 4
Bridgend: 26
Caerphilly: 50
Cardiff: 92
Carmarthenshire: 38
Ceredigion: 19
Conwy: 33
Denbighshire: 20
Flintshire: 12
Gwynedd: 39
Isle of Anglesey: 10
Merthyr Tydfil: 11
Monmouthshire: 9
Neath Port Talbot: 14
Newport: 19
Pembrokeshire: 18
Powys: 36
Rhondda Cynon Taf: 16
Swansea: 46
Torfaen: 7
Vale of Glamorgan: 14
Wrexham: 26



Summary of Responses

For information - further statistics on all of the survey questions can be found in Annex A (page 22 of this document). These additional statistics provide a demographic breakdown of the answers to these questions by respondents' age.

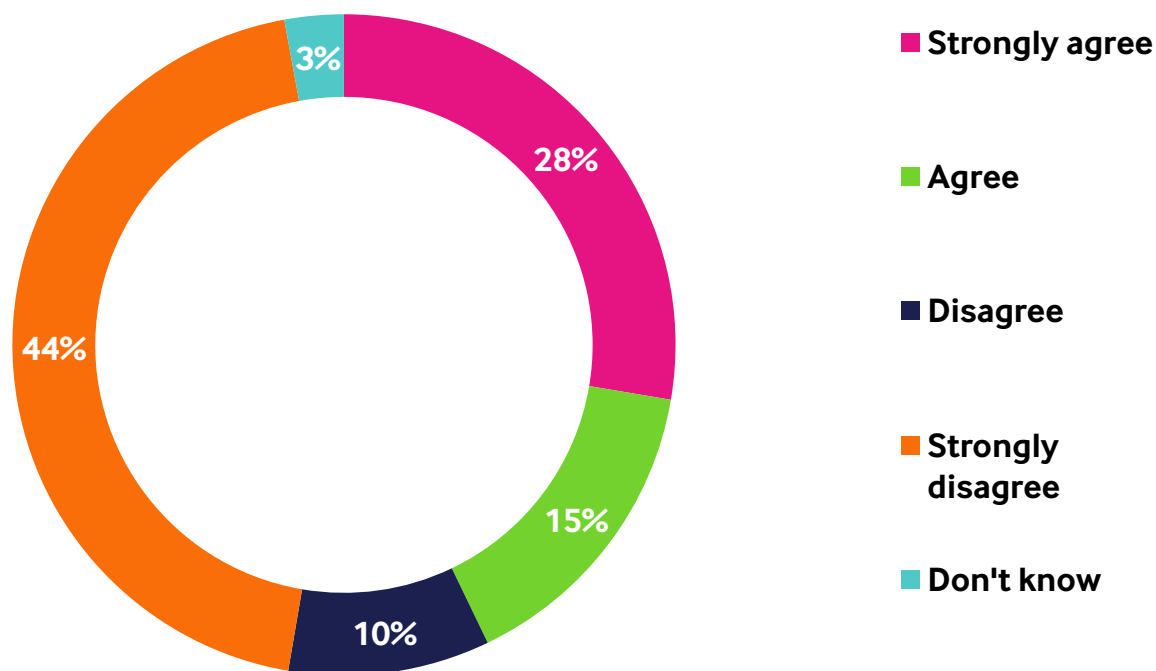
Tobacco and nicotine products

The Bill includes proposals to ban the use of nicotine inhaling devices, such as e-cigarettes, in indoor spaces like restaurants, pubs and at work. Shops will also have to join a register for retailers of tobacco and nicotine products. It will become illegal to "hand over" tobacco and e-cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18.

Question one - To what level do you agree that the use of e-cigarettes should be banned in indoor public spaces and work places in Wales, like what is currently in place for smoking tobacco?

Total number of responses to this question: 763

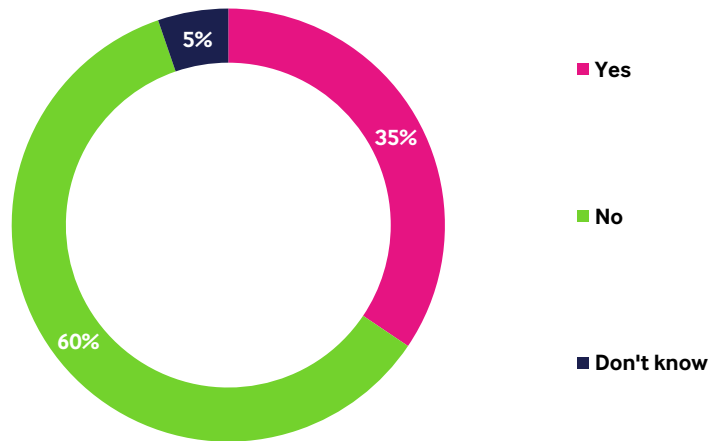
- Strongly agree: **27.65% (211)**
- Agree: **15.20% (116)**
- Disagree: **9.82% (75)**
- Strongly disagree: **44.42% (339)**
- Don't know: **2.88% (22)**



Question two – Do you think the use of e-cigarettes in smoke-free areas promotes or ‘normalises’ the appearance of smoking tobacco?

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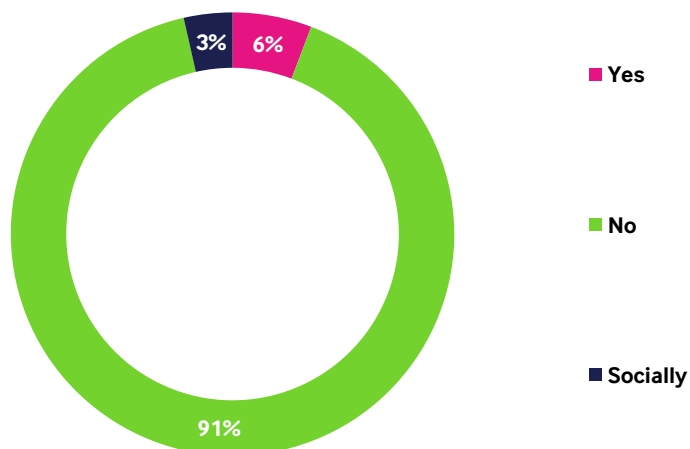
- Yes: **35% (262)**
- No: **60.3% (459)**
- Don't know: **5.2% (40)**



Question three - Do you smoke cigarettes?

Total number of responses to this question: 762

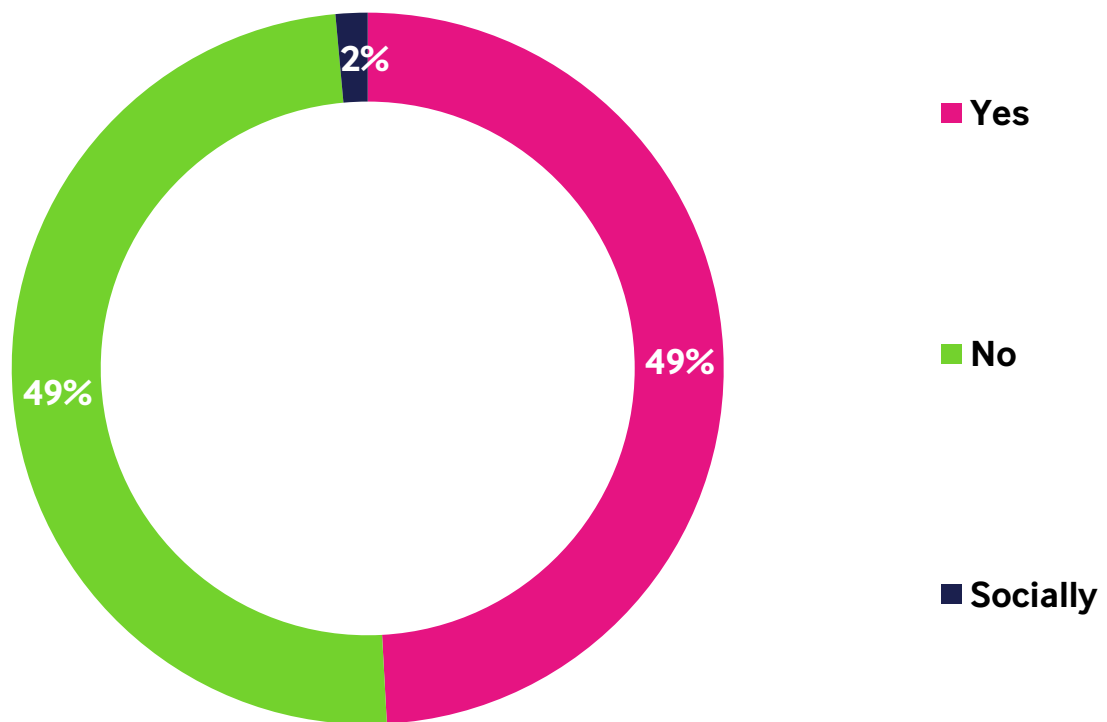
- Yes: **5.77% (44)**
- No: **90.68% (691)**
- Socially: **3.5% (27)**



Question 4a - Have you ever used e-cigarettes?

Total number of responses to this question: 759

- Yes: **49.1% (373)**
- No: **49.4% (375)**
- Socially: **1.5% (11)**

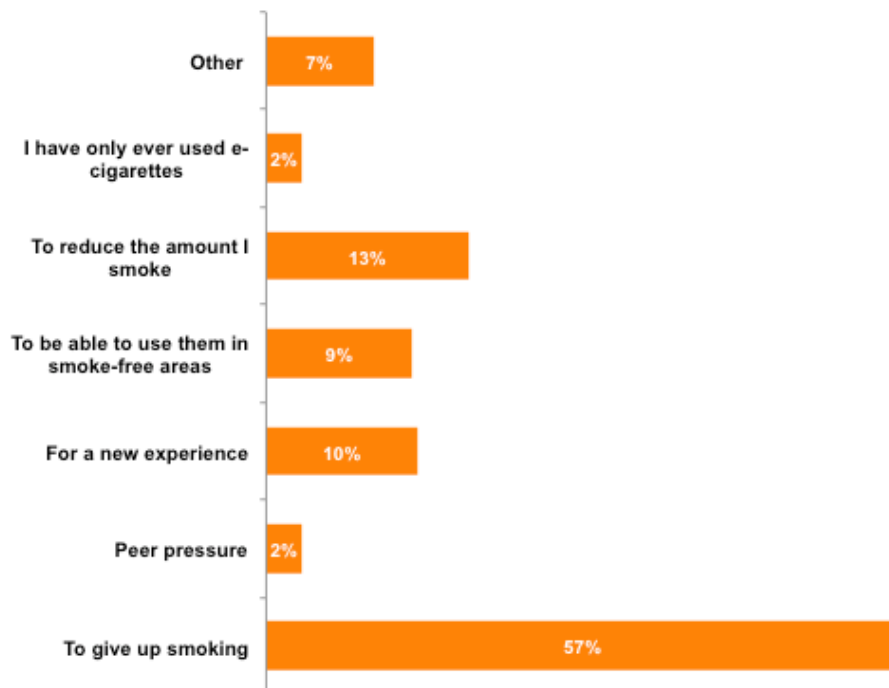


Question 4b - If you answered yes to question 04a, why do you / did you use e-cigarettes?

Total number of responses to this question: 386

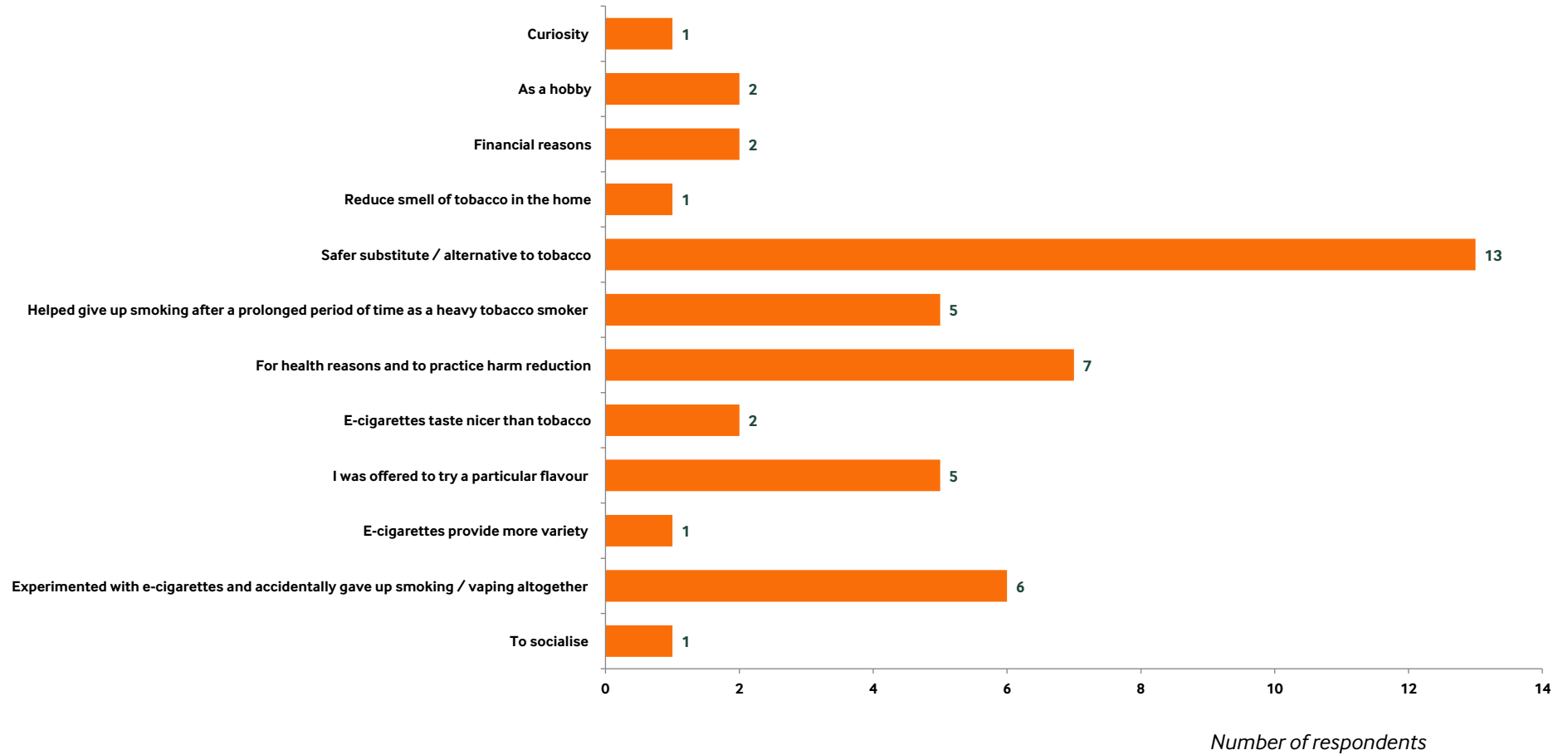
Total number of options chosen: 522

- To give up smoking: **57.27% (299)**
- Peer pressure: **2.10% (11)**
- For a new experience: **9.57% (50)**
- To be able to use them in smoke-free areas: **9.19% (48)**
- To reduce the amount I smoke: **13.21% (69)**
- I have only ever used e-cigarettes: **2.10% (11)**
- Other: **6.51% (34)**



Question 4b Other – Comments

Total number of comments: 46

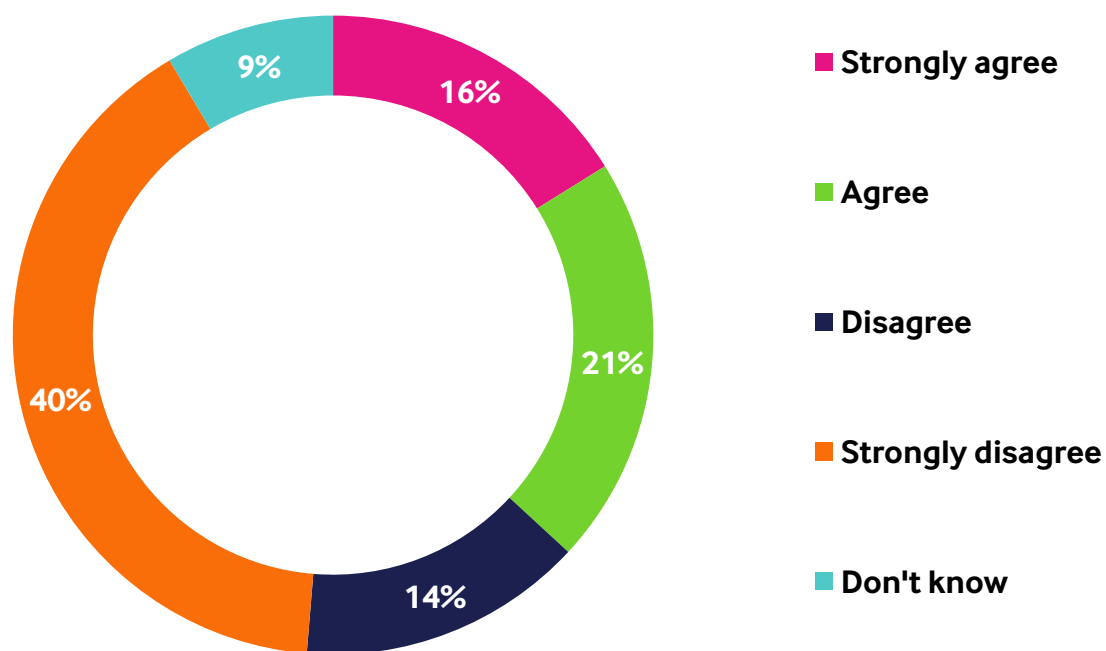


Question five – Some people have suggested that e-cigarettes appeal to young people, and could lead to more young people using them or encourage them to end up smoking tobacco products.

To what level do you agree with this?

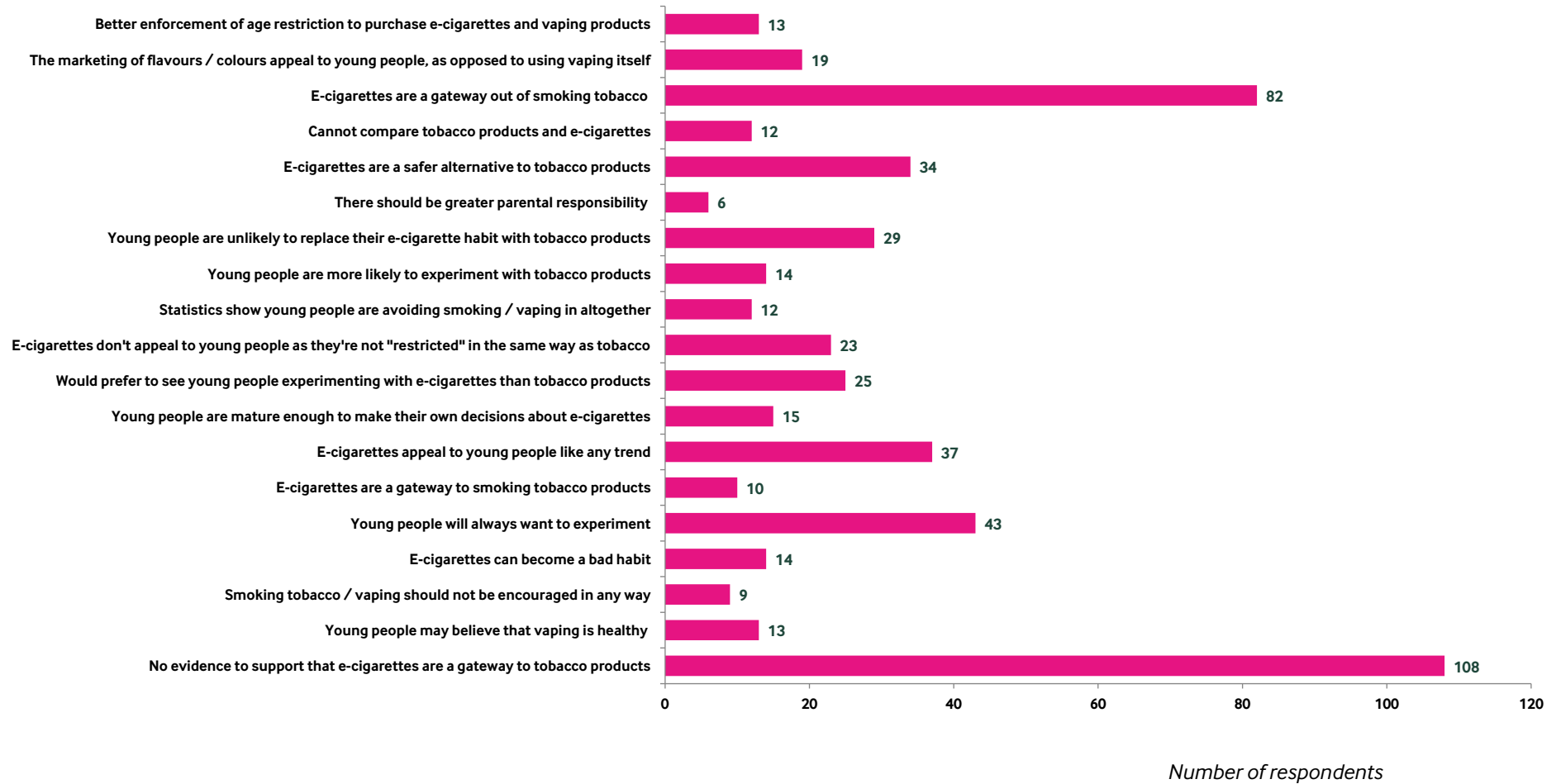
Total number of responses to this question: 762

- Strongly agree: **16.14% (123)**
- Agree: **20.73% (158)**
- Disagree: **14.43% (110)**
- Strongly disagree: **40.15% (306)**
- Don't know: **8.53% (65)**



Question five – additional comments

Total number of additional comments: 518



Special procedures

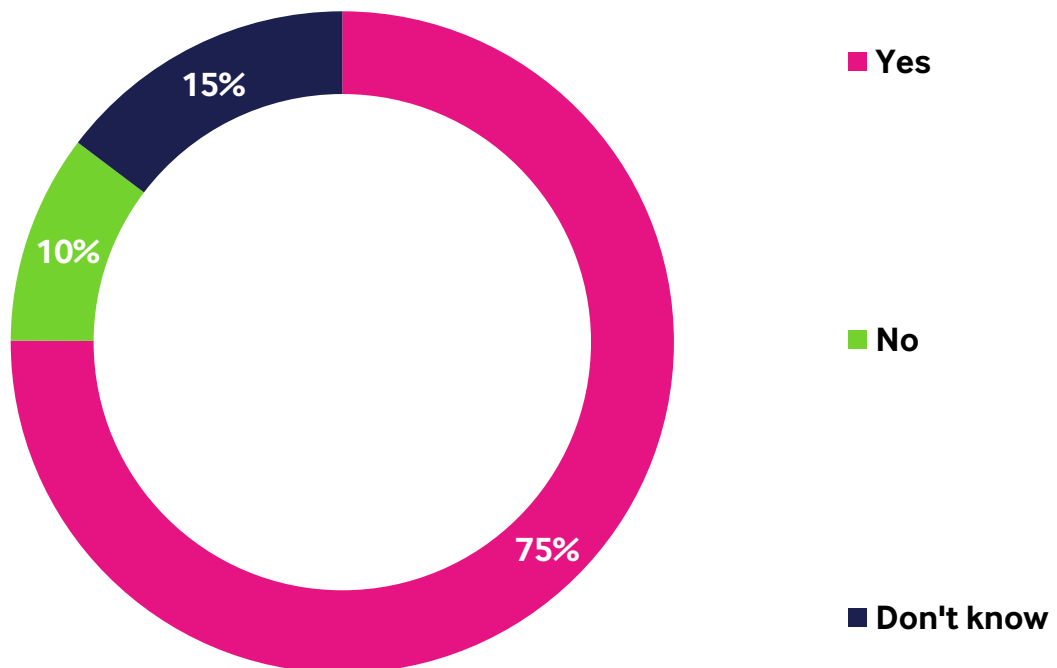
Special procedures are tattooing, body piercing, acupuncture and electrolysis.

This Bill includes a proposal to create a compulsory licensing system for people who carry out special procedures in Wales. The places where these special procedures are carried out will also need to be approved to make sure they are clean, safe and legal for the public who use them.

Question six - Do you agree that a licensing system should be created for people who practise these special procedures to make sure the public get the best and safest treatment?

Total number of responses to this question: 694

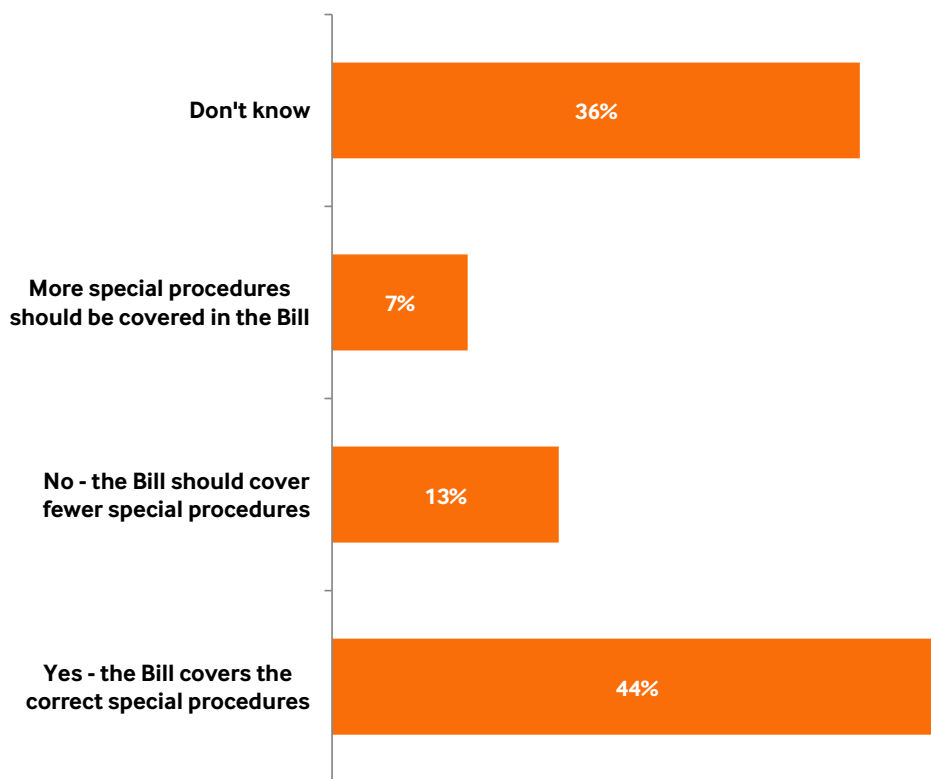
- Yes: **75.07% (521)**
- No: **10.23% (71)**
- Don't know: **14.69% (102)**



Question seven - Do you agree with the types of special procedures included in the Bill?

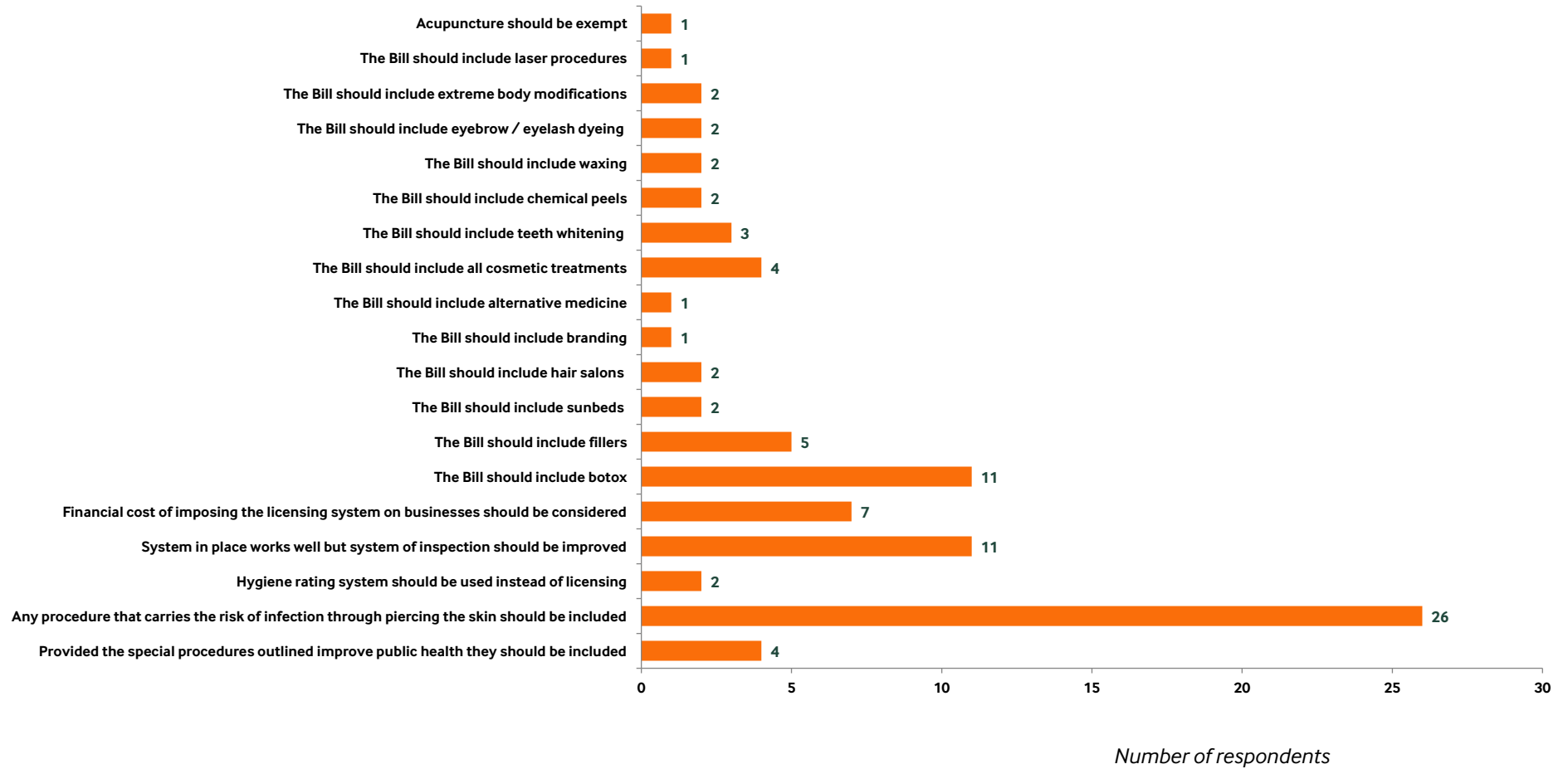
Total number of responses to this question: 687

- Yes – the Bill covers the correct special procedures: **43.95% (302)**
- No – the Bill should cover fewer special procedures: **12.80% (88)**
- More special procedures should be included in the Bill: **7.27% (50)**
- Don't know: **35.95% (247)**



Question seven – additional comments

Total number of additional comments: 89



Intimate piercings

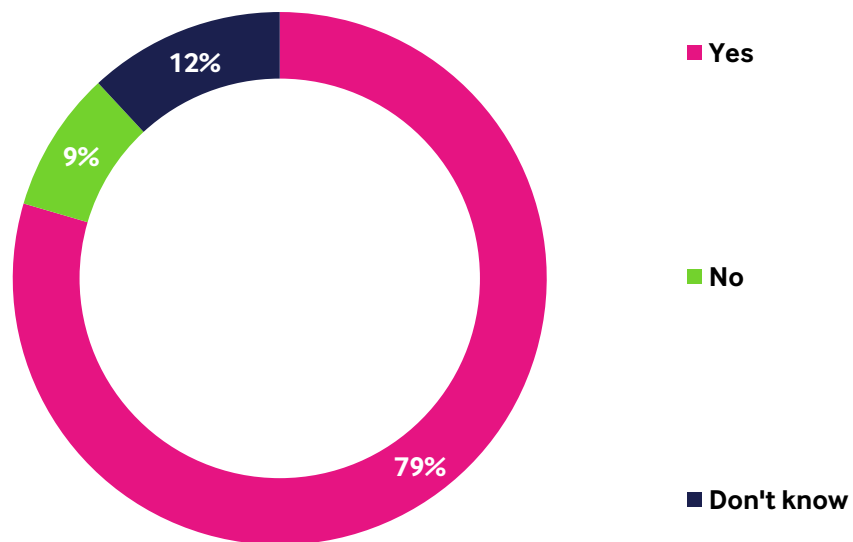
Nipple and genital piercings are examples of intimate piercings.

The Bill includes a proposal to ban intimate body piercings for anyone under the age of 16 in Wales.

Question eight - Do you believe an age restriction is needed for intimate body piercings? Please explain your answer.

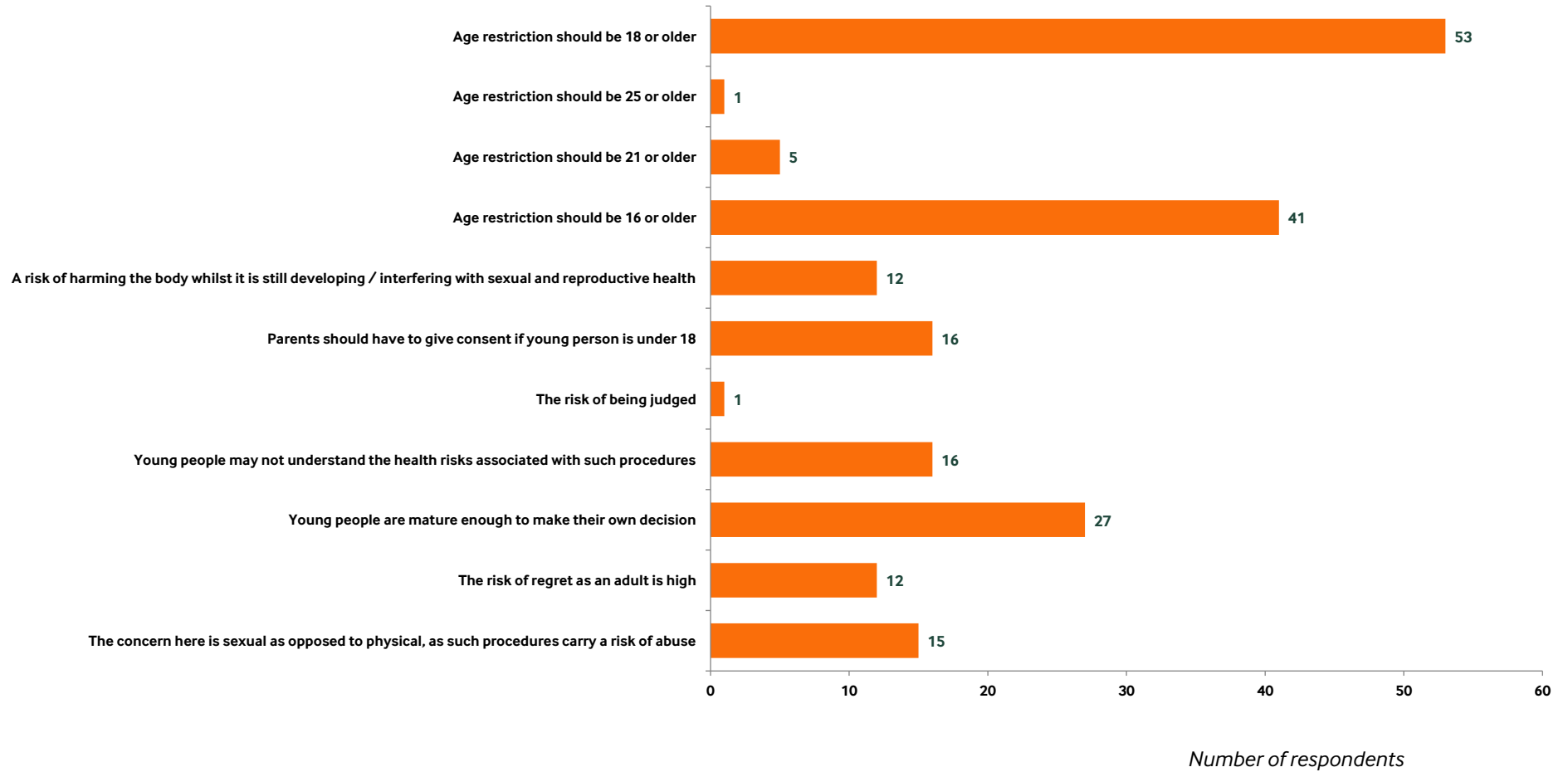
Total number of responses to this question: 689

- Yes: **79.5% (548)**
- No: **8.6% (59)**
- Don't know: **11.9% (82)**



Question eight – additional comments

Total number of additional comments: 199



Community pharmacies

A community pharmacy can also be known as a chemist.

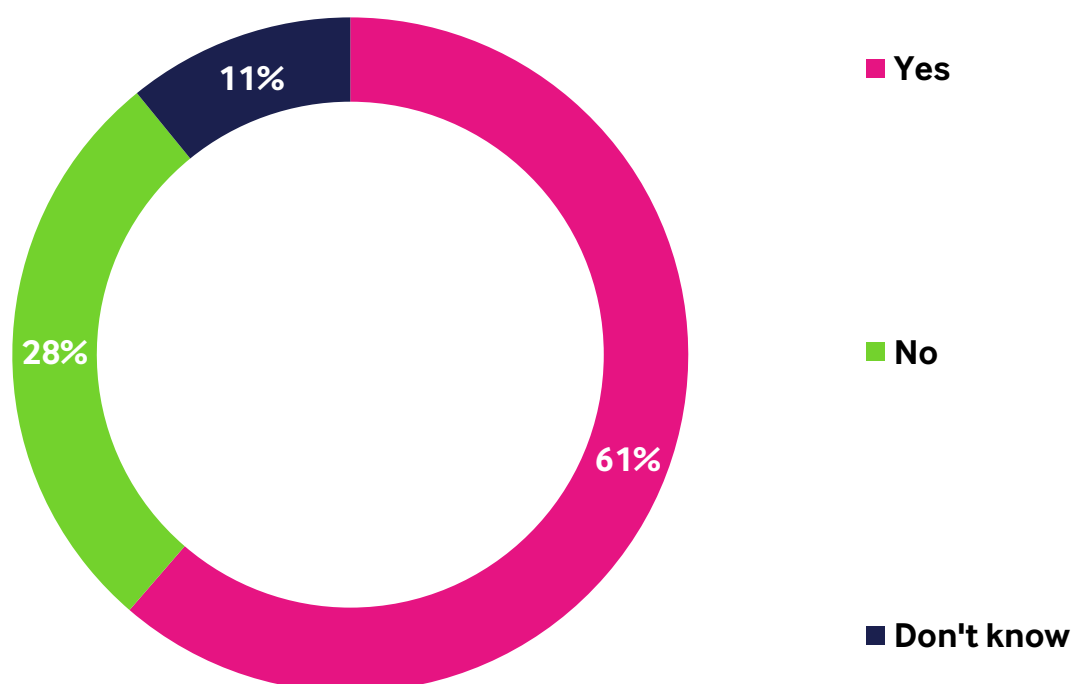
The Bill will need local health boards in Wales to look at the need for pharmacies/chemists in their areas, and that any decisions relating to community pharmacies/chemists are based on the needs of local communities.

Question nine - You can get extra healthcare services through your local pharmacy/chemist. These services include emergency contraception, flu vaccination, advice on how to give up smoking, and needle / syringe exchange.

Did you know about the range of extra healthcare services that community pharmacies/chemists can provide?

Total number of responses to this question: 662

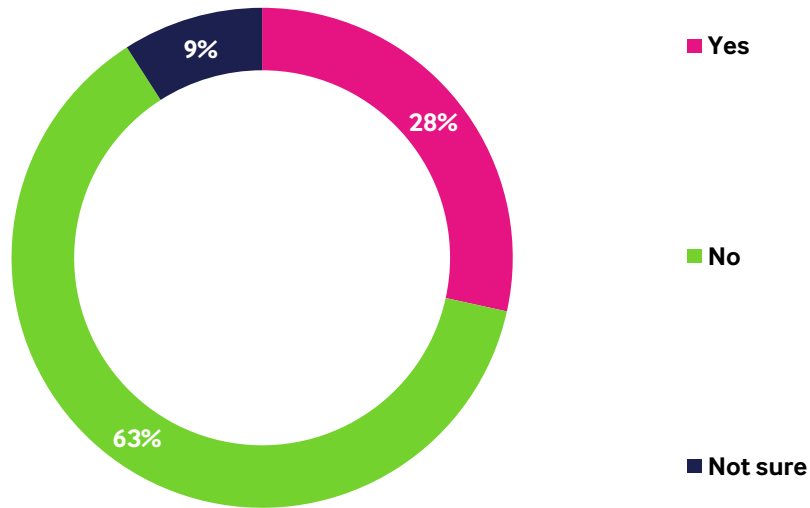
- Yes: **61.32% (406)**
- No: **27.79% (184)**
- Don't know: **10.87% (72)**



Question 10 - Have you ever used these services in your community pharmacy/chemist?

Total number of responses to this question: 661

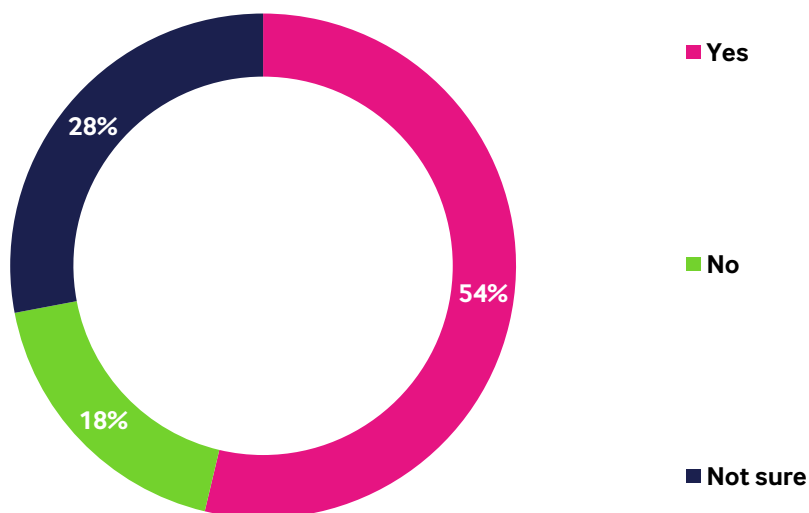
- Yes: **28.4% (188)**
- No: **62.6% (413)**
- Not sure: **9.0% (60)**



Question 11 - Would you be more likely to use these types of services if you could get them at your local community pharmacy/chemist instead of through your GP?

Total number of responses to this question: 661

- Yes: **53.70% (355)**
- No: **18.30% (121)**
- Not sure: **27.98% (185)**



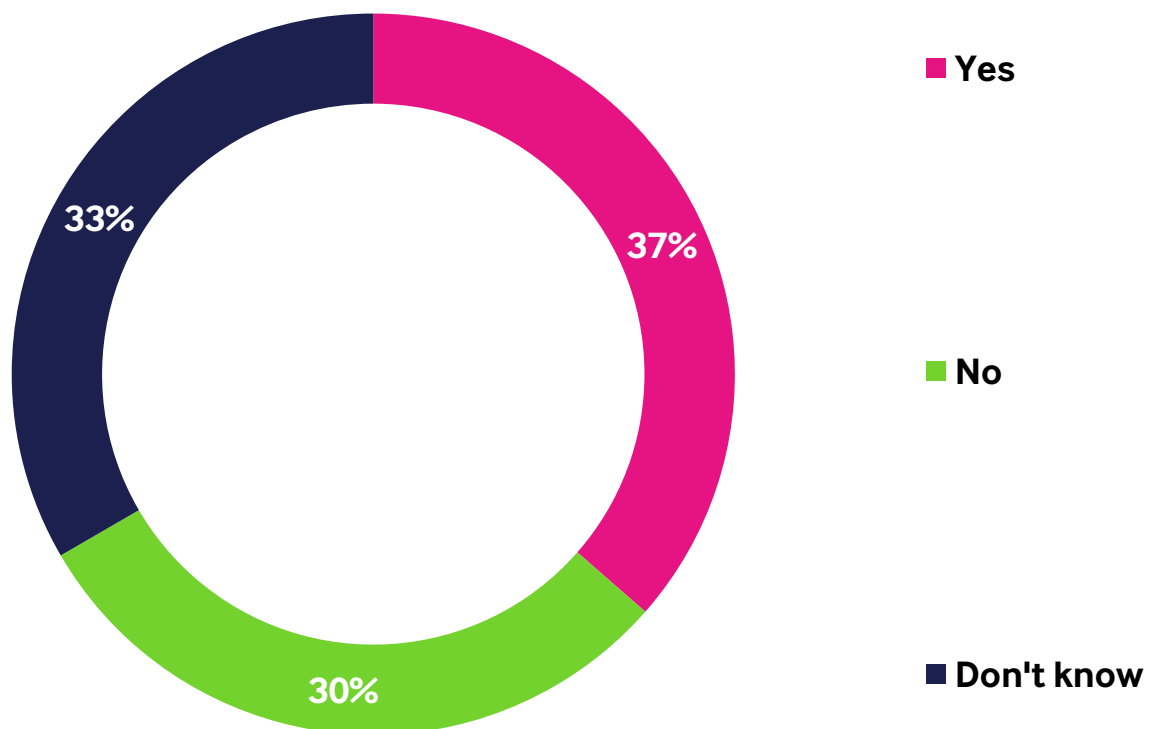
Public toilets

The Bill includes a proposal that local authorities will have to plan how they will meet the needs of people living in the community using public toilet facilities. However, the Bill will not make local authorities actually provide toilet facilities in local communities.

Question 12 - Do you think this proposal will help to make toilet facilities better for people living in local communities?

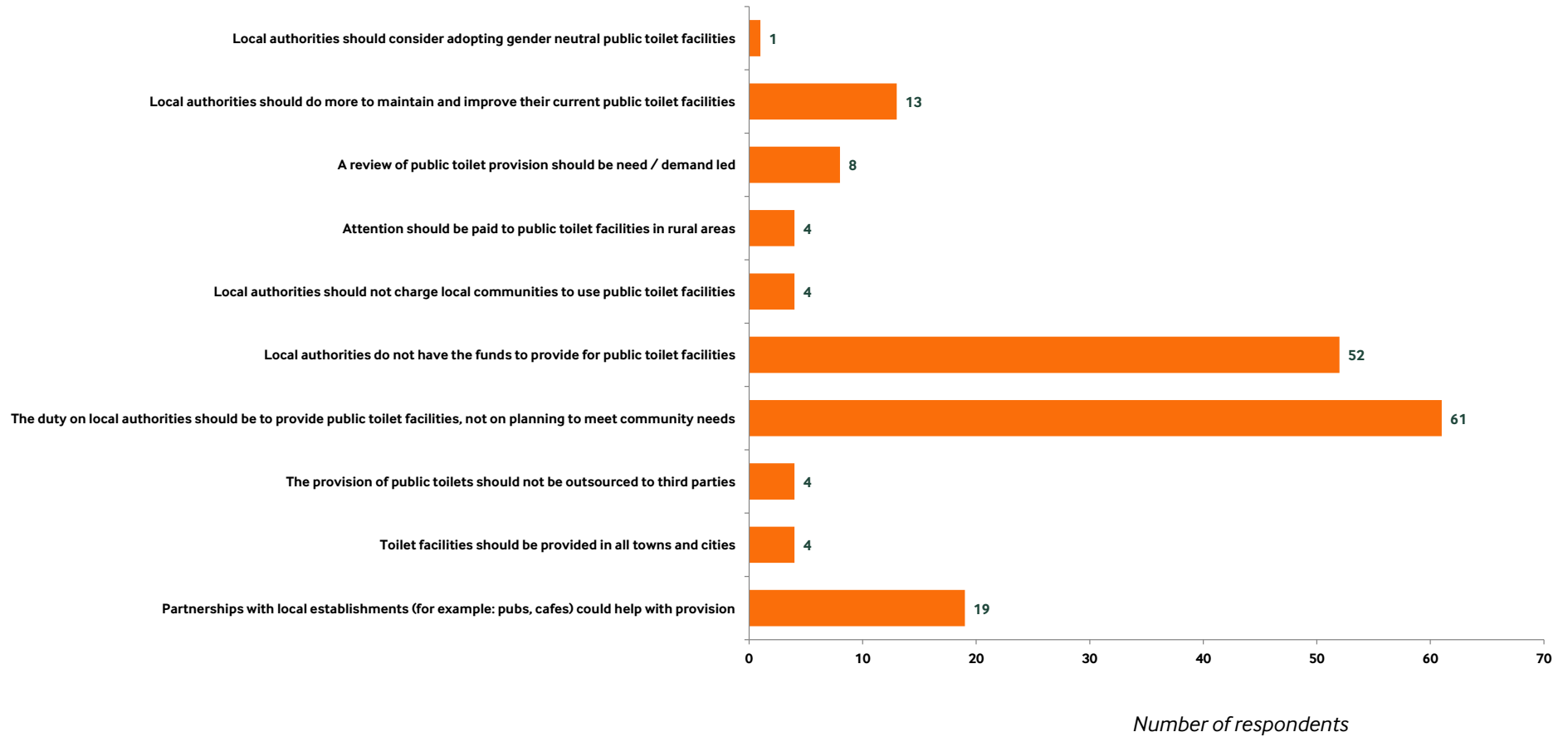
Total number of responses to this question: 653

- Yes: **36.5% (238)**
- No: **30.1% (197)**
- Don't know: **33.4% (218)**



Question 12 – additional comments

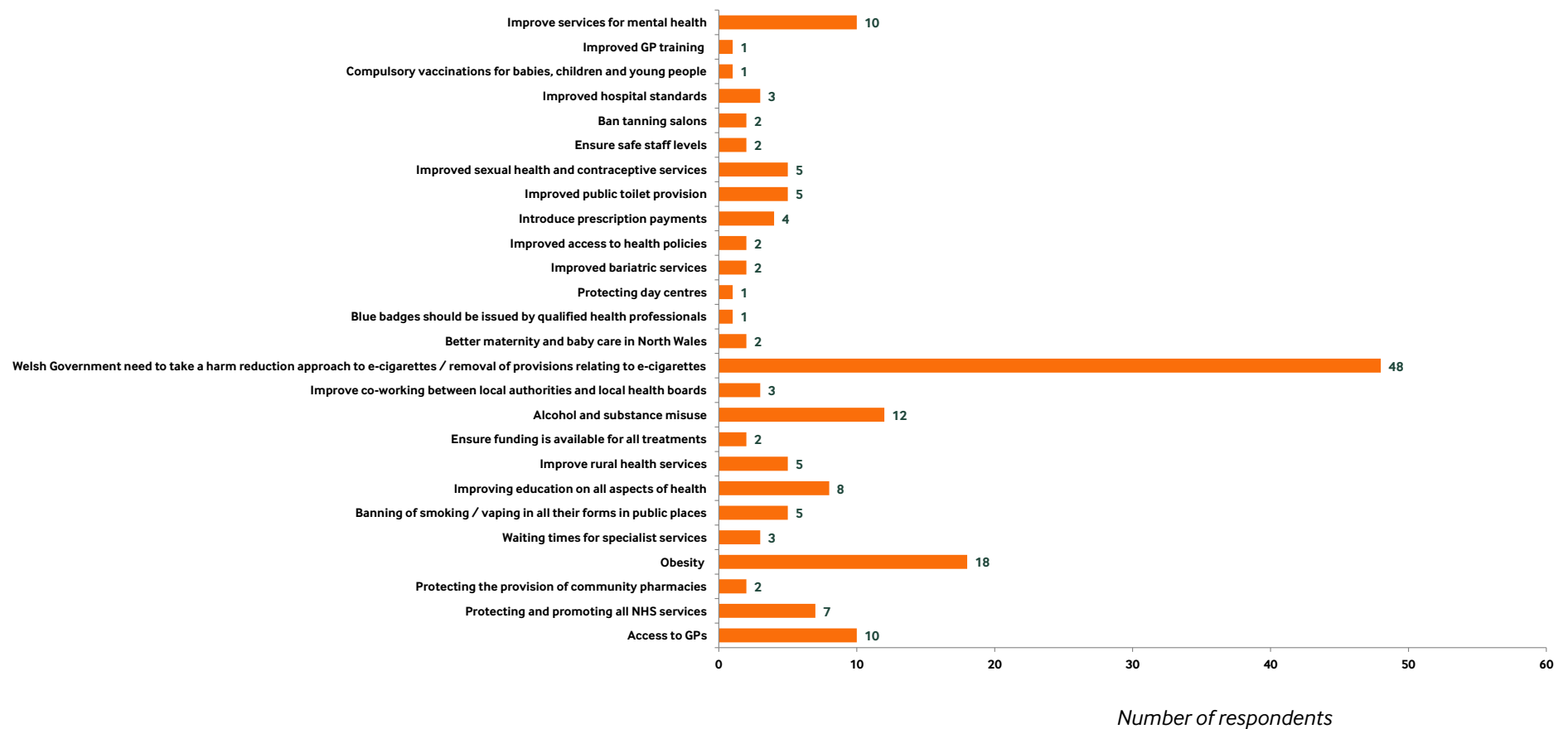
Total number of additional comments: 170



Final comments

Question 13 - Are there any other areas of public health which you think should be included in the Bill to help improve the health of people in Wales?

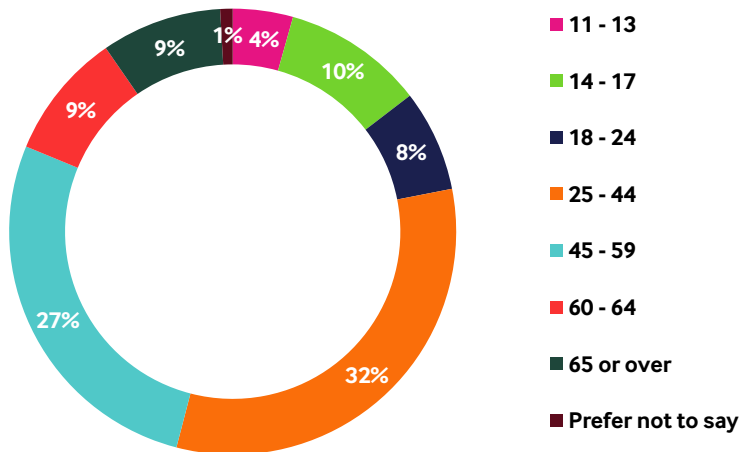
Total number of comments: 164



Question 14 – What is your age?

Total number of responses to this question: 666

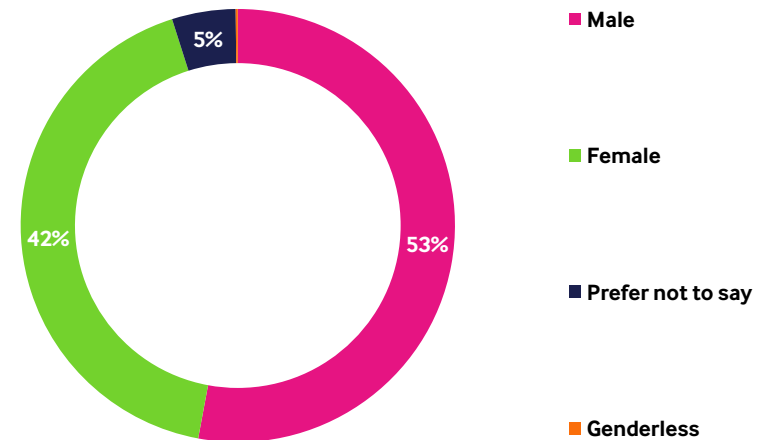
- 11 – 13: **4.35% (29)**
- 14 – 17: **10.21% (68)**
- 18 – 24: **7.35% (49)**
- 25 – 44: **32.13% (214)**
- 45 – 59: **27.17% (181)**
- 60 – 64: **9.15% (61)**
- 65 or over: **8.70% (58)**
- Prefer not to say: **0.90% (6)**



Question 15 – What is your gender?

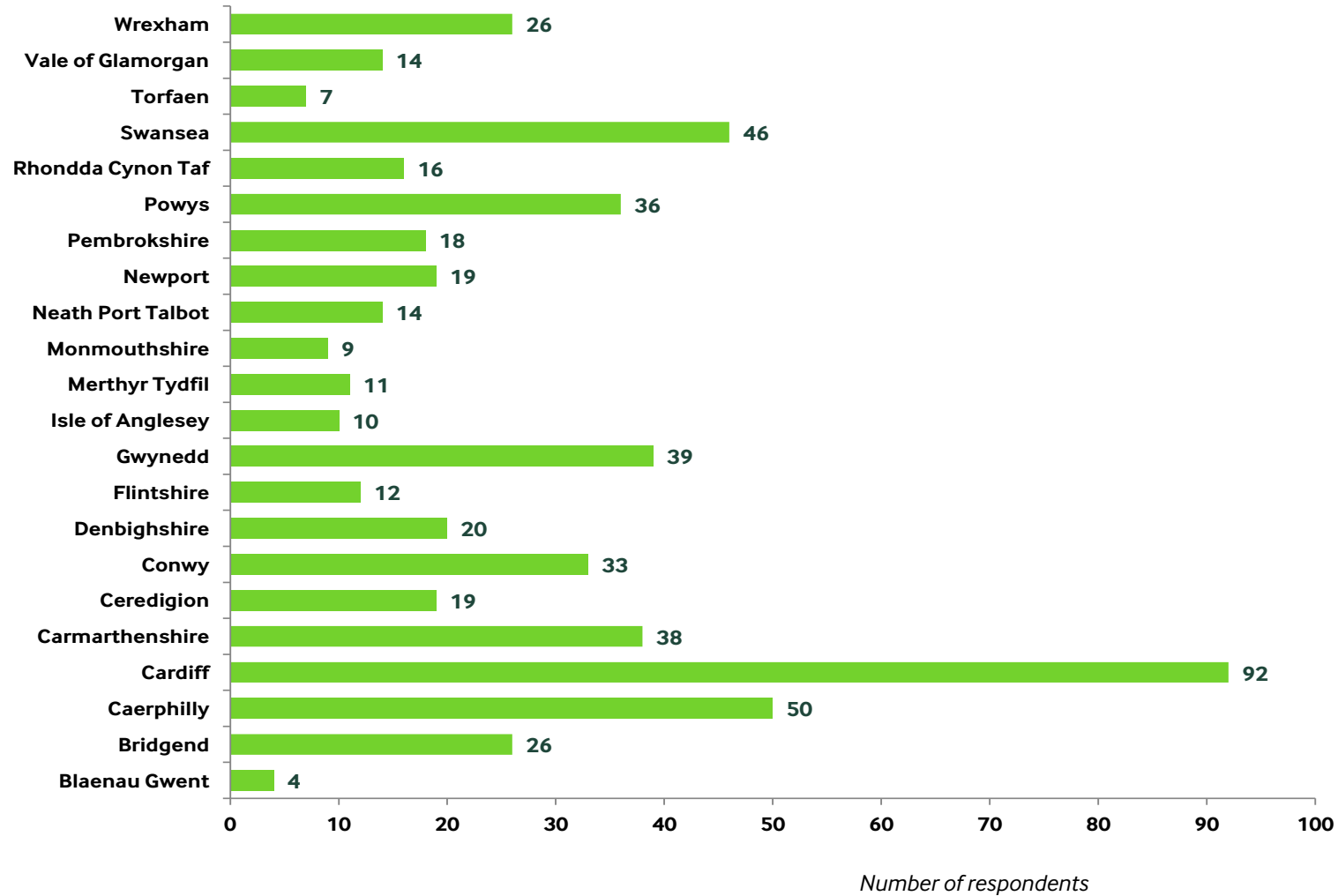
Total number of responses to this question: 632

- Male: **53.00% (335)**
- Female: **42.24% (267)**
- Prefer not to say: **4.74% (30)**
- Genderless: **0.16% (1)**



Question 16 – In which local authority area do you live?

Total number of responses to this question: 559



Annex A

Demographic breakdown by age

This section of the survey results provides a short breakdown of all answers to the survey questions. The comparison is made between respondents under the age of 18 (11 – 17 year olds) and all respondents over 18 years of age.

Tobacco and nicotine products

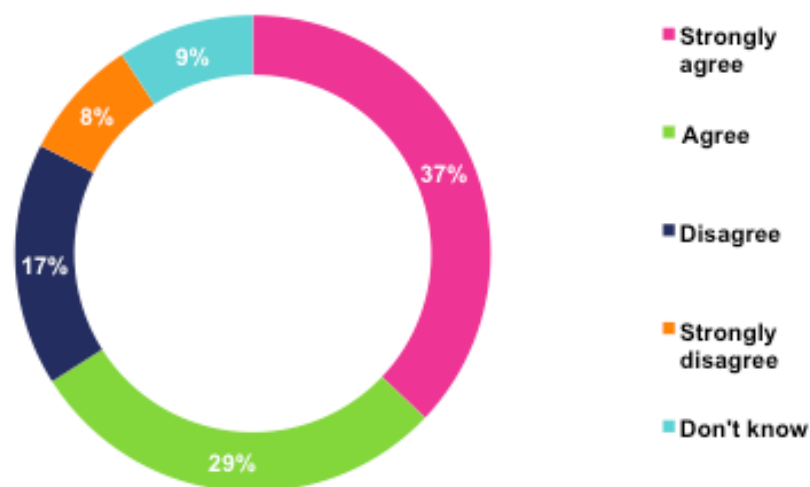
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11 – 17 year olds

Total number of responses to this question: 97

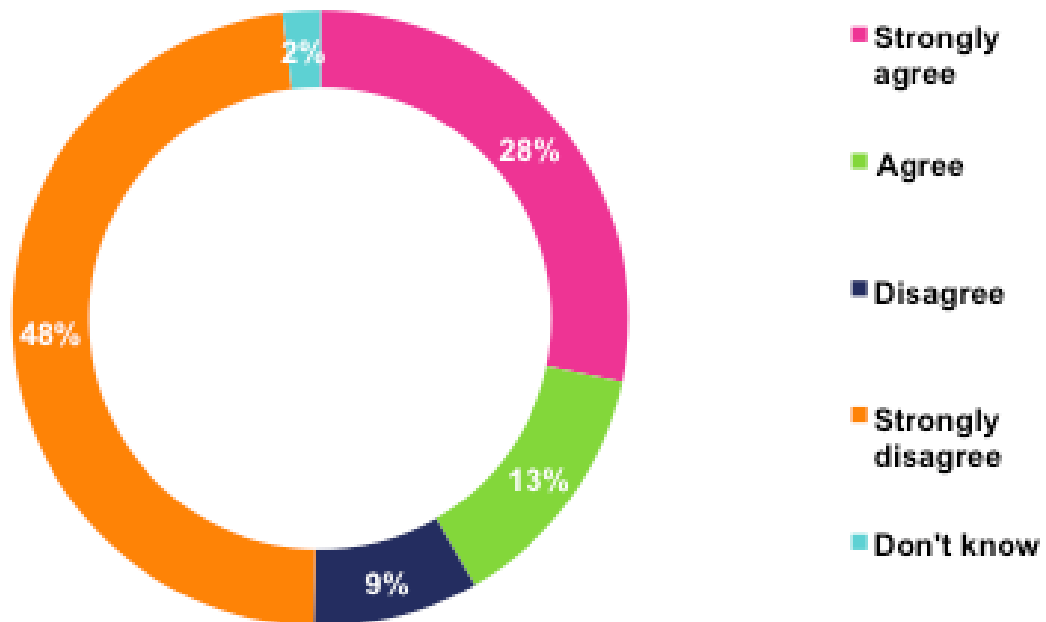
- Strongly agree: **37.11% (36)**
- Agree: **28.87% (28)**
- Disagree: **16.49% (16)**
- Strongly disagree: **8.25% (8)**
- Don't know: **9.28% (9)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 563

- Strongly agree: **28.29% (159)**
- Agree: **13.35% (75)**
- Disagree: **8.72% (49)**
- Strongly disagree: **47.69% (268)**
- Don't know: **1.96% (11)**

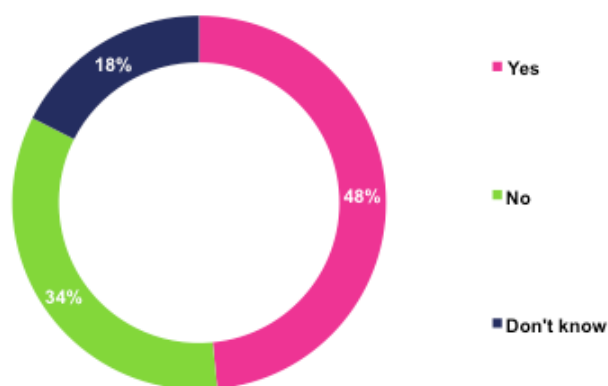


Question two – Do you think the use of e-cigarettes in smoke-free areas promotes or 'normalises' the appearance of smoking tobacco?

11 – 17 year olds

Total number of responses to this question: 97

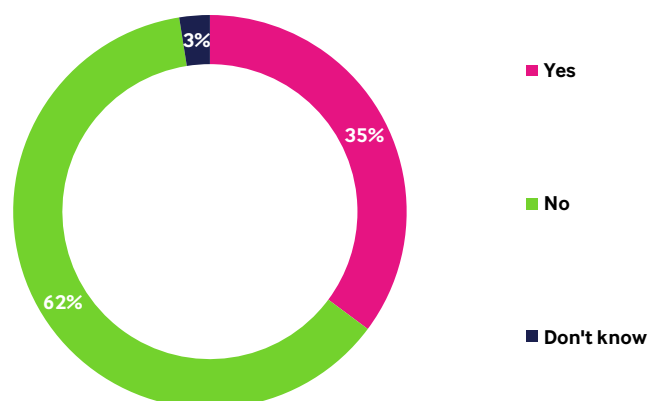
- Yes: **48.45% (47)**
- No: **34.02% (33)**
- Don't know: **17.53% (17)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 560

- Yes: **35.18% (197)**
- No: **62.32% (349)**
- Don't know: **2.52% (14)**

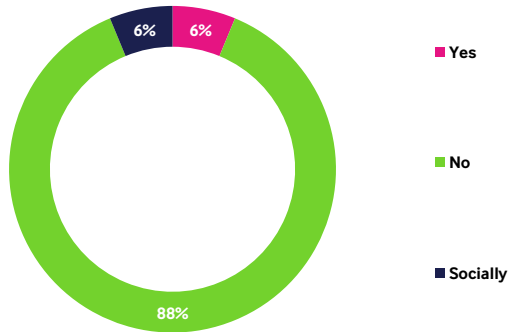


Question three - Do you smoke cigarettes?

11 – 17 year olds

Total number of responses to this question: 96

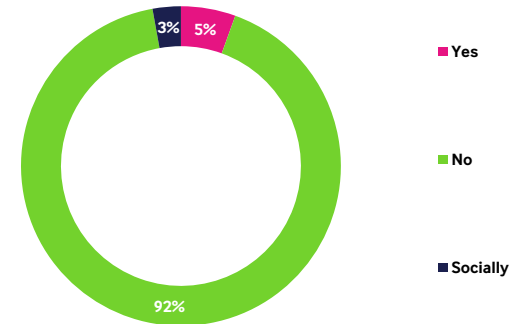
- Yes: **6.25% (6)**
- No: **87.50% (84)**
- Socially: **6.25% (6)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 561

- Yes: **5.53% (31)**
- No: **91.62% (514)**
- Socially: **2.85% (16)**

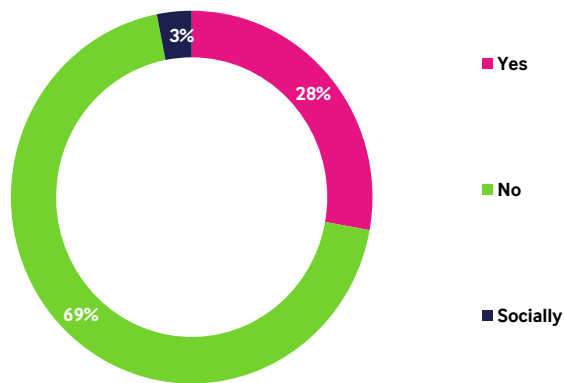


Question 4a - Have you ever used e-cigarettes?

11 – 17 year olds

Total number of responses to this question: 97

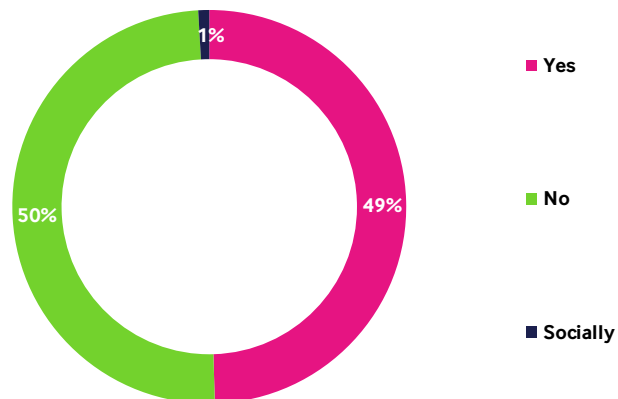
- Yes: **27.84% (27)**
- No: **69.07% (67)**
- Socially: **3.09% (3)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 557

- Yes: **49.55% (276)**
- No: **49.55% (276)**
- Socially: **0.89% (5)**



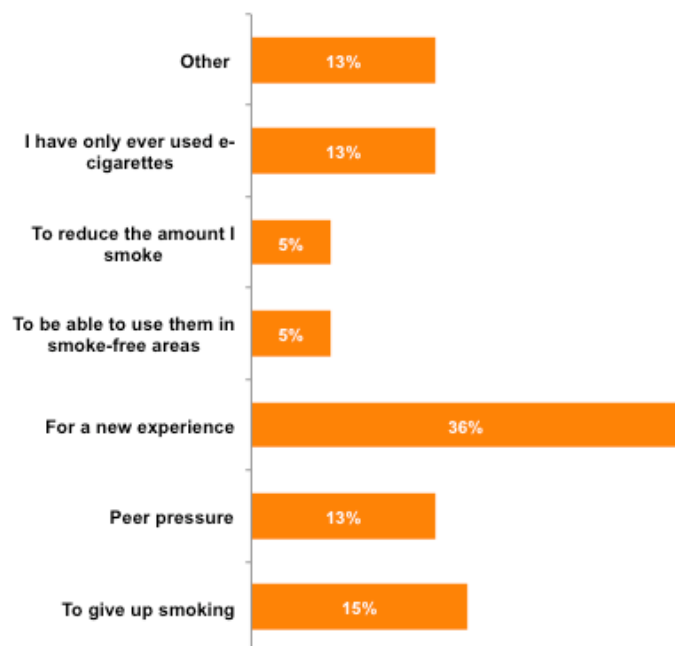
Question 4b - If you answered yes to question 04a, why do you / did you use e-cigarettes?

11 – 17 year olds

Total number of responses to this question: 30

Total number of options chosen: 39

- To give up smoking: **15.38% (6)**
- Peer pressure: **12.82% (5)**
- For a new experience: **35.90% (14)**
- To be able to use them in smoke-free areas: **5.13% (2)**
- To reduce the amount I smoke: **5.13% (2)**
- I have only ever used e-cigarettes: **12.82% (5)**
- Other: **12.82% (5)**

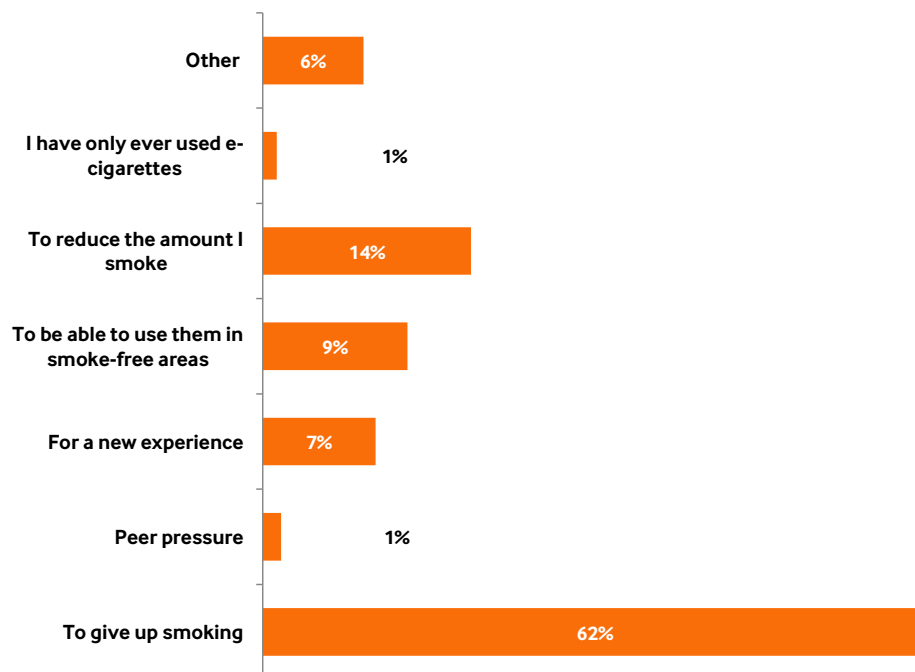


18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 284

Total number of options chosen: 373

- To give up smoking: **62.2% (232)**
- Peer pressure: **1.07% (4)**
- For a new experience: **6.97% (26)**
- To be able to use them in smoke-free areas: **9.11% (34)**
- To reduce the amount I smoke: **13.67% (51)**
- I have only ever used e-cigarettes: **0.80% (3)**
- Other: **6.17% (23)**



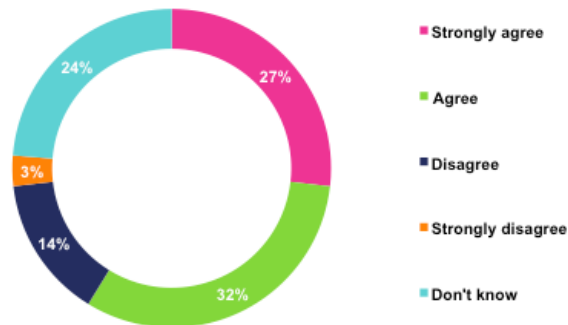
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11 – 17 year olds

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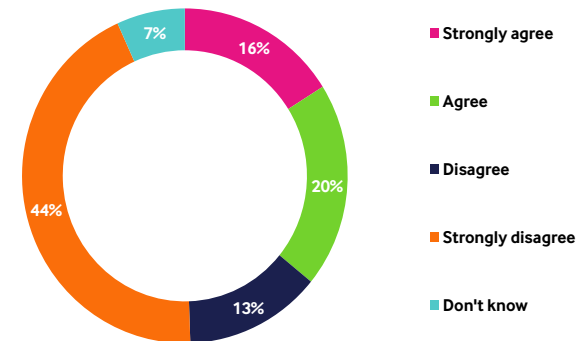
- Strongly agree: **26.80% (26)**
- Agree: **31.96% (31)**
- Disagree: **14.43 % (14)**
- Strongly disagree: **3.09% (3)**
- Don't know: **23.71% (8)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 560

- Strongly agree: **16.07% (90)**
- Agree: **19.82% (111)**
- Disagree: **13.57% (76)**
- Strongly disagree: **43.75% (245)**
- Don't know: **6.78% (38)**



Special procedures

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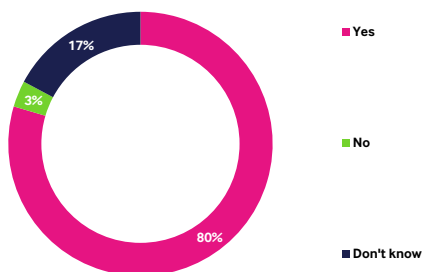
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11 – 17 year olds

Total number of responses to this question: 96

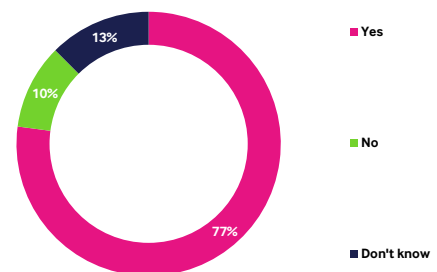
- Yes: **77.08% (74)**
- No: **3.12% (3)**
- Don't know: **16.67% (16)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 537

- Yes: **77.09% (414)**
- No: **10.43% (56)**
- Don't know: **12.48% (67)**

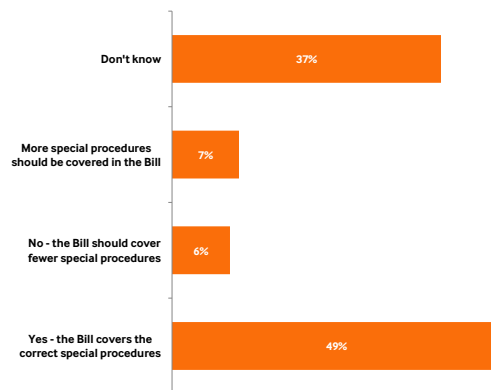


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11 – 17 year olds

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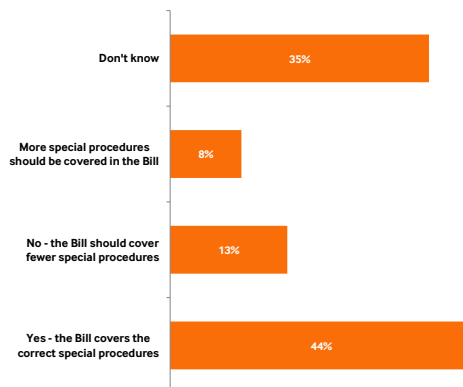
- Yes – the Bill covers the correct special procedures: **49.48% (48)**
- No – the Bill should cover fewer special procedures: **6.18% (6)**
- More special procedures should be included in the Bill: **7.22% (7)**
- Don't know: **37.11% (36)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 531

- Yes – the Bill covers the correct special procedures: **43.69% (232)**
- No – the Bill should cover fewer special procedures: **13.37% (71)**
- More special procedures should be included in the Bill: **7.72% (41)**
- Don't know: **35.22% (187)**



Intimate piercings

Nipple and genital piercings are examples of intimate piercings.

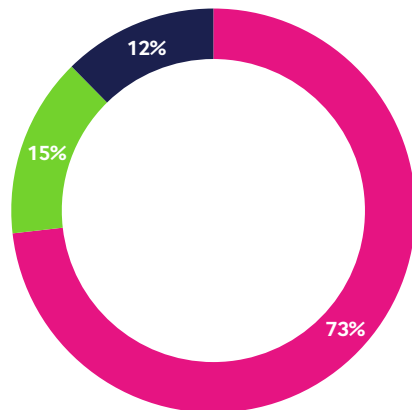
The Bill includes a proposal to ban intimate body piercings for anyone under the age of 16 in Wales.

Question eight - Do you believe an age restriction is needed for intimate body piercings?

11 – 17 year olds

Total number of responses to this question: 97

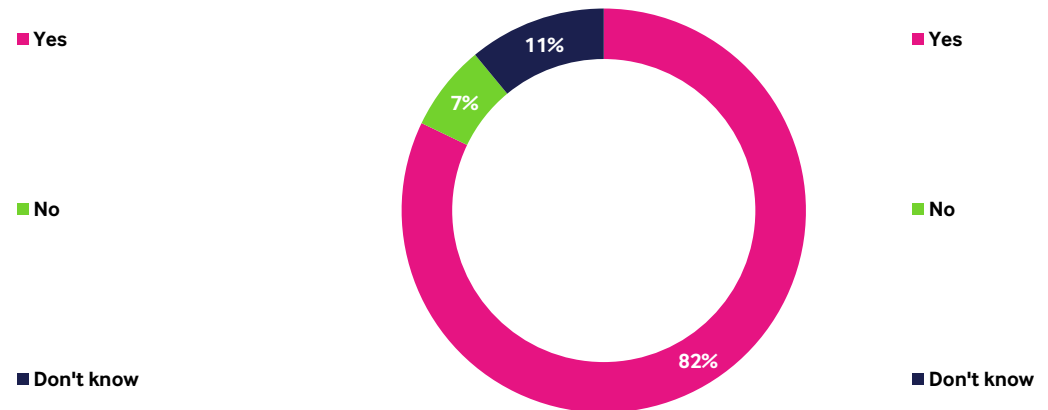
- Yes: **73.2% (71)**
- No: **14.43% (14)**
- Don't know: **12.37% (12)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 537

- Yes: **82.12% (441)**
- No: **6.89% (37)**
- Don't know: **10.99% (59)**



Community pharmacies

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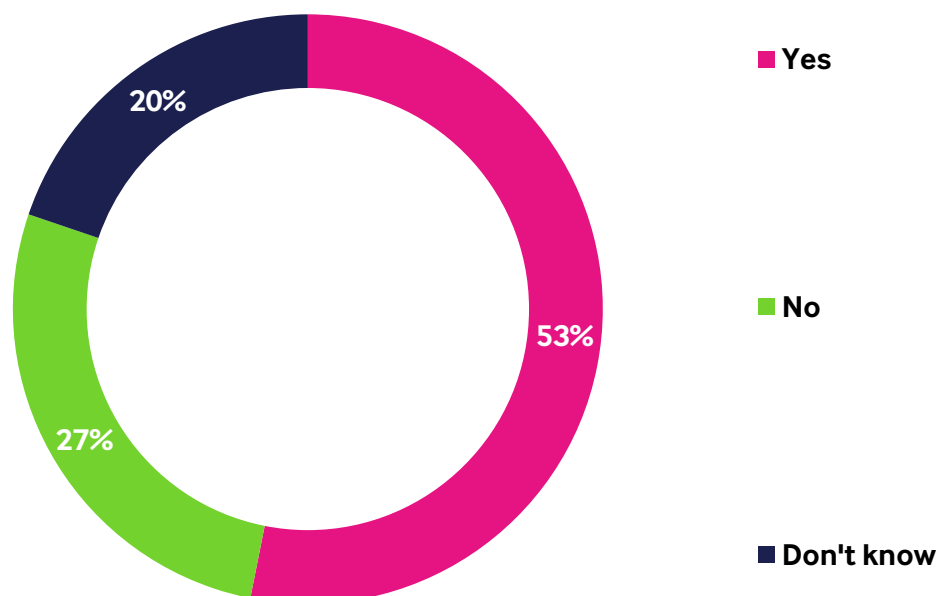
You can get extra healthcare services through your local pharmacy/chemist. These services include emergency contraception, flu vaccination, and advice on how to give up smoking, and needle / syringe exchange.

Question nine - Did you know about the range of extra healthcare services that community pharmacies/chemists can provide?

11 – 17 year olds

Total number of responses to this question: 96

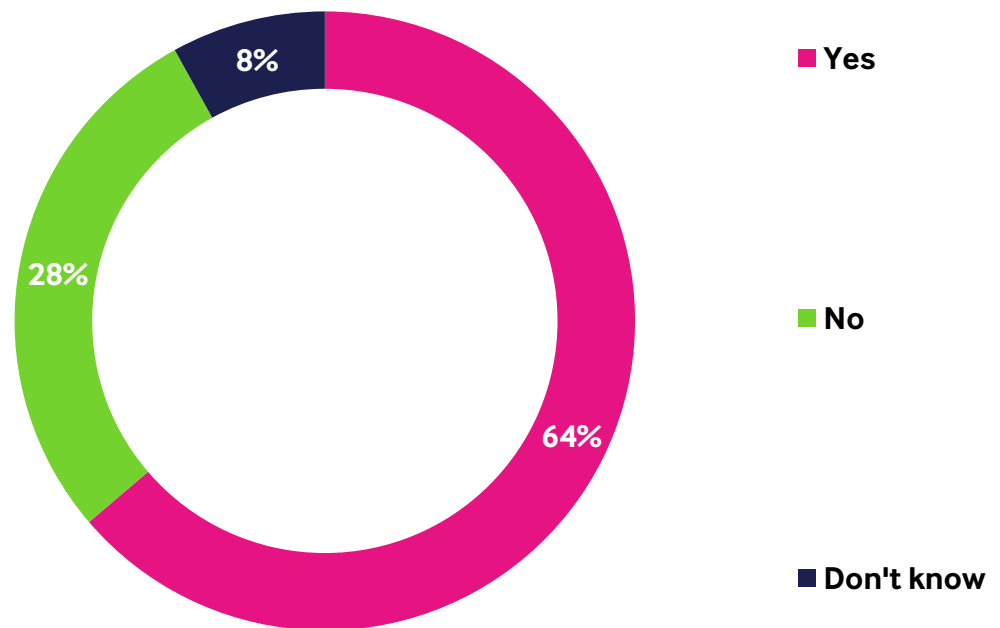
- Yes: **53.13% (51)**
- No: **27.08% (28)**
- Don't know: **19.79% (19)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 535

- Yes: **63.74% (341)**
- No: **28.22% (151)**
- Don't know: **8.04% (43)**

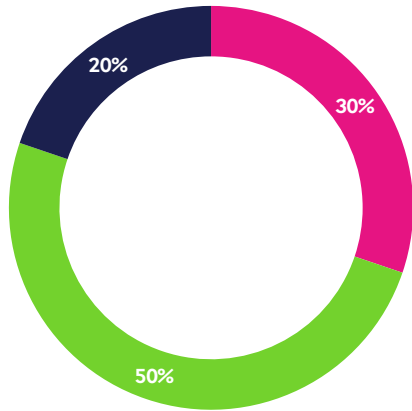


Question 10 - Have you ever used these services in your community pharmacy/chemist?

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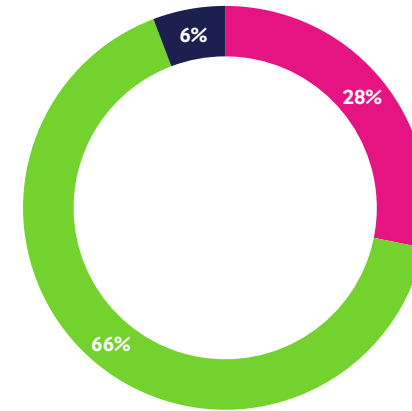
- Yes: **30.21% (29)**
- No: **50.00% (48)**
- Not sure: **19.79% (19)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 536

- Yes: **28.17% (151)**
- No: **66.04% (354)**
- Not sure: **5.78% (31)**

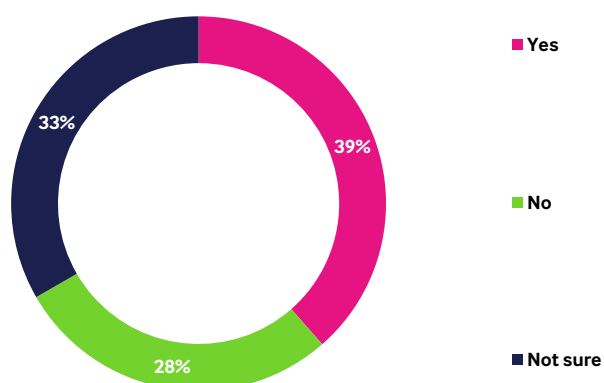


Question 11 - Would you be more likely to use these types of services if you could get them at your local community pharmacy/chemist instead of through your GP?

11 – 17 year olds

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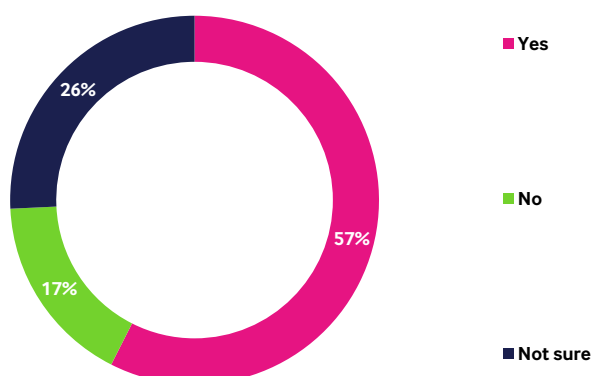
- Yes: **38.54% (37)**
- No: **28.13% (27)**
- Don't know: **33.33% (32)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 536

- Yes: **57.46% (308)**
- No: **16.79% (90)**
- Don't know: **25.75% (138)**



Public toilets

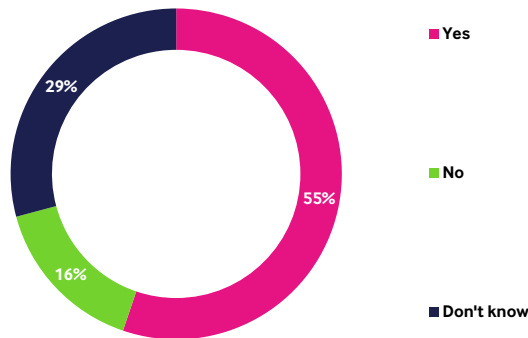
The Bill includes a proposal that local authorities will have to plan how they will meet the needs of people living in the community using public toilet facilities. However, the Bill will not make local authorities actually provide toilet facilities in local communities.

Question 12 - Do you think this proposal will help to make toilet facilities better for people living in local communities? Please leave any comments in the box below.

11 – 17 year olds

Total number of responses to this question: 96

- Yes: **55.21% (53)**
- No: **15.63% (15)**
- Don't know: **29.17% (28)**



18 years old and over

Total number of responses to this question: 530

- Yes: **33.02% (175)**
- No: **33.02% (175)**
- Don't know: **33.96% (180)**

