

NHS at 70:

Public attitudes to the health and care system

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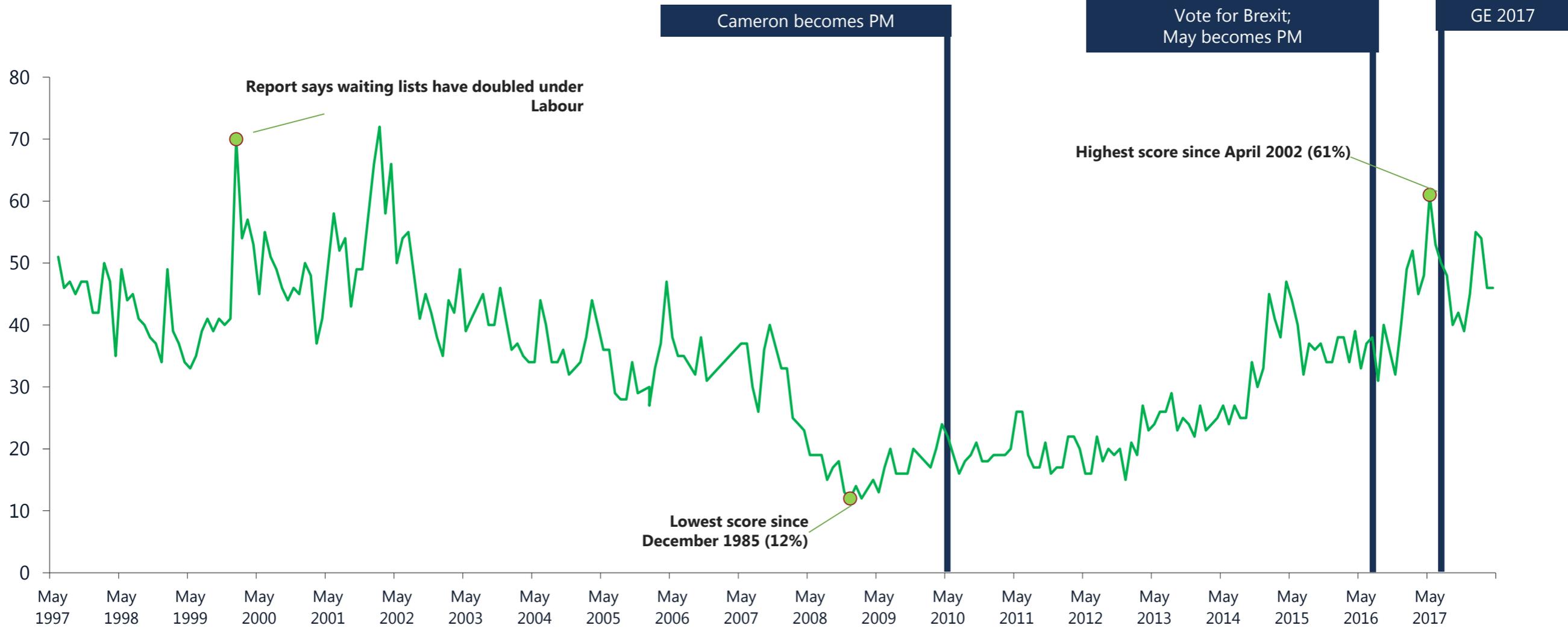
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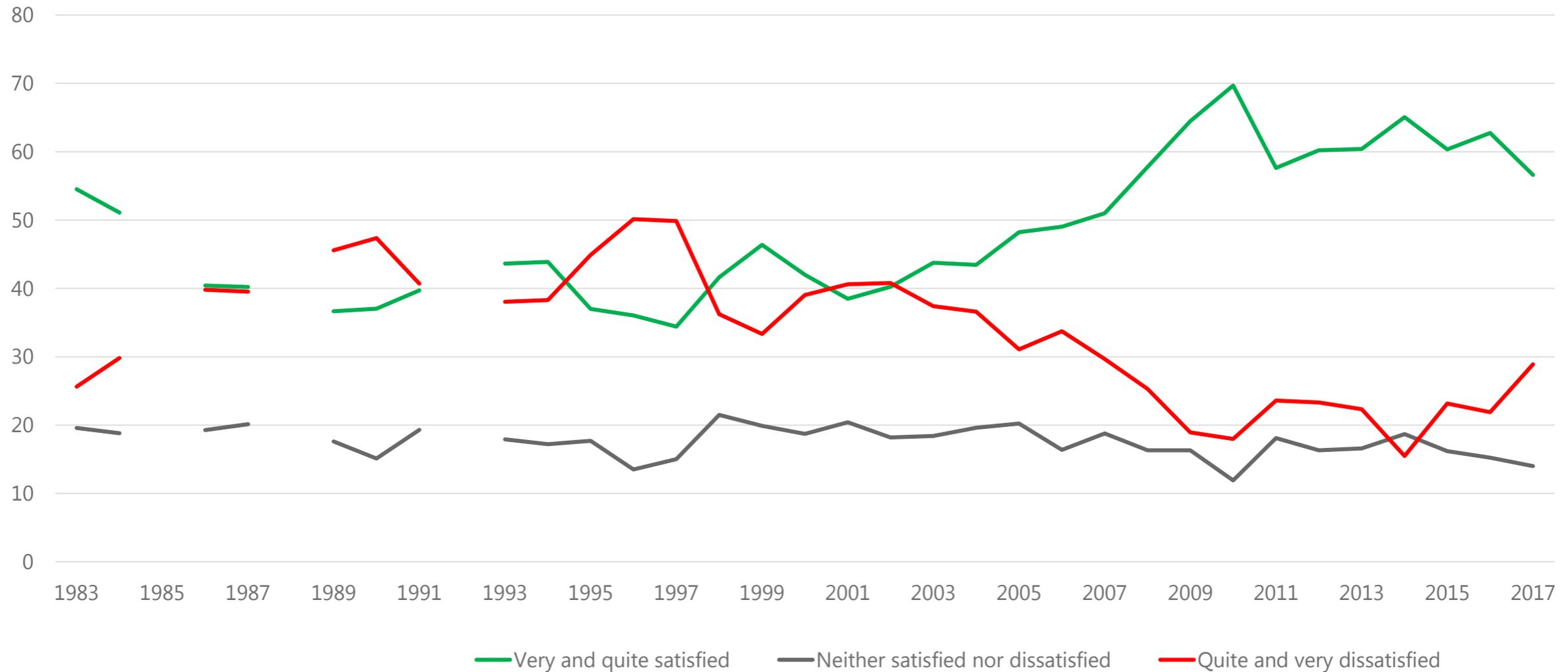
Rising spontaneous concern about the NHS

What is the biggest issue facing Britain today?



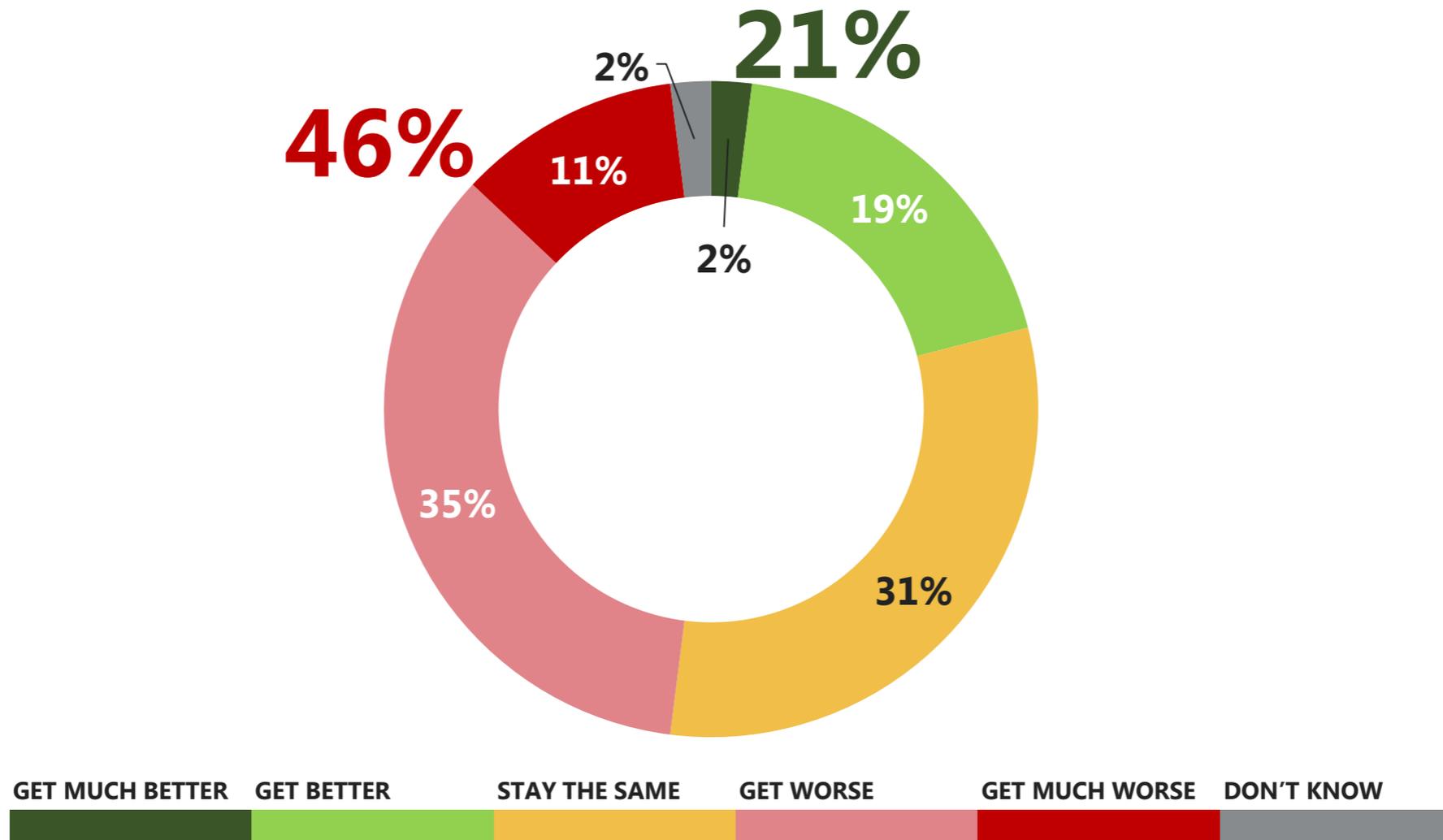
Base: Adults aged 16+ in England (c. 1000 per wave)
Source: Ipsos MORI/Department of Health Perceptions of the NHS Tracker

But 57% say satisfied with NHS (BSA)



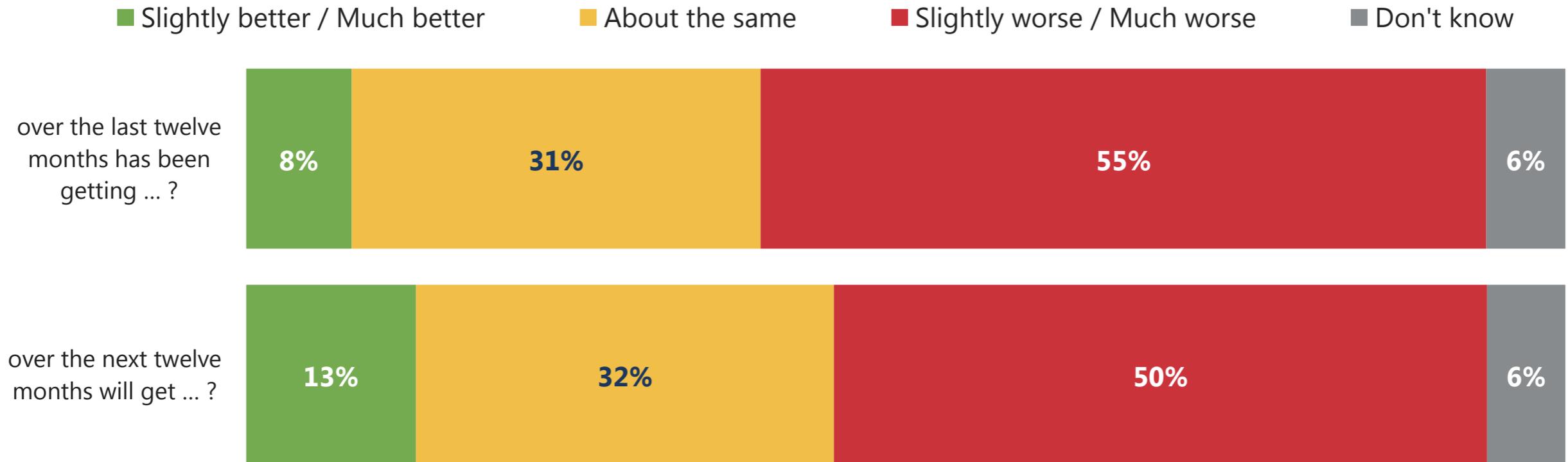
Public are pessimistic about future of the NHS

Thinking about the NHS over the next few years do you expect it to...?



And they are worried about social care

I'd now like you to think about your own experience and everything you have seen, heard or read recently. Thinking specifically about social care, do you think the general standard of social care in the UK:



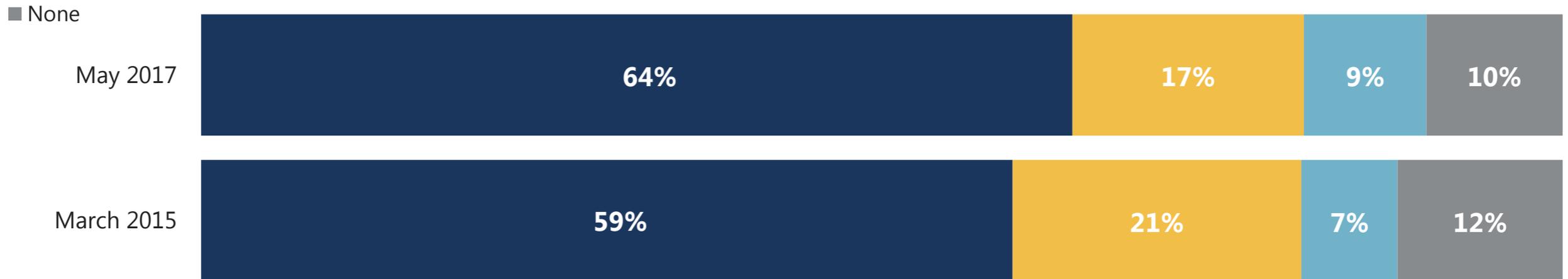
Base: 1,985 GB adults aged 15+, interviewed between 5th-15th May 2017

Source Ipsos MORI / The Health Foundation

Two thirds support increasing taxes to maintain the NHS

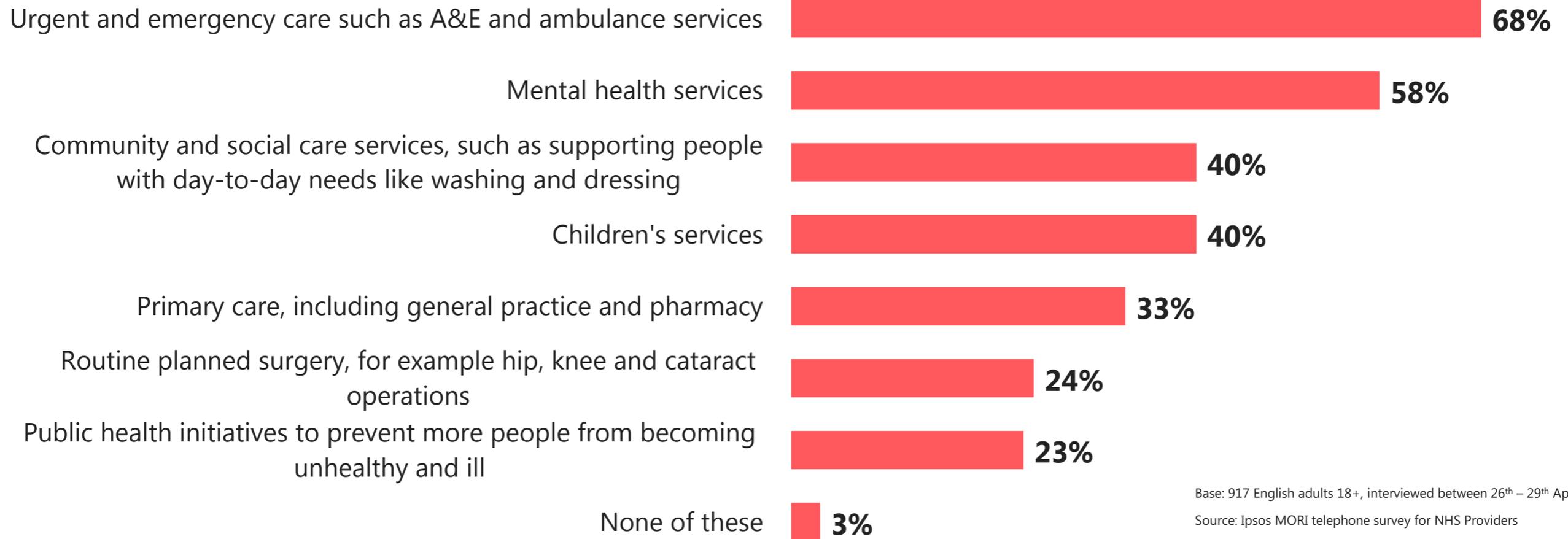
Many experts argue that it is becoming more expensive to fund the NHS because of increasing costs of treatments, an ageing population and several other factors. This means that even in order to maintain the current level of care and services provided for free by the NHS, spending on the NHS would have to increase. With that in mind, which, if any, of the following would you most like to see?

- Increase taxes in order to maintain the level of spending needed to keep the current level of care and services provided by the NHS
- Reduce spending on other services such as education and welfare in order to maintain the level of spending needed to keep the current level of care and services provided by the NHS
- Reduce the level of care and services provided by the NHS so that you do not need to increase the current level of taxation and spending on the NHS
- None



Priority for public is funding for urgent & emergency care

If the Government were to devote more funding to health and care services, which three, if any, of the following do you think it should prioritise in terms of spending?

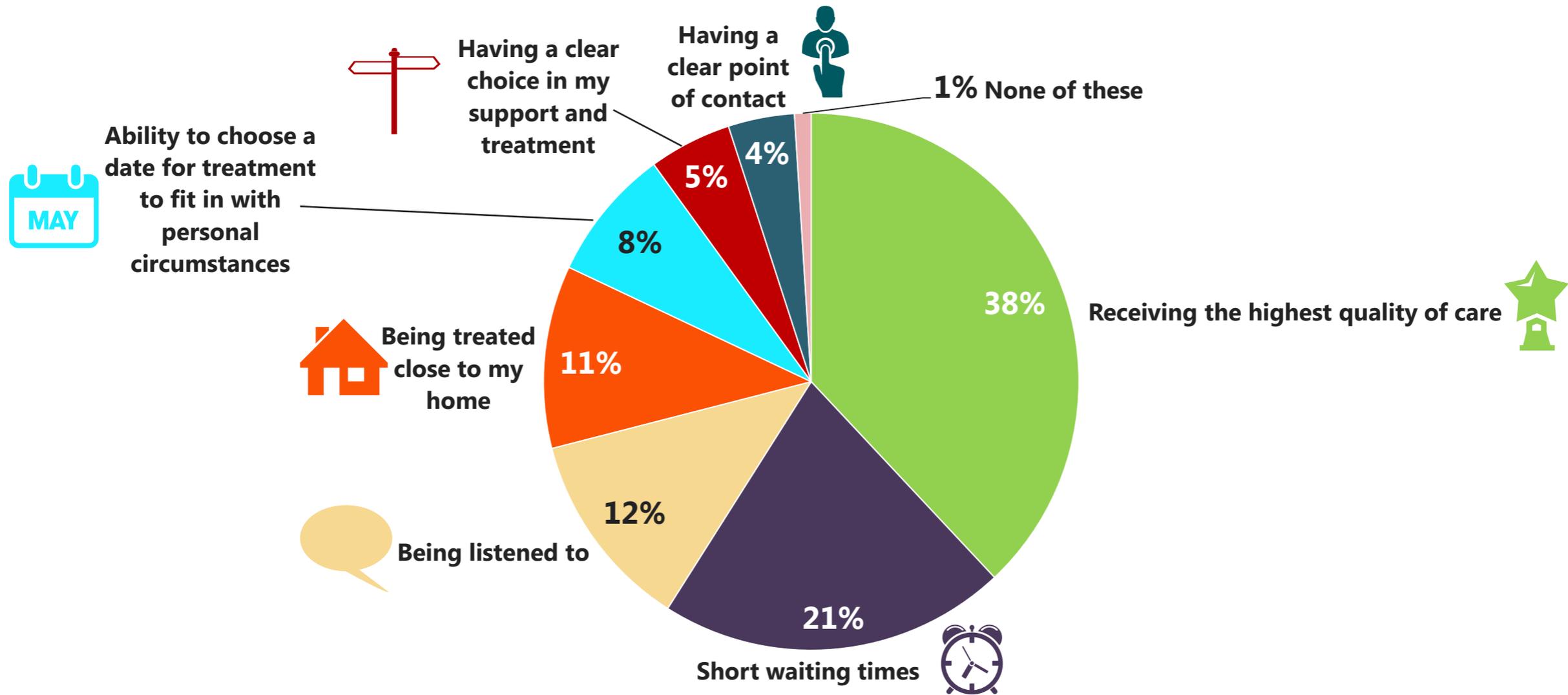


Base: 917 English adults 18+, interviewed between 26th – 29th April 2018

Source: Ipsos MORI telephone survey for NHS Providers

And receiving high quality care is important

Which of the following, if any, is most important to you when receiving non-emergency care?



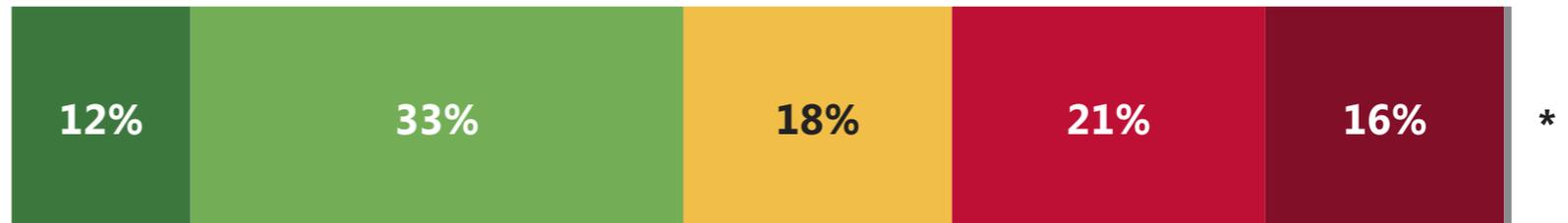
They are prepared to accept longer waiting times for routine surgery

but not in A&E?

I am going to read out some ways of reducing costs in the NHS. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

■ Strongly agree ■ Tend to agree ■ Neither/nor ■ Tend to disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know

Allowing the target for waiting times for non-urgent treatment to increase by two weeks from 18 weeks to 20 weeks



Allowing the target for waiting times at Accident and Emergency to increase from four hours to five hours



Support for rationing some services

The following treatments I will read out are generally available for free on the NHS in the United Kingdom. For each, please state whether you think it should: be available for free to everybody who needs it, be available for free only for some people who need it, or no longer be available for free for anybody who needs it...?

- Should be available for free to everybody who needs it
- Should be available for free only for some people who need it
- Should not be available for free for anybody who needs it
- Don't know



Base: 1033 adults aged 18+ in the UK, 26 – 29 January 2017
Source: Ipsos MORI/BBC News

**Intersection of what is
changing and what is fixed –
we don't yet know how this
will play out**



**But many of the same
things still unite us**



**Britons want to be
allowed to feel proud**



**Traditional British
institutions and culture
are more resilient than
we think**



Thank you

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