

IPSOS **Public attitudes towards** **the NHS**

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Half of Britons support a £10 fine for missed appointments as a way of securing additional funding to maintain the NHS, with support much lower for increasing prescription charges or being charged to see a GP

To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following as a way of securing additional funding to maintain the NHS...?

Strongly/tend to support **Neither support nor oppose** **Strongly/tend to oppose**

A £10 fine for missed appointments (such as GP or hospital appts.)



Increasing prescription charges from £9.35 to £15



Being charged a £10 fee to visit a GP



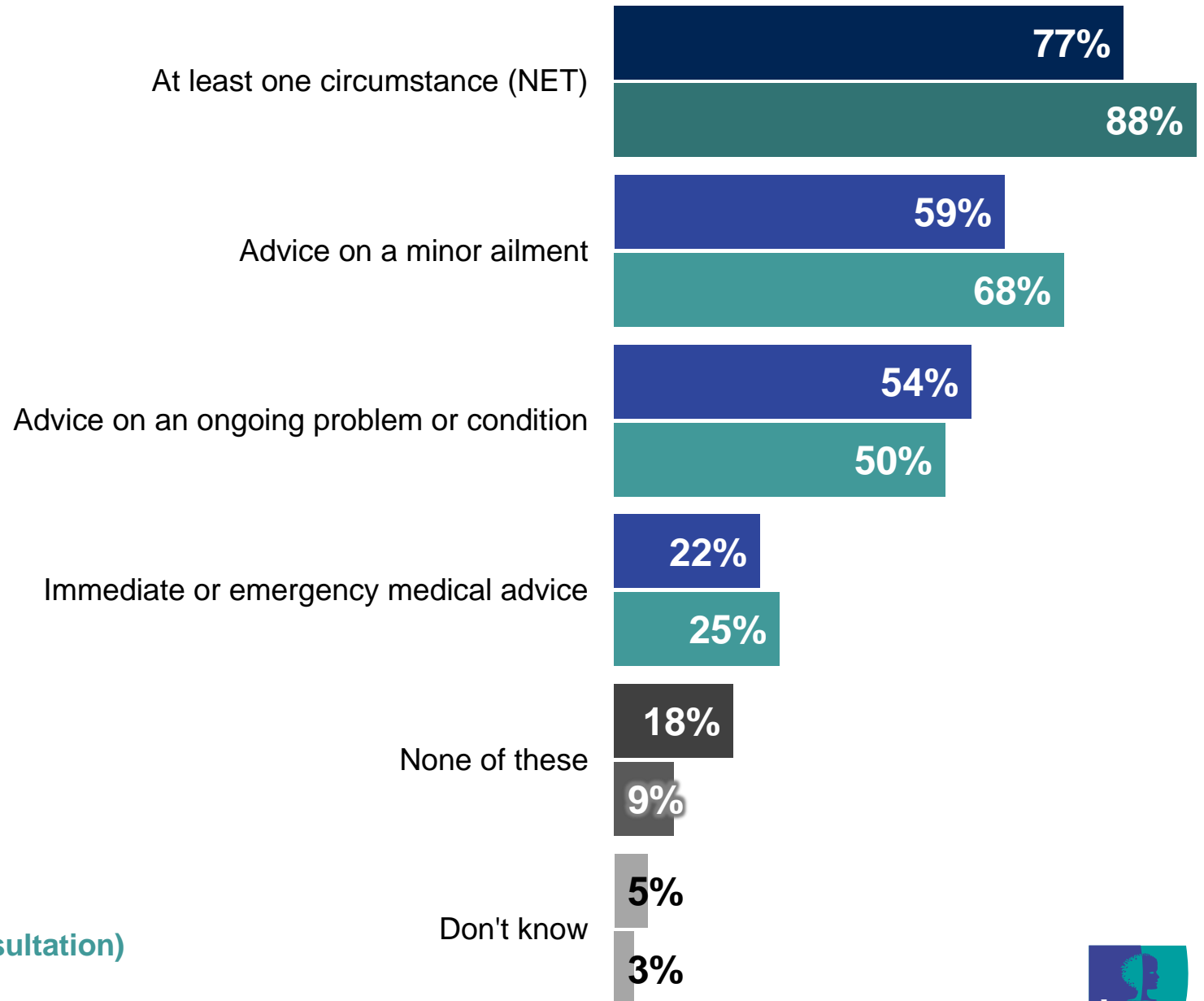
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3 in 4 Britons say there's at least one circumstance in which they'd be willing to see their GP virtually. Among those who are willing to use a video consultation, 9 in 10 are willing to see a GP they don't already know

In which, if any, of the following circumstances would you be willing to use a video consultation with...

Your GP

A GP who you do not already know*
(amongst those adults willing to use a video consultation)

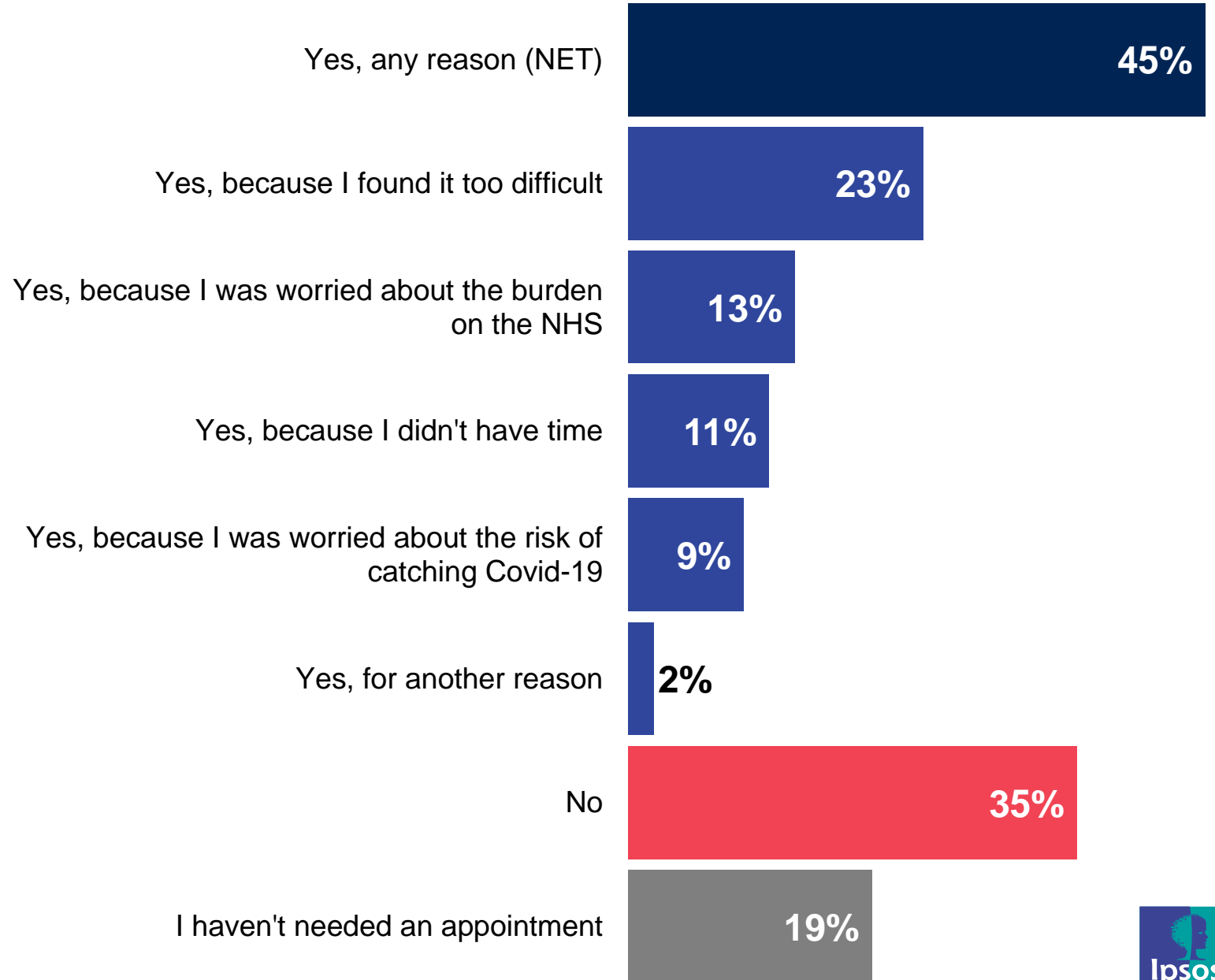


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*asked to all adults willing to use a video consultation with their own GP in at least one circumstance (857)

Nearly half of Brits say they have avoided making a general practice appointment in the last 12 months – a quarter say this is because they found it too difficult

Have you, at any time in the last 12 months, avoided making a general practice appointment for any reason?



Younger people and those from ethnic minority backgrounds are more likely than older people and those from white ethnic backgrounds, respectively, to have avoided making a general practice appointment for any reason in the past 12 months – these findings are linked as participants from ethnic minority backgrounds tend to be younger

Have you, at any time in the last 12 months, avoided making a general practice appointment for any reason?

Yes, any reason
(NET - Total population)

45%

By age

18-34

60%

35-54

45%

55-75

29%

By ethnic background

White ethnic backgrounds

42%

Ethnic minority backgrounds

67%

Base: 1,083 Online British Adults 18-75, 3rd – 4th February 2023, including 18-34 year olds (359), 35-54 year olds (402), 55-75 year olds (322), Britons from White ethnic backgrounds (944), and Britons from ethnic minority backgrounds (126).



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