

Ipsos Assisted dying polling

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The below information was given to respondents before they answered the questions in this survey.

The next few questions are about assisted dying in the UK

Assisted dying refers to a patient aged 18 or over being provided with life-ending medication if at least two doctors think that all the following conditions were met:

- The patient would need to be of sound mind
- The patient would be terminally ill, and it is believed that they have 6 months or less to live
- The patient would have made a voluntary, clear and settled decision to end their life (and made and signed a declaration to that effect in the presence of a witness), with time to consider all other options
- The patient is ordinarily, and has been resident in the country for at least a year
- The patient is registered as a patient with a general medical practice
- The Voluntary Assisted Dying Commissioner will refer the case to a multidisciplinary “Assisted Dying Review Panel”, consisting of a senior legal figure, a consultant psychiatrist, and a social worker to determine, among other things, that a person was terminally ill and had capacity to make the decision to end their own life
- If the conditions are met, a health professional may help to prepare and assist with the medication, but the decision to self-administer the medicine and the final act of doing so must be taken by the patient themselves

Assisted dying is not currently legal in the UK.

Nearly two thirds of UK adults aged 18-75 are in support of the assisted dying bill being passed into law

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, also referred to as the assisted dying bill, is currently being discussed in Parliament. If passed, this bill would legalise assisted dying in England and Wales, by providing life-ending medication to a patient aged 18 or over for them to take themselves, if certain conditions are met. To what extent do you support or oppose this assisted dying bill being passed into law?

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



Base: 1,111 adults aged 18-75 in the UK, 23-24 March 2026. * Visit the Ipsos website to see information given to respondents about assisted dying before they answered this question (Slide 2)



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