



INDEPENDENT AGE PARLIAMENTARY AUDIT

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advice and support for older age
**Independent
Age**

METHODOLOGY NOTE



Objectives

The key aims of this research were to:

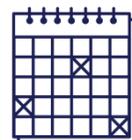
- Provide continued tracking of perceptions of Independent Age among MPs; and
- Track awareness of Independent Age's 'Care for Tomorrow' campaign.



Method

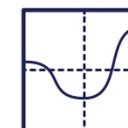
ComRes surveyed 101 MPs with constituencies in England using a combination of paper and online surveys.

Base	101
	44
	56
Other	1



Fieldwork dates

13TH June – 18TH July 2017



Interpretation

Data have been weighted by party and region to be representative of the House of Commons.

With a sample size of 101 English MPs, the margin of error on results at a 95% confidence level is ± 8.97 . Differences of less than this should be treated as indicative.

Findings marked with an asterisk (*) indicate a low base size. These results should be treated with caution.

SOCIAL CARE

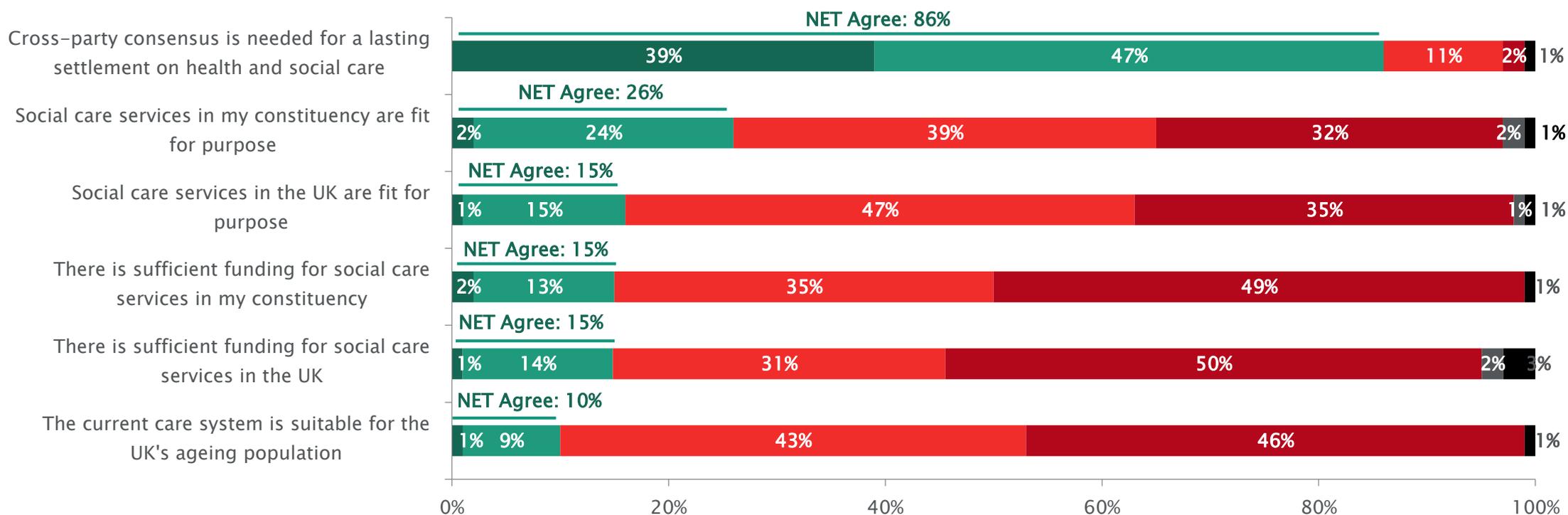


NEARLY NINE IN TEN MPs AGREE THAT CROSS-PARTY CONSENSUS IS NEEDED FOR A LASTING SETTLEMENT ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

- With nine in ten Labour (90%) and Conservative (87%) MPs saying they disagree that current social care system is suitable for the UK's ageing population and similar proportions of each party (88% vs. 84%) agreeing that cross-party consensus is needed for a lasting settlement on health and social care, the argument is clear. The recognition from both parties of the need to come to a consensus is a positive finding for Independent Age that can be capitalised on moving forward.
- Half of MPs strongly disagree that there is sufficient funding for social care services in the UK (50%) or in their constituency (49%).
- This is a clear assertion by MPs in England that the current social care system does not work and is not sustainable in the UK and that cross-party efforts to resolve this are needed.

Perceptions of social care in the UK

■ Strongly agree
 ■ Tend to agree
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Don't know
 ■ No response

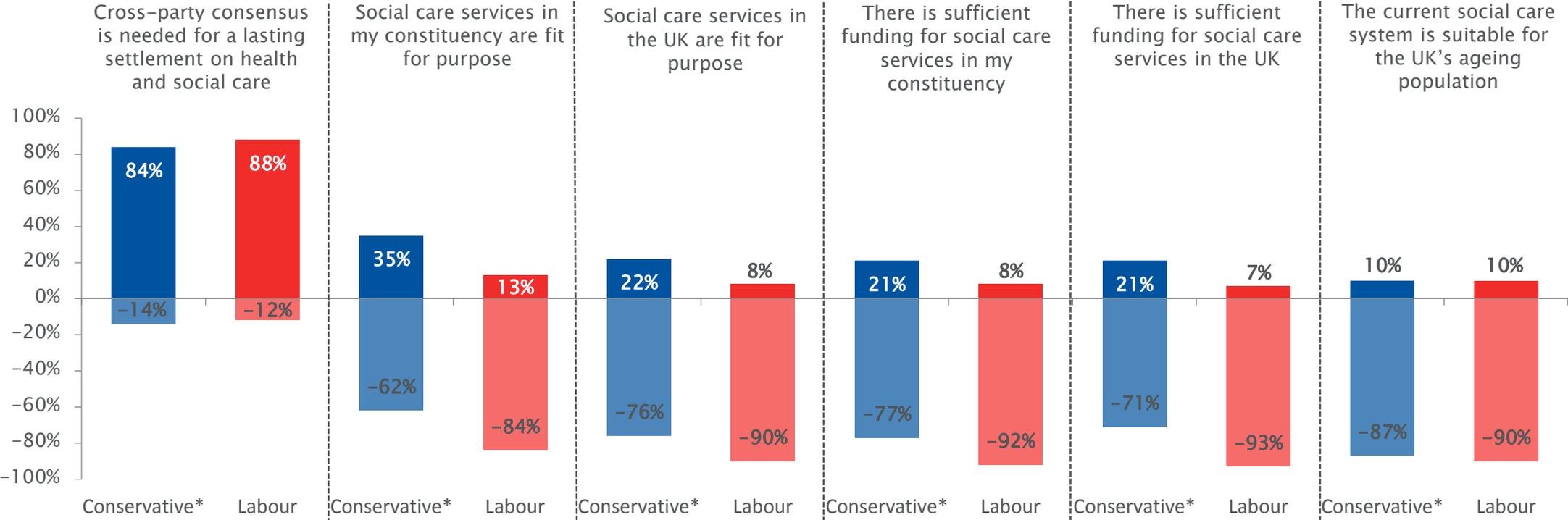


CLEAR ARGUMENT FOR A CROSS-PARTY CONSENSUS ON SOCIAL CARE AMONG BOTH LABOUR AND CONSERVATIVE MPs

- While Conservative and Labour English MPs are equally likely to agree that cross-party consensus is needed for a lasting settlement on health and social care (86% vs. 88% respectively), Labour MPs are more likely than their Conservative counterparts to disagree that social care services in their constituencies and the UK are fit for purpose (84% vs. 62% constituency, and 90% vs. 76% in the UK). Nevertheless, it is clear that significant majorities of Conservative MPs do not agree that social care services at a local and national are fit for purpose, or receive sufficient funding.
- This may reflect the fact that the Conservatives are the current party of government, however both parties' awareness of the need for cross-party consensus to deal with social care in the UK is a positive sign that Independent Age has backing from both main parties in calling for cross-party action to be taken on social care.

Perceptions of social care in the UK- by party

Showing NET: Agree and NET: Disagree



Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Base: All Conservative MPs in England (n=44), All Labour MPs in England (n=56). Please note that percentage figures may not add to 100% due to rounding and the small proportion of MPs who do not provide answers to all questions.



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