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 that 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.

Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Base: All MPs in England (n=101). 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.
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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