# Citizens' views of health services 

## around the world

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## Countries which rate their healthcare systems highly

## are also most worried about them



## There is some correlation between spend on health

## and views of services



But little link between how worried people are and health indicators



## WHAT PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL

## ANNUAL GROSS DOMESTIC

## PRODUCT DO YOU THINK IS

## EXPENDITURE EACH YEAR?



What percentage of total annual Gross Domestic Product do you think is spent on health expenditure each year?

We think we spend much more on our health than we actually do.

| Indonesia | $+36$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Malaysia | +33 |
| Thailand | $\square+24$ |
| India | +23 |
| Philippines | +19 |
| Canada | -18 |
| Turkey | +18 |
| Brazil | - +17 |
| Montenegro | +17 |
| Singapore | +16 |
| Hong Kong* | +16 |
| South Africa | +16 |
| China | +15 |
| Taiwan* | +15 |
| US* | $\square+14$ |
| Mexico | $\square+13$ |
| Argentina | - +12 |
| Japan | +12 |
| Belgium | +12 |
| Peru | - +11 |
| Israel | +11 |
| France | - 11 |
| Australia* | +11 |
| Norway* | +11 |
| Denmark | $\square+11$ |
| Serbia* | $\square+10$ |
| Great Britain | +10 |
| Colombia | +9 |
| South Korea | +9 |
| Sweden* | +9 |
| Germany | +9 |
| Vietnam | +9 |
| Italy | $\square+9$ |
| Czech Republic | +8 |
| Netherlands | +8 |
| Chile | +8 |
| Spain | +8 |
| Hungary | $-+4$ |
| Russia | $\square+4$ |
| Poland | $\square+4$ |

The 'actual' data for this question is largely from the World Bank. Instances where the 'actual' data comes from another source are indicated with an asterisk (*). Please see http://perils.ipsos.com/ for full details of all sources.

## Looking at the UK

healthcare system
in a bit more
detail...


## current state

## 68\%

are satisfied with the NHS
78\%
say Britain's NHS is one of the best in the world


## But record numbers expect the NHS to get worse over

the next few years
And thinking about the NHS over the next few years do you expect it to get...?


Base: March 2002 - August 2016, Adults in Britain (c. 1000 per wave)
Base: February 2017, 1044 adults aged 18+ in the UK, 10- 14 February 2017

## We are more worried about it than any other issue

What do you see as the most/other important issues facing Britain today?

Top mentions \%


## ...and we said the NHS would be important in deciding how tovote

## to vote last Thursday

Looking ahead to the General Election, which, if any, issues do you think will be very important to you in helping you decide which party to vote for?* (UNPROMPTED)


## Our concerns are largely about funding

Please tell me whether on the whole you agree or disagree with each of the following statements... The NHS will face a severe funding problem in the future


Health spending has outpaced economic growth
Average growth rate of health spending and GDP per capita, 1990-2012


Just 30 years ago, you could almost fit every Australian aged over 100 into the same bus. By mid-century, we will have around 40,000 centurions enough to fill a football stadium.

## People are more protective over NHS spending than any

## other form of spending

Which TWO or THREE, if any, of the following main areas of public spending do you think should be protected from any cuts?


## There is appetite to pay more in tax in order to help

## 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?


## It is, after all, the "closest thing English people have to

## a religion"

Which two or three of the following, if any, would you say makes you most proud to be British?


There is some support for the prevention agenda
"In the UK, we believe thet Turther and greater investment in the NHS will improve the health of the people and the truth is that it won't, certrainly not on its own."

Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive, Public Health England


## MYTH OR REALITY...?

## Millennials are more likely

 to be overweight than Generation X at same age...

## Millennials are the first young generation where over

## half are overweight

## \% with a healthy weight, UK





## MYTH OR REALITY...?

## Millennials are more likely

to smoke than Generation X at same age...


## Smoking rates have declined in the last 15 years but at

## lower rates among Millenials

\% current smoker (smoke every day/some days), England


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## But how surprising is this?

There are lots of myths about
how healthy we are...

## OUT OF EVERY 100 PEOPLE

## AGED 20 YEARS OR OVER

## HOW MANY DO YOU THINK

ARE EITHER OVERWEIGHT

## OR OBESE?




Q．Out of every 100 people aged 20 years or over］，how many do you think are either overweight or obese？

The public generally underestimate the proportion of overweight or
obese people in their country．

| \％point difference | too low｜too high | Avg．guess | Actual |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| India ${ }^{-}$ | $\square+21$ | 41 | 20 |
| Japan－ | －＋9 | 32 | 23 |
| China ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\square+6$ | 34 | 28 |
| South Korea＂＊： | 0 | 32 | 32 |
| South Africa | －8－ | 47 | 55 |
| Netherlands E | －9 | 40 | 49 |
| Brazil 0 | －9 | 47 | 56 |
| Serbia ${ }^{\text {e }}$ | －11 | 42 | 53 |
| Australia | －11 | 51 | 62 |
| Hungary $=$ | －11 | 49 | 60 |
| Argentina | $-12$ | 40 | 52 |
| Canada［＊］ | －13 $\square$ | 43 | 56 |
| Chile | －13 | 53 | 66 |
| Italy \］ | －14 | 36 | 50 |
| Ireland｜】 | －14 | 44 | 58 |
| Peru［】 | －15 | 41 | 56 |
| Mexico－1－ | －16 | 53 | 69 |
| United States | －16 | 50 | 66 |
| Belgium 【 | －17 | 36 | 53 |
| France－ | －17 | 32 | 49 |
| Germany | －17 | 40 | 57 |
| Poland | －17 | 40 | 57 |
| Great Britain 或 | －18 | 44 | 62 |
| Sweden 4 | $-19 \square$ | 33 | 52 |
| New Zealand | $-19 \square$ | 47 | 66 |
| Colombia | $-20 \square$ | 35 | 55 |
| Spain－ | $-20 \square$ | 38 | 58 |
| Norway Hㅡㄴ | －20 | 33 | 53 |
| Montenegro $\square^{\text {a }}$ | －24 | 35 | 59 |
| Russia | －26 | 31 | 57 |
| Israel | －33 $\square$ | 24 | 57 |
| Turkey c． | $-33 \square$ | 32 | 65 |
| Saudi Arabia | －43 | 28 | 71 |

So what sort of public health interventions
are acceptable to people?

## Nudges are more popular than shoves

Thinking about what people choose to eat. What, if anything, do you think government should do?


## People are not consistent in their views though though

$56 \%$ agree that "government should not get involved in what people choose to eat"

## 35\%

 68\% agree that "government should introduce laws to ban unhealthy foods OR should introduce laws to make it more expensive to make unhealthy foods"
## But there is potential to nudge to a healthier population

Southern Cross Station, Melbourne, $140 \%$ increase in use of stairs during peak hours


The Blue Zone Project, Iowa, Increasing access to pedestrian walkways to encourage walking in and around towns

Connected health could be a potential game changer

## ...but people don't use devices for long

Do you currently, or have you ever, used a connected health device or tool to manage your health?

Yes, currently use
Overall
USA
Sweden
Great Britain

## Russia

12\%
21\%
14\%

11\%
6\%

Formerly used

12\%
10\%
15\%
7\%
7\%

Health professionals have significant influence


## The power of doctors in promoting connected health

is significant, but many need convincing


## But public acceptance of change is slow - there isn't much

## much appetite for virtual doctors any time soon



## In summary...

- There is wide variation about how we rate healthcare services across the globe
- Some countries are more worried than others
- Those who are happy with their current healthcare systems are most worried, probably because they are keen to preserve them
- But we do face challenges going forwards: the cost of healthcare is increasing and younger generations are not necessarily healthier than before
- It seems nudges will work better than shoves
- Young people are starting to use connected health devices, but there is recognition they can only go some way
- There may be some hope though...


## ...as half of us think that eventually all medical diseases

## will be curable

\% Eventually
all medical
conditions
and diseases
will be curable

Agree




[^0]:    

