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Patient Survey 2023

The results

Presented Thursday, 8 February 2024, at Asia House, London

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Patient Satisfaction Survey 2023

Five years on from legalisation, this survey aimed to glean valuable insights into patient experiences, treatment outcomes, and overall satisfaction with medicinal cannabis therapy, in order to advance patient-centred care and shape future healthcare practices.

A primarily quantitative and anonymous survey design was chosen and the survey was open to every medical cannabis clinic in the UK, and took into account factors such as age, gender, dosage, and administration methods, among others, to understand any potential variations in patient satisfaction.

Responses and satisfaction ratings were overall positive, with most patients feeling generally satisfied by their medication and quality of care.

Participating clinics: Curaleaf Clinic (Sapphire), My Access & Leva.



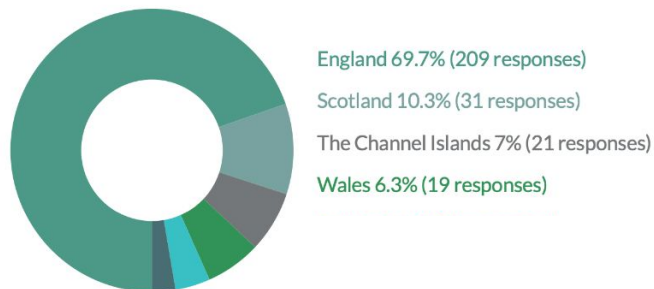
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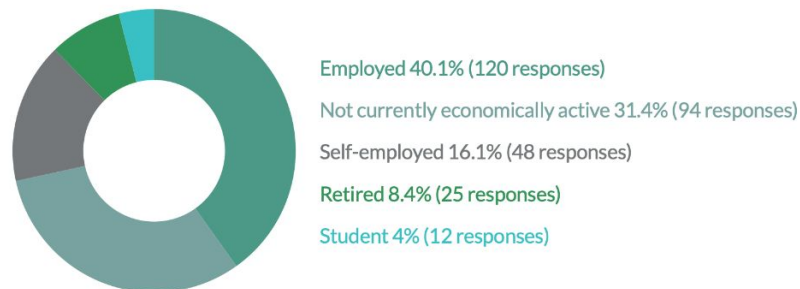
Which of the below best describes you?



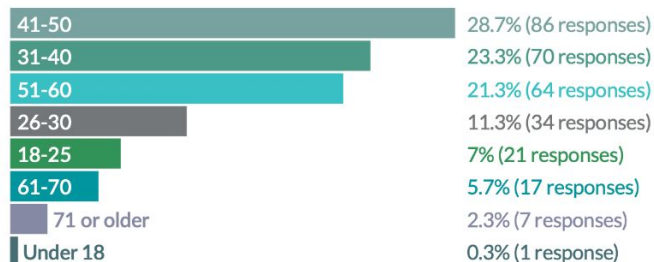
Where do you live?



How would you describe your current employment status?



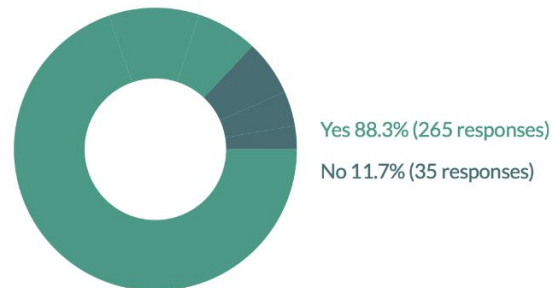
What age group are you in?



How would you describe your gender?



2. Do you currently take medicinal cannabis?

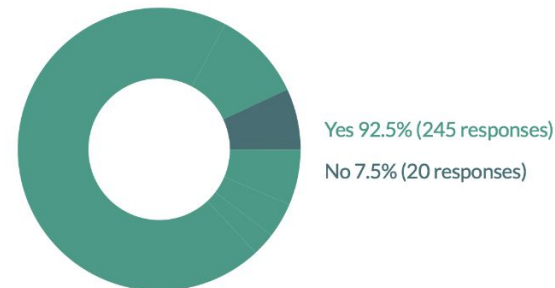


Section 1: The patient journey

1. How did you hear about medical cannabis?



3. Is your medicine obtained via a legal prescription from a clinic and pharmacy?



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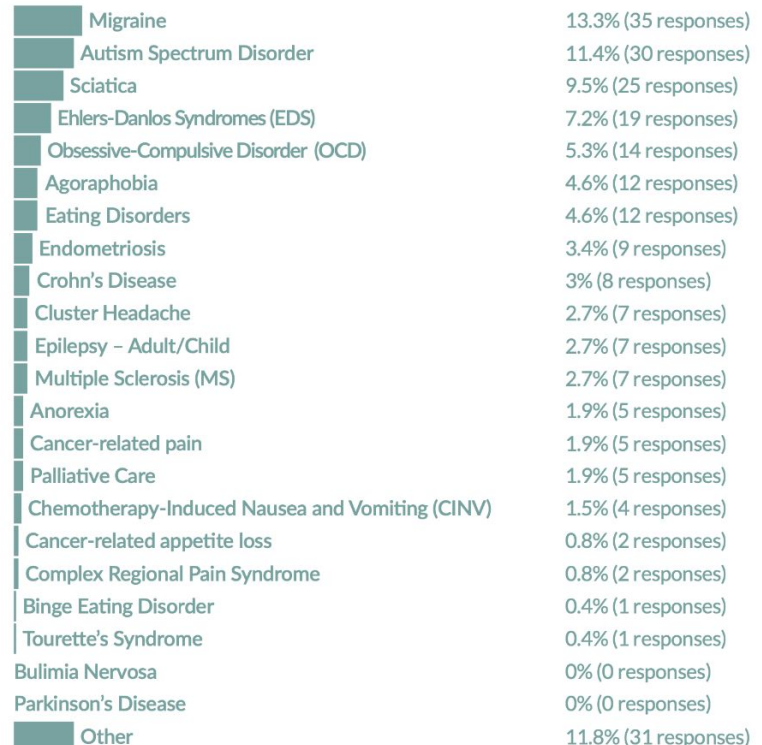
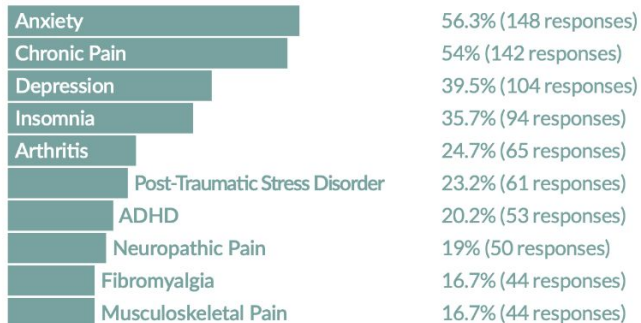


4. Did you use cannabis for medical purposes before it was legalised (prior to November 2018)?



Section 2: Patient experience

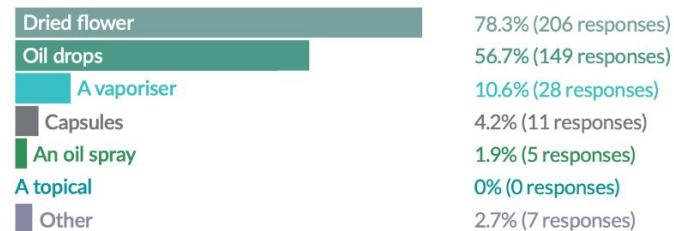
5. What is/are the main reason(s) why you take(s) medicinal cannabis?



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6. What kind of product(s) have been prescribed?



7. Do you know what levels of CBD and/or THC are present in your current medicinal cannabis prescription?



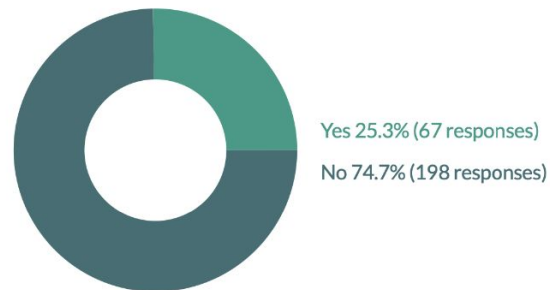
8. For how long have you been taking your current cannabis medication?



9. Roughly how much does your prescription cost per month?



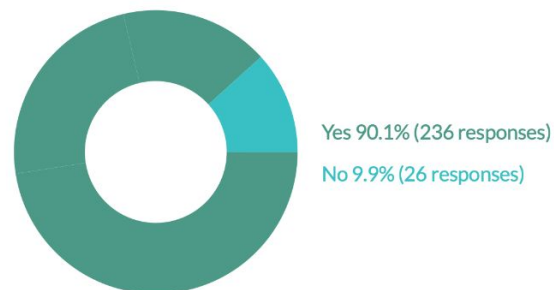
9b. Are you on any subsidised schemes (for example, Project21)?



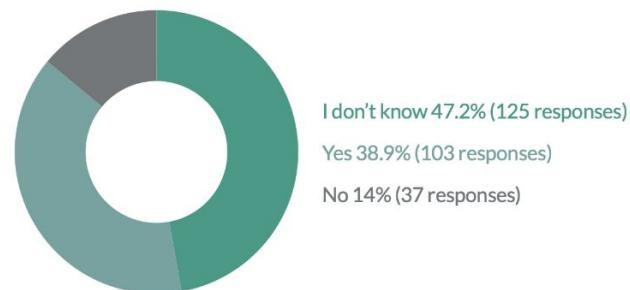
10. In a typical month, how often do you take cannabis medicine?



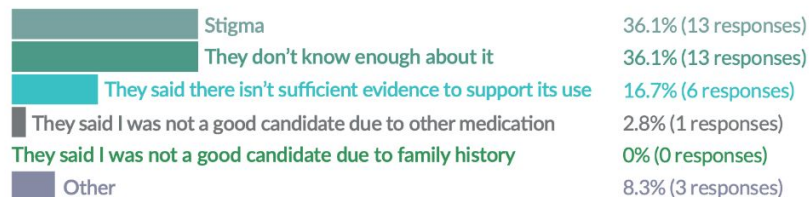
11. Has the information provided with your prescription been sufficient?



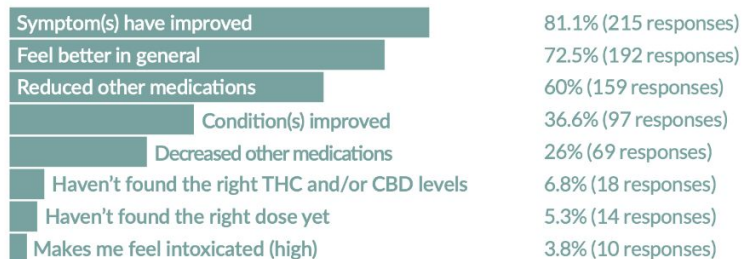
12. Has your GP been supportive of you using medical cannabis?



12b. If you answered 'No' to the previous question, why do you think your GP is not supportive of medicinal cannabis?

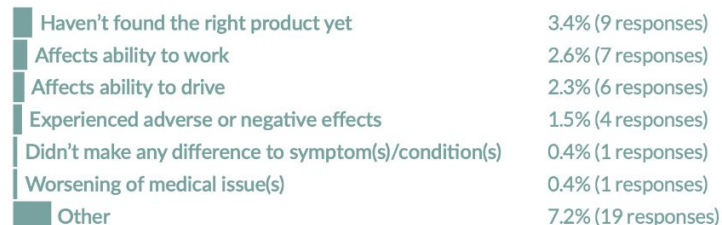
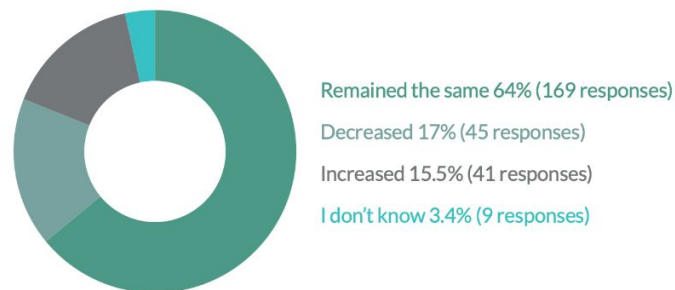


14. What has been the outcome of using cannabis for medical purposes?



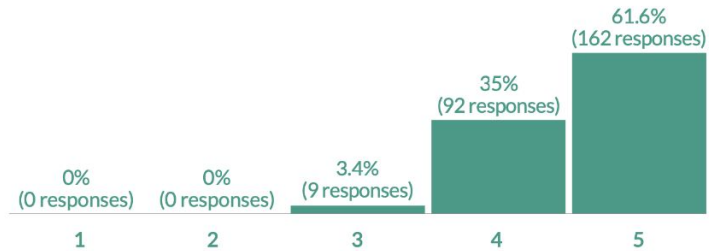
Section 3: Patient outcomes

13. How, if at all, has your frequency of use changed since you first began taking a medicinal cannabis prescription?

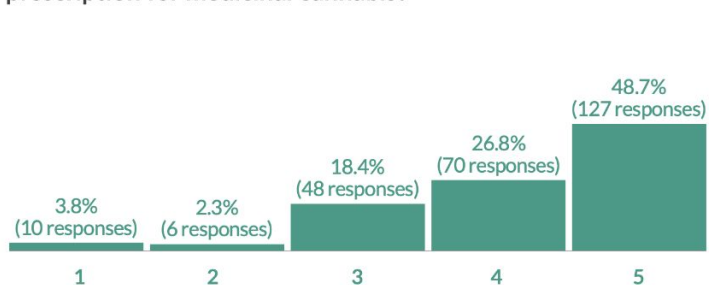


Section 4: Overall satisfaction

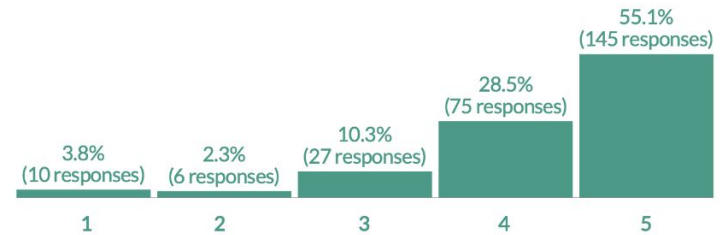
15. On a scale of 1-5, what impact has your prescription had on your quality of life?



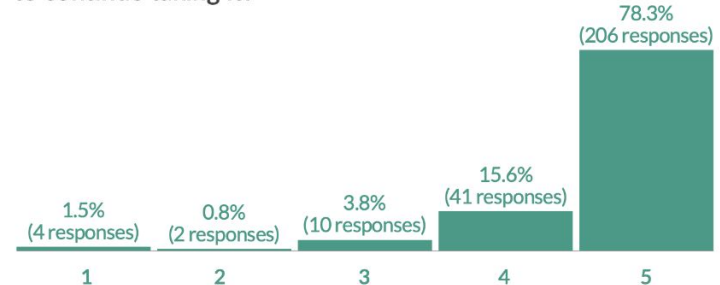
17. On a scale of 1-5, how satisfied are you with your current prescription for medicinal cannabis?



16. On a scale of 1-5, how satisfied are you with the quality of care you received?



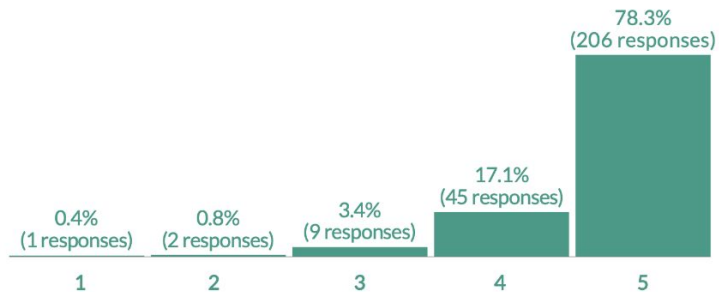
18. On a scale of 1-5, how likely are you to renew the prescription, to continue taking it?



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18. On a scale of 1-5, how likely would you be to recommend medicinal cannabis to a friend, relative or colleague?



In summary...

- Most participants 40+ and are employed
- Most tried to self-medicate prior to the law change
- Anxiety and chronic pain topped the list of reasons why
- Dried flower and oil drops most commonly prescribed products
- 47.5% said they had prescription for at least a year
- Majority (61%) of patients surveyed are on higher THC : CBD
- 61% also say they take their medication more than once a day
- Stigma is still a blocker (14% had not told their GP of their prescription)
- 96% say quality of life is better with medical cannabis prescription
- 75% happy with current prescription
- 93% likely to renew