

Alert: Headline Findings

Headlines:

- Half (49%) of British adults say they do not believe doctors should be entitled to make the decision to withhold clinically assisted food and fluid from patients who depend on it, which would end their lives, without having to go to Court. Three in ten (30%) think they should be able to, whilst one in five (21%) say they don't know.

Detailed Findings:

Q. It has been made legal for doctors to withhold clinically assisted food and fluid from patients who depend on it, which would end their lives, without having to go to Court. Do you believe doctors should be entitled to make this decision on their own?

Base: All respondents (n= 2036)

	Total (%)
Yes	30%
No	49%
Don't know	21%

- Those in the AB social grade are more likely than those in any other social grade to say they think doctors should be able to make this decision on their own (37% vs. 29% C1, 30% C2 and 25% DE).
- Women are slightly more likely than men to say they believe doctors should not be able to make this decision on their own (47% vs. 51%).
- Those aged 55+ are more likely than their younger counterparts to say they believe that doctors should not be able to make this decision on their own; 55% of 55+ year olds say this, compared to 49% of 18-34 year olds and 43% of 35-54 year olds.

Methodology note: ComRes interviewed 2,036 British adults online between 26th and 27th September 2018. The data were weighted to be representative of all adults. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.