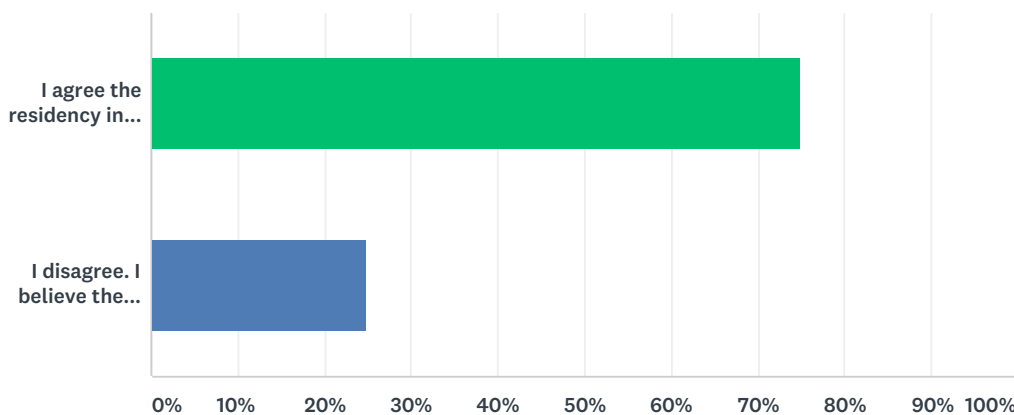


Q1 Social housing within the Harborough district is a scarce resource. Therefore, we want to ensure that those people who have a strong local connection to the district and who have a housing need, are prioritised in the lettings process. A district connection is currently established by one or more of the following: (a) having resided in settled accommodation in the district for six months or (b) have lived in the district for the last twelve months or three out of the last five years or (c) the applicant or member of household is employed on a permanent basis or a temporary contract running for a minimum of twelve months within the district or (d) the applicant has parents brothers, sisters, or adult children who have lived in the district for five years (step relatives will be allowed) or (e) the applicant has no connection but is fleeing violence and has been accepted as priority homeless by the Council or (f) other special circumstances exist. We are proposing to change the 'residency' period in (a) above to 2 years and remove (b). Would you please indicate below your opinion

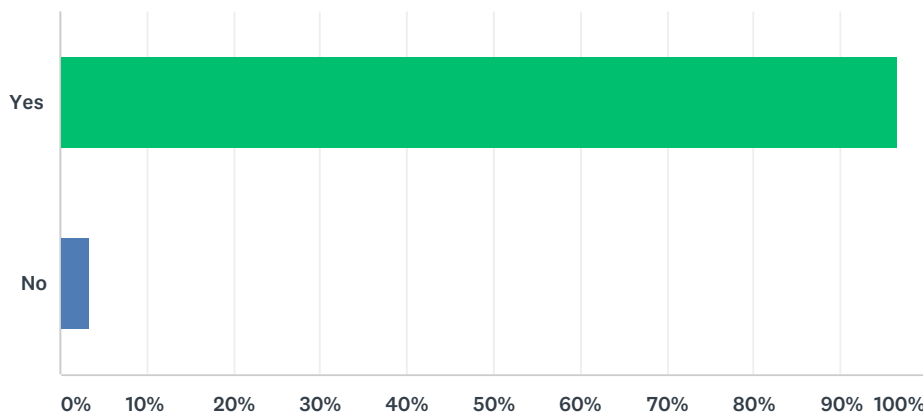
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I agree the residency in settled accommodation should change to 2 years and the removal of (b) above.	75.00% 21
I disagree. I believe the residency in settled accommodation should be (please state how long you think the residency should be):	25.00% 7
TOTAL	28

Q2 Currently an applicant would not qualify to join the housing register if they have a housing related debt of more than £300 and there is no evidence of this being repaid. We are proposing to remove this condition and replace it with the following: An applicant who has any housing related debt and is not repaying it, will not qualify to join the housing register unless they have an exceptional overriding housing need (such applications will be assessed on an individual basis). Evidence of repayment of housing related debts will be required at point of application. Failure to keep to the repayment plan will prompt a review of the application and could result in the application being cancelled. Please indicate below whether you are in agreement with the proposed change.

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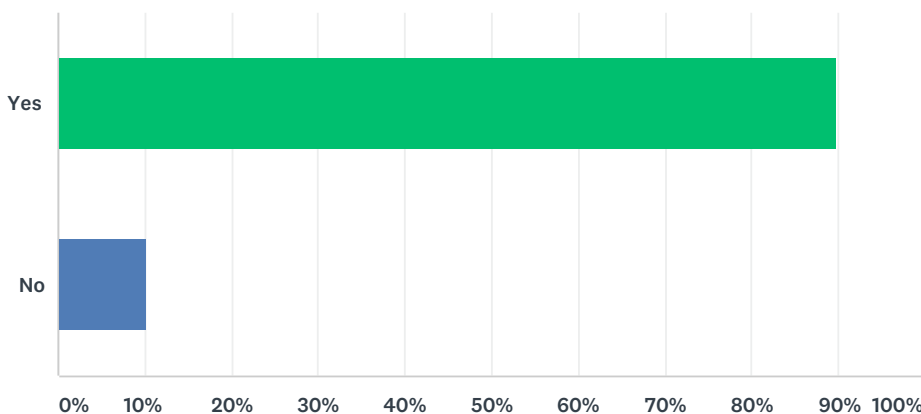


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.55%	28
No	3.45%	1
TOTAL		29

Q3 The Council follows the law and code of guidance relating to the allocation of social housing. This says authorities must ensure 'reasonable preference' is given to certain people, for example, applicants are normally assessed in the "Medium" band on the housing register if they need to move on medical or welfare grounds or because they are living in overcrowded or poor housing conditions. The law allows authorities to give 'additional preference' to those in urgent housing need. Currently "Medium" band needs are combined leading to an applicant being assessed upwards to the "High" band. We propose to no longer combine housing needs that effectively amount to the same need.

So, for example, we are proposing that we will no longer combine 'insecure accommodation' with 'Homelessness' and we will no longer combine 'poor housing conditions' with 'overcrowding'. Do you agree with the proposal?

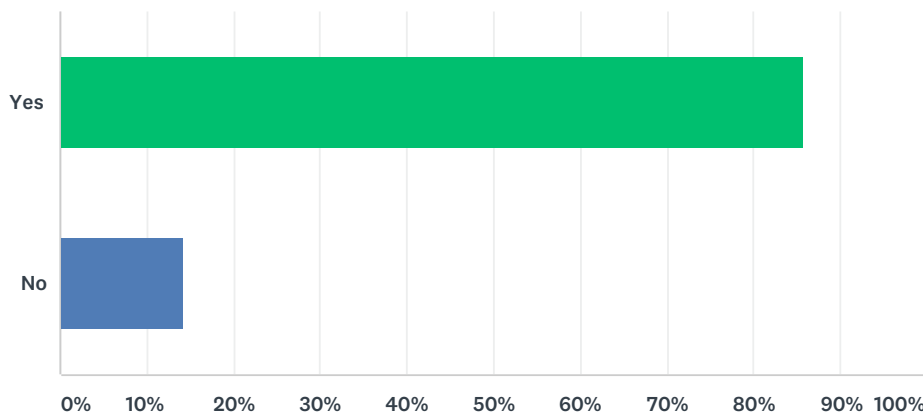
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	89.66%	26
No	10.34%	3
TOTAL		29

Q4 Whilst we want to ensure applicants on the housing register can have choice when looking for a home, the "High" housing need band and the "Priority" housing need band are time limited. If the applicant is assessed as having an urgent need to move, they will be placed in the "High" band and will have 16 weeks in which to choose a new home. We are proposing that, at the end of the 16 weeks, the application is moved into the "Low" band until the applicant has updated their application with any change in circumstance and then the application will be re-assessed. This is to ensure that all "High" band applicants bid regularly for properties of all types that have the necessary number of bedrooms to meet their assessed need. Do you agree with this approach?

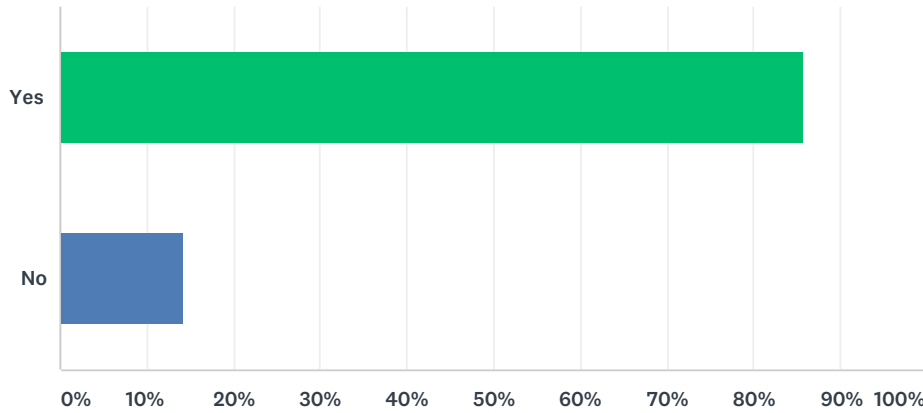
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.71%	24
No	14.29%	4
TOTAL		28

Q5 Applicants assessed as being in the "Priority" band have 8 weeks in this band to bid for a suitable property to meet their emergency housing need. This will not change. However, where a Registered Provider has made the applicant an offer of tenancy during the 8 weeks, Harborough District Council will consider it's duty discharged and the application will be reassessed. Do you agree with this?

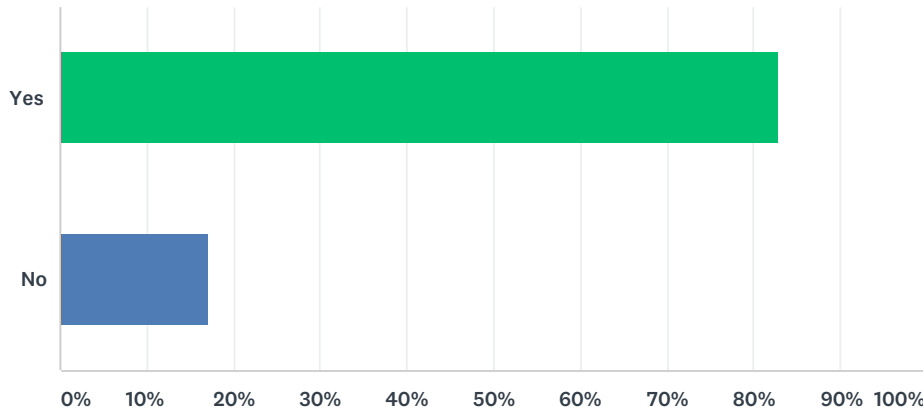
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.71%	24
No	14.29%	4
TOTAL		28

Q6 If an unintentionally homeless applicant is placed in the "Priority" band acknowledging their emergency need for accommodation, it is proposed that, following the 8 week time limit ending (i.e. from week 9 onwards), that Harborough District Council will bid for properties on the applicant's behalf and any offer of accommodation will result in the Council discharging it's duty to that homeless household. Do you agree this proposal?

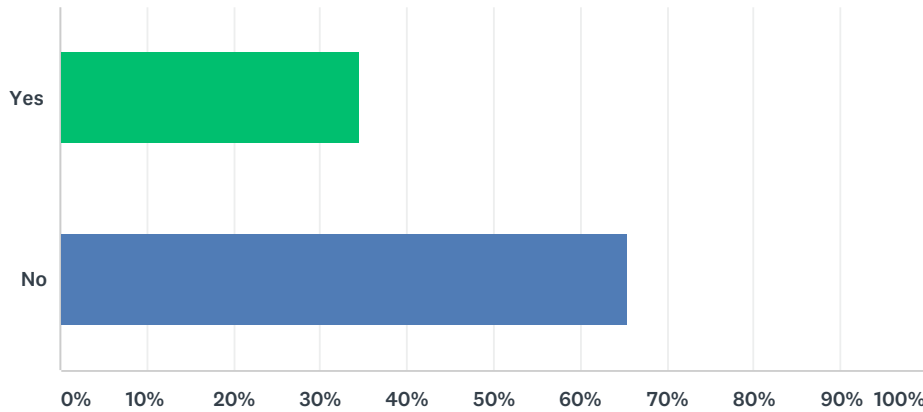
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.76%	24
No	17.24%	5
TOTAL		29

Q7 Harborough District Council does not operate a housing waiting list but provides a choice based lettings service. It wants to ensure that those households who have a housing need are able to choose an affordable housing option. We propose to prevent applicants who are adequately housed from joining the housing register (and therefore they will not be able to take part in the choice based lettings service) if they are unable to demonstrate a housing need. Do you agree with this proposal?

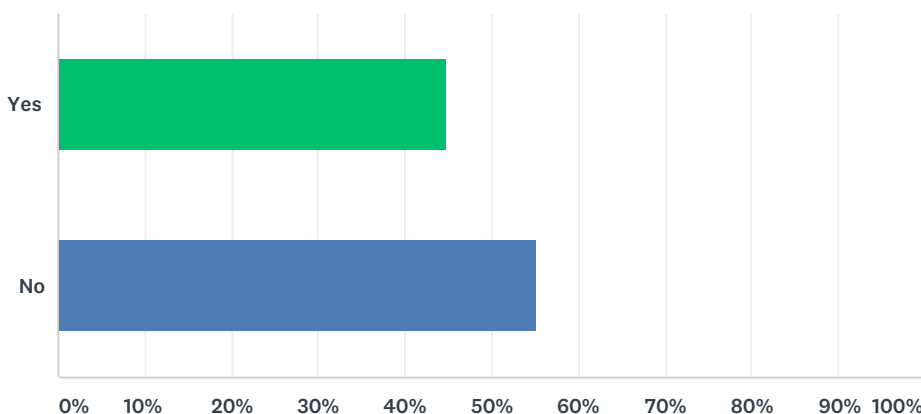
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.48%	10
No	65.52%	19
TOTAL		29

Q8 A high percentage of applicants apply to join the housing register but do not bid for properties. This would suggest that those applicants are not in housing need. There is a cost to Harborough District Council for administering every application. Therefore we propose to sanction applicants who have not bid on suitable properties that would meet their housing need, (based on number of bedrooms and location), if they do not bid within six months of joining the housing register (unless no suitable properties have been available).The proposed sanction would be to cancel the application and restrict the applicant from re-applying for six months unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.Do you agree with this proposal?

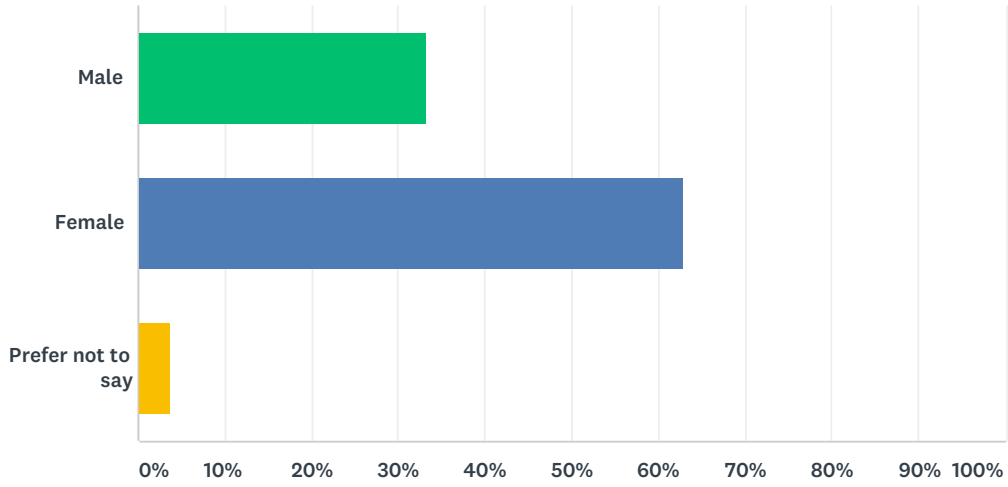
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.83%	13
No	55.17%	16
TOTAL		29

Q9 What is your gender? (please select as appropriate)

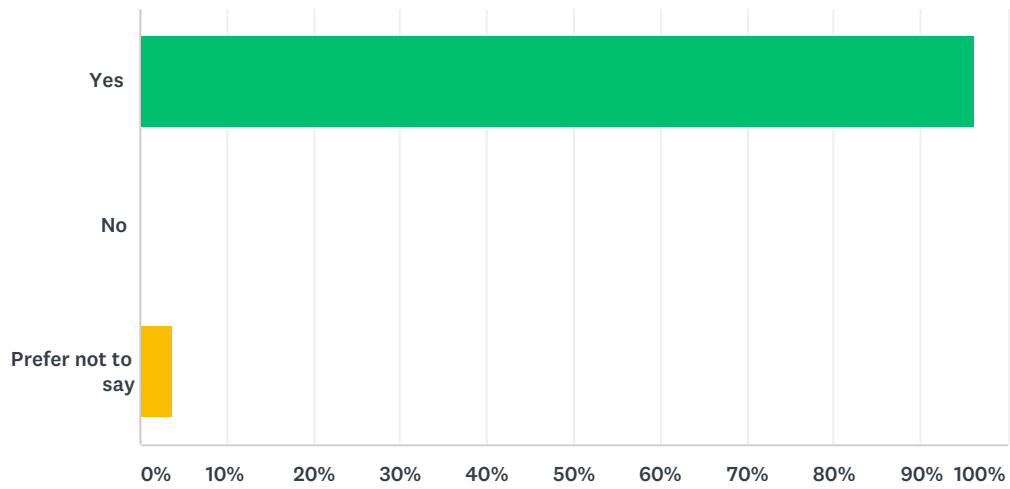
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	33.33% 9
Female	62.96% 17
Prefer not to say	3.70% 1
TOTAL	27

Q10 Is your gender the same as assigned at birth? (please select as appropriate)

Answered: 27 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.30%	26
No	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	3.70%	1
TOTAL		27

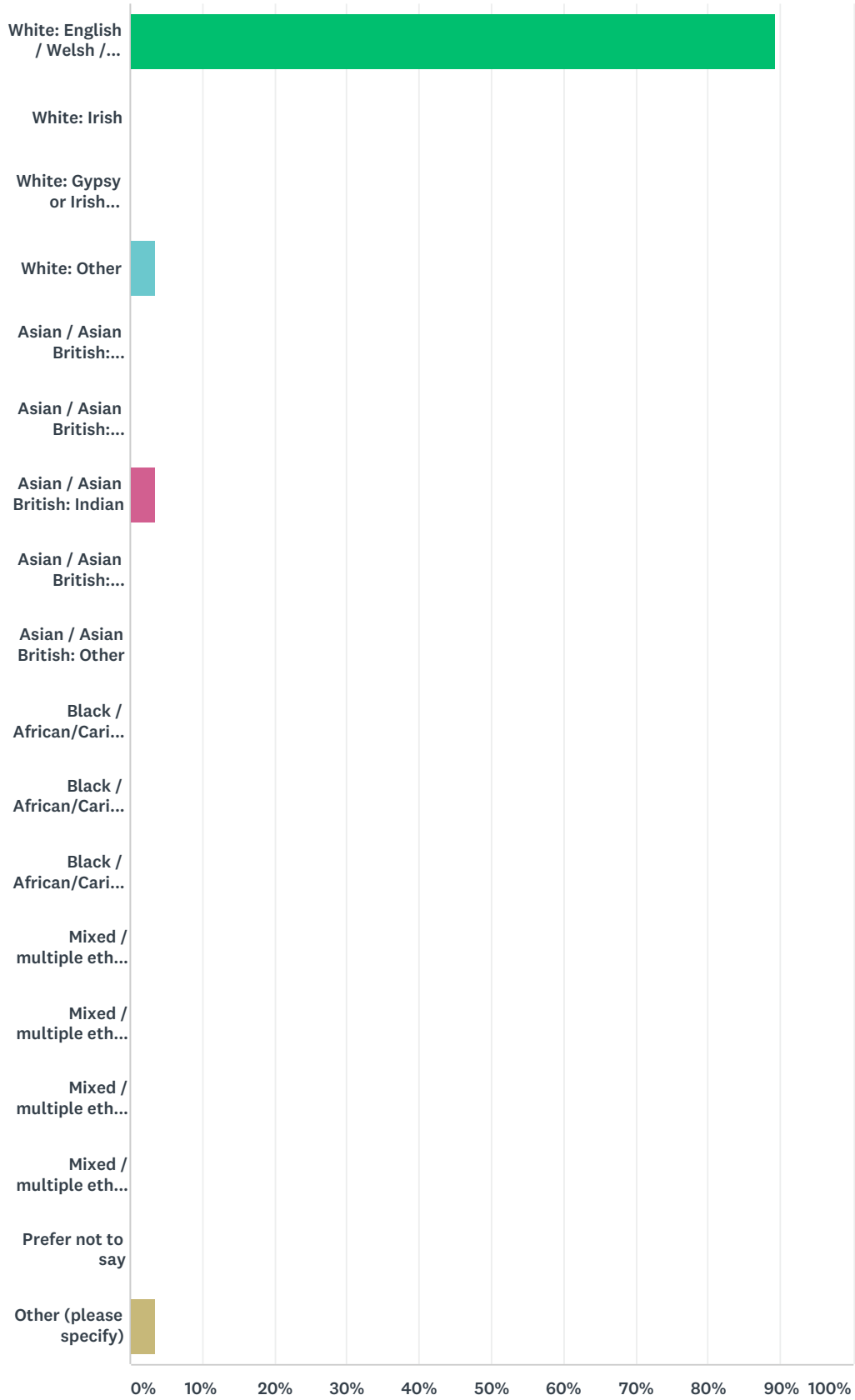
Q11 What was your age at your last birthday?

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Q12 What is your ethnic group? (please tick as appropriate)

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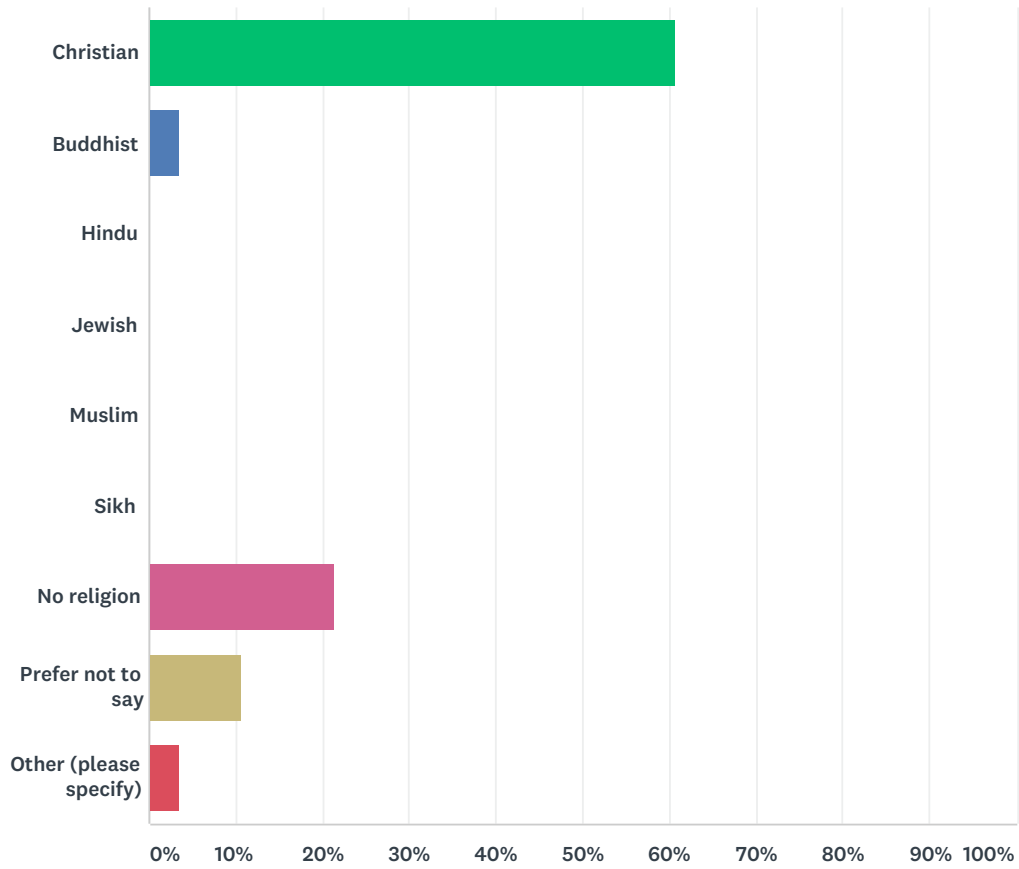
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
White: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	89.29% 25

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White: Irish	0.00%	0
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.00%	0
White: Other	3.57%	1
Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi	0.00%	0
Asian / Asian British: Chinese	0.00%	0
Asian / Asian British: Indian	3.57%	1
Asian / Asian British: Pakistani	0.00%	0
Asian / Asian British: Other	0.00%	0
Black / African/Caribbean/Black British: African	0.00%	0
Black / African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	0.00%	0
Black / African/Caribbean/Black British: Other	0.00%	0
Mixed / multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	0.00%	0
Mixed / multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	0.00%	0
Mixed / multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	0.00%	0
Mixed / multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	3.57%	1
TOTAL		28

Q13 What is your religion? (please tick as appropriate)

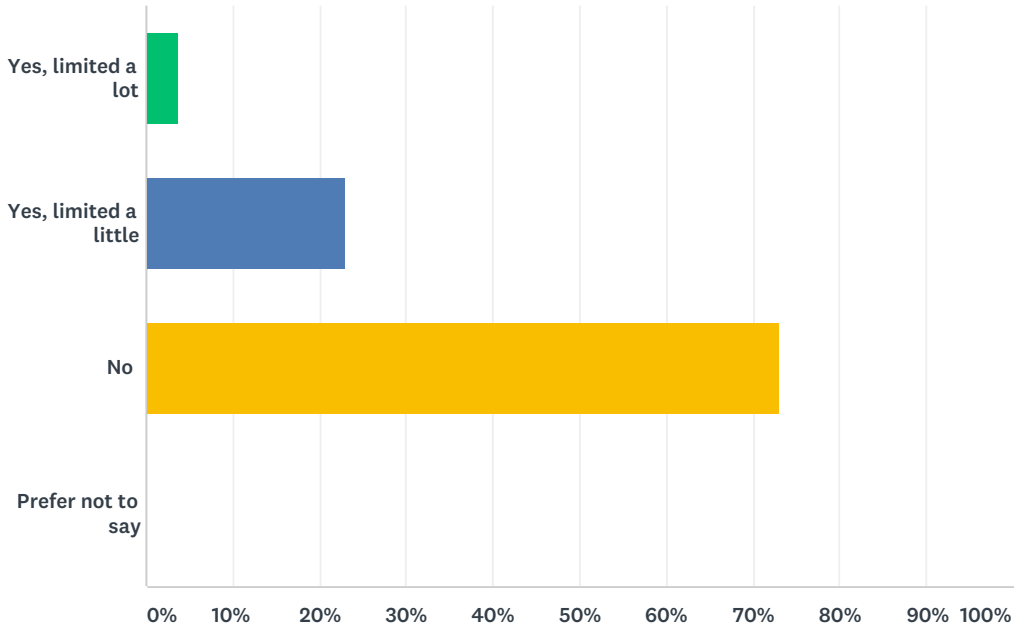
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Christian	60.71%	17
Buddhist	3.57%	1
Hindu	0.00%	0
Jewish	0.00%	0
Muslim	0.00%	0
Sikh	0.00%	0
No religion	21.43%	6
Prefer not to say	10.71%	3
Other (please specify)	3.57%	1
TOTAL		28

**Q14 Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?
(Please tick as appropriate)**

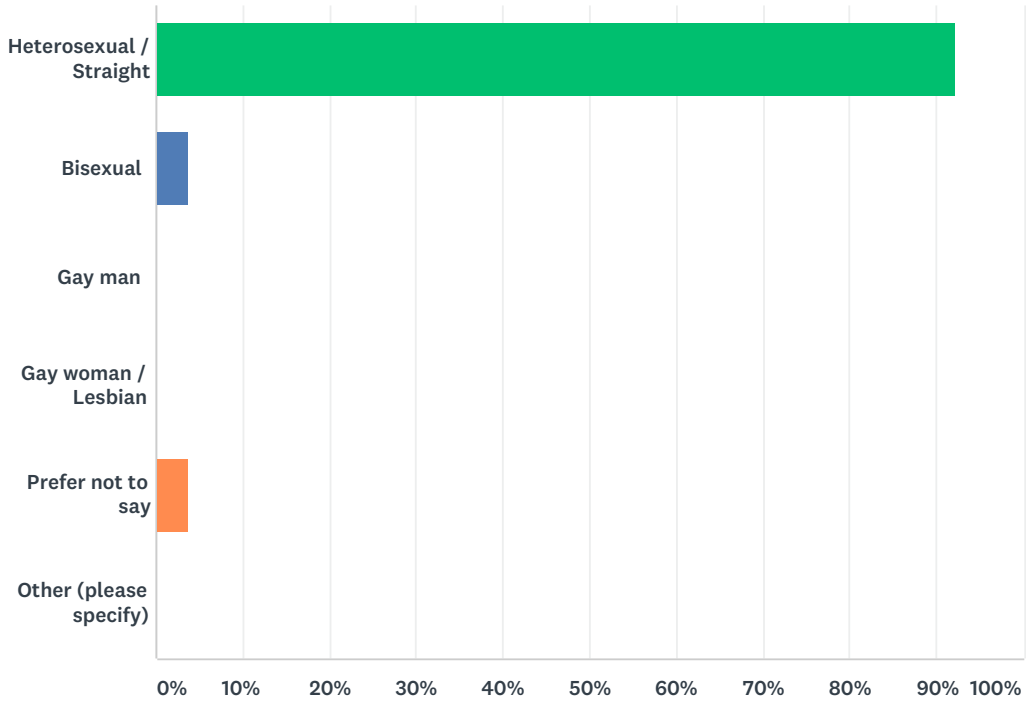
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, limited a lot	3.85%	1
Yes, limited a little	23.08%	6
No	73.08%	19
Prefer not to say	0.00%	0
TOTAL		26

Q15 What is your sexual orientation? (Please tick as appropriate)

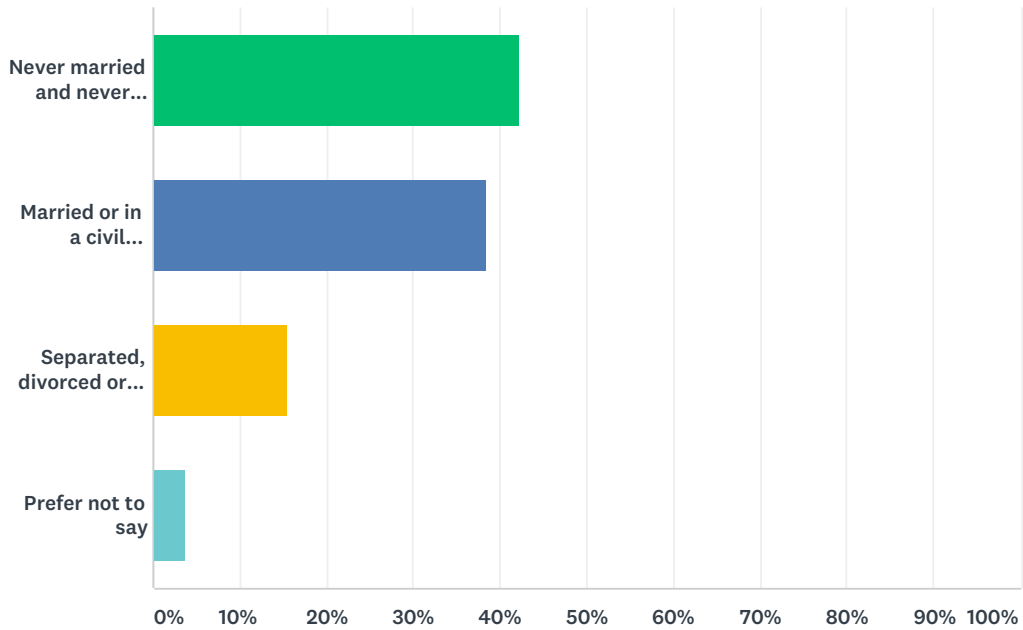
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Heterosexual / Straight	92.31%	24
Bisexual	3.85%	1
Gay man	0.00%	0
Gay woman / Lesbian	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	3.85%	1
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		26

Q16 What is your legal marital or civil partnership status?

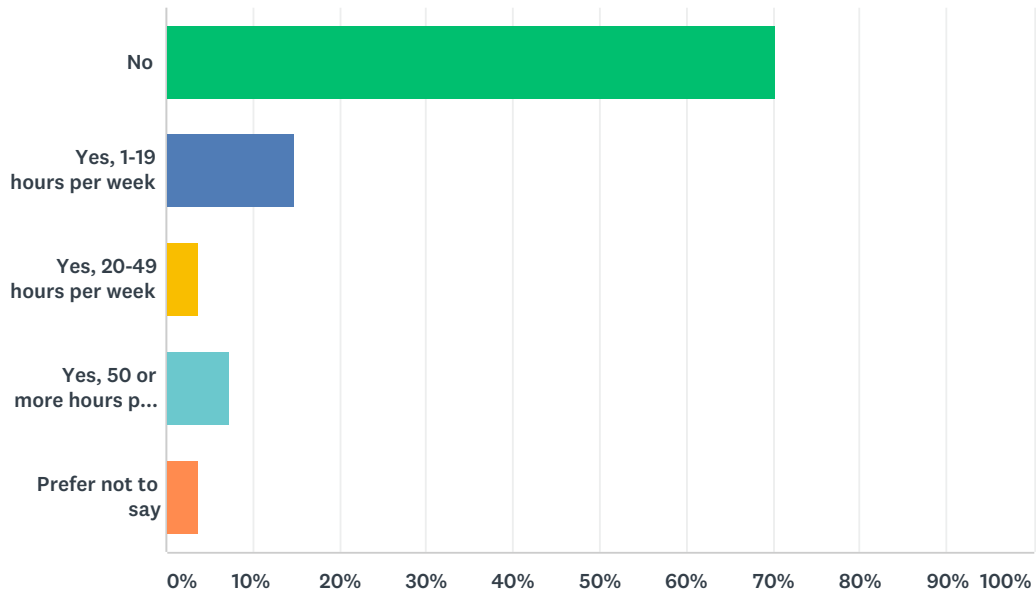
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never married and never registered a civil partnership	42.31%	11
Married or in a civil partnership	38.46%	10
Separated, divorced or part of a dissolved civil partnership	15.38%	4
Prefer not to say	3.85%	1
TOTAL		26

Q17 Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either: long-term physical or mental ill-health / disability? Or problems related to old age?

Answered: 27 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	70.37%	19
Yes, 1-19 hours per week	14.81%	4
Yes, 20-49 hours per week	3.70%	1
Yes, 50 or more hours per week	7.41%	2
Prefer not to say	3.70%	1
TOTAL		27