What the public thinks about the future of the NHS

43% of MPs said their constituents would oppose changes to their local NHS and nearly a quarter said that nothing would persuade them to back changes if their constituents were opposed.

76% of the public would support changes to their local NHS if there was evidence it would improve care.

30% would support change if it saved money and 31% if it had the support of NHS staff.

43% of those who did not feel they had sufficient knowledge wanted more information on how the NHS is funded and what that money is being spent on.

81% disagree or strongly disagree that politicians are honest about the future of the NHS.

As we head toward the next General Election, we need an honest conversation between the NHS, public and politicians about how we can transform health and care. For more information about the survey and our work, go to www.nhsconfed.org/health-topics/general-election

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