



# 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



## Backing change

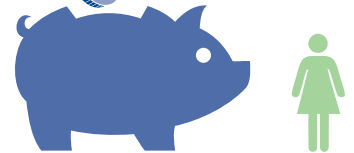


**76%**

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



## The challenges

NHS leaders think the main challenge facing the NHS is an ageing population. The public agrees.



**79%**

think that **rising demand for care is due to an ageing population**



**41%**

believe **greater numbers of people needing care is causing most pressure on NHS funding**

## The debate

**40%**

think they have the **necessary knowledge to be able to contribute to a debate on the future of the NHS**



**74%**

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](http://www.nhsconfed.org/health-topics/general-election)

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