



# Core Issues Trust – Talking Therapy Poll

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,003 British adults online between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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### ONLINE Fieldwork : 9th-10th April 2014

Absolutes/col percents

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	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	2003	966	1037	164	323	369	375	310	462	708	513	282	500	503	527	531	271	171
Weighted base	2003	982	1021	241	321	381	341	300	420	541	581	421	461	509	529	503	289	174
NET: Support	474 24%	242 25%	233 23%	76 31%	104 32%	82 22%	72 21%	54 18%	87 21%	128 24%	148 25%	94 22%	105 23%	127 25%	128 24%	125 25%	60 21%	34 20%
Support strongly	200 10%	97 10%	103 10%	38 16%	47 15%	30 8%	33 10%	18 6%	34 8%	60 11%	63 11%	30 7%	47 10%	54 11%	58 11%	51 10%	21 7%	16 9%
Support	275 14%	145 15%	130 13%	37 16%	57 18%	52 14%	39 12%	36 12%	53 13%	68 13%	84 15%	64 15%	58 13%	73 14%	70 13%	75 15%	39 13%	18 10%
Oppose	495 25%	237 24%	258 25%	68 28%	72 23%	81 21%	81 24%	86 29%	107 25%	144 27%	152 26%	84 20%	115 25%	124 24%	130 25%	124 25%	63 22%	55 32%
Oppose strongly	342 17%	182 19%	159 16%	36 15%	40 12%	54 14%	80 24%	59 19%	73 17%	97 18%	92 16%	71 17%	82 18%	99 19%	86 16%	66 13%	70 24%	21 12%
NET: Oppose	837 42%	420 43%	417 41%	104 43%	112 35%	135 35%	162 47%	145 48%	179 43%	242 45%	244 42%	154 37%	197 43%	222 44%	216 41%	190 38%	132 46%	76 44%
Don't know/ Prefer not to say	692 35%	320 33%	371 36%	61 25%	105 33%	164 43%	107 31%	102 34%	154 37%	171 32%	189 32%	173 41%	159 35%	160 31%	185 35%	187 37%	96 33%	63 36%

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He should be refused such help	240 12%	126 13%	113 11%	49 20%	55 17%	43 11%	46 13%	19 6%	28 7%	76 14%	68 12%	34 8%	62 14%	59 12%	65 12%	62 12%	30 10%	24 14%
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