

GP CONTRACT: 2008/09
Text of questions to be asked in GPC poll of opinion
18 February 2008

Please read this paper, and the Chairman's accompanying letter, completely before marking your answers.

All references to government refer to the country in which you practise. Option A is the government's offer in the country in which you practise. Option B is the proposed imposition in England, Wales and Northern Ireland or the alternative proposal in Scotland. There is no other alternative from option A or B.

Whatever the outcome of the poll, the GPC will continue to work to get the best deal for GPs.

All replies are in ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE, no attempt will be made to trace responses to individuals. The purpose of the questions about your personal circumstances is to enable us to examine how attitudes differ among respondents in a number of broad groups.

Section A - The key question

1. **Having read the accompanying information, and as you do have to choose between the two options presented here, which of them do you select?**
 - Option A
 - Option B

Section B

2. **Which of the following best describes how you feel about the option you have selected.**
 - I am opposed to both options but have selected this because it was the less worse of the two.
 - I have selected this because it has my full support
3. **Do you believe that the governments' method of negotiation is acceptable or not?**
 - Is acceptable
 - Not acceptable
4. **Do you believe that the direction of government policy (in England) to expand private commercial provision of NHS general practice will be:**
 - Detrimental to patients and the service as a whole?
 - Beneficial to patients and the service as a whole?
 - Neither beneficial nor detrimental to patients and the service as a whole?

5. How confident are you in this government's handling of the NHS?

- Very confident
- Fairly confident
- Not very confident
- Not at all confident
- No view

Section C - About you

6. What is your age?

- Under 25
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- Over 65

7. Which of the following best describes your main current status?

- GMS GP contractor/principal
- PMS (Section 17c in Scotland) GP contractor/principal
- APMS GP contractor/principal
- Salaried GP
- Freelance GP (locum)
- GP speciality registrar / trainee
- Flexible careers scheme GP
- Part of the GP retainer scheme
- Part of the GP returner scheme
- Out-of-hours GP
- On a career break
- Retired
- Other

8. In which part of the UK do you practise for the majority of the time?

- England
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Wales