



**THE STATES OF JERSEY:
LOCAL POLL ON PLANS
FOR NEW HOSPITAL –
REPORT**

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States 
of Jersey

METHODOLOGY NOTE



Objectives

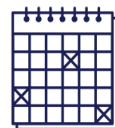
The key aims of this research were to:

- To understand the attitudes of Jersey residents towards the States of Jersey's proposals to build a new hospital.
- To investigate residents' opinions of the new hospital site.



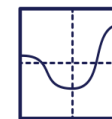
Method

ComRes surveyed 1,000 residents of Jersey over the phone.



Fieldwork dates

12th – 22nd February 2018



Interpretation

Data have been weighted by age, gender and parish to be representative of the population of the States of Jersey.

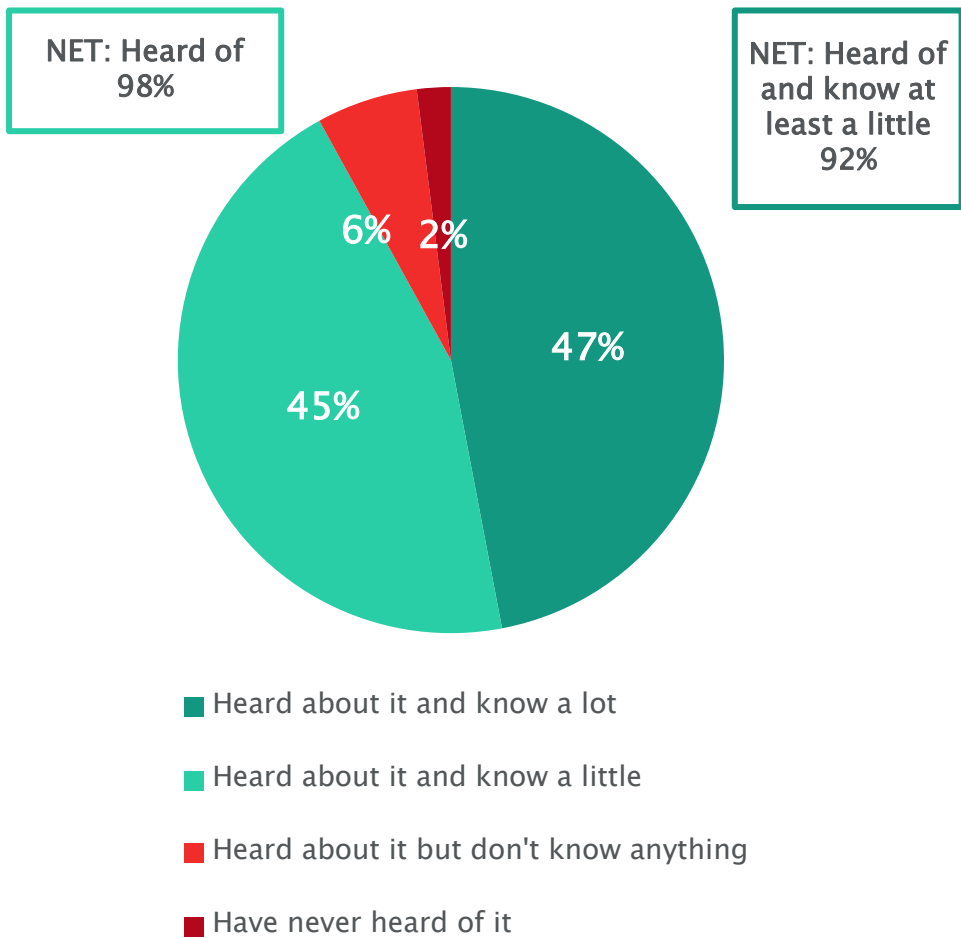
Findings marked with an asterisk (*) indicate a low base size. These results should be treated with caution.

HOSPITAL PROPOSALS



NEARLY ALL JERSEY RESIDENTS HAVE HEARD OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE STATES OF JERSEY TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL

Familiarity with proposal to build a new hospital:



The vast majority of Jersey residents (98%) say that they have heard of the States' proposals to build a new hospital. Nine in ten (92%) say that they have heard of, and know at least a little, about the proposals.

Awareness of the proposals is generally high across parishes, although residents in Grouville and St. Lawrence (both 98%) are most likely to say that they have heard about, and know at least a little about the proposal. By contrast, respondents in Trinity (86%) are least likely to say that they have heard of, and know at least a little about, the States' hospital proposal.

Younger residents are less likely to have heard of the proposal; 82% of those aged 18–34 say that they have heard of, and know at least a little about the proposal compared to 96% of those aged 35–54 and 95% of those aged 55+. In the same way, younger residents are considerably more likely to say that they have never heard of the proposal; 7% say this compared to just two respondents aged 55+.

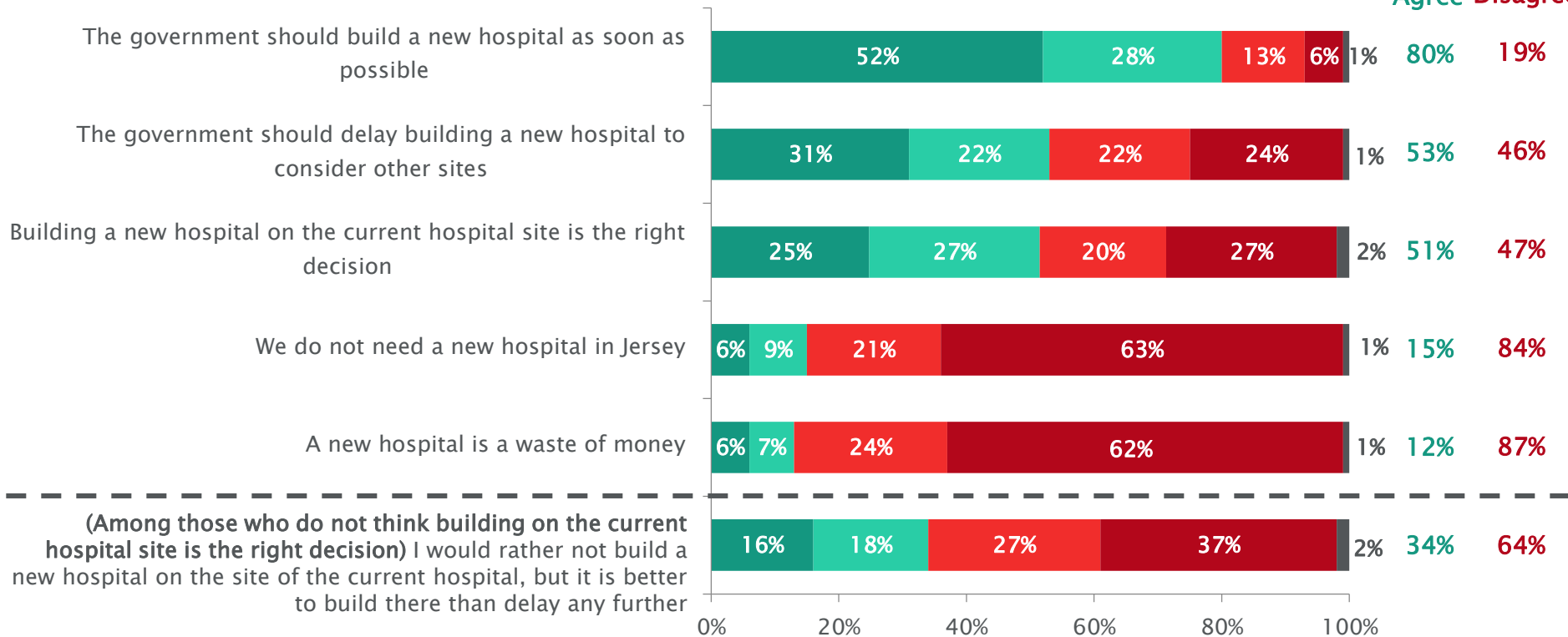
Those residents who agree that the government should build a new hospital as soon as possible are more likely than those who disagree to say that they have heard of, and know a lot about, the proposals (49% vs. 36%).

WHILE JERSEY RESIDENTS AGREE THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THEY ARE DIVIDED OVER WHERE IT SHOULD BE BUILT

Showing % who say the following:

■ Agree strongly
 ■ Tend to agree
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Disagree strongly
 ■ Don't know

NET: Agree
 NET: Disagree



Four in five (80%) Jersey residents agree that the government should build a new hospital as soon as possible, while majorities say that there is a need for a new hospital in Jersey, and that building a new hospital in Jersey is not a waste of money. Respondents are considerably more divided in their opinions towards building on the site of the current hospital; similar proportions say that the government should delay building the new hospital to consider other sites (53%) and that building on the current site is the right decision (51%). Older respondents aged 55+ are most likely to agree that the government should consider other sites (59%), while younger residents aged 18–34 are most likely to say that building on the current site is the right decision (65%).

Q7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Base: All respondents (n=1,000), all who do not think building on the current hospital site is the right decision (n=494)

THE MAJORITY OF JERSEY RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NEW HOSPITAL BUILT RATHER THAN DELAY ANY FURTHER



51%
Agree that building on the current hospital site is the right decision

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67%
Agree with building a new hospital on the site of the old to some degree

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16%
Disagree that building on the current site is the right decision, but agree that it is better to build there than delay any further

30%
Disagree with both statements

3%
Don't know

Half of Jersey residents agree that building on the current hospital site is the right decision (51%). Among the 47% who disagree, 34% disagree that building on the current site is the right decision, but agree that it is better to build there than delay any further. This translates to 16% of the total Jersey population.

When combining these two proportions together, two thirds of respondents (67%) either agree that building on the current hospital site is the right decision, or disagree with this statement but agree that it is better to build there than delay any further.

This is indicative that a majority of Jersey residents, while they may not agree that the location of the proposed site for the hospital is the right one, will accept this location for the sake of building the hospital without delay.

SUPPORTERS AND OBJECTORS REGARDING THE NEED FOR A NEW HOSPITAL IN JERSEY

Showing differences in opinion between supporters and objectors towards the need for a new hospital

Hospital supporters

Those who disagree that there is no need for a new hospital in Jersey (n=845)

- 50% agree that building a new hospital on the current hospital site is the right decision
- 53% say that the government should delay building a new hospital to consider other sites
- Only 5% agree that a new hospital is a waste of money



Hospital objectors

Those who agree that there is no need for a new hospital in Jersey (n=146)

- 57% agree that building a new hospital on the current hospital site is the right decision
- 59% say that the government should delay building a new hospital to consider other sites
- 53% agree that a new hospital is a waste of money



SUPPORTERS AND OBJECTORS REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL

Showing differences in opinion between supporters and objectors towards the site of the proposed new hospital

Site supporters

Those who agree that building on the current hospital site is the right decision (n=486)

- 83% agree that the government should build a new hospital as soon as possible
- 13% agree that a new hospital is a waste of money
- Just 17% say that there is no need for a new hospital in Jersey



Site objectors

Those who disagree that building on the current hospital site is the right decision (n=494)

- 76% still agree that the government should build a new hospital as soon as possible
- 34% still agree that it is better to build on the current site than to delay any further
- Only 13% agree that there is no need for a new hospital in Jersey



SUPPORTERS AND OBJECTORS REGARDING THE DELAYING THE PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL

Showing differences in opinion between supporters and objectors towards delaying the proposed new hospital

Delay objectors

Those who disagree that the government should delay building the hospital to consider other sites (n=443)

- 88% agree that the government should build a new hospital as soon as possible
- 78% believe that building a new hospital on the current hospital site is the right decision
- Just 13% say that there is no need for a new hospital in Jersey



Delay supporters

Those who agree that the government should delay building the hospital to consider other sites (n=546)

- Just 28% believe that building a new hospital on the current site is the right decision
- However, 73% still agree that the government should build a new hospital as soon as possible
- Only 16% agree that there is no need for a new hospital in Jersey



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Jersey residents are aware of the need to build a new hospital, with four in five agreeing that the government should build the new hospital as soon as possible, and a clear majority saying that the plans to build a new hospital are important to them.



Almost all Jersey residents have heard of the States' proposals to build a new hospital, and know at least a little about it. There are differing opinions about where this hospital should be built, but while residents are split in their opinions about the site of the new hospital, there is a majority who support building the new hospital on the proposed site of the current hospital.



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An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape. The foreground is dominated by a large, semi-transparent red triangle that points towards the bottom-left corner. Behind this triangle, the landscape consists of a patchwork of green agricultural fields, some with stone walls. In the middle ground, a prominent cliffside descends towards the ocean. The ocean is a deep blue-green color, with white waves crashing against the base of the cliffs. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is a scenic view of a rural coastal area.

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