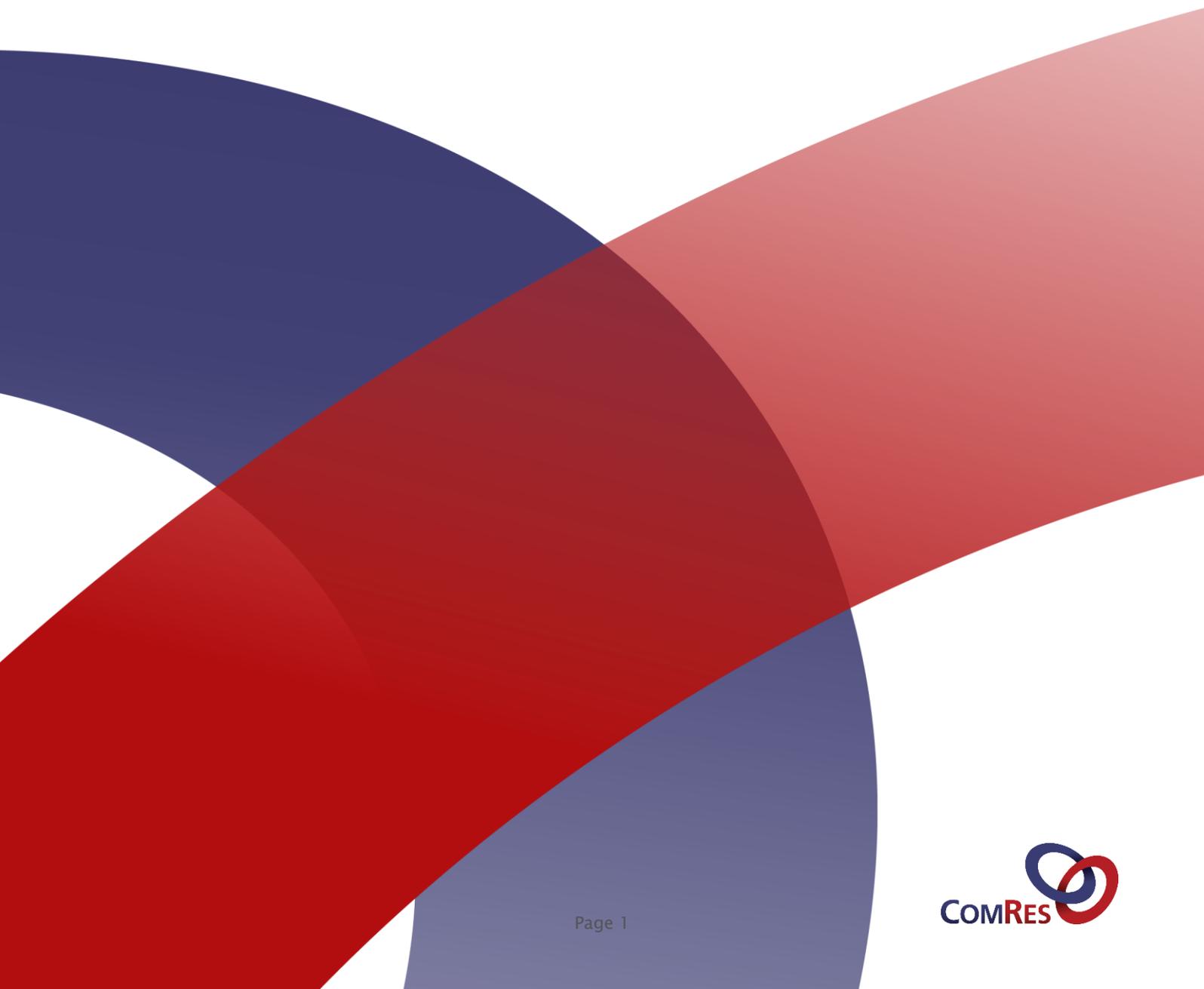




# THINK AHEAD – SOCIAL WORK POLL

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# METHODOLOGY

ComRes interviewed 2,033 British adults online between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the sample was split into sample A (1,010 respondents) and sample B (1,023 respondents) for some questions. Data were weighted to be representative of all adults in Great Britain aged 18+ by age, gender and region.

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# FINDINGS

Q. Thinking about support for people with mental health problems, which, if any, of the following would you associate as being an important provider of mental health support? Please select all that apply.

	%
Psychiatrist	69%
GP	65%
Counsellor	59%
Psychologist	59%
Psychotherapist	48%
Social worker	41%
Nurse	35%
Teacher	14%
Pharmacist	8%
Physiotherapist	8%
Priest	7%
Police Officer	7%
Hairdresser	2%
Don't know	6%
None of the above	3%

Base: All sample B (n=1,023)

Q. Which, if any, of the following groups of people do you think are eligible to be supported by a social worker? Please select all that apply.

	%
Vulnerable children and young people	84%
Families in crisis	77%
People with mental health problems	76%
Older people in isolation	64%
Homeless people	52%
People with addictions	51%
People with terminal illness	46%
Offenders (e.g. people who have been convicted of breaking the law)	38%
People awaiting surgery	9%
People with a fear of flying	2%
People looking for a change in career	2%
People who feel they're in need of a holiday	1%
NET: Any	94%
Don't know	5%
None of the above	1%

Base: All sample A (n=1,010)

*Q. Some social workers provide support for people with severe mental health problems such as bipolar disorder or schizophrenia. As part of their core role, which of the following types of support, if any, do you think social workers are able to offer these people? Please select all that apply.*

	%
Assessing people's practical needs	65%
Talking about broader concerns and worries	52%
Ensuring authorities comply with mental health legislation	51%
Providing talking therapy (e.g. psychotherapy or counselling)	48%
Finding accommodation	47%
Getting funding for people in financial difficulty	43%
Giving evidence in legal proceedings	33%
Providing or arranging day-to-day childcare	30%
Support with household jobs like cooking and cleaning	29%
Personal care including washing and dressing	27%
Doing food shopping	18%
NET: Any	84%
Don't know	15%
None of the above	2%

*Base: All sample A (n=1,014)*

*Q. Under the Mental Health Act someone can be detained, for example in a psychiatric hospital, if they are considered to be a risk to themselves or others. Who do you think is usually involved in deciding whether someone should be detained under the Mental Health Act? Please select all that apply.*

	%
Psychiatrist	63%
GP	58%
Social worker	33%
Psychologist	32%
Family member	28%
Police Officer	25%
Nurse	12%
NET: Any	86%
Don't know	12%
None of the above	2%

*Base: All sample B (n=1,023)*

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