

My MS My Needs 3 – 2019

Nation specific data tables

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1. Introduction

This report provides a selection of data tables to support the UK wide report for the My MS My Needs 3 survey.

We conducted a survey of 8,281 people across the UK with MS between March and May 2019, making this one of the largest collection of patient-reported data from the UK MS community. There are an estimated 131,000 people living with MS in the UK.

The initial survey was run in 2013 and again in 2016. Together, the results of the My MS My Needs surveys provide an opportunity to understand in detail how people with MS feel about their treatment, care and support.

In 2019, 55% of respondents completed a paper-based survey, sent out to MS Society members and upon request. 45% of respondents completed the survey through an email link, promoted via the MS Register, our channels, professional contacts and through our regional influencing teams and local network officers.

In this survey 82% of respondents were from England, 8% from Scotland, 5% from Wales, 4% from Northern Ireland and for 1% their location was unknown. 75% of respondent's women and 25% were men. The majority of respondents (51%) were aged between 45 and 64 years old, with 23% being younger than 45 and 27% being 65 years old or older.

Due to age and gender bias in our sample, the data has been weighted to be representative of the UK MS population. In the 2019 survey some questions were changed, removed or added, meaning that comparisons to 2016 or 2013 cannot always be made.

2. Note on data tables

The title of each table is directly comparable to the format in which the question was asked in the survey. Except in the case where two questions have been crossed for comparison. In these cases the title of the table is representative of the data shown.

Where the question was single answer the total sample size is denoted by 'Total' at the bottom of the table. Where respondents were able to select more than one response the total sample size is denoted at the bottom of the table by 'total respondents'. In these instances the percentages may not sum to 100%.

Where straight proportions of a single question are presented these are accompanied by the 95% confidence interval (CI). The first number is the lower and the second number is the upper confidence interval.

Where there has been a cross of two question statistical significance was determined by Chi Square test and the p value (above or below 0.05) is shown in the table.

Some of the figures cited in this report are the proportion of people with a given need who said that this need was met. This is the number of people who answered 'Yes' to a specific question, divided by the number of people who answered either 'Yes' or 'No, but I needed to'.

3. Demographics

What type of MS do you have?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Relapsing remitting	3,125 47% CI 46 - 48%	341 50% CI 46-54%	206 69% CI 64-74%	202 45% CI 40-50%
Secondary progressive with relapses	767 11% CI 11-12%	72 11% CI 8-14%	21 7% CI 4-10%	66 15% CI 12-18%
Secondary progressive without relapses	1,388 21% CI 20-22%	136 20% CI 17-23%	31 10% CI 7-14%	106 24% CI 20-28%
Primary progressive	1,013 15% CI 14-16%	94 14% CI 16-11%	21 7% CI 4-10%	55 12% CI 9-15%
I don't know	390 6% CI 5-6%	41 6% CI 4-8%	19 7% 4-9%	19 4% CI 2-6%
Total	6,683 100%	684 100%	298 101%	447 100%

What is your gender?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Female	5,069 75% CI 74-76%	494 72% CI 68-75%	229 77% CI 72 -81%	348 78% CI 74-81%
Male	1,673 25% CI 24-26%	192 28% CI 24-31%	70 23% CI 19-28%	98 22% Ci 18-26%
Non-binary	6 <1% CI <1% - <1%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Prefer not to say	4 <1% CI <1% - <1%	3 <1% CI 0-1%	0 0%	2 <1% CI 0-1%
Total	6,752 100%	689 100%	299 100%	448 100%

How old are you? (years)

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
16 - 24	41 1% CI 0 - 1%	4 1%	4 1% CI 0-2%	6 1% CI 0-2%
25 - 34	401 6% CI 5 - 6%	59 8%	51 17% CI 13-21%	40 9% CI 6-12%
35 - 44	977 14% CI 14 - 15%	118 17%	55 18% CI 14-23%	56 12% CI 9-16%
45 - 54	1,741 26% CI 25 - 27%	191 28%	94 31% CI 26 - 37%	130 29% CI 22-30%
55 - 64	1,673 25% CI 24 - 26%	169 24%	62 21% CI 16-25%	118 26% CI 22-30%
65 - 74	1,328 20% CI 19 - 21%	112 16%	26 9% CI 6-12%	74 16% CI 13-20%
75 - 84	460 7% CI 6- 7%	29 4%	5 2% CI 0-3%	20 4% Ci 2-6%
85 +	136 2% CI 2 - 2%	9 1%	4 1% CI 0-2%	5 1% CI 0-2%
Prefer not to say	5 <1% CI <1% - <1%	2 <1% CI <1% - <1%	0 0%	0 0%
Total	6,762 100%	692 100%	300 100%	448 100%

How long ago where you diagnosed as having MS by your neurologist?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Less than 12 months	161 2% CI 2-3%	20 3% CI 2-4%	11 4% CI 2-6%	17 4% CI 2-6%
1-2 years	359 5% CI 5-6%	34 5% CI 3-7%	29 10% CI 6-13%	21 5% CI 3-7%
3-5 years	715 11% CI 10-11%	111 16% CI 13-19%	58 19% CI 15-24%	48 11% CI 8-13%
6-10 years	1,236 18% CI 17-19%	123 18% CI 15-21%	66 22% CI 17-27%	100 22% CI 18-26%
11-15 years	1,142 17% CI 16-18%	105 15% CI 13-18%	42 14% CI 10-18%	76 17% CI 14-21%
16-20 years	1,009 15% CI 14-16%	100 15% CI 12-17%	40 14% CI 10-17%	62 14% CI 11-17%
21-50 years	2,010 30% CI 29-31%	191 28% CI 24-31%	50 17% CI 13-21%	120 27% CI 23-31%
More than 50 years	78 1% CI 1-1%	3 <1% CI 0-1%	2 1% CI 0-1%	3 1% CI 0-1%
I don't know	12 <1%	0 0%	0 0%	1 <1% CI 0-1%
Total	6,720 100%	689 100%	298 100%	448 100%

4. Access to services

In the last 12 months have you seen an MS specialist nurse in relation to your MS?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes	4,761 71% CI 70-72%	502 73% CI 70-76%	163 54% CI 49-60%	346 77% CI 73-81%
No, and I have not needed to	1,309 19% CI 18-20%	122 18% CI 15-21%	79 26% CI 21-31%	66 15% CI 12-18%
No, but I needed to	606 9% CI 8-10%	60 9% CI 7-11%	54 18% CI 14-22%	27 6% CI 4-8%
I'm not sure	58 1% CI 1-1%	3 <1% CI 0-1%	4 1% CI 0-3%	10 2% CI 1-3%
TOTAL	6,735 100%	687 100%	300 100%	449 100%

In the last 12 months have you seen a neurologist in relation to your MS?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes	4,255 64% CI 63 - 65%	381 56% CI 53 - 60%	233 78% CI 74 - 83%	251 57% CI 52 - 62%
No, and I have not needed to	1,649 25% CI 25-26%	227 34% CI 34-37%	28 9% CI 6-13%	138 31% CI 27 - 36%
No, but I needed to	632 10% CI 9-10%	62 9% CI 7-11%	33 11% CI 7-15%	48 11% CI 8-14%
I'm not sure	90 1% CI 1-2%	7 1% CI 0-1%	4 1% CI 0-3%	4 1% CI 0-2%
TOTAL	6,626 100%	677 99%	298 99%	441 100%

In the last 12 months, have you seen a continence specialist?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes	2,332 35% CI 34 - 36%	210 31% CI 27 - 34%	89 30% CI 24 - 35%	178 40% CI 35 - 44%
No, and I have not needed to	3,415 51% CI 50 - 52%	384 56% CI 52 - 60%	160 53% CI 48 - 59%	210 47% CI 42 - 52%
No, but I needed to	833 12% CI 12 - 13%	85 12% CI 10 - 15%	47 16% CI 12 - 20%	52 12% CI 9 - 15%
I'm not sure	99 1% CI 1 - 2%	5 1% CI 0 - 1%	4 1% CI 0 - 3%	8 2% CI 1 - 3%
TOTAL	6,679 99%	684 99%	300 100%	448 101%

In the last 12 months, have you received support for mood or emotional issues?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes, from the NHS	1,020 15% CI 14-16%	132 19% CI 16 - 22%	44 15% CI 11 - 19%	70 16% CI 12 - 19%
Yes, from a charity or voluntary organisation	217 3% CI 3 - 4%	34 5% CI 3 - 7%	17 6% CI 3 - 8%	10 2% CI 1 - 4%
Yes, from a private provider	219 3% CI 3 - 4%	21 3% CI 2 - 4%	10 3% CI 1 - 5%	9 2% CI 1 - 3%
Yes, from somewhere else	132 2% CI 2-2%	12 2% CI 1 - 3%	3 1% CI 0 -2%	9 2% CI 1 - 3%
Yes, but I needed more support	163 2% CI 2-3%	17 3% CI 3 - 4%	10 3% CI 1 - 6%	13 3% CI 1 - 5%
No, and I have not needed to	3,990 60% CI 59 -61%	383 56% CI 53 - 60%	156 52% CI 46 - 58%	280 63% CI 59 - 68%
No, but I needed to	1,111 17% CI 16 - 18%	113 17% CI 14 - 19%	67 22% CI 18 - 27%	67 15% CI 12 - 18%
I'm not sure	153 2% CI 2-3%	13 2% CI 1 - 3%	5 2% CI 0 -3%	9 2% CI 1 - 3%
TOTAL	7,005	725	312	467

In the last 12 months have you seen a physiotherapist in relation to your MS?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes, from the NHS	1,943 29% CI 28 - 30%	192 28% CI 25 - 31%	95 32% CI 26 - 37%	130 29% CI 25 - 33%
Yes, from a charity or voluntary organisation	417 6% CI 6 - 7%	48 7% CI 5 - 9%	24 7% CI 4 - 10%	17 4% CI 2 - 6%
Yes, from a private provider	497 7% CI 7 - 8%	51 7% CI 5 - 9%	15 5% CI 2 - 7%	21 5% CI 3 - 7%
Yes, from somewhere else	73 1% CI 1 - 1%	9 1% CI 0 - 2%	2 1% CI 0 - 1%	7 1% CI 0 - 3%
Yes, but I needed more support	203 3% CI 3 - 3%	21 3% CI 2 - 4%	6 2% CI 0 - 4%	16 3% CI 2 - 5%
No, and I have not needed to	2,825 42% CI 41 - 44%	303 44% CI 41 - 48%	110 37% CI 31 - 42%	199 45% CI 40 - 49%
No, but I needed to	1,047 16% CI 15 - 17%	103 15% CI 12 - 18%	62 21% CI 16 - 25%	74 17% CI 13 - 20%
I'm not sure	82 1% CI 1 - 1%	8 1% CI 0 - 2%	2 1% CI 0 - 2%	9 2% CI 13 - 20%
TOTAL	7,087	735	318	473

In the past 12 months have you received support to remain physically active?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes, from the NHS	704 11% CI 10 - 11%	75 11% CI 9 - 13%	19 6% CI 4 - 9%	54 12% CI 9 - 15%
Yes, from a charity or voluntary organisation	682 10% CI 10 - 11%	79 12% CI 9 - 14%	36 12% CI 8 - 16%	30 7% CI 5 - 9%
Yes, from a private provider	416 6% CI 6 - 7%	43 6% CI 5 - 8%	8 3% CI 1 - 4%	16 4% CI 2 - 5%
Yes, I/my family paid for it	779 12% CI 11 - 13%	69 10% CI 8 - 12%	28 9% CI 6 - 13%	52 12% CI 9 - 15%
Yes, from somewhere else	219 3% CI 3 - 4%	31 4% CI 3 - 6%	10 3% CI 1 - 6%	13 3% CI 1 - 5%
Yes, but I needed more support	173 3% CI 2 - 3%	16 2% CI 1 - 3%	12 4% CI 2 - 6%	9 2% CI 1 - 3%
No, and I have not needed to	2,776 42% CI 43 - 41%	298 44% CI 40 - 47%	120 40% CI 35 - 46%	181 41% CI 46 - 37%
No, but I needed to	1,444 22% CI 23 - 21%	136 20% CI 17 - 23%	74 25% CI 20 - 30%	103 23% CI 19 - 27%
I'm not sure	170 3% CI 2 - 3%	6 1% CI 0 - 2%	8 3% CI 1 - 5%	14 3% CI 2 - 5%
TOTAL	6,584	753	315	472

5. Access to treatments and therapies

Proportion of people taking a disease modifying therapy who could benefit

At the time of the survey, there were no disease modifying treatments (DMTs) available on the NHS for people with primary progressive MS and very limited options for people with secondary progressive MS. Therefore, in this report when we refer to people that could 'potentially benefit from a DMT', this only includes respondents with relapsing forms of MS (both secondary progressive MS with relapses and relapsing remitting MS). We acknowledge that this will include some people that are not eligible for a DMT and exclude some people with progressive forms of MS that are.

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Taking a DMT	2,269 60%	246 61%	180 81%	134 52%
Not taking a DMT	1,538 40%	155 39%	44 19%	126 48%
TOTAL	3,807 100%	401 100%	224 100%	260 100%

Comparison of people seeing an MS nurse in the preceding 12 months and the proportion taking a DMT

		Taking a DMT		Total	
Seen MS nurse		Yes	No		
England	Yes	2011 68%	948 32%	2959 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	246 30%	575 70%	821 100%	
Scotland	Yes	230 70%	101 30%	331 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	13 19%	54 81%	67 100%	
Northern Ireland	Yes	114 88%	16 12%	130 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	62 69%	28 31%	90 100%	
Wales	Yes	127 60%	85 40%	212 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	4 9%	39 91%	43 100%	

Comparison of people seeing a neurologist in the preceding 12 months and the proportion taking a DMT

		Taking a DMT			
Seen neurologist		Yes	No	Total	
England	Yes	1927 70%	844 30%	2771 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	305 33%	630 67%	935 100%	
Scotland	Yes	192 72%	73 28%	265 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	50 39%	78 61%	128 100%	
Northern Ireland	Yes	144 83%	30 17%	174 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	33 71%	14 29%	47 100%	
Wales	Yes	126 69%	56 31%	182 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	7 90%	65 10%	72 100%	

Comparison of people who have seen either a nurse OR a neurologist (or both) in the preceding 12 months and the proportion taking a DMT

		Taking a DMT			
Seen neurologist OR MS nurse		Yes	No	Total	
England	Yes	2211 64%	1230 36%	3441 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	55 15%	303 85%	358 100%	
Scotland	Yes	243 68%	113 32%	356 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	3 6%	42 94%	45 100%	
Northern Ireland	Yes	161 83%	32 17%	193 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	19 63%	11 37%	30 100%	
Wales	Yes	134 57%	100 43%	234 100%	Chi Square p = <0.05
	No	0 0%	25 100%	25 100%	

Have you received enough information from your healthcare professionals about drugs available to support the treatment of your MS?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes, I have been provided with enough information	2784 42% CI 40 - 43%	302 44% CI 40 - 48%	124 42% CI 36 - 48%	194 43% CI 39 - 48%
No, I have not been provided with enough information	1842 27% CI 26 - 29%	182 27% CI 23 - 30%	88 30% CI 25 - 35%	123 28% CI 23 - 32%
No, I have not sought this information from health professionals	2062 31% CI 30 - 32%	201 29% CI 26 - 33%	83 28% CI 23 - 33%	129 29% CI 25 - 33%
TOTAL	6688 100%	685 100%	295 100%	446 100%

6. Care co-ordination

Who is the key contact for any healthcare or support in relation to your MS?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
GP	890 14% CI 13 - 14%	140 21% CI 18 - 24%	39 13% CI 9 - 17%	43 10% CI 7 - 13%
MS Nurse	3495 53% CI 52 - 55%	344 51% CI 48 - 55%	119 41% CI 35 - 47%	284 64% CI 60 - 69%
Other specialist nurse	56 1% CI 1 - 1%	6 1% CI 0 - 2%	1 <1% CI 0 - 1%	5 1% CI 0 - 2%
Neurologist	1108 17% CI 16 - 18%	86 13% CI 10 - 15%	94 32% CI 27 - 38%	55 13% CI 9 - 16%
Social worker	25 <1% CI 0 - 1%	4 1% CI 0 - 1%	7 3% CI 1 - 4%	5* 1% CI 0 - 2%
Physiotherapist/occupational therapist	120 2% CI 2 - 2%	17 2% CI 1 - 4%	3 1% CI 0 - 2%	10 2% CI 1 - 4%
Continence specialist	20 <1% CI <1% - <1%	0 - -	0 - -	5* 1% CI 0 - 1%
No one	476 7% CI 7 - 8%	45 7% CI 5 - 9%	15 5% CI 3 - 8%	19 4% CI 2 - 6%
I am not sure	350 5% CI 5 - 6%	28 4% CI 3 - 6%	13 4% CI 2 - 7%	20 5% CI 3 - 6%

To what extent do you feel the professionals who plan your care work well together?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Completely	1136 17% CI 16 - 18%	136 20% CI 17 - 23%	69 23% CI 19 - 28%	84 19% CI 15 - 22%
To some extent	2490 37% CI 36 - 38%	269 39% CI 36 - 43%	87 29% CI 24 - 34%	154 34% CI 30 - 39%
Not at all	1058 16% CI 15 - 17%	89 13% CI 11 - 16%	54 18% CI 14 - 22%	62 14% CI 11 - 17%
I am not sure	781 12% CI 11 - 12%	72 11% CI 8 - 13%	52 17% CI 13 - 22%	67 15% CI 12 - 18%
Not applicable	1230 18% CI 17 - 19%	115 17% CI 14 - 20%	35 12% CI 8 - 15%	82 18% CI 15 - 22%
Total	6695 100%	681 100%	297 99%	449 100%

Have you developed a plan for your healthcare with a health professional?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes	1114 17% CI 16 - 18%	101 15% CI 12 - 17%	46 15% CI 11 - 19%	76 17% CI 13 - 20%
No, but I would like one	1536 23% CI 22 - 24%	157 23% CI 20 - 26%	89 30% CI 25 - 35%	109 24% CI 20 - 28%
No, and I have not needed one	2583 39% CI 37 - 40%	262 38% CI 35 - 42%	84 28% CI 23 - 33%	160 36% CI 31 - 40%
I don't know what a care plan is	892 13% CI 12 - 14%	99 14% CI 12 - 17%	51 17% CI 13 - 21%	69 15% CI 12 - 19%
I am not sure	576 8% CI 8 - 9%	66 10% CI 7 - 12%	29 10% CI 6 - 13%	33 7% CI 5 - 10%
Total	6701 100%	685 100%	299 100%	447 99%

7. Care and support

In the past 12 months have you received care and support to assist with daily living?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes, I have received all the support I need	2474 37% CI 36 - 38%	249 36% CI 33 - 40%	102 34% CI 29 - 40%	203 45% CI 41 - 50%
Yes, I have received some support but not enough	795 12% CI 11-13%	83 12% CI 10 -15%	49 16% CI 12 - 21%	53 12% CI 9 - 15%
No, I have not needed to	2911 44% CI 42-45%	298 44% CI 40 - 47%	120 40% CI 35 - 46%	160 36% CI 31 - 40%
No, but I needed to	376 6% CI 5 - 6%	41 6% CI 4 - 8%	20 7% CI 4 - 10%	20 5% CI 3 - 6%
I am not sure	120 1% CI 1 - 2%	12 2% CI 1 - 3%	6 2% CI 0 - 3%	11 2% CI 1 - 4%
Total	6676 100%	683 100%	297 99%	447 100%

If you have not received all of the care and support you need in the past 12 months have you experienced any of the following?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
I have felt lonely or isolated	620 66% CI 63 - 69%	65 63% CI 54 - 73%	42 64% CI 52 - 75%	38 53% CI 41 - 64%
I have been unable to work	207 22% CI 19 - 25%	13 13% CI 6 - 19%	20 30% CI 19 - 41%	9 13% CI 5 - 21%
I have had to reduce the hours I work	108 11% CI 9 - 13%	15 15% CI 8 - 21%	8 13% CI 5 - 21%	9 12% CI 4 - 19%
My health has deteriorated	562 60% CI 56 - 63%	58 57% CI 47 - 66%	34 52% CI 39 - 64%	38 54% CI 42 - 65%
I have needed hospital treatment	113 12% CI 10 - 14%	6 6% CI 1 - 10%	9 14% CI 6 - 22%	11 16% CI 7 - 24%
I have not been able to leave hospital because alternate care was not available	117 2% CI 1 - 3%	2 2% CI 0 - 4%	1 1% CI 0 - 4%	2 3% CI 0 - 7%
Total respondents	944	103	65	71

How many hours of care per week is provided by family and friends?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
90 +	712 21% CI 20 - 23%	61 18% CI 14 - 22%	27 17% CI 11 - 22%	58 22% CI 17 - 27%
50 -89	316 9% CI 8 - 10%	32 9% CI 6 - 12%	19 12% CI 7 - 17%	23 9% CI 5 - 9%
20 - 49	716 21% CI 20 - 23%	80 23% CI 19 - 28%	30 18% CI 12 - 24%	66 25% CI 20 - 30%
1-19	996 30% CI 28 - 31%	98 29% CI 24 - 33%	47 29% CI 22 - 37%	74 28% CI 23 - 33%
None	251 7% CI 7 - 8%	23 7% CI 4 - 9%	9 6% CI 2 - 9%	16 6% CI 3 - 9%
Not sure	377 12% CI 10 - 12%	50 14% CI 11 - 18%	28 18% CI 12 - 24%	26 10% CI 6 - 14%
Total	3368 100%	344 100%	160 100%	263 100%

8. Income and employment

Which would you say comes closest to your feeling about your current household income?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Living really comfortably	503 7% CI 7 - 8%	56 8% CI 6 - 10%	12 4% CI 2 - 6%	22 5% CI 3 - 7%
Living comfortably	2537 38% CI 37 - 39%	242 35% CI 32 - 39%	94 32% CI 26 - 37%	162 36% CI 32 - 41%
Neither comfortable nor struggling	2367 35% CI 34 - 36%	268 39% CI 35 - 43%	114 38% CI 33 - 44%	177 39% CI 35 - 44%
Struggling	757 11% CI 10 - 12%	76 11% CI 9 - 13%	51 17% CI 13 - 21%	58 13% CI 10 - 16%
Really struggling	197 3% CI 3 - 3%	14 2% CI 1 - 3%	12 4% CI 2 - 6%	18 4% CI 2 - 6%
Prefer not to answer	368 6% CI 5 - 6%	31 5% CI 3 - 6%	14 5% CI 2 - 7%	14 3% CI 1 - 5%
Total	6729 100%	687 100%	297 100%	451 100%

Feeling about current income and access to services and information

		England		Scotland	
		Struggling or really struggling on current income	Not struggling on current income	Struggling or really struggling on current income	Not struggling on current income
MS specialist nurse	Need met	719 86%	3784 89%	71 86%	411 90%
	Unmet need	120 14%	449 11%	12 14%	44 10%
	Total	839 100%	4233 100%	83 100%	455 100%
		Chi square p< 0.05		Chi square p> 0.05	
Neurologist	Need met	647 84%	3394 88%	52 82%	313 87%
	Unmet need	125 16%	464 12%	11 18%	47 13%
	Total	772 100%	3858 100%	63 100%	360 100%
		Chi square p< 0.05		Chi square p> 0.05	
Information about managing MS	Need met	428 59%	2819 76%	34 51%	313 79%
	Unmet need	296 41%	909 24%	33 49%	83 21%
	Total	724 100%	3728 100%	67 100%	396 100%
		Chi square p< 0.05		Chi square p< 0.05	
Specialist continence support	Need met	391 70%	1802 75%	39 70%	162 72%
	Unmet need	170 30%	614 25%	17 30%	62 28%
	Total	561 100%	2416 100%	56 100%	224 100%
		Chi square p< 0.05		Chi square p> 0.05	
Physiotherapy	Need met	385 59%	2127 70%	34 54%	218 70%
	Unmet need	271 41%	921 30%	29 46%	91 30%
	Total	656 100%	3048 100%	63 100%	309 100%
		Chi square p< 0.05		Chi square p< 0.05	

		Northern Ireland		Wales	
		Struggling or really struggling on current income	Not struggling on current income	Struggling or really struggling on current income	Not struggling on current income
MS specialist nurse	Need met	34 66%	117 77%	60 88%	275 94%
	Unmet need	17 34%	34 23%	8 12%	16 6%
	Total	51 100%	151 100%	68 100%	291 100%
		Chi square p> 0.05		Chi square p> 0.05	
Neurologist	Need met	52 84%	171 91%	50 78%	197 86%
	Unmet need	10 16%	17 9%	14 22%	33 14%
	Total	62 100%	188 100%	64 100%	230 100%
		Chi square p> 0.05		Chi square p> 0.05	
Information about managing MS	Need met	22 44%	121 75%	37 65%	200 77%
	Unmet need	28 56%	40 25%	20 35%	61 23%
	Total	50 100%	161 100%	57 100%	261 100%
		Chi square p< 0.05		Chi square p> 0.05	
Specialist continence support	Need met	18 59%	67 69%	31 68%	142 80%
	Unmet need	12 41%	30 31%	14 32%	35 20%
	Total	30 100%	97 100%	45 100%	177 100%
		Chi square p> 0.05		Chi square p> 0.05	
Physiotherapy	Need met	14 31%	98 76%	28 54%	128 66%
	Unmet need	32 69%	34 25%	23 46%	64 34%
	Total	46 100%	132 101%	51 100%	192 100%
		Chi square p< 0.05		Chi square p> 0.05	

Comparison of respondents feeling about their current household income by receiving or not receiving benefits

		Struggling or really struggling on current income		Not struggling on current income		Total		
England	Receiving benefits	733	18%	3371	82%	4104	100%	Chi square p<0.05
	Not receiving benefits	210	10%	1974	90%	2184	100%	
Scotland	Receiving benefits	77	18%	358	82%	435	100%	Chi square p<0.05
	Not receiving benefits	14	7%	202	93%	216	100%	
Northern Ireland	Receiving benefits	52	27%	141	73%	193	100%	Chi square p<0.05
	Not receiving benefits	8	9%	76	91%	84	100%	
Wales	Receiving benefits	61	19%	256	81%	317	100%	Chi square p>0.05
	Not receiving benefits	14	12%	105	88%	119	100%	

If you were on DLA and have been assessed for PIP has there been a change to the payment you now receive?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
I receive more than before	531 28% CI 26 - 30%	52 28% CI 21 - 34%	42 28% CI 21 - 35%	50 28% CI 21 - 34%
I receive the same as before	796 42% CI 29 - 44%	75 40% CI 33 - 48%	56 36% CI 29 - 44%	78 43% CI 35 - 50%
I receive less than before	285 15% CI 13 - 16%	28 15% CI 10 - 20%	33 22% CI 15 - 28%	25 14% CI 9 - 18%
I receive nothing now	46 2% CI 2 - 3%	1 1% CI 0 - 2%	2 2% CI 0 - 3%	4 2% CI 1 - 7%
I am not sure	259 13% CI 12 - 15%	30 16% CI 11 - 21%	19 12% CI 7 - 18%	24 13% CI 8 - 18%
Total	1917 100%	186 100%	152 100%	181 100%

Are you currently in paid employment?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes, employed full time	1036 15% CI 15 - 16%	136 20% CI 17 - 23%	62 21% CI 16 - 25%	67 15% CI 12 - 18%
Yes, employed part time	940 14% CI 13 - 15%	90 13% CI 11 - 16%	68 23% CI 18 - 28%	55 12% CI 9 - 16%
Yes, self-employed full time	106 2% CI 1 - 2%	8 1% CI 0 - 2%	3 1% CI 0 - 2%	9 2% CI 1 - 3%
Yes, self-employed part time	234 3% CI 3 - 4%	33 5% CI 3 - 6%	6 2% CI 0 - 3%	11 2% CI 1 - 4%
No, looking for work	147 2% CI 2 - 3%	12 2% CI 1 - 3%	3 1% CI 0 - 2%	4 1% CI 0 - 2%
No, not looking for work	705 11% CI 10 - 11%	84 12% CI 10 - 15%	31 11% CI 7 - 14%	42 9% CI 7 - 12%
No, retired and receiving pension	2017 30% CI 29 - 31%	161 24% CI 20 - 27%	49 17% CI 12 - 21%	116 26% CI 22 - 30%
No, medically retired early due to ill health	1887 28% CI 27 - 29%	204 30% CI 26 - 33%	85 29% CI 23 - 34%	156 35% CI 31 - 39%
No, student	60 1% CI 1 - 1%	1 <1% CI 0 - 1%	10 3% CI 1 - 5%	2 <1% CI 0 - 1%
I do volunteer work	362 5% CI 5 - 6%	37 5% CI 4 - 7%	20 7% CI 4 - 10%	16 4% CI 2 - 5%
Total respondents	6703	686	296	445

In the past 12 months, have you received support to remain in employment?

	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Wales
Yes	527	45	40	38
	27%	21%	30%	30%
	CI 25 - 29%	CI 15 - 26%	CI 23 - 38%	CI 22 - 29%
No, and I have not needed help	1138	148	63	69
	58%	67%	49%	55%
	CI 56 - 60%	CI 61 - 74%	CI 40 - 57%	CI 46 - 63%
No, but I needed support	260	23	27	17
	13%	10%	21%	14%
	CI 12 - 15%	CI 6 - 14%	CI 14 - 18%	CI 8 - 20%
I am not sure	33	4	0	1
	2%	2%	0%	1%
	CI 1 - 2%	CI 0 - 3%	-	CI 0 - 3%
Total	1958	220	130	125
	100%	100%	100%	100%

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