



Safeguarding Ireland

Place of Care

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Project Background & Research Objectives

- / **Safeguarding Ireland** was established to promote safeguarding of adults who may be vulnerable, protect them from all forms of abuse by persons, organisations and institutions and develop a national plan for promoting their welfare.
- / To achieve this, Safeguarding Ireland engages in **public awareness campaigns** while also informing and influencing **Government policy and legislation** in relation to safeguarding issues.
- / Safeguarding Ireland has commissioned this research to understand public opinion and attitudes towards **place of care**. The following key questions were asked:
 - What plans consumers have made regarding preferred place of care: if they have considered it, discussed it with family members and if they have written instructions on it.
 - What their preferred place of care would be.



Research Methodology & Sample Profile

- / Research was conducted using RED C's online omnibus, the RED Line.
- / Through our online panel of **over 40,000 members**, the RED Line service allowed us to reach a representative sample of the adult population 18+ across Ireland in a cost effective and timely manner.
- / **Quota controls** were used to ensure a nationally representative sample of ROI adults aged 18+, with **interlocking quotas** to provide extra confidence in sample profile.
- / Data was weighted across gender, age, region and social class so as to ensure a nationally representative sample based on latest **CSO projections**.
- / **N=1,012 respondents** took part in this survey between **23rd – 28th January 2020**.

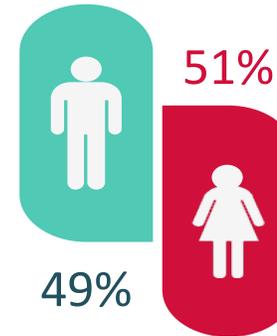


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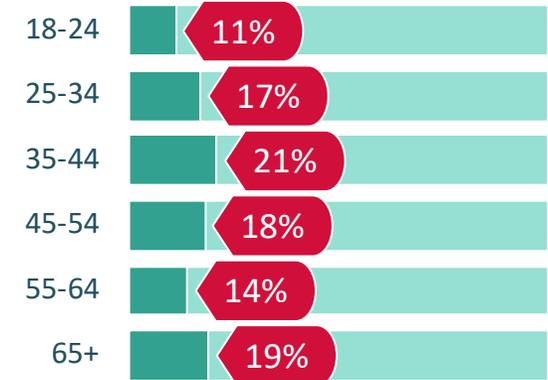
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Weighted to be representative of all adults aged 18+ using the latest CSO census data on the following demographics.

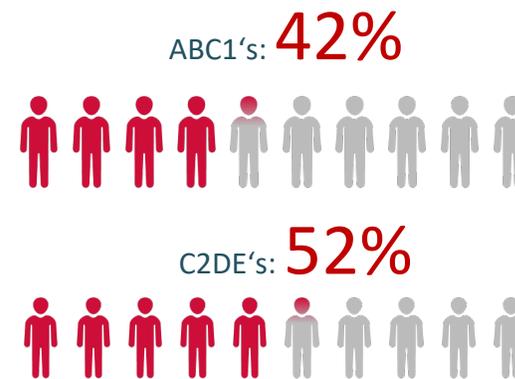
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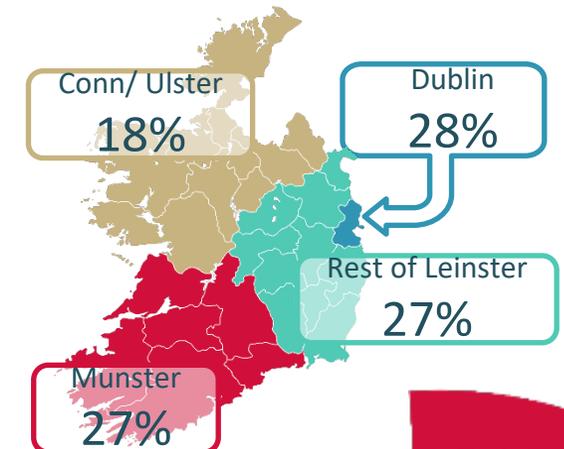
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Social Class



Region



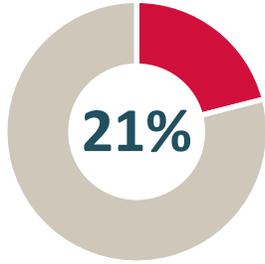


Views on Place of Care

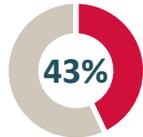
Consideration of Place of Care

Base: All Adults Aged 18+; n=1,013

Q.1 The following relate to your preferred **Place of Care** in the event you were seriously ill or nearing death. This could include your own home, a hospice, nursing home or hospital. Please answer yes or no for each.



% of adults aged 18+ in ROI who have **personally considered where their preferred Place of Care would be.**



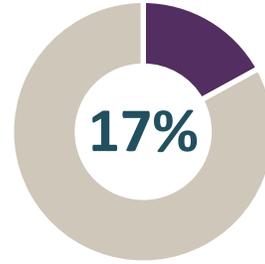
% of adults **aged 65+** have considered it



% of adults **aged 55-64** have considered it



% of adults **aged 18-34** have considered it



% of adults aged 18+ in ROI who have **discussed with a family member, friend or other trusted person where their preferred Place of Care would be.**



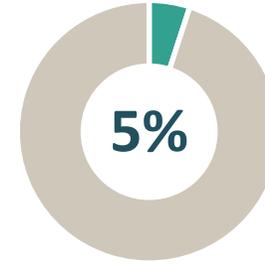
% of adults **aged 65+** have discussed it



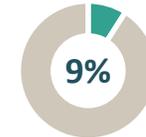
% of adults **aged 55-64** have discussed it



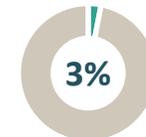
% of adults **aged 18-34** have discussed it



% of adults aged 18+ in ROI who have **written instructions as to where their preferred Place of Care would be.**



% of adults **aged 65+** have written instructions



% of adults **aged 55-64** have written instructions



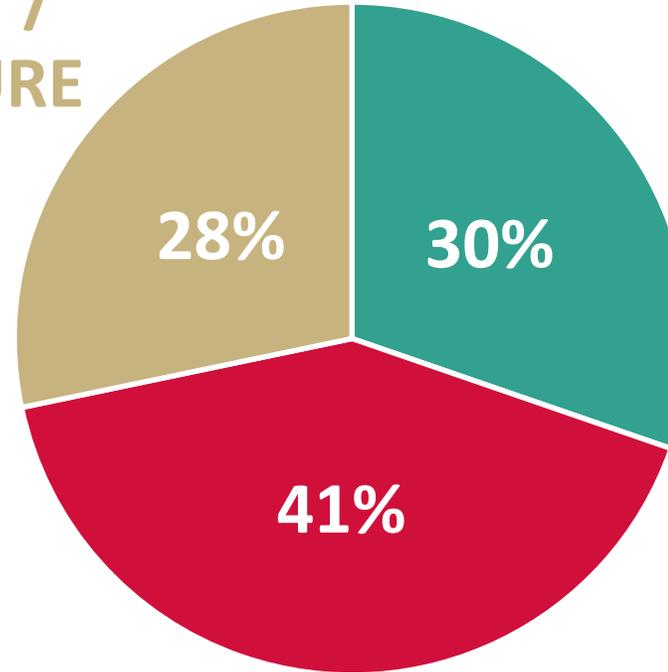
Consent for Place of Care

Base: All Adults Aged 18+; n=1,013

Q.2 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: A family member or friend has the authority to make decisions about Place of Care of another person who may be frail but does have decision-making capacity – and this does not require the consent of that person.

Clearly there is confusion over whether or not people have the authority to make decisions on behalf of another person, even if they do not have their consent.

**DON'T
KNOW /
NOT SURE**



AGREE

Higher for males aged 18-34 (36%)

DISAGREE

Higher for females aged 55+ (49%)



Preferred Place of Care

Base: All Adults Aged 18+; n=1,013

Q.3 If you did not have the capacity to make a decision on your own due to a serious illness or frailty, to what extent would you be happy or unhappy with each of the following as your Place of Care?



Own home, with necessary supports

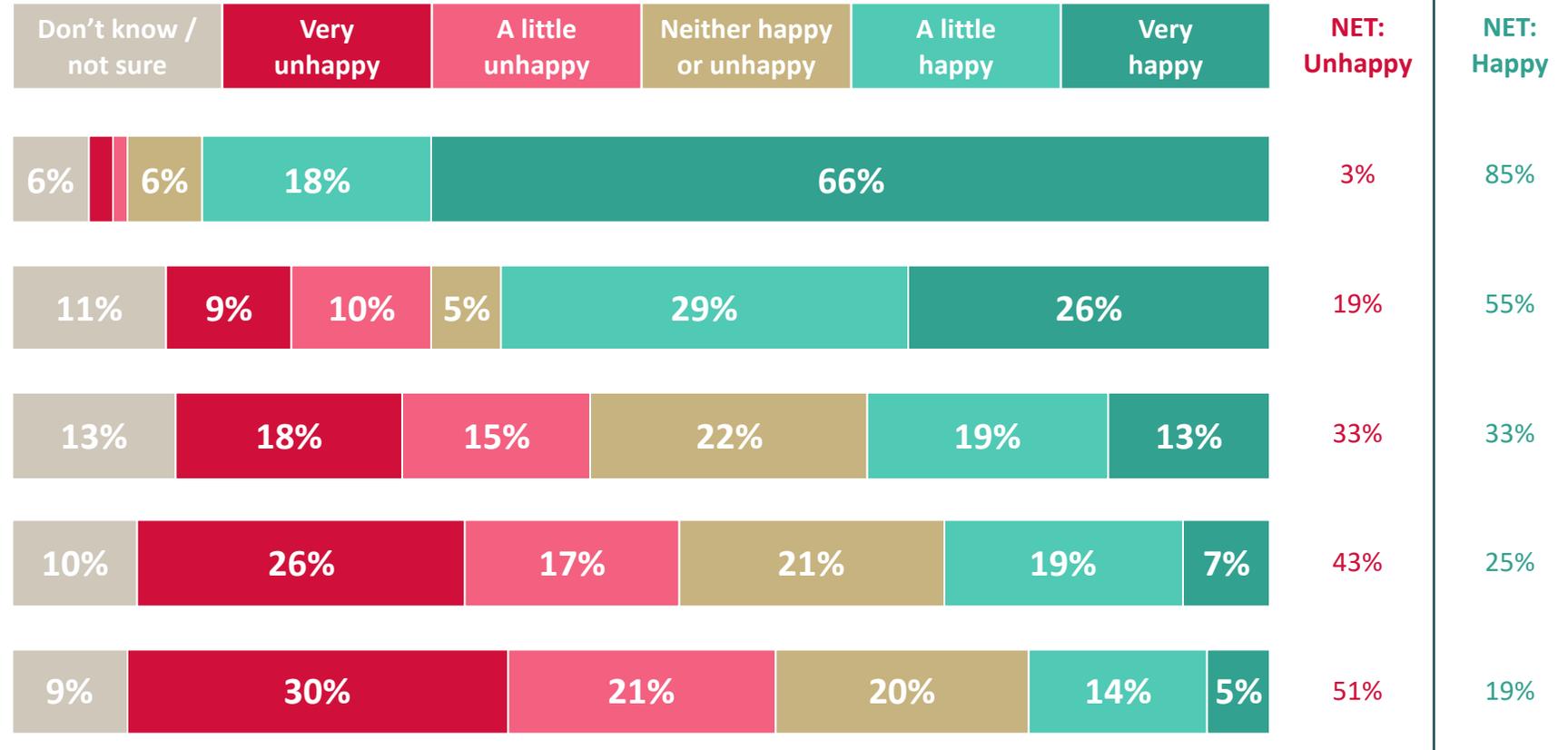


Home of a family member



Nursing home

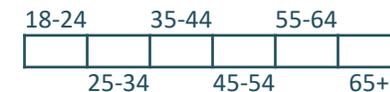
Hospital



There is a clear preference for Place of Care being in a person's own home, followed by the home of a family member. There is also a higher preference for a hospice over a nursing home and hospital.

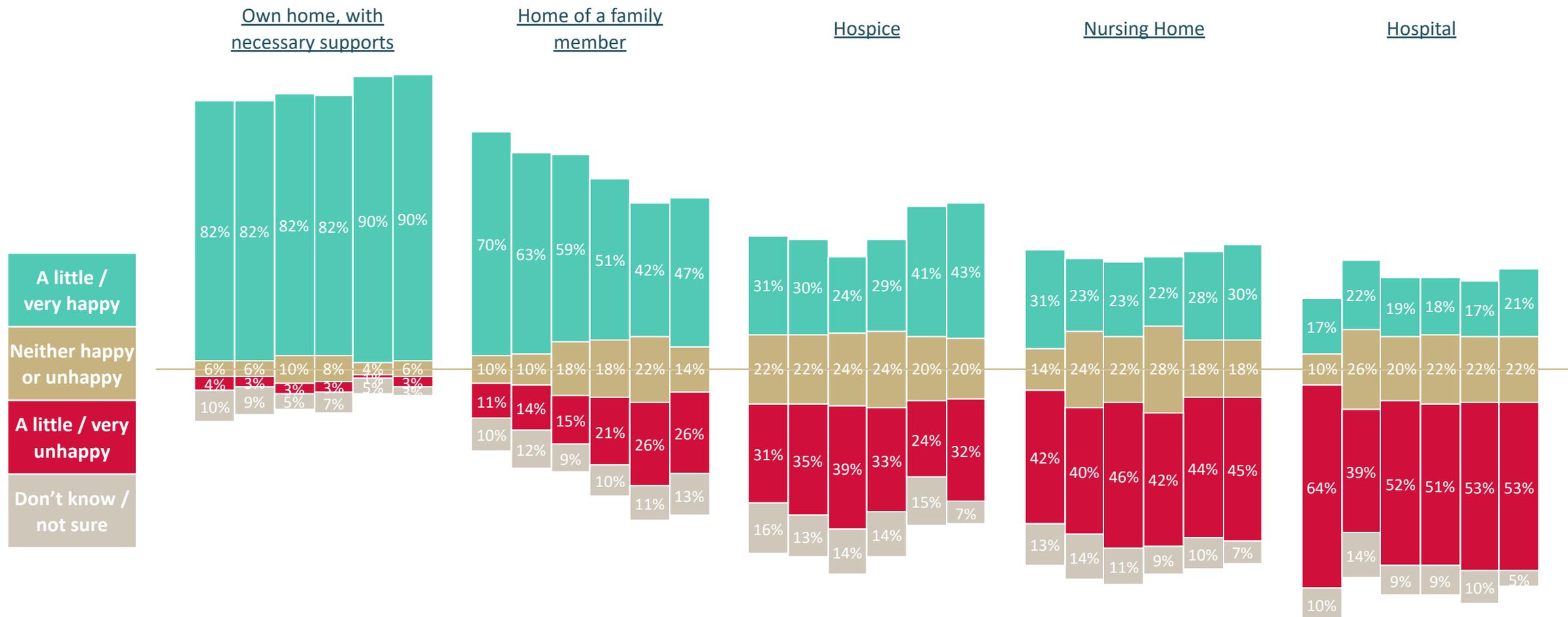


Preferred Place of Care by Age Cohort



Base: All Adults Aged 18+; n=1,013

Q.3 If you did not have the capacity to make a decision on your own due to a serious illness or frailty, to what extent would you be happy or unhappy with each of the following as your Place of Care?



Being in their own home with necessary supports has the highest preference amongst older age cohorts. Interestingly older age cohorts are less likely to be happy with being in the home of a family member, but are more likely to be happier with being in a hospice. Younger age cohorts more likely to be unhappy to be in a hospital.





Key findings

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1

Even amongst older age groups, consideration of Place of Care is relatively low. It is especially low for those in the 55-64 age cohort. As a result, the incidence of having written instructions as to people's wishes regarding Place of Care is extremely low.

2

There is clearly confusion over who can make decisions regarding someone's Place of Care if they are unable to do so themselves. This is an area that requires clarification and may instigate greater interest in putting plans in place regarding preferred Place of Care.

3

Not surprising to see that most people's preferred place of care is in their own home, with the necessary supports, while least preferred is a hospital. Older people are also more open to considering somewhere like a hospice.



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