

Public omnibus survey – PAs and AAs –

-November 2023-

Total sample = 2009

Q1. Which of the following NHS professionals do you think are doctors? (the list was randomised for all respondents)

Clinician	Percentage of respondents who thought this clinician was a doctor
Specialty doctor	80%
Junior doctor	79%
Medical consultant	68%
Specialty registrar	48%
Foundation doctor in training	40%
Associate specialist	31%
Physician associate	25%
Physician assistant	20%
Don't know	8%

Q2. Have you ever heard of the following professionals?

Clinician	Yes	No	Not sure
Physician associate	27%	57%	16%
Anaesthesia associate	29%	56%	16%

Q3. Have you ever received NHS healthcare or treatment by any of the following professionals?

Clinician	Yes	No	Not sure
Physician associate	14%	57%	29%
Anaesthesia associate	18%	57%	25%

Q4. Please rank these professionals by seniority (the list was randomised for all respondents)

Clinician	Average ranking	Respondents who placed this clinician in				
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Specialist doctor	1.76	44%	45%	6%	3%	2%
Medical consultant	1.92	48%	29%	11%	6%	5%
Physician associate	3.45	3%	12%	35%	36%	13%
Junior doctor	3.7	3%	10%	37%	15%	35%
Physician assistant	4.18	2%	4%	12%	39%	44%

Q5. When receiving care in the NHS, is it always clear when you are being treated or cared for by a doctor?

Yes	43%
No	41%
Don't know	17%

Q6. When receiving NHS care how important is it to you to know which type of healthcare professional is providing your care?

Very important	37%
Quite important	31%
Depends on what I am receiving care for	26%
Not important	4%
Not sure	3%

Q7. Based on a 9am-5pm 40-hour working week, which of the following do you think should be paid more?

A doctor in their first year of work after 5-6 years of medical training	49%
An NHS healthcare professional, who is not a doctor, in their first year of work after undertaking a postgraduate training course usually lasting two years	11%
Neither, they should be paid the same	18%
Don't know/don't have an opinion on this	22%

Q8. A newly qualified doctor, who has undergone 5-6 years of medical training is paid 35% less than a new qualified clinician, who has undergone 2 years postgraduate training. Based on both working a 9am-5am 40-hour working week, how reasonable do you think that is?

Very unreasonable	27%
Somewhat unreasonable	36%
Neither reasonable nor unreasonable	12%
Somewhat reasonable	9%
Very reasonable	5%