



Key Findings and Action Plan



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BETTER FUTURE SURVEY!



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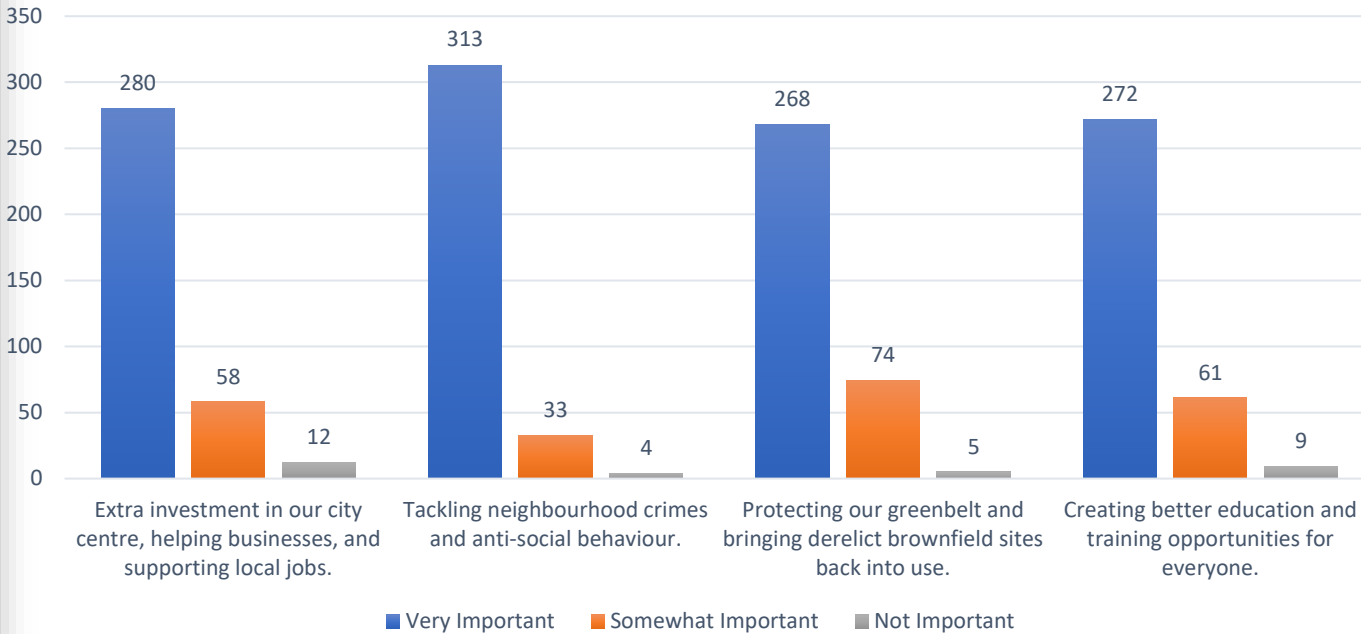


Introduction

- I am proud to be the Member of Parliament for Wolverhampton South West. Each of our seven wards has its own, unique character and is united by the strength of community and resilience felt across the city.
- I have seen our great community spirit first-hand in our city's response to COVID-19. As we build back better, I am determined to ensure that local people are supported in our recovery. Constituents responded in their hundreds to my local priorities survey, taking the time to tell me about their needs and aspirations for our recovery from COVID-19.
- Over 365 constituents responded to my survey. Every question was optional. The results affirm my five-point plan, which sets out my priorities for a safer and cleaner Wolverhampton that champions the health and wellbeing of local people, protects our environment, and promotes opportunities that build a brighter future for young people.



Q1. How important do you consider these measures to help our community recover from COVID-19?

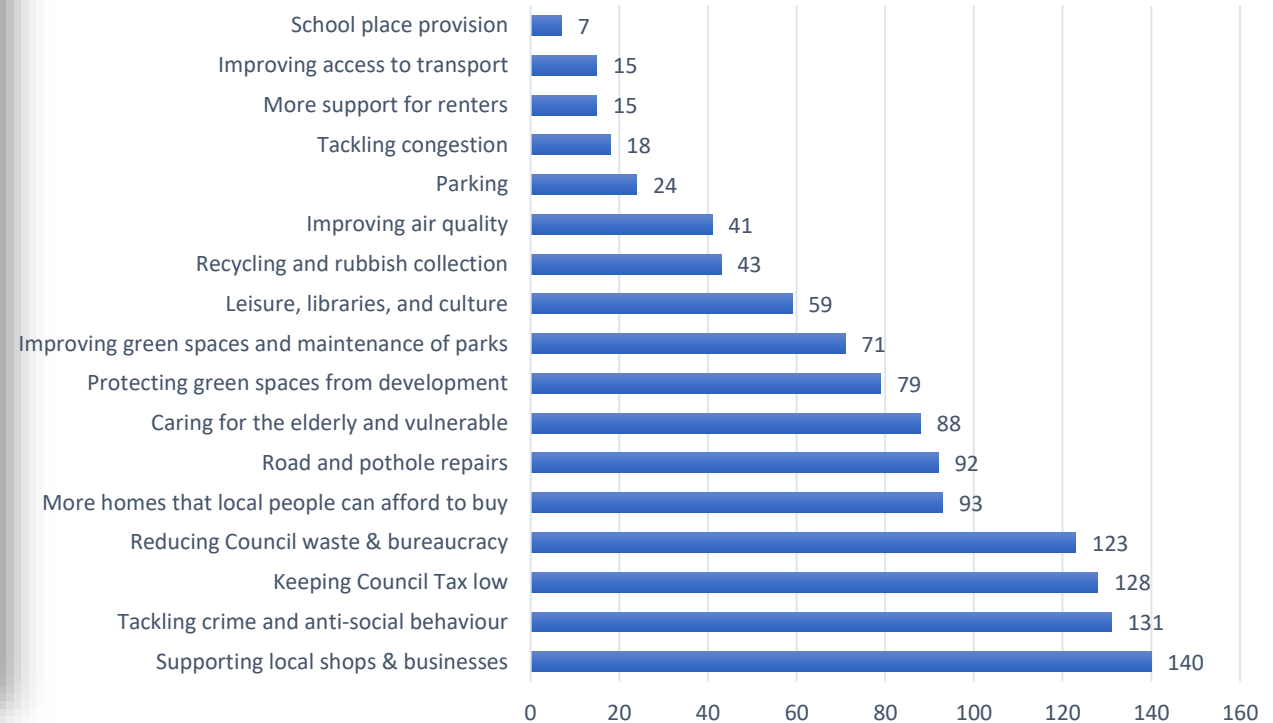


Supporting Communities

I wanted to find out the extent to which constituents agreed with my plan for Wolverhampton South West. Over 70% of respondents agreed that all four key elements were 'very important' in our recovery plan. This includes tackling crime and anti-social behaviour (89%); securing extra investment (80%); creating better training and employment opportunities (80%); and protecting our greenbelt from development by bringing derelict brownfield sites back into use (77%).



Q2. Which of these local issues should we prioritise in our recovery plan?

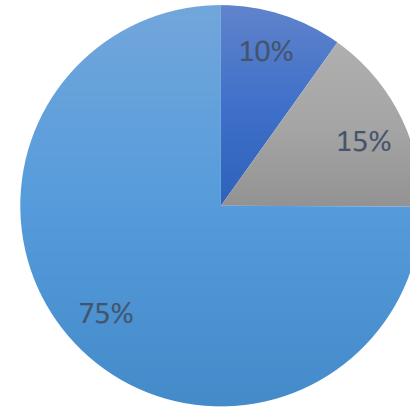


Local Priorities

39% of respondents to my survey believe that supporting local shops and businesses ought to be the top priority in our recovery plan. 37% of respondents would like to see more done to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. Another 37% of respondents want to see council tax kept low and 35% want to see council waste and bureaucracy reduced.



Q3. Have you or a member of your family used any of the Government's income job retention schemes?



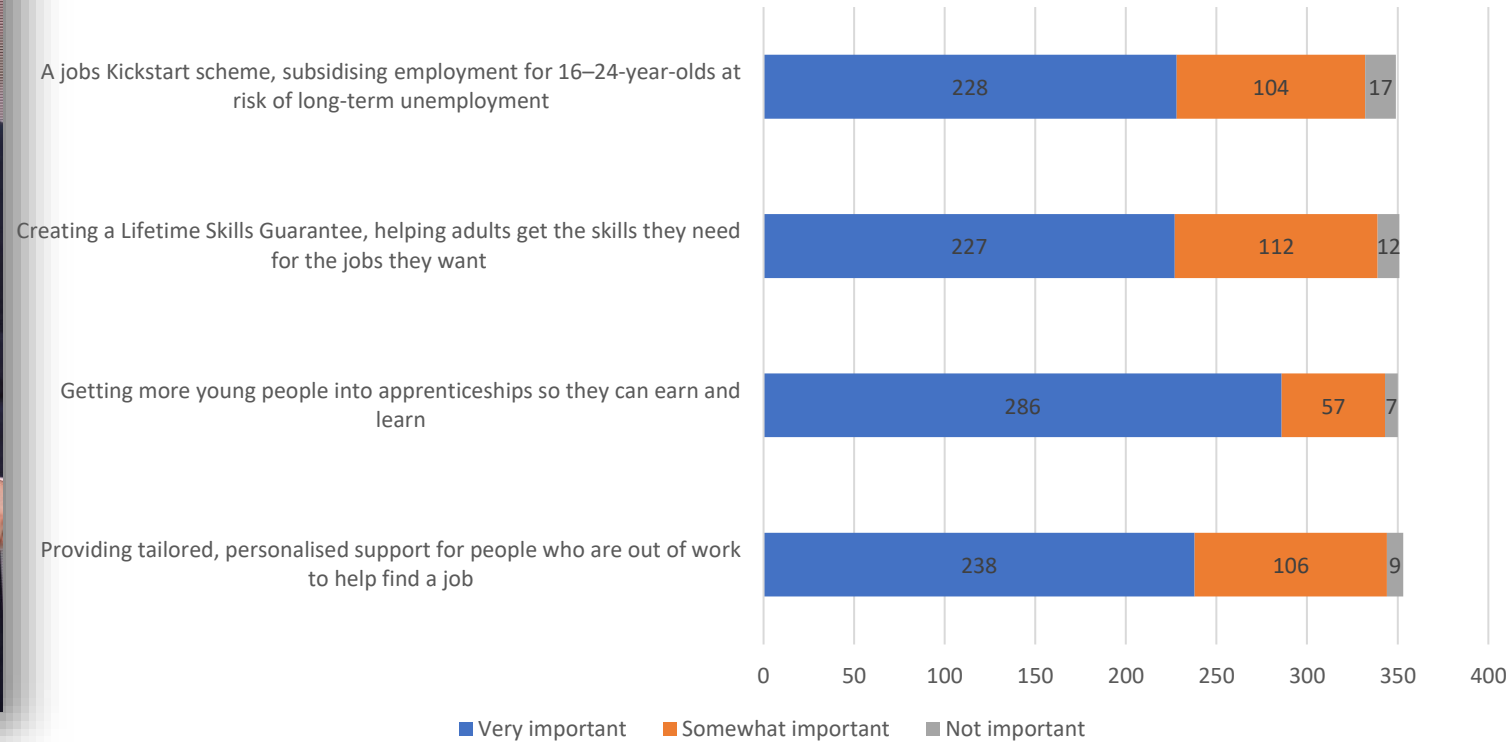
- Yes – I have used one of these schemes
- Yes – a family member has used one of these schemes
- No

Protecting Jobs

As our recovery from COVID-19 gathers pace, I want to ensure that we continue to protect and create even more jobs. While over 70% of respondents had not benefitted from job retention schemes, it became apparent that many respondents were at or beyond State Pension age. Moreover, the latest data for the constituency shows that 13,700 individuals have been supported through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. In addition, more than £25 million has been paid out via the Self-Employment Income Support grant scheme.



Q4. How important do you consider the following measures to support jobs and help people into work?

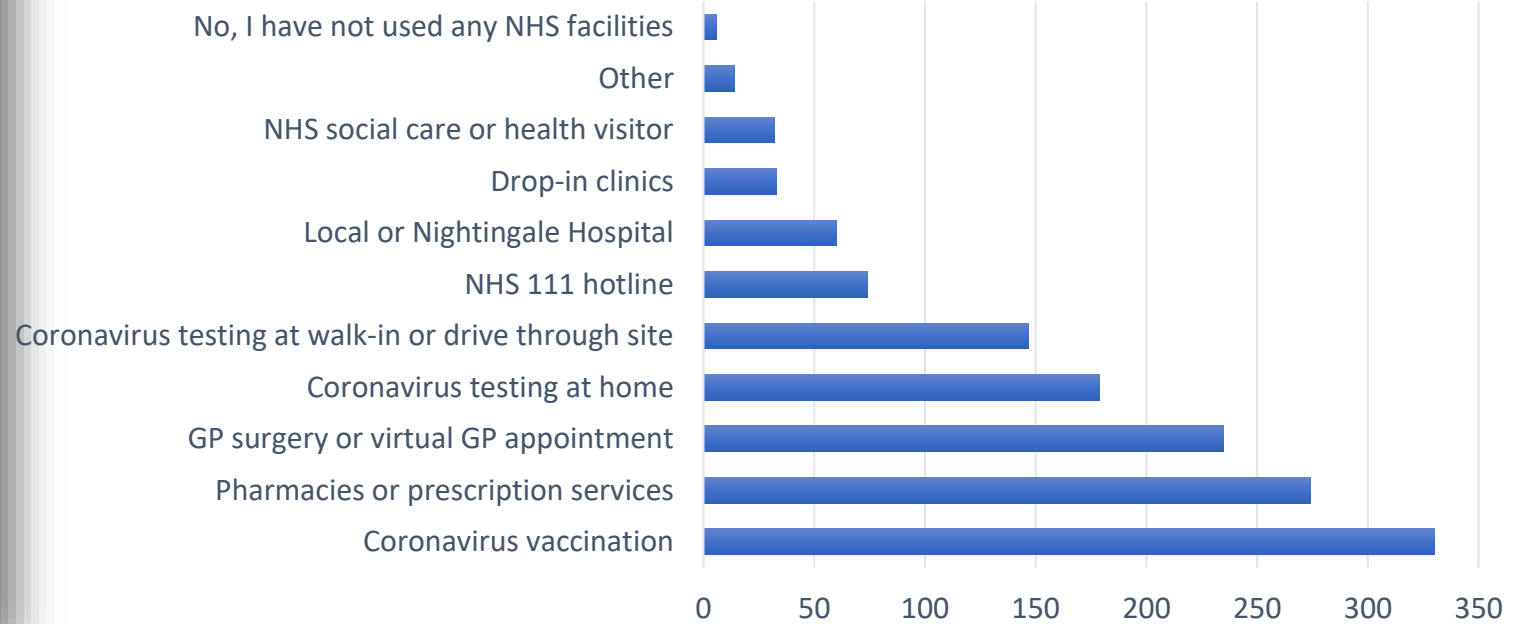


Protecting Jobs

Over two thirds of respondents labelled the measures set out in the Government’s Plan for Jobs as ‘very important.’ 82% said that efforts to get more young people into apprenticeships so that they can earn and learn at the same time were ‘very important’. Many respondents said that the further measures in the Plan were also ‘very important’, including the Lifetime Skills Guarantee (64%), Kickstart Scheme (65%), and action to provide tailored support for those out of work (67%).



Q5. Has anyone you know used any of the following NHS services during the pandemic?

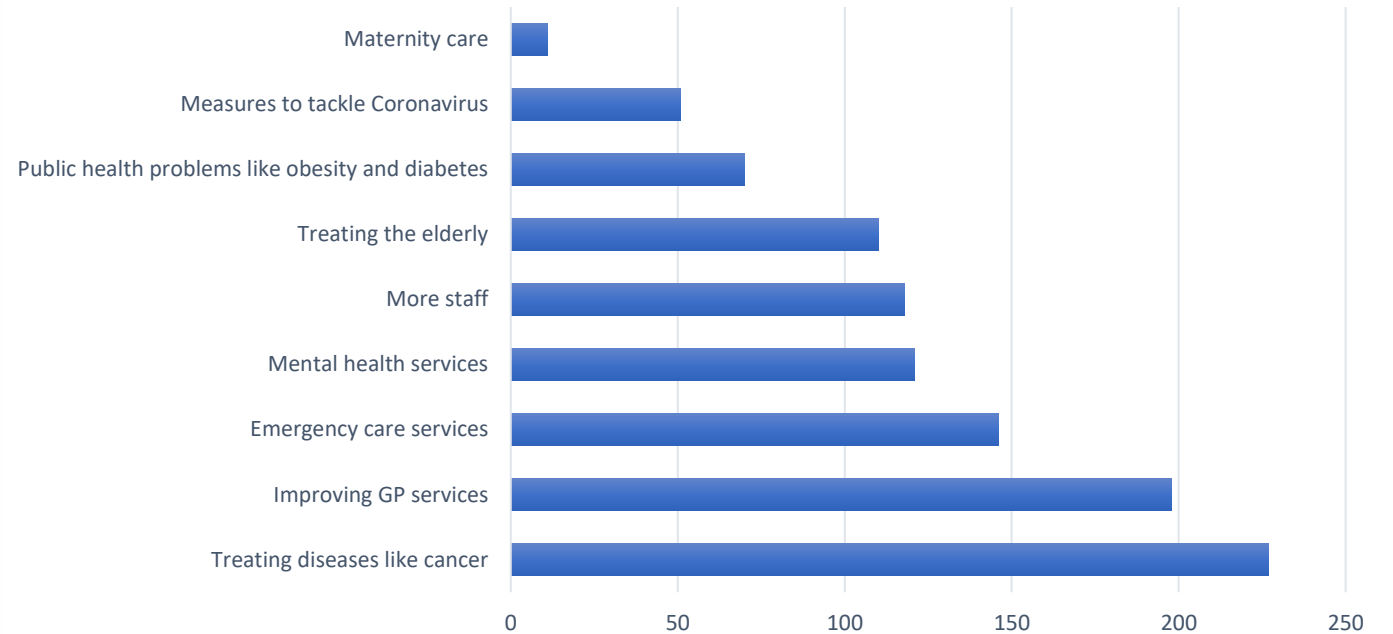


NHS Services

The health of my constituents remains a top priority, and so I was very interested to learn more about how respondents had engaged with NHS services during the outbreak of COVID-19. 93% told me that they knew someone who had been vaccinated against COVID-19. 77% said that they knew someone who had used a pharmacy or prescription services during the pandemic and 66% of 356 told me that they had used a GP surgery or virtual appointment during this time.



5b. Which three would you describe as your priorities for our NHS?

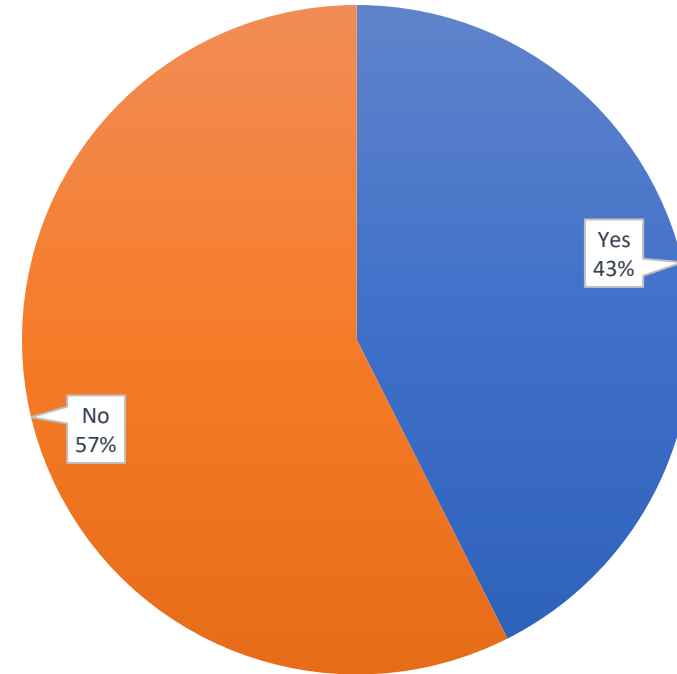


NHS Services

As the NHS recovery gets underway, 64% of respondents told me that they would prioritise treating diseases like cancer. 56% want to see improved GP services; and 41% want to see more investment in emergency care services. Respondents would also prioritise better care for the elderly (31%); mental health services (34%); more staff (33%); and public health problems like obesity and diabetes (20%).



Q7. Have you witnessed or experienced any crime/anti-social behaviour?

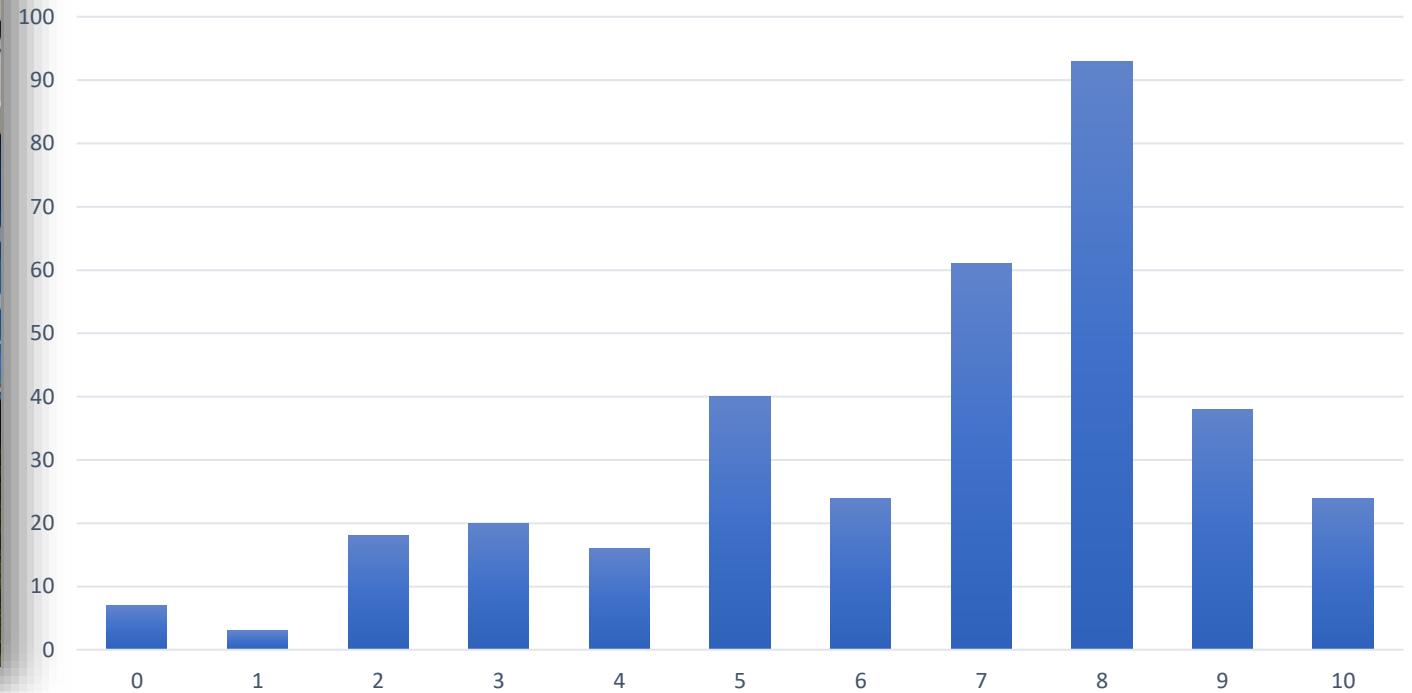


Tackling Crime

As a local MP, I want to ensure our city can become a better place to live, work, and visit. I was interested to learn that 57% of respondents had not experienced or witnessed crime or anti-social behaviour...



Q8. How safe do you feel walking around your local area on a scale of 0 to 10, from extremely unsafe to extremely safe?



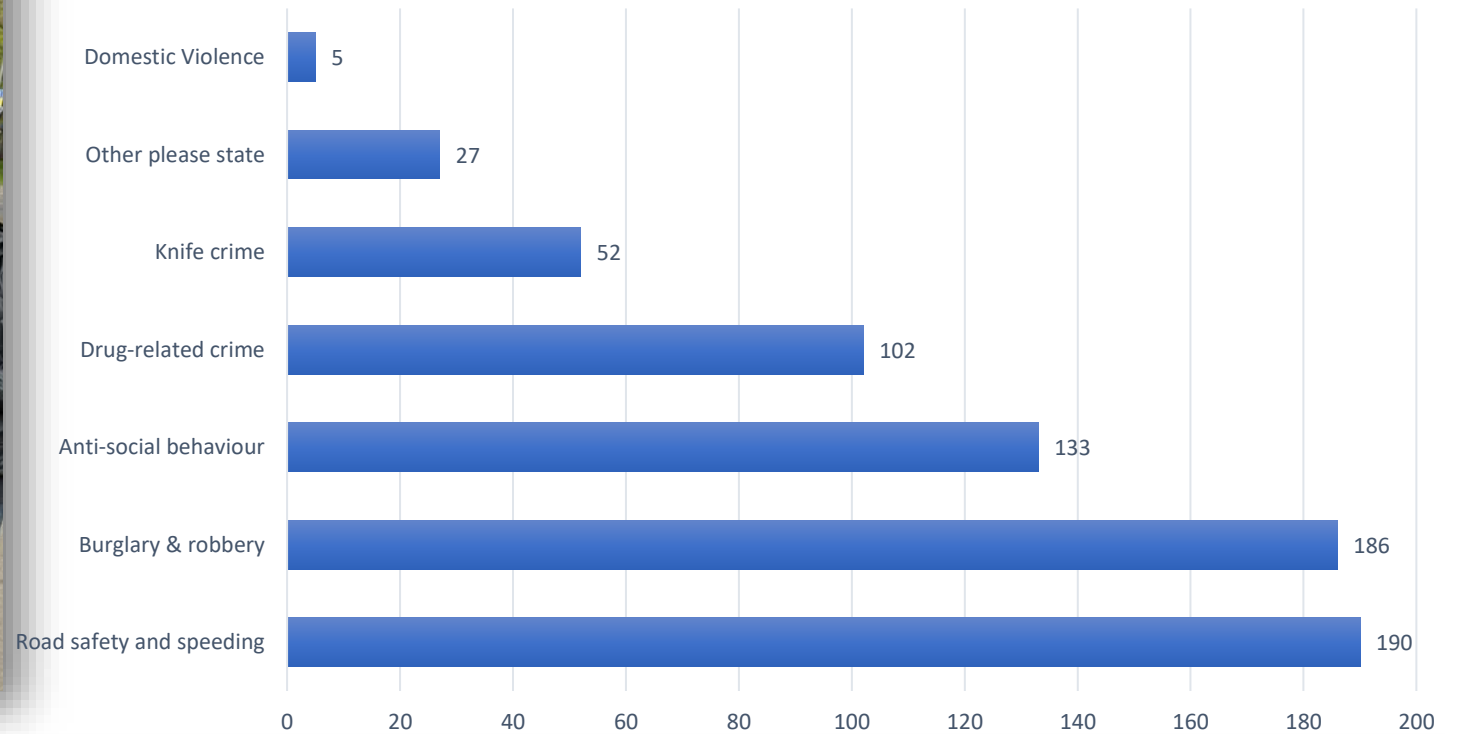
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Only 2% of respondents told me that they felt extremely unsafe when walking around their local area. At the same time, just 7% told me that they felt extremely safe when walking around their neighbourhood.

Most respondents reported that they felt more than moderately safe, with 29% providing a figure of eight out of 10 for safety levels.



Q9. Which TWO of the following are you most concerned about in your neighbourhood?

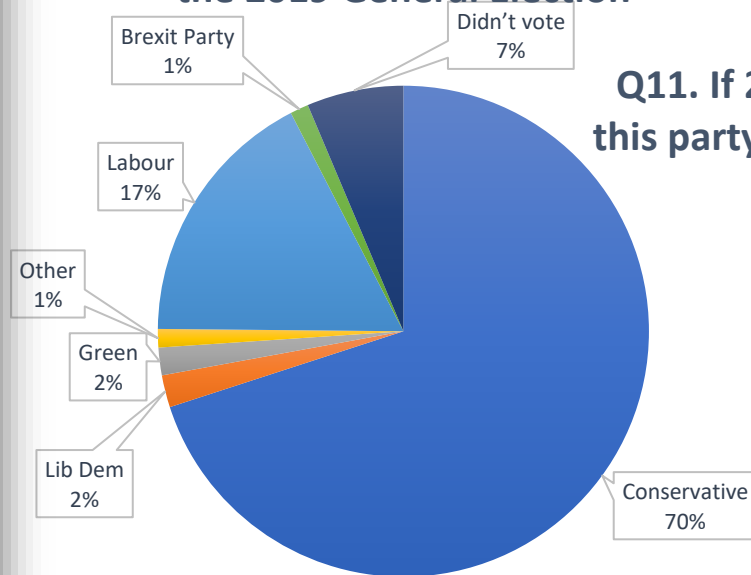


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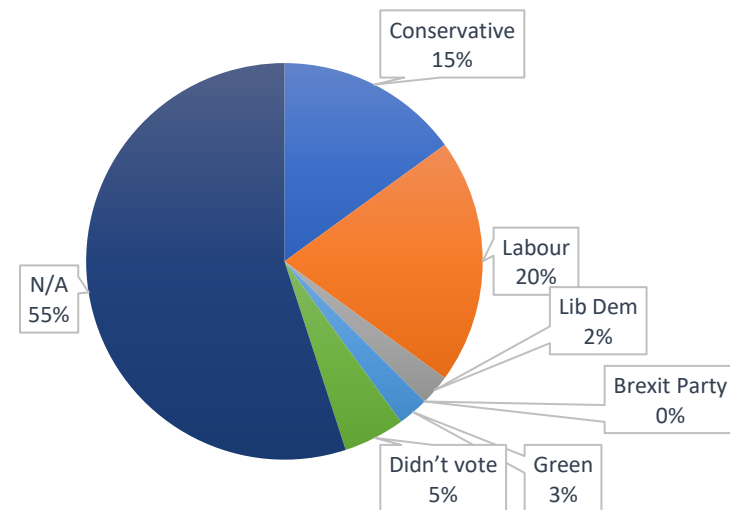
I discovered that the type of crimes people are most concerned about are road safety and speeding (54%); burglary and robbery (53%); and anti-social behaviour (38%). I have called on the Government to back the police with the resources needed to keep citizens safe and make our communities safer places by delivering more local funding.



Q10. Please let us know you voted in the 2019 General Election



Q11. If 2019 was the first time that you voted for this party, which party have you generally voted for in the past?



Your Views

70% of respondents told me that they had voted Conservative in the 2019 General Election. In second place, only 17% of respondents had voted for Labour. Of parties listed, most respondents who voted for a different party in 2019 had previously voted for Labour (20%).

Brighter Future Survey (363 responses)

How important do you consider the following measures to helping our community recover from the pandemic?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total
Extra investment in our city centre, helping businesses, and supporting local jobs.	280 (80%)	58 (17%)	12 (3%)	350
Tackling neighbourhood crimes and anti-social behaviour.	313 (89%)	33 (9%)	4 (1%)	350
Protecting our greenbelt and bringing derelict brownfield sites back into use.	268 (77%)	74 (21%)	5 (1%)	347
Creating better education and training opportunities for everyone.	272 (80%)	61 (18%)	9 (3%)	342

As we build back better from the pandemic, which THREE of these local issues do you think should be prioritised in our recovery plan? (355)

More homes that local people can afford to buy	93 (26%)	Supporting local shops & businesses	140 (39%)
Improving air quality	41 (12%)	Leisure, libraries, and culture	59 (17%)
Keeping Council Tax low	128 (36%)	Improving green spaces and maintenance of parks	71 (20%)
Parking	24 (7%)	Recycling and rubbish collection	43 (12%)
More support for renters	15 (4%)	Reducing Council waste & bureaucracy	123 (35%)
Road and pothole repairs	92 (%)	Caring for the elderly and vulnerable	88 (25%)
School place provision	7 (2%)	Protecting green spaces from development	79 (22%)
Improving access to transport	15 (4%)	Tackling congestion	18 (5%)

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

131 (37%)

Have you or a member of your family used any of the Government's job support and retention schemes, such as furlough or self-employed grants? (355)

I have	35 (10%)	A family member has	54 (15%)	No	266 (75%)
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How important do you consider the following measures to support jobs and help people into work:

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Total
Providing tailored, personalised support for people who are out of work to help find a job	238 (67%)	106 (30%)	9 (3%)	353
Getting more young people into apprenticeships so		57 (16%)	7 (2%)	350

Creating a Lifetime Skills Guarantee, helping adults get the skills they need for the jobs they want		227 (64%)	112 (32%)	12 (3%)	352
A jobs Kickstart scheme, subsidising employment for 16–24-year-olds at risk of long-term unemployment		228 (65%)	104 (30%)	17 (5%)	349
Has anyone you know used any of the following NHS services during the pandemic? (356)					
Coronavirus vaccination	330 (93%)	Local or Nightingale Hospital	60 (17%)	NHS 111 hotline 74 (21%)	
GP surgery or virtual appointment	235 (66%)	Pharmacies or prescription services	274 (77%)	Drop-in clinics 33 (9%)	
NHS social care or health visitor	32 (9%)	Coronavirus testing at home	179 (50%)	Coronavirus testing at walk-in or drive through site 147 (41%)	
Other	14 (4%)	No, I have not used any NHS facilities		6 (2%)	
As we build back better from the pandemic, which THREE would describe your priorities for our NHS? (354)					
Treating the elderly	110 (31%)	Treating diseases like cancer	227 (64%)	Public health problems like obesity and diabetes 70 (20%)	
Maternity care	11 (3%)	Improving GP services	198 (56%)	Emergency care services 146 (41%)	
More staff	118 (33%)	Mental health services	121 (34%)	Measures to tackle Coronavirus 51 (14%)	
Have you witnessed or experienced any crime or antisocial behaviour? (343)					
Yes	146 (43%)		No	197 (57%)	
How safe do you feel walking around your local area? On a scale of 0-10, where 0 is extremely unsafe and 10 is extremely safe.					
0	7 (2%)		1	3 (1%)	3 20 (6%)
2	18 (6%)		4	16 (5%)	5 40 (12%)
6	24 (7%)		7	61 (19%)	8 93 (29%)
9	38 (12%)		10	24 (7%)	
Which TWO of the following are you most concerned about in your local neighbourhood? (351)					
Anti-social behaviour	133 (38%)		Knife crime	52 (15%)	Burglary & robbery 186 (53%)
Road safety and speeding	190 (54%)		Domestic Violence	5 (1%)	Drug-related crime 102 (29%)
Other please state	27 (8%)				

Creating Economic Opportunities	1. Continue supporting people to get back into work while ensuring that help is available for the elderly and most vulnerable.
	2. Drive investment in key sectors of the economy to unlock more private sector investment.
	3. Level up opportunities for people in areas where it is most needed with key schemes such as the Levelling Up Fund.
	4. Deliver fiscal steps that enable high street retail as well as hospitality venues to flourish in the years ahead.
	5. Enable pubs to become the vital community hubs that they were before the restrictions necessitated by COVID-19.
Building a Safer and Cleaner Wolverhampton	1. Back the police with the resources that they need to keep our citizens safe and deliver on the Police Uplift Programme.
	2. Prioritise improve road safety and a more effective response to anti-social behaviour as part of the Safer Streets Fund.
	3. Communities and councils must be empowered to collaborate more closely on local issues and reinstate civic pride.
	4. The Lower Tier Services Grant could be extended for an additional year.
	5. A new community ideas fund to support locally developed schemes that combat issues such as litter and fly-tipping.
Championing Health and Wellbeing	1. Develop more joined-up, integrated care that is more responsive to the needs of local people.
	2. Extra investment in treating diseases like cancer, GP services, and emergency care services as well as more staff.
	3. Back measures to tackle homelessness, improve public health, and reform social care with the resources it requires.
	4. Double down on support for veterans, service personnel, and their loved ones.
	5. Support informal carers with the right support to help them carry out their caring roles.
Protecting Our Natural Environment	1. Reform the National Infrastructure Levy to deliver the infrastructure that local neighbourhoods need.
	2. A new fund for community garden initiatives, including pocket parks and allotments, to connect people with nature.
	3. Support as many homes as possible to be EPC Band C by 2035 with clear processes and incentives.
	4. Continue to invest in Winter Fuel Payments, Cold Weather Payments, and expand the Warm Home Discount.
	5. Invest in renewable energies and support start-ups to pioneer new technologies such as carbon capture.
Creating Better Opportunities for Young People	1. Recruit more providers in efforts to deliver more adult education and lifelong learning programmes.
	2. Expand the Condition Improvement Fund to ensure that all young people have access to good educational facilities.
	3. Incentivise more businesses to hire apprentices and help them to progress in their chosen fields.
	4. Release more funds via the Youth Investment Fund and launch a local artists development fund for the arts and culture.
	5. Invest in the infrastructure that young people will need to excel in life, including more affordable housing.

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