

M3 Global Research Survey Reveals Over 80% of Specialists Agree Doctors Should Have More Flexibility on Deciding When Cannabis-based Products Should Be Prescribed to Patients

Additionally, 90% of Patients Think NHS Should Pay for Cannabis-based Products

Across a series of four questions, M3 Global Research panel members in the UK—including patients, GPs, medical specialists and other healthcare professionals—were surveyed to obtain their opinions on the accessibility of cannabis-based products for medical use. Results revealed that the vast majority of patients are ready for the rules to relax and for the NHS to cover the costs.

The questions respondents were asked included:

- Should there be a decision to relax the rules around the prescription of cannabis-based products?
- Should doctors have more flexibility on the decision as of when cannabis-based products should be prescribed to their patients?
- Should the prescription of cannabis-based products be kept limited to specialist doctors only?
- Should the NHS pay for cannabis-based products?

The results of our survey are quite interesting, especially when comparing answers from different respondent types, with the patient community being the most eager for the rules around cannabis-based products to be relaxed.

Here are some highlights:

- 80% of specialists agree with relaxing the decision making as of when they can prescribe this type of medication.
- Our patient community agrees with relaxing the rules around the prescription of cannabis-based products and believe the NHS should pay for it.
- However, they are the only surveyed group that thinks that the prescription of cannabis-based products shouldn't be kept limited to specialist doctors only.
- Regarding our healthcare panel, it is worth noting that general practitioners (GPs) seem to be less in favour of relaxing the rules around the prescription of these products and are also the respondents that most agree to keep it limited to specialist doctors.

Here are the detailed results of the survey:

*OHCPs: Other healthcare professionals, such as nurses, dentist, therapists, nutritionists, etc

Sample size consisting of 85 patients, 112 GPs, 266 medical specialists, and 304 other healthcare professionals (nurses, dentists, technicians etc).

