

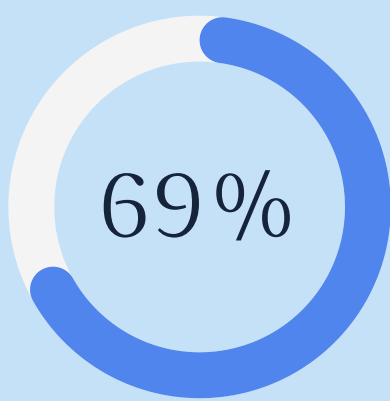
Living with Dementia:

Understanding your experiences of dementia as a patient or as a carer



Healthwatch Oldham created this survey as part of their Healthwatch Oldham 100 project. The objective was to improve our understanding of your knowledge of dementia and any experiences you have had as a patient or as a carer. A total of 32 people completed this survey.

Are you caring or have you cared for someone with dementia?

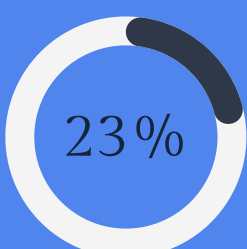


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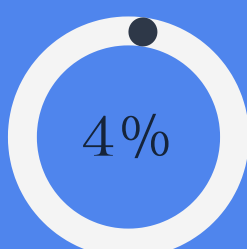
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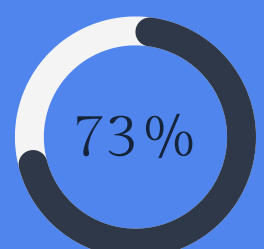
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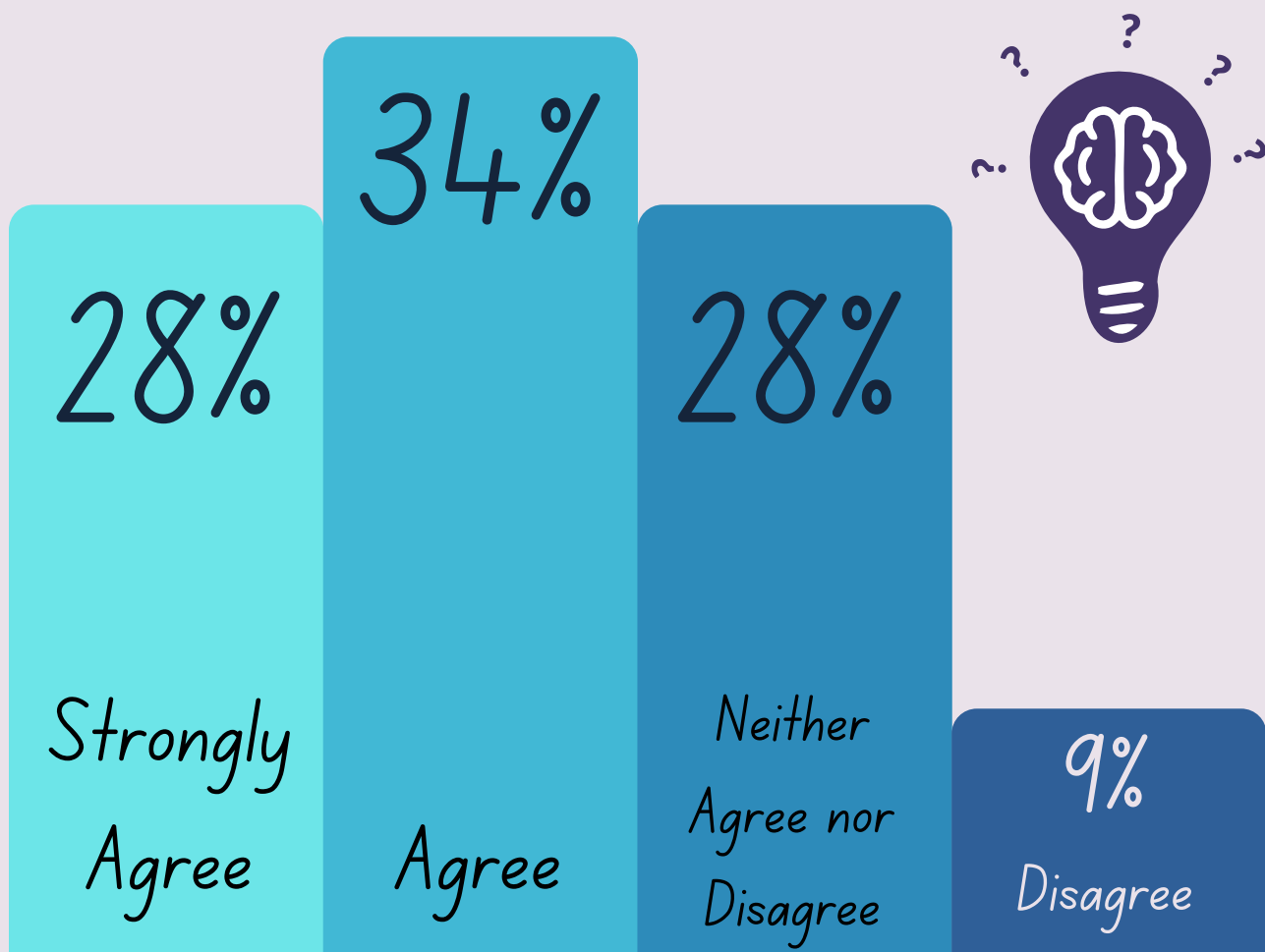
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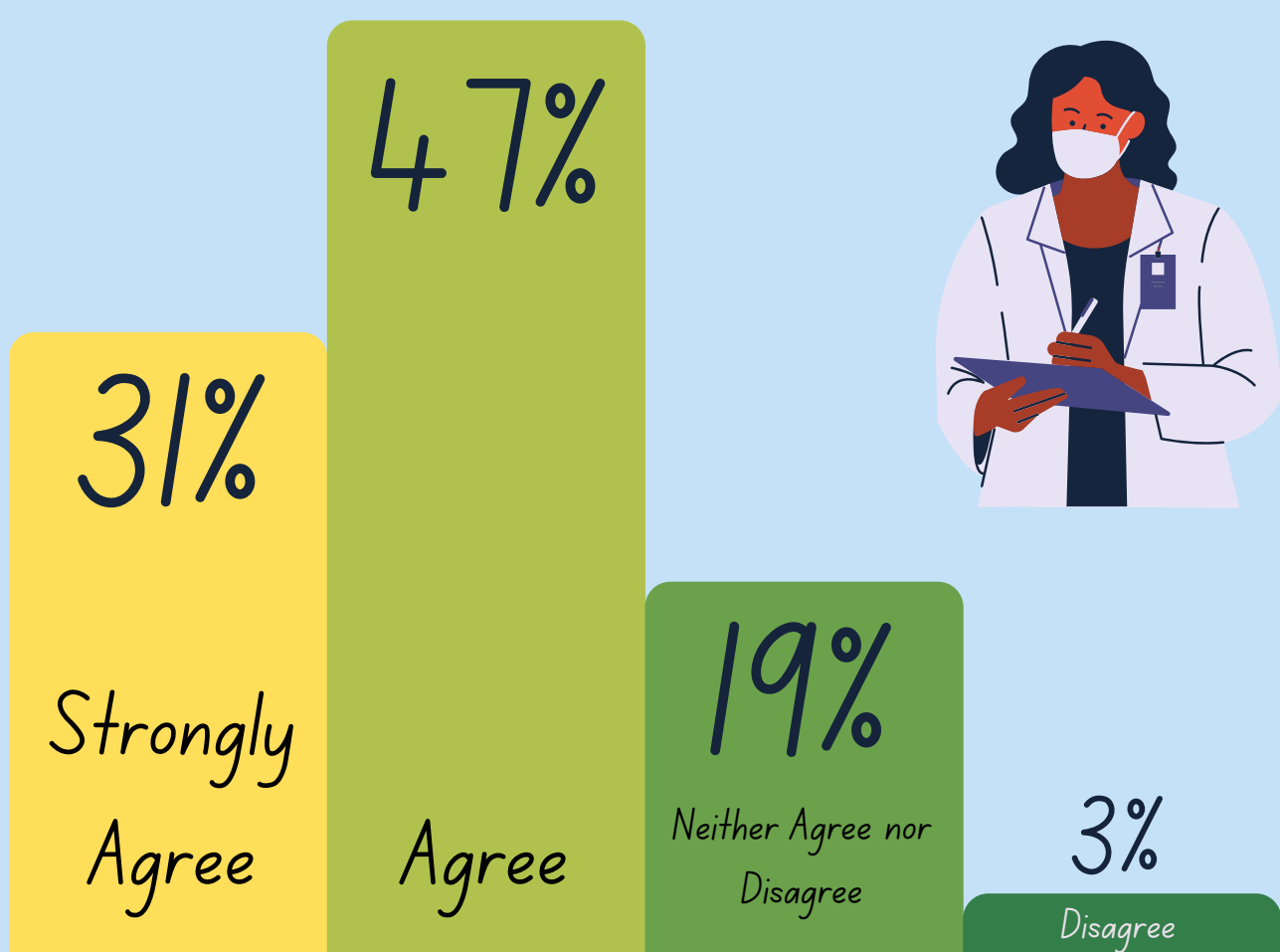
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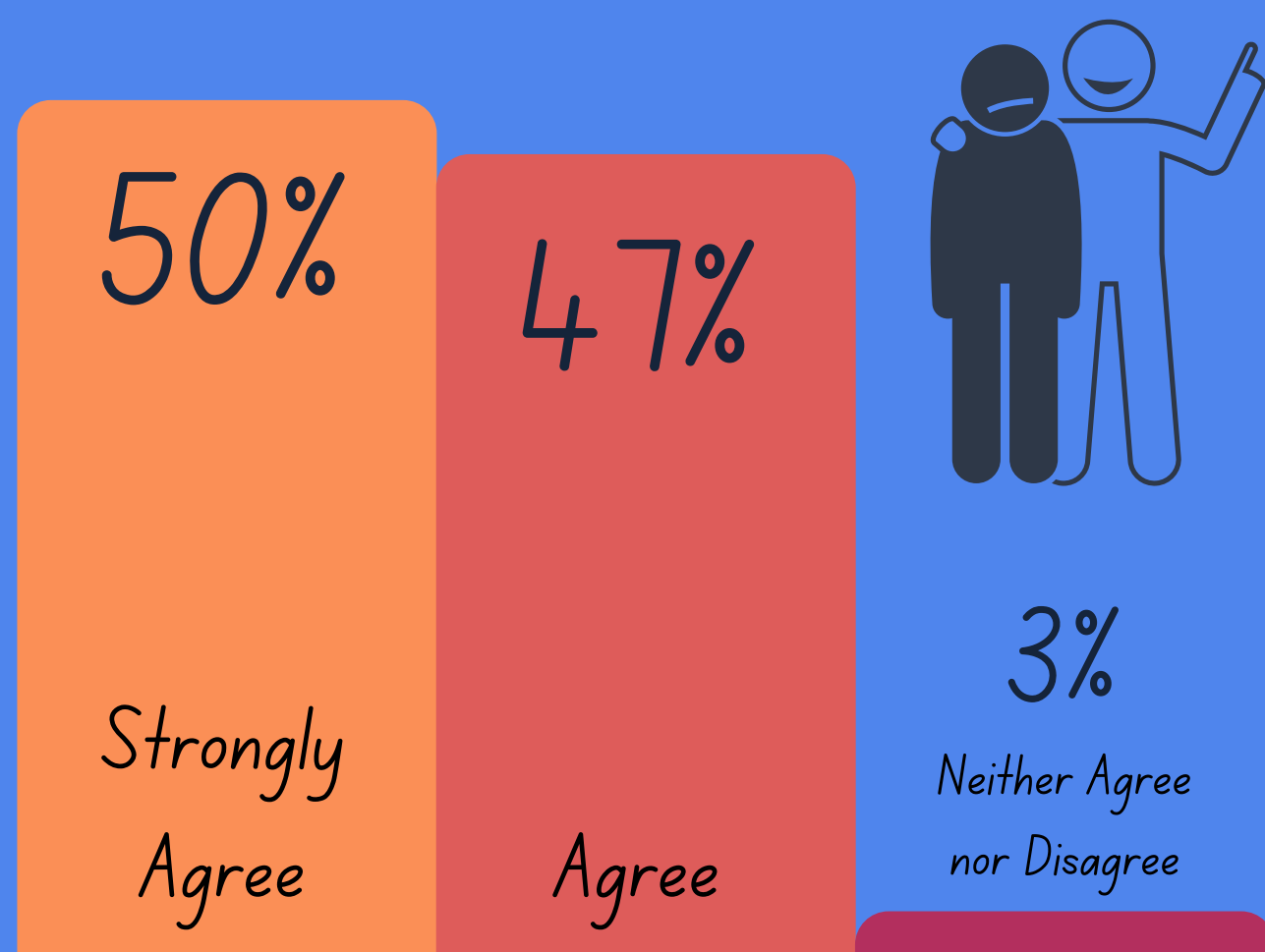
"As I get older, I worry about developing dementia"



"If I was experiencing memory problems I would see my GP"



"If someone close to me was experiencing memory problems, I would encourage them to see their GP"



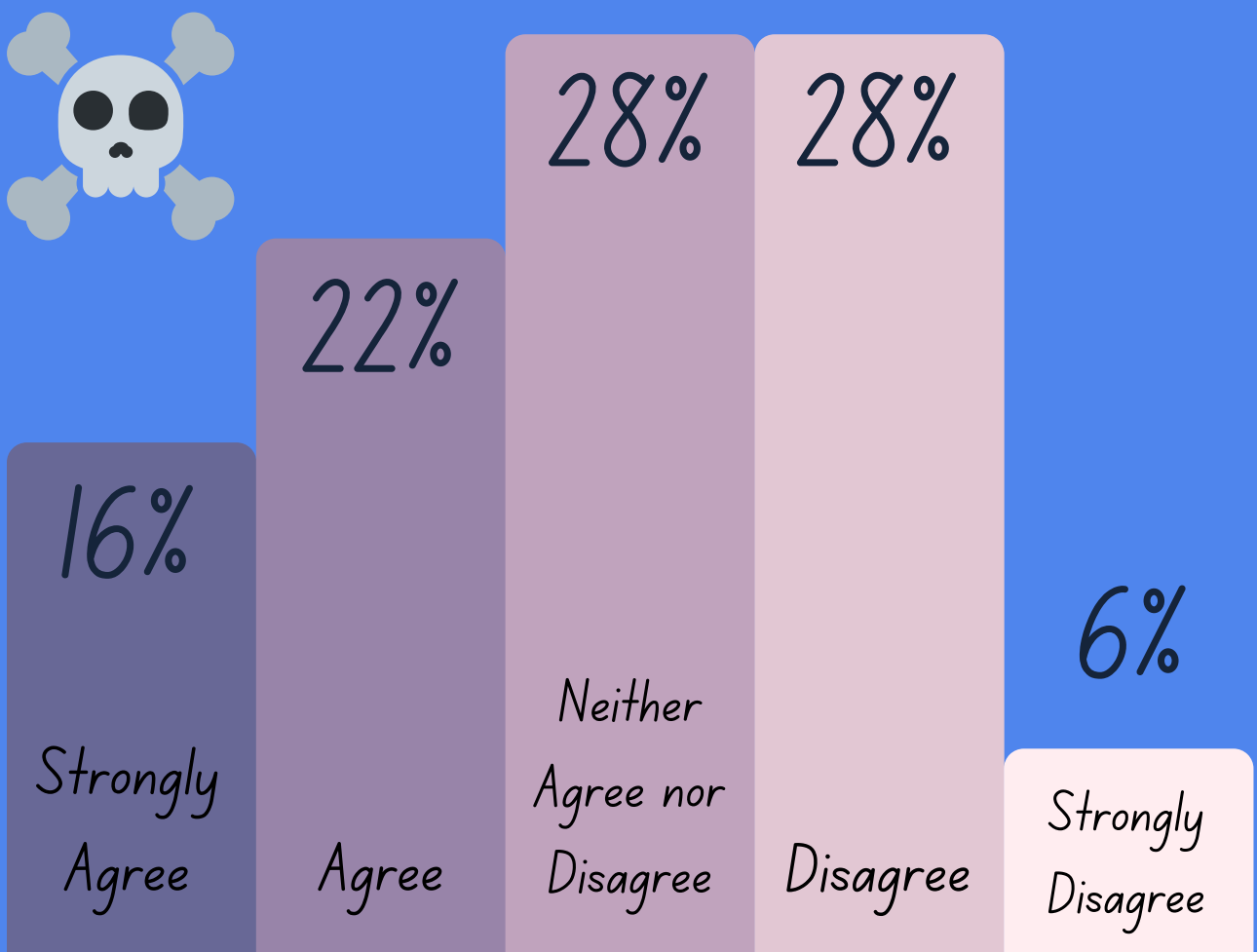
Do you feel dementia is an age-related disease?



DID YOU KNOW?

Dementia is not an age-related disease. It's more common in people over the age of 65 but anyone can get dementia, even people in their 30s/40s/50s

"A diagnosis of dementia is like a death sentence"

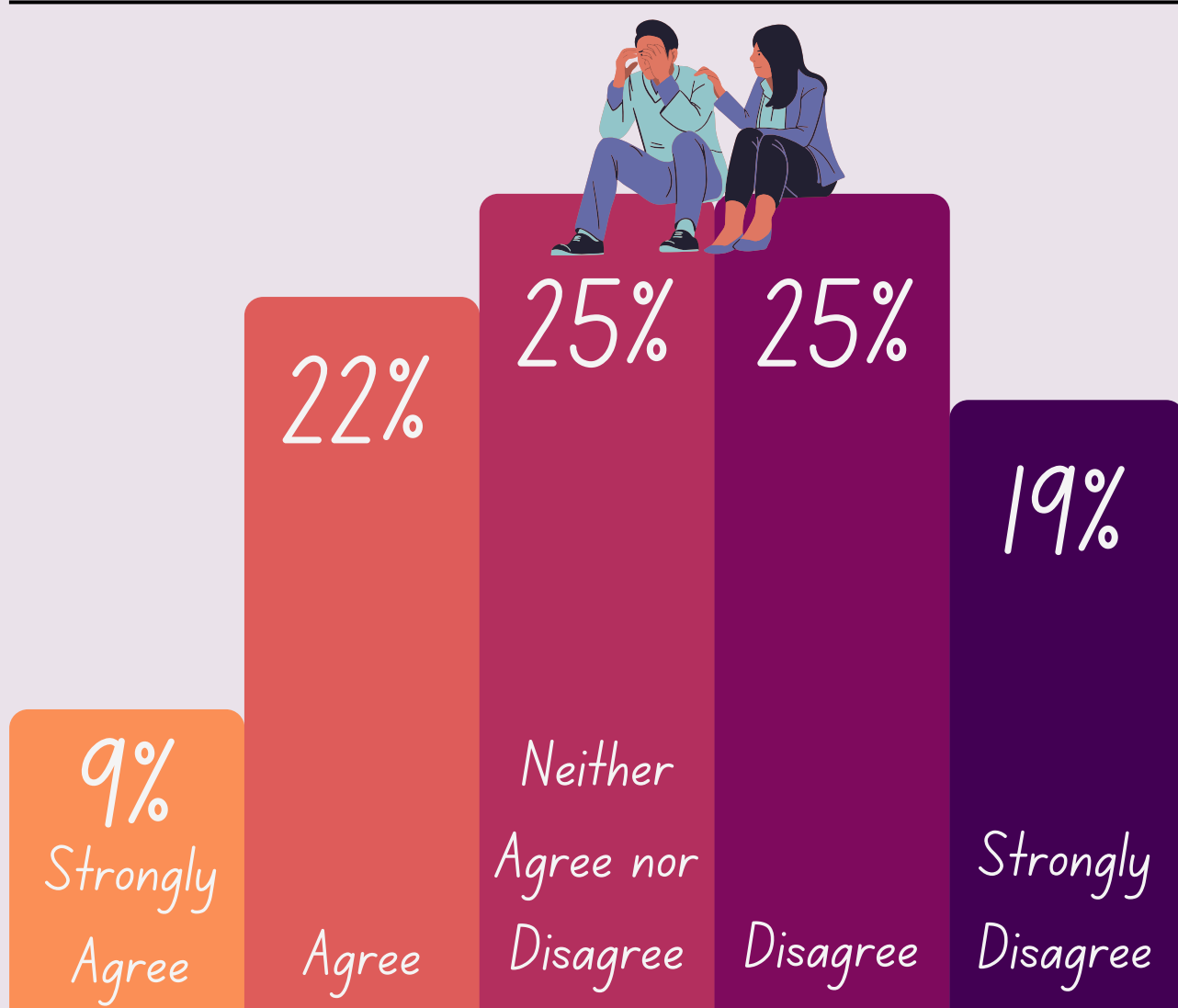


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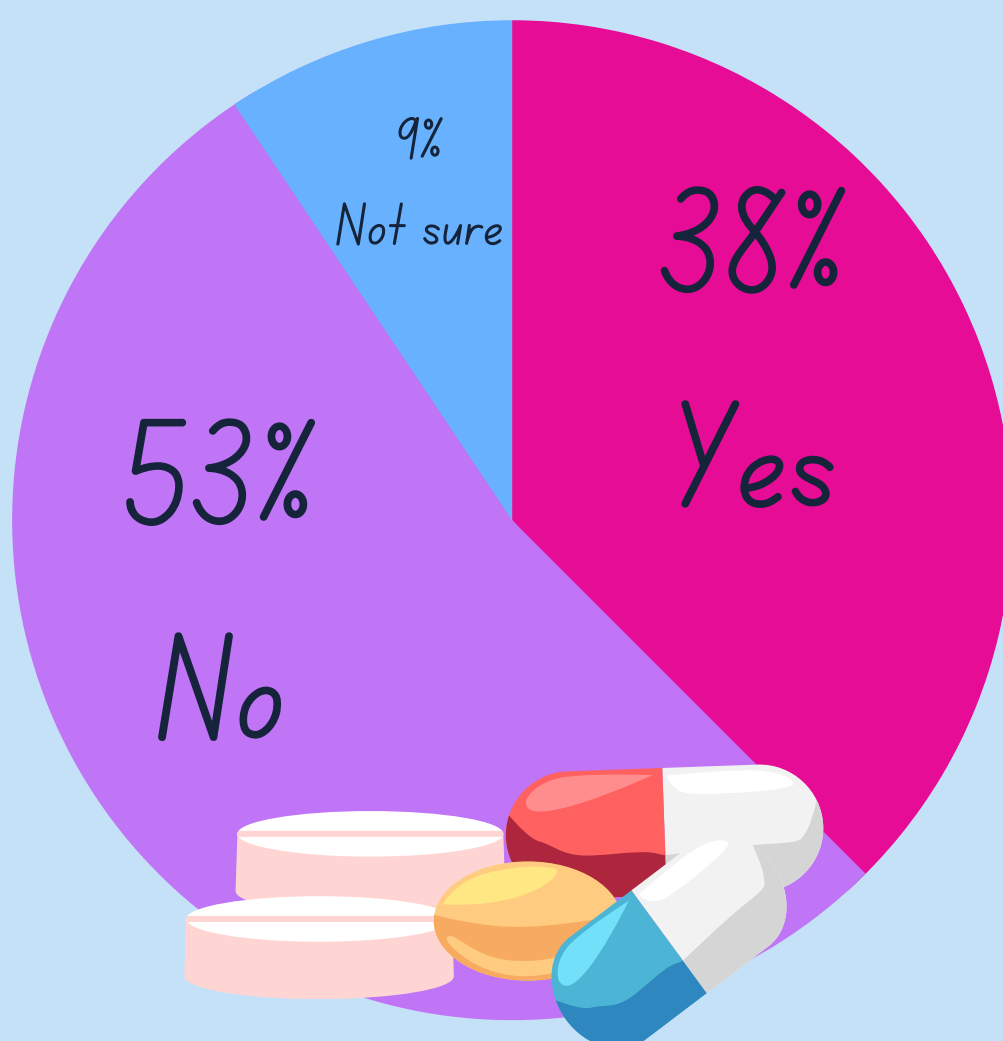
In the early stages of dementia, you may be able to live at home, continuing to enjoy doing the things you have always done and having an active social life.

As the illness progresses, it's likely that you'll need extra help with daily activities, such as housework, shopping and cooking.

"There are good health and social services for people with dementia"



"Can dementia be treated?"



DID YOU KNOW?

There is currently no cure for dementia. But there are medicines and other treatments that can help with dementia symptoms.



The information provided within this infographic has been provided by NHS England. You can find out more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/dementia/>



WHAT YOU SAID

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"People with Dementia may fear everyday life, people and their surroundings.

They may not be able to communicate as the illness progresses. The only way this can be reduced in the person with Dementia is through continuity of services.

This also reduces the added stress to families/carers of having to explain everything every time someone new comes along."

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"People living with dementia can continue a good life.

More support service needs to be available in the evening and at weekends when a carer is alone with their loved one and needs some support, especially if they are agitated or want to wander. There is nothing at the weekends and people feel so isolated and scared."

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"Not many of the services have a true understanding of the illness. This leads to a lot of stress for family/Carers. The providers that do understand it and show compassion I feel are tied by the protocols they are restricted by."

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We would like to thank everyone for being involved in the creation of this infographic and for taking the time to share their views and experiences of living with dementia.