



Consumers at the centre of health in South Australia

South Australian Health Consumer Experience Survey September 2020

Introduction

Health Consumers Alliance of South Australia Inc (HCASA) has been the recognised peak voice for health consumers in South Australia for almost 20 years. As expert partners, HCASA have worked with consumers, health services and government to improve health outcomes.

HCASA undertook the *Health Consumer Experience Survey* to provide a snapshot of consumer feedback regarding their experience with healthcare in South Australia. We hope and anticipate that this data will be used to better inform health services to partner with consumers in improving health care. We hope also that this survey can be undertaken as an annual review of health consumer experience in the absence of a health consumer advocacy peak body in South Australia.

When the SA Government chose to cease funding to the HCASA in 2019, it made the decision, that independent systemic health consumer advocacy is no longer necessary in South Australia. With the closure of HCASA on 30 September 2020, South Australia will be out of step with all other states, which have government funded, independent and systemic peak health consumer organisations. This Survey Report is our final piece of work with health consumers in South Australia.

Survey

The Survey was undertaken between 1st to 31st July 2020 using Survey Monkey as an online platform. 156 consumers across SA undertook the survey.

The survey comprised of the following sections;

- Section 1: General information
- Section 2: Health Care Experience
 - Most recent healthcare experience
 - Overall healthcare experience in the last year
 - Communication
 - o Partnering with consumers in own care
 - Meeting consumer needs
 - Cultural safety
- Section 3: Making a Complaint
- Section 4: Consumer Participation

Acknowledgement

Health Consumers Alliance of South Australia wishes to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the health consumers and communities of South Australia.

We acknowledge the many Consumer Advocates and Community Representatives who have given of their time, shared their experiences, provided invaluable ideas and perspectives, and have informed and influenced health planning, service delivery and policy to improve the health experience of all South Australians.

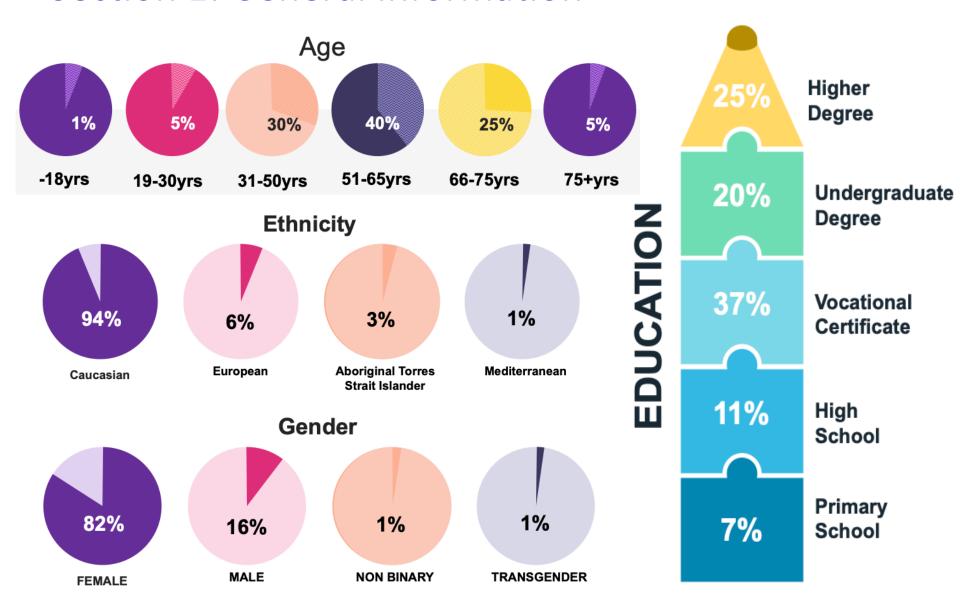
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Section 1: General Information



General Information cont.

Communities

Older People 49%

Carers 3%

LGBTQI+ people 15%

Rural & remote communities 15%

People living with disability 24%

Trauma affected people 18%

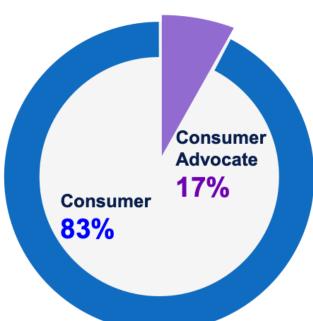
Young people 16%

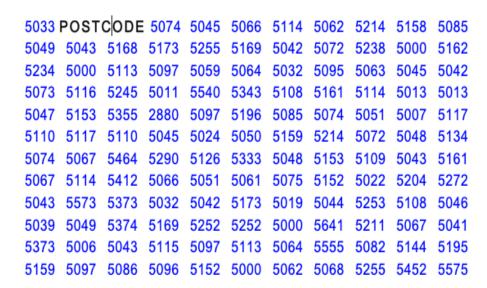
People living with chronic health condition/s

50%

People with lived experience of Mental illness 35%

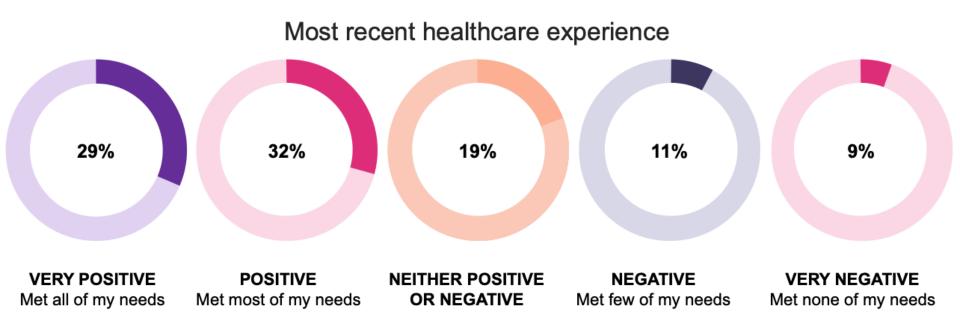
General Information cont.





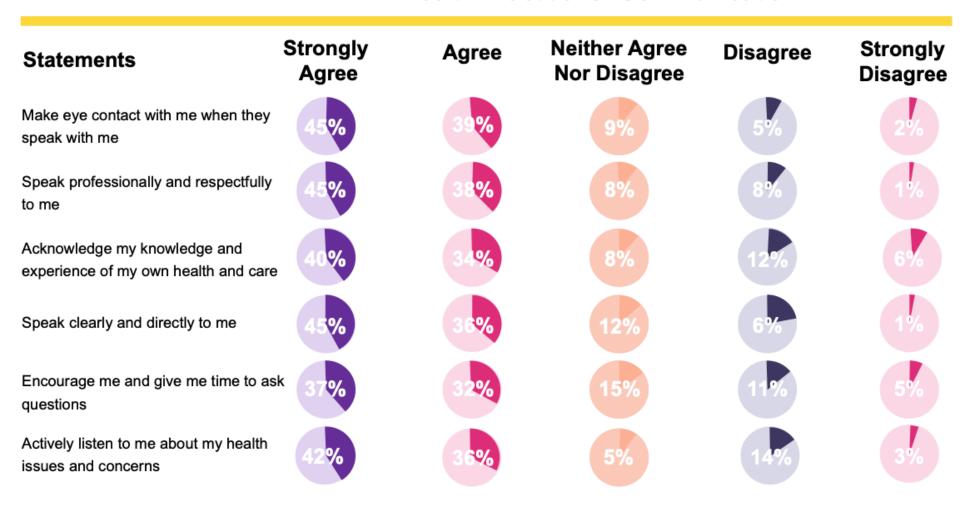


Section 2: Healthcare experience



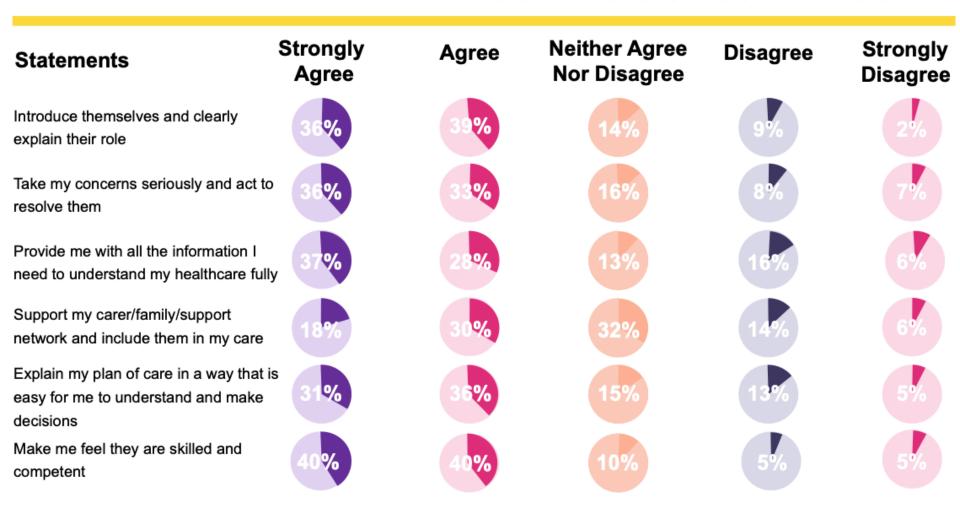
Consumer Experience: Communication

Health Practitioner Communication



Consumer Experience: Partnering in own care

Health Practitioners involve consumers in own care



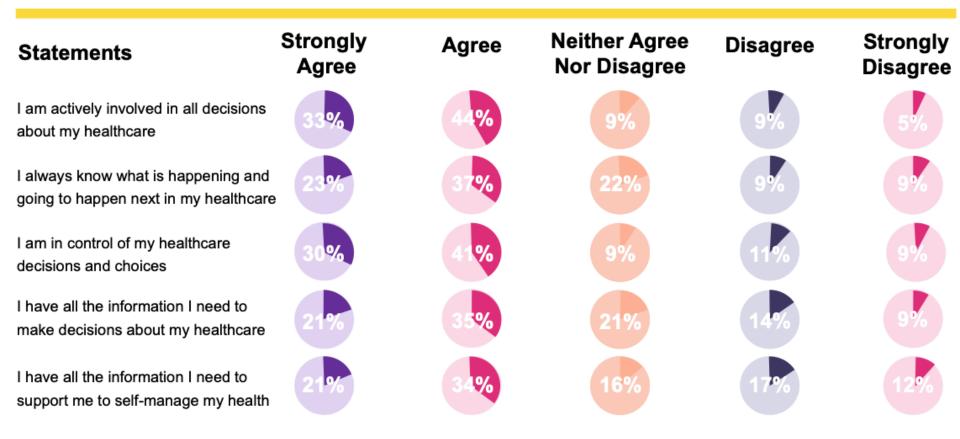
Consumer Experience: Partnering in decision-making

Health Practitioners involve consumers in healthcare planning & decision-making

Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Inform me of my healthcare rights	5%	20%	20%	40%	15%
Involve me as an equal partner in my own care	31%	31%	13%	14%	11%
Outline the risks of my healthcare and discuss best options to minimse them	200%	40%	10%	15%	15%
Routinely check my healthcare goals to ensure my care meets my needs	to 25%	30%	10%	20%	15%
Routinely check if I have any question or issues arising from my care	as 20%	20%	25%	25%	10%
Offer me the opportunity to give feedback on my healthcare experience	e 10%	20%	35%	20%	15%

Consumer Experience: Meeting consumer needs

How consumer's feel about their healthcare experience



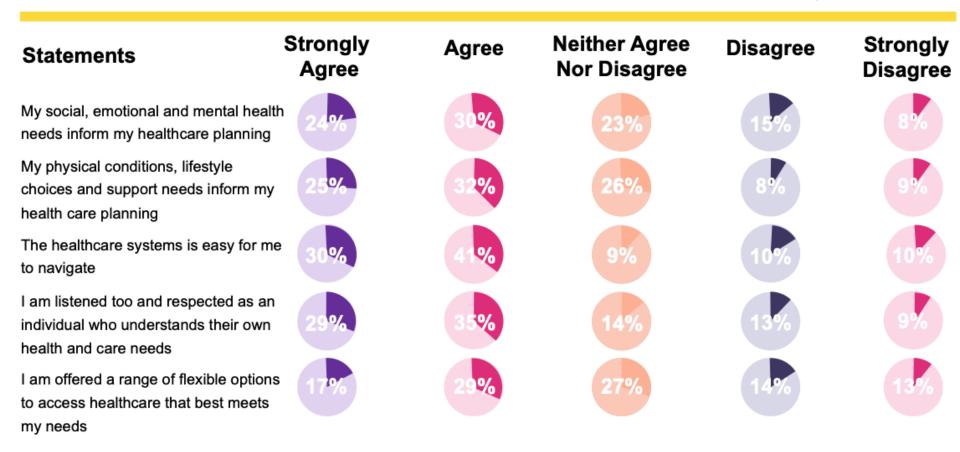
Consumer Experience: Meeting consumer needs cont.

How consumer's feel about their healthcare experience

Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am supported and encouraged to self-manage my own health	26%	33%	22%	10%	9%
I have access to the most appropriate healthcare to meet my needs	27%	30%	14%	15%	14%
I always feel safe when receiving healthcare	37%	27%	17%	12%	7%
I always receive healthcare of the highest quality	28%	31%	20%	14%	7%
My healthcare is focused on my individual needs, goals preferences and values	15%	35%	20%	20%	10%

Consumer Experience: Meeting consumer needs cont.

How consumers feel about their healthcare experience

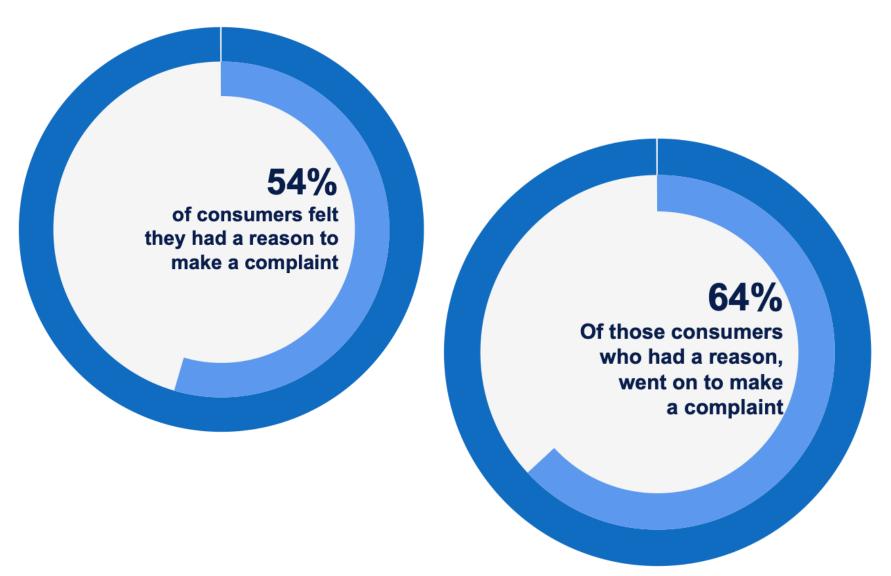


Consumer Experience: Cultural safety

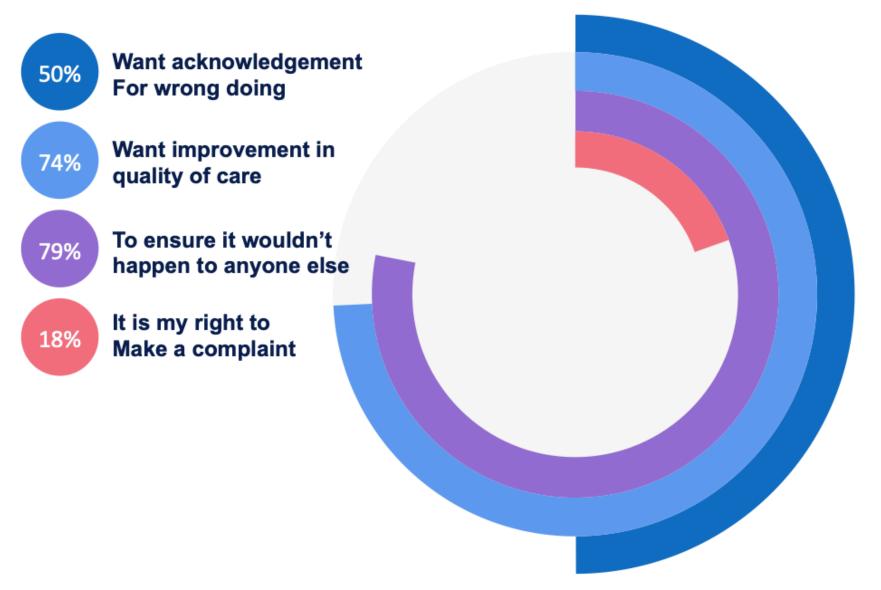
How consumers feel about their cultural safety

Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My cultural needs, values and beliefs are respected and met as part of my healthcare	20%	21%	47%	5%	7%
I do not experience any discrimination racism or stigma in accessing healthc	2 5 0/	31%	16%	11%	7%
My ethnicity, religion, cultural beliefs, values, orientation or identify do not create any barriers to my accessing healthcare	34%	33%	29%	2%	2%
Health services ensure access to appropriate cultural and language aids resources to support my healthcare	26%	23%	48%	1%	2%

Section 3: Making a complaint

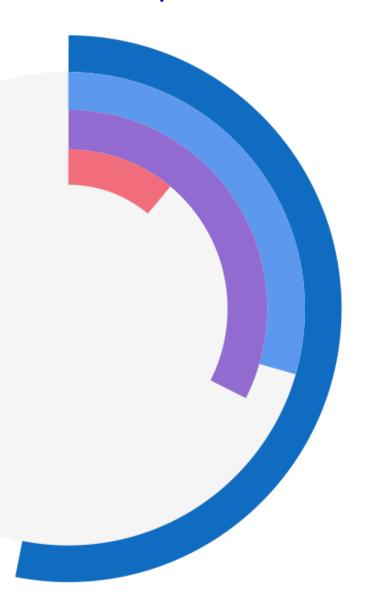


Reasons why consumers did make a complaint



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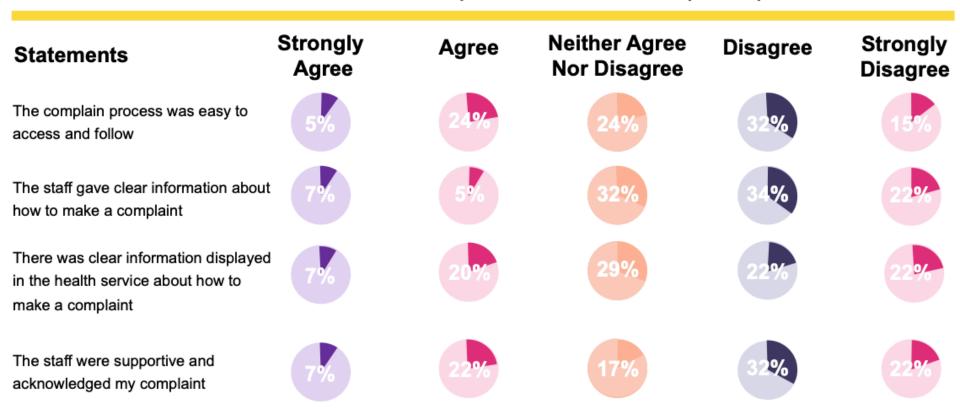


Reasons why consumers did not make a complaint



Consumer Complaints: Complaint Process

Consumer experience of the complaint process



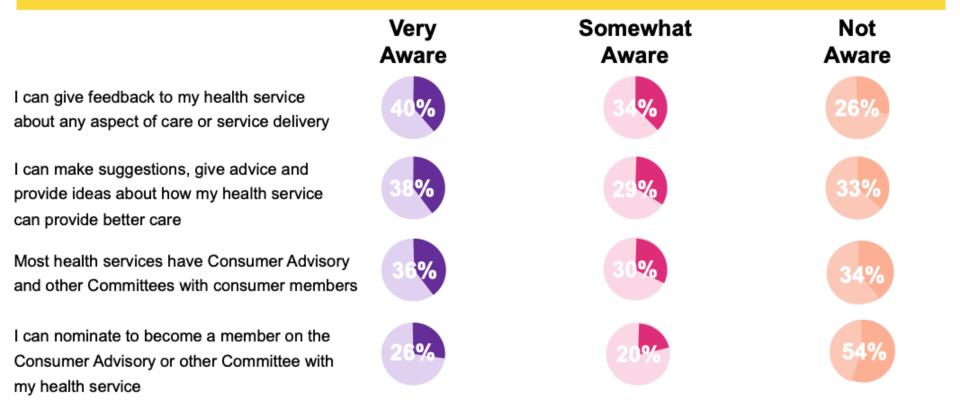
Consumer Complaints: Complaint Process cont.

Consumer's experience of the complaint process

Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My complaint was followed up in a timely manner	10%	17%	26%	15%	32%
I was kept informed about the progr of my complaint	ress 7%	10%	24%	22%	37%
I was satisfied with the outcomes of complaint	f my 10%	15%	26%	10%	39%

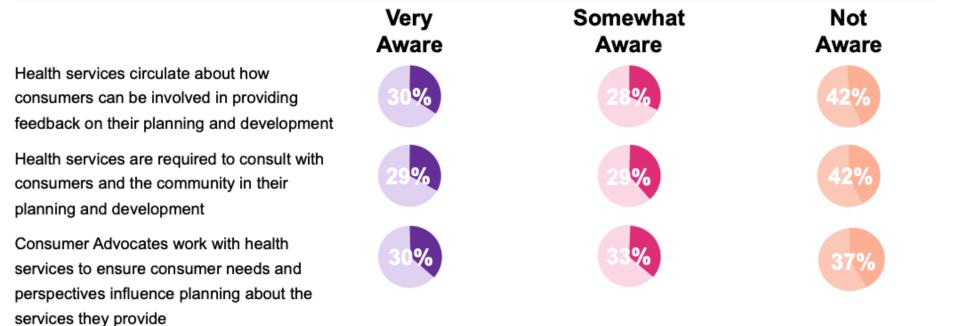
Section 4: Consumer participation in health service planning and decision-making: Awareness

Consumer awareness of opportunities to participate



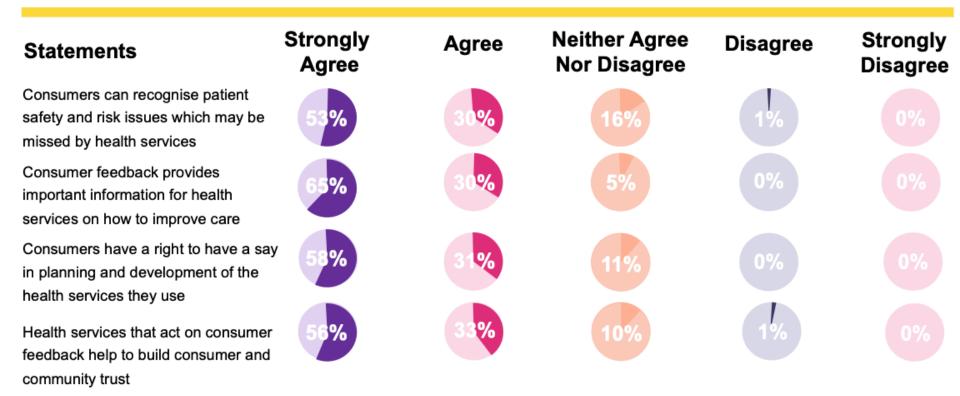
Consumer participation: Awareness cont.

Consumer awareness of opportunities to participate



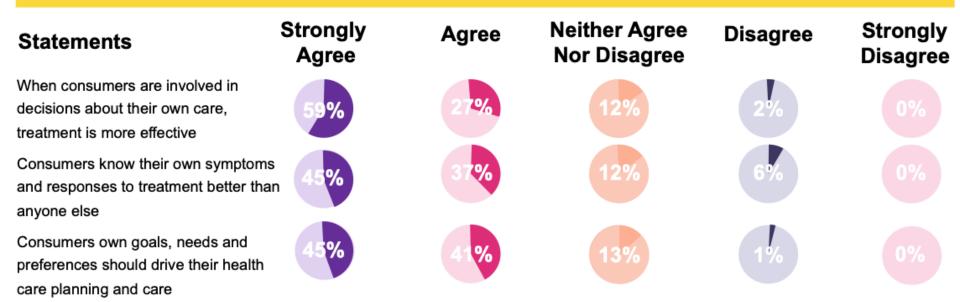
Consumer Participation: Health service planning

Consumer participation in health service planning



Consumer Participation: In own care

Consumer participation in decision-making about own care







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