

# 5 Years of the NHS Net Zero Target - what do the public think?

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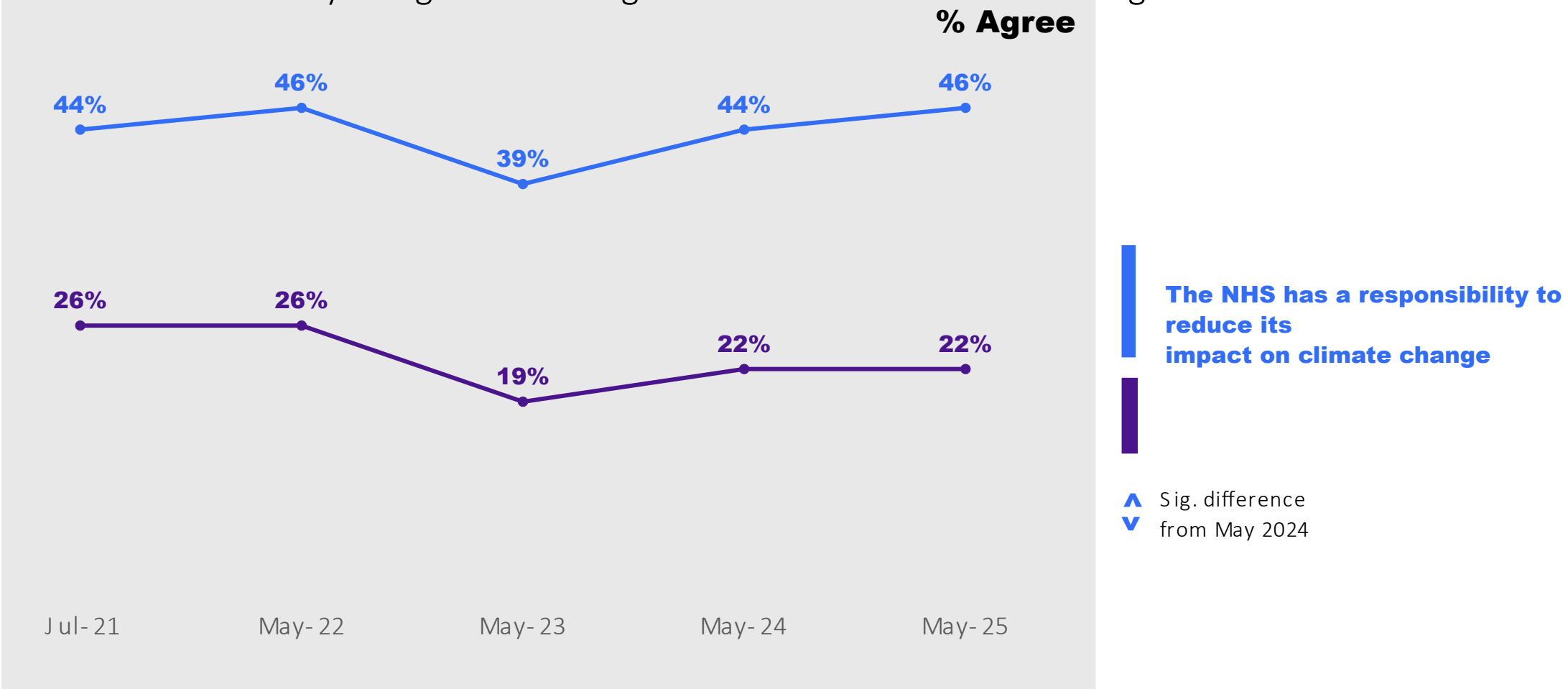
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# Views of the role of the NHS with respect to climate change remain stable from May 2024, but have increased from May 2023

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

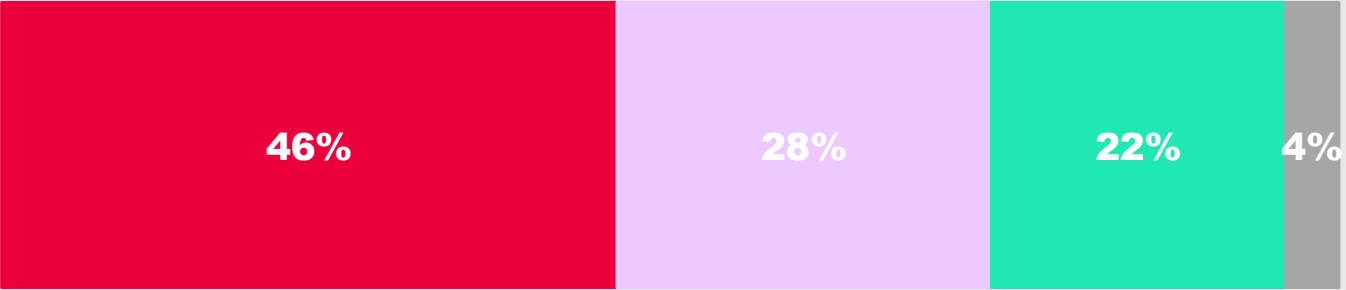


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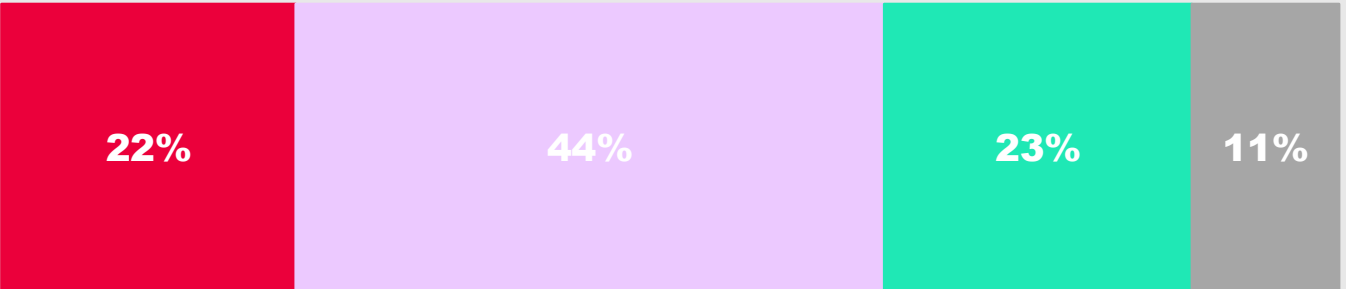
# Just under half agree that the NHS has a responsibility to reduce its impact on climate change

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

The NHS has a responsibility to reduce its impact on climate change



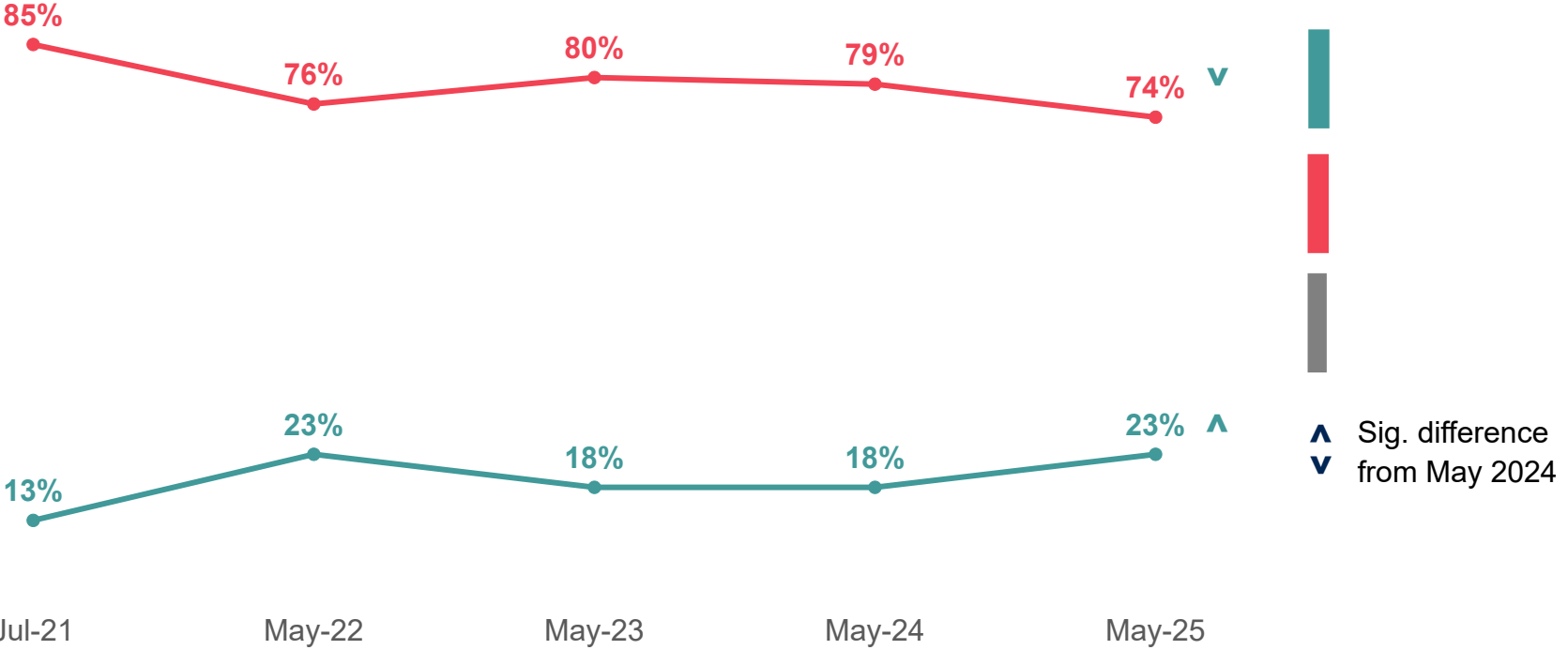
The NHS is contributing to climate change



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# Awareness of the NHS's aim to be net zero has increased since May 2024

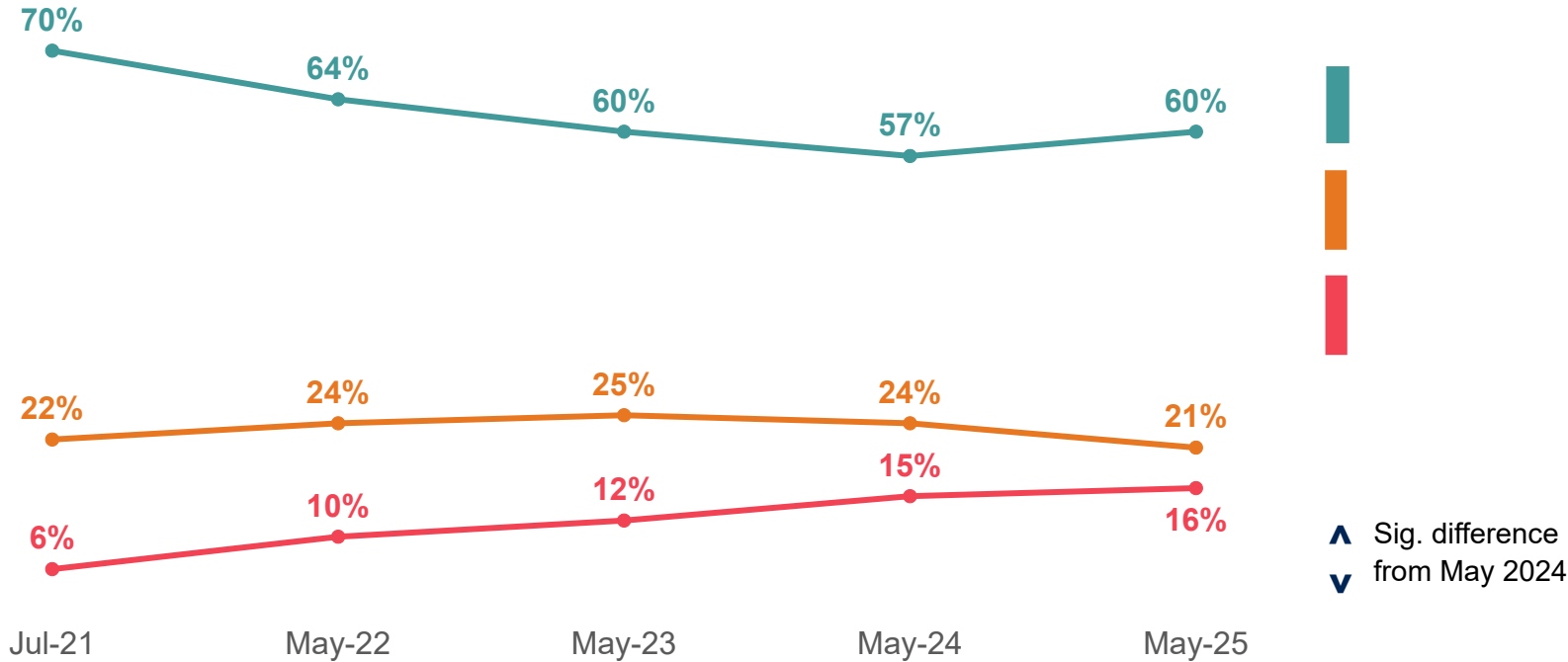
Before today, were you aware that the NHS aims to be net zero?



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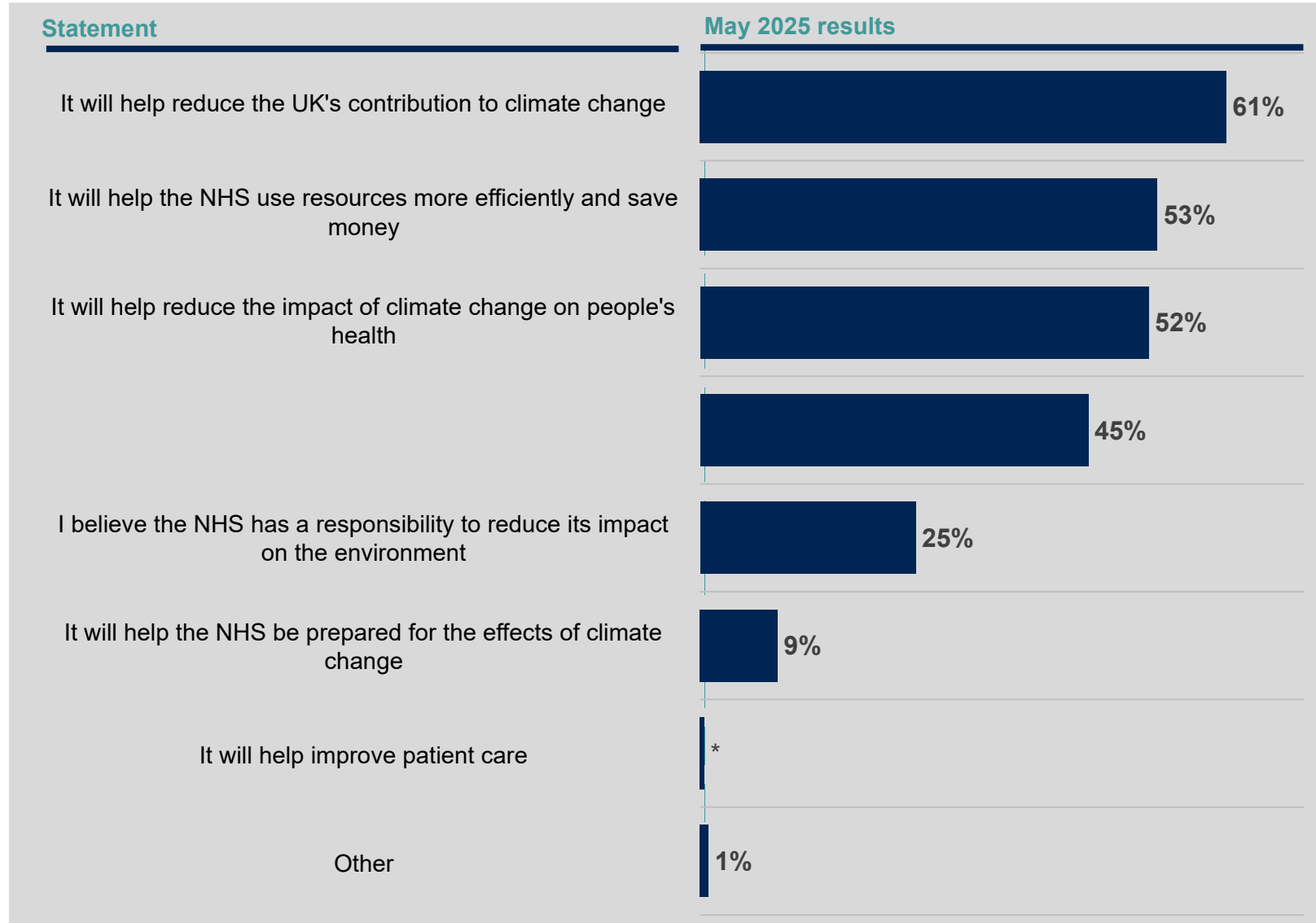
# A majority of the public continue to support the NHS's policy to become net zero

Do you support or oppose the NHS's policy to become net zero?



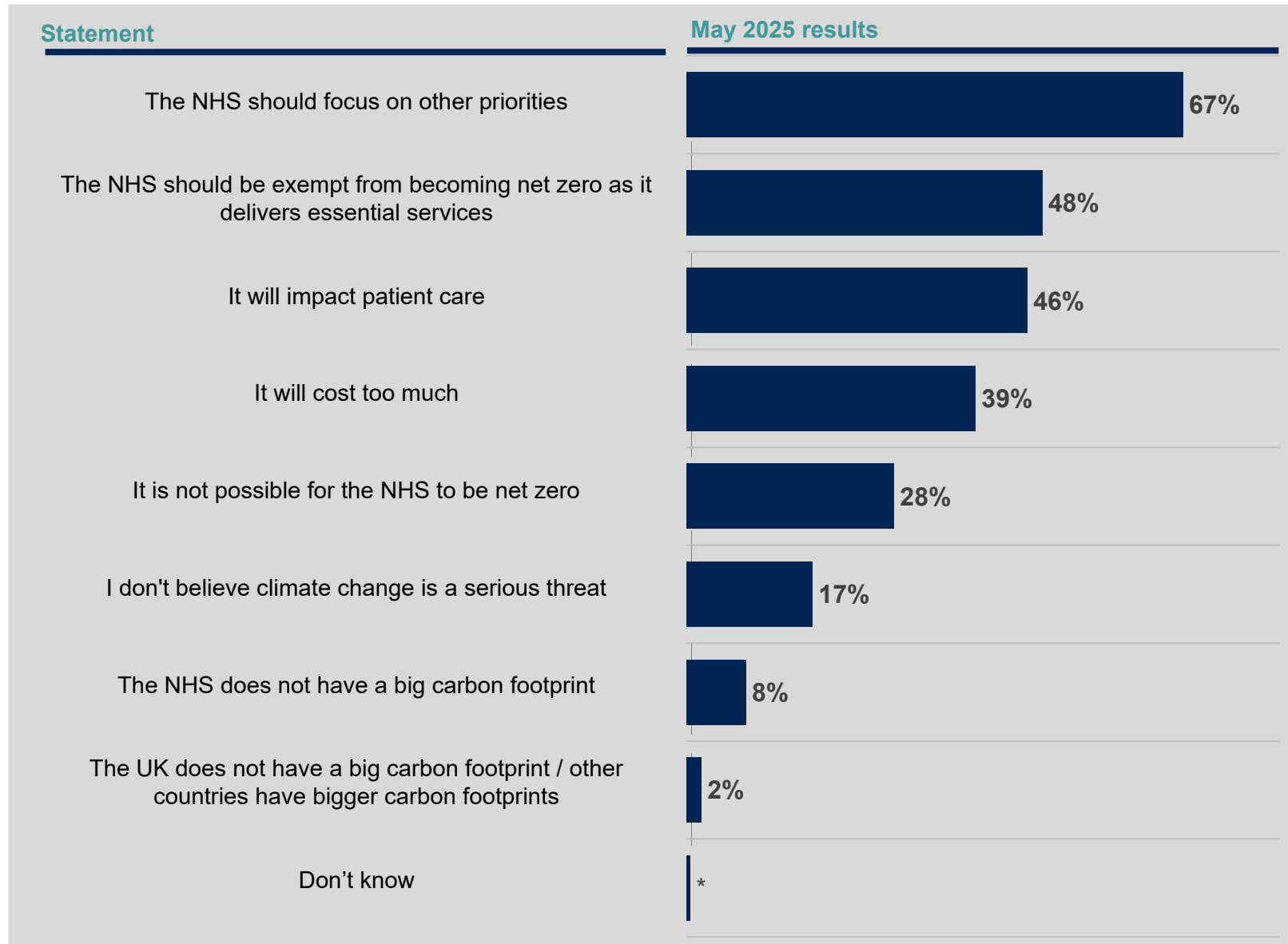
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# Which two or three of the following, if any, best describes why you support the NHS's policy to become net zero?

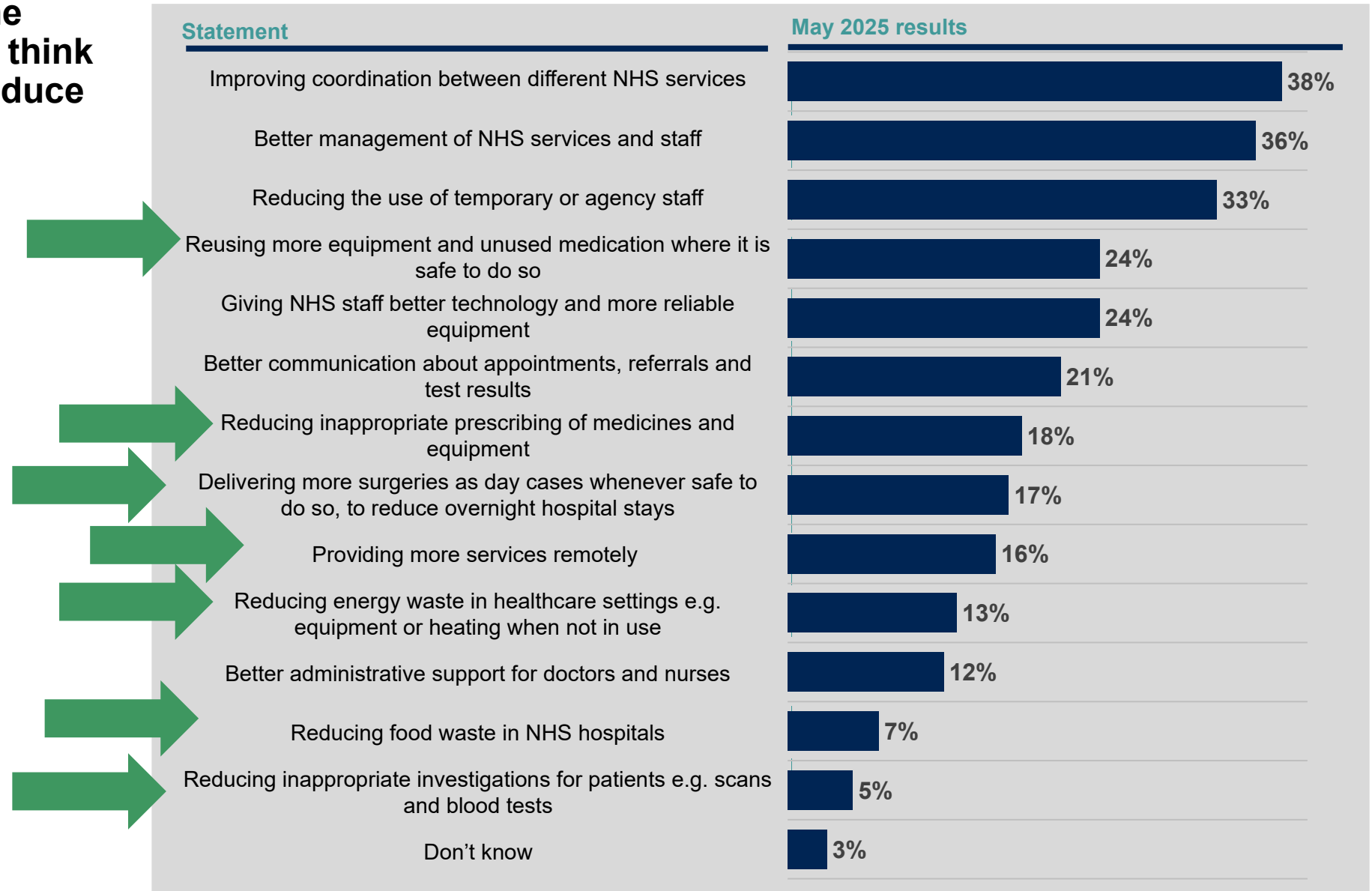


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# Which two or three of the following, if any, best describes why you oppose the NHS's policy to become net zero?



# Which two or three of the following, if any, do you think the NHS should do to reduce waste?



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All 5% and over

# Implications

- Public support for net zero – appetite for leadership and engagement from NHS, DHSC and government
- Framing of sustainability actions with co-benefits and connecting to other NHS priorities
- Including the patients and the public



# Thank you

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