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# Parliamentary perceptions of A&E departments

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A poll of UK MPs by Dods Research on behalf  
of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine

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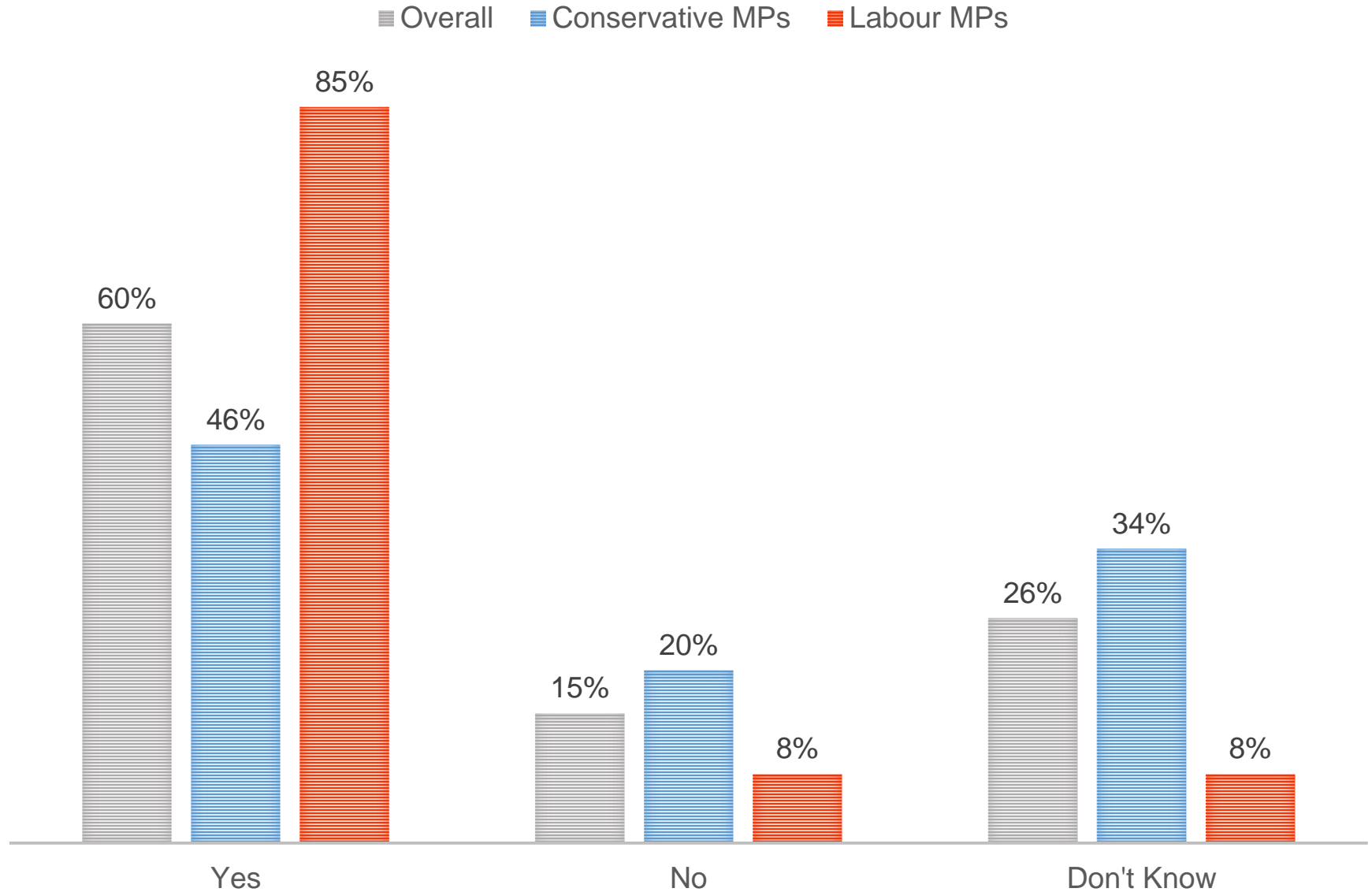
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## Headline findings

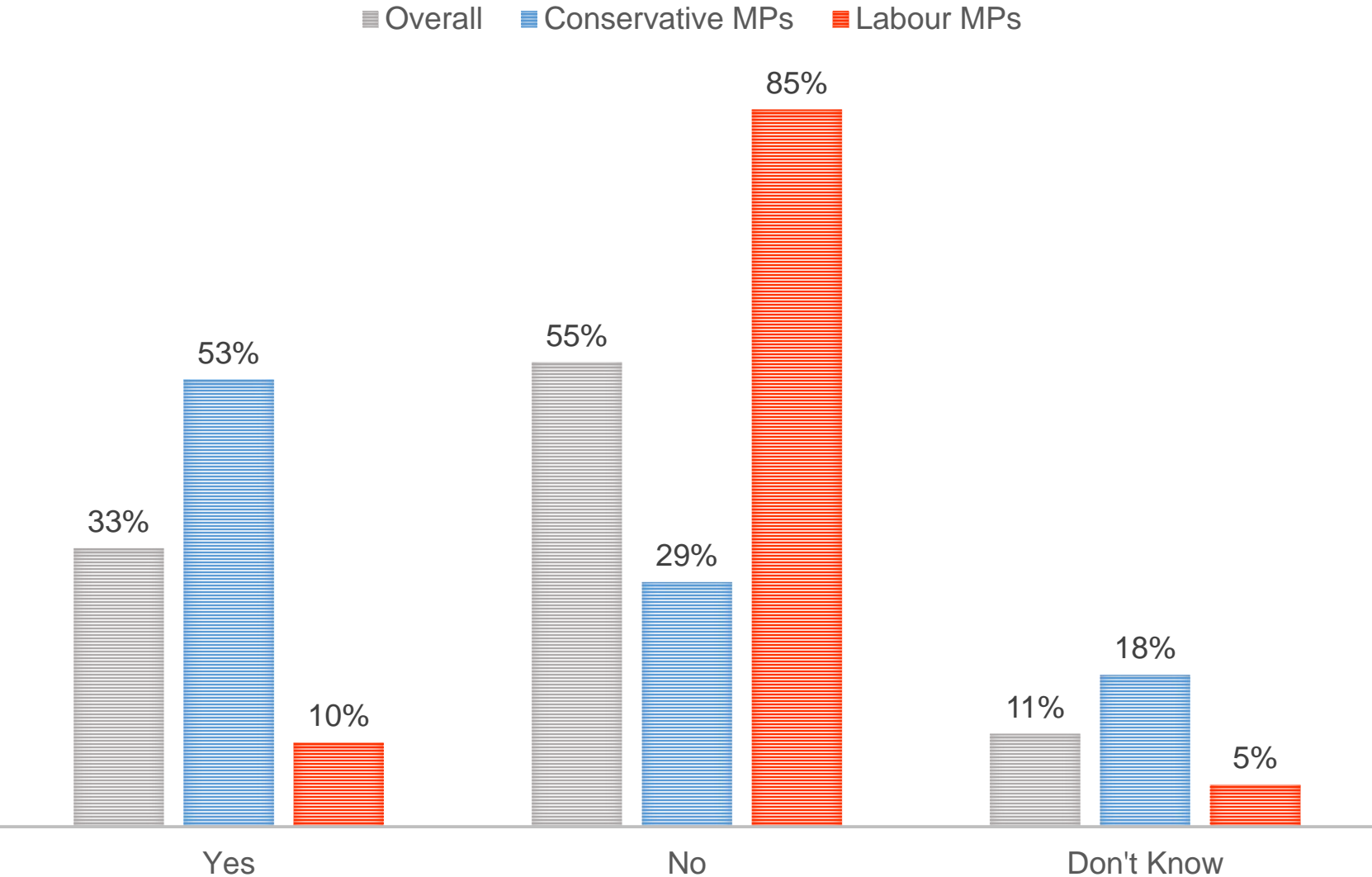
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- There is strong cross-party support for a transformation fund to help with the retention and recruitment of A&E staff.
- Overall, four times as many MPs (60%) support such a fund than oppose it (15%).
- Support from Labour MPs is particularly strong – 85% support a fund.
- Only a third of MPs overall think that A&E departments have the resources they need to ensure patient safety – just 33% of MPs think they are adequately resourced.
- Even among Conservative MPs, a significant minority of the party (29%) think that A&E departments do not have the resources they need to ensure patient safety, and only half (53%) think that resources are sufficient.

# Would you support a transformation fund to help with the retention and recruitment of A&E staff?



# Do you feel that A&E departments are adequately resourced to ensure patient safety?



## Methodology

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- Dods Research was commissioned by the RCEM to poll MPs on issues relating to A&E departments.
- Fieldwork was carried out in late November and December 2016 utilising an online survey.
- 92 MPs of all parties and regions of the UK completed the poll and the results were weighted by Dods Research to accurately reflect current party composition in the House of Commons.
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