The Enabling State: Do people want more control?





...of people polled would be persuaded to vote for a political party that offered them more control over the public services that they receive.



...felt that they had too little control over the public services that they receive. This was true regardless of social class or geography.¹



...of those aged 55-64 felt that they had too little control compared with 49% of 18-24 year olds.



...said that the degree of control they had over how public services are designed and delivered in their area had remained unchanged over the last five years. 29% felt that they had less control.



...of people want more control over key services such as social care and local planning and development. But they don't want to be involved in every area of public service delivery. Only 9% want more control over defence.

People from the South East and West, Wales and Scotland were **more likely** to report that they had more control over public services now compared to 5 years ago than respondents from the Midlands and the North of England.



... told us that their own personal capacity had the biggest influence on their quality of life and 43% told us that their family, friends and community had the biggest influence.

Read our Route Map to an Enabling State to find out how we can successfully design public services that take account of these important factors.



1 With the exception of respondents in social class C2 respondents more than 50% of respondents from all social classes said that they would like more control.

Data: The data in this infographic comes from an ICM online omnibus poll of a nationally representative sample of 2,000 GB adults aged 18+ conducted between 7-9th of January 2015. The poll was conducted on behalf of the Carnegie UK Trust.