

# MP THOUGHTS ON DRUG POLICY: POLLING DATA HIGHLIGHTS

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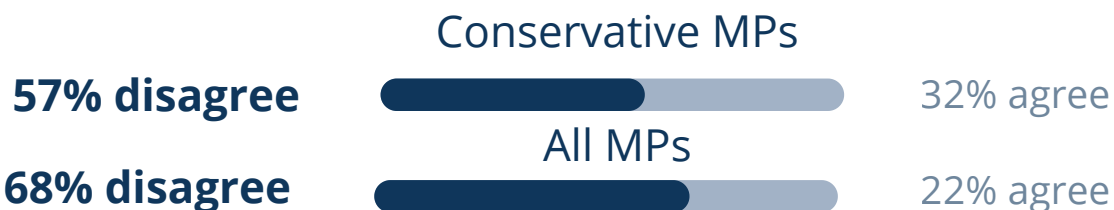
**Three quarters or more MPs (even within the Conservative party) believe that it is time to update UK drug laws based on evidence.**

**A majority of MPs (even within the Conservative party) do not believe current policies are effective and believe that we need to change how drugs policies are made.**

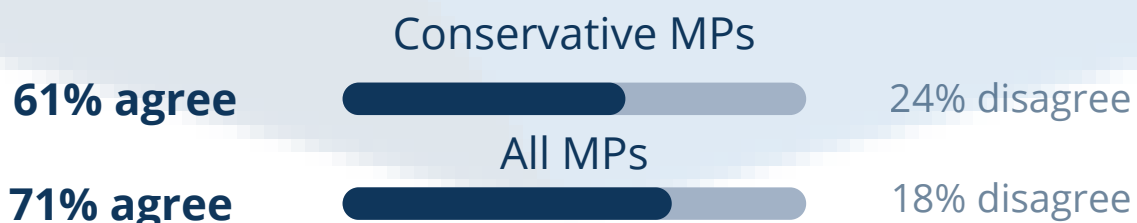
**90% of MPs, and 85% of conservative MPs believe improved cross-departmental coordination of drug policy would better tackle problems caused by controlled drugs.**

105 MPs were asked the extent to which they **agree or disagree** with the following statements

## THE UK'S CURRENT POLICIES ARE EFFECTIVE IN TACKLING THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY CONTROLLED DRUGS



## IF WE ARE TO IMPROVE THE WAY WE TACKLE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY CONTROLLED DRUGS, WE NEED TO CHANGE HOW WE MAKE DRUG POLICY



## POLICY ABOUT CONTROLLED DRUGS IS SUCH A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE, IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO HAVE AN OBJECTIVE DEBATE ABOUT THE BEST SOLUTIONS



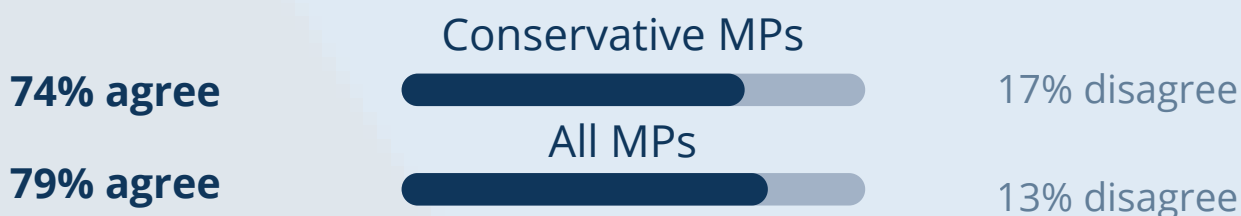
## THE PROCESS OF MAKING POLICY ABOUT CONTROLLED DRUGS IN THE UK SHOULD MAKE MORE USE OF EVIDENCE AND RESEARCH THAN IT CURRENTLY DOES



## IMPROVED CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION OF DRUG POLICY WOULD HELP THE UK TO MORE EFFECTIVELY TACKLE THE HEALTH, CRIME AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY CONTROLLED DRUGS



## FIFTY YEARS ON FROM THE MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1971, IT IS TIME FOR GOVERNMENT TO UPDATE UK DRUG CONTROL LAWS, BASED ON THE BEST EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TODAY



*This infographic sets out the key findings of polls of Westminster MPs, Members of the Scottish Parliament, and Welsh Assembly Members, conducted for the Conservative Drug Policy Reform Group by ComRes as part of research examining how we make drug policy in the UK.*