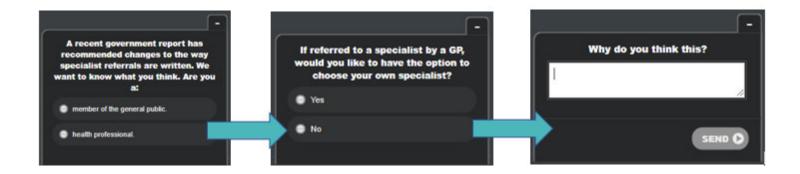
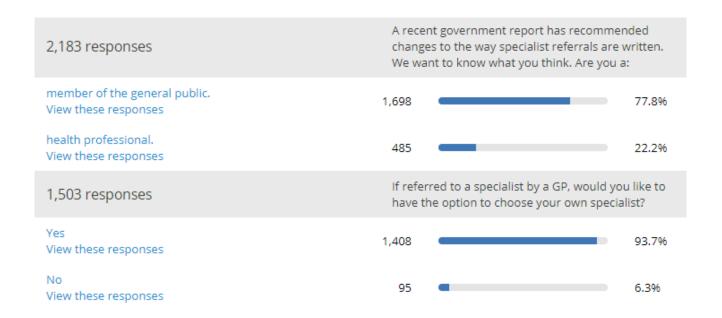
Survey results from www.healthshare.com.au (Healthshare) relating to Australian consumers wanting the option to choose a specialist after receiving a GP referral.

Healthshare.com.au is an Australian website that assists people looking for health information. A function of healthshare.com.au is a comprehensive specialist directory with details of those specialists provided by specialists, hospitals and 30 health funds.

In response to the Productivity Commission's draft recommendations on patient choice, healthshare.com.au ran a survey over 4 weeks, asking its users the following questions:



The results were as follows:



In Summary, over 93% of the general public believe they should have the option to choose a specialist, once a referral is provided.

Regarding Healthcare Professionals:



Of the Healthcare professionals, over 68% believe patients should have the option to choose another specialist without having to return to their GP to receive another referral.

For specific patient comments, please contact Chris Barakat