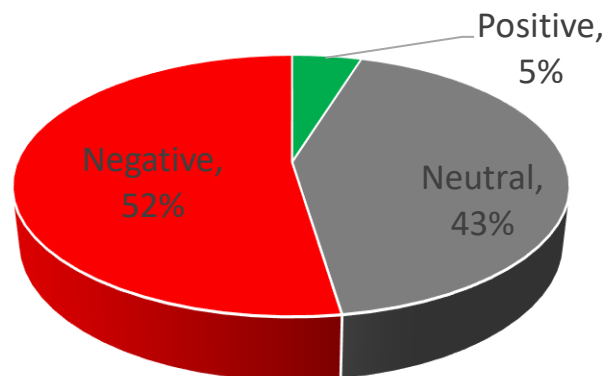


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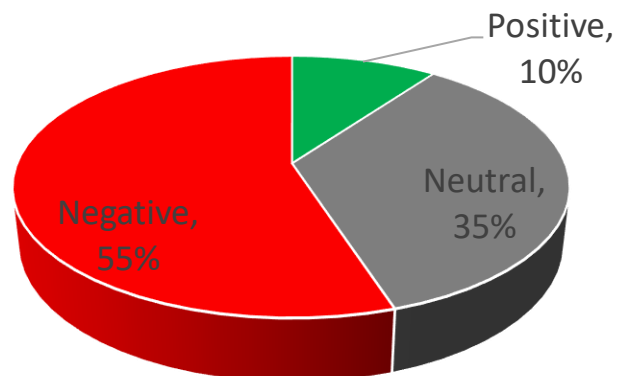
**Question 1 - 'This week, what has been the impact of coronavirus on you personally?'**

This week, around a half of disabled people answered the impact of coronavirus on them was negative.



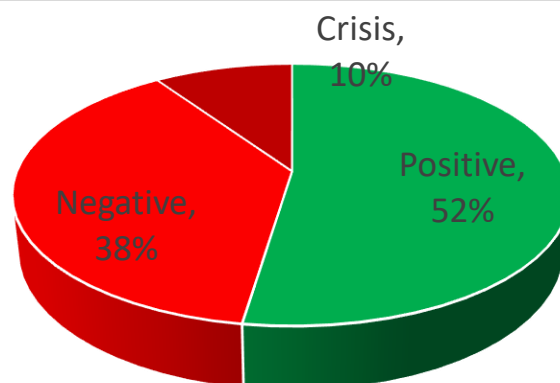
**Question 2 - 'This week, what has been the impact of coronavirus on your family or household?'**

Around a half of disabled people answered that coronavirus had negative impact on their family members/household; yet 10% of them answered that the impact from coronavirus on their family is positive.



**Question 3 - 'This week, have you been able to get enough food for you and your household?'**

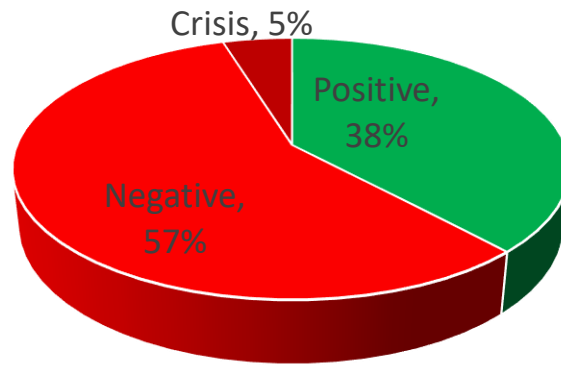
Although around a half of disabled people answered they did not experience any problems with getting enough food for them or their family, 10% of disabled people said they were in crisis.





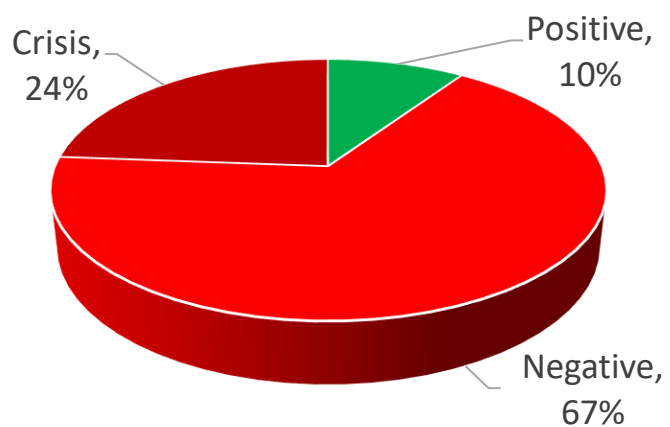
**Question 4 - 'This week, have you had enough money to cope with your bills and other outgoings?'**

Compared to food problem, more disabled people had a problem with money (38% vs. 57%), with 5% being in crisis.



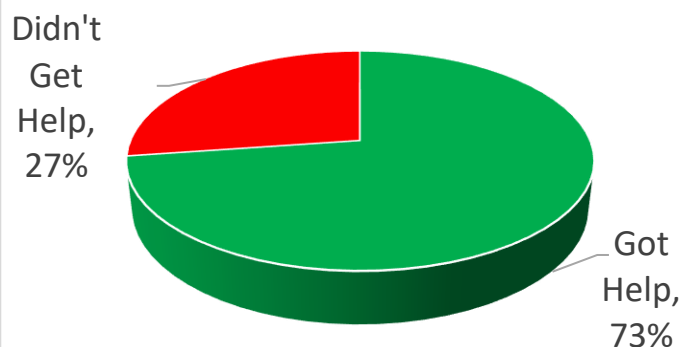
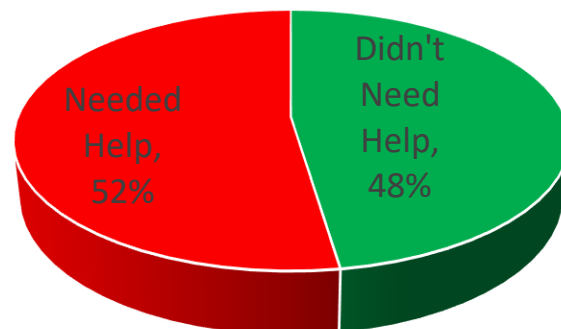
**Question 5 - 'This week, how has you and your household's mental health been?'**

Only 10% of disabled people answered overall mental health was positive, with astonishing 24% being in mental health crisis.



**Question 6 - 'This week, how much help have you and your household needed from outside bodies like the council or voluntary organisations?'**

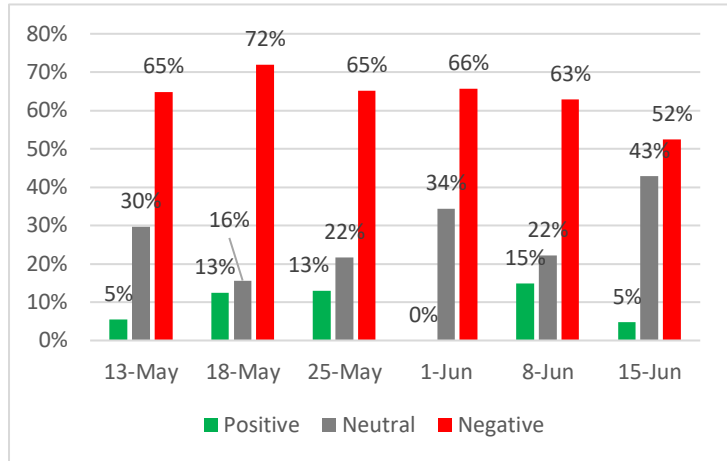
Around a half of people needed help from council or voluntary organisations and majority of them received help (above). This week, close to one third of the disabled people said they did not get help from council or voluntary organisations even though they needed help (bottom).





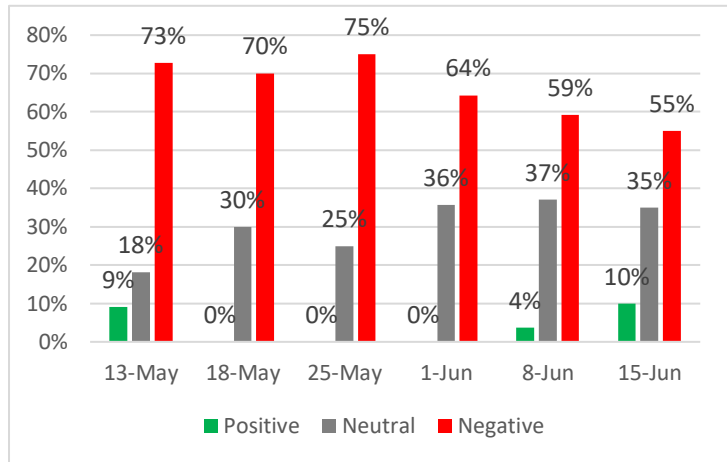
## Impact on individuals personally (Q1) – Cross-weekly trends

For first time, fewer people reported negative impacts from coronavirus; yet a substantial increase in ‘neutral’ people can be interpreted as the personal life of disabled people during the pandemic is becoming indifferent.



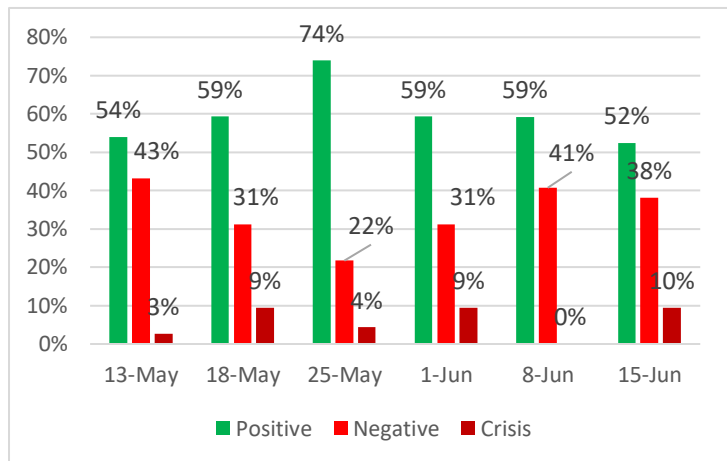
## Impact on families or households (Q2) – Cross-weekly trends

For the first time, there are more disabled people reporting that their family’s experience of corona virus being positive compared to those who said it was negative.



## Availability of food (Q3) – Cross-weekly trends

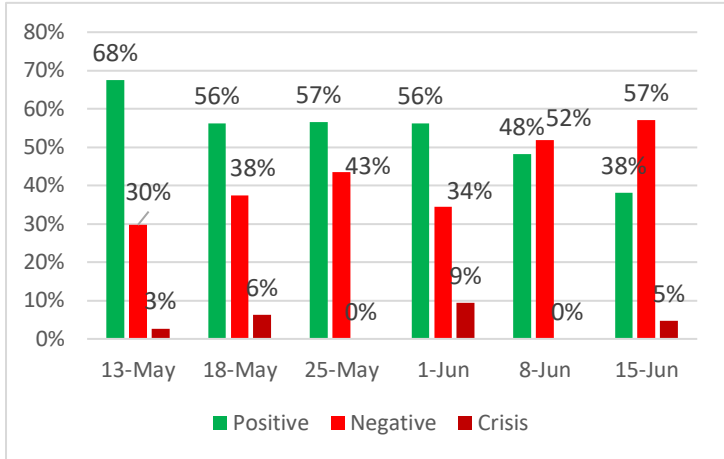
Although many have not needed any difficulties obtaining food for them or their family since the beginning of the poll, the latest poll shows that 10% of the disabled people were in crisis obtaining enough food for them or their family.





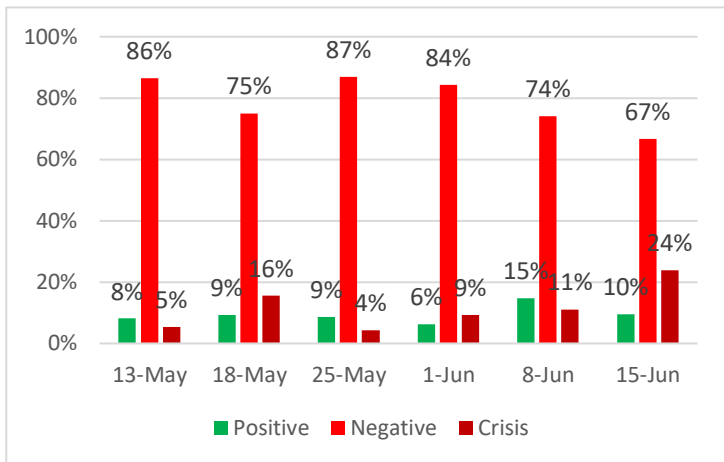
### Availability of necessary money (Q4) – Cross-weekly trends

The poll shows, there is an increasing trend in experiencing financial problems among disabled people.



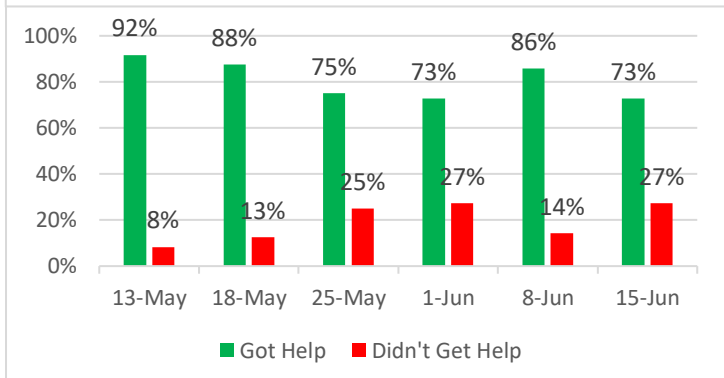
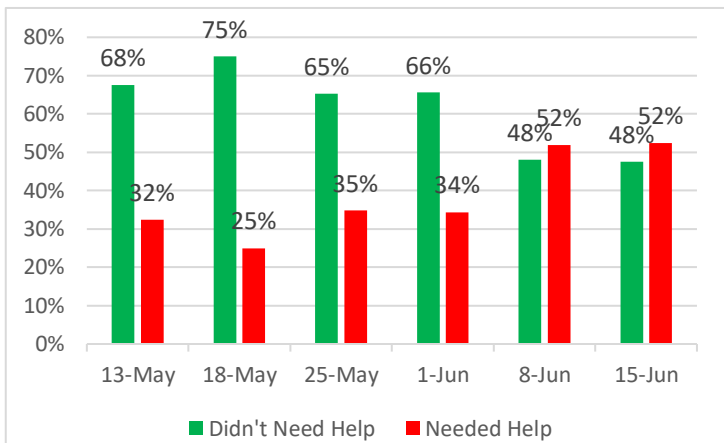
### Mental health of household (Q5) – Cross-weekly trends

Despite the decreasing trend in reporting poor mental health, the proportion of being in mental health crisis is increasing. In sum, overall mental health of disabled people is continued to be poor.



### Numbers needing help and numbers getting it (Q6) – Cross-weekly trends

In the recent two polls, more than half of disabled needed help (above). Since the start of the poll, some disabled people who needed help have been answering that they did not get help (bottom); 8-27% of disabled people did not receive help for what they needed.



**Conclusion:**

The latest poll shows that practical and emotional needs are not met among the disabled people in Buckinghamshire. It is alarming that some were in crisis, either from food /money shortage or poor mental health. In the recent two weeks, over half of the disabled people needed help from outside bodies, yet some needs have not been addressed.

The main message, providing adequate support for food, finance and mental health, for Buckinghamshire policy-makers and service providers for this week is the same as the previous week. However, the BuDS Insight Poll Panel emphasises:

1. Signpost the existing supporting mechanisms for those who experience a crisis in obtaining food, finance or mental health.
2. Fast track support for disabled people who are in such a predicament.
3. Follow up those who asked for help.