

Public Health Wales COVID-19 Vaccine and Flu survey (July 2021)



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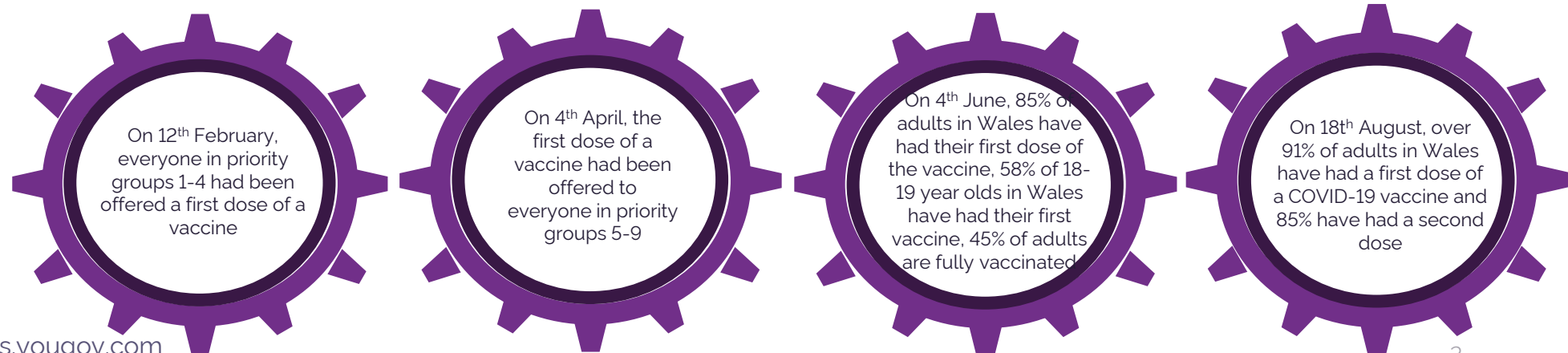
- This report presents the findings from four waves of a short survey of people living in Wales about flu and COVID-19 vaccines.
- Respondents were surveyed online, using the YouGov panel. The dates of fieldwork for all four waves were: 4-8th February 2021, 25-29th March 2021, 27th May-1st June 2021 and 29th July-2nd August 2021.
- The figures have been weighted and are representative of all age 18+ adults in Wales by age, gender, socio-economic status and region.
- Some figures may not sum to 100% due to rounding and all differences between subgroups are selected due to statistically significant differences in the data.

Milestones of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Wales



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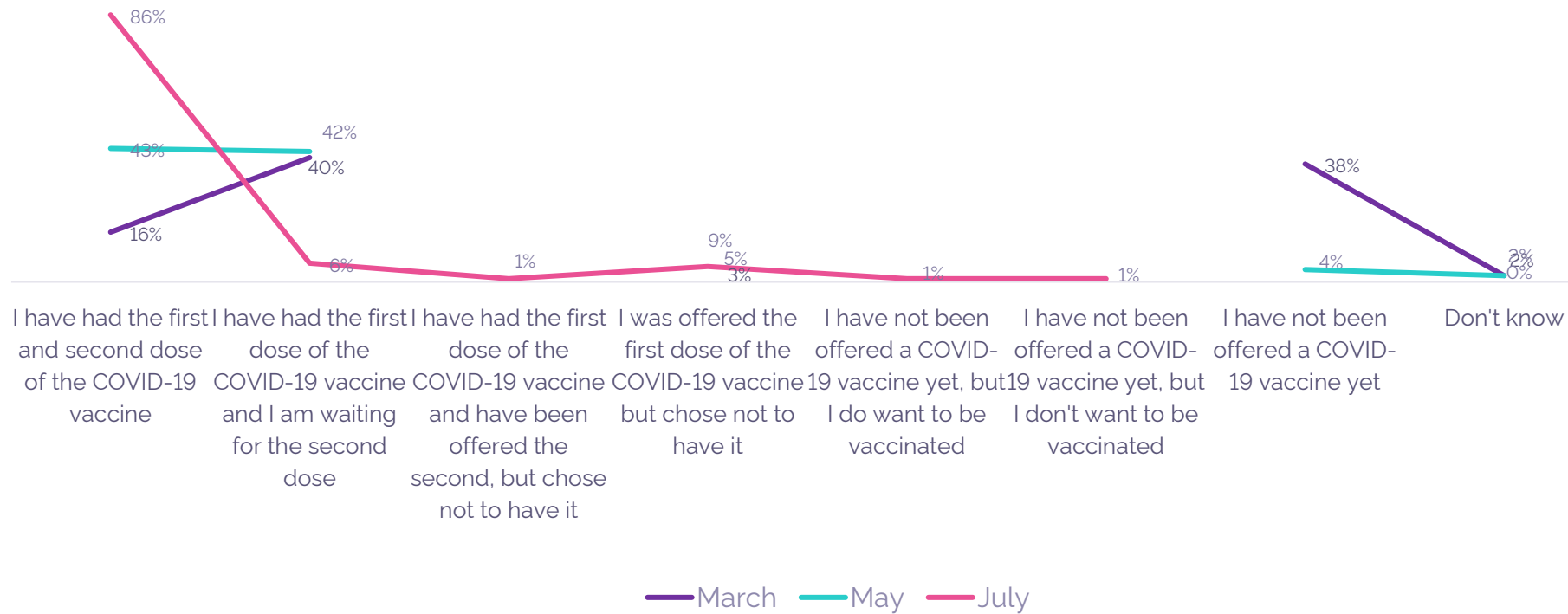
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Thoughts on the COVID-19 vaccine, Flu vaccine and a potential booster COVID-19 vaccine



Overall, 86% of adults in Wales have had both the first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine - a +43% increase from May to July 2021



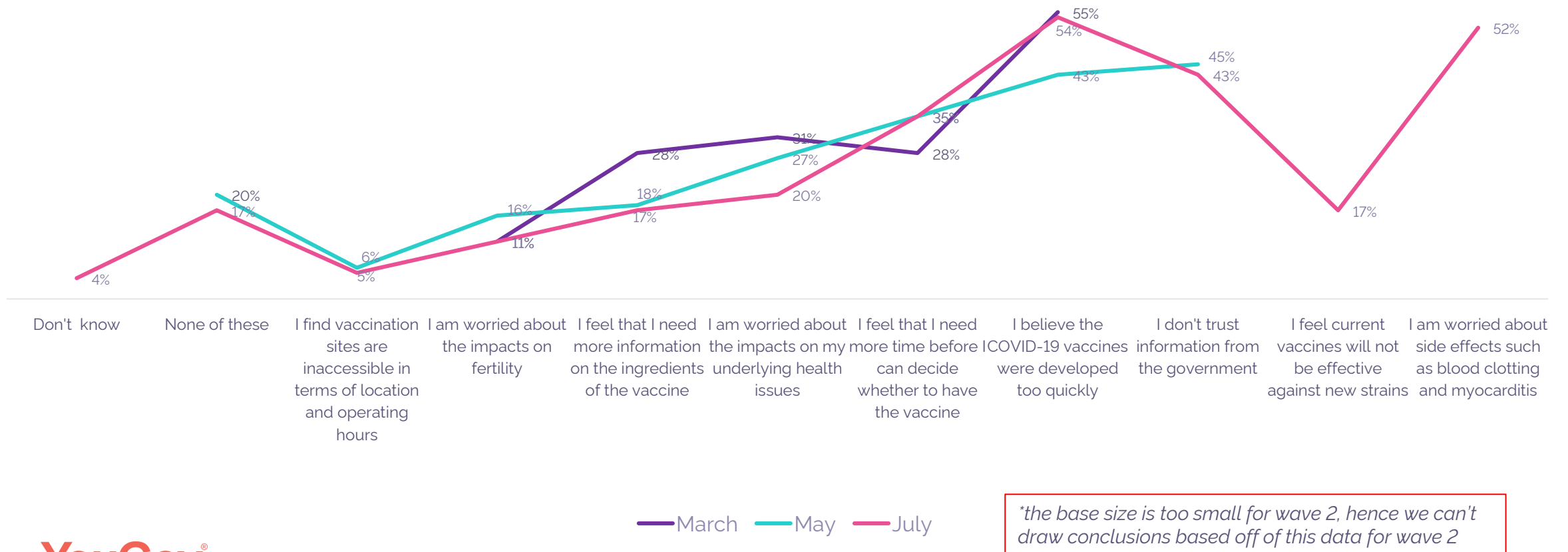
In July 2021, 56% of 18-24 year olds have had both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine vs. 11% in May and 6% in March. Just over a quarter (28%) have had their first dose and are waiting for their second dose. This is unsurprising given the milestones set out by the Welsh Government.

Just over three quarters (77%) of 25-34 year olds have had both COVID-19 vaccines in July 2021 vs. 92% of those aged 35+.

Of those who are aged 25-34 years old, 10% have been offered the first dose of the vaccine but chose not to have it vs. 2% of those aged 55+



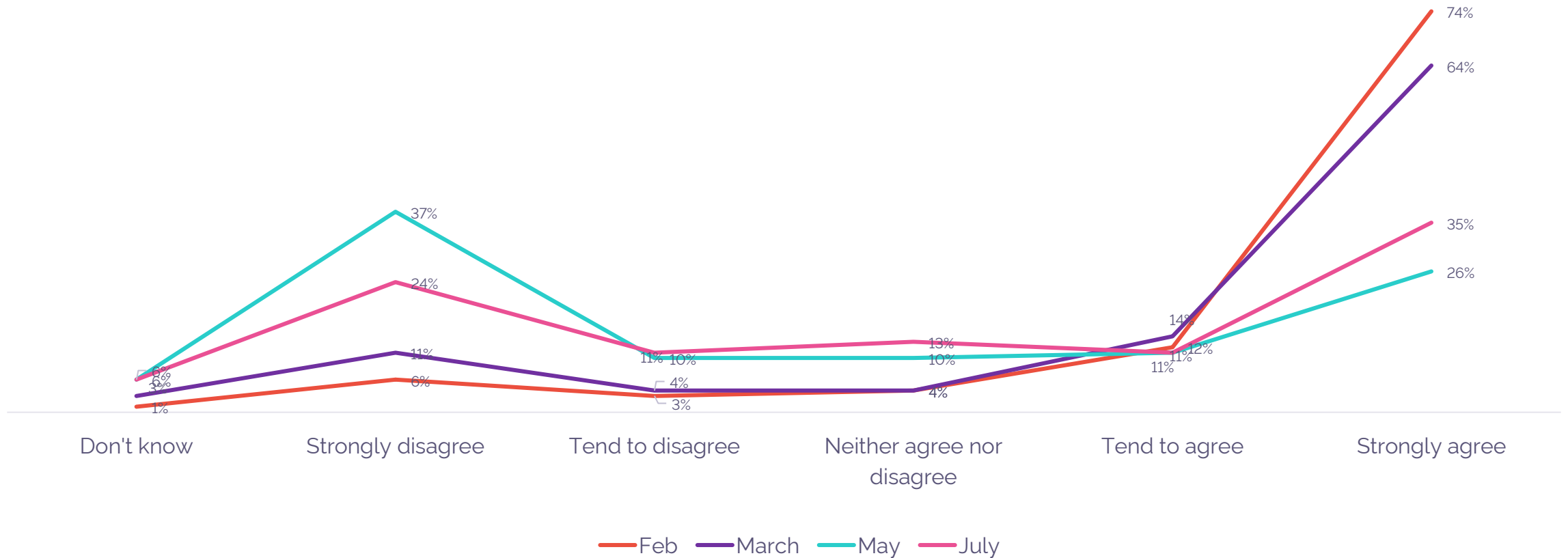
Over half of adults who have been offered but declined a COVID-19 vaccine, say their reason for doing so was because they believe the vaccines were developed too quickly (54%). This is closely followed by feeling worried about experiencing side effects such as blood clotting (52%)



**the base size is too small for wave 2, hence we can't draw conclusions based off of this data for wave 2*



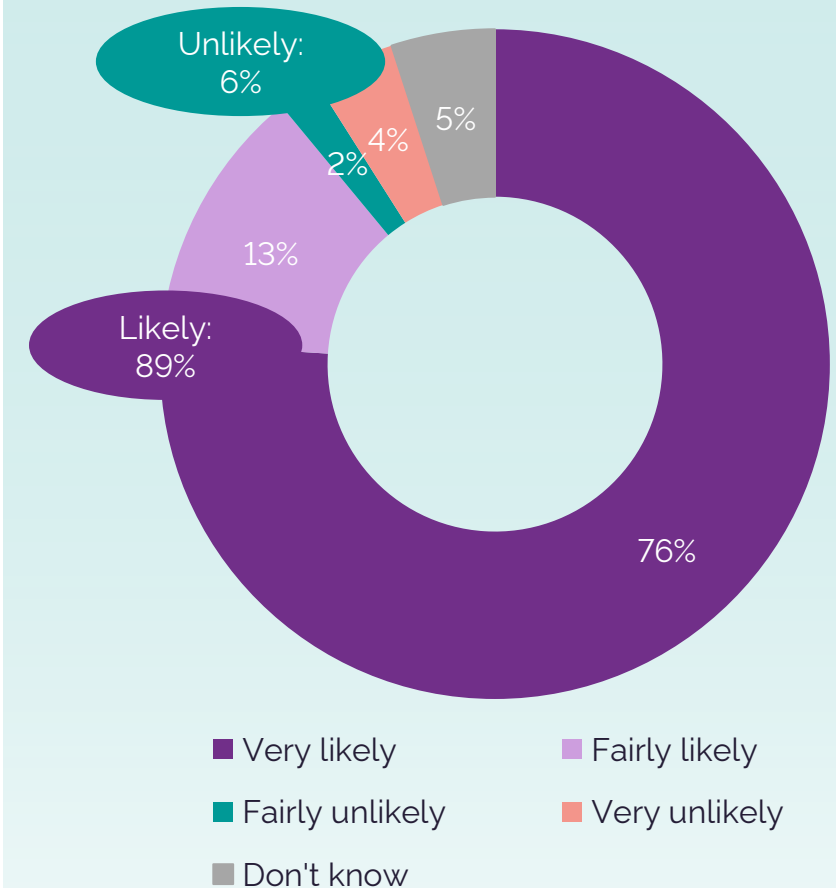
Just under half of adults in Wales who have not yet been fully vaccinated agree that if they were advised to have the COVID-19 vaccine, they would get vaccinated (46%), with just over a third disagreeing (35%)





The vast majority of adults in Wales, who have had both doses of a COVID-19 vaccination would be likely to have a booster vaccination later this year if invited (89%). Only a small proportion are unlikely (6%)

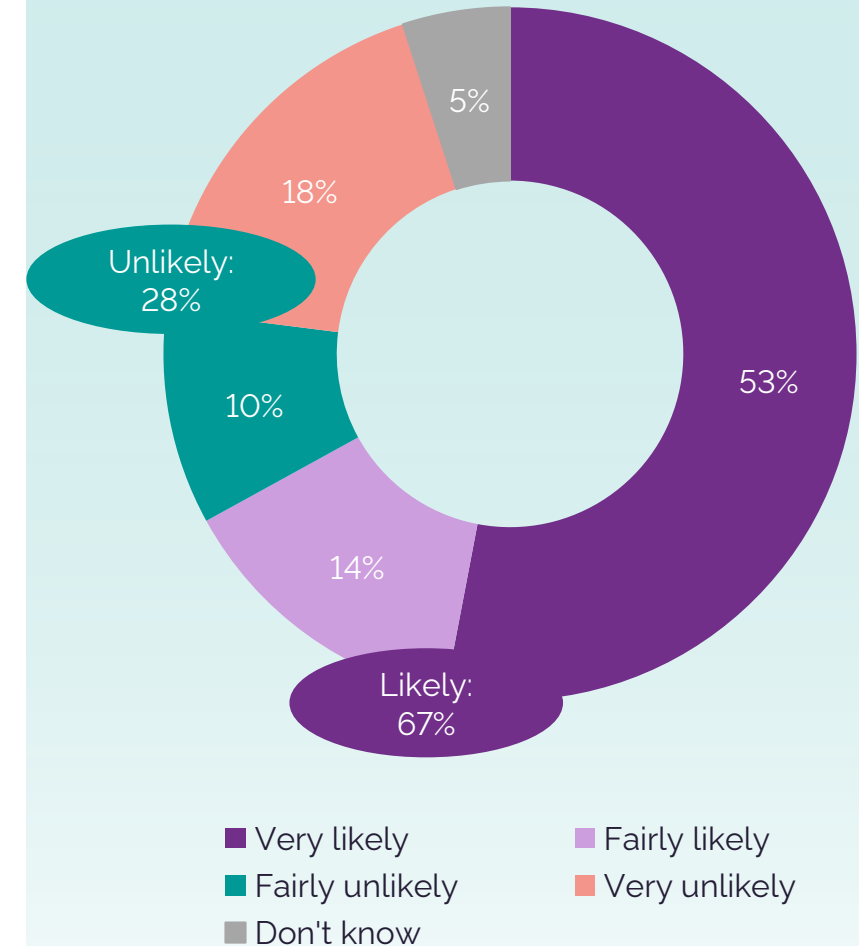
- The majority of adults in Wales who are fully vaccinated say they are very likely to have a booster COVID-19 vaccination if invited later this year (86%). Over half (58%) of adults aged 25-34 years, 67% of adults aged 35-44 years and 72% of adults aged 45-55 years would be very likely to have a booster COVID-19 vaccination.
- 8 in 10 adults (80%) from ABC1 SEG say they will be very likely to have a booster vaccination compared to 72% from C2DE SEG.





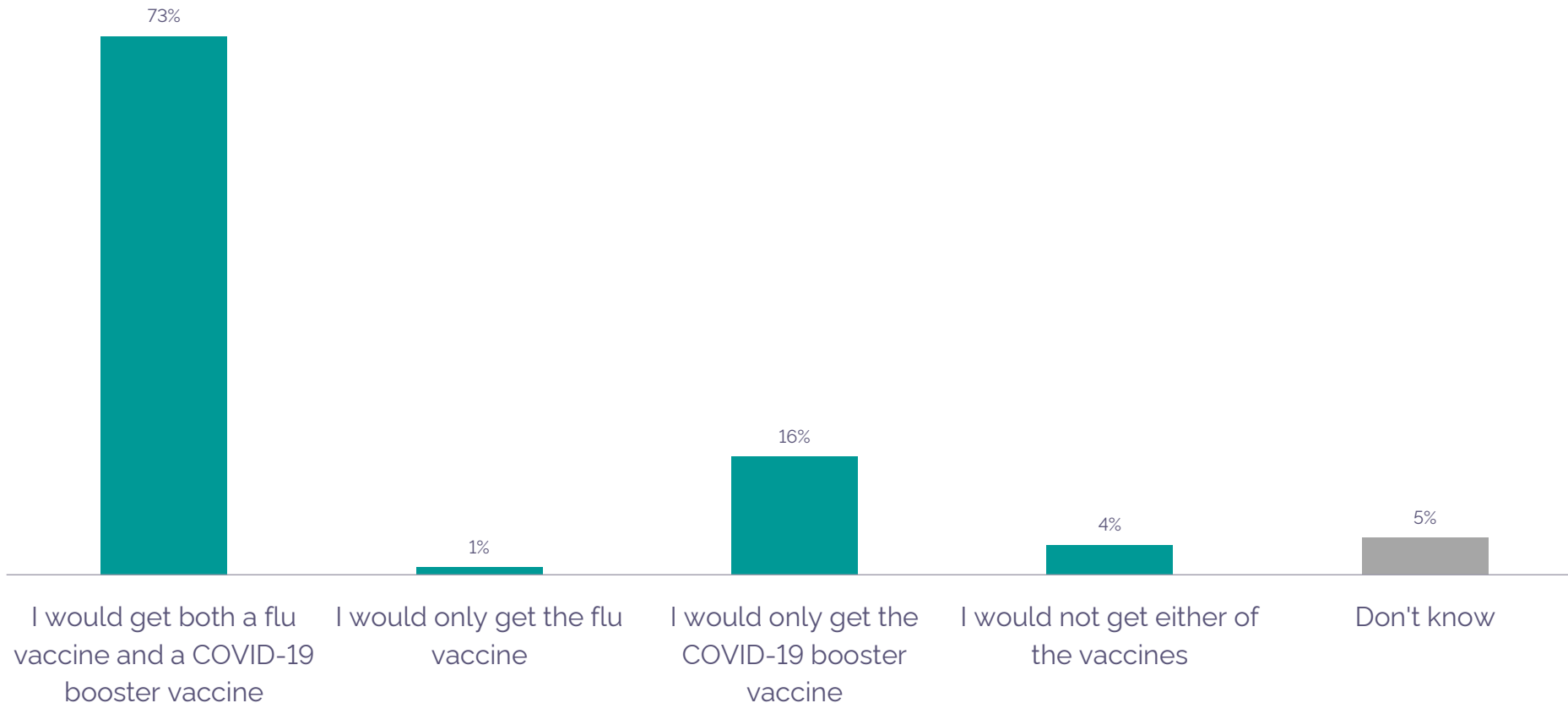
Two thirds of adults in Wales (67%) would be likely to get a flu vaccination this year if it was offered to them

- Just over a quarter of adults in Wales (28%) aged 25-34 years would be very unlikely to have a flu vaccine later this year if it was offered to them. This is compared to only 9% of those aged 55+ who would be very unlikely.
- Just under three quarters (73%) of adults in Wales aged 55+ would be very likely to have the flu vaccine later this year, whereas only 31% of those aged 25-34 years old would be very likely.
- Wales adults from ABC1 SEG are more likely to have a flu vaccine later this year compared to adults from C2DE SEG (58% vs. 49%).





The vast majority of adults in Wales who have had both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine would get both a flu vaccine and a COVID-19 booster vaccine later this year at different times (78%) with only 4% not wanting to get either of the vaccines

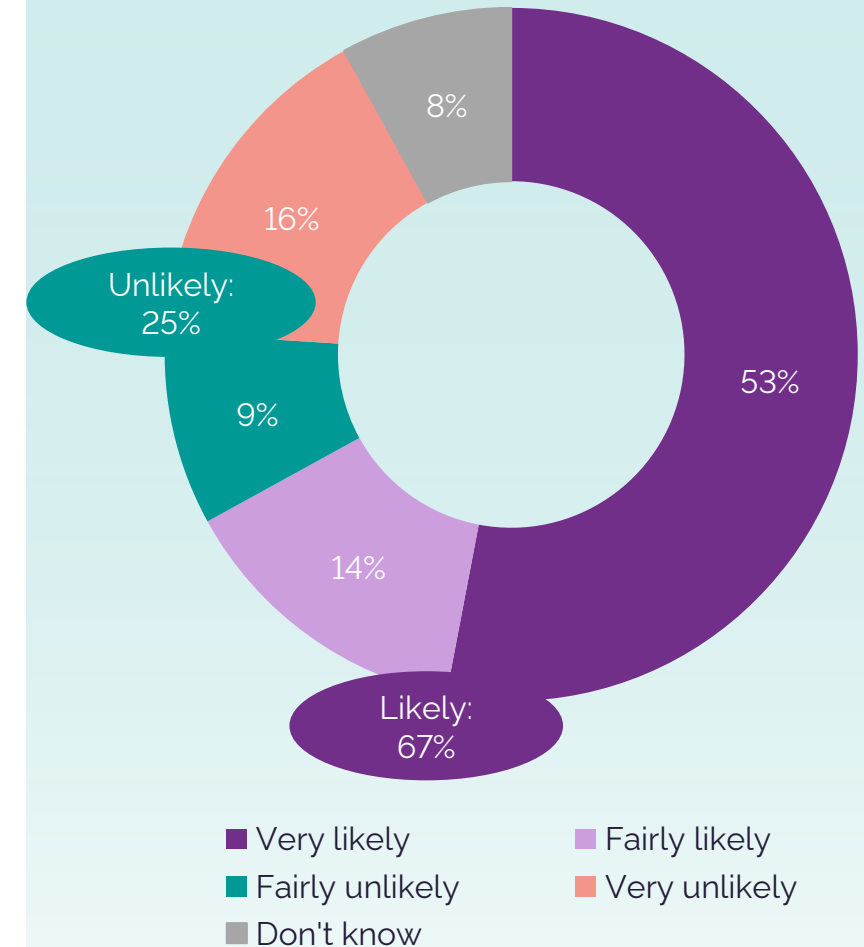


Of all Wales adults aged 18-34 years who have had both doses of the COVID-19 vaccination:

- 63% of would get both a flu and COVID-19 booster vaccination
- 7% would not get either of vaccines
- 21% would only get the COVID-19 booster vaccine

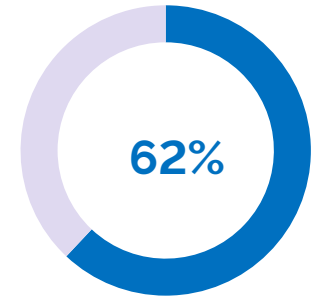
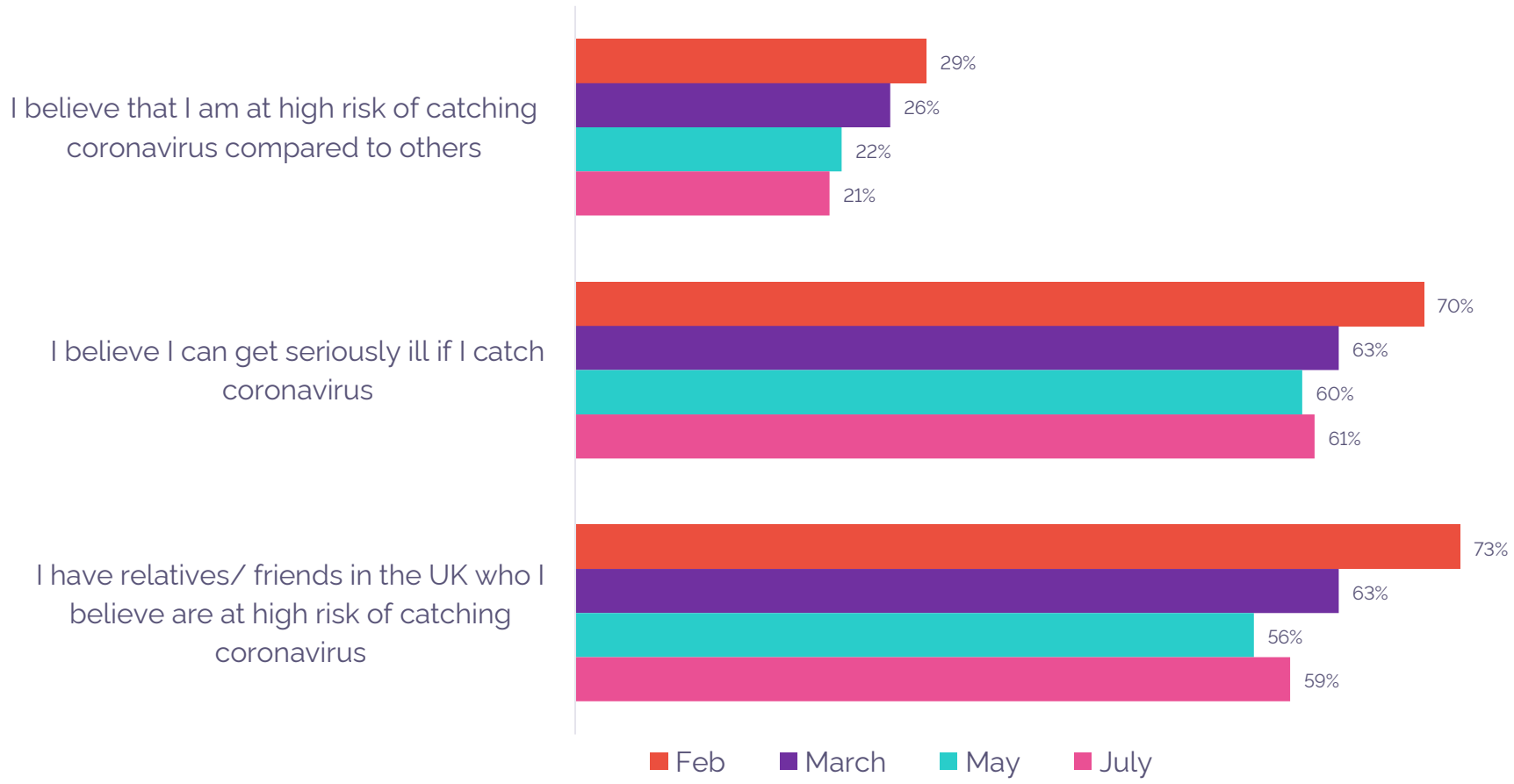
Approximately two thirds of adults in Wales would be likely to have both the flu and COVID-19 booster vaccine at the same time later this year (67%), only 8% don't know what they would do

- Just under two thirds of young adults in Wales aged (18-34 years) would be likely to have both the flu vaccine and the COVID-19 booster vaccine (62%).
- Adults in Wales from ABC1 SEG would be more likely than adults from C2DE SEG to have both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time (58% vs. 47%).
- Whilst only 5% of those age 55+ don't know if they would have both the flu and COVID-19 vaccine at the same time, younger generations are more unsure with 12% of adults aged 25–34-year-old and 13% of 35–44-year-olds being unsure.

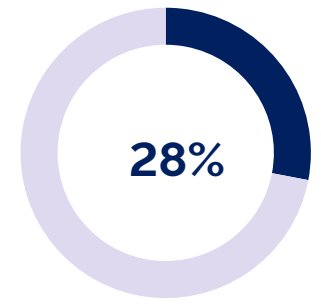


General thoughts about the COVID-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine

The perception of risk from COVID-19 is still low among young people (i.e. 18-34 year olds) with 62% disagreeing they are at high risk of catching COVID-19 compared to others and 28% disagreeing they can get seriously ill if they catch COVID-19



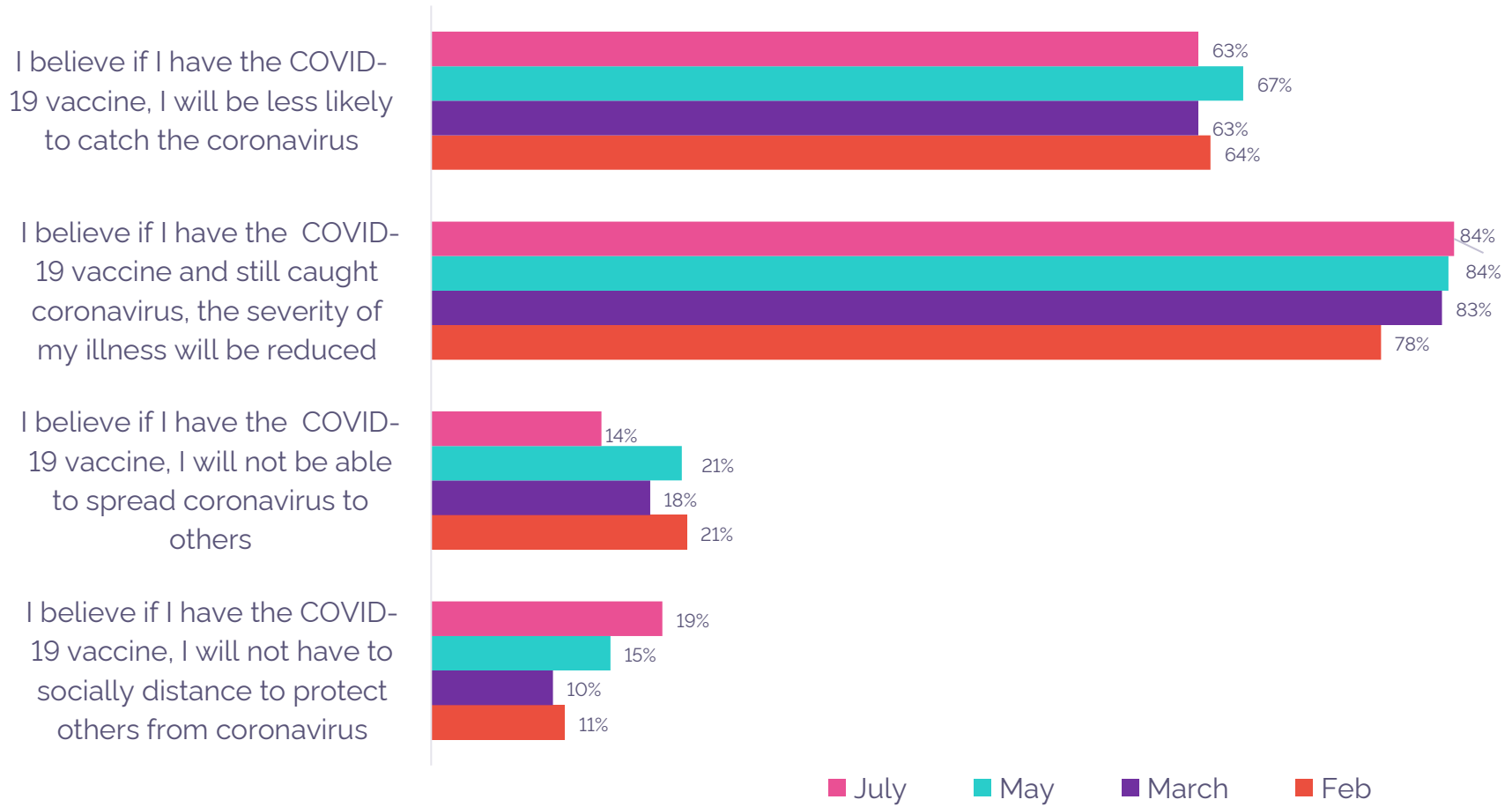
Young adults in Wales (aged 18-34 years old) have seen a slight increase in those who disagree that they are at high risk of catching COVID-19 – 62% in July, 61% in May vs. 56% in both March and February.



There has been a slight drop in young adults (18-34 year olds) who disagree they will get seriously ill if they catch COVID-19 in July (28%) compared to 36% in May and March and 32% in February.



Overall, views on the COVID-19 vaccine still seem positive as adults in Wales remain confident that the severity of symptoms will be reduced if they have the COVID-19 vaccine (84%)



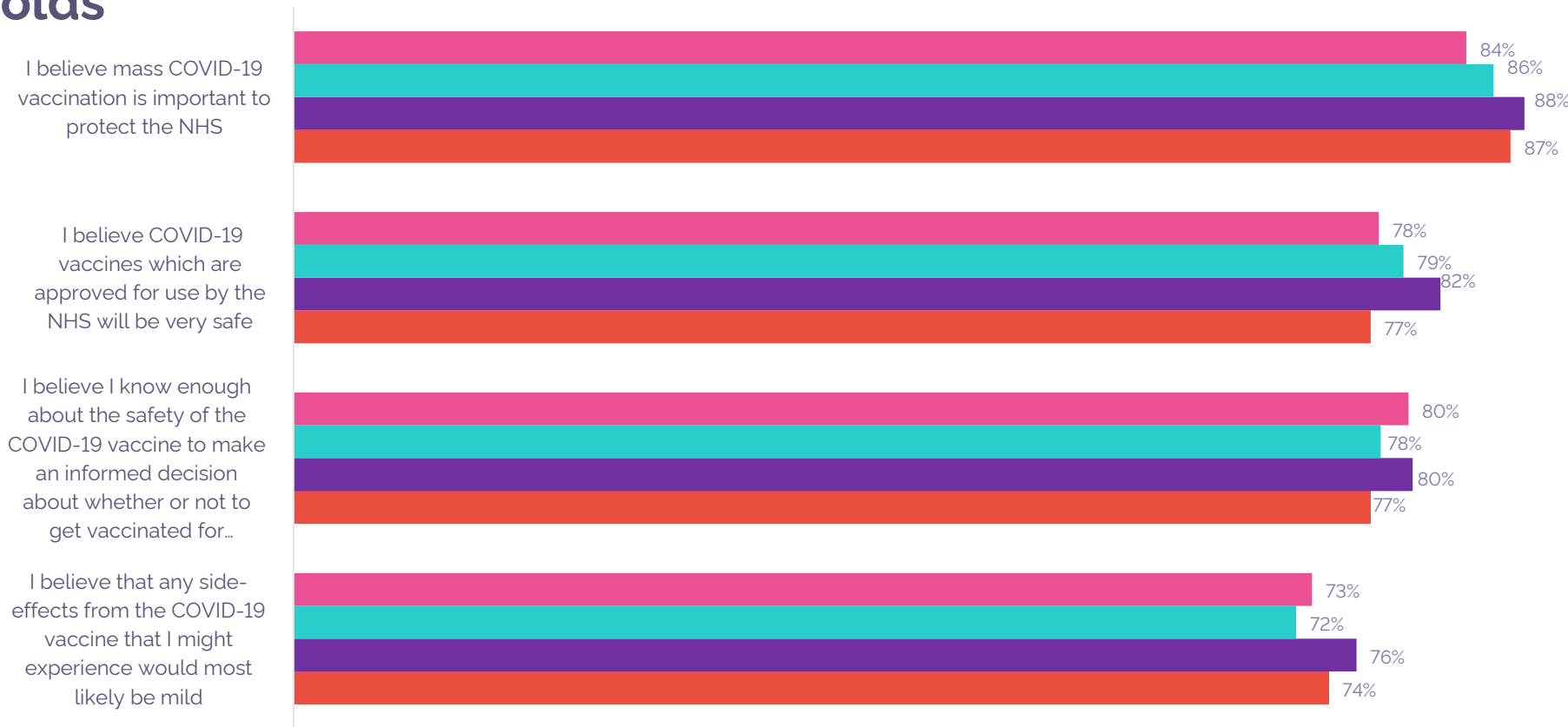
73% of adults in Wales aged 55+ believe if they have the COVID-19 vaccine, they will be less likely to catch COVID-19, this is compared to 75% in May. This is higher than younger age groups as 59% of 25-34 year olds, 50% of 35-44 year olds and 52% of 45-54 year olds agree

There has been a slight decrease of adults who believe if they have the COVID-19 vaccine, they will be less likely to catch COVID-19 (63% in July vs. 67% in May) and those who believe if they have the COVID-19 vaccine, they will not be able to spread COVID-19 to others (14% in July vs. 21% in May)

Q3 Pease think about the COVID-19 vaccination. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
Base All Wales adults: February 2021 (n=1,009), March 2021 (n=1,008), May (n=1,007), July (n=1,003)



Older individuals (55+ years) are still more aware than younger age groups with 85% believing they know enough about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine to make an informed decision about whether or not to get the vaccine. This is compared to 73% of 25-34 year olds and 71% of 35-54 year olds



Older age groups seem to recognise the impact on the NHS more than younger age groups with 91% of those aged 55+ saying that mass COVID-19 vaccination is important to protect the NHS vs. 76% of those aged 35-44 years and 78% of 25-34 years old.

Younger and older age groups are also more likely to say they believe COVID-19 vaccines which are approved for use by the NHS will be very safe (82% of 18-24 year olds and 85% of 55+) vs. middle age groups (35-44 years)

Those from ABC1 SEG are also more likely to say any side effects will be mild (80%) vs. C2DE SEG (66%)



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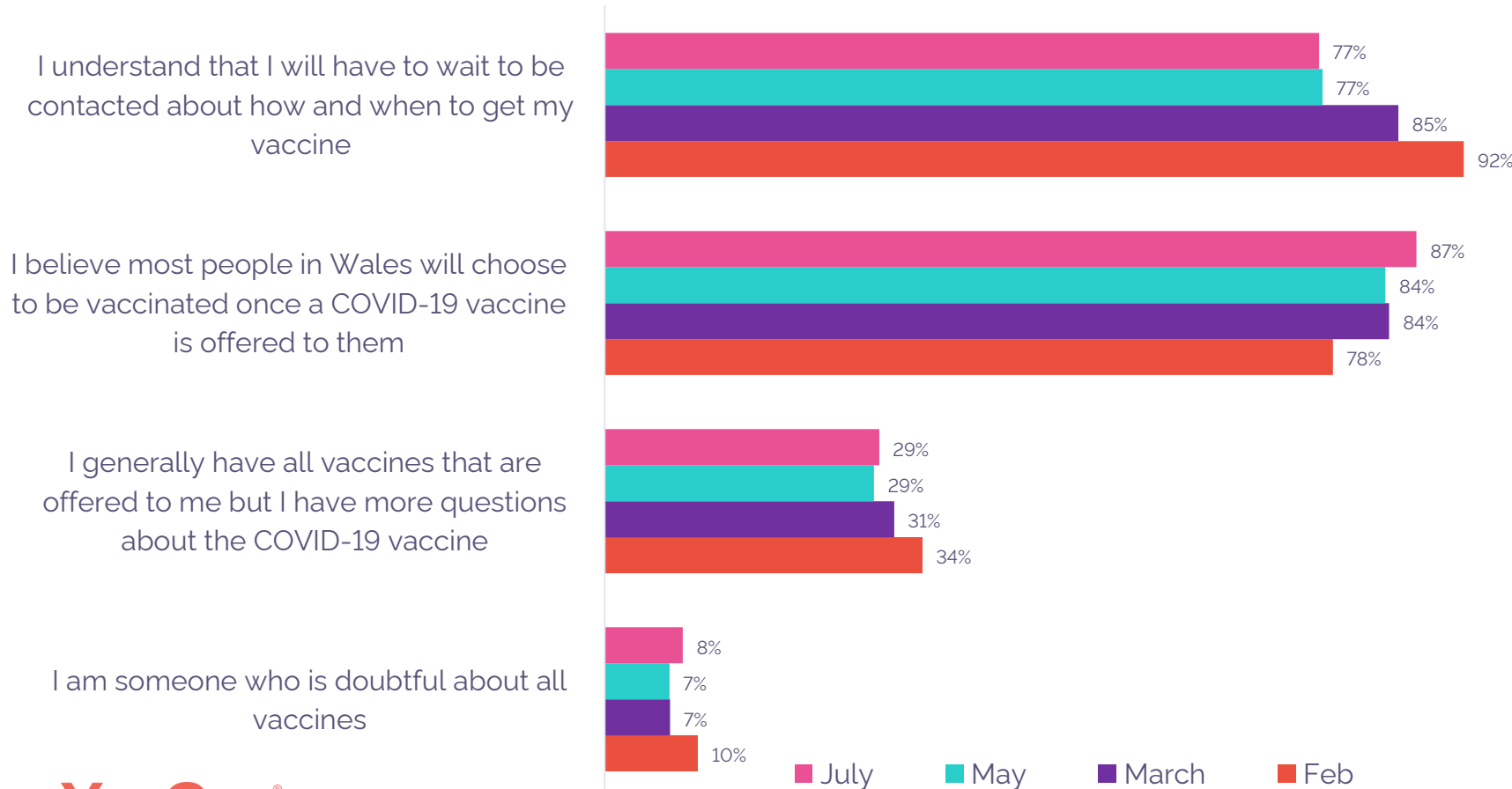
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Agree % shown of all Wales adults (18+)

Q3 Pease think about the COVID-19 vaccination. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
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There has been no increase in people who are more questionable about the COVID-19 vaccine in comparison to other vaccines since May (29%), however younger adults (i.e. 25-34 year olds) still have more questions that older age groups (55+) (35% vs 25%)



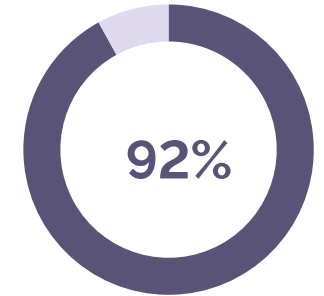
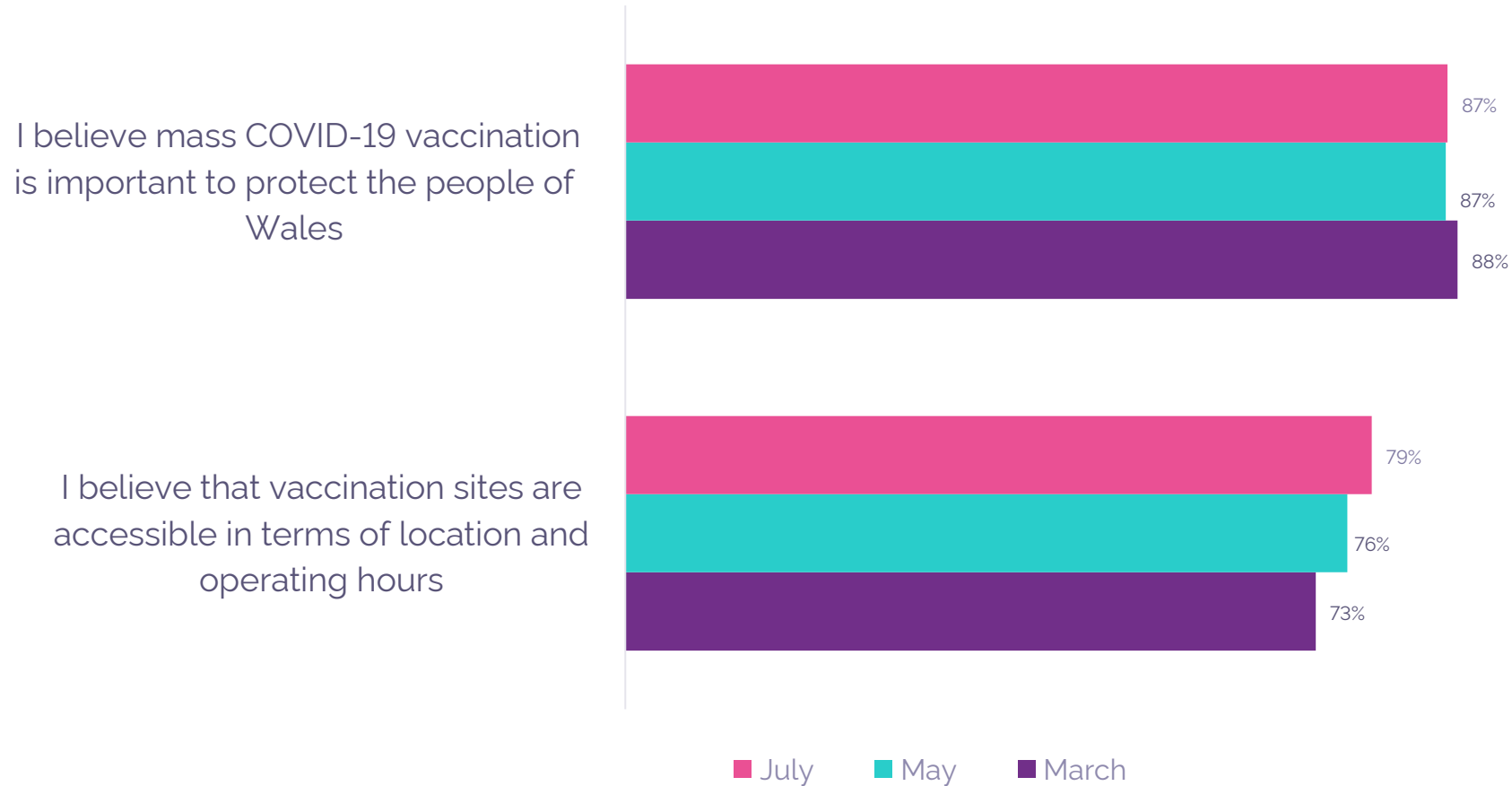
ABC1 SEG groups are more likely to understand that they will have to wait to be contacted about how and when to get their vaccine (80% vs. 73%)

Younger age groups (18-24 years) are more doubtful about all vaccines compared to older age groups (55+) (17% vs. 7%)

Those who are working (either full time or part-time) generally have all vaccines but tend to have more questions about the COVID-19 vaccine compared to those who are retired (32% vs. 21%)



There has been an increase in the number of people who believe vaccination sites are accessible in terms of location and operating hours (79%) and there is consistency in those who think COVID-19 vaccination is important to protect the people of Wales (87%)



92% of adults aged 55+ believe mass COVID-19 vaccination is important to protect the people of Wales vs. 80% of 25-44 year olds

Adults who live in North Wales (i.e. Isle of Anglesey, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, and Wrexham) are most likely to agree that vaccination sites are accessible in terms of location and operating hours (87%) vs. those living in Cardiff's constituency (70%)



2 in 10 (20%) believe if they have the flu vaccine, they will not be able to spread the flu to others and fewer people believe mass flu vaccination is important to protect the people of waves compared to previous waves (59% vs. 71%)

I believe mass flu vaccination is important to protect the people of Wales



I believe if I have the flu vaccine and still caught the flu, the severity of my illness will be...



I believe mass flu vaccination is important to protect the NHS



I believe if I have the flu vaccine, I will be less likely to catch the flu



If I was offered the flu vaccine right now, I would get vaccinated



I believe if I have the flu vaccine, I will not be able to spread the flu to others



Adults in Wales from ABC1 SEG are more likely to say if they have the flu vaccine, they will be less likely to catch the flu (72%) compared to adults from C2DE SEG (62%)

88% of 18-24 year olds believe if they have the flu vaccine and still caught the flu, the severity of their illness would be reduced

Half of adults working full time (50%) disagree that if they have the flu vaccine they will not spread the flu to others, compared to 33% of adults who are retired

The vast majority of adults from ABC1 SEG say they believe that mass flu vaccination is important to protect the NHS compared to 68% of adults from C2DE SEG



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Agree % shown of all Wales adults (18+)

Q4 Please think about the flu vaccination. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
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The majority of adults in Wales believe flu vaccines which are approved by the NHS are very safe (81%). This is compared to 78% who believe COVID-19 vaccines are very safe

I believe that flu vaccines which are approved for use by the NHS, are very safe

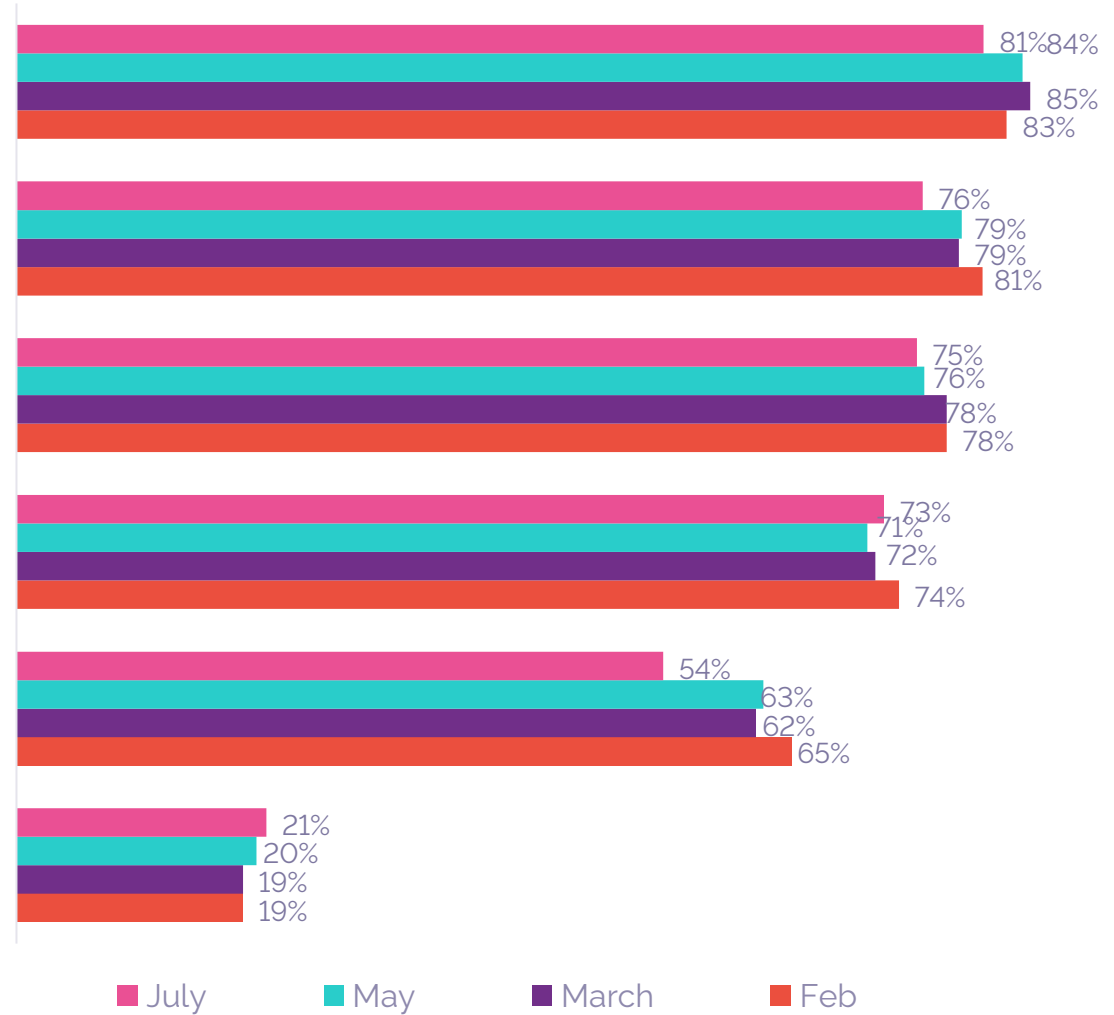
I believe I know enough about the safety of the flu vaccine to make an informed decision about whether or not to get vaccinated

I believe that any side-effects from a flu vaccine that I might experience would most likely be mild

I understand that I will have to wait to be contacted about how and when to get my vaccine

I believe most people in Wales would choose to be vaccinated if a flu vaccine is offered to them

I generally have all vaccines that are offered to me but I have more questions about the flu vaccine



8 in 10 adults in Wales from ABC1 SEG believe they know enough about the safety of the flu vaccine to make an informed decision about whether to get vaccinated or not (80%), compared to 72% of adults from C2DE SEG

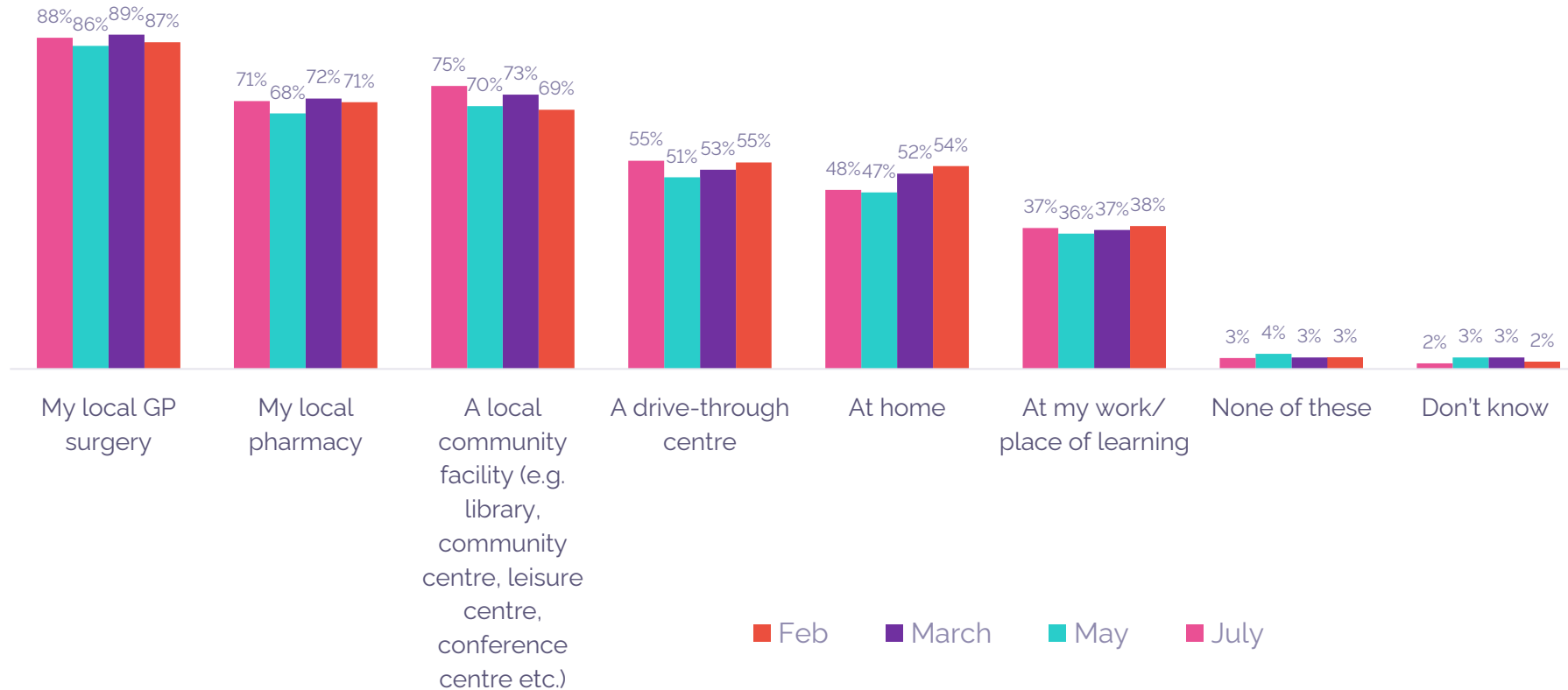
Just over half of women in Wales (52%) who generally have all vaccines that are offered to them, have more questions about the flu vaccine compared to men (43%)

Three quarters of adults in Wales aged 25-34 years old (75%) believe flu vaccines which are approved for use are safe to use, compared to 86% of adults aged 55+

Preferred location of receiving vaccines



There is a consistent preference where adults in Wales are happy to get a COVID-19 vaccine from with the top three being: their local GP surgery, their local community facility and their local pharmacy; the preference for getting vaccinated at a drive through centre has also increased slightly in July (55%) from May (51%)



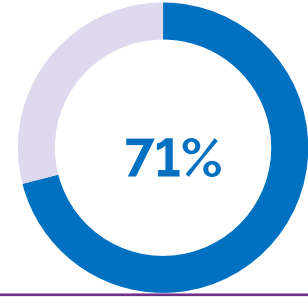
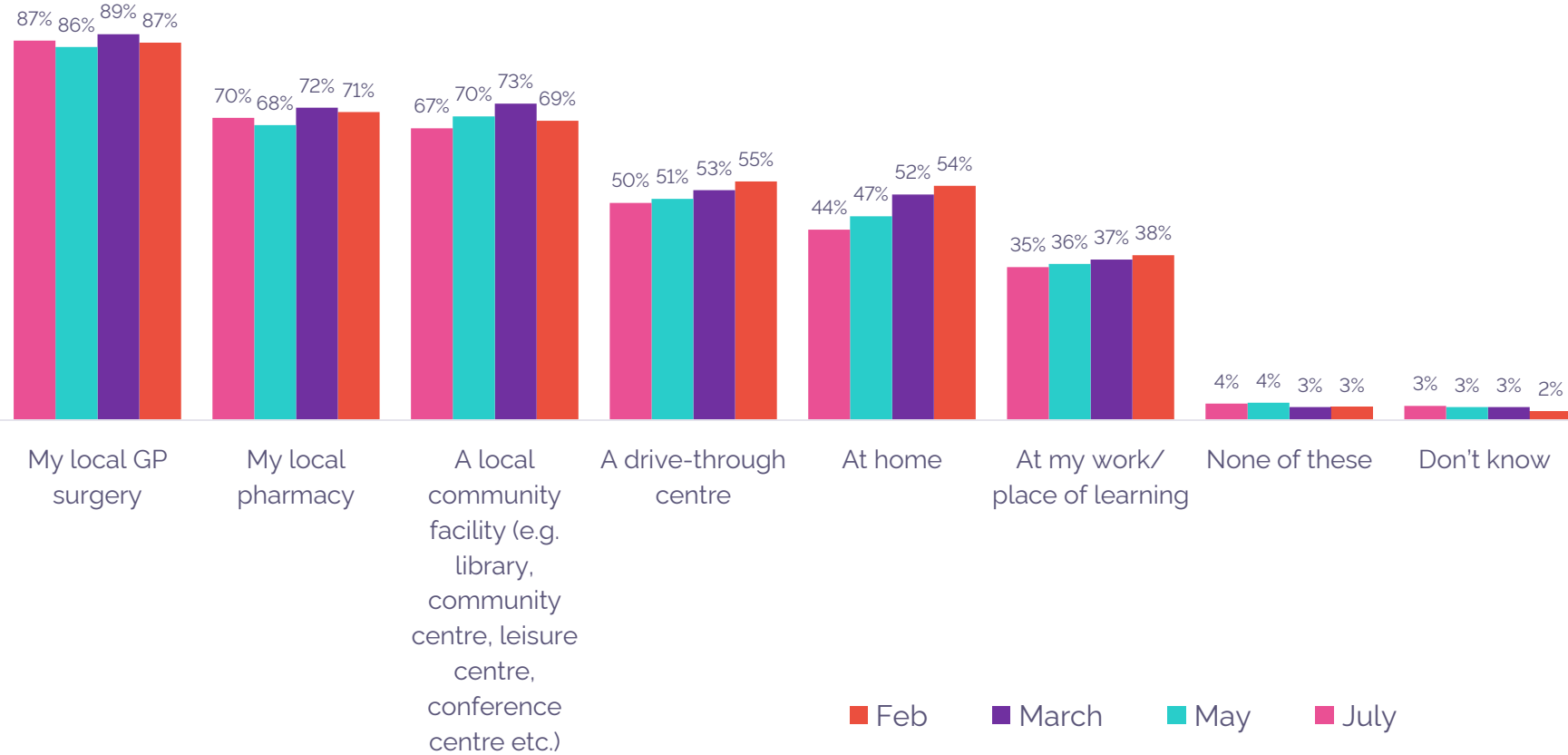
The vast majority of adults in Wales aged 55+ say they are more likely to be happy to get a COVID-19 vaccination from their local GP (91%) compared to younger generations as 85% of 35-44 year olds agree and 80% of 18-24 year olds.

Approximately two thirds of working adults in Wales say they are more likely to be happy to a COVID-19 vaccine from a drive through centre (62%) compared to adults who are not working (34%)

Just over half of ABC1 SEG adults (52%) are happy to have the COVID-19 vaccine at home, compared to 43% of C2DE SEG adults.

PPC_Q5b. Please imagine you were going to get the COVID-19 vaccine...Which, if any, of the following places would you be happy to get a COVID-19 vaccine from? (Please select all that apply)
 Base All Wales adults: February 2021 (n=1,009) March 2021 (n=1,008), May (n=1,007), July (n=1,003)

The vast majority of adults in Wales would be happy to get a flu vaccine from their local GP (87%), with half happy to receive a flu vaccine from a drive through centre (50%)



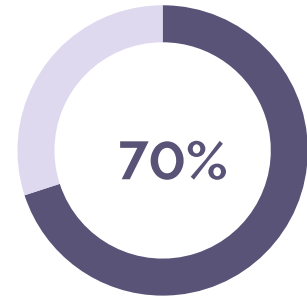
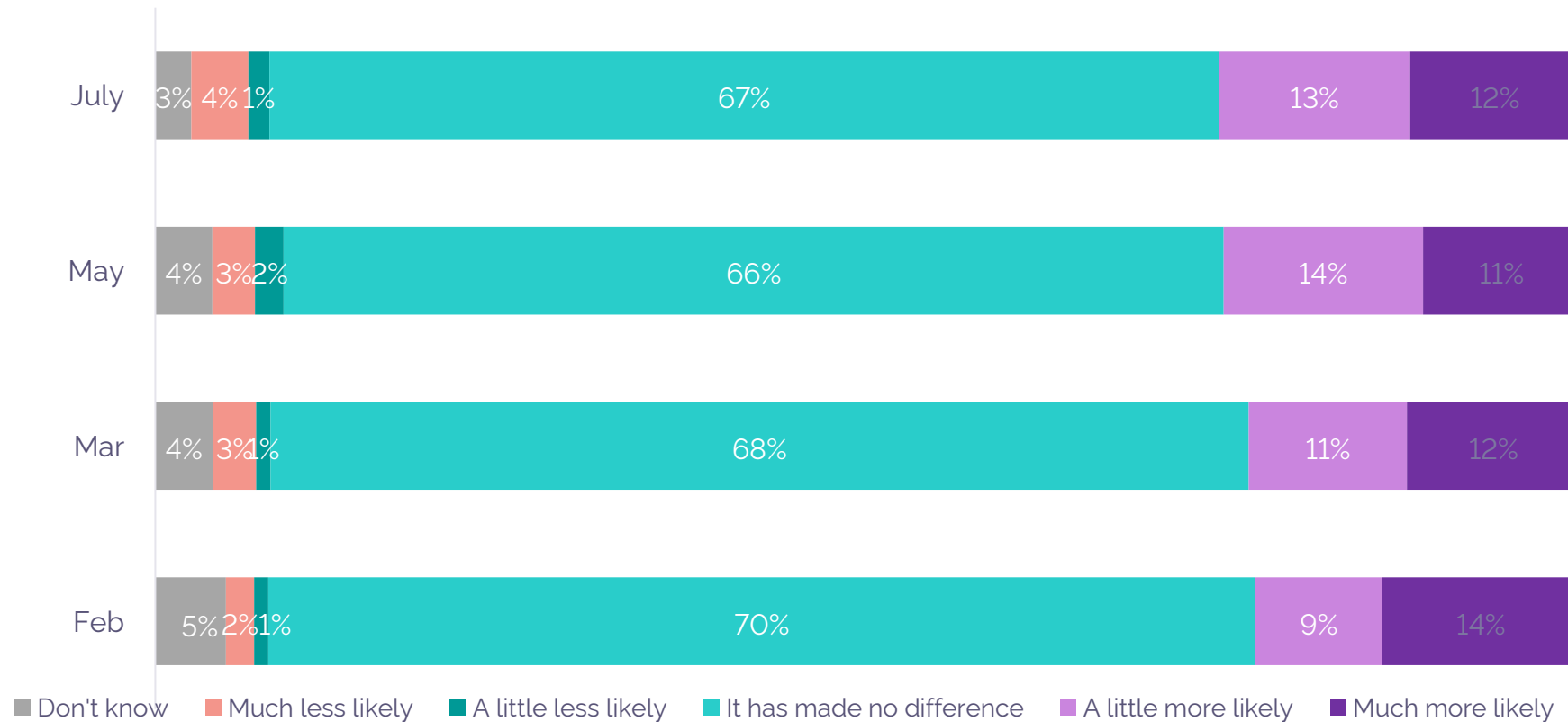
71% of men in Wales say they are happy to get a flu vaccine from a local community facility vs. women (64%)

Just over half of adults in Wales from ABC1 SEG are more likely to say they are happy to have a flu vaccine at a drive through centre (55%) compared to adults from C2DE SEG (45%)

Approximately half of adults in Cardiff (52%) say they are happy to have flu vaccines at their workplace and half (50%) are happy to have a COVID-19 vaccine at their workplace. Just less than 3 in 10 adults in the Mid and West of Wales (28%) say they would be happy to get the flu vaccine from their workplace

PPC_Q5. Now please imagine you were going to get the flu vaccine...Which, if any, of the following places would you be happy to get a flu vaccine from? (Please select all that apply)
 Base All Wales adults: February 2021 (n=1,009) March 2021 (n=1,008), May (n=1,007), July (n=1,003)

25% of adults in Wales are more likely to get a flu vaccine as a direct result of COVID-19 – this figure has remained consistent since May



70% of women in Wales say that COVID-19 has made no difference in their likelihood of getting the flu vaccine vs. 63% of men

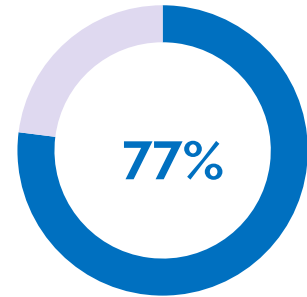
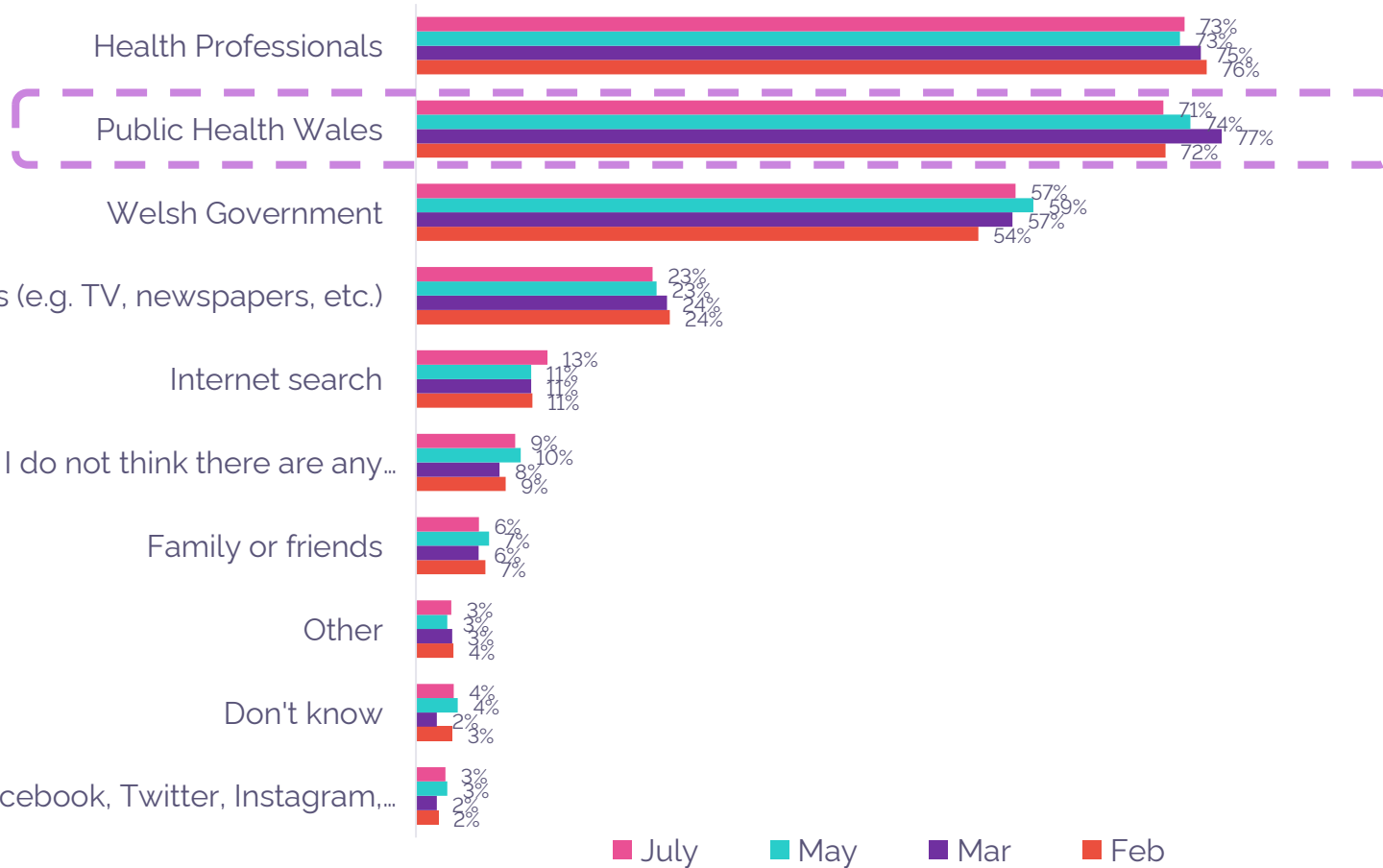
Just over 4 in 10 (42%) of young adults in Wales (i.e. 18-24 year olds) say they are more likely to get a flu vaccine as a direct result of COVID-19

Adults in C2DE SEG are more likely to say they are less likely to have a flu vaccine as a result of COVID-19 compared to ABC1 SEG adults (8% vs. 3%)

Reliable sources of information about vaccines



The top three reliable sources of information about the COVID-19 vaccine considered by adults in Wales are: Health Professionals (73%), Public Health Wales (71%) and the Welsh Government (57%)



77% of adults in Wales aged 55+ are more likely to say they trust Public Health Wales as a reliable source of information vs. 65% of 45-54 years old

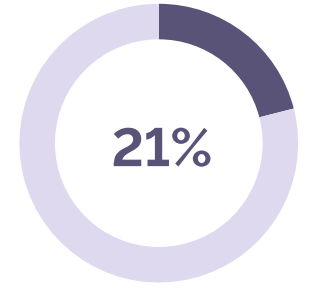
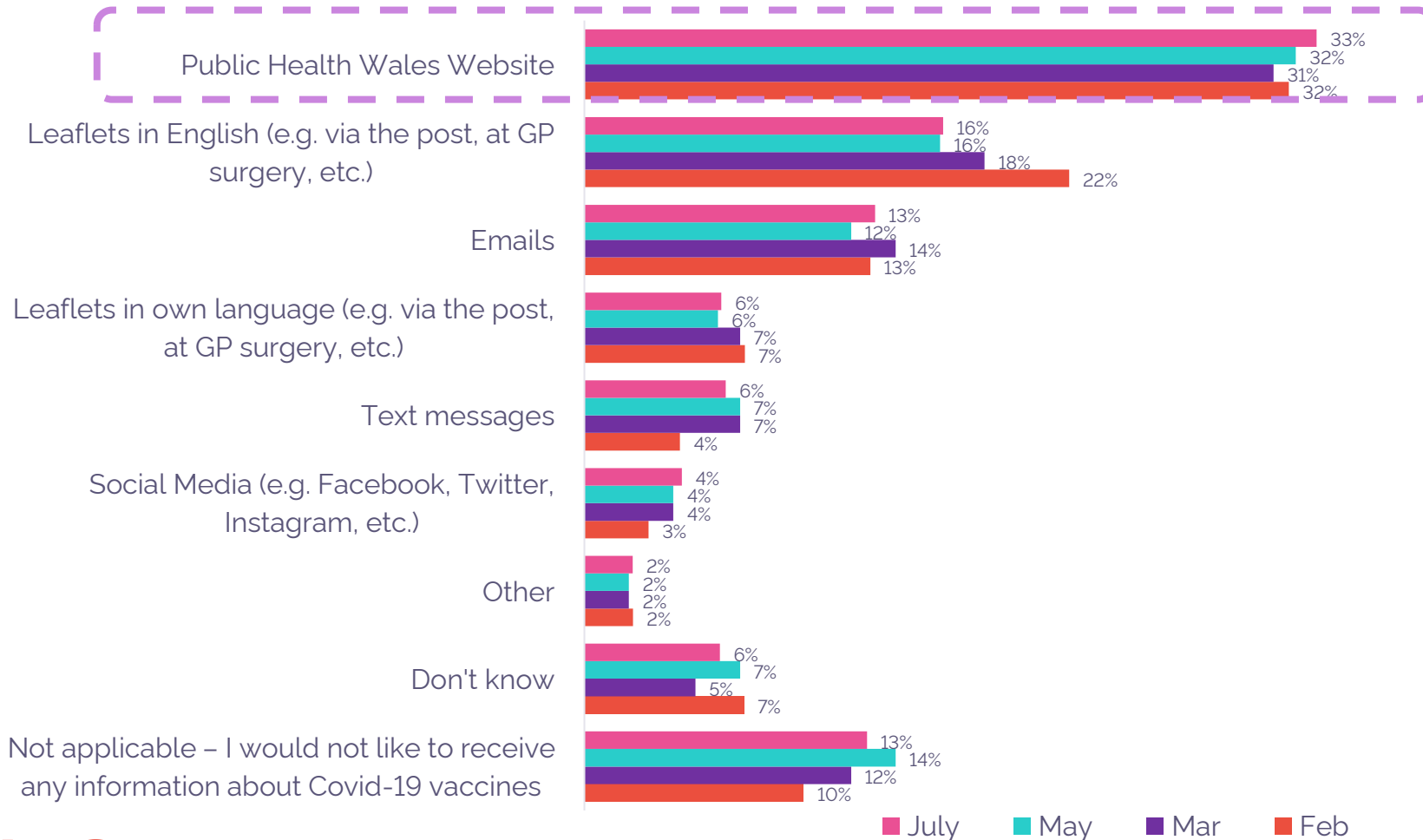
The older generations (55+ year olds) are more likely to trust health professionals compared to younger generations (35-44 year olds) (78% vs. 66%)

25-34 year olds are most likely to say they find friends and family reliable sources compared to adults aged 45-54 year olds (9% vs. 3%)

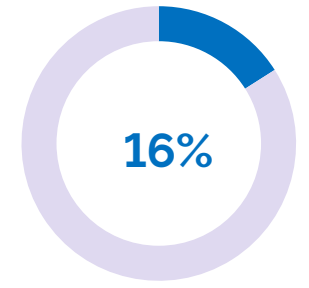
Just over 1 in 10 (12%) of C2DE SEG adults in Wales don't think they are any reliable sources of information about the COVID-19 vaccine compared to 7% of ABC1 SEG adults

Q7. Which, if any, of the following would you regard as a reliable source of information about the COVID 19 vaccine?
 Base All Wales adults: February 2021 (n=1,009) March 2021 (n=1,008), May (n=1,007), July (n=1,003)

The number of people wanting to receive information from the Public Health Wales website about COVID-19 remains steady at 33%



Just over 2 in 10 adults in Wales aged 55+ would like to receive information about COVID-19 via leaflets in English, compared to 11% of 25-34 year olds



Adults in Wales from C2DE SEG are more likely to say they wouldn't like to receive any information about COVID-19 vaccines (16%) vs, 9% of ABC1 SEG

Q8a. Through which ONE, if any, of the following would you MOST like to receive information about COVID-19 vaccines?
 Base size (all Wales adults): February 2021 (n=1,009) March 2021 (n=1,008), May (n=1,007), July (n=1,003)

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