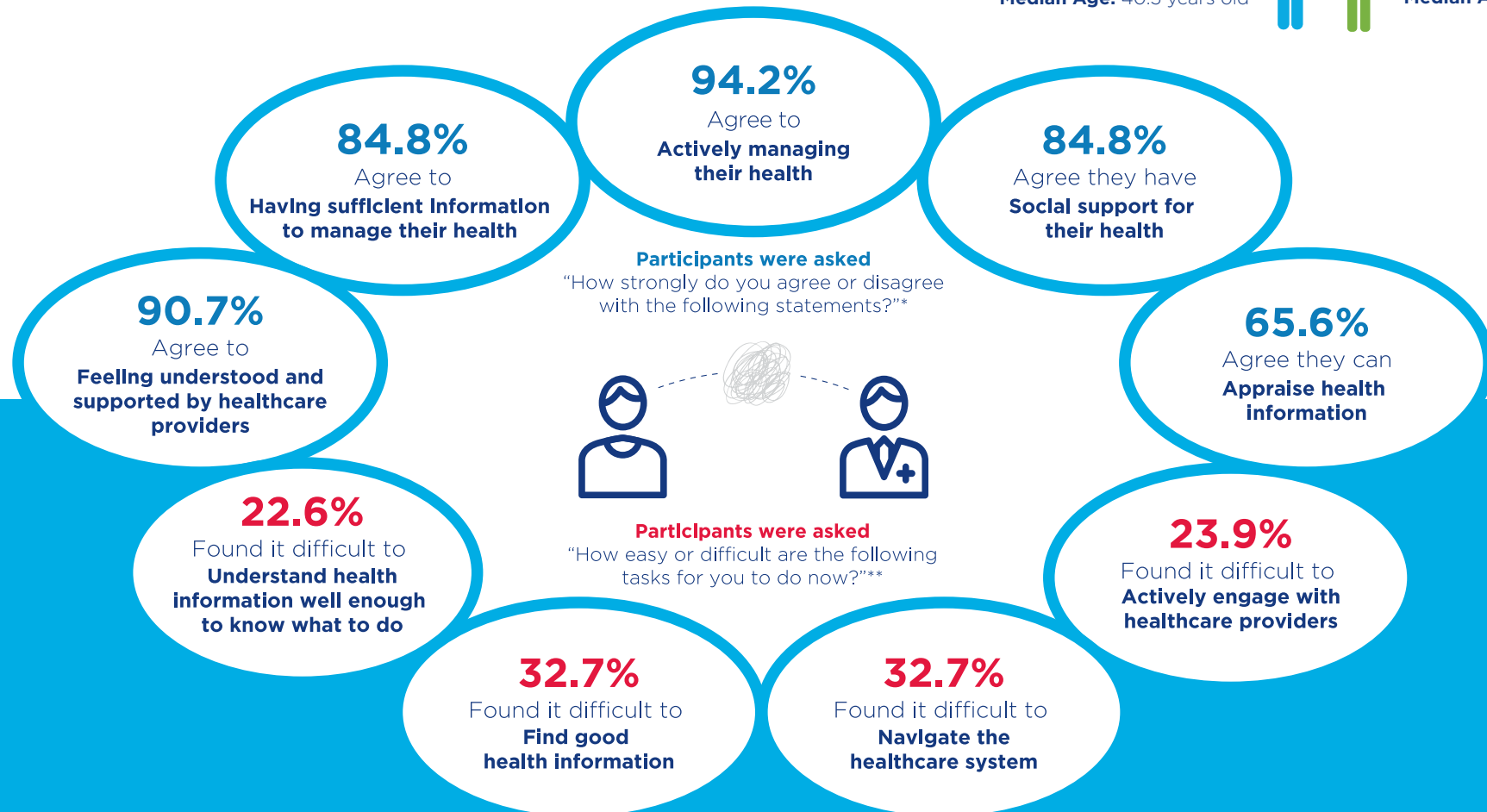# 2021 Health Literacy Study
Forensic Participants Key Findings

No. of participants: 35

85.7% — Median Age: 40.5 years old

14.3% — Median Age: 44 years old

94.2%
Agree to
Actively managing their health

84.8%
Agree to
Having sufficient information to manage their health

84.8%
Agree they have
Social support for their health

90.7%
Agree to
Feeling understood and supported by healthcare providers

65.6%
Agree they can
Appraise health information

Participants were asked
"How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?"*

22.6%
Found it difficult to
Understand health information well enough to know what to do

23.9%
Found it difficult to
Actively engage with healthcare providers

Participants were asked
"How easy or difficult are the following tasks for you to do now?"**

32.7%
Found it difficult to
Find good health information

32.7%
Found it difficult to
Navigate the healthcare system

Note: Data collection occurred between May 2021 to August 2021.
*Percentages represent the Agree (Agree and Strongly Agree) responses combined.
**Percentages represent the Difficult (Always, Usually and Sometimes Difficult) responses combined.
Percentages are weighted for total population in Forensic Hospital as of 15 May 2021. Full details of weighting calculations will be described in the report.

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