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1 Introduction

The Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey 2014 (APMS), also known as the National Study of Health and Wellbeing provides data on the prevalence of both treated and untreated psychiatric disorder in the English adult population (aged 16 and over).

APMS runs every 7 years and is the fourth in this series. Since 1993, it has been finding out how everyday stresses, strains and joys affect the health of people living in England. The survey is funded by the Department of Health.

Latest results from the survey were published on the NHS Digital website on 29 September 2016 and can be found here:

http://content.digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB21748

You are invited to complete a short questionnaire which will help NHS Digital and the Department of Health to make decisions about future surveys.

2 Aims of Consultation

NHS Digital is undertaking this consultation to find out more about who uses the survey and for what purposes, how useful the survey findings are, and any improvements that could be made.

We would also like your feedback on the outputs from the survey (e.g. the report, the tables and the dataset) and any ideas you may have to improve these.

This information is important to ensure that the survey is an effective use of public resources and provides value for money. It will also help in the design and development of future surveys.

3 Consultation Process and How to Respond

In accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics, this consultation will be placed on the NHS Digital website and run for over 8 weeks from 01 November 2016 and close on 30 December 2016. During that time we will be publicising the consultation widely. All responses we receive during the consultation period will be considered and used to inform future decision making.

The consultation questionnaire can be completed online at:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/APMSconsultation
If you are unable to complete the questionnaire online you can request a paper version by emailing surveys.queries@nhs.net and return via email or post to:

The Surveys Team
NHS Digital
1 Trevelyan Square
Boar Lane
Leeds
LS1 6AE

Please ensure you complete the questionnaire prior to the closing date so your response can be considered.

Responses are invited from all interested parties. If you could also provide contact details (name, email address, organisation etc.) this will also allow us to respond to any questions raised and to clarify responses if necessary.

If you would like to know more about the consultation or if you have any queries, please contact the Surveys Team at NHS Digital: surveys.queries@nhs.net

4 Confidentiality and Data Protection

Please note that if you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, among other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation but we cannot give assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

5 Publication of the Consultation Outcomes

The findings from the consultation exercise will be published on our website within 3 months of the consultation closing at http://content.digital.nhs.uk/consultations.