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About You

What is your name?

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

If responding on behalf of an organisation, please enter the organisation's name here.:

The Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights

If you are responding on behalf of your organisation, please specify which team or department.

team/department:
Policy

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

Publish response with name

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

General Health

1 Would you like to

a) Retain the questions in this topic without any changes?

If (b), please describe the changes you propose. If you propose that new questions are added to the topic, please explain whether the questions have been tested or used in another survey.:

2 How frequently do you require information gathered by the survey on this topic?

Biennially

Please explain why you require data at this frequency.:

Whilst annual information is preferred, CRER is satisfied with biennial information on this subject.

3 What would be the impact on your area of work if this data were no longer collected in the Scottish Health Survey?

Some impact

Please describe the expected impact in the space provided. Please also explain how the information is used, e.g. to measure progress against targets or to support key policy initiatives.:

There would be some impact on the work of CRER. We use the information in this question to track changes throughout the years and use this data in our research, policy, and parliamentary work. This helps us to identify areas in which minority ethnic groups are unfairly treated or deal with circumstances which are different to the majority ethnic population.

This survey is the only way to obtain in-depth health data by ethnicity and, therefore, is very valuable to the work of CRER.

4 Do you require the data at subnational level?

Yes

If Yes, please specify the geography and why this is required (e.g. NHS Health Board):

Whilst most of our work is at a national level, having information at a local authority and Health Board level is also useful for our work.

5 Is it important to link information on this topic to other questions/topics in SHeS?

Yes

If Yes, which questions/topics and how frequently?

If YES, which other topics and how frequently? - Age:

Biennial

If YES, which other topics and how frequently? - Sex:

Biennial

If YES, which other topics and how frequently? - *Household characteristics:

Any other question/topic, please specify.:

We want all information on this topic (and all topics) to link with ethnicity, age, and gender. Comparison by ethnic group is essential to our work and, as such, we would like to see all questions linked by ethnic coding.

Biennial

Any other variable/topic, please specify.:

Not Answered

Any other variable/topic, please specify.:

Not Answered

Please explain why you need to be able to link these topics.:

6 Would you like your answers to questions 1-5 to apply to other topics? This will avoid you having to complete the same information for each topic if your needs are the same for each. Note that the Contents page will not show those additional topics as complete, but we will be able to link your answers.

General health, Anxiety and depression, Self-harm, Social capital, Discrimination and harassment, Stress at work, Mental Wellbeing and Symptoms of psychiatric disorder, Strengths and Difficulties (children aged 4-12), Respiratory health including asthma, Cardiovascular Disease and Use of Services, Blood Pressure, Prescribed Medicines, Parental history, Adult and child physical activity, Knowledge of physical activity guidelines (ages 4-12, 13-15 and 16+), Fruit and vegetable consumption, Eating habits, Vitamins including Vitamin D (see Consultation document Annex A), Dietary salt intake (urine sample), Smoking and e-cigarettes, Cotinine levels (saliva sample), Alcohol consumption and drinking experiences, Body Mass Index / Obesity (height and weight measurements), Waist Circumference measurements, Dental Health and Dental Services, Accidents, Contraception, Gambling, Cosmetic procedures (see Consultation document Annex A)

If new topic, please specify.:

7 Is any of this information available from any other source?

No

If Yes, please state the alternative data sources and explain the benefits of gathering this information as part of the Scottish Health Survey.:

There are no alternative national sources of information in which health data by ethnicity is gathered in a meaningful way. This is why the Scottish Health Survey is crucial to anti-racism work.

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Whilst we have marked that we would like to retain all the questions in the SHeS, we recognise this may not be possible.

As such, we clarify that the important data for CRER is the data in which there is a marked difference between ethnic groups. Where data differs for ethnic groups, these questions must be maintained to better understand why this is and to track changes over time.

CRER would like to note the importance of disaggregation of this data. It is useful to publish statistics covering a variety of health topics for individuals in Scotland, but this information must be disaggregated by equality characteristics, including ethnicity.

This is vital to the work of CRER, as we use this to determine whether members of minority ethnic communities are facing unfair outcomes in health and wellbeing. This was particularly important in our recent work with the Scottish Government to develop the Race Equality Framework for Scotland 2016-2030. The

Scottish Health Survey was instrumental in measuring the health and wellbeing of minority ethnic communities and determining where inequalities are present and where additional work is needed to improve the health and wellbeing of all ethnic groups. As such, we view the disaggregation of data for all topics in the Scottish Health Survey to be vital.

It is therefore also important that the sample size is large enough to appropriately disaggregate data for all questions; boosters should be used if not enough individuals from each ethnic group has been surveyed.

Discrimination and harassment

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Not Answered

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Not Answered

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Not Answered

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Evaluation

7 Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

Slightly dissatisfied

Please enter comments here.:

We felt the set-up of the survey was ineffective and too rigid to allow for complete and comprehensive responses for smaller groups which may not have expertise in health issues.

Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Please enter comments here.: