

Covid-19 updates - cross-sectional health surveys

Opinions and Lifestyle Survey

COVID-19 module. Weekly surveys. Sample: 2,500 cases from Great Britain Online collection with a telephone element. Field period: 4 days (originally 10 days). The survey has collected information on the following themes: demographics, well-being, loneliness and support, health status, work status and caring responsibilities, concerns and effects on life, finances and work, self-isolation, social contact and facemasks, perceptions of country and community. Data available from the ONS Secure Research Service at the moment.

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[UK Data Service COVID-19 theme page](#)

Reference tables for key findings are published each week on the ONS website: [Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain](#).

Health Survey for England

HSE 2020 fieldwork completely stopped during lockdown as there is a requirement for a nurse visit which needs face-to-face interaction. HSE 2021 is planning to go ahead and launch in January 2021 subject to no government restrictions. HSE 2021 will contain some COVID-19 questions (likely to be on diagnosis, symptoms and impact on life).

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Scottish Health Survey

Face-to-face fieldwork was stopped in 2020 due to lockdown. Telephone interviews (adults only, target sample size = 1000) is taking place in Aug-Sept (1st wave) with a possible 2nd wave Nov-Dec. The interviews use a reduced SHeS questionnaire and include some new COVID-19 content (diagnosis, symptoms, current status). Planning to resume FTF fieldwork on 1 January 2021 (subject to Government advice (detail not known)).

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National Survey for Wales

Running a monthly telephone version of the National Survey in place of the usual face-to-face survey which is currently suspended. The telephone survey involves over 1,000 people a month (and 3,000 in May), with the topics updated each month. It covers a representative random

sample of people aged 16+ across Wales, including people who are more difficult to reach and people who don't use the internet.

[National Survey for Wales: monthly survey, May 2020](#)

National Diet and Nutrition Survey

Fieldwork paused during lockdown and will return in October 2020. However, there is a follow-up of previous participants in Aug-Oct 2020 which contains COVID-19 content.

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National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyle

Fieldwork paused during lockdown. Currently planning to resume fieldwork for the pilot in Spring/Summer 2021, which means the main fieldwork will be delayed by a year (to summer 2022). However, there is a 'Natsal Covid' web survey to examine the impact of the pandemic on sexual attitudes and lifestyle.

Mental Health of Children and Young People (aka Child Psychiatric Morbidity Survey)

A follow up of the 2017 child participants in the survey took place in July 2020. These are now aged 5 to 22 years old. A short report of the findings is due to be published in September. The survey was a 20 minute web survey and contained questions about general mental health and well-being questions along with questions around experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic e.g. education, access to services, activities, support.

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[Sally McManus presentation at the Health Studies User Conference](#), relationships and service use, interviewing 6500 participants via an Ipsos panel, plus a qualitative follow-up of 40 participants. The first wave fieldwork was completed July – August 2020 and findings will be available in the autumn. Participants will be followed-up in early 2021 for a second web interview.

Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use among Young people

The 2020 survey has been delayed until 2021 autumn term due to the uncertainty around schools going back in September, and if they do they will be busy with curriculum activities so didn't want to over burden them. No plans at this stage to include COVID-19 content, or do any other data collection.

Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey

Planned for 21/22. Potential to have some COVID-19 questions but not defined yet.

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More information from NatCen

<https://natcen.ac.uk/about-us/responding-to-covid-19/>