The National Study of Health and Wellbeing
Children and Young People 2017

Dear Parent/Carer of

Your child has been selected to take part in the National Study of Health and Wellbeing. We would like you to tell us about your health and wellbeing. By taking part, you can help the NHS, policy makers and charities make the right decisions about services for children and young people.

What’s next?
One of our interviewers will call at your house in the next week or so, to explain more about the study. Your interviewer will show you a photo identity card. If you don’t want to take part, you can call Freephone 0800 652 2704 and we will let your interviewer know.

Why us?
We have chosen your child at random to make sure we get a representative picture of children and young people in England.

Why should we take part?
This is an opportunity for your way. We rely on the goodwill and voluntary co-operation of people who are selected to take part to make the study a success. As a thank you, there’s a voucher below you can use to claim £10 cash at any Post Office.

Further Information
There is more information on the back of this letter or you can visit www.natcen.ac.uk/NSHWW or call Posthouse 0800 652 2704.

Katherine Badger
Research Director
NatCen Social Research

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Expiry date: 

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Dear,

We would like to invite you to take part in an interview for the National Study of Health and Wellbeing. By taking part, you can help the NHS, policy makers and charities make the right decisions about services for young people.

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Katharina Sadler
Research Director
NatCen Social Research

How was I chosen?

We chose your name at random from a list of names and addresses on the NHS Patient Register. This list is called MIDAS (Medical Research Information Service Integrated Database Administrative System) and includes a range of information including the names and addresses of people who have registered with a GP or used an NHS hospital. The Health Research Authority has given permission for us to use your name and address from the register to write to you about taking part.

Who is carrying out the survey?

NHS Digital has asked NatCen Social Research and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to carry out the survey. All our interviewers carry photographic ID cards and have been checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

What is NHS Digital?

NHS Digital is a Public Body and is the national provider of information, statistics, data and IT systems for health and social care in England. It works in partnership with the NHS and other national organisations to help make decisions to improve people’s care and well-being.

What is the National Study of Health and Wellbeing?

There have been two national studies of children and young people’s health and well-being. The last one was carried out in 2004 and involved 8000 children and young people. The information collected from these studies has been used in lots of ways to look at how common different kinds of health, developmental and emotional disorders are and the kinds of things that are associated with good health, development and well-being as well as the things associated with poor health, development and well-being.

What does taking part involve?

Taking part involves an interviewer coming to your home and asking you about your health and wellbeing. You can decide to answer as many or as few questions as you like. With your permission, we’d also like to ask your parent or carer some questions too. The interview is very relaxed and there is no need to prepare anything in advance. If you decide to take part, our interviewers will arrange a time that suits you.

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Please do not write on this voucher.
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Your child has been selected to take part in the National Study of Health and Wellbeing. This study collects information on the health and wellbeing of children and young people living in England and Scotland. NatCen Social Research and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) are carrying out this survey on behalf of NHS Digital. We choose your child’s name at random from a list of names and addresses on the NHS Patient Register. Taking part involves answering a short paper questionnaire about your child’s health and wellbeing. You can answer as many or as few of the questions as you like. If your child is aged 11 and over, they will also be sent a questionnaire to answer, with your permission. If you would like us to arrange for this questionnaire to be sent to you, please let me know.

Polish

Punjabi
ਨਾਟਸੈਂਚਾ ਨੂੰ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਅਧਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿਰਫ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਤੇ ਨਾਖੁਸਤ ਹੈ। ਅਜੋਕਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਂਤ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ ਆਪਣੀ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਕੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਅਦਾਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿਸਾਂਹਾ। ਅਜੋਕਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਅਦਾਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿਸਾਂਹਾ। ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਅਦਾਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿਸਾਂਹਾ।
O seu filho(a) foi selecionado para participar no National Study of Health and Wellbeing. [Estudio Nacional de Salud e Bienestar]. Este estudo recolhe informação sobre a saúde e o bem-estar de crianças e jovens que vivem em Inglaterra e na Escócia. O National Social Research [Centro Nacional de Pesquisa Social] e o Office for National Statistics (ONS) [Departamento Nacional de Estatísticas] estão a realizar este pesquiso em nome do NHS Digital. Seleccionamos o nome do seu filho(a) aleatoriamente de uma lista de nomes e endereços do NHS Patient Register [Registro de Pacientes do NHS]. A sua participação implica responder a um questionário curto em papel sobre a saúde e o bem-estar do seu filho(a). Pode responder a quantas perguntas quiser. Se o seu filho(a) tiver 11 anos ou mais, ele(a) também receberá um questionário para responder, com o seu consentimento. Se desejar que lhe enviamos um questionário, fale o favor de informa-nos.
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Information for Parents and Carers

**WHAT IS THE STUDY ABOUT?**

The study is about the health, development and emotional wellbeing of children and young people in England. Over time, and for many different reasons, there can be changes in the health and wellbeing of both adults and children. With your help, we can learn from a wide range of people to get a true picture of the current situation in England.

By taking part you will help the NHS, policy makers and charities make the right decisions about important issues that affect the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

**YOU ARE IMPORTANT**

Everyone is different – that’s why it’s important that we talk to all kinds of people to best represent everyone. Whatever your situation, your experiences are important to us.

We will be interviewing around 10,000 children and young people and their parents as part of the study. The more people who take part, the clearer the picture we’ll get of children and young people’s health and wellbeing.

**DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?**

Taking part is voluntary and if you do decide to take part, you can choose to answer as many or as few questions as you like. You can also change your mind at any time and withdraw from the study. We rely on the voluntary cooperation and goodwill of those who are selected to make the study a success.

**WHO IS CARRYING OUT THE RESEARCH?**

NatCen Social Research is carrying out the study alongside the Office for National Statistics (ONS). We are conducting the study on behalf of NHS Digital, with funding from the Department of Health. NHS Digital is a Public Body and is the national provider of information, statistics, data and IT systems for health and social care in England. It collects data about health and health care services and works in partnership with the NHS and other national organisations to help make decisions to improve people’s care and wellbeing.
WHAT IS THE INTERVIEW ABOUT?
The interview asks about a wide range of things about your child. These include general health, development and wellbeing. There are also questions about the area you live in and your child’s experiences. There will also be some questions about your life experiences, as we know that parents and carers play such an important part in a child's life. If you agree, we would also like to invite a teacher of your choice to provide a bit of information too.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
The length of the interview varies and depends on the answers you give, the age of your child and how much you have to say. For most people, this will take around an hour. Your interviewer will discuss this with you and arrange an appointment to carry out the interview that suits you.

If your child is aged between 11-16, we would also like to ask them some questions, if you agree. Their interview is shorter and can be done on the same day or on a different day.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE INFORMATION I GIVE?
Data collected by the National Study of Health and Wellbeing will be held by the contractors undertaking this research (NatCen Social Research and Office for National Statistics) and by NHS Digital (the national provider of information, data and IT systems for health and social care www.digital.nhs.uk).

The answers you give will be put together with the answers collected from thousands of other people across England. The survey findings will be analysed anonymously and published in a report. The data we collect as part of the survey is also useful to lots of other people. We will make a copy of the anonymous dataset available in the UK Data Archive for people to use for research, teaching or personal educational development. This won’t include any information that could be used to identify you. You can find out more about the UK Data Archive at www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/about-us.

If you agree, we would like to link your survey answers to information from other datasets about health and education. These are the NHS Central Register, Hospital Episode Statistics and the National Pupil Database. This would help us to follow up your health status in the future, and to link to information about your child’s educational attainment. We will ask for separate permission to do this in the study and give you more information about it then.

You can cancel this permission at any time in the future by writing to:

NatCen Social Research, 35 Northampton Square, London EC1V 0AX, or you can telephone: 0800 652 2704 and ask for Katharine Soder.

You do not need to give a reason to cancel this.

HOW LONG WILL YOU KEEP MY DATA?
At the end of the study in October 2017, we will delete the names and addresses of people who took part, unless you give us permission to keep them. We’ll ask you about this separately if you choose to take part.

We would like to keep anonymous information from the study permanently, so researchers can make use of it for many years to come. This anonymous information will never be linked with your name and address or other personal details that would allow anyone to identify you.

IS THE STUDY CONFIDENTIAL?
We take great care to protect the confidentiality of the information people give us. We would only have to tell someone else what you say if, during the interview, you tell us about possible harm to yourself or others. If this happens your interviewer will talk to their manager about it and may report it to a group of people at NatCen and ONS who will decide if the risk of harm means that other people should be involved to help. Your interviewer will tell you if they plan to do this.

The information collected is used for research and statistical purposes only and is dealt with according to the 1998 Data Protection Act. We will remove any information that could identify you so no one looking at the data will know that the information you give is about you or your child. Only a few members of the NatCen and ONS research team have access to data that could identify you like your name and address. This will be deleted after the study unless you give us permission to keep it.
DO I GET ANYTHING FOR TAKING PART?
If your child is 11-16 and they take part in an interview, they will be entered into a prize draw (with your permission) to win a £20 voucher that can be spent in a range of shops. We will conduct the prize draw in September 2017 and we will write to the prize winners. We will also put a list of the anonymous reference numbers of the winners on our website www.natcen.ac.uk/NSHW. You can find your own anonymous reference number on the letter we sent to you. We hope that around 3000 11-16 year olds will take part and there are 50 prizes. This means that around 1 in every 60 11-16 year olds will win a £20 voucher as a thank you for taking part.

WILL I BE ABLE TO SEE THE SURVEY RESULTS?
All results will be published in a report, that will be freely available in the summer of 2018. You will be able to access the report on our website: www.natcen.ac.uk/NSHW

WHO HAS REVIEWED THE STUDY?
The survey has been looked at by an independent group of people called a Research Ethics Committee, to protect your safety, rights, wellbeing and dignity. This study has been given a favourable opinion by the West London and GTAC Research Ethics Committee (Reference no 16/LO/0165).

MORE INFORMATION
Your interviewer will be able to explain more, or alternatively you can look at our webpage or contact:

Visit: www.natcen.ac.uk/NSHW
Contact: Katharine Sadler, Research Director
Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 4LX
Tel: 0800 652 2704

WHAT IF I HAVE A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE STUDY?
Carol Babicz, Freelance Resources Supervisor
Tel: 01277 690111 (in office hours)
Email: info@natcen.ac.uk
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WHAT IS THE STUDY ABOUT?
We want to find out about the health and wellbeing of children and young people in England. We would like to ask you some questions about your health and day-to-day life.

This will help the NHS, the government and scientists to improve services for children and young people. They can also use the results to help people to be healthier and happier.

WHY DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE PART?
We are asking lots of children and young people to take part - around 10,000!

Everyone is different, so we want as many people as possible to take part. You don't need to learn anything or have experience of anything to take part.

WHAT IS THE INTERVIEW ABOUT?
It's about lots of things including your health, how you feel and about things you are good at, and things you might find difficult. We'll also ask you questions about where you live and the kind of things you do.
DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?
No. It’s up to you if you take part or not.
If you decide to take part, you can choose to answer some questions but not others. You can also change your mind and decide to stop if you want.

WHO WILL SEE MY ANSWERS?
The answers to your questions are private. We will not share them with anyone you know, like your parents, guardian or school.

We would only have to tell someone else what you say if you tell us about something that puts you at serious risk of being hurt. If this happens your interviewer will talk to their manager about it and may report it to a group of people at who will decide if the risk of harm means that other people should be involved to help. Your interviewer will tell you if they plan to do this.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY ANSWERS?
Your answers will be put together with the answers of all the other people who take part. This will help us build a picture of the health and happiness of children and young people across England in 2017.

No-one will ever know how you answer the questions. All answers will be mixed together and your name will not be included in the results.

DO I GET ANYTHING FOR TAKING PART?
To say thank you for taking part, everyone aged 16 or under who takes part will be entered into a prize draw. In September 2017, we’ll pick 50 different 11-16 year olds at random and each of these 50 people will receive a £20 voucher that can be used in lots of different shops. We hope that around 3000 11-15 year olds will take part. That means that for every 60 or so 11-16 year olds that take part, one will win a £20 voucher. We will write to you if you are a prize winner and we will put a list of the winners on our website: www.natcen.ac.uk/NSHW

ANY QUESTIONS?
If you have any questions, just ask your interviewer, or your parent or the person who looks after you. You can also have a look at our website: www.natcen.ac.uk/NSHW

We will help you as much as we can and will answer any questions you have.

THANK YOU.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY TAKING PART.
Useful contacts leaflet

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If you have been affected by anything you have discussed during the interview, listed below are contact details for organisations that you might find helpful.

Useful Contacts

LOCAL HELP
Your GP
They will be able to provide help and advice. Your GP can also provide access to appropriate specialist services and local organisations.

Call 111
You can call 111 when you need medical help fast but it’s not a 999 emergency. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.

NHS mental health services
Find local mental health services on the NHS website.
www.nhs.uk

Local organisations
They provide a range of services including support groups, help lines and information. Details can be obtained from your GP, your local library, or the internet.

NATIONAL HELP
Childline
Free 24-hour counselling service for children and young people up to their 19th birthday.
0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

Mind - InfoLine
Offers advice and support to service users; has a network of local associations in England and Wales to which people can turn for help and assistance.
0300 123 3393 www.mind.org.uk
USEFUL WEBSITES

**Youth Wellbeing Directory**
Helps you find support for mental health and wellbeing of young people up to age 25 across the UK.
www.youthwellbeingdirectory.co.uk

**HavangoAProblem.com**
Free resource about mental health and addiction issues. It has advice and documents on issues including depression, anxiety, self-harm, bipolar, eating disorders and coping. www.havangoaproblem.com

**Health Talk Online**
Aims to provide balanced information about the experience of everyday life with a range of health conditions and issues. What to expect both physically and mentally, overcoming practical difficulties, making decisions about treatment and talking to health professionals. www.healthtalk.org

**Mental Health Foundation**
This website offers a wide range of information about mental health issues. www.mentalhealth.org.uk

**Helplines partnership**
Provides a comprehensive list of mental health helplines in the UK. www.helplines.org/helplines

**YouthinMind**
YouthinMind is an online resource for information about mental health, and offers brief assessments as well. It also provides links to other useful books, websites and services. www.youthinmind.info

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**SANE**
Provides practical help, emotional support and specialist information to individuals affected by mental health problems, their family, friends and carers.
0845 787 8000 www.sane.co.uk

**Supportline**
Confidential telephone helpline offering emotional support to anyone affected by eating disorders.
0170 8765 200 www.supportline.org.uk

**Beat**
Provides helplines, self-help groups and online support to anyone affected by eating disorders.
0845 634 1414 www.b-eat.co.uk

**The Samaritans**
The Samaritans provide a confidential service for people in despair and who feel suicidal.
0845 790 0909 www.samaritans.org.uk

**NSPCC**
Provides helplines and information on child abuse, child protection and safeguarding children.
0800 1111 900 www.nspcc.org.uk

**Young Minds**
Young Minds has a Parent Helpline that offers free confidential telephone and email support to any adult worried about the wellbeing of a child or young person.
0800 802 5544 www.youngminds.org.uk/for_parents
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Linking survey answers to other information

- We would like to ask for your consent to link some of your child’s NHS health records and your child’s education records with your survey answers.
- Organisations like the National Health Service (NHS) maintain medical and health records on all patients who use their services. These include:
  - In-patient and out-patient visits to hospital, length of stay and waiting times.
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- The Office for National Statistics maintains records detailing when people pass away, the date and the cause of their death.
- Other organisations like the Department for Education maintain information on education records. These include information on:
  - Educational achievement such as exam results and grades awarded
  - Absence and exclusions from school
  - Special educational needs.
- To link this information we need to send your child’s name, address and date of birth to the organisation that owns the data so they can identify your child’s records. By linking this information the research is more useful as we can look at how a person’s lifestyle and experiences can have an impact on their future health and education. Examples of the datasets we would like to link to are the Medical Research Information Service Integrated Database & Administration System (MIRIS), Hospital Episodes Statistics, ONS mortality data, mental health services dataset and the National Pupil Database.
- As we would like to look at long term trends, we have not set a limit on how long we will keep this information.
- This information will be confidential and used for statistical and research purposes only. The information will not identify you and it cannot be used by anyone treating your child as a patient.
- By signing this form you are only giving permission to link survey information to routine administrative data, and nothing else.

You can cancel this permission at any time in the future by writing to NatCen Social Research, 35 Northampton Square, London EC1V 0NA, or you can telephone 0800 662 2704 and ask for Katherine Sadler. You do not need to give a reason to cancel this.

Your consent:

I consent to NatCen Social Research/ONS passing my child’s name, address and date of birth to the organisations that own education information including the Department for Education.

ONS Digital holds the Medical Research Information Service Integrated Database & Administration System (MIRIS), Hospital Episodes Statistics and the Mental Health Services Dataset. The ONS mortality data, and the National Pupil Database. I understand that information held in relevant datasets and managed by these organisations may be used to provide information about my child’s health service use, health status and education. I understand that these details will be used for statistical and research purposes only.

Participant signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________
Participant name: ____________________________

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Interviewer signature

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