

Calderdale School Health and Wellbeing survey: Frequently Asked Questions

Who is collecting the information and for what purpose?

The school health and wellbeing survey - is being carried out on behalf of the Director of Public Health and the Director of Adults and Children's Services, Calderdale Council and with the agreement of representatives of Calderdale Association of Secondary Head teachers (CASH), Calderdale Primary Heads Association (CPHA), and Calderdale Governors Association.

The purpose of the survey is to gain an overview of the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Calderdale. This is the 14th year that the survey has run.

In 2024, all secondary schools and 91% primary schools took part.

How will the information be used?

Individual pupil responses will be aggregated to year group, school, and Calderdale level. No individual data will be made available.

Schools can use their own results to inform curriculum planning and support, to ensure it is targeted to meet pupil need.

Healthy Futures Calderdale and other services may use results to target the support that they provide.

For Calderdale as a whole, the information collected contributes to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to inform public health priorities and action to improve the health and wellbeing of children in Calderdale.

Key theme reports can be found via the JSNA website [here](#).

Who has access to the data?

Only the Public Health team and our survey provider (SNAP Surveys) have access to raw (pupil level) data.

Schools will be provided with their aggregated data broken down by year group and gender, individual school level results will not be shared with other schools. However, they may be shared with members of healthy futures Calderdale to support with service planning.

What are the ethical guidelines and policies covering the project?

This is not a research project. The survey forms part of local routine public health surveillance and needs assessment, and therefore does not require ethical approval.

The Director of Public Health who has oversight of the survey is responsible for protecting the confidentiality of patient and service-user information and enabling appropriate information-sharing.

Is consent for school age children sought or assumed?

Consent is assumed, though children can refuse to do the survey. Schools are asked to show all pupils the [introductory video](#) hosted on the Healthy Futures Calderdale YouTube channel. Furthermore, the front page of the survey contains this message to children:

This survey is about YOU! your health, your safety and how you are feeling. By finding out important things about children and young people in your school and within the area in which you live. We can make sure that the support you receive is what you need to help you stay healthy, happy and safe! You don't need to put your name anywhere in the survey, so no one will find out what answers you put. Please answer the questions truthfully. When you've

finished the survey, your answers will be collected together with everyone else's from your year group. They won't be read by anyone at school, but will help to make sure we can all work together to keep you healthy, happy and safe. But, if you want to talk to someone about anything in the survey, please speak to an adult in school who you feel comfortable with, or follow the links at the end of the survey for more information. This survey is for pupils at School name. If you are not a pupil at this school please do not complete the survey and tell your teacher.

How is confidentiality maintained?

Children do not enter their name, date of birth, age or address details. Children select which school year they are in, for example Year 7, and the ward/area in which they live (only for year 7 upwards). There are no free text questions so no opportunity to disclose any identifiable information. Schools have a unique login to access the survey but cannot access individual responses themselves once entered. Schools only receive reports collated from their data, which is anonymous.

Can respondents be identified by online or computer log in?

Respondents cannot be identified by online or computer log in. There is one unique web link for the whole school.

How is data stored and for how long?

Data storage is compliant with ISO 27001, the internationally recognised gold standard for information security systems. Data is held for ten years to help compare figures year on year.

How does GDPR affect data collection?

There will be a privacy notice at the start of the survey explaining why we are collecting the information, the lawful basis for data collection, storage and who the information is shared with.

What are the data governance and protection policies?

These points are covered above in relation to consent, identification and data storage.

Why is the survey undertaken in class time?

It has been agreed between the Director of Public Health, Director of Adults and Children's Services, Head teachers' and Governors' representatives that this survey is valuable for schools, public health and ultimately is to the benefit of young people.

The survey is trying to access a cohort of children and young people and school time is the most feasible way of achieving this. It is up to the school when they decide to timetable the session. It is a very small proportion of classroom time to complete the survey: about 20 to 30 minutes for a secondary school pupil, and 30 to 40 minutes for a primary school pupil.

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