

What are your views on joining up sets of records held on parents and children?

- This is an online survey asking your views about combining sets of records held on parents and children. It is being conducted by academics at the universities of Southampton and Westminster to help inform our research project on data linkage.
- You are invited to participate in our survey if you live in the UK and have children aged 16 or under. Completing the survey should take you about 5 minutes or so.
- Your participation in the survey is voluntary. You can opt out at any point, and we will not use the information you give us unless you press submit at the end.
- The information that you give us will be confidential, and you will be anonymous – we will not be able to tell who you are. But if you would like to be entered into a draw for a £100 high street voucher, then we will provide you with information about how to do that at the end of the survey. Your email address will not be linked to your answers.
- The survey information will be kept securely in a password protected electronic format, and only be used for our research purposes. The survey has received ethical approval from the University of Southampton Research Ethics Committee (ERGO ID 46736). If you have any questions about the survey, you can email us on: r.s.edwards@soton.ac.uk and v.gillies@westminster.ac.uk

There are 12 questions in this survey

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Please tick this box to give your consent to participation in our research and for us to use your survey data for our research project.

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This survey will close on Thursday 31st January 2019

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Please choose **all** that apply:

- I give my consent

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Government departments and services hold a lot of separate sources of information about families, such as where they live, their ethnicity, parents' income and benefit claims, children's educational attainment, health records, contact with social services, and so on. Government is able to join together these different records and other information, or it can commission companies to do this for them.

Have you heard about this 'data linkage' before?

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Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

3 Here are some of the reasons why government might want to link different sets of information about parents and their children together. Please would you let us know whether you think these reasons are acceptable or unacceptable? *

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	DON'T KNOW
<p>It provides accurate up-to-date evidence about family circumstances to improve the planning and delivery of family support services</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Services can identify specific families who might need professional intervention but haven't asked for support</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>It will save time and public money by preventing family problems or catching them early</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>The more that we know about families, the more that the nation's health, education, and social and economic wellbeing can be improved</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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4 Would you consent to government joining up different sources of information about you and your children? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- YES
- NO
- DON'T KNOW
- IT DEPENDS

Make a comment on your choice here:

5 Here are some organisations that might link together sources of information about parents and children in order to personally identify particular families who might need intervention from services. Please let us know how much you trust them to do this. *

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	DEFINITELY TRUST THEM	PROBABLY TRUST THEM	PROBABLY DON'T TRUST THEM	DEFINITELY DON'T TRUST THEM	DON'T KNOW
Your local council children's social care services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immigration services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your child's school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A private company commissioned by government services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6 A local council joins up medical records and police records to identify parents who have mental health illnesses and who have been in trouble with the police, and then link these to their children's school attendance records. This helps the council to identify families at risk and intervene to make sure that these parents bring up their children well. Is this acceptable? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ACCEPTABLE
- NOT ACCEPTABLE
- DON'T KNOW

Make a comment on your choice here:

7 It is acceptable or unacceptable to join up sources of information in an attempt to identify whether or not child abuse might take place in a particular family? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE
- NEVER ACCEPTABLE
- DON'T KNOW
- SOMETIMES ACCEPTABLE

Make a comment on your choice here:

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Is there any sort information that should not be accessed and linked to the information that government and services hold about parents and children?

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Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	SHOULD NOT BE USED	SHOULD BE USED
Bank details and credit records	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supermarket food shopping records	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CCTV footage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social media posts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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9**Do you have any further views on the joining up of different sources of information on parents and children that you would like to tell us about?**

Please write your answer here:

10**Finally please would you tell us a little bit about yourself?****Are you:**

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Please choose **only one** of the following:

- MOTHER
- FATHER
- CARER
- Other

11 Are you *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- WHITE: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
- WHITE: Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- WHITE: Any other White background
- MIXED/MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS: White and Black Caribbean
- MIXED/MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS: White and Black African
- MIXED/MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS: White and Asian
- MIXED/MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS: Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic backgrounds
- ASIAN/ASIAN BRITISH: Indian
- ASIAN/ASIAN BRITISH: Pakistani
- ASIAN/ASIAN BRITISH: Bangladeshi
- ASIAN/ASIAN BRITISH: Chinese

- ASIAN/ASIAN BRITISH: Any other Asian background
- BLACK/AFRICAN/CARIBBEN/BLACK BRITISH: African
- BLACK/AFRICAN/CARIBBEN/BLACK BRITISH: Caribbean
- BLACK/AFRICAN/CARIBBEN/BLACK BRITISH: Any other Black/African/Caribbean background
- OTHER ETHNIC GROUP: Arab
- OTHER ETHNIC GROUP: Any other ethnic group
- PREFER NOT TO SAY

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What is your annual household income level?

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Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Up to £5,199
- Between £5,200 and £10,399
- Between £10,400 and £15,599
- Between £15,600 and £20,799
- Between £20,800 and £25,999
- Between £26,000 and £31,199
- Between £31,200 and £36,399
- Between £36,400 and £51,999
- £52,000 and above
- PREFER NOT TO SAY

31/01/2019 – 00:00

Submit your survey.

Thank you for completing this survey.