

# National Survey for Wales



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## Making your survey answers even more valuable

### What do we want to do?

The Welsh Government would like to be able to **link your anonymised survey answers** to other anonymised information about you which is available to the Welsh Government, the NHS or other public organisations. For example: your GP, hospital and education records.

### Why do we want to link your survey answers?

Linking your survey answers will give approved researchers, the Welsh Government, and other public organisations a wealth of extra information, so that they can have a clearer picture of issues in Wales and how to tackle them.

### What will happen to my information?

The Welsh Government, a **Trusted Third Party** and a **Secure Research Environment** will work together to link your survey answers with other anonymised information about you which is available to the Welsh Government, the NHS and other public organisations.

A Trusted Third Party is an organisation with secure facilities for linking data such as the Office for National Statistics or the NHS Wales. A **Secure Research Environment** is a setting in which research can be done using anonymised information and where checks are carried out to make sure that identities are not revealed by the results of the analysis. Your name, address and postcode will remain separate from your survey answers at all times and will not be included in the linked data.

### Who will be able to use the linked data?

The data will be made available using a Secure Research Environment to approved researchers from the Welsh Government, universities or other accredited organisations for projects that have been approved by the Welsh Government. Only projects with a clear public benefit will be approved.

Before researchers are allowed to access data using a secure research environment, they must complete a training course to make sure they understand how to handle linked anonymised data safely, lawfully and responsibly.

### Where can I get more information about this?

For more information please visit the National Survey for Wales website:

**[www.gov.wales/nationalsurveydatalink](http://www.gov.wales/nationalsurveydatalink)**

Details on how we store and process information can be found at:

**[www.gov.wales/nationalsurveyinfo](http://www.gov.wales/nationalsurveyinfo)**