

EMAHSN Social Prescribing Benchmarking Survey User Guide

In 2019 the East Midlands Academic Health Science Network (EMAHSN) commissioned The University of Leicester (UoL) to create a Social Prescribing Benchmarking Survey to establish the existing Social Prescribing provision in the East Midlands. Using the results of the survey and other qualitative research approaches, UoL created a [report on social prescribing in the East Midlands, which can be accessed here](#).

In recognition that the results of the survey will be of use to East Midlands stakeholders for regular benchmarking, the survey has been made available for independent use by NHS organisations and other stakeholders delivering NHS England and NHS Improvement commissioned work.

Independent use of the survey entails editing the survey for use, all communications to generate responses and analysis/interpretation of the responses. We have therefore created a guide with recommendations for this process, which we hope you will find useful.

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How to access the survey

The original survey was created using Survey Monkey, to access and edit this survey you need to have a paid for Survey Monkey account. If you are interested in carrying out this survey in your area using survey monkey, please email emahsn@nottingham.ac.uk with your Survey Monkey username and we can send a copy of the template to your account.

If you are unable to copy this survey from Survey Monkey, you can access a Word version to build on your own survey software. [This can be accessed here](#).

Please note:

- The survey was created at a regional level at a point in time therefore if used for other areas, the geographic area and CCGs will require amendments (questions 5 and 7)
- The survey is currently set up to skip questions where appropriate, so testing of question flow will be required if any amendment to question order or additions are made. It is requested deletion of any questions are kept to a minimum, if at all, to preserve the potential of the use of the survey as a benchmarking tool.
- To ensure a representation of your area is reflected in the results, it is essential to scope your local social prescribing stakeholders, and leaders within your healthcare system, and Local Authority, so targeted communication and request to complete the survey can be deployed. Local knowledge of contacts and networks working in this area is important.

- Results from the survey will only be available in the format available within Survey Monkey or other survey tools. Exporting the data / results or further analysis may be useful.

Additional research, analysis and report production

Using the survey will provide useful insights from the responses and your independent analysis may meet your requirements giving you a good idea of your Social Prescribing provision. However, if you want to replicate the EMAHSN report or require further analysis/ qualitative data you will need to either produce this using internal resources or commission external support.

For the aforementioned report, EMAHSN commissioned The University of Leicester, (Psychology Department – Dr Ceri Jones, cj10@leicester.ac.uk). The department can be approached directly to undertake similar work for other areas, or any alternative providers of your choosing can be commissioned.