



Veterans' Health and Lifestyle Survey 2009

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this survey.

All responses will be kept strictly confidential at all times.

We would like your help with this survey so that we can understand better the special health care needs of veterans. A greater understanding of the particular issues and problems that ex-service personnel face will allow NHS and Council services to be tailored to better meet those needs. There will also be the option of participating in a more in-depth interview if you wish.

NHS Hull, under the leadership of Chief Executive Chris Long, has a particular interest in the health needs of ex-service personnel. He himself is a former serviceman, having spent 12 years as an Army Infantry Officer

Through Chris's interest in veterans health the NHS Trust has already led the way to improve access to healthcare for all veterans who were not war pensioners whose physical or mental health needs may be directly attributed to their military service, by enabling them to receive a faster route to treatment. Following this bold move by NHS Hull in 2007, the Government introduced the same policy across the rest of the UK. Furthermore, Humber Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust's Humber Traumatic Stress Service accepts direct referrals for ex-military personnel suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. Since 1998 it has been developed as a specialist service alongside existing mental health services.

The National Gulf Veterans and Families Association (NGVFA), the Hull-based charity which for over 10 years has been helping veterans and their families from the 1990/91, 2003 Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, fully supports this essential research project stating "having Chris Long as the Chief Executive of Hull NHS is a positive thing for all veterans who live in Hull, this research is essential in moving forward the proper healthcare for veterans, we hope that all those locally based from the relevant conflicts will come forward and help support this fantastic project".

We are asking you about a range of subjects because of their link to health and the population which NHS Hull is serving. Other questions are simply important background details, or for comparison.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE

Q1.	What service we	ere you ir	1?	
Q2. _	What was your l	nighest r	ank during your ti	me in the Armed Services?
Q3.	How many years Services in total		ou in the Armed	years
Q4.	When did you le	eave the A	Armed Services?	
Q5.	Where have you	served?	Please tick one re	esponse for each row.
		Yes	No	
Northe Bosnia Forme Kosov First G Secon Afghar Sierra	nds ern Ireland a er Yugoslavia o o Gulf War d Gulf War / Iraq. nistan		$ \begin{array}{c} \square_2 \\ \square_2 \end{array} $	
If 'oth	er', please specify	:		

GENERAL HEALTH

Q6.	Overall, how would you rate your usual health: excellent, very good, good, fair, poor?					
Excelle	nt Very g □₂		ood] ₃	Fair □ ₄	Poor □ ₅	Don't know □ ₅
Q7.	Do you have month?	e any illness	or disa	ability which h	nas lasted for lo	onger than a
Yes □₁	No D					
If 'no', g	o to Q8. Oti	herwise con	tinue w	ith Q7a.		
	Q7a. Doe	es this illnes	s or dis	sability limit y	our activities ir	any way?
		Yes □₁		No □²		
Q8.	Are you reg Discriminat		isabled	as described	under the Disa	bility
Yes □₁	No D					
impairmer day to day	nt which has a s activities."(Lon	ubstantial and I g-term in this d	ong-term efinition is	adverse effect on	Act 1995 is, "A phy his or her ability to nore than 12 months health)	carry out normal
Q9.	which the b worst healtl	est health ye h you can im	ou can nagine a	imagine anyo	ne can have is ave is 0. Please	rawn a scale on 100 and the e indicate on this
Indicate 0-100	d number					

LIFESTYLE

Q10.	Generally speaki box only)	ng, do	you think th	at you have a healthy diet? (Mark one
Yes	No		now what a thy diet is	Don't know if I have a healthy diet
□₁		noan	□ ₃	
Q11.	(excluding potate banana, pear, ora tablespoons of pe	pes)? (nge or as, car	for example, tomato, 2-3 p rots or cabba	uit or vegetables do you eat each day one portion is one medium sized apple, plums, a handful of grapes, three heaped ge, half a larger fruit or vegetable such fruit juice as one portion regardless of
□0 □1 □2 □3	None One Two Three	□ 4 □ 5 □ 6 □ 7	Four Five Six Seven or mo	ore
Q12.	How often do you	ı drink	alcohol?	
	Everyday 4 – 6 days a week 1 – 3 days a week		□ 4 □ 5 □ 6	1 – 3 days a month Less than once a month Never
If 'neve	er' go to Q18. Othe	erwise	continue wit	th Q13.
Q13.	Thinking back ov	er the	last 7 days o	did you drink any alcohol?
Yes □₁				

If 'no' go to Q15. Otherwise continue with Q14.

Q14.	by filling in	Irink alcohol, plo the table below , enter zero if none	: (please \	•		n the last 7 days umber of drinks in
Ordinary	/ beer, lager	or cider (e.g. Ridir	ng Bitter, Heir	neken Lager)		pints
Strong b	beer, lager o	cider (e.g. Stella A	Artois, Tenan	ts Extra)		pints
Wine (co	ount large glass	as 1½ pub measure	e glasses)			small glasses (pub measures)
Sherry						glasses (pub measures)
Spirits -	whisky, gin e	etc				measures (pub measures)
Alcopop	S (e.g. Bacard	Breezers, Vodka Ice	e)			bottles
Low alco	Low alcohol beer/wine pints					
Other (p	lease specif	y drink type and s	size/quanti	ty)		
Q15.	•	Irinking in the la	ıst 7 days,	typical of you	r usual	drinking (say in
Ye	_	No, normally dri □₂	nk less	No, norma	ally drink □₃	more
each oth		ould answer the f	•	•		are very similar to hould answer the
Q16a.	single day	ONLY: How ofte? (where 8 units in the bottle of wine	s 4 pints o	r 5 small glasse	s (pub n	f alcohol on a neasures) of wine
□ ₂ 4	veryday – 6 days a v – 3 days a v		□4 □5 □6	1 – 3 days a m Less than once Never		h

Q16b.	a single day?	ONLY: How ofte (where 6 units is e of wine) or 3 pir	4 small	glasses (pub	o measures)	of wine (two-
□ ₂ 4	veryday – 6 days a wee – 3 days a wee		□4 □5 □6	1 – 3 days a Less than or Never		
Q17.		or friend or a do out your drinking				
No □₁	Yes, bu	t not in last year □₂	Y	es, during the □₃	e last year	
Q18.	Have you smo	oked any tobacco	o in the	e last 7 days	?	
Yes □₁	No □₂					
Q19.	Which statem	ent suits you be	st?			
	e daily Is	moke but not every day □₂		I to smoke bu smoke at all ı □₃		I have never smoked □₄
If you 's	moke daily' or	'smoke but not	every	day', go to G)20. Otherv	vise go to Q21.
Q20.		IOKERS: In a day of tobacco do yo e)				
Cigarette	es	in a day		Pipes of tob	oacco	in a day
Cigars		in a day		Ounces of	tobacco	in a day
Q21.	In general if a have on their	person gives up health?	smok	ing how big	an impact i	s it likely to
Very b	effec	t effect	II Ve	ery small effect	No Effect	
□₁		\square_3		\square_4	\square_5	

	n a usual week, he ninutes (write in b	•	•		t least 30
		t	Number of imes per wee	ek	
. •	ng, jogging, squash, lengths, aerobics, fa	st			
(e.g. fast w swimming,	Exercise valking, dancing, gen golf, heavy housewo dening/digging)				
	ng at average pace, i t housework, light	table			
	I AND FEELING	_	hanny?		
Happy and interested in life	d Somewhat	Somewhat unhappy	Very unhappy	So unhappy that life is not	Don't know
□₁		Пз	□4	worthwhile □ ₅	□6
	low often do you occasionally, ofter	•	•	, anxious or de	epressed: rarely,
Rarely □₁	Occasionally \square_2	often □₃	Almost	_	't know □₅
	Oo you ever feel e he point of needir			table, anxious	or depressed; to
Yes □₁	No □²	Don't kno □₃	w		

Q22.

We have already asked a couple of questions about how you generally feel, but these questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you during the past 4 weeks. For each question, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling.

Q26.	How much of the time durin	g the pas	t 4 weeks.	Tick one	box in eac	h row.
a: Have	you been nervous?	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time □₅
dumps t	you felt so down in the hat nothing could cheer you	□₁		□₃		□₅
	you felt calm and I?	□₁	\square_2	□3	□4	□₅
	you felt downhearted ?	□₁	\square_2	Пз	□4	 5
e: Have	you been happy?	□₁	\square_2	Пз	□₄	□ ₅
Q27.	Do you think that you curre	ntly have	any of the	ese health	or lifestyle	issues?
Depress Post train Problem Difficulty Smoke to Drink too Use drug	I health problems	ob cess etc		□2 □2 □2 □2 □2 □2 □2		
If you answered 'yes' to any of Q27, continue with Q28. Otherwise go to Q29.						
Q28.	Do you think that these issu	ies have a	negative	effect on	your family	/?
Yes	No Don't	know	Not app	licable (dor	n't have fam	nily)

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

Q29.	Are you m	ale or female?		1	Male		Female
Q30.	How old a	are you?		yeaı	rs		
Q31.	How tall a	re you?					
	feet a	nd inche	s	OR		metres	
Q32.	How muc	h do you weigh?					
	stones	and pound	ds	OR		kilogram	S
Q33.	What is y	our ethnic group? <i>(ple</i>	ease tick a bo	ox to	o indicate your cu	ltural backg	round)
White		British Irish Any other White backs] ₁] ₂] ₃	Please specify:	:	
Mixed		White & Black Caribbe White & Black African White & Asian Any other Mixed back] ₄] ₅] ₆	Please specify:	:	
Asian o British	or Asian	Indian Bangladeshi Pakistani Any other Asian backo		38 39 310	Please specify:		
Black or Black British		Caribbean African Any other Black backs] ₁₂] ₁₃	Please specify:		
Chines ethnic Don't k		Chinese Other ethnic group		1 ₁₅	Please specify:	:	
DOU.t K	MOIN			17			

Q34.	Are you currently in paid employed? If working, h		•		ng for s	omeone or self-	
	orking ng for someone (employee) mployed	□ ₁ □ ₂ □ ₃	}	I usually wo	ork:	hours per week	
If you	are currently working, go to	o Q36. (Otherw	ise continue	with Q	35.	
Q35.	If you are not working, he	ow woul	d you c	lescribe you	r empl	oyment situation?	
□1 □2 □3 □4 □5 □6	At school or in other full time On a government training so Unemployed and looking for Unable to work because of Retired Looking after the home or fa Other	cheme r a job long term	`				
If 'other', please specify:							
GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES							
Q36.	Do you know anyone whe				Service	s who you think	
Physic Depres Post tr Proble Difficul Smoke Drink t Use dr Eat un	e you know who have been all health problems	a job etc stress et sy, etc) s etc			Yes 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 erwise	No □ 2 □ 2 □ 2 □ 2 □ 2 □ 2 □ 2 □ 2 □ 2 □	
Q37.	Do you think that these is	ssues ha	ave a n	egative effec	t on th	eir family?	
Υe	s No Do	on't know	/				

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HOME/HOUSEHOLD

The next section asks about your household, the area in which you live and your relationships with family and friends. These things have been shown to influence health and this is the reason we are asking you these questions.

Q38.	How many children aged under if none)	er 18 year	s live in your household? (enter zero
Numb	per of child(ren) aged under 18 year	s	
Q39.	How many adults (aged 18+) li	ive in you	r household including yourself?
There	e are a total of adults in my	/ househol	ld (including myself)
Q40.	Are you married and living tog	gether, or	co-habiting with a partner?
Υe			
Q41.	Not counting the people you live members?	e with, he	ow often do you speak to family
□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4	Every day 5 or 6 days a week 3 or 4 days a week Once or twice a week	□ 5 □ 6 □ 7 □ 8	Once or twice a month Once every couple of months Once or twice a year Not at all in last 12 months
Q42.	Not counting the people you li (who are not family or neighbo	-	now often do you speak to friends
□1 □2 □3 □4	Every day 5 or 6 days a week 3 or 4 days a week Once or twice a week	□5 □6 □7 □8	Once or twice a month Once every couple of months Once or twice a year Not at all in last 12 months
Q43.	How often do you speak to ne	ighbours	(who are not family or friends)?
□1 □2 □3	Every day 5 or 6 days a week 3 or 4 days a week Once or twice a week	□5 □6 □7 □8	Once or twice a month Once every couple of months Once or twice a year Not at all in last 12 months

within a 15-	-20 minute			•	•
		Three or four □₃			
•				d you ask a	nyone for
	_	Don't know/deper □₃	nds		
	•			people, if an	y, do you feel
of people					
RY SERVI	CE AND I	NFLUENCE ON	I HEALTH	I AND LIF	ESTYLE
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health problem ion, anxiety, umatic stress with controlem in obtaining on much to hear much alcohold (cannabis ealthy diet to	emss disorders disorders disorders of maintain or maintain nelp with strend to help w, heroin, ecs help with st	eess etcstasy, etc)ress etc			_
	within a 15- live with you One If you were help (included to the propose) In general, you could to the propose that are attracted to the propose to the p	within a 15-20 minute of live with you. One or two	within a 15-20 minute walk or a 5-10 minute with you. One or two	within a 15-20 minute walk or a 5-10 minute drive? live with you. One or two Three or four Five or	One or two

USE OF HEALTH SERVICES

Q48. Are you currently registered with a GP?)		
Yes No Don't know \square_1 \square_2 \square_3			
Q49. When did you last visit your GP?	months a	ago OR	years ago
Q50. In the <u>last year</u> , have you made use of a	ny of the fo	llowing servic	es?
In the last year	Yes	No	
Visited GP Visited practice nurse Seen a community psychiatric nurse Attended a physiotherapy appointment Attended a counselling appointment Attended a psychologist appointment Attended a dental appointment Attended A&E (accident and emergency) Attended out-patient appointment Visited hospital as a daycase Admitted to hospital and stayed overnight		$ \begin{array}{c} \square_2 \\ \square_2 \end{array} $	
Q51. Have you ever received professional he health advisors, pharmacists, counsello	•	` •	•
Physical health problems	Within last year	More than a year ago	Never

Q52.		veterans who are not war pensioners but are suspected on related to their military service can now receive atment?
Yes □₁	No □₂	
Q53.	-	I have all the services available to you to treat the you feel are related to your time in the Armed Services?
Yes	No	Not applicable/no medical conditions related to time in Armed Services
□₁		□3
		i3, would you please give further details below. All ith the strictest confidence:
Q54.	_	ns why you might not want to engage with local health treat the conditions you feel are related to your time in ?
Yes	No	Not applicable/no medical conditions related to time in Armed Services
□₁		\square_3
•		54, would you please give further details below. All ith the strictest confidence:

FUTURE RESEARCH

NHS Hull is also looking for around 15-20 veterans to help provide more information about their health and lifestyle in relation to their military service. This is entirely optional. The in-depth interviews would be conducted by the experienced Hull based research company, SMSR, who are administrating this survey. The interviews would be approximately 45 minutes in length, and be conducted at SMSR's offices, at your home, at NHS Hull or another location as appropriate depending on your preference. You would be paid expenses for attending. All published reports will be anonymised so your responses cannot be identified. If you agree to take part, you will be contacted by SMSR to arrange a suitable time and location. Please note that there is a limit on the number of interviews that can be undertaken, so it may not be possible to interview everybody that expresses an interest.

Q55. Would you be willing to take part in a more in-depth interview?
Yes No □₂
If 'yes', please provide your preferred contact details below:
Full name:
Postal address (including postcode):
Home telephone number:
Mobile telephone number:
Emails address:
Any further comments about contacting you (e.g. preferred times):
Q56. Do you have any further comments that you'd like to add?
(continue on next page if required)



THANK-YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR HELP

Please return this completed survey in the pre-paid envelope returning to: Ian Mills, SMSR Ltd, 51-52 Market Place, Hull. HU1 1RQ

You will be contacted in due course if you have said that you'd be willing to be interviewed.