

Call for Views and Experiences of COVID-19, Disability and Race

Information about this survey and the Call for Views and Experience

This survey is seeking the views and experiences of family and unpaid carers of [Disabled people from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic groups](#) regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The information you provide will help us understand how things have been working for Disabled people during the pandemic and how discrimination may have worsened outcomes for Disabled people from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic groups.

We will use the evidence to hold government to account over failings during the pandemic and to build solutions and support for transformative and sustainable change in adult social care.

The survey is part of a [Commission on COVID-19, Disablism and Systemic Racism](#), led by the [Voluntary Organisations Disability Group \(VODG\)](#) and funded by the [Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust](#). The Commission aims to gather evidence of the harm experienced by Disabled people Black, Asian and minoritised communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, to find out why this happened and to build solutions for lasting change.

See here for further information on our [Call for Views and Experiences](#).

The deadline for responding is 23:59 Sunday 13 November 2022.

What will it involve?

The survey should take 10 - 15 minutes of your time.

We will ask about your views and experiences of the COVID-19

pandemic and the government's pandemic response. We will also ask for your views on what should have been done differently during the pandemic and what needs to change for the future.

There are some closed questions requiring a Yes / No / Don't Know response, but most of the questions are open, requiring you to respond in your own words. For these questions, please use these questions and the prompts as a guide. We want to hear what you feel is most important to share.

How will your information be used?

The information you provide will be combined with those of other respondents and analysed together to draw out common patterns and themes.

Whether or not you remain anonymous, all the information you provide will be treated as confidential. We may use direct quotes from your responses, however, any identifiable information will be removed.

The data will be stored securely online using on VODG's Microsoft 365 system. No personal information will be exported and all data will be deleted twelve months after the work of the Commission has concluded.

Your participation is voluntary and you can choose to withdraw at any time. You are entitled to ask that part, or all, of the record of your involvement be deleted at any time.

VODG is committed to protecting privacy when we collect information about individuals. When using this type of information, we adhere to the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), to professional ethical guidelines and to [VODG's privacy policy](#).

If you have any questions about this survey or require it in a different language or format, please email disability.race@vodg.org.uk.

Your views and experiences

1. Please briefly tell us about the disability or health condition of your family member / the person you support, what support they require to live the life they choose, and how this was impacted during the pandemic?

This could include any unpaid support you or other family and friends provide, as well as paid forms of support such as Personal Assistants, home care, respite etc.

2. From your own experience of the pandemic, what are some of the ways that Disabled people from a Black, Asian or minoritised ethnic background have been affected by the government's response to COVID-19?

This could include the impact of government-imposed rules and restrictions, public messaging, changes to social care support and other services, access to health care and treatment, and the impact this had on other spheres of life.

3. During the pandemic, how have you accessed information and advice about protecting yourself and your family member / the person you support against COVID-19?

Were there any barriers to accessing the information or support you both needed and, if so, what helped you overcome these barriers?

For example, this could include public health information and guidance, support through the government's shielding programme, personal protective equipment (PPE), COVID-19 testing and the COVID-19 vaccine.

4. What are the key changes to the COVID-19 pandemic response that would have improved the experience of Disabled people from Black, Asian and minoritised backgrounds?

You may wish to think about the different roles played by government, the NHS, charities, Disabled People's Organisations, the general public etc., and what they could do differently to improve your experience.

5. Please share any thoughts you have on how the Commission should drive change and tackle inequality and discrimination?

About you

Which of the following options best describes your ethnic group or background? *

Asian / Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background, please describe

Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean background, please describe

Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups

- Any Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups, please describe

White

- English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- Irish
- Gypsy/Traveller
- Any other White background, please describe

Other ethnic group

- Arab

- Any other ethnic group, please describe
- I do not wish to disclose my ethnicity

If you selected 'other', please describe

What is your religion? *

- No religion
- Christian
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- I do not wish to disclose my religion

Any other, please describe

Which country / region do you live in? *

- England - South West
- England - South East
- England - Greater London
- England - East of England
- England - West Midlands

- England - East Midlands
- England - Yorkshire and Humber
- England - North West
- England - North East
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- Other (please specify):

If you are happy for us to follow up with you about taking part in other ways to share your experience as part of the Commission, please provide your name and contact details (email address or phone number).

Please note: if you provide your name, your response to this survey will still remain anonymous.

Name

Contact details

Thank you

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To stay-up-to date with the work of the [Commission on COVID-19, Disablism and Systemic Racism](#), please sign-up to our mailing list [here](#).