

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 of people who work in adult social care about the experiences of [Disabled people from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic groups](#) during 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. Which of the following best describes your role?

- Director or chief executive
- Allied health professional
- Commissioner
- Manager
- Personal Assistant
- Social worker
- Support worker
- Advocate
- Volunteer
- Other (please specify):

2. Please tell us about the ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted on Disabled people from Black, Asian or minoritised ethnic groups?

For example, did you notice any additional challenges or inequalities in noticed in relation to race and disability for the people you support during the COVID-19 pandemic? Did you pick up on any instances of discrimination or racism when accessing health or other public services?

3. In what ways were the people you support from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic groups affected by local and central government's responses to COVID-19?

This could include communication of information, advice and guidance; measures taken to control the spread of the virus and to prevent serious illness; social and economic measures to mitigate the wider impacts of the pandemic. Which policies or measures do you think were most helpful and which most concerned or frustrated you?

4. What are the key changes to the COVID-19 pandemic response that would have improved the experience of the people you support from Black, Asian or minoritised ethnic groups?

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?

6. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

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](#).