What? Who? and How? Discovering the depths of mental health data in UK longitudinal studies



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Estimates of the extent of mental health problems highlight the urgent need to understand the causes and the consequences of mental ill health.

Longitudinal studies have a key role to play in answering crucial questions related to mental health and wellbeing.





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Project aims



Create a hub that has information about already collected data on mental health and wellbeing in UK longitudinal and cohort studies



Encourage the use of mental health measures in UK cohorts, especially for disciplines outside the field of mental health and among early career researchers



Promote projects on harmonization and work across cohorts



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Inclusion criteria

- ✓ Multiple waves of data collection
- Contains mental health measures
- ✓ At least 200 participants at first sweep
- ✓ Data collected from British context
- ✓ Study is ongoing

Total of 46 studies identified



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Aetiology and Ethnicity in Schizophrenia & Other Psychoses (AESOP-10)

Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC)

English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)

Born in Bradford: Better Start

Children of 1950s: Aberdeen Birth Cohorts

Environmental Risk Longitudinal Twin Study (E-Risk)

European Social Survey (ESS)

Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development

Generation Scotland (Child Cohort & Birth Cohorts 1 & 2)

Cognitive Function and Ageing Studies

European Quality of Life Survey (EQLS)



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Determinants of Adolescent Social Wellbeing & Health





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Born in Bradford

British Cohort Study 1970 (BCS70)

Growing Up in Scotland

Continuous Household Survey

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Millennium Cohort Study (MCS)		
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longitudinal research

Mental health topics

Included

- Indicators of mental health problems
- Impairment or difficulties resulting from mental health problems
- Treatment, service use and help-seeking
- Measures of psychological wellbeing



Excluded

- × Cognitive measures
- Personality and temperament measures
- × Risk factors for mental health problems





ADHD Alcohol use disorders Alexithymia Antisocial Personality Disorder and antisocial behaviour Anxiety Anxiety - phobias Anxiety - social anxiety Autism Bipolar disorder and mania Borderline Personality Disorder Childhood emotional and behavioural problems Conduct disorder and childhood antisocial behaviour Depression Eating disorders - anorexia Eating disorders - bulimia Eating disorders - other eating disorders







ADHD Alcohol use disorders Alexithymia Antisocial Personality Disorder and antisocial behaviour Gambling disorder Anxiety Help-seeking behaviour Anxiety - phobias Impairment and disability associated with Anxiety - social anxiety mental health problems Autism Personality disorders Bipolar disorder and mania Borderline Personality Disorder Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) Childhood emotional and beh Psychological distress Psychological wellbeing Conduct disorder and childho Psychopathy and callous-unemotional traits Depression Schizophrenia and psychosis Eating disorders - anorexia Self-harm and suicide Eating disorders - bulimia Substance use disorders Eating disorders - other eating Tobacco use and smoking Treatment and service use







Step by step ...

- ✓ Look up studies online and check key papers
- Collect and organise information about measures including items and informants
- ✓ Review in our group
- Contact the study team
- Add study to the Catalogue with our web developer







THANK YOU!

to all the studies included so far



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So far...

- Have reviewed **92%** of identified studies
- Over **3000** mental health measures identified from more than **300** waves of data collection
- Depression, anxiety, psychological distress, wellbeing and alcohol and substance use most often measured





What the Catalogue does ...

- Provide a search engine for mental health and wellbeing measures in UK cohort and longitudinal studies
- Present detailed information about the measures, including items, response scales, informants and reporting period
- Highlight statistical properties of standard measures of mental health and wellbeing
- ✓ Point to data access policies for each study
- Signpost resources for conducting longitudinal mental health research, including courses and online training







What the Catalogue does NOT do ...

- × Provide access to data
- × Include appraisal of measures' suitability for particular projects
- × Include information on factors related to mental health, such as:
 - × Cognition, neurocognitive disorders, learning difficulties or learning disabilities
 - × Personality and temperament
 - × Risk factors for mental health problems
- × Cover trials or experimental research
- × Provide research training







The Catalogue and COVID19

52% of studies on the Catalogue are collecting new data during the pandemic

The Catalogue provides detailed information about **50 new data collection events** collected by **21 cohorts**

- Mental health measures
- Participants, informant, data collection method
- ✓ Data access policies









Catalogue of Mental Health Measures

The Project Mental Health and Wellbeing Resources About Us

Search Mental Health Measures



An interactive catalogue of mental health and wellbeing measures in British cohort and longitudinal studies



The UK boasts rich and world-renowned cohort and longitudinal studies which offer unique opportunities to answer key questions about mental health and wellbeing. The catalogue provides information about thousands of standard and non-standard measures of mental health and wellbeing collected in UK longitudinal studies.

> Search Mental Health Measures



Measures detailed in the catalogue include indicatores of mental health problems, treatment, service use, impairment and psychological wellbeing.



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Next steps



Add new resources to support researchers to use data and measures effectively



Include international cohorts



Broaden scope to more wellbeing measures, mental health topics and social indicators



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