

## Scottish Cognitive Clinics Census (2021)

### Information for participating clinics and services

#### What is the Scottish Cognitive Clinics Census (2021)?

The Scottish Cognitive Clinics Census (2021) is a **short online survey** to help us better understand the **current landscape of clinical services** for people with cognitive concerns in Scotland. The census should take about **10 minutes to complete**, and consists of 26 questions (3 mandatory screening/eligibility questions, 20 census questions, 3 voluntary debriefing questions). The census asks questions relating to clinic/service demographics, such how the clinic/service is best described, assessment and referral procedures, and common diagnoses made.

#### When is the census happening?

We are accepting responses to the Scottish Cognitive Clinics Census **until September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

#### Why should my clinic/service participate?

By participating in the Scottish Cognitive Clinics Census, you will contribute valuable **information about current services** for people with cognitive concerns in Scotland. If requested, we will provide you with a **personalised report** so you can see how your clinic/service compares to others in Scotland. We also hope that this first national census will be a starting point in developing a stronger sense of community among cognitive clinics/services, allowing clinics/services **to share experiences** of best practice and identify common areas in which clinics/services may require additional support.

#### How should the census be completed?

We only need **one response per clinic/service**, so please **choose amongst your team** the person best suited to respond. If your clinic/service provide multiple clinics (e.g., general memory clinic, young onset clinic, and post-diagnostic support clinic), the census can be completed multiple times. Please contact [jwajmont@alzscot.org](mailto:jwajmont@alzscot.org) to confirm this is the case.

We do not expect respondents to have an encyclopaedic knowledge of the clinic/service, so please **provide your best guesses** for each question. We're just looking for approximate answers to provide a snapshot of services available across Scotland.

#### Where can the census be completed?

The Scottish Cognitive Clinics Census is **online**. You can complete it at:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ScotCognitiveClinicCensus2021](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ScotCognitiveClinicCensus2021)

### Who is conducting the census?

The census is being conducted by **Brain Health Scotland**, in collaboration with **Alzheimer Scotland**. The census coordinator is Dr. Jenny Waymont (Research officer and honorary research fellow; Brain Health Scotland, University of Aberdeen; funded for this work by **Biogen**) with support from Dr. Catherine Pennington (Consultant neurologist and clinical research fellow; NHS Lothian, NHS Forth Valley, University of Edinburgh; funded for this work by the **Chief Scientist Office**), and Prof. Craig Ritchie (Director of Brain Health Scotland, consultant psychiatrist in NHS Lothian, and Professor of the Psychiatry of Ageing, University of Edinburgh).

Any queries or comments can be sent to Jenny at [jwaymont@alzscot.org](mailto:jwaymont@alzscot.org)

### How will data and anonymity be protected?

The online survey is hosted on SurveyMonkey, which is compliant with GDPR and relevant data protection measures. The census does not ask for any information which might personally identify patients or staff. The only potentially identifiable information we request on the clinic/service is geographic: the postcode, health board, and local authority. These are requested to determine geographical spread (urban/rural distribution) and relative level of deprivation of the area in which the clinic/service is based. Clinics/services will remain anonymous and unidentifiable in all reporting of the census findings, including the personalised comparative reports which will be made available upon request. For comparative reports, we will provide you with a unique identifying code which is confidential between the census coordinator and the corresponding clinic/service respondent. This will enable each respondent to identify their own clinic/service without revealing identifiable information about other clinics/services. Raw data will be retained and held securely by Brain Health Scotland, hosted by Alzheimer Scotland, for longitudinal comparisons with future waves of the Scottish Cognitive Clinics Census.