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Media Release

**How are you doing, Leeds?**

**Public survey will build a picture of mental health and wellbeing**

Leeds Health & Care Partnership is launching a questionnaire today (Thursday 7 July 2022) asking people living in the city to help build a picture of how the impact of the pandemic and increasing financial pressures is affecting their mental health and wellbeing.

The questionnaire, titled “How are you doing, Leeds?” asks citizens about their recent and current perceptions and uses of mental health and social care services.

It is open for 10 weeks, until Thursday 15 September, and is available online at   
[www.tinyurl.com/howyoudoingleeds](http://www.tinyurl.com/howyoudoingleeds)and in print. Online versions can be accessed using a QR code published on social media, promotional posters and banners across the city. Print and online versions are available in the following languages:

* English
* Urdu
* Bengali
* Punjabi
* Arabic and
* Polish.

The QR code links the user to the questionnaire in the language their phone is set to. It will also be available, on request, in languages other than those listed.

The questionnaire is part of a survey that includes focus groups being organised by health and social care champion Leeds Healthwatch, which is a member of the partnership. Healthwatch is providing a helpline for people who may need assistance completing the questionnaire.

Respondents must be aged 16 and older and live in Leeds. Cllr. Fiona Venner, who chairs the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board and is Leeds City Council’s Executive Member for Adult and Children’s Social Care and Health Partnerships is hoping that as many people as possible will participate so that the information gathered covers a wide range of ages, communities and views Cllr. Venner said:

“This survey follows on from the ‘Big Leeds Chat’ held last year. That initiative showed us that mental health and access to services is an important issue for local people. This survey gives us an opportunity to build further on the information we gained from the Big Leeds Chat, by having a more detailed discussion with our communities about their views and experiences of mental health services and care across the city.”

Hannah Davies, CEO of Leeds Healthwatch said: “This questionnaire provides us with an exciting opportunity to collect more information than we have in the past, about how people feel about their mental health and the services available to them. We encourage everyone aged 16 and above and living in Leeds to take part so we get as accurate a picture as possible.”

Pip Goff, from third sector and community network organisation Forum Central is encouraging everyone to use this opportunity to provide an honest reflection of their views.

“Whether or not you have used services yourself, are a carer or friend of somebody with lived experience of mental health, have used health and social care in services in Leeds, or have other ways to look after your mental health, please do give us your feedback Your responses will help the people and organisations responsible for planning, commissioning and providing care on your behalf to meet your and your communities’ needs,” she said.

As well as being able to complete the questionnaire at home, people can access it at their local library or one of the city’s community or digital hubs.

**Ends**

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**Note to Editors**

Cllr Venner, Hannah Davies and Pip Goff will be available for interviews. Please use the contact details at the end of this release.

QR code to access the questionnaire:

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The Leeds Health & Care Partnership (LHCP) includes health and care organisations from across Leeds who are working together to improve the health of people in Leeds. We understand that by listening to people, and by sharing our knowledge and resources, we are able to make a bigger difference to people’s lives.

We are part of the wider [**West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership**](https://www.wypartnership.co.uk/) which is an 'Integrated Care System' working to improve the health and wellbeing of people across West Yorkshire.

More information about the Leeds Health & Care Partnership is available at the following website: [www.healthandcareleeds.org](http://www.healthandcareleeds.org)

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