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Introduction

1 What is your name?

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3 What is your organisation?

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4 If you collect, analyse or report on ethnicity data, please tell us about it here.

Please give details below:

We collect ethnicity data from the people we support with our services and from participants in our research. We analyse and report on ethnicity data when we are seeking to understand the reach of our services, and when in our research we are investigating ethnic inequalities among older people.

Proposal 1

5 Do you agree or disagree that we should publish this version of the Standards for Ethnicity Data?

Disagree, this version needs to be changed

Proposal 1 extra information

6 What do you think should be changed in this version of the Standards for Ethnicity Data? These might be additions, deletions or amendments to the current text.

Please give details below:

The guidance as drafted suggests that people using ethnicity data should consider whether they measure and report differences between ethnic groups using raw data or after adjustment to take into account other socio-economic and demographic factors, or both. Further detail should be added to advise users to think carefully when undertaking and interpreting their analysis, about whether third variables should be considered to be confounders of their main association or whether it is more appropriate to consider them as mediators on the causal pathway. One particularly relevant example, socio-economic factors, is mentioned in the guidance in language that implies it can be assumed to be a confounding variable ('after adjustment to take into account other socio-economic factors') while socio-economic factors are in reality likely to be on a causal pathway between ethnicity and various outcomes.

Proposal 2

7 Do you agree or disagree with our proposal for monitoring the use and impact of the Standards for Ethnicity Data?

Agree

Proposal 3

9 Do you agree or disagree with us producing standards for data on other groups of people?

Agree

Other comments

11 Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Standards for Ethnicity Data?

Please give details below: