

DETAILS OF THE E-RESOURCE OF UK DATASETS WITH INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND/OR HEALTH BEHAVIOURS

(Available at <http://hope.york.ac.uk/datasets/>)

Introduction

The workshop agreed that a unified database of UK datasets with information on environmental and health behaviours would be an important resource for both the policy and research communities, aiding linkages across public health, environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation.

Drawing on inputs from workshop participants, this e-resource is now available. It has been constructed by colleagues in the Department of Health Sciences at the University of York.

Please let us know of additional UK datasets and we will add them to the database. (Send an email to: dohs-hope@york.ac.uk)

The e-resource:

- contains more than 30 datasets with information on health and environmental behaviours
- provides information on survey and sampling methodology and population coverage
- includes search functionality to quickly identify suitable datasets for current & future projects

Search and screening functionality:

Users can identify candidate datasets by filtering against the following criteria:

- Type of survey: longitudinal or cross sectional
- Date of most recent data collection (can be limited to after 2005 or after 2010)
- Sample size
- Inclusion of adults and/or children
- Presence of an ethnic minority boost in the sampling strategy
- Geographical coverage: UK; Britain; England; Wales; Scotland; Northern Ireland
- Health behaviours: smoking; alcohol consumption; physical activity; diet
- Environmental behaviours: commuting; other travel; diet; greenspace use; other

In addition, supplementary information is provided for each dataset to help users determine its potential usefulness:

- Full date range covered
- Sampling methodology, e.g. household or individual
- Frequency of surveys for longitudinal studies
- Details on where to obtain access to the data