



## Be a part of the Adult Oral Health Survey 2023

### Call for volunteers: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

We are seeking volunteers for a training exercise for the national Adult Oral Health Survey (AOHS) for England. This survey is carried out only once in a decade and provides a benchmark of oral health for the nation, informing policy, clinical, industry and research. Results from the latest survey will also be compared with those from previous surveys allowing changes in oral health over time to be understood. The survey is the main source of information for the NHS on how adult oral health and how adults' access dental services is changing. The survey involves an interview and dental examination.

**This is a great opportunity to experience how a large oral health epidemiology project is delivered, and how examiners are trained.**

#### What is involved?

You would be volunteer 'patients' for the AOHS training exercise or calibration. This involves several dentists doing a visual inspection of your mouth and teeth, similar to how they would examine the participants in the main study.

The National Centre for Social Research in collaboration with the University of Birmingham, Newcastle University, Kings College London and University College London are carrying out a training exercise for examiners and we need 'patients' to examine. If you agree, this involves having dental examinations carried out by qualified dental examiners. Each examiner will conduct a detailed inspection and recording of your individual teeth and gums using a probe and mirror. The examinations will be painless. Feedback will only be given if the examiner notices anything of concern.

The training will act as a validation exercise to assess the coding of individual teeth across examiners. Please note, the objective of the training exercise is to validate the coding so please be prepared for multiple examiners to inspect your teeth and gums. Each examination is expected to last 20 minutes. We anticipate 10 examinations in total. All examiners will wear appropriate PPE.

**You will receive a £50 shopping voucher as a thank you for your time.**

**You can withdraw your consent at any time, including once the sessions have started, without giving a reason.**



## Photography

On the day we make take some photographs. These will only be used for training purposes at future AOHS training events. We will make all efforts to ensure individuals are not identifiable in any photographs. However, if you would prefer not to have your photograph taken just let us know on the day.

## When is the training?

Date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Time: You can choose from a morning or afternoon slot.

Morning: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Afternoon: 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Venue: Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA

## Register your interest

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to know more, please contact:

**AOHSResearch@natcen.ac.uk**

**Places will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.**

**The final date for registrations is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Thank you!**