Written Answers

Sarah Wollaston (Totnes, Conservative)

To ask the Secretary of State for Health, whether funding will be made available to ensure that the Prevalence Study on Mental Health of Children and Young People in Great Britain covers the same data sets to enable it to be comparable to the 2004 survey.

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To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what provisions are in place within the Prevalence Study on Mental Health of Children and Young People in Great Britain to sub-sample the population by ethnicity.

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To ask the Secretary of State for Health, whether the Prevalence Study on Mental Health of Children and Young People in Great Britain contains data on (a) children under five, (b) young people over 15, (c) BME populations, (d) LGBT young people, (e) migrant children, (f) asylum seekers and (g) children in detention centres.

Norman Lamb (The Minister of State, Department of Health; North Norfolk, Liberal Democrat)

The Department is in the process of commissioning a new prevalence survey of children and young people’s mental health that is comparable to the 2004 survey.

Ministers are currently considering options for the new survey informed by advice from a range of academics and researchers, health and care professionals and their representative bodies, commissioners and survey suppliers. The Department hopes to announce the procurement phase of the survey in the near future.

Final decisions on the scope, sample size, methodology and questionnaire have not yet been made and it is not possible to pre-empt them at this stage or to say exactly what the new survey will cover, although it is likely to provide some data on characteristics such as ethnicity.

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