

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Stakeholder Meeting

National Records of Scotland Dome
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2021 Topic Consultation

- October 2015 to January 2016
- 113 responses – 91 organisations, 22 individuals
- Published responses February 2016

- Published report 15 August 2016

Approach to consultation

- Building on the success and evaluation of 2011
- Considering new topics BUT constraints on length of questionnaire will remain
- Changes to address:
 - Where questions didn't work well
 - New or emerging policy requirements
 - Changes in legislation and international guidance
- Working with colleagues across the UK to harmonise where required

'Further work required'

- **Sexual orientation**
- Income
- Reason for migration

Additional topics suggested:

- Ex-Service community
- **Gender identity**

Next steps

- User requirements and set of considerations steer the development of the questionnaire
- Undertake research and small-scale question testing
 - Data quality
 - Public acceptability
 - Respondent burden
 - Financial considerations
 - Questionnaire design

Collaboration with ONS and NISRA

- Involved in ONS stakeholder event (August)
- Joint commissioning public acceptability research
- Sharing of findings from Census 2017 test

Public acceptability research

Short survey to ask views around including a question in Census.

Not asked to reveal your own sexual orientation/ gender identity.

10,000 Scottish households randomly selected from postal address file

Next steps

- Share outcome of meeting with attendees
- Identify key issues to take forward in decision on inclusion of a question in Scotland's Census 2021
- Develop action plan which may include further discussions with stakeholders
- Share findings from research and testing with stakeholders
- Continue working with colleagues across the UK to harmonise where required

Further information

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