

1958 National Child Development Study

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Cohort Acronym

NCDS

Cohort type

General population-based cohort

Disease

Participant type

No diagnosis

Profile

Recruitment Period 1958

Sample size at start or planned sample size if still recruiting 9,790

Estimated Current Sample Size 5,000 to 9,999

Age at Recruitment 0

Gender Male and Female

Abstract

The National Child Development Study (NCDS) is a longitudinal study which follows the lives of 17,000 people born in England, Scotland and Wales in a single week of 1958. Also known as the 1958 Birth Cohort Study, it collects information on physical and educational development, economic circumstances, employment, family life, health behaviour, wellbeing, social participation and attitudes.

Since the birth survey in 1958, there have been nine further 'sweeps' of all cohort members at ages 7, 11, 16, 23, 33, 42, 46, 50 and 55. In 2003 (at age 45), 9,000 cohort members also participated in a special bio-medical survey to learn more about how development, environments and lifestyles affect people's health. CLS will carry out a new survey of the NCDS cohort at age 60 in 2018.

NCDS is part of CLOSER (Cohort & Longitudinal Studies Enhancement Resources) which aims to maximise the use, value and impact of the UK's longitudinal studies.

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Variables Collected

Brain related measures:

N/A

Functional rating:

Individual physiological, Individual psychological

Anthropometric:

Blood pressure, Height, Hip circumference, Waist circumference, Weight

Physical:

Cardiovascular, Hearing and Vision, Musculoskeletal, Reproductive, Respiratory

Biological samples:

Blood, Saliva

Genotyping:

Gene screening

Brain imaging:

N/A

Brain banking:

N/A

Lifestyle:

Alcohol, Dietary habits, Physical activity, Smoking

Socio-economic:

Education, Ethnic group, Family circumstances, Housing and accommodation, Income and finances, Informal support, Marital status, Occupation and employment, Unpaid care

Health service utilisation:

N/A