# Proposed changes: 'Severe mental illness' profile

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## Introduction

In 2023, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), including the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Office for National Statistics (ONS) and NHS England (NHSE) sought views on possible changes to their health and social care statistical products. A [response to this consultation](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/health-and-social-care-statistical-outputs/outcome/health-and-social-care-statistical-outputs-consultation-response) was published in November 2024.

For [DHSC mental health Fingertip profiles](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health) the response included the below proposals:

1. Combining and streamlining of ‘[Children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/cypmh/data)’ (CYP MHW) and ‘[Perinatal mental health](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/perinatal-mental-health/data)’ ('PMH') profiles
2. Combining and streamlining of ‘[Severe mental illness](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/severe-mental-illness/data)’ ('SMI') and ‘[Common mental disorders](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/common-mental-disorders)’ ('CMD') profiles
3. Removal of the ‘[Mental health and wellbeing JSNA](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/mh-jsna)' ('MHW JSNA') profile and for indicators and topic content to be covered by the remaining mental health profiles

As part of this process, OHID ran 5 user engagement webinars in May and June 2025 to seek further feedback in relation to mental health profiles content and publication format. The webinars did not cover individual indicators or future proposals for Fingertips public health profiles platform overall.

This document summarises proposals following this engagement on the changes to the 'SMI' profile and how the profile will be combined with the 'CMD' profile. For proposals on other mental health profiles see specific profile's pages using links above.

If you have any comments about these proposed changes, please email [MHIN@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:MHIN@dhsc.gov.uk) by 4 August 2025.

## User engagement webinars - overview and findings

The webinars outlined the following proposals for changes to the 'SMI' profile including the combining and streamlining of 'SMI' and 'CMD' profiles:

* use of the 'MHW JSNA' profile’s structure for the revised and combined mental health profiles
* incorporating indicators from the ['Co-occurring substance misuse and mental health issues](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/drugsandmentalhealth)' ('CoSMMH') profile
* addition of a topic for key indicators
* name for the revised and combined profile
* name for the topic on factors and options for sub-sectioning this topic
* proposals for sub-sectioning of services and access and quality and outcomes topics

### Findings

There was largely a support to the proposals with:

* 93% of attendees responded positively to the proposal for a topic for key indicators
* 93% of attendees responded positively to the combining of the 'SMI' and 'CMD' profiles
* 48% of attendees preferred the combined profile to be called 'Adult mental health' from the 3 options considered
* 63% of attendees preferred the factors topic to be called 'Factors affecting mental health'
* 71% of attendees responded positively to the proposal of sub-sectioning the factors affecting mental health topic into public mental health themes
* 92% of attendees responded positively to the proposal of sub-sectioning the factors affecting mental health topic into wider determinants of health themes
* 67% of attendees preferred the factors topic to be sub-sectioned into wider determinants of health themes
* 100% of attendees responded positively to the proposal of sub-sectioning the services and access topic into service types
* 92% of attendees responded positively to the proposal of sub-sectioning the quality and outcomes topic into talking therapies, physical health and mortality

The 'SMI' profile currently displays 39 indicators for England, regions and local areas with Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and county and Unitary Authorities (UAs) being the lowest local geographies. Please note not all indicators are available at all geographies in the 'SMI' profile.

This document summarises:

* indicators displayed in the current 'SMI' profile and proposed actions
* the structure for the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile and how this compares to the current 'SMI' profile
* indicators to be included in the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile

## Indicators within the current 'SMI' profile

Below tables 1 to 5 list indicators currently displayed in the 'SMI' profile by topic they are in.

Table 1. Overview of indicators displayed within the current 'SMI' profile, 'Risk and related factors' topic

| Indicator name | Proposed action |
| --- | --- |
| Learning disability: QOF prevalence (all ages) | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Violent crime - violence offences per 1,000 population | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Supported asylum seekers: rate per 10,000 population | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, Factors affecting mental health topic |
| Children leaving care: rate per 10,000 children aged under 18 | Remove to improve and simplify presentation |
| Prisoner population: count | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, Factors affecting mental health topic |
| Migrant GP registrations: rate per 1,000 population | Remove due to data source or methodology change |
| Long term claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance | Remove due to data source or methodology change |
| Children in need due to abuse or neglect: rate per 10,000 children aged under 18 years | Streamline and present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Children subject to a child protection plan with initial category of neglect: rate per 10,000 children aged under 18 | Streamline and present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Children subject to a child protection plan with initial category of abuse: rate per 10,000 children aged under 18 | Streamline and present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Children who started to be looked after due to abuse or neglect: rate per 10,000 children aged under 18 | Streamline and present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Domestic abuse related incidents and crimes | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Deprivation score (IMD 2019) | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Estimated number of children and young people with mental disorders – aged 5 to 17 | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Homelessness: households in temporary accommodation | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |
| Homelessness: households owed a duty under the Homelessness Reduction Act | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental' health topic |

Table 2. Overview of indicators displayed within the current 'SMI' profile, 'Prevalence' topic

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator name | Proposed action |
| Mental Health: QOF prevalence (all ages) | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Identification of need' topic |
| People in prison who have a mental illness or a significant mental illness | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Identification of need' topic |

Table 3. Overview of indicators displayed within the current 'SMI' profile, 'Services' topic

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator name | Proposed action |
| People subject to Mental Health Act: rate per 100,000 population aged 18+ (end of quarter snapshot) | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Services and access' topic |
| Attended contacts with community and outpatient mental health services, per 100,000 | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Services and access' topic |
| New referrals to secondary mental health services, per 100,000 | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Services and access' topic |
| Inpatient stays in secondary mental health services, per 100,000 | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Services and access' topic |

Table 4. Overview of indicators displayed within the current 'SMI' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic

| Indicator name | Proposed action |
| --- | --- |
| Emergency Hospital Admissions for Intentional Self-Harm | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Suicide rate | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Patients with severe mental health issues having a comprehensive care plan (denominator incl. PCAs) | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Record of a BP check in the last 12 months for patients on the MH register (denominator incl. PCAs) | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Smoking cessation support and treatment offered to patients with certain conditions (denominator incl. PCAs) | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Gap in the employment rate for those who are in contact with secondary mental health services (aged 18 to 69) and on the Care Plan Approach, and the overall employment rate | Remove due to data source or methodology change |
| Smoking prevalence in adults with a long term mental health condition (aged 18 and over) - current smokers (GPPS) | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality due to cardiovascular diseases in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality due to cancer in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality due to liver disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality due to respiratory disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to cardiovascular disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to cancer in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to liver disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to respiratory disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |

Table 5. Overview of indicators displayed within the current 'SMI' profile, 'Exploring inequality' topic

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Indicator name | Proposed action |
| Attended contacts with community and outpatient mental health services, per 100,000 | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Services and access' topic |
| New referrals to secondary mental health services, per 100,000 | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Services and access' topic |
| Inpatient stays in secondary mental health services, per 100,000 | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Services and access' topic |
| Emergency Hospital Admissions for Intentional Self-Harm | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Suicide rate | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality due to cardiovascular diseases in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality due to cancer in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality due to liver disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Premature mortality due to respiratory disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to cardiovascular disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to cancer in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to liver disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to respiratory disease in adults with severe mental illness ('SMI') | Present in 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic |

## Structure for the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile

The following topics are included in the current 'SMI' profile:

* Risk and related factors
* Prevalence
* Services
* Quality and outcomes
* Exploring inequality

The following topics are to be included in the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile:

* Key indicators
* Identification of need
* Factors affecting mental health
* Services and access
* Quality and outcomes

## Indicators in the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile

Below tables 6 to 10 list indicators for inclusion the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile by topic they will be displayed in. As 'Key indicators' is a summary of other topics within the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile, for clarity it is presented last here (Table 10).

Table 6. Overview of indicators displayed within the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Identification of need' topic

| Indicator name | Current profile |
| --- | --- |
| Depression: QOF prevalence (18+ yrs) - retired after 2022/23 | 'CMD' profile |
| Depression: QOF incidence (18+ yrs) - new diagnosis | 'CMD' profile |
| Mental Health: QOF prevalence (all ages) | 'SMI' profile |
| % reporting a long-term mental health problem | National General Practice Profiles |
| Estimated prevalence of common mental disorders: % of population aged 16 & over | 'CMD' profile |
| Estimated prevalence of common mental disorders: % of population aged 65 & over | 'CMD' profile |
| Depression and anxiety among social care users: % of social care users | 'CMD' profile |
| People in prison who have a mental illness or a significant mental illness | 'SMI' profile |
| Self reported wellbeing: people with a low satisfaction score | 'CMD' profile |
| Self reported wellbeing: people with a low worthwhile score | 'CMD' profile |
| Self reported wellbeing: people with a low happiness score | 'CMD' profile |
| Self reported wellbeing: people with a high anxiety score | 'CMD' profile |

Table 7. Overview of indicators displayed within the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Factors affecting mental health' topic

| Indicator name | Current profile |
| --- | --- |
| Children in need: rate per 10,000 children aged under 18 years | 'CYP MHW' profile |
| Children in care | 'Child and Maternal Health' profile |
| Children subject to a child protection plan: rate per 10,000 children aged under 18 | 'CYP MHW' profile |
| Estimated number of children and young people with mental disorders – aged 5 to 17 | 'SMI' profile |
| Learning disability: QOF prevalence (all ages) | 'SMI' profile |
| Percentage of physically active adults | 'CMD' profile |
| Overweight (including obesity) prevalence in adults, (using adjusted self-reported height and weight) | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Smoking Prevalence in adults (aged 18 and over) - current smokers (APS) | 'CoSMMH' profile |
| Estimated prevalence of opiate and/or crack cocaine use | 'CoSMMH' profile |
| Domestic abuse related incidents and crimes | 'CMD' profile |
| Violent crime - violence offences per 1,000 population | 'SMI' profile |
| Reoffending levels: percentage of offenders who reoffend | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Prisoner population: count | 'SMI' profile |
| Affordability of home ownership | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Fuel poverty (low income, low energy efficiency methodology) | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Homelessness: households in temporary accommodation | 'SMI' profile |
| Homelessness: households owed a duty under the Homelessness Reduction Act | 'SMI' profile |
| Work-related illness | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Unemployment (model-based) | CoSMMH |
| Long term claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance | 'CMD' profile |
| Loneliness: Percentage of adults who feel lonely often or always | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| % people aged 16+ who agree that people in their neighbourhood can be trusted | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| % people aged 16+ who agree with the statement I feel like I belong to this neighbourhood | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Supported asylum seekers: rate per 10,000 population | 'SMI' profile |
| Utilisation of outdoor space for exercise or health reasons | 'CMD' profile |
| Access to Healthy Assets & Hazards Index | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Air pollution: fine particulate matter (new method - concentrations of total PM2.5) | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Deprivation score (IMD 2019) | 'CMD' profile |
| Quality of living environment: IMD score | 'MHW JSNA' profile |

Table 8. Overview of indicators displayed within the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Services and access' topic

| Indicator name | Current profile |
| --- | --- |
| IAPT referrals: rate (quarterly) per 100,000 population | 'CMD' profile |
| Access to IAPT services: people entering IAPT (in month) as % of those estimated to have anxiety/depression | 'CMD' profile |
| Completion of IAPT treatment: rate (quarterly) per 100,000 population | 'CMD' profile |
| New referrals to secondary mental health services, per 100,000 | 'SMI' profile |
| Attended contacts with community and outpatient mental health services, per 100,000 | SMI |
| Inpatient stays in secondary mental health services, per 100,000 | 'SMI' profile |
| People subject to Mental Health Act: rate per 100,000 population aged 18+ (end of quarter snapshot) | 'SMI' profile |
| Admission episodes for mental and behavioural disorders due to use of alcohol (Narrow) | 'CoSMMH' profile |
| The proportion of clients entering alcohol treatment identified as having a mental health treatment need, who were receiving treatment for their mental health. | 'CoSMMH' profile |
| The proportion of clients entering drug treatment identified as having a mental health treatment need, who were receiving treatment for their mental health. | 'CoSMMH' profile |

Table 9. Overview of indicators displayed within the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Quality and outcomes' topic

| Indicator name | Current profile |
| --- | --- |
| % who have a positive experience of their GP practice | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Newly diagnosed patients with depression who had a review 10-56 days after diagnosis (denominator incl. PCAs) | 'CMD' profile |
| Support for people with long-term conditions: % of people with long-term conditions visiting GP who feel they have had enough support from local services in last 12 months | 'CMD' profile |
| Patients with severe mental health issues having a comprehensive care plan (denominator incl. PCAs) | 'SMI' profile |
| IAPT recovery: % of people who have completed IAPT treatment who are "moving to recovery" | 'CMD' profile |
| IAPT reliable improvement: % of people who have completed IAPT treatment who achieved "reliable improvement" | 'CMD' profile |
| Completing treatment: % of referrals finishing a course of treatment (annual) | 'CMD' profile |
| IAPT DNAs: % of IAPT appointments (in month) | 'CMD' profile |
| Average wait to enter IAPT treatment: mean wait for first treatment (days) | 'CMD' profile |
| Average waiting time between 1st & 2nd treatment (annual) | 'CMD' profile |
| Record of a BP check in the last 12 months for patients on the MH register (denominator incl. PCAs) | 'SMI' profile |
| Smoking prevalence in adults with a long term mental health condition (aged 18 and over) - current smokers (GPPS) | 'SMI' profile |
| Smoking cessation support and treatment offered to patients with certain conditions (denominator incl. PCAs) | 'SMI' profile |
| Gap in the employment rate between those with a physical or mental long term health condition (aged 16 to 64) and the overall employment rate | 'PHOF' profile |
| The percentage of the population with a physical or mental long term health condition in employment (aged 16 to 64) | 'PHOF profile' |
| Adults in contact with secondary mental health services who live in stable and appropriate accommodation | 'MHW JSNA' profile |
| Satisfaction with social care support: % service users extremely satisfied or very satisfied with their care and support | 'CMD' profile |
| Satisfaction with social care protection: % of service users | 'CMD' profile |
| Successful completion of alcohol treatment | 'CoSMMH' profile |
| Successful completion of drug treatment: opiate users | 'CoSMMH' profile |
| Successful completion of drug treatment: non opiate users | 'CoSMMH' profile |
| Proportion of opiates and/or crack cocaine users (i.e. OCU) not in treatment (%) | 'CoSMMH' profile |
| Proportion of dependent drinkers not in treatment (%) (Current method) | 'CoSMMH' profile |
| Emergency Hospital Admissions for Intentional Self-Harm | 'SMI' profile |
| Premature mortality in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Premature mortality due to cardiovascular diseases in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Premature mortality due to cancer in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Premature mortality due to liver disease in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Premature mortality due to respiratory disease in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to cardiovascular disease in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to cancer in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to liver disease in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate due to respiratory disease in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Suicide rate | 'CMD' profile |

Table 10. Overview of indicators displayed within the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile, 'Key indicators' topic\*

| Indicator name | Current profile |
| --- | --- |
| Depression: QOF prevalence (18+ yrs) - retired after 2022/23 | 'CMD' profile |
| Depression: QOF incidence (18+ yrs) - new diagnosis | 'CMD' profile |
| Mental Health: QOF prevalence (all ages) | 'SMI' profile |
| Estimated prevalence of common mental disorders: % of population aged 16 & over | 'CMD' profile |
| Deprivation score (IMD 2019) | 'CMD' profile |
| IAPT referrals: rate (quarterly) per 100,000 population | 'CMD' profile |
| Completion of IAPT treatment: rate (quarterly) per 100,000 population | 'CMD' profile |
| IAPT recovery: % of people who have completed IAPT treatment who are "moving to recovery" | 'CMD' profile |
| New referrals to secondary mental health services, per 100,000 | 'SMI' profile |
| Attended contacts with community and outpatient mental health services, per 100,000 | 'SMI' profile |
| Inpatient stays in secondary mental health services, per 100,000 | 'SMI' profile |
| People subject to Mental Health Act: rate per 100,000 population aged 18+ (end of quarter snapshot) | 'SMI' profile |
| Premature mortality in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |
| Excess under 75 mortality rate in adults with severe mental illness (SMI) | 'SMI' profile |

\* Please note: 'Key indicators' topic will be presented as the first topic in the proposed 'Adult mental health' profile

We propose to explore the development of this profile further should data availability and quality allow.