

GOC response to queries

1. Do you have an idea of which omnibus survey you would like to take part in? And when this is taking place?
 - No we don't have an idea of which omnibus survey or timings for this.

2. Which tasks would you like the appointed agency to be responsible for with regards to the omnibus survey? Is it only the data processing and analysis of the results?
 - No we don't have an idea of which omnibus survey or timings for this.

3. Is the report for this research to be publicly available?
 - Yes we would make the report publicly available.

4. Besides getting a good mix of Gender/ Age/ Nation/ Ethnicity do you have any screening requirements from the members of the public joining the groups e.g. requirement to have been to an optician in x years? Or engagement with eyecare?
 - We'd like a mix of voices, and it might be helpful to have some 'patients' (i.e. those who have been to an opticians / optometrist practice in the last two years).

5. Would the GOC like to view the groups live? Would anyone from the GOC be able to actively participate in the groups e.g. help introduce some of the complex legislation and be around if respondents have questions? We find this works quite well for deliberative groups designed to inform policy in complex areas.
 - We probably wouldn't attend the groups but can certainly help putting something simple together for you to present as background information. We wouldn't want to get into the detail of legislative reform too much.

6. Any preference for format of the proposal and report e.g. word/ .ppt?
 - No preference and would like to finalise with the appointed agency.

7. In terms of the overall objective what is the GOC trying to achieve e.g. ensure that the proposed policies can be understood, reactions to policy, refinements/ changes to proposed policies or creation of new policy?
 - We would like patient / public feedback on the policy proposals, for example, benefits, increase in public trust / confidence etc.

8. What questions and how many did you have in mind for the omnibus survey? Can you provide more detail on what you hope to achieve from this optional element?
 - The cost will likely dictate the number of questions but at a guess around 5-10 depending on complexity / timings etc. (We only want the data tables not a written report.) We would like to see the findings of the qualitative research first before confirming and deciding what questions may be useful to ask. So it would be helpful for this to build on the findings from the qualitative.