Supplementary data - QUESTIONNAIRE

WHAT IS MRSA?

We want to know what the general public understand about Meticillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and to learn what extra information they might need to be fully informed. We should be grateful if you would complete the following questions; some require you to tick boxes and some to write your answer in the space provided. Your answers are anonymous and confidential and will be used only to help us produce relevant information for the general public.

1. Have you heard of MRSA (Meticillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*)?
   - No [ ] If no, go to question 13
   - Yes [ ] If yes, please describe what it is in your own words

2. Is MRSA a virus or a bacteria?  
   - Virus [ ]  
   - Bacteria [ ]  
   - Not sure [ ]

3. Where have you heard about MRSA? *(please tick as many as apply)*
   - Friends [ ]
   - Newspapers [ ]
   - Books [ ]
   - Family [ ]
   - Internet [ ]
   - NHS leaflets e.g. in GP surgery, pharmacy [ ]
   - TV [ ]
   - Radio [ ]
   - Shops e.g. Boots [ ]
   - Other [ ] please say where...

4. Can a healthy person have MRSA without feeling ill?  
   - Yes [ ]  
   - No [ ]  
   - Not sure [ ]

   If yes, where would they most likely have the MRSA? .................................................................

5. Has anyone you know ever had MRSA?  
   - Yes [ ]  
   - No/ Not sure [ ]
6. Consider this scenario and then answer the question. “Mr X is in hospital recovering from an operation. He has just been told he has MRSA infection.” What might have caused this infection? Please tick all the reasons why this might have happened.

- Mr X was carrying it and now he’s infected
- The hospital isn’t clean
- Ward staff haven’t been washing their hands between patients
- Mr X had an allergic reaction to the medication he was given
- Mr X had a visitor who had MRSA and passed it to him

Other, please specify ………………………………………………………………………..

7. How will Mr X’s MRSA infection be treated by the hospital? (please tick all that apply)

- No treatment is necessary
- It can be treated with special ointment
- It can be treated with special washes
- It can be treated with antibiotics
- It is untreatable
- Not sure

8. Who can help stop MRSA spreading in hospitals and how? (please tick all that apply)

- Cleaning staff
  - How?
- Doctors
  - How?
- Nurses
  - How?
- Patients
  - How?
- Visitors
  - How?

9. If you were admitted to hospital how worried would you be that you might get MRSA?

- Not at all worried
- A little worried
- Quite worried
- Very worried
10. What would worry you most if you were told you had MRSA? *(please tell us up to three things that would worry you)*  

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11. Out of every hundred people who go into hospital, roughly how many do you think have MRSA infection while they are in hospital?  

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12. Do you think that the newspapers give accurate information about MRSA?  

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure ☐ Would you like to add any comments on this?  

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13. Would you like more information about MRSA? Yes ☐ No ☐ Go to question 14  

If yes, what type of information would you like?  

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Where would you like to find it?  

GP surgery ☐ Library ☐  
Local chemist/pharmacy ☐ Neighbourhood/community centre ☐  
Hospital waiting rooms ☐ Internet ☐  
Hospital wards ☐  
Other ☐ please say where……………………………………………………………………………………………

14. Where did you get this questionnaire?  

GP surgery ☐ The Health Shop ☐ The Corner ☐ Community Group ☐
Other  please specify........................................................................................................................................

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NHS Tayside collects information to make sure that different groups such as age groups, ethnic groups and people who live in different areas are able to access services and take part in surveys like this one. To help with this we would like you to tell us a little bit about yourself. Your answers are anonymous and confidential. Please tick the appropriate boxes below.

I am: male □  female □  aged  16-25 □  26-44 □  45-64 □  65+ □

What is the first part of your postcode? (Leave out the last two letters e.g. DD3 8, DD11 1 )

Do you consider yourself to be:

White:  Scottish □  English □  Irish □  Welsh □

Any other white background (please specify) .................................................................

Mixed:  Any mixed background (please specify) .................................................................

Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British:

Indian □  Pakistani □  Bangladeshi □  Chinese □

Any other Asian background (please specify) .................................................................

Black, Black Scottish or Black British:  Caribbean □  African □

Any other Black background (please specify) .................................................................

Other ethnic background: Any other background (please specify(1,9),(997,989)

Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire. Your answers will help to let us know what people think about MRSA and what information they might like to have.

If you have any questions about this survey please contact:

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