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Method 5: Online survey with NCS Graduates (who participated between 2011-2015) conducted by Dr Catherine Waite (PDRA)

An online survey was designed and distributed to young people who had taken part in National Citizen Service (NCS). The survey was designed and administered using the BOS platform (onlinesurveys.ac.uk). It was distributed via NCS provider organisations who had previously participated in other aspects of the research. Since some respondents were under the age of eighteen when completing the survey, all the distributing organisations agreed to initially act *in loco parentis.* Following survey completion, the parents/guardians of all respondents under the age of eighteen were contacted and offered the option of withdrawing consent to participate in the research.

The questionnaire was targeted at any young person who had taken part in NCS since it began in 2011 and up until the research was conducted in Autumn 2015 - Spring 2016. Prizes were used as an incentive for completion and in total 400 responses were received online. The total dataset comprises 408 survey responses, with a further eight respondents from the ethnographic component (M7). However, these eight responses have been removed from the archived SPSS file (M5). The questionnaire data was coded and results compiled in SPSS. The survey comprised of fifty-one questions that were a mixture of open and closed questions designed to collect data on the respondents’ background, their motivations for, and experiences of completing NCS, and their views on the impacts that NCS has had in their lives. To preserve the anonymity of respondents and the RDPs, the responses to Question 6 (What was your home postcode when you did NCS?) and Question 18 (Where did you do your social action?) have been removed for this deposited M5 file. The responses to Question 1 (What is your date of birth?) have also been amended to display the year of birth instead. The responses to the Questions 2, 50 and 51 (Q.2 Parent/Guardian contact email address, Q.50. Are you happy to be contacted about taking part in a follow-up interview?, Q. 51 Name and Email for entry into the prize draw) have been removed as these do not form part of the survey data.