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Results of our Toolkit user survey

Our recent survey of users of our free online resource, the [Health Needs Assessment Toolkit](#) for Congenital Disorders, found that most rate it as useful for their work, intend to use it again, and would recommend it to others.

The Toolkit aims to demonstrate how health services can plan for and address birth defects at their local level and is intended for use by policy makers, health professionals, educators and anyone else with an interest in improving the prevention and care of congenital disorders. It provides data on the prevalence and impact of birth defects across the world and expert guidance detailing what can be done, and the most effective ways to implement it.

The survey, which was carried out following the publication of the latest Toolkit topics in July 2012, aimed to understand who uses the resource, how and why they use it, and how it might be improved.

Survey respondents spanned 19 countries, with the UK and Brazil together accounting for around a third of the total. The majority of users are academics, clinicians, or working in public health.

According to the survey results, the Toolkit is most commonly used as an educational aid or as a source of data and information. The most frequently used resources are the overview and background documents. The majority of respondents rated the information as either very good or good. There were few suggestions received for improvement, other than translating it into other languages for wider use.

Response rate to the survey was good and we would like to thank all those who took the time to participate: your feedback will be used to help inform the future development and direction of the project.

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