

Tender for Capture - Recapture Study

Background

The National Advisory Committee on Drugs (NACD) was established in July 2000 to advise the Government in relation to the prevalence, prevention, treatment/ rehabilitation and consequences of problem drug use in Ireland, based on the analysis of research findings and information. The Committee is overseeing the delivery of a three-year work programme on the extent, nature, causes and effects of drug use in Ireland. The Committee comprises representatives nominated from relevant agencies and sectors, both statutory and non- statutory. The Committee operates under the aegis of the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation and reports to the Minister of State responsible for the National Drugs Strategy. Further information can be obtained from the Department's website <http://www.arts-sport-tourism.gov.ie/>.

Commission

The NACD wishes to commission a Capture - Recapture Study designed to assist in the estimation of the prevalence of opiate drug use during 2000. It is expected that the study will follow the relevant guidelines published by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction <http://www.emcdda.eu.int/>.

The NACD expects that the contractor appointed will:

use, at least, the following three data sources for the year 2000:

- 1) the Central Patient Methadone Treatment List;
- 2) the Hospital Inpatient Enquiry (HIPE) database;
- 3) the Garda Siochana Illicit Drug Use and Related Criminal Activity Survey (forthcoming 2002).

conduct a thorough analysis of the data, including a discussion on the methodology and an evaluation of the range of prevalence estimates which may be drawn from the data

take an equivalent target population from all datasets (drug use, age, location and time frame)

deal adequately with the identifier used, which must be reliable and unambiguous for individual matching

demonstrate a national, regional (i.e. all health board areas), local (for Greater Dublin areas only), and gender focus

compare the resulting estimate with the findings of the previous Capture-Recapture Study carried out for the year 1996

The final report should address issues surrounding the assumptions on which the study is based, indicating whether or not they have been controlled for. If not, the report should explain the direction of the bias introduced into the estimate. The report should also address the issues of false positives, false negatives, double counting and the difficulties surrounding data protection and the problem of identifying individuals.

The successful contractor will liaise on an ongoing basis with a Research Advisory Group established by the NACD. The Advisory Group will assist the contractor in accessing the raw data.

Preliminary findings are expected three months after the commencement of the study and a final report after four months.

Tender requirements

Written tenders should include the following:


- details of the methodology to be used;
- timetable of work from project initiation to completion including the production of the final report;
- number of days and costs per day or part thereof;
- technical and administrative costs (to be defined);
- name of person(s) who will undertake the work;
- skills and experience of person(s) undertaking the work.

In addition, any potential problems that could lead to delays should be identified with proposals as to how they may be avoided.

Tenders may be short-listed and an oral presentation requested.

Closing date: Wednesday 03rd January 2002 no later than 4pm.

You will be required to sign an FOI declaration (see link below) and you must include an up to date tax clearance certificate with your submission.

 [link to Disclosure of Information under the Freedom of Information Act 1997 form](#)

Tender should be addressed to:

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NOTE: TENDER RETURNS SHOULD BE MARKED:

Ref: Ref: Ten/Cap/Recap