Enumerated sample: N = 36018

Ascertained sample: N = 20895

Removal of 15123 individuals as follows:

Oversampled individuals: 13637 Duplicated individuals: 1486

Not eligible: N = 13279

Incorrect data listed in PCT records: N = 3621

Not in correct area: 2524

Moved out of area before sampling date: 1021

Incorrect address: 62

Died before sampling date: 13 Incorrect date of birth: 1

Outside study inclusion criteria: N = 5010

GP surgery not used in year one: 3536

Term time only student: 1021

GP surgery not used in year two: 224

Language ineligibility: 176 GP declined to be involved: 39

Relative of co-applicant/co-investigator: 7

Study operation errors: 3

Profound deafness/unable to speak: 2

Participant participated in pilot investigation: 2

Not able to be contacted: N = 4648

Moved out of area before interview: 2288 Uncontactable after three attempts: 1113

Listed by PCT but no longer registered with GP: 1007

Died before interview: 190

Address not found, not a real address: 25 Not traced, patient does not exist: 20 Incorrect address listed by GP: 3

Uncontactable - no response to letters: 2

Eligible and approached

N = 7616

Not interviewed: N = 4928

Active refusals N = 3008

Too busy: 1169 No reason given: 860 Cannot be bothered: 835

Does not agree with surveys/science: 84 Fear of Magnetic Resonance Imaging: 16

I have done enough: 16

Knows someone who has been interviewed: 12 Respondent requested data be removed: 8

Not worth time for payment: 3 Unreliable/time waster: 3 Refusal of a specific test: 2

Passive refusals N = 164

Refusal by relative: 102

Refusal by residential/nursing home: 26 Not in after appointments made: 23

Refusal by neighbour: 13

Illness preventing interview N = 1756

GP refusal – one patient: 1115 Too ill – self report: 337 Too ill – proxy report: 149

Nervous/wary: 75 GP refusal – too ill: 74

Demonstrated inappropriate behaviour: 6

Limited frailty information only: N = 8

Informant only interview – informant refused: 7
Informant only interview – no informant identified: 1

Interviewed: N = 2680

HAS interview: 4

Subject interviews: 2676