

Welcome to your questionnaire!

The reason for this survey is to help develop an Action Plan to meet the employment and training needs of people who have experienced mental illness throughout the South East of England. This is a great opportunity for people who have experienced mental illness to help create the right Action Plan.

Raise Mental Health Ltd is the company undertaking this survey on behalf of the South East Mental Health and Employment Partnership. Raise is a unique company because everyone who works here has experienced mental illness. Therefore we have an insight into some of the issues surrounding employment, education and training. However we don't know all the answers, so we need your help!

This survey is appropriate for people who have:

- experienced mental illness and have received support from their GP or from Specialist Mental Health Services
- an interest in returning to, or remaining in, employment, education or training

If you would like to take part, you can do so in the following ways:

- Log on to **www.raise.org.uk/survey.html** and complete the questionnaire (our preferred method if you can)
- Print off this document, fill it in and post it back **free of charge** to:

Raise Mental Health Ltd
FREEPOST RRRS-EBRT-ALUY
35-41 Essex Road
Basingstoke
RG21 7TB

The final date to get your questionnaire back to us is **15th Jan 2008**; however can we ask you to please return it as soon as possible. Please accept our apologies for the number of questions, but we are trying to gain as much information as possible so that the right changes can be made for the benefit of everyone who has experienced mental illness - including us! Please complete as many questions as you can.

If you have any questions please contact Tracey or Mike via **www.raise.org.uk/survey.html** or **survey@raise.org.uk** or 01256 476981.

The results of the survey will be available at **www.raise.org.uk/survey.html** at the beginning of February 2008

If, for whatever reason, you are not able to complete this survey, we would be interested if you could tell us why:

Your aspirations:

Which of the following best describes your current situation:

- Working full time Working part time Working voluntarily
On benefits In education

If you are working or in education, please say how for many hours a week:

Do you aspire to be:

- Working full time Working part time Working voluntarily
On benefits In education

Please say how many hours a week you would like this to be for:

Your details:

How old are you? 16 - 24 25 - 34 35 - 49 50 - 59 60 or over

Are you: Male or Female

Where do you live?

- Berkshire Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire
Hampshire (excluding IoW*/Portsmouth/Southampton*) Isle of Wight*
Portsmouth* Southampton* Kent Surrey Sussex

For your mental health care, are you under the care of
a GP Community Mental Health Team or both

Do you get other support for your mental health- e.g. attending a day service/private counsellor?

- Yes No

If yes, please give some details:

Do you consider yourself to have a disability other than your mental illness?

Yes No

If yes, please give some details:

Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?

1. White	2. Mixed	3. Asian or Asian British
<input type="checkbox"/> British	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani
	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi
	<input type="checkbox"/> Another mixed background <i>Please state below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Another Asian background <i>Please state below:</i>
4. Black or Black British	5. Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	6. Would rather not say
<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Not stated
<input type="checkbox"/> African		
<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black background <i>Please state below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group <i>Please state below:</i>	

Employment:

How many jobs have you ever had?

Under 5 between 5-10 over 10

Have you worked since receiving your mental health diagnosis?

Yes No

Which do you feel is the easiest:

getting a job or keeping a job

Do you feel you can be honest about your Mental Health diagnosis when applying for jobs?

Yes No

Are you receiving any support in finding or retaining employment?

Yes No

If yes, please say who is providing that support:

If you are not working, do you consider yourself unemployable?

Yes No

If yes, please say why:

Please look at each of the statements below and select the most appropriate response for each one:

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. There is a wide enough range of jobs available to suit me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Potential employers are sympathetic to gaps in my work history	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Personnel Departments and Occupational Health Departments are understanding of mental health issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. There is sufficient support available before and during interviews should I want it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. I would benefit from ongoing support once working	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Discrimination against my mental illness isn't an issue in the workplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
g. There is flexibility of working hours, to fit around doctors appointments etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. I have a good awareness of my employee rights, e.g. the Disability Discrimination Act etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which of these, from a to h, is the most important factor for you regarding employment?

Please say any other factors that are important to you regarding employment:

Please say the main reasons why you think someone with a mental illness is successful at maintaining a job

Work-Related Training:

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Undertaking work-related training would help me to get and or keep a job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I'm aware of what work-related training there is in my area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. There is relevant training available to me to get the type of job I want	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. There is enough flexibility of hours to access training which	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

fits in with my illness

What is your highest educational qualification? e.g. C.S.E., O Level, G.C.S.E., A Level, Diploma, NVQ, Degree

What is the most important factor for you regarding work-related training?

What would help you to access and remain in training?

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Practicalities:

Please list the five main practical problems you might face in starting/remaining in employment, education or training. Please give the most difficult problem first and the least difficult last.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Please list the five practical things that would help you in overcoming the above problems.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Summary:

Do you have any other comments or ideas you would like to be considered for the Action Plan?

Empty text box for comments.

Many thanks for your time!

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