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Executive summary

This is the first official statistics publication on Opinions and Lifestyle Survey data for the Fulfilling Potential Outcomes and Indicators Framework. It contains 2013 data from the ONS Opinions and Lifestyle Survey which is being used to measure a number of indicators in the Outcomes and Indicators Framework, specifically in the Employment, Health and Wellbeing, Choice and Control and Inclusive Communities themes.

Data shows that:

- Generally attitudes towards disabled people in the workplace are positive.
- Around three-quarters of disabled people said they did not experience any difficulties in using transport
- The majority of people think of disabled people as the same as everybody else.

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1 Introduction

This is the first official statistics publication on Opinions and Lifestyle Survey data for the Fulfilling Potential Outcomes and Indicators Framework. It contains 2013 data from the ONS Opinions and Lifestyle Survey. The data is being published as part of the Fulfilling Potential Outcomes and Indicators Framework, which was designed to monitor the impact of the Fulfilling Potential disability strategy.

2 Background

2.1 Fulfilling Potential Outcomes and Indicators Framework

In July 2013 the Government published 'Fulfilling Potential – Making it Happen'. The focus of Fulfilling Potential is the need for innovative cross sector partnerships with disabled people and their organisations and promoting new ways of working to deliver meaningful outcomes. In 'Fulfilling Potential – Making it Happen' we launched the Fulfilling Potential Outcome and Indicator Framework.

The Fulfilling Potential Outcomes and Indicators Framework allows us to measure the impact of activity over time. It provides a basis for how Government can measure progress towards our vision of disabled people living fulfilling lives. We have a number of indicators within the Framework, which give some indication of where progress is being made and where work needs to be done.

This framework was created to monitor progress across six high level strategic themes (Education, Employment, Income, Health and Wellbeing, Choice and Control, and Inclusive Communities), with a set of indicators being used to monitor progress across these themes.

The Opinions and Lifestyle Survey is used to measure our progress against a number of the indicators in the framework, specifically in the Employment, Choice and Control, and Inclusive Communities themes.

The first progress report on the Outcomes and Indicators Framework will be published later this year.

2.2 ONS Opinions and Lifestyle Survey

The ONS Opinions and Lifestyle Survey is a national cross-sectional survey, which provides a snapshot of views and opinions. It currently runs eight months of the year, and conducts around 1,100 interviews each month. It is a fast way of obtaining information, with data available within a month of fieldwork ending.

The DWP commissions a disability module to be run on this survey asking questions on a number of themes. The themes covered in 2013 included:

- Impairment/disability
- Aids and adaptations
- Accessing services
- Employment
- Government Spending/Benefits
- Equality Act
- Media
- Paralympics
- Public view of disabled people
- Quality of life
- Transportation difficulties
- Choice and Control
- Social Isolation
- Housing

3 Methodology

This data shows figures from the disability module of the 2013 ONS Opinions and Lifestyle Survey, broken down by whether the individual is disabled or not wherever possible. All data is for the UK.

More information on the ONS Opinions and Lifestyle Survey can be found on the ONS website www.statistics.gov.uk.

Definition of disability

Disabled people are defined in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Weighting

We have used an individual weight on this data. This weight controls for the unequal probability of selection, in particular, the fact that households with only 1 or 2 adults are more likely to be selected than households with higher numbers of adults.

4 Headline Statistics

4.1 Summary

- Figures suggest that attitudes towards disabled people in the workplace are generally positive. Around nine out of ten disabled and non-disabled people said that employer and colleagues' attitudes towards disabled people in the workplace are supportive.
- Around three quarters of disabled people said that they did not experience any difficulties in using transport in 2013.
- Virtually all disabled and non-disabled people said that they had acquaintances that they had met or spoken to a week prior to being interviewed. The majority of people said they that had between three and five acquaintances to whom they are close. This was the same for disabled and non-disabled people.
- Over nine in ten (93 percent) people think of disabled people as the same as everybody else.

4.2 Data annex

All data tables can be found in the accompanying data annex.