The Vetting process is a crucial part of protecting national security.

There are many different assumptions around what the experience entails and there are many misconceptions, especially when it comes to physical and mental health.

**Why will I be asked about my health?**

We understand that questions about your mental and physical health are very personal, and could feel intrusive.

Throughout the process, you will only be asked about any health issues that could impact the security of sensitive assets

By telling us about your health and wellbeing, we can better understand and mitigate any risk if required.

**Will I be judged?**

The Vetting experience is a safe and professional process which deals with facts and is non-judgemental, regardless of your circumstances

**Will you speak to my GP?**

We may ask for your permission to allow one of our team to contact your GP for further medical information, but only if it is relevant.

We will only ever do this with your knowledge and consent.

**What happens if I don’t disclose information about my health?**

Non-disclosures can be a security threat as they stop us from being able to understand and address any risks.

It’s therefore important that you are open and honest, as not telling us something could impact your eligibility for clearance

**What if my health status changes?**

If your health changes in any way – be that physical or mental – let us know as soon as possible.

Your clearance relies on an up-to-date picture of your circumstances.

Many people with physical and mental health considerations hold clearance.

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