

## About CAPSS

The [Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Surveillance System](#) (CAPSS) was established in 2009 to support the epidemiological study of rare mental health disorders and events amongst children and adolescents across the United Kingdom and Ireland through a process of active surveillance.

Each month, participating consultants receive an emailed link to the online CAPSS e-Card, allowing them to confirm whether or not they have seen a case of the rare disorder or clinical event being studied. The CAPSS team then notifies the study investigators and follow-up questionnaires are sent to the reporting consultants.

### CAPSS aims to:

- Facilitate epidemiological surveillance and research into rare child and adolescent mental health disorders and events
- Increase awareness among the medical profession and public about these disorders and events as well as their impact on children and adolescents
- Allow psychiatrists to participate in surveillance of such conditions
- Inform clinical strategy and public health policy
- Respond in a timely manner to clinical and public health concern

## How to get involved in CAPSS and report cases

CAPSS encourages all consultant grade psychiatrists in the UK and Republic of Ireland to participate in its ongoing surveillance studies.

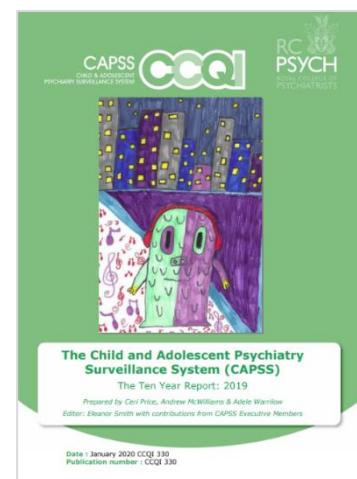
Eligible psychiatrists who are not already receiving our e-Cards can join at any time. You can complete our online [Registration form](#), or visit our [website](#) for further information on the reporting process.

## Publications

The CAPSS anniversary report describes the CAPSS process, summarises the achievements of the project to date and outlines plans for future developments.

### [CAPSS 10-year report](#)

Papers from research studies that have made use of the CAPSS system can also be found under 'Related Publications' on the [CAPSS publications](#) webpage.



## Surveillance study applications

CAPSS welcomes ideas for surveillance projects. Anyone considering a project that meets the criteria may contact the CAPSS office for advice: [CAPSS@rcpsych.ac.uk](mailto:CAPSS@rcpsych.ac.uk).

The CAPSS Executive Committee reviews proposed studies and provides support to applicants through a two stage application process.

Details on the required criteria for inclusion onto CAPSS, along with the application forms, guidance and details of fees can be found here: [CAPSS application process](#)

## Current studies

- Far Away from Home
- Incidence of Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)

## Completed studies

- Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD)
- Childhood non-affective psychoses
- Conversion Disorder
- Early Onset Depression (EOD)
- Early onset eating disorder
- Gender Identity Disorder (GID)
- Paediatric Bipolar 1 Disorder
- Sydenham's Chorea (SC)

Full details on all of the above can be found on the [CAPSS Studies](#) webpage.

## Any questions?

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