

## Data supplement

**Table DS1** Overall mean for 1994–1997, 2000, 2003 for each item

Item/statement	England		Scotland	
	Mean	95% CI	Mean	95% CI
1. One of the main causes of mental illness is a lack of self-discipline and will-power	–1.09	–1.11 to –1.07	–1.13	–1.19 to –1.08
2. There is something about people with mental illness that makes it easy to tell them from normal people	–0.71	–0.73 to –0.69	–0.70	–0.77 to –0.64
3. As soon as a person shows signs of mental disturbance, he should be hospitalised	–0.77	–0.79 to –0.74	–0.77	–0.83 to –0.71
4. Mental illness is an illness like any other	1.03	1.01 to 1.05	1.15	1.09 to 1.21
5. Less emphasis should be placed on protecting the public from people with mental illness	–0.17	–0.19 to –0.15	0.06	–0.001 to 0.11
6. Mental hospitals are an outdated means of treating people with mental illness	–0.004	–0.012 to 0.004	0.05	–0.02 to 0.11
7. Virtually anyone can become mentally ill	1.42	1.41 to 1.43	1.45	1.41 to 1.49
8. People with mental illness have for too long been the subject of ridicule	1.41	1.40 to 1.43	1.40	1.35 to 1.44
9. We need to adopt a far more tolerant attitude toward people with mental illness in our society	1.54	1.53 to 1.55	1.53	1.50 to 1.57
10. We have a responsibility to provide the best possible care for people with mental illness	1.74	1.74 to 1.75	1.74	1.72 to 1.77
11. People with mental illness don't deserve our sympathy	–1.65	–1.67 to –1.64	–1.60	–1.64 to –1.56
12. People with mental illness are a burden on society	–1.35	–1.36 to –1.33	–1.42	–1.47 to –1.38
13. Increased spending on mental health services is a waste of money	–1.64	–1.65 to –1.62	–1.62	–1.65 to –1.58
14. There are sufficient existing services for people with mental illness	–1.17	–1.19 to –1.16	–1.14	–1.19 to –1.09
15. People with mental illness should not be given any responsibility	–0.69	–0.71 to –0.67	–0.74	–0.76 to –0.72
16. A woman would be foolish to marry a man who has suffered from mental illness, even though he seems fully recovered	–0.84	–0.86 to –0.82	–0.77	–0.83 to –0.72
17. I would not want to live next door to someone who has been mentally ill	–1.05	–1.06 to –1.03	–1.02	–1.07 to –0.96
18. Anyone with a history of mental problems should be excluded from taking public office	–0.30	–0.32 to –0.28	–0.27	–0.33 to –0.20
19. No-one has the right to exclude people with mental illness from their neighbourhood	1.02	0.10 to 1.04	1.04	0.98 to 1.10
20. People with mental illness are far less of a danger than most people suppose	0.77	0.76 to 0.79	0.86	0.80 to 0.91
21. Most women who were once patients in a mental hospital can be trusted as babysitters	–0.49	–0.51 to –0.47	–0.31	–0.37 to –0.25
22. The best therapy for many people with mental illness is to be part of a normal community <sup>a</sup>	1.044	1.02 to 1.06	1.10	1.05 to 1.15
23. As far as possible, mental health services should be provided through community based facilities	1.04	1.02 to 1.06	1.04	0.99 to 1.09
24. Residents have nothing to fear from people coming into their neighbourhood to obtain mental health services	0.71	0.69 to 0.72	0.76	0.71 to 0.82
25. It is frightening to think of people with mental problems living in residential neighbourhoods	–0.64	–0.66 to –0.62	–0.73	–0.79 to –0.68
26. Locating mental health facilities in a residential area downgrades the neighbourhood	–0.57	–0.59 to –0.55	–0.70	–0.76 to –0.64
a. Item 22: data were not collected for 2003.				