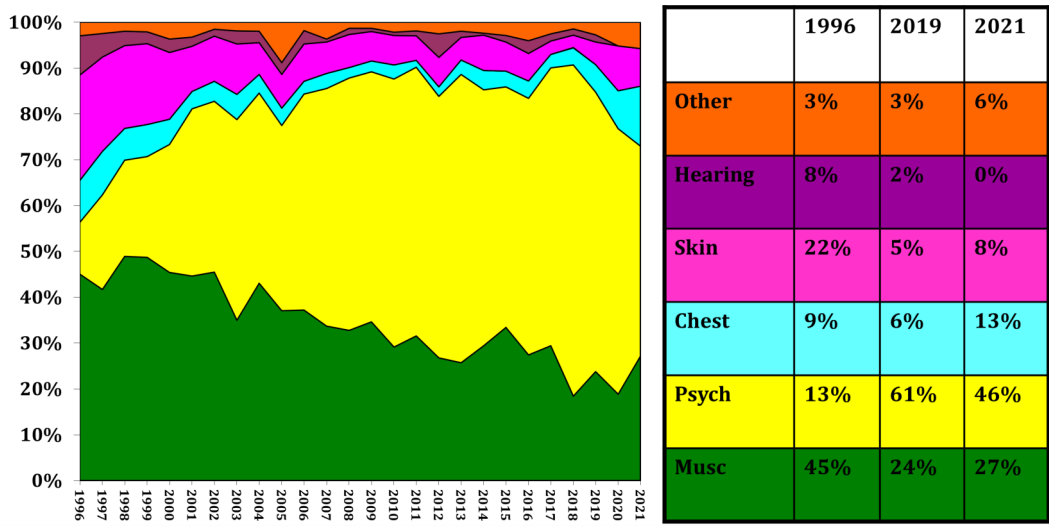




Work-related ill-health affected **1.7 million workers** in Great Britain in 2020/2021 and is estimated to cause **13,000**

The Health and Occupation Research (THOR) network, which includes the Occupational Physicians' Reporting Activity (OPRA), run by The University of Manchester, is a unique and important source of occupational physician reported data on work-related ill-health in the UK.

The University of Manchester needs your help to continue collecting this important data.



Cases reported to OPRA by major diagnostic category, 1996-2021.

*Work-related ill health and occupational disease [Internet]. Health and Safety Executive.

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Why are data collected by THOR important?

The only medically verified, UK-wide source of data on work-related ill-health (WRIH)

How would participating in THOR benefit me?

- ⇒ Formal and public acknowledgment of your contribution.
- ⇒ Access to THOR CPD (Continuing Professional Development), a programme of CPD-accredited online education and information for occupational physicians and GPs.
- ⇒ Quarterly newsletters and annual reports on all reported cases.
- ⇒ Access to a data request service to answer work-related ill-health queries.

How often do I report? You will report every month as a 'core' reporter.

Alternatively, it is also possible to join as a 'sample' reporter for one (randomly chosen) month a year (called a 'sample' reporter).

What should I report? You will be asked to report only **NEW** cases, first diagnosed by you during your reporting month, as being wholly or partly caused by exposure or conditions at work.

What information do I need to provide? For each case you will only be asked to record the diagnosis, gender, age, first half of the postcode (e.g. M22), job, industry, suspected agent(s) and date of onset of symptoms.

How long does it take to report? A survey of THOR reporters suggested that it takes between two and five minutes to report a case to THOR. The general consensus was that benefits obtained from participating in THOR outweighs the time spent reporting.

What do I need to do now? Just complete the short form (enclosed) and we will then send you your joining details. Alternatively, please contact Georgia McHale (Georgia.mchale@manchester.ac.uk) Project Assistant for OPRA.