



Preliminary results – Covid-19 survey of psychologists

On Friday 17 April, the Board sent out a survey to all registered psychologists (including intern psychologists) to gather information about the profession's situation in the context of Covid-19, and to assist the Board in identifying any priorities in terms of its regulatory response.

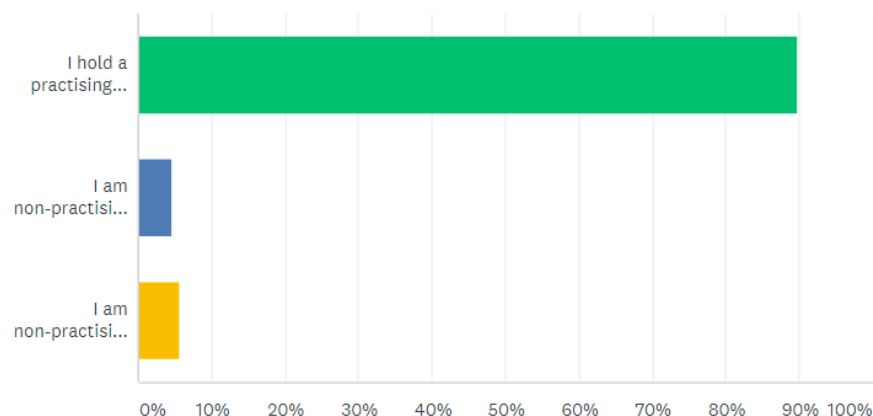
The numbers of respondents are set out below:

- 4,109 psychologists were invited to complete the survey
- 2,040 completed the survey, of which 1,989 answered all questions (with 51 partially responding).

Q1:

What is your current practising status?

Answered: 2,040 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ I hold a practising certificate issued for the 2020/21 practising year.	89.75% 1,831
▼ I am non-practising, but have held a practising certificate in the three years to 31 March 2020.	4.56% 93
▼ I am non-practising and have not held a practising certificate in the three years to 31 March 2020.	5.69% 116
TOTAL	2,040

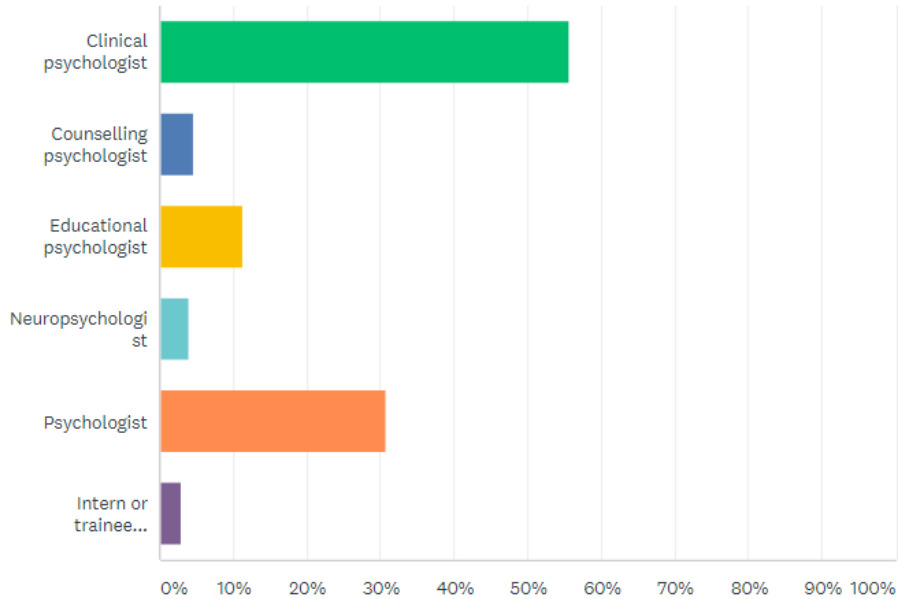
Note those who answered that they are non-practising and have not held a practising certificate in the three years to 31 March 2020 were excluded from the remainder of the survey to assist the Board in receiving feedback only from the current or recent workforce (3 years is the statutory timeframe under section 27 of the Act for time out of practice that requires further enquiry from the Board before a practising certificate can be issued).



Q2:

What is your scope(s) of practice? (tick as many as apply)

Answered: 1,920 Skipped: 120



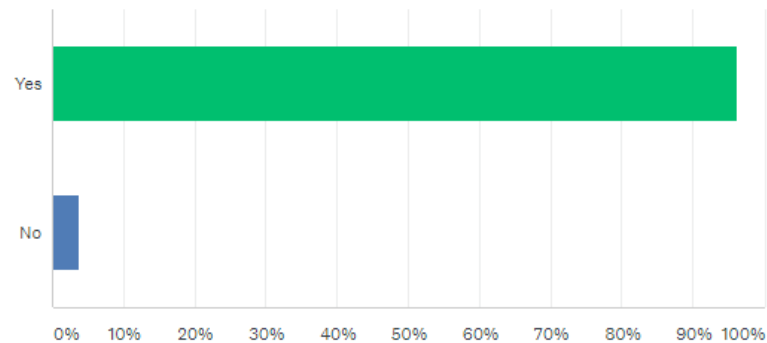
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Clinical psychologist	55.73% 1,070
▼ Counselling psychologist	4.69% 90
▼ Educational psychologist	11.35% 218
▼ Neuropsychologist	4.06% 78
▼ Psychologist	30.68% 589
▼ Intern or trainee psychologist	2.86% 55
Total Respondents: 1,920	



Q3:

Before Covid-19, did you intend to practise psychology in the 2020/21 year (1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021)?

Answered: 1,892 Skipped: 148

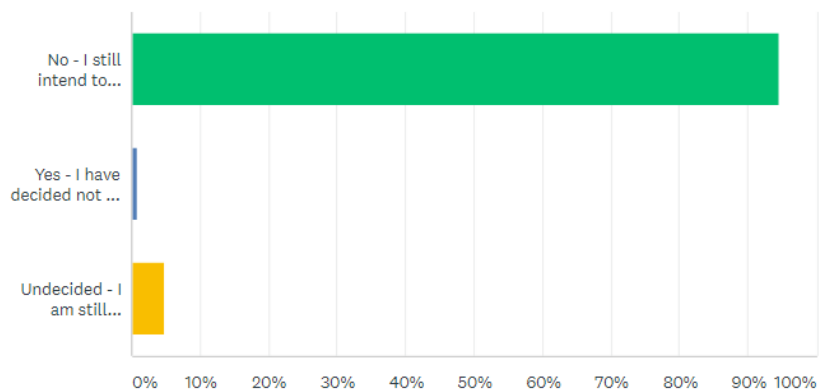


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	96.19% 1,820
No	3.81% 72
TOTAL	1,892

Q4 (available to those who indicated in Q3 that they had intended to practise this year):

You have responded that before Covid-19, you intended to practise psychology in the 2020/21 year. Has that plan changed as a result of Covid-19?

Answered: 1,843 Skipped: 197



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No - I still intend to practise in the 2020/21 year	94.52% 1,742
Yes - I have decided not to practise in the 2020/21 year	0.76% 14
Undecided - I am still considering my options	4.72% 87
TOTAL	1,843

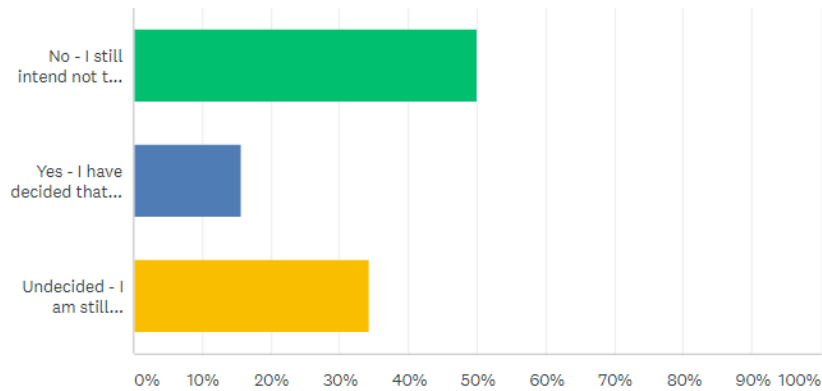
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Q5 (available to those who indicated in Q3 that they had not intended to practise this year).

You advised that before Covid-19, you did not intend to practise psychology in the 2020/21 year (1 April to 31 March). Has that plan changed?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 1,970



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ No - I still intend not to practise in the 2020/21 year.	50.00% 35
▼ Yes - I have decided that I will practise in the 2020/21 year.	15.71% 11
▼ Undecided - I am still considering whether I will practise during the 2020/21 year.	34.29% 24
TOTAL	70

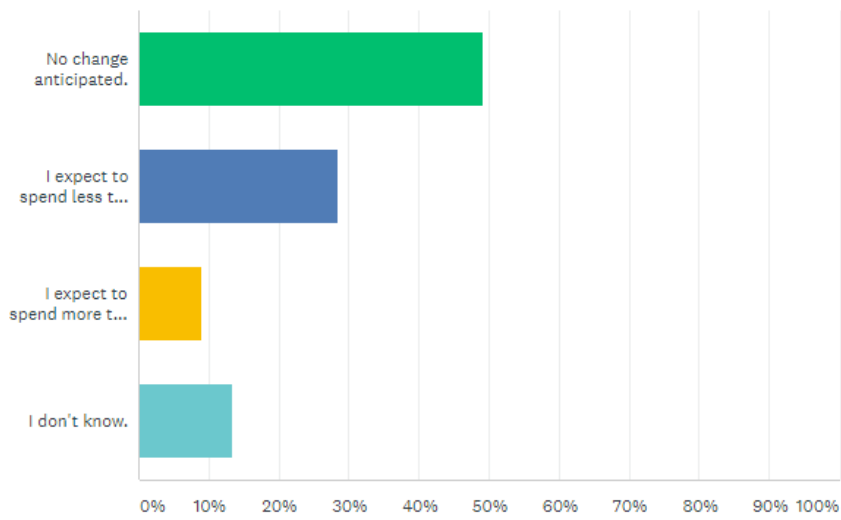
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Q6:

Taking into account all the circumstances of COVID-19 (including personal circumstances) do you expect the amount of time you will spend practising as a psychologist during 2020/21 (1 April to 31 March) to change?

Answered: 1,870 Skipped: 170



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ No change anticipated.	49.25% 921
▼ I expect to spend less time practising as a psychologist.	28.40% 531
▼ I expect to spend more time practising as a psychologist.	8.93% 167
▼ I don't know.	13.42% 251
TOTAL	1,870

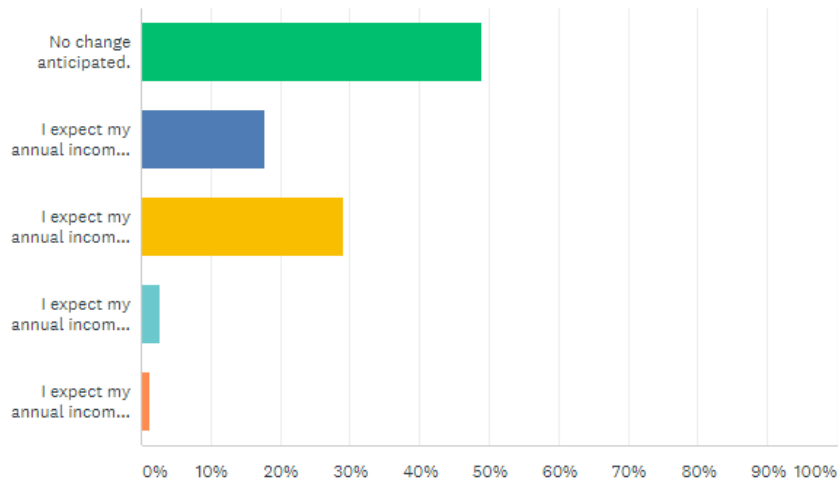
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Q7:

Taking into account all the circumstances of Covid-19 (including personal circumstances) what impact do you expect on your income from provision of psychology services during the 2020/21 year (1 April to 31 March)?

Answered: 1,848 Skipped: 192



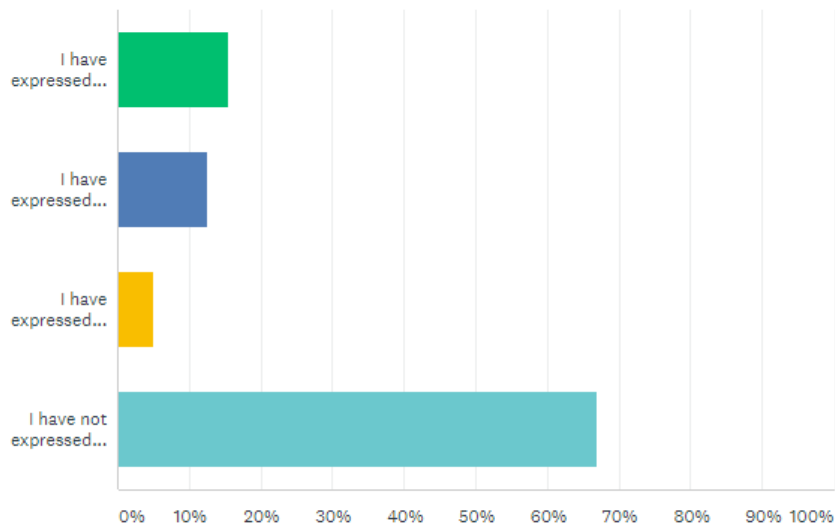
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ No change anticipated.	49.03% 906
▼ I expect my annual income to decrease by less than 20 percent.	17.69% 327
▼ I expect my annual income to decrease by more than 20 percent.	29.17% 539
▼ I expect my annual income to increase by up to 20 percent.	2.81% 52
▼ I expect my annual income to increase by more than 20 percent.	1.30% 24
TOTAL	1,848



Q8:

Have you responded to the Ministry of Health or other calls for expressions of interest from health practitioners available to assist with greater service delivery?

Answered: 1,848 Skipped: 192



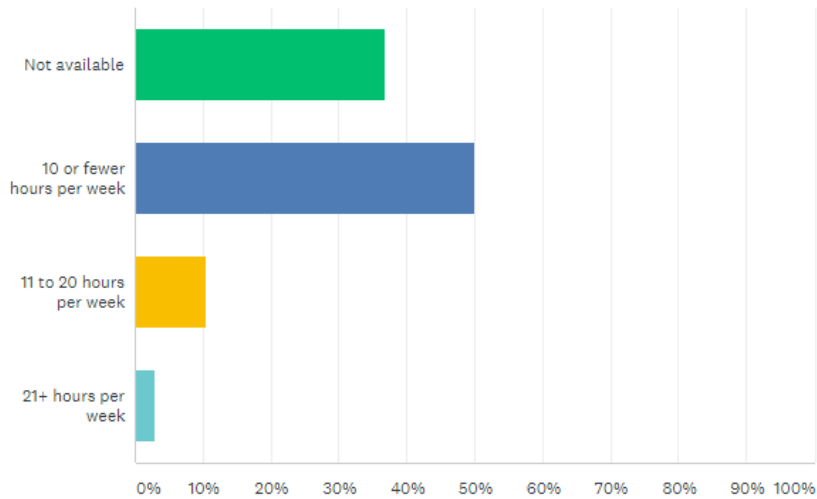
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ I have expressed interest to the Ministry of Health.	15.48% 286
▼ I have expressed interest to one or more other organisations.	12.55% 232
▼ I have expressed interest to both the Ministry of Health and one or more other organisations.	5.03% 93
▼ I have not expressed interest to either the Ministry of Health or any other organisation.	66.94% 1,237
TOTAL	1,848



Q9:

If requested, what (if any) availability would you have to assist with possible increase in demand for mental health services under Alert Level 4 or the newly defined (16 April) Alert Level 3?

Answered: 1,849 Skipped: 191



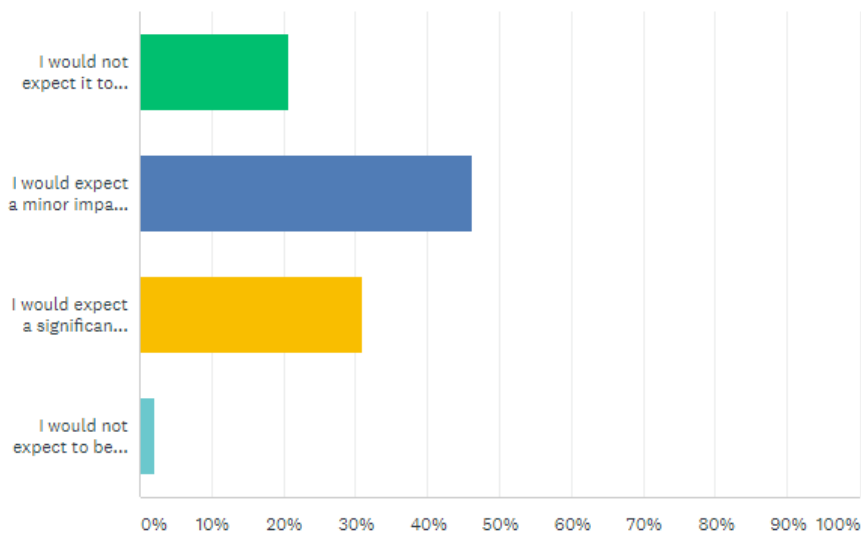
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Not available	36.78% 680
▼ 10 or fewer hours per week	49.97% 924
▼ 11 to 20 hours per week	10.38% 192
▼ 21+ hours per week	2.87% 53
TOTAL	1,849



Q10:

Assuming up to three months of Covid-19 disruption, and allowing for some flexibility in your CCP plans, to what extent do you think your capacity to complete annual CCP requirements for 2020/21 will be impacted due to COVID-19 related factors? (Please consider all relevant factors such as access to finance and funding for CCP activities, work demands, changes in personal circumstances, etc).

Answered: 1,863 Skipped: 177



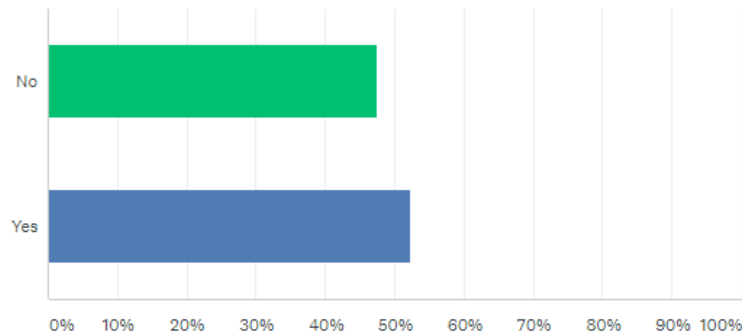
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ I would not expect it to affect my CCP plans.	20.72%	386
▼ I would expect a minor impact on my CCP plans.	46.27%	862
▼ I would expect a significant impact on my CCP plans.	30.92%	576
▼ I would not expect to be able to participate in CCP at all.	2.09%	39
TOTAL		1,863



Q11:

Have any questions been raised for you about ethical practice in the current Covid-19 environment?

Answered: 1,857 Skipped: 183



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ No	47.50% 882
▼ Yes	52.40% 973
TOTAL	1,857

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Q12 (This was a free-text option that yielded 367 individual comments. The qualitative data is yet to be comprehensively analysed).

If you have other issues that you wish to bring to the Board's attention specifically relating to psychology and patient safety in the Covid-19 environment, please provide comments.

Answered: 367 Skipped: 1,673