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PRESS RELEASE

**YISHUN HEALTH LAUNCHES NORTHERN POPULATION HEALTH SURVEY TO
BETTER UNDERSTAND THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS**

1. Yishun Health (YH) will be embarking on a major Population Health Survey of 2,500 residents living in the northern region of Singapore in July. The Northern Population Health Survey by Yishun Health is the first regional population-based survey undertaken by a public healthcare institution in Singapore. It aims to gather information to optimise care for Northern residents and improve population health outcomes.

2. Professor Chua Hong Choon, CEO of Yishun Health, said: “In order for us to improve the health outcomes for all residents living in the north, we first need to establish a baseline for evaluation of our healthcare model and services. This survey will help us to understand the health needs, health behaviour and risks, health-seeking experience and service utilisation of our communities. Key findings from this study will supplement our existing healthcare utilisation and administrative data. This is important in enabling us to anticipate and strategise to serve the population’s current, emerging and future health and social needs.”

3. Associate Professor Ng Yeuk Fan, Principal Investigator of this study and Director of Corporate Development, Yishun Health, said: “Good data is the foundation of improvement. By reaching out to our residents and understanding them better through this survey, the information collected can help us identify gaps in the care of our residents, evaluate and improve our care planning and health system organisation, and drive resources towards initiatives that can better improve resident and population

health outcomes. Having the full support of our resident in this survey is critical, hence we urge residents to participate in the survey when they are approached.”

4. The Northern Population Health Survey is a collaboration with National Healthcare Group (NHG), NHG Health Services and Outcomes Research (HSOR), Woodlands Health, Central Health, and the Duke-NUS Medical School Health Systems & Services Research Programme. From July to December 2022, selected residents in the north – which includes Mandai, Sembawang, Simpang, Woodlands and Yishun – will receive an invitation letter from Yishun Health to participate in the health survey. The eligible households were randomly selected by the Department of Statistics (DOS), and narrowed down to a representative sample size of 2,500 for this survey. In addition to household surveys, participants who are keen to share more on the topic of their health will also be invited to participate in focus group discussions as part of this research.

5. Individuals with queries about the survey can call the survey’s dedicated hotline at 6602 2862 or email yishunhealth.hsse@ktph.com.sg.

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About Yishun Health

Yishun Health is a network of medical institutions and health facilities of the National Healthcare Group in the north of Singapore. It comprises Admiralty Medical Centre, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital and Yishun Community Hospital. It also includes extensions such as Wellness Kampung.

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