

## **National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles 2010-2012 ('Natsal-3') – Note for users**

This note gives brief guidance on the use of the Natsal-3 dataset. Full details of the methodology, including sampling, data collection, biological samples, response, data preparation and weighting can be found on the Natsal website:

<http://natsal.ac.uk/natsal-3.aspx>

The Natsal-3 codebook, archived with this data set, contains a full description of the variables and users should refer to this document when analysing the data. Note that some Natsal-3 variables are not included in the archived data set for reasons of confidentiality.

Natsal-3 uses a stratified, clustered sample design with postcode sectors as the Primary Sampling Units (PSUs). The sampling frame is the (small users) Postcode Address File (PAF). Analyses should be performed using complex survey functions that account for clustering, weights and post-stratification. This means applying the weight variable, strata variable and PSU variables: total\_wt, strata and psu\_scrm.