

Linkin Health Census investigators here today

RESULTS from the Linkin Health Census are being collated, with investigators from Adelaide holding their first meeting to assess the data in Port Lincoln today.

Spencer Gulf Rural Health School head Jonathan Newbury said collators were impressed with the response to the confidential census questionnaire, with 5893 households responding.

Over 80 per cent of the households who received the questionnaire responded, with 42 per

cent indicating they would be willing to be contacted for further studies in the Linkin Health Study.

"It was a wonderful response," he said.

"We will now report back to the groups who are interested including council, the hospital, health professionals, and community groups with an interest in health like Rotary and the Aboriginal health service."

The commonwealth-funded health study delivered through

Adelaide University and the Spencer Gulf Rural Health School aims to improve health service delivery by assessing how people access and use health services from hospitals to mental health services.

Dr Newbury said by completing the health census and participating in the study, Port Lincoln residents would be making an important contribution to improving the understanding of health services both locally and across the State.



CENSUS: Spencer Gulf Rural Health School student researcher Elouise Jamar is collating data from the Linkin Health Census as part of a wider study aiming to improve health service delivery.