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Delivery starts this weekend

THIRTY health census collectors are about to start delivering questionnaires around Port Lincoln for the 10.10.10 Linkin Health Study.

The 30 locals join two data administrators, Kathy Bisset and Gianna Denicola-Garvey, and team leaders Vickie Seidel, Anne Gaskill, Jackie Field and Emma Richards.

The health census is the first phase of the Linkin Health Study, a large University of Adelaide research project aimed at gaining an understanding of how locals use health services,

and how services may be delivered in the future.

It is an important study because Australia's population is ageing and there are shortages of health professionals, particularly in rural Australia, according to census supervisor Tony Goldsworthy.

The interest shown in the study already with more than 70 applying to be collectors was encouraging.

Collectors will receive intensive training before heading out on Saturday to deliver the

questionnaires to every household in Port Lincoln prior to 10.10.10.

Each individual aged 15 and over living in each household is asked to fill in the brief questionnaire. If you require assistance filling in the questionnaire let the census collector know, or you can call 8683 0143 to arrange an interview to be carried out at your home.

It will take just 10 minutes to fill it in and all input will make a difference.