

Families to be studied

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JOONDALUP residents have given the thumbs up to plans to study them.

In response to a survey, 85 per cent expressed interest in taking part in a family health study involving regular health checks of up to 16,000 residents.

Aimed at gauging community interest, the survey went to 7500 randomly selected homes in Joondalup.

Of the 1200 who responded, 85 per cent of those with children said they were very or quite likely to allow their children to participate, too.

If the WA Institute for Medical Research survey goes ahead late next year, volunteers will be asked about life-style and diet; measured for height and weight; given eye, heart and lung function tests; and asked for blood samples that will be added to a data bank over several years.