

ABSTRACT

The knowledge and perceptions of Public Health Inspectors employed to the Ministry of Health, Jamaica on Primary Health Care and Health For All by the year 2000.

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This study was designed to determine the knowledge and perceptions of inspectors on Primary Health Care and Health For All by year 2000.

It was carried out on 101 inspectors in all parishes in Jamaica. These inspectors were selected from the six inspectorate groupings or grades. The instrument used was a self-administered questionnaire.

Knowledge on PHC/HFA was not very high with inspectors scoring overall 68.5% (8.23) marks out of a possible 12 marks. Overall there was little variation in knowledge score between grades of inspectors.

Perception inclined towards the positive despite negative responses to the statement "Health For All is an idealistic statement". Overall there was little variation in the perception score between grades.

Involvement of inspectors in primary health care showed a high of 91.1% (92). The majority of inspectors required more information, 91.1% (92); 89.1% (89) in primary health care and health for all, respectively.