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# Health and lifestyles of people aged 50 and over

### Self-Completion Questionnaire In Confidence

#### HOW TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the questions by:

Ticking a box like this		$\checkmark$		
Or writing a number in a box like this		3	]	
Sometimes you will find an instruction telling you which questions to answer next like this	Yes			
	No	$\checkmark$	Go to 1	I

#### HOW TO RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

If the interviewer is still in your home when you have completed the questionnaire, please hand it back to them. If not, please return the completed questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope as soon as you possibly can.

PLEASE START THE QUESTIONNAIRE AT QUESTION 1 ON THE NEXT PAGE

#### THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP

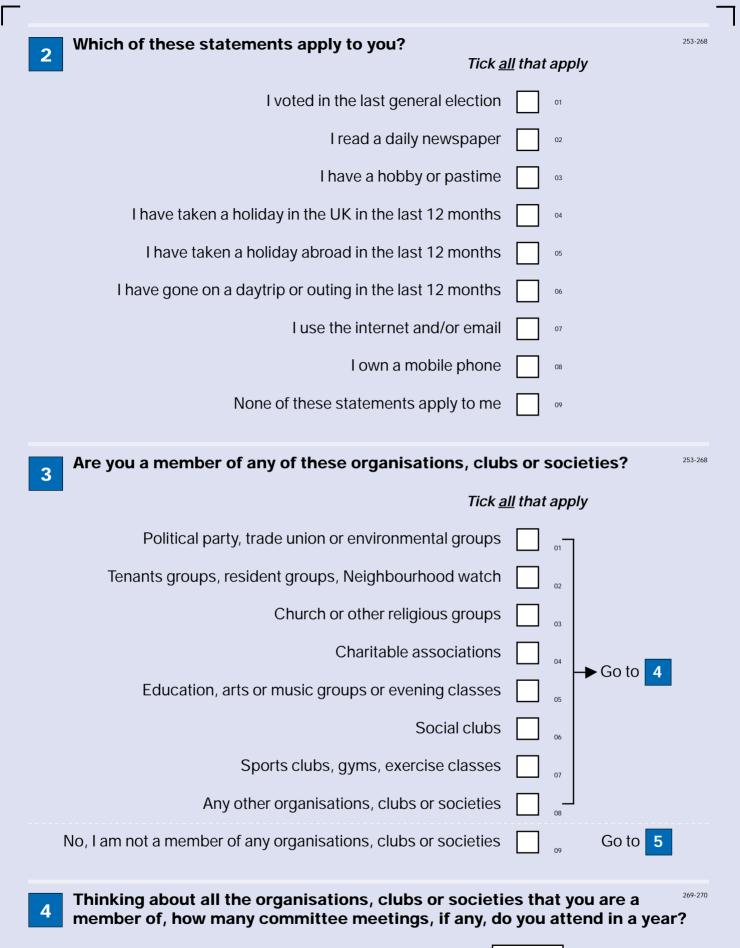
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#### Here is a list of statements that people have used to describe their lives or how they feel. We would like to know how often, if at all, you think they apply to you.

#### Tick one box on each line

	Often	Some- times	Not Often	Never	
My age prevents me from doing the things I would like	to	1	2	3 4 218	8
I feel that what happens to me is out of my conti	ol	1	2	3 4 219	9
I feel free to plan for the futu	re	1	2	3 4 220	0
I feel left out of thin	gs 🗌	1	2	3 4 22	1
I can do the things that I want to o	do 🗌	1	2	3 4 222	2
Family responsibilities prevent me from doing what I want to o	do 🗌	1	2	3 4 223	3
I feel that I can please myself what I d	do 🗌	1	2	3 4 224	4
My health stops me from doing things I want to a	do 🗌	1	2	3 4 225	5
Shortage of money stops me from doing the things I want to a	do 🗌	1	2	3 4 220	6
I look forward to each d	ay 🗌	1	2	3 4 22	7
I feel that my life has meaning	ng	1	2	3 4 228	8
I enjoy the things that I	do 🗌	1	2	3 4 229	9
I enjoy being in the company of othe	ers	1	2	3 4 230	0
On balance, I look back on my life with a sense of happine	ss	1	2	3 4 23	1
I feel full of energy these da	ys 🗌	1	2	3 4 232	2
I choose to do things that I have never done befo	re	1	2	3 4 23	3
I feel satisfied with the way my life has turned o	ut	1	2	3 4 234	4
I feel that life is full of opportuniti	es	1	2	3 4 23	5
I feel that the future looks good for n	ne	1	2	3 4 230	6



Please write the number in this box

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## How easy or difficult would it be for you to get to each of the following places, using your usual form of transport?

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	Tick <u>one</u> box on each line					
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult		
Bank or cash point	1	2	3	4 313		
Chiropodist	1	2	3	4 314		
Dentist	1	2	3	4 315		
General Practitioner	1	2	3	4 316		
Hospital	1	2	3	4 317		
Local Shops	1	2	3	4 318		
Optician	1	2	3	4 319		
Post Office	1	2	3	4 320		
Shopping Centre	1	2	3	4 321		
Supermarket	1	2	3	4 322		

## We should like to know how your health has been in general over the past few weeks.

#### Have you recently...

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		Tick <u>one</u> box	x on each line	
	Better than usual	Same as usual	Less than usual	Much less than usual
been able to concentrate on whatever you're doing?	1	2	3	4 323
	Not at all	No more than usual	Rather more than usual	Much more than usual
lost much sleep over worry?	1	2	3	4 324
	More so than usual	Same as usual	Less useful than usual	Much less useful
felt you were playing a useful part in things?	1	2	3	4 325

Have you recently		Tick <u>one</u> box	con each line	
felt capable of making decisions?	More so	Same as	Less so	Much less
	than usual	usual	than usual	capable
felt constantly under strain?	Not at	No more	Rather more	Much more
	all	than usual	than usual	than usual
felt you couldn't overcome	Not at	No more	Rather more	Much more
your difficulties?	all	than usual	than usual	than usual
been able to enjoy your normal day-to-day activities?	More so	Same as	Less so	Much less
	than usual	usual	than usual	than usual
been able to face up to	More so	Same as	Less able	Much less
your problems?	than usual	usual	than usual	able
been feeling unhappy and depressed?	Not at	No more	Rather more	Much more
	all	than usual	than usual	than usual
been losing confidence	Not at	No more	Rather more	Much more
in yourself?	all	than usual	than usual	than usual
been thinking of yourself	Not at	No more	Rather more	Much more
as a worthless person?	all	than usual	than usual	than usual
been feeling reasonably happy, all things considered?	More so	About same	Less so	Much less
	than usual	as usual	than usual	than usual

#### Here are some questions about how you feel about your life in general. Please say how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

			Tick <u>on</u> e	<u>e</u> box on ea	ach line		
	Strongly agree	Moder- ately agree	Slightly agree	Slightly disagree	Moder- ately disagree	Strongly disagree	l do not work
At home, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	335
At work, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 336
I feel that what happens in my life is often determined by factors beyond my control	1	2	3	4	5	6	337
In general, I have different demands that I think are hard to combine	1	2	3	4	5	6	338
In general, I have enough time to do everything	1	2	3	4	5	6	339
Considering the things I have to do at work, I have to work very fast	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 340
Considering the things I have to do at home, I have to work very fast	1	2	3	4	5	6	341

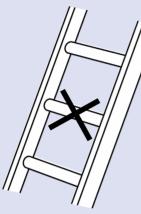
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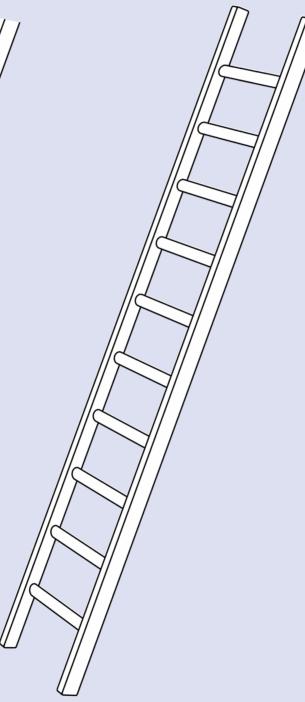
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Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in our society. At the top of the ladder are the people who are the best off – those who have the most money, most education and best jobs. At the bottom are the people who are the worst off – who have the least money, least education, and the worst jobs or no jobs. The higher up you are on this ladder, the closer you are to the people at the very top and the lower you are, the closer you are to the people at the very bottom.

Please mark a cross on the <u>rung</u> on the ladder where you would you place yourself.

Example:





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#### Do you have a husband, wife or partner with whom you live?

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Tick <u>one</u> box					
<i>l</i> es		1 Go to 10			
No		<sup>2</sup> Go to 12			

10 We would now like to ask you some questions about your spouse or partner. Please tick the box which best shows how you feel about each statement.

	Tick	k <u>one</u> box	on ead	ch line		
	A lot	Some	A little	Not at all		
How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?		1	2	3	4	345
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?		1	2	3	4	346
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?		1	2	3	4	347
How much do they criticise you?		1	2	3	4	348
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?		1	2	3	4	349
How much do they get on your nerves?		1	2	3	4	350

### 11 How close is your relationship with your spouse or partner?

Tic	k <u>one</u> box
Very close	1
Quite close	2
Not very close	3
Not at all close	4

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Do you have any children?	

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#### Tick <u>one</u> box

Yes	1 Go to	13
No	<sup>2</sup> Go to	16

#### We would now like to ask you some questions about your children. Please tick the box which best shows how you feel about each statement.

#### Tick one box on each line

	A lot	Some	A little	Not at all	
How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?		1 2		3	4 353
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?		1 2		3	4 354
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?		1 2		3	4 355
How much do they criticise you?		1 2		3	4 356
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?		1 2		3	4 357
How much do they get on your nerves?		1 2		3	4 358

## **14** On average, how often do you do each of the following with <u>any</u> of your children, not counting any who live with you?

	Tick <u>one</u> box on each line						
	Three or more times a week	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Every few months	Once or twice a year	Less than once a year or never	
Meet up (include both arranged and chance meetings)	1	2	3	4	5	6	359
Speak on the phone	1	2	3	4	5	6	360
Write or email	1	2	3	4	5	6	361
How many of your children w relationship with?	vould you	u say you	u have a (	close		362-363	
Please writ	e the num	her in thi	s box				

16	Do you have any other immediate family, for example, any brothers or sisters, parents, cousins or grandchildren?	Tick one box   Yes 1 Go to 17   No 2 Go to 20	364
17	We would now like to ask you some questions ab Please tick the box which best shows how you fe	•	
		A Some A Not at lot little all	
	How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?	1 2 3 4	365
	How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?	1 2 3 4	366
	How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?	1 2 3 4	367
	How much do they criticise you?	1 2 3 4	368
	How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?	1 2 3 4	369
	How much do they get on your nerves?	1 2 3 4	370
18	On average, how often do you do each of the for family members, not counting any who live with the second s		

		Three or more times a week	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Every few months	Once or twice a year	Less than once a year or never
	Meet up (include both arranged and chance meetings)	1	2	3	4	5	6 371
	Speak on the phone	1	2	3	4	5	6 372
	Write or email	1	2	3	4	5	6 373
19	How many of these family m relationship with?	embers	would yo	ou say yo	u have a	close	374-375

Tick <u>one</u> box on each line

Please write the number in this box

20 Do you have any friends?	376 Tick <u>one</u> box
	Yes Go to 21
	No 2 Go to 24 Spare 377-380 SN 1-8 PN 9-10 Card 11-12

We would now like to ask you some question	ons about your friends.
Please tick the box which best shows how	you feel about each statement.

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#### Tick one box on each line

	A lot	Some	A little	Not at all	
How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?		1 2		3	4 413
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?		1 2		3	4 414
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?		1 2		3	4 415
How much do they criticise you?		1 2		3	4 416
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?		1 2		3	4 417
How much do they get on your nerves?		1 2		3	4 418

**22** On average, how often do you do each of the following with <u>any</u> of your friends, not counting any who live with you?

		Tick <u>one</u> box on each line						
		Three or more times a week	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Every few months	Once or twice a year	Less than once a year or never	
	Meet up (include both arranged and chance meetings)	1	2	3	4	5	6 4	419
	Speak on the phone	1	2	3	4	5	6 4	420
	Write or email	1	2	3	4	5	6 4	421
23	How many of your friends we relationship with?	ould you	say you	have a c	lose		422-423	
	Please write the number in this box							

How do you feel about your local area, that is everywhere within a 20 minute walk or about a mile of your home? Please tick one box on each line. The closer your tick is to a statement the more strongly you agree with it.

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I really feel part of this area	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	I feel that I don't belong in this area				
Vandalism and graffiti are a big problem in this area	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	There is no problem with vandalism and graffiti in this area				
I often feel lonely living in this area	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	I have never felt lonely living in this area				
Most people in this area can be trusted	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Most people in this area can't be trusted				
People would be afraid to walk alone in this area after dark	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	People feel safe walking alone in this area after dark				
Most people in this area are friendly		Most people in this area are unfriendly				
People in this area will take advantage of you		People in this area will always treat you fairly				
This area is kept very clean		This area is always full of litter and rubbish				
If you were in trouble, there are lots of people in this area who would help you	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	If you were in trouble, there is nobody in this area who would help you				

Tick one box on each line

If there is anything else you would like to tell us please write in the space <sup>433</sup> below. We shall be very interested to read what you have to say.

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer our questions. Please give the questionnaire to the interviewer or post it back in the envelope provided. All your answers will remain confidential.