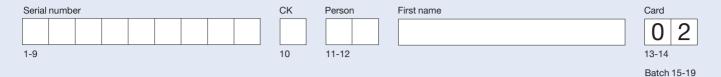




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# Health and lifestyles of people aged 50 and over

# Self-Completion Questionnaire In Confidence

# HOW TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

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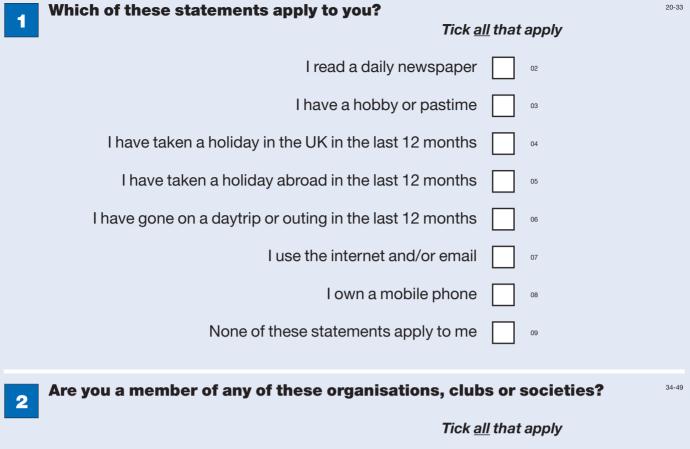
Ticking a box like this		$\checkmark$	
Or writing a number in a box like this		3	]
Sometimes you will find an instruction telling you which questions to answer next like this	Yes		
	No	$\checkmark$	Go to 1

# **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



1	01	Political party, trade union or environmental groups
2	02	Tenants groups, resident groups, Neighbourhood Watch
3	03	Church or other religious groups
<sup>4</sup> → Go to 3	04	Charitable associations
	05	Education, arts or music groups or evening classes
16	06	Social clubs
7	07	Sports clubs, gyms, exercise classes
	08	Any other organisations, clubs or societies
Go to 4	09	No, I am not a member of any organisations, clubs or societies
t you are a 50-51	s that y	Thinking about all the organisations, clubs or societie

Please write the number in this box

member of, how many committee meetings, if any, do you attend in a year?

# 4 How easy or difficult would it be for you to get to each of the following places, using your usual form of transport? Tick <u>one</u> box on each line

	Very easy	Quite easy		,		
Bank or cash poin	t 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	52
Chiropodis	t 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	53
Dentis	t 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	54
General Practitione	r 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	55
Hospita	I 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	56
Local Shops	s 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	57
Opticiar	n 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	58
Post Office	e 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	59
Shopping Centre	e 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	60
Supermarke	t 🗌	1	2	3	4 5	61
<b>5</b> Now some questions about do any of the following activ	-	al activi	ties. How	often, if	at all, do yo	u
	11631	T	ick <u>one</u> box	on each lin	ne	
	Twice a	About	Every	About	Less Nev	er

	Iwice a month or more	About once a month	Every few months	About once or twice a year	Less than once a year	Never	
Go to the cinema	a 🗌 1	2	3	4	5		6 62
Eat out of the house	е 🗌 1	2	3	4	5		6 63
Go to an art gallery or museun	n 🗌 1	2	3	4	5		6 64
Go to the theatre, a concert or the oper	a 🗌 1	2	3	4	5		6 65
6 Would you like to do any of t for whatever reason, you car		ving activ	vities mo		but feel	that,	
		Ti		x on each l	line		
		Ti	<b>ck <u>one</u> bo</b> Yes	<b>x on each l</b> No	line		
	Go to	Ti the cinem	Yes		line		66
			Yes	No	line		66 67
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# Often Some-Not Never times Often My age prevents me from doing the things I would like to I feel that what happens to me is out of my control 71 I feel free to plan for the future 72 I feel left out of things 73 I can do the things that I want to do 74 Family responsibilities prevent me from doing what I want to do 75 I feel that I can please myself what I do 76 My health stops me from doing things I want to do 77 Shortage of money stops me from doing the things I want to do 78 I look forward to each day I feel that my life has meaning 80 I enjoy the things that I do 81 I enjoy being in the company of others 82 On balance, I look back on my life with a sense of happiness 83 I feel full of energy these days 84 I choose to do things that I have never done before 85 I feel satisfied with the way my life has turned out 86 I feel that life is full of opportunities 87 I feel that the future looks good for me

# Tick one box on each line

8 The next questions are about h different aspects of your life. F please say how often you feel t	or each on		<b>Tick <u>one</u> Hardly ever or never</b>	<b>box on eac</b> Some of the time	e <b>h line</b> Often	
How often do you feel you l	ack compani	ionship?	1	2	3	89
How ofter	n do you feel	left out?	1	2	3	90
How often do you feel i	isolated from	others?	1	2	3	91
How often do you feel in tune with the	epeople arou	and you?	1	2	3	92
9 Please say how much you agre	•			•	ements.	
Strongly agree	Agree Sli	gree agi no		itly Disagr	ree Strong disagr	
In most ways my life is close to my ideal	2	3	4	5	6	7 93
The conditions of my life are excellent	2	3	4	5	6	7 94
I am satisfied with my life	2	3	4	5	6	7 95
So far I have got the important things I want in life	2	3	4	5	6	7 96
If I could live my life again, I would change almost nothing	2	3	4	5	6	7 97
<b>10</b> Here are some questions about Please say how much you agre		ee with tl	he follow	ing state		
Stro	ngly Moderat	Tick <u>one</u> b ely Slightly		<b>i line</b> y Moderat	toly Strop	alv
agr	•••			•	•	•••
At home, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations	1	2	3	4	5	6 98
I feel that what happens in life is often determined by factors beyond my control	1	2	3	4	5	6 99
In general, I have different demands that I think are hard to combine	1	2	3	4	5	6 100
In general, I have enough time to do everything	· .	2	3	4	5	6 101
Considering the things I have to do at home, I have to work very fast	1	2	3	4	5	6 102

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

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Tick	k <u>one</u> l	box
Yes		• Go to 12
No		<sup>2</sup> Go to 14

# **12** 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 <u>one</u> box on each line	
	A Some A Not at lot little all	
How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?	1 2 3 4	104
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?	1 2 3 4	105
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?	1 2 3 4	106
How much do they criticise you?	1 2 3 4	107
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?	1 2 3 4	108
How much do they get on your nerves?	1 2 3 4	109
How close is your relationship with your spous	e or partner?	110

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

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3
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Do you	have	any	children?
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## Tick <u>one</u> box

Yes	1 Go to	15
No	<sup>2</sup> Go to	18

# 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

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	4 112
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?		1 2		3	4 113
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?		1 2		3	4 114
How much do they criticise you?		1 2		3	4 115
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?		1 2		3	4 116
How much do they get on your nerves?		1 2		3	4 117

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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?

	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	118
Speak on the phone	1	2	3	4	5	5 6	119
Write or email	1	2	3	4		5 6	120
How many of your children would you say you have a close relationship with?							
Please wri	te the nun	nber in thi	s box				

18	Do you have any other immediate family, for example, any brothers or sisters, parents, cousins or grandchildren?	Tick one box     Yes   1 Go to 19     No   2 Go to 22	123
19	We would now like to ask you some questions ab Please tick the box which best shows how you fe	-	
		Tick <u>one</u> box on each line	
		A Some A Not at lot little all	
	How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?	1 2 3 4	124
	How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?	1 2 3 4	125
	How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?	1 2 3 4	126
	How much do they criticise you?	1 2 3 4	127
	How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?	1 2 3 4	128
	How much do they get on your nerves?	1 2 3 4	129

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**20** On average, how often do you do each of the following with <u>any</u> of these family members, not counting any who live with you?

	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	130			
Speak on the phone	1	2	3	4	5	6	131			
Write or email	1	2	3	4	5	6	132			
How many of these family members would you say you have a close <sup>133-134</sup> relationship with?										
Please write the number in this box										

Tick one box on each line

Do you have any friends?	
	Tick <u>one</u> box
	Yes 🦳 🗉 Go to 23
	No 📃 2 Go to 26

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

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

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	4 136
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?		1 2		3	4 137
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?		1 2		3	4 138
How much do they criticise you?		1 2		3	4 139
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?		1 2		3	4 140
How much do they get on your nerves?		1 2		3	4 141

**24** 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?

	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	142			
Speak on the phone	1	2	3	4	5	6	143			
Write or email	1	2	3	4	5	6	144			
How many of your friends would you say you have a close 145-146 relationship with?										
Please write the number in this box										

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

Yes	1 Go to	27
No	<sup>2</sup> Go to	29

# **27** Here are some statements people might use to describe their work. We would like to know how strongly you think these apply to the paid employment you did in the last month. *Tick <u>one</u> box on each line*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree		
All things considered I am satisfied with my job	1	2	3	4 148		
My job is physically demanding	1	2	3	4 149		
I receive the recognition I deserve for my work	1	2	3	4 150		
My salary is adequate	1	2	3	4 151		
My job promotion prospects are poor	1	2	3	4 152		
My job security is poor	1	2	3	4 153		
I am under constant time pressure due to a heavy workload	1	2	3	4 154		
I have very little freedom to decide how I do my work	1	2	3	4 155		
I have the opportunity to develop new skills	1	2	3	4 156		
I receive adequate support in difficult situations	1	2	3	4 157		
At work, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations	1	2	3	4 158		
Considering the things I have to do at work, I have to work very fast	1	2	3	4 159		
At what age would you like to retire?				160-162		
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l have alr	I have already retired					

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 place yourself.  $\sidesimplessimple$ 

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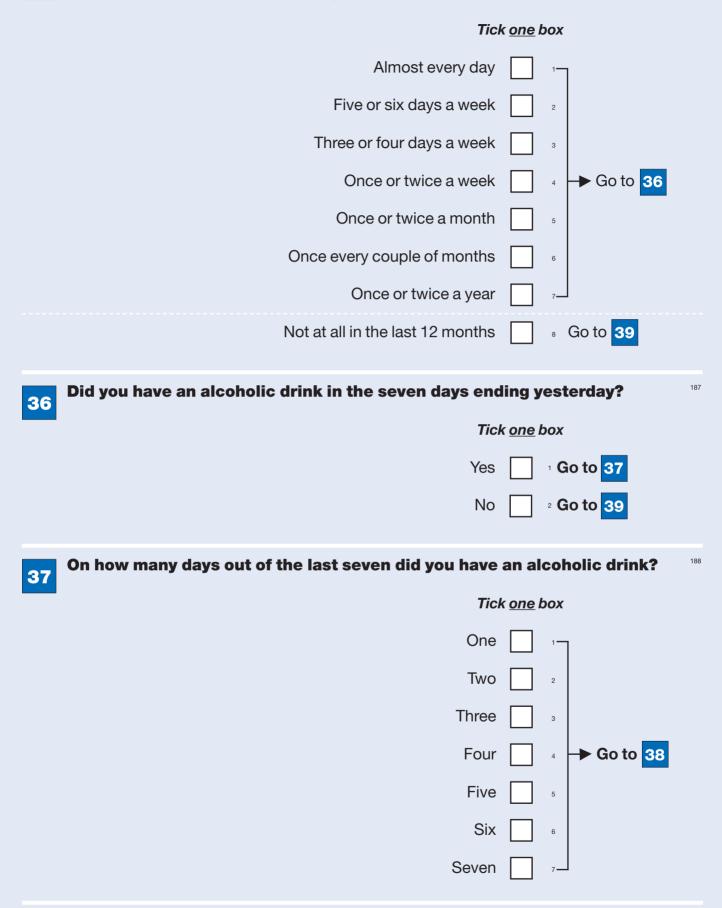
30	Has your position on the ladder changed within the last two years?							
	Tick <u>one</u> box							
	Yes, I have moved up							
	Yes, I have moved down							
	No. my position has not changed							

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<b>31</b> The next few questions are about how you feel about your age and experience of growing older.												
How old do you feel that you ar	e?											
Write in years												
<b>32</b> What age would you like to be?		e in years		]	170-172							
On the whole, has growing olde	er been a p	ositive o	r negative	e experier	173 <sup>173</sup>							
33	Tick one box											
	leither positiv		v Ve	ery								
positive positive	nor negative	negativ	re nega	ative								
1 2	3		4	5								
<b>34</b> Thinking of old age and your ov		-	•	at extent (	do you							
agree or disagree with each of	the followi	•	ments? one box on	each line								
	Strongly	Slightly	Neither	Slightly	Strongly							
	agree	agree	agree nor disagree	disagree	disagree							
We can learn a lot from old people	1	2	3	4	5 17							
As I get older, I expect to become more lonely	1	2	3	4	5 17							
Old age is a time of ill health	1	2	3	4	5 17							
As I grow older, I become more tolerant	1	2	3	4	5 17							
Old age is a time of loneliness	1	2	3	4	5 17							
As I get older, I expect to be able to do the things I've always done	1	2	3	4	5 17							
When I think of old people, I think of them as generally grumpy and miserable	· .	2	3	4	5 18							
I worry that my health will get worse as I grow older	1	2	3	4	5 18							
I don't think of myself as old	1	2	3	4	5 18							
Old people don't get respect in society	1	2	3	4	5 18							
Retirement is a time of leisure	1	2	3	4	5 18							
Growing older doesn't bother me	1	2	3	4	5 18							

Thinking now about all kinds of drinks, how often have you had an alcoholic drink of any kind during the last 12 months?

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Please think about the day in the last week on which you drank the most.
(If you drank the same amount on more than one day, please answer about the most recent of those days.)

From this list, please tick all the types of alcoholic drink which you drank <u>on that day</u>.

For the ones you drank, write in how much you drank <u>on that day</u>. EXCLUDE NON-ALCOHOLIC OR LOW-ALCOHOL DRINKS, EXCEPT SHANDY.

Tick all drinks drunk on that day	189-204		Glasses (Count doubles as 2 singles)	Pints	Large cans or bottles	Small cans or bottles	
<u>Normal</u> strength beer, lager, stout, cider or shandy (less than 6% alcohol) – exclude bottles/cans of shandy		01					205-212
<u>Strong</u> beer, lager, stout or cider (6% alcohol or more, such as Tennants Extra, Special Brew, Diamond White)		02					213-220
Spirits or liqueurs, such as gin, whisky, rum, brandy, vodka, or cocktails		03					221-222
Sherry or martini (including port, vermouth, cinzano, dubonnet)		04					223-224
Wine (including babycham and champagne)		05					225-226
Alcoholic soft drinks or 'alcopops' (such as Barcardi Breezer, Smirnoff Ice)		06					227-228
Other kinds of alcoholic drink Write in name of drink							
1		07					229-238
2		08					239-248

# Write in how much drunk on that day



If there is anything else you would like to tell us, please write in the space below. We shall be very interested to read what you have to say. 249

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.