## P2496/BLUE



# 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 $\square$
Or writing a number in a box like this $\square$
Sometimes you will find an instruction telling you which questions to answer next like this:

Yes $\square$
No $\checkmark$ Goo 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.



Thinking about all the organisations, clubs or societies that you are a member of, how many committee meetings, if any, do you attend in a year?

Please write the number in this box $\square$

## 4 <br> Now some questions about your social activities. How often, if at all, do you do any of the following activities?

Tick one box on each line


Would you like to do any of the following activities more often but feel that, for whatever reason, you cannot?

Tick one box on each line


Go to the theatre, a concert or the opera $\square$


Have you recently...

| ...been able to concentrate on whatever you're doing? | Better than usual $\square$ 1 | Same as usual $\square$ 2 | Less than usual $\square$ 3 | Much less than usual $\square$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ...lost much sleep over worry? | Not at all $\square$ | No more than usual $\square$ 2 | Rather more than usual $\square$ 3 | Much more than usual $\square$ 63 |
| ...felt you were playing a useful part in things? | More so than usual $\square$ | Same as usual $\square$ 2 | Less useful than usual $\square$ 3 | Much less useful $\square$ 4 |
| ...felt capable of making decisions? | More so than usual $\square$ | Same as usual $\square$ 2 | Less so than usual $\square$ 3 | Much less capable $\square$ 4 |
| ...felt constantly under strain? | Not at all $\square$ $\square$ | No more than usual $\square$ 2 | Rather more than usual $\square$ 3 | Much more than usual $\square$ 66 |
| ...felt you couldn't overcome your difficulties? | Not at all $\square$ | No more than usual $\square$ | Rather more than usual 3 | Much more than usual $\square$ |
| ...been able to enjoy your normal day-to-day activities? | More so than usual $\square$ | Same as usual $\square$ 2 | Less so than usual $\square$ 3 | Much less than usual $\square$ 4 |
| ...been able to face up to your problems? | More so than usual $\square$ | Same as usual $\square$ 2 | Less able than usual $\square$ 3 | Much less able $\square$ 4 |
| ...been feeling unhappy and depressed? | Not at all $\square$ | No more than usual $\square$ 2 | Rather more than usual 3 | Much more than usual $\square$ 4 |
| ...been losing confidence in yourself? | Not at all $\square$ | No more than usual $\square$ 2 | Rather more than usual $\square$ 3 | Much more than usual $\square$ 4 |

Not at No more Rather more Much more all than usual than usual than usual
...been thinking of yourself as a worthless person?

More so than usual



Much less than usual

...been feeling reasonably happy, all things considered? $\square$ 2


## Tick one box on each line

| Strongly <br> agree | Slightly <br> agreeNeither <br> agree <br> nor <br> disagree | Slightly <br> disagree | Disagree |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


The conditions of my life are excellent


I am satisfied with my life


So far I have got the important things I want in life


If I could live my life again, I would change almost nothing $\square$
$\square$
 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 one box on each line
Strongly Moderately Slightly Slightly Moderately Strongly agree agree agree disagree disagree disagree
At home, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations


I feel that what happens in life is often determined by factors beyond my control

$6 \quad 80$

In general, I have different demands that I think are hard to combine


In general, I have enough time to do everything


Considering the things I have to do at home, I have to work very fast

$\square$
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$6 \quad 83$

Tick one box on each line
Often Some- Not Never times Often

My age prevents me from doing the things I would like to $\square$
$\square$
$\square$


I feel that what happens to me is out of my control $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$
I feel free to plan for the future $\square$

$\square$ I feel left out of things $\square$
$\square$


I can do the things that I want to do $\square$
$\square$

$\square$
Family responsibilities prevent me from doing what I want to do $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$
I feel that I can please myself what I do $\square$

$\square$
My health stops me from doing things I want to do $\square$
$\square$

$\square$
Shortage of money stops me from doing the things I want to do $\square$
$\square$

$\square$
I look forward to each day $\square$

$\square$
$\square$
I feel that my life has meaning $\square$


| I enjoy the things that I do <br> I enjoy being in the company of others |
| :--- |


$\square$

$\square$
On balance, I look back on my life with a sense of happiness $\square$
$\square$

$\square$
I feel full of energy these days $\square$


I choose to do things that I have never done before $\square$
$\square$


I feel satisfied with the way my life has turned out $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$ I feel that life is full of opportunities


I feel that the future looks good for me

$\square$
$\square$
$\square$

The next questions are about how you feel about different aspects of
your life. For each one, please say how often you feel that way.


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.

Tick one box on each line


I feel that I don't
belong in this area
There is no problem with vandalism and graffiti in this area

I have never felt lonely living in this area

Most people in this area can't be trusted

People feel safe walking alone in this area after dark

Most people in this area are unfriendly

People in this area will always treat you fairly

This area is always full of litter and rubbish

If you were in trouble, there is nobody in this area who would help you

Tick one box


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 one box on each line


How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?


How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?


How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?

$\square$
$\square$


How much do they criticise you?

$\square$ 2

$\square$
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?

$\square$ 2 $\square$ 3


How much do they get on your nerves? $\square$
$\square$ 2 $\square$ 3 $\square$


Tick one box


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

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { A } \\ \text { lot } \end{gathered}$ | Some | A <br> little | Not at all |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| How much do they really understand the way you feel about things? |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{126}$ |
| How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem? |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{127}$ |
| How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries? |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{128}$ |
| How much do they criticise you? |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{129}$ |
| How much do they let you down when you are counting on them? |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{130}$ |
| How much do they get on your nerves? |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{131}$ |

On average, how often do you do each of the following with any of your children, not counting any who live with you?

Tick one box on each line


How many of your children would you say you have a close relationship with?

Please write the number in this box $\square$ example, any brothers or sisters, parents, cousins or grandchildren?

Tick one box


We would now like to ask you some questions about these family members. Please tick the box which best shows how you feel about each statement.

Tick one box on each line

|  | A <br> lot | Some | Not at <br> little |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| How much do they really understand the way you |  |  |  |
| feel about things? |  |  |  |$\quad$| all |
| :--- |

On average, how often do you do each of the following with any of these family members, not counting any who live with you?

Tick one box on each line

|  | Three <br> or more <br> times <br> a week | Once <br> or twice <br> a week | Once <br> or twice <br> a month | Every <br> few <br> months | Once <br> or twice <br> a year | Less than <br> once <br> a year <br> or never |  |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Meet up (include both arranged <br> and chance meetings) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

How many of these family members would you say you have a close relationship with?

Please write the number in this box $\square$

Tick one box


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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.

Tick one box on each line

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { A } \\ \text { lot } \end{gathered}$ | Some | A little | Not at all |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| How much do they really understand the way you feel about things? |  |  |  |  |  | 150 |
| How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem? |  |  |  |  |  | 151 |
| How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries? |  |  |  |  |  | 152 |
| How much do they criticise you? |  |  |  |  |  | 153 |
| How much do they let you down when you are counting on them? |  |  |  |  |  | 154 |
| How much do they get on your nerves? |  |  |  |  |  | 155 |

On average, how often do you do each of the following with any of your friends, not counting any who live with you?

Tick one 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) | $\pm$ | $\square$ |  | ] | $\pm$ |  | $6 \quad 156$ |
| Speak on the phone | , | $\square{ }^{2}$ | $]^{3}$ | $\square 4$ | , | , | $6 \quad 157$ |
| Write or email | 1 | $\square 2$ |  | $]^{4}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $6 \quad 158$ | relationship with?

Please write the number in this box $\square$

Tick one box


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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 one box on each line

|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All things considered I am satisfied with my job | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | 162 |
| My job is physically demanding | $\square$ | $\square{ }^{2}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | ${ }^{163}$ |
| I receive the recognition I deserve for my work | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | 164 |
| My salary is adequate | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | 4165 |
| My job promotion prospects are poor | $\square$, | $]^{2}$ | $\square{ }^{3}$ | $\square$ | 4166 |
| My job security is poor | $\square$, | $]^{2}$ | , |  | 167 |
| I am under constant time pressure due to a heavy workload | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | 168 |
| I have very little freedom to decide how I do my work | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | 169 |
| I have the opportunity to develop new skills | $\square$ | $\square{ }^{2}$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | 4170 |
| I receive adequate support in difficult situations | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | 171 |
| At work, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | 172 |
| Considering the things I have to do at work, I have to work very fast | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | ${ }^{173}$ |

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At what age would you like to retire?
Write in years $\square$
I have already retired $\square$ ${ }^{996}$

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 rung on the ladder where you would place yourself.
Example:

$\square$
Yes, I have moved down $\square$
$\square$

Tick one box


Did you have an alcoholic drink in the seven days ending yesterday?
Tick one box



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 on that day.
For the ones you drank, write in how much you drank on that day. EXCLUDE NON-ALCOHOLIC OR LOW-ALCOHOL DRINKS, EXCEPT SHANDY.
$\left.\begin{array}{llllll} & & \text { Write in how much drunk on that day } \\ \text { Glasses } \\ \text { (Count } \\ \text { doubles } \\ \text { as 2 } \\ \text { singles) }\end{array}\right)$

## Write in number

Salad (cereal bowlfuls) $\square$
Tablespoons of vegetables (raw, cooked, frozen or tinned) Include peas and greens. Do not include potatoes


Tablespoons of pulses such as baked beans, red kidney beans, lentils


Tablespoons of other dishes mainly made from vegetables or pulses, such as vegetable lasagne or vegetable curry


Using the measures below, how much of the following did you eat yesterday? Please read through the whole list before answering. For each food type, write '0' if none eaten.

## Write in number

Average handfuls of very small fruit, such as grapes, berries $\square$
Small fruit, such as plums, satsumas $\square$
Medium fruit, such as apples, bananas, oranges


Half a large fruit, such as grapefruit


Average slices of a very large fruit, such as melon


Tablespoons of frozen or tinned fruit


Tablespoons of dried fruit, such as raisins, apricots


Tablespoons of other dishes made mainly from fruit such as fruit salad or fruit pies


Small glasses of fruit juice


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.

