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Health and lifestyles of people aged 50 and over

Self-Completion Questionnaire
In Confidence

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	√ Go to	

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

Which of these statements apply to you?	II 415 a 4 a 5 5 5	20-35
I ICK <u>al</u>	<u>ll</u> that app	oly
I voted in the last General Election	01	
I read a daily newspaper	02	
I have a hobby or pastime	03	
I have taken a holiday in the UK in the last 12 months	04	
I have taken a holiday abroad in the last 12 months	05	
I have gone on a daytrip or outing in the last 12 months	06	
I use the internet and/or email	07	
I own a mobile phone	08	
None of these statements apply to me	09	
Are you a member of any of these organisations, club	s or soc	ieties? 36-51
Tick at	<u>II</u> that app	oly
Political party, trade union or environmental groups	01	
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Tenants groups, resident groups, Neighbourhood Watch	02	
Tenants groups, resident groups, Neighbourhood Watch Church or other religious groups		
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Church or other religious groups	02	→ Go to 3
Church or other religious groups Charitable associations	02 03 04	→ Go to 3
Church or other religious groups Charitable associations Education, arts or music groups or evening classes	02 03 04 05	— ▶ Go to 3
Church or other religious groups Charitable associations Education, arts or music groups or evening classes Social clubs	02 03 04 05 06	→ Go to 3
Church or other religious groups Charitable associations Education, arts or music groups or evening classes Social clubs Sports clubs, gyms, exercise classes	02 03 04 05 06 07	→ Go to 3 Go to 4
Church or other religious groups Charitable associations Education, arts or music groups or evening classes Social clubs Sports clubs, gyms, exercise classes Any other organisations, clubs or societies	02 03 04 04 05 06 07 08 09	Go to 4

Now some questions about your social activities. How often, if at all, do you do any of the following activities?								
Tick <u>one</u> box on each line								
	Twice 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		
Eat out of the hous	e ¹	2	3	4	5	6		
Go to an art gallery or museur	n 1	2	3	4	5	6		
Go to the theatre, a concert or the oper	a ¹	2	3	4	5	6		
Would you like to do any of to for whatever reason, you can		ore often x on each l No		that,				
	Go to	the cinem	ıa 🔲 1	2		58		
	Eat out of	f the hous	se 🔲 1	2		59		
Go to an a	art gallery	or museur	m 1	2		60		
Go to the theatre, a	concert o	r the oper	a 🔲 1	2		61		

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

Have you recently		Tick one box	on each line		
been able to concentrate on	Better than usual	Same as usual	Less than usual	Much less than usual	
whatever you're doing?	1	2	3	4	62
	Not at all	No more than usual	Rather more than usual	Much more than usual	
lost much sleep over worry?	1	2	3	4	63
felt you were playing a useful part in things?	More so than usual	Same as usual	Less useful than usual	Much less useful	64
felt capable of making decisions?	More so than usual	Same as usual	Less so than usual	Much less capable	65
felt constantly under strain?	Not at all	No more than usual	Rather more than usual	Much more than usual	66
felt you couldn't overcome your difficulties?	Not at all	No more than usual	Rather more than usual	Much more than usual	67
been able to enjoy your normal day-to-day activities?	More so than usual	Same as usual	Less so than usual	Much less than usual	68
been able to face up to your problems?	More so than usual	Same as usual	Less able than usual	Much less able	69
been feeling unhappy and depressed?	Not at all	No more than usual	Rather more than usual	Much more than usual	70
been losing confidence in yourself?	Not at all	No more than usual	Rather more than usual	Much more than usual	71

	been thinking of yourself as a worthless person?	Not at all		lo more an usual	Rather mor than usua	l than	n more usual	72
	been feeling reasonably happy, all things considered?	More so		out same as usual	Less so than usua		h less usual	73
	Please say how much you agree of Strongly agree	Agree S		<u>e</u> box on e Neither agree nor	each line	stateme Disagree		-
	In most ways my life is close to my ideal	2	3	disagree	5	6		7 74
The	e conditions of my life are excellent	2	3	4	5	6		7 75
	I am satisfied with my life	2	3	4	5	6		7 76
	So far I have got the important things I want in life	2	3	4	5	6		7 77
	If I could live my life again, I would change almost nothing	2	3	4	5	6		7 78
	Here are some questions about he Please say how much you agree		ree w	ith the fo			_	
	Strong agree	ly Modera agre	ately S	lightly	Slightly Mo isagree d	-	•	•
	At home, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations	1	2	3	4	5		6 79
det	I feel that what happens in life is often ermined by factors beyond my control	1	2	3	4	5		6 80
	In general, I have different demands that I think are hard to combine	1	2	3	4	5		6 81
	In general, I have enough time to do everything	1	2	3	4	5		6 82
	Considering the things I have to do at home, I have to work very fast	1	2	3	4	5		6 83

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Here is a list of statements that people have used to describe their lives or how they feel. How often, do you feel like this?

Tick one box on each line

	Often	Some- times	Not Often	Neve	r	
My age prevents me from doing the things I would like to		1 :	2	3	4	84
I feel that what happens to me is out of my control		1 :	2	3	4	85
I feel free to plan for the future		1 :	2	3	4	86
I feel left out of things		1 :	2	3	4	87
I can do the things that I want to do		1 :	2	3	4	88
Family responsibilities prevent me from doing what I want to do		1 :	2	3	4	89
I feel that I can please myself what I do		1 :	2	3	4	90
My health stops me from doing things I want to do		1 :	2	3	4	91
Shortage of money stops me from doing the things I want to do		1 :	2	3	4	92
I look forward to each day		1 :	2	3	4	93
I feel that my life has meaning		1 :	2	3	4	94
I enjoy the things that I do		1 :	2	3	4	95
I enjoy being in the company of others		1 :	2	3	4	96
On balance, I look back on my life with a sense of happiness		1 :	2	3	4	97
I feel full of energy these days		1 :	2	3	4	98
I choose to do things that I have never done before		1 :	2	3	4	99
I feel satisfied with the way my life has turned out		1 :	2	3	4	100
I feel that life is full of opportunities		1 :	2	3	4	101
I feel that the future looks good for me		1 :	2	3	4	102

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

	Tick <u>one</u>	box on e	ach line	
	Hardly ever or never	Some of the time	Often	
How often do you feel you lack companionship?	1	2	3	100
How often do you feel left out?	1	2	3	104
How often do you feel isolated from others?	1	2	3	105
How often do you feel in tune with the people around you?	1	2	3	106
How often do you feel lonely?	1	2	3	107

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 really feel part of this area	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	I feel that I don't belong in this area	108
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	109
I often feel lonely living in this area	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	I have never felt lonely living in this area	110
Most people in this area can be trusted	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Most people in this area can't be trusted	111
People would be afraid to walk alone after dark in this area	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	People feel safe walking alone in this area after dark	112
Most people in this area are friendly	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Most people in this area are unfriendly	113
People in this area will take advantage of you	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	People in this area will always treat you fairly	114
This area is kept very clean	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	This area is always full of litter and rubbish	115
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	116

12	Do you have a husband, wife or partner with w	whom you live?	117
		Tick <u>one</u> box	
		Yes Go to 13	
		No 2 Go to 15	
13	We would now like to ask you some questions Please tick the box which best shows how you		
		Tick one box on each line	
		A Some A Not at lot little all	
	How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?		118
	How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?		119
	How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?		120
	How much do they criticise you?	2 3 4	121
	How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?		122
	How much do they get on your nerves?		123
14	How close is your relationship with your spous	ise or partner?	124
		Tick <u>one</u> box	
	Ve	ery close	
	Quit	ite close 2	
	Not ve	ery close 3	
	Not at a	all close 4	

15	Do you have any children? Tick one box								125
				Ye	s 🗍	Go to	16		
				No	o 🔲 :	₂ Go to	19		
16	We would now like to ask yo Please tick the box which be							nt.	
				Tick	one box	on eac	h line		
				A lot	Some	A little	Not at all		
	How much do they really und		e way you out things'		1 2		3	4	126
	How much can you rely	e ?	1 2		3	4	127		
	How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?						3	4	128
	How much do they criticise you? 1 2 3 4							4	129
	How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?						4	130	
	How much do they	get on you	ur nerves'	?	1 2	2	3	4	131
17	On average, how often do yo children, not counting any w				ing with	any o	of your		
			_		oox on ea	ch line			
		Three or more times a week	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month		ort	wice year	ess tha once a year or neve	
	Meet up (include both arranged and chance meetings)	1	2		3	4	5		6 132
	Speak on the phone	1	2		3	4	5		6 133
	Write or email	1	2		3	4	5		6 134
18	How many of your children vertelationship with?	vould yo	u say yo	u have	a close			135-	136
	- Please wri	te the num	nber in thi	s box		7			

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19	Do you have any other immediate family, for example, any brothers or sisters, parents, Tick one box						137
	cousins or grandchildren?	Yes	1 (Go to 20			
			No	2	Go to 23		
20	We would now like to ask you some que Please tick the box which best shows h				-		
			Tick o	ne box o	n each line	,	
			A lot	Some	A Not little al		
	How much do they really understand the feel abou		1 1	2	3	4	138
	How much can you rely on them if a serious p	•	1 1 1	2	3	4	139
	How much can you open up to them if yo talk about your	1 1	2	3	4	140	
	How much do they critic	1	2	3	4	141	
	How much do they let you down ware counting of	•	1 1	2	3	4	142
	How much do they get on you	r nerves?	1	2	3	4	143
21	On average, how often do you do each family members, not counting any wh			_	any of the	ese	
			ick <u>one</u> bo		h 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 th once a yea or nev	e ır
	Meet up (include both arranged and chance meetings)	2	3		4	5	6 14
	Speak on the phone	2	3		4	5	6 14
	Write or email 1	2	3		4	5	6 14
22	How many of these family members v relationship with?	vould yo	ou say yo	u have	a close	14	7-148
	Please write the num	ber in this	s box				

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23	Do you have any friends? Tick one box						
			Yes	Go to 24			
			No 2	Go to 27			
24	We would now like to ask yo Please tick the box which be		_		ent.		
			Tick one box	on each line			
			A Some lot	A Not at little all			
	How much do they really und	erstand the way you feel about things?	1 1 2	3	4 150		
	How much can you rely	on them if you have a serious problem?	1 1 2	3	4 151		
	How much can you open up to talk	1 1 2	3	4 152			
	How much d	1 2	3	4 153			
	How much do they let are	you down when you e counting on them?	1 1 2	з 📗	4 154		
	How much do they	get on your nerves?	1 2	3	4 155		
25	On average, how often do yo friends, not counting any wh		following with	any of your			
		T	ick <u>one</u> box on ea	ch line			
		Three Once or more or twice times a week	Once Every or twice few a month month	or twice s a year	ess than once a year or never		
	Meet up (include both arranged and chance meetings)	1 2	3	4 5	6 15		
	Speak on the phone	1 2	3	4 5	6 15		
	Write or email	1 2	3	4 5	6 15		
26	How many of your friends we relationship with?	ould you say you	have a close		159-160		
	·	te the number in this	s box				

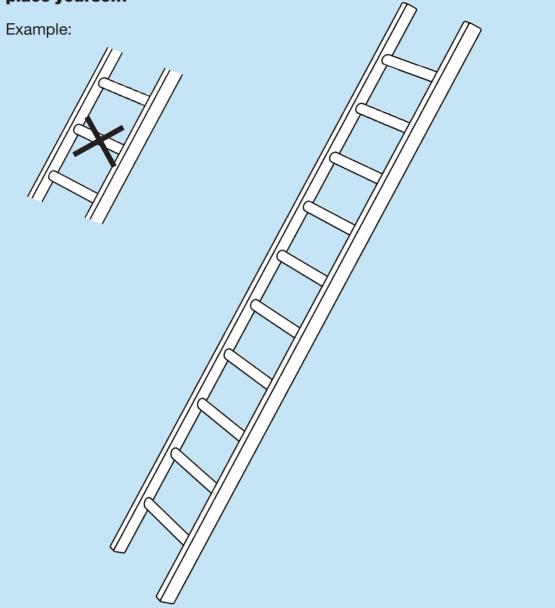
		`	Yes	₁ Go to	28	
			No 🗌	² Go to	30	
28	Here are some statements people mig We would like to know how strongly yo employment you did in the last month.	u think thes				
		Tick	one box	on each lin	ie	
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
	All things considered I am satisfied with my job	1	2	3	4	162
	My job is physically demanding	1	2	3	4	163
	I receive the recognition I deserve for my work	1	2	3	4	164
	My salary is adequate	1	2	3	4	165
	My job promotion prospects are poor	1	2	3	4	166
	My job security is poor	1	2	3	4	167
	I am under constant time pressure due to a heavy workload	1	2	3	4	168
	I have very little freedom to decide how I do my work	1	2	3	4	169
	I have the opportunity to develop new skills	1	2	3	4	170
	I receive adequate support in difficult situations	1	2	3	4	171
	At work, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations	1	2	3	4	172
	Considering the things I have to do at work, I have to work very fast	1	2	3	4	173
29	At what age would you like to retire?	Vrite in years			174	-176
	I have al	ready retired	996			

Tick one box

Were you in paid employment last month?

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.



Has your position on the ladder changed within the last two years?

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Yes, I have moved up		1
Yes, I have moved down		2
No, my position has not changed		3

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32	Thinking now about all kinds of drinks, how often have you had an alcoholic drink of any kind during the last 12 months?						
	Tic	k <u>one</u>	box				
	Almost every day		1				
	Five or six days a week		2				
	Three or four days a week		3				
	Once or twice a week		4	→ Go to 33			
	Once or twice a month		5				
	Once every couple of months		6				
	Once or twice a year		7				
	Not at all in the last 12 months		8	Go to 36			
					100		
33	Did you have an alcoholic drink in the seven days en				182		
	Tic	k <u>one</u>	box				
	Yes		1 G	io to 34			
	No		2 G	ão to <mark>36</mark>			
	On how many days and of the last seven did you have		laal	halia duinka	183		
34	On how many days out of the last seven did you have						
	Tic	k <u>one</u>	box				
	One		1				
	Two		2				
	Three		3				
	Four		4	→ Go to 35			
	Five		5				
	Six		6				
	Seven		7				

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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 on that day.

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**.

			Write in h	ow much	drunk on	that day	
Tick all drinks drunk on that day	184-199		Glasses (Count doubles as 2 singles)	Pints	Large cans or bottles	Small cans or bottles	
Normal strength beer, lager, stout, cider or shandy (less than 6% alcohol) – exclude bottles/cans of shandy		01					200-207
Strong beer, lager, stout or cider (6% alcohol or more, such as Tennants Extra, Special Brew, Diamond White)		02					208-215
Spirits or liqueurs, such as gin, whisky, rum, brandy, vodka, or cocktails		03					216-217
Sherry or martini (including port, vermouth, cinzano, dubonnet)		04					218-219
Wine (including babycham and champagne)		05					220-221
Alcoholic soft drinks or 'alcopops' (such as Barcardi Breezer, Smirnoff Ice)		06					222-223
Other kinds of alcoholic drink Write in name of drink							
1		07					224-225
2		08					226-227

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							
Salad (cereal bowlfuls)	228-229						
Tablespoons of vegetables (raw, cooked, frozen or tinned) Include peas and greens. Do not include potatoes	230-231						
Tablespoons of pulses such as baked beans, red kidney beans, lentils	232-233						
Tablespoons of other dishes mainly made from vegetables or pulses, such as vegetable lasagne or vegetable curry	234-235						
Using the measures below, how much of the followin	g did you eat yesterday?						
Please read through the whole list before answering. For each food type, write '0' if none eaten. We	rite in number						
Average handfuls of very small fruit, such as grapes, berries	236-237						
Small fruit, such as plums, satsumas	238-239						
Medium fruit, such as apples, bananas, oranges	240-241						
Half a large fruit, such as grapefruit	242-243						
Average slices of a very large fruit, such as melon	244-245						
Tablespoons of frozen or tinned fruit	246-247						
Tablespoons of dried fruit, such as raisins, apricots	248-249						
Tablespoons of other dishes made mainly from fruit such as fruit salad or fruit pies	250-251						
Small glasses of fruit juice	252-253						
If there is anything else you would like to tell us, plea	ase write in the space						
below. We shall be very interested to read what you h							

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.