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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 $\square$
No $\triangle$ Goto 1
Sometimes you will find a question asking how often you have done something over a period of time. If you have not done it at all, please write ' 0 ' in the box.

## 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, or if you have agreed to a nurse visit, please hand it back to them when they call.
If not, please return the completed questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope as soon as you possibly can.

| Tick all that apply |
| ---: |
| I read a daily newspaper $\quad$I |
| I have a hobby or pastime |

Are you a member of any of these organisations, clubs or societies?
Tick all that apply


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? If none, please enter ' 0 '.

Please write the number in this box $\square$

How easy or difficult is it for you to get to each of the following places using your usual forms of transport?

Tick one box on each line


5 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
 for whatever reason, you cannot?

Tick one box on each line

$\square$

The next three questions are about watching television.
How many hours of television do you watch on an ordinary day or evening during the week, that is, Monday to Friday?

Please write in hours (from 0 to 24) $\square$
And thinking now about an ordinary weekend. How many hours of television do you normally watch in total over the weekend, that is, Saturday and Sunday?

Please write in hours (from 0 to 48) $\square$
How often do you watch the following types of television programme?
Tick one box on each line


Here are some questions about everyday life. Please say how often you would be willing to do the following.

## Tick one box on each line

| Never Rarely |  |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Some- <br> times |
| Very <br> Often |  |

Help a stranger in the street
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 Lend an item of some value (e.g. a tool) to a neighbour or an acquaintance $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$


Pay a little more to buy an item from a shop I want to support

$\square$。


Take responsibility for an acquaintance's or friend's mistake when they need this kind of help $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$

Bend my own rules to help someone out of a difficult situation

$\square$。 $\square$ 4 $\square$

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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 |  |  |  |

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

$6 \quad 98$

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


In general, I have enough time to do everything


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


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.

Tick one box on each line

| Hardly <br> ever or <br> never | Some <br> of the <br> time | Often |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |


| How often do you feel you lack companionship? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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- Not Never |
| :--- |
| times Often |

My age prevents me from doing the things I would like to $\square$
$\square$
$\square$ $4 \quad 107$ I feel that what happens to me is out of my control $\square$
$\square$
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I feel free to plan for the future $\square$
$\square$
$\square$


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 $\square$
$\square$


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 $\square$
$\square$


I enjoy the things that I do $\square$


I enjoy being in the company of others $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$
On balance, I look back on my life with a sense of happiness $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$

I feel full of energy these days $\square$
I choose to do things that I have never done before $\square$
$\square$

$\square$
I feel satisfied with the way my life has turned out $\square$

$\square$
I feel that life is full of opportunities $\square$
$\square$
 I feel that the future looks good for me $\square$
$\square$

$\square$

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

|  | 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? |  | $\square$ |  |  | 4 |
| How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem? |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries? |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| How much do they criticise you? |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| How much do they let you down when you are counting on them? |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| How much do they get on your nerves? |  |  |  | ${ }^{3} \square$ | 4 |
| How close is your relationship with your spouse or partner? |  |  |  |  |  |

Tick one box


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 | $\underset{\text { little }}{\text { A }}$ | Not at all |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| How much do they really understand the way you feel about things? |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{135}$ |
| How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem? |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{196}$ |
| How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries? |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{137}$ |
| How much do they criticise you? |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{138}$ |
| How much do they let you down when you are counting on them? |  |  |  | $\square$ | ${ }^{139}$ |
| How much do they get on your nerves? |  |  |  | $\square$ | ${ }_{10} 10$ |

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

| Three | Once | Once | Every | Once | Less than |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| or more | or twice | or twice | few | or twice | once |
| times | a week | a month | months | a year | a year |
| a week |  |  |  |  |  |



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

Please write the number in this box $\square$

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Do you have any other immediate family, for 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

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { A } \\ \text { lot } \end{gathered}$ | Some | A <br> little | Not at all |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| How much do they really understand the way you feel about things? |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{147}$ |
| How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem? |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{148}$ |
| How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries? |  |  |  |  |  | 149 |
| How much do they criticise you? |  |  |  |  |  | 150 |
| How much do they let you down when you are counting on them? |  |  |  |  |  | 151 |
| How much do they get on your nerves? |  | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | 4 | 152 |

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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 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) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square{ }^{\circ}$ | $6 \quad 153$ |
| Speak on the phone | $\square$ | $\square$ | , | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square{ }^{6}$ | 6 $\quad 154$ |
| Write or email | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | ${ }^{6}$ | 6155 |

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


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

|  | A Some |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| lot |  |$\quad$| A Not at |
| :---: |
| little |

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) | $ـ$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | 165 |
| Speak on the phone |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\square$ | 166 |
| Write or email | $\square$ |  |  |  | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | 167 |

Please write the number in this box $\square$

## Tick one box on each line

| Strongly | Moderately | Slightly <br> agree | agree | Slightly |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| agree | Moderately | Strongly |  |  |
| disagree | disagree | disagree |  |  |

## Questions about family

It is important to me that I respect the decisions made by my family
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If a relative were in financial difficulty I would help within my means

It is important to me to maintain harmony within my family


I could sacrifice my self-interest for the benefit of my family $\square$
$\square$

$\square$


## Questions about friends

It is important to me that I respect the decisions made by my friends $\square$
 $3 \quad \square \cdot \square$


If a friend were in financial difficulty I would help within my means
$\square$


It is important to me to maintain harmony in my relationships with my friends

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I like sharing things with my friends


I could sacrifice my self-interest for the benefit of my friends $\square$ $1 \square=$ $\square$ 3
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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 | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $4 \quad 180$ |
| My job is physically demanding | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $4 \quad 181$ |
| I receive the recognition I deserve for my work | $\square$ | , | $\square$ | $\square$ | $4 \quad 182$ |
| My salary is adequate | $\square$ |  | $\square{ }^{3}$ | $\square$ | $4 \quad 183$ |
| My job promotion prospects are poor |  | $\square{ }^{2}$ | $\square$ |  | $4 \quad 184$ |
| My job security is poor |  | $\square{ }^{2}$ | $\square$ |  | $4 \quad 185$ |
| I am under constant time pressure due to a heavy workload | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $4 \quad 186$ |
| I have very little freedom to decide how I do my work |  |  | $\square{ }^{3}$ |  | 4187 |
| I have the opportunity to develop new skills | $\square$ | , | $\square$ |  | $4 \quad 188$ |
| I receive adequate support in difficult situations | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | 4189 |
| At work, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $4 \quad 190$ |
| Considering the things I have to do at work, I have to work very fast | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | 191 |

Write in years $\square$
$\square$

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.


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) $\square$
Tablespoons of vegetables (raw, cooked, frozen or tinned) Include peas and greens. Do not include potatoes $\square$
Tablespoons of pulses such as baked beans, red kidney beans, lentils $\square$
$\square$

Using the measures below, how much of the following did you eat yesterday? Please read through the whole list before answering.

## Write in number

Average handfuls of very small fruit, such as grapes, berries


Small fruit, such as plums, satsumas


Medium fruit, such as apples, bananas, oranges $\square$
Half a large fruit, such as grapefruit $\square$
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


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

Tick one box


Tick one box


On how many days out of the last seven did you have an alcoholic drink?


During the last seven days, how many measures of spirits did you have? Drinks poured at home may be larger than a pub single measure - please estimate number of singles. In none, please enter ' 0 '.

Please write the number in this box $\square$ During the last seven days, how many glasses of wine did you have? Include sherry, port, vermouth. If none, please enter ' 0 '.

Please write the number in this box


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During the last seven days, how many pints of beer, lager or cider did you have? If none, please enter ' 0 '.

Please write the number in this box $\square$
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.

