

## HEALTH AND LIFESTYLES OF PEOPLE AGED 50 AND OVER <br> Self-Completion questionnaire

## In Confidence

## HOW TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the questions by:


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.

Please fill in your details below
First name $\square$ Date of birth


## HOW TO RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

If the interviewer is still in your home (or will be coming to your home for an interview) once you have completed the questionnaire, please hand it back to the interviewer. If not, please return the completed questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope as soon as you possibly can.

PLEASE START THE QUESTIONNAIRE AT QUESTION
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THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP

## Which of these statements apply to you?

$\square$
I have taken a holiday in the UK in the last 12 months $\qquad$
I have taken a holiday abroad in the last 12 months $\square$ 4
I have gone on a daytrip or outing in the last 12 months $\square$
I own a mobile phone $\square$ 6
None of these statements apply to me $\square$ 7

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


No, I am not a member of any organisations, clubs or societies $\square$ $\longrightarrow$ Go to 4

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


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

|  | Twice a <br> month <br> or more | About <br> once a <br> month | Every <br> few <br> months | About <br> once or <br> twice a <br> year | Less <br> than <br> once a <br> year | Never |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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


We would now like to ask you some questions about your use of the Internet and email.
On average, how often do you use the Internet or email?
Tick one box


In which of the following places have you used the Internet or email in the last 3 months?


On which of the following devices do you access the Internet?
Tick all that apply
Desktop computer $\square$
Laptop computer $\square$
Tablet computer (e.g. iPad, Samsung Galaxy Tab) $\square$
Smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Blackberry)
TV (e.g. games console or set top box)
$\square$ ${ }_{4}$

Other mobile devices $\square$
Don't know $\square$ 7

Do not access Internet $\square$ 8

## Tick all that apply

Sending/receiving e-mails $\square^{01}$
Finding information about goods and services $\square^{02}$
Searching for information for learning, research, fact finding


Finances (banking, paying bills) $\square 04$
Shopping/ buying goods or services $\square 05$
Selling goods or services over the Internet e.g. via auctions $\square^{06}$
Use social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, Myspace) $\square$ ${ }^{07}$

Creating, uploading or sharing content (Youtube, blogging or Flickr)


News/ newspaper/ blog websites $\square{ }^{09}$
Streaming/downloading live or on demand TV/radio (BBC iplayer, 4OD, ITV player, Demand 5) music (iTunes, Spotify), or ebooks


The next two 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) $\square$

Please say how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.
Tick one box on each line

|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Slightly agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Slightly disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In most ways my life is close to my ideal | ${ }^{1}$ | $\square{ }^{2}$ | $]^{3}$ | $\square^{4}$ | $\square 5$ | $\square 6$ | 7 |
| The conditions of my life are excellent | $ـ^{1}$ | $]^{2}$ | $]^{3}$ | $]^{4}$ | 5 | - | ${ }^{7}$ |
| I am satisfied with my life | 1 | 2 | ${ }^{3}$ | $]^{4}$ | $\square^{5}$ | ${ }^{6}$ | 7 |
| So far I have got the important things I want in life | $1$ | ${ }^{2}$ | $\square^{3}$ | $\square^{4}$ | $]^{5}$ | $\square 6$ | ${ }^{7}$ |
| If I could live my life again, I would change almost nothing | $]^{1}$ | $\square^{2}$ | ${ }^{3}$ | $]^{4}$ | $\square^{5}$ | $]^{6}$ | $\square{ }^{7}$ |

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 |
| :---: |
| agree Slightly |
| agree | | Slightly Moderately Strongly |
| :---: |
| 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 |
| In general, I have different demands that I |
| think are hard to combine |

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 ever

or never | Some of |
| :--- |
| the time |$\quad$ Often



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

I can do the things that I want to do

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Family responsibilities prevent me from doing what I want to do $\square$ I feel that I can please myself what I do My health stops me from doing things I want to do Shortage of money stops me from doing the things I want to do




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 A lot Some A little Not at all

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?

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


How much do they criticise you?

$\square$


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

$\square$ 2


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

$\square$
How often do they make too many demands on you? $\square$ 1 $\square$ 2 $\square$
$\square$

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 A lot Some A little Not at all

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?

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


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


How often do they make too many demands on you? $\square$
$\square$ 2 $\square$
$\square$

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 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) | $\square^{1}$ | $\square 2$ |  | $\square{ }^{4}$ | $\square 5$ | 6 |
| Speak on the phone | $\square^{1}$ | $\square^{2}$ | $\square^{3}$ | $\square^{4}$ | ${ }^{5}$ | 6 |
| Write or email | $\square^{1}$ | ${ }^{2}$ | $\square^{3}$ | $\square^{4}$ | ${ }^{5}$ | 6 |
| Send or receive text messages | $]^{1}$ | ${ }^{2}$ | ${ }^{3}$ | $\square^{4}$ | $\square^{5}$ | - |

Please write the number in this box $\square$

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 A lot Some A little Not at all

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 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?

$\square$


How much do they criticise you?
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?

How much do they get on your nerves?



How often do they make too many demands on you? $\square$
$\square$ 2 $\square$
$\qquad$

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 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Every } \\ & \text { few } \\ & \text { months } \end{aligned}$ | Once or twice a year | Less than once a year or never |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Meet up (include both arranged and chance meetings) |  |  | ${ }^{3}$ |  | ${ }^{5}$ | 6 |
| Speak on the phone |  |  | , | 4 | ${ }^{5}$ | ${ }^{6}$ |
| Write or email | $\square{ }^{1}$ | ${ }^{2}$ | $\square^{3}$ | 4 | ${ }^{5}$ | 6 |
| Send or receive text messages | ${ }^{1}$ | ${ }^{2}$ | $\square^{3}$ | ${ }^{4}$ | ${ }^{5}$ | $\square$ |

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



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 lot | Some | A little | Not at all |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| How much do they really understand the way you feel about things? |  |  | $]^{3}$ | 4 |
| How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem? | $\square^{1}$ |  | 3 | 4 |
| How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries? |  |  |  | ${ }^{4}$ |
| How much do they criticise you? |  |  | ${ }^{3}$ | ${ }^{4}$ |
| How much do they let you down when you are counting on them? |  |  | 3 | ${ }^{4}$ |
| How much do they get on your nerves? |  |  | $\square^{3}$ | ${ }^{4}$ |
| How often do they make too many demands on you? |  |  | $\square^{3}$ | ${ }^{4}$ |

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
$\left.\begin{array}{rllll} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Three } \\ \text { or more } \\ \text { times a } \\ \text { week }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Once or } \\ \text { twice a } \\ \text { week }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Once or } \\ \text { twice a } \\ \text { month }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Every } \\ \text { few } \\ \text { months }\end{array}\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Once or } \\ \text { twice a } \\ \text { year }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Less than } \\ \text { once a } \\ \text { year or } \\ \text { never }\end{array}\right]$
$\square$

The next questions are about paid employment. Were you in paid employment last month?

Tick one box


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



I receive the recognition I deserve for my work


My salary is adequate


My job promotion prospects are poor


My job security is poor


I am under constant time pressure due to a heavy workload


I have very little freedom to decide how I do my work


I have the opportunity to develop new skills


I receive adequate support in difficult situations


At work, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations


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


At what age would you like to retire?


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.


Now, please pause briefly to think about yesterday, from the morning until the end of the day. Think about where you were, what you were doing, who you were with, and how you felt.
What day of the week was it yesterday?
Tick one box


What time did you wake up yesterday?
For example, if you woke up at 4:00AM, please write 04 in the hour boxes, 00 in the minutes boxes and AM in the last boxes.
Hours $\square$ Minutes $\square$ AM or PM $\square$

What time did you go to sleep at the end of the day yesterday?
For example, if you went to sleep at 11:30PM, please write 11 in the hour boxes, 30 in the minutes boxes and PM in the last boxes
$\square$ Minutes $\square$ AM or PM $\square$

Tick one box


Did you feel well-rested yesterday morning (that is you slept well the night before)?

Tick one box


No


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Was yesterday a normal day for you or did something unusual happen?
Tick one box
Yes - just a normal day


No, my day included unusual bad (stressful) things $\square$
No, my day included unusual good things $\square$ 3

Please think about the things you did yesterday. How did you spend your time and how did you feel?

Yesterday did you watch TV?
Tick one box


How much time did you spend watching TV yesterday?
For example, if you spent one and a half hours, write 1 in the hours box and 30 in the minutes boxes.
$\square$ Minutes $\square$

How did you feel when you were watching TV yesterday?
Rate each feeling on a scale from 0 - did not experience at all - to 6 - the feeling was extremely strong.

Tick one box on each line


Yesterday did you work or volunteer?
Tick one box


How much time did you spend working or volunteering yesterday?
For example, if you spent nine and a half hours, write 9 in the hours box and 30 in the minutes box.
Hours Minutes $\square$

How did you feel when you were working or volunteering yesterday?
Rate each feeling on a scale from 0 - did not experience at all - to 6 - the feeling was extremely strong.



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How much time did you spend walking or exercising yesterday?
Hours $\square$ Minutes $\square$
How did you feel when you were walking or exercising yesterday?
Rate each feeling on a scale from $\mathbf{0}$ - did not experience at all - to $\mathbf{6}$ - the feeling was extremely strong.

Tick one box on each line


Yesterday did you do any health-related activities other than walking or exercise? For example, visiting a doctor, taking medications or doing treatments.

Tick one box


How much time did you spend doing health-related activities yesterday?
Hours $\square$ Minutes $\square$

How did you feel when you were doing health-related activities yesterday?
Rate each feeling on a scale from 0 - did not experience at all - to 6 - the feeling was extremely strong.


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Yesterday did you travel or commute? E.g. by car, train, bus etc.
Tick one box


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How much time did you spend travelling or commuting yesterday?
Hours $\square$ Minutes $\square$

How did you feel when you were travelling or commuting yesterday?
Rate each feeling on a scale from $\mathbf{0}$ - did not experience at all - to $\mathbf{6}$ - the feeling was extremely strong.


Yesterday did you spend time with friends or family?
Tick one box


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How much time did you spend with friends or family yesterday?
Hours $\square$ Minutes $\square$

How did you feel when you were with friends or family yesterday?
Rate each feeling on a scale from 0 - did not experience at all - to 6 - the feeling was extremely strong.

Tick one box on each line


Yesterday did you spend time at home by yourself? Without a spouse, partner, or anyone else present.

Tick one box


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Hours $\square$ Minutes $\square$

How did you feel when you were at home by yourself yesterday?
Rate each feeling on a scale from 0 - did not experience at all - to 6 - the feeling was extremely strong.

Tick one box on each line


Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?
Not at
Don't


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Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?

| Not at all <br> 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{00}$ |  |  |  |  |  |

Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?

| Not at all 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\square$ |  | $\square$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



How many portions of vegetables - excluding potatoes - do you eat on a
typical day?
If none, please enter ' 0 '.
A serving or portion of vegetables means three heaped tablespoons of green or root vegetables such as carrots, parsnips, spinach, small vegetables like peas, baked beans or sweet corn, or a medium bowl of salad (lettuce, tomatoes, etc).

Please write in portion $\square$
How many portions of fruit - of any kind - do you eat on a typical day? If none, please enter ' 0 '.
A portion of fruit is an apple or banana, a small bowl of grapes, or three tablespoons of tinned or stewed fruit. If you drink fruit juice, you can count one glass per day, but additional glasses of fruit juice do not count as additional portions.

Please write in portion $\square$

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


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


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


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. If 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 $\square$

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.
$\square$

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer our questions.
Please give the questionnaire to the interviewer, or post back in the envelope provided. All your answers will remain confidential in accordance with the Data Protection
Act 1998.

