

Interviewer ID No.
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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
Or writing a number in a box like this
Sometimes you will find instructions telling you which questions to answer next like this:


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.

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## 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

Tick all that apply


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


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 $\square$

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

|  | 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 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | whatever reason, you cannot?

Tick one box on each line

|  | Yes | No the cinema |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| Eat out of the house | $\square$ | $\square^{2}$ |
| Go to an art gallery or museum | $\square^{2}$ | $\square^{2}$ |
| Go to the theatre, a concert or the opera | $\square^{2}$ | $\square^{2}$ |

6 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?


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

Tick all that apply
$\square$
At places of work (other than home) $\square$

At another person's home $\square$
On the move $\square$
Other place (library, Internet cafe) $\square$

On which of the following devices do you access the Internet?
Tick all that apply
Laptop or Desktop computer $\square$ 1
Tablet computer (e.g. iPad, Samsung Galaxy Tab) $\square$
Smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Blackberry) $\square^{3}$
Other devices (e.g. TV, games console, set-top box and other mobile devices) $\square$

Tick all that apply


Streaming/downloading live or on demand TV/radio (BBC iplayer, 4OD, ITV player, Demand 5) music (iTunes, Spotify), or ebooks
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Games $\square$
Looking for a job or sending a job application $\square$
Other $\square$
None of the above $\square$

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

In most ways my life is close to my ideal $\square$
$\square$
 3 $\square$

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The conditions of my life are excellent

$\square$


I am satisfied with my life $\square$
$\square$

$\qquad$
So far I have got the important things I want in life


If I could live my life again, I would change almost nothing $\square$
$\square$


Tick one box on each line

|  | Hardly ever <br> or never | Some of <br> the time | 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
 I feel free to plan for the future I feel left out of things I can do the things that I want to do


Family responsibilities prevent me from doing what I want to do 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
I look forward to each day




I feel that my life has meaning
I enjoy the things that I do
I enjoy being in the company of others


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


I feel full of energy these days
I choose to do things that I have never done before I feel satisfied with the way my life has turned out I feel that life is full of opportunities I feel that the future looks good for me


 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.

Please tick one box on each line.

I really feel part of this area


Vandalism and graffiti are a big problem in this area


I often feel lonely living in this area


Most people in this area can be trusted


Most people in this area are
friendly


People in this area will take advantage of you


This area is kept very clean


If you were in trouble, there are lots of people in this area who would help you


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


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? $\square$
$\square$ 2


How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem? $\square$
$\square$ 2


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

$\square$
$\square$


How much do they criticise you? $\square$
$\square$
$\square$


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 $\qquad$



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?
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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?

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?


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


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 <br> or more <br> times a <br> week | Once or <br> twice a <br> week | Once or <br> twice a <br> month | Every <br> few <br> months | Once or <br> twice a <br> year | Less than <br> once a <br> year or <br> never |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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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 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?

How much do they criticise you?

$\square$


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

$\qquad$

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


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


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 a <br> week | Once or <br> twice a <br> week | Once or <br> twice a <br> month | Every <br> few <br> months | Once or <br> twice a <br> year | Less than <br> once a <br> year or <br> never |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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?


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

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

How much do they criticise you? $\square$
$\square$
$\square$


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? $\square$
$\square$
$\square$


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

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

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 Disagree Strongly agree disagree

All things considered I am satisfied with my job


My job is physically demanding


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

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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.


The next few questions are about how you feel about your age and experience of growing older. How old do you feel that you are?

Write in years $\square$

34 What age would you like to be?
Write in years $\square$

On the whole, has growing older been a positive or negative experience?
Tick one box


Thinking of old age and your own ageing experience, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Tick one box on each line

| Strongly | Slightly <br> agree | Neither <br> agree <br> agree <br> nor | Slightly <br> disagree | Strongly |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |

We can learn a lot from old people

As I get older, I expect to become more lonely
$\square$
 disagree
$\square$ 2

$\square$


Old age is a time of ill health


As I grow older, I become more tolerant


Old age is a time of loneliness


As I get older, I expect to be able to do the things I've always done

$\square$

When I think of old people, I think of them as generally grumpy and miserable


I worry that my health will get worse as I grow older


I don't think of myself as old
 Old people don't get respect in society


Retirement is a time of leisure


Growing older doesn't bother me

$\square$ 2


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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| 1 | 2 | $]^{3}$ | 4 | $\square 5$ | - |  |

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 $\square \square$ 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
Hours $\square$
Minutes $\square$ AM or PM $\square$

Yesterday, did you feel any pain?
Tick one box
None $\square_{1}$
A little $\square_{2}$
Some $\square_{3}$
Quite a bit $\square_{4}$
A lot $\square_{5}$

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

Tick one box


Was yesterday a normal day for you or did something unusual happen?
Tick one box
Yes - just a normal day $\square$
No, my day included unusual bad (stressful) things $\qquad$ 2

No, my day included unusual good things $\qquad$ 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?
$\square$

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 $\square$ 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.



How much time did you spend walking or exercising yesterday?
Minutes $\square$

How did you feel when you were walking or exercising 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

Feeling was extremely strong 5 6

Interested
Frustrated
Sad




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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


No $\square \longrightarrow$ Go to 55
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.


Tick one box


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How much time did you spend travelling or commuting yesterday?


Minutes $\square$

How did you feel when you were travelling or commuting 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

Feeling was extremely strong 5 6


## Yesterday did you spend time with friends or family?

Tick one box


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.
 or anyone else present.

Tick one box


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How much time did you spend at home by yourself yesterday?
Hours $\square$ Minutes


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

| Did not |
| :---: |
| experience the |
| feeling at all |
| 1 |

Happy $\square^{1}$

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Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?


65 Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?
 Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?

| Not at all |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Don't } \\ & \text { know } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{11}$ |



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## 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?

Almost every day
Five or six days a week
Three or four days a week
Once or twice a week
Once or twice a month
Once every couple of months
Once or twice a year
Not at all in the last 12 months

## Tick one box

Almost every day
Five or six days a week
Three or four days a week
Once or twice a week
Once or twice a month
Once every couple of months
Once or twice a year
Not at all in 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.

