

## HEALTH AND LIFESTYLES OF PEOPLE AGED 50 AND OVER Self-Completion questionnaire In Confidence

## THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS FOR



## HOW TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the questions by:
Ticking a box like this

$\sqrt{\checkmark}$
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.

## HOW TO RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

If the interviewer is 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 possible after your interview.

## PLEASE START THE QUESTIONNAIRE AT QUESTION

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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 $\square \square_{09}$ Go to 4

3 Thinking about all the organisations, clubs or societies that you are a member of, how many committee meetings (including online meetings), if any, do you attend in a year? If none, please enter ' 0 '.

Please write the number in this box

4 Thinking about the past year, how often, if at all, have you done any of the following activities?

Tick one box on each line

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

Go to the cinema






127 Eat out of the house

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Go to an art gallery or museum $\qquad$ 1 $\qquad$
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Go to the theatre, a concert or the opera $\qquad$ 1 $\square$ 24


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5 In the past 2 years, has a doctor, social worker or other health professional referred you to take part in any of the following:

Tick one box on each line

| Yes, I <br> attended <br> more than <br> 1 session | Yes, <br> attended <br> just 1 <br> session | Yes, but <br> I did not <br> accept | No |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Arts, crafts, music, reading groups, or social groups |  |  |  |  |
| Gardening or nature activity | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{2}$ |

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?

Tick one box


7 On which of the following devices do you access the Internet?
Tick all that apply

| Desktop computer | $\square_{1}{ }^{147-151}$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| Laptop computer | $\square_{2}$ |
| Tablet (e.g. iPad, Samsung Galaxy Tab) | $\square_{3}$ |
| Smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Android phone) | $\square_{4}$ |
| Other device | $\square_{5}$ |

## 8 For which of the following activities did you use the Internet in the last 3 months?

Tick all that apply


#### Abstract

Sending/receiving e-mails 

Making video calls or voice calls (using applications such as Skype, WhatsApp or FaceTime) Managing my finances (online banking, paying bills, paying taxes) Shopping/ buying goods or services Selling goods or services over the Internet e.g. via auctions Shopping/ buying goods or services Selling goods or services over the Internet e.g. via auctions $\square$

Finding information on health-related issues $\square$ 04  05 Using social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, Linkedln, Instagram, blogging or Flickr) Reading news/ newspaper/ blog websites Streaming TV/videos/radio (BBC iPlayer, Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube), $\square$ 06 $\qquad$ 08 $\qquad$ 09  Getting information about Government services (benefits, taxes, a driving license or passport, etc.) $\square$ Route planning / checking travel times for public transport $\square$15 Checking live traffic updates / satellite navigation $\square_{16}$ Buying public transport tickets online Booking a taxi or minicab $\qquad$ 17 $\square$ 18

Finding out about amenities available in the area (e.g. restaurants, cafes, shops, garages) $\square$ 19 Controlling remotely or monitoring household appliances (such as lighting, heating or security) using a smartphone, tablet, or computer $\square$


9 There are a number of reasons why people do not use the internet more. Which of the following apply to you?

## Tick all that apply

My IT skills are not good enough
 I don't trust the internet (fraud, sharing personal data) $\square$ I don't have good enough access to broadband $\square$ I don't have access to good enough equipment $\square$ My vision is not good enough to use the equipment $\square$ My health problems (not including vision problems) stop me from using the equipment $\square$
I have no reason to use it more $\square$ 07

It takes too much time $\square$
None of the above $\square$

## The next questions are about your life and how you feel about different aspects of it.

For each of the following statements, please indicate how often the statement applies to you.

Tick one box on each line

| Never | Occasionally | Fairly | Very |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| applies to | or seldom | often | often |
| me | applies to | applies | applies |
|  | me | to me | to me |

I try to pass along the knowledge I have gained through my experiences.

I feel as though I have made a difference to many people.

Others would say that I have made unique contributions to society.

I have important skills that I try to teach others.



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I have made many commitments to many different kinds of people, groups and activities in my life.
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I feel as though my contributions will exist after I die. $\square$ 12 34

## Tick one box on each line

Disagree Disagree Disagree Agree Agree Agree
strongly somewhat slightly

| I want to give back to my <br> community. | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ | $\square_{5}$ | $\square_{6}$ |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I want to mentor people younger |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| than me. |  |  |  |  |  |  |$\square_{1} \quad$| 214 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

I want to do something that will be valuable to others for a long time.

$\qquad$ $6 \quad 216$

I want to show people younger than me how to do things. $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$
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12 Thinking about your current situation, 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 | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $ـ_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |  | $\square_{6}$ | $]_{7} 218$ |
| The conditions of my life are excellent | $ـ_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ | $\square_{5}$ | $\square_{6}$ | $7 \quad 219$ |
| I am satisfied with my life |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\square_{7} \quad 220$ |
| So far I have got the important things I want in life |  |  | $\sqcup_{3}$ | $ـ_{4}$ | $\operatorname{L}_{5}$ | $\underbrace{}_{6}$ | $7 \quad 221$ |
| If I could live my life again, I would change almost nothing | $\square_{1}$ | $\eta_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ | $]_{4}$ | $]_{5}$ | $]_{6}$ | $]_{7} 222$ |

Tick one box on each line
A lot Some A little Not at
all

| Outgoing | $]_{1}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Helpful |  |  | $\square_{3}$ | 4 |
| Moody | 1 | 2 | ${ }_{3}$ | $]_{4}$ |
| Organised |  |  |  | $\square_{4}$ |
| Friendly | $\square_{1}$ | 2 |  | $]_{4}$ |
| Warm |  |  |  | $\square_{4}$ |
| Worrying | $\square_{1}$ | $ـ_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ | $]_{4}$ |
| Responsible | $ـ_{1}$ | 2 |  | $\square_{4}$ |
| Lively |  | 2 |  | 4 |
| Caring |  | 2 | $]_{3}$ | ${ }_{4}$ |
| Nervous |  | $]_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ |  |
| Creative |  |  | $\square_{3}$ |  |
| Hardworking |  |  |  |  |
| Imaginative |  |  | $\downarrow_{3}$ |  |
| Softhearted | $J_{1}$ | $ـ_{2}$ | $\downarrow_{3}$ | $ـ_{4}$ |
| Calm |  |  |  | 4 |
| Intelligent |  |  | $\square_{3}$ |  |
| Curious |  | $L_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ |  |
| Active |  | $I_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ |  |
| Careless |  | $]_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ |  |
| Broad-minded |  | 2 | ${ }^{3}$ |  |
| Sympathetic | $\jmath_{1}$ | 2 | $]_{3}$ |  |
| Talkative |  | $]_{2}$ | $\eta_{3}$ |  |
| Sophisticated | $]_{1}$ | $J_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ |  |
| Adventurous | $]_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\downarrow_{3}$ | $]_{4}$ |
| Thorough |  | $]_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $]_{4}$ |

Thinking about your current situation, for each of the following statements, please say how often you feel this way.

Tick one box on each line

|  | Hardly ever or never | Some of the time | Often |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| How often do you feel you lack companionship? | $]_{1}$ | $\eta_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ |
| How often do you feel left out? |  | $]_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ |
| How often do you feel isolated from others? |  | $]_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ |
| do you feel in tune with the people around you? | 1 | $]_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ |
| How often do you feel lonely? | $\square_{1}$ |  | $\square_{3}$ |

Over the last two weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

Tick one box on each line

| Not at all | Several <br> days <br> Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge | More <br> than half <br> the days | Nearly <br> every <br> day |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Not being able to stop or control worrying | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | how they feel. Thinking about your current situation, 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







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
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? $\qquad$ 12
$\square$ 293

How much do they criticise you?


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How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?
$\qquad$ 1

$\qquad$
$\qquad$ 4

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

How close is your relationship with your spouse or partner?
Tick one box


Tick one box


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? $\qquad$
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$\qquad$ 4

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

$\qquad$ 431

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

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How much do they criticise you? $\square$



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


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

$\square$
$\qquad$
How often do they make too many demands on you? $\square$
$\square$ ${ }_{2}$ $\square$4

Thinking about your current situation, 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) | $\square_{1}$ | $]_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $]_{4}$ | $\square_{5}$ | $\square_{6}$ |
| Speak on the phone/video call | $\downarrow_{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Write or email |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Send or receive text messages | $]_{1}$ | 2 | $]_{3}$ | ${ }_{4}$ | $\checkmark_{5}$ | $\square_{6}$ |

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? |  |  | 3 | 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? |  |  | $\square_{3}$ | 4 |
| How much do they get on your nerves? |  |  | $\square_{3}$ | ${ }_{4}$ |
| How often do they make too many demands on you? | ${ }_{1}$ |  |  | $\square_{4}$ |

Thinking about your current situation, 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?



$\qquad$ ${ }_{4}$

How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?
 1 $\qquad$
$\square$
$\qquad$ 4

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


$\square$
$\qquad$ 4

How much do they criticise you?

$\square$
$\qquad$ $4 \quad 341$

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

How much do they get on your nerves?14
$\square$

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How often do they make too many demands on you? $\square$2 $\square$
$\qquad$ $4 \quad 34$

Thinking about your current situation, 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) |  | $]_{2}$ | $]_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ | ${ }_{5}$ | $\square_{6}$ |
| Speak on the phone/video call | $\square_{1}$ |  |  |  |  | $\square_{6}$ |
| Write or email |  |  |  |  |  | $]_{6}$ |
| Send or receive text messages | . | 2 | $]_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ | $\square_{5}$ | $]_{6}$ |

How many of your friends would you say you have a close relationship with?
Please write the number in this box $\square$

Now thinking about the food eaten in your household and whether you were able to afford it, to what extent were these statements true for your household in the last twelve months?

Tick one box on each line

|  | Often true | Sometimes true | Never true |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The food that we bought just didn't last and we didn't have enough money to get more |  | $]_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ |
| We couldn't afford to eat balanced meals | $ـ_{1}$ | $]_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ |

Tick one box on each line

|  | Almost every day | At least once a week | A few times a month | A few times a year | Less than once a year | Never |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| You are treated with less courtesy or respect than other people |  | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ | $\square_{5}$ | $\square_{6}$ |
| You receive poorer service than other people at restaurants or stores |  | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $]_{4}$ | $ـ_{5}$ | $\underbrace{}_{6}$ |
| People act as if they think you are not clever |  | 2 | $\square_{3}$ | $]_{4}$ | $\bigsqcup_{5}$ | $\underbrace{}_{6}$ |
| You are threatened or harassed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| You receive poorer service or treatment than other people from |  |  | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |  | $]_{6}$ |

## If any of the above things mentioned in the previous question have happened to

 you, what do you think were the reasons WHY these experiences happened to you?Tick all that apply


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
Strongly Agree Disagree Strongly
agree

All things considered I am satisfied with my job

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My job is physically demanding

$\square$ ${ }_{2}$

$\square$ 4382

I receive the recognition I deserve for my work $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$ 383

My salary is adequate

$\qquad$ 2

$\square$ $4 \quad 384$

My job promotion prospects are poor

$\square$
 4385

My job security is poor $\square$ ${ }_{1}$
$\square$

385
$\square$$4 \quad 386$

I am under constant time pressure due to a heavy workload


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

$\qquad$ 2

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I have the opportunity to develop new skills $\square$
$\qquad$
$\square$4

I receive adequate support in difficult situations $\square$
$\square$

$\square$ 390

At work, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations $\square$
$\square$ 12

$\square$

Considering the things I have to do at work, I have to work very fast $\square$
$\square$3 $\square$

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.


Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?
Tick one box



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
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$\square$ ${ }_{2}$
 3
$\qquad$ 4${ }_{5}$6400

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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.


AM or PM


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


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Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?


44 Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?


Tick one box
None $\qquad$ 1

A little $\qquad$ 2

Some $\qquad$ 3

Quite a bit $\qquad$
A lot $\qquad$ 5

Did you feel well-rested yesterday morning (that is you slept well the night before)?
Tick one box
Yes $\qquad$ 1

No $\qquad$ ${ }_{2}$

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 $\square$ 2 No, my day included unusual good things $\square$ 3

For the next set of questions, please think about the things you did yesterday and how you spent your time. For example, if you spent one and a half hours, write 1 in the hours box and 30 in the minutes boxes. If you spent only half an hour, write 0 in the hour box and 30 in the minute boxes.

How much time did you spend yesterday doing the following things?

| Hours Minutes | I did not <br> do this <br> yesterday |
| :---: | :---: |



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The next question is about your eating habits. 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.

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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
Once or twice a month

Once every couple of months

Not at all in the last 12 months $\square \longrightarrow$ Go to 56

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


No $\square \longrightarrow$ Go to 56

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ | $\square_{5}$ | $\square_{6}$ | $\square_{7}$ |

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

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

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 $\square$

We would like to ask you about incontinence.
During the last 12 months, have you lost any amount of urine beyond your control?

Tick one box


When you had this problem, did it last for more than one month?
Tick one box


No


During the last 12 months, have you had any problems controlling your bowels?
By problems controlling your bowels we mean that this could result in accidentally having soiled pants, leakage from the bowel, needing to go to the toilet frequently or urgently, sometimes not making it to the toilet in time, or using aids or appliances to manage bowel problems or incontinence. Please include problems with your bowel caused by any medicines that you take.

Tick one box


When you had this problem, did it last for more than one month?
Tick one box


What pets do you keep inside your house/flat?


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 current data protection legislation.

