

# 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:

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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.

Please fill in your details below
First name $\square$


## 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

## Which of these statements apply to you?

Tick all that apply


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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 $\square$

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 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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?


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Tick all that apply

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

Tick all that apply
Sending/receiving e-mails $\square$ 01

Telephoning over the Internet/ video calls (via webcam) over the internet $\square$ ${ }^{02}$

Finding information on health-related issues $\square$
Searching for other information for learning, research, fact finding $\square$ Finances (banking, paying bills) $\square$
Shopping/ buying goods or services $\qquad$ ${ }_{0}$
Selling goods or services over the Internet e.g. via auctions $\square{ }^{07}$
Use social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, Linkedln, Instagram) $\square$
Creating, uploading or sharing content
(Youtube, blogging or Flickr) $\square$

News/ newspaper/ blog websites $\square 10$
Streaming/downloading live or on demand TV/radio (BBC iPlayer, Netflix, Amazon Prime Video) music (iTunes, Spotify, Apple Music), or ebooks
$\square$ ${ }^{11}$ $\begin{array}{rll}\text { Games } & \square_{12} \\ \text { Looking for a job or sending a job application } & \square_{13}^{13} \\ \text { Using public services (e.g obtaining benefits, paying taxes) } & \square_{14}^{14} \\ \text { Other } & \square_{15}^{15} \\ \text { None of the above } & \square_{16}\end{array}$

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

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

In most ways my life is close to my ideal
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The conditions of my life are excellent

$\square$
$\square$


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I am satisfied with my life

$\square$
$\square$


So far I have got the important things I want in life


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

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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 Some of Often or never the time


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
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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 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 |  |  | $\square$ |
| I feel that the future looks good for me |  |  |  |



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

| Very close | $\square{ }^{1}$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| Quite close | $\square^{2}$ |
| Not very close | $\square{ }^{3}$ |
| Not at all close | $\square{ }^{4}$ |

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? |  |  | ${ }^{3}$ | 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? |  |  |  |  |
| How much do they criticise you? |  |  |  |  |
| How much do they let you down when you are counting on them? |  |  | $\square^{3}$ |  |
| How much do they get on your nerves? |  |  |  |  |
| How often do they make too many demands on you? |  |  |  | 4 |

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

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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?



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 246 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? $\square$


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How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?
 249

How much do they get on your nerves? $\square$
$\square$
 250

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 these family members, not counting any who live with you?

Tick one box on each line


How many of these family members would you say you have a close relationship with?

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?

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$\square$
$\square$ ${ }^{4}$ 259

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


260 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?
 262 How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?

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How much do they get on your nerves?


How often do they make too many demands on you?

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

Tick one box
No religion $\square{ }^{01}$
Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, other Protestant and all other Christian denominations
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About how often have you attended religious services during the past year?
Tick one box
More than once a week $\square$
Once a week


Two or three times a month $\square$ ${ }^{3}$

Once or more times a year $\square{ }_{4}$
Not at all $\square$ 5

Don’t know $\square$

These questions are about your religious or spiritual beliefs. Please tick the box which best shows how you feel about each statement.

Tick one box on each line
Strongly Agree Disagree Strongly
agree
disagree
Religious faith is extremely important to me
 2


I pray or meditate daily $\square$
2


I look to religion to provide meaning and purpose in my life


I consider myself active in organised religion (going to church, temple, mosque, etc.)
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The next questions are about paid employment.
Were you in paid employment last month?
Tick one box


## 30 <br> 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 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| agree |  |  |  |



I receive the recognition I deserve for my work
 304
My salary is adequate
 4305

My job promotion prospects are poor

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My job security is poor

$\square$ 4307

I am under constant time pressure due to a heavy workload


I have very little freedom to decide how I do my work $\square$ 308
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I have the opportunity to develop new skills $\square$


I receive adequate support in difficult situations


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At work, I feel I have control over what happens in most situations
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$\square$
$\square$
Considering the things I have to do at work,
I have to work very fast


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 | 1 | 2 | ${ }^{3}$ |
| We couldn't afford to eat balanced meals | 1 | $]^{2}$ | $]^{3}$ |

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 happy did you feel yesterday?


34 Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?
Tick one box


Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?

## Tick one box



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Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?
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
$\begin{array}{ccccccc}\text { Monday } & \text { Tuesday } & \text { Wednesday } & \text { Thursday } & \text { Friday } & \text { Saturday } & \text { Sunday } \\ \square & \square{ }^{2} & \square & \square & \square & \square{ }^{3} & \square\end{array}$

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.


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
Minutes

AM or PM


Yesterday, did you feel any pain?
Tick one box


41 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


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Please think about the things you did yesterday and how you spent your time 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.


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.


Yesterday did you go for a walk or exercise?
Tick one box
 How much time did you spend walking or exercising yesterday?
Hours $\square$ Minutes $\square$

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


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

51 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


Minutes $\square$

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



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

Tick one box


How much time did you spend at home by yourself yesterday?


Minutes $\square$

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Yesterday, did you spend time shopping or running errands?
Tick one box
Yes $\square \longrightarrow$ Go to 58
No $\square \longrightarrow$ Go to 59

How much time did you spend shopping or running errands yesterday?
Hours $\square_{392-393}$
Minutes $\square$

Yesterday, did you spend time looking after someone?
For example, a sick or disabled relative, a grandchild, or someone else.
Tick one box


How much time did you spend looking after someone yesterday?
Hours $\square$ Minutes $\square$

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Yesterday, did you spend time doing housework or preparing food?
Tick one box


How much time did you spend doing housework or preparing food yesterday?

Hours $\quad$| $402-403$ |
| :---: |

Minutes $\square$

## Yesterday, how much time did you spend sitting?

Think about the amount of time you spent sitting at home, work, while travelling, or somewhere else.

Hours


Minutes $\square$

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

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


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
Yes $\square^{1}$
No $\square^{2}$

74 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.
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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.

