

Preferences for paying for long-term social care for older people: online questionnaire

A. Introduction

What do we mean by social care for older people?

- By social care for older people, we mean help with activities of daily living, like washing, dressing, getting out and about, as well as help with getting up and going to bed, shopping and preparing meals.

Who receives social care?

- In England, there are almost 2 million people over the age of 65 who need help with these activities. This is expected to increase to 3 million people in the next 20 years.
- Many older people who need social care can stay in their own home with help provided by carers visiting the home several times a week, or even every day. While this help is often provided for free by family or friends, around 350,000 people in England receive help from paid carers.
- Not all older people who need such help are able to live at home, and there are about 330,000 older people who live in a care home.

Who pays for social care?

- Unlike health care on the NHS, receiving social care is not free for most people.
- Most older people needing social care have to pay some of the costs for their care, and about 1 in 3 people receiving care need to pay all of their costs. The amount a person pays depends on their care needs and the amount of assets (savings, value of their home) they have.
- Older people usually pay for their social care from their own income or savings, by re-mortgaging or selling their home (if they need to go into a care home and if their spouse is no longer living in their home), or by getting financial help from their children or other family members.

B. Vignettes

We are going to tell you about two people who need social care.

We will show you:

1. Their income
2. Their living costs
3. Their living arrangement
4. Their total savings

We will then show different ways that social care could be paid for and ask you to choose which you think is best. We are interested in your opinion, there are no right or wrong answers.

B1. Hidden: name to use in example 1

RANDOMLY SELECT

1. Grace
2. Alan

B2. Hidden: name to use in example 2

1. Grace **IF B1=2**
2. Alan **IF B1=1**

Scenario 1, vignette 1

1a) [B1] is 80 years old and lives on their own. They had a fall and now needs help getting up, going to bed, washing and dressing. They want to stay in their own home and will continue to need this help for the rest of the time they live in their home.

The cost of social care to allow them to stay in their own home is currently £220 per week (around £11,500 per year).

What if [B1]'s circumstances were:

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Owens home worth £150,000
Total savings	£20,000

Who should pay the £220 per week for social care?

- 1 [B1] pays all until savings run out, then State (local or central government) pays
- 2 [B1] pays some and the State (local or central government) pays some
- 3 State (local or central government) pays all
- 4 Don't know

ASK IF 1a =2 (B1 PAYS SOME AND STATE PAYS SOME)

1aa) Approximately how much should [B1] pay of the £220 per week?

Numeric box (max = 220)

ASK IF 1a =3 or 4 (STATE PAYS ALL OR DK at 1a)

1b) What if [B1] had higher savings:

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Owens home worth £150,000
Total savings	£100,000

Who should pay the £220 per week for social care if they had £100,000 savings?

- 1 [B1] pays some and State pays some
- 2 State pays all
4. [B1] pays all
- 3 Don't know

ASK IF 1b =1 (B1 PAYS SOME AND STATE PAYS SOME)

1bb) Approximately how much should [B1] pay of the £220 per week?

Numeric box (max = 220)

ASK IF 1a = 2 or (1a=4 and 1b = 3) (B1 PAYS SOME AT 1a or DK SELECTED AT BOTH 1a AND 1b)

1c) What if [B1] had lower savings:

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Owens home worth £150,000
Total savings	£5,000

Who should pay the £220 per week for social care if they had £5,000 savings?

- 1 [B1] pays some and State pays some
- 2 State pays all
- 3 Don't know

ASK IF 1c =1 (B1 PAYS SOME AND STATE PAYS SOME)

1cc) Approximately how much should [B1] pay of the £220 per week?

Numeric box (max = 220)

ASK IF 1a=1 (B1 PAYS ALL AT 1a)

1d) You said [B1] should pay all of the £220 per week for their care. The cost of the social care for [B1] is £11,500 for the first year. Because [B1] needs more care as they get older, they would need to pay a total of £100,000 for their care over the remaining 5 years of their life.

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Owns home worth £150,000
Total savings	£20,000

To pay for this care, do you think...

- 1 [B1] should be made to spend some money from selling their house as well as their savings
- 2 [B1] should be allowed to keep some/all of the money from their house, for example, for their children to inherit?
- 3 Don't know

ASK IF 1d =2 (B1 SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP SOME MONEY)

1dd) Approximately how much should [B1] be allowed to keep?

Numeric box (max = 170000)

ASK IF 1b=1 (B1 PAYS SOME AT 1b)

1e) You said [B1] should pay some of the £220 per week for their care. The cost of the social care for [B1] is £11,500 for the first year. Because [B1] needs more care as they get older, they would need to pay a total of £100,000 for their care over the remaining 5 years of their life.

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangements	Owns home worth £150,000
Total savings	£100,000

To pay for this care, do you think...

- 1 [B1] should pay the full amount of £100,000 for their care over the remaining 5 years of their life
- 2 Or there should be an upper limit on the amount that [B1] pays, and then the State takes over the rest of the payments
- 3 Don't know

ASK IF 1e =2 (upper limit)

1ee) What should the upper limit be?

Numeric box (max = 100000)

ASK IF 1a =2 and (1c=1 or 2 or 3)

1f) When [B1] had an income of £200 per week and savings of £20,000 you said [B1] should pay some of the £220 per week for their care. The cost of the social care for [B1] is £11,500 for the first year. Because [B1] needs more care as they get older, [B1] would need to pay a total of £100,000 for their care over the remaining 5 years of their life.

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Owens home worth £150,000
Total savings	£20,000

Should [B1] be made to spend all their savings of £20,000 for this care, or should they be allowed to keep some savings, for example, for their children to inherit?

- 1 [B1] should be made to spend all their savings
- 2 [B1] should be made to spend all their savings and some/all money from selling their house
- 3 [B1] should spend some of their savings but be allowed to keep some savings, for example, for their children to inherit
- 4 Don't know

ASK IF 1f =3 (B1 SHOULD SPEND SAVINGS BUT KEEP SOME)

1ff) Approximately how much of the £20,000 savings should [B1] be allowed to keep?

Numeric box (max = 170000)

ASK IF 1a =2 and (1c=1 or 2 or 3)

1g) And should [B1] ...

- 1 Be made to pay the full amount of £100,000 for their care over the remaining 5 years of their life
- 2 Or there should be an upper limit on the amount that [B1] pays, and then the State takes over the rest of the payments
- 3 Don't know

ASK IF 1g =2 (upper limit)

1gg) What should the upper limit be?

Numeric box (max = 100000)

ASK IF 1b=2 (STATE PAYS ALL AT 1b)

1h) You said the State should pay all of [B1]'s £220 per week costs when they have savings of £100,000.

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Owens home worth £150,000
Total savings	£100,000

Is there any level of savings when you think [B1] should be asked to pay some or all of their costs?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if 1h=1

1hh) Approximately what level of savings do you think [B1] should be asked to pay some or all of their costs?

Numeric box (min = 100000, max = 9999999)

ASK IF 1a=3 AND 1b=3 (STATE PAYS ALL AT 1 AND DK AT 1b):

1i) You said the State should pay all of [B1]'s £220 per week costs when they have savings of £20,000.

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Owens home worth £150,000
Total savings	£20,000

Is there any level of savings when you think [B1] should be asked to pay some or all of their costs?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if 1i=1

1ii) Approximately what level of savings do you think [B1] should be asked to pay some or all of their costs?

Numeric box (min = 20000, max = 9999999)

Ask if 1b=4 (B1 PAYS ALL)

1j) You said [B1] should pay all of the £220 per week for their care. The cost of the social care for [B1] is £11,500 for the first year. Because [B1] needs more care as they] get older, [B1] would need to pay a total of £100,000 for their care over the remaining 5 years of their life.

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Owns home worth £150,000
Total savings	£100,000

Should [B1] be made to spend all their savings of £100,000 for this care, or should they be allowed to keep some savings, for example, for their children to inherit?

- 1 [B1] should be made to spend all their savings
- 2 [B1] should spend some of their savings but be allowed to keep some savings, for example, for their children to inherit
- 3 Don't know

ASK IF 1j=2 (B1 SHOULD SPEND SAVINGS BUT KEEP SOME)

1jj) Approximately how much should [B1] be allowed to keep?

Numeric box (max = 250000)

Scenario 1, vignette 2

ASK ALL

2a) What if [B1]'s circumstances were:

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Rents from Council
Total savings	£5000

Who should pay the £220 per week for social care?

- 1 [B1] pays all until their savings run out, then State pays
- 2 [B1] pays some and State pays some
- 3 State pays all
- 4 Don't know

Ask if 2a = 2 (B1 PAYS SOME AND STATE PAYS SOME)

2aa) Approximately how much should [B1] pay of the £220 per week?

Numeric box (max = 220)

ASK IF 2a=3 or 4 (STATE PAYS ALL OR IF DK)

2b) What if [B1] had a higher income:

Income	£500 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Rents from Council
Total savings	£5000

Who should pay the £220 per week for social care if they earned £500 a week?

- 1 [B1] pays all
- 2 [B1] pays some and State pays some
- 3 State pays all
- 4 Don't know

Ask if 2b = 2 (B1 PAYS SOME AND STATE PAYS SOME)

2bb) Approximately how much should [B1] pay per of the £220 week?

Numeric box (max = 220)

ASK IF (2a = 1 or 2) OR (2a =4 AND 2b=4) (B1 PAYS SOME/ALL AT 2a, OR DK AT BOTH 2a AND 2b)

2c) What if [B1] had a lower income:

Income	State pension of £165 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangements	Rents from Council
Total savings	£5000

Who should pay the £220 per week for social care if they had a state pension of £165 per week?

1. **[DO NOT SHOW IF 2a=2]** [B1] pays all until their savings run out, then State pays
2. [B1] pays some and State pays some
3. State pays all
4. Don't know

Ask if 2c = 2 (B1 PAYS SOME AND STATE PAYS SOME)

2cc) Approximately how much should [B1] pay of the £220 per week?

Numeric box (max = 220)

ASK IF 2b=1 or 2 (B1 PAYS SOME/ALL AT 2b)

2d) The cost of the social care for [B1] is £11,500 for the first year. Because [B1] needs more care as they get older, [B1] would need to pay a total of £100,000 for their care over the remaining 5 years of their life.

Income	£500 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Rents from Council
Total savings	£5000

To pay for this care, do you think...

- 1 [B1] should pay the full amount of £100,000 for their care over the remaining 5 years of their life
- 2 Or there should be an upper limit on the amount that [B1] pays, and then the State takes over the rest of the payments?
- 3 Don't know

Ask if 2d = 2 (upper limit)

2dd) What should the upper limit be?

Numeric box (max = 100000)

ASK IF 2b=3 (STATE PAYS ALL AT 2b)

2e) You said the State should pay all of [B1]'s £220 per week costs when they have an income of £500 per week.

Income	£500 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Rents from Council
Total savings	£5000

Is there any level of income when you think [B1] should be asked to pay some or all of their costs?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if 2e=1

2ee) Approximately what level of income per week?

Numeric box (min = 500, max = 99999)

ASK IF 2a=3 AND 2b=4 (STATE PAYS ALL AT 2a and DK at 2b)

2f) You said the State should pay all of [B1]'s £220 per week costs when they have an income of £200 per week

Income	£200 per week
Living costs	£160 per week
Living arrangement	Rents from Council
Total savings	£5000

Is there any level of income when you think [B1] should be asked to pay some or all of their costs?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if 2f=1

2ff) Approximately what level of income per week?

Numeric box (min = 200, max =99999)

Scenario 2, vignette 3

ASK ALL

3a) [B2] is 80 years old and lives alone. They have dementia and now need 24 hour care. They can no longer live at home and will need to move to a care home. The care home costs £750 per week, which is around £40,000/year. These costs include all of [B2]'s living costs.

What if [B2]'s circumstances were:

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangement	Owens home worth £150,000
Total savings	£20,000

Who should pay the £750 per week for care home costs?

- 1 [B2] pays all the costs until their assets (that is, their savings and money from selling their house) run out, then State pays
- 2 [B2] pays some and the State pays some
- 3 State pays all
- 4 Don't know

Ask if 3a = 2 (B2 PAYS SOME AND STATE PAYS SOME)

3aa) Approximately how much should [B2] pay per week?

Numeric box (max =750)

ASK IF 3a=3 or 4 (STATE PAYS ALL OR DK AT 3a)

3b) What if [B2]'s property was worth more:

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangement	Owns home worth £500,000
Total savings	£20,000

Who should pay the £750 per week for social care if their property was worth £500,000?

- 1 [B2] pays all the costs
- 2 [B2] pays some and the State pays some
- 3 State pays all
- 4 Don't know

Ask if 3b = 2 (B2 PAYS SOME AND STATE PAYS SOME)

3bb) Approximately how much should [B2] pay of the £750 per week?

Numeric box (max =750)

ASK IF (3a=1 or 2) OR (3a=4 and 3b=4) (IF B2 PAYS SOME/ALL AT 3a OR (BOTH 3a AND 3b = DK)):

3c) What if [B2] did not own their own property:

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangements	Rents
Total savings	£20,000

Who should pay the £750 per week for social care if they did not own their own property?

- 1 **[DO NOT SHOW IF 3a =2]** [B2] pays all the costs until their savings run out
- 2 [B2] pays some and the State pays some
- 3 State pays all
- 4 Don't know

Ask if 3c = 2 (B2 PAYS SOME AND STATE PAYS SOME)

3cc) Approximately how much should [B2] pay of the £750 per week?

Numeric box (max =750)

ASK IF 3a = 1 or 2 (B2 PAYS SOME/ALL AT 3a)

3d) [B2] has savings of £20,000 and owns a house worth £150,000. The care home costs £40,000 per year, so if [B2] lives there for the remaining 4 years of their life, it will cost £160,000.

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangement	Owns home worth £150,000
Total savings	£20,000

To pay for this care, do you think....

- 1 [B2] should pay the full cost of £160,000 from their assets (savings and money from selling their home)
- 2 Or should [B2] be allowed to keep some of their assets, for example, for their children to inherit?
- 3 Don't know

Ask if 3d = 2

3dd) Approximately how much should [B2] be allowed to keep?

Numeric box (max =170000)

ASK IF 3c = 1 or 2 or 3

3e) Should there be an upper limit on the amount that [B2] pays over the 4 years, and then the State takes over the rest of the payments?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes
- 3 Don't know

Ask if 3e = 2

3ee) What should the upper limit be?

Numeric box (max = 160000)

ASK IF 3b=1 or 2 (B2 PAYS SOME/ALL AT 3b)

3f) The care home costs £40,000 per year, so if [B2] lives there for the remaining 4 years of their life, it will cost £160,000.

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangement	Owns home worth £500,000
Total savings	£20,000

To pay for this care, do you think...

- 1 [B2] should pay the full cost of £160,000 from their assets (savings and money from selling their home)
- 2 Or should there be an upper limit on the amount that [B2] pays, and then the State takes over the rest of the payments?
- 3 Don't know

Ask if 3f = 2

3ff) What should the upper limit be?

Numeric box (max = max = 160000)

ASK IF 3b=3 (STATE PAYS ALL AT 3b)

3g) You said the State should pay all of [B2]'s £750 per week costs when they own a house worth £500,000.

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangement	Owens home worth £500,000
Total savings	£20,000

Is there any level of assets (savings and money they could get from selling their house) when you think [B2] should be asked to pay some or all of their care home costs?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if 3g=1

3gg) Approximately what level of assets do you think [B1] should be asked to pay some or all of their care home costs?

Numeric box (min = 520000, max =9999999)

ASK IF 3a =3 and 3b = 4 (STATE PAYS ALL at 3a and DK at 3b)

3h) You said the State should pay all of [B2]'s £750 per week costs when they own a house worth £150,000.

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangement	Owens home worth £150,000
Total savings	£20,000

Is there any level of assets (savings and money they could get from selling their house) when you think [B2] should be asked to pay some or all of their care home costs?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if 3h=1

3hh) Approximately what level of assets do you think [B1] should be asked to pay some or all of their care home costs?

Numeric box (min = 170000, max =9999999)

Scenario 2, vignette 4**ASK ALL****4a) What if [B2]'s circumstances were:**

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangement	Rents
Total savings	£30,000

Who should pay the £750 per week for care home costs?

- 1 [B2] pays all the costs until their savings run out, then State pays
- 2 [B2] pays some and the State pays some
- 3 State pays all
- 4 Don't know

Ask if 4a = 2 (B2 PAYS ALL)**4aa) Approximately how much should [B2] pay of the £750 per week?**

Numeric box (max =750)

ASK IF 4a=3 or 4 (STATE PAYS ALL OR DK AT 4a)**4b) What if [B2] had a higher income:**

Income	£800 per week
Living arrangement	Rents
Total savings	£30,000

Who should pay the £750 per week for social care if their income was £800 per week

- 1 [B2] pays all
- 2 [B2] pays some and the State pays some
- 3 State pays all
- 4 Don't know

Ask if 4b = 2**4bb) Approximately how much should [B2] pay of the £750 per week?**

Numeric box (max =750)

ASK IF 4a=2 or (4a=4 and 4b=4) (B2 PAYS SOME AT 4a OR (BOTH 4a AND 4b=DK))

4c) What if [B2] had a lower income:

Income	State pension of £165 per week
Living arrangement	Rents
Total savings	£30,000

Who should pay the £750 per week for social care if their income was the state pensions of £165 per week?

- 1 [B2] pays some and the State pays some
- 2 State pays all
- 3 Don't know

Ask if 4c = 2 (STATE PAYS ALLO

4cc) Approximately how much should [B2] pay of the £750 per week?

Numeric box (max =750)

ASK IF 4b=3 (STATE PAYS ALL AT 4b)

4d) You said the State should pay all of [B2]'s £750 per week costs when they have an income of £800 per week.

Income	£800 per week
Living arrangement	Rents
Total savings	£30,000

Is there any level of income when you think [B2] should be asked to pay some or all of their care home costs?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if 4d=1

4dd) Approximately what level of income do you think [B2] should be asked to pay some or all of their care home costs?

Numeric box (min = 800, max =99999)

ASK IF 4a=3 AND 4b=4 (STATE PAYS ALL AT 4a and 4b is DK)

4e) You said the State should pay all of [B2]'s £750 per week costs when they have an income of £200 per week.

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangement	Rents
Total savings	£30,000

Is there any level of income when you think [B2] should be asked to pay some or all of their care home costs?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if 4e=1

4ee) Approximately what level of income do you think [B2] should be asked to pay some or all of their care home costs?

Numeric box (min = 200, max =99999)

ASK IF 4a = 2 and (4c = 1 or 2 or 3)

4f) When [B2] had an income of £200 per week and savings of £30,000 you said [B2] should pay some of the £40,000 per year for the care home.

Income	£200 per week
Living arrangement	Rents
Total savings	£30,000

Should [B2] be made to spend all their £30,000 savings for their care, or should they be allowed to keep some of their savings, for example, for their children to inherit?

- 1 [B2] should not be made to spend any of their savings
- 2 [B2] should be made to spend all their savings on the care home
- 3 [B2] should be made to spend some of their £30,000 savings but be allowed to keep some, for example, for their children to inherit
- 4 Don't know

ASK IF 4f=3

4ff) Approximately how much should [B2] be allowed to keep?

Numeric box (max =30000)

ASK IF 4b=1 or 2 (B2 PAYS SOME/ALL AT 4b)

4g) If [B2] lives in the care home for the remaining 4 years of their life, it will cost £160,000.

Income	£800 per week
Living arrangement	Rents
Total savings	£30,000

Do you think...

- 1 [B2] should pay the full cost of £160,000 over the remaining 4 years of their life from their income and savings
- 2 Or should there be an upper limit on the amount that [B2] pays over the years, and then the State takes over the rest of the payments?
- 3 Don't know

Ask if 4g = 2

4gg) What should the upper limit be?

Numeric box (max =160000)

C. Public spending

C1) Below are some things the state spends money on. For each one, please tick whether you would like to see more or less state spending in this area. If you say "more" spending, it is likely to require a tax increase to pay for it.

Would you like to see more or less state spending on...

- a) The NHS
- b) The military and defence
- c) Schools/education
- d) Public transport
- e) Social care for older people who need help
- f) Old age/state pensions
- g) Winter fuel payments for older people

1. A lot more
2. A little more
3. No change
4. A little less
5. A lot less
6. I don't know

C2) Of the statements shown below, which do you think is the best way that care for older people should be paid for?

1. State should pay for care for all older people, whatever their income
2. State should pay for basic services, and people who can afford to should be able to pay for better care
3. State should only pay for care for those who cannot afford it, and everyone else should make their own arrangements for paying for care
4. Everyone should make their own arrangements for paying for care
5. I don't know

C3) Before today, how concerned were you, if at all, about meeting the cost of care and support services you might need when you are older?

1. Extremely concerned
2. Moderately concerned
3. Slightly concerned
4. Not at all concerned
5. I don't know

C4) Thinking about the future, how likely, if at all, is it that you will have to care for someone close to you as they get older?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely
5. I don't know

D. Demographics

D1 Gender – from panel database

D2 Age – from panel database

D3 Marital/partnership status

Which of these describes you?

1. Single
2. Married/Civil Partnership
3. Living as a couple
4. Widowed
5. Divorced
6. Separated
7. Prefer not to say

D4a) Household composition

How many people are there in your household altogether, including any children and yourself?

1. ENTER NUMBER
2. Prefer not to say

D4b) And how many children under the age of 16 are there in the household?

1. ENTER NUMBER
2. Prefer not to say

Ask if D4b is greater than 0

D4c) Please provide the age and gender of each child in the household

D5 Tenure

Which of these best describes the accommodation you are living in at the moment?

1. Own outright
2. Own – buying with a mortgage or loan
3. Part own and part rent (shared ownership)
4. Rent from local authority / housing association
5. Rent privately
6. Other (please specify)
7. Prefer not to say

D6 Social grade**D7 Economic status**

What is your current employment status?

1. Working full time (30 hours+)
2. Working part time (8-29 hours)
3. Working part time (below 8 hrs)
4. Retired
5. Still at school
6. In full time higher education
7. Unemployed
8. Not looking for work (not student/retired)

D7b Ethnic group

Which of these best describes your ethnic group?

White

1. English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
2. Irish
3. Gypsy or Irish Traveller
4. Any other White background, please describe

Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups

5. White and Black Caribbean
6. White and Black African
7. White and Asian
8. Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background, please describe

Asian/Asian British

9. Indian
10. Pakistani
11. Bangladeshi
12. Chinese
13. Any other Asian background, please describe

Black/ African/Caribbean/Black British

14. African
15. Caribbean
16. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background, please describe

Other ethnic group

Prefer not to say

D8 Region (GOR) – from panel database

D9 Deprivation level for area of residence (postcode)

Please could you tell me the postcode of your address?

We are only asking this so we can classify your answers by region.

1. Postcode
2. Prefer not to say

IF D5=1 or 2

D10 Value of home (if home owner), in value bands

Approximately what is the current value of your home?

1. Less than £150,000
2. Between £150,000 and £299,999
3. Between £300,000 and £499,999
4. Between £500,000 and £999,999
5. £1million or more
6. I don't know
7. Prefer not to say

D11 Educational level (highest)

What is the highest level qualification that you have completed?

1. A postgraduate degree or doctorate, NVQ/SVQ Level 5 or equivalent
2. A degree or higher degree, HND, HNC, NVQ/SVQ Level 4 or equivalent
3. A-levels, SCE higher, NVQ/SVQ Level 3 or equivalent
4. GCSE, O Levels, SCE standard, NVQ/SVQ Level 2 or equivalent
5. Other (specify)
6. No formal qualifications
7. Prefer not to say

D12 Whether currently cared for

Does anyone look after, or give special help to, you because of sickness, disability or old age, other than in a professional capacity?

1. No
2. Yes: husband/wife/partner
3. Yes: other family member/relative
4. Yes: friend /acquaintance
5. Yes: other
6. Prefer not to say

D13 Whether currently caring for others (informally)

Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either long-term physical or mental ill health or disability, or problems related to old age? Please don't include anything you do as part of your paid employment.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Prefer not to say

D14 General health

How is your health in general? Would you say it was:

1. Very good
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Bad
5. Very bad
6. Prefer not to say

D15 Whether any longstanding illness

Do you have any long-term physical or mental health conditions, disabilities or illnesses? By long-term, we mean anything lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more? Please include any conditions related to old age.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Prefer not to say

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D16 Do any of these conditions reduce your ability to carry out your day-to-day activities?

1. Yes, a little
2. Yes, a lot
3. No, not at all
4. Prefer not to say