



SOCIAL RESEARCH NUMBER:

69/2016

PUBLICATION DATE:

01/11/2016

# National Survey for Wales 2017-18

## Cognitive testing:

### Executive summary

Mae'r ddogfen yma hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg.

This document is also available in Welsh.

**OGI** © Crown Copyright Digital ISBN 978-1-4734-7840-4

Ruxandra Comanaru and Sophie Pilley (2016). *National Survey for Wales 2017-18 questionnaire Cognitive Testing Report: Executive summary*.

The full report is available on request.

Views expressed in this report are those of the researcher and not necessarily those of the Welsh Government.

For further information please contact:

Chris McGowan

National Survey team

Welsh Government

Cathays Park

Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

Tel: 029 2080 1067

Email: [chris.mcgowan@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:chris.mcgowan@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

## **1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 The National Survey for Wales is conducted annually and covers a range of topics. To ensure question topics are kept relevant to policy issues, topics are reviewed each year. A number of the proposed new questions for 2017-18 were questions which had not been tested before. It is important to test survey questions to ensure that respondents understand question concepts or tasks in the way the researchers intended and in a consistent manner, so that they are willing and able to provide answers. This therefore ensures that the survey questions are reliable, valid, unbiased and sensitive which is vital to any survey.
  
- 1.2 In order to evaluate the questions to be included in the National Survey for Wales 2017-18, NatCen Social Research was commissioned to carry out a desk review and two rounds of cognitive testing interviews. The desk review of potential new questions for the National Survey was carried out by researchers in NatCen's Questionnaire Development and Testing Hub who are experts in questionnaire design and cognitive interviewing. For this review, a revised version of the Questionnaire Appraisal System (QAS-99) was used. The QAS 99 is a checklist which can be used in reviewing survey questions systematically for problems in the wording or structure of the questions which may occur. Two NatCen researchers reviewed the new questions looking at the instructions, wording, layout, routing and respondent burden, and based on this review, the questions which they believed to be more problematic were recommended for cognitive testing. Questions for testing were selected based on comments from the desk review and discussions with the Welsh Government.
  
- 1.3 Twenty-four face-to-face cognitive interviews were carried out across two rounds of hall testing in north and south Wales. The first round of testing was used to identify any major problems with a selection of new questions. The second round of testing was used to test other new questions which were not included in the first round and to retest changes made to questions which were found to be problematic in round one. Respondents were recruited using specifically designed quotas, to ensure that the selected questions were applicable to at least some of the respondents.

1.4 The topics covered by the questions varied. The first round of testing was completed with twelve participants and included questions on:

- tenure;
- domestic fire safety;
- energy efficiency measures;
- attitude towards language;
- primary and secondary schools;
- play;
- the use of health and social services in Welsh;
- psychoactive substances – support;
- problems and advice;
- arts attendance;
- access to services and facilities; and
- local authorities and libraries.

1.5 The cognitive testing findings showed that, overall, these questions worked well. Respondents were able to comprehend them and provide an answer. It was thus recommended that some of the questions remained unchanged.

1.6 For some questions, however, changes and improvements were recommended. Based on the cognitive testing findings, it was suggested that response options be added or removed, and that examples be given where respondents were unsure about what to include when answering.

1.7 In some cases, small wording revisions were suggested to make the question clearer and more comprehensible, for example adding one word to the question stem to elaborate on a concept.

1.8 There were a few questions that required more substantial changes:

- One question asked parents about their level of confidence in discussing the effects of drugs with their children. Findings from cognitive testing indicated that many of the parents responded that they felt very confident primarily because they felt confident discussing anything with their children. For this reason, it was suggested that another question be added prior to this one, which would ask respondents how well informed they were about the effects of drugs, in general.
- Another question in round one which proved to be problematic asked how confident people were that everyone had access to the legal system if needed. People were unsure of the exact scope of the term 'legal system' or even what the phrase meant. It was suggested that a definition of this phrase should be included in the question. The revised version of the question was tested in round two of the cognitive testing and worked noticeably better.

1.9 In the second round of cognitive testing some of the revised questions from round one were included along with other new items, which had not been previously tested. The topics covered in round two included questions on:

- internet use and public service websites;
- non-GP primary care services;
- medicines;
- disabled adaptations;
- problems and advice;
- welfare reform;
- primary and secondary schools;
- children's rights;
- psychoactive substances – support;
- problems and advice;
- access to services and facilities and local authorities; and
- tattoos and piercings.

1.10 The findings for the second round of testing indicated a similar pattern of solutions for the problematic questions: some would benefit from minor changes to the question stem wording to clarify what respondents should be considering when providing an answer; others from the removal or addition of some answer categories. For other questions, recommendations were made to improve the interviewer notes so that they can better guide the respondents who might not fit a certain response category.

1.11 Some questions were found to be particularly problematic:

- In the Medicines set of questions, one question asked whether the respondent had been taking any regular medicine. 'Regular' was defined as having taken the medicine for a year or more. Respondents did not use this definition of 'regular' and often presented alternative meanings of the term, for example taking medicine every day for a couple of months, which showed the unreliability of the question wording. The respondents were presented with an alternative version of the question during probing, which did not include this term. It was preferred by most respondents and was thus recommended to replace this question.
- Some questions that were tested in round two were found to be potentially sensitive by the respondents (for example, those in the 'Disabled adaptations' section and 'Problems and advice' section). For some of these sets of questions, it has been suggested that a more detailed introduction is given to explain the reasons why the Welsh Government is interested in asking these questions. This will equip respondents to understand the purpose of those questions and the impact that providing an answer can have on policy, and thus affect their lives directly.

The final recommended question wording can be found in Annex A.

The full report is available on request.

## **Appendix A: Final recommended question wording**

### **Tenure**

#### **Tenure SHOWCARD A**

#### **ASK ALL**

INTERVIEWER: IF PART RENT/PART BUY (SHARED OWNERSHIP) CODE AS 1. IF JOINTLY OWNED WITH OTHER MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD CODE AS 1.

#### **Does your household own or rent your accommodation?**

1. I / we own it or live with the person who owns it (includes homes being bought with a mortgage)
2. It is rented from the local council
3. It is rented from a housing association or housing trust
4. It is rented from a private landlord
5. Other (e.g. live rent free or home comes with job)

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

#### **ASK IF 2, 3 OR 4 AT Tenure**

#### **LldTenSat SHOWCARD**

**As well as repairing and maintaining your home, your landlord or their agent has other responsibilities which are part of managing your tenancy.**

**These are things like keeping you informed about anything which might affect you, giving you at least 24 hours' notice before visiting the property, and protecting your deposit in a government recognised tenancy deposit scheme.**

**Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way your landlord and/or their agent manages your tenancy?**

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **Fire safety**

### **ASK ALL**

#### **SafeFire SHOWCARD**

**How safe or unsafe do you feel from the risk of fire in your home?**

INTERVIEWER: THIS IS THE RESPONDENT'S INTERPRETATION

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. A bit unsafe
4. Very unsafe

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **Energy efficiency measures**

### **ASK OWNERS**

#### **InstEnWnt SHOWCARD**

**In the last 12 months, have you wanted to do any of these things in your home?**

INTERVIEWER NOTE:

We are interested in recording major works that would help with energy efficiency. Do not record general home improvements

### **CODE ALL THAT APPLY**

1. Improve the loft insulation
2. Improve hot water tank insulation
3. Improve wall or floor insulation
4. Install a new boiler
5. Improve heating controls
6. Install renewable energy (e.g solar panels or wind turbines)
7. Install new windows or doors
8. Other (please specify)
9. None of the above

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)



**Attitudes towards language**

**ASK ALL**

**I'm now going to ask you how you feel about the Welsh language.**

**WL SHOWCARD E**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**...Welsh is a dying language.**

1. Strongly agree
2. Tend to agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree

-9 I don't know

**Primary and secondary education**

**ASK IF 2 AT DvPsFeePay or 2 at PsFeePay**

**PsChldNds SHOWCARD**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**[Name]'s school ensures that [his/her] individual educational needs are provided for.**

**SHOWCARD F**

1. Strongly agree
2. Tend to agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK IF 2 AT DvPsFeePay or 2 at PsFeePay**

**PsALN**

**Does [name] have any special educational needs or additional learning needs that makes it harder for [him/her] to learn than other children the same age?**

**IF NECESSARY: Any learning difficulty or disability that means [he/she] needs extra support at school?**

1. Yes
  2. No
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK IF 1 AT PsALN**

**PsState SHOWCARD**

**Has [name's] school or the local council given [him/her] any of these plans?**

**SHOWCARD**

INTERVIEWER:

**STATEMENTS** are statutory plans for learners with special educational needs issued by the local authority.

**INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS** are issued by the school to learners with special educational needs or additional learning needs. They are usually supported through 'School Action' or 'School Action Plus', or 'Early Years Action' or 'Early Years Action Plus' in early years settings.

**INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS** are a new type of plan issued by the local authority or school to young people with special educational needs or additional learning needs.

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Statement of special educational needs
  2. Individual education plan
  3. Individual development plan
  4. Early Years Action Plus / Early Years Action plan
  5. School Action Plus / School Action plan
  6. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
  7. None
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **Play**

**ASK OF PARENTS, ONE CHILD (AGED 1 to 10) SELECTED AT RANDOM**

**PlayOppU11 SHOWCARD**

**Please think about outdoor and indoor places for [name] to play in the local area.**

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with these places to play?

INTERVIEWER: LOCAL AREA IS RESPONDENT'S INTERPRETATION

1. Very satisfied
  2. Fairly satisfied
  3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
  4. Fairly dissatisfied
  5. Very dissatisfied
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)
- 10 Refused

**ASK OF PARENTS, ONE CHILD (AGED 11 to 15) SELECTED AT RANDOM**

**PlayClubU11 SHOWACRD**

**Please think about clubs and organised activities that [name] can take part in in the local area.**

**Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with these clubs and activities?**

INTERVIEWER: LOCAL AREA IS RESPONDENT'S INTERPRETATION

1. Very satisfied
  2. Fairly satisfied
  3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
  4. Fairly dissatisfied
  5. Very dissatisfied
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)
- 10 Refused

**ASK A 'SAMPLE' OF NON-PARENTS**

**PlayOppXPar SHOWCARD**

**Thinking about your local area, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the places available for children and young people to play or meet up?**

INTERVIEWER: LOCAL AREA IS REpondent'S INTERPRETATION

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

- 4. Fairly dissatisfied
- 5. Very dissatisfied
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)
- 10 Refused

### **Use of HHS in Welsh**

ASK IF Welsh Speaker

**The next set of questions is about expressing a preference to be treated in Welsh at your GP or hospital appointment. Please just think about NHS appointments.**

ASK IF NON Welsh Speaker

**The next set of questions is about expressing a preference to be treated in Welsh at your GP or hospital appointment. Everyone should be asked their preference, in case they do speak Welsh. Please just think about NHS appointments.**

### **ASK IF 1 AT WelSpk**

**HOfferWL**

**ASK ALL**

**Have you ever been asked whether you prefer to receive treatment in Welsh, either at the GP surgery or hospital?**

**IF NECESSARY: That is, be treated by a doctor or healthcare professional in Welsh.**

**INTERVIEWER: IF TREATMENT SOMETIMES IN WELSH, BUT PREFERENCE NEVER CHECKED, CODE AS 2.**

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. No need, treatment has always been in Welsh
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

ASK IF 1=YES AT HOfferWL

**HPrefWL**

**Did you say that you preferred to receive treatment in Welsh?**

**IF NECESSARY: That is, be treated by a doctor or healthcare professional in Welsh.**

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

ASK IF 2=**NO** AT HOfferWL **AND Welsh Speaker**

**HAskWL**

**Have you ever asked if you could be treated in Welsh?**

IF NECESSARY: **That is, be treated by a doctor or healthcare professional in Welsh.**

1. Yes
2. No
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

ASK IF 1=**YES** AT HOfferWL **OR** 1 = **YES** AT HAskWL

**HWhenWL**

**When [was this last offered / did you last say this]?**

**READ OUT**

1. In the last year
2. Between 1 and 2 years ago
3. Over 2 years ago
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

ASK IF 1=**YES** AT HOfferWL **OR** 1= **YES** AT HAskWL

**HAppWL**

**Have you had any GP or hospital appointments since then?**

1. Yes
2. No
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

ASK IF 1 = **YES** AT HAppWL **AND Welsh Speaker**

**HAppWLWhere**

**Was your most recent appointment at the GP surgery or at a hospital?**

1. GP
2. Hospital
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **GpHspHadApp**

**Was this [GP / hospital] appointment in the last 12 months?**

1. GP
2. Hospital
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

ASK IF 1 = YES AT HAppWL

## **HPrefWLRec**

**At your most recent [GP / hospital] appointment, was it remembered that you prefer to receive treatment in Welsh?**

RECORD WHETHER PREFERENCE REMEMBERED BY STAFF, NOT WHETHER RESPONDENT ACTUALLY WANTED OR WAS ABLE TO SPEAK WELSH ON THAT OCCASION.

PREFERENCE EXPRESSED AT GP SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AT HOSPITAL AND VICE VERSA. SO IF EXPRESSED PREFERENCE AT ONE AND IT WAS NOT REMEMBERED AT THE OTHER, CODE AS 2.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Had since asked to speak to a doctor in English (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **Psychoactive substances – support**

**This question is about the kind of support you would seek if you were using or thinking of using drugs.**

**ASK ALL**

### **NPSHelp SHOWCARD**

**If you felt that you needed to get help because you were using or thinking of using drugs, who or where would you go to?**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Parent / relative / carer
2. Friend
3. Someone you work with
4. Teacher
5. GP
6. Drug advice service / rehab centre
7. dan 24/7 - Wales Drug and Alcohol helpline

8. Drugaid website
9. Talk to Frank website / helpline
10. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK ALL (Parents and non-parents)**

**NPSWellInf SHOWCARD**

**How well-informed do you feel about the effects of drugs? The Welsh Government is interested in asking these questions so that they can come up with the best ways of informing the public about the effects of drugs.**

**SHOWCARD**

1. Very well-informed
  2. Fairly well-informed
  3. Not very well-informed
  4. Not at all well-informed
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 11 YEARS OR OLDER**

**NPSWellInfPar SHOWCARD**

**If you ever had to discuss the effects of drugs with your child(ren), how well-informed would you feel to do this?**

**SHOWCARD**

1. Very well-informed
  2. Fairly well-informed
  3. Not very well-informed
  4. Not at all well-informed
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **Problems and advice**

**ASK ALL**

**ConJust SHOWCARD**

**How confident are you that everyone has access to the legal system if they need it?**

**By legal system, I mean lawyers, courts and advice services which can help people resolve legal issues.**

1. Very confident
2. Fairly confident
3. Not very confident
4. Not at all confident

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **Arts attendance**

**ASK ALL**

**ArtsAttEv SHOWCARD**

**The next question asks about your participation in arts events.**

**In the last 12 months, have you attended any of the following arts events?**

**CODE ALL THAT APPLY**

1. Film showing
2. Theatre
3. Live music
4. Dance performance
5. Storytelling / reading event
6. Other arts event (PLEASE SPECIFY)
7. None of these



## **Access to services and facilities**

**I will now ask some questions about the services and facilities in your local area. By local services and facilities, I mean things like shops, restaurants, parks, sports centres, schools and GP surgeries.**

### **ASK ALL**

#### **LocServAv SHOWCARD**

**Overall, How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that good services and facilities are available in your local area?**

**IF NECESSARY: Please consider your local area to be the area within 15-20 minutes walking distance from your home.**

#### **SHOWCARD**

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied
6. No local services and facilities (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

### **ASK IF NOT 6 AT LocServAv**

#### **LocServGet SHOWCARD**

**How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your ability to get to these services and facilities?**

**INTERVIEWER: THIS IS THE RESPONDENT'S OWN INTERPRETATION**

#### **SHOWCARD**

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK ALL**

**ServFacWeb SHOWCARD**

**Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your ability to access these services and facilities online?**

INTERVIEWER: THIS IS THE RESPONDENT'S OWN INTERPRETATION

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK ALL**

**ServFacTel SHOWCARD**

**Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your ability to access these services and facilities by telephone?**

INTERVIEWER: THIS IS THE RESPONDENTS OWN INTERPRETATION

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK ALL**

**LocServFac SHOWCARD**

**As far as you know, which, if any of the following services and facilities are provided in your local area?**

**IF NECESSARY: Please think about the area within 15-20 minutes walking distance from your home.**

INTERVIEWER: THIS IS THE RESPONDENT'S OWN INTERPRETATION.

WE ARE ASKING ABOUT WHAT IS PROVIDED IN THE LOCAL AREA, NOT THE QUALITY OF THE SERVICE. E.G. IF RESPONDENT SAYS THERE IS A BUS ROUTE, BUT BUSES ARE INFREQUENT, THIS SHOULD STILL BE CODED AS 15.

1. Shops
2. Pub / Restaurant
3. Cinema
4. Park

5. Library
  6. Community centre / hall
  7. Sports centre / club
  8. Youth club Health centre / GP surgery
  9. Chemist
  10. Post Office
  11. Primary school
  12. Secondary school
  13. Place of worship, e.g. church
  14. Cash machine
  15. Public transport links (for example a train station or bus route)
  16. None of the above
- 9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

### **Local authority**

#### **LAInfoCh SHOWCARD**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements?**

**I can access information about [name of LA] in the way I would like to.**

1. Strongly agree
  2. Tend to agree
  3. Neither agree nor disagree
  4. Tend to disagree
  5. Strongly disagree
- 9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

#### **LABudget SHOWCARD**

**[Name of LA] asks local people for their views before setting its budget.**

1. Strongly agree
  2. Tend to agree
  3. Neither agree nor disagree
  4. Tend to disagree
  5. Strongly disagree
- 9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**Libraries**

**ASK ALL**

**LibAtt**

**In the last 12 months, have you used a public library service?**

INTERVIEWER: INCLUDE VISITS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES, USING ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES, OR ACCESS BY TELEPHONE. EXCLUDE VISITS TO UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES.

1. Yes
2. No

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK IF 2 AT LibAtt**

**LibXVisit**

**And can I just ask, why haven't you used a public library service in the last 12 months?**

DO NOT PROMPT

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Not really interested
2. I don't have anyone to go with
3. I wouldn't enjoy it
4. Health isn't good enough
5. Opening hours aren't convenient
6. Lack of transport / I can't easily get to it
7. It's difficult to find the time
8. Not sure what services are available
9. The right services aren't available
10. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **Internet use and public service websites**

### **IF 1 AT IntPersUse IntSkills SHOWCARD**

**In the last 4 weeks, which, if any, of these activities have you done?**

#### **SHOWCARD A**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Used Google or another search engine
2. Downloaded or saved a photograph you found online
4. Sent a message via email or instant messaging
5. Bought goods or services online
6. Installed apps on a smartphone or tablet
7. Used online help services (e.g. chat service or internet forum for example on a bank or mobile provider website)
8. Watched an online 'how to' clip (e.g. on YouTube)
9. Completed online application forms which asked for personal details (e.g. address, date of birth)
10. None of these

IF 1 AT IntPersUse

### **IntGovUse2 SHOWCARD**

**Which, if any, of these public service websites have you visited in the last 12 months?**

#### **SHOWCARD**

1. Welsh Government website
2. NHS Direct Wales website
3. Your GP's website
4. Local authority / council website
5. School / college website
6. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
7. None of these

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**IF 1-6 AT IntGovRec**

**IntGovSat SHOWCARD**

**How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the [insert answer to IntGovUse2]?**

**SHOWCARD C**

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**Non-GP primary care services**

ASK ALL

**NonGPServs SHOWCARD**

**Which of these services have you used for yourself in the last 12 months, either under the NHS or privately?**

INTERVIEWER: ONLY INCLUDE THE PRIMARY CARE SERVICES LISTED BELOW. IF RESPONDENT WENT TO A&E, DO NOT CODE THIS.

**SHOWCARD D**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Optician for an eye test
2. Dentist
3. GP practice nurse
4. Health visitor, district nurse, community nurse, or midwife
5. Out of hours GP or nurse
6. Pharmacist
7. Physiotherapist
8. Occupational therapist
9. Dietician
10. Audiologist at a hospital
11. 111 (telephone or online)
12. NHS Direct (telephone or online)
13. Add to Your Life online service
14. None of these

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## Medicines

The next section is about medicines. By medicines we mean anything you take or put on your skin to treat a medical condition. We also mean mineral and vitamin supplements, herbal and homeopathic medicines.

ASK ALL

### NPMed

**During the past 4 weeks have you bought any medicine for yourself?  
Don't count anything that you got with a prescription.**

1. Yes
2. No

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

ASK IF 1 AT NPMed

NPMedType SHOWCARD

**Which of these types of medicine did you buy?**

### SHOWCARD

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Conventional medicines, e.g. painkillers, indigestion remedies, cough medicine
2. Herbal medicine
3. Homeopathic medicine
4. Mineral or vitamin supplements (excluding protein shakes)

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

ASK ALL

### PMed

**Have you been taking any medicine for a year or more that was prescribed to you?**

1. Yes
2. No

-9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## Disabled adaptations

**ASK IF R OR SOMEONE IN HH HAS LONG-TERM ILLNESS/CONDITION**

### **LngIIIAdpt**

**We need to know whether people with disabilities are less likely to have suitable accommodation, and if so, why this is so that the Welsh Government can take action to help.**

**Are adaptations in your home needed for [your] physical or mental health condition or illness?**

**IF NECESSARY: Please think about adaptations you think are needed, regardless of whether you have them or not.**

**INTERVIEWER: CODE ADAPTATIONS ALREADY MADE AND ADAPTATIONS NEEDED BUT NOT YET MADE AS 1**

1. Yes
  2. No
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK IF 1 AT LngIIILimit OR LongIIILimitHh**

**SCAccom2 SHOWCARD**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

**I have suitable accommodation for [my] physical needs?**

### **SHOWCARD F**

1. Strongly agree
2. Tend to agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)



**ASK IF 4 OR 5 = Disagree AT SCAcomm2**

**SHOWCARD**

**SCAccomWhy**

**Why is your accommodation not suitable for [your] needs?**

**SHOWCARD G**

1. Waiting for adaptations to be made, but work not yet carried out
2. Waiting to move into suitable accommodation
3. Landlord won't allow work to be carried out
4. Landlord won't pay for work
5. Can't afford it
6. Don't trust tradesmen
7. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**Problems and advice 2**

**ASK ALL**

**READ OUT: The Welsh Government are interested in this topic because they need to know if people who have suffered a problem or dispute are getting enough support to resolve it properly, and if not, what should be put in place to improve things.**

**Disputes SHOWCARD**

**In the last 12 months, have you personally experienced any problems or disputes in relation with the following topics?**

**SHOWCARD**

**CODE ALL THAT APPLY**

1. Debt
2. Financial matters other than debt
3. Welfare benefits (for example Housing Benefit, Child Tax Credit)
4. Housing
5. Employment
6. Discrimination
7. Divorce or problems related to relationship breakdown
8. Social care
9. Goods or services you have bought
10. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
11. None of these

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK IF 1-10 AT Disputes**

**ProbOtcn SHOWCARD**

**Thinking about the most serious problem you experienced, which of these best describes what happened?**

**SHOWCARD**

SINGLE CODE

1. Sorted it out
2. Still sorting it out
3. Attempted to sort it out but gave up
4. Did nothing
  
- 9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK IF 1 AT ProbOtcn**

**ProbSort SHOWCARD**

**How [did / are] you sort[ing] it out?**

**SHOWCARD**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. On my own
2. With the help of family / friends
3. With professional help - paid for
4. With professional help - free
5. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
  
- 9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK IF 2 AT ProbOtcn**

**ProbGvUp SHOWCARD**

**Why did you give up?**

**SHOWCARD**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Due to costs
2. Due to complexity
3. On professional advice
4. On the advice of family / friends
  
5. Because I was unable to get information / advice I needed
6. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
  
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK IF 4 AT ProbOtcM**

**ProbNoth SHOWCARD**

**Why didn't you do anything?**

**SHOWCARD**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Due to costs
2. Due to complexity
3. Didn't have the time
4. Lack of knowledge
5. Too stressful
6. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

**ASK ALL**

**AdvProb SHOWCARD**

**In the last 12 months, have you had advice or support from any organisations in these areas?**

**SHOWCARD**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Debt
2. Financial matters other than debt
3. Welfare benefits (for example, Housing benefit, Child Tax Credit)
4. Housing
5. Employment
6. Discrimination
7. Divorce or problems related to relationship breakdown
8. Social care
9. Goods or services you have bought
10. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
11. None of these

-9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## Welfare reform

### ASK ALL

#### WelfAware SHOWCARD

**Which of the following changes to welfare benefits have you heard of? If you'd like, I can tell you a bit more about these options.**

INTERVIEWER: READ OUT EXPLANATIONS IF RESPONDENT REQUIRES

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

IF NECESSARY: **Universal Credit** is a benefit for people on low incomes or out of work. Benefits replaced by Universal Credit include Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Housing Benefit.

IF NECESSARY: The **Personal Independence Payment** helps with some of the extra costs caused by long-term disability or ill-health. This has replaced Disability Living Allowance.

IF NECESSARY: The **Household Benefit Cap** is a limit on the total amount of benefit that most working-age people can get. It was originally introduced in 2013. From October 2016 the cap cut benefits for out-of-work families from £26,000 (£18,200 for single adults without children) to £20,000 (£13,400 for single adults without children).

IF NECESSARY: As a result of the **removal of the spare room subsidy** (also known as the '**bedroom tax**'), Housing Benefit has been reduced for working-age social tenants whose properties are deemed to have more rooms than they need based on the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) size criteria.

#### SHOWCARD

1. Introduction of Universal Credit
2. Introduction of Personal Independence Payment
3. Household Benefit Cap
4. Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy (also known as the Bedroom Tax)
5. None of the above

ASK IF 1 OR 2 AT Q17 WelfAware

**Q18 WelfEffect1 (Universal Credit) or WelfEffect 2 (Personal Independence Payment)  
SHOWCARD N**

**What effect, if any, has the [RESPONSE OPTION Q19] had on you or your household? You can select more than one option.**

**SHOWCARD N**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Positive (e.g. more money, less stress / anxiety)
  2. Negative (e.g. less money, more stress / anxiety)
  3. None / Not applicable
- 9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

ASK IF 3 OR 4 AT WelfAware

**WelEffect3 (Household benefit cap) or WelEffect4 (Removal of spare room subsidy)**

**What effect, if any, has the [RESPONSE OPTION ] had on you or your household? You can select more than one option.**

**SHOWCARD**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Positive (e.g. helped me move into work)
  2. Negative (e.g. less money, had to move house)
  3. None / Not applicable
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **Children's rights**

### **ASK ALL**

**We'd like to find out how informed people feel about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. There are no right or wrong answers.**

### **UNCRC SHOWCARD**

**How much have you previously heard about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child?**

#### **SHOWCARD**

1. Heard of it and have a fair idea of the rights it involves
  2. Heard of it, but not sure what rights it involves
  3. Not heard of it
- 9 Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)

## **Tattoos and piercings**

### **ASK ALL**

#### **Tattoos**

**Have you ever had any tattoos?**

1. Yes
2. No

### **ASK IF 1= YES AT Tattoos**

#### **TatWhen**

**When was your most recent tattoo?**

#### **SHOWCARD**

1. Less than 12 months ago
  2. 12 months but less than 2 years ago
  3. 2 years ago or more
- 9. Don't know (SPONTANEOUS ONLY)