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EXTERNAL RESPONSES TO THE SCOTTISH HOUSEHOLD SURVEY 2018-2021 QUESTIONNAIRE REVIEW

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Cross-cutting

Fife Council



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South Lanarkshire Council

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South Lanarkshire Council

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Yes

No

**2018-2021 Scottish Household Survey (SHS), Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS), Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews
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Detail of question

Justification

Questions to be amended

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A question that relates to child poverty to be collected on an annual basis. This data would be used to address new duties imposed on the Council and NHS to produce an annual 'progress on child poverty report' and a new socio-economic duty to tackle inequality due to socio-economic disadvantage.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

Due to the Scottish Government focus on tackling inequality and in particular child poverty within the new community planning arrangements and preparations for new Local Outcome Improvement Plans, a national sample size of 10,000 would provide a much needed, robust dataset.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Annual.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

Child Poverty reporting is a national priority. A robust dataset, available on an annual basis and reported at local authority level, would provide a strong baseline for demonstrating and tracking progress against this policy priority.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

The lack of quality data on household income is noted in the existing SHS framework (p.75 HH1). It is recognised that improving the quality of data is by no means a simple fix. However, in the absence of national survey data, which is comparable across local authority areas, the reporting duty will need to be met through less robust local mechanisms which are not readily comparable across different areas and therefore the ability to demonstrate

progress against this key national priority is diminished. Therefore it is considered that this would be a major impact, not only for local authorities but for Scottish Government as well.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

The difficulties in constructing a single question to capture household income are noted in the SHS 2017 questionnaire framework. It is anticipated that any attempt to develop a 'child poverty' measure this will require more than one question.

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

- To inform the local authority strategic housing planning function
- To demonstrate, track and benchmark local authority / community planning partnership progress towards tackling inequality and reducing child poverty

BID FOR INCLUSION WITHIN SCOTTISH SURVEY CORE QUESTIONS (SSCQ)

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ASP2 - DO YOU EXPECT TO MOVE FROM THIS HOUSE/FLAT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS OR NOT? IF YES, WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO MOVE?

A primary requirement for delivering the local authority strategic housing function is understanding the extent and nature of the local housing system, including propensity for movement. Ideally, if the current SHS questions 'ASP1-3' as a group were included as SSCQ this would provide a valuable measure of residents' housing needs and aspirations and a sense-check for the health of the local housing system, to be used alongside other analysis. However, recognising the constraints for the SSCQ, ASP2 is proposed as the most useful single question for generating key data for this strategic planning focus.

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

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Orkney Islands Council

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Organisation

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Orkney Islands Council

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Yes



No



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Detail of question

We would like all questions to stay in the survey.

Justification

We reiterate COSLA's view that all areas of the survey topics in the SHS are relevant to the work of Scotland's local authorities. We view the data as critical when developing policies as it provides the opportunity to better understand the communities that we serve in relation to our statutory and non-statutory duties. Of equal importance to policy development is monitoring the impact of policy, and again our need for sound data cannot be overstated. The SHS data makes a unique contribution towards policy development and monitoring within Scottish local government and we would like to see its value recognised and safeguarded for the future.

Questions to be amended

For each question, or group of questions, that are being amended, please provide the detail of the amendment

Please also provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

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(b) Consulted with stakeholders and whether consensus was reached.

Detail of amendment

An amended variable name should have an A or an _A after the original variable name.

None proposed.

Justification

N/A

Questions to be deleted**Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions**

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

Detail of deleted question

None proposed.

Justification

N/A

Proposed new questions

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None proposed.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

None proposed.

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N/A

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

N/A

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

N/A

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

N/A

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

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N/A

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

N/A

BID FOR INCLUSION WITHIN SCOTTISH SURVEY CORE QUESTIONS (SSCQ)

Are you bidding for any existing SHS/SHCS questions to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

We are content with the areas covered by the current SSCQ

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify

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N/A

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

No.

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Culture – Kay Barclay

Angus Council

There are a range of services, in a number of council areas, that are provided by trusts rather than Councils, for example, libraries, sports centres, country parks, museums, galleries, theatres and halls.

Are the SHS Team planning to take this into account during the review?

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Culture Counts

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Individual
Organisation

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- Yes X
No

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Detail of question

CULT3A, CULT3B, CULT3C, CULT3D, CULT4A, CULT4B, CULT4C, CULT4D, CULT5AM, CULT5AT, CULT5AH, CULT5AL, CULT5AS, CULT5BM, CULT5BT, CULT5BH, CULT5BL, CULT5BS, CULT6AR, CULT6AA, CULT6AM, CULT6AS, CULT7, CULT8, CULT8M, CULT8W, CULT8L, CULT8H, CULT8T, CULT8R and RF10C, RF10D,.

Justification

Information on cultural attendance and participation is used to inform the work of Culture Counts, the campaign to promote the value of culture in Scotland and by our member organisations who in turn represent the majority of professional and voluntary artists and cultural organisations in Scotland. This cultural data may also be used by organisations working in the areas of education, health, community development and tourism. Monitoring cultural participation and attendance is essential to understanding the impact culture has on communities in Scotland and analysis of the patterns of cultural participation is important in underpinning work to drive inclusion and equality.

The cultural questions in the Scottish Household Survey are essential to the cultural sector and we would like to make clear the importance of the data on cultural participation and attendance. The data is of utmost importance in informing the work of cultural organisations and, in the absence of a dedicated cultural survey for Scotland like the DCMS Taking Part

survey in England, is not available elsewhere.

We note the recent Cultural Value Project, supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, which looked into the question of why the arts and culture matter, and how effects are captured. The Project involved 70 original pieces of research to identify the various components that make up cultural value and to consider and develop the methodologies and the evidence that might be used to evaluate these components of cultural value. It found that cohort studies of health in the Nordic countries show an association between long-term arts engagement and positive health outcomes, after attempts to control for relevant social, economic and demographic variables. The report calls for long-term questions about arts and cultural engagement to be included in major UK cohort studies in the future and for these questions to be stable over time to enable longitudinal research.

(Understanding the value of arts & culture - The AHRC Cultural Value Project- Geoffrey Crossick & Patrycja Kaszynska - <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/research/fundedthemesandprogrammes/culturalvalueproject/>)

Culture Counts also notes the ongoing conversations within SCENE (Scottish Cultural Evidence Network) regarding the culture questions. We are supportive of these discussions and the input of this group and would welcome any refinement which could be used to improve the indicators and shape an Outcome for culture within the National Performance Framework.

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N/A

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High Life Highland

Thank you for giving High Life Highland the opportunity to comment on the questions on culture proposed for inclusion in the Scottish Households Survey. We offer the following comments for your consideration

P 177 CULT4A

Do not specifically exclude karaoke (or indeed paying in a small, self-started band). Suggest just leaving the question open at “or other performance”.

P 183 CULT 7

Suggest, between statements B & C, adding “Culture and the arts contribute to individuals’ wellbeing”

P 166 RF10C & 10D

These both ask about respondents use and opinion of, specifically, “the following *Council Services*” and go on to ask about libraries, museums & galleries etc.

I wonder how able a user is to identify between a Council provided museum or gallery, as opposed to an independent one e.g. Highland Print Studio/ Museum of the Isles?

This will also be compounded by the number of previously directly LA run facilities now being run by ALEOs.

Also, if the point of the survey is to learn about general participation, why ask about council run only?

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Scottish Culture Evidence Network (SCENE)

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Individual

Organisation

Full name or organisation’s name:

Scottish Cultural Evidence Network, which includes: Creative Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland, Museums Galleries Scotland, The Scottish Council on Archives and Scottish Libraries Information Council.

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No

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The Scottish Cultural Evidence Network welcome this opportunity to provide feedback to the Consultation on the design of the Scottish household survey from 2017 and beyond. The SCENE network is made up of Creative Scotland (CS), Historic Environment Scotland (HES), Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS), The Scottish Council on Archives, Scottish Libraries Information Council and the Scottish Government. As such it represents the key stakeholders and users of the Cultural questions included in chapter 13 of the Scottish household Survey (SHS).

The SHS is very important to us as cultural/ heritage organisations in Scotland as it is our main reliable and regular source of behaviour towards and attitudes towards organisations we work with from the general public. Specifically the survey gives us data on the Scottish population attending a range of cultural events and places and taking part in cultural practices.

We propose the following list of questions remain unchanged in terms of sample size and frequency of collection, However we are proposing some minor textual amendments to some questions as noted below.

To be maintained as annual survey questions:

CULT3A (with minor text edits)

CULT3B

CULT4A (with minor text edits)

CULT4B

CULT7 (with minor text edits)

RF10C and RF10D – change reference in question from “Council services” to “local services”

The detailed text changes are presented as an annex, and have been developed together with Dr Kay Barclay: the SG lead analyst for the Culture section of SHS. The proposed edits do not alter the length of the questions.

Justification

CULT3A and 4A are used as the source for SG National Indicator 'Increase cultural engagement' and is therefore used across all the cultural public bodies.

The SHS is the data source with most reliable data in Scotland for applied research looking into significant differences in cultural attendance.

Specific examples of use of the SHS data include:

Historic Environment Scotland use the data to describe the state of the historic environment, including how heritage contributes to wellbeing. HES leads on delivery of the Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland (Our Place in Time) . We use data from the SHS to measure the success of the Scottish Historic Environment Strategy delivery. We report data in [Scotland's Historic Environment Audit](#) (SHEA), which is used across the sector and beyond (public, private and third sector organisations). We have worked with the sector and SG to propose a change to the SG NPF Indicator measure on the Condition of Historic Sites - from the Percentage of A-listed buildings on the Buildings at Risk Register (BARR) to % pre 1919 stock in critical condition. RWE use results from CULT3A, G to measure [Our Place in Time](#) (OPiT).

Creative Scotland uses a number of SHS indicators as performance indicators. These include overall cultural engagement and Children's cultural engagement, covered in chapter 14 of the SHS report. In addition SHS data has informed a number of briefings and research and evaluation projects including 'Equality Matters, a review of EDI in Scotland's Screen sector' and art form sector reviews.

Museums Galleries Scotland regularly uses data from the SHS to respond to Scottish Government enquiries. We use data to gain a high-level picture of attitudes towards and opinions towards the sector we support. The local-authority level data gives us intelligence to support our work with over 460 museums in all parts of Scotland.

The **Scottish Council on Archives** regularly uses the results of the Public Services Quality Group Archive Users (PSQG) survey, a UK-wide survey of archive users conducted every 18 months by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. The PSQG survey results are used as benchmarking data for measuring economic impact and informing programmes aimed at improving access to archives. SHS data offers a higher-level Scottish context for the PSQG survey results in addition to insight into the demographics and opinions of non-archive users.

The Scottish Libraries Information Council (SLIC) also use the data for a number of purposes. The question 'How often have you used each of the following council services in the past 12 months?' is the only data available to libraries on frequency of use. The number of physical and virtual visits are recorded annually by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). These are recorded at local level by electronic people counters, which cannot differentiate between particular users. Library management systems are used to record transactions, such as borrowing or renewing items on loan. However, the library management system will not capture attendance at events, participation in activities or general use of the library space. In covering all aspects of library "use", RF10C provides the only mechanism for tracking repeat use and ascertaining trends in usage to support profiling, and to inform service planning and delivery at local level.

We all recognise that SHS is a crucial source of data for researchers interested in the cultural sector. These include consultants we commission to explore impact of our sectors in relation to our strategies and wider government agendas. Other users include academics conducting more complex analysis. Even if they work independently, our organisations utilise their research outputs to improve our insight and our support for the cultural sectors. The questions on use and satisfaction with local authority culture and sport and leisure facilities (RF10C and RF10D) should be kept in every year as these are important data sources for the Local Government Benchmarking Framework.

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

We suggest the following questions could be dropped from the survey as they are not currently used within the sector or are not sufficiently comprehensive. While this is a significant cut to the culture block of questions we request that CULT 3C and 4C are replaced and expanded slightly to :

- CULT3C (to be replaced by an alternative question)
- CULT4C (to be replaced by an alternative question)
- CULT 3D
- CULT4D
- CULT5AM
- CULT5AT
- CULT5AH
- CULT5AL
- CULT5AS
- CULT5BM
- CULT5BT
- CULT5BH
- CULT5BL
- CULT5BS
- CULT6AR
- CULT6AA
- CULT6AM
- CULT6AS

Justification

- CULT3C and CULT4C currently ask about barriers to further engagement only to those who state that they attend or participate in no cultural activity currently. We suggest improving these questions by including additional short questions on whether respondents desire to do more. (details below)
- CULT3D and CULT4D: these questions ask about intended behaviour. In our opinion the variables asking about actual behaviour in the last year are more reliable and robust indicator of engagement and participation. The questions replicate the lists of options from the previous 12 months without adding significant extra value for the sector.

- CULT 5 and CULT 6 (14 questions) are all about the childhood experience and although the results are of interest we would not expect to see huge variation on a biennial basis. Therefore we feel that these questions could be dropped to make room for more detailed questions about desire to do more cultural activity.

There are a number of questions which are currently included in the biennial survey which we feel could be streamlined, reduced and/ or updated which would not only reduce costs to the SHS but also improve the quality and usefulness of the data generated.

- CULT 8 questions (7 questions): These questions are all about website usage and seem outdated. We have had in-depth discussions around how best to capture digital cultural engagement.
- We propose that questions around accessing live-streamed creative content and online collections and archives are included in the attendance and participation questions (CULT 3A and CULT 4A). In addition we ask that consideration is given to including cultural categories in any wider questions around digital engagement.

Proposed new questions

(a) For each new question, or group of new questions, please explain why you need each individual question/variable in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ). Your answer should address the following: justification of full vs. one third sample, and annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

Questions to measure desire to do more and barriers to engagement

Retaining and growing participation and engagement are critical to the success of the sector. Understanding the barriers to participation is the best way to address this issue. At present, CULT3C and CULT4C (which we have proposed to be dropped) are only asked to respondents who are not engaged in the sector at all, either visiting places or doing activities. However, there is potential to explore deeper participation from respondents who already have some engagement with the sector, to better deliver the Network's policy objectives.

We therefore propose three new questions are inserted to replace CULT3C to give a more comprehensive understanding of barriers to current participation at cultural places - as follows:

CULT3X: "Would you like to go to any or more of these places, or go to them more often?"
Options: Yes, No, Don't know

CULT3Y: (Ask if "yes" response at CULT3X). Showcard of list at CULT3A: "From this list, which of these places would you most like to go to / go to more / more often?" (up to a maximum of 3 responses)

CULT3Z: (Ask for each response at CULT3Y). "Looking at this card, are there any reasons why you are not able to attend these types of events more / more often"

The option list should include:

- It costs too much
- I don't know enough about it
- Never occurred to me
- Not really interested
- I don't have anyone to go with
- I wouldn't enjoy it

- Not enough facilities close to where I live
- Health isn't good enough
- I might feel uncomfortable or out of place
- Lack of transport / I can't easily get to it
- Poor access to venues (e.g. no disabled ramps)
- Not enough information on what is available
- Didn't enjoy it last time
- It's difficult to find the time
- I would feel unsafe going to/from the activity/event
- I would feel unsafe at the activity / event
- Other, specify
- Don't know

We also propose the same list of questions to replace CULT4C, with some minor text edits to reflect that they are asking about barriers to undertaking a list of activities rather than visiting places. The proposed text changes are included in the annex questionnaire.

We also propose a new question to better align respondents participation in culture with the wider National Outcomes of creating a healthier and happier Scotland, helping us to establish the strength of the link. The proposed new question to follow 7a:

If CULT7A = 1 (i.e. culture, heritage and the arts make a positive difference to me, my health and wellbeing)

"You said that culture, heritage and the arts makes a positive difference to you. In what way is this? Statements:

- Makes me feel happy / something I really enjoy
- Improves my mental wellbeing
- Improves my physical wellbeing/health/fitness
- Takes my mind off my problems
- Helps me to relax
- I am meeting new people / making new friends
- I am learning new skills / knowledge
- Other reason

Response options: strongly agree (1), tend to agree (2), neither agree nor disagree (3), tend to disagree (4), strongly disagree (5), No opinion (6).

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

We would like to retain the current sample sizes in relation to the Cultural questions, particularly in light of upcoming equalities research in cultural participation and attendance. SHS gives the only reliable data in Scotland for applied research looking into significant differences in cultural attendance between groups split by responses to variables including:

- urban and rural areas (SHS_6CLA)
- age groups (HA4)
- levels of highest qualification (HEDQUAL8)

- socio-economic characteristics (SEG)
- income groups (ANNETINC)
- social industrial and NSSEC analytic classifications (HIHSIC, HIHSOC, NSSEC, NSSEC2)
- derived variables in relation to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (MD12PC15/ MD12DEC/ MD12QUIN)

Reducing the overall sample size will have a knock on effect in relation to sizes of sub-groups within the sample. The lag time between survey administration, to achieving sufficient sample sizes from pooled data for sub-populations would be lengthened. This would result in less correspondence to monitoring and reporting cycles turn around for applied research into areas of priority for our organisations and the Scottish Government e.g. equalities. This concern applies to lower geographies. We are keen that the Local Authority Tables produced by SG have sufficient sample sizes and for error margins not to prohibit reliable reporting of results in relation to CULT section questions.

For the questions on participation and engagement with heritage, culture and the arts (CULT3A, CULT 4A) the results do not vary greatly between years. We are concerned with any increase to the margin of error which will result from a reduced sample size.

We feel that a trimming and redrafting of the biennial questions while maintaining core questions on an annual basis in the culture section would present the optimal solution for reducing the costs for the Scottish Government while also meeting the needs of the cultural sector.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

As outlined above, the annual production of the top line data for culture is essential to the reporting and strategic development of our organisations. If these questions were to move to a biannual frequency it would have a detrimental impact on our operations.

CULT7 which is currently biennial is especially important for eliciting attitudes from the general population towards culture, heritage and the arts. We would rather this question was asked annually, rather than every two years. This will help understand the impact of culture, arts and heritage on communities corresponding to the emphasis in the Scottish Government's Strategy for the Historic Environment *Our Place in Time* and *Going Further: The National Strategy for Scotland's Museums and Galleries*. We welcome clarity on the status of CULT7 which the Measuring Success Steering Group are considering as headline measure: specifically whether is proposed for biennial inclusion, or deletion.

We believe the questions in CULT, some asked annually and some asked biennially, are at the lowest desirable frequency.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

We do not have a specific culture survey in Scotland like DCMS' Taking Part run by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport in England. As a result Scotland already has

comparatively less population data regarding cultural engagement than England. The exclusion from culture from SHS would be extremely detrimental.

We recognise there are benefits arising from culture questions being included in a survey asking about wider topics. This especially relates to the information collected about households, and individuals in households.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

SHS data is used extensively by members of the SCENe Group to help us better understand cultural engagement in Scotland. Uses are detailed in question one above.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

The Scottish Government publication Healthy Attendance (2013) which explored correlation between wellbeing and cultural engagement using SHS data is a useful and well cited publication. We see potential for more of this cross topic analysis.
<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2013/08/9956>

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.
OR
If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

We have detailed the question wording above and in the appendix

We are proposing the removal of 18 full questions and the consolidation of even more through the website questions (CULT 8)

We are proposing the addition of seven questions of which two are short yes/no questions.

Overall our proposals include a considerable net reduction on the Culture question set.

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

All the SCENe group members work closely with local authorities in the joint delivery of Scotland's cultural offer.

BID FOR INCLUSION WITHIN SCOTTISH SURVEY CORE QUESTIONS (SSCQ)

Are you bidding for any existing SHS/SHCS questions to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

No

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

No

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

No

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Scottish Council on Archives

Thanks very much for this. We are looking at these questions with an ‘archives and records hat’ on, so these were a couple of thoughts/queries we wanted to put forward in advance of the meeting:

Question RF10, C & D

We have noted that museums, galleries and libraries are included amongst the local authority services listed in these two questions. We were curious about why archive and record offices don’t appear in this section.

CULT7 D – the question asks respondents to give feedback on the value they place on local heritage being cared for and this is described as the built environment. Would there be any scope to include something in here about the value people place on the preservation of documented heritage?

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VOCAL

Please find attached some feedback from (VOCAL representative and Fife Cultural Trust CEO) regarding the SHS consultation.

- There is no focus within the SHS at the moment on outcomes in the questions

- There is a focus on the type of sporting or cultural activity that people have participated in but not the effect/impact this has had on them
- There is no collection of data on specific areas of interest in relation to culture and sport by way of impact eg health and wellbeing
- There are some really good measures in the survey of participation and attendance but a greater focus on how people feel or have been changed by the experience or activity is really where we need to be getting to more generally in relation to cultural activities and experiences, such as impact on eg mental health, physical health, outlook on life, quality of life, reduced anxiety, feeling of happiness, economic choices, etc.
- These are critical outcome based measures at community level and yet there is a much greater emphasis on volunteering, for example
- It seems to me generally that we may have missed an opportunity previously to really hone the questions in the way that is needed around both culture and sport to be outcome focused.

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Discrimination and Harassment – Jon Hunter

LGBT Youth

Scottish Survey Core Questions on Discrimination and Harassment
March 2017



Use of data

LGBT Youth Scotland welcomes the proposal to include questions on discrimination and harassment as a core question across the Scottish surveys.

As an organisation, we use national statistical data in our research, training and policy functions. The public services with which we work require reliable data on protected characteristics in order to create equality outcomes and action plans, and to monitor progress toward meeting duties under the Equality Act 2010. Although we advocate for services to engage with communities and gather the relevant data from service users, national data is considered a benchmark for comparison and no existing data sets or surveys gather a significant proportion of the population to reliably measure the numbers of LGBT people in Scotland. This lack of national information also enables public services to simply state 'no data' against sexual orientation and gender reassignment within equality impact assessments, outcomes, or monitoring. Consistently gathering information on discrimination and harassment, as well as the introduction of a question on transgender identity and expanded gender identity options, would create a clearer picture of LGBT people's experiences.

Internally, LGBT Youth Scotland uses national data on protected characteristics to inform the development of research questions, undertake research analysis, and inform training delivery and policy engagement including policy consultation responses. Being able to break down core questions across sexual orientation and transgender identity would be particularly useful for comparing the experiences of LGBT young people to the broader population and national experiences.

Discrimination and Harassment questions

Asking questions on discrimination and harassment to as wide a population sample as possible, as frequently as possible, would greatly enrich what we know about the lives of LGBT people. Due to the fact that discrimination and harassment can be, and is regularly, experienced by transgender people, we strongly suggest including 'transgender identity' explicitly within the categories offered for the discrimination and harassment questions and to relegate them to a write in option. Questions 'Discrim 2' and 'Harass 2' noticeably omit this from the checklists. We also suggest expanding the options for 'Discrim 3' to list education within the response on publicly funded service, or consider including education separately. We know from our research with LGBT young people that education is the location where they feel they experience the most discrimination.

The suggested inclusions and changes above, provided the suggestions to include transgender identity within the core questions refresh have been accepted, would create a clear picture not only of how discrimination and harassment is experienced in Scotland, but how this varies across protected characteristics. This in turn, would allow the Scottish Government, other public bodies, and the voluntary sector to understand more clearly the issues to be addressed.

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Scottish Commission for Learning Disabilities (SCLD)



The inclusion of the discrimination and harassment questions from the Scottish Household Survey (SHS) in the Crime and Health surveys and thus becoming a core set of questions is a positive move and will allow for increased sample size and improve the reliability of data. However, there is an argument to be made that the categories are not disaggregated enough, in particular the 'disability' category. As a learning disability organisation SCLD often comes up against a lack of good quality data on the quality lives of people with a learning disability in Scotland. Data visibility is a key issue in, The keys to life, Scotland's learning disability strategy.

We know from anecdotal evidence and projected prevalence figures that people with a learning disability experience hate crimes/discrimination/harassment disproportionately and that their experiences are qualitatively different. However, at present the data collected on hate crimes/discrimination/harassment is not disaggregated so we cannot quantify this evidence.

SCLD recently published a mapping and scoping report about hate crime and Third Party Reporting Centres and it was established that it was impossible to disaggregate learning disability from the figures of reported hate crime. This meant that the report had to focus on hate crime more generally and was thus a missed opportunity to contribute to the evidence base about the extent of how hate crime/discrimination/harassment impacts people with a learning disability. The disaggregation of the 'disability' umbrella term in each of the Household, Crime and Health surveys would go a long way to establishing a baseline for how hate crime/discrimination/harassment impact people with a learning disability.

An example of where 'disability' has been disaggregated down into its constituent parts is the Homelessness in Scotland: 2015/2016 publication by Scottish Government. This publication has a breakdown of homelessness applications by support need. The applications received by those with a support need account for 42% of the total applications. The categories that make up a support need are: a mental health problem, learning disability, physical disability, medical condition, drug or alcohol dependency and basic housing management/independent living skills.

Generally speaking at least four of these categories could come under the umbrella term of 'disability', those being a mental health problem, learning disability, physical disability and medical condition. These four categories make up 31% of the total homelessness applications received. However, as this publication has disaggregated the categories we know that at least 2.6% of the applications received were from people with a learning disability, a figure that would typically be lost in within the 'disability' umbrella term. This figure will therefore help to inform research that SCLD has recently commissioned concerning housing options and learning disability in a way that was not possible with our hate crime report.

Do get in touch with us if it would be helpful to discuss this further.

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Equality and Human Rights Commission

Thank you very much for getting in touch with us. We have checked with each of the lead analysts responsible for the variables you mention. Here is an initial assessment of what may happen:

proposing to retain RF10 (H) unchanged.
not proposing to make any changes (in our proforma) to:
RA4AC
RA4AD
RB4DN
ASB1

The intention would be for the volunteering question to be retained though we are putting a case forward for amendments and question development.

CC7 This is being retained

SHQS (a derived variable on Sub-standard accommodation – is produced from a long derivation. There are no plans to change this.
BEDSTAND – similarly there are no plans to change this.

There are plans to drop the mental health questions – WEMWBS.

I can't find rg9. We do not have a lead analyst allocated to it and it is not part of the health proforma. I try to find out more on this.

I should emphasise that this is only an initial assessment of whether the questions will stay in. This is all subject to the results of the full assessment across the piece by the SHS team, and approval by the SHS steering group. We won't be letting anyone know the results of this until June.

It is good for us to note what you use and what you want to keep. Please go ahead and submit a response via the various lead analysts if possible about the importance of these variables and why you need them to stay in.

From: @equalityhumanrights.com
To: Scottish Household Survey
Subject: SHS & SSCQ consultation

We are currently considering the consultation and I wanted to check developments on particular questions – can you please forward to the correct lead analyst. It would be helpful to know at this point (given we are coming in late to the process) the current thinking around whether they would be retained/dropped/reworked. These are questions which provided evidence for our statutory review of progress in relation to equality and human rights, which we completed in 2015 and due to repeat in 2018. The analysis for the 2015 review was commissioned externally, and I've added the variable references and notes provided by them, in case this is helpful (it may not be).

Random Adult:RA4AC How safe do you feel walking alone in your neighbourhood after dark

RA4AD How safe do you feel when you are alone in your home at night

RB4DN Support in the neighbourhood (Analysis used a mean score, aggregating three questions about availability of support. The possible range of mean scores was between 3 and 15; higher scores indicate more support.)

RF10 (H) Ability to influence decisions (used serv1h from 2013)

RF11A Volunteering

RG5A Physical/mental health conditions

Some I can't quite find in the 2017 questionnaire:

Average number of problems with local environmental quality (asb1a-l Average number of problems cited with local environmental quality, Scotland. The table shows a mean score, calculated by adding together the number of items coded as common in the area (either very common or fairly common). Problems listed were: Noisy neighbours or regular loud parties; vandalism, graffiti or other deliberate damage to property; rubbish or litter lying around; neighbour disputes; groups or individuals intimidating or harassing others; drug misuse or dealing; rowdy behaviour e.g. drunkenness, hooliganism or loutish behaviour; abandoned or burnt out vehicles; animal nuisance such as noise or dog fouling)

Membership of a local decision making body in the last 12 months (used vol1af, vol1ak, vol1al, vol1am, vol1ao, vol1bf, vol1bk, vol1bl, vol1bm, vol1bo from 2013)

Support for older people (rg9, cc7 Percentage of disabled people (including older people) who do not receive practical support that meets their needs. Data are at a household level. The question wording is different between the 2 years, and therefore comparisons between the 2 years should be treated with caution:2007/08: RG9 [Ask if respondent has any difficulty with daily tasks] "Are there any adaptations or special equipment which you do not currently have which would make it easier for you to manage independently"? 2013: CC7 [if anyone in household with health problem or disability] "Does your home require adaptations to make it easier for you (or anyone in your household) to go about daily activities?"

SHCS:

- SHQS (I'm guessing this is a derived variable?) Sub-standard accommodation
- BEDSTAND - Fewer bedrooms than required as an indicator of overcrowding

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Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland

From: @equalityhumanrights.com

To: Hunter J (Jon)

Subject: RE: Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews - Gender

We used the discrimination question in Is Britain Fairer/Is Scotland Fairer, and would plan to use it in the next statutory review in 2018. I see the proposal to move discrimination in to the core questions as a helpful development as it will increase the sample size, allow increased reliability and hopefully increased levels of disaggregation around ethnicity, religion and disability.

I have sent some comments to the other SHS leads on particular questions.

From: Jon.Hunter@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews – Gender

I expect the demographic variables on the other equality characteristics to remain unchanged for now. However if there are developments from the Census 2021 work then these could be looked at in future with a view to harmonisation.

If you could supply some further detail on the discrimination question's use / users then I could use this input to strengthen the case.

Jon

From: @equalityhumanrights.com]

To: Hunter J (Jon)

Subject: RE: Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews - Gender

I'd really welcome the discrimination questions moving to become part of the core question set. I'm assuming the main demographic variables will be retained (marital status/sexual orientation/ethnic group/religion as they are?). I will follow up with SHS on some particular questions we have an interest in.

From: Jon.Hunter@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews - Gender

It's the SSCQ and the SHS.

I'm leading on the proposed change to the core gender question and possibly making the SHS discrimination question into a core question. If you've got comments on these let me know, and for other questions you might want to contact the SHS team and they'll put you in touch with the lead analyst who should be able to bring you up to speed on developments on the particular question you're interested in.

On the gender question, our priority in SG is gender equality (i.e. the social) rather than sex (i.e. the biological) and our stakeholders advise that man/woman is the preferred terminology for gender identity.

I hope this is useful and happy to discuss

Jon

Jon Hunter – Equality Statistics

From: @equalityhumanrights.com]

To: Hunter J (Jon)

Subject: RE: Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews - Gender

Hi Jon,

We are looking at the review but can I just check is it just the SSCQ questions or is it also the whole of the SHS as well?

From: @equalityhumanrights.com

Subject: FW: Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews - Gender

FYI – I'm interested why they use 'gender' and not 'sex', and why they use 'man/woman' and not 'male/female'. Do we have anything on this?

From: Jon.Hunter@gov.scot

Cc: SHS@gov.scot

Subject: FW: Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews - Gender

I understand that you're working on a response to the Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Review.

I've forwarded you our proposal on gender which has so far been warmly received by stakeholders.

I hope this is useful, and please let me know if you have any comments on this.

Thank you

Jon

Jon Hunter – Equality Statistics

From: Hunter J (Jon)

Subject: Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews - Gender

Dear Colleague

As you may be aware there are 20 core questions included in every Scottish Government Social Survey, known as the Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ). These questions are currently being reviewed and the resultant new questionnaire will be used from 2018.

As the lead analyst for the equality questions, I propose that the existing binary question on gender be amended to include a response option for non-binary respondents. I have entered a draft proposal into the attached word template and the Scottish Government's LGBTI policy lead, Karen Grieve, has fed into this.

The Scottish Government survey managers would prefer a single proposal on each question where a change is suggested, therefore I would like to share this draft proposal on the gender question with you and invite your comment and input.

A response by **Friday 3rd March** would be very much appreciated, and please feel free to comment by email or phone me.

More information on the review can be found here

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/16002/News/Questionnairereview>

Jon Hunter – Equality Statistics

Scottish Government

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Environment – John Landrock

Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN)

As regards these questions the CSGNT use them to monitor the progress of the CSGN. At a strategic level, results feed into our baseline monitoring programme and are essential to us in order to provide time series data regarding the progress we are making. At a more practical level, we also use the results to inform local projects which seek to improve greenspace and usage of greenspace by local residents. The wording of the questions appears OK.

In terms of importance *frequency of usage* is top of the list, followed by *satisfied or dissatisfied*, *distance from greenspace* then *leisure visits to outdoors*.

From: Kirsty.Ciclitira@gov.scot
On Behalf Of Env_Stats@gov.scot
Subject: Scottish Household Survey review - Greenspace and Visits to the Outdoors
Importance: High

Hi everyone,

Thanks to everybody who has responded so far.

If you have any views or suggestions regarding the outdoors and greenspace questions in the Scottish Household Survey, then I would greatly appreciate it if you could please send your response to Env_Stats@gov.scot by **22 February**.

Apologies for the change in deadline. This is to give me time to collate all responses before I move post.

Kind regards,

Kirsty

From: Ciclitira K (Kirsty) **On Behalf Of** Env Stats
Subject: Scottish Household Survey review - Greenspace and Visits to the Outdoors
Importance: High

Hi everyone,

As you may know, the [Scottish Household Survey](#) (SHS) is currently undergoing a questionnaire review to see which questions in the survey should be retained, modified or dropped. There may also be a chance to include new questions provided that there is a good enough justification (see e-mail attached below for more information).

There are currently four questions in the survey relating to local greenspace and the outdoors. However, while we are planning to retain all of these questions, **we are proposing to start asking the questions on local greenspace use and satisfaction on a biennial basis**. We are proposing this partly because the results from these questions do not tend to change much from year to year, and partly because of the funding available.

With this in mind, there are a few questions for you to consider:

- **Are you content for the local greenspace use and satisfaction questions to be asked on a biennial basis (both shown in red below)? And if not, why?**
- Are you content with the wording of these four questions?
- What do you currently use these questions for?
- How would you rank these questions in order of importance?

Current Questions:

Greenspace

I AM NOW GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT PUBLIC GREEN OR OPEN SPACES IN YOUR LOCAL AREA, FOR EXAMPLE A PARK, COUNTRYSIDE, WOOD, PLAY AREA, CANAL PATH, RIVERSIDE OR BEACH.

INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT QUERIES WHETHER THIS INCLUDES PRIVATE GARDEN SPACE INSTRUCT THAT IT DOES NOT.

LOOKING AT THIS CARD, HOW FAR AWAY FROM YOUR HOME IS THE NEAREST PUBLIC GREEN OR OPEN SPACE? HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE ME TO WALK THERE?

INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS TWO PLACES WHICH ARE THE SAME DISTANCE FROM THEIR HOME INSTRUCT THEM TO PICK THE ONE THEY USE MOST OFTEN.

A 5 minute walk or less [1]

Within a 6-10 minute walk [2]

Within an 11-20 minute walk [3]

Within a 21-30 minute walk [4]

More than a 30 minute walk away [5]

Don't know [8]

HOW OFTEN, IF AT ALL, DO YOU USE THIS SPACE, EVEN IF JUST TO PASS THROUGH IT?

Every day [1]

Several times a week [2]

Once a week [3]

Several times a month [4]

Once a month [5]

Less often [6]

Not at all [7]

Don't know [8]

AND HOW SATISFIED OR DISSATISFIED WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE WITH THE QUALITY OF THE SPACE?

INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT IS MEANT BY 'QUALITY' SAY THAT THIS MIGHT INCLUDE HOW WELL IT MEETS YOUR NEEDS, WHETHER IT IS SAFE, ATTRACTIVE, FREE OF LITTER OR OTHER MESS, AND THE QUALITY OF THE FACILITIES IF THERE ARE ANY.

Very satisfied [1]

Fairly satisfied [2]

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied [3]

Fairly dissatisfied [4]

Very dissatisfied [5]

No opinion [6]

Outdoors

I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THINGS YOU MIGHT DO IN YOUR LEISURE TIME STARTING WITH VISITS TO THE OUTDOORS. BY OUTDOORS, I MEAN OPEN SPACES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AS WELL AS IN TOWNS AND CITIES, SUCH AS WOODLAND, PARKS, FARMLAND, PATHS, BEACHES ETC. THESE LEISURE TRIPS COULD EITHER HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM HOME OR

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY FROM HOME ON HOLIDAY, PROVIDED THE HOLIDAY WAS IN SCOTLAND. THEY MIGHT INCLUDE EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES LIKE WALKING THE DOG AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIVITIES LIKE MOUNTAIN BIKING OR KAYAKING.

HOW, OFTEN, ON AVERAGE, HAVE YOU TAKEN VISITS TO THE OUTDOORS FOR LEISURE AND RECREATION IN SCOTLAND IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

- More than once per day
- Every day
- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Once or twice a month
- Once every 2-3 months
- Once or twice a year
- Not at all

I would greatly appreciate it if you could please send your responses to Env_Stats@gov.scot by **3 March**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further than please feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Kirsty

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Aberdeenshire Council

External Pro-forma

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- Yes
- No

2018-2021 Scottish Household Survey (SHS), Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS), Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS QUESTION REVIEW PROFORMA

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Aberdeenshire Council has identified the below questions as essential to supporting the organisation understand the current circumstances and future requirements identified or perceived by residents in order to inform planning and review processes. This data is not readily accessible from other sources, particular in a form that allows comparison across Scotland.

Green space and access to the outdoors	
Scottish Government Lead Analyst : Kirsty Ciclitira	
I AM NOW GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT PUBLIC GREEN OR OPEN SPACES IN YOUR LOCAL AREA, FOR EXAMPLE A PARK, COUNTRYSIDE, WOOD, PLAY AREA, CANAL PATH, RIVERSIDE OR BEACH.	
GREENFAR13	LOOKING AT THIS CARD, HOW FAR AWAY FROM YOUR HOME IS THE NEAREST PUBLIC GREEN OR OPEN SPACE? HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE ME TO WALK THERE? INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS TWO PLACES WHICH ARE THE SAME DISTANCE FROM THEIR HOME INSTRUCT THEM TO PICK THE ONE THEY USE MOST OFTEN. A 5 minute walk or less

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GREENUSE13	HOW OFTEN, IF AT ALL, DO YOU USE THIS SPACE, EVEN IF JUST TO PASS THROUGH IT? Every day [1] Several times a week [2] Once a week [3] Several times a month [4] Once a month [5] Less often [6] Not at all
GREENSAT13	AND HOW SATISFIED OR DISSATISFIED WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE WITH THE QUALITY OF THE SPACE? INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT IS MEANT BY 'QUALITY' SAY THAT THIS MIGHT INCLUDE HOW WELL IT MEETS YOUR NEEDS, WHETHER IT IS SAFE, ATTRACTIVE, FREE OF LITTER OR OTHER MESS, AND THE QUALITY OF THE FACILITIES IF THERE ARE ANY. Very satisfied [1] Fairly satisfied [2] Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied [3] Fairly dissatisfied [4] Very dissatisfied [5] No opinion [6]

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Proposed new questions

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No new questions proposed

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for

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What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

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No

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No

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

No

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- Yes
- No

NHS Health Scotland: consultation response Part 5 Submission to Kirsty Ciclitira (Greenspace)

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We understand that it is proposed to make the questions on the use of greenspace and greenspace satisfaction biennial, rather than annual. Although we do not report this information annually and have no specific requirement for annual data, we have some concerns about the decreased information available to local partners to help plan action on greenspace. Given the importance of greenspace to health and health inequalities (particularly in terms of mental wellbeing), we suggest these proposals are carefully considered with reference to the needs of local authorities and third sector organisations with specific interest in greenspace.

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

No specific suggestions

Proposed new questions

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None

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Greenspace Scotland

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the greenspace questions in relation to the SHS review.

In answer to your questions:

- **Are you content for the local greenspace use and satisfaction questions to be asked on a biennial basis** (both shown in red below)? And if not, why?
Yes, generally we would be content for the use and satisfaction questions to be asked on a biennial basis. The only caveat being about any other questions that may also move to being asked on a biennial basis that may be used alongside these greenspace questions, for example, rating of neighbourhood as a place to live and health.
- **Are you content with the wording of these four questions?**
Yes, to ensure data continuity it is important that the exact wording of the questions used in previous years' SHS are maintained. We note the changes to the Greenspace Intro section; the revised wording is clearer than the text previously used.

The wording of these questions asks people to focus on their nearest green or open space, particularly in relation to quality, this provides a more accurate assessment of the current condition of greenspaces than the more general question about satisfaction with Council parks and open spaces which is asked in another part of the survey.

For the frequency of use question, I have not checked back to confirm that the time intervals (every day, several times a week, etc) are the same as used in previous years but assume they have not been changed.

- **What do you currently use these questions for?**
Producing State of Scotland's Greenspace reports – in combination with quantitative data about the type, extent and distribution of greenspaces to report on people's use and perception of greenspace – to inform and monitor the impact of policy and practice changes at national, regional and local authority levels.

Working with local authorities using SHS data to inform the development of open space strategies and standards, and to monitor the impact of changing [strategic and practical] management on people's use and perception of greenspace.

More broadly, these questions provide data for the Scotland Performs indicator on 'improving access to greenspace' to monitor change, nationally, regionally and at local authority level. Discussions are ongoing about including use and quality measures alongside this indicator – these questions would provide some of the required information.

Looking ahead, in May 2017, new and updated greenspace mapping information will be available through a joint venture with Ordnance Survey. This data will be used, in conjunction with results from the SHS, to develop and maintain a new greenspace application on Scotland's Environment Web.

- **How would you rank these questions in order of importance?**

There is a concern that ranking could mean that those lower ranked questions may be lost from the survey. From a greenspace scotland perspective, our lowest ranked of the 4 questions would be the Outdoors question.

We consider that the Greenspace questions are the 3 key questions required to provide essential information about greenspace in relation to use, access and quality. These core questions have already been distilled down from a larger question set previously used in the Greenspace Use and Attitude Survey (and in the Scotland's People and Nature Survey which only ran for one wave).

Whilst analysis using the new greenspace mapping will be able to provide a more objective assessment in relation to greenspace accessibility (in terms of network analysis), the access question in SHS provides valuable information in relation to people's perceptions of access. Being able to assess and compare the two different measures of accessibility provides essential information for open space strategies and the national indicator.

The SHS is the only survey which has sufficient sample size to enable analysis at a local authority level and so it is vital that the 3 greenspace questions are maintained to provide data for Council open space strategies, related work and benchmarking.

I hope this information is helpful and look forward to hearing more about the arrangements for the next SHS in due course.

[Kirsty – I also received an email from SHS@gov.scot on 26 January requesting us to contact 'respective SG lead analyst' and to provide feedback via a proforma on the 2018-21 SHS. Can I assume that this response also covers that request? Or do I need to submit a separate response on the Annex 3 proforma?]

greenspace scotland - transforming urban spaces into people places

From: Kirsty.Ciclitira@gov.scot

On Behalf Of Env_Stats@gov.scot

Subject: Scottish Household Survey review - Greenspace and Visits to the Outdoors

Importance: High

Hi everyone,

As you may know, the [Scottish Household Survey](#) (SHS) is currently undergoing a questionnaire review to see which questions in the survey should be retained, modified or dropped. There may also be a chance to include new questions provided that there is a good enough justification (see e-mail attached below for more information).

There are currently four questions in the survey relating to local greenspace and the outdoors. However, while we are planning to retain all of these questions, **we are proposing to start asking the questions on local greenspace use and satisfaction on a biennial basis**. We are proposing this partly because the results from these questions do not tend to change much from year to year, and partly because of the funding available.

With this in mind, there are a few questions for you to consider:

- **Are you content for the local greenspace use and satisfaction questions to be asked on a biennial basis** (both shown in red below)? And if not, why?

- Are you content with the wording of these four questions?
- What do you currently use these questions for?
- How would you rank these questions in order of importance?

Current Questions:

Greenspace

I AM NOW GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT PUBLIC GREEN OR OPEN SPACES IN YOUR LOCAL AREA, FOR EXAMPLE A PARK, COUNTRYSIDE, WOOD, PLAY AREA, CANAL PATH, RIVERSIDE OR BEACH.

INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT QUERIES WHETHER THIS INCLUDES PRIVATE GARDEN SPACE INSTRUCT THAT IT DOES NOT.

LOOKING AT THIS CARD, HOW FAR AWAY FROM YOUR HOME IS THE NEAREST PUBLIC GREEN OR OPEN SPACE? HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE ME TO WALK THERE?

INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS TWO PLACES WHICH ARE THE SAME DISTANCE FROM THEIR HOME INSTRUCT THEM TO PICK THE ONE THEY USE MOST OFTEN.

A 5 minute walk or less [1]

Within a 6-10 minute walk [2]

Within an 11-20 minute walk [3]

Within a 21-30 minute walk [4]

More than a 30 minute walk away [5]

Don't know [8]

HOW OFTEN, IF AT ALL, DO YOU USE THIS SPACE, EVEN IF JUST TO PASS THROUGH IT?

Every day [1]

Several times a week [2]

Once a week [3]

Several times a month [4]

Once a month [5]

Less often [6]

Not at all [7]

Don't know [8]

AND HOW SATISFIED OR DISSATISFIED WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE WITH THE QUALITY OF THE SPACE?

INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT IS MEANT BY 'QUALITY' SAY THAT THIS MIGHT INCLUDE HOW WELL IT MEETS YOUR NEEDS, WHETHER IT IS SAFE, ATTRACTIVE, FREE OF LITTER OR OTHER MESS, AND THE QUALITY OF THE FACILITIES IF THERE ARE ANY.

Very satisfied [1]

Fairly satisfied [2]

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied [3]

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Very dissatisfied [5]

No opinion [6]

Outdoors

I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THINGS YOU MIGHT DO IN YOUR LEISURE TIME STARTING WITH VISITS TO THE OUTDOORS. BY OUTDOORS, I MEAN OPEN SPACES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AS WELL AS IN TOWNS AND CITIES, SUCH AS WOODLAND, PARKS, FARMLAND, PATHS, BEACHES ETC. THESE LEISURE TRIPS COULD EITHER HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM HOME OR WHILE YOU WERE AWAY FROM HOME ON HOLIDAY, PROVIDED THE HOLIDAY WAS IN SCOTLAND. THEY MIGHT INCLUDE EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES LIKE WALKING THE DOG AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIVITIES LIKE MOUNTAIN BIKING OR KAYAKING.

HOW, OFTEN, ON AVERAGE, HAVE YOU TAKEN VISITS TO THE OUTDOORS FOR LEISURE AND RECREATION IN SCOTLAND IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

- More than once per day
- Every day
- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Once or twice a month
- Once every 2-3 months
- Once or twice a year
- Not at all

I would greatly appreciate it if you could please send your responses to Env_Stats@gov.scot by **3 March**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further than please feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Kirsty

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Scottish Natural Heritage

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Yes **X**
No

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SNH would like the following questions to be retained in the SHS:

OUTDOORS How often have you taken visits to the outdoors in the last 12 months?
SNH has a statutory remit to facilitate understanding and enjoyment of nature and landscape and '*Increase people's use of the Scotland's outdoors*' is one of our Corporate Plan Outcome measures (approved by the Scottish Government) as well as an NPF National Indicator. This question is essential for enabling SNH to monitor progress on this outcome and also on our equalities outcome (to ensure that people who are under-represented as a result of a protected characteristic are more able to visit and experience the outdoors). This question has links to both the health and physical activity agendas. The Local Authority level data are used to help inform our input to community planning. The question was previously asked on SNH's Scottish Recreation Survey (2006 – 2012) and was added to the SHS in

2012 when the ScRS's ten year contract concluded. The SHS is the only survey source for these data. The data are required annually.

GREENFAR13 How far away from your home is the nearest public green or open space?

GREENUSE13 How often do you use this space?

GREENSAT13 How satisfied/dissatisfied are you with the quality of this space?

'Increase the percentage of adults within a 5 minute walking distance from their local greenspace' is one of SNH's Corporate Plan Outcome measures (approved by the Scottish Government) as well as an NPF National Indicator and one of the indicators for Outcome 4 in the Active Scotland Outcome Framework ('We improve our active infrastructure – people and places'). GREENFAR13 is essential for enabling SNH to monitor progress on this corporate outcome and, along with GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13, also enables us to monitor progress on our equalities outcome (to ensure that people who are under-represented as a result of a protected characteristic or who are living in areas in the bottom 10% – 20% of SIMD are more able to visit and experience the outdoors). GREENSAT is also particularly important for helping us measure people's perceptions of the quality of local greenspace provision and is the only source of survey data available for this measure. The data are also used to help compile 'The state of Scotland's greenspace' report, a digest of greenspace facts and figures which complement the spatial data provided by Scotland's Greenspace Map. This report, compiled SNH and Greenspace Scotland, was last published in 2011 and is due to be updated in 2017. Going forward, the three SHS greenspace questions will also play a key role in helping us measure the impact of a number of national-level projects being managed by SNH on behalf of the Scottish Government to improve access to good quality local greenspaces, particularly for disadvantaged communities. These include the Green Infrastructure Strategic Intervention and the Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund (part of the European Regional Development Fund Programme for 2014-20 which will deliver more than £20m of investment in urban greenspace by end 2018), the roll out of the *National Walking and Cycling Network* and the delivery of the *Greening the NHS Estate* project (one of the strategic interventions included in the *Natural Health Service Action Plan*). Trend data from the SHS greenspace questions will also help indicate how well aspects of the place-making agenda are working to improve greenspace provision and quality. The data will also play a key role enabling SNH to monitor progress towards delivering one of the 'Six big steps for nature' described in '*Scotland's Biodiversity: a route map to 2020*', i.e. the provision of quality greenspace for health and education benefits. The vision behind this is to make a measurable impact on the numbers of people who use and benefit from local greenspaces.

The SHS greenspace questions have links to both the health and physical activity agendas. The Local Authority level data are used to help inform SNH's input to community planning. The SHS is the only survey source for these data.

GREENFAR13 data are required annually. We are content with the proposal to move to a biennial reporting schedule for GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13.

RF11A Over the last 12 months, have you given up any time to help any clubs, charities, campaigns or organisations?

VOL1A If no at RF11A, Have you undertaken any work or given unpaid help to any of these types of groups or organisations in the last 12 months?

VOL1B If yes at RF11A, Have you undertaken any work or given unpaid help to any of these types of groups or organisations in the last 12 months?

Increase the % of adults engaging with environmental issues is one of SNH's Corporate Plan Outcome measures (approved by the Scottish Government). As

volunteering is one of the key ways in which people can engage with the natural environment, these questions are essential for helping SNH to monitor progress on this outcome and the impact of our work to deliver it, including 'developing more opportunities for the public to engage in volunteering and citizen science, as described in 'Big step 3' in 'Scotland's Biodiversity: a route map to 2020'.

VOL1A and VOL1B currently use two separate codes to collect information on participation in environmental volunteering: 'Environment' and 'Wildlife'. We suspect that the use of these codes under-represents participation in environmental volunteering by excluding people who volunteer by helping to look after local outdoor places (parks, woods etc.) and, from 2018, we'd like to replace these two codes with a single code which better encompasses the range of environmental volunteering opportunities which exist, e.g. 'Looking after the environment, wildlife or local outdoor places'.

SPRT3A In the last few weeks, have you done any of the activities listed on this card? SNH has a statutory remit to facilitate understanding and enjoyment of nature and landscape and this question enables us to measure the proportion of people engaged in recreational walking and other outdoors activities. These data help SNH monitor the impact of its work to increase the proportion of people visiting the outdoors and also help us measure the contribution made by the natural environment (and recreational walking) to the attainment of SG targets for physical activity. The Local Authority level data are used by SNH to help inform our input to community planning. This question (and the code on recreational walking) is also the data source for one of the indicators for Outcome 1 in the Active Scotland Outcome Framework ('Encourage and enable the inactive to become more active'). The SHS is the only survey source for these data.

RB1 Thinking about the neighbourhood you live in, how would you rate it as a place to live?
AREA1 Thinking about your local neighbourhood, do you think it has got better, stayed the same or got worse over the last few years?
These questions help SNH monitor the impact of its work to improve access to high quality local greenspaces and to improve local landscapes. The Local Authority level data are used to help inform our input to community planning. The questions have links LAND1.

RF1 For each of these phrases, please tell me to what extent you agree/disagree that it applies to your local council? Code: I can influence decisions affecting my local area
This question, and the Local Authority level data it generates, helps SNH to monitor the impact of its work in community planning. The question has links LAND1, RB1 and AREA1.

LAND1 Have you given your views of land use in any of these ways in the last 12 months?
Please see separate submission from Scottish Natural Heritage

CLIMATE1 Which of these statements comes closest to your attitude to climate change?
This question provides useful background for our work to *Increase the % of adults engaging with environmental issues*.

SSCQs

We would like the questions below to be retained as SSCQs. These are all key variables which we use to analyse SHS data. They enable us to monitor the impact of our work among people who are under-represented in outdoor recreation as a result of a protected characteristic and also help to inform our programme of work on the Natural Health Service project.

Self-assessed general health
Disability
Long-term conditions
Mental well-being
Ethnicity
Gender
Age

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We'd like to add the new question below to the SHS. This question would follow the OUTDOORS question and would be asked of respondents who had visited the outdoors in the last 4 weeks. This question was asked in the 2013/14 Scotland's People and Nature Survey (SPANS) and would be used by SNH (and its partners) to demonstrate the benefits of the natural environment as a setting for outdoor physical activity. It is linked to the OUTDOORS question in the SHS. It is linked to the health and physical activity agendas.

Q Thinking about your last visit to the outdoors, how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Agree strongly, Agree slightly, Neither/nor, Disagree slightly, Disagree strongly, Don't know)

It improved my physical health (through exercise and physical activity)
It helped me de-stress, relax and unwind
It made me feel energised and revitalised
It was a good social experience (through spending time with other people)
I felt close to nature

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

We would like data from the new question on the impacts of respondents' most recent visit to the outdoors to be available at a national level, so a one third sample would suffice.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Ideally, we would like data from the new question to be available on an annual basis. If this option is not available, biennial reporting would be acceptable.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

As the new question is linked to other SHS questions (i.e. OUTDOORS, GREENFAR13, GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13), best value is achieved if it is asked alongside these questions.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

The addition of this question to the SHS would better enable SNH to demonstrate the contribution of the natural environment to the Scottish Government's health agenda and physical activity agendas.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

The new question is linked to OUTDOORS, GREENFAR13, GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

The wording for the question on the impacts of respondents' most recent visit to the outdoors is shown below. This question was previously asked in SNH's Scotland's People and Nature Survey (SPANS) in 2013/14.

Q Thinking about your last visit to the outdoors, how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Agree strongly, Agree slightly, Neither/nor, Disagree slightly, Disagree strongly, Don't know)

It improved my physical health (through exercise and physical activity)

It helped me distress, relax and unwind

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It was a good social experience (through spending time with other people)

I felt close to nature

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to

allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

Aside from SNH, the data from the new question are likely to be used by a range of organisations working in the environmental sector including, Forestry Commission Scotland, Greenspace Scotland, the National Park Authorities and the Central Scotland Green Network Trust.

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Are you bidding for any existing SHS/SHCS questions to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

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Scottish Natural Heritage

The question would not be specific to SNH's interests so there would not be a specific negative impact on SNH's work if we didn't have this information. The benefit would be mainly to Scottish Government land use policy hence I've copied this to Sally Thomas.

So, this information would be of benefit to SNH in helping us understand how the public wish to engage with land use issues – including those which SNH is directly involved with like protected sites or local partnerships. But it probably wouldn't be justified unless Sally advises that it's needed for delivering the Land Use Strategy objectives and that she has the funds (or RESAS funds) to support it that you refer to.

So perhaps someone can advise?

Many thanks for your response, I will incorporate it into the overall response for the environment questions.

Regarding your suggestion for a new question, I was wondering if you could give me some more information on why it would be needed (would there be a negative impact on your work if it was not included)?

The reason I ask is because the Scottish Household Survey has moved to a corporate funding approach, which means that separate analytical divisions/policy areas are required to make funding contributions for each of the questions they have in the survey.

I think it may be difficult to fund this question without solid justification for its inclusion, as budgets are tight and we have already had to find funding for the existing questions. Therefore, it would be very helpful to have a clearer indication of why this question is needed and the impact of not including it in the survey.

Many thanks,

Kirsty

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to comment on the land use question. Here are a few comments on your three points from our perspective:

- We support this question being included in the survey. Participation in land use decisions is part of an ecosystem approach advocated by the Land Use Strategy and Scottish Biodiversity Strategy, and helps take forward one of the aims of the Land Use Strategy: for urban and rural communities to be better connected to the land... and positively influencing land use. It is also relevant to the proposed Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement which sets out a vision for a strong relationship between the people of Scotland and the land of Scotland
- This question helps understand the numbers and types of people who are taking up opportunities to be involved in land use decisions and the routes that people are taking to do so. It therefore helps to measure progress towards the LUS objectives, and indicate if the trend is improving or if further action is needed (whether by the public sector or others). The options seem appropriate and cover the main types of opportunities.
- Ideally we would also want to know whether people think they have sufficient opportunities to influence land use (i.e. demand for involvement) and what other routes they might want to take. This could be the subject of an additional question.

From: Kirsty.Ciclitira@gov.scot

Subject: Scottish Household Survey questionnaire review - Land Use

Importance: High

Hi everyone,

A big thanks to those who have already responded. This is a final reminder that if you have any views or suggestions on the land use decision question in the Scottish Household Survey, then please send your response to Env_Stats@gov.scot by **tomorrow (22 February)**.

Kind regards,

Kirsty

From: Ciclitira K (Kirsty) **On Behalf Of** Env Stats
Subject: Scottish Household Survey questionnaire review - Land Use
Importance: High

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LOOKING AT THIS CARD, HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR VIEWS ON LAND USE IN ANY OF THESE WAYS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

- A – Been involved with interest group or campaign [1/0]
- B – Attended a public meeting/ community council meeting [1/0]
- C – Took part in a consultation or a survey [1/0]
- D – Signed a petition [1/0]
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- F – Responded to a planning application [1/0]
- G – Had discussions with a landowner/land-manager [1/0]
- H – None of the above [1/0]

I would greatly appreciate it if you could please send your responses to Env_Stats@gov.scot by **22 February**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further than please feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Kirsty

Scottish Community Alliance

Thanks for the opportunity to respond to this. I think there is a problem with the phrase 'land use'. I think most people do not understand that this question is trying to explore how or to what extent they have been involved in decisions about land and how it should be used. So, instead of introducing it as ...This question is about land use, it might read... This question is about how you have been involved in decisions about land and how it is used.

On 1 February 2017 at 09:20, <Env_Stats@gov.scot> wrote:
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Thursday, January 19, 2017

ScotStat News

[1 Scottish Survey Core Questions and Scottish Household Survey question review](#)

The questions in the Scottish Household Survey, which also contains the Scottish House Condition Survey social interview questions, are now being reviewed. Additionally, there are 20 core questions included in every Scottish Government Social Survey, known as the Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ). These questions are also being reviewed.

If you have any views you'd like to contribute to the review **action is required**.

Actions

1) To go through SHS, SHCS and SSCQ questions and decide on which questions can be dropped, which should be maintained or changed and if any new questions or topics are required. The [SHS 2017 questionnaire](#) and the [SSCQ](#)

can be accessed on their respective websites. The SHCS social interview questions are contained within the SHS questionnaire. There is a note under the 'Stream' heading identifying SHCS questions in the SHS [2017 questionnaire](#).

2) To get directly in touch with the respective Scottish Government lead analyst (list included in the attached document) for your topic(s) of interest as soon as possible and early on in the questionnaire review process.

3) Provide a supporting statement and agree on priority questions with your Scottish Government lead analyst.

4) Complete [proforma](#) (included in Annex 3 of attached document).

5) Submit proforma via your Scottish Government lead analysts or, only in exceptional circumstances and with permission of the SHS team, directly to the SHS team **by 7th March 2017**.

2 [Questions and Comments](#)

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Zero Waste Scotland

We are content that the two Qs are taken out of the SHS.

There's some consequential points that I'll pick up with Peter and his team directly.

I also noted that we have a vested interest in questions regarding local environmental quality (litter etc.) although I understand they are not under this policy area. But we would want to know of planned changes in those areas too, if there were any.

From: Kirsty.Ciclitira@gov.scot

To: @zerowaste.org.uk

Subject: Scottish Household Survey review - Waste questions

Importance: High

As you may know, the [Scottish Household Survey](#) (SHS) is currently undergoing a questionnaire review to see which questions in the survey should be retained, modified or dropped. There may also be a chance to include new questions provided that there is a good enough justification (see e-mail attached below for more information).

There are currently two questions in the survey that relate to waste and recycling. However, **we are proposing to drop these questions** on the basis that they are not being sufficiently used and much of the information is being replicated by the ZWS Tracker Survey. The SHS team have also requested that individual areas contribute towards the funding of questions for their topic area, which we have not yet done for the waste and recycling questions.

With this in mind, **would you be you content to drop these questions** (both shown below)? Do you use these them for any of your work, or know of anyone else who uses them?

Current Questions:

IN GENERAL, DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECYCLE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Paper [1/0]

Card / Cardboard [1/0]

Glass jars or bottles [1/0]

Metal food and drinks cans / tins [1/0]

Plastic bottles and tubs [1/0]

WHICH IF ANY OF THESE METHODS HAVE YOU USED TO DISPOSE OF FOOD WASTE IN THE PAST WEEK?

General waste with other rubbish [1]

Local authority-provided caddy / receptacle / bin [2]

Home composting e.g. heap in garden or allotment, green cone, wormery [3]

Please feel free to get in touch if you would like to discuss further.

Kirsty

Equalities – Gender – Jon Hunter

Equality and Human Rights Commission

I was talking to our statistician about the gender question and thought you might find her comments useful – see below. I've also attached the references, incase you haven't seen them already.

Subject: RE: Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews - Gender

I spoke about this yesterday. Here are the points I made, plus some further details I've thought of since:

- This sounds similar to one of the Commission's recommended questions, but with man/woman replacing male/female and different question wording
- In our online pilot survey, we found that only a small percentage (0.4%) identified 'in another way' and that the sex ratio was only affected slightly compared with the standard binary question (see Glen and Hurrell (2012) Technical note: Measuring gender identity on our website)
- I assume that the Scottish Government would be testing the question to check that respondents understood the question and were able to answer appropriately
- Have they considered whether it is better to use 'man/woman', which relate to gender, or 'male/female', which relate to sex
- Strictly speaking, the correct terms for gender are 'man/woman', however it was decided to use 'male/female' in the Commission's question as these terms were considered 'less problematic' and 'evidence from cognitive interviews suggests that the categories 'male' and 'female' do work, and they work well for both trans and non-trans individuals' (see RR75 for further information)
- The question would not identify the PC of gender reassignment, although trans men/women might choose the 'in another way' response, and without a write-in it could not be assumed that all respondents answering 'in another way' have a non-binary identity
- Would proxy responses be collected for this question, if not this would have a negative impact on gender data

The gender identity question we tested was:

Which of the following describes how you think of yourself?

Male

Female

In another way:

It would be great to have a gender identity question asked in a major survey, but I am sure the Scottish Government would want to be certain it would provide good data on the usual two groups, in addition to those with a non-binary identity.

Scottish Trans Alliance

Question to be removed: Agree

Proposed new question:

Happy with the wording

Happy for the 'prefer not to say' option being removed if this is in keeping with all of the other demographic questions and there is still the possibility of a refusal/non-disclosure when the person is answering the question. There has probably been a historical assumption that people are always happy to disclose their gender identity, so could be worth highlighting in guidance for interviewers that this may not be the case.

Would it be possible to record additional information/descriptions given in response to this question, but for it not to be prompted? So each individual would not be asked to give further information, but if they did this would be recorded. While we support the current proposed wording for its inclusivity, it doesn't allow a non-binary person to accurately describe themselves, whereas this opportunity is available for men and women. We would expect the majority of non-binary people who selected this answer to proactively volunteer additional information and descriptions of their gender identity, so this would be useful to record. We would definitely support an open text box for self-completion written questionnaires, where there were fewer practical barriers to implementation.

Sample size: Agree

Frequency: Agree

Suitability of surveys: agree

Impact:

Also the issue of inaccurate data collection. At the moment, a non-binary person simply isn't able to identify themselves correctly within Scottish Government household surveys – it is in everyone's interests to have more accurate demographic information with which to make policy decisions.

Linking data: agree

Question changes: agree

Relevance:

Would it be worth including additional information here? You could put in some details from our Non-binary report, perhaps:

Scottish Trans published research in 2016 looking into the experiences of non-binary people in the UK (<http://www.scottishtrans.org/non-binary>). This revealed a high level of negative experiences in services. 34% of respondents had been told that services didn't know enough about non-binary people to help them, and 11% had been refused services or had services stopped due to being non-binary. 80% felt that they had to pass as male or female to be accepted, and 34% had had the wrong name and pronouns used for them on purpose. Updating the gender question to be inclusive of non-binary people will allow for the collection of additional information about disadvantage or different experiences, which can influence service provision and good practice in Scotland in the future.

Health and Disability – Andrew Paterson

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Yes

No



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EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS QUESTION REVIEW PROFORMA**

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Smoking
Self Perception of Health
Disability or Long Term Health
Mental Well-being

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

Proposed new questions

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The 20,000 Scottish annual sample of the SSCQ smoking and health-related questions is invaluable source of information on these topics

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Annual

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

The Scottish Health Survey annual sample is too small to provide reliable estimates at Council Area level, and the latter are not routinely identified in any case

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

Smoking cessation work would be difficult to gauge without these survey results

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Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

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No



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Detail of question

Justification

Questions to be amended

For each question, or group of questions, that are being amended, please provide the detail of the amendment

Please also provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

(a) confirmed that none of the questions you propose to amend are in another policy areas' performance measurement framework.

(b) Consulted with stakeholders and whether consensus was reached.

Detail of amendment

An amended variable name should have an A or an _A after the original variable name.

Amendment 1:

P9 Question: Disability or Long Term Health Impairments

Add to the instructions to interviewers for the first question. Between 'sensory deficits' and 'temporary-mobility issues' add '*communication impairments impacting on understanding and expression*'.

Amendment 2:

P20 Question: Disability or Long Term Health – Impairments

C. Add to the list of options to tick: '*communication (for example understanding what is said/written, expressing oneself in speech/writing)*

Justification

As is explained in the explanatory note to interviewees about this question the emphasis is on functional impairment. A communication impairment can have major impact on day to day living and accessing services, participation etc. There is no general category for people with a speech, language, and communication impairment. Individuals ticking some of the other boxes e.g. hearing/vision/learning may have a communication impairment but these are not going to capture everyone and are not explicitly related to communication and others

may say no and you will be missing some people with a communication impairment. It may be that if you used the expression 'speech, language and communication impairment' you may not need to include some of the others in the list. It depends what exact data is required.

Amendment 3:

HF1A showcard

Add; *difficulty understanding spoken and/or written word in showcard list.*

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New question:

Do you (or anyone in your household) have a speech, language or communication support need?

Instructions to interviewer:

If asked to clarify explain that this means do you need support (from other people or equipment) to understand (spoken/written word) or to express yourself (spoken/written word). This can be because of a wide range of reasons for example aphasia, autism, brain injury, Deaf/Deafblind/Deafened/Hard of Hearing, developmental delay, dyslexia, neurological condition such as Parkinsons Disease, sight loss, stammer, other.

This question would not necessarily have to come under health/disability section as some people with a communication support need may not see themselves as disabled.

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Biennial

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SHS more comprehensive and because an interviewer. Paperbased – are less likely to get data and engage people with CSNs.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

Some impact:

There is at present no robust and comprehensive data for this population. With an ageing population and people living longer with long terms conditions this population will be growing over time.

The last research undertaken Law J et al (2007) *Communication Support Needs: a review of the literature* Scottish Executive Social Research indicated over 250,000 people in this group.

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NHS Health Scotland

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Yes
No

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NHS Health Scotland: consultation response Part 4 Submission to Andrew Paterson (Health & Disability)

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The following question is included in the ScotPHO profiles, which are developed with input from a multi-organisation advisory group and used by a range of stakeholders. This includes CPPs and local authorities. The profiles are updated whenever new data becomes available. Although the profiles can change over time, the indicators within them have been selected as being of particular value in understanding health and wellbeing, and maintaining a time series is important to their use. We therefore suggest that they remain unchanged.

RG19YN - DO YOU SMOKE CIGARETTES NOWADAYS?

More broadly, the current set of smoking questions provide valuable depth of knowledge for measuring smoking in the population and monitoring trends. We would like to keep them

unchanged.

The inclusion of questions about health and wellbeing in the SSCQ, alongside questions about the socioeconomic determinants of health and protected characteristics, is hugely valuable in understanding and tackling health inequalities. This applies to most of the current SSCQ sections (though Qs 5, 6, and 12 are of lower priority), so we request the current questions remain part of the SSCQ.

NHS Health Scotland addition to template:

Suggestion of which current questions could be changed slightly to provide more useful information

main reason/justification and evidence:

There may be an opportunity to obtain richer information about mental health and learning & behavioural problems through small changes to the following question:

HF2A - WHICH OF THE CONDITIONS LISTED ON THIS CARD BEST DESCRIBES THE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION THAT (NAME) HAS?

We suggest adding 'autism' as a specific response option, alongside 'other learning & behavioural problems'. Autism is a common condition of policy interest, and including all possible problems together gives limited useful information.

We suggest also considering broadening 'mental health problems' to include specific conditions, though we appreciate that definitions may be challenging and there are potential ethical issues too. Dr John Mitchell in SG MH Policy Team may be best placed to advise.

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No specific suggestions

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None

Housing – Hannah Davidson/Joe Jobling

Equality and Human Rights Commission

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No	<input type="checkbox"/>

2018-2021 Scottish Household Survey (SHS), Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS), Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS QUESTION REVIEW PROFORMA

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Detail of question

SHQS Sub-standard accommodation

BEDSTAND Fewer bedrooms than required as an indicator of overcrowding

Justification

The EHRC has a statutory duty to report on progress on equality and human rights in England, Scotland and Wales every five years. The latest review – Is Britain Fairer? - was published in 2015 and a supplementary report, Is Scotland Fairer? published in 2016. The quantitative equality indicators chosen for the review are taken from our Equality Measurement Framework. Without the information provided by the Scottish Household Survey, we would not be able to fully report on a range of indicators.

- We are interested in analysis by protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation). Not all protected characteristics are available in the Scottish Household Survey, so our analysis is restricted to age, race, sex, religion and disability.

- To get the level of disaggregation needed (e.g. for children, people who share protected characteristics), we often need to combine two years of data to get a useable sample. Changes to the frequency of collection would impact on the usefulness of any analysis.

The EHRC regulates and promotes good practice in relation to the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland, including the Specific Duties. Health boards and local authorities must develop and monitor equality outcomes to meet these duties and are likely to use evidence from the Scottish Household Survey to do this. Changes to the Scottish Household Survey are therefore likely to have an impact on their ability to perform this duty.

Both measures (sub-standard accommodation and overcrowding) are part of our current measurement framework. (Please note our measurement framework is under review and its content will be finalised in June 2017). There are no other sources of this information in Scottish surveys, as far as I am aware. From analysis of the 2013 data we identified households with a disabled child were less likely than those without to be in accommodation that did not meet the SHQS, and that young households and ethnic minority households were more likely than others to live in overcrowded properties.

Questions to be amended

For each question, or group of questions, that are being amended, please provide the detail of the amendment

Please also provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

(a) confirmed that none of the questions you propose to amend are in another policy areas' performance measurement framework.

(b) Consulted with stakeholders and whether consensus was reached.

Detail of amendment

An amended variable name should have an A or an _A after the original variable name.

Justification

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

Detail of deleted question

Justification

Proposed new questions

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For any suggested new questions:

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Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

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What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

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Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

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BID FOR INCLUSION WITHIN SCOTTISH SURVEY CORE QUESTIONS (SSCQ)

Are you bidding for any existing SHS/SHCS questions to be made Scottish

Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

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Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

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Yes

No

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NHS Health Scotland: consultation response Part 2 Submission to Joe Jobling (policy area of Housing / Accommodation)

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The following questions are included in the Mental Health Indicator sets (adults and children & young people) developed and published by NHS Health Scotland. Data for these indicator sets are not routinely published. However, they were identified as providing valuable information on mental health and wellbeing, and the indicators sets remain available for local use. We would therefore request that the questions remain unchanged unless improved alternatives are added.

HI1 - WHICH OF THESE ACCOUNTS, IF ANY, DO YOU OR YOUR PARTNER HAVE?

HK2 - TAKING EVERYTHING TOGETHER, WHICH OF THESE PHRASES ON THIS CARD BEST DESCRIBES HOW YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD ARE MANAGING FINANCIALLY THESE DAYS?

R23 - OVERALL, HOW DO YOU RATE THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THIS HOUSE/FLAT?

PA4 - IN YOUR VIEW, DOES YOUR HOUSE/FLAT HAVE TOO FEW ROOMS, TOO MANY ROOMS, OR ABOUT THE RIGHT NUMBER FOR YOUR CURRENT HOUSEHOLD?

The landlord/tenant relationship is an important example of the role of power in shaping health and wellbeing and creating or mitigating inequalities. The following questions are useful in providing some information on this issue. We request it remains unchanged (our understanding being that it will be asked in 2018 and remain biennial).

T25A - IN THE LAST YEAR, HAS YOUR LANDLORD CONSULTED YOU ON CHANGES TO SERVICES, POLICY OR RENT?

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

No specific suggestions

NHS Health Scotland addition to template:

Suggestion of which current questions could be changed slightly to provide more useful information

main reason/justification and evidence:

Concern about housing costs and the possibility of having to move as a result of housing costs are important to health through two routes: the impact of anxiety on mental health and wellbeing and the potential risk of homelessness for some households in this position. We suggest that consideration is given to asking the following question of all respondents, rather than limiting it to those who have stated (at HK3) that they have had recent difficulty in paying rent/mortgage costs. This would provide useful additional information.

HK5 - Ask if yes (1) at HK3

ARE YOU CONCERNED THAT YOU MIGHT YOU HAVE TO MOVE BECAUSE OF HOUSING COSTS?

There is an opportunity to obtain richer information on material deprivation and its relationship with the ability to maintain a healthy life through the following changes:

MATDEP1 - THINKING ABOUT YOUR STANDARD OF LIVING, I AM GOING TO READ A LIST OF ITEMS. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL ME WHICH OF THESE YOU DO OR DON'T HAVE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE SOMETHING ON THE LIST, IS THIS BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT IT, OR CANNOT AFFORD IT.
We suggest adding "a warm home" and "enough money to eat well" to the list of items.

MATDEP2 - THINKING ABOUT YOUR STANDARD OF LIVING, I AM GOING TO READ A LIST OF ITEMS. THESE ARE ITEMS THAT YOUR CHILD(REN) MAY HAVE. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL ME WHICH OF THESE {TEXT SUB - NME OF OLDEST CHILD } HAS. IF {TEXT SUB - NAME OF OLDEST CHILD} DOES NOT HAVE AN ITEM, IS THIS BECAUSE YOU DO NOT WANT IT, OR CANNOT AFFORD IT.
We suggest adding "suitable shoes".

Proposed new questions

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annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

Tackling health inequalities through action on housing is an approach of growing importance to NHS Health Scotland, as well as its partners and stakeholders. Security of tenure is important to people's health and wellbeing for similar reasons to those noted above in relation to housing costs: anxiety about being forced to move by a landlord can have negative impact; and where that occurs it could place some households at risk of homelessness. In addition, security of tenure which allows people to remain in their home on a long-term basis, fosters stronger connections to a community. This issue is of increasing importance given the growth of the private rented sector and, as it is not specifically addressed through current questions, we recommend that consideration is given to addressing this gap.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

One third is adequate.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Annual. This would strengthen the ability to respond to emerging trends and matches related questions around housing costs.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

There is no other source for this information. Inclusion in the SHS / SHCS would provide information on related issues and context that is essential for interpretation.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

Limited impact; however having this information would add to understanding and enable local partners to monitor an important aspect of the way in which housing affects health.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

Yes – related questions around tenure, housing costs, interactions with landlord – plus information on health and wellbeing (including mental wellbeing).

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

We suggest the following wording: "Do you feel you will be able to remain in your home long-term if you wish to?"

This question could be asked of all respondents or those only renting their home. Piloting may be required.

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

The data could help inform the development and monitor the impact of: housing policy (nationally and locally); planning; housing support and homelessness services. It could be used in Housing Contribution Statements to Integrated Joint Boards.

Internet – Debbie McGovern

Aberdeenshire Council

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Yes

No

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Aberdeenshire Council has identified the below questions as essential to supporting the organisation understand the current circumstances and future requirements identified or perceived by residents in order to inform planning and review processes. This data is not readily accessible from other sources, particular in a form that allows comparison across Scotland.

HC Internet Access Use of Internet	
Scottish Government Lead Analyst - Debbie McGovern	
NET 1	<p>DO YOU USE THE INTERNET AT ALL THESE DAYS, EITHER FOR YOUR WORK OR FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE?</p> <p>No, never use the internet [1] Work only [2] Personal use only [3] Both work and personal use</p>
NET 2	<p>Ask if makes personal use of the internet. WHERE DO YOU ACCESS THE INTERNET FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL USE?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At home - At another person's home - At work - School, college, university, other educational institution - A government/council office - Community or voluntary centre/organisation - Internet café or shop - On the move via a mobile phone/smartphone/tablet - Public library - Somewhere else

NET2WARN	<p>Ask if NET2=1 but household not coded as having access to the internet (HC5B=2 or 3) YOU SAY YOU ACCESS THE INTERNET FROM HOME BUT IT WAS REPORTED EARLIER THAT YOUR HOUSEHOLD DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AT HOME. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT YOU ACCESS THE INTERNET AT HOME? Yes, there is household access to internet at home [1] Yes, accesses internet at home using a mobile device [2] No, do not access internet at home</p>
NET3	<p>Ask if makes personal use of the internet (Net1=3 or 4). AND WHAT METHODS DO YOU USE TO ACCESS THE INTERNET FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL USE THESE DAYS? - A personal computer or laptop - Digital, cable or satellite television - Mobile phone, for example iPhone / Smartphone - A games console, for example Playstation / xBox - A tablet – iPad/Playbook or similar - Another way</p>
NET4	<p>Ask if makes personal use of the internet (Net1=3 or 4) . HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU DOING THE FOLLOWING THINGS WHEN USING THE INTERNET? Send and receive e-mails Use a search engine Shop online Use public services online Identify and delete spam Be able to tell what websites to trust Control privacy settings online RESPONSE OPTIONS Very Confident [1] Fairly Confident [2] Neither confident nor not confident [3] Not very confident [4] Not at all confident/Can't do [5] Don't know (spontaneous) [6]</p>
NET5	<p>IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS, FOR WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES DID YOU USE THE INTERNET FOR PERSONAL USE? A - Send and receive e-mails B - Make telephone/video calls over the internet C - Use social media (such as facebook or twitter) D - Search for information E - Play or download games, films or music F - Buy goods or services G - Create websites or blogs H - Look for/apply for jobs I - Internet banking J - None of these</p>
NET6	<p>IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, HAVE YOU USED ANY THE</p>

	<p>FOLLOWING ORGANISATION'S WEBSITES FOR ANY REASON?</p> <p>A – Your council/local authority B - The Scottish Government C - The NHS (including your GP or Dentist) D - Scottish Fire and Rescue E - Skills Development Scotland F - The Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) G - VisitScotland H - Police Scotland - The Scottish Environment</p>
NET 6B	<p>SUB1] BASED ON ORGANISATIONS AT NET6A.</p> <p>A - Look for information B - Download forms C - Send completed forms D - Ask a question E – Make a complaint F – Access services like report a fault, renew library books, planning applications G – Make a payment (council tax etc.) H – Apply for a job I – Apply for funding (housing benefit, legal aid or student funding) J – Report a crime K – Participate in a consultation. L – Another reason</p>
CYB1	<p>HERE ARE SOME SECURITY MEASURES THAT PEOPLE TAKE TO PROJECT THEMSELVES ONLINE. WHAT MEASURES, IF ANY, DO YOU TAKE?</p> <p>A - Download and install software updates/patches when prompted. B – Avoid opening emails or attachments from unknown people C - Use different passwords for different accounts D – Set complex passwords E – Change passwords for online accounts regularly F – Avoid giving personal information online G –Make sure my computer has up-to-date anti-virus software H – Make sure my mobile phone has up-to-date anti-virus software I – Make sure my home wi-fi is protected with a username and password J -Back-up important information K – None</p>
CYB2	<p>HAS CONCERN ABOUT SECURITY ISSUES MADE YOU CHANGE THE WAY YOU USE THE INTERNET IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS?</p> <p>A - Less likely to buy goods online B - Less likely to bank online C - Less likely to give personal information on websites D - Only visit websites you know and trust E - Only use your own computer / mobile device</p>

	F - Less likely to use the internet G - No, None of the above	
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Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

No questions proposed for deletion

(3) Proposed new questions

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No new questions proposed

For any suggested new questions:

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No

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

No

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

No

Many thanks for providing these comments.

Net5A: I am happy to omit the wording of “via a telephone line” to avoid confusion.

Net2: The percentage of respondents reporting the “somewhere else” option is very low (around 1 percent). The places of access that are of significant policy interest are listed within the options. Therefore I do not feel there is a need to use prompts.

Net6A: I am will clarify the MyGov option and what activities have been carried out.

Net6C: The original satisfaction question asked respondents about different facets of satisfaction (ease of use, time saving etc) as well as overall quality. However, this information has not been utilised by policy and it was felt that simplifying the question would be desirable in order to reduce survey time. Thus there is demand to solely report on overall satisfaction.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the above.

Debbie.

From: @aberdeenshire.gov.uk

To: McGovern D (Deborah)

Subject: RE: Revised provisional internet questions 2018-2021 SHS- Aberdeenshire Council's comments

Here are a few observations from Aberdeenshire Council staff which relate to the Provisional Internet questions in the 2018-2021 SHS.

Net 5A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rows 9 and 10 – A and B both relate to technologies you access via the phone line (ADSL and Superfast)
Net 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Row 34 – should “somewhere else” give some examples as prompts as many shops, coffee houses, pubs, buses and trains offer wifi
Net 6A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Row 92 MyGov – again some examples may be useful as prompts eg to pay VED for a vehicle, submit Tax or VAT returns, ask for a state pension projection
Net 6C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line 121 – not sure what “overall quality” means – it could be interpreted as “user friendly”, a reflection of functionality or easy to access and flexible. The expression might be considered ‘vague’ and it may be worth using words which better reflect what information is being sought.

[Aberdeenshire Council](#)

From: Deborah.McGovern@gov.scot

To: @aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Revised provisional internet questions 2018-2021 SHS

Yes, please do send over any feedback. I am happy to receive any comments by email.

Thanks,

Debbie.

From: @aberdeenshire.gov.uk
To: McGovern D (Deborah)
Subject: Revised provisional internet questions 2018-2021 SHS

My colleagues have provided some feedback on these provisional questions. Would you like me to send it through to you? Is that helpful?

Do you have a preferred format?

Aberdeenshire Council

From: Deborah.McGovern@gov.scot
To: @aberdeenshire.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Aberdeenshire Council's Response to the SHS Review (HC Internet Access/Use of Internet)

Thank you for submitting this proforma.

For reference, I attach a copy of the revised provisional internet questions for 2018-21. The questions that your organisation have requested to remain will be staying in the survey. However, I am not the lead analyst for the cyber security questions, thus I will pass on your feedback to the relevant colleague.

Debbie.

From: @aberdeenshire.gov.uk
To: McGovern D (Deborah)

Subject: Aberdeenshire Council's Response to the SHS Review (HC Internet Access/Use of Internet)

Aberdeenshire Council has reviewed the SHS topics (and associated questions) with a broad range of internal stakeholders, including our Analysts and Information Officers.

Please find attached our response to the SHS Review and in particular the questions associated with HC Internet Access/Use of Internet . Please contact me if you would like additional information or further context.

Aberdeenshire Council

Improvement Service

Yes, I agree – it would be a nice addition, especially since connected devices are likely to become more widely used within coming years. The question will be suggested within our internal proforma but it depends on whether there is available survey time to whether it will be accepted.

Deborah.

To: McGovern D (Deborah)

Subject: RE: Scottish Household Survey Questionnaire Review 2018-21 - External Engagement

Thanks for your email

Just thought it could be a good measure in how Digital tech adoption in the home so we can benchmark “digitally connected nation”

No major issue if its added in or not to the questionnaire if it doesn't align to policy was a just a “nice to have data” rather than “critical”

From: Deborah.McGovern@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Scottish Household Survey Questionnaire Review 2018-21 - External Engagement

Thanks for your suggestion regarding the connected devices question. I have discussed with policy colleagues and there has been interest in including such a question but with fewer response options. The question will be along the lines of:

Do you have any of the following “smart appliances” that connect to the internet (eg via a smartphone, tablet or computer)?

A – Smart heating (eg Nest or Hive thermostats)

B – Smart Lighting (eg Philips Hue)

C – Smart home monitoring or security systems (Nest or Panasonic camera)

D – Smart speakers (eg Amazon Echo, Google Home)

E – Wearable technology (eg Fitbit, Smart watch etc)

The presence of smart meters can be collected through the physical component of the survey in which a surveyor assesses household attributes.

However, it is important to note that we are asked to rank all questions in terms of policy importance. As this question would not take precedence over any of the existing questions, there is no guarantee that it will be accepted by the Scottish Household Survey team.

Happy to discuss any of the above.

Deborah.

From: McGovern D (Deborah)

Subject: RE: Scottish Household Survey Questionnaire Review 2018-21 - External Engagement

Many thanks for your comments. I will discuss your proposed question with internal colleagues to gauge whether there is a policy appetite and will get back in touch regarding the outcome in the near future.

Deborah.

To: McGovern D (Deborah)

Subject: RE: Scottish Household Survey Questionnaire Review 2018-21 - External Engagement

HI

Not quite sure how I got involved in this one but questions look fine to me.

Thinking, It might be good understand if households are starting to look at connected devices in the home as this could measure confidence in Digital PLUS help us design services through virtual digital assistants or better measurements of energy use

Is there any appetite or option to ask something like

Have you invested in any “smart appliances” in your home that are connected to the internet (y/n)

If Yes can you please share which of the following you currently own

- Smart Meter – Electric
- Smart Meter – Gas
- Smart Lights – (e.g Philips Hue, LIFX, GE etc)
- Smart Heating (e.g Nest, Hive)
- CCTV
- Smoke Alarm (e.g nest)
- Smart Kettle
- Smart coffee machine
- Smart TV
- Apple TV
- Washing Machine
- Fridge
- Air conditioning
- Amazon Alexa
- Google Home

This make sense?

From: Deborah.McGovern@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Scottish Household Survey Questionnaire Review 2018-21 - External Engagement

Importance: High

Please see the attached provision Scottish Household Survey internet questions for 2018-21.

If you have any issues regarding any of the changes that have been made, please get in contact before **Friday 3rd March**.

Best wishes,

Deborah.

From: McGovern D (Deborah)

Subject: Scottish Household Survey Questionnaire Review 2018-21 - External Engagement

Importance: High

Just a reminder that the Scottish Household Survey questionnaire for 2018-21 is currently under review. If you have any views as to whether existing questions should be dropped, maintained or changed or new questions added, then please get in touch with myself.

The deadline for completing the external pro-forma (attached below) is the 7th March. However, I would appreciate if you could make any opinions known to me as soon as possible so that I am able to adequately represents your views in deliberations with other stakeholders.

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/16002/News/Questionnairereview>

Kind Regards,

Deborah.

From: McGovern D (Deborah)

Subject: Scottish Household Survey Questionnaire Review 2018-21 - External Engagement

Importance: High

As you may be aware, the Scottish Household Survey questionnaire for 2018-21 is now under review. I am the lead analyst for the **internet questions** and would like to consult with external stakeholders for views and supporting statements. **If you have any views as to whether questions should be dropped, maintained or changed, then please get in touch via email or phone (0131 2425610).**

The resultant new questionnaire will be used from 2018. There will be a smaller-scale questionnaire review during Spring 2019 and a limited annual change facility available. It is important to highlight that as the questionnaire is already lengthy, only new questions with a strong policy rationale that are of interest to a range of different stakeholders are likely to make it into the survey. It would be helpful that if you make bids for new questions, you could also identify which existing questions within the topic area should be dropped or reduced to make space on the questionnaire.

As well as getting in contact with myself, please complete the proforma below. This includes a link to the 2017 questionnaire.

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/16002/News/Questionnairereview>

Please get in touch as soon as possible to ensure that I am able to represent your views in discussions and deliberations with other stakeholders.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Kind Regards,

Deborah.

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Local Government - David Hurst

Local Government Benchmarking Framework

From: Horne J (Jackie) <Jackie.Horne@gov.scot

To: dundeecity.gov.uk

RE: SHS Review - request for feedback on question wording - LGBF - satisfaction with council service

Thank you for your response on behalf of the LGBF to the SHS team's email on the wording of the satisfaction with council services questions.

I am emailing to let you know that in line with the LGBF's views, we will not be making any change to this question.

I am also emailing to check whether you are happy for me to publish your response and refer to it within the report we plan to publish on the outcome of the SHS questionnaire review. The LGBF would be also referenced as responding to the SHS consultation.

It would be incredibly helpful to publish and/or refer to your response as we received a number of representations from culture and heritage organisations, and one or two sports organisations, that they would like to have seen the wording of the question(s) changed to reflect the provision of some of these services by Arm's Length External Organisations (ALEOs) or Trusts. Reference to your response in the main report would explain why the Scottish Government has decided to leave the question wording unchanged.

I would be grateful for a response by close on Wednesday 12th July if possible.

Kind regards

Jackie

Thank you for this considered response. We are currently in the process of finalising the Scottish Household Survey questionnaire review recommendations. We will respond to you with a more detailed reply in due course.

Emma

Dr Emma McCallum
Communities Analysis Division
Scottish Government

Emma.McCallum@gov.scot

From: Hurst D (David)

Sent: 01 June 2017 10:17

To: Local Government Benchmarking framework

Subject: RE: SHS Review - request for feedback on question wording

Thanks for this helpful response.

SHS Team – please see below for response from the LGBF Board in relation to SHS questionnaire review.

Regards

Dave

David Hurst

Local Government & Analytical Services Division

From: Local Government Benchmarking Framework

Sent: 01 June 2017 10:07

To: Hurst D (David)

Subject: Re: SHS Review - request for feedback on question wording

Dear Scottish Household Survey team

Re: Scottish Household Survey (SHS) Questionnaire Review

The Local Government Benchmarking Board welcomes the opportunity to feed into the review of the Scottish Household Survey (SHS). The SHS provides a unique and potentially invaluable resource for Local Government. Information on community needs, priorities and experiences is central for councils in shaping policy and practice, monitoring impact and strengthening engagement with local citizens. How councils engage with and involve local citizens in policy and practice has been further emphasised in the recent Community Empowerment Act, reiterating Scottish Governments commitment to strengthen the voices of citizens in the decisions that matter to them.

Use of the SHS within Local Government Benchmarking Framework

The Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) was launched in 2013 by SOLACE, COSLA and the Improvement Service to support evidence based comparisons between similar councils to target efficiencies and service improvements. To provide a rounded picture of performance, this annual framework provides comparative data on how much councils spend on particular services along with comparisons on performance and satisfaction levels.

The LGBF uses SHS data to provide satisfaction levels for 7 diverse local government services. These include: schools; libraries; parks; museums; leisure facilities; refuse collection and street cleaning.

This framework and the data which underpin it are now embedded within all councils' local reporting, scrutiny, self-assessment and improvement activities. The framework has also been endorsed by the Accounts Commission and as such is included within the Statutory Direction requiring all councils to include the LGBF within their Public Performance Reporting. As such, the introduction of the LGBF has had a significant impact in promoting and supporting the use of SHS data by local government and with local citizens.

There are no alternative sources of evidence available which could be used within the LGBF to provide comparative information on customer satisfaction and resident perceptions.

LGBF response to proposals to change question wording

As part of the current review, Scottish Government is seeking views regarding a potential change in the wording of four questions used by the LGBF. The questions currently ask "How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of these council services?"

- Sports and leisure facilities
- Libraries
- Museums and Galleries
- Parks and Open Spaces

The Scottish Government has proposed that as some of these services are now provided locally by Arm's Length External Organisations (ALEOs) or Trusts, the following wording may be more helpful:

"How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of these publicly run services"

"How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of these local services"

"How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of these locally run public services?"

The view of the LGBF Board is that as the accountability remains unchanged in relation to each of these services, and remains with the local authority, as such, there is no basis for challenging the status quo on these questions. Therefore, the current wording should be retained to ensure clarity, consistency and to protect the important time series information that has been developed in relation to community perceptions on council services. In short, our position is that it would be unhelpful to lose this valuable baseline data for no discernible benefit.

Many thanks for the opportunity to contribute to this consultation and as ever, the LGBF Board is keen to support this process in any way which might be helpful.

Yours sincerely

Local Government Benchmarking Framework

To: LGBF Members

From: <David.Hurst@gov.scot>

Date: 27/04/2017 02:21PM

Subject: SHS Review - request for feedback on question wording

LGBF Board Members

Scottish Household Survey (SHS) Questionnaire Review

I've been asked to seek the views of the LGBF Board regarding some possible changes to wording used in the SHS

The Scottish Household Survey is currently undergoing a questionnaire review – the aim of the review is to develop an SHS questionnaire for 2018-2021 that reflects policy and stakeholder priorities going forward.

As part of this review, several suggestions have been made regarding a change in the wording of one of the questions which currently asks "How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of these council services". Four of the services asked about – Sports and leisure facilities, Libraries, Museums and Galleries, Parks and Open Spaces – inform LGBF indicators. The suggestions received relate to the provision of some of these services by Arm's Length External Organisations (ALEOs) or Trusts, and proposed adjustments to the wording to reflect this. Suggestions received include:

"How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of these publicly run services"

"How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of these local services"

"How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of these locally run public services?"

Consideration will need to be given to any impact on the LGBF, and whether any services could be confused with central government (e.g. Museums). Views of the LGBF board would be welcomed, and will help to inform this decision.

You may wish to arrange a single response on behalf of the LGBF board.

The SHS team have asked for a response by Friday 12th May.

Please let me know if anything is not clear.

Regards

Dave

David Hurst

Local Government & Analytical Services Division

Local Outcomes - ?

Fife Council

I will ensure that the case for these indicators is included in the Fife response to the SHS questionnaire review.

The metadata is available at

<http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/menu-of-local-outcome-indicators.html>

There does appear to be some uncertainty about whether there is an intention to maintain this Menu set to ensure consistency in the quality of monitoring of local outcomes.

There is still a need for this from local authority areas, and to access this data through Scottish Statistics.

For clarification on this, I am copying this in to Andy McGuire and Dette Cowden, who originally worked with me to develop the Menu, and to Emily Lynch who has been using a subset of these indicators to develop a Community Planning Outcomes Profiling Tool.

With thanks

Fife Council

From: SHS@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

To: @fife.gov.uk

Cc: SHS@scotland.gsi.gov.uk; Emma.McCallum@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: RE: SHS data for local outcomes

Thank you for raising your concerns to us.

The aim of the open data platform is to increase efficiencies in providing local-authority level data and ad-hoc analyses and also to allow us to share the SHS data in an interactive way. This will not affect the availability of the data as we will try to upload as much as possible onto the platform (subject to disclosure control and resources).

This means, that in the case the data you're looking for is not be available on the website, it will still be possible for us to prepare the analysis for you as normal.

However, to ensure that during the questionnaire review (which I believe you are aware of but please let me know if this isn't the case) we don't inadvertently remove any of the indicators you need, I've read through the report you sent over and listed below what I think comes from SHS. Would you be able to look through this list and let me know if I've missed out anything, please?

- SHS
- The percentage of adults who rate their neighbourhood as a very good place to live
- Percentage of adults stating they feel very/fairly safe when home alone at night AND when walking alone in neighbourhood after dark
- Percentage of adults who agreed with the statement 'I can influence decisions affecting my local area'

- Percentage of adults who are fairly or very satisfied with the quality of the following local services: local health services, local schools and public transport
- Percentage of adults saying drug misuse or dealing is very or fairly common
- Percentage of adults who have either participated in a cultural activity or who have attended or visited a cultural event or place in the last 12 months
- Percentage of adults aged 16+ who have given up time to volunteer in the previous 12 months
- Smoking Prevalence of adults (16+) (SHS)
- % adults good/very good self-assessed health- SHS
- Percentage of adults rating the condition of their house/flat as good
- Percentage of households where respondent has a bank, building society or credit union account
- Percentage of households that have some savings
- Percentage of households describing themselves as coping well or very well financially
- Percentage of adults who have taken part in a sporting activity in the last 12 months (excluding walking)
- The percentage of adults making one or more visits to the outdoors per week
- Percentage of children's journeys to school by cycling/walking
- Travel diary
- Percentage of active travel journeys to work
- Percentage of driver journeys delayed due to traffic congestion - Local Authority level.
- SHQS
- Percentage of social sector dwellings that pass the Scottish Housing Quality Standard
- Percentage of households in Fuel Poverty

Ludmila

From: @fife.gov.uk

To: Scottish Household Survey; McCallum E (Emma)

Subject: SHS data for local outcomes

Following my conversation this morning please find below an email exchange with Scottish Statistics asking that we not lose sight of the Menu of Local Outcome Indicators (which included a number of SHS indicators) and the Local Outcome Indicators Reports that were available, based on latest available data and by time series.

In developing the menu, facilitating easy access to the latest data for local authorities to use in their local outcome reporting was a key consideration, and I do have some concerns that this important indicator set could be lost in the development of the open data platform

Fife Council

From: @fife.gov.uk

Subject: FW: Know Fife - [OFFICIAL]

Thanks for coming along to Laria Listens yesterday. I hope you found it useful.

Please see exchange of emails below in relation to the kind of data which local areas are looking for from Police Scotland. My understanding is that there has been little or no progress on this.

There are similar issues around accessing datazone level data for the Fire Service, again with centralisation of data units, out of local areas, the link with local analysts has been lost.

There is also uncertainty about what small area Education data can and will be available with changes to the national qualifications. Local sources would prefer that we were able to access this from Scottish Statistics based on individual returns rather than imposing additional demands on local analysts to get datazone level data directly out of SEEMIS.

An area which you may wish to give some priority to is Local Outcome Indicators. <http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/menu-of-local-outcome-indicators.html> The Menu of local outcome indicators is intended to support CPPs to improve the quality of data they are using to monitor single outcome agreements/local outcome improvement plans (it is worrying that this page is showing as archived). The reports that were developed in SNS to facilitate easy access to this data don't seem to have migrated over to the new platform. CPPs will be keen for assurances that there is a commitment to keep this indicator set up to data in Scottish Statistics.

The post of KnowFife Dataset Coordinator has recently been taken up and they would be interested in sharing with you their experience of what data people are asking for locally in Fife, what should be a priority, and where issues have been encountered issues in obtaining data from national sources.

With thanks

Fife Council

To: @fife.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Know Fife - [OFFICIAL]

DATA LABEL: OFFICIAL

Thanks for copying me into this correspondence.

I have a similar request (but at Ward level and quarterly) currently with Police Scotland and I'm waiting for their response. Police Scotland has been talking about publishing MMW data on a quarterly basis for a while now, but nothing seems to be in the public domain yet.

I'm very happy to help you to pursue this request (more widely for the whole of Scotland) as I think the data will be of great value to all CPPs across Scotland.

Cheers

PS I enjoyed the LARIA event last Friday.

Loneliness - ?

Befriending Networks

Hi Emma,

Thank you so much for all your help on the phone earlier. It is great news that other parties are already advocating for inclusion of this topic in the survey. As discussed, I'm attaching the Campaign to End Loneliness resource "Measuring your impact on loneliness in later life". From a lay person's perspective, I would say that the the CTCL's own tool, which I personally prefer because of the positive language used, offers subtle differences to what is covered in WEMWBS - though this will be for greater minds than mine to decide.

Also, limitations mentioned in the document include that this tool is relatively untested and was originally designed for use on older people (though again, as a lay person, I can see no obvious link between this population group and the statements). However, either of these factors maybe enough to discount the tool from being used by Scottish Government, so I wanted to save you time by flagging this up from the start.

Sorry to be a pest, but as I am unsure about the protocol, do I need to send a message to the lead analysts you identified for us and copied in to your other message, so they have the request to consider this formally from Befriending Networks? Also, as we are working closely with third sector partners, is there any benefit in requesting that they independently lobby these lead analysts over considering the inclusion of this topic? Hope you don't regret talking my call! LOL!

Best wishes,

Befriending Networks

SHS@gov.scot wrote:

Hello

Nice to speak to you on the phone.

Here's the questions in WEMWBS so you can see what we already ask. Here's the questions we ask in the core.

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/About/Surveys/SSCQ/SSCQ2015>

I've spoken to the Scottish Health Survey team.

There is already considerable interest and work in this area.

Your lead analysts will be either Andrew Paterson or Jon Hunter.

Let's keep in touch,

Emma

Child Material Deprivation – Andrew White ?

University of Glasgow

Andrew

Thanks. Your concern about missing information is clearly an important one in principle but the data I've looked at suggest it isn't a problem in practice. The attached short note tries to explain this using PSE data. You could do the same analysis using SHS data - or, if you could supply me with the data just from the matdep questions, I could re-run the analysis on them. I'd be happy to discuss further.

Regards

From: Andrew.White@gov.scot
@Glasgow.ac.uk

Subject: RE: 2018-2021 Scottish Household Survey (SHS), Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS) and Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews.

Many thanks for your e-mail and apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

We are currently in the process of quality assuring the child material deprivation data for 2014 and 2015 and are considering the most appropriate use of these questions alongside SHS income data with a view to publishing a combined low income and material deprivation measure for Scotland and local authorities. We'll be discussing next steps and timescales early next week.

Your suggestion is an interesting one and we'll consider it along with any others we receive. My initial reaction is that we could obviously miss some important information about certain households and children and could end up underestimating child material deprivation (which is likely to be measured by counting the number of items/services households with children are missing (possibly giving more weight to the more commonly owned/afforded items). That said you are right that there is pressure on the survey and if time savings are needed then we have to consider options.

Happy to discuss further.

Kind regards
Andrew

From: @glasgow.ac.uk

To: White A (Andrew)

Subject: FW: 2018-2021 Scottish Household Survey (SHS), Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS) and Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews.

Sensitivity: Personal

Andrew

I received the msg below about the SHS etc. questionnaires. The guidance on responding suggested we needed to contact lead analysts first to discuss. I had a comment on the HI section, specifically on the matdep group of questions.

The background is that I developed this set of questions at Scot Govt's request, a few years ago. I've not seen any data from them yet although I'd be very keen to have a look at it. I did make a suggestion in the previous consultation that there is a way to significantly reduce the time taken to collect this data although no one came back to me to discuss it. Given pressures on the survey, I thought it worth offering the same advice again.

Essentially, for any individual you can ask an initial subset of the matdep questions and only go on to later items if they are lacking some of the initial set - a responsive approach. This is because the items are 'ordered' - people who don't lack the items commonly lacked only rarely lack the items rarely lacked so you don't need to cover them in their case. With this approach I think you could maybe halve the number of questions asked on average since relatively few will need the later questions. You would need to have a look at the data from the last couple of years to fine tune this but it wouldn't be a complex task - I'd be happy to help.

Let me know if you are interested in pursuing.

From: SHS@gov.scot

Subject: 2018-2021 Scottish Household Survey (SHS), Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS) and Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews.

Hello,

The questions in the Scottish Household Survey, which also contains the Scottish House Condition Survey social interview questions, are now being reviewed. Additionally, there are 20 core questions included in every Scottish Government Social Survey, known as the Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ). These questions are also being reviewed.

If you have any views you'd like to contribute to the review **action is required.**

Actions

1. To go through SHS, SHCS and SSCQ questions and decide on which questions can be dropped, which should be maintained or changed and if any new questions or topics are required. The [SHS 2017 questionnaire](#) and the [SSCQ](#) can be accessed on their respective websites. The SHCS social interview questions are contained within the SHS questionnaire. There is a note under the 'Stream' heading identifying SHCS questions in the SHS [2017 questionnaire](#).
2. To get directly in touch with the respective Scottish Government lead analyst (list included in the attached document) for your topic(s) of interest as soon as possible and early on in the questionnaire review process.

3. Provide a supporting statement and agree on **priority** questions with your Scottish Government lead analyst.
4. Complete [proforma](#) (included in Annex 3 of attached document).
5. Submit proforma via your Scottish Government lead analysts or, only in exceptional circumstances and with permission of the SHS team, directly to the SHS team **by 7th March 2017**.

Please do ask the Scottish Household Survey team - SHS@gov.scot – if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Emma

Neighbourhoods and Communities - Darren Peaston

Aberdeenshire Council

External Pro-forma

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- Yes
- No

2018-2021 Scottish Household Survey (SHS), Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS), Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS QUESTION REVIEW PROFORMA

Questions you would like to stay in SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ).

(a) For each question or set of questions that you would like to stay in the survey and that you **propose remain completely unchanged** (in terms of sample size and/or frequency of collection), **please provide justification**. Remember to refer to specific variable names for clarity.

Aberdeenshire Council has identified questions within four topics of interest: Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, Green Spaces, Volunteering, Internet Usage. These have been forwarded directly to the relevant Scottish Government Lead Analyst.

In relation to all other topics and associated question sets, Aberdeenshire Council has no comment to make. The questions and topics continue to provide the type of data and comparison that will support the planning and review of policy and service delivery.

The council would like to continue to be part of any future discussions on the development and relevance of the SHS, SHCS and SSCQ.

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

Proposed new questions

(a) For each new question, or group of new questions, please explain why you need each individual question/variable in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ). Your

answer should address the following: justification of full vs. one third sample, and annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

BID FOR INCLUSION WITHIN SCOTTISH SURVEY CORE QUESTIONS (SSCQ)

Are you bidding for any existing SHS/SHCS questions to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

NHS Health Scotland

External Pro-forma

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We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

No

2018-2021 Scottish Household Survey (SHS), Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS), Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews

NHS Health Scotland: consultation response Part 1
Submission to Darren Peaston (Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

Questions you would like to stay in SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ).

(a) For each question or set of questions that you would like to stay in the survey and that you **propose remain completely unchanged** (in terms of sample size and/or frequency of collection), **please provide justification**. Remember to refer to specific variable names for clarity.

The following questions are included in the ScotPHO profiles, which are developed with input from a multi-organisation advisory group and used by a range of stakeholders. This

including CPPs and local authorities. The profiles are updated whenever new data become available. Although the profiles can change over time, the indicators within them have been selected as being of particular value in understanding health and wellbeing, and maintaining a time series is important to their use. We therefore suggest that they remain unchanged.

ASB1 - HOW COMMON WOULD YOU SAY THE FOLLOWING THINGS ARE IN THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD?

RB1 - THINKING NOW ABOUT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD YOU LIVE IN, HOW WOULD YOU RATE IT AS A PLACE TO LIVE?

The following questions are included in the Mental Health Indicator sets (adults and children young people) which have been developed and published by Health Scotland. Data for these indicators sets are not routinely published. However, they were identified as providing valuable information on mental health and wellbeing, and the indicators sets remain available for local use. We would therefore request that the questions remain unchanged unless improved alternatives are added.

RA4AC - HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL WALKING ALONE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AFTER DARK?

RA4AD - HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU ARE ALONE IN YOUR HOME AT NIGHT?

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

No specific suggestions

Proposed new questions

(a) For each new question, or group of new questions, please explain why you need each individual question/variable in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ). Your answer should address the following: justification of full vs. one third sample, and annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

Place affects health, wellbeing and inequality in a number of ways. Although the current questionnaire covers key issues such as transport and walking for exercise, it does not address the specific question of 'walkability', which emerged as a key theme in stakeholder consultations around the Place Standard (developed and now being implemented by the Scottish Government in partnership with NHS Health Scotland and Architecture and Design Scotland). Walkability influences health not just through encouraging physical activity, but also by fostering social interaction and supporting a thriving local community through 'footfall' for shops and businesses. We therefore propose an additional question, based on that used in the Place Standard tool.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for

households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

One third is adequate.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Biennial.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

There is no other source for this information, and inclusion in the SHS / SHCS would provide information on related issues and context that is essential for interpretation.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

Limited impact; however having this information would add to understanding and enable local partners to monitor an important aspect of place and its impact on health.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

Yes – related questions around neighbourhood and community life – plus information on health and wellbeing (including mental wellbeing).

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

We suggest wording based on item developed for and included in Place Standard tool:

“How easily can you walk around your neighbourhood using good quality routes?”

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations’ policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

The question is of relevance to policy objectives across the ‘place’ agenda, including: community planning; spatial planning; active travel and sustainability. It is also of particular interest in monitoring a key issue identified in the Place Standard alongside its implementation.

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Yes

No

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Questions you would like to stay in SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ).

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specific variable names for clarity.

SNH would like the following questions to be retained in the SHS:

OUTDOORS How often have you taken visits to the outdoors in the last 12 months?

SNH has a statutory remit to facilitate understanding and enjoyment of nature and landscape and *'Increase people's use of the Scotland's outdoors'* is one of our Corporate Plan Outcome measures (approved by the Scottish Government) as well as an NPF National Indicator. This question is essential for enabling SNH to monitor progress on this outcome and also on our equalities outcome (to ensure that people who are under-represented as a result of a protected characteristic are more able to visit and experience the outdoors). This question has links to both the health and physical activity agendas. The Local Authority level data are used to help inform our input to community planning. The question was previously asked on SNH's Scottish Recreation Survey (2006 – 2012) and was added to the SHS in 2012 when the ScRS's ten year contract concluded. The SHS is the only survey source for these data. The data are required annually.

GREENFAR13 How far away from your home is the nearest public green or open space?

GREENUSE13 How often do you use this space?

GREENSAT13 How satisfied/dissatisfied are you with the quality of this space?

'Increase the percentage of adults within a 5 minute walking distance from their local greenspace' is one of SNH's Corporate Plan Outcome measures (approved by the Scottish Government) as well as an NPF National Indicator and one of the indicators for Outcome 4 in the Active Scotland Outcome Framework ('We improve our active infrastructure – people and places'). GREENFAR13 is essential for enabling SNH to monitor progress on this corporate outcome and, along with GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13, also enables us to monitor progress on our equalities outcome (to ensure that people who are under-represented as a result of a protected characteristic or who are living in areas in the bottom 10% – 20% of SIMD are more able to visit and experience the outdoors). GREENSAT is also particularly important for helping us measure people's perceptions of the quality of local greenspace provision and is the only source of survey data available for this measure. The data are also used to help compile *'The state of Scotland's greenspace'* report, a digest of greenspace facts and figures which complement the spatial data provided by *Scotland's Greenspace Map*. This report, compiled SNH and Greenspace Scotland, was last published in 2011 and is due to be updated in 2017. Going forward, the three SHS greenspace questions will also play a key role in helping us measure the impact of a number of national-level projects being managed by SNH on behalf of the Scottish Government to improve access to good quality local greenspaces, particularly for disadvantaged communities. These include the *Green Infrastructure Strategic Intervention* and the *Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund* (part of the European Regional Development Fund Programme for 2014-20 which will deliver more than £20m of investment in urban greenspace by end 2018), the roll out of the *National Walking and Cycling Network* and the delivery of the *Greening the NHS Estate* project (one of the strategic interventions included in the *Natural Health Service Action Plan*). Trend data from the SHS greenspace questions will also help indicate how well aspects of the place-making agenda are working to improve greenspace provision and quality. The data will also play a key role enabling SNH to monitor progress towards delivering one of the 'Six big steps for nature' described in *'Scotland's Biodiversity: a route map to 2020'*, i.e. the provision of quality greenspace for health and education benefits. The vision behind this is to make a measurable impact on the numbers of people who use and benefit from local greenspaces.

The SHS greenspace questions have links to both the health and physical activity agendas. The Local Authority level data are used to help inform SNH's input to community planning. The SHS is the only survey source for these data.

GREENFAR13 data are required annually. We are content with the proposal to move to a biennial reporting schedule for GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13.

RF11A Over the last 12 months, have you given up any time to help any clubs, charities, campaigns or organisations?

VOL1A If no at RF11A, Have you undertaken any work or given unpaid help to any of these types of groups or organisations in the last 12 months?

VOL1B If yes at RF11A, Have you undertaken any work or given unpaid help to any of these types of groups or organisations in the last 12 months?

Increase the % of adults engaging with environmental issues is one of SNH's Corporate Plan Outcome measures (approved by the Scottish Government). As volunteering is one of the key ways in which people can engage with the natural environment, these questions are essential for helping SNH to monitor progress on this outcome and the impact of our work to deliver it, including 'developing more opportunities for the public to engage in volunteering and citizen science, as described in 'Big step 3' in 'Scotland's Biodiversity: a route map to 2020'.

VOL1A and VOL1B currently use two separate codes to collect information on participation in environmental volunteering: 'Environment' and 'Wildlife'. We suspect that the use of these codes under-represents participation in environmental volunteering by excluding people who volunteer by helping to look after local outdoor places (parks, woods etc.) and, from 2018, we'd like to replace these two codes with a single code which better encompasses the range of environmental volunteering opportunities which exist, e.g. 'Looking after the environment, wildlife or local outdoor places'.

SPRT3A In the last few weeks, have you done any of the activities listed on this card?

SNH has a statutory remit to facilitate understanding and enjoyment of nature and landscape and this question enables us to measure the proportion of people engaged in recreational walking and other outdoors activities. These data help SNH monitor the impact of its work to increase the proportion of people visiting the outdoors and also help us measure the contribution made by the natural environment (and recreational walking) to the attainment of SG targets for physical activity. The Local Authority level data are used by SNH to help inform our input to community planning. This question (and the code on recreational walking) is also the data source for one of the indicators for Outcome 1 in the Active Scotland Outcome Framework ('Encourage and enable the inactive to become more active'). The SHS is the only survey source for these data.

RB1 Thinking about the neighbourhood you live in, how would you rate it as a place to live?

AREA1 Thinking about your local neighbourhood, do you think it has got better, stayed the same or got worse over the last few years?

These questions help SNH monitor the impact of its work to improve access to high quality local greenspaces and to improve local landscapes. The Local Authority level data are used to help inform our input to community planning. The questions have links LAND1.

RF1 For each of these phrases, please tell me to what extent you agree/disagree that it applies to your local council? Code: I can influence decisions affecting my local area

This question, and the Local Authority level data it generates, helps SNH to monitor the impact of its work in community planning. The question has links LAND1, RB1 and AREA1.

LAND1 Have you given your views on land use in any of these ways in the last 12 months?

Please see separate submission from Scottish Natural Heritage

CLIMATE1 Which of these statements comes closest to your attitude to climate change?
This question provides useful background for our work to *Increase the % of adults engaging with environmental issues.*

SSCQs

We would like the questions below to be retained as SSCQs. These are all key variables which we use to analyse SHS data. They enable us to monitor the impact of our work among people who are under-represented in outdoor recreation as a result of a protected characteristic and also help to inform our programme of work on the Natural Health Service project.

- Self-assessed general health
- Disability
- Long-term conditions
- Mental well-being
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Age

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Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

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Proposed new questions

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We'd like to add the new question below to the SHS. This question would follow the OUTDOORS question and would be asked of respondents who had visited the outdoors in the last 4 weeks. This question was asked in the 2013/14 Scotland's People and Nature Survey (SPANS) and would be used by SNH (and its partners) to demonstrate the benefits of the natural environment as a setting for outdoor physical activity. It is linked to the OUTDOORS question in the SHS. It is linked to the health and physical activity agendas.

Q Thinking about your last visit to the outdoors, how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Agree strongly, Agree slightly, Neither/nor, Disagree slightly, Disagree strongly, Don't know)

- It improved my physical health (through exercise and physical activity)
- It helped me de-stress, relax and unwind
- It made me feel energised and revitalised
- It was a good social experience (through spending time with other people)
- I felt close to nature

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

We would like data from the new question on the impacts of respondents' most recent visit to the outdoors to be available at a national level, so a one third sample would suffice.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Ideally, we would like data from the new question to be available on an annual basis. If this option is not available, biennial reporting would be acceptable.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

As the new question is linked to other SHS questions (i.e. OUTDOORS, GREENFAR13, GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13), best value is achieved if it is asked alongside these questions.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

The addition of this question to the SHS would better enable SNH to demonstrate the contribution of the natural environment to the Scottish Government's health agenda and physical activity agendas.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

The new question is linked to OUTDOORS, GREENFAR13, GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

The wording for the question on the impacts of respondents' most recent visit to the outdoors is shown below. This question was previously asked in SNH's Scotland's People and Nature Survey (SPANS) in 2013/14.

Q Thinking about your last visit to the outdoors, how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Agree strongly, Agree slightly, Neither/nor, Disagree slightly, Disagree strongly, Don't know)

It improved my physical health (through exercise and physical activity)
It helped me distress, relax and unwind
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I felt close to nature

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

Aside from SNH, the data from the new question are likely to be used by a range of organisations working in the environmental sector including, Forestry Commission Scotland, Greenspace Scotland, the National Park Authorities and the Central Scotland Green Network Trust.

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Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

Scottish Borders Council

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Yes
No

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Questions proposed for deletion and reason for retaining them:

RB – NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Darren Peaston - (Darren.Peaston@gov.scot)

Proposed deletions: RE13, 15 & 16

The Scottish Borders, and likely other rural areas, has a poor record in relation to fatal and serious road accidents and has introduced a number of initiatives to try and influence driver

behaviour. These questions ask about accidents and whether reported to the police. They have relevance in that disclosure in the questionnaire can be compared to official police statistics. They do however stop short of probing further and asking perceptions on why the accident occurred, for example, driver error, weather, mechanical, road conditions, speed, and so on. This would allow us to consider the dominant factors and target our interventions accordingly. An additional question is proposed below that would support best use of this information if questions were retained.

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

Questions RE13, RE 15 & RE16 are the only ones asking about involvement in road traffic accidents, with the proposed deletions there are no remaining questions relating to RTAs that can be suggested for deletion in their place.

Proposed new questions

(a) For each new question, or group of new questions, please explain why you need each individual question/variable in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ). Your answer should address the following: justification of full vs. one third sample, and annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

If retaining questions RE13, RE 15 & RE16 in the SHS the following should be added to achieve an understanding of the perceived reasons for the accident:

Do you think any of the following contributed to the accident happening?

- Driver error
- Weather
- Condition of road
- Speed
- Mechanical problems

A full sample annual sample would be required in order to allow for annual data analysis that would help monitor and inform the success of local interventions.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

A full sample is required on an annual basis in order to determine whether any changes that are introduced are having a positive impact on the number and/or severity of RTAs.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the

SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

This information is required on an annual basis at Local Authority level.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

The anonymity of the SHS means that participants are more likely to be honest in their responses than they may be in a survey undertaken at a local level.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

As the proposal includes a new question it is not possible to judge the overall that omitting these questions would have. The additional question may help to focus community safety activity relating to behaviours.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

The proposed new question links to questions RE13, RE 15 & RE16 which are proposed for deletion in order to get a better understanding of the perceived contributing factors to RTAs that are not reported to Police Scotland.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

If questions RE13, RE 15 & RE16 were to be retained, and a new fourth question included, final wording would be established in consultation with Community Planning Partners.

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

- To inform local action
- Contribute to National Outcome 9

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N/A

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N/A

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

No

Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS) – Silvia Palombi

Equality and Human Rights Commission

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Yes X
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Detail of question

SHQS Sub-standard accommodation

BEDSTAND Fewer bedrooms than required as an indicator of overcrowding

Justification

The EHRC has a statutory duty to report on progress on equality and human rights in England, Scotland and Wales every five years. The latest review – Is Britain Fairer? - was published in 2015 and a supplementary report, Is Scotland Fairer? published in 2016. The quantitative equality indicators chosen for the review are taken from our Equality Measurement Framework. Without the information provided by the Scottish Household Survey, we would not be able to fully report on a range of indicators.

We are interested in analysis by protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation). Not all protected characteristics are available in the Scottish Household Survey, so our analysis is restricted to age, race, sex, religion and disability.

To get the level of disaggregation needed (e.g. for children, people who share protected characteristics), we often need to combine two years of data to get a useable sample. Changes to the frequency of collection would impact on the usefulness of any analysis.

The EHRC regulates and promotes good practice in relation to the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland, including the Specific Duties. Health boards and local authorities must develop and monitor equality outcomes to meet these duties and are likely to use evidence from the Scottish Household Survey to do this. Changes to the Scottish Household Survey are therefore likely to have an impact on their ability to perform this duty.

Both measures (sub-standard accommodation and overcrowding) are part of our current measurement framework. (Please note our measurement framework is under review and its content will be finalised in June 2017). There are no other sources of this information in Scottish surveys, as far as I am aware. From analysis of the 2013 data we identified households with a disabled child were less likely than those without to be in accommodation

that did not meet the SHQS, and that young households and ethnic minority households were more likely than others to live in overcrowded properties.

Questions to be amended

For each question, or group of questions, that are being amended, please provide the detail of the amendment

Please also provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:
(a) confirmed that none of the questions you propose to amend are in another policy areas' performance measurement framework.
(b) Consulted with stakeholders and whether consensus was reached.

Detail of amendment

An amended variable name should have an A or an _A after the original variable name.

Justification

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Justification

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Sport – Julie Guy

Scottish Sports Association



A submission on behalf of the Governing Bodies of Sport in Scotland
March 2017.

The Scottish Sports Association (SSA) thanks the Scottish Government for the opportunity to contribute to this review.

The SSA exists to represent and support Scottish Governing Bodies (SGBs) of Sport as the independent and collective voice for SGBs. We represent their interests and currently have 52 full members and 18 associate members. SGBs are responsible for the governance, development and delivery of their individual sports and provide a formal structure for the over 900,000 individuals in Scotland who are members of one of Scotland's 13,000 sports clubs. Most of these organisations are run on a not-for-profit basis and are managed by volunteers. They provide coaching, competition and participation development opportunities for their local communities and most of the 195,000 people who volunteer in sport do so within the club structure.

As the collective voice of Scottish governing bodies of sport - who in turn represent the 900,000 individuals in Scotland who are members of Scotland's 13,000 sports clubs - the SSA asks that the Scottish Government's consideration of this response is appropriate to this level of representation.

Our members would be happy to further discuss the detail of this response if that is of assistance.

Our members have four key themes of interest in relation to the questions asked via the Scottish Household Survey (SHS):

- Participation in sports activities
- Volunteering
- Access to the outdoors, green space
- Transport, travel diary.

The SHS is the definitive source of participation data for sport in Scotland. The only other mechanism which exists to support this is the Scottish Health Survey, but the sample size for this is too small to be used on its own. As such, the questions which produce the 'participation in sports activities' figures from the SHS are vital. The figures are widely used across SGBs – and across sport in Scotland.

The SHS is also the definitive source of information in relation to 'access to the outdoors, green space' which is used across our 30 Outdoor Pursuits Group SGBs and across sport and adventurous activities in Scotland more widely.

The SSA is a member of the Scottish Volunteering Forum and, as such, supports the submission made by Volunteer Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Volunteering Forum in relation to the volunteering questions. Therefore, this response will focus on the two other key areas of 'participation in sports activities' and 'access to the outdoors, green space'.

Our members would also like to note that the SHS data is also vital to tracking legacy indicators from the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

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Our members propose that questions SPRT3A and SPRT3B remain completely unchanged:

In the last four weeks, have you done any of the activities listed on this card?

On how many days in the last four weeks did you do at least one of these activities?

Our justification for this is that the SHS is the definitive source of gathering this data and is the only place where this is gathered nationwide. The figures are widely used across Scottish Governing Bodies (SGBs) of sport – and across sport in Scotland – and are vital to the Scottish Government’s monitoring of the National Performance Framework in relation to the ‘increase physical activity’ indicator and in relation to the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework (ASOF) (eleven of the eighteen indicators from the ASOF come from the SHS).

Our members propose that the outdoors question remains completely unchanged:

How, often, on average, have you taken visits to the outdoors for leisure and recreation in Scotland in the last 12 months?

Our justification for this is that the SHS is the definitive source of gathering this data and is the only place where this is gathered nationwide. The figures are widely used across organisations involved in outdoor/adventurous activities (amongst many other industries) across Scotland and

are vital to the Scottish Government's monitoring of the National Performance Framework in relation to the 'increase people's use of Scotland's outdoors' indicator.

Our members propose that the wording of questions RF10C and RF10D is amended to reflect the now prevalent model of leisure and culture trusts in local authorities. The proposed minor wording changes are shown below:

RF10C: should reflect the 'use of public services'.

RF10D: should reflect the 'satisfaction with public services'.

It is important to amend the wording to 'public services' to reflect this common model of provision within local authorities and without creating confusion as to which facilities are run by the council and which are run by the trust. Likewise, it is important to retain the definition that these questions relate to local authority owned/managed facilities (ie public facilities) and not to services in the same themes which may be run by other providers – eg local community groups.

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

N/A; as there are so few questions on sports participation and use of the outdoors, our members are strongly resistant to any questions being removed.

Proposed new questions

(a) For each new question, or group of new questions, please explain why you need each individual question/variable in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ). Your answer should address the following: justification of full vs. one third sample, and annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

Our members propose the addition of two new questions:

How important is sport and physical activity to your life?

It is proposed that this new question is added to the SSCQ as a core question. The understandable complexity of the SHS means that it is difficult for the breadth of impact of activities such as sport and physical activity to be demonstrated as truly cross cutting themes. An example of this is the significant contribution of sport and sports clubs to 'social context' or 'social capital'. It is understood that ~900,000 people are members of one of Scotland's 13,000 sports clubs. This must have a fundamental impact on 'social capital', including social networks and personal relationships, social participation, community cohesion and community empowerment. To help to further understand this (amongst other contributions) it is vital that this new question is added to the SSCQ.

The intelligence resulting from this question will assist in making a stronger policy case for the invaluable work of sport and physical activity and to help to strengthen the work of both the National Strategic Group on Sport and Physical Activity and the Active Scotland Division of the Scottish Government.

Supporting more people to be active was a key strand of the Scottish Government's legacy ambitions from the 2014 Commonwealth Games. This proposed new question would help Scottish Government and its partners to better understand and track the importance of this area and the

breadth of legacy of the Games in action.

Further, a key challenge for Scottish society and an underpinning priority for the Scottish Government is the prevention agenda. The [many benefits of sport and being active](#) (to the individuals who participate and the benefits to the nation resulting from participation) are a contributory part to this participation agenda as a vital cross cutting theme. To better understand the potential and impact of this, our members propose that this new question is added to the SSCQ.

As a follow up to SPRT3A and SPRT3B:

Have you taken part in these activities through a sports club
If so, are you a member of that sports club?

The points made for the first additional question above also support the rationale for an additional question to be asked within the sporting theme. The further rationale that this is the additional question that should be asked is underpinned by the understanding that 900,000 people are members of one of Scotland's 13,000 sports clubs. Community clubs, of any form, are fundamental to the fabric of Scottish society, community integration, community cohesion, community participation and social capital.

Sports clubs are the lifeblood of most sporting opportunities in Scotland. Further, people who participate in sport via a club participate for longer and more often than those who participate via other environments, therefore further enhancing their physical and mental wellbeing. To reflect and to better understand the unparalleled contribution of sports clubs our members propose that this new question is added as a follow up to the existing questions within the SHS which will also help to monitor progress against the ASOF.

As this proposal is for two additional questions under SPRT3 – if only one additional question was possible under SPRT3 the first question (2a) would be prioritised. Currently, the extent of the contribution of sports clubs is not well understood in relation to the number of activities, events and opportunities they provide for non-club members and the contribution their work makes across all of the ASOF outcomes. Further knowledge of this would help to further shape policy which reflects this contribution in communities across Scotland.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

The first additional question is requested to be asked within the SSCQ to be asked of the full sample.

The second additional question is requested to be asked within the existing random adult sample used for questions SPRT3A and SPRT3B.

It is anticipated that there will be significant nationwide interest in the responses to these questions, including by local authority area, hence a full sample is required to permit the appropriate interrogation of the data at the required levels.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

As the overall health (physical and mental) of our nation remains a fundamental concern, along with the health inequalities within this, and while the prevention agenda remains a key opportunity to change this, our members believe that these questions should be asked annually in order that the significant efforts in these areas can be appropriately monitored to ensure optimal impact.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

In relation to both the new questions proposed:

The SHS is the only source of such data nationwide in Scotland and, as such, is the best, most cost effective and most efficient way of gathering this vital data

No other such data sources exist which either does or can capture this scale and detail of data. To establish a mechanism to gather this outwith the SHS would incur significant additional cost.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

Some impact:

The importance of sport and physical activity to our nation would remain unknown in research terms

The scale of participation and involvement of sports clubs would remain unknown; it is understood that sports clubs support the participation and involvement of many more people than those which are directly members of the club.

This would in turn have an impact on establishing rigorous data in these areas which would undermine and limit the setting of true evidence based policy.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

Yes, as outlined above:

The additional question on sports clubs should be linked to the existing questions SPRT3A and SPRT3B

Both new questions should be linked to the consideration of 'social capital'.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

The proposed wording is detailed below:

How important is sport and physical activity to your life?

(As a follow up to SPRT3A and SPRT3B):

Have you taken part in these activities through a sports club?

If so, are you a member of that sports club?

If only one of the questions under point 2 above was possible, the following would be prioritised:
“Have you taken part in these activities through a sports club?”

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations’ policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

The data will help to better monitor progress against the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework, which in turn will help to inform the contribution of sport/physical activity towards other relevant indicators within the National Performance Framework and other key areas of work (eg the contribution of sport/sports clubs to social capital).

The data will also help to inform local authorities, sportscotland and the SSA’s members in relation to budgeting and support programmes to ensure the voice of individuals is heard and is being supported.

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Our members propose the addition of one new question to the SSCQ:

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individuals who participate and the benefits to the nation resulting from participation) are a contributory part to this participation agenda as a vital cross cutting theme. To better understand the potential and impact of this, our members propose that this new question is added to the SSCQ.

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

N/A

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

N/A.

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Yes X
No

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Detail of questions

Keep these questions in the annual survey for all respondents

SPRT3A

In the last four weeks, have you done any of the activities listed on this card.
(List of sports including recreational walking)

SPRT3B

On how many days in the last four weeks did you do at least one of these activities?

VOL1A

We often find that people forget about some of the things they have done because they only do them occasionally or wouldn't normally think of it as helping people or their community. Have you undertaken any work or given unpaid help to any of these types of groups or organisations at any time in the past 12 months?

VOL1B

Which, if any, of these groups have you undertaken any work or given unpaid help to at any time in the past 12 months?

VOL2

And have you undertaken any work or given unpaid help to any other groups or organisations in the past 12 months?

RF10C

How often you have used each of the following council services in the past 12 months?
Sports and leisure facilities

RF10D

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of these council services?

Sports and leisure facilities

Justification

The Scottish Household Survey is the definitive source of participation data for sport in Scotland and 'access to the outdoors, green space' in Scotland. As both of these data measures are vital to the Scottish Government's monitoring of the National Performance Framework in relation to the 'increase physical activity' and 'increase people's use of Scotland's outdoors' indicators.

Scottish Government policies – Active Scotland Outcomes Framework:

The SHS is a key resource in monitoring the impact of a range of Active Scotland work streams and measuring our progress in increasing population activity levels. The Scottish Household Survey is used to monitor progress against the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework. Each outcome has a number of indicators, chosen to reflect the broad nature of each outcome and matched against a set of criteria, including: that it must be robust data, collected in a systematic way, provide national as well as local level data, be comparable across local authorities and of sufficient scale and detail to enable analysis by protected equality groups. Eleven out of eighteen of the indicators in the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework come from the SHS, including indicators on sports participation, perceptions of leisure services, greenspace accessibility and active volunteering. In addition, several of the indicators are legacy indicators which we are committed to track till at least 2018.

Questions to be amended

For each question, or group of questions, that are being amended, please provide the detail of the amendment

Please also provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:
(a) confirmed that none of the questions you propose to amend are in another policy areas' performance measurement framework.
(b) Consulted with stakeholders and whether consensus was reached.

Detail of amendment

An amended variable name should have an A or an _A after the original variable name.

VOL1A, VOL1B and VOL2

For coaches we are looking for an amendment to questions VOL1A, VOL1B and VOL2 to split out coaching and organising or an additional question on coaches (details below).

Justification

The current question in VOL1A and VOL1B asks for volunteering for 'Sport/exercise (coaching or organising)' and does not separate out coaching. If we cannot have a new question can this option be separated out into two options – 'coaching' and then 'organising'. A question on the number of people who coach will inform outcome 4 of the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework – 'we improve our active infrastructure – people and places'. This data would allow us to see how many people are involved in coaching on a voluntary basis across Scotland and provide the equality breakdown for this group. An impact measure in our corporate plan is around increasing the diversity of those involved in coaching and this

data would provide us with equalities data to address this.

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Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

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Detail of deleted question

Justification

Proposed new questions

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We would like to add the questions outlined in points 1 and 2 below – these are our priorities. If there was an option for questions beyond this we would ask for the ones related to the Facilities Planning Model work.

Sport club membership

Club sport membership data was collected as part of the Culture and Sport module of the SHS in 2007 and 2008. We would like the sport club question from the module added to the main SHS survey. This question would provide us with information on how people participate in sport – either formally as part of a club or informally. This is important so we can target our resources and programmes to support people who take part in the club sport environment.

This sport club membership data also informs outcome 6 of the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework – ‘we improve opportunities to participate, progress and achieve in sport’. As mentioned above to be included in the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework there are a number of criteria for inclusion so we would need this question to go to the full sample annually.

Inclusion of this question also provides the equalities data for club membership to inform our Equality Impact Assessments for club sport programmes, providing us with vital data to be able to target and improve our provision to equality groups. This equalities data is not available from any other source. This also informs the overall commitment to equality as set out in the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework.

Coaches

We are interested in finding out how many people coach in sport. There is some data available in the volunteering section – but this is for ‘Sport/exercise (coaching or organising)’ and does not separate out coaching. The options are to either separate out this volunteering question into two parts – ‘coaching’ and then ‘organising’ - or to add in a new question which

would allow us to find out if coaching was in a paid or voluntary capacity. The new question would give us comparable data with the volunteering data currently collected as part of SHS.

This coaching data would inform outcome 4 of the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework – ‘we improve our active infrastructure – people and places’. Within our corporate plan we have an impact measure around increasing the diversity of those involved in coaching and this data would provide us with equalities data to address this. Again as above we request that this is added to the full survey annually so that it can be added to the indicators for outcome 4 of the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework and provide sufficient equalities data.

Facilities Planning Model – frequency of sport participation

Moving forward we will be using the data from the Scottish Health Survey for the Facilities Planning Model (FPM) as this gives the breakdown of sports and the frequency for each. It would be useful to have this as part of the SHS. This would mean additional questions on the frequency of each sport activity that people took part in the last four weeks and whether this was outdoor or indoor – details are given in the sections below.

sportscotland use information on sports participation in our Facility Planning Model (FPM). Please see attached link which gives further information on what this is:

<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/resources/facilities/planning/facility-planning-model/>

The model was first created in the 1980s and has been used by sportscotland to help Local Authorities and Leisure Trusts in their planning for community sports facilities. The model allows for different scenarios to be run and helps to consider what the effect of changes to sports facilities may be.

We also use the outputs of the Model to inform decisions we make as a capital funder of sports facilities, principally through our Sports Facilities Fund. Using sports participation survey data, the participation rates for modelled sports (eg swimming) are applied to the population at census Output Area level to estimate demand. We work in partnership with Sport England to maintain and develop the FPM. We look at their participation data (from Active People) and our participation data (from SHS) to consider what participation rates should be applied for the facility types we cover in the FPM. At present, participation rates for the sports covered in the FPM are broadly similar between the 2 countries. While the dataset for England (Active Places) is a larger one we consider it important that we have an understanding of what participation rates are in Scotland. The model combines demand data (derived from the census at Output Area level, with sports participation data) with supply data and travel time information. We do national runs every 2 years for the following facility types: sports halls, swimming pools and full size synthetic pitches. We do reports on the outputs of these to councils, which helps to inform their strategic planning for sports facilities. We also do more detailed local work on the FPM, this relates to specific council areas and is done in partnership with the relevant local authority area.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for ‘full sample’ data. Otherwise the default sample size should be ‘one-third sample’ (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

We request that all the additional questions are put to the full sample.

Sport club membership

As stated above this data would inform outcome 6 of the ASOF so we request that it is added for the full sample to adhere to the requirements for ASOF that indicators 'provide national as well as local level data and be comparable across local authorities'.

Coaching data

As above this would be an indicator for outcome 4 of the ASOF so we request that this is for the full sample.

Facilities Planning Model

For sport participation data we request this at the full sample level so that we can use it to inform FPM work with the local authorities that we support.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Linking with the responses above we request that these questions are asked annually to provide sufficient data over time for the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework. This will also help with our reporting annually to our board and the Scottish Government.

For the Facilities Planning Model it is important that we have consistent data over time that can be used to plan at a local and national level.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

There are no other sources for this information at a national level.

For the Facilities Planning Model we are moving to use the data in the Scottish Health Survey.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

This information will give us data on the people who participate in sport – at the moment we only have data on what we are providing and the people that interact with our organisation. This data will provide an overall national picture which can be included in the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework and will strengthen the evidence within this. Adding these questions to a national survey also provides the detailed equalities data which we will use internally for our Equality Impact Assessments but also informs the underlying focus on equalities across the framework.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

The requested coaching question links to the question in volunteering around sport and exercise (coaching or organising), VOL1A, VOL1B and VOL2.

We have asked for a new question on coaching but if this is not possible then we would suggest an amendment to the volunteering question to split out coaching and organising. We would then get some data on coaching – although just for volunteers.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

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Club membership – one question

Same question that was in the Culture and Sport module from 2007 – SPRTCLUB

This question would be for those who said they took part in sport in the last 4 weeks.

Question: Are you a member of a club, particularly so that you can participate in any of these activities? Which sports are you a member of a club for?

Add in list of sports – same as list for participation.

Coaches – 2 questions

Question 1: In the last 12 months have you coached an individual or team(s) in a sport (Please exclude any time solely supporting your own family members). Can choose more than one.

Yes, as part of a sport specific club

Yes, as part of a schools activity

Yes, as part of a community club/group

Other (please specify)

No

Notes on this question: 12 months have been chosen to match the volunteering question and recommendations by sports coach UK.

Domain – link with environments in the sporting system, sport would be better but sample sizes will be too small.

Question 2: Was this coaching activity: (reimbursement for travel expenses should not be counted as paid)

Fully paid

Fully voluntary

Mix of paid and voluntary

Facilities Planning Model

SPRT3A

In the last four weeks, have you done any of the activities listed on this card.

(List of sports including recreational walking)

New question: On how many days in the last four weeks did you do any of the activities listed on the card?

New question: For each of these occasions where did you do these activities – indoor or outdoor?

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

The requested questions will become indicators that inform the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework and enhance the evidence. Local authority level data for these additional questions can also be used at a local level to inform Single Outcome Agreements.

Data for the Facilities Planning Model although not part of the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework is an essential part of our service to local authorities supporting them to plan facilities in an integrated way.

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No

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

No

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No

University of Edinburgh

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Yes

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Detail of question

Walking prevalence

Justification

We support the collection of long term trend data on walking participation. We use these data in our teaching materials and presentations on physical activity in Scotland. However, we acknowledge there is some overlap between the Scottish Health Survey (SHeS) and the SHS, and we understand and support overall streamlining of questions in the surveys.

Questions to be amended

For each question, or group of questions, that are being amended, please provide the detail of the amendment

Please also provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:
(a) confirmed that none of the questions you propose to amend are in another policy areas' performance measurement framework.
(b) Consulted with stakeholders and whether consensus was reached.

Detail of amendment

An amended variable name should have an A or an _A after the original variable name.

Justification

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

Detail of deleted question

Participation in sporting activities

Justification

We do not necessarily advocate deleting these questions but we want to acknowledge the large overlap between the sport and exercise activity participation data collected by the SHeS and the SHS. We understand the larger sample size in the SHS makes it more appropriate for the official sportScotland statistics, however, we want to note that we are supportive of a solution that streamlines the data collection in the national surveys. We prefer to use the SHeS data for further secondary analyses because it measures total moderate and vigorous physical activity and because of the links to health records.

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Our main use of the data would not be affected by such a reduction in sample size as mostly we present national level data. However, the SHS will be an important source of data for an NIHR funded project we are currently undertaking. This involves evaluating the influence of 20mph speed restrictions in Edinburgh. Sample size at a Local Authority Level would directly impact the usefulness of these data. The variables we are likely to use are: HE10N, HE13N, CARDEP, RD3, CYCL1.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

We would not be significantly affected if the data collection in the SHS became biennial. However, it would mean that at the extreme, we may be presenting data that is 3 years out of date (given time lag in reporting).

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

As mentioned, the main overlap for the physical activity questions are with the SHeS. We undertake extensive secondary analyses on the SHeS because it measures total moderate and vigorous physical activity and so can measure compliance to the aerobic guidelines. It is useful to have this wider context when analysing individual physical activity behaviours. The SHeS also has measures of muscle strengthening and balance and coordination activities, and sedentary behaviour, allowing us to measure compliance to all the physical activity guidelines. The ability to link to other measures of health cross-sectionally and longitudinally through health records make the SHeS a very valuable resource. The similarities with the Health Survey for England are also advantageous for comparisons and combining datasets.

The reason we present walking data from the SHS rather than the SHeS is to align with the Active Scotland Outcomes Framework (ASOF) indicator. We could see advantages of the walking indicator being derived from the same data that are used to calculate compliance to

the aerobic guideline.

Occasionally, we may also present the prevalence figures for sport and exercise activities from the SHS as the larger sample size helps decrease the confidence intervals, especially on less prevalent activities.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

Some impact.

The main concern would be the loss of walking trend data, however, we hope that would be replaced by another indicator using other data available (e.g. SHeS).

We would also like to make clear that we have written this submission based on our use of the data as an academic research group. We have not commented on the possible effects on the ASOF that relies heavily on these data. The principle of measuring different indicators of physical activity, such as strength and balance and sedentary time, rather than just compliance to the aerobic 150 minutes guideline, would be world-leading and we strongly support these additions to ASOF. We are involved in discussions with government on refinement to the ASOF and see this as an opportunity to ensure that we measure the indicators that best capture the important aspects of physical activity levels in Scotland.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

N/A

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

N/A

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

N/A

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N/A

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

N/A

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

N/A

Transport – Richard Morrison

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Yes

No

**2018-2021 Scottish Household Survey (SHS), Scottish House Condition Survey (SHCS), Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) Questionnaire Reviews
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Detail of question

We would like to see the following questions retained completely unchanged in the survey:

- In section HD – Driving and Transport
 - NUMCARS2
 - NUMVANS
 - HD19
 - **HD 20(11)**
- In section HE – Young people in the household
 - **HE10N**
 - **HE13N**
 - **HE15**
 - **HE16**
 - **HE17**
 - **PLAY2**
 - **PLAY3**
- In Random Adult section
 - LICENCE
 - **FREDRIV**
 - WEEKWORK
 - RDCON1
 - **CARDEP**
 - **MODECHNG**
 - **PRIDE 1,2,3,4 & 5**
 - **GPAWR1**
 - GPAWR2A
 - GPAWR2B
 - GPAWR2C
 - **GPAWR2D**
 - GPAWR3CY
 - GPAWR3CN
 - **RD3**
 - **RD6**
 - **ALTMODE1**

- ALTMODE2
- **CYCL1**
- **RD7**
- **RD8**
- RD8B
- RD8MAIN
- RD9
- RD9MAIN
- RD9N
- RECON
- WKTPLN
- **MODEYR**
- **MODDIFF**
- SHARE1
- SHARE2
- SHARE3
- SHARE4
- COCAR
- MODEDIFF
- **RE6**
- **RE7**
- RE 8 & 9
- WALKDIS
- RE10B
- RE12N
- RE12MAIN
- **RE13, 15 & 16**
- RD10
- TRAINPUR
- TRAINDIS
- **CARPLAN**

The **Travel Diary** should be retained in full.

Justification

The questions highlighted in bold are of particular relevance to cycling (and active travel), and it is these questions we would like to see prioritised for retaining in the Survey, if it is not possible to retain all the questions outlined above.

These questions should be retained as they are of vital importance for monitoring and recording travel behaviour in Scotland, for providing details on modal share, and tracking trends over time. The data gathered from these questions is fundamentally important in tracking progress towards achieving Transport Scotland's vision of 10% of everyday journeys to be cycle journeys by 2020. The Cycling Scotland Annual Cycling Monitoring Report uses the data to provide a report on progress¹. The questions are also important for monitoring the progress of the Scottish Government's National Walking Strategy, another vital transport mode.

We are concerned to note that some questions have been proposed for deletion from the

¹ Cycling Scotland (2017) Annual Cycling Monitoring Report 2017 <http://www.cyclingscotland.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/3191-Annual-Monitoring-Report-2017-v1.1-SP.pdf>

above sections, specifically in young people in the household section, questions HE16, HE17, PLAY2 and PLAY3; and in the Random Adult section, questions CARPDEP, MODECHNG, CYCL1, RE6, RE7, RE13, RE15 and RE16. We are also concerned to note that questions on the use of public transport within the random adult section of the Survey, and the rationale for doing so, are proposed for deletion. Without these questions, it will be extremely challenging, if not impossible, to understand the rationale behind the travel mode decisions of individuals, and the factors that enable or hinder a mode to be chosen. If these cannot be understood, this inhibits our ability to effectively understand the behaviour choice processes in play and the development of strategies to facilitate behaviour change.

We seek reassurance/confirmation that if the questions proposed for deletion are indeed deleted, if they will be placed in another survey or asked via another mechanism? If the questions cannot be preserved in the SHS, this is vital to ensure that the important information they obtain is continued to be gathered, and for preserving the integrity of information gathering and handling processes.

Questions to be amended

For each question, or group of questions, that are being amended, please provide the detail of the amendment

Please also provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:
 (a) confirmed that none of the questions you propose to amend are in another policy areas' performance measurement framework.
 (b) Consulted with stakeholders and whether consensus was reached.

Detail of amendment

An amended variable name should have an A or an _A after the original variable name.

N/A

Justification

N/A

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

Detail of deleted question

The following current questions can be dropped from the survey – FLY1, FLY2, FLY3, FLY4, and FLY5.

Justification

We believe questions FLY1 – FLY5 can be dropped from the survey as we question the extent to which flying is of relevance to 'everyday' journey planning. For many people and

families, flying is an exceptional event, occurring perhaps 2 to 3 times a year, and so usually does not feature as part of daily travel activity.

Of course, we are aware of the significant contribution that flying makes to climate change and carbon emissions. The Scottish Government's recently published Draft Climate Change Plan² highlights that aviation accounts for 15% of total transport emissions. This is a significant level and action should be taken to reduce this. It is therefore important that information on flying activity is captured but we do not believe that the Scottish Household Survey is the most appropriate way to capture this information.

Proposed new questions

(a) For each new question, or group of new questions, please explain why you need each individual question/variable in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ). Your answer should address the following: justification of full vs. one third sample, and annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

We would like to see the addition of the following variables to questions in the survey:

Demographics of survey respondents and levels of deprivation specifically regarding the availability of and access to different modes of transport. This will help to facilitate an understanding of inequality in Scotland in regards to travel and transport, in particular active travel, and the opportunities or lack thereof this presents. Inequalities and strategies to reduce them are high on the government agenda, and the addition of variables/questions concerning demographics and deprivation contribute to this agenda. Further, the information will be used to gain a (wider) understanding of the extent to which demographics and deprivation influence modal choices, and the potential for encouraging modal shift to promote a more equal distribution across the population.

Information on the types of vehicles involved in accidents, specifically detailing the proportion of accidents by vehicle type, the severity of injuries obtained, and public perceptions of safety of different vehicle types, and the likelihood of being involved in an accident. Such information will improve awareness of accidents, and the co-use of road space, as well as perceptions of safety, and would be used to inform strategies to improve road safety for all road users. This information could be gathered as part of and/or to support questions RE13, RE15 and RE16.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

Full sample size

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the

² Scottish Government (2017) Draft Climate Change Plan: The third report on policies and proposals 2017-2032 <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00513102.pdf>

SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Annual basis

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

For many of the questions detailed in our response to question 1, the SHS is the only survey/source where the information is collected.

The SHS is appropriate as it covers a largely representative sample of people from across Scotland on an annual basis, and resultantly provides a continued source of quantitative data which can be analysed and used to track trends over time. The SHS makes a significant contribution to the development of an evidence base for cycling and active travel to influence policy and strategy development.

Information and data on road accidents and casualties is collected by Transport Scotland and published in their annual publication Reported Road Casualties Scotland³ and in STATA19. However, these do not provide any detail of the context in which the accidents happened. The data on this topic gathered via the SHS will not necessarily be better but rather is complimentary to the Transport Scotland and STATA19 data and provides further context and more personal reflections/perceptions from the people involved in the accidents. It is important that these sources are used together to provide a complete picture of accidents and casualties in Scotland.

Other data sources are available, including the Hands Up Scotland Survey, and the Scottish Census but this is only updated once every ten years. In particular, the Scottish Census is a very useful data source due to sample size; however, the benefit of the SHS is that similar data sets are updated much more frequently, allowing trends to be established and analysed rather than focus on a snapshot at any one time.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

If the data was not gathered, this would have a major impact on the monitoring of Transport Scotland's vision, outlined in the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland (CAPS), of 10% of everyday journeys made to be cycle journeys by 2020. It would also have an impact on monitoring progress on the Scottish Government's National Walking Strategy.

The SHS is one of only a few large data sets which provides detailed analysis at both the national and local level. Within the organisation, the SHS is used to support and provide an evidence base for policy decisions and as a main contributing data source for Cycling Scotland's Annual Monitoring Report and National Assessment of Local Authority Cycling. The National Assessment and Annual Monitoring Report are frequently used by local authorities and other stakeholders in building an evidence base to influence policies at a national and local level.

A reduction in the overall sample size of the SHS would damage our ability to accurately track data, especially at local authority level where we require as detailed data as possible to

³ Transport Scotland (2016) Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2015 http://www.transport.gov.scot/sites/default/files/documents/rrd_reports/uploaded_reports/j452722/j452722.pdf

monitor against progress locally and regionally. Further, a reduction in the frequency of data collection would make monitoring trends, policies and cycling specific data much more difficult. Finally, a reduction in the number of topics by SHS could lead to topics which we use in our Annual Report, National Assessment, and Annual Cycling Monitoring Report being affected.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

Yes, it is important to link questions/topics areas to other questions/topic areas in the survey.

Many, if not all of the questions from the Survey listed in the answer to question 1, should in some way be linked to information on household characteristics/composition and deprivation status to further strengthen the evidence base at both locally and nationally. This would help to provide a much clearer indication of the types of households using different modes of transport, and may help to explain why some choices are made. Such information would facilitate the identification of clear patterns over time and between households both of the same and different types with regards to travel.

There are clear benefits of this and such information should be given consideration in the planning and development of new properties, for example, to reflect changing household compositions and travel patterns. Cycling and walking, alongside excellent public transport services, offer a healthy, efficient and economic mode of travel for many local journeys and reduces pressure on the road system from private vehicle use⁴.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

Based on the above information, we would predict the addition of around 4 questions to the survey, split 50-50 between the two topics identified in question 3.

We have not yet devised wording for such questions, as wording would be dependent upon where in the survey they would be placed and if linkages to other topics in the survey are made. It would be feasible to construct suitable questions once these issues have been addressed. Further, the additions we have identified could be added as variables to existing questions, and so may not require the addition of further questions to the survey.

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

Inequalities, and strategies to reduce them, are high on political agendas at national and

⁴ <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-position/planning-cycling-walking>

local level. The data gathered by the survey, and subsequent publications produced from it, make a significant contribution to developing strategies and understanding where any why such inequalities exist. With regards to cycling, this is particularly relevant with regards to access to bicycles, and safety when cycling. The data going forward will be used to inform legislation around this, and to ensure that the positive benefits of cycling (and active travel) are able to be accessed by anyone, anywhere, and maximising safety.

Climate change is a further area where the data gathered from the survey can be used to contribute to policy making/objectives. The recently published Draft Climate Change Plan highlights the Scottish Government's commitment to reducing climate change and we believe cycling and active travel has a crucial contribution to make to this. Core data on the travel decisions of households, the frequency with which different modes are used, and the motivation behind such decisions, can be used to inform legislative decisions around strategies to reduce carbon emissions and environmental impacts from transport. Cycling Scotland recently submitted written evidence⁵ as part of the consultation on the Draft Climate Change Plan where we highlighted the environmental benefits of cycling and the significant contribution cycling (and active travel) can make to reducing carbon emissions.

Through gathering data on travel patterns, which can then be used to develop legislation and campaigns to promote behaviour change towards cycling and active travel, the SHS contributes to the Scottish Government's National Outcome/Indicator "we live longer, healthier lives". Cycling helps promote an active lifestyle, which can lead to a reduction in risk factors for 'inactivity' diseases and result in lower health care costs. Increased physical activity also fosters a greater sense of physical and mental wellbeing. The data gathered from the SHS can be used to develop legislation around this.

The policy priorities identified in the Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs)⁶ include health inequalities, economic recovery and growth, and stronger and safer communities. The identification of policies and strategies to facilitate cycling and active travel have a key role to play in achieving actions in the aforementioned areas, and meeting the SOA priorities. Data collected via the SHS significantly contributes to this.

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No

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

No

⁵ Cycling Scotland (2017) Cycling Scotland submission to Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on the Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3)
http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Rural/Inquiries/Cycling_Scotland.pdf

⁶ Scottish Government (2012) Guidance for new SOAs
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/archive/SOA2012/SOA2012>

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

No

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Yes

X

No

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Questions proposed for deletion and reason for retaining them:

RB – NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Darren Peaston - (Darren.Peaston@gov.scot)

Proposed deletions: RE13, 15 & 16

The Scottish Borders, and likely other rural areas, has a poor record in relation to fatal and serious road accidents and has introduced a number of initiatives to try and influence driver behaviour. These questions ask about accidents and whether reported to the police. They have relevance in that disclosure in the questionnaire can be compared to official police statistics. They do however stop short of probing further and asking perceptions on why the accident occurred, for example, driver error, weather, mechanical, road conditions, speed, and so on. This would allow us to consider the dominant factors and target our interventions accordingly. An additional question is proposed below that would support best use of this information if questions were retained.

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

Questions RE13, RE 15 & RE16 are the only ones asking about involvement in road traffic accidents, with the proposed deletions there are no remaining questions relating to RTAs that can be suggested for deletion in their place.

Proposed new questions

(a) For each new question, or group of new questions, please explain why you need each individual question/variable in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ). Your answer should address the following: justification of full vs. one third sample, and annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

If retaining questions RE13, RE 15 & RE16 in the SHS the following should be added to achieve an understanding of the perceived reasons for the accident:

Do you think any of the following contributed to the accident happening?

- Driver error
- Weather
- Condition of road

Speed
Mechanical problems

A full sample annual sample would be required in order to allow for annual data analysis that would help monitor and inform the success of local interventions.

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

A full sample is required on an annual basis in order to determine whether any changes that are introduced are having a positive impact on the number and/or severity of RTAs.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

This information is required on an annual basis at Local Authority level.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

The anonymity of the SHS means that participants are more likely to be honest in their responses than they may be in a survey undertaken at a local level.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

As the proposal includes a new question it is not possible to judge the overall that omitting these questions would have. The additional question may help to focus community safety activity relating to behaviours.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

The proposed new question links to questions RE13, RE 15 & RE16 which are proposed for deletion in order to get a better understanding of the perceived contributing factors to RTAs that are not reported to Police Scotland.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

If questions RE13, RE 15 & RE16 were to be retained, and a new fourth question included,

final wording would be established in consultation with Community Planning Partners.

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

- To inform local action
- Contribute to National Outcome 9

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No

Sustrans

Scottish Household Survey Consultation

Sustrans submission, March 2017

Introduction to Sustrans

Sustrans makes smarter travel choices possible, desirable and inevitable. We are a leading UK charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys we make every day. We work with families, communities, policy-makers and partner organisations so that people are able to choose healthier, cleaner and cheaper journeys, with better places and spaces to move through and live in.

In this submission we provide feedback primarily from the perspective of walking and cycling. We have substantial experience in evidencing the benefits of investment in these modes. Sustrans has along track record in monitoring cycling and walking activity and in evaluating the impact of interventions delivered in support of walking and cycling. We hold extensive data resources that could help to support the work of the commission.

We are concerned that on the one hand the SHS is set up to be able to measure change in levels of cycling; and on the other hand that little evidence of change is observed in the data

set to date. Cycling represents a small but important part of the investment in transport by Scottish Government, and we need to be assured that sound data is able to be produced through the survey, and we need to be confident that the narrative emerging from the data set is representative of the reality of the situation with respect to cycling in Scotland.

Response to consultation questions

Our responses to the specific questions posed are below.

Supplementary comments

We appreciate that the consultation is primarily about the inclusion or exclusion of questions. But we take the opportunity to flag up other concerns. We would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue about these concerns.

Evidencing achievement against the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland

The key driver behind our response is the need to be able to evidence achievement in growing levels of cycling against the targets in CAPS. It is essential that whatever means is available to provide this evidence through SHS is retained.

As an organisation with a very strong interest in walking, as well as cycling, we are very keen that questions on cycling are retained. In a similar way to the questions about cycling, evidence on trends in walking will be very important as a longer term data source.

Little evidence of change in patterns of cycling to date from SHS

One of the reasons we are keen to respond is an expression of concern about how well SHS evidences changes in levels of cycling currently. Many of the indicators that we generate ourselves suggest an uplift in cycling – at least in certain contexts. Sustrans uses a range of tools and a range of approaches to evidence the impact of our work. The evidence of impact in some of the data that we produce are not reflected in SHS. SHS suggests little change in levels of cycling over a long period.

This is obviously a cause for concern. We do not understand why there should be such disparity between local level observation and measurement and SHS, and we would welcome the opportunity to work with the SHS team to understand this a little better.

Our best guess currently is that there are some very important patterns that we may be overlooking. Some evidence from the Census suggests a concentration of growth in cycling in urban areas, and a decrease in rural areas. The net effect is no overall change. We wonder whether this may be the case in Scotland also, and whether we can discern this from the material.

General concerns about evidencing changes in levels of cycling

It is worth mentioning that we have a similar concern about the ability of national data sources elsewhere in the UK to generate expressions of change in levels of cycling. The National Travel Survey and National Road Traffic Estimates (DfT) are similar to SHS in respect of the absence of any meaningful trend line indicating change over the past decade or so. We take the view that these exercises are failing to locate change, or to articulate the way that change is happening, rather than that there is no change. We mention this by way of querying whether there is liaison between UK Government departments on national data sets and transport trends.

Evidencing impact at a local level

We observe, for example, very high levels of cycling activity, and growth in levels of cycling, in large metropolitan areas. Edinburgh in particular has a relatively high modal share. We

are concerned that we cannot draw this out from SHS. The impact of this is that there is a lack of a narrative justifying the investment of Scottish Government in cycling. We would like to get to a place where we can be clearer about the effect of investment in cycling, or be clear that there is no effect, as a means of evidencing effectiveness of policies.

Complimentary data sets

We would like to flag up the opportunity that may exist to 'synergise' data sets. Sustrans holds very extensive data sets that provide evidence of the changes in levels of cycling. Most of these operate at a relatively local level. But there are exceptions, perhaps most notably very large city-wide travel behaviour surveys. Without wanting to overcomplicate the process and output in respect of SHS, we would welcome the opportunity to explore whether or not there are mechanisms whereby the multiple sources that are available can be used as the basis to thread together a narrative that better expresses the impact of investment.

Response to consultation questions

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Detail of question

HD20(11)

HOW MANY BICYCLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY ADULTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?
HE10N

HOW DOES {CHILD} USUALLY TRAVEL TO SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME?
PLAY2.

THINKING ABOUT THE {SUB1} NEAR HERE, HOW SAFE WOULD YOU SAY IT WOULD BE FOR {SUB2} TO WALK OR CYCLE TO THE {SUB1} ON THEIR OWN TO PLAY?

RD3

HOW DO YOU USUALLY TRAVEL TO WORK (OR SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY IF IN FULL TIME EDUCATION)?

ALTMODE1

APART FROM THE DAYS WHEN YOU USE {SUB1}, DO YOU REGULARLY USE ANY OTHER METHOD OF TRAVEL TO GET TO WORK?

CYCL1

HERE IS A LIST OF REASONS PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN FOR NOT CYCLING TO WORK / COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY. WHICH OF THESE, IF ANY, WOULD YOU SAY APPLY TO YOU?

MODEYR

Ask if working a year ago (WORKYR=1)

HOW DID YOU USUALLY TRAVEL TO WORK ONE YEAR AGO?

MODEDIFF

WHY DID YOU CHANGE FROM {MODEYR} TO {RD3} FOR TRAVELLING TO WORK?

RE6

On how many out of the last seven days did you make a trip of more than a quarter of a mile by bicycle?

...going somewhere such as work, shopping or friends etc.

RE7

...just for the pleasure of cycling or to keep fit

The travel diary should be retained.

Justification

Each of the selections above are crucial in the context of evidencing against CAPS. Many more questions are of broad interest in transport terms, although we are inclined to the view that there is some superfluous material, and that efficiencies can be made.

Questions to be amended

For each question, or group of questions, that are being amended, please provide the detail of the amendment

Please also provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

(a) confirmed that none of the questions you propose to amend are in another policy areas' performance measurement framework.

(b) Consulted with stakeholders and whether consensus was reached.

We are not proposing any amendments to any of the questions.

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

We are not proposing any deletions within the survey.

Proposed new questions

(a) For each new question, or group of new questions, please explain why you need each individual question/variable in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ). Your answer should address the following: justification of full vs. one third sample, and annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

We are not proposing any new questions.

For any suggested new questions:

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We are not proposing any new questions.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please

note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

We are not proposing any new questions.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

We are not proposing any new questions.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

We infer that this question relates specifically to proposed new additions. We are not proposing any new questions. If in fact the question is about things we would like to see remain in the survey, the response is that we need the material to be able to evidence achievement against the targets of the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

We are not proposing any new questions.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

We are not proposing any new questions.

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

We are not proposing any new questions.

BID FOR INCLUSION WITHIN SCOTTISH SURVEY CORE QUESTIONS (SSCQ)

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Not applicable.

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

Not applicable.

Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

Not applicable.

Volunteering – Jacqueline Rae

Aberdeenshire Council

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Yes X
 No

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Aberdeenshire Council has identified the below questions as essential to supporting the organisation and wider Community Planning Partnership understand the current circumstances and future requirements identified or perceived by residents in order to inform planning and review processes. This data is not readily accessible from other sources, particular in a form that allows comparison across Scotland.

RF -Volunteering	
Scottish Government Lead Analyst – Jacqueline Rae	
RF11A	<p>READ OUT: THE NEXT SET OF QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT SOME PEOPLE DO TO GIVE UP THEIR TIME, WITHOUT PAY, TO HELP PEOPLE OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD OR A WIDER AREA, AND EITHER THROUGH ORGANISATIONS OR ACTING AS INDIVIDUALS. THINKING BACK OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS, HAVE YOU GIVEN UP ANY TIME TO HELP ANY CLUBS, CHARITIES, CAMPAIGNS OR ORGANISATIONS. I MEAN IN AN UNPAID CAPACITY.</p>
VOL 1A	<p>Ask if not involved in volunteering (RF11A=2)</p> <p>WE OFTEN FIND THAT PEOPLE FORGET ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THEY HAVE DONE BECAUSE THEY ONLY DO THEM OCCASIONALLY OR WOULDN'T NORMALLY THINK OF IT AS HELP PEOPLE OR THEIR COMMUNITY. HAVE YOU UNDERTAKEN ANY WORK OR GIVEN UNPAID HELP TO ANY OF THESE TYPES OF GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS?</p> <p>A – School children, for example school trips, sports days, discos, in the classroom B - Youth/children's groups (outside school) C - Education for adults D - Sport/exercise (coaching or organising) E – Religious groups F – Political groups G - The elderly H - Health, disability and social welfare I - Safety, first aid J – Environment</p>

	K - Justice and human rights L - Local community or neighbourhood groups M - Citizens' groups N - Hobbies/recreation/arts/social clubs O - Trade union activities P - Wildlife Q - Domestic Animal Welfare R - None * Don't know
Vol 1B	<p>Ask if involved in volunteering (RF11A=1)</p> <p>WHICH, IF ANY, OF THESE GROUPS HAVE YOU UNDERTAKEN ANY WORK OR GIVEN UNPAID HELP TO AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS?</p> <p>A - School children, for example school trips, sports days, discos, in the classroom [1/0] B - Youth/children's groups (outside school) [1/0] C - Education for adults [1/0] D - Sport/exercise (coaching or organising) [1/0] E - Religious groups [1/0] F - Political groups [1/0] G -The elderly [1/0] H - Health, disability and social welfare [1/0] I - Safety, first aid [1/0] J – Environment [1/0] K - Justice and human rights [1/0] L - Local community or neighbourhood groups [1/0] M - Citizens' groups [1/0] N - Hobbies/recreation/arts/social clubs [1/0] O - Trade union activities [1/0] P - Wildlife [1/0] Q - Domestic Animal Welfare [1/0] R - None [1/0] Don't know (spontaneous)</p>
Vol2	<p>AND HAVE YOU UNDERTAKEN ANY WORK OR GIVEN UNPAID HELP TO ANY OTHER GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS?</p> <p>Yes No Don't know</p>

Questions to be deleted

Suggestion of which current questions could be dropped from the survey, from the same topic area, to make room for new higher priority questions

For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

No questions identified for deletion

Proposed new questions

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No new questions identified

For any suggested new questions:

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OR

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Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

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No

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No

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No

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Yes X
No

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Questions proposed for deletion and reason for retaining them:

RF VOLUNTEERING

Jacqueline Rae
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VOL3

This question asks about frequency and provides a much more accurate perspective on overall volunteering rates: whether the national volunteer base is a strong social resource (regular volunteering) or a more atomised social resource (infrequent volunteering). This question could also serve as an additional prompt: people who perhaps only volunteer once a year or a few times a year may be encouraged to see this as nevertheless providing volunteering/unpaid help. A blunter 'yes/no' volunteering question without frequency may result in data loss as people are not encouraged to be generous when thinking about what they actually do in their communities.

VOL4

Provides one of the headline figures we use (XXX hours contributed in the Borders). It is a good question for seeing how volunteering measures up to the world of work by getting the hourly figure; it makes the case for the more economic/development side of volunteering;

and it sheds light on how volunteering fits in to people's social priorities.

VOL6

This question asks about the types of activities people do when volunteering. It gives great insight into how people perceive the needs of their own communities; and whether they are responding to these needs- and even whether their voluntary actions correspond to budgetary/social/flagship political policies. For example, befriending/counselling/providing direct services can be linked to an overall awareness of isolation/growing inequality/aging population etc.

VOL7, VOL8B, VOL9B

These questions are necessary in understanding the barriers to volunteering. Is it simply the case of people's motivation (they do not think volunteering is important) or is it more a case that networks and organisations can do more to facilitate volunteering (more information, simplifying bureaucracy and so on). Without these questions, there is no interrogation of the 'infrastructure' of volunteering and how enabling it is. We will not be so well equipped to recruit/retain volunteers- but what if volunteering becomes more of a social necessity in future?

Questions to be deleted

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For each question, or group of questions, that are being deleted, please provide the main reason/justification and evidence that you have:

Questions VOL1A, VOL1B and VOL2 introduce the concept of volunteering to the interviewee making it difficult to remove them. With the proposed deletions there are no remaining questions relating to volunteering that can be suggested for deletion.

With the emphasis on community empowerment and social cohesion it is suggested that the full menu of questions about volunteering activity are required to gain an understanding of the situation at local authority level, possibly helping to identify areas of good practice.

Proposed new questions

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N/A

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N/A

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N/A

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

Some of this information can be gained by individual local authorities but if there is an intention to benchmark local authorities, as new legislation comes in to force i.e. Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, data should continue to be gathered at a national level and local authority level.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

Stopping the collection of this data will have some impact on the Local Authority although it will have a major impact on the local volunteer centre, one of our Community Planning Partners.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

N/A

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OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

N/A

Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

- To inform local policy
- To contribute to monitoring of legislation
- To contribute to National Outcome 11

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N/A

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made **Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.**

N/A

Are you bidding for a current **Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?**

No

Scottish Natural Heritage

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Yes x
No

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SNH would like the following questions to be retained in the SHS:

OUTDOORS How often have you taken visits to the outdoors in the last 12 months?

SNH has a statutory remit to facilitate understanding and enjoyment of nature and landscape and *'Increase people's use of the Scotland's outdoors'* is one of our Corporate Plan Outcome measures (approved by the Scottish Government) as well as an NPF National Indicator. This question is essential for enabling SNH to monitor progress on this outcome and also on our equalities outcome (to ensure that people who are under-represented as a result of a protected characteristic are more able to visit and experience the outdoors). This question has links to both the health and physical activity agendas. The Local Authority level data are used to help inform our input to community planning. The question was previously asked on SNH's Scottish Recreation Survey (2006 – 2012) and was added to the SHS in 2012 when the ScRS's ten year contract concluded. The SHS is the only survey source for these data. The data are required annually.

GREENFAR13 How far away from your home is the nearest public green or open space?

GREENUSE13 How often do you use this space?

GREENSAT13 How satisfied/dissatisfied are you with the quality of this space?

'Increase the percentage of adults within a 5 minute walking distance from their local greenspace' is one of SNH's Corporate Plan Outcome measures (approved by the Scottish Government) as well as an NPF National Indicator and one of the indicators for Outcome 4 in the Active Scotland Outcome Framework ('We improve our active infrastructure – people and places'). GREENFAR13 is essential for enabling SNH to monitor progress on this corporate outcome and, along with GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13, also enables us to monitor progress on our equalities outcome (to ensure that people who are under-represented as a result of a protected characteristic or who are living in areas in the bottom 10% – 20% of SIMD are more able to visit and experience the outdoors). GREENSAT is also particularly important for helping us measure people's perceptions of the quality of local greenspace provision and is the only source of survey data available for this measure. The data are also used to help compile *'The state of Scotland's greenspace'* report, a digest of greenspace facts and figures which complement the spatial data provided by *Scotland's Greenspace Map*. This report, compiled SNH and Greenspace Scotland, was last published in 2011 and is due to be updated in 2017. Going forward, the three SHS greenspace questions will also play a key role in helping us measure the impact of a number of national-level projects being managed by SNH on behalf of the Scottish Government to improve

access to good quality local greenspaces, particularly for disadvantaged communities. These include the *Green Infrastructure Strategic Intervention* and the *Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund* (part of the European Regional Development Fund Programme for 2014-20 which will deliver more than £20m of investment in urban greenspace by end 2018), the roll out of the *National Walking and Cycling Network* and the delivery of the *Greening the NHS Estate* project (one of the strategic interventions included in the *Natural Health Service Action Plan*). Trend data from the SHS greenspace questions will also help indicate how well aspects of the place-making agenda are working to improve greenspace provision and quality. The data will also play a key role enabling SNH to monitor progress towards delivering one of the 'Six big steps for nature' described in '*Scotland's Biodiversity: a route map to 2020*', i.e. the provision of quality greenspace for health and education benefits. The vision behind this is to make a measurable impact on the numbers of people who use and benefit from local greenspaces.

The SHS greenspace questions have links to both the health and physical activity agendas. The Local Authority level data are used to help inform SNH's input to community planning. The SHS is the only survey source for these data.

GREENFAR13 data are required annually. We are content with the proposal to move to a biennial reporting schedule for GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13.

RF11A Over the last 12 months, have you given up any time to help any clubs, charities, campaigns or organisations?

VOL1A If no at RF11A, Have you undertaken any work or given unpaid help to any of these types of groups or organisations in the last 12 months?

VOL1B If yes at RF11A, Have you undertaken any work or given unpaid help to any of these types of groups or organisations in the last 12 months?

Increase the % of adults engaging with environmental issues is one of SNH's Corporate Plan Outcome measures (approved by the Scottish Government). As volunteering is one of the key ways in which people can engage with the natural environment, these questions are essential for helping SNH to monitor progress on this outcome and the impact of our work to deliver it, including 'developing more opportunities for the public to engage in volunteering and citizen science, as described in 'Big step 3' in '*Scotland's Biodiversity: a route map to 2020*'.

VOL1A and VOL1B currently use two separate codes to collect information on participation in environmental volunteering: '*Environment*' and '*Wildlife*'. We suspect that the use of these codes under-represents participation in environmental volunteering by excluding people who volunteer by helping to look after local outdoor places (parks, woods etc.) and, from 2018, we'd like to replace these two codes with a single code which better encompasses the range of environmental volunteering opportunities which exist, e.g. 'Looking after the environment, wildlife or local outdoor places'.

SPRT3A In the last few weeks, have you done any of the activities listed on this card?

SNH has a statutory remit to facilitate understanding and enjoyment of nature and landscape and this question enables us to measure the proportion of people engaged in recreational walking and other outdoors activities. These data help SNH monitor the impact of its work to increase the proportion of people visiting the outdoors and also help us measure the contribution made by the natural environment (and recreational walking) to the attainment of SG targets for physical activity. The Local Authority level data are used by SNH to help inform our input to community planning. This question (and the code on recreational walking) is also the data source for one of the indicators for Outcome 1 in the Active Scotland

Outcome Framework ('Encourage and enable the inactive to become more active'). The SHS is the only survey source for these data.

RB1 Thinking about the neighbourhood you live in, how would you rate it as a place to live?
AREA1 Thinking about your local neighbourhood, do you think it has got better, stayed the same or got worse over the last few years?

These questions help SNH monitor the impact of its work to improve access to high quality local greenspaces and to improve local landscapes. The Local Authority level data are used to help inform our input to community planning. The questions have links LAND1.

RF1 For each of these phrases, please tell me to what extent you agree/disagree that it applies to your local council? Code: I can influence decisions affecting my local area

This question, and the Local Authority level data it generates, helps SNH to monitor the impact of its work in community planning. The question has links LAND1, RB1 and AREA1.

LAND1 Have you given your views of land use in any of these ways in the last 12 months?

Please see separate submission from Mary Christie of Scottish Natural Heritage

CLIMATE1 Which of these statements comes closest to your attitude to climate change?

This question provides useful background for our work to *Increase the % of adults engaging with environmental issues.*

SSCQs

We would like the questions below to be retained as SSCQs. These are all key variables which we use to analyse SHS data. They enable us to monitor the impact of our work among people who are under-represented in outdoor recreation as a result of a protected characteristic and also help to inform our programme of work on the Natural Health Service project.

Self-assessed general health

Disability

Long-term conditions

Mental well-being

Ethnicity

Gender

Age

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(a) For each new question, or group of new questions, please explain why you need each individual question/variable in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ). Your answer should address the following: justification of full vs. one third sample, and

annual vs. biennial, policy rationale for the question and how the data will be used.

We'd like to add the new question below to the SHS. This question would follow the OUTDOORS question and would be asked of respondents who had visited the outdoors in the last 4 weeks. This question was asked in the 2013/14 Scotland's People and Nature Survey (SPANS) and would be used by SNH (and its partners) to demonstrate the benefits of the natural environment as a setting for outdoor physical activity. It is linked to the OUTDOORS question in the SHS. It is linked to the health and physical activity agendas.

Q Thinking about your last visit to the outdoors, how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Agree strongly, Agree slightly, Neither/nor, Disagree slightly, Disagree strongly, Don't know)

It improved my physical health (through exercise and physical activity)
It helped me de-stress, relax and unwind
It made me feel energised and revitalised
It was a good social experience (through spending time with other people)
I felt close to nature

For any suggested new questions:

At what sample size do you require the data? Please note that only questions that illustrate a clear need for local authority level data on an annual basis, or that require a 10,000 sample size to reach a small sub-group will be considered for 'full sample' data. Otherwise the default sample size should be 'one-third sample' (around 3,500 for households and 3,200 for adults), which would enable publication of annual results at a national level, but would require data from 3 years to be combined to produce Local Authority results.

We would like data from the new question on the impacts of respondents' most recent visit to the outdoors to be available at a national level, so a one third sample would suffice.

At what frequency do you need the data? Annual, biennial or one off? Please note that only those questions that have estimates which are likely to change year on year, or whether there is a strong policy need for annual data, will be placed in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) questionnaire on an annual basis.

Ideally, we would like data from the new question to be available on an annual basis. If this option is not available, biennial reporting would be acceptable.

Why is the SHS, SHCS or SSCQ the most appropriate survey to gather this information? Are other sources of data available (including administrative data source) and why is the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ) better?

As the new question is linked to other SHS questions (i.e. OUTDOORS, GREENFAR13, GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13), best value is achieved if it is asked alongside these questions.

What would be the impact on your area of work if this data was not collected in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? No impact/Some impact/Major impact.

The addition of this question to the SHS would better enable SNH to demonstrate the contribution of the natural environment to the Scottish Government's health agenda and physical activity agendas.

Is it important to link data on this new question/topic to other existing questions/topics in the SHS (including SHCS and SSCQ)? If yes, please explain why and specify which questions/topics you need to link to.

The new question is linked to OUTDOORS, GREENFAR13, GREENUSE13 and GREENSAT13.

Please indicate the likely number of questions, including proposed question wording. If the question has been asked in another survey, please insert links to the questionnaire and the findings.

OR

If you have not devised appropriate question wording, please indicate the feasibility of constructing suitable questions.

The wording for the question on the impacts of respondents' most recent visit to the outdoors is shown below. This question was previously asked in SNH's Scotland's People and Nature Survey (SPANS) in 2013/14.

Q Thinking about your last visit to the outdoors, how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Agree strongly, Agree slightly, Neither/nor, Disagree slightly, Disagree strongly, Don't know)

It improved my physical health (through exercise and physical activity)

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Relevance to Scottish Government, Local Authority and/or other organisations' policy objectives. This should cover how the data will be used (e.g. to inform legislation, to allocate funding, or to monitor Single Outcome Agreement indicators)

Aside from SNH, the data from the new question are likely to be used by a range of organisations working in the environmental sector including, Forestry Commission Scotland, Greenspace Scotland, the National Park Authorities and the Central Scotland Green Network Trust.

BID FOR INCLUSION WITHIN SCOTTISH SURVEY CORE QUESTIONS (SSCQ)

Are you bidding for any existing SHS/SHCS questions to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

Are you bidding for any of these new questions in the SHS/SHCS listed above to be made Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ)? If yes, please specify which one(s) and explain why it should become an SSCQ.

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Are you bidding for a current Scottish Survey Core Questions (SSCQ) to be moved out of the core and replaced with something new?

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