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Introduction

The draft questionnaires that follow set out the content currently proposed for the MCS Age 27 Sweep. The main cohort member survey will use a mixed-mode design and is intended to take around 60 minutes online and 75 minutes face-to-face. The partner questionnaire will be completed online and is intended to take around 20 minutes.

Question order: The cohort member questionnaire draft is organised by theme to support review and consultation. This is not the order in which questions will be presented to participants.

Question sources: The 'source' row records the questionnaire or study from which each question has been drawn. Questions repeated from the Age 23 Sweep are marked 'MCS8'. Where questions have been taken or adapted from another MCS sweep, cohort study, survey or established measure the relevant source is identified. "NEW" indicates that a question has been newly developed for the Age 27 Sweep. We particularly welcome feedback on NEW questions.

Questionnaire specification and format: The draft includes proposed question wording, response options, routing instructions and textfills. Some of these have not yet been thoroughly checked and may therefore need to be corrected or amended during development. The presentation and formatting of individual questions may also change in the final participant-facing questionnaire through testing and piloting.

Summary sections: Some complex elements of the questionnaire are presented in summary form rather than as full question-by-question specifications (e.g. the household grid, economic activity history, pregnancy loops and qualifications loops). The summaries are intended to indicate the content that will be collected, rather than show in detail how these sections will ultimately be programmed and routed.

Data linkage consent: The final questionnaire will also include a section seeking consent for the same set of data linkages requested at age 23 where valid consent is not already held. This section is not shown in the current draft.

MCS Study app: Proposed content for the additional data collection planned through the MCS app is not included in this draft questionnaire. Content for the app-based data collection will be developed separately.

We welcome further feedback on the proposed survey content below and the rationale set out in the report in response to feedback from Phase 1 of the consultation. Please note, we are looking for comments on the decisions that the study team have taken at this stage, so they will not be able to consider new proposals. Please send any comments to the study team at clsconsultations@ucl.ac.uk by **Sunday 22 November 2026**.

Important note: Please note that this remains a draft questionnaire and is subject to change. The proposed content will be reviewed in light of feedback received. As the questionnaire is developed and more detailed timings become available, it may be necessary to reduce the content to ensure that the survey can be completed within the intended average interview length.

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Theme 1: Families, relationships and housing

Household grid

Section	**HOUSEHOLD GRID**
Source	MCS8

Question text	The household grid will go through each household member recorded at the last interview, and will include any new household members living with the study member. The coverage will be as below.
	
	Household composition
	• Current household members
	• Information collected on all people currently living with the cohort member:
	  ○ Name
	  ○ Sex
	  ○ Date of birth or age
	  ○ Relationship to cohort member
	  ○ Whether household member is newly identified since previous sweep
	
	Household leavers
	• For household members no longer living with the cohort member:
	  ○ Whether cohort member moved out
	  ○ Whether household member temporarily absent
	  ○ Whether household member died
	  ○ Date stopped living together
	  ○ Date of death (where applicable)
	
	Partners
	• For resident spouses or partners:
	  ○ Whether legally married, in a civil partnership, or cohabiting
	  ○ Date of marriage or civil partnership
	  ○ Whether resident partner is biological parent of resident children
	  ○ Ethnicity
	  ○ Sex
	  ○ Gender
	
	Children
	• For resident children:
	  ○ Relationship to cohort member (natural, adopted, foster or step-child)
	  ○ Whether child has lived continuously with cohort member since birth
	  ○ Date child started living with cohort member (if applicable)
	  ○ Whether resident partner is the child's biological parent
	  ○ Ethnicity
	• For non-resident children:
	  ○ Date of birth or age (if not known from previous sweep)
	  ○ Sex (if not known from previous sweep)
	  ○ Relationship to cohort member (natural, adopted, foster or step-child)
	  ○ Cohort member
	
	Ethnicity (if not known from previous sweep)

	Marital status

Housing

Variable name	HINTRO
Variable label	Housing introduction
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENT ADDRESS IS A PRIVATE RESIDENCE (RESI=1)
Question text	The next few questions are about the place where you live. That is at: DFINADDL1 DFINADDL2 DFINADDL3 DFINADDL4 DFINADDL5 DFINPC
Answer categories	N/A

Variable name	ADDRSAME
Variable label	Whether current address is the same as address at last interview
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Computes	1. Yes IF {DFINADDL1} = {ALI_AddressLine1 } AND {DFINPC } = {ALI_Postcode } 2. No IF {DFINADDL1} <> {ALI_AddressLine1 } OR {DFINPC } <> {ALI_Postcode }
Question text	DERIVED VARIABLE
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	MOVINM
Variable label	Month moved into current address
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENT ADDRESS NOT SAME AS ADDRESS AT LAST INTERVIEW (ADDRSAME=2)
Question text	When did you move to your current address? If you don't know the precise month, give your best estimate.
Answer categories	01 January 02 February 03 March 04 April 05 May

	06 June 07 July 08 August 09 September 10 October 11 November 12 December

Variable name	MOVINY
Variable label	Year moved into current address
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENT ADDRESS NOT SAME AS ADDRESS AT LAST INTERVIEW (ADDRSAME=2)
Question text	When did you move to your current address?
Answer categories	Numeric

Variable name	ACCOM
Variable label	Type of private residence
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENT ADDRESS IS A PRIVATE RESIDENCE (RESI=1)
Question text	Which of the following best describes your current accommodation?
Answer categories	1. A house or bungalow 2. A flat or maisonette 3. A studio flat 4. A room/rooms 5. Or something else

Variable name	NUMROOMS
Variable label	Number of rooms in home
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENT ADDRESS IS A PRIVATE RESIDENCE (RESI=1)
Question text	How many rooms are there in the home where you are currently living, not counting kitchens, bathrooms, toilets, utility rooms, halls and garages? Please do not include conservatories unless they are used as a living room all year round.
Answer categories	Numeric

Variable name	TENURE

Variable label	Tenure
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PRIVATE RESIDENCE AND DOES NOT LIVE WITH PARENTS (RESI = 1 AND DVHHGLP = 2)
Question text	Do you own or rent your home or have some other arrangement?
Answer categories	1. Own – outright 2. Own – buying with help of a mortgage or loan 3. Pay part rent and part mortgage (shared or equity ownership) 4. Rent (includes all those who are on Housing Benefit or Local Housing Allowance) 5. Live rent-free, including rent-free in parent or relative's or friend's property (exclude squatting) 6. Squatting 7. Other arrangement

Variable name	RENTFROM
Variable label	Who home is rented from
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF RENTING AND DOES NOT LIVE WITH PARENTS ((TENURE= 3 OR 4) AND DVHHGLP = 2)
Question text	Who do you rent your home from?
Answer categories	1. A Local Authority 2. A Housing Association 3. A Private landlord 4. A Parent or 5. Someone else?

Variable name	WHOTEN
Variable label	Whose name accommodation is held in
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF cohort member owns – outright or with help of a mortgage or loan, or pays part rent part mortgage (equity share), or rents (TENURE= 1,2, 3 OR 4)
Question text	Whose name is your accommodation held in? Please include all people on the rental agreement / deeds.
Answer categories	1. Your name 2. {IF HAS PARTNER IN HOUSEHOLD GRID (DVHHGLPT = 1): "Your partner's name"; IF NO PARTNER (DVHHGLPT = 2): "DO NOT USE THIS CODE"} 3. A relative's (e.g. parents, brother, sister) name 4. A friend or other non-relative's name

Variable name	BUYY
Variable label	Year (share of) current property purchased
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF cohort member owns – outright or with help of a mortgage or loan – or pay part rent part mortgage (equity share) and accommodation is held on either CM's name only or CM's and partner's name: {(TENURE=1,2,3 AND WHOTEN=1)}
Question text	When did you {IF accommodation held on CM's and partner's name WHOTEN=1 AND 2: 'and ^RESPARTNERNAME' } buy [IF TENURE=3 OR WHOTEN = 1 AND 3,4: your share of] this property? The date you bought (IF TENURE = 3 or WHOTEN =1 AND 3,4 your share of) the property may be different from the date you started living there.
Answer categories	RANGE: 2000…current year

Variable name	PURCHPR
Variable label	Purchase price of (share of) current property
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF cohort member owns – outright or with help of a mortgage or loan – or pay part rent part mortgage (equity share) and accommodation is held on either CM's name only or CM's and partner's name: ((TENURE=1,2,3 AND WHOTEN=1))}
Question text	How much did you {IF accommodation held on CM's and partner's name WHOTEN=1 AND 2: 'and ^ RESPARTNERNAME' } pay for {IF TENURE=3 or WHOTEN= 3,4 :your share of] this property? (IF WHOTEN =1 AND 2) If you own the property with your partner, this will be yours and your partner's joint share. If you used loans and mortgages, please include the total amount.
Answer categories	Range: £0..99999999 Don't know Prefer not to say

Variable name	PURCHPR_CHK
Variable label	Purchase price of (share of) current property - CHECK
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PURCHPR<1000
Question text	You said that you paid under £1000 for your property. Is this correct? If not, please use the back button to go back and amend.
Answer categories	N/A

Variable name	BORROW

Variable label	Amount of purchase price borrowed
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF Purchase price of current property answered: PURCHPR >0}
Question text	How much of this was borrowed? IF WHOTEN = 1 AND 2 'Please include the total amount borrowed by you and your partner'
Answer categories	Range: £0..amount at PURCHPR Don't know Prefer not to say

Variable name	BORROW_CHK
Variable label	Amount of purchase price borrowed -CHECK
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF BORROW<1000
Question text	You said that you borrowed under £1000 for your property. Is this correct? If not, please use the back button to go back and amend.
Answer categories	N/A

Variable name	FUND
Variable label	Source of fund for current property
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF cohort member owns – outright or with help of a mortgage or loan – or pay part rent part mortgage (equity share) and accommodation is held on either CM's name only or CM's and partner's name: ((TENURE=1,2,3 AND WHOTEN=1,) AND PURCHPR > 0}
Question text	From which sources did you {IF accommodation held in CM's and partner's name WHOTEN=1 AND 2: 'and ^ RESPARTNERNAME' } acquire funds to buy {IF TENURE=3 or WHOTEN= 3,4 :your share of] this property?
Answer categories	1. Building Society Mortgage/Loan 2. Bank Mortgage/Loan 3. Local Authority Mortgage/Loan 4. Insurance Company Mortgage/Loan 5. Finance Company Mortgage/Loan 6. Private loan from parents/in-laws 7. Other private loan 8. Gift 9. Inheritance 10. Sale of previous property 11. Government Home loan Scheme 12. Savings 13. Some other way 14. None of these (EXCLUSIVE)

Variable name	RENT
Variable label	Rent amount
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF pays part rent part mortgage (equity share) or rents: TENURE= 3 OR 4
Question text	How much was your {IF cohabiting partner (IF DVHHGLPT = 1):"and [RESPARTNERNAME]'s"} last rent payment, including any services or water charges but after any rebates? {IF lives with people other than partner or children – DVHHGLOTH = 1 If you {IF cohabiting partner (IF DVHHGLPT= 1): "and [RESPARTNERNAME]"} share the rent for your home with others, please only record the amount that you {IF cohabiting partner (IF DVHHGLPT = 1): "and [RESPARTNERNAME]"} paid towards the last rent payment}. You can give a weekly amount, a monthly amount or an amount covering another period.
Answer categories	£

Variable name	REPE
Variable label	Rent period
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF pays part rent part mortgage (equity share) or rents (includes all those who are on Housing Benefit or Local Housing Allowance): TENURE= 3 OR 4
Question text	What period did that cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Calendar month 3. Other period

Variable name	REPOTH
Variable label	Other rent period
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF REPE= 3
Question text	What period did that rent payment cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Three weeks 4. Four weeks 5. Calendar month 6. Two calendar months 7. Eight times a year 8. Nine times a year 9. Ten times a year 10. Three months/13 weeks

	11. Six months/26 weeks 12. One Year/12 months/52 weeks 13. Less than one week 14. One off/lump sum 15. None of these

Variable name	RENTCHK
Variable label	Rent check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF RENT_DV >25000
Question text	You have answered that your last rent payment was £{RENT} for {IF REPE = 1 OR 2: {REPE}; IF REPE = 3: {REPOTH}}. Is this correct?
Answer categories	1.Yes 2. No (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM RENT) SET DUMMY RENTCHK_FLAG=2

Variable name	MMOP
Variable label	Mortgage amount monthly
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF TENURE= 2 OR 3
Question text	How much was your {IF cohabiting partner (IF DVHHGLPT = 1): “and [RESPARTNERNAME]’s”} last total monthly mortgage or loans payment for this property? If you don’t know the precise amount, give an estimate.
Answer categories	£

Variable name	MMOPCHK
Variable label	Mortgage amount monthly check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF MMOP > 2000
Question text	You have answered that your last total monthly instalment on all mortgages or loans for this property was £{MMOP}. Is this correct?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK MMOP) SET DUMMY MOPCHK_FLAG=2

Variable name	HOMPHLP

Variable label	Help paying rent or mortgage
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF owns with help of a mortgage or loan, pays part rent and part mortgage (shared or equity ownership), or rents (includes all those who are on Housing Benefit or Local Housing Allowance): TENURE= 2 OR 3 OR 4
Question text	Do you {IF lives with cohabiting partner: (DVHHGLPT = 1 “and your partner”} get any help with paying your {IF TENURE = 2: “mortgage” IF TENURE = 4: “rent” IF TENURE = 3 “rent and mortgage”}, from parents, other family members or someone else? Please do not include any benefits you might receive.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	BOARD
Variable label	Whether pays rent or board to parents
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF LIVES WITH PARENTS FROM HOUSEHOLD GRID (IF DVHHGLP=1)
Question text	Do you pay your parent(s) any rent and/or board? Please include any regular contributions you make towards heating, food, bills etc.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	BOARDA
Variable label	How much rent or board pays to parents
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF BOARD=1
Question text	How much rent and/or board do you pay your parent(s)? Please include any regular contributions you make towards heating, food, bills etc. You can give a weekly amount, a monthly amount or an amount covering another period.
Answer categories	£

Variable name	BOARDP
Variable label	Period pays rent or board to parents
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF BOARD=1
Question text	What period does this cover?

Answer categories	1. One week 2. Calendar month 3. Other period

Variable name	BOARDOTH
Variable label	Other period pays rent or board to parents
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF BOARDP=3 AND BOARDA=0-99999
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Three weeks 4. Four weeks 5. Calendar month 6. Two calendar months 7. Eight times a year 8. Nine times a year 9. Ten times a year 10. Three months/13 weeks 11. Six months/26 weeks 12. One year/12 months/52 weeks 13. Less than one week 14. One off/lump sum 15. None of these

Variable name	BOARDCHK
Variable label	Board Check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF BOARD_DV >15000
Question text	You have answered you pay your parents £{BOARDA} for {IF BOARDP = 1 OR 2: {BOARDP}; IF BOARDP = 3: {BOARDOTH}}. Is this correct?
Answer categories	1.Yes 2. No (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM BOARDA) SET DUMMY BOARDCHK_FLAG=2

Home ownership aspirations

Variable name	SRBuy
Variable label	Whether think will buy a home
Source	English Housing Survey

Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENT RESIDENCE NOT OWNED
Question text	We would now like to ask you about your views on buying a home. Do you think you will eventually buy a home in the UK?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No 3. I already own a home

Variable name	SRLong
Variable label	How long before buying a home
Source	English Housing Survey
Question level routing	ASK IF: SRBuy = Yes
Question text	How long do you think it will be before you buy?
Answer categories	1. Less than a year 2. 1 year but less than 2 years 3. 2 years but less than 5 years 4. 5 years or more 4. 5 years but less than 10 years 5. 10 years or more

Variable name	SRRea
Variable label	Reasons for not wanting/being able to buy a home
Source	English Housing Survey
Question level routing	ASK IF: SRBuy = No
Question text	Here are some reasons people give for not wanting or not being able to buy or own a home. Which of these are reasons why you wouldn't want or will not be able to buy or own a home? Select all that apply.
Answer categories	GRID ROWS: 1. It is unlikely I will ever be able to afford it 2. I do not have a secure enough job 3. I would not want to be in debt 4. Repairs and maintenance would be too costly 5. I wouldn't want that sort of commitment 6. I prefer the flexibility of renting 7. I like it where I am 8. Other GRID COLUMNS: 1. Yes 2. No

Housing conditions

Variable name	DAMP
Variable label	Problematic damp
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENT ADDRESS IS A PRIVATE RESIDENCE (RESI=1)
Question text	Do you have mould, damp or condensation in your home, apart from in the kitchen or bathroom? Please include mould, damp or condensation on ceilings, floors, walls, or window frames.
Answer categories	1. Mould 2. Damp 3. Condensation 4. None of these (EXCLUSIVE CODE)

Variable name	HOMSAT
Variable label	Whether satisfied with accommodation
Source	NEXT STEPS AGE 32
Question level routing	ASK ALL LIVING IN PRIVATE RESIDENCE: RESIDENC2=1
Question text	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your accommodation?
Answer categories	1. Very satisfied 2. Fairly satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Slightly dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied

Moving away from parental home

Variable name	PARM
Variable label	Ever lived away from parents
Source	NEXT STEPS ADAPTED – ALSO PARM (MCS7)
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENTLY LIVE WITH PARENTS (DVHHGLP = 1)
Question text	Have you ever lived away from your parent’s home for at least a month? Please include going to university and living away from your parents' home during term-time as moving out of your parents’ home.
Answer categories	1. Yes

	2. No

Variable name	PARMA
Variable label	Age first lived away from parents
Source	NEXT STEPS ADAPTED
Question level routing	ASK IF PARM=1 OR IF (CURRENTLY NOT LIVING WITH PARENTS (DVHHGLP = 2) AND HAS LIVED WITH PARENTS PREVIOUSLY (HFLIVP00 = 1)) AND IF CONDITION=90}
Question text	How old were you when you first moved out of your parents' home for at least a month? Please include going to university and living away from your parents' home during term-time as moving out of your parents' home.
Answer categories	Years

Variable name	PARLO
Variable label	Length lived away from parents
Source	NEXT STEPS ADAPTED
Question level routing	ASK IF PARM1=1 OR IF (CURRENTLY NOT LIVING WITH PARENTS (DVHHGLP = 2) AND HAS LIVED WITH PARENTS PREVIOUSLY (HFLIVP00 = 1)
Question text	Since you were 16, how many years have you spent living away from your parents' home? Please include going to university and living away from your parents' home during term-time as moving out of your parents' home.
Answer categories	1 Less than 1 year 2 1 year, less than 2 years 3 2 years, less than 5 years 4 More than 5 years

Variable name	PARSA
Variable label	Number of addresses lived at apart from parents
Source	NS25
Question level routing	ASK IF PARM1=1 OR IF (CURRENTLY NOT LIVING WITH PARENTS (DVHHGLP = 2) AND HAS LIVED WITH PARENTS PREVIOUSLY (HFLIVP00 = 1)
Question text	Since you were 16, how many different addresses have you lived at that were away from your parents' home? Please include going to university and living away from your parents' home during term-time as moving out of your parents' home.
Answer categories	

Variable name	PAHO
Variable label	Reason still living at home
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS ANY RESIDENT PARENTS: IF LIVING WITH MOTHER OR FATHER, FROM HH GRID (DVHHGLP=1)
Question text	What is the main reason you are still living with your parent(s)?
Answer categories	1. I would like to move into my own home, but I cannot afford to 2. I am saving up for a deposit to move into my own home 3. I do not wish to move into my own home at the moment. 4. My parent(s) or other relative require(s) care 5. I require care 6. I returned home after university 7. I returned home due to the COVID pandemic 8. I need parental help with childcare 9. Another reason (please write in the box below) {VARNAME PAHZ 200}

Homelessness

Variable name	EVRHOML
Variable label	Whether ever homeless after age 16
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Since you were 16, has there ever been a time when you were homeless? By homeless we mean you had to move out of a place and had nowhere permanent to live.
Answer categories	1. Yes – I am currently homeless 2. Yes – I have previously been homeless 3. No

Variable name	NUMHOML
Variable label	Number of times CM has been homeless after age 16
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2
Question text	How many times has this happened since you were 16?
Answer categories	Times

Variable name	TOPERHOM
Variable label	Total period of homelessness
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2
Question text	And how long {IF homeless more than once since 16 NUMHOML>1 TEXTFILL: 'in total have you been'; IF homeless once since 16 and not currently homeless: IF NUMHOML=1 OR DK/REF AND EVRHOML=2 TEXTFILL: 'were you'; IF homeless once since 16 and currently homeless EVRHOML=1 TEXTFILL: 'have you been'} homeless since you were 16?
Answer categories	1 Under three months 2 Three months or more, less than 6 months 3 Six months or more, less than 1 year 4 1 year or more, less than 2 years 5 2 years or more, less than 5 years 6 5 years or more

Variable name	FRSHOM
Variable label	Age when first became homeless after age 16
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2
Question text	How old were you the first time you were homeless after age 16? If you were homeless before age 16, please include only homelessness from the age of 16 onwards.
Answer categories	Years

Variable name	HOMWITHPAR
Variable label	Whether been homeless with parents
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2 AND PARM=2
Question text	You said you (IF EVRHOML=1 are currently homeless; IF EVRHOML=2 have been homeless), and also that you have never lived away from your parents. Is that because you and your parents (IF EVRHOML=1 are; IF EVRHOML=2 were) homeless?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	PERHOMM
Variable label	Period of homelessness after 16 started – Month

Source	NEXT STEPS AGE32
Question level routing	ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2
Question text	{ASK IF EVRHOM=1,2 AND NUMHOML>1: 'Thinking about the last time you were homeless'} When did this period of homelessness begin? IF NUMHOML=DK OR PNTS: If it happened more than once after age 16, please tell us about the last time it happened.
Answer categories	1. January 2. February 3. March 4. April 5. May 6. June 7. July 8. August 9. September 10. October 11. November 12. December

Variable name	PERHOMY
Variable label	Period of homelessness after 16 started – Year
Source	NEXT STEPS AGE32
Question level routing	{ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2}
Question text	
Answer categories	Range: 2000..2029

Variable name	PERHOMENDM
Variable label	Period of homelessness after 16 ended – Month
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2 AND NOT CURRENTLY HOMELESS
Question text	{IF EVRHOM=1,2 AND NUMHOML>1: 'Thinking about the last time you were homeless.'} When did this period of homelessness end?
Answer categories	1. January 2. February 3. March 4. April 5. May 6. June 7. July 8. August 9. September 10. October

	11. November 12. December

Variable name	PERHOMENDY
Variable label	Period of homelessness after 16 ended – Year
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2 AND NOT CURRENTLY HOMELESS
Question text	
Answer categories	Range: 2000..2029

Variable name	WHYHOML
Variable label	Reason(s) became homeless (last time)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2
Question text	{IF homeless more than once after 16: EVRHOML=2 AND NUMHOML>1 TEXTFILL: 'Thinking about the latest period of homelessness'} [If currently homeless: EVRHOML=1: 'You said you are currently homeless'} Why did you move out of the accommodation you were living in before you became homeless?
Answer categories	1. Personal reasons 2. Relationship breakdown 3. Domestic conflict with partner 4. Domestic conflict with parent 5. Parent repartnered / remarried 6. Parent died 7. Couldn't afford rent / mortgage 8. I (or my partner) lost job/made redundant 9. Other money problem 10. Evicted from home 11. Home repossessed 12 End of tenancy 13 Housing conditions forced move 14 Other reasons

Variable name	WHRHOML
Variable label	Where stayed while homeless (last time)
Source	NEXT STEPS AGE32
Question level routing	ASK IF EVRHOML=1,2
Question text	{IF not currently homeless EVRHOML=2: Where did you stay while you were looking for somewhere to live {IF homeless once after 16 NUMHOLM=1: 'when you were homeless'/

	IF homeless more than once after 16 NUMHOML>1: 'the last time you became homeless'}? {IF currently homeless EVRHOML=1: Where are you staying while you are looking for somewhere to live?
Answer categories	1 Bed and breakfast 2 Hotel 3 Homeless hostel 4 Friend/relative's house 5 Women's refuge 6 Slept rough 7 Squatting 8 Other

Neighbourhood

Variable name	neighbhbelong
Variable label	Feeling of belonging to a neighbourhood
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 web survey
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the below statement? I feel like I belong to my neighbourhood.
Answer categories	1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Disagree 5. Strongly disagree

Variable name	neighbhtalk
Variable label	Frequency of talking to neighbours
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 web survey
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you talk to any of your neighbours?
Answer categories	1. On most days 2. Once or twice a week 3. Once or twice a month 4. Less than once a month 5. Never

Variable name	neighbhsatis

Variable label	Satisfaction with area where lives
Source	EHS, HAS44 adapted
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How satisfied are you with your neighbourhood as a place to live?
Answer categories	1. Very satisfied 2. Fairly satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Slightly dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied

Social support and relationships

Social provisions

Variable name	SAFF
Variable label	Has family and friends who help CM feel safe, secure and happy
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	In answering the following questions, think about your current relationships with friends, family members, community members, and so on. Please indicate to what extent each statement describes your current relationships with other people. I have family and friends who help me feel safe, secure and happy
Answer categories	1 Very true 2 Partly true 3 Not true at all

Variable name	TRSS
Variable label	There is someone CM trusts to turn to for advice if were having problems
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	In answering the following questions, think about your current relationships with friends, family members, community members, and so on. Please indicate to what extent each statement describes your current relationships with other people. There is someone I trust whom I would turn to for advice if I were having problems

Answer categories	1 Very true 2 Partly true 3 Not true at all

Variable name	NCLS
Variable label	There is no one CM feels close to
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	In answering the following questions, think about your current relationships with friends, family members, community members, and so on. Please indicate to what extent each statement describes your current relationships with other people. There is no one I feel close to
Answer categories	1 Very true 2 Partly true 3 Not true at all

Variable name	MONY
Variable label	There is someone CM could turn to for financial help if needed it
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	In answering the following questions, think about your current relationships with friends, family members, community members, and so on. Please indicate to what extent each statement describes your current relationships with other people. There is someone I could turn to for financial help if I needed it
Answer categories	1 Very true 2 Partly true 3 Not true at all

Relationship with parents

Variable name	RLQMA
Variable label	Is natural/adoptive mother still alive
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF DVHHML = 3
Question text	Is your natural or adoptive mother alive?

Answer categories	1 Yes, and I am still in contact with her 2 Yes, but I have no contact with her 3 No

Variable name	RLQM
Variable label	How close to mother
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MOTHER STILL ALIVE FROM HH GRID OR, IF MOTHER STILL ALIVE AND HAS CONTACT WITH HER: DVHHML = 1 OR RLQMA = 1
Question text	Overall, how close would you say you are to your natural or adoptive mother?
Answer categories	1. Not at all close 2. Not very close 3. Fairly close 4. Very close 5. Extremely close

Variable name	RLQMO
Variable label	Another person with maternal role in upbringing
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT AT ALL CLOSE TO MOTHER: RLQM = 1
Question text	Is there another person who is not your natural or adoptive mother, but who had a maternal role in your upbringing (e.g. a stepmother, foster mother, another relative)?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	RLQMO1
Variable label	Relation to other person with maternal role
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS ANOTHER PERSON WITH MATERNAL ROLE IN UPBRINGING: RLQMO = 1
Question text	What relation is the person who had a maternal role to you?
Answer categories	1. Stepmother 2. Foster mother 3. Grandmother 4. Other relative 5. Other non-relative

Variable name	RLQMO2
Variable label	Closeness to other person with maternal role
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS ANOTHER PERSON WITH MATERNAL ROLE IN UPBRINGING: RLQMO = 1
Question text	Overall, how close would you say you are to them?
Answer categories	1. Not at all close 2. Not very close 3. Fairly close 4. Very close 5. Extremely close

Variable name	RLQFA
Variable label	Is natural/adoptive father still alive
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF DVHHFL = 3
Question text	Is your natural or adoptive father alive?
Answer categories	1 Yes, and I am still in contact with him 2 Yes, but I have no contact with him 3 No

Variable name	RLQF
Variable label	How close to father
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF FATHER STILL ALIVE FROM HH GRID OR, IF FATHER STILL ALIVE AND HAS CONTACT WITH HIM: DVHHFL = 1 OR RLQFA = 1
Question text	Overall, how close would you say you are to your natural or adoptive father?
Answer categories	1. Not at all close 2. Not very close 3. Fairly close 4. Very close 5. Extremely close

Variable name	RLQFO
Variable label	Another person with paternal role in upbringing
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF NOT AT ALL CLOSE TO FATHER: RLQF = 1
Question text	Is there another person who is not your natural or adoptive father, but who had a paternal role in your upbringing (e.g. a stepfather, foster father, another relative)?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	RLQFO1
Variable label	Relation to other person with paternal role
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS ANOTHER PERSON WITH PATERNAL ROLE IN UPBRINGING: RLQFO = 1
Question text	What relation is the person who had a paternal role to you?
Answer categories	1 Stepfather 2 Foster father 3 Grandfather 4 Other relative 5 Other non-relative

Variable name	RLQFO2
Variable label	Closeness to other person with paternal role
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS ANOTHER PERSON WITH PATERNAL ROLE IN UPBRINGING: RLQFO = 1
Question text	Overall, how close would you say you are to them?
Answer categories	1. Not at all close 2. Not very close 3. Fairly close 4. Very close 5. Extremely close

Non-cohabiting partnerships

Variable name	OTHCRELA
Variable label	Whether in a non-cohabiting relationship
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF cohort member NOT currently living with partner from household grid: IF NO PARTNER IN HHOLD GRID DVHHGLPT=2
Question text	Do you have a steady relationship with someone you are not living with, whom you think of as your 'partner'?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	OTHCRESX
Variable label	Sex of non-cohabiting partner
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF OTHCRELA=1
Question text	What is their sex? If their gender is different from their sex, please give the sex they were registered at birth.
Answer categories	1. Male 2. Female 3. Prefer not to say

Variable name	OTHCRGEN
Variable label	Gender of non-cohabiting partner
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF OTHCRELA=1
Question text	Which of the following describes how they think of themselves?
Answer categories	1. Man 2. Woman 3. Non-binary 4. Other Prefer not to say Don't know

Variable name	OTHCRAGE
Variable label	Age of non-cohabiting partner
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF OTHCRELA=1
Question text	What was their age at their last birthday?
Answer categories	Numeric

Variable name	RELE
Variable label	Length of relationship
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS SPOUSE/PARTNER FROM HHOLD GRID OR IF OTHCRELA=1
Question text	How long have you been in a relationship with [IF ^ DVHHGLP =1: RESPARTNERNAME}", ELSE: 'your partner']?
Answer categories	Years: 0...10 Months: 0...11

Variable name	OTHCRFSEE
Variable label	Frequency of seeing non-cohabiting partner
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF OTHCRELA=1
Question text	How often do you see them?
Answer categories	1 Daily 2 Several times per week 3 At least once per week 4 At least once per month 5 Less often

Variable name	RELSAT1
Variable label	How happy is relationship
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS SPOUSE/PARTNER FROM HHOLD GRID (DVHHGLPT=1 OR IF OTHCRELA=1)
Question text	On a scale from 1 to 7, where '1' means that you are 'very unhappy' and '7' means that you are 'very happy', how happy is your relationship with your current partner, all things considered?
Answer categories	1 Very unhappy 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very happy Don't know Prefer not to say

Fertility intentions

Variable name	CHPLAN
Variable label	How cohort member feels about having children
Source	MCS8 Adapted
Question level routing	ASK If not currently pregnant or partner not currently pregnant (BABY_LOOP.PROUT [ALL] = 1,2,3,4,6,7)
Question text	Which of these statements best describes the way you feel about having {IF HAS CHILD (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR NRCHREL(any)=1,2,3,4) :'more'} children? <i>We are interested in knowing your personal preference for having {IF HAS CHILD (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR NRCHREL(any)=1,2,3,4) :'more'} children, irrespective of what has happened or any circumstances that may make it easier or harder to have them. This includes having children naturally, or through other means – for example, adoption.<i/>
Answer categories	1 I would definitely like {IF HAS CHILD (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR NRCHREL(any)=1,2,3,4) :'more'} children, and I'm currently trying 2 I would definitely like {IF HAS (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR NRCHREL(any)=1,2,3,4): 'more'} children, but I'm not currently trying 3 I might like {IF HAS CHILD (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR NRCHREL(any)=1,2,3,4): 'more'} children in the future, I'm not sure yet 4 I would definitely not like {IF HAS CHILD (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR NRCHREL(any)=1,2,3,4): 'more'} children 5 Prefer not to say

Variable name	NCHPLAN
Variable label	How many children CM would like
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHPLAN=1,2
Question text	How many children would you like to have in total (including any children you may already have)? <i>We are interested in knowing your personal preference for having children, irrespective of any circumstances that may make it easier or harder to have them. This includes having children naturally, or through other means – for example, adoption.<i/>
Answer categories	NUMERIC: 1-10

Variable name	ACHPLAN
Variable label	Age CM would like to have (more) children
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF CHPLAN=2
Question text	What age would you like to have a {IF HAS AT LEAST ONE CHILD (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR NRCHREL(any)=1,2,3,4): 'nother'} child?
Answer categories	NUMERIC: RANGE: 22-60

Variable name	REASONCH
Variable label	Reasons for not currently trying to have children
Source	NEXT STEPS AGE 32 ADAPTED
Question level routing	ASK IF CHPLAN=2
Question text	Which of the following best describe the main reasons you are not currently trying to have {if have any children in HH incl. adopted or step IF FF_H_REL [any iteration]=4,5,6,7,8 OR CHRELTOKEY=1,2,3,4 OR NCHREL[any iteration]=1,2,3,4 OR PREGA[any iteration]=1 OR BCHILD=1: 'more'} children? Please select up to three reasons.
Answer categories	1. I do not feel ready to have (more) children yet 2. I do not have a suitable partner to have children with 3. My partner does not want {IF HAS CHILDREN: 'more'} children 4. Financial reasons (for example, income, cost of living, childcare costs) 5. My housing situation 6. Having {IF HAS CHILDREN: 'more'} children would impact upon my work, career or studies 7. Having {IF HAS CHILDREN: 'more'} children would compromise my lifestyle or freedom 8. Having {IF HAS CHILDREN: 'more'} children would impact upon my partner's work, career or studies 9. I have concerns about the responsibilities of parenting {IF HAS CHILDREN: more children} 10. Lack of support from family, friends or my community 11. Concerns about the future or the state of the world 12. Environmental or climate change concerns 13. I have a health or fertility problem 14. My partner has a health or fertility problem 15. My sexuality makes having {IF HAS CHILDREN: 'more'} children more difficult 16. My gender identity makes having {IF HAS CHILDREN: 'more'} children more difficult 17. Other (please specify) 18. Don't know 19. Prefer not to say

Variable name	REASONCHO
Variable label	Reasons for not currently trying to have children - other
Source	NEXT STEPS AGE 32 ADAPTED
Question level routing	{IF CHPLAN=17}

Question text	Please enter other reason
Answer categories	STRING

Variable name	REASONNOCH
Variable label	Reasons for not wanting or being unsure about having children
Source	NEW
Question level routing	{IF CHPLAN=3,4}
Question text	{IF DOES NOT WANT: “Which of the following best describe the main reasons you would definitely not like {if have any children in HH incl. adopted or step IF FF_H_REL [any iteration]=4,5,6,7,8 OR CHRELTOKEY=1,2,3,4 OR NCHREL[any iteration]=1,2,3,4 OR PREGA[any iteration]=1 OR BCHILD=1: 'more'} children?”; IF UNSURE: “Which of the following best describe the main reasons you might like {if have any children in HH incl. adopted or step IF FF_H_REL [any iteration]=4,5,6,7,8 OR CHRELTOKEY=1,2,3,4 OR NCHREL[any iteration]=1,2,3,4 OR PREGA[any iteration]=1 OR BCHILD=1: 'more'} children but are not sure yet?”} Please select up to three reasons.
Answer categories	1. Financial reasons (for example, income, cost of living, childcare costs) 2. My housing situation 3. Having {IF HAS CHILDREN: ’more’} children would impact upon my work, career or studies 4. Having {IF HAS CHILDREN: ’more’} children would compromise my lifestyle or freedom 5. I do not enjoy being around children 6. I have concerns about the responsibilities of parenting {IF HAS CHILDREN: more children} 7. I do not have a suitable partner to have children with 8. Having {IF HAS CHILDREN: ’more’} children would impact upon my partner’s work, career or studies 9. My partner does not want {IF HAS CHILDREN: ’more’} children 10. Lack of support from family, friends or my community 11. Concerns about the future or the state of the world 12. Environmental or climate change concerns 13. I have a health or fertility problem 14. My partner has a health or fertility problem 15. My sexuality makes having {IF HAS CHILDREN: ‘more’} children more difficult 16. My gender identity makes having {IF HAS CHILDREN: ‘more’} children more difficult 17. {IF DOES NOT WANT} Experiences in my own childhood or family life have influenced my decision 18. {IF DOES NOT HAVE CHILDREN} I simply do not want children 19. {IF HAS CHILDREN} I already have as many children as I want 20. NEW {IF UNSURE} I do not feel ready to have (more) children yet 21. Other (please specify) 22. Don't know 23. Prefer not to say

Variable name	REASONNOCHO
Variable label	Reasons for not wanting or being unsure about having children - other

Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF REASONNOCH=21
Question text	Please enter other reason
Answer categories	STRING

Caring responsibilities

Variable name	CARE
Variable label	Whether provides care
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Some people have extra responsibilities because they look after someone who has long-term physical or mental health difficulties or disability, or problems related to old age. Do you regularly look after anyone who is ill, disabled or elderly and in need of care, without being paid? This includes both people who live with you and those who live elsewhere. Please do not include caring you do for others that you do in a professional capacity (i.e. as a job).
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	CRWO
Variable label	Who provides care for
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CARE=1
Question text	Please tell us who you care for. Select all that apply
Answer categories	1 Mother 2 Father 3 Brother(s) 4 Sister(s) 5 Grandmother(s) 6 Grandfather(s) 7 Spouse/partner 8 Your child 9 Somebody else (please write in the box below) {VARNAME CRWZ 200}

Variable name	CRHR

Variable label	How long provided care last week
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CARE=1
Question text	Taking account of all the unpaid help you give, including travelling time, about how long did you spend looking after people last week?
Answer categories	1 0-2 hours 2 3-4 hours 3 5-9 hours 4 10-19 hours 5 20-29 hours 6 30 hours or more

Domestic violence and coercive control

Variable name	DVIOLINTRO
Variable label	Relationships section intro text
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The following questions are about experience of domestic abuse (including domestic violence, emotional abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour). Your answers are very important to us but entirely voluntary and you can skip any questions if you prefer not to answer.
Answer categories	

Variable name	DVIOLEV
Variable label	Whether partner used force - ever
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT ALREADY REPORTED IN AGE 23 EXPERIENCE OF DV IN THE PAST YEAR
Question text	Has a partner or ex-partner ever used force on you? For example, they may have pushed you, slapped you, hit, punched or kicked you, choked you or used a weapon against you.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No 3. Have never had a partner 4. Don't know 5. Prefer not to say

Variable name	DVIOL
Variable label	Whether partner used force
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	(ASK IF DVIOLEV=1 OR HAS REPORTED DVIOL IN AGE 23) AND DVIOLEV<>3
Question text	Has a partner or ex-partner used force on you in the last 12 months? For example, they may have pushed you, slapped you, hit, punched or kicked you, choked you or used a weapon against you.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No 3. Have not had a partner in the last 12 months 4. Don't know 5. Prefer not to say

Variable name	EVIOLEV
Variable label	Whether partner used emotional abuse - ever
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT ALREADY REPORTED IN AGE 23 EXPERIENCE OF EV IN THE PAST YEAR AND IF DVIOLEV<>3
Question text	Has a partner or ex-partner ever abused you emotionally or psychologically, or used coercive or controlling behaviour towards you? For example, they may have shouted at you, bullied you, been hypercritical or judgemental toward you, been possessive and/or controlling of you, restricted or controlled your access to money, manipulative, dismissed you and your concerns, or 'gaslighted' you.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know 4. Prefer not to say

Variable name	EVIOL
Variable label	Whether partner used emotional abuse
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	(ASK IF EVIOLEV=1 OR HAS REPORTED EVIOL IN AGE 23) AND IF DVIOLEV<>3
Question text	Has a partner or ex-partner abused you emotionally or psychologically, or used coercive or controlling behaviour towards you in the last 12 months? For example, they may have shouted at you, bullied you, been hypercritical or judgemental toward you, been possessive and/or controlling of you, restricted or controlled your access to money, manipulative, dismissed you and your concerns, or 'gaslighted' you.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

	3. Don't know 4. Prefer not to say

Pregnancies

Section	**PREGNANCY GRID**
Source	MCS8 and new content

Description	The below questions will be routed based on information available for each study member (e.g. whether they were interviewed at age 23, reported children in the last sweep, reported children in the household grid, completed the pregnancy history in the last sweep, etc.)
	• Whether ever been pregnant / fathered a pregnancy
	• Number of pregnancies
	• For each pregnancy:
	  ○ Number of babies carried
	  ○ Whether planned
	  ○ How long took to get pregnant – NS32
	  ○ Use of fertility treatments – NS32/GNE
	  ○ Outcome of pregnancy
	  ○ Whether child lives in the same household as CM
	  ○ Where child lives (if non-resident)
	  ○ When stopped living with CM (if non-resident)
	  ○ When died (if applies)

Variable name	FTREAT
Variable label	Whether received fertility treatment for this pregnancy
Source	NS32 adapted
Question level routing	{IF PREGPLAN =1}
Question text	Did you (or your child's other parent) have any medical fertility treatment for this pregnancy?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No Don't know Prefer not to say

Variable name	TRWT
Variable label	Type of fertility treatment received
Source	GNE
Question level routing	{IF FTREAT=1}

Question text	What treatment did you (your child's other parent) receive? If you (or your child's other parent) received more than one treatment, please select the most recent treatment that led to the conception of your (baby/babies).
Answer categories	1. Clomiphene citrate, letrozole or other ovulation inducing drugs only 2. Artificial Insemination/Intrauterine Insemination 3. IVF: In Vitro Fertilisation 4. ICSI: IVF with intracytoplasmic sperm injection 5. Frozen embryo transfer 6. Pregnancy was conceived naturally after last treatment 7. Other (please write in) [TEXTBOX: TRWTO] -8. Don't know [EXCLUSIVE] -9. Prefer not to say [EXCLUSIVE]

Child questionnaire

Section	**CHILD MODULE**
Source	MCS8 and new content
Routing	IF HAS ANY CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD (BIOLOGICAL, ADOPTED, FOSTER, STEP CHILD OR CHILD OF CURRENT/PREVIOUS PARTNER) OR HAS A NON-RESIDENT CHILD
Description	At age 27, the child questionnaire will be broadened compared with age 23, when the child module focused on resident biological children. The age 27 module will cover a wider range of children and will be completed as a loop for each eligible child. The questions asked within each loop will depend on the child's circumstances, including: • whether the child is resident or non-resident; • whether the cohort member is the child's biological or non-biological parent; and • where relevant, the age of the child. Routing within the loop will ensure that cohort members are only asked questions relevant to each child. The content will therefore vary between resident and non-resident children and between biological and non-biological children, with age-specific routing applied where appropriate.

Pregnancy and circumstances of birth

Variable name	MPREGBINTRO
Variable label	Do they have their child's Red Book
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: CHILDREN BORN SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN)
Question text	The next few questions are about your [IF HFCSEX00= 1, TEXTFILL: “child’s mother’s”] pregnancy and your child’s health. For some questions it might be helpful to refer to your Red Book if you have that to hand. Some parents use an electronic version – the eRedbook. Do you have your Red Book for {NAME} to hand which you could consult?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	MPREGT1
Variable label	Whether child was born early, late or on time
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: CHILDREN BORN SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN)
Question text	Was [NAME] born early, late or on time?
Answer categories	1 Early 2 Late 3 On time 4 Don’t know

Variable name	MPREGT2
Variable label	Child born days or weeks early
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF BORN EARLY: MPREGT1 =1
Question text	Were they born days or weeks early?
Answer categories	1 Days 2 Weeks

Variable name	MPREGT3
Variable label	How early child was born
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF BORN EARLY: MPREGT1 =1
Question text	How many {IF MPREGT2=1: ‘days’; IF MPREGT2=2: ‘weeks’} early was {NAME} born?
Answer categories	RANGE: 0…25

Variable name	MPREGB2
Variable label	Type of birth delivery
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: CHILDREN BORN SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN)
Question text	What type of delivery did {IF HFCSEX00= 2 THEN textfill 'you' ELSE IF HFCSEX00= 1 THEN textfill '^NAME's mother'} have for [NAME]?
Answer categories	1 A vaginal delivery 2 A caesarean section

Variable name	MPREGB3
Variable label	Vaginal delivery follow up
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF VAGINAL DELIVERY: MPREGB2 =1
Question text	You said that{NAME} was born by a vaginal delivery. Was this...
Answer categories	1 Assisted with forceps 2 Assisted with vacuum cap 3 Breech 4 None of the above (EXCLUSIVE)

Variable name	MPREGB4
Variable label	Caesarean delivery follow up
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CAESAREAN SECTION: MPREGB2 =2
Question text	You said that {NAME} was born by caesarean section. Was this...
Answer categories	1 A planned caesarean before onset of labour 2 An unplanned caesarean before onset of labour 3 A caesarean section after onset of labour

Variable name	MWEIG1
Variable label	Child's weight at birth: lbs or kg
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: CHILDREN BORN SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN)
Question text	We would like to know how much [NAME] weighed at birth. Would you like to answer in kilograms and grams, or pounds and ounces?
Answer categories	1 Kilograms and grams (kg and g) 2 Pounds and ounces (lbs and oz)

Variable name	MWEIG2
Variable label	Birth weight in kg and g
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MWEIG1 = 1
Question text	Please enter their birth weight in kilograms and grams...
Answer categories	Kilograms (kg): Grams (g):

Variable name	MWEIG3
Variable label	Birth weight in lbs and oz
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MWEIG1 = 2
Question text	Please enter their birth weight in pounds and ounces...
Answer categories	Pounds (lbs): Ounces (oz):

Experiences of health problems during and post pregnancy

Variable name	PNMH
Variable label	Mental health in pregnancy and postpartum
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH BIOLOGICAL CHILD INCLUDING THOSE ASKED ABOUT AT THE AGE 23 SWEEP
Question text	During {your/the} pregnancy with [NAME], or in the year following [child]'s birth, did you experience any of the following?
Answer categories	1. Depression 2. Serious anxiety

	3. Any other mental health problem (please specify) 4. None of the above

Variable name	PNMHO
Variable label	Mental health in pregnancy and postpartum
Source	NEW
Question level routing	IF PNMH=3
Question text	Please describe other mental health problem
Answer categories	STRING

Variable name	PNPH
Variable label	Physical health in pregnancy and postpartum
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK MOTHERS ONLY FOR EACH BIOLOGICAL CHILD INCLUDING THOSE ASKED ABOUT AT THE AGE 23 SWEEP
Question text	During your pregnancy with [NAME], or in the 6 weeks following [NAME]'s birth, did you experience any of the following?
Answer categories	1. Diabetes 2. Urinary infection 3. Persistent vomiting 4. Raised blood pressure, eclampsia /preeclampsia or toxaemia 5. Bleeding or threatened miscarriage in early pregnancy 6. Bleeding in later pregnancy 7. Heavy bleeding after birth 8. Raised blood pressure, postpartum preeclampsia 9. Any other physical health problem (please specify) 10. None of the above

Variable name	PNMPO
Variable label	Physical health in pregnancy and postpartum
Source	NEW
Question level routing	IF PNPH=9
Question text	Please describe other physical health problem
Answer categories	STRING

Smoking, vaping, alcohol and drug use during pregnancy

Variable name	MMaHcig01
Variable label	Smoking during pregnancy
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK MOTHERS ONLY (HFCSEX00=2) FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: CHILDREN BORN SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN)
Question text	When pregnant with [NAME], did you smoke cigarettes at all?
Answer categories	1 Yes, occasionally 2 Yes, most days 3 No

Variable name	MMaHvape
Variable label	Vaping during pregnancy
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK MOTHERS ONLY (HFCSEX00=2) FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: CHILDREN BORN SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN)
Question text	When pregnant with [NAME], did you vape or used e-cigarettes at all?
Answer categories	1 Yes, occasionally 2 Yes, most days 3 No

Variable name	MMaHalc04
Variable label	Drinking alcohol during pregnancy
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK MOTHERS ONLY (HFCSEX00=2) FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: CHILDREN BORN SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN)
Question text	When pregnant with [NAME], which of these best describes how often you usually drank an alcoholic drink?
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 A few times a week 3 About once a week 4 A few times a month 5 About once a month

	6 Less than once a month 7 Never - did not drink at all

Variable name	MMaHdrugs
Variable label	Taking drugs during pregnancy
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK MOTHERS ONLY (HFCSEX00=2) FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: CHILDREN BORN SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN)
Question text	When pregnant with [NAME], did you take any illegal or recreational drugs at all? This does not include cigarettes, alcohol, prescribed or over-the-counter medication (e.g. paracetamol).
Answer categories	1 Yes, occasionally 2 Yes, most days 3 No

Breastfeeding

Variable name	MBFEV
Variable label	Ever tried to breastfeed child
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: CHILDREN BORN SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN)
Question text	Did {IF feedforward HFCSEX00 = 2 THEN textfill ‘you’ ELSE IF Feedforward HFCSEX00 = 1 THEN textfill [NAME]’s mother’} ever try to breastfeed {NAME}?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	MBFEA
Variable label	Age of child when last had breastmilk
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK if MBFEV=1
Question text	How old was {NAME} when they last had breast milk? Please indicate here whether you will respond to this question in days, week or months.
Answer categories	1. Never took breast milk 2. Answer given in days

	3. Answer given in weeks 4. Answer given in months 5. Answer given in years 6. Still breastfeeding

Variable name	MBFED
Variable label	Age when last breastfed - days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF answer given in days: MBFEA=2
Question text	Please enter the number of days...
Answer categories	RANGE: 1...30

Variable name	MBFEW
Variable label	Age when last breastfed - weeks
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF answer given in weeks: MBFEA=3
Question text	Please enter the number of weeks...
Answer categories	RANGE: 1...52

Variable name	MBFEM
Variable label	Age when last breastfed - months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF answer given in months: MBFEA=4
Question text	Please enter the number of months...
Answer categories	RANGE: 1..48

Variable name	MBFEY
Variable label	Age when last breastfed - years
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF answer given in years: MBFEA=5
Question text	Please enter the number of years...

Answer categories	RANGE: 1...10

Non-resident children

Variable name	SEOC
Variable label	How often parent sees non-resident child
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF (((HHNAME1(ANY)=3 OR HHNAME1A(ANY)=3) AND HFPREB=3) OR NRCHREL(ANY)=1) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NRCHName<>MISSING))
Question text	How often do you see [(IF HHNAME1(ANY)=3 OR HHNAME1A(ANY)=3) AND HFPREB=3 HFPNAM00; IF NRCHREL(ANY)=1 NRCHName]?
Answer categories	1 Every day or almost every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often than once a month 6 Not at all

Variable name	STAP
Variable label	Whether non-resident child ever stays overnight
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF (((HHNAME1(ANY)= 3 OR HHNAME1A(ANY)=3) AND HFPREB=3) OR NRCHREL(ANY)=1) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NRCHName<>MISSING)) AND SEOC=1,2,3,4,5
Question text	Does[(IF HHNAME1(ANY)=3 OR HHNAME1A(ANY)=3) AND HFPREB=3 HFPNAM00; IF NRCHREL(ANY)=1 NRCHName] ever stay overnight with you?
Answer categories	1 Yes, often 2 Yes, sometimes 3 Yes, rarely 4 No, never

Variable name	SEOCOTHER
Variable label	Frequency of other contact with non-resident child
Source	NEW
Question level routing	IF (((HHNAME1(ANY)=3 OR HHNAME1A(ANY)=3) AND HFPREB=3) OR NRCHREL(ANY)=1) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NRCHName<>MISSING))

Question text	How often do you have any other contact with [(IF HHNAME1(ANY)=3 OR HHNAME1A(ANY)=3) AND HFPREB=3 HFPNAM00; IF NRCHREL(ANY)=1 NRCHName]? Include phoning, writing, emailing, text messaging, video calling (WhatsApp,Teams, Zoom, Google Meet, Facetime, etc.), or using social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.).
Answer categories	1 Every day or almost every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often than once a month 6 Not at all

Variable name	COMC
Variable label	Whether gives money for non-resident child maintenance
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF (((HHNAME1(ANY)= 3 OR HHNAME1A(ANY)=3) AND HFPREB=3) OR NRCHREL(ANY)=1) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NRCHName<>MISSING))
Question text	Do you contribute any money to [(IF HHNAME1(ANY)=3 OR HHNAME1A(ANY)=3) AND HFPREB=3 HFPNAM00; IF NRCHREL(ANY)=1 NRCHName]'s maintenance?
Answer categories	1 Yes, regular payments 2 Yes, payments that are not regular 3 No payments made

General health of child

Variable name	CGHE
Variable label	How would describe general health of child
Source	MCS Age 5 (adapted for age 23 CM question wording)
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD (REGARDLESS OF BIOLOGICAL OR NOT, RESIDENTIAL OR NOT)
Question text	How would you describe {child}'s health generally? {IF METHOD=1} Would you say it is...
Answer categories	1. Excellent 2. Very good 3. Good 4. Fair 5. Poor

Variable name	CLSI
Variable label	Physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting 12 months or more - child

Source	MCS Age 5 (adapted for age 23 CM question wording)
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Does {child} have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	CLSL
Variable label	Whether affected by long standing conditions or illness - child
Source	MCS Age 5 (minor wording adaptation)
Question level routing	ASK IF CLSI=1
Question text	Does this/Do any of these condition(s) or illness(es) limit {child}'s activity in any way?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Parenting practices

Variable name	MACTa
Variable label	Activity with children 0-1: Play with toys
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED > 2 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=3 - 23 OR AGEY=1))
Question text	We are interested in the various kinds of activities that children do with their families. Thinking about [NAME]'s normal pattern at the moment, how often do you do the following activities with them? Play with toys
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	MACTb
Variable label	Activity with children 0-1: Physical play

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED > 2 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=3 - 23 OR AGEY=1))
Question text	Physical play (e.g. clapping, rolling over)
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	MACTc
Variable label	Activity with children 0-1: Noisy play
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED > 2 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=3 - 23 OR AGEY=1))
Question text	Noisy play (e.g. banging saucepans, child instruments)
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	MACTd
Variable label	Activity with children 0-1: Turn taking play
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED > 2 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=3 - 23 OR AGEY=1))
Question text	Turn-taking play without toys/other objects (e.g. peek-a-boo, pat-a-cake, ‘where’s baby’s eyes?’, ‘I spy’)
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	MACTe
Variable label	Activity with children 0-1: Show them pictures in books
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED > 2 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=3 - 23 OR AGEY=1))
Question text	Show them pictures in books
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	MACTf
Variable label	Activity with children 0-1: Read them stories
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED > 2 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=3 - 23 OR AGEY=1))
Question text	Read them stories
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	MACTg
Variable label	Activity with children 0-1: Sing to them
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED > 2 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=3 - 23 OR AGEY=1))
Question text	Sing to them
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month

	5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	MACTh
Variable label	Activity with children 0-1: Take them for walks
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED > 2 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=3 - 23 OR AGEY=1))
Question text	Take them for walks
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	MACTi
Variable label	Activity with children 0-1: Cuddle them
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED > 2 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=3 - 23 OR AGEY=1))
Question text	Cuddle them
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	OFRE
Variable label	Activity with children>2: Read to them
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (CHILDTEXTFILL=1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL=2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=24-59 OR AGEY=2-4))
Question text	We are interested in the various kinds of activities that children do with their families. Thinking about {NAME}'s normal pattern at the moment, how often do you do the

	following activities with them? Read to them
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	SITS
Variable label	Activity with children>2: Tell them stories that are not from a book
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (CHILDTEXTFILL=1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL=2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=24-59 OR AGEY=2-4))
Question text	Tell them stories that are not from a book
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	PLMU
Variable label	Activity with children>2: Play music, listen to music, sing songs or nursery rhymes, dance or do other musical activities with them
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (CHILDTEXTFILL=1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL=2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=24-59 OR AGEY=2-4))
Question text	Play music, listen to music, sing songs or nursery rhymes, dance or do other musical activities with them
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	PAMA
Variable label	Activity with children>2: Draw, paint or make things with them

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (CHILDTEXTFILL=1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL=2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=24-59 OR AGEY=2-4))
Question text	Draw, paint or make things with them
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	ACTI
Variable label	Activity with children>2: Play sports or physically active games outdoors or indoors with them
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (CHILDTEXTFILL=1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL=2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=24-59 OR AGEY=2-4))
Question text	Play sports or physically active games outdoors or indoors with them
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	GAME
Variable label	Activity with children>2: Play with toys or games indoors with them
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (CHILDTEXTFILL=1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL=2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=24-59 OR AGEY=2-4))
Question text	Play with toys or games indoors with them
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Variable name	WALK
Variable label	Activity with children>2: Take them to the park or to an outdoor playground
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (CHILDTEXTFILL=1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL=2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM=24-59 OR AGEY=2-4))
Question text	Take them to the park or to an outdoor playground
Answer categories	1 Every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 Once or twice a month 5 Less often 6 Not at all

Section	Activities with children - 5 years and older
Source	TBC
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD IS RESIDENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AGED >=5 YEARS (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 AND (CHILDTEXTFILL=1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL=2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>59 OR AGEY>4))
Description	**Activities for children aged 5 and over:** At Age 27, some cohort members will have children aged 5 or over. We are currently developing **age-appropriate content for these older children**, to ensure that the child questionnaire remains relevant across the wider age range covered at this sweep.

Parental leave

Variable name	WORKSTOP
Variable label	In paid work in year before baby's birth
Source	GNE (GUS1 adapted)
Question level routing	ASK IF BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF RELTOCM(ANY)=3 OR NRCHREL(ANY)=1) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING))
Question text	Thinking about your (baby/babies): {List names for child/children alive from each pregnancy} Did you do any paid work in the last 12 months before your (baby was/babies were) born? This includes being employed, contracted, self-employed or doing casual work.

Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	LEAVETYPE
Variable label	Type of parental leave taken
Source	GNE
Question level routing	ASK IF WORKSTOP=1
Question text	Did you ever take any of the following types of leave or time off work to help prepare for or look after your (baby/babies)? Do not include occasional days off work.
Answer categories	1. Maternity, paternity or parental leave (including statutory paid leave and any additional workplace entitlement) 2. Paid annual leave 3. Unpaid leave or unpaid time off 4. Any other type of time off (paid or unpaid) (please write in) [TEXTBOX: LEAVETYPEO] 5. I didn't take any leave or time off [EXCLUSIVE]

Variable name	LEAVETYPEO
Variable label	Type of parental leave taken – other
Source	GNE
Question level routing	ASK IF LEAVETYPE=4
Question text	What other type of leave did you take?
Answer categories	STRING{50}

Variable name	LEAVECONT
Variable label	Whether currently on parental leave
Source	GNE
Question level routing	ASK IF LEAVETYPE=1,2,3,4
Question text	And are you still on leave, or off work to help prepare or look after your (baby/babies)? If you returned to work after birth but are currently on leave or temporarily off work for another reason please select 'No'.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	LEAVE2BM

Variable label	Length of parental leave - months
Source	GNE
Question level routing	ASK IF LEAVECONT=2
Question text	Still thinking about all types of leave or time off you took for your (baby/babies): {IF LEAVETYPE=1: "• Maternity, paternity or parental leave (including statutory paid leave and any additional workplace entitlement"} {IF LEAVETYPE=2: "• Paid annual leave"} {IF LEAVETYPE=3: "• Unpaid leave or unpaid time off"} {IF LEAVEYTPE=4: "• Another type of time off (paid or unpaid)"} How much time off work did you take in total? If you took leave or time off in different blocks, please estimate the total length of your leave or time off combined.
Answer categories	Range: 0-36

Variable name	LEAVE2BW
Variable label	Length of parental leave - weeks
Source	ELC(COTS)
Question level routing	ASK IF LEAVETYPE=1,2,3,4
Question text	
Answer categories	Range: 0-52

Variable name	LEAVE2BD
Variable label	Length of parental leave - days
Source	ELC(COTS)
Question level routing	ASK IF LEAVETYPE=1,2,3,4
Question text	
Answer categories	Range: 0-365

Variable name	PWORKSTOP
Variable label	Partner in paid work in year before baby's birth
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENT PARTNER IS THE OTHER BIOLOGICAL PARENT OF THE CHILD

Question text	Thinking about your (baby/babies): {List names for child/children alive from each pregnancy} Did your partner do any paid work in the last 12 months before your (baby/babies) were born? This includes being employed, contracted, self-employed or doing casual work.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	PLEAVETYPE
Variable label	Partner's type of parental leave taken
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF PWORKSTOP=1
Question text	Did your partner ever take any of the following types of leave or time off work to help prepare for or look after your (baby/babies)? Do not include occasional days off work.
Answer categories	1. Maternity, paternity or parental leave (including statutory paid leave and any additional workplace entitlement) 2. Paid annual leave 3. Unpaid leave or unpaid time off 4. Any other type of time off (paid or unpaid) (please write in) [TEXTBOX: LEAVETYPEO] 5. They didn't take any leave or time off [EXCLUSIVE]

Variable name	PLEAVETYPEO
Variable label	Partner's type of parental leave taken – other
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF PLEAVETYPE=4
Question text	What other type of leave did your partner take?
Answer categories	STRING{50}

Variable name	PLEAVECONT
Variable label	Whether partner currently on parental leave
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF PLEAVETYPE=1,2,3,4
Question text	And is your partner still on leave, or off work to help prepare or look after your (baby/babies)?

	If they returned to work after birth but are currently on leave or temporarily off work for another reason please select 'No'.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	PLEAVE2BM
Variable label	Partner's length of parental leave - months
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF PLEAVETYPE=1,2,3,4
Question text	Still thinking about all the types of leave or time off your partner took for your (baby/babies): {IF LEAVETYPE=1: "• Maternity, paternity or parental leave (including statutory paid leave and any additional workplace entitlement"} {IF LEAVETYPE=2: "• Paid annual leave"} {IF LEAVETYPE=3: "• Unpaid leave or unpaid time off"} {IF LEAVEYTPE=4: "• Another type of time off (paid or unpaid)"} How much time off work did your partner take in total? If they took leave or time off in different blocks, please estimate the total length of their leave or time off combined.
Answer categories	Range: 0-36

Variable name	PLEAVE2BW
Variable label	Partner's length of parental leave - weeks
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF PLEAVETYPE=1,2,3,4
Question text	
Answer categories	Range: 0-52

Variable name	PLEAVE2BD
Variable label	Partner's length of parental leave - days
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF PLEAVETYPE=1,2,3,4
Question text	
Answer categories	Range: 0-365

Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

Variable name	SDQ1
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	The next questions are about your child's behaviour. For each item, please mark the box for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True. It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you are not absolutely certain or the item seems daft! Please give your answers on the basis of your child's behaviour over the last six months or this school year. (Thinking about {NAME} ...) Considerate of other people's feelings
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ2
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Restless, overactive, cannot stay still for long
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ3
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)

Question text	Often complains of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ4
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Shares readily with other children (treats, toys, pencils etc.)
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Often has temper tantrums or hot tempers
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Rather solitary, tends to play alone

Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ7
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Generally obedient, usually does what adults request
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ8
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Many worries, often seems worried
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ9
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill

Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ10
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Constantly fidgeting or squirming
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ11
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Has at least one good friend
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ12
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Often fights with other children or bullies them

Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ13
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Often unhappy, down-hearted or tearful
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ14
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Generally liked by other children
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ15
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Easily distracted, concentration wanders

Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ16
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Nervous or clingy in new situations, easily loses confidence
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ17
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2)
Question text	Kind to younger children
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQR
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 5+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=60 OR AGEY>=5)
Question text	Often lies or cheats

Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ18
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2-3 YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 AND AGEM<48))
Question text	Often argumentative with adults
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ19
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2))
Question text	Picked on or bullied by other children
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ20
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2))
Question text	Often volunteers to help others (parents, teachers, other children)

Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ21
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2))
Question text	IF ((AGEM>23 AND AGEM<60) OR (AGEY>1 AND AGEY<5)) Can stop and think things out before acting IF (AGEM>59 OR AGEY>4) Thinks things out before acting
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ22
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2-3 YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 AND AGEM<48))
Question text	Can be spiteful to others
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQV
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 5+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=60 OR AGEY>=5)
Question text	Steals from home, school or elsewhere

Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ23
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2))
Question text	Gets on better with adults than with other children
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ24
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2))
Question text	Many fears, easily scared
Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

Variable name	SDQ25
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD AGED 2+ YEARS, EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6 OR (NRCHREL(ANY)=1 AND SEOC<>6)) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND (AGEM>=24 OR AGEY>=2))
Question text	Sees tasks through to the end, good attention span

Answer categories	1 Not true 2 Somewhat true 3 Certainly true

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Variable name	ASQINTRO
Variable label	ASQ communication skills measure intro text
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ASQ QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED FOR EACH NEW CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23 OR NOT PREVIOUSLY ASKED ABOUT; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL AND ROUTING DESCRIPTIONS WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THIS. ASK IF CHILD AGED 1 – 66 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=1 AND AGEM <67
Question text	The next set of questions are about how your child communicates. Please answer these questions to the best of your ability. If you are unsure, you can select ‘Don’t know’.
Answer categories	

Variable name	L2M1
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 1-2 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=1 AND AGEM<3
Question text	Does {NAME} sometimes make throaty or gurgling sounds?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L2M2
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 1-2 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=1 AND AGEM<3

Question text	Does [NAME] make cooing sounds such as “ooo”, “gah”, and “aah”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L2M3
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 1-2 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=1 AND AGEM<3
Question text	When you speak to [NAME], do they make sounds back to you?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L2M4
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 1-2 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=1 AND AGEM<3
Question text	Does [NAME] smile when you talk to them?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L2M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 1-4 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=1 AND AGEM<5
Question text	Does [NAME] chuckle softly?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes

	3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L2M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 1-4 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=1 AND AGEM<5
Question text	After you have been out of sight, does [NAME] smile or get excited when they see you?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L4M3
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 3-4 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=3 AND AGEM<5
Question text	Does [NAME] stop crying when they hear a voice other than yours?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L4M4
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 3-6 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=3 AND AGEM<7
Question text	Does [NAME] make high-pitched squeals?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L4M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 3-4 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=3 AND AGEM<5
Question text	Does [NAME] laugh?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L4M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 3-4 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=3 AND AGEM<5
Question text	Does [NAME] make sounds when looking at toys or people?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L6M2
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 5-6 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=5 AND AGEM<7
Question text	When playing with sounds, does [NAME] make grunting, growling, or other deep-toned sounds?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L6M3
Variable label	

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 5-8 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=5 AND AGEM<9
Question text	If you call [NAME] when you are out of sight, do they look in the direction of your voice?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L6M4
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 5-8 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=5 AND AGEM<9
Question text	When a loud noise occurs, does [NAME] turn to see where the sound came from?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L6M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 5-10 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=5 AND AGEM<11
Question text	Does [NAME] make sounds like "da", "ga", "ka", and "ba"?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L6M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 5-10 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=5 AND AGEM<11

Question text	If you copy the sounds [NAME] makes, do they repeat the same sounds back to you?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L8M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 7-8 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=7 AND AGEM<9
Question text	Does [NAME] respond to the tone of your voice and stop their activity at least briefly when you say "no-no" to them?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L8M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 7-12 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=7 AND AGEM<13
Question text	Does [NAME] make two similar sounds like "ba-ba", "da-da", or "ga-ga"? (The sounds do not need to mean anything.)
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L10M4
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 9-12 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=9 AND AGEM<13
Question text	If you ask [NAME] to, do they play at least one nursery game even if you don't show them the activity yourself (such as "bye-bye", "Peeka- boo", "clap your hands", "So Big")?

Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L10M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 9-12 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=9 AND AGEM<13
Question text	Does [NAME] follow one simple command, such as "Come here", "Give it to me", or "Put it back" without you using gestures?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L10M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 9-14 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=9 AND AGEM<15
Question text	Does [NAME] say three words, such as "Mama", "Dada", and "Baba"? (A "word" is a sound or sounds your baby says consistently to mean someone or something.)
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don't know

Variable name	L12M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 11-12 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=11 AND AGEM<13
Question text	If you asked, "Where is the ball (hat, shoe, etc.)?" would [NAME] look at the object? (Mark "yes" if they would know one object.)
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes

	3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L12M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 11-18 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=11 AND AGEM<19
Question text	When [NAME] wants something, do they tell you by pointing to it?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L14M3
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 13-14 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=13 AND AGEM<15
Question text	Does [NAME] shake their head when they mean “no” or “yes”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L14M4
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 13-16 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=13 AND AGEM<17
Question text	Does [NAME] point to, pat, or try to pick up pictures in a book?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L14M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 13-16 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=13 AND AGEM<17
Question text	Does [NAME] say four or more words in addition to “Mama” and “Dada”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L14M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 13-18 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=13 AND AGEM<19
Question text	When you ask them to, does [NAME] go into another room to find a familiar toy or object? (You might ask, “Where is your ball?” or say, “Bring me your coat”, or “Go get your blanket.”)
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L16M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 15-25 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=15 AND AGEM<26
Question text	Can [NAME] imitate a two-word sentence? For example, if you said a two-word phrase, such as “Mama eat”, “Daddy play”, “Go home”, or “What’s this?” does your child say both words back to you? (Mark “yes” even if their words are difficult to understand.)
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L16M6

Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 15-20 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=15 AND AGEM<21
Question text	Does [NAME] say eight or more words in addition to “Mama” and “Dada”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L18M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 17-25 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=17 AND AGEM<26
Question text	Without helping them, would [NAME] be able to point to the correct picture if you said, “Show me the kitty,” or asked, “Where is the dog?” (They would need to identify only one picture correctly.)
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L18M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 17-25 MONTHS: (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=17 AND AGEM<26
Question text	Does [NAME] say two or three words that represent different ideas together, such as “See dog”, “Mommy come home”, or “Kitty gone”? (Don’t count word combinations that express one idea, such as “bye- bye”, “all gone”, “all right”, and “What’s that?”)
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L20M4
Variable label	

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 19-31 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=19 AND AGEM<32
Question text	If you pointed to a picture of a ball (kitty, cup, hat, etc.) and asked [NAME], “What is this?” would they correctly name at least one picture?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L20M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 19-31 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=19 AND AGEM<32
Question text	Without you giving clues by pointing or using gestures, could [NAME] carry out at least three of these kinds of directions? “Put the toy on the table.” “Close the door.” “Bring me a towel.” “Find your coat.” “Take my hand.” “Get your book.”
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L22M3
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 21-38 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=21 AND AGEM<39
Question text	If you asked [NAME] to point to their nose, eyes, hair, feet, ears, and so forth, would they correctly point to at least seven body parts? (Mark “sometimes” if you think they could correctly point to at least three different body parts.)
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L22M4
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 21-22 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=21 AND AGEM<23
Question text	Does [NAME] say 15 or more words in addition to “Mama” and “Dada”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L22M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 21-28 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=21 AND AGEM<29
Question text	Does [NAME] correctly use at least two words like “me”, “I”, “mine”, and “you”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L27M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 25-38 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=25 AND AGEM<39
Question text	Does [NAME] make sentences that are three or four words long?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L27M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 25-44 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=25 AND AGEM<45
Question text	Without giving [NAME] help by pointing or using gestures, could they carry out directions when asked, such as “put the book on the table” and “put the shoe under the chair.”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L30M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 28-44 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=28 AND AGEM<45
Question text	When looking at a picture book, does [NAME] tell you what is happening or what action is taking place in the picture (for example, “barking”, “running”, “eating”, or “crying”)? You may ask, “What is the dog (or boy) doing?”
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L33M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 31-44 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=31 AND AGEM<45
Question text	If you showed [NAME] how a zipper on a coat moves up and down, and said, “See, this goes up and down.” Then put the zipper to the middle, and asked your child to move the zipper down and up, would they consistently move the zipper up when you say “up” and down when you say “down”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L33M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 31-34 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=31 AND AGEM<35
Question text	When you ask, “What is your name?” does [NAME] say their first name (or nickname)?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L36M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 34-44 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=34 AND AGEM<45
Question text	When you ask, “What is your name?” does [NAME] say both their first and last names?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L42M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 39-66 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=39 AND AGEM<67
Question text	Without you giving help by pointing or repeating directions, could [NAME] follow three directions that are unrelated to one another? For example, if you asked your child, “Clap your hands, walk to the door, and sit down,” or “Give me the pen, open the book, and stand up.”
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L42M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 39-56 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=39 AND AGEM<57

Question text	Does [NAME] use all of the words in a sentence (for example, “a”, “the”, “am”, “is”, and “are”) to make complete sentences, such as “I am going to the park”, or “Is there a toy to play with?”, or “Are you coming, too?”
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L48M1
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 45-50 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=45 AND AGEM<51
Question text	Does [NAME] name at least three items from a common category? For example, if you say to your child, “Tell me some things that you can eat”, does your child answer with something like “cookies, eggs, and cereal”? Or if you say, “Tell me the names of some animals”, does your child answer with something like “cow, dog, and elephant”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L48M3
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 45-56 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=45 AND AGEM<57
Question text	Does [NAME] tell you at least two things about common objects? For example, if you say to your child, “Tell me about your ball”, do they say something like “It’s round. I throw it. It’s big”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L48M4
Variable label	
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 45-56 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=45 AND AGEM<57
Question text	Does [NAME] use endings of words, such as “-s,” “-ed,” and “-ing”? For example, does your child say things like, “I see two cats”, “I am playing”, or “I kicked the ball”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L54M5
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 51-66 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=51 AND AGEM<67
Question text	Does [NAME] use four- and five-word sentences? For example, does your child say, “I want the car”?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L54M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 51-66 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=51 AND AGEM<67
Question text	When talking about something that already happened, does [NAME] use words that end in “-ed,” such as “walked”, “jumped”, or “played”? For example, if you asked your child questions, such as “How did you get to the store?” (“We walked.”) “What did you do at your friend’s house?” (“We played.”)
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L60M4
Variable label	
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 57-66 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=57 AND AGEM<67
Question text	Does [NAME] use comparison words, such as “heavier”, “stronger”, or “shorter”? If you asked your child questions, such as “A car is big, but a bus is…” (bigger); “A cat is heavy, but a man is…” (heavier); “A TV is small, but a book is…” (smaller).
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Variable name	L60M6
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHILD AGED 57-66 MONTHS: IF (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING)) AND AGEM>=57 AND AGEM<67
Question text	Could [NAME] repeat the sentences shown below back to you, without any mistakes? Jane hides her shoes for Maria to find. Alex read the blue book under his bed.
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 Sometimes 3 Not yet 4 Don’t know

Parental bonding

Variable name	MBON1
Variable label	Parental bonding: Enjoy my child
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	The following questions are about how you feel about looking after {NAME}. I really enjoy my child
Answer categories	1.I never feel this way 2. This is how I sometimes feel 3. This is often how I feel 4. This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON2

Variable label	Parental bonding: preferred that I had not had this child when I did
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	I would have preferred that I had not had this child when I did
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON3
Variable label	Parental bonding: confident looking after my child
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	I feel confident looking after my child
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON4
Variable label	Parental bonding: dislike the mess that surrounds my child
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	I dislike the mess that surrounds my child
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON5
Variable label	Parental bonding: great pleasure to watch my child develop

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	It is a great pleasure to watch my child develop
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON6
Variable label	Parental bonding: cannot bear it when my child cries
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	I really cannot bear it when my child cries
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON7
Variable label	Parental bonding: feel constantly unsure if I'm doing the right thing
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	I feel constantly unsure if I'm doing the right thing for my child
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON8
Variable label	Parental bonding: should be enjoying my child but I'm not
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	I feel I should be enjoying my child but I'm not
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON9
Variable label	Parental bonding: no time to myself
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ONLY FOR THE FIRST NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD RECORDED (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	I feel I have no time to myself
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON10
Variable label	Parental bonding: Having this child has made me feel more fulfilled
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	Having this child has made me feel more fulfilled
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Variable name	MBON11
Variable label	Parental bonding: Children are fun
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK ONLY FOR THE FIRST NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD RECORDED (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	Children are fun
Answer categories	1I never feel this way 2 This is how I sometimes feel 3 This is often how I feel 4 This is exactly how I feel

Parental attachment

Variable name	ATTINTRO
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD UNDER 4 YEARS OF AGE (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	The next questions are about the different sorts of feelings parents might have when caring for young children. For each one please say which is closest to how you feel.
Answer categories	

Variable name	ANNO
Variable label	Attachment: When I am caring for child I get feelings of annoyance
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD UNDER 4 YEARS OF AGE (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	When I am caring for {NAME}, I get feelings of annoyance or irritation...
Answer categories	1 Almost all the time 2 Very frequently 3 Frequently 4 Occasionally 5 Very rarely 6 Never 7 Can't say

Variable name	THNK
Variable label	Attachment: When I am not with child I find myself thinking about them
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD UNDER 4 YEARS OF AGE (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	When I am not with {NAME}, I find myself thinking about them...
Answer categories	1 Almost all the time 2 Very frequently 3 Frequently 4 Occasionally 5 Very rarely 6 Never 7 Can't say

Variable name	LEAV
Variable label	Attachment: When I have to leave
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD UNDER 4 YEARS OF AGE (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	When I have to leave {NAME}...
Answer categories	1 I always feel rather sad 2 I often feel rather sad 3 I have mixed feelings of both sadness and relief 4 I often feel rather relieved 5 I always feel rather relieved 6 Can't say 7 Never left [NAME]

Variable name	COMP
Variable label	Attachment: When I am caring for {NAME}, I feel
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD UNDER 4 YEARS OF AGE (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	When I am caring for {NAME}, I feel...

Answer categories	1 Very incompetent and lacking in confidence 2 Fairly incompetent and lacking in confidence 3 Fairly competent and confident 4 Very competent and confident 5 Can't say

Variable name	PATI
Variable label	Attachment: Usually when I am with
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD UNDER 4 YEARS OF AGE (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	Usually when I am with {NAME}...
Answer categories	1 I am very impatient 2 I am a bit impatient 3 I am fairly patient 4 I am extremely patient 5 Can't say

Variable name	GIUP
Variable label	Attachment: Regarding the things that I have had to give up
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH NEW BIOLOGICAL CHILD UNDER 4 YEARS OF AGE (IF INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ANY CHILDREN HAD SINCE AGE 23; IF NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23: ALL CHILDREN) – EXCEPT FOR NONRESIDENT CHILDREN WHOM THE CM DOES NOT SEE IN PERSON AT ALL
Question text	Regarding the things that I have had to give up because of {NAME}...
Answer categories	1 I find that I resent it quite a lot 2 I find that I resent it a fair amount 3 I find that I resent it a bit 4 I don't resent it at all 5 Can't say

Parenting - discipline

Variable name	DIIG
Variable label	Parenting When child misbehaves - ignore
Source	MCS Age 3

Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	How often do you do the following when your child{ren} misbehave{s} Ignore him/her/them
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month 4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Cant say

Variable name	DISM
Variable label	When child misbehaves - smack
Source	MCS Age 3
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	Smack him/her/them
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month 4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Can’t say

Variable name	DIPP
Variable label	When child misbehaves – other physical punishment
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	Use any other form of physical punishment
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month 4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Can’t say

Variable name	DISH

Variable label	When child misbehaves - shout
Source	MCS Age 3
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	Shout at him/her/them
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month 4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Can't say

Variable name	DIBN
Variable label	When child misbehaves – send to room
Source	MCS Age 3
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	Send him/her/them to his/her/their bedroom/naughty chair, etc.
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month 4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Can't say

Variable name	DITR
Variable label	When child misbehaves – take away privileges
Source	MCS Age 3 Adapted
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	Take away privileges, such as treats, screen time, toys, etc.
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month 4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Can't say

Variable name	DITE
Variable label	When child misbehaves – tell off
Source	MCS Age 3
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	Tell him/her/them off
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month 4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Can't say

Variable name	DIBR
Variable label	When child misbehaves - bribe
Source	MCS Age 3
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	Bribe him/her/them (e.g. with sweets, or a treat)
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month 4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Can't say

Variable name	DIDS
Variable label	When child misbehaves - distract
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	Distract him/her (e.g. with something he/she may enjoy)
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month

	4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Can't say

Variable name	DIES
Variable label	When child misbehaves – explain behaviour wrong
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH CHILD 2 YEARS+ WHO IS LIVING WITH THE COHORT MEMBER: IF (RELTOCM(ANY)=3,4,5,6) AND (CHILDTEXTFILL =1 OR (CHILDTEXTFILL =2 AND NAME<>MISSING) AND AGEM>23)
Question text	Calmly explain that the behaviour is wrong
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Once a month 4 Once a week or more 5 Daily 6 Can't say

Parenting beliefs

Variable name	MPBINTRO
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL CM WHO ARE PARENTS (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN ARE BIOLOGICAL OR NOT, RESIDENT OR NOT) WHO WERE NOT ASKED THIS QUESTION IN AGE 23, OR DID NOT TAKE PART IN AGE 23
Question text	The next few questions ask for your general views on how parents should treat a baby. Please enter how much you agree or disagree with each statement.
Answer categories	

Variable name	MPBa
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL CM WHO ARE PARENTS (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN ARE BIOLOGICAL OR NOT, RESIDENT OR NOT) WHO WERE NOT ASKED THIS QUESTION IN AGE 23, OR DID NOT TAKE PART IN AGE 23

Question text	Babies should be picked up whenever they cry.
Answer categories	1 Strongly agree 2 Agree 3 Neither agree nor disagree 4 Disagree 5 Strongly disagree

Variable name	MPBb
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL CM WHO ARE PARENTS (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN ARE BIOLOGICAL OR NOT, RESIDENT OR NOT) WHO WERE NOT ASKED THIS QUESTION IN AGE 23, OR DID NOT TAKE PART IN AGE 23
Question text	It is important to develop a regular pattern of feeding and sleeping with a baby.
Answer categories	1 Strongly agree 2 Agree 3 Neither agree nor disagree 4 Disagree 5 Strongly disagree

Variable name	MPBc
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL CM WHO ARE PARENTS (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN ARE BIOLOGICAL OR NOT, RESIDENT OR NOT) WHO WERE NOT ASKED THIS QUESTION IN AGE 23, OR DID NOT TAKE PART IN AGE 23
Question text	Babies need to be stimulated if they are to develop well.
Answer categories	1 Strongly agree 2 Agree 3 Neither agree nor disagree 4 Disagree 5 Strongly disagree

Variable name	MPBd
Variable label	
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL CM WHO ARE PARENTS (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN ARE BIOLOGICAL OR NOT, RESIDENT OR NOT) WHO WERE NOT ASKED THIS QUESTION IN AGE 23, OR DID NOT TAKE PART IN AGE 23

Question text	Talking, even to a young baby, is important.
Answer categories	1 Strongly agree 2 Agree 3 Neither agree nor disagree 4 Disagree 5 Strongly disagree

Childcare

Variable name	Cintro
Variable label	Childcare used
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{IF have children under 16 who live with cohort member: DEPCHILD=1}
Question text	The next section is about childcare that you may currently use to look after {IF DCHILDNAM<>EMPTY AND DCHILDAGE<16: {LIST OF NAMES OF CHILDREN: DCHILDNAM[all iterations]: - If 1 child: child name - if 2 children: 1st child name 'and' 2nd child name - If more than 2 children: 1st child name, 2nd child name... and 'last' child name We are interested in all the different types of childcare that you use. By 'childcare' we mean care carried out by anyone other than yourself {IF CRLIVEPA [LAST ITERATION]=1: "or your partner"}. Please include all types of childcare that you currently use. Which, if any, of the following types of childcare do you currently use for {IF DCHILDNAM<>EMPTY AND DCHILDAGE<16: 'DCHILDNAM[all iterations]'}:
Answer categories	1. A nursery school or nursery class 2. A day nursery or crèche 3. A playgroup or pre-school 4. A childminder 5. A baby-sitter who comes to the home 6. Your ex-partner/ the child's non-resident parent 7. The child's grandparent(s) 8. Another relative 9. A friend or neighbour 10. Any other type of childcare 11. {IF CRLIVEPA [LAST ITERATION]=1: 'We'; ELSE= 'I'} do not use childcare

Variable name	CintroO
Variable label	Other childcare used
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{If Other answer: (cintro(10) = YES}

Question text	What other type of childcare do you use?
Answer categories	STRING{50}

Data linkage

Section	Data linkage
Source	MCS8
Description	Consent for linkage of children's health and education records will continue to be sought for resident biological children. Linkage will remain restricted to resident biological children because of consent considerations. For cohort members who previously provided consent for a particular child's records to be linked, consent will not be asked again for that child. Where consent was not provided for a particular eligible child at age 23, consent will be sought again at age 27. Consent will also be sought for any new eligible children born since the previous sweep.

Theme 2: Labour market experiences, economic circumstances, education and training

Activities and Employment

Variable name	Activity
Variable label	Current activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The next few questions are about any jobs you have and any other things that you are doing. Which of these best describes what you are currently doing? If you are temporarily not in work, education, or training (due to parental leave or sick leave), please tell us what you were doing immediately before this period of temporary leave.
Answer categories	1. Employee - in paid work 2. Self employed 3. In unpaid/voluntary work 4. Unemployed 5. Education: school/college/university 6. Apprenticeship 7. On a government scheme for employment training 8. Sick or disabled 9. Looking after home or family 10. Something else

Variable name	Activityc
Variable label	Other current activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF DOING SOMETHING ELSE: IF ACTIVITY=10
Question text	What are you currently doing?
Answer categories	STRING{100}

Variable name	Wrkhrs
Variable label	Whether in full or part-time employment
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF ACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 6
Question text	Are you in full-time or part-time employment (IF ACTIVITY=3 'in your unpaid/voluntary job'; IF ACTIVITY=6 'in your apprenticeship')?
Answer categories	1. Full-time (30 or more hours a week) 2. Part-time (under 30 hours)

Variable name	Studyhrs
Variable label	Whether studying full-time or part-time
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF IN EDUCATION: ACTIVITY=5
Question text	Are you studying full-time or part-time?
Answer categories	1. Full-time 2. Part-time

Variable name	Usual
Variable label	Type of institution attended
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF IN EDUCATION: ACTIVITY=5
Question text	Where are you studying?
Answer categories	1. School 2. College 3. University 4. Other

Variable name	Sickhrs
Variable label	Whether temporarily or long-term sick or disabled
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF SICK OR DISABLED: ACTIVITY=8
Question text	Are you temporarily sick or disabled or long-term sick or disabled?
Answer categories	1. Temporarily sick or disabled (less than six months) 2. Long term sick or disabled (more than six months)

Variable name	Dactivity
Variable label	Current activity (derived)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ALL
Computes	1. Full-time paid employee (30 or more hours a week) { ACTIVITY=1 AND WRKHRS=1} 2. Part-time paid employee (under 30 hours a week) {ACTIVITY=1 AND WRKHRS =2} 3. Full-time self-employed { ACTIVITY=2 AND WRKHRS=1} 4. Part-time self-employed { ACTIVITY=2 AND WRKHRS=2} 5. Unemployed and seeking work {ACTIVITY=4 } 6. Full-time education { ACTIVITY=5) and STUDYHRS=1} 7. Part-time education { ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=2} 8. On a government scheme for employment and training {ACTIVITY=7} 9. Temporarily sick/disabled { ACTIVITY=8 and SICKHRS=1} 10. Long term sick/disabled { ACTIVITY=8 AND SICKHRS=2} 11. In unpaid/voluntary work { ACTIVITY=3 } 12. Apprenticeship {ACTIVITY=6 } 13. Looking after home or family { ACTIVITY=9 } 14. Other {ACTIVITY=10 } 15. DK/REF {ACTIVITY=-8/-9 OR WRKHRS=-8/-9 OR STUDYHRS= -8/-9 OR SICKHRS=-8/-9}C

Variable name	Dactivitytxt
Variable label	Current activity textfill (derived)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ALL
Computes	1. full-time paid employment with your current employer {ACTIVITY=1 AND WRKHRS=1} 2. part-time paid employment with your current employer {ACTIVITY=1 AND WRKHRS=2} 3. full-time self-employment in your current business {ACTIVITY=2AND WRKHRS=1} 4. part-time self-employment in your current business {ACTIVITY=2AND WRKHRS=2} 5. unemployment {ACTIVITY=4 } 6. full-time education at school { ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=1 and USUAL=1} 7. full-time education at college { ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=1 AND USUAL=2} 8. full-time education at university {ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=1 AND USUAL=3} 9. full-time education { (ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=1 AND USUAL=4) OR (ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=1 AND USUAL=DK/REF)} 10. part-time education at school { ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=2 and USUAL=1} 11. part-time education at college {ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=2 AND USUAL=2} 12. part-time education at university {ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=2 AND USUAL=3} 13. part-time education {(ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=2 AND USUAL=4) OR (ACTIVITY=5 AND STUDYHRS=2 AND USUAL=DK/REF)} 14. employment and training through a government scheme {ACTIVITY=7} 15. being temporarily sick or disabled {ACTIVITY=8 and SICKHRS=1} 16. being long term sick or disabled {ACTIVITY=8 AND SICKHRS=2} 17. unpaid/voluntary work {ACTIVITY=3} 18. being an apprentice {ACTIVITY=6} 19. looking after your home or family {ACTIVITY=9} 20. “Activityc” {ACTIVITY=10 AND ACTIVITYC=RESPONSE}; 21. activity {ACTIVITY=10 AND ACTIVITYC<>RESPONSE} 22. DK/REF {ACTIVITY=-8/-9 OR WRKHRS= -8/-9 OR STUDYHRS= -8/-9 OR USUAL= -8/-9 OR Sickhrs=-8/-9}

Variable name	Startmo
Variable label	Start month of current economic activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{IF DACTIVITY=1-14}
Question text	When did this period of {Dactivitytxt} start? Please give the month and the year. If you don’t know the precise month please give your best estimate.
Answer categories	1. January 2. February 3. March 4. April 5. May 6. June 7. July 8. August 9. September 10. October 11. November 12. December

Variable name	Startyr
Variable label	Start year of current economic activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{IF DACTIVITY=1-14}
Question text	When did this period of {Dactivitytxt} start? Please give the month and the year. If you don't know the precise month please give your best estimate.
Answer categories	Range: 2000…current year

Variable name	Startyrchk
Variable label	Start year of current economic activity check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF STARTYR>1999 AND STARTYR<2016
Question text	You have said that this period of {Dactivitytxt} started in Startyr. Is that correct?
Answer categories	1. Yes [scripter – continue] 2. No [scripter: return to Startyr, set dummy variable Startyrchk _flag=1}

Variable name	Jobintro
Variable label	Current job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	The next questions are about your current job (IF Dactivity=11 ‘, which you said is unpaid/voluntary work’; IF Dactivity=12 ', which you said is an apprenticeship'). If you have more than one job, please think about your main job when answering these questions.
Answer categories	

Variable name	Jtitle
Variable label	Job title (current or the one being trained to do)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	What is {Dactivity=1, 2, 3, 4: ‘your current job title’; Dactivity=11 'the job title for the unpaid/voluntary work you are doing'; Dactivity=12: ‘the title of the job you are being trained to do’}?
Answer categories	STRING{200}

Variable name	Jobdo
Variable label	Main activities in job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	Please describe in your own words what you mainly do in {Dactivity=1, 2, 3, 4: ‘your job’; Dactivity=11: ‘the unpaid/voluntary work you are doing’; Dactivity=12: ‘the job you are being trained to do’}. Please describe in detail (for example the type of work, the department you are in, and what level you work at).
Answer categories	STRING{200}

Variable name	JOBDO_chk
Variable label	Main activities in job check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF Jobdo<15 characters
Question text	THIS SEEMS TO BE A VERY SHORT DESCRIPTION. PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE JOB. Is this is a full description of what you mainly do?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM Jobdo, SET DUMMY VARIABLE JOBDO_chk_FLAG=2}

Variable name	FIRM
Variable label	Main product of firm or organisation
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	{Dactivity=3, 4: ‘What does your firm or organisation’; Dactivity=1, 2, 11: ‘What does the firm or organisation you do unpaid/voluntary work for‘; Dactivity=12: ‘What does the firm or organisation where you are being trained’} mainly make or do? Please describe in detail (for example manufacturing, processing or distribution, goods produced, materials used, wholesale or retail). (If Dactivity=3,4: 'If you work for yourself / are a freelancer, please describe what you do.')
Answer categories	STRING{200}

Variable name	FIRM_chk
Variable label	Main product of firm or organisation check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF FIRM<15 characters
Question text	THIS SEEMS TO BE A VERY SHORT DESCRIPTION. PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS A FULL DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE FIRM OR ORGANISATION MAINLY MAKES OR DOES Is this a full description of what the firm or organisation mainly does?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM FIRM, SET DUMMY VARIABLE FIRM_chk_FLAG=2}

Variable name	ORG
Variable label	Type of organisation work for in main job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 11, 12
Question text	Which type of organisation do you work for in your main job?

Answer categories	1. Private firm, company or PLC 2. Nationalised industry or state corporation 3. Central government or Civil Service 4. Local government or council (including police, fire services and local authority-controlled schools / colleges) 5. University or other grant funded education establishment (include 'opted-out' schools) 6. Health authority or NHS Trust 7. Charity, voluntary organisation or trust 8. Armed forces 9. Some other kind of organisation

Variable name	MAN
Variable label	Whether has managerial duties
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 11, 12
Question text	In your job do you have any managerial duties?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	EMPS
Variable label	Number of people that work for employer (excluding respondent) at the place (building, branch or work site) where they usually work
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 11, 12
Question text	How many people work for your employer at the place where you work?
Answer categories	1. 1-9 2. 10-24 3. 25-99 4. 100-499 5. 500 or more

Variable name	SEMPS
Variable label	Type of self-employment
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF SELF-employed: IF DACTIVITY=3, 4
Question text	Which of the following apply to you?
Answer categories	1. Paid a salary or wage by an agency 2. A sole director of your own limited company 3. Running a business or professional practice 4. A partner in a business or professional practice 5. Working for yourself 6. A sub-contractor 7. Doing freelance work 8. None of these {EXCLUSIVE}

Variable name	SEMPS2
Variable label	Whether works on their own or has employees in main job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF SELF-employed: IF DACTIVITY=3, 4
Question text	In your main job, do you work on your own or do you have employees?
Answer categories	1. On your own (or with partner/s) but no employees 2. With employees

Variable name	SENEMP
Variable label	Number of employees
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF SELF-employed AND works with employees: IF DACTIVITY= 3, 4 AND SEMPS2 = 2
Question text	How many people do you employ at the place where you work?
Answer categories	1. 1-9 2. 10-24 3. 25-99 4. 100-499 5. 500 or more

Variable name	SPECQUAL
Variable label	Whether job requires any special qualifications or training
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	Does this job require any special qualifications or training?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	QUALOTHER
Variable label	Whether job requires any special qualifications or training
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP AND special qualifications ARE required to do the job: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12 AND SPECQUAL = 1
Question text	What special qualifications or training are required?
Answer categories	STRING {200}

Variable name	SEHRS
Variable label	Usual weekly working hours - SE
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF SELF-EMPLOYED: IF DACTIVITY= 3, 4

Question text	How many hours do you usually work a week in your main job? Please round your answer to the nearest hour. If you do not work a usual number of hours, please consider how many hours you work each day across a week and provide an estimate.
Answer categories	Range: 1...168 hours

Variable name	OTIMEANY
Variable label	Whether does paid or unpaid overtime
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 11, 12
Question text	Do you ever do any work which you would regard as paid or unpaid overtime?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	CHOURS1
Variable label	Usual hours per week that works in main job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 11, 12
Question text	In your main job how many hours per week do you usually work, not including meal breaks {IF OTIMEANY=1: 'and overtime'}? Please tell us your usual hours worked nowadays.
Answer categories	Range: 0.1...168 hours (ALLOW DECIMAL PLACES)

Variable name	CHOURS1CHK1
Variable label	Usual hours per week that works in main job check 1
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF USUAL NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK LESS THAN 5 OR MORE THAN 60: CHOURS1<5 OR CHOURS1>60
Question text	You have recorded that { IF METHOD=1: the respondent works/ IF METHOD=2: you work} on average {CHOURS1} hours per week in {IF METHOD=1: their/ IF METHOD=2: your} main job. Is that correct?
Answer categories	1. Yes [scripter – continue] 2. No [scripter: return to CHOURS1, set dummy variable CHOURS1CHK1_flag=1}

Variable name	CHOURS1CHK2
Variable label	Usual hours per week that works in main job check 2
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF IN FULL-TIME PAID WORK AND USUAL HOURS PER WEEK LESS THAN 30: DACTIVITY=1 AND CHOURS1< 30
Question text	You have recorded that { IF METHOD=1: the respondent is/ IF METHOD=2: you are} in full time paid employment but work(IF METHOD=1 s) less than 30 hours per week. Is that correct?
Answer categories	1. Yes [scripter – continue] 2. No [scripter: return to CHOURS1, set dummy variable CHOURS1CHK2_flag=1}

Variable name	CHOURS1CHK3
Variable label	Usual hours per week that works in main job check 2
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	IF IN PART-TIME PAID WORK AND USUAL HOURS PER WEEK MORE THAN 30: DACTIVITY=2 AND CHOURS1>= 30
Question text	You have recorded that { IF METHOD=1: the respondent is/ IF METHOD=2: you are} in part time paid employment but works 30 or more hours per week. Is that correct?
Answer categories	1. Yes [scripter – continue] } 2. No [scripter: return to CHOURS1, set dummy variable CHOURS1CHK3_flag=1

Variable name	CHOURS3
Variable label	Usual weekly hours paid overtime
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP AND WORKS OVERTIME: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 11, 12 AND OTIMEANY=1
Question text	How many hours paid overtime do you usually work per week? Please tell us your usual hours worked nowadays.
Answer categories	Range: 0...100 hours (ALLOW DECIMAL PLACES)

Variable name	CHOURS4
Variable label	Usual weekly hours unpaid overtime
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP AND WORKS OVERTIME: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 11, 12 AND OTIMEANY=1
Question text	How many hours unpaid overtime do you usually work per week? Please tell us your usual hours worked nowadays.
Answer categories	Range: 0...100 hours (ALLOW DECIMAL PLACES)

Variable name	DTOTHRS
Variable label	TOTAL WORKING HOURS
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ALL
Computes	CHOURS1 + CHOURS3 + CHOURS4 (IF CHOURS1=DK/REF set to zero) (IF CHOURS3=DK/REF set to zero) (IF CHOURS4=DK/REF set to zero)
Question text	DERIVED VARIABLE

Variable name	CHOURS5
Variable label	Usual weekly hours – total
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP AND USUAL HOURS WORKED PER WEEK IS GIVEN AND USUAL WEEKLY HOURS OF PAID OR UNPAID OVERTIME IS GIVEN: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 11, 12 AND (CHOURS1=RESPONSE AND (CHOURS3=RESPONSE OR CHOURS4=RESPONSE))
Question text	So, in your main job you usually work {DTOTHRS} hours a week including overtime. Is that about right?
Answer categories	1. Yes, about right 2. No, that's not right {SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM CHOURS1 AND SET DUMMY VARIABLE CHOURS5_FLAG=2}

Variable name	SHIFTWK
Variable label	Whether does shift work in main job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	Does your main job involve shift work?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	SHIFTWKNM
Variable label	Whether does shift work in main job at night/early morning
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12 AND SHIFTWK=1
Question text	Does your main job involve working at night or early morning, after 10pm and up to 7am?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	SHIFTWKFRQ
Variable label	Frequency of working at night between 10pm and 7am
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP AND MAIN JOB INVOLVES SHIFT WORK: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12 AND SHIFTWKNM=1
Question text	About how many days each week, fortnight or month do you work at any time at night or early morning, after 10pm and up to 7am? If you do less than one day a month, please estimate the number of days you do night or early morning shifts across 3, 6 or 12 months.
Answer categories	Range: 0 ... 365 days

Variable name	SHIFTWKFRQP
Variable label	Period of working at night between 10pm and 7am
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP AND MAIN JOB INVOLVES SHIFT WORK: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12 AND SHIFTWKNM=1
Question text	What period does that cover?
Answer categories	1. Week 2. Fortnight 3. 4 Weeks/Calendar month 4. 3 months 5. 6 months 6. Year

Variable name	HRSAUTON
Variable label	Autonomy over working hours
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	How much do you agree or disagree with the statement: 'I can decide the time I start and finish work'?
Answer categories	1. Strongly disagree 2. Disagree 3. Agree 4. Strongly agree

Variable name	ZEROWK
Variable label	Whether has a zero-hours contract
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2
Question text	In your main job, do you have a zero hours contract?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	WRKPLCE
Variable label	Working premises (EMPLOYEES)
Source	NCDS/BCS 2026
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: dactivity = 1,2,11,12
Question text	In your main job, where do you work from? Please select all that apply.
Answer categories	1. At home 2. At your employer's premises 3. Driving or travelling around 4. At one or more other places

Variable name	WRKPLCESE
Variable label	Working premises (SELF- EMPLOYED)
Source	NCDS/BCS 2026
Question level routing	ASK IF self-employed: DACTIVITY= 3,4
Question text	In your main job, where do you work from? Please select all that apply.
Answer categories	1. At home 2. From separate business premises 3. From a van or stall 4. From client's or customer's premises 5. Driving or travelling around 6. From some other place

Variable name	wrkprop
Variable label	Proportion of working week spent working from home
Source	NCDS/BCS 2026
Question level routing	{ASK IF WORK FROM HOME - WRKPLCE=1 OR WRKPLCESE = 1}

Question text	What proportion of your working week do you spend working from home?
Answer categories	Range: 0-100

Variable name	PERMEMP
Variable label	Whether job permanent or not
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF DACTIVITY=1, 2, 11, 12
Question text	Leaving aside your own personal intentions and circumstances, is your job a permanent job or is there some way in which it is not permanent?
Answer categories	1. Permanent 2. Not permanent in some way

Variable name	JOBSATIS
Variable label	Satisfaction with current job
Source	NS32, EWCS
Question level routing	{ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: DACTIVITY = 1,2,3,4,11,12}
Question text	All things considered, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your present job overall?
Answer categories	1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4. Dissatisfied 5. Very dissatisfied

Variable name	LOSEJOB
Variable label	Perceived likelihood of losing the job in the next 12 months
Source	NS32, EWCS (modified)
Question level routing	{ASK IF employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: DACTIVITY = 1,2,11,12}
Question text	Thinking about your employment prospects over the next 12 months. How likely do you think it is that you will lose your job by being sacked, laid-off, or not having your contract renewed during the next 12 months?
Answer categories	1. Very likely 2. Fairly likely 3. Fairly unlikely 4. Very unlikely

Variable name	JOBATT
Variable label	Agreement that the job offers good prospects for career advancement
Source	NS32, EWCS (modified)
Question level routing	{ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship; DACTIVITY = 1,2,3,4,11,12}
Question text	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your job?

Answer categories	GRID ROWS a. My job offers good prospects for career advancement (Carpro) b. I have the feeling of doing useful work (Useful) c. {IF employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: 'The organisation I work for'; IF self-employed: 'My job' motivates me to give my best job performance (Motper) d. My job allows me to learn and develop new skills (Nskill) e. (ASK IF employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship) My immediate manager encourages and supports my development (Support) GRID COLS 1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Disagree 5. Strongly disagree

Variable name	WTASK
Variable label	Whether can choose or change the order of tasks, methods of work, or speed/rate of work
Source	EWCS
Question level routing	{ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: DACTIVITY = 1,2,3,4,11,12}
Question text	How often are you able to choose or change the following aspects of work?
Answer categories	GRID ROW a. your order of tasks b. your methods of work c. your speed or rate of work GRID COLUMN 1. Always 2. Often 3. Sometimes 4. Rarely 5. Never

Variable name	WSKILL
Variable label	Whether skills correspond well with their duties
Source	EWCS
Question level routing	{ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: DACTIVITY = 1,2,3,4,11,12}
Question text	Which of the following statements would best describe your skills in your work?
Answer categories	1. You need further training to cope well with your duties 2. Your present skills correspond well with your duties 3. You have the skills to cope with more demanding duties

Variable name	WKSTRESS
Variable label	Stressfulness of job
Source	NS32, EWCS
Question level routing	{ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship : DACTIVITY = 1,2,3,4,11,12}

Question text	How often do you find your work stressful?
Answer categories	1. Always 2. Often 3. Sometimes 4. Hardly ever 5. Never

Variable name	WDISCR
Variable label	Whether experienced workplace discrimination in the past 12 months
Source	NS32, EWCS
Question level routing	{ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: DACTIVITY = 1,2,3,4,11,12}
Question text	Over the last 12 months at work have you been subjected to discrimination...
Answer categories	GRID ROW a. linked to age b. linked to race, ethnic background or colour c. linked to nationality d. on the basis of your gender e. linked to religion f. linked to disability g. linked to sexual orientation GRID COLUMN 1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	WOTHBEH
Variable label	Whether experienced other negative behaviours at work in the past 12 months
Source	NS32, EWCS
Question level routing	{ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: DACTIVITY = 1,2,3,4,11,12}
Question text	And over the last 12 months at work during the course of your work have you been subjected to any of the following?
Answer categories	GRID ROW a. verbal abuse b. physical violence c. threats d. humiliating behaviours e. unwanted sexual attention f. sexual harassment g. bullying / harassment GRID COLUMN 1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	WHLTH
Variable label	Whether health or safety is at risk because of work

Source	EWCS
Question level routing	{ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: DACTIVITY = 1,2,3,4,11,12}
Question text	All things considered, do you think your health or safety is at risk because of your work?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	REIN
Variable label	Whether has a second job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: dactivity = 1,2,3,4,11,12
Question text	We have collected details about your main job. Do you have a second job?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	Hosj
Variable label	Hours per week usually works in second job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS A SECOND JOB: Rein=1
Question text	In your second job how many hours per week do you usually work, not including meal breaks but including overtime? Please tell us your usual hours worked nowadays. Please round your answer to the nearest hour. If you do not work a usual number of hours, please consider how many hours you work each day across a week and provide an estimate.
Answer categories	RANGE: 1…168 Hours (ALLOW DECIMALS)

Variable name	Hosjchk
Variable label	Hours per week usually works in second job check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF USUAL NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK IN SECOND JOB LESS THAN 5 OR MORE THAN 60: HOSJ<5 OR HOSJ>60:
Question text	You have recorded that {IF METHOD 1: the respondent works/IF METHOD 2: you work} on average {HOSJ} hours per week in {IF METHOD 1: their /IF METHOD 2: your} second job. Is that correct?
Answer categories	1. No {RE-ASK FROM HOSJ, set dummy var Hosjchk_FLAG=1} 2. Yes

Variable name	UNEMPY
Variable label	How came to be unemployed
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF UNEMPLOYED: dactivity = 5}
Question text	Thinking about your current period of unemployment, how did you come to be unemployed?

Answer categories	1. You had a fixed term or temporary job that ended 2. You were made redundant 3. You were dismissed from a job 4. {DISPLAY IF FEMALE: HFCSEX00=2} You left because you were pregnant 5. You left the job for health reasons 6. You left work to care for family members 7. The firm closed down or business failed 8. You just decided to leave 9. You have never worked 10. For some other reason

Variable name	UNEMPOY
Variable label	Other reason how came to be unemployed
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{ASK IF unemployed for other reason: UNEMPY = 10}
Question text	For which other reason did you come to be unemployed?
Answer categories	STRING {100}

Variable name	LOOKJOB
Variable label	Whether currently looking for paid work
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF looking after home and family or unemployed: DACTIVITY =5, 13
Question text	Are you currently looking for paid work?
Answer categories	1. Yes – full-time work (30 hours or more a week) 2. Yes – part-time work (under 30 hours a week) 3. Yes – either full or part time work 4. No - not looking for work

Variable name	AdviceB
Variable label	Methods used in search for employment
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{ASK IF currently looking for paid work: LOOKJOB=1, 2, 3}
Question text	Are you using any of the following in your search for employment?
Answer categories	1. Job Centre 2. Your university or college (e.g. Careers Service, lecturer, website) 3. Media (e.g. newspaper/magazine/advertisement) 4. Employer's website 5. Recruitment agency or website 6. Personal contacts, including family and friends 7. Social media (e.g. LinkedIn) 8. Professional networking 9. Speculative applications 10. Previous employers (including on an internship) 11. Other

Variable name	AdviceBOth
Variable label	Other employment search
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{ASK IF using other sources to look for paid work: AdviceB = 11 }
Question text	What other way are you using in your search for employment?
Answer categories	STRING {100}

Variable name	RNOT
Variable label	Main reason for not looking for work
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF current activity is NOT employed or self-employed but not long-term sick or diSabled and not LOOKING FOR PAID WORK: DACTIVITY = 5, 13AND LOOKJOB=4
Question text	There are many reasons why people may choose not to look for work. What is the main reason that you are not looking for work?
Answer categories	1. Lack of relevant qualifications 2. Lack of work experience 3. No jobs available that I am prepared to do 4. I don't know how to look for work 5. Travelling to work is difficult 6. No jobs available with the right hours 7. I am in full-time education 8. I am on a training course 9. My family would lose benefits if I was earning 10. I am caring for an elderly or ill relative or friend 11. A health condition or disability prevents me 12. I prefer not to work 13. I prefer to be at home with the family rather than working 14. I prefer to look after my children myself {IF has children under 16: DUMCHLD16} 15. I cannot earn enough to pay for childcare {IF has children under 16: DUMCHLD16} 16. I cannot find suitable childcare {IF has children under 16: DUMCHLD16} 17. My child has a health condition or disability {IF has children under 16: DUMCHLD16} 18. I have a new baby {IF has children under 16: DUMCHLD16} 19. Other

Variable name	LIKEJOB
Variable label	Whether would like to have a regular paid job, even if only for a few hours a week
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF current activity is NOT employed or self-employed but not long-term sick or dsSabled and not LOOKING FOR PAID WORK: DACTIVITY = 5,13 AND LOOKJOB=4
Question text	Although you are not looking for work, would you like to have a regular paid job, even if only for a few hours a week?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	Advice
Variable label	How found out about current/last job

Source	NS32
Question level routing	{ASK IF EVER BEEN EMPLOYED (EXCLUDING SELF-EMPLOYED): EVER_PREVIOUSLY_EMPLOYED =1 OR EMPCOUNT>0 }
Question text	Now thinking about your experience of searching for employment. How did you find out about your {IF employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship ECONACT2: 1,2, 11,12: 'current job'; ELSE: 'last job (where you were not self-employed)'}?
Answer categories	1. Job Centre 2. Your university or college (e.g. Careers Service, lecturer, website) 3. Media (e.g. newspaper/magazine/advertisement) 4. Employer's website 5. Recruitment agency or website 6. Personal contacts, including family and friends 7. Social media (e.g. LinkedIn) 8. Professional networking 9. Speculative applications 10. Already worked there (including on an internship) 11. Other

Variable name	Qualhelp
Variable label	Whether needed highest qualification to get current job
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{ASK IF EVER BEEN EMPLOYED (EXCLUDING SELF-EMPLOYED): EVER_PREVIOUSLY_EMPLOYED =1 OR EMPCOUNT>0 }
Question text	Did you need your highest qualification to get your {IF in work or apprenticeship ECONACT2: 1,2,11,12: 'current job'; ELSE: 'last job (where you were not self-employed)'} ?
Answer categories	1. Yes: the qualification was a formal requirement 2. Yes: while the qualification was not a formal requirement, it did give me an advantage 3. No: none of my qualifications were required 4. No: my highest qualification was not a requirement but I was required to have some form of qualification which I have completed

Section	ACTIVITY HISTORY
Source	NS
Routing	ASK ALL
Description	ACTIVITY HISTORIES WILL COVER THE PERIOD FROM FIRST LEAVING FULL-TIME EDUCATION TO AGE 27 AND WILL COLLECT INFORMATION ON: • Periods spent in: ◦ Employment ◦ Self-employment ◦ Unpaid or voluntary work ◦ Unemployment ◦ Education (school, college or university) ◦ Apprenticeships ◦ Government employment or training schemes ◦ Sickness or disability ◦ Looking after home or family • Whether employment was full-time or part-time • Whether periods of education were full-time or part-time (including the type of institution attended) • The start and end dates of each activity • The reason(s) each activity ended Full occupational details (job title, job description and industry) will be collected for: • The first job after leaving full-time education • The job held at age 23 (Sweep 8) where these details are not already available • Current employment at age 27 [The approach to collecting activity histories is still to be determined, either working backwards from current employment to first leaving full-time education or forwards from first leaving full-time education to current employment.]

Education

Module	**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**
Module summary	EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS WILL COVER: 1. Qualifications obtained Information will be collected on all qualification types obtained since the last interview. For cohort members interviewed at age 23, this will cover qualifications obtained since age 23. For cohort members who did not participate at age 23, this will cover qualifications obtained since their most recent interview - either at age 17 or earlier. Detailed follow-up questions will be asked only for the highest qualification type obtained since the last interview including: • Number of qualifications (where relevant) • Institution attended (where relevant) • Subject and grade • Date achieved We will seek to obtain detailed information on lower-level qualifications through education-record linkage. 2. Qualifications currently being studied Information will be collected on all qualification types that cohort members are currently studying towards. To minimise respondent burden, only the qualification type will be recorded at this sweep. Detailed information will be collected at a future sweep once the qualification has been completed.

Variable name	EDUINTRO
Variable label	Educational qualification - Intro
Source	
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The next questions are about any educational courses and qualifications that you may have done since you were last interviewed.
Answer categories	

Variable name	NEWQUAL
Variable label	New academic qualifications since last interview
Source	BCS/NCDS
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Since {FF_INTMONTH}{FF_INTYEAR}, have you obtained any recognised academic, vocational or professional qualifications, including any qualifications gained overseas? Please consider only qualifications you have completed, not those you are currently studying for.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	ACAQ2
Variable label	Academic qualifications gained since last interview
Source	MCS8 (modified)
Question level routing	ASK IF NEW QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED SINCE THE LAST INTERVIEW : NEWQUAL = 1
Question text	Which, if any, of these qualifications {IF IN SWEEP8: 'have you obtained since FF_INTMONTH FF_INTYEAR'}{IF NOT IN SWEEP 8: 'do you hold'}? Please include only qualifications you have completed, not those you are currently studying for.
Answer categories	1. PHDD: Doctorate (PhD) 2. MAST: Master's Degree (MA, MSc, MPhil) 3. PGCE: Post-graduate diplomas and certificates (including PGCEs, law conversion course or similar, post-graduate medical qualifications) 4. BACH: First/Bachelor's Degree (BA, BSc, B.Ed) 5. DIPH: Diploma in higher education or other higher education qualification (e.g. CertHE, DipHE, Foundation Degree) 6. ALEV: A Level or A2 Level 7. ASLE: AS Level 8. HIGHX: Advanced Higher (Scotland) 9. HIGH: Higher (Scotland) 10. CPNX: Cambridge Pre-U 11. EXTE: Extended Project Qualification 12. GCSE:GCSE 13. IGCS: iGCSE 14. FIVE: National 5 (Scotland) 15. FOUR: National 4 (Scotland) 16. NONE: None of them {EXCLUSIVE}

Variable name	VOCQ
Variable label	Vocational qualifications gained since last interview
Source	MCS8 (modified)
Question level routing	ASK IF NEW QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED SINCE THE LAST INTERVIEW: NEWQUAL = 1
Question text	Which, if any, of these other qualifications have you obtained since FF_INTMONTH FF_INTYEAR'}?

Answer categories	1. BTNW: BTEC 2. NSVA: NVQ/SVQ 3. HNDA: Higher National Diploma (HND) 4. HNCA: Higher National Certificate (HNC), 5. SCVA: National Certificate (Scotland) 6. CGVA: City and Guilds Technicals 7. PDAA: Professional Development Award (Scotland) 8. SQVA: National Progression Award (Scotland) 9. SAVA: SQA Award (Scotland) 10. SSFA: Skills for Work (SfW) National Course (Scotland) 11. CTVA: Cambridge Technicals (Awards, Certificates, or Diploma) 12. CNVA: Cambridge Nationals 13. ELVA: Entry Level Certificate 14. ESSA: Essential Skills, Skills for Life, Functional Skills. 15. AWVA: Other Award (QCF or equivalent) 16. CRVA: Other Certificate (QCF or equivalent) 17. DPVA: Other Diploma (QCF or equivalent) 18. OTVA: Other vocational, technical, or professional qualification (PLEASE SPECIFY: OVNO) {OVNO: TEXTBOX FOR OPEN TEXT: STRING 200) 19. VDLA: Vocational Driving License 20. NONE: None of the above

Section	**HIGHEST QUALIFICATION DETAILS**
Source	MCS8
Routing	ASK ABOUT THE HIGHEST QUALIFICATION ACHIEVED FROM THE LIST
Description	Number of qualifications (where relevant) Institution attended (where relevant) Subject and grade Date achieved

Variable name	QNOW
Variable label	Current academic qualifications
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENTLY IN EDUCATION: ACTIVITY= 5
Question text	Which, if any, of these qualifications are you currently studying for? Please only count those you are studying for at the moment.

Answer categories	1. PHDD: Doctorate (PhD) 2. MAST: Master's Degree (MA, MSc, MPhil) 3. PGCE: Post-graduate diplomas and certificates (including PGCEs, law conversion course or similar, post-graduate medical qualifications) 4. BACH: First/Bachelor's Degree (BA, BSc, B.Ed) 5. DIPH: Diploma in higher education or other higher education qualification (e.g. CertHE, DipHE, Foundation Degree) 6. ALEV: A Level or A2 Level 7. ASLE: AS Level 8. HIGHX: Advanced Higher (Scotland) 9. HIGH: Higher (Scotland) 10. CPNX: Cambridge Pre-U 11. EXTE: Extended Project Qualification 12. GCSE:GCSE 13. IGCS: iGCSE 14. FIVE: National 5 (Scotland) 15. FOUR: National 4 (Scotland) 16. NONE: None of them {EXCLUSIVE}

Variable name	VCQC
Variable label	Vocational qualifications currently studying for
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CURRENTLY IN EDUCATION, TRAINING OR APPRENTICESHIP: ACTIVITY= 5, 6, 7
Question text	Which, if any, of these other qualifications are you currently studying for?
Answer categories	1. BTNW: BTEC 2. NSVA: NVQ/SVQ 3. HNDA: Higher National Diploma (HND) 4. HNCA: Higher National Certificate (HNC), 5. SCVA: National Certificate (Scotland) 6. CGVA: City and Guilds Technicals 7. PDAA: Professional Development Award (Scotland) 8. SQVA: National Progression Award (Scotland) 9. SAVA: SQA Award (Scotland) 10. SSFA: Skills for Work (SfW) National Course (Scotland) 11. CTVA: Cambridge Technicals (Awards, Certificates, or Diploma) 12. CNVA: Cambridge Nationals 13. ELVA: Entry Level Certificate 14. ESSA: Essential Skills, Skills for Life, Functional Skills. 15. AWVA: Other Award (QCF or equivalent) 16. CRVA: Other Certificate (QCF or equivalent) 17. DPVA: Other Diploma (QCF or equivalent) 18. OTVA: Other vocational, technical, or professional qualification (PLEASE SPECIFY: OVNO) {OVNO: TEXTBOX FOR OPEN TEXT: STRING 200) 19. VDLA: Vocational Driving License 20. NONE: None of the above

Variable name	DBTU1
Variable label	Whether educational debt accrued
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Do you have any debts for tuition fees or other costs associated with studying, including living expenses? If you had debts for tuition fees or other costs associated with studying but have now paid them off please answer 'Yes'.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	DBTUT
Variable label	Total current educational debt amount
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF DBTU1=1
Question text	How much debt do you have in total for tuition fees or other costs associated with studying, including living expenses? Please include: • any debts you have paid off since completing your courses. • all of your debts from all of your courses Please do not include: • any future debts you have not yet taken out
Answer categories	Range: 0...99,999

Variable name	DBTU3
Variable label	Who indebted to
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF DBTUT>=1
Question text	Who is the debt with?
Answer categories	1. Family member e.g. parent 2. Other private individual 3. Government/ student loan 4. Bank loan 5. Employer 6. Other {String 200}

Income

Variable name	PAYS
Variable label	Whether payslip consulted when answering question
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYEE OR IN APPRENTICESHIP {DACTIVITY= 1,2, 12}

Question text	The next few questions are about your current gross and net pay. [IF NATIONRES=5: If you are receiving income in another country, please remember to convert it into pounds sterling. Some questions may not seem appropriate for people living outside the UK, but please answer as best as you can and use the 'other' or 'don't know' boxes if needed.] You may find it helpful to consult your last payslip when answering. Do you have this to hand, or can you view it online?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	GROA
Variable label	Gross pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF EMPLOYEE OR IN APPRENTICESHIP {(DACTIVITY= 1, 2, 12) OR (NEGRCK = 2, 4) OR (GROWCK=2)}
Question text	In your main job how much is your gross pay, that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans? Include any overtime, bonuses, commissions, tips or tax refunds. You can give a weekly, monthly or yearly amount or an amount covering another period.
Answer categories	Range: 0...9999997

Variable name	GROP
Variable label	Gross pay period
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF EMPLOYEE OR IN APPRENTICESHIP {(DACTIVITY= 1, 2, 12) OR (NEGRCK = 2, 4) OR (GROWCK=2)}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Calendar month 3. One year 4. Other period

Variable name	GROO
Variable label	Gross pay period – Other
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF GROP IS OTHER {GROP=4}
Question text	What period does this cover?

Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Three weeks 4. Four weeks 5. Calendar month 6. Two Calendar months 7. Eight times a year 8. Nine times a year 9. Ten times a year 10. Three months/13 weeks 11. Six months/26 weeks 12. One Year/12 months/52 weeks 13. Less than one week 14. One off/lump sum 15. Other period (please write in the box below) {VARLAB OGROO – STRING 100}

Variable name	GROW
Variable label	Computed gross pay per week
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	COMPUTE ONLY COMPUTED IF {GROA>=0 AND ((GROP=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4) OR (GROO=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12))}.
Computes	IF GROP = 1 OR GROO = 1: GROW = GROA IF GROO = 2: GROW = GROA/2 IF GROO = 3: GROW = GROA/3 IF GROO = 4 GROW = GROA/4 IF GROP = 2 OR GROO = 5: GROW = GROA/4.33 IF GROO = 6: GROW = GROA/8.66 IF GROO = 7: GROW = GROA/6.5 IF GROO = 8: GROW = GROA/5.77 IF GROO = 9: GROW = GROA/5.2 IF GROO = 10: GROW = GROA/13 IF GROO = 11: GROW = GROA/26 IF GROP = 3 OR GROO = 12: GROW = GROA/52

Variable name	GROWCK
Variable label	Gross income check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF GROW IS POPULATED AND {GROW<20 OR GROW>1500}
Question text	So, in your main job your gross pay is £{^GROA} {If GROP=1 OR GROO = 1 ‘per week’, if GROO = 2 ‘every two weeks’, if GROO = 3 ‘every three weeks’, if GROO = 4 ‘every four weeks’, if GROP = 2 OR GROO = 5 ‘per calendar month’, if GROO = 6 ‘every two calendar months’, if GROO = 7 ‘eight times a year’, if GROO = 8 ‘nine times a year’, if GROO = 9 ‘ten times a year’, if GROO = 10 ‘every three months’, if GROO = 11 ‘every six months’, if GROP = 3 OR GROO = 12 ‘per year’}. That is approximately equivalent to £GROW per week or £GROW*4.333 per month or £GROW*52 per year. Is that about right?
Answer categories	1. Yes, about right 2. No, that’s not right

Variable name	GROP4
Variable label	Period over which would most easily be able to tell main job’s gross pay

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PERIOD IS NOT PROVIDED: { GROP= -8,-9 OR GROO = -8,-9}
Question text	Over which period would you most easily be able to estimate your gross pay from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. One year 6. Other period

Variable name	GAWB
Variable label	Weekly gross pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one week: { GROP4=1 OR ((GROA=-8,-9) AND (GROP=1 OR GROO=1)) }
Question text	Is your weekly gross pay from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans - more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	GAFB
Variable label	Gross pay for two weeks (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is two weeks: GROP4=2 OR ((GROA=-8 OR -9) AND GROO=2)
Question text	Is your gross pay per two weeks from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans - more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	GAMB
Variable label	Gross pay for four weeks or one month (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF period covered is four weeks or one month: {(GROP4=3,4) OR ((GROA=-8 OR -9) AND (GROP=2 OR GROO=4,5)) }
Question text	Is your monthly gross pay from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans and so on - more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	GAYB
Variable label	Gross pay per year or one off/lump sum (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one year or one off/lump sum: {GROP4=5 OR ((GROA=-8 OR -9) AND (GROP = 3 OR GROO=12,14)) }
Question text	Is your {GROP=3 OR GROP4=5 OR GROO=12: 'annual' } {IF GROO =14 'one off/lump sum' gross pay from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans - more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	GAOB
Variable label	Gross pay per month (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF: {GROP4=6 OR -8,-9} OR ((GROA=-8 OR -9) AND (GROO=3,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,15))
Question text	Is your monthly gross pay from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans and so on – more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	NETA
Variable label	Last take-home pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED OR IN APPRENTICESHIP: IF {(DACTIVITY = 1, 2, 12) OR NEGRCK = 3} OR NETWCK=2
Question text	What was your take-home pay the last time you were paid – that is after any deductions were made for tax, National Insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans? You can give a weekly, monthly or yearly amount or an amount covering another period.
Answer categories	Range: 0…9999997

Variable name	NETP
Variable label	Last take-home pay period covered
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED OR IN APPRENTICESHIP: IF {(DACTIVITY = 1, 2, 12) OR NEGRCK = 3 OR NETWCK=2}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Calendar month 3.One year 4.Other period

Variable name	NETO
Variable label	Last take-home pay period covered – Other

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NETP IS OTHER {NETP=4}
Question text	What period did that cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Three weeks 4. Four weeks 5. Calendar month 6. Two calendar months 7. Eight times a year 8. Nine times a year 9. Ten times a year 10. Three months/ 13 weeks 11. Six months/ 26 weeks 12. One Year/ 12 months/ 52 weeks 13. Less than one week 14. One off/lump sum 15. Other period (please write in the box below) {VARLAB: ONETO STRING 100}

Variable name	NETW
Variable label	Weekly take-home pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	COMPUTE ONLY COMPUTED IF IF NETA>=0 AND ((NETP=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4) OR NETO=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12)
Computes	IF NETP = 1 OR NETO = 1: NETW = NETA IF NETO = 2: NETW = NETA/2 IF NETO = 3: NETW = NETA/3 IF NETO = 4 NETW = NETA/4 IF NETP = 2 OR NETO = 5: NETW = NETA/4.33 IF NETO = 6: NETW = NETA/8.66 IF NETO = 7: NETW = NETA/6.5 IF NETO = 8: NETW = NETA/5.77 IF NETO = 9: NETW = NETA/5.2 IF NETO = 10: NETW = NETA/13 IF NETO = 11: NETW = NETA/26 IF NETP = 3 OR NETO = 12: NETW = NETA/52

Variable name	NETWCK
Variable label	Net income check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NETW IS POPULATED
Question text	So, in your main job your take home pay is £{^NETA}{If NETP=1 OR NETO = 1 ‘per week’, if NETO = 2 ‘every two weeks’, if NETO = 3 ‘every three weeks’, if NETO = 4 ‘every four weeks’, if NETP = 2 OR NETO = 5 ‘per calendar month’, if NETO = 6 ‘every two calendar months’, if NETO = 7 ‘eight times a year’, if NETO = 8 ‘nine times a year’, if NETO = 9 ‘ten times a year’, if NETO = 10 ‘every three months’, if NETO = 11 ‘every six months’, if NETP = 3 OR NETO = 12 ‘per year’}. That is approximately equivalent to £NETW per week or £NETW*4.333 per month or £NETW*52 per year. Is that about right?
Answer categories	1 Yes, about right 2 No, that’s not right

Variable name	NEGRCK
Variable label	Net and Gross pay check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF net pay is greater than gross pay {NETW> GROW}
Question text	You have said that your gross pay is £{^GROA} {{If GROP=1 OR GROO = 1 'per week', if GROO = 2 'every two weeks', if GROO = 3 'every three weeks', if GROO = 4 'every four weeks', if GROP = 2 OR GROO = 5 'per calendar month', if GROO = 6 'every two calendar months', if GROO = 7 'eight times a year', if GROO = 8 'nine times a year', if GROO = 9 'ten times a year', if GROO = 10 'every three months', if GROO = 11 'every six months', if GROP = 3 OR GROO = 12 'per year'} and that your net pay is £{^NETA} [If NETP=1 OR NETO = 1 'per week', if NETO = 2 'every two weeks', if NETO = 3 'every three weeks', if NETO = 4 'every four weeks', if NETP = 2 OR NETO = 5 'per calendar month', if NETO = 6 'every two calendar months', if NETO = 7 'eight times a year', if NETO = 8 'nine times a year', if NETO = 9 'ten times a year', if NETO = 10 'every three months', if NETO = 11 'every six months', if NETP = 3 OR NETO = 12 'per year'}. This means that your net pay is higher than your gross pay. Normally net pay is less than gross pay because it is the amount received after deductions such as tax, National Insurance and pensions have been made from gross pay. Are you sure the amounts/time periods you have said are correct?
Answer categories	1 Yes, these amounts/ time periods are correct 2 No – gross pay/ time period is incorrect (RE-ASK FROM GROA, SET DUMMY VARIABLE NEGRCK_FLAG=2) 3 No – net pay/ time period is incorrect (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM NETA) SET DUMMY VARIABLE NEGRCK_FLAG=3 4 No – gross and net pay/time periods are incorrect (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM GROA) SET DUMMY VARIABLE NEGRCK_FLAG=4

Variable name	NETP4
Variable label	Take-home pay period covered
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF PERIOD IS NOT PROVIDED ASK IF {(NETP = -8, -9) OR (NETO = -8, -9) }
Question text	What period was covered by your take-home pay the last time you were paid, after any deductions were made for tax, National Insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. One year 6. Other period

Variable name	NAWB
Variable label	Last weekly take-home pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one week {NETP4=1 OR ((NETA=-8,-9) AND (NETP=1 OR NETO=1)) }
Question text	The last time you were paid, was your weekly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	NAFB
Variable label	Last take-home pay for two weeks (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF period covered is two weeks {NETP4=2 OR (NETA=-8,-9 AND NETO = 2) }
Question text	The last time you were paid, was your take-home pay for two weeks more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	NAMB
Variable label	Last take-home pay for four weeks or one month (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is four weeks or one month {NETP4=3,4 OR ((NETA=-8,-9) AND (NETP=2 OR NETO=4,5)) }
Question text	The last time you were paid, was your monthly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	NAYB
Variable label	Last take-home pay per year or one off/lump sum (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one year or one off/lump sum {NETP4=5 OR ((NETA=-8 OR -9) AND (NETP = 3 OR (NETO=12,14)) }
Question text	The last time you were paid, was your {NETP=3 OR NETP4=5 OR NETO=12: 'annual' } {NETO = 14 'one off/lump sum'} take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	NAOB
Variable label	Last monthly take-home pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF: {NETP4= 6 OR -8,-9 } OR ((NETA=-8 OR -9) AND (NETO=3,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,15))
Question text	The last time you were paid, was your monthly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PUSL
Variable label	Whether this is usual take-home pay
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF NET INCOME GIVEN IN NETA OR IN UNFOLDING BRACKETS: {IF (NETA>=0) OR (NAWB= 1,2,3) OR (NAFB= 1,2,3) OR (NAMB= 1,2,3) OR (NAYB= 1,2,3) OR (NAOB= 1,2,3)}
Question text	Is this your usual take-home pay?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	USLA
Variable label	Usual take-home pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF LAST TAKE HOME PAY NOT USUAL PAY {PUSL=2 OR USLWCHK = 2}
Question text	What is your usual take-home pay? You can give a weekly, monthly or yearly amount or an amount covering another period.
Answer categories	Range: 0...9999997

Variable name	USLP
Variable label	Usual take-home pay period covered
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF LAST TAKE HOME PAY NOT USUAL PAY {PUSL=2 OR USLWCHK = 2}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Calendar month 3. One year 4. Other period

Variable name	USLO
Variable label	Usual take-home pay period covered – Other
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF USLP OTHER PERIOD {USLP = 4}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Three weeks 4. Four weeks 5. Calendar month 6. Two calendar months 7. Eight times a year 8. Nine times a year 9. Ten times a year 10. Three months/ 13 weeks 11. Six months/ 26 weeks 12. One year/ 12 months/ 52 weeks 13. Less than one week 14. One off/ lump sum 15. Other period (please write in the box below) {VARLAB OUSLO STRING 100}

Variable name	USLW

Variable label	Usual weekly take-home pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	COMPUTE ONLY COMPUTED IF USLA>=0 AND ((USLP=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4) OR (USLO=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12))
Computes	IF USLP = 1 OR USLO = 1: USLW = USLA IF USLO = 2: USLW = USLA/2 IF USLO = 3: USLW = USLA/3 IF USLO = 4 USLW = USLA/4 IF USLP = 2 OR USLO = 5: USLW = USLA/4.33 IF USLO = 6: USLW = USLA/8.66 IF USLO = 7: USLW = USLA/6.5 IF USLO = 8: USLW = USLA/5.77 IF USLO = 9: USLW = USLA/5.2 IF USLO = 10: USLW = USLA/13 IF USLO = 11: USLW = USLA/26 IF USLP = 3 OR USLO = 12: USLW = USLA/52

Variable name	USLWCHK
Variable label	Usual weekly take-home pay check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF USLW IS POPULATED AND {USLW< 20 OR USLW>1500}
Question text	So your usual take-home pay is £{^USLA} [If USLP=1 OR USLO = 1 'per week', if USLO = 2 'every two weeks', if USLO = 3 'every three weeks', if USLO = 4 'every four weeks', if USLP = 2 OR USLO = 5 'per calendar month', if USLO = 6 'every two calendar months', if USLO = 7 'eight times a year', if USLO = 8 'nine times a year', if USLO = 9 'ten times a year', if USLO = 10 'every three months', if USLO = 11 'every six months', if USLP = 3 OR USLO = 12 'per year'. That is approximately equivalent to £USLW per week or £USLW*4.333 per month or £ USLW*52 per year." Is that about right?
Answer categories	1. Yes, about right 2. No, that's not right

Variable name	USLP4
Variable label	Usual take-home pay period covered
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PERIOD IS DK/REF {ASK IF (USLP = -8, -9) OR (USLO = -8, -9) }
Question text	Over which period would you most easily be able to tell us about your usual take-home pay from your main job, after any deductions were made for tax, National Insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. One year 6. Other period

Variable name	USWB
Variable label	Weekly Usual take-home pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK If period covered is one week {USLP4=1 OR ((USLA=-8,-9) AND (USLP=1 OR USLO=1)) }
Question text	Is your usual weekly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	USFB
Variable label	Usual take-home pay for two weeks (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK If period covered is two weeks {USLP4=2 OR (USLA=-8,-9 AND USLO = 2) }
Question text	Is your usual take-home pay per two weeks more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	USMB
Variable label	Usual take-home pay for four weeks or one month (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK If period covered is four weeks or one month {USLP4=3,4 OR ((USLA=-8,-9) AND (USLP=2 OR USLO=4,5)) }
Question text	Is your usual monthly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	USYB
Variable label	Usual take-home pay per year or one off/lump sum (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one year or one off/lump sum {USLP4=5 OR ((USLA=-8 OR -9) AND (USLP = 3 OR (USLO=12,14))) }
Question text	Is your usual {USLP=3 OR USLP4=5 OR USLO=12: 'annual'} {USLO=14 'one off/lump sum'} take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	USOB
Variable label	Usual monthly take-home pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF: {USLP4= 6 OR -8, -9} OR ((USLA=-8 OR -9) AND (USLO=3,6,7,8,9,10,11,13, 15))
Question text	Is your usual monthly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?

Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	SEPA
Variable label	Self-employed take home income of the last 12 months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF self-employed {DACTIVITY =3,4}
Question text	It is sometimes difficult for self-employed people to give an exact figure for their income, but could you please think about your take-home income in the last 12 months, that is the amount you personally took out of the business after all taxes and costs – about how much is this?
Answer categories	Range: 0...9999997

Variable name	SEPA1
Variable label	Self-employed take home income for the last 12 months (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF amount of take home pay NOT given {SEPA = -8,-9}
Question text	Was it more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	SJUA
Variable label	Usual take-home income from second job
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF HAVE A SECOND JOB ASK IF {REIN=1}
Question text	After tax and deductions, how much are you usually paid in your second job? You can give a weekly, monthly or yearly amount or an amount covering another period.
Answer categories	Range: 0...9999997

Variable name	SJUP2
Variable label	Usual take-home income from second job period covered
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF HAVE A SECOND JOB ASK IF {REIN=1}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Calendar month 3. One year 4. Other period

Variable name	SJUP3
Variable label	Usual take-home income from second job period covered - other

Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF SJUP2 IS OTHER ASK IF {SJUP2=4}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Three weeks 4. Four weeks 5. Calendar month 6. Two calendar months 7. Eight times a year 8. Nine times a year 9. Ten times a year 10. Three months/ 13 weeks 11. Six months/ 26 weeks 12. One year/ 12 months/ 52 weeks 13. Less than one week 14. One off/lump sum 15. Other period (please write in the box below) {VARLAB OSJUP3: STRING 100}

Variable name	SJUW
Variable label	Computed usual take-home income from second job per week
Source	NS32
Question level routing	COMPUTE ONLY COMPUTED IF (SJUA>=0 AND ((SJUP2=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4) OR SJUP3=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12)).
Computes	IF SJUP2 = 1 OR SJUP3= 1: SJUW = SJUA IF SJUP3= 2: SJUW = SJUA /2 IF SJUP3= 3: SJUW = SJUA /3 IF SJUP3= 4 SJUW = SJUA /4 IF SJUP2 = 2 OR SJUP3= 5: SJUW = SJUA /4.33 IF SJUP3= 6: SJUW = SJUA /8.66 IF SJUP3= 7: SJUW = SJUA /6.5 IF SJUP3= 8: SJUW = SJUA /5.77 IF SJUP3= 9: SJUW = SJUA /5.2 IF SJUP3= 10: SJUW = SJUA /13 IF SJUP3= 11: SJUW = SJUA /26 IF SJUP2 = 3 OR SJUP3= 12: SJUW = SJUA /52

Variable name	SJUWCK
Variable label	Usual take-home income from second job check
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF {SJUW<20 OR SJUW>1500}
Question text	You have said that the usual take-home pay that you receive is £{^SJUA} {If SJUP2=1 OR SJUP3 = 1 ‘per week’, if SJUP3= 2 ‘every two weeks’, if SJUP3= 3 ‘every three weeks’, if SJUP3= 4 ‘every four weeks’, if SJUP2= 2 OR SJUP3= 5 ‘per calendar month’, if SJUP3= 6 ‘every two calendar months’, if SJUP3= 7 ‘eight times a year’, if SJUP3= 8 ‘nine times a year’, if SJUP3= 9 ‘ten times a year’, if SJUP3= 10 ‘every three months’, if SJUP3= 11 ‘every six months’, if SJUP2= 3 OR SJUP3= 12 ‘per year’} in your second job. Is this correct?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	SJUP4
Variable label	Usual take-home income from second job usual period covered
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF (SJUP2 = -8,-9) OR (SJUP3 = -8,-9)
Question text	Over which period would you most easily be able to tell us about your usual take-home pay from your second job, after any deductions were made for tax, National Insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. One year 6. Other period

Variable name	SJWB
Variable label	Weekly take home income second job (brackets)
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one week: {SJUP4 =1 OR ((SJUA=-8,-9) AND (SJUP2=1 OR SJUP3=1)) }
Question text	Is your usual weekly take-home pay from your second job more than {amount}, less than {amount}, or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	SJFB
Variable label	Take home income second job for two weeks (brackets)
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is two weeks ({SJUP4=2} OR (SJUA=-8,-9 AND SJUP3 = 2))
Question text	Is your usual take-home pay per two weeks from your second job more than {amount}, less than {amount}, or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	SJMB
Variable label	Take home income second job for four weeks or one month(brackets)
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is four weeks or one month {SJUP4 =3,4 OR ((SJUA=-8,-9) AND (SJUP2=2 OR SJUP3=4,5)) }
Question text	Is your usual monthly take-home pay from your second job more than {amount}, less than {amount}, or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	SJYB
Variable label	Take home income second job per year or in a one off/lump sum (brackets)
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one year: {SJUP4=5 OR ((SJUA=-8 OR -9) AND (SJUP2 = 3 OR (SJUP3=12,14))) }
Question text	Is your usual {SJUP4 = 5 OR SJUP2 = 3 OR SJUP3 = 12: 'annual'} {SJUP3 = 14 'one off/lump sum' take-home pay from your second job more than {amount}, less than {amount}, or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	SJOB
Variable label	Monthly take home income second job (brackets)
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF {SJUP4=6 OR -8,-9} OR ((SJUA=-8 OR -9) AND (SJUP3=3,6,7,8,9,10,11,13, 15))
Question text	Is your usual monthly take-home pay from your second job more than {amount}, less than {amount}, or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	OCIN
Variable label	Other income from paid work
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	{DACTIVITY =1,2,3,4,12: You have already told us about your income from your main job {REIN=1: 'and second job'}"} Do you receive any {DACTIVITY =1,2, 3, 4, 12, or REIN=1: 'other'} income from paid work – that means from regular jobs, odd jobs or casual work?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	HOWK
Variable label	Hours worked last calendar month in regular jobs, odd jobs or casual work
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF RECEIVE INCOME FROM OTHER JOBS {OCIN=1}
Question text	In the last calendar month , how many hours did you work in { DACTIVITY =1,2,3,4,12, or REIN=1: 'other'} regular jobs, odd jobs or casual work?
Answer categories	RANGE: 1…744 hours

Variable name	EASE
Variable label	Take-home pay from other work last calendar month
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF RECEIVE INCOME FROM OTHER JOBS {OCIN=1}

Question text	After tax and any other deductions, how much did you earn from this work in the last calendar month?
Answer categories	Range: 0...9999997

Variable name	EASB
Variable label	Monthly take-home pay from other work (brackets)
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF NO AMOUNT IN EASE {EASE=-8,-9}
Question text	Was your monthly take-home pay from {DACTIVITY =1,2,3,4,12, or REIN=1: 'other'} regular jobs, odd jobs or casual work more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PECONACT2
Variable label	Husband/wife/partners main activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CM HAS A PARTNER IN THE HH If {^ DVHHGLPT =1}
Question text	The next few questions are about {^RESPARTNERNAME }. {IF METHOD =2: If you are not comfortable answering questions on their behalf or think they would be unhappy with you doing so, select - do not wish to answer questions about partner and move on. Which of these best describe what {^ RESPARTNERNAME } is currently doing?
Answer categories	1. Employee 2. Self employed 3. In unpaid/voluntary work 4. Unemployed and seeking work 5. In education at school, college or university 6. Apprenticeship 7. On a government scheme for employment training 8. Sick or disabled 9. Looking after home/family 10. Something else

Variable name	POTHACT
Variable label	Partner other activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PECONACT2 IS SOMETHING ELSE {PECONACT2=10}
Question text	What is {^RESPARTNERNAME currently doing?
Answer categories	String {}

Variable name	PECONACT3
Variable label	Whether partner working full or part-time
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF partner working: {PECONACT2 = 1, 2, 3, 6}
Question text	And is {^RESPARTNERNAME } working full-time or part-time?
Answer categories	1. Full-time (30 or more hours a week) 2. Part-time (under 30 hours a week)

Variable name	PARTSTUDY
Variable label	Whether partner studying full-time or part-time
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF partner in education: {PECONACT2=5}
Question text	And is {^RESPARTNERNAME } studying full-time or part-time?
Answer categories	1. Full-time 2. Part-time

Variable name	PECONACT4
Variable label	Whether partner temporarily or long-term sick or disabled
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF partner sick or disabled: {PECONACT2 = 8}
Question text	And is {^RESPARTNERNAME } temporarily sick or disabled - i.e. for less than six months, or long-term sick or disabled - i.e. for more than six months?
Answer categories	1. Temporarily sick or disabled (less than 6 months) 2. Long term sick or disabled (more than 6 months)

Variable name	UNCR
Variable label	Whether respondent or husband/wife/partner currently receive Universal Credit
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	Universal Credit is a benefit which has been introduced. Some people now receive a single Universal Credit payment which replaces a number of other benefits, including: Income based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Housing Benefit. Are you {If ^DVHHGLPT =1:"{or ^RESPARTNERNAME }"} currently receiving Universal Credit? Include payments you {If ^DVHHGLPT =1: "or {^ RESPARTNERNAME } "} receive jointly with other people.
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No 3 Don't know

Variable name	BENT
Variable label	Benefits
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK ALL OR ASK IF BENTCHK = 2}
Question text	Which, if any, of the following types of payments are you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: "or ^RESPARTNERNAME"} currently receiving? {IF UNCR=1: Do not include any benefits that you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: "or ^RESPARTNERNAME"} are receiving as part of your Universal Credit}

Answer categories	1. Jobseeker's Allowance 2. Income Support 3. Sickness, disability or incapacity benefits (including Employment and Support Allowance or Personal Independence Payments) 4. Pension - including private pensions, State Retirement Pension or pension credit (including guarantee credit, savings credit or housing credit) 5. Child Benefit 6. Tax credits - such as the Working Tax Credit, Disabled Person Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit 7. Any other family related benefit or payment 8. Housing Benefit - including direct payments to your landlord or Council Tax Reduction or relief 9. Carer's Allowance 10. Income from any other state benefit 11. None of these (EXCLUSIVE)

Variable name	BENTCHK
Variable label	Benefit and Universal Credit claim check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF received Universal Credit and other benefits {UNCR =1 AND (BENT =1 or BENT = 2 or BENT =6 or BENT = 8)}
Question text	Can I just check that you (IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: "or ^RESPARTNERNAME") receive {IF BENT = 1 'Jobseeker's Allowance' IF BENT = 2 'Income Support' IF BENT = 6 'Tax credits' IF BENT = 8 'Housing Benefit'} and Universal Credit?
Answer categories	1.Yes, receive all of these benefits 2.No – do not receive all of these benefits (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM BENT) SET DUMMY VARIABLE BENTCHK_FLAG=2
Variable name	BENO
Variable label	Other type of state benefit currently receiving
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF {BENT = 10}
Question text	You said that you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: "or ^RESPARTNERNAME"} receive some other type of state benefit. What kind of benefit is this?
Answer categories	OPEN TEXT BOX: 500 CHARACTERS

Variable name	REPA
Variable label	Whether currently receives any regular payment from any of these sources
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Do you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1 : "or ^RESPARTNERNAME"} currently receive any regular payment from any of these sources?

Answer categories	1. Regular cash help from parents 2. Regular cash help from other relatives or friends outside the household 3. Regular maintenance or child support payments (including payments made through the Child Maintenance Service) from a former partner 4. Education grants or studentships, training or government training scheme allowance 5. Income from investments (include interest on savings) 6. Rent from boarders or lodgers or other property 7. None of these (EXCLUSIVE)

Variable name	TOTINP
Variable label	Household income estimate period
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	We would now like to ask you for your best estimate of your [IF ^DVHHGLPT =1 “and ^RESPARTNERNAME’s”] total take-home income from earnings, benefits and any other source of regular income, after tax and deductions. Over which period could you give your best estimate?
Answer categories	1. Weekly 2. Monthly 3. Annual

Variable name	TOTINA
Variable label	Household income estimate quantiles
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF can provide best estimate of total take-home income {TOTINP = 1, 2,3 OR -8}
Question text	In which of the following bands is your {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^ RESPARTNERNAME’s”} {IF TOTINP = 1, 2,3: ‘{TOTINP}’; IF TOTINP = -8: ‘monthly’} take-home income from earnings, benefits and any other source of regular income, after tax and deductions? Please include council tax benefit/ housing benefit payments even if they are paid directly to your landlord.
Answer categories	1. {TOTINP=1: 'Less than £110', TOTINP = 2 OR -8: 'Less than £500', TOTINP = 3: 'Less than £6000'} 2. {TOTINP=1: '£110 or more, less than £310', TOTINP = 2 OR -8: '£500 or more, less than £1,300', TOTINP = 3: '£6,000 or more, less than £16,000'} 3. {TOTINP=1: '£310 or more, less than £550', TOTINP = 2 OR -8: '£1,300 or more, less than £2,400', TOTINP = 3: '£16,000 or more, less than £30,000'} 4. {TOTINP=1: ‘£550 or more', TOTINP = 2 OR -8: '£2,400 or more', TOTINP = 3: '£30,000 or more'}

Variable name	TOTINB
Variable label	Household income estimate lower
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF take-home income is category 1 {TOTINA=1}
Question text	And in which of the following bands is your {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME’s”} {IF TOTINP = 1,2,3: ‘{TOTINP}’; IF TOTINP = -8: ‘monthly’} take-home income from earnings, benefits and any other source of regular income, after tax and deductions? Please include council tax benefit/ housing benefit payments even if they are paid directly to your landlord.

Answer categories	1. {{TOTINP=1: 'Less than £30' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 'Less than £150' TOTINP = 3 'Less than £1,600'} 2. {TOTINP=1: '£30 or more, less than £50' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£150 or more, less than £200' TOTINP = 3 '£1,600 or more, less than £2,500'} 3. {TOTINP=1: '£50 or more, less than £90' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£200 or more, less than £400' TOTINP = 3 '£2,500 or more, less than £4,500'} 4. {TOTINP=1: ‘£90 or more' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 ‘£400 or more' TOTINP = 3 ‘£4,500 or more'}

Variable name	TOTINC
Variable label	Household income estimate medium
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF take-home income is category 2 {TOTINA=2}
Question text	And in which of the following bands is your { IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME’s”} {IF TOTINP = 1,2,3: ‘{TOTINP}’; IF TOTINP = -8: ‘monthly’} take-home income from earnings, benefits and any other source of regular income, after tax and deductions? Please include council tax benefit/ housing benefit payments even if they are paid directly to your landlord.
Answer categories	1. {TOTINP=1: 'Less than £140' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 'Less than £600' TOTINP = 3 'Less than £7,000'} 2. {TOTINP=1: '£140 or more, less than £210' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£600 or more, less than £900' TOTINP = 3 '£7,000 or more, less than £11,000'} 3. {TOTINP=1: '£210 or more, less than £270' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£900 or more, less than £1,200' TOTINP = 3 '£11,000 or more, less than £14,000'} 4. {TOTINP=1: '£270 or more' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£1,200 or more' TOTINP = 3 '£14,000 or more'}

Variable name	TOTIND
Variable label	Household income estimate upper
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF take-home income is category 3 {TOTINA=3}
Question text	And in which of the following bands is your { IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME’s”} {IF TOTINP = 1,2,3: ‘{TOTINP}’; IF TOTINP = -8: ‘monthly’} take-home income from earnings, benefits and any other source of regular income, after tax and deductions? Please include council tax benefit/ housing benefit payments even if they are paid directly to your landlord.
Answer categories	1. { {TOTINP=1: 'Less than £350' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 'Less than £1,500' TOTINP = 3 'Less than £18,000'} 2. {TOTINP=1: '£350 or more, less than £400' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£1,500 or more, less than £1,700' TOTINP = 3 '£18,000 or more, less than £21,000'} 3. {TOTINP=1: '£400 or more, less than £500' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£1,700 or more, less than £2,200' TOTINP = 3 '£21,000 or more, less than £26,000'} 4. {TOTINP=1: '£500 or more' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£2,200 or more' TOTINP = 3 '£26,000 or more'}

Variable name	TOTINE
Variable label	Household income estimate max
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF take-home income is category 4 {TOTINA=4}

Question text	And in which of the following bands is your { IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME’s”} {IF TOTINP = 1,2,3: ‘{TOTINP}’; IF TOTINP = -8: ‘monthly’} take-home income from earnings, benefits and any other source of regular income, after tax and deductions? Please include council tax benefit/ housing benefit payments even if they are paid directly to your landlord.
Answer categories	1. {TOTINP=1: 'Less than £650' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 'Less than £2,800' TOTINP = 3 'Less than £34,000'} 2. {TOTINP=1: '£650 or more, less than £800' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£2,800 or more, less than £3,500' TOTINP = 3 '£34,000 or more, less than £42,000'} 3. {TOTINP=1: '£800 or more, less than £950' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '£3,500 or more, less than £4,100' TOTINP = 3 '£42,000 or more, less than £49,000'} 4. {TOTINP=1: ' £950 or more' TOTINP = 2 OR -8 '4,100 or more' TOTINP = 3 ' £49,000 or more'}

Variable name	WRK15A
Variable label	Whether member of pension scheme
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	Are you a member of a pension scheme? This could be a scheme run by your employer, or one you have started privately.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	CUREMPEN
Variable label	Whether currently contributing to pension
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{ASK IF HAS A PENSION: Wrk15a =1}
Question text	Are you {IF ECONACT2=1,2: “or your employer”} currently contributing to this pension scheme?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	Wrk15b
Variable label	Whether pension scheme Employer based or non-employer/Personal based
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{ASK IF a member of a private pension scheme {wrk15a=1}}
Question text	What type of pension do you have?
Answer categories	1. Employer provided pension scheme 2. A personal pension plan, such as a Private Personal Pension, a Group Personal Pension, or a Stakeholder Pension 3. None of these

Variable name	Penauto
Variable label	Whether opted out of pension scheme
Source	NCDS

Question level routing	{Ask IF currently employed and says No to being a member of a pension scheme, or No to currently contributing to a pension and earning more than £193 per week: ECONACT2=1,2 AND (wrk15a=2 OR CUREMPEN=2) AND GROW>193}
Question text	In 2012, employers began automatically enrolling employees into workplace pension schemes. Unless you have opted out of a pension scheme you will have been automatically enrolled into one by your employer. Have you ever opted out of a workplace pension scheme with your current employer?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No 3. I am exempt from this scheme(s)

Variable name	MAFI
Variable label	How managing financially these days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How well would you say you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME”} are managing financially these days?
Answer categories	1. Living comfortably 2. Doing alright 3. Just about getting by 4. Finding it quite difficult 5. Finding it very difficult

Variable name	HHMD1
Variable label	Whether able to pay regular bills
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	We would like to ask some more questions about how you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME”}are managing financially. Without cutting back on essentials, are you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME”} able to pay regular bills like rent, mortgage, electricity [{If NATIONRES=1,2,3,} “or Council tax” {IF NATIONRES=4} “Rates”]?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	HHMD2
Variable label	Whether able to put money aside to cover unexpected expenses
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Are you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME”} able to put money aside to cover unexpected expenses?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	HHMD5
Variable label	Home kept adequately warm
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	In cold weather, is your home kept adequately warm?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	IndMD1
Variable label	Regularly have money worries at the end of the month
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Do you regularly have money worries at the end of the month?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	HPLE
Variable label	Whether has received money to pay living expenses in past month
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	In the past month, have you received some money from a family member or relative to help towards paying general living expenses (such as heating, mortgage, rent, food etc.)?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	HLEM
Variable label	How much money received to pay living expenses in past month
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF HPLE=1}
Question text	How much money did you receive to help pay general living expenses in the past month?
Answer categories	RANGE: £1-£10000

Variable name	DEBTINTRO
Variable label	DEBTIntro
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK ALL

Question text	WEB: The next few questions are about any financial commitments you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “or ^RESPARTNERNAME”} might have. CAPI INTERVIEWER: I would now like to ask you a few questions about any financial commitments you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “or ^RESPARTNERNAME”} might have.
Answer categories	

Variable name	DEBT
Variable label	Types of Debt
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Do you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “or ^RESPARTNERNAME”} currently owe money on any of the following? Do not include student loans, mortgages and bank loans on property.
Answer categories	1. Credit cards/ Store cards 2. Loans from a friend or relative 3. Household goods or cars bought on hire purchase 4. Loans from a bank, building society or commercial loan company 5. Social funds 6. Mail order catalogue debt / ‘buy now, pay later’ instalment loans 7. Overdue council tax bill/ utility bills 8. Benefit or tax credit overpayments 9. Other type of debt 10. None of these (EXCLUSIVE)

Variable name	DEBA
Variable label	Total amount owed across all debts (excluding student loans, mortgages and bank loans on property)
Source	NS32
Question level routing	IF ANY DEBT SELECTED {If DEBT=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,9}
Question text	Thinking about all the different types of financial commitments you just mentioned, approximately how much money do you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME”} owe in total? {If more than 1 response at DEBT: “Include {LIST ALL OPTIONS CODED AT DEBT IN SINGLE QUOTE MARKS AND ADD SPACES AFTER COMMAS}”}
Answer categories	Range: 0..99999997

Variable name	DEBP
Variable label	Total amount respondent or spouse/partner owe (brackets)
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF DEBT AMOUNT NOT PROVIDED (DEBA=-8, -9}
Question text	Is the amount that you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: “and ^RESPARTNERNAME”} owe in total more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	SAVI
Variable label	Accounts held
Source	NS32

Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Savings and investments are an important part of some households' finances. Which of these, if any, do you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: "or ^RESPARTNERNAME"} have?
Answer categories	1. A savings account at a bank, building society or elsewhere 2. Premium Bonds or National Savings Accounts or Certificates 3. ISA – Cash or Tessa 4. ISA – stocks and shares or PEPS 5. Stocks and/or Shares (including share options, employee share ownership or share clubs) 6. Unit or Investment Trusts/Bonds and Gilts (government or corporate) 7. Other savings or investments 8. None of these (EXCLUSIVE)

Variable name	INVT
Variable label	Amount of investments and assets
Source	NS32
Question level routing	IF {SAVI=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,7}
Question text	How much do you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1: "and ^RESPARTNERNAME"} have in { {IF SAVI = 1 "'a savings account at a bank, building society or elsewhere', " SAVI =2 "'Premium Bonds or National Savings Accounts or Certificates', " SAVI =3 "'ISAs – Cash or Tessa', " SAVI =4 "'ISAs – stocks and shares or PEPS', " SAVI =5 "'Stocks and/or Shares', " SAVI =6 "'Unit or Investment Trusts/Bonds and Gilts', " SAVI =7 "'Other Savings or Investments', "} } in total?
Answer categories	Range: 0..99999997

Variable name	INVB
Variable label	Amount of investments and assets (brackets)
Source	NS32
Question level routing	ASK IF INVT IS DK OR REF {INVT=-8, -9}
Question text	Is the total amount you {IF ^DVHHGLPT =1:"and" {^RESPARTNERNAME}} have in {LIST ALL OPTIONS CODED AT SAVI IN SINGLE QUOTE MARKS AND ADD SPACES AFTER COMMAS} more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Theme 3: Physical health, mental health and cognitive function

General health and long-standing conditions

Variable name	CGHE
Variable label	How would describe general health
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How would you describe your health generally? {IF METHOD=1} Would you say it is...
Answer categories	1 Excellent 2 Very good 3 Good 4 Fair 5 Poor

Variable name	CLSI
Variable label	Physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting 12 months or more
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	CLSM
Variable label	Areas affected by long standing conditions or illness
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS LONGSTANDING HEALTH CONDITION: CLSI = 1
Question text	Does this/Do any of these condition(s) or illness(es) affect you in any of the following areas?

Answer categories	1 Vision (for example blindness or partial sight) 2 Hearing (for example deafness or partial hearing) 3 Mobility (for example walking short distances or climbing stairs) 4 Dexterity (for example lifting and carrying objects, using a keyboard) 5 Learning or understanding or concentrating 6 Memory 7 Mental health 8 Stamina or breathing or fatigue 9 Socially or behaviourally (for example associated with autism, attention deficit disorder or Asperger's Syndrome) 10 Other (Please write in the box below) {VARNAME CLSO 200} 11 {EXCLUSIVE} : None of these

Variable name	CLSL
Variable label	Whether condition/illness reduces ability to carry out activities
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS LONGSTANDING HEALTH CONDITION: CLSI = 1
Question text	Does this/Do any of these condition(s) or illness(es) reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? {IF METHOD=1: Would you say…}
Answer categories	1 Yes, a lot 2 Yes, a little 3 Not at all

Variable name	CLSP
Variable label	Time ability to carry out activities been reduced
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS LONGSTANDING HEALTH CONDITION AND ACTIVITY IS REDUCED: CLSI = 1 AND CLSL = 1, 2
Question text	For how long has your ability to carry out day-to-day activities been reduced? {IF METHOD=1:Would you say…}
Answer categories	1 Less than six months, 2 Between six months and 12 months 3 12 months or more

Use of health services

Variable name	hserv
Variable label	Health services used last 12 months
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Which of the following health care or treatment services have you used in the last 12 months? Please include services provided by the NHS, local authorities, or private providers. Please select all that apply.

Answer categories	1. GP/doctor 2. Hospital appointment/ outpatient appointment (including diagnostic tests) 3. Hospital treatment or surgery 4. Physiotherapy, occupational therapy or rehabilitation services 5. Chiropodist or podiatrist 6. Nurse appointment or visit 7. Mental health or counselling services 8. Dentist 9. Other health or care service 10. Not used a healthcare/treatment service in last 12 months [EXCLUSIVE]

Variable name	hservo
Variable label	Health services used last 12 months - other
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK IF OTHER HEALTH SERVICE: hserv=9}
Question text	Please enter the type of other health care or treatment service you used in the last 12 months.
Answer categories	STRING{200}

Variable name	serfund
Variable label	Whether privately paid health service last 12 months
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK IF ACCESSED A SERVICE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS: hserv=1-9}
Question text	Were any of the health or treatment services you used in the last 12 months paid for privately?
Answer categories	1.Yes 2. No

Variable name	serprivt
Variable label	Health services that were privately paid last 12 months
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK IF ACCESSED A PRIVATE HEALTH SERVICE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS: serfund=1}
Question text	Which of the health or treatment services you used in the last 12 months were paid for privately?
Answer categories	{LIST ALL FROM hserv}

Variable name	noserv
Variable label	Whether had service access issue last 12 months
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	In the last 12 months, were there any health or treatment services you needed but were unable to access or where the delay in getting care had a negative impact on you (for example, on your health, wellbeing or daily life)?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	noservt

Variable label	Health services with access issue last 12 months
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK IF NOSERV=1}
Question text	In the last 12 months, which of the following health or treatment services were you unable to access or where the delay in getting care had a negative impact on you (for example, on your health, wellbeing or daily life)? Please select all that apply.
Answer categories	1. GP/doctor 2. Hospital appointment/ outpatient appointment (including diagnostic tests) 3. Hospital treatment or surgery 4. Physiotherapy, occupational therapy or rehabilitation services 5. Chiropodist or podiatrist 6. Nurse appointment or visit 7. Mental health or counselling services 8. Dentist 9. Other health or care service

Variable name	noservto
Variable label	Health services with access issue last 12 months - other
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK if other: noservt = 9}
Question text	Please enter the type of other health or treatment service you were unable to access or where the delay in getting care had a negative impact on you (for example, on your health, wellbeing or daily life).
Answer categories	STRING{200}

Variable name	dnoservt
Variable label	Derived variable to textfill in noservreas
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	
Answer categories	1. the GP/doctor (noserv=1) 2. a hospital appointment/ outpatient appointment (noserv =2) 3. a hospital treatment or surgery (noserv =3) 4. physiotherapy, occupational therapy or rehabilitation services (noserv =4) 5. the chiropodist or podiatrist (noserv =5) 6. a nurse appointment or visit (noserv =6) 7. mental health or counselling services (noserv =7) 8. the dentist (noserv =8) 9. {an other health or care or service} (noserv =9)

Variable name	noservreas
Variable label	Status of health service with access issue last 12 months
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{LOOP FOR EACH SERVICE NOT ACCESSED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS: noservt=1-9}
Question text	You said that in the last 12 months you were unable to access {dnoservt} when you needed to. What has happened since then?

Answer categories	1. I have had my appointment 2. I have an appointment booked 3. I am still waiting to get an appointment 4. I still need this service but I am no longer trying to get an appointment 5. I no longer need this service

Menstrual and gynaecological health

Variable name	PEREV
Variable label	Whether ever had a period
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF FEMALE [HFCSEX00=2] AND not recorded as having had a period at previous sweeps (HFPUMN00 = 2,-9,-1)
Question text	Have you ever had a period?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	AGMN
Variable label	Age at first period
Source	MCS6
Question level routing	{IF PEREV=1}
Question text	How old were you when you had your first period? Please enter your age in years
Answer categories	Range: 7-20

Variable name	gynaeprob
Variable label	Whether ever experienced menstrual or gynaecological problems
Source	NEW
Question level routing	{ASK IF FEMALE AT BIRTH}
Question text	Have you ever experienced any menstrual or gynaecological problems? For example, heavy or painful periods, premenstrual symptoms, endometriosis or other gynaecological conditions.
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No 3. Prefer not to say

Variable name	gyneffect
Variable label	Whether menstrual or gynaecological problems reduced ability to carry daily activities in past 12 months
Source	NEW
Question level routing	{ASK IF reported an experience of menstrual or gynaecological problems}
Question text	In the past 12 months, did your menstrual or gynaecological problems reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

Answer categories	1 Yes, a lot 2 Yes, a little 3 Not at all 4. No problems in the past 12 months

Variable name	gynmed
Variable label	Whether ever taken medication for menstrual or gynaecological problems
Source	NEW
Question level routing	{ASK IF reported an experience of menstrual or gynaecological problems}
Question text	Have you ever taken medication to help with these problems?
Answer categories	1. Yes, I am currently taking medication 2. Yes, I have taken medication in the past but not currently 3. No, I have never taken medication

Bodily pain

Variable name	painint4wks
Variable label	Past 4 weeks pain interferes with work
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?
Answer categories	1. Not at all 2. Slightly 3. Moderately 4. Quite a bit 5. Extremely

Physical activity and sedentary behaviour

Variable name	EXERCISEH
Variable label	Number of days per week does exercise for 30 mins or more
Source	MCS8 (NEXT STEP AGE 31/32)
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	On how many days in a typical week do you do 30 minutes or more exercise where you are working hard enough to raise your heart rate and break into a sweat? Include exercise done through work and other day-to-day activities.
Answer categories	0-7 days

Variable name	SedIntro
Variable label	Preamble to sedentary behaviour
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The next few questions are about patterns of activity and sleep.
Answer categories	

Variable name	SEDENTA
Variable label	How much time spends on screen-based sedentary activities on a weekday
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	On a typical weekday , how much time do you spend (from when you wake up until you go to sleep) doing the following? Sitting looking at a screen (including using a computer for work or study, watching TV, playing computer games or using a device for messaging, social media and other online activities)
Answer categories	1. None 2. 15 minutes 3. 1 hour 4. 2 hours 5. 3 hours 6. 4 hours 7. 5 hours 8. 6 hours or more

Variable name	SEDENTB
Variable label	How much time spends on non-screen-based sedentary activities on a weekday
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	On a typical weekday , how much time do you spend (from when you wake up until you go to sleep) doing the following? Sitting doing non-

	screen activities (including reading, playing a musical instrument, listening to music, doing artwork, driving or sitting on a bus or train)
Answer categories	1. None 2. 15 minutes 3. 1 hour 4. 2 hours 5. 3 hours 6. 4 hours 7. 5 hours 8. 6 hours or more

Diet

Variable name	BRKN
Variable label	How often eats breakfast over a week
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you eat breakfast over a week?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Some days, but not all days 3 Every day

Variable name	FRUT
Variable label	How often eats at least 2 portions of fruit per day
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you eat at least 2 portions of fruit per day? A portion of fruit could be a whole piece of fruit, like an apple or banana or 80g of fruit (like in a fruit salad). Juice/smoothies can count as 1 portion per day.
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Some days, but not all days 3 Every day

Variable name	VEGI
Variable label	How often eats at least 2 portions of vegetables per day
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you eat at least 2 portions of vegetables including salad, fresh, frozen or tinned vegetables per day? A portion of vegetables is 3 heaped tablespoons of cooked vegetables or beans/pulses or a handful of cherry tomatoes or a small bowl of salad. It does not include potatoes. Juice/smoothies can count as 1 portion per day.
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Some days, but not all days 3 Every day

Smoking and vaping

Variable name	IntroSDD
Variable label	Smoking behaviour
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	We are now going to ask a few questions about smoking, vaping, drinking and drug use. As always, your answers will be treated completely confidentially but it is important that you are as honest as possible so that we get a true picture of how these issues might affect your generation.
Answer categories	N/A

Variable name	SMOKING
Variable label	Smoking behaviour
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Please read the following statements carefully and decide which ONE best describes you. Do not include vaping (using e-cigarettes).
Answer categories	1. I've never smoked cigarettes 2. I used to smoke cigarettes but don't at all now 3. I now smoke cigarettes occasionally but not every day 4. I smoke cigarettes every day

Variable name	NOFCIGS
Variable label	Number of cigarettes a day usually smokes
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF SMOKING = 4}
Question text	How many cigarettes a day do you usually smoke?
Answer categories	RANGE: 1...99

Variable name	ECIGUSE
Variable label	Whether ever vaped / used an e-cigarette and how regularly
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Please read the following statements carefully and decide which ONE best describes you.
Answer categories	1. I have never vaped / used an e-cigarette 2. I have vaped / used an e-cigarette but don't at all now 3. I now vape / use an e-cigarette occasionally but not every day 4. I vape / use an e-cigarette every day

Alcohol use

Variable name	ALDR

Variable label	How often drinks alcohol
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	How often do you have a drink that contains alcohol?
Answer categories	1. 4 or more times a week 2. 2-3 times a week 3. 2-4 times per month 4. Monthly or less 5. Never

Variable name	AUDIT2
Variable label	Number of drinks on typical day
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF ever drinks alcohol: ALDR= 1,2,3,4
Question text	How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking?
Answer categories	1. 1-2 2. 3-4 3. 5-6 4. 7-9 5. 10 or more

Variable name	AUDIT3
Variable label	How often had six or more drinks on one occasion in the past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF ever drinks alcohol: ALDR= 1,2,3,4
Question text	How often have you had {IF FF_ HFCSEX00=2: “six”, IF FF_ HFCSEX00=1 “eight”} or more drinks on one occasion in the past year?
Answer categories	1. Never 2. Less than monthly 3. Monthly 4. Weekly 5. Daily or almost daily

Drug use

Variable name	DRUGEVER_GRID
Variable label	Whether ever taken each listed drug
Source	MCS8 (MCS7 format adapted)
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The next few questions are about drugs, not including cigarettes and alcohol or prescribed medication. Have you ever taken any of the following? Please select one answer on every row.

Answer categories	GRID ROWS DRAN Cannabis or marijuana (also called Dope, Pot, Blow, Hash, Skunk, Puff, Grass, Draw, Ganja, Spliff, Smoke, Weed or Wacky Backy) DRBN Cocaine powder (also called Coke, Charlie, 'C', Snow, Percy or Toot) DRCN Acid or LSD (also called Trips, Dots, Flash or Smilies) DRKN Other hallucinogenic drugs (such as magic mushrooms, salvia, trance or shrooms) DRDN Ecstasy (also called MDMA, Mandy, Molly, 'E', Mitsubishis, Rolex's, Dolphins, Pills or XTC) DREN Heroin (also called Brown, Smack, Skag, Horse or 'H') DRON Other opiates (including tramadol, codeine, lean or purple drank; do not include medication prescribed for you) DRFN Crack (also called Rocks, Stones, Freebase or Wash) DRGN Speed or amphetamines (also called Whizz, Sulphate or Billy) DRHN Methamphetamine or crystal meth (also called Dexies) DRUS Semeron (also called Sem) DRIN Ketamine (also called 'K', Super K or Green) DRJN Glue, gas, aerosols or solvents (including butane or lighter refills) DRMN Xanax, Valium, diazepam or other benzodiazepines (do not include medication prescribed for you) DRNU Nitrous oxide (also called laughing gas or balloons) DRPN Spice (a synthetic cannabinoid) GRID COLUMNS 1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	DRUGFREQ
Variable label	Frequency each reported drug taken in past year
Source	MCS8 (MCS7 format adapted)
Question level routing	ASK FOR EACH DRUG REPORTED AS EVER TAKEN IN DRUGEVER_GRID
Question text	In the past year, how many times have you taken {drugfill}?
Answer categories	1. Once or twice 2. Three or four times 3. Five to ten times 4. More than ten times 5. Not taken in the past year

Sleep

Variable name	SLLN
Variable label	Usual time taken to fall asleep (last 4 weeks)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last four weeks, how long did it usually take for you to fall asleep?
Answer categories	1. 0-15 minutes 2. 16-30 minutes 3. 31-45 minutes 4. 46-60 minutes 5. More than 60 minutes

Variable name	SLEEP2
Variable label	Average hours slept per night (last 4 weeks)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last four weeks, how many hours did you sleep each night on average?
Answer categories	RANGE 1..15

Variable name	SLEEP2CHK
Variable label	Average hours slept Check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF SLEEP2 >10 OR SLEEP2 < 5
Question text	You have answered that you sleep an average of {SLEEP2} hours. Is this correct?
Answer categories	1. Correct 2. Amend

Variable name	SLTR
Variable label	How often awaken during sleep (last 4 weeks)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the past four weeks, how often did you wake up while sleeping and have trouble falling back to sleep again?
Answer categories	1. All of the time 2. Most of the time 3. A good bit of the time 4. Some of the time 5. A little of the time 6. None of the time

Variable name	SQLT
Variable label	Sleep quality (last 4 week)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the past four weeks, how would you rate your sleep quality overall?
Answer categories	1 Very good 2 Fairly good 3 Fairly bad 4 Very bad

Contraception and sexual health

Variable name	CNTR
Variable label	Types of contraception uses
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Do you or any partner regularly use any of these forms of contraception or protection when having sex together? Please select all that apply.
Answer categories	1. Condom 2. The Pill 3. Implant 4. Injection 5. The coil (e.g. IUS or IUD) 6. Contraceptive patch 7. Vaginal ring 8. The cap/diaphragm 9. Natural cycle/calendar method 10. Withdrawal method 11. Pre-exposure prophylaxis (Prep)drug 12. Emergency Contraception (e.g. morning after pill, emergency IUD/coil) 13. Some other form of contraception or protection 14. Do not use contraception during sex {EXCLUSIVE} 15. Not sexually active {EXCLUSIVE}

Variable name	STIE
Variable label	Whether been tested for STI
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED EVER HAVING BEEN TESTED FOR AN STI
Question text	Have you ever been tested for a sexually transmitted infection or STI?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	STEV
Variable label	Whether been diagnosed with STI
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF BEEN TESTED FOR AN STI
Question text	Have you been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection (such as Chlamydia, gonorrhoea, NSU or genital warts)?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Height, weight and body image

Variable name	HEIGHTUNIT
Variable label	Measurement units for height
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	The next questions are about your height and weight. Would you prefer to answer the height question in metres and centimetres or in feet and inches?

Answer categories	1. Metres and centimetres 2. Feet and inches

Variable name	HTMETRES
Variable label	Height in metres
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF HEIGHTUNIT= 1}
Question text	How tall are you without shoes? If you are unsure, please give your best estimate.
Answer categories	Range: 1...2 metres

Variable name	HTCMS
Variable label	Height in centimetres
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF HEIGHTUNIT= 1}
Question text	
Answer categories	Range: 0...99 centimetres

Variable name	HTFEET
Variable label	Height in feet
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF HEIGHTUNIT= 2}
Question text	How tall are you without shoes? If you are unsure, please give your best estimate.
Answer categories	Range: 3...8 feet

Variable name	HTINCHES
Variable label	Height in inches
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF HEIGHTUNIT= 2}
Question text	Enter inches (0-11)
Answer categories	Range: 0...11 inches

Variable name	WEIGHTUNIT
Variable label	Unit of measurement for weight
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	The next question is about your weight. Would you prefer to answer in kilograms, or stones and pounds?

Answer categories	1. Kilograms 2. Stones and pounds

Variable name	WTKILOS
Variable label	Weight in kilograms
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF WEIGHTUNIT= 1}
Question text	What is your weight without clothes in kilograms? If you are unsure, please give your best estimate.
Answer categories	Range: 20.0...300.0

Variable name	WTSTONE
Variable label	Weight in stones
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF WEIGHTUNIT= 2}
Question text	What is your weight without clothes in stones and pounds? If you are unsure, please give your best estimate.
Answer categories	Range: 4...50 stone

Variable name	WTPOUNDS
Variable label	Weight in pounds
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF WEIGHTUNIT= 2}
Question text	
Answer categories	Range: 0...13 pounds

Variable name	WEGT
Variable label	Perception of weight
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Which of these do you think you are?
Answer categories	1 Underweight 2 About the right weight 3 Slightly overweight 4 Very overweight

Variable name	changewt
Variable label	Whether trying to lose weight, gain weight or stay about the same
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	Are you currently trying to lose weight, gain weight, stay about the same, or are you not trying to do anything about your weight?

Answer categories	1. Lose weight 2. Gain weight 3. Stay about the same 4. Not trying to do anything

Variable name	medsweight
Variable label	Whether ever taken weight loss medications
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	Have you ever taken medication to help you lose weight?
Answer categories	1. Yes, I am currently taking weight-loss medication 2. Yes, I have taken weight-loss medication in the past but not currently 3. No, I have never taken weight-loss medication

Variable name	medsweightpres
Variable label	Whether weight loss med was prescribed
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Question level routing	{IF MEDSWEIGHT=1 OR 2}
Question text	Was the weight-loss medication prescribed by a doctor or other healthcare professional?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Mental health and wellbeing

Variable name	PHDE
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt depressed past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The next few questions are about how you have felt over the last 30 days. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel so depressed that nothing could cheer you up?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PHHO
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt hopeless past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel hopeless?

Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PHRF
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt restless or fidgety past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel restless or fidgety?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PHEE
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt that everything was an effort past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel that everything was an effort?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PHWO
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt worthless past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel worthless?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PHNE
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt nervous past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel nervous?

Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	SATN
Variable label	Life satisfaction nowadays
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays, where 0 means 'not at all' and 10 means 'completely'?
Answer categories	1. 0: Not at all satisfied 2. 1 3. 2 4. 3 5. 4 6. 5 7. 6 8. 7 9. 8 10. 9 11. 10: Completely satisfied

Variable name	WWOP
Variable label	Whether felt optimistic past 2 weeks
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last two weeks. I've been feeling optimistic about the future
Answer categories	1 None of the time 2 Rarely 3 Some of the time 4 Often 5 All of the time

Variable name	WWUS
Variable label	Whether felt useful past 2 weeks
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last two weeks. I've been feeling useful
Answer categories	1 None of the time 2 Rarely 3 Some of the time 4 Often 5 All of the time

Variable name	WWRE
Variable label	Whether felt relaxed past 2 weeks
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last two weeks. I've been feeling relaxed
Answer categories	1 None of the time 2 Rarely 3 Some of the time 4 Often 5 All of the time

Variable name	WWDE
Variable label	Whether been dealing with problems well past 2 weeks
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last two weeks. I've been dealing with problems well
Answer categories	1 None of the time 2 Rarely 3 Some of the time 4 Often 5 All of the time

Variable name	WWTH
Variable label	Whether been thinking clearly past 2 weeks
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last two weeks. I've been thinking clearly
Answer categories	1 None of the time 2 Rarely 3 Some of the time 4 Often 5 All of the time

Variable name	WWCL
Variable label	Whether been feeling close to other people past 2 weeks
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last two weeks. I've been feeling close to other people

Answer categories	1 None of the time 2 Rarely 3 Some of the time 4 Often 5 All of the time

Variable name	WWMN
Variable label	Whether been able to make up own mind about things past 2 weeks
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please select the answer that best describes your experience of each over the last two weeks. I've been able to make up my own mind about things
Answer categories	1 None of the time 2 Rarely 3 Some of the time 4 Often 5 All of the time

Mental health treatment

Variable name	MHTR
Variable label	Whether sought help for mental problem past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	In the last 12 months have you sought help for a mental, nervous or emotional problem?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	MHHP
Variable label	Whether received help for mental problem past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MHTR=1
Question text	In the last 12 months have you received help for a mental, nervous or emotional problem?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	MHTN
Variable label	Whether currently receiving medication or counselling for mental problem
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MHHP=1
Question text	Are you currently receiving any medication or counselling/therapy for a mental, nervous or emotional problem?

Answer categories	1 Yes, medication 2 Yes, counselling/therapy 3 Neither (EXCLUSIVE CODE)

Loneliness

Variable name	LNLY1
Variable label	How often lacks companionship
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you feel... ...that you lack companionship?
Answer categories	1 Hardly ever 2 Some of the time 3 Often

Variable name	LNLY2
Variable label	How often feels left out
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you feel... ...left out?
Answer categories	1 Hardly ever 2 Some of the time 3 Often

Variable name	LNLY3
Variable label	How often feels isolated from others
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you feel... ...isolated from others?
Answer categories	1 Hardly ever 2 Some of the time 3 Often

Variable name	LNLY4
Variable label	How often feels lonely
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you feel... ...lonely?
Answer categories	1 Hardly ever 2 Some of the time 3 Often

Variable name	GAD1
Variable label	Felt nervous, anxious or on edge last 2 weeks
Source	COVID-19 SURVEYS

Question level routing	ASK IF CONDITION=75
Question text	Over the <u> last 2 weeks <u/>, how often have you been bothered by the following problems? Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge
Answer categories	1 Not at all 2 Several days 3 More than half the days 4 Nearly every day

Variable name	GAD2
Variable label	Not being able to stop or control worrying last 2 weeks
Source	COVID-19 SURVEYS
Question level routing	ASK IF CONDITION=75
Question text	Over the <u> last 2 weeks </u> , how often have you been bothered by the following problems? Not being able to stop or control worrying
Answer categories	1 Not at all 2 Several days 3 More than half the days 4 Nearly every day

Variable name	PHQ1
Variable label	Little interest or pleasure in doing things last 2 weeks
Source	COVID-19 SURVEYS
Question level routing	ASK IF CONDITION=75
Question text	Over the <u> last 2 weeks </u> , how often have you been bothered by the following problems? Little interest or pleasure in doing things
Answer categories	1 Not at all 2 Several days 3 More than half the days 4 Nearly every day

Variable name	PHQ2
Variable label	Felt down, depressed or hopeless last 2 weeks
Source	COVID-19 SURVEYS
Question level routing	ASK IF CONDITION=75
Question text	Over the <u> last 2 weeks </u> , how often have you been bothered by the following problems? Feeling down, depressed or hopeless
Answer categories	1 Not at all 2 Several days 3 More than half the days 4 Nearly every day

Self-harm and suicidal behaviour

Variable name	MENTH2INTRO
Variable label	Mental health 2 intro
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The next set of questions are about your thoughts and feelings and experiences. If you don't want to answer a question that's ok. You can skip it and move to the next one. If you make a mistake or change your mind you can go back and change your answer.
Answer categories	N/A

Variable name	SHCU
Variable label	Has cut or stabbed self past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last year, have you hurt yourself on purpose in any of the following ways? Cut or stabbed yourself
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	SHBU
Variable label	Has burned self past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last year, have you hurt yourself on purpose in any of the following ways? Burned yourself
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	SHBR
Variable label	Has bruised or pinched self past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last year, have you hurt yourself on purpose in any of the following ways? Bruised or pinched yourself
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	SHOD
Variable label	Has Taken an overdose of tablets past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last year, have you hurt yourself on purpose in any of the following ways? Taken an overdose of tablets
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	SHPU
Variable label	Has pulled out your hair past year
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last year, have you hurt yourself on purpose in any of the following ways? Pulled out your hair
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	SHRM
Variable label	Hurt self some other way past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last year, have you hurt yourself on purpose in any of the following ways? Hurt yourself some other way
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	SHRZ
Variable label	How hurt self some other way past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF HAS HURT SELF IN OTHER WAY: SHRM = 1}
Question text	How did you hurt yourself?
Answer categories	STRING:200

Variable name	SUIC
Variable label	Whether has hurt self on purpose in attempt to end life
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Have you ever hurt yourself on purpose in an attempt to end your life?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	SUNO
Variable label	Number of times has ever hurt self on purpose in attempt to end life
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS EVER TRIED TO END LIFE: SUIC=1
Question text	How many times have you ever tried to do this?
Answer categories	1-100

Variable name	SUYR
Variable label	Whether has hurt self on purpose in attempt to end life past year
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS EVER TRIED TO END LIFE: SUIC=1
Question text	Have you hurt yourself on purpose in an attempt to end your life in the past 12 months?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Neurodiversity

Variable name	neurod
Variable label	Whether has or thinks may have a neurodivergent condition
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (NEW)
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	Do you have or think you might have any of the following, whether or not you have received a formal diagnosis? Please select all that apply.
Answer categories	1. Dyslexia 2. Dyscalculia 3. Dyspraxia 4. Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD, ADHD) 5. Autism Spectrum Disorder/Conditions (including Aspergers syndrome), autism 6. Tic conditions (including Tourette's Syndrome) 7. Other neurodivergent condition (Please describe) 8. None of the above [EXCLUSIVE]

Variable name	neurodo
Variable label	Other neurodivergent trait
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (NEW)
Question level routing	{ASK IF neurod=7}
Question text	Please describe other neurodivergent condition.
Answer categories	STRING{200}

Variable name	neurodtxtfill
Variable label	Whether has displayed neurodivergent conditions - textfill
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (NEW)
Question level routing	{ASK IF neurod=1-7}
Question text	TEXTFILL VARIABLE
Answer categories	1. dyslexia 2. dyscalculia 3. dyspraxia 4. Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD, ADHD) 5. Autism Spectrum Disorder/Conditions (including Aspergers syndrome), autism 6. tic conditions (including Tourette's Syndrome) 7. this other neurodivergent trait

Variable name	neurodag
Variable label	Whether diagnosed with neurodivergent conditions
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (NEW)
Question level routing	{ASK IF neurod=1-7}

Question text	You mentioned that you have or think you have {NEURODTXTFILL}. Which of the following applies?
Answer categories	1. I have received a formal diagnosis 2. I am awaiting a formal diagnosis 3. I am not seeking a formal diagnosis

Variable name	neuroage
Variable label	Age diagnosed with neurodivergent conditions
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (NEW)
Question level routing	{ASK IF neurodag=1}
Question text	Approximately how old were you when you were diagnosed by a doctor or other medical professional as having {NEURODTXTFILL}? Please enter age.
Answer categories	Range: 0-28

Variable name	neuromed_new
Variable label	Whether ever taken medication for neurodivergent condition
Source	NEW
Question level routing	{ASK IF neurod=1-7}
Question text	Have you ever taken medication to help manage your neurodivergent condition(s) or related symptoms?
Answer categories	1. Yes, I am currently taking medication 2. Yes, I have taken medication in the past but not currently 3. No, I have never taken medication

Variable name	neurodimp
Variable label	Whether neurodivergent condition reduces ability to carry out activities
Source	NEW
Question level routing	{ASK IF neurod=1-7}
Question text	Do/Does your neurodivergent condition(s) reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?
Answer categories	1 Yes a lot 2 Yes, a little 3 Not at all
Variable name	cati6a
Variable label	How much agree or disagree with trait or behaviour: Social interaction is easy
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (CATI-6)
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	The following statements describe various personality traits, behaviours and characteristics. How much do you agree or disagree with each one? When thinking about social situations, please think about situations that do not involve very close friends or family members. Social interaction is easy for me

Answer categories	1. Definitely disagree 2. Somewhat disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Somewhat agree 5. Definitely agree

Variable name	cati6b
Variable label	How much agree or disagree with trait or behaviour: Reading non-verbal cues is difficult
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (CATI-6)
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	Reading non-verbal cues (e.g. facial expressions, body language) is difficult for me
Answer categories	1. Definitely disagree 2. Somewhat disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Somewhat agree 5. Definitely agree

Variable name	cati6c
Variable label	How much agree or disagree with trait or behaviour: look for strategies to appear sociable
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (CATI-6)
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	I look for strategies and ways to appear more sociable
Answer categories	1. Definitely disagree 2. Somewhat disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Somewhat agree 5. Definitely agree

Variable name	cati6d
Variable label	How much agree or disagree with trait or behaviour: fiddling or playing repetitively with objects
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (CATI-6)
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	I often find myself fiddling or playing repetitively with objects (e.g. clicking pens)
Answer categories	1. Definitely disagree 2. Somewhat disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Somewhat agree 5. Definitely agree

Variable name	cati6e
Variable label	How much agree or disagree with trait or behaviour: stick to certain routines
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (CATI-6)
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	I like to stick to certain routines for everyday tasks

Answer categories	1. Definitely disagree 2. Somewhat disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Somewhat agree 5. Definitely agree

Variable name	cati6f
Variable label	How much agree or disagree with trait or behaviour: feel that my senses are overloaded
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026 (CATI-6)
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	There are times when I feel that my senses are overloaded
Answer categories	1. Definitely disagree 2. Somewhat disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Somewhat agree 5. Definitely agree

Scale name	**6-ITEM ASRS DSM-5 SCALE**
Source	NCDS/BCS70 2026
Routing	{ASK ALL}
Description	We will include the 6-item ASRS DSM-5 scale as a screener for adult ADHD. Please refer to: https://license.tov.med.nyu.edu/product/asrs-dsm-5 Reference: Ustun B, Adler LA, Rudin C, Faraone SV, Spencer TJ, Berglund P, Gruber MJ, Kessler RC. The World Health Organization Adult Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Self-Report Screening Scale for DSM-5. *JAMA Psychiatry*. 2017 May 1;74(5):520-527. doi: 10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2017.0298. Erratum in: JAMA Psychiatry. 2017 Dec 1;74(12):1279. doi: 10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2017.3375. Erratum in: JAMA Psychiatry. 2019 Nov 1;76(11):1213. doi: 10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2019.3111. PMID: 28384801; PMCID: PMC5470397

Variable name	asrs17
Variable label	How often has difficulty waiting their turn - last 6 months
Source	WHO ASRS-v1.1, item 17
Question level routing	{ASK ALL}
Question text	How often do you have difficulty waiting your turn in situations when turn taking is required?
Answer categories	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Sometimes 4. Often 5. Very often

Heath information

Variable name	HLTHINFSO
Variable label	Frequency of using health information sources
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you used each of the following sources to obtain information or advice about health?
Answer categories	GRID ROWS: • Healthcare professionals, such as doctors, nurses or pharmacists • Official health services and government websites: e.g. NHS, GOV.UK • Health charities: e.g. Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation, Mind, Macmillan Cancer Support • Medical and research organisations: universities, research institutes, professional medical bodies and scientific journals • Other health information websites: e.g. Patient.info • Search engines: Google, Bing and other search tools used to locate health information • Social media: Influencers and content creators including doctors and other health professionals who produce online content on platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, Reddit and X • Online communities and patient forums: condition-specific forums, Facebook groups and peer-support communities • Health apps and digital platforms: symptom checkers, fitness/wellbeing apps and condition-management apps • AI tools and chatbots: such as ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Claude and Microsoft Copilot • Commercial websites, e.g. supplement companies and health-product websites • News and media websites: BBC, newspapers, magazines and specialist health news sites • Family members • Friends GRID COLUMNS: Very often Often Sometimes Rarely Never

Variable name	HLTHINFTR
Variable label	Trust in sources of health information
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How much do you trust health information or advice from each of the following sources?

Answer categories	GRID ROWS: 1. Healthcare professionals, such as doctors, nurses or pharmacists 2. Official health services and government websites: e.g. NHS, GOV.UK 3. Social media: Influencers and content creators including doctors and other health professionals who produce online content on platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, Reddit and X 4. AI tools and chatbots: such as ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Claude and Microsoft Copilot GRID COLUMNS: Completely A lot Somewhat A little Not at all Don't know enough about this source to say

Cognitive assessment

Name	Backwards Digit Span
Source	MCS8
Routing	ASK ALL
Description	The Backward Digit Span (BDS) is a brief assessment of working memory and executive function. Participants are shown sequences of digits and asked to recall each sequence in reverse order. The sequences begin with two digits and increase in length, with two trials at each level. The task continues until the participant recalls a sequence of up to 11 digits or answers both trials at a particular sequence length incorrectly. The principal score records the highest span reached, while the total number of correctly recalled sequences can also be derived. The assessment takes approximately 3.5 to 4 minutes to complete. The BDS was included in the MCS Age 23 Sweep and is being repeated at age 27 to provide longitudinal measurement of working-memory performance.

Variable name	SRPBDS
Variable label	Self-rated performance on cognitive task
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK ALL WHO COMPLETED THE TASK
Question text	Overall, on a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 means “extremely poorly” and 100 means “extremely well”, how well do you think you performed on the task?
Answer categories	Range: 0–100

Theme 4: Identity, participation, values and aspirations

Gender and sexual identity

Variable name	GNID
Variable label	Gender identity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?
Answer categories	1 Man 2 Woman 3 Non-binary 4 Other [Please write in the box below] {VARNAME: GNIO STRING (99)} 5 Prefer not to say

Variable name	SXID
Variable label	Sexual identity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Which of the following options best describes how you currently think of your sexuality?
Answer categories	1 Completely heterosexual / straight 2 Mainly heterosexual / straight 3 Bisexual 4 Mainly gay or lesbian 5 Completely gay or lesbian 6 Other [Please write in the box below] {VARNAME: SXIO STRING (99)}

Welsh language and identity

Variable name	LANW
Variable label	Speaking Welsh with friends
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF LIVES IN WALES: Nationres=3
Question text	As you live in Wales, we are interested in hearing about whether you use the Welsh language. How often do you speak Welsh with your friends?
Answer categories	1 All the time 2 Some of the time 3 Rarely 4 Never

Variable name	WESM
Variable label	Use of English or Welsh language on social networking and messaging
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF LIVES IN WALES AND SPEAKS WELSH TO FRIENDS: Nationres =3 AND (LANW=1 OR 2 OR 3)
Question text	What language do you use with your friends on social networking or messaging sites or Apps on the internet such as WhatsApp, Instagram and TikTok?
Answer categories	1 Welsh only 2 English only 3 A mixture of Welsh and English

Environmental attitudes

Variable name	ATTENS
Variable label	Environment issues are not serious
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The next questions relate to opinions about the environment. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Problems in the environment are not as serious as people claim
Answer categories	1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Disagree 5. Strongly disagree

Variable name	ATTENPO
Variable label	Environment protection important political issue
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Preserving the environment is more important than any other political issue today
Answer categories	1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Disagree 5. Strongly disagree

Social media use

Variable name	SOME
Variable label	Number of weekday hours spends on social networking or messaging sites
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	On a normal week day, how many hours do you spend on social networking or messaging sites or apps on the internet such as WhatsApp, Instagram and TikTok?
Answer categories	1 None 2 Less than half an hour 3 Half an hour to less than 1 hour 4 1 hour to less than 2 hours 5 2 hours to less than 3 hours 6 3 hours to less than 5 hours 7 5 hours to less than 7 hours 8 7 hours to less than 10 hours 9 10 hours or more

Variable name	SOCM
Variable label	Extent to which thinks is addicted to social media
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	To what extent do you agree with the following statements? I think I am addicted to social media
Answer categories	1 Strongly agree 2 Agree 3 Disagree 4 Strongly disagree

Variable name	SOCH
Variable label	Extent to which more connected and happier online than in real life
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	(To what extent do you agree with the following statements?) I'm more connected and happier online than I am in real life
Answer categories	1 Strongly agree 2 Agree 3 Disagree 4 Strongly disagree

Internet use

Variable name	CIUS-5a
Variable label	Difficulty stopping Internet use
Source	CIUS-5
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you find it difficult to stop using the Internet when you are online?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Sometimes 4 Often

	5 Very often

Variable name	CIUS-5b
Variable label	Others say should use Internet less
Source	CIUS-5
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do others (e.g., partner, children, parents) say you should use the Internet less?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Sometimes 4 Often 5 Very often

Variable name	CIUS-5c
Variable label	Sleep loss due to Internet use
Source	CIUS-5
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often are you short of sleep because of the Internet?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Sometimes 4 Often 5 Very often

Variable name	CIUS-5d
Variable label	Neglect of daily obligations due to Internet use
Source	CIUS-5
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you neglect your daily obligations (work, school, or family life) because you prefer to go on the Internet?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Sometimes 4 Often 5 Very often

Variable name	CIUS-5e
Variable label	Internet use when feeling down
Source	CIUS-5
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you go on the Internet when you are feeling down?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Sometimes 4 Often

	5 Very often

Victimisation

Variable name	VICA
Variable label	Whether someone has been physically violent to CM in past 12 months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	(In the past 12 months has anyone done any of these things to you?) Been physically violent towards you, e.g. pushed, shoved, hit, slapped or punched you?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No

Variable name	VICC
Variable label	Whether someone has hit or used weapon against CM in past 12 months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	(In the past 12 months has anyone done any of these things to you?) Hit you with or used a weapon against you?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	VICP
Variable label	Whether someone has sent pictures or rumours of CM by mobile phone/email/social media/online in past 12 months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	(In the past 12 months has anyone done any of these things to you?) Sent pictures of you or rumours about you via phone, email, social media or online?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	VICF
Variable label	Whether someone made unwelcome sexual approach in past 12 months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	(In the past 12 months has anyone done any of these things to you?) Made an unwelcome sexual approach to you?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	VICS
Variable label	Whether been sexually assaulted in past 12 months
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	(In the past 12 months has anyone done any of these things to you?) Assaulted you sexually?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Gambling

Variable name	GAM12
Variable label	Whether gambled in past 12 months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Have you spent any of your own money on gambling in the last 12 months? Please include money spent on fruit machines, placing private bets (e.g. with friends), placing a bet at a betting shop or online (e.g. on football or horse-racing) and any other form of gambling.
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	GMBL
Variable label	Whether bet more than could lose past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Thinking about the last 12 months... Have you bet more than you could really afford to lose?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	GMLA
Variable label	Whether needed to gamble with larger amounts past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Have you needed to gamble with larger amounts of money to get the same feeling of excitement?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	GMWB
Variable label	Whether tried winning back money lost past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)

Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	When you gambled, did you go back another day to try to win back the money you lost?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	GMSB
Variable label	Whether sold or borrowed to gamble past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Have you borrowed money or sold anything to get money to gamble?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	GAPR
Variable label	Whether felt has a gambling problem past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Have you felt that you might have a problem with gambling?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	GMHP
Variable label	Whether gambling caused health problems past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Has gambling caused you any health problems, including stress or anxiety?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	GMCR
Variable label	Whether been criticized for gambling in past 12 months
Source	MCS8 (PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Have people criticized your betting or told you that you had a gambling problem, regardless of whether or not you thought it was true?

Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	GAMP
Variable label	Whether gambling caused financial problems in past 12 months
Source	MCS8 (PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX)
Question level routing	ASK IF GAM12 = 1
Question text	Has your gambling caused any financial problems for you or your household?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	GMGL
Variable label	Whether felt guilty about gambling in past 12 months
Source	MCS8 (PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12=1}
Question text	Have you felt guilty about the way you gamble or what happens when you gamble?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Knife carrying

Variable name	KNIFE
Variable label	Ever carried a knife or weapon
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Have you ever carried a knife or another weapon for your own protection, because someone else asked you to carry it, or in case you got into a fight?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	KNIF
Variable label	Whether carried knife or weapon in past 12 months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF KNIFE=1
Question text	In the last 12 months have you carried a knife or other weapon? For your own protection, because someone else asked you to or in case you get into a fight.
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Contact with the police and criminal justice system

Variable name	POLS
Variable label	Ever stopped and questioned by police
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN STOPPED AND QUESTIONNED BY THE POLICE
Question text	Have you ever been stopped and questioned by the police?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	POLS12
Variable label	Stopped and questioned by police past 12 months
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF EVER STOPPED AND QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE
Question text	Have you been stopped and questioned by the police in the past 12 months?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	CAUT
Variable label	Ever been given formal warning or caution by police
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT PREVIOULY KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FORMAL WARNING OR CAUTION BY A POLICE OFFICER
Question text	Have you ever been given a formal warning or caution by a police officer?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	CAUT12
Variable label	Been given formal warning or caution by police past 12 months
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF EVER GIVEN A FORMAL WARNING OR CAUTION BY A POLICE OFFICER
Question text	Have you been given a formal warning or caution by a police officer in the past 12 months?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	ARES
Variable label	Ever been arrested
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT PREVIOULY KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED
Question text	Have you ever been arrested by a police officer and taken to a police station?

Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	ARES12
Variable label	Been arrested past 12 months
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF EVER ARRESTED
Question text	Have you been arrested by a police officer and taken to a police station in the past 12 months?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	CORT
Variable label	Ever appeared in court because were accused of a crime
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{ASK IF EVER ARRESTED }
Question text	Have you ever appeared in court because you were accused of a crime?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	CORT12
Variable label	Appeared in court because were accused of a crime past 12 months
Source	NEW
Question level routing	ASK IF EVERARRESTED
Question text	Have you appeared in court because you were accused of a crime in the past 12 months?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	GLTY
Variable label	Whether found guilty or not guilty
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EVER ARRESTED AND APPEARED IN COURT
Question text	Were you found guilty or not guilty? If you have appeared in court more than once, please refer to the last time.
Answer categories	1 Guilty 2 Not guilty/ not proven

Social, cultural and community engagement

Variable name	RJOY
Variable label	How often do you do the following activities? [Read for enjoyment?]
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL

Question text	How often do you read books (or listen to audio books) for enjoyment?
Answer categories	1 Every day or almost every day 2 Several times a week 3 Once or twice a week 4 At least once a month 5 Every few months 6 At least once a year 7 Less often or never

Variable name	SPFD
Variable label	How often do you do the following activities? [Spend time with friends (outside of school or work)?]
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you do the following activities? Spend time with friends (outside of work or education)?
Answer categories	1 Most days 2 At least once a week 3 At least once a month 4 Several times a year 5 Once a year or less 6 Never or almost never

Experiences of discrimination

Variable name	MED
Variable label	Whether experienced discrimination in major life domains
Source	Major Experiences of Discrimination - 9 item version from the MIDUS Study (modified)
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Have you been discriminated against in each of the following ways because of such things as your race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, physical appearance, sexual orientation, or other characteristics? (If the experience happened to you, but for some reason other than discrimination, select “No”.)

Answer categories	GRID ROWS: You were discouraged by a teacher or advisor from seeking higher education You were fired from a job or denied a promotion You were not hired for a job You were prevented from renting or buying a home in the neighbourhood you wanted You were prevented from remaining in a neighbourhood because neighbours made life so uncomfortable You were hassled by the police You were denied or provided inferior medical care You were denied or provided inferior service by a plumber, car mechanic, or other service provider GRID COLUMNS: 1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	MEDGRO
Variable label	Reasons for discrimination in major life domains
Source	Major Experiences of Discrimination (Abbreviated Version)
Question level routing	If had experienced discrimination in any of the ways listed at MED s ask once for the grounds for the discrimination.
Question text	What were the reasons for the discrimination you experienced? Select all that apply.
Answer categories	1. Your age 2. Your gender 3. Your race 4. Your ethnicity or nationality 5. Your religion 6. Your height or weight 7. Some other aspect of your appearance 8. A physical disability 9. Your sexual orientation 10. Some other reason for discrimination (Please specify)

Locus of control

Variable name	LOCUS0A
Variable label	Locus of control: If someone is not a success in life, usually their own fault
Source	NS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements: If someone is not a success in life, it is usually their own fault
Answer categories	1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

Variable name	LOCUS0B
Variable label	Locus of control: I can pretty much decide what will happen in my life
Source	NS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	I can pretty much decide what will happen in my life
Answer categories	1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

Variable name	LOCUS0C
Variable label	Locus of control: How well you get on in this world is mostly a matter of luck
Source	NS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How well you get on in this world is mostly a matter of luck
Answer categories	1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

Variable name	LOCUS0D
Variable label	Locus of control: If you work hard at something you'll usually succeed
Source	NS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	If you work hard at something you'll usually succeed
Answer categories	1. Strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

Attitudes towards artificial intelligence

Variable name	aiimpact
Variable label	Impact of AI on society
Source	MCS 2026 Web
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	On balance, over the next five years, what kind of impact do you think AI will have on Society?
Answer categories	1. Mostly positive 2. Somewhat positive 3. Neutral

	4. Somewhat negative 5. Mostly negative

Variable name	aiimpact2
Variable label	Impact of AI on your own life
Source	MCS 2026 Web
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Your own life?
Answer categories	1. Mostly positive 2. Somewhat positive 3. Neutral 4. Somewhat negative 5. Mostly negative

Partner Questionnaire

Residence

Variable name	PINTROF
Variable label	Partner Intro
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PINTRO = 2 (no)
Question text	This survey is for the partner of CM_FirstName CM_Surname. The survey will now end so that it can be completed by the correct person. Please call the survey help desk on Freephone PHONE NUMBER if you are unsure why you have been sent this login code.

Variable name	PCORES
Variable label	Country currently reside in
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	What countrydo you currently live in?
Answer categories	1) England 2) Scotland 3) Wales 4) Northern Ireland 5) Other (please write in below) {VARLAB: PCOTH – STRING 50}

Ethnicity

Variable name	PETHNICE
Variable label	ETHNIC GROUP (ENGLAND)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT KNOWN FROM THE AGE 23 SWEEP (IF NOT SAME PARTNER AS AGE 23, OR NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23) AND IF PCORES = 1

Question text	What is your ethnic group?
Answer categories	 WHITE 1 English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British 2 Irish 3 Gypsy or Irish Traveller 4 Any other White background MIXED OR MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS 5 White and Black Caribbean 6 White and Black African 7 White and Asian 8 Any other mixed/multiple ethnic background ASIAN/ ASIAN BRITISH 9 Indian 10 Pakistani 11 Bangladeshi 12 Chinese 13 Any other Asian background BLACK/ AFRICAN/ CARIBBEAN/ BLACK BRITISH 14 African 15 Caribbean 16 Other Black/ African/ Caribbean background OTHER ETHNIC GROUP 17 Arab 18 Other ethnic group

Variable name	PETHNICS
Variable label	ETHNIC GROUP (SCOTLAND)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT KNOWN FROM THE AGE 23 SWEEP (IF NOT SAME PARTNER AS AGE 23, OR NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23) AND IF PCORES = 2
Question text	What is your ethnic group?
Answer categories	 WHITE 1 Scottish 2 Other British 3 Irish 4 Gypsy or Irish Traveller 5 Polish 6 Any other White ethnic group

	MIXED OR MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS 7 Any mixed or multiple ethnic groups ASIAN, ASIAN SCOTTISH OR ASIAN BRITISH 8 Pakistani/Pakistani Scottish/Pakistani British 9 Indian/Indian Scottish/Indian British 10 Bangladeshi/Bangladeshi Scottish/Bangladeshi British 11 Chinese/Chinese Scottish/Chinese British 12 Any other Asian background BLACK, BLACK SCOTTISH OR BLACK BRITISH (INCLUDING CARIBBEAN, AFRICAN AND OTHER BLACK) 13 African/ African Scottish/African British 14 Any other African background 15 Caribbean/Caribbean Scottish/Caribbean British 16 Black/Black Scottish/Black British 17 Any other Caribbean or Black background OTHER ETHNIC GROUP 18 Arab, Arab Scottish or Arab British 19 Any other ethnic group

Variable name	PETHNICW
Variable label	ETHNIC GROUP (WALES)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT KNOWN FROM THE AGE 23 SWEEP (IF NOT SAME PARTNER AS AGE 23, OR NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23) AND IF PCORES = 3
Question text	What is your ethnic group?
Answer categories	 WHITE 1 Welsh/ English/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British 2 Irish 3 Gypsy or Irish Traveller 4 Any other White background MIXED OR MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS 5 White and Black Caribbean 6 White and Black African 7 White and Asian 8 Any other mixed/multiple ethnic background ASIAN/ ASIAN BRITISH 9 Indian 10 Pakistani 11 Bangladeshi

	12 Chinese 13 Any other Asian background BLACK/ AFRICAN/ CARIBBEAN/ BLACK BRITISH 14 African 15 Caribbean 16 Any other Black/ African/ Caribbean background OTHER ETHNIC GROUP 17 Arab 18 Other ethnic group

Variable name	PETHNICNI
Variable label	ETHNIC GROUP (NORTHERN IRELAND)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT KNOWN FROM THE AGE 23 SWEEP (IF NOT SAME PARTNER AS AGE 23, OR NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23) AND IF PCORES = 4
Question text	What is your ethnic group?
Answer categories	b> WHITE 1 White 2 Irish Traveller MIXED / MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS 3 White and Black Caribbean 4 White and Black African 5 White and Asian 6 Any other mixed/ multiple ethnic background ASIAN / ASIAN BRITISH 7 Indian 8 Pakistani 9 Bangladeshi 10 Chinese 11 Any other Asian background BLACK / AFRICAN / CARIBBEAN / BLACK BRITISH 12 African 13 Caribbean 14 Any other Black/African/Caribbean background OTHER ETHNIC GROUP 15 Arab 16 Any other ethnic group

Variable name	PEXEO
Variable label	Other ethnicity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT KNOWN FROM THE AGE 23 SWEEP (IF NOT SAME PARTNER AS AGE 23, OR NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23) AND IF IDENTIFIES AS OTHER WHITE, OTHER MIXED, OTHER ASIAN, OTHER BLACK, OR OTHER ETHNIC BACKGROUND: IF (PETHNICE=4,8, 13, 16, 18) OR (PETHNICW=4,8,13,16,18) OR (PETHNICS=6,12,14,17,19) OR (PETHNICNI=6,11,14,16) OR PCORES=5,-9
Question text	Please provide the ethnic group you identify as.
Answer categories	

Education

Variable name	PEDSE
Variable label	Type of secondary school attended
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT KNOWN FROM THE AGE 23 SWEEP (IF NOT SAME PARTNER AS AGE 23, OR NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23)
Question text	What type of secondary school did you attend?
Answer categories	1. A state school, including local authority maintained school, academy or free school 2. A state grammar school 3. An independent or private school or 6th form college (fee-paying) 4. Other

Variable name	PEDSEO
Variable label	Other secondary school
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF ATTENDED ANOTHER TYPE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL: IF PEDSE=4
Question text	What other type of secondary school did you attend?
Answer categories	

Variable name	PEDHI
Variable label	Further education and qualifications acquired

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	{If first time interviewing partner: "Which, if any, of the following qualifications do you have?"} {If interviewed at age 23: "Have you achieved any of the below qualifications since we last interviewed you in {SURVEYDATE}? Please select all that apply.}
Answer categories	1. Doctorate (PhD) 2. Master's degree (MA, MSc, Mphil) 3. Post-graduate diplomas and certificates (including PGCEs, law conversion course or similar, post-graduate medical qualifications) 4. First / Bachelor's degree (BA, BSc or B.Ed) 5. Professional qualification at degree level (e.g. graduate member of professional institute, chartered accountant or surveyor) 6. A Level / A2 levels/ AS level / Scottish Highers, Scottish Higher Certificate/Cambridge PreU 7. GCSE / iGCSE / O level / SCE Standard / Scottish Nationals 8. Vocational qualification (e.g. NVQ, BTEC, HNC, HND) – please write in {VARLAB PEDHIVO – STRING: 100} 9. Diploma in higher education or other higher education qualification (e.g. CertHE, DipHE, Foundation Degree) 10. Other qualifications – please write in {VARLAB PEDHIO – STRING: 100} 11. No qualifications

Variable name	PUNIDEG
Variable label	Institution attended for first / bachelor's degree
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS A FIRST / BACHELOR'S DEGREE: PEDHI=4
Question text	At which university did you do your First/Bachelor's degree?
Answer categories	LOOK UP: learning-providers-plus 1. University not found

Variable name	PQHons
Variable label	Whether first / bachelor's degree was single or joint honours
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS A FIRST / BACHELOR'S DEGREE: PEDHI=4
Question text	Was your First/Bachelor's Degree single, joint, triple or other combined honours?
Answer categories	1. Single honours 2. Joint honours 3. Triple honours 4. Other combined honours

Variable name	PEDGB
Variable label	Grade received for first / bachelor's degree
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS A FIRST / BACHELOR'S DEGREE: PEDHI=4
Question text	What classification is your First/Bachelor's degree?
Answer categories	1. First class honours 2. Upper second class honours (2.1) 3. Lower second class honours (2.2) 4. Third class honours 5. Ordinary degree 6. Pass 7. Fail/No award 8. Don't know

Variable name	PSUBDEG
Variable label	Subject studied for first / bachelor's degree
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HIGHEST LEVEL OF QUAL IS BACHELOR'S DEGREE: PEDHI=4
Question text	What was the subject of your degree?";
Answer categories	LOOK UP LIST AND OTHER OPTION HECoS_Vocab DEGREE SUBJECT LIST JULY 2023 and 'subject not found' [IF PSUBDEG=Subject not found] – please write in below : PSUBDEGO – STRING: 150}

Variable name	PEDIM
Variable label	Institution attended for Master's degree
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE: PEDHI=2
Question text	At which university did you do your Master's degree?
Answer categories	

Variable name	PEDGM
Variable label	Grade received for Master's degree
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE: PEDHI=2

Question text	What grade did you receive for your Master's degree?
Answer categories	1. Distinction 2. Merit / commendation 3. Pass 4. Borderline pass/Fail 5. Don't know

Variable name	PEDSM
Variable label	Subject studied for Master's degree
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE: PEDHI=2
Question text	What was the subject of your Master's degree?
Answer categories	LOOK UP: LIST OF SUBJECTS HECoS_Vocab DEGREE SUBJECT LIST JULY 2023 AND 'Subject not found'] [IF EDSMO=Z999: Subject not found – please write in {PEDSMO – STRING: 150}

Economic activity and earnings

Variable name	Pactivity
Variable label	Current activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The next few questions are about any jobs you have and any other things that you are doing. Which of these best describes what you are currently doing? If you are temporarily not in work, education, or training (due to parental leave or sick leave), please tell us what you were doing immediately before this period of temporary leave.
Answer categories	1. Employee – in paid work 2. Self employed 3. In unpaid/voluntary work 4. Unemployed 5. Education: school/college/university 6. Apprenticeship 7. On a government scheme for employment training 8. Sick or disabled 9. Looking after home or family 10. Something else

Variable name	Pactivityc

Variable label	Other current activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF DOING SOMETHING ELSE: IF PACTIVITY=10
Question text	What are you currently doing?
Answer categories	

Variable name	PWrkhrs
Variable label	Whether in full or part-time employment
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF PACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 6
Question text	Are you in full-time or part-time employment (IF PACTIVITY=3 'in your unpaid/voluntary job'; IF PACTIVITY=6 'in your apprenticeship')?
Answer categories	1. Full-time (30 or more hours a week) 2. Part-time (under 30 hours)

Variable name	Pstudyhrs
Variable label	Whether studying full-time or part-time
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF IN EDUCATION: PACTIVITY=5
Question text	Are you studying full-time or part-time?
Answer categories	1. Full-time 2. Part-time

Variable name	Psickhrs
Variable label	Whether temporarily or long-term sick or disabled
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF SICK OR DISABLED: PACTIVITY=8
Question text	Are you temporarily sick or disabled or long-term sick or disabled?
Answer categories	1. Temporarily sick or disabled (less than six months) 2. Long term sick or disabled (more than six months)

Variable name	Pdactivity
Variable label	Current activity (derived)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{DERIVED VARIABLE – ALL}
Computes	1. Full-time paid employee (30 or more hours a week) {PACTIVITY=1 AND PWRKHRS=1} 2. Part-time paid employee (under 30 hours a week) {PACTIVITY=1 AND PWRKHRS=2} 3. Full-time self-employed {PACTIVITY=2 AND PWRKHRS=1} 4. Part-time self-employed {PACTIVITY=2 AND PWRKHRS=2} 5. Unemployed and seeking work {PACTIVITY=4 } 6. Full-time education {PACTIVITY=5) AND PSTUDYHRS=1} 7. Part-time education {pACTIVITY=5 AND PSTUDYHRS=2} 8. On a government scheme for employment and training {PACTIVITY=7} 9. Temporarily sick/disabled {PACTIVITY=8 AND PSICKHRS=1} 10. Long term sick/disabled {PACTIVITY=8 AND PSICKHRS=2} 11. In unpaid/voluntary work {PACTIVITY=3 } 12. Apprenticeship {PACTIVITY=6 } 13. Looking after home or family {PACTIVITY=9 } 14. Other {PACTIVITY=10 } 15. DK/REF {PACTIVITY=-8,-9 OR PWRKHRS=-8,-9 OR PSTUDYHRS= -8,-9 OR PSICKHRS=-8,-9}

Variable name	PJINtro
Variable label	Job title intro
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF PDACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	The next questions are about your current job (IF Pdactivity=11 ‘, which you said is unpaid/voluntary work’; IF Pdactivity=12 ‘, which you said is an apprenticeship’). If you have more than one job, please think about your main job when answering these questions.
Answer categories	N/A

Variable name	Pjtitle
Variable label	Job title (current or the one being trained to)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF PDACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	What is {Pdactivity=1, 2, 3, 4: ‘your current job title’; Pdactivity=11 ‘the job title for the unpaid/voluntary work you are doing’; Pdactivity=12: ‘the title of the job you are being trained to do’}?
Answer categories	STRING

Variable name	Pjobdo
Variable label	Main activities in job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF PDACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	Please describe in your own words what you mainly do in {Pdactivity=1, 2, 3, 4: 'your job'; Pdactivity=11: 'the unpaid/voluntary work you are doing'; Pdactivity=12: 'the job you are being trained to do'}. Please describe in detail (for example the type of work, the department you are in, and what level you work at).
Answer categories	STRING

Variable name	PJOBDO_chk
Variable label	Main activities in job check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PJobdo<15 characters
Question text	THIS SEEMS TO BE A VERY SHORT DESCRIPTION. PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE JOB Is this a full description of what you mainly do?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM Pjobdo, SET DUMMY VARIABLE PJOBDO_chk_FLAG=2}

Variable name	PPAYS
Variable label	Whether payslip consulted when answering question
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYEE OR IN APPRENTICESHIP {PDACTIVITY= 1,2, 12}
Question text	The next few questions are about your current gross and net pay. You may find it helpful to consult your last payslip when answering. Do you have this to hand, or can you view it online?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	PGROA
Variable label	Gross pay

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF EMPLOYEE OR IN APPRENTICESHIP {(PDACTIVITY= 1, 2, 12) OR (PNEGRCK = 2, 4) OR (PGROWCK=2)}
Question text	In your main job how much is your gross pay, that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans? Include any overtime, bonuses, commissions, tips or tax refunds. You can give a weekly, monthly or yearly amount or an amount covering another period.
Answer categories	Range: 0...9999997

Variable name	PGROP
Variable label	Gross pay period
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF EMPLOYEE OR IN APPRENTICESHIP {(PDACTIVITY= 1, 2, 12) OR (PNEGRCK = 2, 4) OR (PGROWCK=2)}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1 One week 2 Calendar month 3 One year 4 Other period

Variable name	PGROO
Variable label	Gross pay period – Other
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PGROP IS OTHER {PGROP=4}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Three weeks 4. Four weeks 5. Calendar month 6. Two Calendar months 7. Eight times a year 8. Nine times a year 9. Ten times a year 10. Three months/13 weeks 11. Six months/26 weeks 12. One Year/12 months/52 weeks

	13. Less than one week 14. One off/lump sum 15. Other period – please write in the box below {VARLAB POGROO – STRING: 100}

Variable name	PGROP4
Variable label	Period over which would most easily be able to tell main job's gross pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PERIOD IS NOT PROVIDED: {PGROP= 8,-9 OR PGROO = 8,-9}
Question text	Over which period would you most easily be able to estimate your gross pay from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans?
Answer categories	1 One week 2 Two weeks 3 Four weeks 4 Calendar month 5 One year 6 Other period

Variable name	PGAWB
Variable label	Weekly gross pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one week: {PGROP4=1 OR (PGROA=-8,-9) AND (PGROP=1 OR PGROO=1)}
Question text	Is your weekly gross pay from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans – more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PGAFB
Variable label	Gross pay for two weeks (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is two weeks: {PGROP4=2 OR

	((PGROA=-8 OR -9) AND PGROO=2) }
Question text	Is your gross pay per two weeks from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans – more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1 More than {amount} 2 About {amount} 3 Less than {amount}

Variable name	PGAYB
Variable label	Gross pay per year or one off/lump sum (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one year or one off/ lump sum: { PGROP4=5 OR ((PGROA=-8 OR -9) AND (PGROP = 3 OR (PGROO=12,14)) }
Question text	Is your {PGROP=3 OR PGROP4=5 OR PGROO=12: 'annual' } {IF PGROO =14 'one off/lump sum' gross pay from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans – more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1 More than {amount} 2 About {amount} 3 Less than {amount}

Variable name	PGAOB
Variable label	Gross pay per month (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF: {PGROP4=6 OR -8,-9} OR ((PGROA=-8 OR -9) AND (PGROO=3,6,7,8,9,10,11,13, 15))
Question text	Is your monthly gross pay from your main job – that is before any deductions for tax, national insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans and so on – more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PNETA
Variable label	Last take-home pay

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED OR IN APPRENTICESHIP: IF {(PDACTIVITY = 1, 2, 12) OR PNEGRCK = 3}
Question text	What was your take-home pay the last time you were paid – that is after any deductions were made for tax, National Insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans? You can give a weekly, monthly or yearly amount or an amount covering another period.
Answer categories	Range: 0...9999997

Variable name	PNETP
Variable label	Last take-home pay period covered
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF EMPLOYED OR IN APPRENTICESHIP: IF {(PDACTIVITY = 1, 2, 12) OR PNEGRCK = 3}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Calendar month 3.One year 4.Other period

Variable name	PNETO
Variable label	Last take-home pay period covered – Other
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PNETP IS OTHER {PNETP=4}
Question text	What period did that cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Three weeks 4. Four weeks 5. Calendar month 6. Two calendar months 7. Eight times a year 8. Nine times a year 9. Ten times a year 10. Three months/13 weeks 11. Six months/26 weeks 12. One Year/12 months/52 weeks 13. Less than one week 14. One off/lump sum 15. Other period – please write in the box below {VARLAB: PONETO STRING 100}

Variable name	PNETW
Variable label	Weekly take-home pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	COMPUTE ONLY COMPUTED IF {PNETA>=0 AND ((PNETP=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4) OR PNETO=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12).
Computes	COMPUTE: IF PNETP = 1 OR PNETO = 1: PNETW = PNETA IF PNETO = 2: PNETW = PNETA/2 IF PNETO = 3: PNETW = PNETA/3 IF PNETO = 4 PNETW = PNETA/4 IF PNETP = 2 OR PNETO = 5: PNETW = PNETA/4.33 IF PNETO = 6: PNETW = PNETA/8.66 IF PNETO = 7: PNETW = PNETA/6.5 IF PNETO = 8: PNETW = PNETA/5.77 IF PNETO = 9: PNETW = PNETA/5.2 IF PNETO = 10: PNETW = PNETA/13 IF PNETO = 11: PNETW = PNETA/26 IF PNETP = 3 OR PNETO = 12: PNETW = PNETA/52

Variable name	PNEGRCK
Variable label	Net and Gross pay check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF net pay is greater than gross pay {PNETW>PGROW}
Question text	You have said that your gross pay is £{^PGROA} {[If PGROP=1 OR PGROO = 1 'per week', if PGROO = 2 'every two weeks', if PGROO = 3 'every three weeks', if PGROO = 4 'every four weeks', if PGROP = 2 OR PGROO = 5 'per calendar month', if PGROO = 6 'every two calendar months', if PGROO = 7 'eight times a year', if PGROO = 8 'nine times a year', if PGROO = 9 'ten times a year', if PGROO = 10 'every three months', if PGROO = 11 'every six months', if PGROP = 3 OR PGROO = 12 'per year'} and that your net pay is £{^PNETA} [If PNETP=1 OR PNETO = 1 'per week', if PNETO = 2 'every two weeks', if PNETO = 3 'every three weeks', if PNETO = 4 'every four weeks', if PNETP = 2 OR PNETO = 5 'per calendar month', if PNETO = 6 'every two calendar months', if PNETO = 7 'eight times a year', if PNETO = 8 'nine times a year', if PNETO = 9 'ten times a year', if PNETO = 10 'every three months', if PNETO = 11 'every six months', if PNETP = 3 OR PNETO = 12 'per year'}. This means that your net pay is higher than your gross pay. Normally net pay is less than gross pay because it is the amount received after deductions such as tax, National Insurance and pensions have been made from gross pay. Are you sure the amounts/time periods you have said are correct?
Answer categories	1 Yes, these amounts/time periods are correct 2 No – gross pay/time period is incorrect (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM PGROA) SET DUMMY VARIABLE PNEGRCK_FLAG=2 3 No – net pay/time period is incorrect (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM PNETA) SET DUMMY

	VARIABLE PNEGRCK_FLAG=3 4 No – gross and net pay/time periods are incorrect (SCRIPTER: RE-ASK FROM PGROA) SET DUMMY VARIABLE PNEGRCK_FLAG=4

Variable name	PNETP4
Variable label	Take-home pay period covered
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF PERIOD IS NOT PROVIDED ASK IF {(PNETP = -8, -9) OR (PNETO = -8, -9)
Question text	What period was covered by your take-home pay the last time you were paid, after any deductions were made for tax, National Insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans?
Answer categories	1 One week 2 Two weeks 3 Four weeks 4 Calendar month 5 One year 6 Other period

Variable name	PNAWB
Variable label	Last weekly take-home pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one week {PNETP4=1} OR ((PNETA=-8,-9) AND (PNETP=1 OR PNETO=1)) }
Question text	The last time you were paid, was your weekly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PNAFB
Variable label	Last take-home pay for two weeks (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	IF period covered is two weeks {PNETP4=2} OR (PNETA=-8,-9 AND PNETO = 2)

Question text	The last time you were paid, was your take-home pay for two weeks more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PNAMB
Variable label	Last take-home pay for four weeks or one month (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is four weeks or one month {PNETP4=3,4} OR ((PNETA=-8,-9) AND (PNETP=2 OR PNETO=4,5)) }
Question text	The last time you were paid, was your monthly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PNAYB
Variable label	Last take-home pay per year or one off/ lump sum(brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one year or one off/ lump sum {PNETP4=5} OR ((PNETA=-8 OR -9) AND (PNETP = 3 OR (PNETO=12,14)) }
Question text	The last time you were paid, was your {PNETP=3 OR PNETP4=5 OR PNETO=12: 'annual' } {NETO = 14 'one off/lump-sum' take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PNAOB
Variable label	Last monthly take-home pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF: {PNETP4= 6 OR -8,-9} OR ((PNETA=-8 OR -9) AND (PNETO=3,6,7,8,9,10,11,13, 15))
Question text	The last time you were paid, was your monthly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PPUSL
Variable label	Whether this is usual take-home pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NET INCOME GIVEN IN PNETA OR IN UNFOLDING BRACKETS: {IF (PNETA>=0) OR (PNAWB= 1,2, 3) OR (PNAFB= 1,2,3) OR (PNAMB= 1,2,3) OR (PNAYB= 1,2,3) OR (PNAOB= 1,2,3)}
Question text	Is this your usual take-home pay?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	PUSLA
Variable label	Usual take-home pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF LAST TAKE HOME PAY NOT USUAL PAY {PPUSL=2 OR PUSLWCHK = 2}
Question text	What is your usual take-home pay? You can give a weekly, monthly or yearly amount or an amount covering another period.
Answer categories	£ Range: 0...9999997

Variable name	PUSLP
Variable label	Usual take-home pay period covered
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF LAST TAKE HOME PAY NOT USUAL PAY {PPUSL=2 OR PUSLWCHK = 2}

Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1 One week 2 Calendar month 3 One year 4 Other period

Variable name	PUSLO
Variable label	Usual take-home pay period covered – Other
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PUSLP OTHER PERIOD {PUSLP = 4}
Question text	What period does this cover?
Answer categories	1. One week 2. Two weeks 3. Three weeks 4. Four weeks 5. Calendar month 6. Two calendar months 7. Eight times a year 8. Nine times a year 9. Ten times a year 10. Three months/13 weeks 11. Six months/26 weeks 12. One year/12 months/52 weeks 13. Less than one week 14. One off/lump sum 15. Other period – please write in the box below {VARLAB POUSLO – STRING 100}

Variable name	PUSLW
Variable label	Usual weekly take-home pay
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	COMPUTE ONLY COMPUTED IF PUSLA> = 0 AND (PUSLP=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4) OR (PUSLO=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12)
Computes	COMPUTE: IF PUSLP = 1 OR PUSLO = 1: PUSLW = PUSLA IF PUSLO = 2: PUSLW = PUSLA/2 IF PUSLO = 3: PUSLW = PUSLA/3 IF PUSLO = 4 PUSLW = PUSLA/4 IF PUSLP = 2 OR PUSLO = 5: PUSLW = PUSLA/4.33 IF PUSLO = 6: PUSLW = PUSLA/8.66 IF PUSLO = 7: PUSLW = PUSLA/6.5 IF PUSLO = 8: PUSLW = PUSLA/5.77 IF PUSLO = 9: PUSLW = PUSLA/5.2

	IF PUSLO = 10: PUSLW = PUSLA/13 IF PUSLO = 11: PUSLW = PUSLA/26 IF PUSLP = 3 OR PUSLO = 12: PUSLW = PUSLA/52

Variable name	PUSLWCHK
Variable label	Usual weekly take-home pay check
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF {PUSLW< 20 OR PUSLW>1500}
Question text	You have said that you receive £{^PUSLA} usual take-home pay [If PUSLP=1 OR PUSLO = 1 'per week', if PUSLO = 2 'every two weeks', if PUSLO = 3 'every three weeks', if PUSLO = 4 'every four weeks', if PUSLP = 2 OR PUSLO = 5 'per calendar month', if PUSLO = 6 'every two calendar months', if PUSLO = 7 'eight times a year', if PUSLO = 8 'nine times a year', if PUSLO = 9 'ten times a year', if PUSLO = 10 'every three months', if PUSLO = 11 'every six months', if PUSLP = 3 OR PUSLO = 12 'per year'. Is this correct?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No I have entered my usual take home pay incorrectly

Variable name	PUSLP4
Variable label	Usual take-home pay period covered
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF USUAL PAY PERIOD IS -8, -9 ASK IF {(PUSLP = -8, -9) OR (PUSLO = -8, -9 }}
Question text	Over which period would you most easily be able to tell us about your usual take-home pay from your main job, after any deductions were made for tax, National Insurance, pension, union dues, and student loans?
Answer categories	1 One week 2 Two weeks 3 Four weeks 4 Calendar month 5 One year 6 Other period

Variable name	PUSWB
Variable label	Weekly Usual take-home pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK If period covered is one week {PUSLP4=1} OR ((PUSLA=-8,-9) AND

	(PUSLP=1 OR PUSLO=1)) }
Question text	Is your usual weekly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PUSFB
Variable label	Usual take-home pay for two weeks (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK If period covered is two weeks {PUSLP4=2} OR (PUSLA=-8,-9 AND PUSLO = 2)
Question text	Is your usual take-home pay per two weeks more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PUSMB
Variable label	Usual take-home pay for four weeks or one month (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK If period covered is four weeks or one month {PUSLP4=3,4} OR ((PUSLA=-8,-9) AND (PUSLP=2 OR PUSLO=4,5)) }
Question text	Is your usual monthly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PUSYB
Variable label	Usual take-home pay per year or one off/lump sum (brackets)
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF period covered is one year {PUSLP4=5 OR ((PUSLA=-8 OR -9) AND (PUSLP = 3 OR (PUSLO=12,14)) }
Question text	Is your usual {PUSLP=3 OR PUSLP4=5 OR PUSLO=12: 'annual'} {PUSLO=14 'one off/lump-sum'} take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PUSOB
Variable label	Usual monthly take-home pay (brackets)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF: {PUSLP4= 6 OR -8,-9} OR ((PUSLA=-8 OR -9) AND (PUSLO=3,6,7,8,9,10,11,13, 15))
Question text	Is your usual monthly take-home pay more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

Variable name	PSEPA
Variable label	Self-employed take home income of the last 12 months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF self-employed {PDACTIVITY =3,4}
Question text	It is sometimes difficult for self-employed people to give an exact figure for their income, but could you please think about your take-home income in the last 12 months , that is the amount you personally took out of the business after all taxes and costs – about how much is this?
Answer categories	£ Range: 0...9999997

Variable name	PSEPA1
Variable label	Self-employed take home income for the last 12 months (brackets)
Source	MCS8

Question level routing	ASK IF amount of take home pay NOT given {PSEPA = -8,-9}
Question text	Was it more than {amount}, less than {amount} or about {amount}?
Answer categories	1. More than {amount} 2. About {amount} 3. Less than {amount}

General health

Variable name	PCGHE
Variable label	How would describe general health
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How would you describe your health generally?
Answer categories	1. Excellent 2. Very good 3. Good 4. Fair 5. Poor

Variable name	PCLSI
Variable label	Physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting 12 months or more
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?
Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	PCLSM
Variable label	Areas affected by long standing conditions or illness
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS LONGSTANDING HEALTH CONDITION: PCLSI = 1

Question text	Does this/Do any of these condition(s) or illness(es) affect you in any of the following areas?
Answer categories	1 Vision (for example blindness or partial sight) 2 Hearing (for example deafness or partial hearing) 3 Mobility (for example walking short distances or climbing stairs) 4 Dexterity (for example lifting and carrying objects, using a keyboard) 5 Learning or understanding or concentrating 6 Memory 7 Mental health 8 Stamina or breathing or fatigue 9 Socially or behaviourally (for example associated with autism, attention deficit disorder or Asperger's Syndrome) 10 Other (Please write in the box below) {VARNAME PCLSO 200} 11 {EXCLUSIVE} None of these

Variable name	PCLSL
Variable label	Whether condition/illness reduces ability to carry out activities
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS LONGSTANDING HEALTH CONDITION: PCLSI = 1
Question text	Does this/Do any of these condition(s) or illness(es) reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?
Answer categories	1 Yes, a lot 2 Yes, a little 3 Not at all

Variable name	PCLSP
Variable label	Time ability to carry out activities been reduced
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF HAS LONGSTANDING HEALTH CONDITION AND ACTIVITY IS REDUCED: PCLSI=1 AND PCLSL=1,2
Question text	For how long has your ability to carry out day-to-day activities been reduced?
Answer categories	1 Less than 6 months 2 Between 6 months and 12 months 3 12 months or more

Risky behaviours

Variable name	PALDR
Variable label	How often drinks alcohol

Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	How often do you have a drink that contains alcohol?
Answer categories	1. 4 or more times a week 2. 2-3 times a week 3. 2-4 times per month 4. Monthly or less 5. Never

Variable name	PDREP
Variable label	Whether taken drugs in last 12 months – list
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	The next questions are about drugs, not including cigarettes and alcohol or prescribed medication. Have you taken any of these drugs in the last 12 months?
Answer categories	1. Cannabis or Marijuana (also called Dope, Pot, Blow, Hash, Skunk, Puff, Grass, Draw,Ganja, Spliff, Smoke, Weed, Wacky Backy) 2. Cocaine (also called Coke, Charlie, 'C', Snow, Percy, Toot) 3. Acid or LSD (also called Trips, Dots, Flash, Smilies) 4. Hallucinogenic drugs such as magic mushrooms, salvia, trance, shrooms 5. Ecstasy (also calledMDMA, Mandy, Molly, 'E', Mitsubishis, Rolex's, Dolphins, Pills, XTC) 6. Heroin (also called Brown, Smack, Skag, Horse, 'H') 7. Other opiates (for example tramadol, codeine, lean, purple drank) 8. Crack (also called Rocks, Stones, Freebase, Wash) 9. Speed or Amphetamines (also called Whizz, Sulphate, Billy) 10. Methamphetamine (also called Crystal Meth, Dexies) 11. Semeron (also called Sem) 12. Ketamine (also called 'K', super K, Green) 13. Glue, gas (butane, lighter refills), aerosols or solvents 14. Xanax or Valium or diazepam or other benzodiazepines 15. Nitrous oxide (also called laughing gas, balloons) 16. Spice 17. I haven't taken any of these drugs in the last 12 months.

Variable name	PGAM12
Variable label	Whether gambled in past 12 months
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Have you spent any of your own money on gambling in the last 12 months? Please include money spent on fruit machines, placing private bets (e.g. with friends), placing a bet at a betting shop or online (e.g. on football or horse-racing) and any other form of gambling.

Answer categories	1 Yes 2 No

Variable name	PGMBL
Variable label	Whether bet more than could lose past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Thinking about the last 12 months... Have you bet more than you could really afford to lose?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	PGMLA
Variable label	Whether needed to gamble with larger amounts past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Have you needed to gamble with larger amounts of money to get the same feeling of excitement?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	PGMWB
Variable label	Whether tried winning back money lost past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	When you gambled, did you go back another day to try to win back the money you lost?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	PGMSB
Variable label	Whether sold or borrowed to gamble past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Have you borrowed money or sold anything to get money to gamble?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	PGMPR
Variable label	Whether felt has a gambling problem past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Have you felt that you might have a problem with gambling?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	PGMHP
Variable label	Whether gambling caused health problems past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	{ASK IF GAM12 = 1 }
Question text	Has gambling caused you any health problems, including stress or anxiety?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	PGAMP
Variable label	Whether gambling caused financial problems in past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	ASK IF PGAM12 = 1

Question text	In the last 12 months has your gambling caused any financial problems for you or your household?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	PGMCR
Variable label	Whether been criticized for gambling in past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	ASK IF PGAM12 = 1
Question text	In the last 12 months have people criticized your betting or told you that you had a gambling problem, regardless of whether or not you thought it was true?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Variable name	PGMGL
Variable label	Whether felt guilty about gambling in past 12 months
Source	PROBLEM GAMBLING SEVERITY INDEX (PGSI)
Question level routing	ASK IF PGAM12 = 1
Question text	In the last 12 months have you felt guilty about the way you gamble or what happens when you gamble?
Answer categories	1 Never 2 Sometimes 3 Most of the time 4 Almost always

Mental health

Variable name	PPHDE
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt depressed past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL

Question text	The next few questions are about how you have felt over the last 30 days. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel so depressed that nothing could cheer you up?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PPHHO
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt hopeless past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel hopeless?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PPHRF
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt restless or fidgety past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel restless or fidgety?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PPHEE
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt that everything was an effort past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel that everything was an effort?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time

	3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PPHWO
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt worthless past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel worthless?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PPHNE
Variable label	Kessler – how often felt nervous past 30 days
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel nervous?
Answer categories	1 All of the time 2 Most of the time 3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

Variable name	PSATN
Variable label	Life satisfaction nowadays
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays, where 0 means ‘not at all’ and 10 means ‘completely’?
Answer categories	1. 0: Not at all satisfied 2. 1 3. 2 4. 3 5. 4 6. 5

	7. 6 8. 7 9. 8 10. 9 11. 10: Completely satisfied

Exercise

Variable name	PEXERCISEH
Variable label	Number of days per week does exercise for 30 mins or more
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	On how many days in a typical week do you do 30 minutes or more exercise where you are working hard enough to raise your heart rate and break into a sweat? Include exercise done through work and other day-to-day activities.
Answer categories	0-7 days

Parents

Variable name	PMALIVE
Variable label	Is mother still alive
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Is your natural or adoptive mother alive?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know

Variable name	PFALIVE
Variable label	Is father still alive
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL
Question text	Is your natural or adoptive father alive?

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

Variable name	PPAREL
Variable label	Relationship status of parents
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK ALL IF BOTH PARENTS STILL ALIVE: PMALIVE=1 AND PFALIVE=1 (DO NOT ASK IF PARTNER INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23 AND REPORTED THAT THEIR MOTHER AND FATHER DO NOT LIVE TOGETHER)
Question text	Do your mother and father live together?
Answer categories	1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know

Variable name	PPASEP
Variable label	Age when parents separated
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PARENTS DON'T LIVE TOGETHER: PPAREL=2
Question text	How old were you when your parents stopped living together?
Answer categories	0...99 Parents never lived together

Variable name	PMQUAL
Variable label	Mother's education and qualifications
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT KNOWN FROM THE AGE 23 SWEEP (IF NOT SAME PARTNER AS AGE 23, OR NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23) AND IF PMALIVE = 1
Question text	Which, if any, of the following qualifications does your mother have?
Answer categories	1. Doctorate (PhD) 2. Master's degree (MA, MSc, Mphil) 3. Postgraduate diploma (including PGCE) 4. Bachelor's degree (BA, BSc or B.Ed) 5. Professional qualification at degree level (e.g. graduate member of professional institute, chartered accountant or surveyor) 6. A Level / AS level / Scottish Highers, Scottish Higher Certificate 7. GCSE / O level / SCE Standard 8. Vocational qualification (e.g. NVQ, BTEC) – please write in {VARLAB PEDHIVO2 –

	STRING: 100} 9. Higher education diploma 10. Nursing or paramedical qualification 11. Other qualifications – please write in {VARLAB PEDHIO2 – STRING: 100} 12. [EXCLUSIVE] No qualifications

Variable name	PMActivity
Variable label	Mother's current activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PMALIVE = 1
Question text	Which of these best describes what your mother is currently doing?
Answer categories	1. Employee – in paid work 2. Self employed 3. In unpaid/voluntary work 4. Unemployed 5. Education: school/college/university 6. Apprenticeship 7. On a government scheme for employment training 8. Sick or disabled 9. Looking after home or family 10. Retired from paid work 11. Something else

Variable name	PMActivityc
Variable label	Mother – other current activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MOTHER DOING SOMETHING ELSE: IF PMACTIVITY=10
Question text	What is your mother currently doing?
Answer categories	

Variable name	PMWrkhrs
Variable label	Whether mother is in full or part-time employment
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MOTHER EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF PMACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 6
Question text	Is your mother in full-time or part-time employment (IF PMACTIVITY=3 'in their unpaid/voluntary job'; IF PMACTIVITY=6 'in their apprenticeship')?

Answer categories	1. Full-time (30 or more hours a week) 2. Part-time (under 30 hours)

Variable name	PMStudyhrs
Variable label	Whether mother studying full-time or part-time
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MOTHER IN EDUCATION: PMACTIVITY=5
Question text	Is your mother studying full-time or part-time?
Answer categories	1. Full-time 2. Part-time

Variable name	PMSickhrs
Variable label	Whether mother is temporarily or long-term sick or disabled
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MOTHER SICK OR DISABLED: PMACTIVITY=8
Question text	Is your mother temporarily sick or disabled or long-term sick or disabled?
Answer categories	1. Temporarily sick or disabled (less than six months) 2. Long term sick or disabled (more than six months)

Variable name	PMDactivity
Variable label	Mother current activity (derived)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{DERIVED VARIABLE – ALL}
Computes	1. Full-time paid employee (30 or more hours a week) {PMACTIVITY=1 AND PMWRKHRS=1} 2. Part-time paid employee (under 30 hours a week) {PMACTIVITY=1 AND PMWRKHRS=2} 3. Full-time self-employed {PMACTIVITY=2 AND PMWRKHRS=1} 4. Part-time self-employed {PMACTIVITY=2 AND PMWRKHRS=2} 5. Unemployed and seeking work {PMACTIVITY=4 } 6. Full-time education {PMACTIVITY=5) AND PMSTUDYHRS=1} 7. Part-time education {PMACTIVITY=5 AND PMSTUDYHRS=2} 8. On a government scheme for employment and training {PMACTIVITY=7} 9. Temporarily sick/disabled {PMACTIVITY=8 AND PMSICKHRS=1} 10. Long term sick/disabled {PMACTIVITY=8 AND PMSICKHRS=2} 11. In unpaid/voluntary work {PMACTIVITY=3 } 12. Apprenticeship {PMACTIVITY=6 } 13. Looking after home or family {PMACTIVITY=9 } 14. Other {PMACTIVITY=10 }

	15. DK/REF {PMACTIVITY=-8,-9 OR PMWRKHRS=-8,-9 OR PMSTUDYHRS= -8,-9 OR PMSICKHRS=-8,-9}

Variable name	PMJtitle
Variable label	Mother's job title (current or the one being trained to)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MOTHER IS employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF PMDACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	What is {PMDactivity=1, 2, 3, 4: 'your mother's current job title'; Pdactivity=11: 'the job title for the unpaid/voluntary work your mother is doing'; Pdactivity=12: 'the title of the job your Mother is being trained to do'}? If your mother has more than one job, please think about her main job.
Answer categories	STRING

Variable name	PMJobdo
Variable label	Main activities in mother's job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF MOTHER IS EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF PMDACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	Please describe in your own words what your mother mainly does in {PMDactivity=1, 2, 3, 4: 'their job'; PMDactivity=11: 'the unpaid/voluntary work they are doing'; PMDactivity=12: 'the job your Mother is being trained to do'}.
Answer categories	STRING

Variable name	PFQUAL
Variable label	Father's education and qualifications
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF NOT KNOWN FROM THE AGE 23 SWEEP (IF NOT SAME PARTNER AS AGE 23, OR NOT INTERVIEWED AT AGE 23) AND PFALIVE = 1
Question text	Which, if any, of the following qualifications does your father have?
Answer categories	1. Doctorate (PhD) 2. Master's degree (MA, MSc, Mphil) 3. Postgraduate diploma (including PGCE) 4. Bachelor's degree (BA, BSc or B.Ed) 5. Professional qualification at degree level (e.g. graduate member of professional institute, chartered accountant or surveyor) 6. A Level / AS level / Scottish Highers, Scottish Higher Certificate 7. GCSE / O level / SCE Standard

	8. Vocational qualification (e.g. NVQ, BTEC) – please wite in {VARLAB PEDHIVO3 – STRING: 100} 9. Higher education diploma 10. Nursing or paramedical qualification 11. Other qualifications – please write in {VARLAB PEDHIO3 – STRING: 100} 12. [EXCLUSIVE] No qualifications

Variable name	PFACTIVITY
Variable label	Father's current ACTIVITY
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PFALIVE = 1
Question text	Which of these best describes what your father is currently doing?
Answer categories	1. Employee – in paid work 2. Self employed 3. In unpaid/voluntary work 4. Unemployed 5. Education: school/college/university 6. Apprenticeship 7. On a government scheme for employment training 8. Sick or disabled 9. Looking after home or family 10. Retired from paid work 11. Something else

Variable name	PFACTIVITYC
Variable label	Father – other current activity
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF FATHER DOING SOMETHING ELSE: IF PFACTIVITY=10
Question text	What is your father currently doing?
Answer categories	STRING

Variable name	PFWRKHRS
Variable label	Whether Father is in full or part-time employment
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF FATHER EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF PFACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 6
Question text	Is your father in full-time or part-time employment (IF PFACTIVITY=3 'in their unpaid/voluntary job'; IF PFACTIVITY=6 'in their apprenticeship')?

Answer categories	1. Full-time (30 or more hours a week) 2. Part-time (under 30 hours)

Variable name	PFSTUDYHRS
Variable label	Whether Father studying full-time or part-time
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF FATHER IN EDUCATION: PFACTIVITY=5
Question text	Is your father studying full-time or part-time?
Answer categories	1. Full-time 2. Part-time

Variable name	PFSICKHRS
Variable label	Whether Father is temporarily or long-term sick or disabled
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF FATHER SICK OR DISABLED: PFACTIVITY=8
Question text	Is your father temporarily sick or disabled or long-term sick or disabled?
Answer categories	1. Temporarily sick or disabled (less than six months) 2. Long term sick or disabled (more than six months)

Variable name	PFDACTIVITY
Variable label	Father current activity (derived)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	{DERIVED VARIABLE – ALL}
Computes	1. Full-time paid employee (30 or more hours a week) {PFACTIVITY=1 AND PFWRKHRS=1} 2. Part-time paid employee (under 30 hours a week) {PFACTIVITY=1 AND PFWRKHRS=2} 3. Full-time self-employed {PFACTIVITY=2 AND PFWRKHRS=1} 4. Part-time self-employed {PFACTIVITY=2 AND PFWRKHRS=2} 5. Unemployed and seeking work {PFACTIVITY=4 } 6. Full-time education {PFACTIVITY=5) AND PFSTUDYHRS=1} 7. Part-time education {PFACTIVITY=5 AND PFSTUDYHRS=2} 8. On a government scheme for employment and training {PFACTIVITY=7} 9. Temporarily sick/disabled {PFACTIVITY=8 AND PFSICKHRS=1} 10. Long term sick/disabled {PFACTIVITY=8 AND PFSICKHRS=2} 11. In unpaid/voluntary work {PFACTIVITY=3 } 12. Apprenticeship {PFACTIVITY=6 } 13. Looking after home or family {PFACTIVITY=9 } 14. Other {PFACTIVITY=10 } 15. DK/REF {PFACTIVITY=-8,-9 OR PFWRKHRS=-8,-9 OR PFSTUDYHRS= -8,-9 OR PFSICKHRS=-8,-9}

Variable name	PFJtitle
Variable label	Father's job title (current or the one being trained to)
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF FATHER IS employed, self-employed, in unpaid/voluntary work or apprenticeship: IF PFDACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	What is {PFDACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4: 'your father's current job title'; Pfactivity=11 'the job title for the unpaid/voluntary work your father is doing'; cPFDACTIVITY=12: 'the title of the job your father is being trained to do'}? If your father has more than one job, please think about his main job
Answer categories	STRING

Variable name	PFJobdo
Variable label	Main activities in Father's job
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF FATHER IS EMPLOYED, SELF-EMPLOYED, IN UNPAID/VOLUNTARY WORK OR APPRENTICESHIP: IF PFDACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
Question text	Please describe in your own words what your father mainly does in {PFDACTIVITY=1, 2, 3, 4: 'their job'; Pfactivity=11: 'the unpaid/voluntary work they are doing' PFDACTIVITY=12: 'the job your Father is being trained to do'}.
Answer categories	STRING

Relationship satisfaction

Variable name	PRELSAT1
Variable label	How happy is relationship
Source	NS32
Question level routing	{IF (CRLIVEPA [LAST ITERATION]=1 OR OTHCRELA=1) and SCROUTING = 1}
Question text	On a scale from 1 to 7, where '1' means that you are 'very unhappy' and '7' means that you are 'very happy', how happy is your relationship with your current partner, all things considered?
Answer categories	1 Very unhappy 2 3 4 5 6

	7 Very happy Don't know Prefer not to say

Fertility preferences

Variable name	PCHPLAN
Variable label	How partner feels about having children
Source	New
Question level routing	ASK If CM OR PARTNER not currently pregnant (BABY_LOOP.PROUT [ALL] = 1,2,3,4,6,7)
Question text	Which of these statements best describes the way you feel about having children? <i>We are interested in knowing your personal preference for having children, irrespective of what has happened or any circumstances that may make it easier or harder to have them. This includes having children naturally, or through other means – for example, adoption.<i/>
Answer categories	1 I would definitely like (more) children, and I'm currently trying 2 I would definitely like (more) children, but I'm not currently trying 3 I might like (more) children in the future, I'm not sure yet 4 I would definitely not like (more) children 5 Prefer not to say

Variable name	PNCHPLAN
Variable label	How many children partner would like
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF CHPLAN=1,2
Question text	How many children would you like to have in total (including any children you may already have)? <i>We are interested in knowing your personal preference for having children, irrespective of any circumstances that may make it easier or harder to have them. This includes having children naturally, or through other means – for example, adoption.<i/>
Answer categories	NUMERIC: 1-10

Variable name	PACHPLAN
Variable label	Age partner would like to have (more) children
Source	MCS8
Question level routing	ASK IF PCHPLAN=2
Question text	What age would you like to have a/another child?

Answer categories	NUMERIC: RANGE: 22-60

Variable name	PREASONCH
Variable label	Reasons for not currently trying to have children
Source	NEW - NS32 CM ADAPTED
Question level routing	{ASK IF PCHPLAN=2}
Question text	Which one of the following best describes the main reason you are not currently trying to have (more) children? Please select up to three reasons.
Answer categories	1. I do not feel ready to have (more) children yet 2. I do not have a suitable partner to have children with 3. My partner does not want (more) children 4. Financial reasons (for example, income, cost of living, childcare costs) 5. My housing situation 6. Having (more) children would impact upon my work, career or studies 7. Having (more) children would compromise my lifestyle or freedom 8. Having (more) children would impact my partner's work, career or studies 9. I have concerns about the responsibilities of parenting (more children) 10. Lack of support from family, friends or my community 11. Concerns about the future or the state of the world 12. Environmental or climate change concerns 13. I have a health or fertility problem 14. My partner has a health or fertility problem 15. My sexuality makes having (more) children more difficult 16. My gender identity makes having (more) children more difficult 17. Other (please specify) 18. Don't know 19. Prefer not to say

Variable name	PREASONCHO
Variable label	Reasons for not currently trying to have children - other
Source	NEW - NS32 CM ADAPTED
Question level routing	{IF PREASONCH=17}
Question text	Please enter other reason
Answer categories	STRING

Variable name	PREASONNOCH
Variable label	Reasons for not wanting or being unsure about having children
Source	NEW

Question level routing	{IF PCHPLAN=3, 4}
Question text	"{IF DOES NOT WANT: “Which one of the following best describes the main reason you would definitely not like (more) children?”; IF UNSURE: “Which one of the following best describes the main reason you might like (more) children but are not sure yet?”}" Please select up to three reasons.
Answer categories	1. Financial reasons (for example, income, cost of living, childcare costs) 2. My housing situation 3. Having (more) children would impact upon my work, career or studies 4. Having (more) children would compromise my lifestyle or freedom 5. I do not enjoy being around children 6. I have concerns about the responsibilities of parenting (more) 7. I do not have a suitable partner to have children with 8. Having (more) children would impact my partner’s work, career or studies 9. My partner does not want (more) children 10. Lack of support from family, friends or my community 11. Concerns about the future or the state of the world 12. Environmental or climate change concerns 13. I have a health or fertility problem 14. My partner has a health or fertility problem 15. My sexuality makes having (more) children more difficult 16. My gender identity makes having (more) children more difficult 17. {IF DOES NOT WANT} Experiences in my own childhood or family life have influenced my decision 18. I simply do not want children 19. I already have as many children as I want 20. {IF UNSURE} I do not feel ready to have (more) children yet 21. Other (please specify) 22. Don't know 23. Prefer not to say

Variable name	PREASONNOCHO
Variable label	Reasons for not wanting or being unsure about having children - other
Source	NEW
Question level routing	IF PREASONNOCH=21
Question text	Please enter other reason
Answer categories	STRING