# National Child Development Study: 2002-3 

## Self-completion Booklet

In Confidence

We would like to ask you some questions before the nurse comes to see you.

Your answers to these questions will give us a better idea about your health and how it is influenced by your lifestyle and current circumstances.

Please do complete this booklet before the nurse comes to see you and give it to her when she visits.

## How to fill in this questionnaire

A. Most of the questions on the following pages can be answered by simply ticking the box below or alongside the answer that applies to you.

## Example:

Do you feel you lead a ...
Tick one box

B. On most pages you should answer ALL the questions but sometimes you will find an instruction next to the box you have ticked telling you to go to another question.
By following the instructions carefully you will miss out questions which do not apply to you.

## Example:

Tick one box


## A. SUN EXPOSURE

## EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

A1 How long per day do/did you usually spend outdoors during the daylight hours ...

|  | PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE | No time | Less than 15 mins | 15 to 30 mins | 30 mins to 1 hour | 1 to 2 hours | 3 to 4 hours | More than 4 hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | ... last month? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| b. | ... in Summer? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|  | in Winter? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

A2 In sunny weather, both in the UK and in other countries do you ...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE
Often
a. ... protect your skin from the sun, for example with clothing or suncream?
b. ... get blistering after being burned in the sun?
c. ... actively seek a suntan?


| Sometimes | Rarely | Never |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square_{2}$ | $\square$ | $\square_{4}$ | ${ }^{116}$ |
| $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ | ${ }^{117}$ |
| $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ | ${ }^{118}$ |

A3 What is the natural colour of your hair (or the original colour if now grey)?

## Tick one box



Dark blonde/light brown $\square$
Dark brown/black $\quad{ }_{4}$

A4 Would you say your natural skin colour (on your inner arm) is ...

## Tick one box

... light (white, fair, or ruddy) $\square$
... medium (olive, light/medium brown) $\square$
... dark (dark brown, black) $\square$

## B. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

First we would like to ask you about activities connected with your main (or only) job.
B1 In the past year have you been in paid employment or have you done regular, organised voluntary work?

Tick one box


For the job you have spent most time doing in the year ...
B2 Roughly how many miles is it from home to work?
Write in $\square$ miles 122-4

B3 How many times a week do you travel between home and work? (To work and from work counts as two journeys.)

Write in $\square$ times a week

B4 How do you usually travel to work? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE
a. By motorised transport (car, motorbike, train etc.)
b. By bicycle
c. Walking


## Never/

Usually


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Now we would like to know about your activity at work.
Please answer questions B5 and B6 for your current, main job.
B5 Read through each of the following categories and tick either Yes or No. Then go back through the list and, for each of the activities for which you have ticked yes, record the number of hours per week that you spent on that activity.

## Have you done each activity at work in the last year?

If yes, how many

## No

a. Sitting - light work e.g. desk work, or driving a car or truck
b. Sitting - moderate work e.g. working heavy levers or riding a mower or forklift truck

c. Standing - light work e.g. lab technician work or working at a shop counter
d. Standing - light/moderate work e.g. light welding or stocking shelves

e. Standing - moderate work e.g. fast rate assembly line work or lifting up to 50 lbs every 5
 minutes for a few seconds at a time
f. Standing - moderate/heavy work e.g. masonry/painting or lifting more than 50 lbs every 5
 minutes for a few seconds at a time
g. Walking at work - carrying nothing heavier than a briefcase e.g. moving about a shop
h. Walking - carrying something heavy
i. Moving, pushing heavy objects weighing over 75 lbs


If you do any other activities at work which we have not included, please list them in the space below:
j.

k.


B6 At work, how many times a day do you normally ..
a. ... climb up a flight of stairs ( 10 steps)

Number of times each day
b. ... climb up a ladder

| $\square$ | $272-4$ <br> $\square$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | $275-8$ |

## EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

B7 Now we would like to ask you how you generally get about.

Would you say that ...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE
a ... apart from journeys to work, I travel by car most or all of the time
b ... apart from journeys to work, I travel by public transport most or all of the time

B8 Apart from journeys to work, how many journeys do you make by bicycle and on foot in an average week?
(To and from somewhere counts as two journeys.)
Write in the total number of journeys and the number of journeys of each distance (which should add up to the total.)


## C. HEARING

These questions are about your ears and your hearing. If you normally use a hearing aid, answer questions C1 to C6 as if you were NOT using it.

C1 Do you have any difficulty with your hearing?

C2 Do you find it very difficult to follow a conversation if there is background noise (such as TV, radio, children playing)?

Tick one box


Tick one box


No ${ }_{2}$

C4 Do you have difficulty ...
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON No
EACH LINE

$\begin{gathered}\text { Yes, } \\ \text { modera } \\ \text { difficulty }\end{gathered}$
$\square$
$\square$
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C5 Do very loud noises annoy you?
Tick one box


C6 Nowadays, how much does any difficulty in hearing worry, annoy or upset you?


C7 Have you ever had an ear operation?
Tick one box


C8 Did any of your parents, children, brothers or sisters have great difficulty in hearing before the age of 55 years?

Tick one box


Yes, more than 2 years ago $\square$
C10 Have you ever worked in a place that was so noisy that you had to shout to be heard?

## Tick one box



## D. EYESIGHT

These questions are about your eyesight. Please think about your eyesight in the past month.
If you use glasses, contact lenses or magnifiers for some activities, please answer according to how you can see when using them.

If you have had an eye infection, eye operation, an eyesight test, a change of glasses or a sudden change in your eyesight in the past month please write details below.

Please read each question carefully and tick the answer that best applies to you.
D1 Think about how your eyesight has made you feel in the past month.

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

In the past month ...
a ... have you felt embarrassed because of your eyesight?
b ... have you felt frustrated or annoyed because of your eyesight?
c ... have you felt lonely or isolated because of your eyesight?
d ... have you felt sad or low because of your eyesight?
e ... how often have you worried about your eyesight?

D2 In the past month, how often has your eyesight made you concerned or worried about the following ..
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE
a ... your general safety at home?
b ... your general safety when out of your home?
c ... coping with everyday life?

D3 In the past month, how often has your eyesight .

| PLEASE TICK ONE BOX |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ON EACH LINE | Not at all | Very rarely |
| a ... stopped you doing the things you want to do? |  | 2 |
| b ... interfered with your life in general? | 1 | 2 |

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX


A fair

| Not | Very <br> at all |
| :---: | :---: |
| rarely |  | | A little of |
| :---: |
| the time |





A fair $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Not } & \text { Very } & \text { A little of } \\ \text { at all } \\ \text { rarely }\end{array} \quad \begin{gathered}\text { the time }\end{gathered}$

amount o the time A lot of the


All the
time


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## E. PAIN

E1 During the past month, have you had any ache or pain which has lasted for one day or longer? (Please do not include pain occurring only during menstrual periods or during the course of a feverish illness such as 'flu.)

Tick one box


E2 Thinking about this pain, have you been aware of it for more than 3 months?

E3 Below you will find four diagrams of the body.
Please shade in all the places where you felt or feel the aches and pains.

RIGHT
BACK
FRONT
LEFT


## F. WORK

## EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

If you have a paid job, please apply these questions to your main job. Otherwise please apply these questions to your main activity (eg housework, caring for family members, voluntary work etc.).

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

F1 Do you have to work very fast?
F2 Do you have to work very intensively?
F3 Do you have enough time to do everything?
F4 Do you have a possibility of learning new things through your work?

F5 Does your work demand a high level of skill or expertise?

F6 Do you have a choice in deciding HOW you do your work?

F7 Do you have a choice in deciding WHAT you do at work?

F8 Does your job provide you with a variety of interesting things?

Job Characteristics:
F9 Are you in paid work either full time or part time?

## Tick one box



F10 How many hours do you work per average week in your main job, including work brought home?
$\square$ Hours
559-60

F11 Do you have any other paid employment in addition to your main job?

Tick one box


F12 How secure do you feel your present job is?
Tick one box


F13 About your position at work, whether you are working at home or in a workplace away from home, how often does the following statement apply?

I have a good deal of say in decisions about work.
Tick one box


F14 About consistency and clarity regarding your job.
Do different groups at work demand things from you that you think are hard to combine?

Tick one box


F15 When you are having difficulties at work:
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON
EACH LINE Often
Sometimes
Seldom
Never
a. How often do you get help and support from your colleagues?
b. How often are your colleagues willing to listen to your work-related problems?
c. How often is your immediate superior willing to listen to your problems?



$\square$
$\square$

## G. HOUSEHOLD CIRCUMSTANCES

## EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

G1 Do you own or rent your home or is there some other arrangement?

## Tick one box

Own - outright $\quad 01$
Own - buying with help of a mortgage/loan 02
Pay part rent and part mortgage (shared/equity ownership) $\square_{03}$
Rent from local authority or housing association $\quad 0_{04}$
Rent from private landlord, relative or other


Live here rent-free, including rent-free in relatives'/friends' property $\quad{ }_{06}$


G2 How many cars or vans are normally available for private use by you or any members of your household? (Include company vehicles if available for private use, but exclude vehicles solely for carriage of goods.)

Tick one box


G3 Do (any of) you own this/these vehicle(s) or is it a company vehicle? (Include vehicles being bought on hire purchase.)

## Tick one box

Owned by household $\square$
Company vehicle(s) $\square$

Both owned and company vehicles $\square$

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER
G4 How often does it happen that you do not have enough money to afford the kind of food or clothing you/your family should have?

Tick one box
Always $\square$


G5 How much difficulty do you have in meeting the payment of bills?

## Tick one box

Very great difficulty $\square_{1}$
Great difficulty $\quad{ }_{2}$
Some difficulty $\square_{3}$
Slight difficulty $\square_{4}$
Very little difficulty $\square$

## H. SOCIAL LIFE

This section concerns people in your life who you feel close to and from whom you can obtain support (either emotional or practical) including close relatives and good friends.

H1 How many people do you feel very close to? (It does not matter where they live or whether you have seen them recently.)

Please write in how many people $\square$

OR TICK: No-one


H2 Thinking about the person you have felt closest to in the last 12 months please answer the following questions:

Tick one box
Is this person your ...


H3 How much in the last 12 months ..
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON

EACH LINE Not at all A little \begin{tabular}{c}
Quite <br>
a lot

 

A great <br>
deal
\end{tabular}

a. ... did this person give you information, suggestions and guidance that you found helpful?

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b. ... could you rely on this person (was this person there when you needed him/her?)

c. ... did this person make you feel good about yourself?
d. ... would you have liked more practical help with major things from this person?
e. ... did you share interests, hobbies and fun with this person?
f. ... did this person give you worries, problems and stress?

H4 Still thinking about the person you have felt closest to, how much in the last 12 months ...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

Not at all

A little | Quite |
| ---: |
| a lot |

## A great deal

a. ... did you want to confide in (talk frankly, share feelings with) this person?
b. ... did you confide in this person?
c. ... did you trust this person with your most personal worries and problems?
d. ... would you have liked to confide more in this person?

e. ... did talking to this person make things worse?


H5 How much in the last 12 months ...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

Not at all

Quite
A little a lot

A great deal
a. ... did he/she talk about his/her personal worries with you?

$\square$

b. ... did you need practical help from this person with major things (e.g. look after you when ill, help with


$\square$ finances, children)?
c. .... did this person give you practical help with major things?
d. ... did this person give you practical help with small things when you needed it? (e.g. chores, shopping, watering plants, etc.)

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER
H6 These questions are about relatives who live outside your household.
How often do you have regular contact with relatives
outside your household, by visits, telephone, letters or emails? In total, is it ...

Tick one box


OR TICK: I have no relatives outside my household


H7 How often do you visit or are you visited by relatives who live outside your household? In total, is it ...

Tick one box


H8 How many relatives do you see once a month or more?


## EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

H9 How often do you have regular contact with friends or acquaintances outside your household, by visits, telephone, letters or emails? In total, is it ...


OR TICK: I have no friends or acquaintances outside my household


H10 How often do you visit or are you visited by friends or acquaintances who live outside your household? In total, is it ...

Tick one box


H11 How many friends or acquaintances do you see once a month or more?

Tick one box

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\text { None } \square_{1}
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One or two $\quad{ }_{2}$
Three to five ${ }_{3}$
Six to ten 4

More than ten $\square$

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER
H12 Are you an active member of: social or recreational groups, trade unions, commercial groups, professional organisations, political parties, sports clubs, cultural groups, pressure groups etc.?

## Tick one box



H13 Taking all the above organisations together, how many hours in an average month do you devote to activities of these organisations?

Please write in number of hours
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Thank you for your help with answering these questions. Please keep this booklet and give it to the nurse when she visits.

