

Methodological Changes to Health Survey for England (HSE) 2013 [NS]

Background

The Health Survey for England (HSE) is an annual survey, monitoring the health of the population. NatCen Social Research (NatCen) and the Research Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at University College London (UCL) are commissioned by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to carry out the survey. Each survey consists of core questions and measurements, plus modules of questions on specific topics that vary from year to year.

The main focus of the HSE in 2013 is Social Care. Additional modules of questions are also included covering general health and well-being, eye care, end of life care, fruit and vegetable consumption, alcohol consumption, smoking and obesity.

Trend tables are published each year updating key trends on a number of health areas. These include estimates of the number, as well as the proportion, of people with a range of health related problems and lifestyle behaviours.

Smoking Questions

The modules and questions included in the HSE are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure they are of most benefit to users. Following a public consultation held between 22 August and 3 October 2012, for a period of 6 weeks, users are informed of the addition of new questions, and amendments to existing questions in the smoking module. The outcome to the consultation is available on the following link; <http://www.ic.nhs.uk/work-with-us/consultations/health-survey-for-england-smoking-module-review>

A copy of the full HSE questionnaire can be found in volume 2: Methods and Documentation, Appendix A on the following link; http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/003_Health_Lifestyles/HSE2010_REPORT/HSE2010_Methods_and_documentation.pdf

Please see annex 1 for a summary of the changes.

Annex 1

CHANGES TO REVISED SMOKING QUESTIONNAIRE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

Variable Name / Question	Description	Asked of	Proposed Change	Outcome
SmokEver, SmokeNow	Establish smoking status: ever cigarettes, cigar, pipe; cigarettes now	All	No change proposed	N/A
DlySmoke, (Estim, Grams, Ounces), WKendSmok, (Estim, Grams, Ounces),	Number of cigarettes usually smoked – weekdays and weekend days (weight of tobacco IF use hand rolled and can't estimate no.)	Current cigarette smokers	No change proposed	N/A
CigType	Filter tipped, plain or hand rolled – mainly smoked	Current cigarette smokers	Add: ever currently use each type, how many hand rolled Add: if hand rolled: always with filter, always without filter, sometimes with	Change accepted Change accepted
SmokWher, SmokHome, SmokOut, SmokPpl	Where smoked last 7 days	Current cigarette smokers	Drop: SmokPpl Drop: SmokOut Add: In public parks No change proposed to SmokWher, SmokHome	Change accepted Change rejected Change accepted
SmNoDay, GiveUp, WhenStop, GvUpReas, FirstCig	Intentions of giving up smoking	Current cigarette smokers	Replace: WhenStop with question which captures quit intention and timing (comparable with Toolkit survey). Amend: GvUpReas list: item 4 'Because of the smoking ban in all enclosed public places including pubs and restaurants and at work'	Change accepted Change accepted
SmYrAgo	To find out if smokers are smoking more, less, or the same as a year ago	Current cigarette smokers	New question	Accepted for 2013 – however it will require additional funding to be included in future years
SmokCig	Whether ever smoked cigs	Ex-smokers	No change proposed	N/A
QuitReas	Why decided to give up smoking	Ex-smokers	Amend: QuitReas list: item 3 'Government <u>and NHS</u> TV, radio or press advert' Amend: QuitReas list: item 6 'Being faced with the smoking ban in public places <u>and at work</u> '	Change accepted Change accepted

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SmokeReg, NumSmok, (Estim, Grams, Ounces),	Previous smoking pattern: reg/occasionally, number	Ex-smokers	No change proposed	N/A
StartSmk	Age started smoking	Current cig smokers/ ex-reg smokers	No change proposed	N/A
EndSmoke, LongEnd	How long ago stopped smoking	Ex-regular/ occasional smoker	Amend: LongEnd list if stopped in last 12 months with more detail (comparable with Toolkit survey)	Change accepted
	Use of replacement products	All	Replace Nicot with 2 new Qs on nicotine replacement products/ electronic cigs –whether used now and ever	Change accepted
	Use of replacement products	Ex smokers who ever use products	Add new Q: whether used replacement products to help quit	Change accepted
	Use of replacement products	Current smokers who ever use products	Add new Qs: whether for harm reduction, temp abstinence, or to quit	Change accepted
IsPreg, SmokePrg, StopPrg, PregRec, PregSmok, PregStop	Smoking in pregnancy	Pregnant	Drop	Change accepted
SmokeTry, DrSmoke, DrSmoke1	Whether tried stopping quitting because of health condition/medical advice	Current or ex smokers	Add: new Q: whether ever gone to doctor/health professional/local stop smoking services to seek quit help to stop (to measure impact of campaigns)	Change accepted
CigarNow, CigarReg, PipeNowA	Cigar and pipe smoking	All	No change proposed	N/A
FathSm, MothSm	Parental smoking	All	No change proposed	N/A
XExpSm, ChExpSm, Passive, Bother	Exposure to smoke	Children/ All	Amend: list for Passive – add ' Travelling by car/van '	Change accepted
NURSE QUESTIONS UseNic, Use GumMG, UsePat, NicPats,	Use of gum/patches in last 7 days	All aged 16+	Replace existing questions about strength of gum/ brands of patches with more detailed list of products	Change accepted