

National Statistics Harmonisation Group Meeting Agenda

Monday 12 March 2018 from 1100 to 1330 hrs
Meeting Room 3, at ONS, 1 Drummond Gate, London, SW1V 2QQ
Titchfield Room 1305
Newport 1.270
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	Timing	Agenda Item	Paper No	Presenter
1	1100 – 1110	Welcome and Introductions		Chair
2	1110 – 1120	Review of Previous Minutes and Actions	NSHG (17:3) 18	Chair
3	1120 – 1150	a) NSH SG Meeting and GSS SPSC Meeting Update	Verbal Update	Chair
		b) NSHG Update	Verbal Update	Charlie Wroth-Smith
		c) BPI Update	Presentation Slides	Daisie Hutchinson
		d) Update on Business Harmonisation	Verbal Update	Ian Sidney
		e) Communications Plan	NSHG (18:1) 01	Becki Aquilina
4	1150 – 1200	Census Update	England/Wales – Verbal Update Scotland – Verbal Update NI – Verbal Update	Becki Aquilina Jill Morton Becki Aquilina
5	1200 – 1210	Update on Sexual ID/Sexual Orientation	Verbal update	Emily Knipe
6	1210 - 1225	Data Collection Methodology – Gender Identity Update	Presentation Slides	Pete Betts
7	1225 – 1235	UKSA Code of Practice – National Statistician’s Guidance – Quality, Methods and Harmonisation	Verbal update	Penny Babb
8	1235 – 1245	Household Definitions Update	Verbal update	Emily Knipe
9	1245 – 1255	Health and Care Statistics	Verbal update	Helen Fox
10	1255 – 1320	NSHG Topic Group Updates	NSHG (18:1) 03	Topic Group Leads
		Benefits and Tax Credits	Report received	Claire Cameron
		Consumer Durables	Nothing to report	Ian Sidney(Temp)
		Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour	Report received	Fiona Aitchison
		Demographic Information	Report received	Emily Knipe
		Economic Activity	Report received	Chris Daffin
		Education	Report received	Julian Austin / Tony Clarke
		EILR	Report received	Becki Aquilina (temp)
		Gender Identity	Report received	Michelle Monkman
		Health, Disability and Carers	Report received	Steven Webster
		Homelessness	Report received	Ellen Reaich
		Housing and Tenure	Report received	Scott Edgar
		Income	Report received	Matthew Minifie
		Internet Access	Report received	Grant Blank
		Migration, Country of Birth & Citizenship	Report received	Hannah McConnell
Personal Well-being	Report received	Silvia Manclossi		
Social Capital	Report received	Dani Evans		
11	1320 – 1325	AOB		Chair
12	1325 – 1330	Next Meeting	Tuesday 3 July 2018, 1100 - 1330 hrs, ONS, Drummond Gate Office, London	Chair



Minutes of the National Statistics Harmonisation Group (NSHG) Meeting
8th November 2017
1100 to 1330 hrs
ONS, 1 Drummond Gate, London, SW1V 2QQ

Attendees:

Steve Ellerd-Elliott – Chair	MoJ
Becki Aquilina	ONS via video
Charlie Wroth-Smith	ONS
Daisie Hutchinson	ONS
Darren Stillwell	DfT
Debbie Curtis	ONS via video
Eleanor Rees	ONS via video
Ellen Reaich	DCLG
Emily Knipe	ONS via video
Ian Sidney	ONS via video
Jamie Robertson	SG
Jill Morton	NRS via audio
Joe Ellison	ONS via video
Jonathan Page-Swan	ONS via video
Karen Hurrell	EHRC
Kim Bradford-Smith	DFID via audio
Lisa Walters	Welsh Gov via audio
Martin Van-Staveren	Kantar Media via audio
Marina Wright	ONS via video
Michelle Monkman	ONS via video
Penni McClure	ONS via video
Pete Betts	ONS
Scott Edgar	DCLG
Steve Webster	NHS Digital
Thomas Sims	DCLG via audio
Alison Brookman – secretariat	ONS

Apologies:

Alison Reynolds	DCMS
Becky Tinsley	ONS
Bonang Lewis	ONS
Darren Barnes	ONS
David Matz	HO
Jacob Wilcock	DFID
Joy Preece	ONS
Mark Herniman	ONS
Rebecca Hulme	Ofsted

1.0 Welcome and Introduction – Steve Ellerd-Elliott

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked those who have left the NSHG for their contribution. New members were introduced to the group;

- Alison Brookman (ONS) - Harmonisation Team
- Daisie Hutchinson (ONS) - Harmonisation Team
- Kim Bradford Smith (DFID) - Inclusive Societies Department Hub
- Eleanor Rees (ONS) - Topic Lead for Social Capital
- Jamie Robertson (Scottish Government) - Office of the Chief Statistician
- Hannah McConnell (ONS) - Migration Statistics Unit

2.0 Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting, NSHG (17:2) 10 – Steve Ellerd-Elliott

There were no comments from the previous minutes, all the actions were completed.

3.0 Update on Harmonisation Work**a. Verbal Update, NSH SG / GSS SPSC Meeting Report – Steve Ellerd-Elliott**

The main points were:

- NSH SG

- the communication plan was discussed including what projects the Harmonisation team should be involved in
- the next meeting will take place on 17th January 2018
- GSS SPSC
 - the last meeting was held on 27th October 2017- report to be circulated
 - the next GSS SPSC meeting will take place on 11 January 2018
 - The meeting included a 'deep dive' of the harmonisation programme led by Jen Woolford (Chair of the National Statistics Harmonisation Steering Group). This focused on:
 - the importance and impact of harmonisation with special consideration to the Digital Economy Act and the increase in data sharing opportunities were discussed
 - topic leads; do our topic leads need greater support from senior managers so that they can have a greater influence? And what senior engagement exists and is there buy in within departments
 - updates to data systems within Government departments and the administrative data systems in use:
 - we need to be more proactive and try to influence system changes when they are being developed
 - it is recommended that the NSHG ensure participation at the earliest opportunity, this may be achieved through developing relationships and identifying opportunities for involvement; It is important that when members are able to participate at the early stages, that they are effective and facilitate the process where possible; being engaged with the IT development projects

Action 1: Topic Leads to identify what support is needed from senior managers and inform the Harmonisation Team

- Agreement that harmonising administrative data should be a high priority. harmonisation should be integrated into the Government Data Service's (GDS) Better use of data agenda
 - making sure they recognise what harmonisation means and where they slot in
 - Charlie has spoken to the GDS, talks have begun on how the NSHG can influence their standards; GDS were keen and it is important to use this optimism to drive the necessary discussions
- David Fry - adding a Harmonisation update to the NS Executive sub-committee group update in January
- John Pullinger will raise awareness at the senior management level and at the Analytical Function Board
- 'Harmonisation by default' as well as 'digital by default' to be encouraged
- Julie Brown is due to take up her new post in December as head of Best Practice and Impact (BPI) Division.
 - Focus in particular on:
 - harmonisation in a context of administrative data
 - identifying the challenges the Harmonisation Team have
- Data as a Service (DaaS) have commissioned some work on coherences and vacuity across key administrative resources, it is an important resource we should access with relation to key sources used in statistics; Charlie is communicating with DaaS, the project offers a lot of value with regards to harmonising administrative data

b. NSHG (17:3) 11, Review of the NSHG Workplan – Becki Aquilina

- 'Social Capital' has a new topic lead Eleanor Rees who is being supported by Dani Evans
- 'Consumer Durables' requires a new lead
- 'Internet access' is to become its own topic

- previous agreement to no longer differentiate between primary and secondary principles; this has now been completed across all documents within the harmonisation pages on the GSS website
- attention drawn to the possibility of a harmonised language question

c. Verbal Update, Business Harmonisation – Ian Sidney

Ian presented his update and the following additional points were discussed:

Update:

- two Business Task & Finish Group Meetings have been held since the last NSHG
- additional meetings with Northern Ireland & Scotland
 - collaborative work seems to be developing due to these meetings
- currently two harmonised principles are being developed hope to be ready to circulate to NSH SG for approval shortly:
 1. Value in change of stocks
 2. Capital acquisitions and disposals

d. NSHG (17:3) 12, Communications Plan – Becki Aquilina

Becki presented the Communication Plan.

- members were asked to email Becki with communication tactics for 2018, the following suggestions were raised:
 - open communication with other departments to prevent waste through ‘duplicated processes’. Departments who ‘overlap’ with the NSHG include, for example:
 - liaising with local government and specific profession e.g GSR, reaching out to GDS regarding their question development which often occurs in parallel with the NSHG’s work.
 - reaching out to data scientists
 - ‘Health and the NHS’ component of a recent meeting attended by Daisie, they have reached out wishing to find out how harmonisation works and how we can facilitate the process
 - suggestion to use National Days, such as ‘National Disability Day’ to launch initiatives and identify stakeholders

ACTION 2 – Members to consider suggestions for communication ideas and platforms and inform the Harmonisation Team

4.0 Census Topic Update – Michelle Monkman on behalf of Helena Rosiecka

- Michelle gave an overview of progress across the different census topics which are possibly having revisions. These include potential new topics and the potential to simplify questions on existing topics
- ONS has yet to formulate its recommendations for the 2021 Census. Once it has done so the Government will bring forward a White Paper which will include the census questions

5.0 Update on Scotland Census – Jill Morton

- ‘Harmonisation agreement’ has been struck across the devolved nations
- differences have been identified across Scottish surveys and those in England and Wales. However, these have been reviewed and vary for reasons of user needs and respondent understanding
- testing of the Scottish census program to continue until March 2018
- Jamie Robertson talked about the three large population surveys in Scotland and how harmonised is apparent across these

6.0 NSHG (17:3) 13, Benefits and Tax Credits – Agreement of amended Principle - Thom Sims

- Members were asked to review the document and agree the amendments; the proposed revisions include changes to the name and qualifying period(s) of:
 - allowances/payments for Bereavement Allowance (formally Widows Pension),
 - Widowed Parents Allowance (formally Widowed Mothers Allowance)
 - Bereavement Support Allowance/Payment (formally Bereavement Allowance)
- driven by changes to the Welfare system. As these are legislative changes it is not open to interpretation.
- The full amended harmonised principle will be sent to members for agreement via correspondence
- a query was raised regarding the introduction of the Universal Credit and how the harmonised concepts capture the transition period.

ACTION 3 – Becki to re-circulate documents to NSHG members for agreement to revised principle, providing two weeks to respond. If no objections are raised, the amendment will be agreed by NSHG and circulated to the NSH SG for final approval.

7.0 NSHG (17:3) 14, Homelessness - Agree the need - Ellen Reaich (DCLG)

- members were asked to 'Agree the Need' for a new topic to be developed for Homelessness
- data collected to measure homelessness varies significantly, as do the sampling approaches and the methods utilised
- the definitions of the different type of 'homelessness' and the inclusion and exclusion are different in each survey as well as in the academic literature and the legislation.
- data gaps exist across the topic but in particular 'rough sleeping'; for example; A&E intake forms offer 'no fixed abode' while mental health approaches is more detailed and includes 'suitable accommodation' to capture those who live in sub-standard conditions
- members agreed there is a need to develop harmonised questions for homelessness

ACTION 4 – Ellen with Daisie's support to consider what administrative data is available for homelessness

ACTION 5 – Ellen with Daisie's support recruit members for the group from the Devolved Administrations

ACTION 6 - Scott Edgar to refer members from the housing topic groups

ACTION 7 – Ellen with Daisie's support to contact Laura Keys from the Survey of Living Conditions (SLC)

8.0 NSHG (17:3) 15, Migration, Country of Birth and Citizenship - Agree definitions – Penni McClure

- members were asked to review the document and agree the definitions for Migration, Country of Birth and Citizenship.
- currently contains 26 target concepts, including 'refugee' which has been added as per Home Office guidance.
- members agreed the definitions presented
- Becki to circulate documents to NSH Steering Group for final approval, once approved the definitions will be disseminated across the GSS
- Penni will be replaced by a new topic lead whilst she is on maternity leave – post meeting note, this will be Hannah McConnell (ONS)

ACTION 8 – Becki to circulate the agreed principles to the NSH SG for final approval of the definitions

9.0 NSHG (17:3) 16, Internet Access – Agree the need for revision – Daisie Hutchinson (ONS)

- members were asked to review the document and agree the need for the current principle to be revised. It is proposed that the current harmonised concept is currently out of date and has been removed from the list of available harmonised Principles on the GSS website; mode of access in particular does not account for the newer technologies available. Also the time frames provided as response options are no longer precise enough considering the current use of the internet in work and social activities.
- Grant Blank from Oxford University has been approached to provide topic expertise; his department has three large internet related surveys
- topic group representatives have been identified and met this month, a second meeting is planned for December. Due to the varying user need, survey size and topics included,
 - it has been suggested that attendees bring to the next meet approximately a dozen questions that are 'key' from their perspective
 - it is necessary to ensure that this topic group contains representatives from the Devolved Administrations
 - members agreed there is a need to revise the current harmonised Principle
 - Becki to circulate relevant documents to NSH Steering Group for final approval to amend the current principle for Internet Access
 - once the principles have been revised and agreed by the topic group, the relevant documents are to be brought back to the NSHG for agreement

ACTION 9 – Daisie to revise Internet Access questions with the Topic Group documents to be brought to the NSHG in a future meeting for agreement.

ACTION 10 – Daisie to ensure that a government department takes ownership for internet Access harmonised principle – potentially DCMS

10.0 NSHG (17:3) 17, NSHG Topic Lead Updates – Topic Group Leads

The Chair thanked the topic leads for their reports.

Benefits and Tax Credits – Thom Sims

Thom presented a report and there were no further comments or questions.

Consumer Durables

New topic lead is being sought.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour – Fiona Aitchison

A revised set of questions possibly to be submitted for the March 2018 NSHG meeting.

Demographic Information – Emily Knipe

Consultations to be completed regarding the inclusion of same sex marriage; these will include focus groups and opinion testing.

Economic Activity – Debbie Curtis

Debbie Curtis is likely to be the new topic lead. Euro standards have changed, several meetings planned to discuss the changes and how they relate to Harmonisation.

Education – Julian Austin/Tony Clarke

Continued liaison with Census Topic Group for education for update on research and testing of qualification questions for 2021 Census and coherence with the principal

EILR – Becki Aquilina (temp)

Harmonisation team researching whether there is a user need for developing a harmonised language principle. If a user need is established then the proposed new harmonised principle for language will be brought to the next NSHG for 'agree the need' step of the Harmonisation Process.

Gender Identity – Michelle Monkman

Workshop with data users to test the current questions. This report will be circulated when appropriate. Census update is due shortly.

Health, Disability and Carers – Steve Webster

Next topic group meeting is planned for January.

Housing and Tenure – Scott Edgar

Proposed use of 'leasehold tenure' to resolve issues in the current question. Revised questions will be brought to the group and a paper presented when appropriate.

Income – Mathew Minifie

There was nothing to report for this period.

Migration, Country of Birth and Citizenship – Penni McClure

Penni presented a report and there were no further comments or questions.

Pensions – Bonnie Lewis

There was nothing to report for this period.

Personal Well-being – Matthew Steel

There was nothing to report for this period.

Social Capital – Eleanor Rees

Due to the lack of established harmonisation principles for Social Capital other users have taken on the task, for example, Scotland has created their own but is willing to contribute to the review and update of the existing principle. Dani Evans to take over as the new lead due to Eleanor's maternity leave early next year, however to allow a smooth transition Dani is to be involved in the topic with immediate effect.

10.0 Any Other Business

- Karen Hurrell wished to raise awareness of a newly published EHRC framework which identifies a set of measures for equality and human rights.
- Steve Ellerd-Elliott discussed the Race Disparity Audit and publication of the Ethnicity facts and figures (<https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/>). The content is being reviewed and we will monitor for potential harmonisation issues.

11.0 Next Meetings

Date of the next meetings is:

- 12th March 2018, 1100 to 1330 hrs at ONS Drummond Gate

ACTIONS 11 – Members are requested to let the Secretariat (harmonisation@ons.gov.uk) know if they have any items for inclusion on the agenda for the next NSHG meeting

Annexes:

- A. List of Actions
- B. Presentation Slides

ANNEX A

ACTIONS FROM THE NSHG MEETING – 8 November 2017				
No	Para	Action	Responsible	Status
1	3.0	Topic Leads to identify what support is need and inform the Harmonisation Team.	Topic Leads	
2	3.0	Members to consider suggestions for communication ideas and platforms and inform the Harmonisation Team (harmonisation@ons.gov.uk).	All Members	
3	6.0	Becki to re-circulate documents to NSHG members for agreement to revised principle, providing two weeks to respond. If no objections are raised, the amendment will be agreed by NSHG and circulated to the NSH SG for final approval.	Becki Aquilina	Complete
4	7.0	Ellen with Daisie's support to consider what administrative data is available for homelessness.	Ellen Reaich & Daisie Hutchinson	
5	7.0	Ellen with Daisie's support to recruit members for the group from the Devolved Administrations.	Ellen Reaich & Daisie Hutchinson	
6	7.0	Scott Edgar to refer members from the housing topic groups.	Scott Edgar	
7	7.0	Ellen with Daisie's support contact Laura Keys from the Survey of Living Conditions (SLC).	Ellen Reaich & Daisie Hutchinson	
8	8.0	Becki to circulate the agreed principles to the NSH SG for final approval of the definitions for Migration, Country of Birth and Citizenship.	Becki Aquilina	
9	9.0	Daisie to revise Internet Access questions with the Topic Group. Documents to be brought to the NSHG in a future meeting for agreement.	Daisie Hutchinson	
10	9.0	Daisie to ensure that a government department takes ownership for the Internet Access harmonised principle – potentially DCMS.	Daisie Hutchinson	
11	11.0	Members are requested to let the Secretariat know if they have any items for inclusion on the agenda for the next NSHG meeting.	All Members	

Census Update - England and Wales

Members are asked to follow the links below for an update on Census England and Wales.

[The census topic research report](#)

[The 2017 test report](#)

[A summary of the Sikh meeting](#)

[and the response to the number of rooms/bedrooms consultation](#)



National Statistics Harmonisation Steering Group (NSH SG) Communication Plan 2018

<p>SITUATION ANALYSIS</p> <p>The National Statistics Harmonisation Group (NSHG) is responsible for, with the help of topic experts, the development and maintenance of common statistical frames, definitions and classification for statistics. The NSHG feeds into the National Statistics Harmonisation Steering Group (NSH SG), which in turn reports to the GSS Statistical Policy and Standards Committee (GSS SPSC), which is responsible for the agreement and promotion of statistical policies and standards covering all official statistics managed by the GSS. The uptake of harmonised principles across the GSS is not as high as it should be.</p>	<p>KEY MESSAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make input data and outputs more consistent and compatible with other data that cover the same concepts and questions • Focus on common goals and outcomes with a view to carrying out analysis of data from different sources • Make cross country comparisons • Reduce respondent and user burden • Make informed decisions in relation to data sources and statistics, within and across themes, in accordance with the ESS quality dimensions and aims of Coherence and Comparability • Carry out cross survey/data analysis and integration, making statistics comparable across time and across different sources, thereby creating an environment in which multiple data sources can be integrated (including integration with administrative data) • Avoid misinterpretation of data when users believe data are similar, but there are fundamental, but not apparent, differences • Harmonisation is recommended within the Statistics and Registration Services Act, the Code of Practice for Official Statistics and the National Statistician's Guidance
<p>THE OBJECTS OF CARRYING OUT COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES IN 2018</p> <p>The key objectives for carrying out communication activities in 2018 are to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make harmonisation part of the GSS voice 2. Increase contact to and from users <p>These communication objectives are aligned to the new strategic objectives. Alongside this, traditionally harmonisation has been implemented in a bottom up approach, which has gained some success. A top down approach is recommended from here on to gain further compliance.</p>	<p>APPROACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure GSS are aware of harmonisation and what it means for them • Communicate harmonisation from a general GSS perspective as a GSS brand rather than a separate strand • Promote harmonisation by default • Improve increased comparability across (data sources) outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - within themes - across themes - across countries • Encourage Senior managers to champion and raise the profile of harmonisation • Reach users that are not currently liaising with harmonisation for whatever reason • Increase communication to and with the harmonisation team • Help understanding of the differences between harmonisation and standardisation • Improve comparability across data sources • Focus more on the objectives and outcomes of harmonisation from the user perspective • Contact organisers of upcoming GSS Conferences to influence theme(s) • Increase communication via social media and blogging
<p>OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES</p> <p>Positive messages to convey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonisation can be a cost saving efficiency measure (SR15) • Harmonisation is an enabler to improving the quality of outputs and contributes to the open data agenda, thus increasing user satisfaction. Outputs will all be more user focussed. • If harmonisation is considered at the outset it can prevent delays and queries, increase understanding and avoid unnecessary confusion • Compliance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and Code of Practice for Official Statistics and the National Statistician's Guidance <p>Factors likely to produce resistance to change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of time series • Expense to change systems and carry out methodological development work • Perception there is a lot of work to do and that harmonisation is a hindrance rather than an enabler 	

Tactic	Purpose	Audience	Timing	Accountable	Feedback
Phase 1 (Q1 – Jan/Feb/Mar):					
Organise Harmonisation to be included within various ONS/GSS/ Divisional inductions for new staff (Objective 1 & 2)	To raise awareness of harmonisation	ONS	January - March	The Harmonisation Team Liaise with GSS Capabilities Team and Good Practice Team (GPT) (Charles Lound)	On-going
Lead Meeting with Disclosure Scotland and ONS to discuss GDS (Objective 1 & 2)	To lead a discussion on how we can work together to create harmonised questions	GDS/ONS (including Census, Population Statistics Division and Social Surveys)	12 th January	The Harmonisation Team	Complete – agreed to coordinate, research and produce a Gender identity principle for use across the UK
Harmonisation and standardisation - GSS Data Project Workshop, (Objective 1 & 2)	To determine how Harmonisation Team the wider Good practise and Impact Division and Digital publishing division and work together on the GSS Trade Data Consortium project	ONS / Good Practise and Impact Division and Digital Publishing Division	23 rd January		Complete – agreed to commit Harmonisation resource to this project
Workshop with ONS/NIRSA/Scotland (Objective 1 & 2)	Run workshop on UK Harmonised outputs for the Admin Data Census	ONS, NISRA, Scotland	31 st January	The Harmonisation Team	Successful workshop; will require further workshops in the future
Sexual identity harmonisation workshop (Objective 1 & 2)	Facilitating discussion on whether sexual identity question can be output as sexual orientation	Attendees across GSS	6 February	The Harmonisation Team	Complete – outcome of the meeting is to move towards using sexual Orientation labelling (no change to question) – needs to be agreed by NSHG and NSH SG
Hold BHTFG Meeting (Objective 1 & 2)	To coordinate Harmonisation communication	ONS/BHTFG/GSS/Devolved Administrations	19 th February	The Harmonisation Team	Complete
Present at SCLO (Survey Control Liaison Officers) Seminar provisional (Objective 1 & 2)	To raise awareness of Harmonisation and discuss the how cost of compliance is measured across GSS/ Devolved Administrations	Survey Control Liaison Officers across GSS/ Devolved Administrations	28 th February	Harmonisation Team liaising with ONS Quality Centre	

Hold NSHG Meeting (Objective 1 & 2)	To coordinate Harmonisation communication	ONS/NSHG/GSS/Devolved Administrations	12 th March	The Harmonisation Team	
Present Business Harmonisation to the Statistical Community in the Welsh Government (Objective 1 & 2)	To raise awareness of Business Harmonisation	GSS/WG	(tbc)	Ian Sidney (Harmonisation Team) Ian Sidney (Harmonisation Team) to contact Craiger Solomons	
Present BHTFG development and workplan to BEIS (Objective 1 & 2)	To raise awareness of Harmonisation	BEIS	January - March	BHTFG members (Charlie and Ian)	On-going Charlie liaising with BEIS to plan presentation
Maybe worth removing it at present and adding in the two workshops we have planned 29 th March and the one in May			29 th March	BHTFG	
Produce BPI Leaflets and business cards (Objective 1 & 2)	Best Practice and Impact (BPI) promotion (targeting HoPs and departments) are looking to produce leaflets for each area and begin promoting ourselves as a package (GPT, Harmonisation and Quality).	GSS/HoPs	February - March	BPI - Good Practice Team - Harmonisation Team and - Quality Centre	Drafted
Phase 2 (Q2 – Apr/May/June):					
Maybe worth removing it at present and adding in the two workshops we have planned 29 th March and the one in May			May		
European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics Krakow, Poland (Objective 1 & 2)	To raise awareness of Harmonisation	Various	26-29 June		
Data Scientists?					
Present to GSR?					

GDS?					
Health and NHS?					
Hold BHTFG Meeting (Objective 1 & 2)	To coordinate Harmonisation communication	ONS/BHTFG/GSS/Devolved Administrations	tbc	The Harmonisation Team	
Hold Review of BHTFG (Objective 1)	To determine how business / economic principles should be developed and governed going forward	ONS/BHTFG/GSS/Devolved Administrations	June	The Harmonisation Team	Check if this is the same as the one in May with Ian
Phase 3 (Q3 – July/Aug/Sept):					
Hold NSHG Meeting (Objective 1 & 2)	To coordinate Harmonisation communication	ONS/NSHG/GSS/Devolved Administrations	July	The Harmonisation Team	
Hold Topic Lead Coordination Workshop (Objective 1)	To share good practice among Topic Leads, to identify issues and to ensure principles are up to date	GSS	July	The Harmonisation Team – to be held after the NSHG meeting	
23rd GSS Methodology Symposium. Westminster Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5ND. (Objective 1 & 2)	To raise awareness of harmonisation	Various	18 th July	The Harmonisation Team	
Present to the International Conference of the Royal Statistical Society (Objective 1 & 2)	To raise awareness of harmonisation	Various	September	The Harmonisation Team or Steering Group Member	
Phase 4 (Q4 – Oct/Nov/Dec):					
Develop online Harmonisation training for use across the GSS GSR (Objective 1 & 2)	To raise awareness of harmonisation	GSS/GSR	(tbc)	The Harmonisation Team	Need to liaise with GSS capabilities
Hold NSHG Meeting (Objective 1 & 2)	To coordinate Harmonisation communication	ONS/NSHG/GSS/Devolved Administrations	8 th November	The Harmonisation Team	
Present to the GSS Conference (Theme- to be confirmed)	To raise awareness of harmonisation	Various	November	The Harmonisation Team or Steering Group Member	

(Objective 1 & 2)					
Produce 2019 Communication Plan and Key Objectives (Objective 1 & 2)	To raise awareness of harmonisation	NSH SG and NSHG and Harmonisation Team	December	The Harmonisation Team and the Steering Group (NSH SG)	



National Statistics Harmonisation Group

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Request for NSHG/SG Agreement of REVISED Harmonised Principle

Reasons for the Changes to the Current Harmonised Principle

The first significant review of the harmonised principle for this topic area since 2004 was carried out in 2016. It identified several key issues:

- Existing questions included in the harmonised principle were extracted from the 2004 Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW). They are no longer fully consistent with the latest edition of the CSEW and do not include later developments in the content of the survey.
- The topic area has changed from 'Crime and Fear of Crime' to 'Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour'. The existing principle does not fully reflect this change in emphasis

In response to this review, a proposed revision to the harmonised principle has been developed to address these issues.

What are the Proposed Changes

The revised principle has reorganised the existing questions, using more relevant descriptions and sections. The existing questions have also been checked and made consistent with the latest versions used on the 2016/17 CSEW questionnaire.

The changes proposed for the revised principle fall into four main categories:

- Wording changes to reflect latest version of questions.
- Inclusion of questions relating to the measurement of specific areas of crime that are stand alone and can be used outside of the CSEW survey instrument.
- Inclusion of questions focused on elements of anti-social behaviour.
- Deletion of questions that have not been used on the CSEW for many years and therefore have not been subject to regular stakeholder review or approval

Benefits the Changes will Bring

The harmonised principle will be updated to reflect the most current version of the Crime Survey for England and Wales. These questions can be used as best practice for crime and ASB.

Consultation with Stakeholder

Resolution of any Issues

The CSEW is carried out in England and Wales by the survey contractor, Kantar, on behalf of ONS. Both Scotland and Northern Ireland have their own separate victimisation surveys.

The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS) and the Northern Ireland Crime Survey (NICS) are both similar in format and content to the CSEW and results from these are broadly comparable to those from the CSEW.

As a result the harmonised principle is broadly comparable with questions used in Scotland and Northern Ireland, although there may be some differences in content and format

Next Steps

Once approved, this template will go to the NSH SG meeting for approval and then it will be disseminated across the GSS.

Name: Fiona Aitchison

Department: Crime Statistics, Public Policy Division

Date: 28/02/2018

List of Annexes:

Annex A: Proposed Harmonised Principle

Annex B: (Previous Version)

Annex A: Proposed harmonised principle

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Inputs

The lead survey for questions on crime and anti-social behaviour is the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW).

The questions are structured into main blocks: Worries about Crime, Perceptions about Crime, Perceptions of Problems in Area, Measurements of Specific Types of Crime, the Police and Anti-Social Behaviour.

However, users who wish to use questions on crime and anti-social behaviour are not obliged to use all blocks on their surveys, but only those that are applicable for their survey needs. Showcards for some questions are provided in an Annex at the end of this document.

Note: 'This Area' is defined as being within fifteen minutes of walking distance from the respondent's home.

Note: The questions in the section below are directed towards adults (age 16+). If you would like to view questions on crime and anti-social behaviour aimed towards children please refer to the 10-15 year old questionnaire of the Crime Survey for England and Wales.

Note: The questions on Domestic Violence are self-completion questions, and should be used in self-completion questionnaires only.

Worries about crime

Most of us WORRY at some time or other about being the victim of a crime. Using one of the phrases on this card, could you tell me how worried you are about the following.

SHOW CARD A1

WBURGL [ASK ALL]

(How worried are you about) having your home broken into and something stolen?

SHOW CARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

WMUGGED [ASK ALL]

(How worried are you about)being mugged and robbed?

SHOW CARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

WCARSTOL [ASK ALL]

(How worried are you about)having your car stolen?

SHOW CARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

WFROMCAR [ASK IF WCARSTOL NE 5]

(How worried are you about)having things stolen from your car?

SHOW CARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

WRAPED [ASK ALL]

(How worried are you about)being raped?

SHOW CARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

WATTACK [ASK ALL]

(How worried are you about) being physically attacked by strangers?

SHOW CARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

WRACEATT [ASK ALL]

(How worried are you about) being subject to a physical attack because of your skin colour, ethnic origin or religion?

SHOW CARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

WCYBER [ASK ALL]

(How worried are you about) being a victim of online crime?

SHOW CARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

WIDENT [ASK ALL]

(How worried are you about) ... your personal details such as your name, address, or bank account details, being used without your permission or prior knowledge?

SHOW CARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

Perceptions of Feeling Safe

WALKDARK [ASK ALL]

How safe do you feel walking alone in this area after dark? Would you say you feel...READ OUT

NOTE: IF RESPONDENT NEVER GOES OUT ALONE AT NIGHT, PROBE: **How safe WOULD you feel?**

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. A bit unsafe
4. or very unsafe?

OUTALON2 [ASK ALL]

Thinking about the spring and autumn periods, how often do you usually walk alone in this area after dark?

1. At least once a week
2. At least once a fortnight
3. At least once a month
4. Less often than once a month
5. Never

NOWALK3A-NOWALK3R [ASK IF OUTALON2 = 4 OR OUTALON2 = 5]

You mentioned that you [never walk alone in this area after dark/walk alone in this area less often than once a month after dark]. Why do you [never go out /not go out more] after dark?

DO NOT PROMPT

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Too old
2. Too ill/sick/disabled
3. Family responsibilities e.g. children/sick relatives
4. Fear of being mugged or physically attacked
5. Fear of burglary/vandalism
6. Fear of the dark/night
7. Fear of going out on your own
8. Nowhere to go/nothing to do/no reason to go out

9. Busy working/content to stay in - watch TV
10. Don't want to go out
11. Drive/use car when go out
12. Tend to go out with other people
13. *Due to groups/gangs of teenagers hanging around in local area*
14. *Poor/non-existent street lighting/because it is dark*
15. *Due to traffic/busy roads/poor condition of pavements*
16. Other (SPECIFY)

WALKDAY [ASK ALL]

How safe do you feel walking alone in this area during the day? Would you say you feel...READ OUT

NOTE: IF RESPONDENT NEVER GOES OUT ALONE DURING THE DAY, PROBE: **How safe WOULD you feel?**

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. A bit unsafe
4. or very unsafe?

HOMEALON [ASK ALL]

How safe do you feel when you are alone in your own home at night? Would you say you feel....READ OUT

NOTE: IF NEVER ALONE PROBE: **How safe WOULD you feel?**

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. A bit unsafe
4. or very unsafe?

Perceptions about crime**PERCLL3 [ASK ALL]**

Looking at this card what do you think has happened to crime in the COUNTRY AS A WHOLE over the past few years?

SHOW CARD B1

1. Gone up a lot
2. Gone up a little
3. Stayed about the same
4. Gone down a little
5. Gone down a lot

PERCLC2 [ASK ALL]

And what do you think has happened to crime in your LOCAL AREA over the past few years?

SHOW CARD B1

1. Gone up a lot
2. Gone up a little
3. Stayed about the same
4. Gone down a little
5. Gone down a lot

PERSECA-PERSECM [ASK ALL]

SHOW CARD B2

Looking at this card, do you CURRENTLY take any of these actions to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime when you are out and about? CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Walk home in company (where possible)
2. Only use licensed cabs
3. Make sure I travel in a busy train or tube carriage
4. Not listen to music when walking home alone
5. Keep personal property out of sight (e.g. phone, mp3 player)
6. Avoid walking through certain areas or types of place
7. Take/taken self-defence classes
8. Being generally aware of surroundings/other people around
9. Done something else to improve personal security
10. Not done anything
11. SPONTANEOUS ONLY: Never go out

PERSCON [ASK ALL IF PERSEC NOT 11]

[Apart from the measures you have just mentioned/Although you have not taken any of these measures], over the past year would you say that in your DAY TO DAY behaviour you have become more or less conscious about your personal security when you are out and about, or has there been no real change?

1. More security conscious
2. Less security conscious
3. About the same/no real change

PERSCY2A-PERSCY2M [ASK IF PERSCON = 1]

SHOW CARD B3

Looking at this card, did any of these things prompt you to become more conscious about your personal security in the past year? CODE ALL THAT APPLY

NOTE: IF NECESSARY, REMIND RESPONDENT THAT THEY SHOULD BE THINKING OF THEIR PERSONAL SECURITY AND THEIR CHANCES OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF CRIME WHEN OUT AND ABOUT

1. Victim of personal crime/attempted crime
2. Friend/ family member was victim of personal crime/attempted crime
3. Levels of crime (including crime maps)
4. Advertising/advice by government or police
5. Advertising/advice by retailer/transport/bar/restaurant
6. Advice from friend/ family/ someone else
7. Media reports in newspapers/on TV/in other media
8. Generally, more aware of security/aware of risks/generally more security conscious
9. *Feel more vulnerable/insecure due to changes in personal circumstances*
10. Other (SPECIFY)
11. No particular reason

INTERN1 [ASK ALL]

Have you used the Internet, at home or elsewhere, in the last 12 months?

1. Yes
2. No

EPRODE4A-EPRODE4Q [ASK ALL IF INTERN1=YES]

SHOW CARD B4

There are ways of being safety conscious online. In the past 12 months have you typically done any of the things listed on this card to keep yourself safe online? CODE ALL THAT APPLY

INTERVIEWER NOTE: RESPONDENTS SHOULD ANSWER EVEN IF THEY ONLY TAKE ACTIONS OCCASIONALLY OR ONLY WHEN ACCESSING THE INTERNET ON CERTAIN DEVICES

INTERVIEWER NOTE: INCLUDE IF SOMEONE ELSE HAS DONE SO ON RESPONDENT'S BEHALF (e.g. INSTALL FIREWALL ON HOME OR WORK PC)

1. Only downloaded known files or programs
2. Only used well-known or trusted sites
3. Downloaded software updates and patches whenever prompted
4. Used complex passwords (contain letters, numbers and symbols)
5. Used a different password for each different online account
6. Checked for signs that a site is secure when buying online (closed padlock sign/https website address)
7. Deleted suspicious emails without opening them
8. Logged out of websites when you are finished
9. Adjusted website account settings (e.g. privacy settings)
10. Installed anti-virus or other security software, such as a firewall
11. Scanned computer regularly for viruses or other malicious software
12. Protected your home wireless connection (wi-fi) with a password or been cautious using public wi-fi
13. Only added known persons as friends on social networks.
14. Been careful about putting personal details on social networking sites (e.g. date of birth, place of work) / not put personal details online
15. None of these

Perceptions about problems in area

For the following things I read out, can you tell me how much of a problem they are in your area. By your area I mean within 15 minutes' walk from here.

NOISNEIG [ASK ALL]

How much of a problem are... noisy neighbours or loud parties?

SHOW CARD C1

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

TEENHANG [ASK ALL]

(How much of a problem are...) teenagers hanging around on the streets?

SHOW CARD C1

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

RUBBISH [ASK ALL]

(How much of a problem is....) rubbish or litter lying around?

SHOW CARD C1

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

VANDALS [ASK ALL]

– (How much of a problem are....) vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles?

SHOW CARD C1

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

DRUGUSE [ASK ALL]

(How much of a problem are...) people using or dealing drugs?

SHOW CARD C1

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

DRUNK [ASK ALL]

(How much of a problem are....) people being drunk or rowdy in public places?

SHOW CARD C1

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem

3. Not a very big problem

4. Not a problem at all

ABANCAR [ASK ALL]

(How much of a problem are...) abandoned or burnt out cars?

SHOW CARD C1

1. A very big problem
2. A fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

SPEEDTRAFF [ASK ALL]

(How much of a problem is....) speeding traffic?

SHOW CARD C1

1. A very big problem
2. A fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

NBRWAD1 [ASK ALL]

Is there a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme currently operating in this area that covers your address?

INTERVIEWER PROMPT IF NECESSARY: Neighbourhood Watch also refers to other Watch schemes, such as Home Watch

1. Yes
2. No
3. Never heard of Neighbourhood Watch/Home Watch

MBRNBRW [ASK IF NBRWAD1= YES]

Is your household currently a member of the scheme?

1. Yes
2. No

YNOSCM2A- YNOSCM2L [ASK IF MBRNBRW = NO]

Are there any reasons why your household is [not/no longer] a member of the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme?

DO NOT PROMPT CODE ALL THAT APPLY

1. Too busy/not enough time
2. Not interested
3. Not much crime in the local area
4. Don't know how to join
5. Don't know enough about the scheme
6. No one has asked us to join
7. Don't think they are effective
8. Haven't got around to it yet/Never thought about it
9. Another reason
10. No particular reason

BURGALAR [ASK ALL]

Do you have a burglar alarm in your home? By a burglar alarm, I mean a real alarm not a dummy alarm box.

1. Yes
2. No

DEADLOCK [ASK ALL]

Do you have double locks or deadlocks on the outside doors into your home?

INTERVIEWER: DOUBLE LOCKS NEED THE KEY TURNED TWICE DEAD LOCKS ARE "FIVE LEVER MORTICES" OR "RIM AUTOMATIC DEADLOCKS" (YALE TYPE LOCKS ON WHICH THE LATCH CAN BE FIXED WITH A KEY)

1. Yes - on all
2. Yes - on some
3. No

CHAINS [ASK ALL]

Do you have security chains or door bars on the inside of the doors into your home?

INTERVIEWER: A DOOR BAR IS A MECHANISM THAT WORKS ON THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS A DOOR CHAIN, BUT IS USED MORE EASILY BY THE ELDERLY. IT IS A HINGED MECHANISM THAT JOINS THE FRAME OF THE DOOR WITH THE DOOR SO THAT IT CAN BE OPENED A SMALL WAY TO SAFELY VIEW THE VISITOR

1. Yes - on all
2. Yes - on some
3. No

WINDLCK2 [ASK ALL]

Do your windows have locks that need keys to open them? CODE FIRST THAT APPLIES.

1. Yes - on all
2. Yes - on some
3. No

TIMLIIN [ASK ALL]

Do you have any INDOOR lights on a timer or sensor switch?

1. Yes
2. No

TIMLIOUT [ASK ALL]

And do you have any OUTDOOR lights on a timer or sensor switch?

1. Yes
2. No

SECYR5A-SECYR5Q [ASK ALL]

SHOW CARD C2

Since the first of [^DATE^] have you done any of the things listed on this

Card to your home? [Please only think about anything that you have done or had done to your CURRENT home in the last 12 months] CODE ALL THAT APPLY

NOTE: WE ARE INTERESTED IN ALL SECURITY MEASURES DONE IN THE LAST YEAR, EVEN IF THESE WERE NOT DONE BY THE RESPONDENT THEMSELVES BUT BY THEIR LANDLORD OR THE COUNCIL

1. Installed a burglar alarm
2. Installed a dummy alarm
3. Fitted double locks or deadlocks on outside doors into home
4. Fitted security chains or door bars on the doors into home
5. Fitted window locks
6. Replaced doors/windows with more secure ones
7. Fitted indoor timer or sensor lights
8. Fitted outdoor timer or sensor lights
9. Security marked household property or bicycles with your postcode/ other security code
10. Recorded the serial number of household property
11. Installed lockable gates to protect rear or side garden
12. Installed new fencing, or improved existing fencing to protect rear or side garden
13. Installed CCTV camera outside house
14. Made some other security improvement
15. None of these

SECBEHYR [ASK ALL]

There are ways of being security conscious in your day to day behaviour, such as being careful to lock doors, leaving lights on when you are out, or checking who is at the door before opening it.

[Apart from the measures you have just mentioned/ Although you have not taken any of these measures], over the past year, would you say that in your DAY TO DAY behaviour you have become more or less security conscious around the home or has there been no real change?

1. More security conscious
2. Less security conscious
3. About the same/no real change/ difference

Measurement of specific types of crime**Mobile Phone Crime****MOBILE [ASK ALL]**

Have you owned or had regular use of a mobile phone at any time since [the first of ^DATE^]?

INTERVIEWER: THIS INCLUDES REGULARLY CARRYING A MOBILE PHONE FOR USE IN EMERGENCIES EVEN IF SELDOM USED.

1. Yes

MOBSTOLE [ASK IF MOBILE = YES]

Since the first of [^DATE] have you had a mobile phone stolen?

1. Yes

2. No

Domestic Violence – SELF COMPLETION

[[ONLY USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IF THEY ARE PART OF A SELF COMPLETION SURVEY]]

Please take a moment to read this. It contains important information about the questions you are about to be asked.

The next set of questions may seem very personal but it is very important that we ask them to help [insert organisation/us] understand more about certain types of crime.

Please remember that all your answers are strictly confidential and your information will be grouped with others in a way that does not identify individuals.

If the questions upset you in any way you can choose the 'Don't wish to answer' response. However, we hope you will continue to the end.

Harmonised age question?

Harmonised marital status/cohabitation question?

MARSTB [ASK ALL]

What is your marital status?

INTERVIEWER: IF THE RESPONDENT QUERIES THE TERM SEPARATED EXPLAIN THAT IT COVERS ANY PERSON WHOSE LEGAL PARTNER IS LIVING ELSEWHERE BECAUSE OF ESTRANGEMENT (WHETHER THE SEPARATION IS LEGAL OR NOT)

1. Single, that is, never married and never registered in a same-sex civil partnership
2. Married
3. Separated, but still legally married
4. Divorced
5. Widowed
6. In a registered same-sex civil partnership
7. Separated, but still legally in a same-sex civil partnership
8. Formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved
9. Surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership

COHAB-COHAB10 [ASK IF MARST = 1 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR DK/REF]

INTERVIEWER: ASK THE COHABITING STATUS OF EACH RELEVANT ADULT IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Are you living with someone in this household as a couple?

1. Yes
2. No
3. SPONTANEOUS ONLY - Same sex couple (but not in a formal registered civil partnership)

NIPV1a [ASK ALL AGE 16-59 IF (AND MARSTB=1 AND COHAB=2)]

Have you ever had a partner? By partner we mean a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife or civil partner.

1. Yes
2. Never had a partner/been in a relationship
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV1 [ASK ALL AGE 16-59 IF AND (NIPV1a=1 OR MARSTB=<>1 OR COHAB=1)]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever done any of the things listed below?

By partner we mean a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife or civil partner.

- Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
- Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
- Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless

1. Yes
2. No
3. Never had a partner/been in a relationship (DO NOT DISPLAY CODE – USED FOR ROUTING. IF N1PV1A=2 CODE NIPV1=3)
4. Don't know/can't remember
5. Don't wish to answer

NIPV3 [ASK ALL AGE 16-59 IF AND (NIPV1a=1 OR MARSTB=<>1 OR COHAB=1)]

Since you were 16 has a **partner or ex-partner** ever frightened or threatened you in any way? For example, they may have threatened to hurt you, to kill you, to use a weapon on you, or to hurt someone close to you [such as your children]?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV5 [ASK ALL AGE 16-59 IF (NIPV1a=1 OR MARSTB=<=>1 OR COHAB=1)]

Since you were 16 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.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV6 [ASK IF NIPV5=1]

Have you ever been injured (even if only slightly) as a result of the force used on you?

By injured we mean things such as bruises, black eyes, cuts or scratches, or broken bones.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV9 [ASK ALL AGE 16-59]

I'd now like you to think about other **members of your family** [apart from your partner]. This might include your parents, your children, your brother or sisters or any other relatives.

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever done any of the things listed below?

- Prevented you from having your fair share of the household money
 - Stopped you from seeing friends and relatives
 - Repeatedly belittled you to the extent that you felt worthless
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1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Don't have any family members
 4. Don't know/can't remember
 5. Don't wish to answer

NIPV11 [ASK ALL AGE 16-59 IF AND NIPV9 NE 3]

Since you were 16, has a **member of your family** (other than a partner) ever frightened or threatened you in any way?

For example, they may have threatened to hurt you, to kill you, to use a weapon on you, or to hurt someone close to you [such as your children]?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV13 [ASK ALL AGE 16-59 IF AND NIPV9 NE 3]

Since you were 16 has a **member of your family** (other than a 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.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV14 [ASK IF NIPV13=1]

Have you ever been injured (even if only slightly) as a result of the force used on you?

By injured we mean things such as bruises, black eyes, cuts or scratches, or broken bones.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know/can't remember
4. Don't wish to answer

NIPV14BA- NIPV14BG [ASK IF NIPV13=1]

Please think about when a member of your family (other than a partner) has used force on you.

What was their relationship to you? If more than one family member has done this to you please tell us about all the different people.

1. Your father (including adopted/step/foster)
2. Your mother (including adopted/step/foster)
3. Your son (including adopted/step/foster)

4. Your daughter (including adopted/step/foster)
5. Another relative

The police

POLTRST [ASK ALL]

In general, how much do you trust the police as an organisation?

SHOW CARD D1

1. A lot
2. A fair amount
3. Not very much
4. Not at all

POLTRU2A- POLTRU2O [ASK ALL]

Looking at this card, which of the following has affected your trust in the police as an organisation?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

SHOW CARD D2

1. Positive personal experience with the police
2. Negative personal experience with the police
3. Relatives' and/or friends' experiences
4. Word of mouth/ Information from other people
5. Reporting on police involvement in high profile incidents
6. Broadsheet newspapers (e.g. Times, Guardian, Telegraph)
7. Tabloid newspapers (e.g. Sun, Express, Daily Mail)
8. Local newspapers
9. TV documentaries
10. News programmes
11. Social media (e.g. Facebook/ Twitter)
12. Something else (SPECIFY)
13. SPONTANEOUS ONLY: Not sure

+DISPLAY [ASK ALL]

I'd now like to ask you what you think about the POLICE IN THIS AREA. You don't need to have actually had contact with the police to answer these questions, we are just interested in your general opinion about the police in this area.

INTERVIEWER PROMPT IF NECESSARY: By local area I mean within a 15-minute walk from here

RATPOL2 [ASK ALL]

Taking everything into account, how good a job do you think the police IN THIS AREA are doing?

SHOW CARD D3

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. Very poor

POLVIS [ASK ALL]

Have you seen or heard information about what the police are doing to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in your local area in the last 12 months?

1. Yes
2. No

POLVIS2 [ASK IF POLVIS=1]

Did you see or hear this information in any of the following ways in the last 12 months?

SHOW CARD D4

1. Via social media (e.g. Facebook/Twitter)
2. Newsletters
3. E-mail notifications
4. Community messaging
5. Public meeting
6. Local newspapers
7. On a website (e.g. on a police force's own website)
8. Other – please specify
9. None of these

Anti-social behaviour

+DISPLAY [ASK ALL]

I'd now like to ask you some questions about anti-social behaviour in your local area.

ASBPROB [ASK ALL]

How much of a problem is anti-social behaviour in your local area? By your area I mean within 15 minutes' walk from here.

SHOW CARD E1

1. A very big problem
2. A fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

ASBLOC [ASK ALL]

And what do you think has happened to the level of anti-social behaviour in your LOCAL AREA over the past few years?

SHOW CARD E2

1. Gone up a lot
2. Gone up a little
3. Stayed about the same
4. Gone down a little
5. Gone down a lot

ASBEXP [ASK ALL]

Have you personally experienced or witnessed any sort of anti-social behaviour in your local area in the last 12 months?

IF NECESSARY: Anti-social behaviour is any behaviour that causes people nuisance, annoyance, alarm or distress. This can include behaviours that are aggressive or intimidating or that impact upon a person's quality of life.

1. Yes
2. No

WHASBEXA- WHASBEXQ [ASK IF ASBEXP = YES]

What sorts of anti-social behaviour have you personally experienced or witnessed in your local area in the last 12 months? CODE ALL THAT APPLY

PROBE: What else?

INTERVIEWER: IF THE RESPONDENT DESCRIBES AN INCIDENT OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR THAT COULD FIT INTO MORE THAN ONE CODE BELOW PLEASE SELECT THE CODE THAT IS CLOSEST TO WHAT IS BEING DESCRIBED. YOU SHOULD **NOT** CODE A SINGLE INCIDENT AS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

IF WHAT THE RESPONDENT DESCRIBES IS CLEARLY A CRIME YOU SHOULD CODE THIS AS 'OTHER CRIME'. IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT ASK: Do you think that the incident you experienced or witnessed was anti-social behaviour or actually criminal behaviour?

1. Youths/teenagers/groups hanging about on the streets
2. Street drinking/drunken behaviour/under-age drinking
3. Vandalism, criminal damage or graffiti (e.g. to buildings, vehicles, bus shelters, phone boxes, trees or plants, etc.)
4. Inconsiderate behaviour (e.g. repeated or inappropriate use of firework; youths kicking/throwing/playing football in inappropriate areas; cycling/skateboarding in pedestrian areas or obstructing pavements; people throwing stones, bottles, eggs, etc.)
5. Loud music or other noise (e.g. shouting, noisy cars, noise from pubs, etc.)
6. People using or dealing drugs or evidence of drugs (e.g. discarded needles, crack houses)
7. People being intimidated, threatened, verbally abused or harassed (inc. on the grounds of race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, etc.)
8. Environmental e.g. Litter or rubbish (including fly-tipping) or dog fouling
9. Nuisance neighbours
10. Vehicle related e.g. Inconvenient or illegal parking; abandoned vehicles; speeding cars or motorcycles, joyriding, car revving, boy racers
11. Begging, vagrancy, problems with homeless people
12. Sexual e.g. Prostitution or kerb crawling or evidence of prostitution (e.g. cards in phone boxes, used condoms) People committing inappropriate or indecent sexual acts in public
13. Problems with out of control or dangerous dogs
14. OTHER ASB
15. OTHER CRIME

ASBFRQ [ASK FOR EACH TYPE OF ASB EXPERIENCED]

SHOW CARD E3

How often have you experienced or witnessed anti-social behaviour in the last 12 months?

INTERVIEWER: IF THE SHORT HAND DESCRIPTION OF THE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BEING USED IN THE QUESTION IS NOT CLEAR YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORDING OF HOW YOU DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT TO SOMETHING THAT IS MORE MEANINGFUL

1. Every day/almost every day
2. At least once a week
3. At least once a fortnight
4. At least once a month
5. A few times in the last 12 months
6. Once in the last 12 months
7. Not at all in the last 12 months

ASBQUA1- ASBQUA13 [ASK IF ASBEXP=1]

How much is YOUR OWN quality of life affected by your experience of anti-social behaviour on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is no effect and 10 is a total effect on your quality of life?

1...10

Outputs

No proposals for harmonised outputs for topics related to crime and anti-social behaviour are planned. The output categories generally derive straight from the questions or from the answer categories given on any showcards used. If any categories are combined, this should be made clear in published documentation.

Showcards**WORRIES ABOUT CRIME**

SHOWCARD A1

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

PERCEPTIONS ABOUT CRIME

SHOWCARD B1

1. Gone up a lot
2. Gone up a little
3. Stayed about the same
4. Gone down a little
5. Gone down a lot

SHOWCARD B2

1. Walk home in company (where possible)
2. Only use licensed cabs
3. Make sure I travel in a busy train or tube carriage
4. Not listen to music when walking home alone
5. Keep personal property out of sight (e.g. phone, mp3 player)
6. Avoid walking through certain areas or types of place
7. Take/taken self-defence classes
8. Being generally aware of surroundings/other people around
9. Done something else to improve personal security
10. Not done anything
11. SPONTANEOUS ONLY: Never go out

SHOWCARD B3

1. Victim of personal crime/attempted crime
2. Friend/ family member was victim of personal crime/attempted crime
3. Levels of crime (including crime maps)
4. Advertising/advice by government or police
5. Advertising/advice by retailer/transport/bar/restaurant
6. Advice from friend/ family/ someone else
7. Media reports in newspapers/on TV/in other media

8. Generally, more aware of security/aware of risks/generally more security conscious
9. *Feel more vulnerable/insecure due to changes in personal circumstances*
10. Other (SPECIFY)
11. No particular reason

SHOWCARD B4

1. Only downloaded known files or programs
2. Only used well-known or trusted sites
3. Downloaded software updates and patches whenever prompted
4. Used complex passwords (contain letters, numbers and symbols)
5. Used a different password for each different online account
6. Checked for signs that a site is secure when buying online (closed padlock sign/https website address)
7. Deleted suspicious emails without opening them
8. Logged out of websites when you are finished
9. Adjusted website account settings (e.g. privacy settings)
10. Installed anti-virus or other security software, such as a firewall
11. Scanned computer regularly for viruses or other malicious software
12. Protected your home wireless connection (wi-fi) with a password or been cautious using public wi-fi
13. Only added known persons as friends on social networks.
14. Been careful about putting personal details on social networking sites (e.g. date of birth, place of work) / not put personal details online
15. None of these

PERCEPTIONS ABOUT PROBLEMS IN AREA**SHOWCARD C1**

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

SHOWCARD C2

1. Installed a burglar alarm
2. Installed a dummy alarm
3. Fitted double locks or deadlocks on outside doors into home
4. Fitted security chains or door bars on the doors into home
5. Fitted window locks
6. Replaced doors/windows with more secure ones
7. Fitted indoor timer or sensor lights
8. Fitted outdoor timer or sensor lights
9. Security marked household property or bicycles with your postcode/ other security code
10. Recorded the serial number of household property
11. Installed lockable gates to protect rear or side garden
12. Installed new fencing, or improved existing fencing to protect rear or side garden
13. Installed CCTV camera outside house
14. Made some other security improvement
15. None of these

THE POLICE**SHOWCARD D1**

1. A lot
2. A fair amount
3. Not very much
4. Not at all

SHOWCARD D2

1. Via social media (e.g. Facebook/Twitter)
2. Newsletters
3. E-mail notifications
4. Community messaging
5. Public meeting
6. Local newspapers
7. On a website (e.g. on a police force's own website)

8. Other – please specify
9. None of these

SHOWCARD D3

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. Very poor

SHOWCARD D4

1. Via social media (e.g. Facebook/Twitter)
2. Newsletters
3. E-mail notifications
4. Community messaging
5. Public meeting
6. Local newspapers
7. On a website (e.g. on a police force's own website)
8. Other – please specify
9. None of these

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

SHOWCARD E1

1. A very big problem
2. A fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

SHOWCARD E2

1. Gone up a lot
2. Gone up a little
3. Stayed about the same
4. Gone down a little
5. Gone down a lot

SHOWCARD E3

1. Every day/almost every day
2. At least once a week
3. At least once a fortnight
4. At least once a month
5. A few times in the last 12 months
6. Once in the last 12 months
7. Not at all in the last 12 months

Crime and Fear of Crime

Inputs

The lead survey for questions on crime and fear of crime is the British Crime Survey (BCS). The questions are structured into four main blocks: Feeling Safe, Worries about Crime, Crime Rate in Area, and Problem in Area. However, users who wish to use questions on crime and fear of crime are not obliged to use all four blocks on their surveys, but only those that are applicable for their survey needs.

Please note that there are overlaps between questions in the Crime and Fear of Crime section and the Social Capital section. If both sections are to be included in a survey, please check to remove any overlaps between questions.

Note: 'This Area' is defined as being within fifteen minutes of walking distance from the respondent's home.

Note: The questions in the section below are directed towards adults (age 16+). If you would like to view questions on crime and fear of crime aimed towards children please refer to the following surveys: Crime and Criminal Justice Survey (CCJS) and the Youth Lifestyle Survey (1998) (age 10+).

Note: For questions on crime whilst travelling please refer to the British Crime Survey Anti-Social Module (2003-04), or the Omnibus Survey (now the Opinions Survey).

FEELING SAFE

[ASK ALL]

WALKDARK

– **How safe do you feel walking alone in this area after dark? Would you say you feel...READ OUT**

NOTE: IF RESPONDENT NEVER GOES OUT ALONE AT NIGHT, PROBE HOW SAFE WOULD YOU FEEL?

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. A bit unsafe
4. or very unsafe?

[ASK ALL]

OUTALON2

– **Thinking about the spring and autumn periods, how often do you usually walk alone in this area after dark?**

1. At least once a week
2. At least once a fortnight
3. At least once a month
4. Less often than once a month
5. Never

[ASK IF WALKDARK=A BIT/ VERY UNSAFE AND CODES 1, 2, 3 AT OUTALON2]

HOWWDARK

– **The last month, when you have been walking alone in this area after dark, would you say that you have felt [a bit/very] unsafe.... READ OUT**

1. All of the time
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. Or just occasionally?
5. Not applicable – not walked alone in area in last month

Crime and Fear of Crime

Inputs

[ASK IF OUTALON2=4 OR 5]

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- You mentioned that you [never walk alone in this area after dark/walk alone in this area less often than once a month after dark]. Why do you [never go out anymore/not go out more]?

DO NOT PROMPT. CODE ALL THAT APPLY SET [11] OF

1. Too old
2. Too ill/sick/disabled
3. Family responsibilities e.g. children/sick relatives
4. Fear of being mugged or physically attacked
5. Fear of burglary/vandalism
6. Fear of the dark/night
7. Fear of going out on your own
8. Nowhere to go/nothing to do/no reason to go out
9. Busy working/content to stay in - watch TV
10. Don't want to go out
11. Drive/use car when go out
12. Other

+ (XNOWALK) [ASK IF NOWALK=OTHER]

[ASK ALL]

WALKDAY

- How safe do you feel walking alone in this area during the day? Would you say you feel...**READ OUT**

NOTE: IF RESPONDENT NEVER GOES OUT ALONE DURING THE DAY, PROBE HOW SAFE WOULD YOU FEEL?

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. A bit unsafe
4. Or very unsafe?

[ASK ALL]

HOMEALON

- How safe do you feel when you are alone in your own home at night? Would you say you feel.....**READ OUT**

NOTE: IF NEVER ALONE PROBE "HOW SAFE WOULD YOU FEEL?"

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. A bit unsafe
4. Or very unsafe?

WORRIES ABOUT CRIME

[ASK ALL]

Most of us WORRY at some time or other about being the victim of a crime. Using one of the phrases on this card, could you tell me how worried you are about the following.

SHOW CARD M2

Crime and Fear of Crime

Inputs

[ASK ALL]

WBURGL

– **How worried are you about.... having your home broken into and something stolen?**

SHOW CARD M2

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

[ASK ALL]

WMUGGED

– **(How worried are you about)being mugged and robbed?**

SHOW CARD M2

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

[ASK ALL]

WCARSTOL

– **(How worried are you about)having your car stolen?**

SHOW CARD M2

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

[ASK IF WCARSTOL NE 5]

WFROMCAR

– **(How worried are you about)having things stolen from your car?**

SHOW CARD M2

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

[ASK ALL]

WRAPED

– **(How worried are you about)being raped?**

SHOW CARD M2

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

Crime and Fear of Crime

Inputs

[ASK ALL]

WATTACK

- **(How worried are you about)being physically attacked by strangers?**

SHOW CARD M2

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

[ASK ALL]

WINSULT

- **(How worried are you about) being insulted or pestered by anybody, while in the street or any other public place?**

SHOW CARD M2

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

[ASK ALL]

WRACEATT

- **(How worried are you about)being subject to a physical attack because of your skin colour, ethnic origin or religion?**

SHOW CARD M2

1. Very worried
2. Fairly worried
3. Not very worried
4. Not at all worried
5. (Not applicable)

CRIME RATE IN AREA

CRIMERAT

- **How much would you say the crime rate here has changed since two years ago? In this area, would you say there is more crime or less crime?**

PROBE: **Is that a lot or a little more/less?**

1. A lot more crime
2. A little more crime
3. About the same
4. A little less crime
5. A lot less crime

PROBLEMS IN AREA

[ASK ALL]

For the following things I read out, can you tell me how much of a problem they are in your area. By your area I mean within 15 minutes' walk from here.

Crime and Fear of Crime

Inputs

[ASK ALL]

NOISNEIG

– **How much of a problem are.... noisy neighbours or loud parties?**

SHOW CARD M3

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

[ASK ALL]

TEENHANG

– **(How much of a problem are...) teenagers hanging around on the streets?**

SHOW CARD M3

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

[ASK ALL]

SLROUGH

– **(How much of a problem are....) people sleeping rough on the streets or in other public places?**

SHOW CARD M3

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

[ASK ALL]

RUBBISH

– **(How much of a problem is....) rubbish or litter lying around?**

SHOW CARD M3

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

[ASK ALL]

VANDALS

– **(How much of a problem are....) vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles?**

SHOW CARD M3

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

Crime and Fear of Crime

Inputs

[ASK ALL]

RACEHAT2

- **(How much of a problem is it for...) people being attacked or harassed because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion?**

(How much of a problem is it for...) people being attacked or harassed because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion?

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

[ASK ALL]

DRUGUSE

- **(How much of a problem are...) people using or dealing drugs?**

SHOW CARD M3

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem
4. Not a problem at all

[ASK ALL]

DRUNK

- **(How much of a problem are....) people being drunk or rowdy in public places?**

1. Very big problem
2. Fairly big problem
3. Not a very big problem

Not a problem at all

National Statistics Harmonisation Group

Combined Topic Group Report – March 2018

Benefits and Tax Credits

Topic Lead	Clare Cameron
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Reporting Period	March 2018
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	Family Resources Survey (FRS)

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)</i>
Recently 'Agreed' by NSHG and 'Approved' by NSH Steering Group and fully disseminated across the GSS; <i>Some additional changes to the principles to make it consistent with the revisions made to the FRS benefits block (removal of Widow's Pensions / removal of separate category for Widowed Mothers / additional of Bereavement Support Allowance)</i>
Progress made during this reporting period
Work planned for the next reporting period
New Topic Lead Clare Cameron to review current Harmonised Principles for Benefits and Tax Credits
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>
Devolution and Universal Credit roll-out both represent risk for the Benefit and Tax Credit module. Devolution; FRS team engage with representatives from the devolved governments as part of the annual QCon. Surveys Branch also maintains contact with the DWP's dedicated Devolution Team. Universal Credit; FRS team engage with Universal Credit analysts within DWP as part of annual QCon
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>
None

Consumer Durables

Ian Sidney (Temp)

Nothing to Report

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Topic Lead	Fiona Aitchison
Topic Group Members (incl Gov Dept. from)	

Reporting Period	November 2017 to March 2018
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW)

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)</i>	
<p>A revised set of questions have been developed for crime and are ready to be taken to the NSHG for agreement.</p> <p>After attending the crime user conference in December, we are now happy to proceed with proposing the revised questions for crime. Previous comments have been taken on board and the new questions are those in the most recent crime survey for England and Wales.</p>	
Progress made during this reporting period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revised set of questions has been created to update the harmonised principle - A template has been created to take the questions to the NSHG/ SG 	
Work planned for the next reporting period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If agreed, the template will be sent to the NSH SG for approval. - If approved, the principle will be disseminated - If any changes are needed, this will be developed in the next reporting period - Create a plan of how harmonisation can extend to Scotland and Northern Ireland 	
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The harmonised principle for crime has received some concern in the past as to whether there is a user need for crime questions. The CSEW is one of the only surveys for crime so it may be argued that there isn't a need for a principle to be developed. The crime user conference in December showed that there were some key users of the data and therefore harmonisation should still take place. 	
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>	
N/A	

Demographic Information

Topic Lead	Emily Knipe
Topic Group Members	Nicola Haines, Vital Statistics Output Branch, Office for National Statistics Davie Hay, Department of Health Regina McGeown, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency Emily Knipe, Population Statistics Division, Office for National Statistics (Topic Lead) Karen Hurrell, Equality and Human Rights Commission Laura Wilson, Social Survey Division, Office for National Statistics Alan Jackson, Welsh Government Angus Hawkins, DCLG Esther Roughsedge NRS
Reporting Period	October – March 2018
Surveys Harmonised Questions Used on	

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the work at this time)</i>	
Progress made during this reporting period	
<p>Same-sex marriage (marital status) - continuing to work closely with Census, PSD and social survey colleagues on any new/adapted marital status question. We have recently closed a consultation to understand user need for estimates of the population in same sex and opposite sex marriages to be presented separately- results are being analysed. PSD are looking to start acceptance testing of a new potential question shortly.</p>	

A Sexual Identity/Orientation stakeholder meeting was held during February to review what terminology is being used across the GSS. Of the stakeholders represented at the meeting, all were in favour of the terminology 'sexual orientation' rather than 'sexual identity'. The main reasons given were that sexual orientation matches the terminology used in the Equality Act, 2010 and is the terminology most recognised by the public. None of the attendees supported the terminology of 'sexual identity'. The change only relates to the labelling; the measurement concept will continue to be the Sexual Identity dimension of Sexual Orientation, and the data collected will not change. It was agreed to allow Stakeholders two weeks to give any further comment/feedback after consulting within individual departments/organisations. No further feedback was received. The Harmonisation Team will begin to carry out necessary approval/governance processes to amend the labelling of the current GSS Harmonised Principle of Sexual Identity to be replaced with 'sexual orientation' (via the National Statistics Harmonisation Group (NSHG) and the National Statistics Harmonisation Steering Group (NSH SG))

I have been working with the LFS EQ team, particularly surrounding the demographic questions and their redevelopment on the LFS- this encourages strong links between Census, demographic analysis and social surveys ensuring that the demographic harmonised principles are being assessed and they are as up to date as they can be at this point in time.

I continue to monitor the work that Census is doing which may impact upon the demographic harmonised standards E.g. Household relationship grid, sex etc.

Work planned for the next reporting period

I will continue to monitor the work Census is doing on the marital status question with the aim to produce a new Harmonised Principle in the future.

Key Issues and Risks *(Summary of actual or potential problems along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)*

Other Information *(Any other relevant details)*

Economic Activity Status

Topic Lead	Debbie Curtis
Topic Group Members (incl Gov Dept. from)	TBC
Reporting Period	November 17-February 18
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	Labour Force Survey

Summary Status *(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)*

ONS are coordinating transformation, Eurostat and ILO efforts to bring together proposed changes to employment status definitions and methods of collection. Users are being informed via the Labour Force Survey steering group and consulted via Data Collection Transformation Programme meetings with stakeholders on research into question approaches.

Progress made during this reporting period

Discussions with Eurostat over future IESS definitions are continuing, alongside DCTP work to identify future collection methodology for the EU LMD requirements. The harmonised principles will be revised with stakeholders when the IESS, DCTP and ILO requirements are more clearly defined.

Work planned for the next reporting period

Continue to develop employment questions in line with Eurostat legislation and work with Census to produce employment questions that align with current and future ILO definitions.

Key Issues and Risks *(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)*

The future of employment questions depends in part on our alignment with Eurostat and the need to comply with IESS regulations. We are inputting into Eurostat consultations on this topic but the final decisions for IESS requirements will not be published until sometime in 2018/2019, and our compliance depends on the UK's compliance needs.

Other Information *(Any other relevant details)*

Education

Topic Lead	Julian Austin / Tony Clarke
Topic Group Members (incl Gov Dept. from)	Julian Austin (DfE), Tony Clarke (DfE), Matthew Bollington (DfE), Michael Greer (DfE), Rachel Lloyd (Welsh Gov), Alicia Heptinstall (DfE), Mick Wilson (Scottish Gov), Laura Smyth (NISRA)
Reporting Period	Nov 2017 to March 2018
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	

Summary Status *(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)*

Underway

Progress made during this reporting period

We have had two meetings with the Census Topic group who are undertaking research and testing for qualification questions to be included in the 2021 Census. We are hoping that their work may provide the basis for an update to the current harmonised question, which has been in place for many years but is of questionable value. The Topic Group have reported the results of some testing of the current harmonised questions and user engagement. They found that although the harmonised questions were relatively straightforward to understand, the resulting information was not detailed enough to meet the needs of many Census users.

Work planned for the next reporting period

We provided comments on several alternative formulations of the highest qualification questions as well as our own other suggestions. We agreed to liaise further with the Topic Group leads as they devise further versions to test.

Key Issues and Risks *(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)*

Other Information *(Any other relevant details)*

EILR

Topic Lead	Becki Aquilina (temporary)
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	Jay Gillam – NRS Maria O’Beirne – DCLG Stephen Richards – LGA Josh Leedale – BEIS Rebecca Williams – CTP Questionnaire and Question Design (secretariat)
Reporting Period	October - March 2018
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	Looking into this

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)</i>	
Ethnicity A new Ethnicity Topic Expert has been recruited within ONS and will be taking ethnicity work forward across the GSS. The next cross government Ethnicity Assurance Panel is to be held 6 th March. ONS Ethnic Group Forum; (Admin Data Census (ADC), Census and DCTP/LFS) have shared their findings and research on ethnicity questions over a number of meetings to date – this group was set up to ensure a joined-up approach across ONS and to improve Harmonisation. The next meeting is to be held early 2018.	
Language There is currently no harmonised question for language however the Census is reviewing their language questions and there may be scope, depending on the user need, to develop a harmonised Principle. If it is established there is a need, an ONS Language Group Forum will be set up by the Harmonisation Team to include all relevant areas to share research and develop a harmonised question for Language.	
Progress made during this reporting period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working closely with Census and attending EILR Census topic groups and the GSS Ethnicity Assurance Panel Continue to hold the ONS Ethnic Group Forum to share research and communicate potential changes 	
Work planned for the next reporting period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued Harmonisation presence at Census Topic Group for EILR Hold 4th ONS Ethnicity Group Forum (planned early 2018) and discuss latest findings to research, qualitative and quantitative testing and produce a critical timeline for Census and DCTP (which includes the LFS) Use the VQB to gain more insight into which surveys are asking questions on EILR and Language Potentially set up an ONS Language Group Forum (dependant on user need) 	
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>	
There is a risk to the comparability of the ethnicity question between the LFS and the Census	
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>	

Gender ID

Topic Lead	Michelle Monkman (ONS)
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	Karina Williams Steve Smallwood Michelle Monkman Pete Betts Emma Sharland
Reporting Period	December 2017 - February 2018
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	N/A

Summary Status *(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)*

ONS do not currently collect data on gender identity on any of our social surveys.

We have published a [Gender identity research and testing plan](#) which sets out the work we will do to help us determine whether, and how best, to meet user needs for information on gender identity. This research and testing work will inform our position on this topic.

Progress made during this reporting period

- In October 2017, publicity around, and misinterpretation of, a summary of the first [qualitative report on gender identity](#) published in September, caused a pause in the public work on gender identity. Agreement to continue work was gained in early January 2018.
- Gender Identity was discussed in a strand at the Population and Public Policy Forum in London on 13th December. A [research update statement](#) around a number of topics including gender identity, was published at the same time. A [blog by Iain Bell](#) was also published on the day of the event, with a further [blog](#) published just after. This all replaced the planned individual gender identity update mentioned in our previous report.
- We have received a final draft of, and data from, the quantitative testing carried out last year by Ipsos MORI. We have also just received a rewrite of the public acceptability report excluding the Northern Ireland data.
- Further qualitative and quantitative testing are planned. The timescale is short and the qualitative testing will not be completed in time to inform the quantitative testing. To provide the best possible question for the quantitative testing, Census are carrying out 'pop-up' testing at various events to help hone the questions to be used. We are considering further quantitative testing. PSD and DCM are also trying to engage with groups who may have objections to the collection of gender identity information.
- We are continuing to liaise with and learn from other national statistics institutes regarding data collection of gender identity/sex information on their respective censuses and social surveys. We met with US Census and Survey representatives who were particularly interested in proxy reporting.
- UNECE are about to carry out an in-depth review on gender identity (essentially a detailed paper) and ONS are going to carry this out with Stats Canada.
- We are continuing to identify and explore alternative approaches to meeting user need, e.g. admin data, questions used in other surveys, international work. In particular, we held a workshop with ONS social survey in November.

Work planned for the next reporting period

- Completion of design of questions for quantitative test. Tender for quantitative test.
- Commencement of qualitative testing.
- Stakeholder engagement with groups who are more interested in gender statistics, or have concerns with regards to gender identity.

Key Issues and Risks *(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)*

The profile of this topic continues to be high.

Other Information *(Any other relevant details)*

For further information and updates please see our [gender identity webpage](#).

Health, Disability and Carers

Topic Lead	Steve Webster
Topic Group Members (incl Gov Dept. from)	
Reporting Period	November 17-February 18
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	Labour Force Survey (variation)

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)</i>	
A second set of harmonisation working groups relating to health have been identified, these groups are focussed on the English data collected from multiple sources. They have specific focus on aspects of health-related behaviours and diagnoses. It will be necessary to review the remit of the Health, Disability and Carers topic group to ensure the overlap with the EHSSG topic groups is limited.	
Progress made during this reporting period	
No meetings for the health topic group. However, introductions are being made to topic leads in the English Health Statistics Steering Group.	
Work planned for the next reporting period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting to the EHSSG Meeting in London 9.3.18. • The smoking topic group has presented a good opportunity for harmonisation and work is shortly due to begin. • The identification of other EHSSG topics and themes for harmonisation are being identified. 	
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>	
Possible duplication of effort between the NSHG health topic group and the EHSSG topic groups. Efforts are being made to identify the specific health topic groups (e.g smoking, obesity) that may require harmonisation.	
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>	

Homelessness

Topic Lead	Ellen Reaich
Topic Group Members (incl Gov Dept. from)	
Reporting Period	November 2017 to March 2018
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	There is not currently a harmonised principle for homelessness.

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)</i>	
Since the NSHG and NSH SG agreed stage A of the harmonisation process, work has begun to start developing this topic further.	
Progress made during this reporting period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UKSA paper was released reporting issues with harmonisation of housing and homelessness data across the UK. - Charlie and Daisie met with representatives from OSR and UKSA to discuss paper and any advances in this area. - Daisie wrote preliminary paper on homelessness - Cross – government housing statistics group chair (Christopher Jenkins) was contacted to discuss remit with homelessness. - Cabinet office and MHCLG are collaborating with ONS for a homelessness project that we are aware of and will be involved in. 	
Work planned for the next reporting period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic group to be formed and first meeting held - Find out outcome from cabinet meeting on homelessness 	

- Start discussing ways to develop a harmonised definition / set of questions
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Admin data is the main source for homelessness information as not many surveys ask homelessness questions. It can therefore be quite challenging to harmonise based on admin data. - There is a legal definition of statutory homelessness which is not all encompassing of homelessness and misses out some homeless people and has been criticised for this. - Homelessness data is used for different purposes across the GSS so we should be mindful of this when creating a harmonised principle
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>

Housing and Tenure

Topic Lead	Scott Edgar (MHCLG)
Topic Group Members (incl Gov Dept. from)	Marcus Spray (MHCLG), Julia Bowman (MHCLG), Lu Han (MHCLG), Rachel Worledge (MHCLG), Daniel Shaw (MHCLG), Katie Allison (BEIS), Joe Jobling (Scottish Government), Gowan Watkins (Welsh Government)
Reporting Period	November to March
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	English Housing Survey, Scottish Household Survey, Continuous Recording of Lettings and Sales in Social Housing in England, Annual Population Survey, British Social Attitudes Survey, Community Life Survey, Continuous Household Survey, Crime Survey for England and Wales, Family Resources Survey, Food and You Survey, Health Survey for England, Living Costs and Food Survey, National Survey for Wales, Opinions and Lifestyle Survey, Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Scottish Crime and Justice Survey, Scottish Health Survey

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)</i>
Cognitive testing of existing leasehold/freehold questions on the EHS has been conducted.
Progress made during this reporting period
Cognitive testing has been completed and a report is being written up to be published in future.
Work planned for the next reporting period
Publication of results from cognitive testing.
An in-depth comparison of the wording across different surveys is a sensible next step in the review of the harmonised principles followed by further consultation with Topic Group Members.
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>

Income

Topic Lead	Matthew Minifie
Topic Group Members (incl Gov Dept. from)	Matthew Elsby (HMT), Anne MacDonald (SG), John Shale (DWP), Joanna Wroe (ONS), Alan Jackson (WG), Jo Bulman (ONS), Laura Keyse (ONS), Jennifer Doak (NISRA), Jeremy Reuben (HMRC)

Reporting Period	November 2017 to February 2018
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	No formally agreed harmonised questions on all income components

Summary Status *(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)*

The previously published harmonised standard for income has been removed from GSS harmonisation documentation as it was too simplistic and not fit for purpose. The group will now try to focus on working towards producing income outputs that are consistent with the internationally agreed standards outlined in the Canberra Group Handbook.

Significant progress has been made in harmonising income-related questions on two of ONS social surveys – the Living Costs and Food Survey (LCF) and the Survey on Living Conditions (SLC). Another ONS social survey, the Wealth and Assets Survey (WAS), has also adopted many of the harmonised income questions from the LCF and SLC. A lot of the new income questions on LCF, SLC and WAS bring the surveys closer in line to DWP's Family Resources Survey (FRS), however it is important to note that differences still exist. DWP and ONS have been in close communication regarding questionnaire changes to the FRS and LCF-SLC and the differences that exist.

A lot of effort has gone into harmonising the editing and imputation of LCF and SLC data. Previously the data from these two surveys have been edited and imputed in very different ways. This is a very important piece of work as differences in editing and imputation strategies can have cause larger discrepancies than questionnaire collection differences and this is not always realised by external onlookers. LCF and SLC data will be edited and imputed as one dataset for the first time and in the future, WAS income data will also be included. One benefit of this is that the statistical donor pool size will be much larger than in the past.

Work continues on the production of a new output processing system for ONS household income outputs Effects of Taxes and Benefits (ETB) and EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC). This system will utilise the combined samples of the LCF and SLC and use a common household income derivation program.

Access to administrative data remains a frustrating issue. However, DWP and ONS are in communication regarding a secondee from ONS to work on benefits data held by DWP. Both organisations are discussing a joint approach to how to use administrative income data in the production of household income statistics.

All of the work described above is part of the ongoing ONS Household Financial Statistics Transformation Programme. This programme will address concerns voiced by the UK Statistics Authority's Income Monitoring Review. The harmonisation across ONS social surveys will effectively produce a Household Financial Survey, the collected data from which are to be used to produce income outputs required for national purposes and under European legislation. The use of administrative data and the move to online data collection are also within the scope of the transformation programme. One potential use of administrative data is to replace the income questions currently asked by social surveys.

Note that income outputs are also produced by areas of ONS outside of social surveys, such as the Labour Market division. These other income outputs may be produced by access to limited administrative data and through business surveys such as the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) and the Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey (MWSS). Such surveys are sent out to businesses and not households, therefore questions asked are likely to need to be different to those asked of household surveys. Discussions at high level meetings will hopefully ensure that the concepts measured by social and business surveys are the same and once ONS gets full access to administrative data that these data are used in a harmonised and coherent manner.

Progress made during this reporting period

A large amount of effort has gone into getting the 2018/19 LCF and SLC questionnaires ready for launch in April 2018. The LCF and SLC questionnaires are now as harmonised with regards to income as they have ever been. WAS has also taken on a number of the LCF-SLC questions for April 2018. Sampling and collection for WAS has also been amended to allow WAS to report on a financial year basis and to bring it in line with other social surveys.

DWP and ONS have initially agreed for an ONS secondee to start looking at benefits data held by DWP. This work will allow for DWP and ONS to adopt a common approach to the use of benefits administrative data in the production of income statistics.

Detailed and constructive discussions have taken place regarding income concepts and measurements between ONS and other organisations, particularly HM Treasury (HMT) and the

Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS). These discussions will hopefully continue on a regular basis to ensure optimum income data collection and production.
Work planned for the next reporting period
The LCF and SLC data collected between January 2017 and March 2018 are to be edited and imputed together for the first time. Testing of the LCF and SLC data to work out if there are notable differences between the two surveys and if so work will be needed to deduce how to resolve these differences. Continuation of work on creating a common derivation program for ETB and EU-SILC. Further investigations as to differences between ETB and DWP's Households Below Average Income (HBAI) dataset.
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>
Any changes to questions will create consistency issues and breaks in time series. This is particularly a problem for the Living Costs and Food Survey as it is widely used and has many stakeholders who do not like breaks in series. Breaks in time series are often seen as undesirable. ONS is looking at incorporating administrative data sources into their plan for an integrated household finance survey. This does have an impact on any potential question changes as these should be consistent with the administrative data sources so as to minimise the effects of the expected future transition to using administrative data instead of responses to survey questions. The EU referendum result does create some uncertainty as to how exactly to proceed with elements of the integrated household financial survey. Some aspects of income collection at present satisfy European requirements and whether these will still be required in the long term is not currently known. There are different owners of the surveys that collect income statistics. The different owners may have differing requirements of the income data and so this adds an extra level of difficulty for ensuring complete harmonisation between all the surveys. Questions required for non-compulsory social surveys are likely to need different wording to those questions in compulsory surveys sent out to businesses. To achieve harmonisation requires more than just question harmonisation. Editing, imputation and weighting have very significant impacts on income statistics. It is therefore necessary to investigate the harmonisation of editing, imputation and weighting of income data.
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>

Internet Access

Topic Lead	Grant Blank
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Reporting Period	November 2017 to March 2018

Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	The Harmonised Principle is out of date so surveys are using their own version for this topic.
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Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)</i>	
The internet access topic has been agreed by the NSHG and the steering group for the internet access harmonised principle to be developed. Daisie has been working with the internet access topic group to create a new harmonised principle.	
Progress made during this reporting period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly meetings have taken place to continue developing questions for the harmonised principle - A set of questions are now being developed with the topic group to ensure they harmonise across all surveys 	
Work planned for the next reporting period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with DCM to arrange testing of questions and understand their remit for doing this - Continue to develop harmonised principle - Topic group members to feedback on questions to ensure they are meeting user's needs - Send questions to NSHG for agreement on new harmonised principle 	
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are looking at more high-level questions as there seems to be a great level of detail for some surveys compared to others so we are looking to develop high level questions and possibly some lower level of questions that surveys can cherry pick - Looking at mobile use as internet is being used on the go rather than when someone has access to the internet at home - As there are different needs for different surveys, we are currently in the process of discussing a core set of questions that could potentially be asked on every survey. 	
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will not be scheduled until harmonised questions have been developed. - The next meeting will focus on the harmonised questions and how these fit with current surveys and user needs. 	

Migration, Country of Birth and Citizenship

Topic Lead	Hannah McConnell
Topic Group Members (incl Gov Dept. from)	Nicola White (Migration Statistics Unit, ONS) Mark Chandler (Labour Market Division, ONS) Giles Horsfield (International Passenger Survey, ONS) Chris Kershaw (Home Office) David Matz (Home Office) Alan Jackson (Welsh Government) Richard Elliott (NISRA) Denise Patrick (NRS) Joshua Leedale (BEIS) Max Verri (BEIS) Russ Bentley (DWP) Scott Johnston (HMRC) James Cox (DfE)
Reporting Period	October to March 2018
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	International Passenger Survey

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)</i>	
The recently developed Harmonised definitions for Migration, Country of Birth and Citizenship were agreed by NSHG, approved by the NSH Steering Group and fully disseminated across the GSS during February 2018	
Progress made during this reporting period	

Work planned for the next reporting period
To be agreed by the new topic lead
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>
None identified.
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>

Personal Well-Being

Topic Lead	Silvia Manclossi, Head of Quality of Life team, ONS
Topic Group Members	David Tabor and Lauren Stockley, ONS Team working on Personal Well-being
Reporting Period	November 2016 to February 2017
Surveys Harmonised Questions Used on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Satisfaction • Happiness • Worthwhile • Anxiety

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the work at this time)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 26th February 2018, we published our latest headline estimates of Personal Well-being in the UK: October 2016 to September 2017. This release was based on the four harmonised personal well-being questions (life satisfaction, happiness, worthwhile and anxiety) and provided updated estimates for the UK with analysis by country, age and sex. • Since the last reporting period, we have engaged with stakeholders already using or planning to use our personal well-being questions and provided them with guidance on the harmonised principles and support in relation to how our personal well-being could be included in their surveys.
Progress made during this reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have produced our latest personal well-being estimates/ headline results. • We have started reviewing the content and format of our publications to better meet user needs based on the feedback and queries we have had through our conversations with stakeholders.
Work planned for the next reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have focused our analysis work mainly on average ratings so far but we have seen inequalities emerging within the data and we will be exploring these further looking at factors that may contribute to some groups of society having lower personal well-being. • Alongside our latest personal well-being publication, we have launched a short survey to gather user feedback about the content and format of our publications (please see: ONS Personal Well-being outputs: Your feedback). • We are also planning to engage more with internal and external stakeholders currently using our harmonised questions to have a clearer picture of what kind of analysis they are carrying out with them.
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential problems along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are planning to gather as much feedback as possible to inform our next steps so it is key to ensure that we engage with a variety of users. For this reason, besides our ONS website, we have promoted our survey by using social media (e.g. Tweeter and Facebook), blogs, Gov. Delivery, stakeholder newsletters.
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>
N/a

Social Capital

Topic Lead	Dani Evans
Topic Group Members (incl Gov Dept. from)	
Reporting Period	October 2017 – February 2018
Surveys the Harmonised Questions are used on	n/a

Summary Status <i>(An overview of the status of the topic work at this time)</i>
We are currently re-evaluating the use of, and the demand for new social capital questions.
Progress made during this reporting period
During this period, I have been running a factor analysis on the 23 indicators to try to identify a subset of indicators/questions that could be used as the harmonised questions.
Work planned for the next reporting period
Due to current vacancies in the branch, and new high-profile work starting in the branch, this work is unfortunately not a priority at the moment; therefore, there could be a delay in the progress. However, when the resource is available we hope to complete the analysis and well as continue to engage with stakeholders to ensure there is a demand for an updated harmonised set of questions on social capital.
Key Issues and Risks <i>(Summary of actual or potential issues along with risks, potential impacts and sensitivities linked to individual needs of UK nations)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not enough resource to complete the analysis and make recommendations for the harmonisation set. - Ensuring we get engagement from all parties necessary.
Other Information <i>(Any other relevant details)</i>

