

Pilot study for HBSC 2014 Questions

AIM:

To test the questions that may be used in the next HBSC studies.

OBJECTIVES:

To provide clear guidance on the following dimensions of the items tested: acceptability (including in different cultures), understandability, answerability, skew, translatability and relevance to potential participants

2. To provide information on the contextual understanding of potential participants of the proposed items.

DATA COLLECTION:

Pilot study data were collected from five schools. A predominantly Catholic mixed voluntary school (n=33), a Catholic boys' school (n=117), a Convent girls' school (n=34), a Catholic girls' school (n=34) and a mixed vocational school aimed at promoting the educational needs of children and young people from disadvantaged communities (n=15). The overall sample consisted of 233 children. Two/three researchers were present during each data collection session: 1 or 2 researcher(s) to conduct the discussion and 1 to take notes. Students were introduced to the HBSC study, the objectives of the pilot, individual data collection and collective discussion about each item, the overall topics and their appropriateness for other adolescents. A split half sampling procedure was used to test two different versions of the substance use items.

ANALYSIS:

The analysis below comprises descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation (SD), median), missing data and skew.

FINDINGS:

The findings are presented using summary tables, together with detailed student feedback below each of the tables. Substance use findings are presented separately for both versions of the questionnaire (A&B), while findings for the common questions are presented together.

Section 2 – Relationships and Sexuality

Variable P1: Have you ever been in love with someone?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All % (n)
Yes, with a girl or girls	64.1 (93)	0	40.3 (93)
Yes, with a boy or boys	1.4 (2)	46.5 (40)	18.2 (42)
Yes, with either girls or boys	2.1 (3)	0	1.3 (3)
No, never	32.4 (47)	53.5 (46)	40.3 (93)
Mean (SD)	2.03 (1.404)	3.07(1.003)	2.42(1.364)
Median	1.00	4.00	2.00

Understanding (Difficult words)	-'We don't know what love is' -'maybe need to think about what love is sometimes maybe just -a crush - how do you know if it was love?'
Acceptable	-'quite blunt'
Overlap	
Ease of answering	-'not really a clear question'
Relevance	-'Don't use the word love' -'I would put question 10 before 8'. -'Love is too strong a word' -'not a great question' -'Not really the right word to use' -'Should include inanimate object'. -'Possibly include another one with like or crush or lust.' -'too general' "'in love" is not the same for every person' -'YOu could ask if you've been with someone because most people don't go out seriously anymore it's just really flings!' -love is a bit strong... teenagers like... -Love is a strong word. You should just ask are you gay, Bi or lesbian or attracted to men and/or women
Translation	

Variable P2: Are you in love with someone right now?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All % (n)
Yes	31.3 (45)	21.8 (19)	27.7 (64)
No	68.8 (99)	78.2 (68)	72.3 (167)
Mean (SD)	1.69 (.465)	1.78 (.416)	1.72 (.449)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	- 'Confusing because I don't really know what love is. If you put "attracted to" or "like" someone, it would be different.'
Relevance	- 'A crush, maybe' - 'attracted: yes (tick) love: no' - 'Love is also a very strong word'. - 'maybe if you put 'like/have a crush on' instead of 'in love', because a lot more people would only like someone than actually love someone. Or maybe both. - 'Sorta? I've had bad experiences so I don't really know. - 'I love isn't real'
Translation	

Variable P3: Have you ever been going out with someone?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All % (n)
Yes, with a girl or girls	69.7 (101)	0	43.5 (101)
Yes, with a boy or boys	0.7 (1)	56.3 (49)	21.6 (50)
Yes, with either girls or boys	1.4 (2)	1.1 (1)	1.3 (3)
No, never	28.3 (41)	42.5 (37)	33.6 (78)
Mean (SD)	1.88(1.357)	2.86 (.990)	2.25(1.318)
Median	1.00	2.00	2.00

Understanding (Difficult words)	- 'I don't understand why its boys, I was confused between that' - 'I was confused because these days you can be 'with' someone yet not dating them or going out.
Acceptable	- 'too baby ish?'
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	- 'Been "with" someone - different story' - 'gone out instead of going out' - 'Not really anything to do with sexuality' - 'You can be with them'
Translation	

Variable P4: Are you going out with someone right now?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All % (n)
Yes	19.3 (28)	14.9 (13)	17.7 (41)
No	80.7 (117)	85.1 (74)	82.3 (191)
Mean (SD)	1.81 (.396)	1.85 (.359)	1.82 (.382)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00

** No Comments

Variable P5: Have you ever had sexual intercourse (sometimes called 'making love', 'having sex', or 'going all the way')?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All % (n)
Yes	24.5 (35)	9.3 (8)	18.8 (43)
No	75.5 (108)	90.7 (78)	81.2 (186)
Mean (SD)	1.76 (.431)	1.91 (.292)	1.81 (.391)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00

Understanding (Difficult words)	-I liked how it tells us what question to skip to and it was very clear.'
Acceptable	-'no one says "going all the way"
Overlap	-'Very personal'
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-'Question 12 could be more straight forward and to the point.'
Translation	

Variable P6: The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?

Country	Ireland % (n)		
	Boys	Girls	All
Yes, we used a condom	65.8 (25)	66.7 (6)	66.0 (31)
No, we did not use a condom	26.3 (10)	22.2 (2)	25.5 (12)
I don't know	7.9 (3)	11.1 (1)	8.5 (4)
Mean (SD)	1.42 (.642)	1.44 (.726)	1.43 (.651)
Median	1.00	1.00	1.00
Missing	108	78	186

** No Comments

Variable P7: The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use birth control pills?

Country	Ireland % (n)		
	Boys	Girls	All
Yes, we used birth control pills	16.2 (6)	22.2 (2)	17.4 (8)
No, we did not use birth control pills	48.6 (18)	66.7 (6)	52.2 (24)
I don't know	35.1 (13)	11.1 (1)	30.4 (14)
Mean (SD)	2.19 (.701)	1.89 (.601)	2.13 (.687)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00
Missing	109	78	187

***No Comments*

Variable P9: The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use any other method(s) of contraception?

Country	Ireland % (n)		
	Boys	Girls	All
Yes, we used another method of contraception	20.0 (7)	0	15.9 (7)
No, we did not use another method of contraception	57.1 (20)	66.7 (6)	59.1 (26)
I don't know	22.9 (8)	33.3 (3)	25.0 (11)
Mean (SD)	2.03 (.664)	2.33 (.500)	2.09 (.640)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00
Missing	111	78	189

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	- 'Asking too many questions about contraception'
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	
Translation	

Variable P10: How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?

Country	Ireland % (n)		
	Boys	Girls	All
11 yrs or younger	8.8 (3)	0	7.1 (3)
12 yrs	5.9 (2)	25.0 (2)	9.5 (4)
13 yrs	11.8 (4)	12.5 (1)	11.9 (5)
14 yrs	17.6 (6)	12.5 (1)	16.7 (7)
15 yrs	35.3 (12)	25.0 (2)	33.3 (14)
16 yrs or older	17.6 (6)	12.5 (1)	16.7 (7)
17 yrs	2.9 (1)	12.5 (1)	4.8 (2)
18 yrs or older	0	0	0
Mean (SD)	4.29(1.567)	4.25(1.832)	4.29(1.597)
Median	5.00	4.50	5.00
Missing	112	79	191

***No Comments*

Variable P11: How old was your partner when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?

Country	Ireland % (n)		
	Boys	Girls	All
11 yrs or younger	0	0	0
12 yrs	0	22.2 (2)	4.5 (2)
13 yrs	2.9 (1)	11.1 (1)	4.5 (2)
14 yrs	17.1 (6)	0	13.6 (6)
15 yrs	28.6 (10)	33.3 (3)	29.5 (13)
16 yrs or older	31.4 (11)	11.1 (1)	27.3 (12)
17 yrs	5.7 (2)	0	4.5 (2)
18 yrs	0	11.1 (1)	2.3 (1)
19 yrs	2.9 (1)	0	2.3 (1)
20 yrs or older	8.6 (3)	0	6.8 (3)
I do not know	2.9 (1)	11.1 (1)	4.5 (2)
Mean (SD)	5.76(1.742)	4.50(2.070)	5.52(1.851)
Median	5.50	5.00	5.00
Missing	111	78	189

***No Comments*

Variable P12: How many times have you had sexual intercourse?

Country	Ireland % (n)		
	Boys	Girls	All
Once	25.7 (9)	12.5 (1)	23.3 (10)
Twice or more times	74.3 (26)	87.5 (7)	76.7 (33)
Mean (SD)	1.74 (.443)	1.88 (.354)	1.77 (.427)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00
Missing	111	79	190
Skew (response ratio)	26:74	12:88	23:77

*Responses considered skewed based on 90:10 cut-off.

** No Comments

Variable P13: The first time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?

Country	Ireland % (n)		
	Boys	Girls	All
Yes, we used a condom	71.4 (20)	83.3 (5)	73.5 (25)
No, we did not use a condom	21.4 (6)	16.7	20.6 (7)
I don't know	7.1 (2)	0	5.9 (2)
Mean (SD)	1.36 (.621)	1.17 (.408)	1.32 (.589)
Median	1.00	1.00	1.00
Missing	118	81	199

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	-'Question 19 was already asked, as was question 20.'
Ease of answering	
Relevance	
Translation	

Variable P14: The first time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use birth control pills?

Country	Ireland % (n)		
Gender	Boys	Girls	All
Yes, we used birth control pills	14.3 (4)	0	11.4 (4)
No, we did not use birth control pills	57.1 (16)	100 (7)	65.7 (23)
I don't know	28.6 (8)	0	22.9 (8)
Mean (SD)	2.14 (.651)	2.00 (.000)	2.11 (.583)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00
Missing	118	80	198

** No Comments

Variable P16: The first time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use any other method(s) of contraception?

Country	Ireland % (n)		
Gender	Boys	Girls	All
Yes, we used another method of contraception	7.4 (2)	14.3 (1)	8.8 (3)
No, we did not use another method of contraception	66.7 (18)	71.4 (5)	67.6 (23)
I don't know	25.9 (7)	14.3 (1)	23.5 (8)
Mean (SD)	2.19 (.557)	2.00 (.577)	2.15 (.558)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00
Missing	119	80	199

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	-'Already asked'
Ease of answering	
Relevance	
Translation	

Variable P17a: When you first had sexual intercourse, would you personally say:

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All % (n)
You wanted it to happen earlier	26.5 (9)	12.5 (1)	23.8 (10)
You wanted it to happen at the time	61.8 (21)	50.0 (4)	59.5 (25)
You would rather have had it later	11.8 (4)	37.5 (3)	16.7 (7)
Mean (SD)	1.85 (.610)	2.25 (.707)	1.93 (.640)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00

Understanding (Difficult words)	- 'Kind of confusing' (line drawn to both q22 & q23)
Acceptable	
Overlap	- 'But now I wish I had waited' - 'Exact same question' (arrows draw to Q22 & 23) - 'I felt these questions were all very repetitive and unnecessary. (q21 + q22) - Questions seem to repeat for no apparent reason other than offering more options
Ease of answering	
Relevance	- 'Maybe ask question on how they felt (e.g. if they felt pressured, regretted it etc.)
Translation	

Variable P17b: When you first had sexual intercourse, would you personally say:

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All % (n)
You wanted it to happen earlier	21.2 (7)	0	17.1 (7)
You wanted it to happen at the time	51.5 (17)	37.5 (3)	48.8 (20)
You would rather have had it later	9.1 (3)	25.0 (2)	12.2 (5)
You did not really want to have intercourse	6.1 (2)	0	4.9 (2)
You did not ask yourself that question	12.1 (4)	37.5 (3)	17.1 (7)
Mean (SD)	2.36 (1.245)	3.38 (1.408)	2.56 (1.324)
Median	2.00	3.00	2.00

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	- 'Better - more options' - 'This one is better'
Overlap	- '21 and 22 are the same' - 'same question' - 'Same questions'
Ease of answering	
Relevance	
Translation	- 'Better - more options' - 'This one is better'

Variable P18: Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the first time?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All % (n)
Yes	36.1 (13)	42.9 (3)	37.2 (16)
No	52.8 (19)	57.1 (4)	53.5 (23)
I do not remember	11.1 (4)	0	9.3 (4)
Mean (SD)	1.75 (.649)	1.57 (.535)	1.72 (.630)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	- 'It wasn't technically conventional sex this time. SShould be specific me thinks :)'
Relevance	
Translation	

Variable P19: At what age do you think most people in (your country) have their first sexual intercourse?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All
6.0 yrs	0.7 (1)	0	0.4 (1)
10.0 yrs	0.7 (1)	0	0.4 (1)
12.0 yrs	0	0	0
13.0 yrs	0	1.2 (1)	0.4 (1)
14.0 yrs	1.4 (2)	3.6 (3)	2.5 (5)
14.5 yrs	0	2.4 (2)	0.9 (2)
15.0 yrs	7.1 (10)	4.8 (4)	6.3 (14)
15.5 yrs	4.3 (6)	6.0 (5)	4.9 (11)
16.0 yrs	28.6 (40)	15.7 (13)	23.8 (53)
16.5 yrs	7.9 (11)	9.6 (8)	8.5 (19)
17.0 yrs	27.9 (39)	31.3 (26)	29.1 (65)
17.5 yrs	2.1 (3)	7.2 (6)	4.0 (9)
18.0 yrs	12.9 (18)	7.2 (6)	10.8 (24)
18.5 yrs	0.7 (1)	0	0.4 (1)
19.0 yrs	2.1 (3)	4.8 (4)	3.1 (7)
20.0 yrs	2.9 (4)	6.0 (5)	4.0 (9)
21.0 yrs	0.7 (1)	0	0.4 (1)
22.0 yrs	0	0	0
23.0 yrs	0	0	0
Mean(SD)	16.60(1.580)	16.78(1.406)	16.67(1.517)
Median	16.50	17.00	17.00

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	- 'Not sure just guessing' - '16/17' 'I would only know about the people I know who would tell me, don't think I would have an accurate idea about what the standard is like in other parts of Ireland'. - i'd say people are sexually active younger but full intercourse not sure
Relevance	- '(but if your in a long relationship with someone you trust, it can differ) - 'sexual orientation?' - 'Whenever they get a beau' - 'Why dose my opion matter?' - 'You are never going to get an accurate answer for this'
Translation	

Variable M47-54: The last time you had sexual intercourse, what method(s) did you or your partner use to prevent pregnancy? Tick all that apply.

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	All % (n)
I have never had sexual intercourse	73.8 (96)	89.9 (71)	79.9 (167)
Mean (SD)	1.26 (.441)	1.10 (.304)	1.20 (.402)
Median	1.00	1.00	1.00
No method was used to prevent pregnancy	30.3 (10)	37.5 (3)	31.7 (13)
Mean (SD)	1.70 (.467)	1.63 (.518)	1.68 (.471)
Median	2.00	2.00	2.00
Birth control pill	36.4 (4)	66.7 (2)	42.9 (6)
Mean (SD)	1.64 (.505)	1.33 (.577)	1.57 (.514)
Median	2.00	1.00	2.00
Condoms	89.3 (25)	80.0 (4)	87.9 (29)
Mean (SD)	1.11 (.315)	1.20 (.447)	1.12 (.331)
Median	1.00	1.00	1.00
Withdrawal	54.5 (6)	0	50.0 (6)
Mean (SD)	1.45 (.522)	0	1.50 (.522)
Median	1.00	0	1.50
Some other method	11.1 (1)	50.0 (1)	18.2 (2)
Mean (SD)	1.89 (.333)	1.50 (.707)	1.82 (.405)
Median	2.00	1.50	2.00

Questionnaire A

Section 3 - Substance use

Variable AQ 27 On how many occasions (if any) have you done the following things in your life?

Variable AQ27cig *cigarettes*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	41.9 (31)	76.7 (33)	55.7 (64)
1-2 times	17.6 (13)	9.3 (4)	14.5 (17)
3-5 times	1.4 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (1)
6-9 times	5.4 (4)	0.0 (0)	3.4 (4)
10-19 times	8.1 (6)	2.3 (1)	6.0 (7)
20-39 times	5.4 (4)	2.3 (1)	4.3 (5)
40 times or more	18.9 (14)	7.0 (3)	14.5 (17)
Mean (SD)	3.12 (2.43)	1.74 (1.78)	2.62 (2.3)
Median	2	1	1
Missing	1	1	2

Variable AQ27alcohol *alcohol*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	18.9 (14)	25.6 (11)	21.4 (25)
1-2 times	10.8 (8)	23.3 (10)	15.4 (18)
3-5 times	14.9 (11)	11.6 (5)	13.7 (16)
6-9 times	12.2 (9)	11.6 (5)	12.0 (14)
10-19 times	13.5 (10)	16.3 (7)	14.5(17)
20-39 times	9.5 (7)	4.7 (2)	7.7 (9)
40 times or more	20.3 (15)	7.0 (3)	15.4 (18)
Mean (SD)	4 (2.16)	3.12	3.68 (2.11)
Median	4	3	3

Variable AQ27cannabis *cannabis*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	64.9(48)	93.0(40)	75.2(88)
1-2 times	6.8(5)	0.0(0)	4.3(5)
3-5 times	5.4(4)	0.0(0)	3.4(4)
6-9 times	4.1(3)	0.0(0)	2.6(3)
10-19 times	1.4(1)	0.0(0)	0.9(1)
20-39 times	0.0(0)	0.0(0)	0.0 (0)
40 times or more	9.5(7)	2.3(1)	6.8(8)
Mean (SD)	2 (1.92)	1.15 (0.94)	1.68 (1.67)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	6	2	8

Understanding (Difficult words)	- 'What occasion? with family or getting drunk with friends' - '(weed, Tony)' (with an arrow from cannabis) many occasions (underlined) - 'not with parents'
Acceptable Overlap	
Ease of answering	-parentally supervised drinking? - 'ask would you go out to get drunk or just for the occasional drink' - 'It's hard to remember the exact number of times.'
Relevance	

Variable AQ 28 On how many occasions (if any) have you done the following things in the last 30 days?

Variable AQ28cig *cigarettes*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	63.5 (47)	86 (37)	71.8 (84)
1-2 times	6.8 (5)	2.3 (1)	5.1 (6)
3-5 times	5.4 (4)	2.3 (1)	4.3 (5)
6-9 times	2.7 (2)	0.0(0)	1.7 (2)
10-19 times	2.7 (2)	0.0 (0)	1.7 (2)
20-39 times	5.4 (4)	2.3 (1)	4.3 (5)
40 times or more	10.8 (8)	2.3 (1)	7.7 (9)
Mean (SD)	2.32 (2.17)	1.34 (1.24)	1.96 (1.94)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	2	2	4

Variable AQ28alcohol *alcohol*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
1. Never	41.9 (31)	55.8 (24)	47.0 (55)
2. 1-2 times	33.8 (25)	34.9 (15)	34.2 (40)
3. 3-5 times	13.5 (10)	4.7 (2)	10.3 (12)
4. 6-9 times	2.7 (2)	2.3 (1)	2.6 (3)
5. 10-19 times	4.1 (3)	2.3 (1)	3.4 (4)
6. 20-39 times	1.4 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (1)
7. 40 times or more	2.7 (2)	0.0 (0)	1.7 (2)
99. Missing	0	0	0
Mean (SD)	2.08 (1.39)	1.6 (0.88)	1.91 (1.25)
Median	2	1	2

Variable AQ28cannabis *cannabis*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	73.0 (54)	93.0 (40)	80.3 (94)
1-2 times	6.8 (5)	2.3 (1)	5.1 (6)
3-5 times	2.7 (2)	0.0 (0)	1.7 (2)
6-9 times	2.7 (2)	0.0 (0)	1.7 (2)
10-19 times	2.7 (2)	0.0 (0)	1.7 (2)
20-39 times	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	1.7 (2)
40 times or more	2.7 (2)	0.0 (0)	1.7 (2)
Mean (SD)	1.52 (1.33)	1.02 (0.16)	1.33 (1.08)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	7	2	9

Understanding (Difficult words)	- 'At social' (with arrow pointing to smoked cigs)
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	

Variable A29

At what age did you first do the following?

Variable A29alcohol *Drink Alcohol (more than a small amount)*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	18.9 (14)	37.2 (16)	25.6 (30)
11 years or less	1.4 (1)	2.3 (1)	1.7 (2)
12 years	6.8 (5)	2.3 (1)	5.1 (6)
13 years	6.8 (5)	0.0 (0)	4.3 (5)
14 years	24.7 (18)	18.6 (8)	22.2 (26)
15 years	23.3 (17)	23.3 (10)	23.1 (27)
16 years or older	17.8 (13)	16.3 (7)	17.1 (20)
Mean (SD)	4.58 (2.09)	3.95 (2.49)	4.34 (2.25)
Median	5	5	5
Missing	1	0	1

Variable A29cig *Smoke a cigarette (more than a puff)*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	48.6 (36)	76.7 (33)	59.0 (69)
11 years or less	1.4 (1)	2.3 (1)	1.7 (2)
12 years	2.7 (2)	2.3 (1)	2.6 (3)
13 years	6.8 (5)	0.0 (0)	4.3 (5)
14 years	14.9 (11)	2.3 (1)	10.3 (12)
15 years	10.8 (8)	9.3 (4)	10.3 (12)
16 years or older	10.8 (8)	2.3 (1)	7.7 (9)
Mean (SD)	3.14 (2.37)	1.8 (1.81)	2.65 (2.26)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	3	2	5

Variable A29cannabis *Take cannabis*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	64.9 (48)	93.0 (40)	75.2 (88)
11 years or less	1.4 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (1)
12 years	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
13 years	1.4 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (1)
14 years	8.1 (6)	2.3 (1)	6.0 (7)
15 years	12.1 (9)	0.0 (0)	7.7 (9)
16 years or older	4.1 (3)	0.0 (0)	2.6 (3)
Mean (SD)	2.34 (2.18)	1.1 (0.62)	1.87 (1.86)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	6	2	8

Comments	
Understanding (Difficult words)	- 'How often, how you get it' - 'At social' (with arrow pointing to smoked cigs)
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	

Variable A30no drinks

If you think about an average occasion, how many drinks containing alcohol do you normally have? (A drink can be a glass of wine (approx. 15 cl.), a large bottle of can of beer (approx. 50cl.), a shot of liquor (approx. 5 cl.)

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never drink alcohol	23.9 (17)	34.9 ()	28.1 (32)
Less than one drink	1.4 (1)	11.6 ()	5.3 (6)
1 drink	8.5 (6)	2.3 ()	6.1 (7)
2 drinks	11.3 (8)	16.3 ()	13.2 (15)
3 drinks	9.9 (7)	9.3 ()	9.6 (11)
4 drinks	15.5 (11)	14.0 ()	14.9 (17)
5 drinks or more	29.6 (21)	11.6 ()	22.8 (26)
Mean (SD)	4.46 (2.35)	3.42 (2.26)	4.07 (2.36)
Median	5	4	4

Understanding (Difficult words)	- 'average' box drawn around it - average occasion (circled) - 'hard to understand at first.' - (both less than 1 drink and 1 drink ticked) - 'bottle , nagin and 6 dutch.
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	- 'With family or friends?' 'Naggins are more common & cans' - 'confusing'
Relevance	- 'Question for reason not to drink smoke etc.' 'When people drink?' - 'Maybe 5 deonds on occasion i.e. 21st/wedding etc.

Questionnaire B

Section 3 - Substance use

Variable BQ27

On how many days (if any) have you done the following things in your life?

Variable BQ27cig *Smoked cigarettes*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
0	41.7 (30)	54.5 (24)	46.6 (54)
1-2	6.9 (5)	20.5 (9)	12.1 (14)
3-5	9.7 (7)	4.5 (2)	7.8 (9)
6 to 9	5.6 (4)	6.8 (3)	6.0 (7)
10-19	1.4 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (1)
20-39	5.6 (4)	2.3 (1)	4.3 (5)
30 or more	20.8 (15)	6.8 (3)	15.5 (18)
Mean (SD)	3.2 (2.5)	2.07 (1.78)	2.76 (2.3)
Median	2	1	1.5
Missing	6	2	8

Variable BQ27alcohol *Drunk alcohol*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
0	19.4 (14)	25.0 (11)	21.6 (25)
1-2	9.7 (7)	9.1 (4)	9.5 (11)
3-5	9.7 (7)	18.2 (8)	12.9 (15)
6 to 9	13.9 (10)	4.5 (2)	10.3 (12)
10-19	11.1 (8)	27.3 (1)	17.2 (20)
20-39	11.1 (8)	0.0 (0)	6.9 (8)
30 or more	23.6 (17)	13.6 (6)	19.8 (23)
Mean (SD)	4.17 (2.42)	3.56 (2.07)	3.94 (2.19)
Median	4	3	4
Missing	1	1	2

Variable BQ27cannabis *Taken cannabis*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
0	64.2 (43)	90.0 (36)	73.8 (79)
1-2	17.9 (12)	2.5 (1)	12.1 (13)
3-5	9.0 (6)	2.5 (1)	6.5 (7)
6 to 9	1.5 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (1)
10-19	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
20-39	1.5 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (1)
30 or more	6 (4)	5.0 (2)	5.6 (6)
Mean (SD)	1.84 (1.59)	1.38 (1.35)	1.66 (1.52)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	0	0	0

Understanding (Difficult words)	- 'How often, how you get it'
Acceptable Overlap	
Ease of answering	- 'how much?' (written beside drunk alcohol) - 'How much alcohol? A sip? A can?' - cannabis is crossed out 'drugs' written
Relevance	- 'I think for this question the ways the amount of times are numbered are kind of hard to answer because there's a big space between them and you may only be one unit above or below that number. There should be different styles of answering. - 'Weed' 'other drugs?' - 'Weed' - '*mouthwash?' - 'I have had a sip of alcohol before but I've never drunk a glass'

Variable BQ28

On how many days (if any) have you done following things in the last 30 days?

Variable BQ28cig *Smoked cigarettes*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	51.4 (37)	68.2 (30)	57.8 (67)
1-2 times	13.9 (10)	18.2 (6)	15.5 (18)
3-5 times	8.3 (6)	4.5 (2)	6.9 (8)
6 to 9 times	1.4 (1)	2.3 (1)	0.9 (1)
10-19 times	4.2 (3)	2.3 (1)	3.4 (4)
20-39 times	1.4 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (1)
30 times or more	9.7 (7)	2.3 (1)	6.9 (8)
Mean (SD)	2.29 (2.01)	1.5 (1.2)	1.99 (1.78)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	7	2	9

Variable BQ28alcohol *Drunk alcohol*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
0	30.6 (22)	54.0 (24)	39.7 (46)
1-2	37.5 (27)	22.7 (10)	31.9 (37)
3-5	20.8 (15)	18.2 (8)	19.8 (23)
6 to 9	2.8 (2)	0.0 (0)	1.7 (2)
10-19	0.0 (0)	2.3 (1)	0.9 (1)
20-39	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
30 or more	5.6 (4)	0.0 (0)	3.4 (4)
Mean (SD)	2.24 (1.43)	1.7 (0.94)	2 (1.29)
Median	2	1	2
Missing	2	1	3

Variable BQ28cannabis *Cannabis*

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
0	86.9 (53)	95.0 (38)	90.1 (91)
1-2	4.9 (3)	2.5 (1)	4.0 (4)
3-5	3.3 (2)	2.5 (1)	3.0 (3)
6 to 9	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
10-19	1.6 (1)	0.0 (0)	1.0 (1)
20-39	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
30 or more	3.3 (2)	0.0 (0)	2.0 (2)
Mean (SD)	1.38 (1.23)	1.08 (0.35)	1.26 (0.99)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	0	0	0

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-Some people might not recognize 'cannabis' as it is called loads of different names. -'Should go higher' (written beside Drunk alcohol)

Variable B29cig

When (if ever) did you have your first cigarette?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	45.8 (33)	52.3 (23)	48.3 (56)
11 years old or less	9.7 (7)	2.3 (1)	6.9 (8)
12 years old	2.8 (2)	2.3 (1)	2.6 (3)
13 years old	11.1 (8)	2.3(1)	7.8 (9)
14 years old	6.9 (5)	9.1 (4)	7.8 (9)
15 years old	16.7 (12)	22.7 (10)	19.0 (22)
16 years old or more	6.9 (5)	4.5 (2)	6.0 (7)
Mean (SD)	3.01 (2.24)	3.0 (2.38)	3.01 (2.28)
Median	2	1	2
Missing	0	2	2

*** No comments***Variable B30alcohol**

At what age did you first drink alcohol (at least one glass) ?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Never	19.4 (14)	20.5 (9)	19.8 (23)
11 years old or less	8.3 (6)	6.8 (3)	7.8 (9)
12 years old	11.1 (8)	4.5 (2)	8.6 (10)
13 years old	18.1 (13)	11.4 (5)	15.5 (18)
14 years old	15.3 (11)	25.0 (11)	19.0 (22)
15 years old	16.7 (12)	20.5 (9)	18.1 (21)
16 years old or more	11.1 (8)	9.1 (4)	10.3 (12)
Mean (SD)	3.96 (2.02)	4.14 (2.05)	4.03 (2.02)
Median	4	5	4
Missing	0	1	1

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	- 'no longer drink? Another option'

Variable B31no_drinks

If you think about an average occasion, how many drinks containing alcohol do you normally have? (A drink can be a glass of wine (approx. 15 cl.), a large bottle of can of beer (approx. 50cl.), a shot of liquor (approx. 5 cl.)

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I never drink alcohol	25.0 (18)	25.6 (11)	25.2 ()
Less than one drink	5.6 (4)	9.3 (4)	7.0 ()
1 drink	2.8 (2)	4.7 (2)	3.5 ()
2 drinks	6.9 (5)	18.6 (8)	11.3 ()
3 drinks	8.3 (6)	9.3 (4)	8.7 ()
4 drinks	8.3 (6)	18.6 (8)	12.2 ()
5 drinks or more	43.1 (31)	14.0 (6)	32.2 ()
Mean (SD)	4.65 (2.54)	3.88 (2.22)	4.37 (2.44)
Median	6	4	5
Missing	0	0	0

Understanding (Difficult words)	-(an average occasion is underlined 'confused me')
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'not sure about units' (a large bottle or can, shot of liquor & approx 5cl all underlined) -(the word never is crossed out and 'no longer' written) - 'should go higher' 'Buckfast' 'Cans' - 'Kamikaze shots (line drawn to spirits glass) - '330 ml beer' circled - 'At family occasion' -(drawing of bottle with label 'Buckfast' and what I presume to be a can labeled 'Druids')
Relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Questions you could ask. How you got drink. How often? do you drink? Where you find the money to get drink?' - 'you should have naggin, a bottle of buckfast, a shoulder cans because people don't drink it in glasses they down it when their out. - 'Yes I like this question' 'This is hard to understand because people our age have naggins of vodka or cans so maybe relate more to us and our portions'

Section 4 – Bullying common for A & B questionnaire

Variable m58

How often have you been bullied at school in the past couple of months?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I have not been bullied in this way	76.0 (111)	81.6 (71)	78.1 (182)
It has only happened once or twice	14.4 (21)	12.6 (11)	13.7 (32)
2 or 3 times a month	4.8 (7)	1.1 (1)	3.4 (8)
About once a week	2.7 (4)	2.3 (2)	2.6 (6)
Several times a week	0.7 (1)	1.1 (1)	0.9 (2)
Mean (SD)	1.35 (0.76)	1.27 (0.71)	1.32 (0.74)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	2	1	3

Understanding (Difficult words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'not intense bullying but verbal' - strength or power argue (underlined) - 'odd phrasing' - 'couple of months (circled) - the sentences on not bullying are underlined - past couple of months (underlined) - months (circled) - bullied (underlined) - 'friends always take the piss out of each other, so...?' - 'never been bullied' (no boxes ticked)
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Never option' - 'Should be a never option' - 'I haven't been bullied at all' Question Have you ever been bullied in the past few months?/at all? - never - all other choices given (in comments column) - 'Ask if we have ever (underlined) been bullied as well' (never is also written with a box drawn and ticked) - 'Just bullying to get the other person annoyed' - 'These questions could go back further than a few months or - 'You make the presumption that people have been bullied sometime in the life which I find stupid and ignorant' - weeks' (arrows drawn to Q31 & 32) - 'Ask about teachers' - 'good description of bullying' (written beside text on bullying)

Variable m59

How often have you taken part in bullying another student(s) at school in the past couple of months?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I have not been bullied in this way	74.0 (108)	87.4 (76)	79.0 (184)
It has only happened once or twice	20.5 (30)	8.0 (7)	15.9 (37)
2 or 3 times a month	2.1 (3)	0.0 (0)	1.3 (3)
About once a week	0.7(1)	1.1 (1)	0.9 (2)
Several times a week	2.7 (4)	1.1 (1)	2.1 (5)
Mean (SD)	1.38 (0.81)	1.16 (0.59)	1.30 (0.74)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	0	2	2

Understanding (Difficult words)	-'couple of months (circled)
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-'Have you ever bullied?' - 'I don't think I have ever bullied anyone either' - 'Option for in the past of never' - (Never) should date farther back' - 'I've stopped btw' - 'I don't think I bullied anyone' - 'bitching rather than bullying' - 'May have been unintentaly?'

Variable bullied

How often have you been bullied at school in the past couple of months in the ways listed below?

Race/colour

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I have not been bullied in this way	84.7 (116)	91.7 (77)	87.3 (193)
It has only happened once or twice	10.9 (15)	6.0 (5)	9.0 (20)
2 or 3 times a month	2.2 (3)	1.2 (1)	1.8 (4)
About once a week	0.0 (0)	1.2 (1)	0.5 (1)
Several times a week	2.2 (3)	0.0 (0)	1.4 (3)
Mean (SD)	1.24 (0.70)	1.12 (0.45)	1.19 (0.62)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	9	3	12

Understanding (Difficult words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - couple of months (circled) - I have never been bullied (written after question) - 'Never?' (written at bottom of page/options no boxes are actually ticked) - 'I haven't for any' (written beside question)
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'does me having severe eczema and being bullied about it count here?' - 'Family issues could be mentioned.' - 'I like this one better than this' (arrow drawn to previous question) - They types of bullying are too limited e.g. intimidating other people lowering people's self esteem etc. - People could be bullied, but not in relation to race, colour or religion.

Religion

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I have not been bullied in this way	96.2 (128)	96.3 (78)	96.3 (206)
It has only happened once or twice	0.8 (1)	3.7 (3)	1.9 (4)
2 or 3 times a month	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
About once a week	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Several times a week	3.0 (4)	0.0 (0)	1.9 (4)
Mean (SD)	1.13 (0.69)	1.04 (0.19)	1.09 (0.56)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	13	6	19

Understanding (Difficult words)	-my religion (underlined)
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-'I don't follow a religion'

Through E-mail, messages, texts, wall postings, web site

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I have not been bullied in this way	88.0 (117)	86.9 (73)	87.6 (190)
It has only happened once or twice	8.3 (11)	11.9 (10)	9.7 (21)
2 or 3 times a month	1.5 (2)	1.2 (1)	1.4 (3)
About once a week	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Several times a week	2.3 (3)	0.0 (0)	1.4 (3)
Mean (SD)	1.20 (0.68)	1.14 (0.38)	1.18 (0.58)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	13	3	16

Understanding (Difficult words)	-instant messages (underlined) - both 'only once or twice' & 'once a week' ticked
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-'one message' -'By Hannon'

Posting picture online

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I have not been bullied in this way	88.9 (120)	89.0 (73)	88.9 (193)
It has only happened once or twice	9.6 (13)	11.0 (9)	10.1 (22)
2 or 3 times a month	1.5 (2)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (2)
About once a week	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Several times a week	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Mean (SD)	1.13 (0.37)	1.11 (0.31)	1.12 (0.35)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	11	5	16

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-'People don't really ask you can they put up a pictures they just put it up!' -'People would do that but not on purpose to hurt you' -'Sent + showed them around' -'Friends sometimes do this in a funny way, not bullying' -'friends all the time do this to one another as a joke'

Tricked into sharing personal information that was then forwarded

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I have not been bullied in this way	96.2 (128)	94.0 (78)	95.4 (206)
It has only happened once or twice	3.8 (5)	3.6 (3)	3.7 (8)
2 or 3 times a month	0.0 (0)	2.4 (2)	0.9 (2)
About once a week	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Several times a week	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Mean (SD)	1.04 (0.19)	1.08 (0.36)	1.06 (0.27)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	13	4	17

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-I heard on the news that teenagers sometimes get bullied about their sexual preference, especially if they're male ... maybe that could be another option for this section?'

Section 5 - Disability and Chronic illness

Variable DCI_illness

Do you have a long-term illness, disability, or medical condition (like diabetes, arthritis, allergy or cerebral palsy) that has been diagnosed by a doctor?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	16.6 (24)	18.6 (16)	17.3 (40)
No	83.4 (121)	81.4 (70)	82.7 (191)
Mean (SD)	1.83 (0.37)	1.81 (0.39)	1.83 (0.38)
Median	2	2	2
Missing	1	1	2

Understanding (Difficult words)	-disbility (underlined) -arthritis, cerebral palsy - underlined -'Should of said what you qualify as a disability'
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	-Physical or mental? -'Maybe anorexia, bulimia etc?'
Relevance	-'maybe no examples incase the person doesn't fill it out due to their illness not being above. -'I had a heart condition when I was younger (hole in my heart) I had corrective surgery when I was younger and I am okay now.

Variable DCI_describe

If yes describe your a long-term illness, disability, or medical condition

Kind of illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asthma (<i>20 cases total</i> - JG), - eczema, small allergies like milk, caffine and an antibiotic begining with a ... I can't remember what its called. - Dyslexia (<i>3 cases</i> -JG) - Cystic fibrosis + Scoliosis - PCOS - I have B.O.N.H. which is a condition that causes your eyesight to be well under the norm - I have stomach ulcers (but they're now under control and cause no pain or discomfort) I have I.B.S. (also under control) - Allergy to cranberries. Knee problem since primary school (called Osgood Schlatters Syndrome & PFPS) - photosensitivity epilepsy - lactose intolerant and nut allergy and speech - Hay fever - ADHD - I have diabetes. I have type 1. I am insulin dependent. - allergys - and systematic hydro-glycermic pteradastyl bowel syndrome
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Variable DCI_type

Which type of long-term illness, disability or medical condition do you have?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Intellectual or learning disability	18.2 (4)	20.0 (3)	18.9 (7)
Physical disability	4.5 (1)	0.0 (0)	2.7 (1)
Speech and language disorder	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Visual impairment	9.1 (2)	6.7 (1)	8.1 (3)
Hearing impairment	0.0 (0)	6.7 (1)	2.7 (1)
Chronic conditions	4.5 (1)	0.0 (0)	2.7 (1)
Asthma or allergy	59.1 (13)	46.7 (7)	54.1 (20)
Other	4.5 (1)	20.0 (3)	10.8 (4)
Missing	3	4	7

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable Overlap	
Ease of answering	- (both physical and chronic boxes ticked) - (both visual and asthma ticked) - (asthma ticked but text also written for other) - (both Speech and Asthma ticked) - (both learning & asthma ticked)
Relevance	- 'Didn't think this was relevant to illness so I didn't see it till after'

Variable DCI_medication

Do you take medication for you long-term illness, disability or medical condition?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	50 (12)	72.2 (13)	59.5 (25)
No	50 (12)	27.8 (5)	40.5 (17)
Mean (SD)	1.5 (0.51)	1.28 (0.46)	1.4 (0.48)
Median	1.5	1	1
Missing	1	1	2

**No comments

Variable DCI_attendance

Does your long-term disability, illness or medical condition affect your attendance and participation at school?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	29.2 (7)	33.3 (5)	30.8 (12)
No	70.8 (17)	66.6 (10)	69.2 (27)
Mean (SD)	1.71 (0.46)	1.67 (0.49)	1.69 (0.47)
Median	2	2	2
Missing	1	4	5

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	-'very slightly (a week a year) -(both boxes ticked) 'yes/no because there was a year I missed a lot from the stomach ulcers but this year is great. -'sometimes' -'Sometimes'
Relevance	

Section 6 – You and your family**Variable M60** Mother at home where you live most of the time

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	95.9 (140)	97.7 (85)	96.6 (225)
No	2.1 (3)	1.1 (1)	1.7 (4)
Mean (SD)	1.02 (0.14)	1.01 (0.11)	1.02 (0.13)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	3	1	4

Variable M61 Father at home where you live most of the time

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	77.4 (113)	73.6 (64)	76.0 (177)
No	20.5 (30)	25.3 (22)	22.3 (52)
Mean (SD)	1.21 (0.41)	1.26 (0.44)	1.23 (0.42)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	3	1	4

Variable M62 Stepmother at home where you live most of the time

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	0.0 (0)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
No	97.9 (143)	97.7 (85)	97.9 (228)
Mean (SD)	2 (0.0)	1.99 (0.11)	2 (0.07)
Median	2	2	2
Missing	3	1	4

Variable M63 Stepfather at home where you live most of the time

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	4.8 (7)	10.3 (9)	6.9 (16)
No	93.2 (136)	88.5 (77)	91.4 (213)
Mean (SD)	1.95 (0.22)	1.90 (0.31)	1.93 (0.25)
Median	2	1	2
Missing	3	1	4

Variable M64 Grandmother at home where you live most of the time

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	4.1 (6)	1.1 (1)	3.0 (7)
No	93.8 (137)	97.7 (85)	95.3 (222)
Mean (SD)	1.96 (0.20)	1.99 (0.11)	1.97 (0.17)
Median	2	2	2
Missing	2	1	4

Variable M65 Grandfather at home where you live most of the time

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	2.7 (4)	0.0 (0)	1.7 (4)
No	95.2 (139)	98.9 (86)	69.6 (225)
Mean (SD)	1.97 (0.16)	2 (0.0)	1.98 (0.13)
Median	2	2	2
Missing	3	1	4

Variable M66 I live in a foster home

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
No	97.9 (143)	98.9 (86)	98.3 (229)
Missing	3	1	4

Variable M67 I live with someone else

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
1. yes	2.1 (3)	1.1 (1)	1.7 (4)
2. no	95.9 (140)	97.7 (85)	96.6 (225)
99. Missing	3	1	4
Mean (SD)	1.98 (0.14)	1.99 (0.11)	1.98 (0.13)
Median	2	2	2

Variable Res_centre I live in a residential centre

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
No	97.9 (143)	98.9 (86)	98.3 (229)
Missing	3	1	4

Variable Aunt I live with aunt

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	2.7 (4)	1.1 (1)	2.1 (5)
No	95.2 (139)	97.7 (85)	96.1 (224)
Mean (SD)	1.97 (0.16)	1.99 (0.11)	1.98 (0.15)
Median	2	2	2
Missing	3	1	4

Variable Uncle I live with uncle

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	4.8 (7)	1.1 (1)	3.4 (8)
No	93.2 (136)	97.7 (85)	94.8 (221)
Mean (SD)	1.95 (0.22)	1.99 (0.11)	1.97 (0.18)
Median	2	2	2
Missing	3	1	4

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-'mum on more days than Dad' -My mother and father and my little sister lives in Ireland, and the rest them in other country -Now I live with my cousins -Live with Mother, but father minds us during the d

Variable M68 How many brothers live at your home

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Zero	33.3 (43)	35.0 (28)	34.0 (71)
One	38.8 (50)	37.5 (30)	38.3 (80)
Two	21.7 (28)	20.0 (16)	21.1 (44)
Three	4.7 (6)	6.3 (5)	5.3 (11)
Four	0.8 (1)	1.3 (1)	1.0 (2)
Five	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Six	0.8 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.5 (1)
Mean (SD)	1.04 (1.00)	1.01 (0.96)	1.03 (0.96)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	17	7	24

Variable M69 How many sisters live at your home

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Zero	27.7 (38)	37.5 (30)	31.3 (68)
One	51.1 (70)	40.0 (32)	47.0 (102)
Two	14.6 (20)	18.8 (15)	16.1 (35)
Three	4.4 (6)	2.5 (2)	3.7 (8)
Four	1.5 (2)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (2)
Five	0.0 (0)	1.3 (1)	0.5 (1)
Six	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.5 (1)
Mean (SD)	1.04 (0.96)	0.91 (0.93)	0.99 (0.95)
Median	1	1	1

Understanding (Difficult words)	- 'Are we to tick more than one box?'
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	-(no boxes actually ticked but 'with my mother and father' written on the line for someone/somewhere else'.) '1 and 1 foster sister' (written for no of sisters)
Relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Should ask if they still live at home' - 'Option for siblings moved away' - 'maybe you should ask people if their parents are divorced or seperated etc.' - 'I have younger sister who doesn't live with me - lives with my dad - 'My mom is due for a child in a month. The gender is a surprise. Maybe add something about pregnancy?' - '*a sister doesn't live at home' - 'brothers: '0 at hime I have 3' sisters: '0 at home I have 2' - 'moved out' (written beside brothers) - 'Father is deceased' - 'Live with Mother, but father minds us during the day - 'My mother and father and my little sister lives in Ireland, and the rest them in other country - 'mum on more days than Dad' - 'Now I live with my cousins - 'Don't live with us. are much older - 'once or twice a week to visit us (written beside father) - 'maybe ask more questions on how young people feel with their family and what kind of relationships they have and if they get along. - 'Maybe treated unfairly at home?' - 'Fathers dead' - '(Father is circled but box not ticked) 'Hi is still in my life'

Variable Long_home

How long have you been living in your current foster home or residential centre?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I do not live in a foster home or res. cen	97.8 (131)	96.3 (79)	97.2 (210)
Less than 6 months	1.5 (2)	0.0 (0)	0.9 (2)
More than 6 months	0.0 (0)	1.2 (1)	0.5 (1)
Less than 1 year	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
1-2 years	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
3-5 years	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
more than 5 years	0.7 (1)	2.4 (2)	1.4 (3)
Mean (SD)	1.06 (0.53)	1.17 (0.95)	1.10 (0.72)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	11	5	16

Variable no_of_homes

How many foster homes or residential centers have you lived in?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
I do not live in a foster home or res. cen	99.2 (131)	96.3 (79)	97.2 (210)
0	0.0 (0)	2.4 (2)	0.9 (2)
3	0.0 (0)	1.2 (1)	0.5 (1)
4	0.8 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.5 (0)
Mean (SD)	1.06 (0.53)	1.17 (0.95)	1.10 (0.72)
Median	1	1	1
Missing	11	5	16

Understanding (Difficult words)	- 'not very clear - couldn't figure out what you meant for a while' - '? had to ask a friend what it meant', residential care (underlined) - 'consider re-phrasing'
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	

Variable age_first_home

What age were you when you first went into foster care or residential centre

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
0	0.0	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
10	0.7 (1)	0.0	0.4 (1)
Missing	14	7	21

Variable care_for_other

Do you provide unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long-term illness. Health problem or disability?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Yes	11.7 (16)	10.1 (8)	11.1 (24)
No	88.3 (121)	89.9 (71)	88.9 (192)
Mean (SD)	1.88 (0.32)	1.90 (0.30)	1.89 (0.31)
Median	2	2	2
Missing	9	8	17

Understanding (Difficult words)	-'Hard Q to understand' -'I don't really get this question - what do you mean', unpaid personal help (underlined) '?'
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-'Its not regular (yes box is ticked but tick is also crossed out) -'although I wouldn't mind doing so, no relatives/friends have any long term illnesses'

Variable care_hours

If yes, how many hours per week

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
1	0.0 (0)	14.3 (1)	6.7 (1)
1.5	37.5 (3)	14.3 (1)	26.7 (4)
2	12.5 (1)	14.3 (1)	13.3 (2)
3	12.5 (1)	28.6 (2)	20.0 (3)
6.5	0.0 (0)	14.3 (1)	6.7 (1)
10	12.5 (1)	0.0 (0)	6.7 (1)
14	0.0 (0)	14.3 (1)	6.7 (1)
20	12.5 (1)	0.0 (0)	6.7 (1)
168 (24*7=168 - JG)	12.5 (1)	0.0 (0)	6.7 (1)

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-'depends most 2-4 hours' '- maybe ask if you enjoy it or if you do it by choice'

Variable Who_for

Who do you provide regular unpaid personal help for?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
Nobody	131 (89.7)	89.7 (78)	89.7 (209)
Grandad 1	2.1 (3)	0.0 (0)	1.3 (3)
Grandaunt	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
Grandfather	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
Grandmother	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
Grandparents	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
Granny	0.0 (0)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
Me mother and father	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
Moms friend 7	0.0 (0)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
Mother2	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
Mum	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
My Aunt (in a mental hospital) My Uncle (brain-damaged) visits and stays with us now and again 6	0.0 (0)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
My autistic brother and my grannys 3	0.0 (0)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
My elderly granparents	0.0 (0)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
My friend	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
My grandmother	0.0 (0)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
my Granny	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
My Granny	0.7 (1)	1.1 (1)	0.9 (2)
My Granny who had meningitis	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
My Uncle (Grand-uncle) 6	0.7 (1)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
Sometimes	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
To my good friends who require help 4	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable	
Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	- 'When my Aunt is in hospital we visit her and bring her in clothes etc. but when she's out we don't. It's sorta the same with my uncle he comes up to us and we mind him for awhile or we go back to Clifden and he visits us for a day but you have to look after him'

Variable Age_start

At what age did you start providing regular unpaid personal help?

	Boy % (n)	Girl % (n)	Overall % (n)
1. 8.5	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
2. 10	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)
3. 11	0.0 (0)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
4. 12	0.0 (0)	2.3 (2)	0.9 (2)
5. 13	0.0 (0)	2.3 (2)	0.9 (2)
6. 14	2.1 (3)	0.0 (0)	1.3 (3)
7. 14.5	0.0 (0)	1.1 (1)	0.4 (1)
8. 15	2.1 (3)	1.1 (1)	1.7 (4)
9. 16	0.7 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.4 (1)

Understanding (Difficult words)	
Acceptable Overlap	
Ease of answering	
Relevance	-'When I realized some people are not strong enough to get through life's challenges alone -I've been helping my uncle when he's with us for as long as I can remember' 'What I mean is its not regular all the time!'

Variable Care_chores

What type of care do you provide? Household chores

	All observations			Cleaned*		
	Yes % (n)	Missing % (n)	Non applic. % (n)	Yes % (n)	Missing % (n)	Non applic. % (n)
Chores	10.7 (25)	6.0 (14)	81.1 (189)	79.2 (19)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
General care	3.9 (9)	6.0 (14)	81.1 (189)	33.3 (8)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Emotional support	6.9 (16)	6.0 (14)	81.1 (189)	54.2 (13)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Intimate care	1.3 (3)	6.0 (14)	81.1 (189)	4.2 (1)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Caring for Siblings	3.4 (8)	6.0 (14)	81.1 (189)	20.8 (5)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Others	3.0 (7)	6.0 (14)	81.1 (189)	25.0 (6)	4.2 (1)	0.0 (0)

*Cleaned for keeping consistency with answers for the question **care_for_other**. Analysis carried out only for those who have answered 'yes' to that question.

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