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ABOUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is a part of The Irish LongituDinal Study on Ageing (TILDA). We greatly value your participation in our study, and we hope that you will find this questionnaire interesting to complete. Your answers are extremely important to us. Please remember that your participation is voluntary and that you may skip over any questions that you would prefer not to answer.

How to fill in this questionnaire

Please answer the questions by:

Ticking a box like this

X

Or writing a number in a box like this

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Or circling an answer like this: 1 2 (3)

Sometimes you will find an instruction

telling you which questions to answer next like this:

X Go to 1



How to return this questionnaire

Please give the questionnaire to the interviewer or post it back in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions about the questionnaire, please feel free to call us at 01 896 4120.

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. HOW OFTEN, IF AT ALL, DO YOU DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE.	DAILY/ ALMOST DAILY	ONCE A WEEK OR MORE	TWICE A MONTH OR MORE	ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	EVERY FEW MONTHS	ABOUT ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR	LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR	NEVER
Watch television.								
Go out to films, plays and concerts.								
Attend classes and lectures.								
Travel for pleasure.								
Work in the garden, or your home, or on a car.								
Read books or magazines for pleasure.								
Listen to music, radio.								
Spend time on hobbies or creative activities.								
Play cards, bingo, games in general.								
Go to the pub.								
Eat out of the house.								
Participate in sport activities or exercise.								
Visits to or from family or friends, either in person or talking on the phone.								
Do voluntary work.								

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2. HERE IS A LIST OF STATEMENTS THAT PEOPLE HAVE USED TO DESCRIBE THEIR LIVES OR HOW THEY FEEL. HOW OFTEN DO YOU FEEL LIKE THIS?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE.	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	RARELY	NEVER
My age prevents me from doing the things I would like to.				
I feel that what happens to me is out of my control.				
I feel free to plan for the future.				
I feel left out of things.				
I can do the things that I want to do.				
Family responsibilities prevent me from doing what I want to do.				
I feel that I can please myself in what I can do.				
My health stops me from doing the things I want to do.				
Shortage of money stops me from doing the things that I want to do.				
I look forward to each day.				
I feel that my life has meaning.				
I enjoy the things that I do.				
I enjoy being in the company of others.				
On balance, I look back on my life with a sense of happiness.				
I feel full of energy these days.				
I choose to do things that I have never done before.				
I feel satisfied with the way my life has turned out.				
I feel that life is full of opportunities.				
I feel that the future looks good for me.				

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3. THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE. FOR EACH ONE, PLEASE SAY HOW OFTEN YOU FEEL THAT WAY.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE.	OFTEN	SOME OF THE TIME	HARDLY EVER OR NEVER
How often do you feel you lack companionship?			
How often do you feel left out?			
How often do you feel isolated from others?			
How often do you feel in tune with the people around you?			
How often do you feel lonely?			

4. DID YOU VOTE IN THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX

YES

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NO \square

5. THE NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT HOW YOU HAVE FELT IN THE PAST MONTH.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE.	HARDLY EVER	ALMOST NEVER	SOME TIMES	FAIRLY OFTEN	VERY OFTEN	
In the last month, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?						
In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?						
In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way?						
In the last month, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?						
6. DO YOU HAVE A HUSBAND, WIFE OR PARTNER WITH WHOM YOU LIVE?						

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX

YES

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GO TO 9 NO

7. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE OR PARTNER.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT.	A LOT	SOME	A LITTLE	NOT AT ALL
How much does he/she really understand the way you feel about things?				
How much can you rely on him/her if you have a serious problem?				
How much can you open up to him/her if you need to talk about your worries?				
How much does he/she make too many demands on you?				
How much does he/she criticise you?				
How much does he/she let you down when you are counting on him/her?				
How much does he/she get on your nerves?				
8. HOW CLOSE IS YOUR RELATIONS!	HIP WITH	YOUR SPO	OUSE OR P	'ARTNER?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX				
VERY CLOSE				
QUITE CLOSE				
NOT VERY CLOSE				
NOT AT ALL CLOSE				

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9. DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN?

How much do they get on your nerves?

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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX				
YES				
NO GO TO 11				
10. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK YO YOUR CHILDREN.	OU SOME	QUESTIO	NS ABOUT	
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT.	A LOT	SOME	A LITTLE	NOT AT ALL
How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?				
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?				
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?				
How much do they make too many demands on you?				
How much do they criticise you?				
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?				

11. APART FROM YOUR SPOUSE/PARTNER AND CHILDREN (IF ANY), DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS (SUCH AS BROTHERS, SISTERS, PARENTS, COUSINS ETC)?

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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX				
YES				
NO GO TO 13				
12. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK YO FAMILY MEMBERS.	OU SOME	QUESTIO	NS ABOUT	THESE
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT.	A LOT	SOME	A LITTLE	NOT AT ALL
How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?				
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?				
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?				
How much do they make too many demands on you?				
How much do they criticise you?				
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?				
How much do they get on your nerves?				

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13. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH				
STATEMENT.	A LOT	SOME	A LITTLE	NOT AT ALL
How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?				
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?				
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?				
How often do they make too many demands on you?				
How much do they criticise you?				
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?				
How much do they get on your nerves?				

14. FOR SOME PEOPLE SEX IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR LIVES AND FOR OTHERS IT IS NOT VERY IMPORTANT AT ALL. HOW IMPORTANT A PART OF YOUR LIFE WOULD YOU SAY THAT SEX IS?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX	
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	
VERY IMPORTANT	
MODERATELY IMPORTANT	
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	
NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	

15. PLEASE INDICATE HOW WELL THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS
CURRENTLY DESCRIBE YOUR FEELINGS. PLEASE CHOOSE ONE
RESPONSE FROM THE FOUR GIVEN FOR EACH STATEMENT. YOU
SHOULD GIVE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE AND NOT THINK TOO
LONG ABOUT YOUR ANSWER.

	I feel tense or "wound up".	ONE BOX
	1. Most of the time.	
	2. A lot of the time.	
	3. From time to time, occasionally.	
	4. Not at all.	
	I get a sort of frightened feeling as if something awful is about to happen.	
	1. Very definitely and quite badly.	
•	2. Yes but not too badly.	
	3. A little but it doesn't worry me.	
	4. Not at all.	
	Worrying thoughts go through my mind.	
	1. A great deal of the time.	
	2. A lot of the time.	
	3. From time to time but not too often.	
	4. Only occasionally.	

I can sit at ease and feel relaxed.	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
1. Definitely.	
2. Usually.	
3. Not often.	
4. Not at all.	
I get a sort of frightened feeling like "butterflies" in the stomach.	
1. Not at all.	
2. Occasionally.	
3. Quite often.	
4. Very often.	
I feel restless as if I have to be on the move.	•
1. Very much indeed.	
2. Quite a lot.	
3. Not very much.	
4. Not at all.	
I get sudden feelings of panic.	
Very often indeed.	
2. Quite a lot.	
3. Not very often.	
4. Not at all.	

16. FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER THE EVENT OCCURRED AT ANY POINT IN YOUR LIFE. IF THE EVENT DID HAPPEN, PLEASE INDICATE THE YEAR IN WHICH IT HAPPENED MOST RECENTLY.

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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE. USE 4 DIGITS FOR THE YEAR, I.E. 1999 OR 2007	YES	NO	IF 'YES', WHAT YEAR?
Have you ever been in a major fire, flood or other natural disaster?			
Has your spouse, partner, or child ever been addicted to drugs or alcohol?			
Were you the victim of a serious physical attack or assault in your life?			
Did you ever have a life-threatening illness or accident?			
Did your spouse, partner, or a child of yours ever have a life-threatening illness or accident?			
Has a child of yours ever died?			
Before you were 18 years old, did you have to repeat a year of school over again?			
Before you were 18 years old, did either of your parents drink or use drugs so often that it caused problems in the family?			
Before you were 18 years old, were you ever physically abused by either of your parents?			
Before you were 18 years old, were you ever physically abused by anyone other than your parents?			
Before you were 18 years old, were you ever sexually abused by either of your parents?			
Before you were 18 years old, were you ever sexually abused by anyone other than your parents?			

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17. HAVE ANY OF YOUR CLOSE FRIENDS DIED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX		
YES		
NO		
18. DO YOU DRINK ALCOHOL?		
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX		
YES		
NO GO TO 26		
NO GOTO		
19. DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, LIKE BEER, CIDER, WINE, SPIR OR COCKTAILS?		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX	(
1. Almost every day.		
2. Five or six days a week.		
3. Three or four days a week.		
4. Once or twice a week.		
5. Once or twice a month.		
6. Less than once a month.		
7. Not at all in the last 6 months.		

20. DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU HAD MORE THAN TWO DRINKS IN A SINGLE DAY? (A DRINK IS A HALF PINT OF BEER OR A GLASS OF WINE)

	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
1. Almost every day.	
2. Five or six days a week.	
3. Three or four days a week.	
4. Once or twice a week.	
5. Once or twice a month.	
6. Less than once a month.	
7. Not at all in the last 6 months.	
21. DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS, ON THE DAYS YOU DRINK MANY DRINKS DO YOU HAVE?	X, ABOUT HOW
22. HAVE YOU EVER FELT THAT YOU SHOULD CUT DOWN ON D	ORINKING?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX	
YES	
NO	

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23. HAVE PEOPLE EVER ANNOYED YOU BY CRITICISING YOUR DRINKING?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
YES
NO
24. HAVE YOU EVER FELT BAD OR GUILTY ABOUT DRINKING?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
YES
NO
25. HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN A DRINK FIRST THING IN THE MORNING TO STEADY YOUR NERVES OR GET RID OF A HANGOVER?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
YES

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NO

26. PLEASE CIRCLE THE ONE NUMBER THAT BEST DESCRIBES HOW TYPICAL OR CHARACTERISTIC EACH ITEM IS OF YOU

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER PER LINE

	NOT AT ALL TYPICAL		SOMEWHAT TYPICAL		VERY TYPICAL
	1	2	3	4	5
My worries overwhelm me.					
	1	2	3	4	5
Many situations make me worry.					
	1	2	3	4	5
I know I should not worry about things, but I just cannot help it.					
	1	2	3	4	5
When I am under pressure, I worry a lot.		_			
	1	2	3	4	5
I am always worrying about something.					
As soon as I finish one task, I start to worry	1	2	3	4	5
about everything else I must do.					
	1	2	3	4	5
I have been a worrier all my life.					
	1	2	3	4	5
I have been worrying about things.	NOT AT ALL TYPICAL		SOMEWHAT TYPICAL		VERY TYPICAL

27. WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR OWN PERSONAL VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES ABOUT GETTING OLDER. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS (STRONGLY DISAGREE, DISAGREE, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE, AGREE, OR STRONGLY AGREE).

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
I am conscious of getting older all of the time.					
I am always aware of my age.					
I always classify myself as old.					
I am always aware of the fact that I am getting older.					
I feel my age in everything that I do.					
As I get older I get wiser.					
As I get older I continue to grow as a person.					
As I get older I appreciate things more.					
I get depressed when I think about how ageing might affect the things that I can do.					
The quality of my social life in later years depends on me.					
The quality of my relationships with others in later life depends on me.					
Whether I continue living life to the full depends on me.					
I get depressed when I think about the effect that getting older might have on my social life.					
As I get older there is much I can do to maintain my independence.					
Whether getting older has positive sides to it depends on me					

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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR VIEW FOR EACH STATEMENT.	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
Getting older restricts the things that I can do.					
Getting older makes me less independent.					
Getting older makes everything a lot harder for me.					
As I get older I can take part in fewer activities.					
As I get older I do not cope as well with problems that arise.					
Slowing down with age is not something I can control.					
How mobile I am in later life is not up to me.					
I have no control over whether I lose vitality or zest for life as I age.					
I have no control over the effects which getting older has on my social life.					
I get depressed when I think about getting older.					
I worry about the effects that getting older may have on my relationships with others.					
I go through cycles in which my experience of ageing gets better and worse.					
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I go through cycles in which my experience of ageing gets better and worse.			
My awareness of getting older comes and goes in cycles.			
I feel angry when I think about getting older.			
I go through phases of feeling old.			
My awareness of getting older changes a great deal from day to day.			
I go through phases of viewing myself as being old.			

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS. PLEASE GIVE THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE INTERVIEWER OR POST IT BACK IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED. ALL YOUR ANSWERS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.





