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In the first part of this questionnaire, we would like to ask you about your family and friends. For example, about how often you see or visit them, and when you turn to them for help or advice.

SIBLINGS

- 1 First your brothers and sisters. How many brothers or sisters aged 18 and older do you have? (We mean brothers and sisters who are still alive. Please include step-brothers/sisters, half-brothers/sisters and adopted brothers/sisters.)

Number of adult brother(s) and sister(s) (PLEASE WRITE IN) → PLEASE ANSWER 2
 OR CIRCLE: I have no ADULT brothers or sisters NOW PLEASE GO TO 5

BROSIS2

PLEASE ANSWER THESE NEXT QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS AGED 18 AND OLDER

- 2 Of your adult brothers and sisters, with whom do you have the most contact?
 (Please circle one number only)

I have no contact with any adult brother or sister NOW PLEASE GO TO 5

A brother
 A sister PLEASE ANSWER 3

SIBVIST2

- 3 How often do you see or visit this brother or sister?
 (Please circle one number only)

He/she lives in the same household NOW PLEASE GO TO 5

Daily
 At least several times a week
 At least once a week
 At least once a month
 Several times a year
 Less often PLEASE ANSWER 4

SIBCONT

- 4 And how often do you have any other contact with this brother or sister besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?
 (Please circle one number only)

Daily
 At least several times a week
 At least once a week
 At least once a month
 Several times a year
 Less often
 Never

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

CHILDREN

5 How many children aged 18 and older do you have? (We mean children who are still alive. Please include step-children and adopted children)

Number of children aged 18 and older (*PLEASE WRITE IN*) → **PLEASE ANSWER 6**
 OR **CIRCLE:** I Have no children aged 18 and older **NOW PLEASE GO TO 9**

PLEASE ANSWER THE NEXT QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 18 AND OLDER

CHDSEX2

6 Of your children aged 18 and older, with whom do you have the most contact?

I have no contact with any of my adult children **NOW PLEASE GO TO 9**

A son
 A daughter **PLEASE ANSWER 7**

CHDVIST3

7 And how often do you see or visit this son or daughter?
 (*Please circle one number only*)

He/she lives in the same household **NOW PLEASE GO TO 9**

Daily	<input type="text" value="2"/>	PLEASE ANSWER 8
At least several times a week	<input type="text" value="3"/>	
At least once a week	<input type="text" value="4"/>	
At least once a month	<input type="text" value="5"/>	
Several times a year	<input type="text" value="6"/>	
Less often	<input type="text" value="7"/>	

CHDCONT

8 And how often do you have any other contact with this son or daughter besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?
 (*Please circle one number only*)

Daily	<input type="text" value="1"/>
At least several times a week	<input type="text" value="2"/>
At least once a week	<input type="text" value="3"/>
At least once a month	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Several times a year	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Less often	<input type="text" value="6"/>
Never	<input type="text" value="7"/>

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

DADVIST3

9 How often do you see or visit your father?
(Please circle one number only)

- My father is no longer alive

1

- He lives in the same household

2

NOW PLEASE GO TO 11
- I don't know where my father lives

3

- Daily

4

- At least several times a week

5

- At least once a week

6

- At least once a month

7

PLEASE ANSWER 10
- Several times a year

8

- Less often

9

- Never

10

DADCONT

10 And how often do you have any other contact with your father besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?
(Please circle one number only)

- Daily

1

- At least several times a week

2

- At least once a week

3

- At least once a month

4

- Several times a year

5

- Less often

6

- Never

7

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

MUMVIST3

11 How often do you see or visit your mother?
(Please circle one number only)

- My mother is no longer alive

1

- She lives in the same household

2

NOW PLEASE GO TO 14
- I don't know where my mother lives

3

- Daily

4

- At least several times a week

5

- At least once a week

6

- At least once a month

7

PLEASE ANSWER 12
- Several times a year

8

- Less often

9

- Never

10

12 *MUMCONT*
 And how often do you have any other contact with your mother besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?
 (Please circle one number only)

Daily	1
At least several times a week	2
At least once a week	3
At least once a month	4
Several times a year	5
Less often	6
Never	7

13 *MUMJRN2*
 About how long would it take to get to where your mother lives?
 Think of the time it usually takes door to door.
 (Please circle one number only)

Less than 2 minutes	1
Less than 15 minutes	2
Between 15 and 30 minutes	3
Between 30 minutes and 1 hour	4
Between 1 and 2 hours	5
Between 2 and 3 hours	6
Between 3 and 5 hours	7
Between 5 and 12 hours	8
Over 12 hours	9

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

14 Now some questions about your contact with other relatives.
 Please indicate how often you have been in contact with any of the following types of relatives in the last four weeks.
 (Please circle one number on each line)

	More than twice in last 4 weeks	Once or twice in last 4 weeks	Not at all in last 4 weeks	I have no living relative of this type
<i>UNCCONT</i> a. Uncles or aunts	1	2	3	4
<i>COUSCONT</i> b. Cousins	1	2	3	4
<i>PINCONT</i> c. Parents-in-law	1	2	3	4
<i>BINCONT</i> d. Brothers or sisters-in-law	1	2	3	4
<i>NIECONT</i> e. Nieces and nephews	1	2	3	4

Now we would like to ask you about people you know other than your family and relatives.

- 15 *PALWORK*
Thinking about people at your work place, how many of them are close friends of yours?

Number of close friends at work place (*PLEASE WRITE IN*)

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OR CIRCLE ONE: None

0

 I do not work for pay

1

 I work on my own

2

- 16 *PALHOM*
Thinking now of people who live near you – in your neighbourhood or district. How many of these people are close friends of yours?

Number of close friends who live near you (*PLEASE WRITE IN*)

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OR CIRCLE: None

0

- 17 *PALOTH*
How many other close friends do you have – apart from those at work, in your neighbourhood, or family members? Think, for instance, of friends at clubs, church, or the like.

Number of other close friends (*PLEASE WRITE IN*)

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OR CIRCLE: None

0

- 18 *PALWHO*
Now think about your best friend, the friend you feel closest to (but not your partner). Is this best friend...
(Please circle one number only)

I don't have a close friend

1

NOW PLEASE GO TO 21

- ...a male relative

2

 ...a female relative

3

PLEASE ANSWER 19
 ...a man who is not a relative

4

 ...a woman who is not a relative

5

19 *PALVIST2*
How often do you see or visit this friend (the friend you feel closest to)?
(Please circle one number only)

He/she lives in the same household as I do 1 **NOW PLEASE GO TO 21**

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | PLEASE ANSWER 20 |
| At least several times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | |
| At least once a week | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | |
| At least once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | |
| Several times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | |
| Less often | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 | |
| Never | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 | |

20 *PALCONT*
And how often do you have any other contact with this friend besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?
(Please circle one number only)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| At least several times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| At least once a week | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| At least once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Several times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Less often | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| Never | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 |

EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

21 People sometimes belong to different kinds of groups or associations. The list below contains different types of groups. For each type of group, please circle a number to say whether you have taken part in the activities of this group in the past 12 months.
(Please circle one number on each line)

	I have taken part more than twice	I have taken part once or twice	I belong to such a group but have never taken part	I do not belong to such a group
<i>PARTIC1</i> A political party, club, or association	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<i>PARTIC2</i> A trade union or professional association	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<i>PARTIC3</i> A church or other religious organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<i>PARTIC4</i> A sports group, hobby or leisure club	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<i>PARTIC5</i> A charitable organisation or group	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<i>PARTIC6</i> A neighbourhood association or group	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<i>PARTIC7</i> Other associations or groups	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

- 22 Now we would like to ask you how you would get help in situations that anyone could find herself or himself in. First, suppose you had the 'flu and had to stay in bed for a few days and needed help around the house with shopping and so on.

HELPBED1

a. Who would you turn to first for help?

HELPBED2

b. And who would you turn to second?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONLY ONE AS YOUR FIRST CHOICE AND ONE AS YOUR SECOND CHOICE

	First choice	Second choice
Husband, wife, partner	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Mother	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Father	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Daughter	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Daughter-in-law	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Son	<input type="text" value="6"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>
Son-in-law	<input type="text" value="7"/>	<input type="text" value="7"/>
Sister	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="8"/>
Brother	<input type="text" value="9"/>	<input type="text" value="9"/>
Other blood relative	<input type="text" value="10"/>	<input type="text" value="10"/>
Other in-law relative	<input type="text" value="11"/>	<input type="text" value="11"/>
Close friend	<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="text" value="12"/>
Neighbour	<input type="text" value="13"/>	<input type="text" value="13"/>
Someone you work with	<input type="text" value="14"/>	<input type="text" value="14"/>
Someone you pay to help	<input type="text" value="15"/>	<input type="text" value="15"/>
Someone else	<input type="text" value="16"/>	<input type="text" value="16"/>
No-one	<input type="text" value="17"/>	<input type="text" value="17"/>

BEFORE GOING ON TO THE NEXT QUESTION, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE ONLY CIRCLED ONE FIRST CHOICE AND ONE SECOND CHOICE

23 Suppose you needed to borrow a large sum of money.

HELPMNY1

a. Who would you turn to first for help?

HELPMNY2

b. And who would you turn to second?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONLY ONE AS YOUR FIRST CHOICE AND ONE AS YOUR SECOND CHOICE

	First choice	Second choice
Husband, wife, partner	1	1
Mother	2	2
Father	3	3
Daughter	4	4
Son	5	5
Sister	6	6
Brother	7	7
Other blood relative	8	8
In-law relative	9	9
Godparent	10	10
Close friend	11	11
Neighbour	12	12
Someone you work with	13	13
Employer	14	14
Government or social services agency	15	15
A bank or credit union	16	16
A private money lender	17	17
Someone else	18	18
No-one	19	19

BEFORE GOING ON TO THE NEXT QUESTION, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE ONLY CIRCLED ONE FIRST CHOICE AND ONE SECOND CHOICE

24 Suppose you felt just a bit down or depressed.

HELPDPR1

a. Who would you turn to first for help?

HELPDPR2

b. And who would you turn to second?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONLY ONE AS YOUR FIRST CHOICE AND ONE AS YOUR SECOND CHOICE

	First choice	Second choice
Husband, wife, partner	1	1
Mother	2	2
Father	3	3
Daughter	4	4
Son	5	5
Sister	6	6
Brother	7	7
Other blood relative	8	8
In-law relative	9	9
Close friend	10	10
Neighbour	11	11
Someone you work with	12	13
Priest or member of the clergy	13	14
Family doctor	14	14
A psychologist or another professional counsellor	15	15
A self-help group	16	16
Someone else	17	17
No-one	18	18

BEFORE GOING ON TO THE NEXT QUESTION, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE ONLY CIRCLED ONE FIRST CHOICE AND ONE SECOND CHOICE

25 During the past 12 months, how often have you done any of the following things for people you know personally, such as relatives, friends, neighbours or other acquaintances?
(Please circle one number on each line)

	More than once a week	Once a week	Once a month	At least 2 or 3 times in the past year	Once in the past year	Not at all in the past year
<i>OTHHELP</i> Helped someone outside of your household with housework or shopping	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>OTHLENT</i> Lent quite a bit of money to another person	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>OTHCHAT</i> Spent time talking with someone who was a bit down or depressed	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>OTHJOB</i> Helped somebody to find a job	1	2	3	4	5	6

26 *JOBHOW*
There are many ways people hear about jobs – from other people, from advertisements or employment agencies, and so on. Please show how you first found out about work at your present employer?

IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY, PLEASE THINK ABOUT YOUR LAST JOB

I have never worked for pay	1
From parents, brothers or sisters	2
From other relatives	3
From a close friend	4
From an acquaintance	5
From a public employment agency or service	6
From a private employment agency	7
From a school or university placement office	8
From an advertisement or a sign	9
The employer contacted me about a job	10
I just called them or went there to ask for work	11
Some other way	12

27 People look for various things in a close friend and can differ in how important or not some things are for them. Please circle a number to say how important or not it is for close friends of yours to be each of the following.

(Please circle one number on each line)

	Extremely important	Very important	Fairly important	Not too important	Not at all important
<i>FRNDQUL1</i> Someone who is intelligent and makes me think	1	2	3	4	5
<i>FRNDQUL2</i> Someone who helps me get things done	1	2	3	4	5
<i>FRNDQUL3</i> Someone who really understands me	1	2	3	4	5
<i>FRNDQUL4</i> Someone who is enjoyable company	1	2	3	4	5

28 Please circle a number on each line to indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

(Please circle one number on each line)

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
<i>HELPELDY</i> Adult children have a duty to look after their elderly parents	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>HELPSLF1</i> You should take care of yourself and your family first before helping other people	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>HELPPFRND</i> People who are better off should help friends who are less well off	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>HELPSLF2</i> It is all right to develop friendships with people just because you know they can be of use to you	1	2	3	4	5	8

29 On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to
(Please circle one number on each line)

	Definitely should be	Probably should be	Probably should not be	Definitely should not be	Can't choose
GOVRES11 ...provide childcare for everyone who wants it?	1	2	3	4	8
GOVRESP4 ...provide a decent Standard of living for the old	1	2	3	4	8

30 *RUHAPPY*
If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole?
(Please circle one number only)

Very happy	1
Fairly happy	2
Not very happy	3
Not at all happy	4
Can't choose	8

31 *RELTDEMD*
Do you feel that your family, relatives and/or friends make too many demands on you?
(Please circle one number only)

No, never	1
Yes, seldom	2
Yes, sometimes	3
Yes, often	4
Yes, very often	5

32 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
(Please circle one number on each line)

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
<i>TRUSTFEW</i> There are only a few people I can trust completely	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TRUSTOTH</i> Most of the time you can be sure that other people want the best for you	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TRUSTNON</i> If you are not careful other people will take advantage of you	1	2	3	4	5	8

33 *LIVEARE2*
How long have you lived in the city, town or local community where you live now?

Since birth

Since the year

34 *LOGGOVEF*
Suppose you wanted the local government to bring about some improvement in your local community. How likely is it that you would be able to do something about it?
(Please circle one number only)

Very likely	1
Somewhat likely	2
Not very likely	3
Not at all likely	4
Don't know	8

35 *NIPRIOF1*
Looking at the list below, please circle a number next to the **one** thing you think should be Northern Ireland's highest priority, the most important thing it should do.
(Please circle one number only)

Northern Ireland should ...

Maintain order in the nation	1
Give people more say in government decisions	2
Fight rising prices	3
Protect freedom of speech	4
Can't choose	8

36 *NIPRIOF2*
 And which one do you think should be Northern Ireland's **next highest priority**, the second most important thing it should do?
 (Please circle one number only)

Northern Ireland should ...

Maintain order in the nation	1
Give people more say in government decisions	2
Fight rising prices	3
Protect freedom of speech	4
Can't choose	8

37 How much do you agree or disagree with the following?
 (Please circle one number only)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>INCDIFF</i> It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes	1	2	3	4	5	8

38 How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?
 (Please circle one number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>WEALTH1</i> Ordinary working people get their fair share of the nation's wealth	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>RICHLAW</i> There is one law for the rich and one for the poor	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TRADVLS</i> There is no need for strong trade unions to protect employee's working conditions and wages	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PRENTBST</i> Private enterprise is the best way to solve Northern Ireland's economic problems	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PUBOWNST</i> Major public services and industries ought to be in state ownership	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GOVJOB</i> It is the government's responsibility to provide a job for everyone who wants one	1	2	3	4	5	8

39 How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?
 (Please circle one number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
GOVNOSAY People like me have no say in what the government does	1	2	3	4	5	8
GOVCOMP Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what is going on	1	2	3	4	5	8
PTYNTMT It doesn't really matter which party is in power, in the end things go on much the same	1	2	3	4	5	8
VOTEONLY Voting is the only way people like me can have any say about how the government runs things	1	2	3	4	5	8

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you very much for taking part in this year's *Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey*. The answers that you gave will help us to build up a picture of what people in Northern Ireland think about a wide range of social issues. When the results are put together they will be used by other people in the universities and within government to help develop social policy in Northern Ireland. Some of the questions that you answered are also being asked in over 30 other countries as part of an international survey and results of these will be used to compare people's opinions across the world. Without your help and the help of all the other people we interviewed this year we would not be able to provide this valuable insight into the opinions of the general public in Northern Ireland today.

Thank you again,

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