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1 Introduction

In this deliverable, proposals are presented for the measurement of psychological key instruments to be included in new waves of the Generations and Gender Survey (GGS). The background for these proposals has been provided in Deliverable 13 – ‘Report on evaluation of existing and feasibility for development of new psychological instruments in the GGS’. In that report, existing GGS instruments were evaluated, the literature on psychological measures was extensively reviewed, and proposals for new questions were presented. The current deliverable summarizes these proposals from the previous report, distinguishing between proposals for current GGS questions to be retained, and proposals for new questions to be added. Readers are referred to Deliverable 13 for a detailed discussion of the arguments for these proposals.

2 Current measures to be retained

Health

701. How is your health in general?

- 1 – very good
- 2 – good
- 3 – fair
- 4 – bad
- 5 – very bad

702.a. Do you have any long-standing illness or chronic condition?

- 1 – yes
- 2 – no (go to 703)

702.b. How long have you had this long-standing illness or chronic condition?

- 1 – less than 6 months
- 2 – 6 months to one year
- 3 – 1 year to 5 years

4 – 5 years to 10 years

5 – 10 years or more

703.a.

Are you limited in your ability to carry out normal everyday activities, because of a physical or mental health problem or a disability?

1 – yes

2 – no

703.b. Since how long?

1 – less than 6 months

2 – 6 months to one year

3 – 1 year to 5 years

4 – 5 years to 10 years

5 – 10 years or more

Loneliness

720. I am going to read out six statements about your current experiences. Please indicate for each of them to what extent they have applied to you recently.

a. There are plenty of people that I can lean on in case of trouble

b. I experience a general sense of emptiness

c. I miss having people around

d. There are many people that I can count on completely

e. Often, I feel rejected

f. There are enough people that I feel close to

1. yes

2. more or less

3. no

Depression

721. Please tell me how frequently did you experience the next items during the previous week.

During the past week...

- a. I felt that I could not shake off the blues even with help from my family or friends
- b. I felt depressed
- c. I thought my life had been a failure
- d. I felt fearful
- e. I felt lonely
- f. I had crying spells
- g. I felt sad

- 1. seldom or never
- 2. sometimes
- 3. often
- 4. most or all of the time

Satisfactions

117. How satisfied are you with your dwelling? On a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means 'not at all satisfied' and 10 means 'completely satisfied' and 5 means 'about average', what number best represents your satisfaction with your dwelling? Please use this card and tell me the value on the scale.

202. How satisfied are you with the way childcare tasks are divided between you and your partner/spouse?

224. How satisfied are you with your relationship with [name]? (non-resident children <14y)

237. How satisfied are you with your relationship with [name]? (step-children)
402. How satisfied are you with the division of household tasks between you and your partner/spouse?
407. How satisfied are you with your relationship with your partner/spouse?
517. How satisfied are you with the relationship with your mother?
531. How satisfied are you with the relationship with your father?
547. How satisfied are you with the relationship with your father?
553. How satisfied are you with the relationship with your mother?
561. How satisfied are you with the relationship with your father?
562. How satisfied are you with the relationship with your mother?
804. How satisfied are you with being on maternity/parental/childcare leave?
809. How satisfied are you with being unemployed?
813. How satisfied are you with being student, studying at school or in vocational training?
817. How satisfied are you with being retired?
823. How satisfied are you with being homemaker?
839. How satisfied are you with your current job?

847. And how satisfied are you with job security?

850. How satisfied are you with your self-employment?

3 New measures to be included

Life satisfaction

I am going to read out five statements about your current experiences. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the statements using the following scale where. 1- Strongly disagree....

- a. In most ways my life is close to my ideal
- b. The conditions of my life are excellent
- c. So far I have gotten the important things I want in life
- d. I am satisfied with my life
- e. If I could live all over again, I would change almost nothing

Response categories: 1=Strongly disagree, 2= Disagree, 3= Slightly disagree, 4= Neither agree nor disagree, 5= Slightly agree, 6= Agree, 7= Strongly agree

Alternative single-item life satisfaction measure

All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole nowadays?
This question is answered on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied.
“Show card 117: Satisfaction Scale”

Personality

Below follows 15 statements about characteristics that may or may not apply to you. Please indicate the extent to which you think each characteristic applies to you, on a one to seven scale, where one refers to "Does not apply" and seven to "Applies

perfectly". Do not spent too much time on each statement, but indicate the category that you immediately feels fit you the best. I see myself as someone who:

- a. Is sometimes rude to others
- b. Does a thorough job
- c. Is talkative
- d. Worries a lot
- e. Is original, comes up with new ideas
- f. Has a forgiving nature
- g. Tends to be lazy
- h. Is outgoing, sociable
- i. Gets nervously easily
- j. Values artistic, aesthetic experiences
- k. Is considerate and kind to almost everyone
- l. Does things efficiently
- m. Is reserved
- n. Is relaxed, handles stress well
- o. Has an active imagination

Sense of control

(These items follow immediately after the SWLS life satisfaction items, and do not need a new interviewer instruction, except:)

For the next five statements, please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree by using a scale from 1 to 5, where 1=Strongly disagree, 2= Disagree, 3= Neither disagree nor agree, 4= Agree, 5= Strongly agree.

- a. There is really no way I can solve some of the problems I have.
- b. Sometimes I feel that I'm being pushed around in life.
- c. I have little control over the things that happen to me.
- d. I often feel helpless in dealing with the problems of life.
- e. There is little I can do to change many of the important things in my life.