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Life and Times Survey

- Annual survey, began in 1998
- Monitor the attitudes and behaviour of people in Northern Ireland
- Time-series and public record of attitudes and behaviour
- Descendent of Northern Ireland Social Attitudes Survey 1989-1996
- Modular format

- Attitudes of a random sample of 1230 adults aged 18 years or over to:
 - Community Relations
 - Political Attitudes
 - Satisfaction with National Health Service
 - Informal Carers
 - Minority Ethnic People
 - Migrant workers

- Available from today:
 - Questionnaires
 - Technical reports
 - Publications
 - Tables of results – by age, gender, religion
 - Data to download
 - Technical helpline

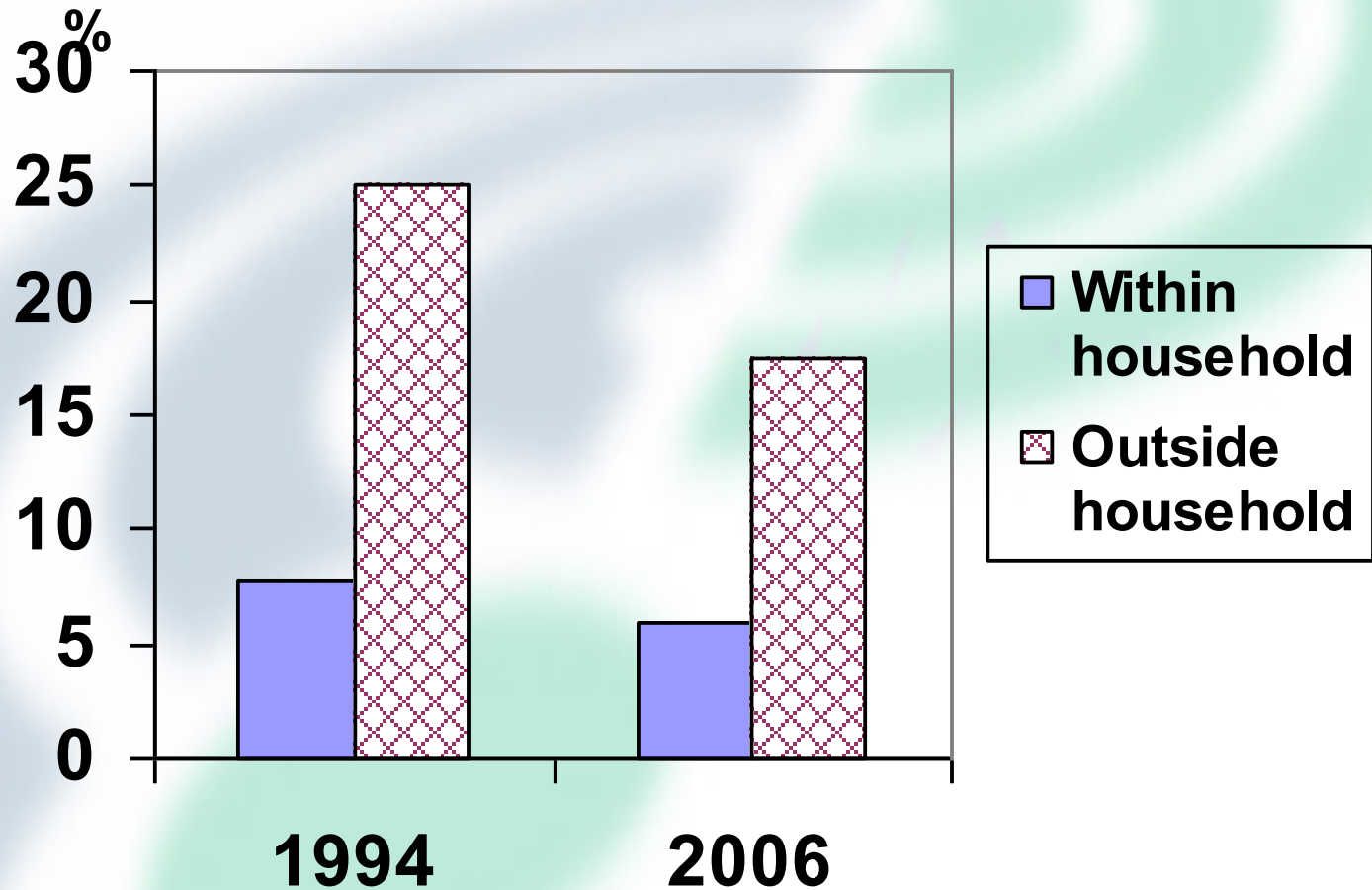
***Who cares now?
Changes in informal caring
1994 and 2006***

Eileen Evason

Volume of caring

	%	
	1994	2006
Cares for someone in same household	5	11
Cares for someone in another household	21	14
All persons who are carers	26	23

Caring for two or more people



Who is being cared for?

	%	
	1994	2006
Parents/in-laws	43	47
Another relative	34	18
Friend/neighbour	10	3
Child/step child	8	15
Spouse/partner	5	18

Volume of caring, by gender

	%	
	1994	2006
Males	22	17
Females	29	27

Age of carers

	%	
	1994	2006
18-34 years	29	20
35-54 years	47	49
55+ years	24	31

Hours per week spent caring

	%	
	1994	2006
Under 10 hours	57	40
10-29 hours	29	26
30+ hours	13	31
Don't know	1	3

Days per week spent caring

	%	
	1994	2006
1-2 days	36	22
3-4 days	22	15
5-7 days*	43	62
Don't know	0	1

* 5-7 days is typically 7

Hours per week spent caring, by gender

	%			
	Males		Females	
	1994	2006	1994	2006
Under 10 hours	71	52	47	34
10-29 hours	23	22	33	29
30+ hours	6	23	19	34
Don't know	0	3	1	3

Days per week spent caring, by gender

	%			
	Males		Females	
	1994	2006	1994	2006
1-2 days	43	28	31	18
3-4 days	21	14	23	16
5-7* days	37	58	47	64
Don't know	0	0	0	1

* 5-7 days is typically 7

Who should provide care for elderly people?

	%	
	1994	2006
Government	61	73
Relative	28	19
Friends or neighbours	2	1
Voluntary organisations	3	1
Other	4	4
Don't know	2	3

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