

# *Northern Ireland Life & Times Survey 2006*

## *Self completion questionnaire*

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Q1 From what you know or have heard, please tick a box for each of the items below to show whether you think the National Health Service in your area is, on the whole, satisfactory or in need of improvement.

(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	In need of a lot of improvement	In need of some improvement	Satisfactory	Very good	Can't choose
HSAREA1 GPs' appointment systems	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA2 Amount of time GP gives to each patient	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA3 Being able to choose which GP to see	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA4 Quality of medical treatment by GPs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA5 Hospital waiting lists for <u>non-</u> emergency operations	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA6 Waiting time before getting appointments with hospital consultants	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA7 General condition of hospital buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA8 Staffing level of nurses in hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA9 Staffing level of doctors in hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA10 Quality of medical treatment in hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA11 Quality of nursing care in hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA12 Waiting areas in accident and emergency departments in hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA13 Waiting areas for out-patients in hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA14 Waiting areas at GPs' surgeries	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA15 Time spent waiting in out-patient departments	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA16 Time spent waiting in accident and emergency departments before being seen by a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA17 Time spent waiting for an ambulance after a 999 call	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
HSAREA18 Access to treatment from an NHS dentist	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

Q2 In the last two years, have you or a close family member ...

(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

		Yes	No
NHSDOC	... visited an NHS GP?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
NHSOUTP	... been an out-patient in an NHS hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
NHSINP	... been an in-patient in an NHS hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
NHSVISIT	... visited a patient in an NHS hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
PRIVPAT	... had any <u>dental</u> treatment as a <u>private</u> patient?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

Now some questions about how you have felt in the last few weeks.

#### CONCENT

3. Have you recently been able to concentrate on whatever you're doing?

- ✓
- Better than usual ☐ 1
- Same as usual ☐ 2
- Less than usual ☐ 3
- Much less than usual ☐ 4

#### WORRY

4. Have you recently lost much sleep over worry?

- ✓
- Not at all ☐ 1
- No more than usual ☐ 2
- Rather more than usual ☐ 3
- Much more than usual ☐ 4

#### USEFPART

5. Have you recently felt you were playing a useful part in things?

- ✓
- More so than usual ☐ 1
- Same as usual ☐ 2
- Less useful than usual ☐ 3
- Much less useful ☐ 4

#### MAKEDEC

6. Have you recently felt capable of making decisions about things?

- ✓
- More so than usual ☐ 1
- Same as usual ☐ 2
- Less so than usual ☐ 3
- Much less capable ☐ 4

#### STRAIN

7. Have you recently felt constantly under strain?

- ✓
- Not at all ☐ 1
- No more than usual ☐ 2
- Rather more than usual ☐ 3
- Much more than usual ☐ 4

#### OVERCOME

8. Have you recently felt you couldn't overcome your difficulties?

- ✓
- Not at all ☐ 1
- No more than usual ☐ 2
- Rather more than usual ☐ 3
- Much more than usual ☐ 4

#### ENJOYACT

9. Have you recently been able to enjoy your normal day-to-day activities?

- ✓
- More so than usual ☐ 1
- Same as usual ☐ 2
- Less so than usual ☐ 3
- Much less than usual ☐ 4

#### FACEPROB

10. Have you recently been able to face up to your problems?

- ✓
- More so than usual ☐ 1
- Same as usual ☐ 2
- Less able than usual ☐ 3
- Much less able ☐ 4

#### UNHAPPY

11. Have you recently been feeling unhappy and depressed?

- ✓
- Not at all ☐ 1
- No more than usual ☐ 2
- Rather more than usual ☐ 3
- Much more than usual ☐ 4

#### LOSECONF

12. Have you recently been losing confidence in yourself?

- ✓
- Not at all ☐ 1
- No more than usual ☐ 2
- Rather more than usual ☐ 3
- Much more than usual ☐ 4

**WORTHPER**

13. Have you recently been thinking of yourself as a worthless person?

- ☐ 1  
☐ 2  
☐ 3  
☐ 4

**HAPPY**

14. Have you recently been feeling reasonably happy, all things considered?

- ☐ 1  
☐ 2  
☐ 3  
☐ 4

**PROTRCMX**

Q15 Some people think that better relations between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland will only come about through more mixing of the two communities. Others think that better relations will only come about through more separation. Which comes closest to your views...  
**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- Better relations will come about through more mixing ☐ 1  
 Better relations will come about through more separation ☐ 2  
 Can't choose ☐ 8

Q16 And are you in favour of more mixing or more separation in...

**(Please tick one box on each line ✓)**

	Much more mixing	Bit more mixing	Keep things as they are	Bit more separation	Much more separation	Can't choose
<b>MIXDPRIM</b> Primary schools	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<b>MIXDGRAM</b> Secondary and grammar schools	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<b>MIXDLIV</b> Where people live	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<b>MIXDWORK</b> Where people work	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<b>MIXDLEIS</b> People's leisure or sports activities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<b>MIXDMARR</b> People's marriages	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

Q17 Thinking about flags being flown on lampposts in Northern Ireland, in your opinion, who usually puts up Union flags on lampposts?

**(Please tick all that apply)**

- ULPAMP1 Town councils ☐ 1  
 ULPAMP2 Political parties ☐ 1  
 ULPAMP3 Cultural groups ☐ 1  
 ULPAMP4 Paramilitary groups ☐ 1  
 ULPAMP5 Other community groups ☐ 1  
 ULPAMP6 Isolated individuals ☐ 1  
 ULPAMP7 Don't know ☐ 1

- Q18 In your opinion, who usually puts up Irish Tricolour flags on lampposts?  
(Please tick all that apply)

TRILAMP1	Town councils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP2	Political parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP3	Cultural groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
TRILAMP4	Paramilitary groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP5	Other community groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP6	Isolated individuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP7	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	1

## WHENUFLG

- Q19 And thinking about flags flown on lampposts on main streets in Northern Ireland, when do you think it is legitimate to display Union flags on main streets?

All year round	1
Only for a few weeks around special events	2
Never	3
It depends	4
(Don't know)	8

## WHENTRI

- Q20 And thinking about flags flown on lampposts on main streets in Northern Ireland, when do you think it is legitimate to display Irish Tricolours on main streets?

All year round	1
Only for a few weeks around special events	2
Never	3
It depends	4
(Don't know)	8

## SHOPUFLG

- Q21 Would you be less willing to shop in neighbourhoods with displays of loyalist flags or murals, more willing or would it make no difference?

Less willing	1
More willing	2
Would make no difference	3
(Don't know)	8

## SHOPTRI

- Q22 Would you be less willing to shop in neighbourhoods with displays of republican flags or murals, more willing or would it make no difference?

Less willing	1
More willing	2
Would make no difference	3
(Don't know)	8

Now some questions about 'migrant workers', that is people who come to Northern Ireland to work but not necessarily to stay permanently. For example someone from one of the Eastern European countries that have joined the EU.

MIGWNGH

- Q23 Suppose a house in your immediate neighbourhood was sold or rented to migrant workers from Eastern Europe. How comfortable or uncomfortable would you feel with these new neighbours?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

	✓	
Very comfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
I am from Eastern Europe myself	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

If you are from Eastern Europe, please go to Q26

MIGWDENT

- Q24 And suppose you needed an emergency appointment at your dentist's surgery and the only dentist who could see you was a migrant worker from an Eastern European country. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you think you would be with this dentist?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

	✓	
Very comfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

MIGWNURS

- Q25 And suppose you were a patient in hospital and the nurse in charge of looking after you was a migrant worker from an Eastern European country. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you think you would be with this nurse?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

	✓	
Very comfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

The next few questions are about people of a minority ethnic background, for example, Chinese or Asian, and who may have lived in Northern Ireland all their lives.

CMEGTALK

- Q26 Thinking about situations where you mix with people of a minority ethnic group, for example in shops or restaurants. Some people say that they never feel completely comfortable talking to people of a minority ethnic group, other people say that they always feel comfortable. Which comes closest to your views... (Please tick one box only ✓)

I always feel comfortable talking to people of a minority ethnic group	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
I sometimes feel uncomfortable talking to people of a minority ethnic group		<input type="checkbox"/>	2
I never feel comfortable talking to people of a minority ethnic group		<input type="checkbox"/>	3
I am from a minority ethnic group myself		<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose		<input type="checkbox"/>	8

CMEGNH2

- Q27 And thinking of other kinds of situations where you might meet people of a minority ethnic group. Suppose a house in your immediate neighbourhood was sold or rented to people from a minority ethnic group. How comfortable or uncomfortable would you feel with these new neighbours? **(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Very comfortable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
I am from a minority ethnic group myself	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	If you are of a minority ethnic group, please go to Q30
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	

CMEGDENT

- Q28 And suppose you needed an emergency appointment at your dentist's surgery and the only dentist who could see you was someone of a minority ethnic group. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you think you would be with this dentist? **(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Very comfortable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

CMEGNURS

- Q29 And suppose you were a patient in hospital and the nurse in charge of looking after you was someone of a minority ethnic group. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you think you would be with this nurse? **(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Very comfortable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

FNAMECOL

- Q30 Have any of your friends called someone names to their face because of their colour or ethnic origin? **(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Often	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Only once or twice	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

UNAMECOL

- Q31 And how about you? Have you ever called someone names to their face because of their colour or ethnic origin? **(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Often	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Only once or twice	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

Q32 How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements about minority ethnic communities in Northern Ireland?

(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>NIMEC1</i> People from minority ethnic communities are less respected in Northern Ireland than they once were	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>NIMEC2</i> I personally know quite a bit about the culture of some minority ethnic communities living in Northern Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>NIMEC3</i> The culture of Irish Travellers is more respected by people in Northern Ireland than it once was	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

Q33 Thinking of people from minority ethnic communities and the role that they play in public life, how much do you think that people from minority ethnic communities should participate as...

(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	A lot	A little	Hardly at all	Can't choose
<i>MECGOV2</i> School governors	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MECPOL2</i> Politicians	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MECBUS2</i> Prominent business people	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MECFTHA</i> Leaders within their churches or faith communities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MECMED2</i> Commentators in the media on issues concerning minority ethnic communities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

Q34 And how much do you agree or disagree with these two statements?

(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>ORGMEC</i> Organisations and leaders in public life, such as politicians, community groups and churches, should encourage members of minority ethnic communities to participate in public life.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>PUBLICMEC</i> Members of minority ethnic communities should be helped to participate in public life, even if it costs money to make this happen.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8



WAYPLMEC

- Q35 Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

**The best way for members of minority ethnic communities to participate in public life is:**

- Through existing institutions such as political parties,  
community groups and religious organisations ☐ 1 ✓
- Through their own organisations ☐ 2
- Through both existing institutions and their own organisations ☐ 3
- Members of minority ethnic communities should not be  
involved in public life ☐ 4
- Can't choose ☐ 8

- Q36 Please tick one box to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.  
(Please tick one box 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>RICHLAW</i> There is one law for the rich and one for the poor	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>TRADVALS</i> There is no need for strong trade unions to protect employees' working conditions and wages	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>PRENTBST</i> Private enterprise is the best way to solve Northern Ireland's economic problems	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>PUBOWNST</i> Major public services and industries ought to be in state ownership	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>GOVJOB</i> It is the government's responsibility to provide a job for everyone who wants one	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<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	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

Q37 Please tick one box to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

(Please tick one box 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
GOVCOMP Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what is going on	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
PTYNTMT It doesn't really matter which party is in power, in the end things go on much the same	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
VOTEONLY Voting is the only way people like me can have any say about how the government runs things	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

Q38 And finally, can you record your gender?

✓

Male	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Female	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

Q39 And can you record your age last birthday?

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	years
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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. 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,

Yours faithfully

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