

## Summary of changes: FRS 2022/23

This document summarises the changes that were made to the Family Resources Survey (FRS) Questionnaire following the Summer 2021 consultation. Please note that this document does not include details of processing changes/improvements.

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### New Questions

- A new set of sickness absence questions about recent completed absence added. If the respondent has reported absence in the last 3 working days they will be asked to exclude this from their response about absence in the last 6 months, so that any double-counting of the absence is avoided:
  - Apart from absences you already told me about, have you had any time off work due to illness or an accident in the last 6 months? (Abs2Sick)
  - How many times were you absent in the last 6 months? (Abs2Num)
  - For the most recent absence, did you receive from your employer... (Abs2Pay)
  - Did this pay include Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)? (Abs2SSP)
  - How long were you away during the latest, completed spell of absence? (Abs2Time)
- Added a new question about whether respondent bought or inherited their property. (INHERI)
- Added two new questions about disability payment for Scottish respondents:
  - Is your payment Child Disability Payment, or Disability Living Allowance? (ChDsCDP)
  - Is your payment Adult Disability Payment, or Personal Independence Payment? (ChDsADP)
- New question added about whether the Local Authority pay for the home care they arrange. (CarePay)
- Added a new question to see if Housing Benefit/housing costs element of Universal Credit paid directly to self or landlord and then affects routing later. (RECEIPT)

- Added new questions about homelessness risk:
  - You have told me that you are behind with your rent/mortgage, have you made any plans to leave your current accommodation because of this? (AccLeave)
  - Which of the situations on this card best describe your plans to leave your current accommodation? (AccRisk)
  - Please describe other plans to leave current accommodation. (AccRskO)
- A new set of questions related to interviewer feedback:
  - Middle name(s) (NameCom)
  - Date of birth (DOBCom)
  - Inherited property (InheritCom)
  - Sheltered or supported housing (SuppHsCom)
  - Funding of care (CarePayCom)
  - Rent payments (RenterCom)
  - Homelessness risk (HmlessCom)
- A new block of questions on material deprivation items were added temporarily in the FRS questionnaire in order to test a new approach to asking the social and material deprivation questions that are currently included in the survey. (MDepAll1, MDepAll2, MDepAll3, MDepAll4, MDepCh1, MDepCh2, MDepCh3, MDepCh4, MDepCh5, MDepCh6, MDepCh7, MDepCh8, MDepCh9, MDepCh10, MDepCh11, MDepCh12, MDepHH1, MDepHH2, MDepHH3, MDepHH4, MDepHH5, MDepHH6, MDepHH7, MDepHH8, MDepHH9, MDepHH10, MDepHH11, MDepHH12, MDepHH13, MDepWA1, MDepWA2, MDepWA3, MDepWA4, MDepWA5, MDepWA6, MDepWA7, MDepWA8, MDepWA9, MDepWA10, MDepWA11, MDeppn1, MDeppn2, MDeppn3, MDeppn4, MDeppn5, MDeppn6, MDeppn7, MDeppn8, MDeppn9, HHR1, HHR2, HHR3, HHR4, HHR5, HHR6, HHR7, HHR8, HHR9, HHR10, HHR11, HHR12, HHR13, WAR2, WAR3, WAR4, WAR5, WAR6, WAR7, WAR8, WAR9, WAR10, WAR11, PNR2, PNR3, PNR4, PNR5, PNR6, PNR7, PNR8, PNR9, CHR1, CHR2, CHR3, CHR4, CHR5, CHR6, CHR7, CHR8, CHR9, CHR10, CHR11, CHR12)

## Deleted Questions

- Duplicated questions removed from accommodation section:
  - Is the household's accommodation... (MainAcc)
  - Is [the house or bungalow/the flat/maisonette]... (TypeAcc)
  - What is the floor level of this household's accommodation? (Floor)

- Are there any physical barriers to entry to the house/flat/accommodation? (Entry)
- Removed question relating to Child Job Start Payment. (ChJSP)
- Removed questions on Social Fund Loan Repayments:
  - Are you at present making any repayments on any loan(s) or advance(s)? (SFRepay)
  - How much in total do you repay per week? (RePayAmt)
  - Just now you said that you got [amount of Income Support/JSA/PC] last time. Was that BEFORE or AFTER taking off your loan repayments? (SFInc)
- Removed questions about other educational loans (taken out on private basis). (Loan, LoanNo, EdSum, EdAmt, EdPd)
- Removed Work Tax Credit Lump Sum questions, the two soft checks related to this question and all references in Question Instructions document. (WTCLum, WTCLPay)
- Removed questions related to usual voucher amounts. (VchUsu, VchUAmt, VchUPd)
- Removed question relating to housing benefit check. (HBenChk)
- Removal of questions related to interviewer feedback:
  - Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPCom)
  - Pension pot lump sum and flexi-access drawdown (PenCom)
  - Zero hours contract (ZHCCom)
  - Doctor / dentist (DocCom)
  - Directors (DirCom)
  - Food bank (FoodBCom, FBk12Com)
  - Follow-up (FollCom)TWC

## Amended Questions

- Signal added to question that establishes the eligibility status of the household. (EstElig)
- Questionnaire and supporting documentation updated to reflect the fact that banks and building societies no longer tax interest on savings at source. (AccTax)
- Wording of the NeedHelp question in the QCare block changed so it reads better for single person households. (NeedHelp)
- Subdivided existing question ChSave for Wales, to ask about the Child Trust Fund separately from other sources of savings. Extended that change to the entire UK. (ChSave)
- Updated the derivation of PENFLAG and also edited Defrpen to ensure State Pension Age is assigned correctly. (AgeOf, RetReas)

- Removed all references to Inland Revenue and replaced with HMRC. (BusAccts, SE1, ProfDocs, TaxNotr)
- Added a new answer category on reasons for not having a child maintenance arrangement. (MntNtRs)
- Amended routing to concessionary TV Licence question. (TVLic)
- Updated answer categories to Government Training question. (Train)
- Updated answer categories to Northern Ireland Government Training question. (NITrain)
- Questions on childcare tailored to the context in Wales. (FreeCC, FreeCCTy, FreeCChr)
- Changed existing Free School Meal questions to take account of the fact that some interviews happen during the school holidays. (Freeltem, SMLIT)
- Updated thresholds on soft checks for MorInPd and BorrAmt variables. (MorInPd, BorrAmt)
- Wording of questions in the QRenting block rephrased for the respondents whose water and/or sewage payments are included in the rent. (WSSComSp, WSSwSp, WsWtSp)
- Routing changed so that respondents who rent can reach the Short2 question. (Short2)
- Updated soft check on NatIns question, additional text on Helpscreen and in Questionnaire Instructions. (NatIns)
- Amended disability benefit questions to include Adult Disability Payment. (PIPtype, DisBADP, PIPMota, WhoRec, ChDLA, DisBen)
- Routing of RENTER table changed to differentiate between those in receipt of Housing Benefit versus Universal Credit. RENTFULL asked of all renters and reorganised question positions for RENTFULL, HBENEFIT and RENT. New soft checks have been implemented to check unusually low/high rent amounts. The upper threshold for the check on unusually high rent amount varies according to where in Great Britain the respondent lives. (HBENEFIT, RENTFULL, RENT)
- Changed questions relating to who provides help and hours spent caring. (WhoLook, Hour)
- Included 'Supported Housing' as distinct from 'Sheltered Housing' in the Tenure and Address information section. (Shelter)
- Added a new answer category which is 'change in tenure status from temporary to permanent accommodation' on main reasons for moving. (Reason)
- Changed number of questions within the Employment block asked of retired respondents. Respondents who are retired from paid employment would be routed out from certain questions. (InclPay1, OthDed1, EmpContr, SelfDemp)

- Changed wording to questions Nature (occupation description block) and TempJob (self-defined employment status block) and omitted question JbChnge when respondents have been retired for over 12 months. (Nature, TempJob, JbChnge)
- Changed educational variables names. (EDTYP to EDUC, ANYED to EDUCANY, FTED to EDUCFT, EDATT to EDUCGOES, EDHR to EDUCHOUR, TEA to EDUCLEFT, ADEDUC to EDUCLEVL, TYPEED to EDUCSCH, TYPEED2 to EDUCSCH2, TEA9697 to EDUCT97, ADEMA to EDUMA, ADEMAAMT to EDUMAAMT, ADEMAPD to EDUMAPD, DLS to EDUDLS, DLSVAL to EDUDTYP, DLSAMT to EDUDAMT, DLSPD to EDUDPD, DVHIQUAL to EDUCQUAL, HEARTVAL to HSVAMT)
- Recorded respondents full middle name instead of an initial and added clarification on how date of birth should be recorded if only year is stated. (InName, DoB, DoBEstim)
- Amended the wording of ChHR1 to make it clear to respondents that unpaid childcare hours should be included in the total childcare hours recorded and activated signal on FreeChHr when the value entered exceeds the number of hours recorded at ChHR1. (ChHR1, FreeChHr)
- Amended signal that appears for cohabiting partners at the relationship grid so that it appears for both same sex and different sex couples. (R)

## **Documentation Changes**

No changes planned at present.

## **Other Changes**

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