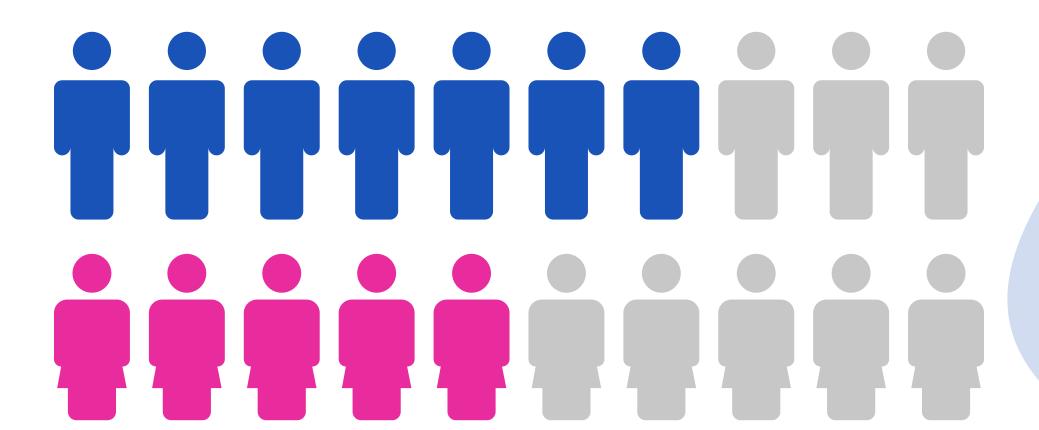
# Who Is the Happiest?

Differences in relationships perceptions: males vs females aged 50+

Feeling understood: males vs females



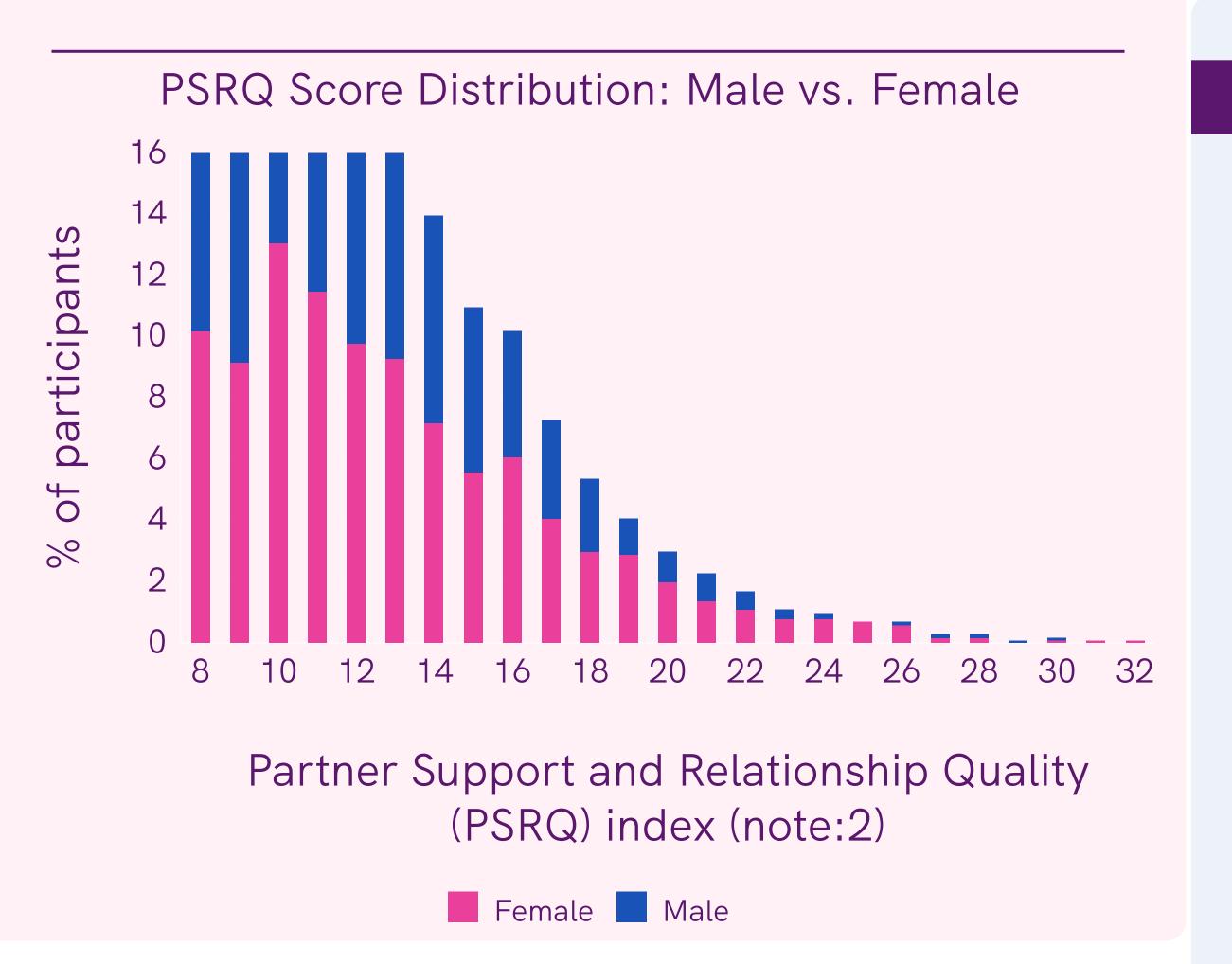
"My partner understands my feelings a lot"

7 out of 10 males express feeling understood by their partners, where only 5 out of 10 females report a similar opinion.

(Base: Note 1)

### Males have excellent relationships

Males report higher quality and more robust support within their relationships compared to females. (Base: note 1)

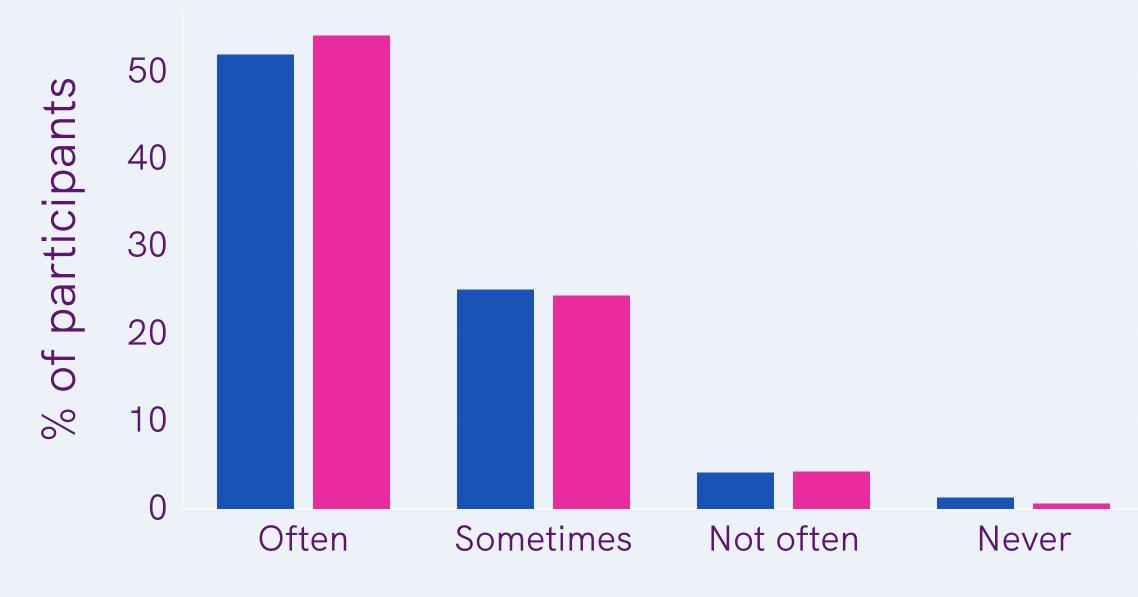


#### However

## Happiness in life

Gender lines blur for happiness in life. **Both** reports are nearly identical frequencies in **assessing their happiness level in life**. (Base: Note 1)

Happiness Reflection: Male vs. Female Participants



Frequency of Happy Life Reflection

Male Female

#### To conclude:

- Males reported higher levels of support and understanding than females. However, both reported equal happiness in life.
- It is recommended to promote open communication and encourage emotional expression for improved balance in results and relationship dynamics.

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**Note 1**: Base: 4298 male and 5368 female living in the UK aged 50+.

**Note 2**: PSRQ index includes 8 questions that capture various aspects of partner support, reliability, emotional connection, and communication within the relationship. PSRQ ranges between 8 (better relationship) and 32 (less support and lower quality relationship).