

## Examples of Environmental Questions

### Life Opportunity Model (England)

Accessibility of home, outside the home and getting services:

1. I would now like to ask you about the rooms within your home. Are there any rooms in your home which you have difficulty getting into?
  - a. Yes
  - b. no
2. Which rooms do you have difficulty getting into?
  - a. Kitchen
  - b. Bedroom
  - c. Living area
  - d. Toilet/bathroom
  - e. Other (specify)
3. What causes you difficulty getting into rooms in your home? Code all that apply
  - a. Uneven floor levels
  - b. Door width
  - c. Door handles
  - d. Stairs, lack of ramps/stair lift
  - e. Corridor width
  - f. Poor lighting
  - g. Lack of handrails
  - h. Lack of help or assistance
  - i. A health condition, illness or impairment
  - j. A disability
  - k. Other (please specify)
4. Do you have difficulty getting in or out of your home?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
5. What causes you difficulty getting in or out of your home?
  - a. Uneven floor levels
  - b. Door width
  - c. Door handles
  - d. Stairs, lack of ramps/stair lift
  - e. Corridor width
  - f. Poor lighting
  - g. Lack of handrails

- h. Lack of help or assistance
  - i. A health condition, illness or impairment
  - j. A disability
  - k. Other (please specify)
6. In the last 12 months, how often have you had difficulty going into all the buildings that you need to?
- a. Always
  - b. Often
  - c. Sometimes
  - d. Rarely
  - e. Never
7. In the last 12 months, how often have you had difficulty moving about and finding your way around buildings?
- a. Always
  - b. Often
  - c. Sometimes
  - d. Rarely
  - e. Never
8. In the last 12 months, how often have you had difficulty using the facilities in buildings, for example, using the toilets or purchasing items over the counter?
- a. Always
  - b. Often
  - c. Sometimes
  - d. Rarely
  - e. Never
9. In the last 12 months, which buildings have you had these difficulties at?
- a. Workplace
  - b. School or college
  - c. Theatres or cinemas
  - d. Museums or galleries
  - e. Libraries
  - f. Pubs, bars or restaurants
  - g. Places of historic interest (country homes. Castles etc)
  - h. Shops
  - i. Other people's homes
  - j. Music venues
  - k. Leisure or sports centres
  - l. Your bank

- m. Place of worship
  - n. GP surgery
  - o. Hospital
  - p. Employment agency or jobcentre
  - q. Other (please specify)
10. What caused you difficulty at these buildings?
- a. Difficulty finding the building
  - b. Difficulty with transport getting to building
  - c. Parking problems
  - d. Seeing or understanding written information
  - e. Footpath design and surfaces
  - f. Approach areas (lack of ramps/handrails)
  - g. Reception area (inadequate desk height, seating, noise)
  - h. Attitudes of others
  - i. Moving around the building (stairs, doors, narrow corridors)
  - j. Bathroom facilities (location, layout, size)
  - k. Inadequate lifts or escalators
  - l. Inadequate ventilation
  - m. Lack of help or assistance
  - n. A health condition, illness or impairment
  - o. A disability
  - p. Other (please specify)

Other areas of environment included in the Life Opportunities Model associates with Service and Policies included health services, justice services, benefit and pension services, culture, sports and leisure services, tax services, and social services.

Many additional questions are included on the survey but they focus much more on participation and focus more on the interaction of the person and the type of participation, the specific accommodations that may be needed to allow for that type of participation, the reason the person may not be seeking that type of participation. The questions also seek to get at choice in asking related to the Community, Leisure and Civic life element the kinds of activities a person would choose to do if they were able to do whatever they like.

### **Eurostat Health Interview**

I'd like to ask you about your ability to leave your home whenever you want to:

1. Is there anything which prevents you from leaving your home whenever you want to?  
Please use this card as a guide and choose all that apply.

- a. Financial reasons (lack of money, can't afford)
- b. Too busy (with work, family, other responsibilities)
- c. Lack of knowledge or information (such as don't know the area, lack of street signs)
- d. A longstanding health condition, illness, or disease
- e. Lack of convenient or available transport
- f. Unsuitable surroundings (such as hills, slopes, steps, footpath design)
- g. Lack of self confidence or attitudes of other people
- h. Other reasons
- i. No, nothing prevents me from leaving my home whenever I want to
- j. Don't know
- k. Refusal

2. May I just check, does the lack of special aids or equipment prevent you from leaving your home whenever you want to?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
  - d. Refusal
3. May I just check, does the lack of personal help or assistance prevent you from leaving your home whenever you want to?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
  - d. Refusal

The next set of questions is about your ability to use motorized transport whenever you want to:

4. Do you or anyone else in your household have continuous use of a motorized vehicle (car, van, motorcycle, scooter, moped)
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
  - d. Refusal
5. Do you go out in this vehicle (either as the driver or a passenger)?
- a. Yes

- b. No
  - c. Don't know
  - d. Refusal
6. Do you go out in this vehicle ...
- a. Whenever you want to or
  - b. Less than you want to
  - c. Don't know
  - d. refusal
7. What prevents you from going out in this vehicle (whenever you want to)?

- a. Financial reasons (lack of money, can't afford)
- b. Too busy (with work, family, other responsibilities)
- c. Lack of knowledge or information (such as don't know the area, lack of street signs)
- d. A longstanding health condition, illness, or disease
- e. Longstanding difficulties with basic activities (such as seeing, hearing, concentrating, moving around)
- f. Vehicle not always available
- g. Difficulties getting in or out of vehicle
- h. Lack of self confidence or attitudes of other people
- i. Other reasons
- j. Don't know
- k. Refusal

8. May I just check, does the lack of special aids or equipment prevent you from going out in this vehicle (whenever you want to)?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
  - d. Refusal
9. May I just check does the lack of personal help or assistance prevent you from going out in this vehicle (whenever you want to)?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
  - d. Refusal

10. Do you use any other forms of transport at all? Please think about all forms of motorized transport including bus, train, coach, taxi, etc.

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't know
- d. Refusal

11. Do you use other forms of transport...

- a. Whenever you want to or
- b. Less than you want to
- c. Don't know
- d. refusal

12. What prevents you from using other forms of transport (whenever you want to)? Please use this card as a guide and choose all that apply.

- a. Financial reasons (lack of money, can't afford)
- b. Too busy (with work, family, other responsibilities)
- c. Lack of knowledge or information (such as timetable)
- d. A longstanding health condition, illness, or disease
- e. Longstanding difficulties with basic activities (such as seeing, hearing, concentrating, moving around)
- f. Lack of convenient or available transport (such as no convenient route, unsuitable timetable)
- g. Unsuitable area surrounding transport station or stop (such as hills, slopes, steps, footpath design)
- h. Difficulties getting on or off transport
- i. Lack of self confidence or attitudes of other people
- j. Other reasons
- k. Don't know
- l. Refusal

13. May I just check, does the lack of special aids or equipment prevent you from using other forms of transport (whenever you want to)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't know
- d. Refusal

14. May I just check does the lack of personal help or assistance prevent you from using other forms of transport (whenever you want to)?

- a. Yes
- b. No

- c. Don't know
- d. Refusal

Other areas of environment included in Eurostat Health Survey include:

Accessibility to buildings including workplace, schools, offices, shops and other people's homes \*(there is no differentiation about different types of buildings);

Accessibility to education and training including formal education at a school, college or university, or formal training related to a job, trade or profession;

Accessibility to employment (reasons people may not be able to do the kind of paid work that they want to);

Accessibility to internet use;

Accessibility to leisure pursuits and cultural events

Attitudes and behavior – discrimination

**Craig Hospital Inventory of Environmental Factors**

This question set has two approaches to assessing the environmental factors the first inquires about the frequency of the problem and the second inquires about the size of the problem – either a big problem or a little problem. In order to save space I will indicate the answer categories in the first question identified below, but will just provide the major questions following that first question. Please understand that the answer categories and second question is similar to the first question for every additional major question.

1. In the past 12 months, how often has the availability of transportation been a problem for you?
  - a. Daily
  - b. Weekly
  - c. Monthly
  - d. Less than monthly
  - e. Never
  - f. Not applicable
  - g. When this problem occurs has it been a big problem or a little problem
    - i. Big problem
    - ii. Little problem
2. In the past 12 month, how often has the design and layout of your home made it difficult to do what you want or need to do?

3. In the past 12 months, how often has the design and layout of buildings and places you use at school or work made difficult to do what you want or need to do?
4. In the past 12 months, how often has the design and layout of buildings and places you use in your community made it difficult to do what you want or need to do?
5. In the past 12 months, how often has the natural environment – temperature, terrain, climate – made it difficult to do what you want or need to do?
6. In the past 12 months, how often have the other aspects of your surroundings – lighting, noise, crowds, etc – made it difficult to do what you want or need to do?
7. In the past 12 months, how often has the information you wanted or needed not been available in a format you can use or understand?
8. In the past 12 months, how often has the availability of education and training you needed been a problem for you?
9. In the past 12 months, how often has the availability of health care services and medical care been a problem for you?
10. In the past 12 months, how often has the lack of personal equipment or special adapted devices been a problem for you? Examples might include hearing aids, eyeglasses or wheelchairs.

The remaining 13 questions in this approach focus on lack of computer technology, getting help in the home or community, attitudes toward the respondent at home, at work or school and in the community; lack of support at home, work or school or in the community; experience of prejudice or discrimination; lack of programs or services and the effect of policies or rules that made problems.