Consultation Questions

**Section A Use of SHS**

1. **What are the main social survey topics you use in the SHS?** Please tick all that apply. Please distinguish between the topics in your following answers.

HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEW

Household composition & characteristics of all occupants

Employment status of the highest income householder

Household income from employment and other sources

Health/disability

Driving Transport – Cars, fuel spend, and bicycles

Accommodation - Type of property, tenure, housing aspirations

SHCS social survey – Heating patterns, repairs, adaptations

SHCS social survey – Household energy efficiency measures and renewables

Internet access

Recycling

Savings and household finances, including housing costs (mortgage and rent)

Children in the household (childcare, schools, and travel to school)

RANDOM ADULT INTERVIEW

Key adult characteristics

Health/disability and caring responsibilities

Accommodation/housing experiences

Neighbourhoods and community safety (including perception of local crime rate and local police performance, harassment and discrimination)

Education - Qualifications

Employment/economic activity

Transport – Travel Diary

Transport – Use of private/public transport, congestion

Perceptions of local government and services

Participation in sports activities

Participation in cultural activities

Environment – Access to the outdoors, green space, land use

Environment – Climate change

Internet access and use

Volunteering

Other – please specify

1. **What do you use the SHS for?**

We are particularly interested in how analysis of SHS data is used for informing, monitoring and evaluating policy and practice decisions, including examples of where analysis has influenced decision making.

Please be as specific as possible in your answers**.**

1. **Are there any alternative sources of evidence available for the topics and/or questions you use in the SHS?**
   * 1. **Please tick**

**Yes**

**No**

* + 1. **Please list alternative sources of evidence for each topic**

**Section B Views on options for 2017**

1. **What would be the impact of SHS option A for your organisation’s use of the SHS?** Please distinguish between the different topics you use when answering.
2. **What would be the impact of SHS option B for your organisation’s use of the SHS?** Please distinguish between the different topics you use when answering.
3. **Do you prefer option A or option B?** 
   * 1. **Please tick**

**Option A**

**Option B**

* + 1. **What is the reason for your option preference?**

1. **Under option A (biennial) half of the topics would be asked in 2017 (odd year) and half in 2018 (even year) (assuming this is the model adopted for 2018 - 2021**). **Do you have any views on what topics should be asked in 2017 and 2018?**
2. **Under option B (reduction in sample size), a small reduction in full sample topic coverage of around 4 minutes (around 7% of questions) is necessary to maintain current ‘one third sample questions’ at around their present sample size.**

**How should this be achieved?**

* + 1. By cutting topics completely
    2. By reducing breadth of larger topics
    3. By introducing more biennial topics and questions
    4. By introducing more one third sample questions

1. **In order to contribute to the 4 minute reduction, which of the topics which you use do you think could be:**
   * 1. Cut completely and/or reduced in breadth
     2. Go biennial
     3. Move from full to one third sample

Please be as specific as possible in your answers.

1. **Under option B (cut in sample size), would you prefer local authority data to be published on a:**
   * 1. Please tick.

Two year rolling average basis every year

Two year basis every two years

(i.e. 2017 and 2018 data would be published in 2019, 2019 and 2020 data would be published in 2021)

* + 1. What is the reason for your preference?

**Section C Looking Ahead**

1. **Looking ahead to 2018 - 2021 , the Scottish Government may need to make further reductions to the SHS.** 
   1. **If this is necessary, would you prefer any further changes to the SHS to be based on:**
      1. A reduction in the overall SHS sample size
      2. A reduction in the frequency of SHS data collection
      3. A reduction in SHS topic coverage
      4. Other – please state
   2. **Please explain why.**
2. **What would be the impact on the work of your organisation if there were to be a further:**
   1. Reduction in the overall SHS sample size
   2. Reduction in the frequency of SHS data collection
   3. Reduction in SHS topic coverage

**Section D Any other comments and information about your organisation**

1. **Do you have any other comments about the SHS or this consultation?**
2. **What sector do you work in?**

Central government

Local government

Parliament

NHS

Other public sector (e.g. NDPB)

Higher/further education (excluding students)

Third sector (Voluntary and charity)

Private sector

Student

Journalists / media

Other (please specify)

1. **What is the main topic area(s) that your organisation as a whole focuses on?**

Health

Housing

Environment

Transport

Income and wealth

Communities

Sport

Culture

Young People

Equalities

Other – please state

**Please also make sure that you complete the separate Respondent Information Form in Annex D.**

Respondent Information Form

**Consultation on the Design of the SHS**



**Please Note** this form **must** be returned with your response.

Are you responding as an individual or an organization?

Individual

Organisation

Full name or organisation’s name

Department & Division

Phone number

Address

Postcode

Email

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:   
 Publish response with name

Publish response only (anonymous)

Do not publish response

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

No