

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #1580

### Questionnaire items relating to Social Capital

09/06/2021 04:33 PM - Edward Edgerton

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<b>Assignee:</b>			
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<b>Description</b> Hello, I am involved with a research project that produces physical profiles of neighbourhoods in Glasgow and then aims to measure the levels of Social Capital within this geographic neighbourhoods. The Understanding Society data from wave 12 has a number of sections that measures aspects of Social Capital however, I would need to match these responses to specific postcodes and also determine if there are enough responses within these neighbourhoods to facilitate an appropriate analysis. Can you please advise if this would be possible and if so, how I would go about doing this?			

#### History

##### #1 - 09/07/2021 11:13 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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Hello,

To know more about data on locator variables for Understanding Society sample members please see this section. Depending on the level of geography that you need, you will need to apply for Special License or Secure Access.

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/linked-data/geographical-identifiers>

Hope this helps.

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

##### #2 - 09/07/2021 04:12 PM - Edward Edgerton

Hello,  
thank you for your reply. It looks like I can only get postcode specific information on the main questionnaire if I apply for secure access. However, it appears that I can only download the Agreement for secure access from within my request for Secure Access data on my project? My question is that since I am working on a funding application for a project, how can I do this? I am trying to find out whether the project I am developing can use existing Understanding Society data or whether I will need to collect this information as part of my project if it gets funded.

##### #3 - 09/07/2021 05:13 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

I understand your problem, but because this data is disclosive the UKDS cannot give you access to the data without going through the Secure Access process even if all you want to do is see if you can use Understanding Society survey responses to produce estimates of social capital at postcode levels.

The sample is clustered (and stratified) where clustering was done at the level of postcode sectors. It is likely that not all postcodes of Glasgow were included and those that were included may not have the number of data points you need to provide robust estimates at the postcode level. As this is not a census it is not ideal to use this to produce postcode level estimates. You can learn more about the sample design here:

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/research/publications/514007>

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