Understanding Society User Support - Support #2328

Query about care home variables (no valid values shown)

02/10/2026 10:47 AM - Haiyu Jin

Status:	Feedback	Start date:	02/10/2026
Priority:	Normal	**% Done:**	50%
Assignee:	Understanding Society User Support Team		
Category:	Data documentation		

Description

Dear UKHLS User Support Team,

I hope you are well.

I am interested in the care home variables listed below, but I have noticed that they do not appear to have any valid values. Could you please advise why this is the case?

Best wishes,
Haiyu

Variable   Label   Datafile   Waves
chmecode   Name/address of care/nursing home   indall   14 13
chmecodeok   Care/nursing home details correct   indall   15 14 13
chomeres2   Currently resident in care home   indall   15 14
chmefound2   Current care home code identified via look-up file   indall   15 14
chmecodefinal2   Current care home name available   indall   15 14
chsatpr2   Satisfaction with care home   indall   15 14
chsatchres2   Satisfaction with care home: proxy   indall   15 14
whodealch2   Care Home: who deals with care payments   indall   15 14
whodealchpno2   Other person who manages care payments   indall   15 14
incassch2   Care home: income assessment for care   indall   15 14
chrespays2   CH resident covers care costs   indall   15 14
addpaych2   Other payment providers for care home costs   indall   15 14

History

#1 - 02/13/2026 09:45 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category set to Data documentation

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- % Done changed from 0 to 50

- Private changed from Yes to No

Hello Haiyu,

The values for these variables are coded as -8 (inapplicable) because, according to the questionnaire routing, there is no care home resident in these cases.

For example, the routing for chmecode (Name/address of care/nursing home) is as follows:
It is asked if ff_hhorig < 21 (Resp is in continuing sample) and if (Issued Sample member NOT selected at CORESWHO | (ABSUN = 2 & UNIHOME = 2) | (ABSPRIS = 2 & PRISHOME = 2) | INCLUD = 2) & NOT (If this is NOT the main residence for the Leaver but they are working away or at boarding school OR the Leaver has their own home or is in Halls of Residence or is in an Institution other than a prison or is somewhere else and NOT reported as deceased) and if (ADDRCHCK = 1 | (ADDRCHCK = 2 & STILLRES = 2)) (Leaver from issued address OR leaver is not still resident at issued address) and if CLSTAT = 9 (Leaver moved into care/nursing home)

You can verify this in the "Question universe" section at https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/variables/chmecode/

I hope this information is helpful

Best wishes,
Roberto Cavazos
Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 02/13/2026 09:48 AM - Haiyu Jin

Understanding Society User Support Team wrote in #note-1:

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> Understanding Society User Support Team

Dear Roberto,

Many thanks! It is very helpful.

Best wishes,
Haiyu