

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #684

### Survey question - people to rely on

12/13/2016 03:04 PM - Amanda Seims

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	12/13/2016
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Assignee:</b>	Amanda Seims		
<b>Category:</b>	Questionnaire content		
<b>Description</b>			
Hi,			
I am trying to measure change in social capital as a result of taking part in a sport.			
I have been told that you used the question: 'Do you have a spouse or partner, family member or friend to rely on if you have a serious problem?' but can't find this in the surveys on your website as I wanted to ensure that I set out the responses in the same way.			
I have an excel spreadsheet called 'Measuring National Wellbeing' from the ONS which contains data from your survey and suggests that the responses to the above question were either 'a lot', 'somewhat', 'a little', 'not at all' or 'no friends, family or spouse'. I'd like to know if they are correct as the above question is more of a yes/no answer but the responses fit more with asking someone 'to what extent can you rely on.....' or 'how much can you rely on.....'			
The spreadsheet also states that the question was constructed from three separate questions but I can't see what these three questions were.			
I would be very grateful if you can clarify these points and also confirm that you are happy for me to use this question in my survey.			
Regards,			
Amanda			

### History

#### #1 - 12/14/2016 11:45 AM - Victoria Nolan

- Category set to Questionnaire content
- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee set to Amanda Seims
- % Done changed from 0 to 90
- Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Amanda,

Many thanks for your enquiry. The questions that you are referring to come from the 'Self-completion Social Support' module that was carried in Wave 2 (adult self-completion questionnaire) and in Wave 5 (CASI section of the main adult questionnaire). Our questionnaires can be found online here: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/questionnaires>, and our online data documentation can be found here: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation>

However, you would need to ask the ONS about their scale.

We are not in a position to decide whether you can use these questions in your surveys - they are originally from ELSA/ the HRS (which we acknowledge in our survey), so you would need to contact them about whether you can use them or not.

Best wishes, Victoria.

On behalf of the Understanding Society Data User Support Team

#### #2 - 01/04/2017 01:38 PM - Victoria Nolan

- Status changed from Feedback to Closed
- % Done changed from 90 to 100