What matters to you? age cymru Current experiences of people aged 50 or over in Wales

This is the sixth annual survey undertaken since 2020 by Age Cymru and the key organisations that represent older people in Wales.

It's important that Welsh Government and others hear from older people about your experiences and what matters to you.

This survey will take 15 minutes to complete.

Your response is anonymous. If you want us to contact you about the survey you can include your contact details at the end of the survey. You can also let us know if you want to get involved in our campaigns to make change for older people across Wales.

Thank you for your support in completing this survey.

You have received this survey in English, it's also available in Welsh. Please contact **policy@agecymru.org.uk** or call **029 2043 1555** to request a copy.





A. Health and wellbeing

A1.	What activities do you	like to do foi	r fun/relaxation?	(Select any tha	t apply)
	Spanding time with frien	dc/family	\/\atchi	na cnort	

- Spending time with friends/family
- Volunteering
- Reading
- Watching TV
- Playing sport
- Exercising
- Dancing
- Other

- Watching sport
- Travelling
- Going to a local day centre
- Going to live concerts/theatre
- Gardening
- Eating out

A2.	Is	there	anythin	g that might	prevent yo	ou from	accessing t	he activities	you enjoy?
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А3	. What challenging expe	eriences h	have you had	in the last 1	2 months?	(Select any that
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Α4	.b. How does this compo	re to 12	months ago?			
		The same		Worse		
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	.b. How does this compo	Good	months ago?	Poor Worse	•	Very Poor
Ple	ease tell us more:					

l.a. Have you made or tried to	make a GP appointment	in the last 12 months?
Yes, for myself	Yes, for someone else	No, I've not needed to
l.b. How easy do you find it to	make a GP appointment?	(Select one option)
Very easy	Neither easy or difficult	Very difficult
Easy	Difficult	Not applicable
ease tell us more:		
.c. How easy do you find it to		•
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2.c. How easy do you fappointments? (Sele	find it to travel to healthcare appo ect one option)	intment/s, other than G
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Easy	Difficult	Not applicable
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If you ticked **Yes to question C4.a.** you may like to know that Age Cymru and Carers Trust Wales have a project aimed at assisting people just like you. For more information see **agecymru.org.uk/carers** or phone **0300 303 44 98.**

D. Employment **D1. Which of the following applies to you?** (Select any that apply) Retired Self-employed full-time Employed full-time Self-employed part-time Employed part-time (working 30 hours Homemaker or less) In full-time education Unable to work due to disability/illness Registered unemployed Unable to work due to caring Doing unpaid voluntary work responsibilities Other D2. Have your retirement plans changed in the last 12 months? (Select one option) Yes – I now plan to retire later Yes – I now plan to retire earlier Not relevant Yes – I plan to come out of retirement back to paid work If yes, can you tell us more about why your plans have changed? D3.a. Are you currently looking for paid work? Yes No Not relevant D3.b. If yes, how long have you been looking for work? D3.c. Is there anything that would support you to find employment? D4. Have you ever been discriminated against in the workplace because of your age? Not applicable Yes No If yes, please tell us more, and what impact this had on you?

Finance		
E1. Have you had to make any pressures? (Select any that	_	nths due to financial
Socialise less	Use credit cards or get	Come back out of
Use less energy/	into debt to pay bills	retirement
heating	Reduce saving for	Skip meals
Use less water	retirement	Reduce or stop
Reduce food bill	Increase working hoursChange jobs	s volunteering
Other		
Please tell us more about the	e impact of financial pressu	ires:
E2. Are you confident that yo (Select one option) Very confident	u will enough money to live	
Confident	Very ur	nconfident
Neither confident or uncor	nfident Not sui	re
Please tell us more:		
E3. Have you experienced a s	cam in the last 12 months?	
Yes	No	Not sure
If yes, please tell us more, ar	nd what impact it has had o	on you:

You can report scams or suspected scams to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or online at **www.actionfraud.police.uk**. You can also contact the police to report scams on **101**. If you have paid money to a scammer, you should contact your bank immediately (you can reach most bank fraud lines by calling **159**).

	Pension credit Attendance allowance Carers' allowance Universal credit Employment Support Allowance Other	Personal Independence Payment Disability Living Allowance Job Seekers Allowance Housing Benefit No
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E 5	. Has means testing the Winter Fuel paymer	nt affected you?
	Yes No	Don't know
If	yes, please tell us more:	
E 6	. What best describes your home situation?	(Select one option)
	Own home outright	Live in a mobile home (a caravan, a
	Buying home with mortgage/ loan	trailer or motorhome, a prefabricated bungalow)
	Rent from local council	Shared ownership/shared equity loan
	Rent from housing association/social landlord	Live in a family/friend's home
	Rent privately	Live in a care home
	Rent privately Live in sheltered housing	Live in a care home Live in temporary accommodation

E4. Do you receive any of the state benefits listed below? (Please select any that apply)

tting out and about			
a. What is your main met	hod of transport? (Select any tha	t apply)	
Driving yourself	Community	y transport	
Public buses	Walking	friends or family	
Trains	Through frie		
Cycle	Don't travel	el	
Taxis			
Other			
ease tell us more:			
b. Has your main method	of transport changed in the last	12 months?	
Yes	. No		
ase tell us more:			
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F3. Do you have a blue badge? (A blue conditions park closer to their desti	badge helps people with disabilities or health nation)
Yes	No, I need one but find it too difficult
No, don't need one	to apply for
If you selected 'No, I need one but fin	nd it too difficult to apply for' please tell us more
G. Representation in society	
G1. Do you think older people are rep ended advertising, in the workplace, in poli	resented well in society? (eg; in the media, itics etc).
Yes No	Don't know
Please tell us more:	
 H. Communication H1. What best describes your situation I can access the internet at home I can't access the internet at home would like to 	I can't access the internet at home and don't want to I access the internet outside of the
	home at a library or community centre
Please tell us more:	
H2.a. How confident are you when na	vigating the internet and using online services?
Very confident	Unconfident
Confident	Very unconfident
Neither confident or unconfident	Not applicable

. How do you p	refer to acces	s informati	on? (Se	elect any	/ that apply)	
TV news				Face to	face services	5
Radio				Telephone helpline		
Facebook				Word o	f mouth	
X (Formerly Tw	vitter)			Local n	otice board/c	ommunity cer
National news	paper			Online search engine (e.g., Google)		
Local newspap	per			I don't	access inforn	nation
WhatsApp						
Other						
. What do you	go online for?	(Select any	that ap	pply)		
Contacting frie					banking	
Finding out inf	_				shopping	
Work					alling friends	or family
Social media				Playing games		
Other						
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. b. Can you acc Yes	ess services/i	nformation	in you	_	red first lan	guage?
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ase tell us mo	re:					

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ooking ahead		
l. Are you optimistic about tl		Don't know
Yes	No	Don't know
lease tell us more:		
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. An	ything else?			
J1.	. Is there anything else that m	natters to you the	at you'd like to	let us know about?
hoi	ıt you (Select as appro	nriate)		
	asking these questions to unde ne voices of people from a varie		-	
	nation is anonymous.	ey er e denigredman		
A.	How did you find out about t	he survey?		
	I live in the county of:	<u> </u>		
	Blaenau Gwent	Flintshire		Powys
	Bridgend	Gwynedd		Rhondda Cynon Taf
	Caerphilly	Isle of Anglesey		Swansea
	Cardiff	Merthyr Tydfil		Torfaen
	Carmarthenshire	Monmouthshire		Vale of Glamorgan
	Ceredigion	Neath Port Talbot		Wrexham
	Conwy	Newport		Outside Wales
	Denbighshire	Pembrokeshire		
C.	I am aged:			
	50-54	70-74		90-94
	55-59	75-79		95-99
	60-64	80-84		100 or over
	65-69	85-89		
D.	I would describe my ethnicit	y as:		
W	hite			
	English / Welsh / Scottish / No	rthern	Gypsy or Irish	Traveller
	Irish / British Any other White Background			
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	Pakistani			an Background
	Bangladeshi		,	J

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E.	I am: Male	■ Female	Prefer not to say	
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_			m to describe people whose gender is no	
г.	_		th, the sex they were assigned at birth)	
	Yes	No	Prefer not to say	
F.	I am:			
	Bisexual		■ Heterosexual/Straight	
	Gay Man	1	Prefer not to say	
	Gay Woman / Lesbian			
	Prefer to self-describe			
G.	I consider myself to have a disability according to the terms given in the Equali- Act 2010*:			
	Yes		No	
impair	-	al and long-term o	d if they have a physical or mental adverse effect on the person's ability to	
H.	I have served in the Arme national service):	d Forces (This cou	uld include as a regular, reservist, or	
	Yes		No	
I.	I live on my own			
	Yes		No	
J.	I can: (Select all that apply)		
	Speak Welsh		Read in Welsh	
	Write in Welsh	1	Understand spoken Welsh	

Thank you for your time and contribution to our work

If you're happy for us to contact you further about this survey, please fill in your contact details below:

Name:

Contact email:

Contact phone number:

We're always looking for people aged 50 or over in Wales to tell us their story and support us to raise issues that impact older people with the media, politicians, and many other key stakeholders. Want to become an Age Cymru storyteller? Leave your details above and say that you'd like to tell us your story, and we'll be in contact.

Or you can contact us for an informal chat on 029 2043 1555 or email policy@agecymru.org.uk

Please return the completed survey form to

Age Cymru, Freepost RLTL-KJTR-BYTT, Ground Floor, Mariners House, Trident Court, East Moors Road, Cardiff CF24 5TD or by email to enquiries@agecymru.org.uk

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Donate online at: agecymru.org.uk/donate, call 029 2043 1555 or scan the QR code



If you need any further support please contact:

Age Cymru Advice: 0300 303 44 98

advice for older people, their families, friends, carers, and professionals

C.A.L.L: 0800 132 737 emotional support and information on mental health

Cruse: 0808 808 1677 bereavement support

Hourglass Cymru: 0808 808 8141 support for older people experiencing (or at risk) of harm

Samaritans: 116 123 emotional support to anyone in emotional distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide

Silverline: 0800 4 70 80 90 free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and support to older people, 24 hours a day.











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