## Attitudes to joining data

### Screening questionnaire

**{ASK ALL}**

**Hhld**

“Thinking now of everyone living in your household, <b>including children</b>…

<b>Including yourself</b>, how many people live there regularly as members of the

<b>household</b>?”

RANGE 1…15

**PAGE START**

**LAYOUT: Include HhldAge2 … HhldAgeN where N = {Hhld}**

**{IF** **Hhld > 1}**

**HhldAgeInt**

And what are the ages of the {Hhld} people living in your household?

{WEB: “If you are not sure, please give your best estimate”}

INTERVIEWER: IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE FOR APPROXIMATE AMOUNT.

Person 1 (You): {IF Cur\_Age > 0: {Cur\_Age}; ELSE IF AgeUpd > 0: {AgeUpd}; ELSE IF AgeCheck > 0 {AgeCheck}; ELSE: “Not provided”}

DISPLAY

**{IF Hhld > 1}**

**HhldAge2**

Person 2: RANGE 0…110

**{ASK IF Hhld > 2}**

**HhldAge3**

Person 3: RANGE 0…110

…

**{IF Hhld > [N-1]}**

**HhldAge[N]**

Person [N]: RANGE 0…110

**PAGE END**

**{COMPUTE FOR ALL}**

**NumChild05**

SUM of where HhldAge2…HhldAge15 <6

**{COMPUTE FOR ALL}**

**NumChild610**

SUM of where HhldAge2…HhldAge15 6…10

**{COMPUTE FOR ALL}**

**NumChild1115**

SUM of where HhldAge2…HhldAge15 11…15

**{COMPUTE FOR ALL}**

**NumChild1618**

SUM of where HhldAge2…HhldAge15 16…18

**{IF NumChild05 > 0}**

**RChild05**

“And {IF NumChild05 > 1: “how many, if any, of the {NumChild05} people”; IF NumChild05 = 1: “how many, if any, of the people”} <b>aged 5 or under</b> living in your household {IF NumChild05 > 1: “are your children?”; IF NumChild05 = 1: “are your children?”}

{WEB: “Please include step or adopted children”}

INTERVIEWER: “Please include step or adopted children”

RANGE: 0…14

HARDCHECK: {IF RChild05 > NumChild05: You have said more people aged 5 or under living in your household are your children than you said there are living in your household. Please check your answers.}

**{IF NumChild610 > 0}**

**RChild610**

“And {IF NumChild610 > 1: “how many, if any, of the {NumChild610} people”; IF NumChild610 = 1: “how many, if any, of the people”} <b>aged 6 to 10</b> living in your household {IF NumChild610 > 1: “are your children?”; IF NumChild610 = 1: “are your children?”}

{WEB: “Please include step or adopted children”}

INTERVIEWER: “Please include step or adopted children”

RANGE: 0…14

HARDCHECK: {IF RChild610 > NumChild610: You have said more people aged 6 to 10 living in your household are your children than you said there are living in your household. Please check your answers.}

**{IF NumChild1115 > 0}**

**RChild1115**

“And {IF NumChild1115 > 1: “how many, if any, of the {NumChild1115} people”; IF NumChild1115 = 1: “how many, if any, of the people”} <b>aged 11 to 15</b> living in your household {IF NumChild1115 > 1: “are your children?”; IF NumChild1115 = 1: “are your children?”}

{WEB: “Please include step or adopted children”}

INTERVIEWER: “Please include step or adopted children”

RANGE: 0…14

HARDCHECK: {IF RChild1115 > NumChild1115: You have said more people aged 11 to 15 living in your household are your children than you said there are living in your household. Please check your answers.}

**{IF NumChild1618 > 0}**

**RChild1618**

“And {IF NumChild1618 > 1: “how many, if any, of the {NumChild1618} people”; IF NumChild1618 = 1: “how many, if any, of the people”} <b>aged 16 to 18</b> living in your household {IF NumChild1618 > 1: “are your children?”; IF NumChild1618 = 1: “are your children?”}

{WEB: “Please include step or adopted children”}

INTERVIEWER: “Please include step or adopted children”

RANGE: 0…14

HARDCHECK: {IF RChild1618 > NumChild1618: You have said more people aged 16 to 18 living in your household are your children than you said there are living in your household. Please check your answers.}

**{ASK ALL} 1 item**

**OthChild**

Are you the parent of any children aged 0 to 15 not currently living in your household?

1. Yes
2. No

**{COMPUTE FOR ALL}**

**ChildDV**

IF RChild05 > 1 OR RChild610 > 1 OR RChild1115 > 1 OR OthChild = 1 ChildDV= 1 [Yes]

ELSE ChildDV= 2 [No]

**IF ChildDV= 2**

**ScreenOut**

“Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

Unfortunately you are not eligible to take part in this survey. While most of our studies aim to represent the views of the whole population, for this study we are particularly interested in the views of parents of children aged 0 to 15.

We hope you are able to take part in other studies in the future.”

DISPLAY

**SCREEN OUT OF QUESTIONNAIRE**

### Substantive questions

**{ASK ALL} 2 items**

**AwareStore**

Government departments and public service providers collect information about people who use their services. For example, records are kept when you access healthcare, when you pay tax or claim benefits, if you need social care, or have any contact with the police. Schools and nurseries also keep records on children’s attendance, behaviour and achievements.

These types of information are often referred to as <b>administrative records</b>. They are created for all people who use the services and are kept up-to-date with ‘live’ data.

Were you aware that administrative records were collected and digitally stored in this way?

1. Yes
2. No

**{ASK ALL} 1 item**

**AwareJoin**

Administrative records can also be joined together to find out more about individual families.

Were you aware that this sort of information might be joined together in this way?

1. Yes
2. No

**{ASK ALL} 3 items**

**AccepReas [GRID: RANDOMISE ROWS; FLIP SCALE 1…4]**

{IF WEB: “Below are”; IF TEL: “I will now read out”} some reasons that have been given for joining together administrative records of families.

To what extent do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable to join together administrative records for the following reasons?

GRID ROWS

1. Helping the government plan and deliver better services
2. Identifying families that might need support from services even if they have not asked for it
3. Saving time and money by catching family problems early
4. Making services more efficient by identifying families that need help and targeting services at them
5. Identifying families where children could be at risk of abuse

GRID COLUMNS

1. Completely acceptable
2. Somewhat acceptable
3. Somewhat unacceptable
4. Completely unacceptable
5. Don’t know

**{ASK ALL} 2 items**

**AccepAlg [FLIP SCALE 1…4]**

Government departments and public service providers use computer calculations that recognise patterns, known as algorithms, to identify families from joined together administrative records.

To what extent do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable to use algorithms on administrative records to automatically identify families to target public services at?

1. Completely acceptable
2. Somewhat acceptable
3. Somewhat unacceptable
4. Completely unacceptable
5. Don’t know

**{ASK ALL} 1 item**

**AccepAlgPri [FLIP SCALE 1…4]**

Government departments and public services providers can hire commercial companies to apply algorithms to joined together administrative records.

To what extent do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable to use commerical companies to use algorithms to identify families to target public services at?

1. Completely acceptable
2. Somewhat acceptable
3. Somewhat unacceptable
4. Completely unacceptable
5. Don’t know

**{ASK ALL} 3.5 items**

**TrustOrgs [GRID: RANDOMISE ROW; FLIP SCALE 1…3]**

Some organisations might use joined together administrative records to identify families that might need their services.

{IF WEB: “Below are”; IF TEL: “I will now read out”} some examples of organisations that might do is.

To what extent do you trust the following organisations to join together administrative records to identify families to target public services at?

GRID ROWS

1. Children’s social work teams
2. Local council education services
3. Early years services
4. Police and criminal justice services
5. Immigration services

GRID ROWS

1. Completely
2. A great deal
3. Somewhat
4. Very little
5. Not at all

**{ASK ALL} 8 items**

**AttJoin [GRID: RANDOMISE ROWS; FLIP SCALE 1…3]**

{IF WEB: “Below are”; IF TEL: “I will now read out”} some statements that are made about joining together administrative records about families.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

GRID ROWS

1. Joining together administrative records helps services provide better outcomes for children’s behaviour and achievement
2. There is no need to ask permission from parents for administrative records about their family to be joined together
3. Joined together administrative records provide factual and unbiased information for delivering services
4. Identifying families for service delivery using joined together administrative records undermines parents’ independence
5. Joining together administrative records helps organisations to identify families who should have help more quickly and easily
6. Using joined together administrative records leads to discrimination against some families
7. It is important for local authorities to have a complete picture of families’ circumstances.
8. Information collected about service users is not always accurate
9. Joining together administrative records means families can be offered a more personalised service
10. Joining together administrative records is a breach of families’ privacy
11. It is better to target services at families with problems than to provide general services for all
12. Joining together administrative records helps public services to make interventions and reduce the risk that children will need other services as adults
13. Using families’ administrative records may discourage them from accessing services when they need them
14. Families know and understand how their administrative records are being used
15. The Government should publicise that they are joining together administrative records about families, and how they use that information
16. The more we know about families’ circumstances, the more we can secure a good future for children

GRID COLUMNS

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

**{ASK ALL} 0 items**

**VignInt**

The next few questions will present some examples of administrative records being used that we would like your views on.

DISPLAY

**PROGRAMMER: RANDOMISE ORDER Vign1…Vign3. Vign2i & Vign2ii should appear next to each other in order**

**{ASK ALL} 2 items**

**Vign1 [FLIP SCALE 1…4]**

A local council wants to support parenting skills.

They will join together administrative records about unemployment, debt, domestic violence and abuse, child truancy, and involvement from health, social care or police services to identify families that may need support.

A key worker will then be offered to the family.

In your opinion, to what extent would it be acceptable or unacceptable to use joined-together administrative records in this way?

1. Completely acceptable
2. Somewhat acceptable
3. Somewhat unacceptable
4. Completely unacceptable
5. Don’t know

**{ASK ALL} 2 items**

**Vign2i [FLIP SCALE 1…4]**

A council wants to prevent children going missing from home.

They will join together administrative records about school attendance, criminal justice, housing, teenage pregnancy, and mental health to identify families that may be at risk.

Social workers can see if the identified families needs support .

In your opinion, to what extent would it be acceptable or unacceptable to use joined-together administrative records in this way?

1. Completely acceptable
2. Somewhat acceptable
3. Somewhat unacceptable
4. Completely unacceptable
5. Don’t know

**{ASK ALL} 2 items**

**Vign2ii [FLIP SCALE 1…4]**

<b>Still thinking about the same scenario…</b>

A social worker looks at the joined-together administrative records for one of the identified families and judges that the family needs further investigation, which could result in the children being taken into care.

In your opinion, to what extent would it be acceptable or unacceptable to use joined-together administrative records in this way?

1. Completely acceptable
2. Somewhat acceptable
3. Somewhat unacceptable
4. Completely unacceptable
5. Don’t know

**{ASK ALL} 2 items**

**Vign3 [FLIP SCALE 1…4]**

A police authority wants to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour in their area.

They will join together administrative records from schools, hospitals, housing, police and voluntary services to identify families where children might go on to be involved in crime or antisocial behaviour.

Family support teams can see if they need to work with the identified families.

In your opinion, to what extent would it be acceptable or unacceptable to use joined-together administrative records in this way?

1. Completely acceptable
2. Somewhat acceptable
3. Somewhat unacceptable
4. Completely unacceptable
5. Don’t know

**{ASK ALL} 2 items**

**AccepBio**

Some services collect biological information, such as blood samples for identifying DNA and hormones, fingerprints and facial recognition.

In your opinion, to what extent would it be acceptable or unacceptable for this sort of biological information to be joined together with other administrative records held about families?

1. Completely acceptable
2. Somewhat acceptable
3. Somewhat unacceptable
4. Completely unacceptable
5. Don’t know

**{ASK ALL} 4 items**

**JoinPriv [GRID: RANDOMISE ROWS; FLIP SCALE 1…4]**

Administrative records stored by public services can also be combined with information held by private companies.

{IF WEB: “Below are”; IF TEL: “I will now read out”} some examples of types of information held by private companies.

In your opinion, to what extent would it be acceptable or unacceptable for these types of information to be joined together with administrative records about families collected by public service providers?

GRID ROWS

1. Credit records
2. Supermarket shopping records
3. Internet search records
4. Location data from mobile phones
5. Social media posts
6. CCTV footage

GRID COLUMNS

1. Completely acceptable
2. Somewhat acceptable
3. Somewhat unacceptable
4. Completely unacceptable
5. Don’t know

**{ASK ALL} 1 item**

**AllowJoin**

Do you think that the government should be allowed to join together administrative records about you and your children from different services you use?

1. Yes - always
2. Yes - In certain circumstances
3. No

**{IF AllowJoin = 2} 1 item**

**AllowJoinCircY**

What would be an example of when you think that the government <b>should</b> be allowed to join together about you and your children from different service you use?

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**{IF AllowJoin = 2} 1 item**

**AllowJoinCircN**

And what would be an example of when you think that the government <b>should not</b> be allowed to join together administrative records about you and your children from different service you use?

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**{ASK ALL} 1 item**

**AvoidSer**

Would you avoid using a service because administrative records about your family might be joined together with information about you from other sources?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don’t know