**Migrant interview**

Opening the interview - please, remember:

- discuss info sheet, privacy notice and sign consent form

- recall interviewee’s right not to answer a question or to stop an interview

- request to start recording the interview **(recording switched on at this point)**

Please, read out at the start of the recording, inserting relevant details.

1. *The code number for this interview is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
2. *The interviewer is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
3. *The date today is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
4. *Please, can you confirm that we have discussed the project, and that you give your consent to participate.*
5. **Can you tell me a bit about yourself?** 
   1. Where are you currently located?
      1. If in the UK - How long have you been in the UK?
      2. If not in the UK - ask why, how long you’ve been out of the UK? How long did you live in the UK?
   2. Where do you live, with whom?
      1. How many rooms do you have in your home?
      2. Do you have children? (how many, how old?)
      3. Do you have any (other) caring responsibilities?
      4. Do you like the place where you live? Do you feel you have enough space? (Do you live in a flat or house, do you have a garden? Do you have the opportunity to use green spaces in your area?)
6. **Can you tell me shortly about coming to the UK?** 
   * 1. Where did you live in Poland? What did you do there? (job)
     2. Why did you decide to come to the UK?
7. **Can you tell me a bit about your work, what kind of essential work do you do? What does your job/business entail?**
   1. How long have you been working as an essential worker?
   2. Is that your usual occupation? (What are your original qualifications/training?)
   3. On what basis are you employed? (Contract? What kind? Zero hours? Own business? Multiple jobs?)
   4. Thinking about your job/business in particular, have things changed for you during Covid? How?
   5. (Employees): How do you feel your workplace has adjusted to Covid? Are you happy with any precautions introduced in your workplace?

(Business owners): Did you need to introduce any changes in your business due to Covid? If so, were these easy or difficult to implement?

* 1. What kind of challenges arising from working/running a business under Covid have you experienced?
  2. Have there been any positives of working/running a business under Covid?
  3. How do you feel about your work situation/your business in the near future/after Covid? (Any worries? What kind?)
  4. How do you feel about your earnings? Enough to cover essential bills?
     1. Are you entitled to any additional payments/benefits as an essential worker? If so, have you applied for these? Have you received them?
     2. Have you taken out any loans during this time? More/less than pre-Covid?
     3. Do you send money to anyone back home?
     4. Do you have any savings to fall back on?
  5. How do you feel at work/in the workplace safety-wise? (Safe? Unsafe?)
     1. Do you think you could contract coronavirus at work?
     2. Do you have access to PPE? Is it the same for all workers regardless of nationality/migrant status?
     3. Do you work with people of different national/ethnic backgrounds? If so, do you get on well together?
     4. Have you ever experienced anything negative as a migrant essential worker? (from your employer, colleagues, clients, public?) (Any experiences of discrimination from colleagues and/or clients?)

1. **Thinking about the pandemic more generally, how has it affected your…**
   1. **Health and mental health?**
   2. **Access to healthcare?**
   3. **Home/family life?** e.g.
      1. Work-life balance;
      2. Living arrangements;
      3. Childcare/other caring responsibilities;
      4. Home-schooling;
      5. Support networks.
   4. **Relationships with others**, e.g.
      1. Spouse and children
      2. Family and friends in Poland? (Probe for e.g.: travel plans/visits; ability to provide care to elderly parents; sense of proximity/isolation from loved ones and how it affects mental health)
      3. Explore social networks: are they mixed Polish-UK? Or, predominantly Polish/UK?
   5. **How important is it to you to use Polish spaces?** (such as shops, services/businesses, clubs, church, Polish Saturday School, health centres, Polish events) Has that changed during Covid?
   6. Any other aspects of your life?
2. **Have you received any formal or informal support to manage your work, financial or family situation under Covid?**
   1. If so, what kind of support? (e.g. practical support from your family or friends, from your employer; information from an organisation; funding from local authorities or the government?)

If not – did you feel you needed any? Did you look for support? (If not – Would you know where to look for support if you needed it?)

* 1. How do you feel about the information provided by your Employer? Was it English only? Would you have wanted to receive this information in Polish as well?
  2. What kind of support do you think should be provided to workers like you by your employer under the pandemic and afterwards?
  3. What kind of support do you think should be provided to workers like you by the UK and/or Scottish Governments under the pandemic and afterwards?

1. **How do you feel about the UK/Scottish government handling of the pandemic?** (Handling well? Poorly?)
   1. What’s your opinion on Covid and the restrictions? Do you think they make sense? Have you followed them?
   2. Have you already taken the vaccine? (If not, do you intend to take it? Why/why not?)
   3. If you had the choice, would you rather take it in Poland? (Prompt for **trust** in NHS)
2. **Where do you get information about Covid from?** [*Probe for:* Friends/family? Social media? News in Polish or English? Any official sources?] **Do you face any barriers in getting up-to-date information?**
3. **What are your future plans in terms of living in the UK?** Stay or leave? **Have Covid or Brexit had any impact on these?**
   1. Do you see yourself living in the UK long-term?
   2. Do you have settled (or pres-settled) status or British citizenship? Have you had any issues applying for it?
   3. What would support/encourage you to stay in the UK?
4. **Is there anything else you’d like to tell us about or add?**
5. If there is time: **Is there anything that you’d like to tell us about this study?** E.g. Useful or not? (Any participant feedback?)

**Demographic questions**

Age

Sex

Year of arrival in UK

Country of residence/location

Education

Legal status

Marital status

Children?

Household size/number of rooms