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(guidelines and questionnaire)

Unit:

The target variables relate to different types of units:

The variables relating to the affordability of childcare services, unmet needs for such services and reasons for not making use of such services, the affordability of formal services and reasons for not making use of such services, the affordability of formal education, health care, the presence of persons in need of home care and all variables related to home care received apply at the household level and refer to the household as a whole.

Information on unmet needs for formal education, the main reason for non-participation in formal education, training related to hobbies, home care provided and hours per week of home care provided is to be provided for each current household member, or, if applicable, for all selected respondents aged 16 and over.

Information on payment for childcare, the proportion of the costs paid and who pays for/ contributes to it is to be provided by the household respondent for each child aged 0-12.

Information on the payment of tuition fees for formal education, the proportion paid and who pays for/ contributes to it, is to be provided by the household respondent for each household member.

Mode of data collection:

For the variable applying at household level or variables relating to each household member (including variables relating to children) where information is provided at household level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with the household respondent.

For variables applying at individual level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with all current household members aged 16 and over or, if applicable, with each selected respondent.

The age refers to the age at the end of the income reference period, except for variables regarding childcare where the age refers to age at the date of interview.

Given the type of information to be collected, only personal interviews (proxy interviews as an exception for persons temporarily absent or incapacitated) are allowed.

Reference period:

The target variables relate to two types of reference period:

Last 12 months: for the variables related to unmet needs for formal education and the main reason for non-participation in formal education, for lifelong learning, and for the use of and payment for health care services.

Usual: for all other variables.

Data transmission:

The target secondary variables should be sent to the Commission (Eurostat) in the Household Data File (H-File), the Register Data File (R-File) and in the Personal Data File (P-file) after the target primary variables.

RC010: Payment for the cost of formal childcare services

Domain/Area	Childcare
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	All current household members aged 12 and below (age at the date of interview)
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -4 No formal childcare for this child (RL030<1 AND RL040<1) -5 Not applicable (person is more than 12 years old) -7 Not applicable RB010 ≠ 2016

Description

Question should be asked for each child aged 0-12 separately.

Formal childcare

Formal childcare refers to variables RL030: childcare at centre-based services and RL040: childcare at day-care centre.

See RL030 and RL040 description for detailed definition. RL050 is considered as informal child care (see RL050 description).

Cost of formal childcare

Costs of childcare services should include tuition fees, costs of canteen and other costs that are expected for children participating in formal childcare services. Total cost of formal childcare services should be taken into consideration.

If childcare is provided **completely free of charge** eg. through government scheme the respondent should answer No.

Costs related to cultural and sport activities outside school or nursery such as club, music lessons shall not be included **as far as** they are not used as a childcare service but rather for the child leisure.

(If the child attends club etc. during time when childcare service is required, and not attending it would require the household to try to organise other type of care for the child then the main role of the club is childcare. However, if a child attends club purely for its leisure it should **not** be taken into consideration in RC010).

RC020: Proportion of the cost of formal childcare services paid

Domain/Area	Childcare
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	All current household members aged 12 and below (age at the date of interview)
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	<p>1 Full price (full cost)</p> <p>2 Reduced price (subsidised by government, employer, private person, etc.)</p> <p>9 Do not know</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (RC010 = 2)</p> <p>-4 No formal childcare for this child (RL030<1 AND RL040<1)</p> <p>-5 Not applicable (person is more than 12 years old)</p> <p>-7 Not applicable RB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

Question should be asked for each child aged 0-12 separately.

When the household pays 'full price' then it covers full costs of the childcare provided.

When the household pays 'reduced price' then it covers part of the costs of childcare provided the rest is subsidised by government, employer, private person etc.

Examples:

The household pays a reduced price if it receives a bill for childcare provided, with details of how much they should pay and indication of the amount which is subsidised (i.e which they do not have to pay). (However, existence of such bill should not be a requirement to be classified as benefiting from a reduced price.)

The household also pays a reduced price if it receives child support from a divorced spouse.

If the government covers tuition fees and the household covers the cost of canteen etc. then the

household pays reduced price. In such case the government is considered to be the main contributor in RC030.

Cost of formal childcare

Costs of childcare services should include tuition fees, costs of canteen and other costs that are expected for children participating in formal childcare services. Total cost of formal childcare should be taken into account.

Costs related to cultural and sport activities outside school or nursery such as club, music lessons shall not be included as far as they are not used as a childcare service but rather for the child leisure.

RC030: Who pays/contributes to the cost of formal childcare services

Domain/Area	Childcare
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	All current household members aged 12 and below (age at the date of interview).
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	<p>1 Government or local authorities</p> <p>2 Employer</p> <p>3 Other institutions (e.g. church, non-profit organisations)</p> <p>4 Private persons who are not household members</p> <p>5 Other</p> <p>9 Do not know</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (RC020 = 1 OR RC020=9)</p> <p>-4 No formal childcare for this child (RL030<1 AND RL040<1)</p> <p>-5 Not applicable (person is more than 12 years old)</p> <p>-7 Not applicable RB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

Question should be asked for each child aged 0-12 separately.

If there is more than one contributor to the costs of formal childcare services then the main contributor (the one which pays more/ or is considered to pay more) should be provided.

Costs of formal childcare

Costs of childcare services should include tuition fees, costs of canteen and other costs that are expected for children participating in formal childcare services. Total cost of formal childcare services should be taken into account.

Costs related to cultural and sport activities outside school or nursery such as club, music lessons shall not be included as far as they are not used as a childcare service but rather for the child leisure.

Examples:

If the household receives child support (after a divorce) and it is used to cover costs of childcare then modality 4 should be selected.

If the household uses the so called 'cheque service' then modality 1 should be selected.

If the household receives benefits which are dedicated to cover costs of childcare then modality 1 should be selected, however if the household receives family benefits or other benefits which are not dedicated to childcare then they should not be taken into consideration. Tax deductions received due to using childcare services should not be taken into consideration.

HC040: Affordability of childcare services

Domain/Area	Childcare
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Households with at least one child aged 0-12 (age at the date of interview).
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	<p>1 With great difficulty</p> <p>2 With difficulty</p> <p>3 With some difficulty</p> <p>4 Fairly easily</p> <p>5 Easily</p> <p>6 Very easily</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-4 No costs of childcare in the household</p> <p>-5 No children aged 0-12 in the household</p> <p>-7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

The variable refers to children aged 0-12, if there are no children aged 0-12 in the household flag -5 should be used.

The objective is to assess the respondent feeling about the level of difficulty experienced by the household in covering the formal childcare services costs.

Costs of formal childcare services should include tuition fees, costs of canteen and other costs that are expected for children participating in formal childcare services.

Costs related to cultural and sport activities outside school or nursery such as club, music lessons shall not be included as far as they are not used as a childcare service but rather for the child leisure.

Examples:

If in the household there are three children, two of them attend public formal childcare service, for which household pays a very small fee and the third child attends private formal childcare service which is expensive then the household needs to decide how easy or difficult (in total) it is to pay for formal childcare services for all children together.

If the household pays reduced price for childcare services then the household needs to evaluate how easy or difficult it is to pay the reduced price it covers.

If a household paid a certain amount with great difficulty but it was reimbursed several months after the payment, the answer for the household should be with great difficulty.

HC050: Unmet needs for formal childcare services

Domain/Area	Childcare
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Households with at least one child aged 0-12 (age at the date of interview).
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -5 No children aged 0-12 in the household -7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016

Description

The variable refers to children aged 0-12, if there are no children aged 0-12 in the household flag -5 should be used.

The aim of this variable is to capture the household respondent's assessment of whether the household needs (more) use of formal childcare for all children together aged 0-12, but doesn't receive it.

Example:

If in the household there are three children, two of them use formal childcare services but the third one doesn't use childcare service despite such need then in HC050 the answer should be Yes. As the need for child care services was unmet by the household.

If in the household there are three children, all of them use formal childcare services however one of them requires more childcare than is provided then in HC050 the answer should be Yes. As the need for child care services was unmet by the household.

HC060: Main reason for not making (more) use of formal childcare services

Domain/Area	Childcare
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Households with at least one child aged 0-12 (age at the date of interview).
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	<p>1 Cannot afford it</p> <p>2 No places available</p> <p>3 Places available but not nearby</p> <p>4 Places available but opening hours not suitable</p> <p>5 Places available but the quality of the services available not satisfactory</p> <p>6 Other reasons</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (HC050 = 2)</p> <p>-5 No children aged 0-12 in the household</p> <p>-7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

This is a follow-up variable to the previous one. The aim is to capture the main reason for not making (more) use of formal childcare services. Understanding barriers (cost, quality, availability and accessibility) which prevent parents from using childcare services is crucial to adapt policy tools.

Modality 2- No places available- should be selected if the household does not know a place where the service is available.

Modality 3- Places available but not nearby – should be selected if the household knows a place where the service is available but they consider it to be too far or without easy access to be suitable.

If there is more than one reason for not making (more) use of formal childcare services as e.g. there

are two children in the household and for each of them there is other reason than respondent needs to select the reason which is more difficult to overcome.

RC070: Payment for tuition fees

Domain/Area	Formal education and training
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	All current household members
Mode of collection	Personal interview or household respondent
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -4 Person does not follow formal education -7 Not applicable RB010 ≠ 2016

Description

The variable refers to all persons following formal education (including children) and should be asked for each person separately.

This variable refers only to tuition fees; other costs of formal education should be excluded.

Tuition fees for both part-time education and full-time should be considered.

If the household member receives scholarship which fully (100%) covers tuition fees the answer should be No, however if the household member receives scholarship which partially (e.g. 70%) covers tuition fees the answer should be Yes.

Formal education

Formal education is defined as education provided in the system of schools, colleges, universities and other formal educational institutions.

Formal Education is “education that is institutionalised, intentional and planned through public organizations and recognised private bodies and – in their totality – constitute the formal education system of a country. Formal education programmes are thus recognised as such by the relevant national education authorities or equivalent authorities, e.g. any other institution in cooperation with the national or sub-national education authorities. Formal education consists mostly of initial education. Vocational education, special needs education and some parts of adult education are often recognised as being part of the formal education system.”

N.B: If necessary can be asked to each adult individually. Information on payment of tuition fees for

formal education of children should be collected via interview with the household respondent.

If RC070=1 then respondent needs to answer RC080 and depending on the answer following it possibly RC090.

If RC070= 2 then respondent needs to state in RC090 who is the main contributor covering costs of formal education and training.

Example:

A child attends public school where households' do not pay tuition fees (the government covers tuition fees). Therefore RC070=2. As there are no tuition fees in RC080 flag -2 will be given. In RC090 information who pays tuition fees needs to be provided, in this example the government covered tuition fees hence RC090=1.

RC080: Part of the tuition fees paid

Domain/Area	Formal education and training										
Transmission type	Early and regular										
Reference period	Usual										
Unit	All current household members										
Mode of collection	Personal interview or household respondent										
Values	<table><tr><td>1</td><td>Full price (full cost)</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Reduced price (subsidised by government, employer, private person, etc.)</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Do not know</td></tr></table>	1	Full price (full cost)	2	Reduced price (subsidised by government, employer, private person, etc.)	9	Do not know				
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Description

The variable refers to all persons following formal education (including children) and should be asked for each person separately.

This variable refers only to tuition fees; other costs of formal education should be excluded.

For the youngest children only pre-school (RL010) tuition fees should be considered while formal childcare cost should not be included.

When the household pays 'full price' then it covers full costs of the formal education or training provided.

When the household pays 'reduced price' then it covers part of the costs of formal education or training provided the rest is subsidised by government, employer, private person etc. For example the household pays a reduced price if receives a bill for formal education provided, with details of how much they should pay and indication of the amount which is subsidised (i.e. which they do not have to pay).

RC090: Who pays/ contributes to the tuition fees

Domain/Area	Formal education and training
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	All the current household members
Mode of collection	Personal interview or household respondent
Values	<p>1 Government or local authorities</p> <p>2 Employer</p> <p>3 Other institutions (e.g. church, non-profit organisations)</p> <p>4 Private persons who are not household members</p> <p>5 Other</p> <p>9 Do not know</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (RC080=1 OR RC080=9)</p> <p>-4 Person does not follow formal education</p> <p>-7 Not applicable RB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

The variable refers to all persons following formal education (including children) and should be asked for each person separately.

This variable refers only to tuition fees; other costs of formal education should be excluded.

If there is more than one contributor to the costs of formal childcare services then the main contributor (the one who pays the most/ or is considered to pay the most) should be provided.

If RC070=2 then respondent needs to provide information who covers cost of formal education and training.

In RC090 two ways of asking the question are recommended:

When RC070=2 – Question 9A (RC090) Who pays for the cost of tuition fees?

When RC070=1 and RC080=2 – Question 9B (RC090). Who else contributes to the cost of tuition

fees?

HC100: Affordability of formal education

Domain/Area	Formal education and training
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Households
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	<p>1 With great difficulty</p> <p>2 With difficulty</p> <p>3 With some difficulty</p> <p>4 Fairly easily</p> <p>5 Easily</p> <p>6 Very easily</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-4 No costs of formal education in the household</p> <p>-5 Nobody in the household follows formal education</p> <p>-7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

The objective is to assess the respondent feeling about the level of difficulty experienced by the household in covering the costs of formal education in total for all the household members who participate in formal education. Costs of formal education should include tuition fees, registration, exam fees, books, school trips, cost of canteen and other costs that are expected for household members participating in formal education. In the case of adult learners the cost can include the loss of income in order to participate in education. The loss of income should be considered as a cost only when an adult household member in order to participate in education gave up employment or reduced working hours. It is equal to the difference in income obtained before participating in education and after.

PC110: Unmet needs for formal education

Domain/Area	Formal education and training
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Last twelve months
Unit	Household members aged 16 and over who are currently not in formal education; selected respondent.
Mode of collection	Personal interview
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -3 Not selected respondent -4 Person currently in formal education -7 Not applicable PB010 ≠ 2016

Description

Question should be asked for each person aged 16 and over who is currently not in formal education. The aim of this variable is to collect information whether household member wanted to participate in formal education in the last 12 months but didn't.

PC120: Main reason for non-participation in formal education

Domain/Area	Formal education and training
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Last twelve months
Unit	Household members aged 16 and over who are currently not in formal education; selected respondent
Mode of collection	Personal interview
Values	<p>1 Cannot afford it</p> <p>2 Not admitted to the course programme</p> <p>3 Time constraints (schedule, family responsibilities, etc.)</p> <p>4 No suitable course or programmes available</p> <p>5 Other reasons</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (PC110=2)</p> <p>-3 Not selected respondent</p> <p>-4 Person currently in formal education</p> <p>-7 Not applicable PB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

Question should be asked for each person aged 16 and over who is currently not in formal education and has an unmet need for formal education.

This is a follow-up variable to the previous one. The aim is to capture a reason for not participating in formal education. Understanding barriers (cost, quality, availability and accessibility) which prevent members of households from participating in formal education is crucial to adapt policy tools.

PC130: Participation in training related to hobbies

Domain/Area	Lifelong learning
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Last twelve months
Unit	selected respondent (where applies) or all current household members aged 16 and over
Mode of collection	Personal interview
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -3 Not selected respondent -7 Not applicable PB010 ≠ 2016

Description

The aim of this variable is to collect information on whether members of the households who are aged 16 and over during last 12 months participated in any trainings, courses, seminars or classes which were related to leisure, sports or hobby.

All learning activities undertaken during last 12 months, which result in improving knowledge, know-how, skill, competences and/or qualifications for personal or social reason. Those activities may have taken place at leisure centre, club etc., or at home – online courses (e-learning). Only non-formal education, trainings, courses, seminars or classes should be taken into consideration.

Training related to current or future job should not be taken into consideration.

PC140: Participation in training related to professional activity

Domain/Area	Lifelong learning
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Last twelve months
Unit	selected respondent (where applies) or all current household members aged 16 and over
Mode of collection	Personal interview
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -3 Not selected respondent -7 Not applicable PB010 ≠ 2016

Description

The aim of this variable is to collect information on whether members of the households who are aged 16 and over during last 12 months participated in any vocational education, trainings, courses, seminars etc. which were related to their professional activity.

All learning activities undertaken during last 12 months, which result in improving knowledge, know-how, skill, competences and/or qualifications for professional reasons. Those activities may have taken place at work; training centre etc., online courses (e-learning) should also be taken into consideration. Only **non-formal** education, trainings, courses, seminars or classes should be taken into consideration.

The courses do not need to be related to respondent's current job, e.g. vocational course in which the respondent participated might be taken in order to allow change of career path.

PC150: Main reason for non-participation in training related to professional activity

Domain/Area	Lifelong learning
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Last twelve months
Unit	selected respondent (where applies) or all current household members aged 16 and over
Mode of collection	Personal interview
Values	<p>1 Cannot afford it</p> <p>2 Not interested</p> <p>3 Time constraints (schedule, family responsibilities, etc.)</p> <p>4 No suitable courses or programmes available</p> <p>5 Not provided by employer</p> <p>6 Other reasons</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (PC140=1)</p> <p>-3 Not selected respondent</p> <p>-7 Not applicable PB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

This is a follow-up question to the previous one. This variable covers unmet needs as well as other reasons (such as lack of interest) which stop household members from participating in training related to professional activity. The aim is to capture the main reason for not participating in non-formal training related to professional activity during last 12 months. Understanding barriers (cost, quality, availability and accessibility) which prevent members of households from participating in training related to professional activity is crucial to adapt policy tools.

HC160: Use of health care services

Domain/Area	Health care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Last twelve months
Unit	Household
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016

Description

The aim of this variable is to collect information whether members (any member, including former members) of the household used any healthcare services during last 12 months.

Health care services

Healthcare services include all services with the primary purpose of improving, maintaining and preventing the deterioration of the health status of persons and mitigating the consequences of ill-health. Health care services cost includes consultations, treatment (both ambulatory and hospitalisation) and prescribed medication. Dental examination or treatment should be included.

Here healthcare services include all the services which are covered, even partially, by the country's social system. Both public and private healthcare should be taken into consideration.

HC170: Payment for health care services

Domain/Area	Health care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Last twelve months
Unit	Household
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (HC160=2) -7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016

Description

The aim of this variable is to collect information whether household has paid or contributed to the cost of healthcare services. Only costs of health care which are not covered by public health insurance should be taken into account e.g. if given service is fully (100%) reimbursed the answer should be No, however if a given service is reimbursed partially (e.g. 70%) the answer should be Yes.

Both public and private healthcare services should be included. Health care services cost includes cost of consultations, treatment (both ambulatory and hospitalisation) and prescribed medication. Dental examination or treatment should be included.

Taxes and social contributions or any other contributions which are used by the government or other institutions to fund healthcare services should not be taken into account.

HC180: Affordability of health care services

Domain/Area	Health care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Household
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	<p>1 With great difficulty</p> <p>2 With difficulty</p> <p>3 With some difficulty</p> <p>4 Fairly easily</p> <p>5 Easily</p> <p>6 Very easily</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (HC160=2)</p> <p>-7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

The objective is to assess the respondent feeling about the level of difficulty experienced by the household in covering the total health care services costs (costs of consultations, treatment and prescribed medication; dental examination or treatment) for all the household members (including former members).

If HC170=2 and the household receives 100 % reimbursement, then HC180 needs to be filled. However, if HC170=2 and the household didn't pay for the service at any point, then in HC180 modality 6 – 'Very easily' should be selected.

Example

In cases when a household paid a certain amount with great difficulty but it was reimbursed several months after the payment, the answer for the household should be with great difficulty. If on the other hand the household paid a certain amount easily and it was reimbursed several months after

the payment, the answer for the household should be easily.

Taxes and social contributions or any other contributions which are used by the government or other institutions to fund healthcare services should not be taken into account. Total costs of health care services for all members of the household should be considered.

HC190: Presence in the household of people who need help due to long-term physical or mental ill-health, infirmity or because of old age

Domain/Area	Home care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Household
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016

Description

This variable aims at collecting information on presence of persons (including children) in the household who require help due to long-term health problems. The main characteristics of a long-term health problem are that it has lasted already or is expected to last for at least six months (per 1 person) and may be expected to require a long period of supervision, observation or care. Members of the household who only require help temporarily should be excluded. In this variable the **need** of home care should be taken into account without distinguishing the type of care or who provides it (professional or not).

This variable aims at gathering information whether in the household is at least one person who needs help/assistance (of another person) due to health problems. The focus is on the **need**.

Home care

Home care aims to make it possible for people to remain at home rather than use residential, long-term, or institutional-based nursing care. Home care may include health care and/or life assistance. Home health care could include e.g. medical treatment, wound care, pain management and therapy. Life assistance includes help with daily tasks such as meal preparation, medication reminders, laundry, light housekeeping, shopping, transportation, and companionship.

HC200: Professional home care received

Domain/Area	Home care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Household
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (HC190=2) -7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016

Description

It is a follow-up question to the previous one. This variable gathers information whether person (persons) concerned receive any home care services provided by professional health or care workers. Unprofessional home care (such as provided at voluntary basis by other members of the household etc.) should not be taken into consideration.

If e.g. two household members require professional home care but only one of them receives such care, the answer Yes should be selected in this variable.

Professional care

"Professional" care shall be understood as a person for whom providing home care represents a job: work or paid activity. The term "professional" does not content a notion of qualification or a quality of care.

Friends, relatives, neighbours etc. who provide care on voluntary basis and providing home care isn't their job should be excluded.

If HC200=1 then the following question is HC210.

If HC200=2 then the following question is HC240.

HC210: Number of hours per week of professional home care received

Domain/Area	Home care	
Transmission type	Early and regular	
Reference period	Usual	
Unit	Household	
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent	
Values	1	Less than 10 hours per week
	2	At least 10 but less than 20 hours per week
	3	20 hours per week or more
Flags	1	Filled
	-1	Missing
	-2	Not applicable (HC190=2 or HC200=2)
	-7	Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016

Description

The aim of this variable is to obtain the total number of hours per week the household receives professional home care. If more than one member of the household receives help or the help is provided by more than one professional carer/organisation the total number of hours per week the household receives help should be provided.

As care may be provided by more than one carer/provider to more than one member of the household therefore it might be difficult to provide precise number of hours, ranges of hours were introduced.

HC220: Payment for professional home care

Domain/Area	Home care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Household
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (HC190=2 or HC200=2) -7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016

Description

The aim of this variable is to collect information whether the household has paid or contributed to the cost of professional home care. Taxes and social contributions or any other contributions which are used by the government or other institutions to fund professional home care should not be taken into account. Costs other than for professional home care such as costs of equipment used for physiotherapy etc. should be excluded.

If the household pays for professional home care of at least one of its members then the answer Yes should be selected in this variable.

HC230: Affordability of professional home care services

Domain/Area	Home care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Household
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	<p>1 With great difficulty</p> <p>2 With difficulty</p> <p>3 With some difficulty</p> <p>4 Fairly easily</p> <p>5 Easily</p> <p>6 Very easily</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (HC190=2 or HC200=2 or HC220=2)</p> <p>-7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

The objective is to assess the respondent feeling about the level of difficulty experienced by the household in covering the professional home care services costs. Costs other than for professional home care such as costs of equipment used for physiotherapy etc. should be excluded.

Taxes and social contributions or any other contributions which are used by the government or other institutions to fund healthcare services should not be taken into account. Total costs of professional home care services for all members of the household should be considered.

HC240: Unmet needs for professional home care

Domain/Area	Home care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Household
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	1 Yes 2 No
Flags	1 Filled -1 Missing -2 Not applicable (HC190=2) -7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016

Description

The aim of this variable is to capture the household respondent's assessment of whether there are household members who require professional home care, but are not provided any or are provided less professional home care than they require.

HC250: Main reason for not receiving (more) professional home care services

Domain/Area	Home care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	Household
Mode of collection	Personal interview with the household respondent
Values	<p>1 Cannot afford it</p> <p>2 Refused by person needing such services</p> <p>3 No such care services available</p> <p>4 Quality of the services available not satisfactory</p> <p>5 Other reasons</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-2 Not applicable (HC190=2 or HC240=2)</p> <p>-7 Not applicable HB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

This is a follow-up variable to the previous one. The aim is to capture the main reason for not making (more) use of professional home care services. Understanding barriers (cost, quality, availability and accessibility) which prevents households from using professional home care services is crucial to adapt policy tools.

If e.g. two household members require home care but only one of them receives such care, in this variable should be provided the main reason why the household does not receive more professional home care.

Similarly, if e.g. a member of the households is provided professional home care once a week for couple hours and requires help twice a week, in this variable should be provided the main reason why the household does not receive more professional home care.

PC260: Care or assistance provided

Domain/Area	Home care
Transmission type	Early and regular
Reference period	Usual
Unit	selected respondent (where applies) or all current household members aged 16 and over
Mode of collection	Personal interview
Values	<p>1 Yes – only to household members</p> <p>2 Yes – only to persons who are not the household members</p> <p>3 Yes- to household members and to persons who are not the household members</p> <p>4 No</p>
Flags	<p>1 Filled</p> <p>-1 Missing</p> <p>-3 Not selected respondent</p> <p>-7 Not applicable PB010 ≠ 2016</p>

Description

The aim of this variable is to collect information on care or assistance provided to other persons by the person interviewed.

Only voluntary (unpaid) assistance should be taken into account.

All types of care or assistance should be taken into consideration. The care or assistance provided does not need to be frequent but it needs to be something what is repeated.

Childcare is not included, unless it is care provided to children due to their long-term health problems including chronic illness and disability.

Financial support or benefits from the government to provide this care and assistance (e.g. carer's allowance, carer's credit and tax relief) are not considered to be a pay.

N.B Variables PC260 and PC270 collect information on care or assistance provided by the household member (care or assistance received should be excluded).

PC270: Number of hours per week of care or assistance provided

Domain/Area	Home care										
Transmission type	Early and regular										
Reference period	Usual										
Unit	selected respondent (where applies) or all current household members aged 16 and over										
Mode of collection	Personal interview										
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-7	Not applicable PB010 ≠ 2016										

Description

The aim of this variable is to obtain the total number of hours per week the household member provides home care. If the help is provided to more than one person the total number of hours per week the household member provides care or assistance should be given.

As care provided within the household it is typically provided on-demand therefore it might be difficult to provide precise number of hours, ranges of hours were introduced.

Only voluntary assistance (unpaid) should be taken into consideration. Financial support or benefits from the government to provide this care and assistance (e.g. carer's allowance, carer's credit and tax relief) are not considered to be a pay.

N.B Variables PC260 and PC270 collect information on care or assistance provided by the household member (care or assistance received should be excluded).

PROPOSAL FOR A CORRESPONDING QUESTIONNAIRE

CHILDCARE

Questions 1-6 apply to households with at least one child aged 0-12.

Reference period: usual

Question 1 (RC010). Does your household pay for or contribute to the cost of formal childcare services?

(asked for each child aged 0-12 separately)

- 1. Yes
- 2. No *=> go to Question 3A-RC030*
- NA – no formal childcare for this child *=> go to Question 5A-HC050*
- NA – no children aged 0-12 in the household *=> go to Question 7-RC070*

Question 2 (RC020). Does your household pay:

(asked for each child aged 0-12 separately)

- 1. Full price (full cost) *=> go to Question 4-HC040*
- 2. Reduced price (subsidised by government, employer, private person, etc.) *=> go to Question 3-RC030*
- 9. Do not know *=> go to Question 4-HC040*

Question 3A (RC030). Who pays for the formal childcare services being used?

(asked for each child aged 0-12 separately)

- 1. Government or local authorities
- 2. Employer
- 3. Other institutions (e.g. church, non-profit organisations)
- 4. Private persons that are not household members
- 5. Other
- 9. Do not know

=> go to Question 4-HC040

Question 3B (RC030). Who else contributes to the cost of formal childcare services being used?

(asked for each child aged 0-12 separately)

1. Government or local authorities
2. Employer
3. Other institutions (e.g. church, non-profit organisations)
4. Private persons that are not household members
5. Other
9. Do not know

Question 4 (HC040). Is your household able to afford to pay for any childcare services provided to all children:

(asked at household level for all children aged 0-12)

- 1 With great difficulty
- 2 With difficulty
- 3 With some difficulty
- 4 Fairly easily
- 5 Easily
- 6 Very easily

=> go to Question 5B-HC050

Question 5A should be answered by households that have children aged 0-12 but do not use formal childcare (know form main SILC)

Question 5A (HC050). Would your household like to use formal childcare even though it does not use it at present?

(asked at household level for all children aged 0-12)

1. Yes *=> go to Question 6-HC060*
2. No *=> go to Question 7-RC070*

Question 5B (HC050). Would your household like to make more use of formal childcare than it does at present?

(asked at household level for all children aged 0-12)

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|--------|---------------------------|
| 1. Yes | => go to Question 6-HC060 |
| 2. No | => go to Question 7-RC070 |

Question 6 (HC060). What is the main reason for not making use of formal childcare or not making more use of it?

(asked at household level for all children aged 0-12)

1. Cannot afford it
2. No places available
3. Places available but not nearby
4. Places available but opening hours not suitable
5. Places available but the quality of the services available not satisfactory
6. Other reasons

FORMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Questions 7-12 apply to all households.

Reference period: usual

Question 7 (RC070). Does your household pay for or contribute to the cost of tuition fees?

(asked for each person (children included) separately)

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| 1. Yes | |
| 2. No | => go to Question 9A-RC090 |
| NA – person does not follow formal education | => go to Question 10-HC100 |

Question 8 (RC080). Does your household pay:

(asked for each person (children included) separately)

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Full price (full cost) | => go to Question 10-HC100 |
| 2. Reduced price (subsidised by government, employer, private person, etc.) | => go to Question 9B-RC090 |
| 9. Do not know | => go to Question 10-HC100 |

Question 9A (RC090). Who pays for the cost of tuition fees?

(asked for each person (children included) separately)

1. Government or local authorities

2. Employer
3. Other institutions (e.g. church, non-profit organisations)
4. Private persons that are not household members
5. Other
9. Do not know

=> go to Question 10-HC100

Question 9B (RC090). Who else contributes to the cost of tuition fees?

(asked for each person (children included) separately)

1. Government or local authorities
2. Employer
3. Other institutions (e.g. church, non-profit organisations)
4. Private persons that are not household members
5. Other
9. Do not know

Question 10 (HC100). Is your household able to afford to pay for any costs of formal education for all household members:

Costs of formal education include tuition, registration, exam fees, books, school trips, cost of canteen and other costs that are expected for household members participating in formal education.

(asked at household level)

- 1 With great difficulty
- 2 With difficulty
- 3 With some difficulty
- 4 Fairly easily
- 5 Easily
- 6 Very easily

Only for people aged 16 and over and currently not in formal education

Reference period: last twelve months

Question 11 (PC110). During last 12 months would you have liked to participate in any formal education activities but were unable to?

(asked for each person separately)

1. Yes
2. No

=> go to Question 13-PC130

Question 12 (PC120). Please state the main reason why you were unable to do so:

(asked for each person separately)

1. Cannot afford it
2. Not admitted to the course or programme
2. Time constraints (schedule, family responsibilities, etc.)
3. No suitable courses or programmes available
4. Other reasons

LIFELONG LEARNING

Questions 13-15 apply to all households.

Only for people aged 16 and over

Reference period: last twelve months

Question 13 (PC130). During the last 12 months have you participated in any trainings, courses, seminars etc. which are primarily related to leisure, sports or hobbies (including e-learning)?

(asked for each person separately)

1. Yes
2. No

Question 14 (PC140). During the last 12 months have you participated in any vocational education or training, courses, seminars, etc. related to your professional activity (including e-learning)?

(asked for each person separately)

1. Yes
2. No

=> go to Question 16-HC160

Question 15 (PC150). Please state the main reason for not participating in any vocational education or training, courses, seminars, etc. related to your professional activity:

(asked for each person separately)

1. Cannot afford it
2. Not interested
3. Time constraints (schedule, family responsibilities, etc.)

4. No suitable courses or programmes available
5. Not provided by employer
6. Other reasons

Questions apply to all households.

Reference period: last 12 months

Question 16 (HC160). During the last 12 months has your household used any healthcare services (e.g. consultations, treatment and prescribed medication)?

1. Yes

2. No

=> go to Question 19-HC190

Question 17 (HC170). During last 12 months has your household paid for or contributed to the cost of healthcare services?

(asked at household level)

1. Yes

2. No

=> go to Question 18-HC180

Reference period: usual

Question 18 (HC180). Is your household able to afford to pay for healthcare services provided for all household members:

(asked at household level)

1 With great difficulty

2 With difficulty

3 With some difficulty

4 Fairly easily

5 Easily

6 Very easily

NA – no costs of health care services

HOME CARE

Questions 19-28 apply to all households.

Reference period: usual

Question 19 (HC190). Is there anyone currently living in your household who needs help due to long-term physical or mental ill-health, infirmity or because of old age?

This excludes those who only require help temporarily (e.g. during recovery).

(asked at household level)

1. Yes
2. No

=> go to Question 26-PC260

Question 20 (HC200). Does the person (these persons) concerned receive any home care services provided by professional health or care workers?

(asked at household level)

1. Yes
2. No

=> go to Question 24A-HC240

Question 21(HC210). For how many hours per week are such home care services provided by professional health or care workers (if care provided for more people, indicate the sum)?

(asked at household level)

1. Less than 10 hours per week
2. At least 10 but less than 20 hours per week
3. 20 hours per week or more

Question 22 (HC220). Does your household pay for or contribute to the cost of home care services provided by professional health or care workers?

(asked at household level)

1. Yes
2. No

=> go to Question 24B-HC240

Question 23 (HC230). Is your household able to afford to pay for home care services provided by professional health or care workers:

(asked at household level)

- 1 With great difficulty
- 2 With difficulty
- 3 With some difficulty
- 4 Fairly easily
- 5 Easily
- 6 Very easily

=> go to Question 24B-HC240

Question 24A (HC240). Does anybody in your household need home care services provided by professional health or care workers?

(asked at household level)

1. Yes
2. No

=> go to Question 25-HC250

=> go to Question 26-PC260

Question 24B (HC240). Does anybody in your household need more home care services provided by professional health or care workers than they currently receive?

(asked at household level)

1. Yes
2. No

=> go to Question 26-PC260

Question 25 (HC250). Please state the main reason for not receiving home care services provided by professional health or care workers or more care services than received at present:

(asked at household level)

1. Cannot afford it
2. Refused by person needing such services
3. No such care services available
4. Quality of the services available not satisfactory
5. Other reasons

Only for people aged 16 and over

Question 26 (PC260). Do you provide care or assistance to one or more persons needing help due to long-term physical or mental health illness, infirmity or because of old-age?

Only unpaid activities / informal services should be taken into account.

(asked for each person separately)

1. Yes – only to household members
2. Yes – only to persons who are not the household members
3. Yes – to household members and to persons who are not the household members
4. No **=> END**

Question 27 (PC270). For how many hours per week (on average) do you provide such care or assistance?

(asked for each person separately)

1. Less than 10 hours per week
2. At least 10 but less than 20 hours per week
3. 20 hours per week or more