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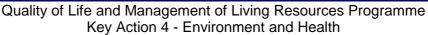
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SECTION 1: Personal and general information

Serial number _		
Name: Surna	ame:	
Address:		
Post Code: _ _ _		
Date of birth Sex: M	_ FCountry of b	irth raised
Height: in/cm	_ lbs./kg	
Marital Status: Single Married Divorced/Separate	ed Widowed	
How many school years have you completed? Less than 6 y	r 🗌 7-12 yr 🗌	more than 12 yr
 How often each week do you engage in any exercise progree. Never ☐ Less than 1 time ☐ 1 to 2 times. 	•	e 🗌 Everyday 🔲
2. Do you smoke or have you ever smoked?	No 🗌	Yes
3a. If yes, when did you start smoking regularly?	19	
3b. Do you still smoke?	No 🗌	Yes
3c. If no, when did you give up to smoke?	19	
3d. If yes, how much did/do you smoke?	Cigarettes pe	er day:
	Cigars per da	ay:
	Pipe/rolling	tobacco g per day:
4. Do you drink alcoholic beverages? (wine, beer, etc.)	No 🗌	Yes
4a. How much do you drink daily?	2-3 units	more than 3 units
4b. How much do you drink weekly? 1-3 units	4-6 units	more than 6 units
(1 unit = $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of beer a glass of wine or single spirit)		

_			CURRENT WORK
S	ECTION 2: Occupational history		
C	URRENT JOB		
5.	What is your current occupation?		
6.	In what industry (e.g. farming, shipyard, insurance) do you carry out this occupation?		
7.	When did you start this job?		month _ _ _ year
A	CTIVITIES IN YOUR JOB		
P	osture		
8.	Does an average working day involve walking and	standing?	
	If No, please go to question 9	No 🗌	Yes
8a). If Yes, If you add together all the time in an average how many hours does that make?	ge working day that you sp	pend walking and standing,
	Less than an hour	1-3 hours	More than 3 hours
9.	Does an average working day involve bending as si	hown below?	
		No 🗌	Yes
	If No, please go to question 10		

and 40°? Less than 1 hour 1-2 hours More than 2 hours 9b). If Yes, how long during an average working day do you work in a position with your trunk bended more than 40°?

9a).If Yes, how long during an average working day do you work in a position with your trunk bended between 20

Less than ½ hour ½-2 hours □ More than 2 hours 10. Does an average day in the job involve twisting as shown below?

THE STATE OF THE S	No □	Yes	
uestion 11			
during an average working da	y do you twist in a posit	ion with your trunk bender	d between
Less than 1 hour	1-2 hours	More than 2 hours]
g during an average working d	ay do you work in a pos	ition with your trunk bende	ed more
Less than ½ hour	½-2 hours □	More than 2 hours]
nuestion 12 ner all the time in an average w	No vorking day that you spe	☐ Yes [raised and
vorking day involve digging or	shoveling? No	☐ Yes [
uestion 13			
ner all the time in an average w make?	orking day that you spe	nd digging and shoveling, l	how many
	Less than 1 hour g during an average working d Less than ½ hour ay in the job involve working tuestion 12 er all the time in an average wove shoulder height, how man Less than an hour rorking day involve digging or tuestion 13 er all the time in an average w	during an average working day do you twist in a posit Less than 1 hour	during an average working day do you twist in a position with your trunk bender Less than 1 hour

Si	tt	in	g

13. Does an aver	rage working	day involve sitti	ng (other than when	driving) for longer	than three hours at a time
1	No 🗌	Yes but I can g move around v		Yes, and I <u>can</u> move around e	not get up and ☐ ven if I want to
Lifting					
•	•	oad or unload the s or equipment by	e vehicle(s) you drive y hand?		
				No 🗌	Yes
			y do you lift loads gre of three or an small su		lbs) (comparable with 24 ngs)?
Not at all	0-15 r	ninutes	15 - 45 minutes	More t	han 45 minutes
If No at all, p	lease go to que	estion 16			
15a). How many shown?	times in an a	verage working d	ay do you lift such a	load whilst your ba	ack is in a bent position as
	0		Con The Control of th		
Not at all		1-10 times	More than 1	0 times	
	times in an a		lay do you lift such a	load whilst your ba	ack is in a twisted or bent
		ł	pent and twisted twis	sted	
Not at all	I 🗆	1-10 times	More than 1	0 times	
Driving					
16. Did or do you (i.e. car, bus,		nd of vehicle in yearth moving made		No 🗌	Yes 🗌
if No, go to qu	estion 20				

17. Which of the following vehicles do you normally drive in the job, and for how many hours per week on average? Roughly how many hours per week Tick if driven Vehicle do you drive this vehicle on *in the job (* ✓*)* average? Car or van (do not include journeys to and from a) (per week) work) hrs mins **b**) Lorry, bus or coach (as a driver, **not** a passenger) (per week) hrs mins c) Motorcycle (do not include journeys to and from (per week) work) hrs mins d) Fork lift truck (per week) hrs mins **Tractor** e) (per week) hrs mins f) Loader (per week) hrs mins Dumper or excavator (per week) hrs mins h) Other large off road vehicle (eg harvester, (per week) armoured tank) hrs mins i) Other large on road vehicle (eg ambulance, fire (per week) engine) hrs mins 18. Do you ever have to drive with your back bent forward or twisted in the job? Often Never \square Seldom 19. Do you experience discomfort by mechanical vibration or shock in your work? vertical vibration No □ Yes \square fore/aft vibration No \square Yes \square

No \square

side-to-side vibration

Yes \square

YOUR VIEWS ABOUT YOUR JOB

		Never/almost never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often
a)	How you do your work?				
b)	What you do at work?				
c)	Your work timetable and breaks?				
			alm and aum	ort from your coll	languas or
	nen you have difficulties in your work, how mediate line manager?	often do you get he	erp and supp	on nom your con	leagues of
	•		ometimes	· _	leagues of

	S YOU MAY HA ction only if you hav	VE HELD we held other jobs in the past. Otherw	rise go to S	ection 3,	page 9.						
23. Did your pr	revious job(s) invo	lve: prolonged sitting?	No			Yes					
		heavy physical demands?	No			Yes					
 We are interested in your previous work – including, the kind of job, when it was done, and whether or not it involved professional driving. Please fill in the table below to show all of the jobs you've held for a year or more. Ignore the job you may have told us about in Question 17. But include all the other jobs held for a year or more, beginning with the first job after leaving school or higher education. Which vehicle(s) did you drive professionally in the job? (✓) 											
Age started	Age stopped	Occupation				wmen				id from work	
			None	Car or van	Bus or lorry	Motor- cycle	Fork-lift truck	Tractor	Loader	Dump or excavator	Other large vehicle (describe)
age in years	age in years										
age in years	age in years										
age in years	age in years										

age in years

age in years

age in years

age in years

SECTION 3: Personal medical history

This section concerns pain or discomfort you may have had in different parts of the body and at different times.

3.1: LOW BACK (including radiating pain in the leg)



		During the la	ast 7 days	During last 12 r	nonths				
	a) Have you had pain or	□ No		□ No					
	comfort in the area shown in the gram?	Yes		Yes					
	(If No, ignore thi	is part of the sec	ction and proceed to q	uestion 33, page 12	2).				
	b) What type of pain or	back pain or	nly	back pain only					
	comfort did you have? (Tick all licable alternatives)	leg pain or	symptoms only	leg pain or sym	ptoms only				
-rr		back and le	g pain or symptoms	back and leg pa	in or symptoms				
c)	How many episodes have you								
	had?	<u> </u>	more than 3	□ 1	☐ 6-10				
		2-3		☐ 2 – 5	more than 10				
d)	How long did they typically last?	hours	☐ 3-6 days	hours	☐ 7-30 days				
		☐ 1-2 days	always	☐ 1-2 days	1-3 months				
				3-6 days	3-6 months				
					always				
e)	How much time did you have to	None	☐ 3-6 days	None	1-3 months				
	take off work due to the back pain?	☐ 1-2 days	whole 7 days	☐ 1-6 days	3-6 months				
	P			☐ 7-14 days	more than 6				
				☐ 15-30 days	months				
f)	Did you consult a doctor?	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes				
`	***	□ N		□ Name					
g)	What treatment did your doctor prescribe? (painkillers, physical	☐ None Namely:	Yes	☐ None Namely:	∐ Yes				
	therapy, surgery, other?)								
h)	Do you get back pain during or shortly after driving a vehicle?	□ No	Yes	□ No	Yes				
1)	If yes, for how long did this	hours	☐ 3-6 days	hours	1-3 months				
	typically last?	☐ 1-2 days	whole 7 days	☐ 1-6 days	3-6 months				
				☐ 7-14 days	more than 6				
				☐ 15-30 days	months				

YOUR HEALTH

26. Have you ever h	ad a trauma to your l	ow back that	required a m				_
If No, please go t	to question 27			No 🗌		Yes [
26a). What kind of t	rauma?						
26b). When did it ha	uppen?			<u> </u>	th	<u> </u>	_ year
	ered from back pain	-		past 7 days go to p	oage 11, q	question	32)
27. When your low	back pain first starte			_			
	gradually	sudde	enly outside v	work sud	denly at v	vork	
28. If suddenly, who	at were you doing at t	he time?					
29. Has the pain spr	ead down your leg to	below your	knee during t	the past 7 days?			
				No 🗌		Yes [
30. Have you had to your low back	o cut down, avoid, or g	give up any o	of your norma	al duties in the pas	t 7 days b	ecause (of pain in
		No 🗌]	Yes			
If No, please go to	o question 31						
30a). If yes, please t your work in	ry to estimate ho man this way?	y hours or m	ninutes it wou	ıld take someone t	o make uj	p the tim	e lost from
					hrs	mins	
	ı rate your back pain pain" and 10 is "pain			ypical day in the <u>la</u>			one number)
	No pain						s it could be
Back	0 1 2	3	4 5	6 7	2	9	10

These questions are about the way your pain is affecting your daily life. We would like to know if you are, or have been <u>in your last episode of back pain</u> in any of the situations listed below (please tick all the items that apply).

32	. a) I stay at home most of the time because of my back.	□ No	Yes
b)	I change position frequently to try and get my back comfortable.	□ No	Yes
c)	I walk more slowly than usual because of my back.	□ No	Yes
d)	Because of my back I am not doing any of the jobs that I usually do around the house.	□ No	Yes
e)	Because of my back, I use a handrail to get upstairs.	□ No	Yes
f)	Because of my back, I lie down to rest more often.	□ No	Yes
g)	Because of my back, I have to hold on to something to get out of an easy chair.	□ No	Yes
h)	Because of my back, I try to get other people to do things for me.	□ No	Yes
i)	I get dressed more slowly than usual because of my back.	□ No	Yes
j)	I only stand up for short periods of time because of my back.	□ No	Yes
k)	Because of my back, I try not to bend or kneel down.	□ No	Yes
1)	I find it difficult to turn over in bed because of my back.	□ No	Yes
m)	My back is painful almost all the time.	□ No	Yes
n)	I find it difficult to get out of a chair because of my back.	□ No	Yes
o)	My appetite is not very good because of my back pain.	□ No	Yes
p)	I have trouble putting on my socks (or stockings) because of the pain in my back.	□ No	Yes
q)	I only walk short distances because of my back pain.	□ No	Yes
r)	I sleep less well because of my back pain.	□ No	Yes
s)	Because of my back pain, I get dressed with help from someone else.	□ No	Yes
t)	I sit down for most of the day because of my back.	□ No	Yes
u)	I avoid heavy jobs around the house because of my back.	□ No	Yes
v)	Because of my back pain, I am more irritable and bad tempered		
	with people than usual.	□ No	Yes
x)	Because of my back pain, I go upstairs more slowly than usual.	□ No	Yes
v)	I stay in bed most of the time because of my back.	□ No	Yes

3.2: Neck (including pain radiating in the arm)



		During the la	ast 7 days	During last 12	months
33.	a) Have you had pain or discomfort in the area shown in the diagram?	☐ No ☐ Yes		□ No □ Yes	
	(If you never have had any ne	eck or arm pain,	ignore this part of the	section and procee	ed to page 14).
b)	What type of pain or discomfort did you have? (Tick all applicable alternatives)		mptoms only m pain/symptoms	neck pain only arm pain/symp neck and arm p	toms only
c)	How many episodes have you had?	0 🔲	more than 3	1 🗌	6 - 10
		1-3		2-5 🗌	more than 10
d)	How long did they typically last?	not applicable hours 1-2 days	le	☐ not applicable ☐ hours ☐ 1-2 days ☐ 3-6 days	☐ 7-30 days ☐ 1-3 months ☐ 3-6 months ☐ always
e)	How much time did you have to take off work due to the neck/arm pain?	☐ None ☐ 1-2 days	☐ 3-6 days ☐ whole 7 days	None□ 1-6 days□ 7-14 days□ 15-30 days	☐ 1-3 months ☐ 3-6 months ☐ more than 6 months
f)	Did you consult a doctor ?	☐ No	Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes
g)	What treatment did your doctor prescribe? (painkillers, physical therapy, surgery, other?)	None Namely:	☐ Yes	☐ None Namely:	☐ Yes
h)	Do you get neck pain during or shortly after driving a vehicle ?	□ No	Yes	□ No	☐ Yes
i)	If yes, for how long did this typically last?	hours 1-2 days	☐ 3-6 days ☐ whole 7 days	 hours 1-6 days 7-14 days 15-30 days	☐ 1-3 months ☐ 3-6 months ☐ more than 6 months

During the last 7 days (If you have not suffered specifically from neck pain or discomfort during the past 7 days go to page 14. 37. When your neck pain **first started**, how did it come on? gradually \[\] suddenly outside work suddenly at work 38. If suddenly, what were you doing at the time? 39. Have you ever had a trauma to your neck that required a medical visit? No \square Yes \square If No, please go to question 40 39a). What kind of trauma? | |_|_| year 39b). When did it happen? | | | month 40. Have you had to cut down, avoid, or give up any of your normal duties in the past 7 days because of pain in your neck. No 🗌 Yes \square If No, please go to question 41 40a). If yes, please try to estimate ho many hours or minutes it would take someone to make up the time lost from your work in this way? minutes

41. How would you rate your neck pain on a 0-10 scale during a typical day in the <u>last 7 days</u> (where 0 is "no pain" and 10 is "pain as bad as it could be")?

(please circle one number)

Pain as bad as it could be No pain **Neck** 2 3 5 7 10

3.3: Shoulders



		During the ia	ist / uays	During last	12 monus
42a	discomfort in the area shown in the diagram? (If you never have had any no	No Yes eck or arm pain,	ignore this part of the	No Yes section and proces	ed to page 14).
b)	What type of pain or discomfort did you have? (Tick all applicable alternatives)		in only emptoms only d arm/hand symptoms	shoulder pain o arm/hand symp shoulder and a	-
c)	How many episodes have you had?	0 🔲	more than 3	1 🗌	6 - 10
d)	How long did they typically last?	1-3	le ☐ 3-6 days ☐ always	2-5	more than 10 ☐ ☐ 7-30 days ☐ 1-3 months ☐ 3-6 months ☐ always
e)	How much time did you have to take off work due to the shoulder pain?	☐ None ☐ 1-2 days	☐ 3-6 days ☐ whole 7 days	 None 1-6 days 7-14 days 15-30 days 	☐ 1-3 months ☐ 3-6 months ☐ more than 6 months
f)	Did you consult a doctor ?	☐ No	Yes	☐ No	Yes
g)	What treatment did your doctor prescribe? (painkillers, physical therapy, surgery, other?)	☐ None Namely:	☐ Yes	☐ None Namely:	☐ Yes
h)	Do you get shoulder pain during or shortly after driving a vehicle?	□ No	Yes	☐ No	Yes
i)	If yes, for how long did this typically last?	hours 1-2 days	☐ 3-6 days ☐ whole 7 days	☐ hours ☐ 1-6 days ☐ 7-14 days ☐ 15-30 days	☐ 1-3 months ☐ 3-6 months ☐ more than 6 months

During the last 7 days (If you have not suffered from shoulder pain or discomfort during the past 7 days go to section 4, question 48)

43.	When your sh	noulder pain	first sta	arted, l	now did	it come	on?					
		gradua	ılly 🔲		sudd	enly out	side wor	k 🗌	sudde	nly at v	work 🗌	
44.	If suddenly, v	vhat were yo	u doing	at the	time?							
45.	Have you eve	<u>r</u> had a traur	na to ye	our sho	oulder(s)	that req	uired a m	nedical v No [Yes	
	If No, please g	o to question	ı 46									
45.	a). What kind	of trauma?										
45.	b).When did it	t happen?						<u> </u>	_ month		_ _ _	_ year
	Have you had your shoulder of No, please go	(s).		or give	up any	of your	normal d	uties in No [-	days b	ecause (Yes [_
	If yes, please your work in	try to estima		nany ho	ours or m	inutes it	would to	ake som	eone to n	nake up	the time	e lost from
							hrs		mins			
47.	How would y "no pain" and						le during	g a typic	al day in	the <u>last</u>	7 days ((where 0 is
										_		one number)
		No pai	n							Pain	as bad a	s it could be
Sho	ulder	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

SECTION 4: Other parts of your body

48. Have you at any time during the last 12 months had trouble (such as ache, pain, discomfort, numbness) in: **Elbows** Wrists/hands ☐ No ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Yes in the right elbow in the right wrist/hand in the left elbow in the left wrist/hand in both elbows in both wrists/hands **Upper back** Hips/thighs/buttocks □ No ☐ Yes □ No ☐ Yes in the right hip in the left hip in both hips **Knees** Ankles/feet ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes in the right knee in the right ankle/foot in the left knee in the left ankle/foot in both knees in both ankles/feet Other disorders 49. Did you suffer from the following disorders? Ever had? Ever been treated? Inguinal (groin) rupture (hernia) ☐ No ☐ No ☐ Yes Yes b) Digestive disorders (aspecific stomach complaints, gastritis, ☐ Yes Yes ☐ No ☐ No stomach ulcer, intestinal complaints) c) Circulatory problems (varicose veins, hemorrhoids, □ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes hypertension, heart complaints) d) Raynaud's phenomenon, i.e. vibration white finger syndrome ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes (white and/or cold fingers) e) Urinary disorders (prostatitis, renal disorder) \square No ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Yes Vestibular disturbances (dizziness) ☐ No Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes

Other symptoms and feelings

50. Firstly, some questions about how you feel and how things have been with you **during the past 4 weeks**. *Please tick the one box for each question which most closely reflects how you feel.*

	w much of the time during the past reeks	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	A good bit of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
a)	did you feel full of life?						
b)	have you been a very nervous person?						
c)	have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up?						
d)	have you felt calm and peaceful?						
e)	did you have a lot of energy?						
f)	have you felt downhearted and low?						
g)	did you feel worn out?						
h)	have you been a happy person?						
i)	did you feel tired?						П

OTHER SYMPTOMS AND FEELINGS

51. Below is a list of problems people sometimes have. Please read each one carefully and circle the number that best describes how much that problem has distressed or bothered **you** during the **past 7 days including today**.

		Not at all	A little bit	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
a)	Faintness or dizziness.	0	1	2	3	4
b)	Pains in the heart or chest.	0	1	2	3	4
c)	Your feelings being easily hurt.	0	1	2	3	4
d)	Feeling that people are unfriendly or dislike you.	0	1	2	3	4
e)	Feeling inferior to others.	0	1	2	3	4
f)	Nausea or upset stomach.	0	1	2	3	4
g)	Trouble getting your breath.	0	1	2	3	4
h)	Numbness or tingling in parts of your body.	0	1	2	3	4
i)	Feeling weak in parts of your body.	0	1	2	3	4
j)	Feeling very self-conscious with others.	0	1	2	3	4

Activity, work and back pain

52. Whether you have back pain or not, based on your views and what the doctor or others may have told you about pain in the back, how strongly do you agree with the following statements?

Please circle one number for each statement which most closely reflects how you feel, ranging from 1 'Completely disagree' to 5 'Completely agree'.

	Disagree			Agree		
a) Physical activity worsens back pain.	1	2	3	4	5	
b) Physical activities should be avoided if they might make the pain worse	1	2	3	4	5	
c) An increase in pain is an indication to stop what one is doing	1	2	3	4	5	
d) Rest is needed to get better	1	2	3	4	5	
e) Normal work should be avoided until the pain is treated	1	2	3	4	5	
f) It is important to see a doctor straight away at the first sign of trouble	1	2	3	4	5	
g) Neglecting problems of this kind can cause permanent health problems	1	2	3	4	5	
h) back pain normally gets better by itself	1	2	3	4	5	