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Yes

Topic: Housing and accommodation

1a What do you, or have you used 2011 Census information about housing and accommodation for? Select all that apply.

Policy development and monitoring, Research requirement

If 'Other', please specify.:

1b For what specific purpose do you, or have you used 2011 Census information on housing and accommodation?

Accommodation:

Looking levels of accommodation that deaf people in Scotland have linked with levels of disability.

Self-contained accommodation:

Tenure and landlord (if renting):

Number of rooms:

Type of central heating:

Cars or vans:

2a At what geographical level do you, or have you used information about housing and accommodation? Select all that apply.

Scotland, Council area, Scottish Parliamentary Region, Scottish Parliamentary Constituency 2011, Westminster Parliamentary Constituency, Health Board Area, Community Health Care Partnership, Locality, Inhabited Islands

Please specify if 'Other':

2b If you need information about housing and accommodation for population sub-groups, please describe:

If you need information about Housing and Accommodation for population sub-groups, please describe::

3a Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work on housing and accommodation?

No (Go to question 4)

3b What type of comparisons are you making? (select all that apply)

If 'other' please specify:

3c Please provide details of the comparisons you are making, with reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.

Please provide details of the comparisons you are making, with reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.:

4a In 2021, is maintaining comparability with 2011 and/or earlier censuses for housing and accommodation important for you/your work?

Yes

4b Please tell us why, making reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.

If yes, please tell us why, making reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible. :

Deaf people are a group of people with a "hidden" disability and all linkages are important when our member organisations are applying for funds for services and looking at what is available Scotland-wide.

5 Do you, or have you analysed information about housing and accommodation in combination with any of the 2011 Census topics listed below?

Yes (Please select all that apply from the list below)

Housing and accommodation, Basic demographics, Household composition, Migration, Ethnicity, Identity, Language, Health, Care, Educational attainment, Labour force and socio-economic classification

6a Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about housing and accommodation?

No (Go to question 7)

Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about Housing and Accommodation?:

6b Do the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements?

Not Answered

If you answered yes to question 6a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements?:

7a Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about housing and accommodation meet your needs?

Partially

7b Do you require any additional information about housing and accommodation if it were to be included in the 2021 Census and why?

Not Answered

please provide details:

8 Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to housing and accommodation.

Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to Housing and accomodation.:

Topic: Basic demographics and household composition

1a What do you, or have you used 2011 Census information about basic demographics and household composition for? Select all that apply.

Policy development and monitoring, Research requirement

If 'Other', please specify.:

1b For what specific purpose do you, or have you used 2011 Census information basic demographics and household composition?

Sex:

Have used this with the Language topic and the Health & Care topic to show how many people are Deaf and use BSL (incl Deafblind people) for the work we did on the BSL (Scotland) Bill as well as the work we are now doing for the BSL(Scotland) Act 2015.

Age:

Have used this with the Language topic and the Health & Care topic to show how many people are Deaf and use BSL (incl Deafblind people) for the work we did on the BSL (Scotland) Bill as well as the work we are now doing for the BSL(Scotland) Act 2015.

Marital or same-sex civil partnership status:

Have used this with the Language topic and the Health & Care topic to show how many people are Deaf and use BSL (incl Deafblind people) for the work we did on the BSL (Scotland) Bill as well as the work we are now doing for the BSL(Scotland) Act 2015.

Student status:

Have used this with the Language topic and the Health & Care topic to show how many people are Deaf and use BSL (incl Deafblind people) for the work we did on the BSL (Scotland) Bill as well as the work we are now doing for the BSL(Scotland) Act 2015.

Household and family relationships:

Have used this with the Language topic and the Health & Care topic to show how many people are Deaf and use BSL (incl Deafblind people) for the work we did on the BSL (Scotland) Bill as well as the work we are now doing for the BSL(Scotland) Act 2015.

2a At what geographical level do you, or have you used information about basic demographics and household composition? Select all that apply.

Council area, Scottish Parliamentary Region, Scottish Parliamentary Constituency 2011, Westminster Parliamentary Constituency, Health Board Area, Community Health Care Partnership, Multi-member Council Ward, Inhabited Islands

Please specify if 'Other':

2b If you need information about basic demographics and household composition for population sub-groups, please describe:

If you need information about basic demographics and household composition for population sub-groups, please describe.:

3a Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work on basic demographics and household composition?

Yes, some need but not essential

3b What type of comparisons are you making? Select all that apply.

Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Council Areas between countries)

It 'other' please specify:

3c Please provide details of the comparisons you are making, with reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.

Please provide details of the comparisons you are making, with reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.:

Looking at per head of population comparisons and the number of Deaf BSL users in rural v urban v very rural areas across the UK - and then looking at service provision and the differences that occur.

4a In 2021, is maintaining comparability with 2011 and/or earlier censuses for basic demographics and household composition important for you/your work?

Yes

4b Please tell us why, making reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.

- basic demographics and household composition - If yes, please tell us why, making reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible. :

We need to be able to track trends, especially now the disability question has been extended and the language question includes BSL.

5 Do you, or have you analysed information about basic demographics and household composition in combination with any of the 2011 Census topics listed below? Select all that apply.

Yes (Please select all that apply from the list below)

Housing and accommodation, Ethnicity, Identity, Language, Health, Care, Educational attainment, Labour force and socio-economic classification

6a Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about basic demographics and household composition?

No (Go to question 7)

Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about basic demographics and household composition?:

6b Do the the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements?

Not Answered

If you answered yes to question 6a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements?:

7a Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about basic demographics and household composition meet your needs?

Partially

7b Do you require about basic demographics and household composition if it were to be included in the 2021 Census and why?

Yes

What additional information, if any, would you require about [insert topic name] if it were to be included in the 2021 Census and why?:

8 Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to basic demographics and household composition.

Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to basic demographics and household composition.:

Topic: Language

1a What do you, or have you used 2011 Census information about language for? Select all that apply.

Policy development and monitoring, Research requirement

If 'Other', please specify.:

1b For what specific purpose do you, or have you used 2011 Census information on language?

Gaelic language:

Scots language:

English language:

Other languages:

Language other than English used at home:

Have used this with the Language topic and the Health & Care topic to show how many people are Deaf and use BSL (incl Deafblind people) for the work we did on the BSL (Scotland) Bill as well as the work we are now doing for the BSL(Scotland) Act 2015.

2a At what geographical level do you, or have you used information about language? Select all that apply.

Scotland, Council area, Scottish Parliamentary Region, Scottish Parliamentary Constituency 2011, Westminster Parliamentary Constituency, Health Board Area, Community Health Care Partnership, Inhabited Islands

Please specify if 'Other':

2b If you need information about language for population sub-groups, please describe:

If you need information about [insert topic name] for population sub-groups, please describe.:

We need to know how many BSL users there are in Scotland per area listed above. SCoD and it's members are working to support BSL users, their families, carers and friends to be part of the work taking place on the BSL (Scotland) Act 2015.

We are using this sub-group - Language other than English used at home - along with the Long term health question, but it still makes it very difficult to work out how many Deaf and Deafblind BSL users there are, since BSL will be used by the Hearing family of a Deaf child or by the Hearing children of Deaf parents. Two very different groups of people with Deaf people being another separate group when planning services and information.

3a Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work on language?

Yes, some need but not essential

3b What type of comparisons are you making? (select all that apply)

Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Council Areas between countries)

It 'other' please specify:

3c Please provide details of the comparisons you are making, with reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.

Please provide details of the comparisons you are making, with reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.:

Looking at the number of Deaf BSL users in rural v urban v very rural areas across the UK - and then looking at service provision and the differences that occur. (using the Health and Care sub-group of Long-term health problem or disability).

4a In 2021, is maintaining comparability with 2011 and/or earlier censuses for language important for you/your work?

Yes

4b If yes, please tell us why, making reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.

If yes, please tell us why, making reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible. :

We would like to see British Sign Language (BSL) as a language in its own right alongside Gaelic, English and Scots since it has its own Act. It is no longer simply another of Scotland's other languages.

5 Have you analysed information about language in combination with any of the 2011 Census topics listed below? Select all that apply.

Yes (Please select all that apply from the list below)

Housing and accommodation, Basic demographics, Household composition, Ethnicity, Identity, Religion, Health, Care, Educational attainment, Labour force and socio-economic classification

6a Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about language?

No (Go to question 7)

Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about language?:

6b Do the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements?

Not Answered

If you answered yes to question 6a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements?:

7a Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about language meet your needs?

No

7b Do you require any additional information about language if it were to be included in the 2021 Census and why?

Yes

What additional information, if any, would you require about [insert topic name] if it were to be included in the 2021 Census and why?:

We would like to see British Sign Language (BSL) as a language in its own right alongside Gaelic, English and Scots since it has its own Act. It is no longer simply another of Scotland's other languages.

We would also like the question asked in a different way - but this would need more discussion that is possible to state in this paper as there are a number of stakeholders who have an interest. One of the main ones is the Deaf Sector Partnership - www.deafsectorpartnership.net. The Deaf Sector Partnership is working to bring BSL users in Scotland together with the Scottish Government and public bodies to promote the use of BSL and to publish the National and Local BSL Plans.

8 Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to language.

Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to [insert topic name].:

Topic: Health and care

1a What do you, or have you used 2011 Census information about health and care for? Select all that apply.

Policy development and monitoring, Research requirement

If 'Other', please specify.:

1b For what specific purpose do you, or have you used 2011 Census information on health and care?

General health:

Long-term health problem or disability:

Long-term health conditions:

Have used this with the Language topic and the Health & Care topic to show how many people are Deaf and use BSL (incl Deafblind people) for the work we did on the BSL (Scotland) Bill as well as the work we are now doing for the BSL(Scotland) Act 2015.

We also use this information when looking at the numbers of people who are Deafened, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing in Scotland, except the information in the question does NOT give us the necessary information because of the way the question is asked.

We would like to see the question asked reading

"Do you have any of the following conditions, which have lasted or expected to last, at least t 12 months?

Deaf Deafblind Deafened Hard of Hearing

Why? Because each of these different levels of deafness brings with it very different language/communication support needs which affect both service and information provision.

Unpaid care :

2a At what geographical level do you, or have you used information about health and care? Select all that apply.

Scotland, Council area, Scottish Parliamentary Region, Scottish Parliamentary Constituency 2011, Westminster Parliamentary Constituency, Health Board Area, Community Health Care Partnership, Multi-member Council Ward, Inhabited Islands

Please specify if 'Other':

2b If you need information about health and care for population sub-groups, please describe:

If you need information about [insert topic name] for population sub-groups, please describe.:

Long-term health conditions

We use this information with the language -other languages spoken at home - question, but even using both, they don't give us an accurate number of people who are Deaf or Deafblind and are BSL users, nor does it allow us to project as to how many people are Deafened or Hard of Hearing and their first language is a spoken language.

We use this information when looking at the numbers of people who are Deafened, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing in Scotland, except the information in the question does NOT give us the necessary information because of the way the question is asked.

We would like to see the question asked reading

"Do you have any of the following conditions, which have lasted or expected to last, at least t 12 months?

Deaf Deafblind Deafened Hard of Hearing

Why? Because each of these different levels of deafness brings with it very different language/communication support needs which affect both service and information provision.

3a Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work on health and care?

Yes, some need but not essential

3b What type of comparisons are you making? (select all that apply)

Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Council Areas between countries)

It 'other' please specify:

3c Please provide details of the comparisons you are making, with reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.

Please provide details of the comparisons you are making, with reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible.:

Looking at per head of population comparisons and the number of deaf people in rural v urban v very rural areas across the UK - and then looking at service provision and the differences that occur.

4a In 2021, is maintaining comparability with 2011 and/or earlier censuses for health and care important for you/your work?

Not Answered

4b Please tell us why, making reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible

If yes, please tell us why, making reference to the relevant sub-topic where possible. :

5 Do you, or have you analysed information about health and care in combination with any of the 2011 Census topics listed below? Select all that apply.

Yes (Please select all that apply from the list below

Housing and accommodation, Basic demographics, Household composition, Migration, Ethnicity, Identity, Language, Health, Care, Educational attainment, Labour force and socio-economic classification

6a Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about health and care?

No (Go to question 7)

Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about [insert topic name]?:

6b Do the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements?

Not Answered

If you answered yes to question 6a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements?:

7a Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about health and care meet your needs?

No

7b Do you require any additional information about health and care if it were to be included in the 2021 Census and why?

Yes

What additional information, if any, would you require about [insert topic name] if it were to be included in the 2021 Census and why?:

We would like to see the question asked reading

"Do you have any of the following conditions, which have lasted or expected to last, at least 12 months?

Deaf Deafblind Deafened Hard of Hearing

Why? Because each of these different levels of deafness brings with it very different language/communication support needs which affect both service and information provision. Without this breakdown, deaf people will continue to get "cinderella" services as there is no accurate data on where they live and their level of deafness.

8 Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to health and care.

Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to [insert topic name].:

Deafness is a hidden disability. It is one that is not fully understood by society.

We would like to see the question asked reading

"Do you have any of the following conditions, which have lasted or expected to last, at least 12 months?

Deaf Deafblind Deafened Hard of Hearing

Why? Because each of these different levels of deafness brings with it very different language/communication support needs which affect both service and information provision. Without this breakdown, deaf people will continue to get "cinderella" services as there is no accurate data on where they live and their level of deafness.

Additional topic suggestion 1

Topic

Enter your suggested topic::

Inclusive Communication

1a For what purpose do you require information about this topic? Select all that apply.

Resource allocation, Service planning and delivery, Targeting investment, Policy development and monitoring, Research requirement

1b Please provide details about your purpose (s).

Please provide details about your purpose (s).:

Without knowing what the country's communication support needs are, Scotland cannot begin to plan the provision of services and information. With services

having to cut their budgets and look for alternative ways of providing services, how can they do this if they do not know what their service users communication support needs are and could be.

2a At what geographical level do you require information about this topic? Please select all that apply.

Scotland, Council area, Scottish Parliamentary Region, Scottish Parliamentary Constituency 2011, Westminster Parliamentary Constituency, Health Board Area, Community Health Care Partnership, Multi-member Council Ward, Inhabited Islands

2b If you need information about this topic for population sub-groups, please describe:

If you need information about sexual orientation for population sub-groups, please describe::

There are a number of sub-groups that could be added to this topic, for example,

Do you or have you ever had a communication support need? List of possibles...

What language/communication support do you use?...

What technology do use to communicate with others?...

What aids do you use?...

There are a number of Inclusive Communication Experts in Scotland and we have written a paper on Scotland being an Inclusive Communication Nation. This would be an opportunity to show that Scotland wants to do this.

3a Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work on about this topic?

No (Go to Question 4)

3b What type of comparisons you would require to make? (select all that apply)

Please specify if other:

3c Please provide details if possible.

Please provide details if possible. :

4 Would you analyse information about this topic in combination with any of the 2011 Census topics listed below?

Yes (Please select all that apply from the list below)

Housing and accommodation, Basic demographics, Household composition, Migration, Travel to work, Travel to study, Ethnicity, Identity, Language, Religion, Health, Care, Educational attainment, Labour force and socio-economic classification

5a Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about this topic?

No (Go to Question 6)

5b Do the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements?

Not Answered

If no, please specify:

6 Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to this topic.

Please use the space provided below for any other comments you want to make, relevant to [insert topic name].:

As stated above, there are few areas where the language/communication needs for all the people in Scotland are considered and recorded. The Census is a unique opportunity to gather this information from all citizens.