

## BRHS 2015 Questionnaire data



### Data notes and Questionnaire coding instructions protocol

#### 20015 (Q2015)

Questionnaire method	Self-Administered postal questionnaire
Type of questionnaire	Structured questionnaire with open-ended questions coded using a questionnaire coding protocol
BRHS study time point (Year of follow-up)	35-37 year follow-up
Year	2015
Mailing dates	17/4/2015 - 1/6/2015 with reminders sent at 6 weeks
Age range of sample	74-97
Number of completed questionnaires	1530
Response rate %	66%

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## **Data notes and coding**

**Notes** on coding inconsistencies, known errors, other data anomalies and additional response codes introduced during the coding stage are made for each affected question. Where possible recommendation on how the data can be treated is given.

**Coding of open-ended questions:** Responses to open-ended questions were coded (given numerical codes/categorised) using a questionnaire coding instructions protocol.

## **General coding instructions**

### **Responses of Yes and No**

Throughout the questionnaire a “**yes**” response is coded as 1 and a “**no**” response is coded as 2.

1=Yes, 2=No

### **Missing values**

Missing values are left blank and become dots(.) in the data file. See also coding notes for individual questions.

### **Data notes:**

The original data file contained a duplicate record for serial number 226174.

The records were identical except that one record/questionnaire had not been coded.

Therefore, the record which had not been coded was deleted manually.

### **Known data errors:**

**BRITISH REGIONAL HEART STUDY**  
**Coding schedule for the 2015 (Q2015) questionnaire**

**GENERAL**

Please code using **red ink**.

If two values given, take lowest (i.e. 3-8, circle 3)

Round down values less than 1, except for alcohol

Yes and no responses are coded as: Yes=1, No=2

**Date Received:** See the Date stamp at the back of questionnaire. (Questionnaires were stamped as they were received).

**Coder**           Coder number to be recorded on the front page in box after the study number box.  
**Coders**        1= SA, 2=CB, 3= AM

**Q1**           **DATES:** please ensure that this is recorded numerically i.e. August =08 Do not change dates

**Q2.0m**       **Other Heart and Circulation Problems**

- 1 Pacemaker
  - 2 Valve Related
  - 3 Cardiomyopathy
  - 9 Other
- Irregular heartbeat = tick 'Atrial Fibrillation'

**Q6.1**       **CANCER (SEE ICD 9 FOR ADDITIONAL CODES)**

If more than one cancer diagnosis, Enter the first year of diagnosis

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| 165 Respiratory Unspecified                      | 208 Blood Unspecified                                  |
| 162 Trachea, Lung and Bronchus                   | 207 Leukaemia  |
| 161 Larynx                                       | 208 Lymphoma /CLL                                      |
| 175 Breast                                       |  |
| 193 Thyroid                                      | 170 Bone all sites                                     |
| 145 Oral (Lip, Salivary glands, Pharynx, Tongue) | 171 Connective and other soft tissue                   |
| 159 Gastrointestinal Unspecified                 | 172 Skin Unspecified / Melanoma (e.g. ear, nose etc-)  |
|  | 172 Rodent Ulcer                                       |
| 150 Oesophagus                                   |  |
| 151 Stomach                                      | 190 Eye  |
| 152 Bowel  | 191 Brain Tumour                                       |
| 153 Colon  | 192 Other Neurological Sites                           |
| 154 Rectum                                       | 194 Endocrine glands                                   |
| 157 Pancreas                                     | 195 Malignant neoplasms of other and ill-defined sites |
| 155 Liver  |  |
| 159 Spleen                                       |  |
| 185 Prostate                                     | 239 Neoplasms of unspecified nature                    |
| 186 Testes                                       | 239 Type not known                                     |
| 187 Genito-urinary Unspecified                   |  |
| 188 Bladder                                      |  |
| 189 Kidney                                       |  |

**7.0 q**       **OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS**    Use ICD 9

8.1	<b>ARTHRITIS</b>	Fingers and Knuckles = Hands, Toes and Ankles =Feet  1 Elbows/ Arms 2 Upper Limbs 3 Lower Limbs 4 Facial (Jaw) 5 Other Multi Combination 6 Back/ Spine
9.1	<b>JOINT PAIN, SWELLING OF STIFFNESS</b>	As 8.1 above
10.1, 10.2	<b>CHEST PAIN</b>	If Yes and Unable to walk ticked – code as 4
11.0, 11.1, 11.2	<b>BREATHLESSNESS</b>	If Yes and Unable to walk ticked – code as 4
13.0	<b>FALLS &amp; FRACTURES</b>	
13.2	Fear of Falls “several” or “often” =3	Multi ticks, first tick takes priority
15.0	<b>EYESIGHT &amp; HEARING</b>	Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
17.0	<b>WEIGHT</b>	Convert to Kilograms –one decimal place
18.0	<b>APPETITE</b>	Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
18.1		Reasons for loss of appetite 1 To Lose weight 2 Low appetite 3 Health condition (surgery/ treatment) 4 Lack of time 5 Financial reasons 6 Other
20.2	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	Always take the higher amount
21.0	<b>GRIP STRENGTH</b>	Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
22.1 22.2 22.3	<b>PHYSICAL ACTIVITY</b>	Always round down nearest half hour 0.5 Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
24.0		Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
24.5	<b>HEALTH SCALE</b>	Record estimate
26.2	<b>DISABILITY</b>	Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
27.1	<b>ADL</b>	Multi ticks <u>YES, ONLY IF...</u> takes priority
28 28 r	If words written cross out	Multi ticks <u>SOME DIFFICULTY</u> takes priority
29.1, 29.2	<b>SLEEP</b>	Round down to nearest half hour- 0.5
30		Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
31.6	<b>IF TICKED YES &amp; NO</b>	Take No
32		Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
33		Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
35		Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority
36.0	<b>ALL</b> the time/daily <b>FEW/ SOME/ MANY</b> hours	99 1
37		Multi ticks, <u>FIRST</u> tick takes priority

40.0 Use British National Formulary (BNF) codes for coding of medicines and ICD 9 codes (3 digits) for reason for taking the medicine in coding boxes on questionnaire.

#### Coding boxes for BNF codes

1 2 3 4 5 6

Medicine (BNF codes)

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Reason for taking code as ICD9 (3 digits)

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Enter **chapter** in coding boxes 1&2,  
**section** in coding boxes 3&4,  
sub-section coding box 5 and  
further sub-section in coding box 6

Example: A man reports taking warfarin for Atrial fibrillation

Enter **chapter:** in coding boxes 1&2 = 02  
**section:** in coding boxes 3&4 = 08  
sub-section: coding box 5 = 2  
further sub-section: in coding box 6 = 0

ICD 9 code for Atrial Fibrillation = 427



0	2	0	8	2	0
			4	2	7

#### MEDICINES (1-13)

Coded using the British National Formulary (BNF) codes as above.

#### Cholesterol Lowering Drugs

Statins	02.12.0.1 (Atorvastatin, Fluvastatin, Pravastatin, Rosuvastatin, simvastatin, Statin so described)
Bile acid sequestrants	02.12.0.2
Ezetimibe	02.12.0.3
Fibrates	02.12.0.4
Nicotinic acid group	02.12.0.5
Omega 3 fatty acid compounds	02.12.0.6
Local sclerosants	02.12.0.7

#### REASON for taking medicine (1-13)

Reason is coded using ICD 9 Codes.

Coded only for Heart related conditions or when Medicine code (BNF code) begins with **02**  
CVD & Diabetes Medications take priority.

#### COMMON ICD CODES

Prevention/ Dr orders	888	Blood Pressure/hypertension	401
Heart related	429	Angina	413
Circulation/ Blood related	459	Heart Attack	410
To thin Blood (anticoagulant)/ blood clots	459	Irregular heartbeat	427
Water/ Fluid Retention Oedema	457	Heart Failure	428
Pain Relief	729	Stroke	436
Leaking Heart valve	396	Diabetes	250
Cholesterol/ Lipids	272	Arthritis	716
Glaucoma	365	TIA	435

<b>Page 20</b>	<b>General Comments</b>	1 = if anything recorded otherwise 0
	<b>Date Received</b>	To be entered using date stamp when received