

HEHEAR*

Is [^your / [^name's]] hearing (using a hearing aid if [^you use / he uses / she uses] one)...

INTERVIEWER: Read out...

- 1 ...excellent,
- 2 very good,
- 3 good,
- 4 fair,

5 or, poor?

IF (IAskPx[PNum] <> Yes)

HEHDif

Do you ever have any difficulties with your hearing?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

HESPCH

Do you have difficulty having a conversation with several people in a group (using a hearing aid if [^you use / he uses / she uses] one?

INTERVIEWER: If Yes, probe: With slight difficulty, moderate difficulty, or great difficulty?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, slight difficulty
- 3 Yes, moderate difficulty
- 4 Yes, great difficulty

HEHRA

Do you find it difficult to follow a conversation if there is background noise, such as TV, radio or children playing (using a hearing aid as usual)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

IF has difficulty following a conversation in background noise = yes [HEHRA = 1 (yes)]

HEHRAB

Would you say you have slight difficulty, moderate difficulty or great difficulty following a conversation if there is background noise (such as TV, radio or children playing) (using a hearing aid as usual)?

INTERVIEWER: If respondent says they have no difficulty go back to previous question (HeHra) and change answer to 'No'.

- 1 Slight difficulty
- 2 Moderate difficulty
- 3 Great difficulty

END OF FILTER

IF ((hearing = fair OR hearing = poor) OR (has difficulty following a conversation in background noise = yes))

[((HeHear = 4 (fair) OR HeHear = 5 (poor)) OR (HeHra = 1 (yes)))]

HEHRB

Have you told a doctor or nurse about your hearing problems?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

IF told doctor/nurse about hearing problems = yes [HEHRB = 1 (yes)]

HEHRC

When you told the doctor or nurse about your hearing problems, did he or she refer you to an ear specialist to check your hearing?

INTERVIEWER: PROBE - 'By ear specialist we mean an ENT doctor, an ear nose and throat doctor, an otolaryngologist, or an audiologist.

An audiologist may perform an extensive hearing test.

1 Yes

2 No

HEHRD

Has any doctor or nurse or ear specialist recommended a hearing aid?

1 Yes

2 No

END OF FILTER

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HEHAID

Nowadays, do you ever wear a hearing aid?

INTERVIEWER: If Yes ask: Do you wear your hearing aid(s) some of the time or most of the time?

1 Yes, most of the time,

2 Yes, some of the time,

3 No

IF whether wears a hearing aid = No [HehAid = 3 (No)]

HEADTR

Have you ever tried one?

1 Yes

2 No

END OF FILTER

IF ((whether wears a hearing aid = yes, most of the time) OR (whether wears a hearing aid = Yes, some of the time)) [HehAid = 1 (Yes, most of the time) OR HehAid = 2 (yes, some of the time)]

HEADN

How many hearing aids do you usually wear?

INTERVIEWER: This question is asking about whether a hearing aid is worn in one or both ears.

1 One

2 Two

HEADNH

Did you get your hearing aid free through the NHS or did you pay for it privately?

1 Free through the NHS

2 Paid privately

3 Both NHS and privately

END OF FILTER