**Wellcome Trust LPS Questionnaire Resource**

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**Notes**

1. To reference data collected using this resource describe with:

*Data gathered from questionnaire(s) provided by Wellcome Longitudinal Population Study Covid-19 Steering Group and Secretariat (221574/Z/20/Z)*

1. To contact the secretariat for updates, support and advice email

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1. If using logos, please use the Wellcome Covid-19 logo on your questionnaire for participants alongside your own institution.
2. Please tag [@covid19qs](https://twitter.com/covid19qs) on twitter and/or link to <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alspac/researchers/wellcome-covid-19/> where appropriate.

# a. Formatting & Details

All questions that were not from ALSPAC questionnaire 1 and 2 have been given a source tag.

**Red text** indicates where the question’s original wording has been amended.

*[[Italic text in double squares bracket is note about question, not to be shown to participant.]]*

# Views on Science and Research

[Source: Ipsos MORI, [Ipsos MORI report (ukri.org)](https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/UKRI-271020-COVID-19-Trust-Tracker.pdf)]

1. **Which of these most closely reflects your view?**
   1. Benefits of science to the UK are much greater than the harmful effects
   2. Benefits of science to the UK on the whole greater than harmful effects
   3. Science generally has roughly equal benefits and harmful effects for the UK
   4. Harmful effects of science on the UK on the whole greater than the benefits
   5. Harmful effects of science on the UK much greater than benefits
   6. Don’t know
2. **In general, do you think that scientists are trustworthy or untrustworthy? Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is very trustworthy and 5 is very untrustworthy.**
   1. Trustworthy (1)
   2. 2
   3. 3
   4. 4
   5. Untrustworthy (5)
   6. Don’t know
3. **In general, do you think that scientists advising the UK government on actions to deal with COVID-19 are trustworthy or untrustworthy? Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is very trustworthy and 5 is very untrustworthy.**
   1. Trustworthy (1)
   2. 2
   3. 3
   4. 4
   5. Untrustworthy (5)
   6. Don’t know

[SOURCE: 3M State of Science Index: [PowerPoint Presentation (3m.com)](https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/1898512O/3m-sosi-2020-pandemic-pulse-global-report-pdf.pdf)]

1. **How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements**

I am sceptical of science

I trust science

I trust scientists

There are negative consequences for society if people do not value scientists

If science didn’t exist, my everyday life wouldn’t be all that different

Completely disagree

Somewhat disagree

Somewhat agree

Completely agree

1. **Thinking about the present-day, how important do you feel science is…**

To you in your everyday life

To your family in their everyday lives

To your local community/town

To society in general

Not important at all

Somewhat important

Very important

No opinion

Don’t care

[SOURCE: SFI Science in Ireland Barometer: [SFI-Science-in-Ireland-Barometer-2020-Research-Report.pdf](https://www.sfi.ie/engagement/barometer/SFI-Science-in-Ireland-Barometer-2020-Research-Report.pdf)]

1. **How much do you distrust or trust scientists at publicly funded institutions (such as universities) to:**

Publicly communicate accurate information about their research

Create knowledge that is useful

Do their work with the intention of benefiting the public

Be open and honest about who is paying for their work

Be honest about how they’re using public funding

* + - * 1. Completely distrust
        2. Partially distrust
        3. Neither distrust not trust
        4. Partially trust
        5. Complete trust
        6. Not applicable/No opinion

1. **To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

Science is too difficult to understand

Science has no relation to what I experience in the real world

Learning science changes my ideas about how the world works

Science is useful in solving everyday problems in my life

It is important to me that I am informed about science

Public money spent on science is well worth spending

The government should spend more money on scientific research

The general public should have a say in how science develops

This country is spending too much money on science

The government should look for scientific evidence when deciding how to solve problems

Scientific evidence should guide government policy

Scientific research should be a priority for our nation

Scientific discoveries are doing more harm than good

Science is failing to help with the real problems of ordinary people

Science makes very little difference in fixing real problems of ordinary people

People who will be directly affected by scientific research should have a say in how it develops

Scientists have a professional responsibility to talk about research findings with the public

Science is making the world a better place

Science is too concerned with theory to be useful to government when making policy decisions

* + - * 1. Strongly disagree
        2. Disagree
        3. Neutral
        4. Agree
        5. Strongly agree
        6. Not applicable/No opinion