

Appendix

Questionnaire Screen Shots:



ALSPAC Plans and Aspirations On-Line Survey (Clinic1)

Welcome to the ALSPAC Plans and Aspirations On-Line Survey

This survey will help us to gather information about your future plans and aspirations.

The survey is completed anonymously, can be saved part way through and takes around 12 minutes to complete.

There are some questions we ask more than once. This is to try to reduce the amount of time you take to complete certain sections, so please bear with us.

If questions turn grey, it means that they won't apply to you so please don't answer them!

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What are you doing now?

1. We would like to know what you are doing at the moment. Please tick one box to show us what your main activity is. If you are temporarily sick or on holiday please tick your usual activity

- Looking for work or unemployed
- Modern Apprenticeship (Foundation or Advanced) or other government-supported training
- In a full-time job (over 30 hours a week)
- In a part-time job (if this is your main activity)
- In full-time education at school or college -- in year 12
- In full-time education at school or college -- in year 13
- Taking a break from study or work / taking a gap year
- Looking after the home or family
- Other (*please specify*):

2. Besides your main activity, are you doing any of the following on a regular basis? By 'regular' we mean once a month or more often. *(Optional)*
(select all that apply)

- Looking after your own children or family?
- Doing voluntary work?
- Developing your own skills (such as music, art, sport)?
- Working in one or more part-time jobs?
- Doing a part-time education course?
- Looking for a job or education or training place?

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Education Status

If in Full or Part-Time Education

3. Are you in full or part time education?

Yes No

a. What were the main reasons you left full-time school or college? *(select all that apply)*

- Found school difficult
- Wanted to do an Apprenticeship/learn a trade
- Did not like/enjoy school/found school boring
- Wanted to get a job/start working/earning money
- Wanted work part time and study part time
- Don't Know
- Other *(please specify):*

b. How likely is it that you will go back into full-time education within the next two years?

Very likely Fairly likely Not very likely Not likely at all

c. Please select the reasons below to explain why you continued in school/college. *(select all that apply)*

- I was too young to leave school
- I wanted qualifications for going on to further or higher education
- There were certain courses or subjects I wanted to do
- There were no Modern Apprenticeships available that I wanted
- There were no jobs around that I wanted
- I enjoyed school life
- I was too young to enter the job or training I'd chosen
- I hadn't decided on my future education or career
- I thought that by getting better qualifications I'd improve my job prospects
- I was too young to claim benefits
- Because my friends were staying on
- It was what my family expected me to do
- I was able to claim Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
- The idea of leaving school at 16 never crossed my mind

d. How likely do you think it is that you will apply to go to university to do a degree in the next five years?

- Very likely
- Fairly likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely
- Don't know

e. Are you hoping to go to University?

Yes No

i. Why are you planning to go there? *(select all that apply)*

- To study a subject that really interests me
- To gain a qualification for a specific job or career
- To gain greater security in employment
- To increase my earning potential
- To get a higher status job
- To keep my options open

ii. Have you decided yet what course or subject you would like to study at university?

Yes No Don't Know

iii. If you have decided a course/subject, please identify the nearest one from the list below. *(Optional)*

Select an answer ▼

If you selected Other, please specify:

iv. How much do you expect to earn in a year when you are **30** once you have a degree (if you were working full-time)?

- Up to £20,000
- £20,001 to £30,000
- £30,001 to £40,000
- £40,001 to £50,000
- £50,001 to £60,000
- £60,001 to £70,000
- Over £70,000
- Don't know

v. How much do you expect to earn in a year when you are **40** once you have a degree (if you were working full-time)?

- Up to £20,000
- £20,001 to £30,000
- £30,001 to £40,000
- £40,001 to £50,000
- £50,001 to £60,000
- £60,001 to £70,000
- Over £70,000
- Don't know

vi. And how much do you expect to earn when you are **30** if you do **NOT** get a degree (if you were working full-time?)

- Up to £20,000
- £20,001 to £30,000
- £30,001 to £40,000
- £40,001 to £50,000
- £50,001 to £60,000
- £60,001 to £70,000
- Over £70,000
- Don't know

vii. And how much do you expect to earn when you are **40** if you do **NOT** get a degree (if you were working full-time?)

- Up to £20,000
- £20,001 to £30,000
- £30,001 to £40,000
- £40,001 to £50,000

- £50,001 to £60,000
- £60,001 to £70,000
- Over £70,000
- Don't know

viii. Jack got Grades B,C,C at A level and went to work in an Insurance Office rather than go to University. Now aged 30, he is a junior office manager and earns £26,000 per year.

If instead Jack had gone to the University of Bristol and got a degree in English, what do you think Jack would be earning at age 30?

- Up to £20,000
- £20,001 to £25,000
- £25,001 to £27,000
- £27,001 to £32,000
- £32,001 to £45,000
- £45,001 to £65,000
- Over £65,000

ix. Sarah got two A levels with Grades C and D and went to the University of Western England to study Information Technology. Now aged 30, she is a web designer for a medium sized firm and earns £32,500 per year.

If instead Sarah had left school at 18 and sought a job in IT, what do you think Sarah would be earning at age 30?

- Up to £20,000
- £20,001 to £25,000
- £25,001 to £27,000
- £27,001 to £32,000

- £32,001 to £45,000
- £45,001 to £65,000
- Over £65,000

x. How well informed do you feel you are about the sorts of financial support available to students at university? By financial support we mean money from grants or loans to help towards the costs of studying and living away from home.

Would you say you are...

- Very well informed
- Fairly well informed
- Not very well informed
- Not at all well informed
- Don't know

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Work Status

If in Full or Part-time work or on a Training Scheme

4. Are you in Full/Part-time work or on a Training Scheme?

Yes No

a. Thinking about this job or training scheme, please tick each box below if you **agree** with the statements. (*select all that apply*)

- I would leave this job if I could get a better job
- I will probably leave this job when I have got my qualification
- This is the kind of work I want to do in the future
- This should help me to move on to something better
- I had this job/placement lined up before I left school
- This is the only job or placement I have had since leaving school
- The job is teaching me useful skills
- The main reason I do this is for the money

b. Thinking about this job or training scheme, please tick each box below if you **disagree** with the statements. *(select all that apply)*

- I would leave this job if I could get a better job
- I will probably leave this job when I have got my qualification
- This is the kind of work I want to do in the future
- This should help me to move on to something better
- I had this job/placement lined up before I left school
- This is the only job or placement I have had since leaving school
- The job is teaching me useful skills
- The main reason I do this is for the money

c. In this job or training programme, do you get any of the following sorts of training? *(select all that apply)*

- On-the-job training from a supervisor, trainer or experienced colleague?
- Training at the firm's own training centre?
- Training at a college?
- Training somewhere else away from the job?

d. Will this training lead to a qualification?

- Yes No Don't know

e. How important is it to you to have a job that offers training for a qualification?

- Very important Important Not very important Not at all important

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Future Plans

Education and Work in the future

5. Are you studying for any qualifications at the moment?

Yes No

Which ones? *(select all that apply)*

- A levels/AS Levels/A2s
- AVCEs (formerly Vocational A Levels)
- GCSEs
- Foundation or Intermediate GNVQs
- NVQs
- Edexcel, BTEC or LQL qualifications (NOT A/AS/A2 levels)
- OCR qualifications (NOT A/AS/A2 levels)
- City and Guilds
- Something else
- Don't Know

6. Now think about what you would like to do in the future. Please tick one box for each of the following statements to say whether you agree or disagree.

	Strongly agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
a. I have a clear idea of the career that I want	<input type="radio"/>				
b. I am uncertain about my future	<input type="radio"/>				
c. I'll just wait and see where I end up	<input type="radio"/>				
d. I would like to have a full-time job for most of my adult life	<input type="radio"/>				
e. I would like to carry on learning new things throughout my life	<input type="radio"/>				
f. I would like to raise a family some time in the future	<input type="radio"/>				
g. Having a career or profession is important to me	<input type="radio"/>				
h. I would like to go to university and get a degree	<input type="radio"/>				
i. I would like to run my own business	<input type="radio"/>				

j. I don't mind not enjoying my work if it pays the bills

7. Which of the following do you think is most likely to be the main thing you'll be doing in 12 months time?

Looking for work or unemployed

In an Apprenticeship or similar type of training

In a full-time job (30 or more hours per week)

Studying full time for a qualification

Taking a break from study or work

Looking after the home or family full-time

Other *(please specify)*:

8. For each of the following statements please say whether you agree or disagree.

	Strongly agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Only people who can't do academic qualifications should do vocational ones	<input type="radio"/>				
b. Vocational qualifications are easier than academic qualifications	<input type="radio"/>				

c. Most people don't understand what vocational qualifications are



d. Employers don't respect vocational qualifications enough



e. Schools should do more to encourage young people to do vocational qualifications



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Debt

Questions about money

9. How often do you borrow money from your family and friends?

Usually every week About once a month Less than once a month Never

10. How often do you lend money to other people?

Usually every week About once a month Less than once a month Never

11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Strongly
agree

Slightly
agree

Agree

Slightly
disagree

Strongly
disagree

Not going to
university

a. There is no excuse for borrowing money	<input type="radio"/>					
b. Students have to borrow money	<input type="radio"/>					
c. I would rather borrow money than change my lifestyle	<input type="radio"/>					
d. I would rather save up to buy something than use credit	<input type="radio"/>					
e. Borrowing is a normal part of today's lifestyle	<input type="radio"/>					
f. It is okay to borrow money if you can pay it off	<input type="radio"/>					
g. Once you are in debt it is very difficult to get out of it	<input type="radio"/>					
h. Borrowing money for a university education is a good investment	<input type="radio"/>					
i. I am seriously worried about building up debt when I am at University	<input type="radio"/>					
j. Student debt puts people off going to university	<input type="radio"/>					
k. Student loans are a cheap way to borrow money	<input type="radio"/>					
l. I am not worried about borrowing money whilst at university because I know I will get a well-paid job when I graduate	<input type="radio"/>					

12. Thinking about your family's attitude to borrowing, which of the following statements is closest to their attitude, would you say?

My family do not approve of people borrowing money for any reason.

My family only approve of borrowing if it is to buy a house.

My family approve of some borrowing, such as student loans, but they do not approve of credit cards.

My family are happy with most forms of borrowing

My family do not have strong feelings about borrowing either way.

I don't know what my family's attitude to borrowing is.

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Extra-curricular activities

What you do outside school

13. In the last four weeks, have you been to or used any of these things in your local area?
(select all that apply)

- Library
- Parks and other open spaces
- Playground
- Swimming pool/Leisure centre
- Church/Mosque/Temple/other place of worship
- Community hall
- Cinema/Theatre
- Bowling alley
- Outdoor sports pitch/ground
- Connexions Centre (in town or at a school/college)

None of these

14. In the last four weeks have you participated in any group activity led by an adult outside school lessons (such as sports, arts or a youth group)?

Yes No Don't know

Which of the following activities have you taken part in? *(select all that apply)*

- Youth club
- Scouts, Guides, Cadets
- Sports team or club
- Exercise or Dance class
- Drama, Arts or Music groups
- After school club
- Other organised activities
- None of these

15. Please say how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about where you live?

	Strongly agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
a. This area is a place I enjoy living in	<input type="radio"/>				

b. I worry about being robbed or mugged on the street in this area

c. I would be afraid to walk alone in this area after dark

d. Most people in this area are friendly

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Moods and Feelings

How you've been feeling recently

16. Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please tick the box that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 weeks.

	None of the time	Rarely	Some of the time	Often	All of the time
a. I've been feeling optimistic about the future	<input type="radio"/>				
b. I've been feeling useful	<input type="radio"/>				
c. I've been feeling relaxed	<input type="radio"/>				
d. I've been feeling interested in other people	<input type="radio"/>				
e. I've had energy to spare	<input type="radio"/>				
f. I've been dealing with problems well	<input type="radio"/>				
g. I've been thinking clearly	<input type="radio"/>				

h. I've been feeling good about myself	<input type="radio"/>				
i. I've been feeling close to other people	<input type="radio"/>				
j. I've been feeling confident	<input type="radio"/>				
k. I've been able to make up my own mind about things	<input type="radio"/>				
l. I've been feeling loved	<input type="radio"/>				
m. I've been interested in new things	<input type="radio"/>				
n. I've been feeling cheerful	<input type="radio"/>				

17. Your opinion of yourself: Below are some statements, please say how true they are of you.

	Almost always true	Often true	Sometimes true	Not often true	Never true
a. I feel that I'm a person of worth, at least on an equal plane with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. I feel that I have a number of good qualities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. I am able to do things as well as most other people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

d. I feel that I do not have much to be proud of	<input type="radio"/>				
e. I take a positive attitude towards myself	<input type="radio"/>				
f. I think I am no good at all	<input type="radio"/>				
g. I am a useful person to have around	<input type="radio"/>				
h. I feel I can't do anything right	<input type="radio"/>				
i. When I do a job, I do it well	<input type="radio"/>				
j. I feel that my life is not very useful	<input type="radio"/>				

18. These questions are about how you may have been feeling or acting recently. For each question, please say how much you think you have felt or acted this way in the past two weeks.

	True	Sometimes true	Not true
a. I felt miserable or unhappy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. I have been having fun	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. I didn't enjoy anything at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. I felt so tired that I just sat around and did nothing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

e. I was very restless	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. I felt I was no good any more	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. I cried a lot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. I felt happy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. I found it hard to think properly or concentrate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. I hated myself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. I enjoyed doing lots of things	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. I felt I was a bad person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m. I felt lonely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
n. I thought nobody really loved me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
o. I thought I could never be as good as other kids	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
p. I felt I did everything wrong	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
q. I have had a good time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Survey completed

Thank you for completing this survey. We hope you found it enjoyable.