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METHODOLOGY NOTE

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ONLINE Fieldwork: 7th-9th February 2014

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Unweighted base	2013	1002	1011	162	298	305	369	346	533	595	580	315	523	237	734
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By providing the armed forces and £150 million of funding over the next two years the Government is doing enough to help with the flooding in Somerset															
Agree	462 23%	236 24%	226 22%	81 34%	79 23%	73 22%	80 22%	60 20%	88 20%	131 24%	129 23%	112 26%	89 19%	76 26%	202 24%
Disagree	884 44%	471 48%	412 40%	69 29%	126 37%	139 41%	167 47%	160 54%	222 51%	248 46%	224 40%	200 46%	211 44%	133 46%	353 42%
Don't know	668 33%	279 28%	389 38%	89 37%	133 39%	126 37%	112 31%	78 26%	128 29%	159 30%	205 37%	126 29%	178 37%	80 28%	283 34%
Money currently spent on the UK's foreign aid budget should be diverted towards dealing with the flooding in Somerset															
Agree	1478 73%	734 74%	744 72%	151 63%	237 70%	251 74%	259 72%	237 79%	344 79%	367 68%	391 70%	346 79%	374 78%	206 71%	604 72%
Disagree	295 15%	178 18%	117 11%	48 20%	33 10%	47 14%	57 16%	44 15%	66 15%	120 22%	90 16%	43 10%	42 9%	48 17%	120 14%
Don't know	240 12%	75 8%	165 16%	40 17%	69 20%	41 12%	43 12%	18 6%	28 6%	51 9%	77 14%	49 11%	63 13%	35 12%	114 14%
The problems with Britain's flood defences are probably a result of the Government's programme of spending cuts															
Agree	1012 50%	490 50%	521 51%	115 48%	172 51%	173 51%	176 49%	150 50%	226 52%	262 49%	271 49%	236 54%	243 51%	157 54%	421 50%
Disagree	585 29%	338 34%	247 24%	64 27%	77 23%	99 29%	105 29%	105 35%	135 31%	181 34%	156 28%	123 28%	125 26%	83 29%	245 29%
Don't know	416 21%	158 16%	258 25%	61 26%	89 26%	67 20%	78 22%	44 15%	77 18%	95 18%	131 24%	80 18%	110 23%	50 17%	172 20%

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<u>Lord Smith should be removed from his post as Chairman of the Environment Agency</u>															
Agree	851	462	389	72	128	123	148	148	232	226	213	197	215	101	356
	42%	47%	38%	30%	38%	36%	41%	49%	53%	42%	38%	45%	45%	35%	42%
Disagree	395	224	171	55	54	71	85	54	76	145	121	62	67	93	149
	20%	23%	17%	23%	16%	21%	24%	18%	17%	27%	22%	14%	14%	32%	18%
Don't know	767	301	466	112	158	144	126	97	130	168	224	179	197	95	333
	38%	31%	45%	47%	47%	43%	35%	33%	30%	31%	40%	41%	41%	33%	40%
<u>The Government would be doing more than it is doing in Somerset if London was flooded as badly</u>															
Agree	1643	814	829	177	245	276	301	262	381	430	452	361	399	227	679
	82%	82%	81%	74%	72%	82%	84%	88%	87%	80%	81%	82%	83%	78%	81%
Disagree	163	94	69	25	43	23	32	15	24	56	41	39	27	39	61
	8%	10%	7%	11%	13%	7%	9%	5%	6%	10%	7%	9%	6%	14%	7%
Don't know	207	79	128	37	51	39	26	21	33	52	65	38	52	23	98
	10%	8%	12%	15%	15%	12%	7%	7%	8%	10%	12%	9%	11%	8%	12%
<u>Given the recent flooding, there should be an immediate halt on new homes built on flood plains, even if there is a chance this will increase property prices</u>															
Agree	1594	771	822	145	212	262	302	267	405	432	430	343	389	223	631
	79%	78%	80%	60%	63%	77%	84%	89%	92%	80%	77%	78%	81%	77%	75%
Disagree	163	104	59	39	45	32	26	11	10	59	50	30	24	32	91
	8%	11%	6%	16%	13%	9%	7%	4%	2%	11%	9%	7%	5%	11%	11%
Don't know	256	111	145	56	82	44	30	20	24	46	79	66	65	35	116
	13%	11%	14%	23%	24%	13%	8%	7%	5%	9%	14%	15%	14%	12%	14%

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Unweighted base	2013	1723	180	80	243	179	184	156	110	174	185	326	196	971	620	351	1042	131	139	141	467	164
Weighted base	2013	1731	181	81	221	181	181	141	101	201	262	282	181	1127	886	242	886	113	130	122	371	149
By providing the armed forces and £150 million of funding over the next two years the Government is doing enough to help with the flooding in Somerset																						
Agree	462	408	36	16	66	43	40	29	17	49	71	61	34	278	223	55	183	23	36	22	70	32
	23%	24%	20%	20%	30%	23%	22%	21%	17%	24%	27%	21%	19%	25%	25%	23%	21%	20%	28%	18%	19%	21%
Disagree	884	757	75	28	96	78	81	68	52	88	97	126	94	486	397	88	398	46	46	65	191	51
	44%	44%	41%	35%	43%	43%	45%	48%	52%	44%	37%	45%	52%	43%	45%	37%	45%	41%	35%	53%	51%	34%
Don't know	668	566	70	36	60	60	61	44	32	64	93	95	54	363	266	98	305	44	48	35	111	66
	33%	33%	39%	45%	27%	33%	33%	31%	31%	32%	36%	34%	30%	32%	30%	40%	34%	39%	37%	29%	30%	44%
Money currently spent on the UK's foreign aid budget should be diverted towards dealing with the flooding in Somerset																						
Agree	1478	1272	124	49	179	131	142	111	82	157	149	216	138	810	648	162	667	74	92	108	282	112
	73%	73%	68%	61%	81%	73%	78%	79%	82%	78%	57%	77%	76%	72%	73%	67%	75%	65%	71%	88%	76%	75%
Disagree	295	255	27	15	27	30	15	17	13	22	60	34	35	168	135	33	127	16	19	6	71	15
	15%	15%	15%	19%	12%	17%	8%	12%	13%	11%	23%	12%	19%	15%	15%	14%	14%	14%	15%	5%	19%	10%
Don't know	240	204	30	16	16	20	24	13	6	22	53	32	9	149	102	46	91	23	19	8	18	22
	12%	12%	17%	20%	7%	11%	13%	9%	6%	11%	20%	11%	5%	13%	12%	19%	10%	21%	15%	6%	5%	15%
The problems with Britain's flood defences are probably a result of the Government's programme of spending cuts																						
Agree	1012	872	83	40	118	101	105	72	57	91	130	126	89	578	468	110	434	45	64	74	178	73
	50%	50%	46%	50%	53%	56%	58%	51%	56%	45%	50%	45%	49%	51%	53%	45%	49%	40%	49%	60%	48%	49%
Disagree	585	505	51	18	71	46	43	39	30	67	68	90	62	328	259	69	258	32	31	27	133	34
	29%	29%	28%	22%	32%	25%	24%	28%	30%	33%	26%	32%	34%	29%	29%	29%	29%	28%	24%	22%	36%	23%
Don't know	416	355	47	23	33	34	34	29	14	43	63	66	31	221	158	63	194	35	35	21	60	42
	21%	21%	26%	28%	15%	19%	19%	21%	14%	21%	24%	23%	17%	20%	18%	26%	22%	31%	27%	17%	16%	28%

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Weighted base	2013	1731	181	81	221	181	181	141	101	201	262	282	181	1127	886	242	886	113	130	122	371	149
<u>Lord Smith should be removed from his post as Chairman of the Environment Agency</u>																						
Agree	851	727	73	32	96	74	81	64	51	102	113	98	67	457	361	96	394	36	43	70	192	53
	42%	42%	40%	39%	43%	41%	45%	45%	51%	51%	43%	35%	37%	41%	41%	40%	44%	32%	33%	58%	52%	35%
Disagree	395	346	35	9	52	28	33	24	14	39	53	64	44	243	202	41	152	15	24	15	72	26
	20%	20%	19%	12%	23%	16%	18%	17%	14%	20%	20%	23%	24%	22%	23%	17%	17%	13%	19%	12%	19%	18%
Don't know	767	659	73	40	74	79	67	53	36	60	96	120	70	428	323	105	339	62	63	37	108	70
	38%	38%	40%	49%	33%	43%	37%	38%	36%	30%	37%	43%	39%	38%	36%	43%	38%	55%	48%	30%	29%	47%
<u>The Government would be doing more than it is doing in Somerset if London was flooded as badly</u>																						
Agree	1643	1406	153	67	194	150	151	110	84	175	176	225	158	906	709	197	737	88	103	105	325	116
	82%	81%	84%	83%	88%	83%	84%	78%	84%	87%	67%	80%	87%	80%	80%	82%	83%	78%	79%	86%	87%	78%
Disagree	163	149	8	3	15	16	9	15	7	13	39	27	12	100	82	18	63	12	8	7	22	14
	8%	9%	4%	4%	7%	9%	5%	10%	6%	6%	15%	9%	6%	9%	9%	8%	7%	10%	6%	6%	6%	10%
Don't know	207	176	21	10	13	15	21	16	10	13	46	30	12	121	95	26	86	13	19	10	24	19
	10%	10%	11%	13%	6%	8%	11%	11%	10%	6%	18%	11%	6%	11%	11%	11%	10%	12%	15%	8%	7%	13%
<u>Given the recent flooding, there should be an immediate halt on new homes built on flood plains, even if there is a chance this will increase property prices</u>																						
Agree	1594	1361	145	59	185	135	141	120	87	171	173	222	157	854	658	196	740	84	84	111	338	122
	79%	79%	80%	73%	84%	75%	78%	85%	87%	85%	66%	79%	86%	76%	74%	81%	84%	75%	64%	91%	91%	82%
Disagree	163	149	10	7	11	19	11	13	4	13	43	23	10	122	104	18	41	6	13	3	11	8
	8%	9%	6%	9%	5%	10%	6%	9%	4%	6%	16%	8%	6%	11%	12%	8%	5%	5%	10%	2%	3%	5%
Don't know	256	221	26	15	25	27	29	9	9	18	46	37	14	151	123	28	105	22	33	8	22	19
	13%	13%	14%	18%	12%	15%	16%	6%	9%	9%	18%	13%	8%	13%	14%	12%	12%	20%	26%	7%	6%	13%

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	Total	NET: Homeowners	Owned outright - without mortgage	Owned with a mortgage or loan	NET: Renters	Rented from the council	Rented from a housing association	Rented from someone else	Rent free
Unweighted base	2013	1234	737	497	761	185	206	370	18
Weighted base	2013	1309	664	644	691	282	136	273	14
<u>By providing the armed forces and £150 million of funding over the next two years the Government is doing enough to help with the flooding in Somerset</u>									
Agree	462 23%	318 24%	155 23%	164 25%	140 20%	55 19%	29 22%	57 21%	3 21%
Disagree	884 44%	589 45%	318 48%	270 42%	291 42%	111 39%	58 43%	122 45%	4 29%
Don't know	668 33%	402 31%	191 29%	210 33%	259 38%	116 41%	48 36%	95 35%	7 50%
<u>Money currently spent on the UK's foreign aid budget should be diverted towards dealing with the flooding in Somerset</u>									
Agree	1478 73%	975 75%	493 74%	483 75%	499 72%	206 73%	99 73%	194 71%	4 28%
Disagree	295 15%	216 17%	121 18%	95 15%	75 11%	22 8%	16 12%	38 14%	4 27%
Don't know	240 12%	118 9%	51 8%	67 10%	117 17%	54 19%	21 16%	41 15%	6 45%
<u>The problems with Britain's flood defences are probably a result of the Government's programme of spending cuts</u>									
Agree	1012 50%	650 50%	327 49%	323 50%	355 51%	144 51%	75 55%	137 50%	7 48%
Disagree	585 29%	436 33%	226 34%	210 33%	147 21%	54 19%	28 21%	65 24%	2 15%
Don't know	416 21%	223 17%	112 17%	111 17%	188 27%	84 30%	33 25%	71 26%	5 37%

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<u>Lord Smith should be removed from his post as Chairman of the Environment Agency</u>									
Agree	851 42%	563 43%	317 48%	246 38%	286 41%	126 45%	67 49%	94 34%	1 11%
Disagree	395 20%	291 22%	135 20%	156 24%	102 15%	30 11%	18 13%	54 20%	2 16%
Don't know	767 38%	455 35%	212 32%	242 38%	303 44%	126 45%	51 37%	126 46%	10 73%
<u>The Government would be doing more than it is doing in Somerset if London was flooded as badly</u>									
Agree	1643 82%	1078 82%	553 83%	525 81%	554 80%	227 80%	109 80%	218 80%	11 79%
Disagree	163 8%	119 9%	60 9%	60 9%	43 6%	21 7%	5 4%	17 6%	1 8%
Don't know	207 10%	111 8%	51 8%	60 9%	94 14%	34 12%	22 16%	38 14%	2 12%
<u>Given the recent flooding, there should be an immediate halt on new homes built on flood plains, even if there is a chance this will increase property prices</u>									
Agree	1594 79%	1099 84%	574 86%	524 81%	488 71%	217 77%	93 68%	178 65%	7 52%
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Don't know	256 13%	117 9%	51 8%	67 10%	136 20%	51 18%	28 20%	58 21%	3 21%

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Table 2

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Base: All respondents

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Unweighted base	2013	1002	1011	162	298	305	369	346	533	595	580	315	523	237	734
Weighted base	2013	986	1027	239	339	339	359	299	438	538	558	438	478	289	838
<u>I understand what the Bank of England's 'Forward Guidance' policy is</u>															
Agree	336 17%	246 25%	89 9%	38 16%	61 18%	63 19%	51 14%	47 16%	74 17%	147 27%	82 15%	52 12%	55 12%	55 19%	166 20%
Disagree	1081 54%	483 49%	598 58%	136 57%	170 50%	171 51%	207 58%	165 55%	231 53%	270 50%	316 57%	237 54%	257 54%	165 57%	429 51%
Don't know	597 30%	258 26%	339 33%	65 27%	108 32%	104 31%	100 28%	86 29%	133 30%	121 23%	160 29%	150 34%	166 35%	70 24%	242 29%
<u>I feel I have a good understanding of how the Bank of England sets interest rates</u>															
Agree	619 31%	413 42%	207 20%	51 21%	93 27%	118 35%	121 34%	100 33%	136 31%	211 39%	182 33%	106 24%	120 25%	92 32%	307 37%
Disagree	999 50%	411 42%	588 57%	146 61%	162 48%	149 44%	175 49%	148 50%	219 50%	237 44%	280 50%	242 55%	240 50%	140 48%	388 46%
Don't know	395 20%	163 16%	232 23%	43 18%	84 25%	72 21%	62 17%	51 17%	82 19%	90 17%	97 17%	90 21%	118 25%	58 20%	143 17%
<u>It makes sense for the cost of borrowing money to be linked to the number of people out of work</u>															
Agree	508 25%	288 29%	220 21%	78 33%	88 26%	99 29%	95 27%	63 21%	85 19%	138 26%	138 25%	120 27%	112 23%	85 29%	245 29%
Disagree	588 29%	328 33%	260 25%	77 32%	115 34%	89 26%	91 25%	93 31%	123 28%	174 32%	150 27%	120 27%	143 30%	82 28%	255 30%
Don't know	917 46%	371 38%	547 53%	84 35%	137 40%	151 45%	173 48%	143 48%	230 53%	225 42%	271 48%	198 45%	223 47%	123 42%	338 40%

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Weighted base	2013	986	1027	239	339	339	359	299	438	538	558	438	478	289	838
<u>It makes sense for interest rates to be linked to levels of unemployment</u>															
Agree	542 27%	293 30%	249 24%	74 31%	95 28%	101 30%	98 27%	73 24%	101 23%	158 29%	136 24%	124 28%	124 26%	97 34%	246 29%
Disagree	601 30%	335 34%	266 26%	69 29%	100 29%	90 27%	112 31%	94 31%	137 31%	180 33%	158 28%	119 27%	143 30%	82 28%	249 30%
Don't know	870 43%	359 36%	512 50%	97 40%	144 42%	147 44%	150 42%	132 44%	201 46%	200 37%	264 47%	196 45%	211 44%	110 38%	343 41%
<u>The Bank of England wants to keep interest rates low for as long as possible</u>															
Agree	1153 57%	622 63%	530 52%	80 33%	147 43%	199 59%	215 60%	206 69%	305 70%	334 62%	307 55%	252 58%	259 54%	164 57%	483 58%
Disagree	274 14%	142 14%	131 13%	45 19%	61 18%	43 13%	48 13%	24 8%	53 12%	83 15%	79 14%	54 12%	58 12%	40 14%	129 15%
Don't know	587 29%	222 22%	365 36%	114 48%	131 39%	97 29%	96 27%	68 23%	80 18%	121 23%	172 31%	132 30%	161 34%	85 29%	225 27%
<u>In the past three months I have changed my spending habits in preparation for a change in interest rates</u>															
Agree	364 18%	168 17%	195 19%	43 18%	91 27%	77 23%	69 19%	41 14%	42 10%	103 19%	90 16%	78 18%	94 20%	75 26%	174 21%
Disagree	1379 68%	724 73%	654 64%	130 54%	185 55%	201 59%	253 70%	237 79%	373 85%	393 73%	393 70%	285 65%	308 64%	184 64%	534 64%
Don't know	271 13%	94 9%	177 17%	66 27%	63 19%	61 18%	37 10%	21 7%	23 5%	43 8%	75 13%	76 17%	77 16%	30 10%	130 16%

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<u>The Bank of England's 'Forward Guidance' policy of not raising interest rates until unemployment falls below 7% has helped me to plan my finances</u>															
Agree	323 16%	181 18%	142 14%	51 21%	75 22%	57 17%	66 18%	33 11%	41 9%	109 20%	70 12%	78 18%	67 14%	60 21%	188 22%
Disagree	1100 55%	565 57%	535 52%	91 38%	134 40%	155 46%	193 54%	203 68%	323 74%	329 61%	310 56%	218 50%	243 51%	149 52%	411 49%
Don't know	589 29%	240 24%	349 34%	97 41%	130 38%	127 37%	100 28%	62 21%	74 17%	100 19%	178 32%	142 32%	169 35%	80 28%	239 29%

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Agree	336	301	20	12	31	21	29	15	14	24	87	48	33	221	187	34	114	5	12	11	75	12
	17%	17%	11%	15%	14%	12%	16%	11%	14%	12%	33%	17%	18%	20%	21%	14%	13%	5%	9%	9%	20%	8%
Disagree	1081	933	84	46	130	104	93	71	63	123	111	154	100	594	457	137	487	67	73	68	187	91
	54%	54%	46%	57%	59%	57%	51%	51%	63%	61%	43%	55%	55%	53%	52%	57%	55%	59%	57%	56%	50%	61%
Don't know	597	497	77	23	60	56	60	54	23	54	63	79	47	312	241	71	285	41	45	43	110	46
	30%	29%	42%	29%	27%	31%	33%	39%	23%	27%	24%	28%	26%	28%	27%	29%	32%	36%	34%	35%	30%	31%
<u>I feel I have a good understanding of how the Bank of England sets interest rates</u>																						
Agree	619	554	33	28	69	55	56	37	32	59	97	89	65	398	323	76	221	20	27	17	131	25
	31%	32%	18%	34%	31%	30%	31%	26%	32%	29%	37%	31%	36%	35%	36%	31%	25%	18%	21%	14%	35%	17%
Disagree	999	844	101	38	115	96	75	78	54	102	118	133	88	528	408	119	471	61	74	78	174	85
	50%	49%	56%	48%	52%	53%	42%	56%	54%	50%	45%	47%	49%	47%	46%	49%	53%	54%	57%	64%	47%	57%
Don't know	395	333	47	15	37	30	50	26	15	41	47	60	28	201	155	47	194	32	29	27	67	40
	20%	19%	26%	18%	17%	17%	27%	19%	14%	20%	18%	21%	15%	18%	17%	19%	22%	28%	22%	22%	18%	27%
<u>It makes sense for the cost of borrowing money to be linked to the number of people out of work</u>																						
Agree	508	449	30	21	50	50	46	36	29	53	69	80	43	330	267	63	178	21	33	24	76	25
	25%	26%	17%	26%	22%	28%	25%	26%	29%	26%	26%	28%	24%	29%	30%	26%	20%	18%	25%	20%	20%	17%
Disagree	588	500	55	26	80	45	44	30	32	53	87	72	65	337	268	69	251	38	32	32	106	42
	29%	29%	31%	32%	36%	25%	24%	21%	32%	26%	33%	25%	36%	30%	30%	29%	28%	34%	25%	26%	29%	29%
Don't know	917	782	95	33	92	86	91	75	40	96	106	130	73	460	351	109	457	54	65	66	189	82
	46%	45%	53%	41%	42%	47%	50%	53%	39%	48%	41%	46%	40%	41%	40%	45%	52%	48%	50%	54%	51%	55%

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Weighted base	2013	1731	181	81	221	181	181	141	101	201	262	282	181	1127	886	242	886	113	130	122	371	149
<u>It makes sense for interest rates to be linked to levels of unemployment</u>																						
Agree	542	477	37	25	59	54	46	38	29	51	75	79	48	343	277	66	199	14	35	34	86	29
	27%	28%	20%	32%	27%	30%	26%	27%	28%	25%	29%	28%	27%	30%	31%	27%	22%	13%	27%	28%	23%	19%
Disagree	601	509	54	24	70	51	50	36	37	61	84	67	66	331	267	63	270	33	38	33	121	45
	30%	29%	30%	30%	32%	28%	28%	25%	37%	30%	32%	24%	36%	29%	30%	26%	30%	30%	29%	27%	32%	30%
Don't know	870	745	90	31	92	76	84	67	35	89	102	136	67	453	341	112	417	65	57	55	164	75
	43%	43%	50%	39%	42%	42%	47%	48%	34%	44%	39%	48%	37%	40%	39%	46%	47%	58%	44%	45%	44%	51%
<u>The Bank of England wants to keep interest rates low for as long as possible</u>																						
Agree	1153	1006	93	44	151	97	101	72	53	119	142	165	115	648	520	127	505	43	45	82	267	68
	57%	58%	52%	55%	68%	53%	56%	51%	53%	59%	54%	59%	64%	57%	59%	53%	57%	38%	34%	67%	72%	45%
Disagree	274	220	30	14	27	22	25	25	23	23	38	28	19	170	134	36	104	13	17	10	49	15
	14%	13%	17%	17%	12%	12%	14%	18%	23%	12%	14%	10%	10%	15%	15%	15%	12%	11%	13%	9%	13%	10%
Don't know	587	505	58	23	44	63	55	44	24	58	82	88	47	310	231	78	277	58	69	29	55	66
	29%	29%	32%	29%	20%	35%	31%	31%	24%	29%	31%	31%	26%	27%	26%	32%	31%	51%	53%	24%	15%	44%
<u>In the past three months I have changed my spending habits in preparation for a change in interest rates</u>																						
Agree	364	309	28	12	35	36	37	24	27	27	68	48	22	249	201	48	115	22	13	18	33	29
	18%	18%	15%	15%	16%	20%	20%	17%	27%	13%	26%	17%	12%	22%	23%	20%	13%	20%	10%	14%	9%	19%
Disagree	1379	1190	121	53	166	125	117	93	67	143	152	201	140	718	555	163	661	65	87	94	323	93
	68%	69%	67%	66%	75%	69%	65%	66%	66%	71%	58%	71%	77%	64%	63%	67%	75%	57%	67%	77%	87%	62%
Don't know	271	231	32	16	20	21	27	24	7	31	42	32	19	160	130	31	110	26	30	11	16	27
	13%	13%	18%	19%	9%	12%	15%	17%	7%	15%	16%	12%	11%	14%	15%	13%	12%	23%	23%	9%	4%	18%

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<u>The Bank of England's 'Forward Guidance' policy of not raising interest rates until unemployment falls below 7% has helped me to plan my finances</u>																						
Agree	323	297	17	18	40	18	40	19	9	24	61	54	23	248	210	39	75	6	15	6	35	12
	16%	17%	10%	22%	18%	10%	22%	13%	9%	12%	23%	19%	13%	22%	24%	16%	8%	5%	11%	5%	10%	8%
Disagree	1100	923	112	33	118	102	82	73	66	126	124	156	110	560	424	137	540	55	56	85	279	66
	55%	53%	62%	41%	53%	56%	45%	52%	65%	62%	47%	55%	61%	50%	48%	57%	61%	49%	43%	69%	75%	44%
Don't know	589	511	52	30	63	61	59	49	26	52	76	72	48	319	252	66	270	52	59	31	57	71
	29%	29%	29%	37%	28%	34%	33%	35%	26%	26%	29%	26%	27%	28%	28%	27%	31%	46%	46%	25%	15%	48%

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	Total	NET: Homeowners	Owned outright - without mortgage	Owned with a mortgage or loan	NET: Renters	Rented from the council	Rented from a housing association	Rented from someone else	Rent free
Unweighted base	2013	1234	737	497	761	185	206	370	18
Weighted base	2013	1309	664	644	691	282	136	273	14
<u>I understand what the Bank of England's 'Forward Guidance' policy is</u>									
Agree	336 17%	249 19%	139 21%	110 17%	86 13%	28 10%	19 14%	40 15%	1 4%
Disagree	1081 54%	712 54%	345 52%	366 57%	360 52%	145 51%	74 54%	141 52%	10 70%
Don't know	597 30%	348 27%	180 27%	169 26%	245 35%	110 39%	44 32%	92 34%	3 26%
<u>I feel I have a good understanding of how the Bank of England sets interest rates</u>									
Agree	619 31%	477 36%	248 37%	229 36%	138 20%	45 16%	25 18%	68 25%	5 33%
Disagree	999 50%	617 47%	315 47%	302 47%	375 54%	161 57%	81 59%	134 49%	7 50%
Don't know	395 20%	215 16%	102 15%	113 18%	178 26%	76 27%	31 22%	71 26%	2 17%
<u>It makes sense for the cost of borrowing money to be linked to the number of people out of work</u>									
Agree	508 25%	346 26%	150 23%	196 30%	160 23%	67 24%	34 25%	59 22%	2 15%
Disagree	588 29%	370 28%	209 31%	161 25%	217 31%	86 31%	43 32%	87 32%	1 8%
Don't know	917 46%	593 45%	305 46%	287 45%	314 45%	128 45%	59 44%	127 47%	10 76%

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<u>It makes sense for interest rates to be linked to levels of unemployment</u>									
Agree	542 27%	370 28%	158 24%	212 33%	170 25%	64 23%	32 23%	74 27%	3 19%
Disagree	601 30%	391 30%	228 34%	164 25%	208 30%	92 33%	41 30%	74 27%	2 13%
Don't know	870 43%	548 42%	279 42%	269 42%	313 45%	126 45%	63 46%	124 46%	9 69%
<u>The Bank of England wants to keep interest rates low for as long as possible</u>									
Agree	1153 57%	847 65%	443 67%	404 63%	304 44%	119 42%	53 39%	131 48%	2 12%
Disagree	274 14%	169 13%	92 14%	77 12%	103 15%	37 13%	25 18%	41 15%	2 13%
Don't know	587 29%	292 22%	129 19%	164 25%	284 41%	125 44%	58 42%	101 37%	10 75%
<u>In the past three months I have changed my spending habits in preparation for a change in interest rates</u>									
Agree	364 18%	215 16%	82 12%	133 21%	149 22%	76 27%	18 13%	55 20%	- -
Disagree	1379 68%	986 75%	540 81%	446 69%	382 55%	136 48%	82 60%	164 60%	10 75%
Don't know	271 13%	107 8%	42 6%	65 10%	160 23%	69 25%	36 27%	54 20%	3 25%

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Agree	323 16%	247 19%	80 12%	167 26%	75 11%	27 10%	15 11%	33 12%	2 11%
Disagree	1100 55%	772 59%	468 71%	303 47%	321 47%	133 47%	60 44%	129 47%	7 54%
Don't know	589 29%	290 22%	116 17%	173 27%	295 43%	122 43%	62 45%	111 41%	5 35%

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	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri- vate
Unweighted base	2013	1002	1011	162	298	305	369	346	533	595	580	315	523	237	734
Weighted base	2013	986	1027	239	339	339	359	299	438	538	558	438	478	289	838
<u>I am cutting back on spending now because I think there will be another recession soon</u>															
Agree	703 35%	320 32%	383 37%	102 43%	134 40%	128 38%	134 37%	102 34%	102 23%	164 30%	176 32%	157 36%	206 43%	113 39%	299 36%
Disagree	929 46%	509 52%	419 41%	87 36%	134 40%	148 44%	157 44%	143 48%	260 59%	293 54%	266 48%	190 43%	179 37%	129 45%	392 47%
Don't know	382 19%	157 16%	225 22%	49 21%	70 21%	64 19%	68 19%	54 18%	76 17%	81 15%	116 21%	91 21%	93 19%	48 16%	147 18%
<u>I am looking seriously at all areas of my household or family's spending to see what can be cut</u>															
Agree	1282 64%	595 60%	687 67%	135 56%	221 65%	228 67%	261 73%	203 68%	234 54%	340 63%	325 58%	279 64%	338 71%	205 71%	536 64%
Disagree	540 27%	299 30%	242 24%	57 24%	73 22%	71 21%	73 20%	83 28%	184 42%	165 31%	167 30%	116 27%	92 19%	53 18%	216 26%
Don't know	190 9%	93 9%	98 10%	48 20%	45 13%	40 12%	26 7%	13 4%	20 4%	33 6%	67 12%	43 10%	48 10%	32 11%	86 10%
<u>I have more money to spend on non-essential items now than I did last year</u>															
Agree	407 20%	226 23%	181 18%	71 30%	88 26%	67 20%	62 17%	48 16%	70 16%	137 25%	118 21%	84 19%	67 14%	77 27%	205 25%
Disagree	1427 71%	682 69%	745 73%	132 55%	198 58%	238 70%	275 77%	236 79%	349 80%	352 65%	384 69%	328 75%	363 76%	189 65%	549 66%
Don't know	179 9%	78 8%	101 10%	36 15%	53 16%	34 10%	21 6%	15 5%	20 5%	49 9%	55 10%	26 6%	48 10%	24 8%	83 10%

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Weighted base	2013	986	1027	239	339	339	359	299	438	538	558	438	478	289	838
<u>My personal financial situation is generally heading in the right direction</u>															
Agree	816 41%	442 45%	374 36%	113 47%	148 44%	123 36%	124 35%	109 36%	199 45%	281 52%	232 42%	165 38%	138 29%	147 51%	353 42%
Disagree	915 45%	422 43%	493 48%	92 39%	130 38%	152 45%	188 52%	161 54%	192 44%	202 37%	246 44%	203 46%	265 55%	109 38%	359 43%
Don't know	282 14%	123 12%	159 16%	34 14%	62 18%	63 19%	47 13%	29 10%	47 11%	56 10%	80 14%	71 16%	75 16%	33 11%	126 15%
<u>I am confident that the company I work for will be more successful financially in the next year, than last year</u>															
Agree	435 22%	238 24%	197 19%	62 26%	115 34%	89 26%	91 25%	50 17%	28 6%	128 24%	148 26%	88 20%	71 15%	72 25%	328 39%
Disagree	491 24%	256 26%	235 23%	73 31%	97 29%	94 28%	89 25%	86 29%	53 12%	123 23%	131 24%	141 32%	97 20%	126 44%	226 27%
Don't know	1087 54%	492 50%	595 58%	104 44%	127 37%	156 46%	178 50%	163 55%	358 82%	288 53%	279 50%	210 48%	310 65%	91 31%	284 34%
<u>I expect that there will be more redundancies made at my workplace in the next year, than last year</u>															
Agree	404 20%	217 22%	186 18%	68 28%	94 28%	102 30%	75 21%	46 15%	20 5%	105 20%	122 22%	103 23%	74 15%	105 36%	224 27%
Disagree	624 31%	328 33%	296 29%	69 29%	125 37%	104 31%	151 42%	97 33%	79 18%	170 32%	183 33%	138 32%	132 28%	114 39%	376 45%
Don't know	986 49%	441 45%	544 53%	103 43%	121 36%	133 39%	134 37%	156 52%	339 77%	263 49%	253 45%	197 45%	272 57%	71 24%	238 28%

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I am cutting back on spending now because I think there will be another recession soon																						
Agree	703	596	63	38	97	55	60	48	44	58	101	90	48	412	332	80	290	56	49	47	67	70
	35%	34%	35%	47%	44%	31%	33%	34%	44%	29%	39%	32%	27%	37%	38%	33%	33%	50%	38%	39%	18%	47%
Disagree	929	814	72	26	96	93	69	62	42	103	118	147	100	521	408	113	408	29	49	50	234	45
	46%	47%	40%	33%	43%	51%	38%	44%	42%	51%	45%	52%	55%	46%	46%	47%	46%	26%	38%	41%	63%	30%
Don't know	382	321	47	16	29	33	52	30	14	40	42	46	33	194	145	49	187	28	31	24	70	34
	19%	19%	26%	20%	13%	18%	29%	21%	14%	20%	16%	16%	18%	17%	16%	20%	21%	24%	24%	20%	19%	23%
I am looking seriously at all areas of my household or family's spending to see what can be cut																						
Agree	1282	1095	118	48	148	112	131	87	70	127	147	183	110	741	576	165	541	80	83	80	186	112
	64%	63%	65%	60%	67%	62%	72%	62%	69%	63%	56%	65%	61%	66%	65%	68%	61%	71%	64%	66%	50%	75%
Disagree	540	470	45	20	62	53	31	42	25	47	75	81	60	269	212	57	272	16	29	34	172	20
	27%	27%	25%	24%	28%	29%	17%	30%	25%	24%	29%	29%	33%	24%	24%	23%	31%	14%	22%	28%	46%	14%
Don't know	190	167	18	13	11	16	19	12	6	27	39	18	11	118	97	20	73	16	18	8	14	17
	9%	10%	10%	16%	5%	9%	11%	8%	6%	13%	15%	6%	6%	10%	11%	8%	8%	15%	14%	6%	4%	11%
I have more money to spend on non-essential items now than I did last year																						
Agree	407	370	22	14	52	44	44	32	14	49	62	42	31	282	232	50	125	11	21	14	63	16
	20%	21%	12%	18%	23%	24%	24%	23%	14%	24%	24%	15%	17%	25%	26%	21%	14%	9%	16%	11%	17%	11%
Disagree	1427	1215	133	52	157	126	117	99	79	140	168	215	141	738	569	169	689	86	93	102	290	119
	71%	70%	73%	65%	71%	70%	65%	70%	78%	70%	64%	76%	78%	65%	64%	70%	78%	76%	71%	84%	78%	80%
Don't know	179	146	26	14	13	11	20	10	7	12	32	24	9	107	85	22	72	17	16	6	19	14
	9%	8%	14%	17%	6%	6%	11%	7%	7%	6%	12%	9%	5%	10%	10%	9%	8%	15%	12%	5%	5%	9%

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Weighted base	2013	1731	181	81	221	181	181	141	101	201	262	282	181	1127	886	242	886	113	130	122	371	149
<u>My personal financial situation is generally heading in the right direction</u>																						
Agree	816	717	54	25	96	82	75	68	45	87	107	110	67	500	408	92	316	21	40	33	182	40
	41%	41%	30%	31%	43%	45%	42%	48%	45%	43%	41%	39%	37%	44%	46%	38%	36%	18%	30%	27%	49%	27%
Disagree	915	776	94	48	108	67	73	58	45	89	109	134	88	468	357	112	447	76	69	68	154	80
	45%	45%	52%	60%	49%	37%	41%	41%	45%	44%	42%	48%	49%	42%	40%	46%	50%	67%	53%	56%	41%	54%
Don't know	282	239	33	7	17	32	32	15	10	25	46	37	26	159	122	38	123	17	21	21	35	29
	14%	14%	18%	9%	8%	18%	18%	11%	10%	13%	18%	13%	14%	14%	14%	16%	14%	15%	16%	17%	9%	20%
<u>I am confident that the company I work for will be more successful financially in the next year, than last year</u>																						
Agree	435	397	24	20	52	45	55	36	14	40	63	47	38	400	332	68	35	5	13	*	11	5
	22%	23%	14%	25%	23%	25%	30%	26%	14%	20%	24%	17%	21%	35%	38%	28%	4%	4%	10%	*	3%	4%
Disagree	491	424	35	15	56	29	43	30	32	53	81	67	49	352	279	73	139	26	30	11	45	27
	24%	25%	20%	19%	25%	16%	24%	21%	32%	27%	31%	24%	27%	31%	31%	30%	16%	23%	23%	9%	12%	18%
Don't know	1087	910	121	45	113	107	83	74	55	108	118	168	94	375	275	100	712	82	87	111	315	116
	54%	53%	67%	56%	51%	59%	46%	53%	55%	54%	45%	60%	52%	33%	31%	42%	80%	73%	67%	90%	85%	78%
<u>I expect that there will be more redundancies made at my workplace in the next year, than last year</u>																						
Agree	404	345	30	22	46	35	34	28	28	30	71	50	30	329	264	65	75	22	16	6	13	18
	20%	20%	17%	28%	21%	19%	19%	20%	28%	15%	27%	18%	17%	29%	30%	27%	8%	19%	12%	5%	4%	12%
Disagree	624	553	47	20	64	46	72	49	24	74	88	82	59	489	393	97	134	17	31	14	49	23
	31%	32%	26%	25%	29%	25%	40%	35%	23%	37%	34%	29%	33%	43%	44%	40%	15%	15%	24%	12%	13%	16%
Don't know	986	833	104	38	112	100	76	64	49	98	103	150	92	309	229	80	677	74	83	102	310	108
	49%	48%	57%	47%	50%	55%	42%	46%	49%	49%	39%	53%	51%	27%	26%	33%	76%	66%	64%	84%	83%	72%

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Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**Base: All respondents**

	Tenure								
	Total	NET: Homeowners	Owned outright - without mortgage	Owned with a mortgage or loan	NET: Renters	Rented from the council	Rented from a housing association	Rented from someone else	Rent free
Unweighted base	2013	1234	737	497	761	185	206	370	18
Weighted base	2013	1309	664	644	691	282	136	273	14
<u>I am cutting back on spending now because I think there will be another recession soon</u>									
Agree	703 35%	392 30%	184 28%	209 32%	308 45%	136 48%	63 46%	109 40%	3 18%
Disagree	929 46%	693 53%	359 54%	334 52%	229 33%	77 27%	42 31%	111 41%	6 46%
Don't know	382 19%	224 17%	122 18%	102 16%	153 22%	69 25%	31 23%	53 19%	5 35%
<u>I am looking seriously at all areas of my household or family's spending to see what can be cut</u>									
Agree	1282 64%	814 62%	374 56%	440 68%	461 67%	185 66%	91 67%	185 68%	7 50%
Disagree	540 27%	408 31%	256 39%	152 24%	128 18%	49 17%	21 16%	57 21%	5 35%
Don't know	190 9%	87 7%	34 5%	52 8%	102 15%	47 17%	23 17%	31 11%	2 15%
<u>I have more money to spend on non-essential items now than I did last year</u>									
Agree	407 20%	284 22%	134 20%	150 23%	119 17%	44 16%	15 11%	60 22%	4 28%
Disagree	1427 71%	934 71%	489 74%	445 69%	485 70%	203 72%	104 76%	178 65%	9 62%
Don't know	179 9%	91 7%	41 6%	50 8%	87 13%	35 12%	17 13%	35 13%	1 10%

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Weighted base	2013	1309	664	644	691	282	136	273	14
<u>My personal financial situation is generally heading in the right direction</u>									
Agree	816 41%	591 45%	309 47%	281 44%	218 32%	77 27%	36 26%	106 39%	7 51%
Disagree	915 45%	553 42%	275 41%	278 43%	359 52%	150 53%	80 59%	129 47%	3 24%
Don't know	282 14%	165 13%	80 12%	85 13%	114 16%	54 19%	20 15%	39 14%	3 25%
<u>I am confident that the company I work for will be more successful financially in the next year, than last year</u>									
Agree	435 22%	312 24%	88 13%	225 35%	121 17%	29 10%	17 13%	74 27%	2 13%
Disagree	491 24%	320 24%	147 22%	173 27%	170 25%	63 22%	34 25%	73 27%	2 16%
Don't know	1087 54%	677 52%	430 65%	247 38%	400 58%	190 67%	85 62%	126 46%	10 71%
<u>I expect that there will be more redundancies made at my workplace in the next year, than last year</u>									
Agree	404 20%	254 19%	93 14%	160 25%	145 21%	61 22%	32 24%	52 19%	5 40%
Disagree	624 31%	418 32%	163 25%	256 40%	202 29%	58 21%	35 26%	109 40%	3 21%
Don't know	986 49%	637 49%	408 61%	228 35%	344 50%	163 58%	69 51%	112 41%	5 39%

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Q.4 Thinking about each of the following public services in your local area, do you think they have got better or worse over the past three months?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2013	1002	1011	162	298	305	369	346	533	595	580	315	523	237	734
Weighted base	2013	986	1027	239	339	339	359	299	438	538	558	438	478	289	838
<u>Local state schools</u>															
Better	236	109	127	53	61	48	23	18	32	52	57	66	61	55	99
	12%	11%	12%	22%	18%	14%	6%	6%	7%	10%	10%	15%	13%	19%	12%
No change	1240	617	623	117	202	182	217	209	313	352	339	259	290	151	501
	62%	63%	61%	49%	60%	54%	60%	70%	71%	65%	61%	59%	61%	52%	60%
Worse	537	260	277	69	76	108	119	72	93	134	162	113	127	84	238
	27%	26%	27%	29%	22%	32%	33%	24%	21%	25%	29%	26%	27%	29%	28%
<u>Local NHS services</u>															
Better	223	119	105	50	53	41	24	20	35	77	52	40	55	58	83
	11%	12%	10%	21%	16%	12%	7%	7%	8%	14%	9%	9%	11%	20%	10%
No change	1002	501	501	97	173	166	170	172	225	281	285	205	231	133	424
	50%	51%	49%	40%	51%	49%	47%	57%	51%	52%	51%	47%	48%	46%	51%
Worse	788	367	421	92	113	132	165	108	178	180	221	194	192	99	330
	39%	37%	41%	39%	33%	39%	46%	36%	41%	34%	40%	44%	40%	34%	39%

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Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri- vate
Weighted base	2013	986	1027	239	339	339	359	299	438	538	558	438	478	289	838
<u>Local authority services such as libraries and waste collection</u>															
Better	231	121	110	51	59	42	26	20	34	70	51	54	57	41	114
	11%	12%	11%	21%	17%	12%	7%	7%	8%	13%	9%	12%	12%	14%	14%
No change	989	455	533	120	165	170	152	145	236	281	276	197	235	129	391
	49%	46%	52%	50%	49%	50%	42%	49%	54%	52%	49%	45%	49%	45%	47%
Worse	793	410	383	68	115	127	181	134	169	188	231	188	186	120	334
	39%	42%	37%	28%	34%	37%	50%	45%	38%	35%	41%	43%	39%	41%	40%
<u>Local public transport</u>															
Better	255	123	132	65	62	40	35	13	40	79	55	70	52	45	132
	13%	12%	13%	27%	18%	12%	10%	4%	9%	15%	10%	16%	11%	16%	16%
No change	1064	523	541	89	170	167	176	187	276	294	293	225	252	144	415
	53%	53%	53%	37%	50%	49%	49%	62%	63%	55%	52%	51%	53%	50%	50%
Worse	694	341	353	84	107	132	148	99	123	165	211	143	175	101	291
	34%	35%	34%	35%	32%	39%	41%	33%	28%	31%	38%	33%	37%	35%	35%

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Base: All respondents

	Region													Which of the following best describes your current working status?								
	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	NET: Work-ing	Work-ing full time	Work-ing part time	NET: Not work-ing	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Unweighted base	2013	1723	180	80	243	179	184	156	110	174	185	326	196	971	620	351	1042	131	139	141	467	164
Weighted base	2013	1731	181	81	221	181	181	141	101	201	262	282	181	1127	886	242	886	113	130	122	371	149
<u>Local state schools</u>																						
Better	236	209	20	5	36	19	25	10	7	14	45	29	24	154	121	33	82	12	20	9	22	18
	12%	12%	11%	6%	16%	11%	14%	7%	7%	7%	17%	10%	13%	14%	14%	14%	9%	11%	16%	8%	6%	12%
No change	1240	1064	118	47	123	105	114	86	58	127	152	187	123	652	505	147	588	66	73	87	270	93
	62%	61%	65%	59%	56%	58%	63%	61%	58%	63%	58%	66%	68%	58%	57%	61%	66%	58%	56%	71%	73%	62%
Worse	537	458	43	28	62	57	42	45	36	60	65	66	34	322	259	62	216	35	36	26	79	38
	27%	26%	24%	35%	28%	31%	23%	32%	35%	30%	25%	23%	19%	29%	29%	26%	24%	31%	28%	21%	21%	26%
<u>Local NHS services</u>																						
Better	223	201	15	11	33	15	23	10	7	13	48	34	15	141	115	26	82	13	12	10	30	18
	11%	12%	8%	14%	15%	8%	13%	7%	7%	6%	18%	12%	9%	13%	13%	11%	9%	11%	9%	8%	8%	12%
No change	1002	866	98	31	102	80	91	77	38	117	127	140	101	557	432	125	445	47	68	57	201	72
	50%	50%	54%	39%	46%	44%	50%	55%	38%	58%	49%	50%	56%	49%	49%	52%	50%	42%	53%	46%	54%	48%
Worse	788	664	68	38	87	87	68	53	55	72	87	108	65	429	338	91	359	53	50	56	141	59
	39%	38%	38%	48%	39%	48%	37%	38%	55%	36%	33%	38%	36%	38%	38%	38%	41%	47%	38%	46%	38%	40%

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Weighted base	2013	1731	181	81	221	181	181	141	101	201	262	282	181	1127	886	242	886	113	130	122	371	149
<u>Local authority services such as libraries and waste collection</u>																						
Better	231	195	25	7	15	8	26	17	12	22	45	38	15	154	130	25	77	14	15	9	26	13
	11%	11%	14%	9%	7%	4%	14%	12%	12%	11%	17%	14%	8%	14%	15%	10%	9%	12%	12%	7%	7%	9%
No change	989	859	85	29	98	73	92	70	45	112	137	145	102	520	392	128	469	58	70	60	196	85
	49%	50%	47%	36%	44%	40%	51%	50%	44%	56%	52%	52%	56%	46%	44%	53%	53%	51%	54%	49%	53%	57%
Worse	793	677	72	44	108	100	63	53	44	67	79	98	64	453	364	89	340	41	45	53	150	51
	39%	39%	39%	55%	49%	55%	35%	38%	44%	33%	30%	35%	35%	40%	41%	37%	38%	36%	34%	44%	40%	34%
<u>Local public transport</u>																						
Better	255	223	24	7	39	15	22	10	8	30	53	32	16	177	146	31	78	11	23	11	23	12
	13%	13%	13%	9%	17%	8%	12%	7%	8%	15%	20%	11%	9%	16%	16%	13%	9%	9%	17%	9%	6%	8%
No change	1064	911	104	37	101	95	105	86	49	89	137	172	90	559	431	128	505	60	49	73	242	82
	53%	53%	57%	46%	45%	52%	58%	61%	49%	44%	52%	61%	49%	50%	49%	53%	57%	53%	38%	60%	65%	55%
Worse	694	597	53	37	82	71	54	45	43	83	71	78	76	391	309	82	302	43	58	38	107	56
	34%	34%	29%	45%	37%	39%	30%	32%	43%	41%	27%	28%	42%	35%	35%	34%	34%	38%	45%	31%	29%	37%

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Weighted base	2013	1309	664	644	691	282	136	273	14
<u>Local state schools</u>									
Better	236 12%	141 11%	71 11%	70 11%	94 14%	44 16%	15 11%	34 13%	1 8%
No change	1240 62%	836 64%	439 66%	397 62%	397 57%	158 56%	74 54%	166 61%	7 55%
Worse	537 27%	332 25%	155 23%	177 27%	200 29%	80 28%	48 35%	73 27%	5 37%
<u>Local NHS services</u>									
Better	223 11%	143 11%	78 12%	65 10%	81 12%	39 14%	12 9%	29 11%	- -
No change	1002 50%	662 51%	334 50%	328 51%	331 48%	124 44%	61 45%	147 54%	8 61%
Worse	788 39%	503 38%	253 38%	251 39%	279 40%	118 42%	63 46%	97 36%	5 39%

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Weighted base	2013	1309	664	644	691	282	136	273	14
<u>Local authority services such as libraries and waste collection</u>									
Better	231 11%	140 11%	78 12%	62 10%	91 13%	42 15%	12 9%	37 14%	- -
No change	989 49%	661 50%	339 51%	322 50%	319 46%	110 39%	59 44%	150 55%	9 69%
Worse	793 39%	508 39%	247 37%	260 40%	281 41%	130 46%	65 48%	86 31%	4 31%
<u>Local public transport</u>									
Better	255 13%	151 12%	71 11%	80 12%	103 15%	49 17%	13 10%	40 15%	1 5%
No change	1064 53%	730 56%	395 60%	335 52%	326 47%	124 44%	62 46%	140 51%	8 60%
Worse	694 34%	427 33%	198 30%	229 36%	262 38%	109 39%	60 44%	93 34%	5 35%