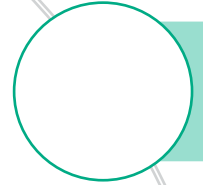


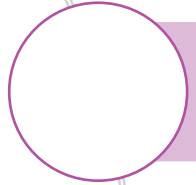
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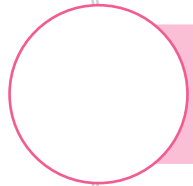
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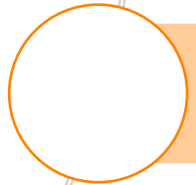
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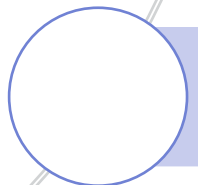
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End of Life sub study



Life Histories sub study



Data and Impact

Background to ELSA

Key facts

- Population cohort study
- A study of adults 50+ living in England and their partners
- Began in 2002 and interviews the same group of people every two years
 - Refreshment sample every couple of years
 - Ethnicity minority boost at Wave 10 and 11
- Multi-disciplinary – health, economic and social circumstances
 - Health visit

Collaborators:



Funders:



... and a range of government departments

Explores health, lifestyles and financial situation of people as they grow older

ELSA Studies

Mainstage fieldwork

- Main interview that core members and participants partake in every two years

Health visit

- Every four years
- Core members
- Collect data on a range of bio measures such as blood pressure and lung function

HCAP

- Healthy Cognitive Ageing Project
- Cognitive tasks to measure and understand cognitive decline and risk of dementia

EOL

- End of life interviews
- Interview with a relative or friend to gather information on the participant's life between their last ELSA interview and death

Life Histories

- Separate web or telephone interview
 - Collect data on participant's lives prior to joining ELSA
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Where we are at present

	Design and Development	Fieldwork	Data in UK Archive	Report
Wave 9 2018/2019				
Wave 10 2021/ 2023			Winter 2023	
HCAP W2 2023			Summer 2024	
Wave 11 2023/2024		HV pilot May 23 MS 2023 - 2024	Winter 2024	Autumn 2025

Wave 11

Types of ELSA Sample Members

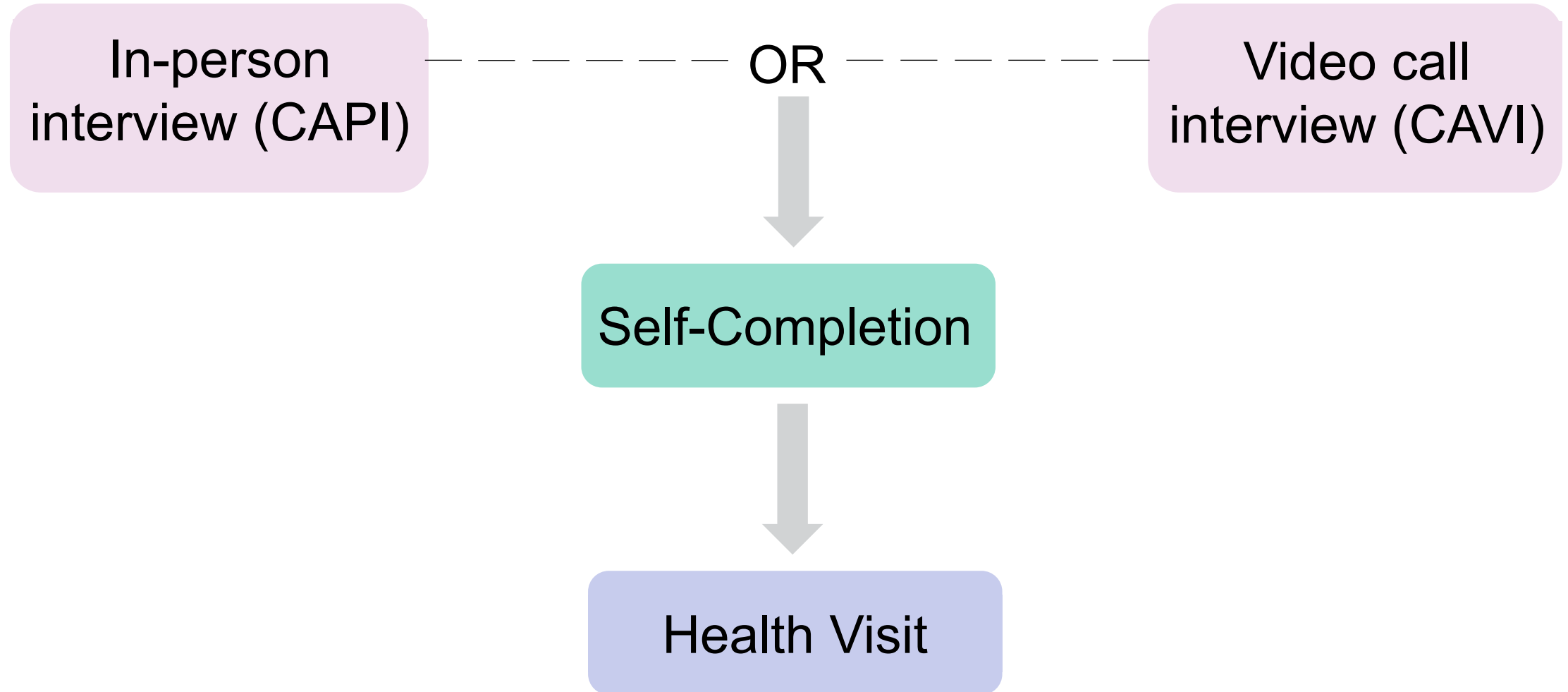
Existing

- Taken part in at least one wave of ELSA

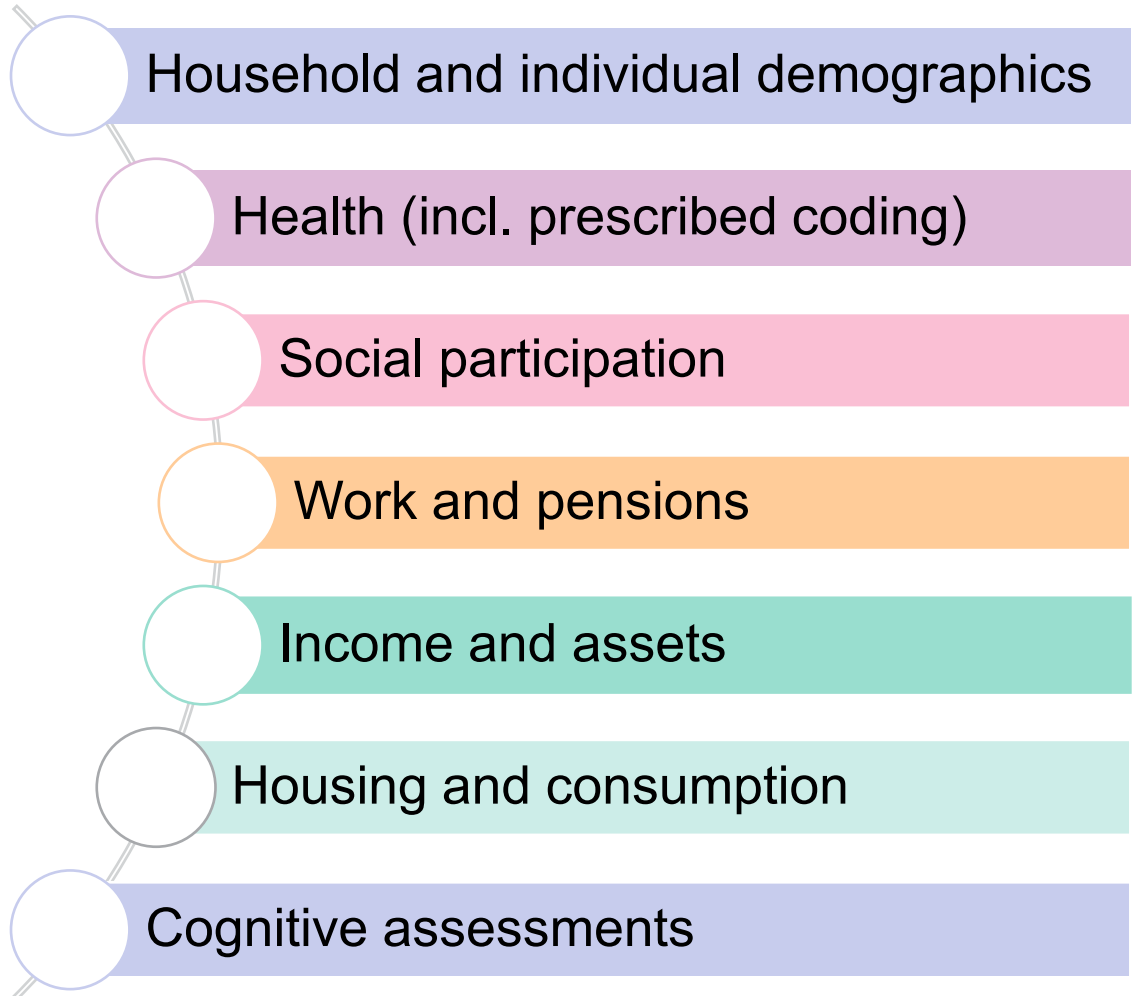
Refreshment

- New members of the sample (aged 50 – 64)
- Ethnic minority boost
- Recruited from either HSE or FRS

Wave 11 Design



Main Interview Content



Health Visit Content

Blood pressure

Grip strength

Blood sample

Height and weight

Balance/leg raise

Lung function

Hair sample

- Respondents can refuse any measure.
- Written consent for blood sample and sending on results to GP.
- Respondent will receive some results during the interview.
- Blood results sent to respondent and GP after visit if consented.
- Lung function results sent to GP after visit if consented

End of Life

End of Life (EOL) Interviews

- Carried out EOL interviews in waves 2, 3, 4 and 6 & HCAP

- Covers:

Health, psychological and spiritual wellbeing

Social circumstances and residence of cohort member between their last ELSA interview and death

Economic consequences for family

- This is important because ELSA is a study of ageing & we want to ensure we include all aspects of ageing including period before people die

Life History

Life Histories

- In 2024 we will collect life history data from ELSA participants who have joined the study since Wave 3.
- We last collected life histories data in 2006/7
- Pilot in summer 2024; Mainstage starts soon after
- **Separate web or telephone interview**
- Data for analyses of e.g. cognitive stimulation during work and early life experiences in relation to Alzheimer's Disease risk

Topics:

- Residence and migration
- Work
- Partners and family
- Health
- Childhood living conditions & experiences

Data and Impact

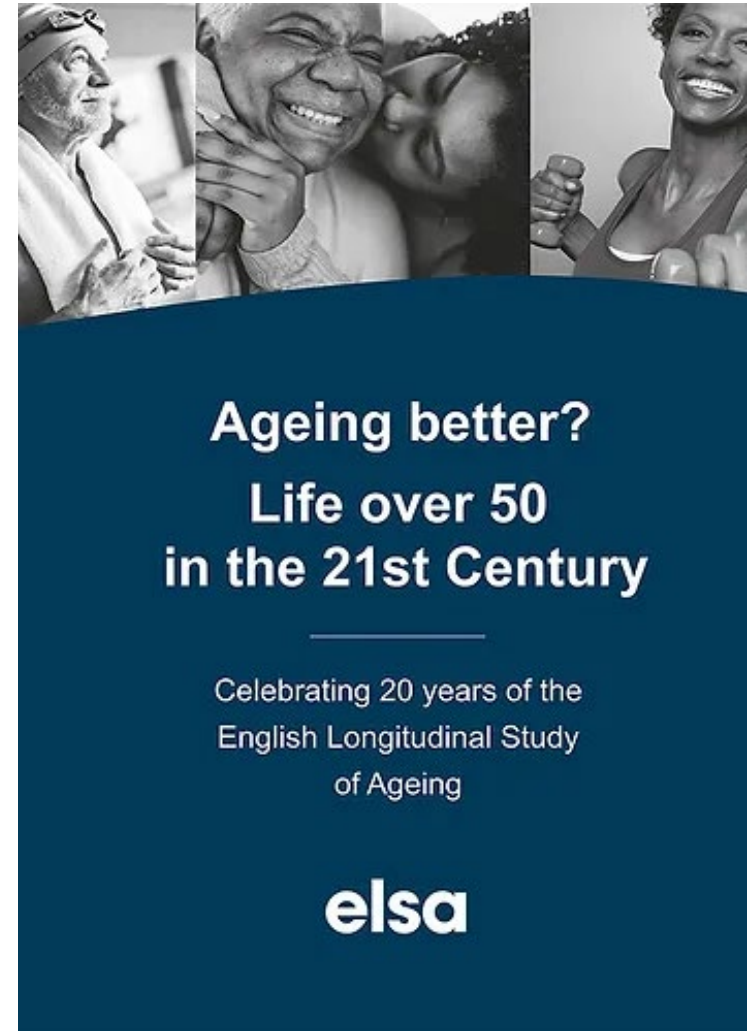
Publications

Wave reports and publications:

www.elsa-project.ac.uk

20th anniversary of ELSA:

The report contains key findings from a selection of published articles that have used ELSA data



Types of ELSA Data

Archived data

- Available to registered users from the UK Data Service (UKDS)

Non-archived survey variables

- NatCen's Data Release Panel considers applications case by case
- A fee may apply for supplying non-archived data
- elsadata@natcen.ac.uk for more information and application form

Non-archived genetic data (ELSA GWAS)

- Managed by UCL (contact elsa@ucl.ac.uk for more information)

Levels of UKDS access to ELSA data

EUL

End User Licence (EUL) datasets

- Available for holders of the UKDS End User Licence (EUL)
- Contains the majority of the interview data, with sensitive or disclosive variables removed

SL

Special Licence (SL) datasets

- Available for users under the UKDS Special Licence conditions
- Contains more sensitive / disclosive variables, including geographies

SA

Secure Access (SA) datasets

- Available using the UKDS Secure Access gateway
- Contains highly sensitive / disclosive variables, including detailed geographies

See UKDS ELSA documentation & User Guide for more

Data available from UK Data Services archive

Wave 1 to 10

- Main interview data

Waves 2, 4, 6 and 8

- Health Visit data

Wave 0 (common variables)

- HSE data

Wave 2, 3, 4 and 6

- End of Life

Financial derived variables

Non-financial derived variables

Fieldwork, data, questionnaire design:

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