

**ADVANCED GCE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

Unit 15: Social Trends

F924/CS

CASE STUDY

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Afternoon**

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



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TEXT 1

Children born today will live to be 81

Life expectancy in the UK has reached its highest level for men and women. Boys and girls could expect on average to live to 76.9 years and 81.3 years of age respectively. Men reaching 65 today can expect to live for another 16.9 years and women a further 19.7 years.

Adapted from The Daily Telegraph 29.11.07

TEXT 2

New homes must 'cater for ageing'

Every new home built in England will have to be designed to suit an ageing population, under plans being unveiled by the government. It wants to expand the support given to older people "to help them live safely and, where they choose, independently in their own homes", says Housing Minister Caroline Flint.

Adapted from BBC News website 25.02.08

FIG. 1

Satisfaction with NHS hospitals and GPs in their area: 2004¹ Great Britain

Percentages

	In need of a lot of improvement	In need of some improvement	Satisfactory	Very good
Hospital services				
Waiting times for ambulance after 999 call	12	33	45	10
General condition of hospital buildings	24	39	31	6
Waiting areas for out-patients	12	36	47	5
Waiting areas in accident and emergency departments	20	37	39	4
Waiting times for seeing doctor in accident and emergency departments	36	42	20	2
Waiting times for appointments with hospital consultants	40	43	15	2
Waiting times in out-patient departments	23	48	27	2
Hospital waiting lists for non-emergency operations	30	48	21	2
GP services				
Waiting areas at GP surgeries	5	16	65	14
GP appointment systems	16	33	37	13
Amount of time GP gives to each patient	11	24	54	11

¹ Respondents aged 18 and over were asked, 'From what you know or have heard, say whether you think the NHS in your area is, on the whole, satisfactory or in need of improvement'. Excludes those who responded 'Don't know' or did not answer.

Social Trends 2006 (Table 8.16)

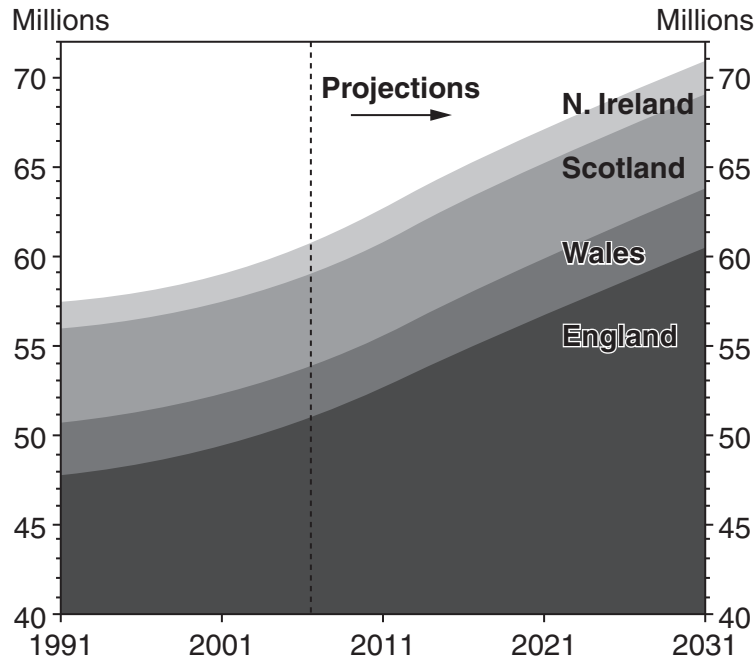
TEXT 3

Conjugal roles: the roles played by a husband and wife or partners within a marriage or relationship.

Dual worker family: both partners work and contribute to the family income.

FIG. 2

Actual and projected UK population



Projected populations of the constituent countries of the United Kingdom

	<i>thousands</i>					
	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
United Kingdom	60 587	62 761	64 975	67 191	69 260	71 100
England	50 763	52 706	54 724	56 757	58 682	60 432
Wales	2 966	3 038	3 113	3 186	3 248	3 296
Scotland	5 117	5 206	5 270	5 326	5 363	5 374
Northern Ireland	1 742	1 812	1 868	1 922	1 966	1 999

Source: 2006 based national population projections, Office for National Statistics

TEXT 4**Weddings are off: marriage rate falls to lowest level for 144 years**

Headline from The Times Newspaper 27.03.08

TEXT 5

1990: 47% of marriages were civil ceremonies.

2006: 66% of marriages were civil ceremonies.

Average age for first marriage: 31.8 for men and 29.7 for women.

Two thirds of the population now feel that there is little difference socially between living together and being married.

Adapted from The Times Newspaper, Helen Nugent 27.03.08

TEXT 6**One child in four has a lone parent**

An independent report by the Office for National Statistics states that the number of children in single parent households has almost doubled in 20 years. Previous research has suggested that the offspring of married couples tend to be healthier than those of single mothers and do better at school than children whose parents have separated or are cohabiting.

Adapted from The Daily Telegraph 03.04.08

TEXT 7

In 2006 125,000 children aged under 16 experienced their parents divorcing. A similar number of children experienced their cohabiting parents going their separate ways.

Adapted from The Times Newspaper 31.08.07

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