The following questions are related to childcare and care given to adults in need of assistance.

Do you regularly take care of relatives or friends aged 15 OR OLDER who are in need of assistance?

*Interviewer: This does not include care provided on a professional or voluntary basis. Regular refers to e.g. every day, once a week... In need of assistance means that the person requires help, support or supervision because the person is in bad health, old, unable to work, invalid or handicapped. Caregiving includes personal care such as dressing or washing, or helping the person with these activities; assisting in walking; managing paperwork; taking care of the household or visiting the person on a regular basis.*

1 Yes
2 No

Would you < if part-time (D14=1): work > more if care services that are appropriate for your needs existed for adults in need of assistance?

1 Yes
2 No

The following questions are related to childcare and care given to adults in need of assistance.

If part-time (D14=1): You said that you would work full time if adequate care services existed for adults in need of assistance.

If not working: You said that you would like to work if adequate care services existed for adults in need of assistance.

In this case, what is your main problem with these care services?

*Interviewer: Read answers! Inadequate quality means e.g. that there is not enough staff, that staff training is insufficient or that facilities do not meet the expected standard (cleanliness, size, equipment).*

1 No care services nearby
2 No care services at the required hours
3 Services are booked out
4 Care services are too expensive
5 Quality of care services is inadequate.
6 Other problem, namely V03a ____________________________

What is your main personal problem with these care services?

*Interviewer: Read answers! Inadequate quality means e.g. that there is not enough staff, that staff training is insufficient or that facilities do not meet the expected standard (cleanliness, size, equipment).*

1 No care services nearby
2 No care services at the required hours
3 Services are booked out
4 Care services are too expensive
5 Quality of care services is inadequate.
6 Other problem, namely V03_1a ____________________________
V02_2  How difficult is it for you personally to reconcile work with your care duties?

Interviewer: Read answers!
1 very difficult
2 difficult
3 rather difficult
4 rather easy
5 easy
6 very easy

V03_2  Are your difficulties related to the availability of care services for adults in need of assistance?
1 Yes
2 No

V03_3  What is your main problem in connection with these care services?

Interviewer: Read answers
Inadequate quality means e.g. that there is not enough staff, that staff training is insufficient or that facilities do not meet the expected standard (cleanliness, size, equipment).
1 Not enough care services nearby
2 Not enough care services at the required hours oder during holidays
3 Low availability
4 Care services are expensive
5 Quality of care services is inadequate
6 Other problem, namely V03_3a ___________________________

V04  Do you regularly take care of children UNDER 15?

Interviewer: Read answers!
MULTIPLE RESPONSES!
Regular refers to e.g. every day, once a week
This does not include care provided on a job basis (e.g. daycare, school and kindergarten teachers)!
re Response 3: no matter whether children live in the dwelling or not.
1 Yes, own (or partner’s) children under 15 who live in this household
2 Yes, own (or partner’s) children under 15 who do not live in this household
3 Yes, other persons’ children, e.g. grandchildren, siblings, friends’ children under 15 (not on a job basis!)
4 No
V05 In answering the following questions, please think of your household’s youngest child, <Name of the youngest child>: Do you normally use care services for <Name of the youngest child>? Not including regular school lessons and not including free care provided by relatives or friends.

Interviewer: MULTIPLE RESPONSES!
Care services include e.g. afternoon care, kindergarten, paid childminder (family daycare provider), babysitter, pre-school etc.
Based on a week without school holidays and without exceptional arrangements due to illness or other problems.

1 Yes, in childcare services such as kindergarten, after-school care, crèche, pre-school, afternoon care etc.
2 Yes, care provided by other persons, e.g. paid home-based childminder or paid babysitter (not including free care)
3 No

V06_1 How many total hours per week is that for <Name of the youngest child>? 

Interviewer: Care services include e.g. kindergarten, paid childminder (family daycare provider), babysitter, pre-school, afternoon care etc.
Not including regular school lessons or free care provided by relatives/friends.
Based on a week without school holidays and without exceptional arrangements due to illness or other problems.
If more than one service is used (e.g. kindergarten and babysitter) enter the number of hours for both.

______, _____ hour(s) per week

V06_2 Approximately how many hours? Is it ...

Interviewer: Read answers!
1 up to 5 hours
2 6 to 10 hours
3 from 10 to 20 hours
4 20 to 30 hours
5 30 to 40 hours
6 more than 40 hours

V07 While you are at work, who is it that MAINLY takes care of <Name of the youngest child>? Not including regular school

Interviewer: Read answers!
Based on a week without school holidays and without exceptional arrangements due to illness or other problems.

1 Partner living in this household
2 Parents, in-laws
3 Care services (e.g. kindergarten, after-school care, crèche, family daycare (paid childminder), paid babysitter, pre-school, afternoon care, nanny etc.)
4 Parent or partner not living in this household
5 Other relatives/neighbours/friends (unpaid)
6 Not using childcare services provided by others.
Would you work <more> if childcare services that are appropriate for your needs existed?

1 Yes
2 No

You said that you would work full time if adequate childcare existed.
You said that you would like to work if adequate childcare existed.

What is your main problem in connection with these services?

Interviewer: Read answers!
Inadequate quality means e.g. staff shortages, insufficient staff training or facilities not meeting the expected standard (cleanliness, size, equipment).

1 No childcare services nearby
2 No care services for small children
3 No childcare services at required hours or during holidays
4 Services are booked out
5 Childcare services are too expensive
6 Quality of childcare is inadequate
7 Other problem, namely V09a________________________________________

What is your main problem in connection with these childcare services?

Interviewer: Read answers!
Inadequate quality means e.g. staff shortages, insufficient staff training or facilities not meeting the expected standard (cleanliness, size, equipment).

1 No childcare services nearby
2 No care services for small children
3 No childcare services at required hours or during holidays
4 Services are booked out
5 Childcare services are too expensive
6 Quality of childcare is inadequate
7 Other problem, namely V09_1a________________________________________

How difficult is it for you personally to reconcile your job with your childcare responsibilities?

Interviewer: Read answers!

1 Very difficult
2 Difficult
3 Rather difficult
4 Rather easy
5 Easy
6 Very easy

Are your difficulties associated with these childcare services?

1 Yes
2 No
What is your main problem in connection with childcare services?

Inadequate quality means e.g. staff shortages, insufficient staff training or facilities not meeting the expected standard (cleanliness, size, equipment).

1. Too few childcare services nearby
2. No care services for small children
3. Too few childcare services at required hours or during holidays
4. Low availability
5. Childcare services are expensive
6. Quality of childcare services is inadequate
7. Other problem, namely V09_3a _______________________

The following questions are related to your work hour arrangement. As a general rule, can you make your own decisions on the beginning and end of your working hours, within certain limits?

1. Yes
2. No (beginning and end of working hours are specified)

Which of the following working hour arrangements apply to your case?

Flexitime means working additional or fewer hours one day and compensating these hours another day. However, presence is required at core hours.

Woking time banking allows for compensating additional hours with whole days out of work.

Given number of hours a day means that work must not be less than a specified number of daily hours and that the only possibility is to shift the beginning and the end of a working day.

No formal specifications means that no core working time has been specified.

Do NOT read “Other” response category unless it is impossible to select another category.

1. Flexitime / Working time banking
2. Given number of hours a day
3. No formal specifications (determines own work schedule)
4. Other, V11a: namely: _______________________

Can you shift the beginning or end of your working hours for at least an hour for family reasons, e.g. if a relative is taken ill?

1. Yes, usually possible
2. Only in exceptional cases
3. No

Can you take whole working days off without annual leave for family reasons, e.g. if a close relative is taken ill?

1. Yes, usually possible (i.e. under the statutory leave entitlement)
2. Only possible in exceptional cases
3. No
Let's now talk about parental leave, i.e. the permission to take leave coupled with the entitlement to return after the maternal protection period and which can normally be taken until the child's 2nd birthday.

Did you take parental leave to take care of your youngest child? 

Interviewer: This is not about childcare benefit!
Not including part-time parental leave!

1 Yes
2 No

How many months did you take parental leave to take care of your youngest child?

Interviewer: Specify the duration of parental leave (i.e. an ongoing employment contract with entitlement to return to the workplace) rather than the duration of childcare payments!
In case of several breaks specify the longest.

_________ months

Does this include the time that you enjoyed maternity protection after the birth of your youngest child?

Interviewer: Maternity protection after childbirth usually lasts two months (eight weeks). After premature delivery, caesarean or multiple birth this post-delivery period takes at least three months (12 weeks).

1 Yes
2 No

How many months did you enjoy maternity protection AFTER the birth of your youngest child?

Maternity protection after childbirth usually lasts two months (eight weeks). After premature delivery, caesarean or multiple birth this post-delivery period takes at least three months (12 weeks).

_________ months

Did you go back to work when your parental leave ended?

Interviewer: This is not about childcare benefit.
Select response 2, "No", if the respondent has not yet returned to work.
Select response 2, "No", if the person returned to work even before the end of parental leave.

1 Yes
2 No
V17 To take care of <Name of youngest child> : Did you ever interrupt your job for at least one whole month? Not including holidays <females: and not including maternity protection>!

  Interviewer: not including holidays, flexdays or time compensation
  In case of several breaks specify the longest.
  Maternity protection after childbirth usually lasts two months. After premature delivery, caesarean or multiple birth this post-delivery period lasts at least three months.

  1 Yes
  2 No

V17_1 Did you reduce your working hours after the birth of <Name of youngest child> to take care of him / her?

  Interviewer: minimum a month, not including annual leave

  1 Yes
  2 No

V17_2 To how many hours a week?

  ______, ______ hours a week

V18 How long did you stay at home with <Name of youngest child> ALTOGETHER <females: after deducting the maternity protection period>?

  Interviewer: If respondent has not yet returned to work, indicate the age of the youngest child.
  This is about the career break after the birth of the youngest child.
  In case of several breaks specify the longest.

  ________ years

V18a <V18> years and how many months?

  ________ months

V18_1 Did you go back to work after the birth of <Name of youngest child>?

  1 Yes
  2 No

V19 For how long did you stop working <females: not including the maternity protection period>?

  Interviewer: If respondent has not yet gone back to work, specify age of youngest child.
  It is about the career break following the birth of the youngest child.
  In case of several breaks specify the longest.

  ________ years
V19a <V19> years and how many months?

_________ months

V19_1 Did you go back to work after the birth of <Name of youngest child>?

1 Yes
2 No

V20 How many hours per week did you usually work before <Name of youngest child> was born?

Interviewer: Please specify the regular working hours per week before the maternal protection period (including early maternal

______, _____ hours a week

V21 How many weekly hours did you work when you returned to work after the birth of <Name of youngest child>?

______, _____ hours a week

V22 After the birth of <Name of youngest child>, did you work fewer hours than before?

1 Yes
2 No

END Thank you for this interview.