

Migration of Social Surveys on to Blaise 5 Update.

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Social Survey are currently working towards having all surveys uplifted on Blaise 5 by the end of 2025. Here are some the projects I have been involved in over the past year.

Last year, the Office for National Statistics redesigned and delivered the International Passenger Survey (IPS) onto Blaise 5. Previously the IPS was collected using paper forms and then inputted into Blaise 4.8 CADI, then around 2017 moved to directly collecting data in Blaise 4.8 using a tablet device. Now the IPS collect data through Blaise 5 and this was the first offline Blaise 5 questionnaire to go out to our field force interviewers using the Case Manager Application.

A number of changes were required for the redesign to harmonise data collection with the Civil Aviation Authority surveys, and one of the main challenges was to implement a postcode lookup that would also return the area of UK that postcode relates too.

Update on the Living Cost and Food Survey (LCF) Record of Spending (RoS) collection tool. Andy Watson gave an overview of the “Parallel Inception – Using nested parallels to create a Blaise 5 application” at the 2023 IBUC. Since this the application tool has moved forward significantly with greater functionality. As well as the layered parallels there is a functional summary page that allows the interviewer to add, edit or delete entries within subject blocks.