

## **Developing National Crime Surveys on Blaise 5**

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Currently, at ONS we are developing several crime-based surveys on Blaise 5 for the first time.

Last year, we developed the 'Young People's Safety Survey' a web-only pilot questionnaire. This was developed to collect data from a pilot study of around 7000 young people aged 10-15 on crimes that specifically impact young people. The age of the sample posed specific challenges such as gaining parental consent for those age 10-13 before those respondents could access the main questionnaire blocks. Additionally, strict record locking was required for every subject block as respondents moved through the questionnaire and providing support page hyperlinks throughout.

As part of a transformation program within ONS we have been developing an online pilot of some core modules in the Crime Survey for England and Wales to test whether an online mode will meet our requirements. This has been a highly challenging questionnaire to develop involving prioritisation of crimes, and a block which is required to re-evaluate which crime remaining is the highest priority throughout. The aim of this questionnaire is to allow the collection of data on single crimes, incidents involving multiple crimes in a single event, as well as the same crime type happening multiple times across the last year.

Overall, we are aiming to continue to develop and pilot these crime-based surveys online to collect national data using Blaise 5 for the first time.