

Figure 1 – Example items from the Musculoskeletal Health Questionnaire (MSK-HQ)

This questionnaire is about your **joint, back, neck and muscle symptoms** such as aches, pains and/or stiffness. For each question **tick (✓) one box** to indicate which statement best describes you **over the last 2 weeks**.

<p>1. Pain/stiffness during the day How severe was your usual joint or muscle pain and / or stiffness overall during the day in the last 2 weeks?</p>	Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> ₄	Slightly <input type="checkbox"/> ₃	Moderately <input type="checkbox"/> ₂	Fairly severe <input type="checkbox"/> ₁	Very severe <input type="checkbox"/> ₀
<p>3. Walking How much have your symptoms interfered with your ability to walk in the last 2 weeks?</p>	Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> ₄	Slightly <input type="checkbox"/> ₃	Moderately <input type="checkbox"/> ₂	Severely <input type="checkbox"/> ₁	Unable to walk <input type="checkbox"/> ₀
<p>5. Physical activity levels How much has it been a problem for you to do physical activities (e.g. going for a walk or jogging) to the level you want because of your joint or muscle symptoms in the last 2 weeks?</p>	Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> ₄	Slightly <input type="checkbox"/> ₃	Moderately <input type="checkbox"/> ₂	Very much <input type="checkbox"/> ₁	Unable to do physical activities <input type="checkbox"/> ₀
<p>6. Work/daily routine How much have your joint or muscle symptoms interfered with your work or daily routine in the last 2 weeks (including work & jobs around the house)?</p>	Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> ₄	Slightly <input type="checkbox"/> ₃	Moderately <input type="checkbox"/> ₂	Severely <input type="checkbox"/> ₁	Extremely <input type="checkbox"/> ₀
<p>8. Needing help How often have you needed help from others (including family, friends or carers) because of your joint or muscle symptoms in the last 2 weeks?</p>	Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> ₄	Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> ₃	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> ₂	Frequently <input type="checkbox"/> ₁	All the time <input type="checkbox"/> ₀
<p>9. Sleep How often have you had trouble with either falling asleep or staying asleep because of your joint or muscle symptoms in the last 2 weeks?</p>	Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> ₄	Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> ₃	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> ₂	Frequently <input type="checkbox"/> ₁	Every night <input type="checkbox"/> ₀
<p>12. Understanding of your condition and any current treatment Thinking about your joint or muscle symptoms, how well do you feel you understand your condition and any current treatment (including your diagnosis and medication)?</p>	Completely <input type="checkbox"/> ₄	Very well <input type="checkbox"/> ₃	Moderately <input type="checkbox"/> ₂	Slightly <input type="checkbox"/> ₁	Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> ₀
<p>13. Confidence in being able to manage your symptoms How confident have you felt in being able to manage your joint or muscle symptoms by yourself in the last 2 weeks (e.g. medication, changing lifestyle)?</p>	Extremely <input type="checkbox"/> ₄	Very <input type="checkbox"/> ₃	Moderately <input type="checkbox"/> ₂	Slightly <input type="checkbox"/> ₁	Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> ₀