

## Kirklees Your Place, Your Say Survey 2011: religion / belief

### Summary of key findings for Christian, Muslim and non-religious respondents

No conclusions have been drawn in the overall project report for religious groups. Age and ethnicity related conclusions may be appropriate to consider in tandem when looking at religion.

- **Does religion have an effect on sense of community?** Muslim respondents appear generally less satisfied with their local area (echoed by Asian respondents when analysed by ethnicity), but have a much stronger belief that ‘people like them’ can change the way their area is run.
- Non-religious respondents had less positive views on people pulling together, getting on, and supporting each other in their local area than Muslim respondents, though conversely Muslims responded more negatively when asked about crime related issues such as noisy neighbours, vandalism and drug use in their area.
- **Satisfied with council services?** Muslim respondents indicated they were more satisfied with street maintenance, social care services and Children’s Centres, though they were less impressed than most regarding refuse collections (mirrored by Asian respondents).
- **Getting in touch and feeling informed.** Non-religious residents appear more likely to contact the council and to use the council website. Muslim respondents that had been in touch with us were more likely to feel let down by the person they contacted. They were less likely to use the website as their preferred way to get info (as were older respondents), and felt less informed overall.
- **Feeling anxious?** Anxiety appears to be running higher in the Muslim community, with a higher overall score for this area and fewer Muslim respondents stating they didn’t feel at all anxious. More positively, the same group gave a higher mean score than average when asked about feeling optimistic about the future.
- **The future.** When asked about the importance to them of various aspirations, Muslim respondents assigned a greater importance to many goals including education and entrepreneurship, getting healthy and getting involved (again echoed by Asian, and also Black respondents).

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Details of the survey method and religion response rate are included as Appendix A

*Please note: for analysis purposes, data has been weighted by geographical area, age and gender and ethnicity. All analysis is based on weighted data unless otherwise stated.*

The tables below summarise some key Your Place, Your Say findings for Christian, Muslim and non-religious respondents, and highlight where the results for different groups vary significantly from the Kirklees average. Boxes without shading are for variables where it is not appropriate to make a judgement about whether differences between responses are 'better' or 'worse'.

Due to the low numbers of respondents identifying themselves as Jewish, Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu or any other religion, no analysis is included for those groups in this document.

## Key:

	result is significantly* better than the Kirklees average
	result is significantly* worse than the Kirklees average
	no significant difference

\*significant difference based on more than +/- 3 percentage points between the Kirklees average and respondents from different age groups. Mean well-being scores are compared taking into account confidence intervals of each mean score at 95% level of confidence.

*Please note: statistically significant differences between different religious groups (based on z-testing) are highlighted on the full set of tables available via the Kirklees Intelligence Observatory.*

This table compares data for Kirklees overall with Christian, Muslim and non-religious respondents to seven key survey questions.

Your Place, Your Say Question	Kirklees (%)	None (%)	Christian (%)	Muslim (%)
<b>Key Survey Indicators</b>				
% satisfied with local area as a place to live	76%	75%	78%	66%
% agreeing that local area is a place where people treat each other with respect and consideration	51%	48%	51%	51%
% feeling safe when outside in their local area during the day	86%	87%	87%	77%
% agreeing that Kirklees Council provides value for money	33%	32%	34%	29%
% satisfied with the way Kirklees Council runs things	39%	39%	40%	39%
% agreeing that when people like them get involved in their local community they really can change the way their area is run	35%	33%	33%	53%
Mean life satisfaction score (out of 10)	6.83	6.69	6.99	6.37

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This table compares data for with Christian, Muslim and non-religious respondents, to selected questions from the survey where there were notable differences in responses.

Your Place, Your Say Question	Kirklees (%)	None (%)	Christian (%)	Muslim (%)
<b>Community Cohesion</b>				
% agreeing that their local area is place where people from different ethnic backgrounds get on well together	46%	42%	45%	67%
% agreeing that their local area is a place where people with different income levels get on well together	47%	46%	48%	52%
% agreeing that their local area is a place where people with different needs / abilities get on well together	47%	44%	48%	56%
% agreeing that their local area is a place where people trust each other	38%	35%	40%	38%
% agreeing that their local area is a place where people help and support each other	49%	44%	51%	55%
% agreeing that their local area is a place where people pull together to improve things in the local area	38%	34%	41%	31%
<b>Area and home satisfaction, crime</b>				
% agreeing that their local area is a place that looks attractive	47%	47%	49%	34%
% agreeing that their local area is a place where they feel proud to live	54%	49%	56%	51%
% that think noisy neighbours or loud parties are a big problem in their local area	16%	17%	14%	26%
% that think vandalism and graffiti are a big problem in their local area	24%	22%	24%	33%
% that think people using or dealing drugs is a big problem in their local area	43%	40%	41%	65%
<b>Service and Council Satisfaction</b>				
% satisfied with household refuse collection	79%	74%	83%	59%
% satisfied with road and pavement maintenance	31%	28%	32%	37%
% satisfied with Children's Centres	41%	41%	37%	55%
% satisfied with social care services	31%	29%	29%	42%
<b>Customer Contact with the Council</b>				
% in direct contact with council in previous 12 months	54%	58%	52%	52%
% feeling the person they were in contact with did what they said they would do	74%	75%	75%	64%
<b>Information and involvement</b>				
% naming Kirklees Council website as their preferred method of getting information about the council	51%	62%	47%	43%
% feeling well informed about what's happening in their local area	56%	55%	58%	46%

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Your Place, Your Say Question	Kirklees (%)	None (%)	Christian (%)	Muslim (%)
% feeling well informed about local public services overall	49%	47%	51%	42%
<b>Well-being</b>				
To what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile? (on a scale of 0 to 10)				
- % giving a score of 10 - i.e. <i>completely worthwhile</i>	13%	10%	14%	15%
- mean score	7.07	6.91	7.22	6.72
How happy did you feel yesterday? (on a scale of 0 to 10)				
- % giving a score of 10 - i.e. <i>completely happy</i>	14%	12%	15%	19%
- mean score	6.86	6.67	7.04	6.45
How anxious did you feel yesterday? (on a scale of 0 to 10)				
- % giving a score of 0 - i.e. <i>not at all anxious</i>	21%	22%	22%	10%
- mean score	3.48	3.28	3.39	4.58
<b>Optimism</b>				
How optimistic do you feel about the future? (on a scale of 0 to 10)				
- % giving a score of 10 - i.e. <i>completely optimistic</i>	9%	7%	8%	13%
- mean score	5.91	5.91	5.95	5.86
<b>Aspirations for the future</b>				
% indicating that is important to them to...				
...undertake further education / qualifications / training	53%	55%	48%	66%
...start their own business	33%	31%	30%	52%
...get involved to help provide local public services and improve the area for communities	37%	31%	35%	61%
...make a healthy change	75%	72%	76%	83%

### Priorities for Local Area and Prioritisation of Services

The document online on the council's website at [http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/you-kmc/kmcbudget/budgetplans2012\\_13.shtml](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/you-kmc/kmcbudget/budgetplans2012_13.shtml) called 'priorities and value for money' summarises how respondents of different religious beliefs rate various things as being important in making somewhere a good place to live, what needs improving in their local area and which services are most important to them personally.

In summary:

- A strong local economy, affordable decent housing, high performing schools, access to childcare facilities, access to community facilities and access to arts and creative activities are more important to Muslims than non-Muslims
- More non-Muslims feel that roads and pavements need improving and count it as their top priority
- In terms of perceptions of value for money, more non-Muslims agree that Kirklees Council provides value for money

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## APPENDIX A – Your Place, Your Say methodology and religion / belief response rate

**About the Your Place, Your Say survey:** Was a household postal survey carried out in Kirklees between October-December 2011. A random sample of 35,000 households were sent a postal survey, and additional activity such as an online version of the survey, booster sampling and engagement with voluntary and community organisations were undertaken to boost responses from groups traditionally less likely to respond to postal surveys.

**The survey sample:** 8,244 responses were received to the random postal survey. This document summarises data from the random element of the sample only. Data from the non-random approaches will be used for more detailed exploration of community of interest responses, following this initial analysis of random survey data. Data based on 8,244 responses is subject to +/- 1 percentage point margin of error. Responses to the survey have been weighted by geographical area, age and gender and ethnicity to ensure that survey responses are representative of the Kirklees district.

### “What is your religion?”

- Question 32 of the survey asked respondents to describe their religion
- 7,813 people responded to this question:

Religion	Frequency	%
No religion	2329	30%
Christian (Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	4629	59%
Jewish	6	0%
Buddhist	10	0%
Muslim	689	9%
Sikh	38	0%
Hindu	24	0%
Any other religion	87	1%

*(Unweighted totals)*