

Appendix table 1: Questions for Measurement of Social Capital

<i>Please say how you feel about these statements about the area where you live.</i>	
Response options:	
Strongly disagree	
Disagree	
Neither agree nor disagree,	
Agree	
Strongly agree	
Item	Measure for
People say 'hello' and often stop to talk to each other in the street	Social Cohesion
It is safe for younger children to play outside during the day	Social Cohesion
There are good places to spend your free time (e.g., recreation centres, parks, shopping centres)	Social Cohesion
You can trust people around here	Trust
I could ask for help or a favour from neighbours	Cooperation

Appendix table 2. Factor pattern matrix of risk taking behaviour items

Item	Loading
Using cannabis	0.91
Smoking tobacco	0.88
Bing drinking	0.77
Every have had sex	0.74
Variance explained	
67.8%	
Cronbach Alpha	
0.78	
Eigenvalue	
1.43	

Appendix table 3. Factor pattern matrix of peer influence items

Loadings to the negative peer influence factor		Loadings to the positive peer influence factor	
Item	Loading	Item	Loading
<i>Most of the friends in my group....</i>		<i>Most of the friends in my group....</i>	
....have used drugs to get stoned	0.81	.... care for environment	0.55
..... smoke cigarettes	0.77	.... help others in need	0.53
..... get drunk	0.74	.... do well at school	0.51
.... have sexual relationships	0.64	....participate in organized sports activities with other	0.49
		.... participate in cultural activities other than sports	0.45
		.... get along with their parents	0.43
Cronbach Alpha			
0.56		0.52	
Eigenvalue			
2.82		1.18	
Variance explained by two factors			
36.3 %			

Note:

- 1) The item ‘Most of the friends in my group carry weapon’ was excluded from further analysis because it did not load to any factor
- 2) Loadings were not identical but similar enough to justify the use of similar weights