

## **Essential notes for using the 1985 data**

The original survey collected episode level data from three samples, but sadly the episode files for the smaller two samples, the phone-interview and the personal-interview samples, have been corrupted. We have undertaken extensive work cleaning the episode files for the mail-back sample. Most published research using this data uses one of several summary files which add total time spent in a reduced version of the original survey codes. Our data are drawn from the full range of original codes. The larger original activity code base, the single sample, and the data cleaning we have performed have produced some differences between the estimates of certain activities users will get from this data set in comparison with other summary files in circulation. One difference is particularly pronounced. The original episode files include two codes, 481 (“time gap greater than 10 minutes”) and 579 (“end of diary marker”). In addition, we created a code of 0 during data cleaning for episodes which had no reported activity. We recorded all three of these codes as missing activity time. In other versions of this original survey data, these missing codes have been coded as personal care.