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Abstract

The potential impact of COVID-19 restrictions on worker well-being is currently unknown. In this study we examine 15 well-being outcomes collected from 621 full-time workers assessed before (November, 2019 - February, 2020) and during (May-June, 2020) the COVID-19 pandemic. Fixed effects analyses are used to investigate how the COVID-19 restrictions and involuntary homeworking affect well-being and job performance. The majority of worker well-being measures are not adversely affected. Homeworkers feel more engaged and autonomous, experience fewer negative emotions and feel more connected to their organisations. However, these improvements come at the expense of reduced homelife satisfaction and job performance.

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1. Introduction

A burgeoning interdisciplinary literature has examined the impact of COVID-19 on well-being. However, current understanding of this topic is limited as most existing studies rely almost exclusively on data collected after the onset of the pandemic and utilise a narrow set of well-being measures. The current study contributes to this literature by producing a rich account of the well-being experiences of UK employees, surveyed before and during the imposition of COVID-19 restrictions. The pre-post pandemic design allows us to estimate the effects of ‘lockdown’ and in particular, the dramatic shift to homeworking, across a wide range of worker well-being measures.

On the 16th of March 2020, against a backdrop of rising deaths and hospital admissions, the UK Prime Minister advised people to refrain from non-essential travel and physical contact with others and to work from home where possible.⁵ One week later, this advice was upgraded to a statutory ban on leaving the home, including commuting to work, unless workers were unable to work from home and commuting was “absolutely necessary”. The UK remained in lockdown for eleven weeks, with a phased re-opening of the economy in June and July. Figure 1 depicts the timeline. The aim of this study is to assess the emotional and psychological reactions of full-time workers to this exogenous shock.

The impact of exogenous shocks (e.g. Berlemann, 2016) and pandemics in particular (e.g. Lau et al., 2008) on well-being is well documented. Many of these studies, as well as more recent COVID-19 works, are however limited by cross-sectional designs, an absence of pre-pandemic baseline data, or by a reliance on narrow, single-item measures of subjective well-being. To date, COVID-19 well-being studies have largely focused on the general population (e.g. Pierce et al, 2020) or on specific groups of interest such as frontline healthcare workers or those with pre-existing health conditions (e.g. Cabarkapa et al., 2020). Of the studies

⁵ By that stage a large shift towards homeworking had already occurred e.g. Hearn (2020).

examining workers, most focus on the distributional effects of COVID-19-related unemployment and changes in income (e.g. Bell and Blanchflower, 2020). Few studies have focused on the impact of COVID-19 on the subjective well-being of full-time workers who remain in employment. This group is of crucial interest in the context of COVID-19 given the dramatic shift to homeworking. Full-time workers form the majority of the labour force and they have been subjected to a dual shock - the impact of the pandemic itself and, for many, a radical change in where and how they work.⁶

Similarly, few studies specifically examine the well-being effects of homeworking due to COVID-19 restrictions, with the majority of studies identifying who *can* work from home (e.g. Dingel and Neiman, 2020), rather than examining the lived experience of workers who *are* working from home due to COVID-19. With some exceptions⁷, the small set of studies that specifically examine the well-being of homeworkers during the pandemic rely largely on measures of psychological distress and many lack pre-pandemic data. In contrast, in this study we use longitudinal data and adopt a broad view of subjective worker well-being. We identify three aspects that may be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions and homeworking: how people evaluate their lives (e.g. life satisfaction), how people feel from moment-to-moment (e.g. happiness), and their eudaimonic well-being (e.g. sense of meaning and purpose). We examine changes in each of these aspects both before (November - February, 2020) and during (May - June, 2020) the COVID-19 restrictions in the UK. Furthermore, we isolate the moderating effect of homeworking by comparing the changes in well-being among workers who worked from home during lockdown to the changes experienced by those who continued to work from their pre-COVID-19 location. We demonstrate that work-related well-being significantly improves during the period of restrictions. However, there is considerable heterogeneity, with

⁶ Worker well-being is associated with labour market behaviour such as voluntary turnover e.g. Caesens, Stinglhamber and Marmier (2016).

⁷ E.g. Zacher and Rudolph (2020); Recchi et al (2020); Moehring et al (2020); Felstead and Reuschke (2020).

homeworkers benefitting more in terms of enhanced psychological and emotional well-being, albeit at the cost of lower home-life satisfaction and job performance.

This paper contributes to multiple research strands. Firstly, we make a unique contribution to the COVID-19 literature by using a fixed effects model to examine the impact of an exogenous shock on workers' cognitive (evaluative), emotional and psychological (eudaimonic) work-related well-being. Secondly, we contribute to the homeworking literature by comparing changes in well-being experienced by non-homeworkers and homeworkers during the pandemic, with the caveat that many homeworkers may not have self-selected into homeworking. In addition, for the first time, we capture the lived reality of day-to-day homeworking before and during the COVID-19 restrictions using the Day Reconstruction Method ("DRM") (Kahneman et al., 2004). In doing so we acknowledge that being compelled to work from home, while perhaps simultaneously caring for children / home-schooling, may constitute a very different experience to actively choosing to work from home under 'normal' circumstances.

We identify significant changes in 8 of the 15 baseline well-being measures administered over a reasonably short window (3-6 months) for the overall sample.⁸ The results demonstrate that worker well-being appears to be influenced by contextual forces, even after stable, individual differences are accounted for. We report larger effects for homeworkers (significant changes in 8 measures) than non-homeworkers (significant change in just 1 measure). We also identify a significant change in self-rated job performance for homeworkers.

The remainder of the paper is organised as follows: Section 2 summarises the relevant literature and our contribution. Section 3 describes the data and outlines the empirical strategy.

⁸ *Adjusted Benjamini-Hockberg p-values are used throughout*

Section 4 depicts the main results and robustness tests. Section 5 discusses our results and concludes.

2. Background

This paper examines how an exogenous shock (COVID-19 restrictions) affects the well-being of full-time workers. COVID-19 studies to date generally measure psychological distress and mental health symptoms in the general population and do not focus specifically on workers. Depression, anxiety and stress are found to be common global reactions to the early stages of the pandemic (Rajkumar, 2020; Wang et al, 2020), with women and young adults particularly affected (Daly and Robinson, 2020; Pierce et al, 2020). There is however emerging evidence of psychological adaptation. For example, Daly, Sutin, & Robinson (2020) use the Understanding Society data to show that mental health partly recovered in May and June in the UK. Similarly, Fancourt, Steptoe and Bu (2020) report that, while 49% of respondents in the UK report high anxiety at the start of lockdown, compared to 21% at the end of 2019, this falls to 30% by September. Depression rates also fall steadily. However, young adults and ethnic minorities continue to be disproportionately affected. Similarly, in the US, Daly and Robinson (2020) find that an initial sharp rise in psychological distress in early-April is followed by a return to baseline levels by June, while Globig, Blain and Sharot (2020) find positive affect of US respondents returns to baseline within one month.

A limited number of pre-post outbreak studies examine the trajectory of other well-being outcomes during the COVID-19 restrictions. Lockdown is associated with reduced life satisfaction in Italy (e.g. Ruggieri et al, 2020) and increased stress at home in Canada (Beland et al., 2020). In the UK, Fancourt et al. (2020) show that, while average life satisfaction is significantly lower than usual prior to lockdown, it increases after lockdown is announced and stabilises by the end of May, albeit at a lower level. This also lends support to an adaptation theory. Their findings also suggest that lockdown is not necessarily a negative experience for

everyone, with one third of respondents (mainly those with higher incomes and who live with others) ‘enjoying lockdown’. Similarly, Recchi et al., (2020) report higher levels of self-rated health and well-being amongst French respondents from higher socio-economic backgrounds, a finding they attribute to unaffected individuals rating their life situations more favourably. For other groups however, lockdown is associated with increased domestic discord (e.g. Luetke et al., 2020; Heubener et al., 2020).

Very few studies focus exclusively on the impact of lockdown on *worker* well-being. One notable exception is Zacher and Rudolph’s (2020) study which finds a significant decrease in life satisfaction and positive affect amongst German workers during the early stages of the pandemic. Against expectations, they also find a reduction in negative affect. They attribute this to coping strategies and positive reframing, as well as to a potential increase in low-activation negative emotions. Our study advances this work by analysing a wider range of emotions, allowing us to provide a more nuanced insight into the affective mechanisms at work.

For a large portion of UK workers, lockdown triggered a sudden switch to homeworking. Prior to COVID-19, just 2% of our sample worked from home full-time. This figure increased to 74% during lockdown. Preferences for homeworking are well documented (Author Reference, 2020; Wheatley, 2020).⁹ However, the extent to which prior attitudes towards homeworking translate into lived experience, particularly when homeworking is imposed rather than actively chosen, is largely unknown. While homeworking is usually positively associated with job satisfaction, and organisational commitment, the relationship between homeworking, stress and emotional well-being is largely unknown (Charalompous et al, 2017; Oakman et al, 2020). The relationship between homeworking and burnout is also unclear. While Anderson and Kelliher (2009) find higher levels of engagement amongst

⁹ Reasons why workers might prefer homeworking include no commute; more flexibility etc. Reasons why workers might prefer not to work from home include feeling isolated etc.

homeworkers, homeworkers may also be more susceptible to exhaustion due to reciprocity-induced increased work-effort (Canonico, 2016).

The homeworking literature discussed thus far relates to self-selected homeworking under ‘normal’ circumstances. COVID-19 studies show that workers’ lived experiences of homeworking are characterised by heterogeneity. Lyttleton, Zang and Musick (2020) find that homeworking mothers feel anxious, lonely and depressed more often than homeworking fathers. On the other hand, Moehring et al. (2020) find no association between switching to homeworking and changes in homelife or job satisfaction amongst German workers.

In relation to homeworking and performance, while Bloom et al.’s (2015) well-publicised randomised controlled trial finds a positive association between homeworking and productivity pre-COVID-19, the results from COVID-19 studies are more equivocal. Baudot and Kelly (2020) report an increase in US workers’ rating of their own and subordinates’ performance and Baert et al. (2020) find that just under half of Flemish homeworkers report lower stress, higher concentration and believe they are less likely to suffer from future burnout. The authors speculate that this may be due to the perceived support that workers received from their organisations during lockdown, a factor which is linked to successful flexible working (Allen, 2001; Oakman et al. 2020). In the UK, Felstead and Reuschke (2020) find that 30% of Understanding Society workers report reduced productivity compared to pre-COVID levels, whereas 29% report getting more work done.

While most COVID-19 well-being studies rely on psychological distress or life satisfaction measures, our study reflects the New Economics Foundation definition of worker wellbeing, namely “*feeling good and functioning well*” (White, 2000). In line with a vast literature (summarised in DeSimone, 2014), we view subjective worker well-being as a multidimensional construct which includes two separable and independent constructs - a relatively stable cognitive (evaluative) component and a transient emotional component. In

addition, we acknowledge a growing body of evidence from positive psychology (e.g. Diener et al., 2018; Ryan and Deci, 2001) which suggests that subjective well-being should be expanded to include psychological well-being.¹⁰ In the context of workers, this captures the “affective and purposive psychological state that people experience while they are at work” (Robertson and Cooper, 2011 p.54).

The measures we employ reflect a growing consensus that workers need to feel emotionally connected to their colleagues (relatedness) and to achieve ‘mastery’ over their working environment through goals which are consistent with their sense of self (autonomy) and ability (competence) (Ryff, 1989; Reis et al., 2000). To perform optimally, workers also need to feel engaged, a state which arises when they experience high-activation positive emotions and find their work absorbing (Csikszentmihalyi, 1990), worthwhile (Seligman, 2018) and positively challenging (Bakker and Demerouti, 2008). Workers who experience low levels of pleasure and activation may feel ‘burnt out’, a state characterised by emotional exhaustion, chronic fatigue and a cynical attitude (Bakker and Oerlemans, 2011). Workers in our sample may thus report high well-being if they experience positive emotions frequently and unhappy emotions infrequently; if they are satisfied with her work-life relative to that of their peers, past experiences and future expectations (Bakker and Oerlemans, 2011); if they feel engaged; if they feel emotionally connected to her colleagues and if they can function well in the workplace and realise their potential.

Whereas well-being surveys predominantly employ single-item job satisfaction scales, affective measures vary widely. Global (evaluative) measures capture workers’ beliefs about the typical, *overall* patterns of emotions experienced at work, on a *remembered basis* (Bakker and Oerlemans, 2011). Experiential measures capture *momentary* affective states triggered by external circumstances, *as they occur*. Despite evidence that these measures are differentially

¹⁰ Factor analyses (e.g. Linley et al, 2009) show that subjective well-being and psychological well-being load separately onto two independent but related factors

determined (Hudson, Lucas and Donnellan, 2016) and that experiential measures are associated with economically relevant behaviour (e.g. Binnewies, Sonnentag and Mojza, 2009), global measures continue to dominate the literature. This paper addresses this discrepancy by using both global and experiential measures to investigate the extent to which different aspects of well-being are determined by “transitory versus enduring factors” (Hudson, Lucas and Donnellan, 2017 p.45).

This paper uses cognitive, emotional and psychological measures to explore the trajectory of worker well-being and performance pre- and during the imposition of COVID-19 restrictions and enforced homeworking in the UK. Given the well-documented links between global measures and enduring life circumstances, we do not expect to observe meaningful changes in global within-person satisfaction or affect given our sample, who are on average highly educated, full-time workers, on permanent contracts. In contrast, we expect experiential measures to be more sensitive to the contextual change in working-life circumstances induced by the COVID-19 restrictions.

3. METHOD

3.1 Data and Sample

We use balanced, longitudinal panel data for 621 full-time workers based on two in-depth, surveys specifically designed to measure worker well-being. Participants were sourced through Prolific Academic, a specialist academic research survey-panel provider. The baseline survey was completed online by 994 workers in the UK between 25th of November, 2019 and the 19th of February, 2020.¹¹

The second, follow-up survey, was restricted to workers who participated in the first survey. Matched data was collected from 741 respondents between the 7th of May and the 3rd

¹¹ During Wave 2 three workers are based in Northern Ireland and three workers in the Republic of Ireland. Excluding these workers from the analysis does not affect the results materially.

of July, 2020. The distribution of responses by month is graphed in S1 of the Online Supplementary Materials. 94% of Wave 2 responses were obtained in May, 5% in June and just 1 response in July. The majority were collected during full lockdown, on the 7th and 8th of May, immediately prior to the publishing of the Conditional Plan to re-open schools and society. 25 responses were obtained between the 1st and 19th of June, a period which coincides with lockdown easing, including phased school re-openings. Just 8 responses were obtained after the risk level was lowered to ‘general risk’ on the 19th of June.

The sample was designed to target full-time workers. Pre-screening criteria were used to recruit workers who were between 18 and 65 years old and who were engaged in full-time paid employment for more than 2 months, in organisations with 5 or more workers, for at least 21 hours per week. Shift-/ part-time workers and the self-employed were excluded due to evidence that they experience different health (Reutrakul and Knutson, 2015), productivity (Folkard and Tucker, 2003) and lower job quality (Wheatley, 2020) patterns. 120 workers were excluded as they were no longer engaged in paid work at the time of the follow-up survey¹². The final sample comprises 621 full-time workers.

While our sample is not nationally representative, Wheatley’s (2020) study using the Understanding Society data suggests that our sample reflects the UK homeworking population which are more likely to be middle-aged, highly qualified, living with children and on a permanent contract. S2 in the Online Supplementary Materials compares the key demographic variables of the full-time workers in our sample to those used by Wheatley (2020).

The descriptive characteristics are set out in Table 1 and Table 2. Prior to COVID-19, only 2% of the sample were fully homeworking, which is in line with Wheatley (2020). At this time, 17% of our sample worked from home frequently (at least 4 days per month), 13% worked

¹² 6 workers were on maternity or sick leave during wave 2. The remaining 114 workers were on temporary leave or had lost their jobs. Unemployed workers are excluded due to an extensive literature which links unemployment with systematically lower well-being e.g. Lucas et al (2004); Winkelman and Winkelman (1998).

from home sometimes (less than 1 day per month but more than 4 days per year) and 18% worked from home occasionally (less than 4 days per year). 50% of participants never worked from home prior to lockdown. By Wave two, a dramatic shift to homeworking had occurred, with 74% per cent of our sample homeworking full-time and 3% part-time. 23% continued to work from their pre-COVID-19 location.

In line with recent research (e.g. Adams-Prassl et al., 2020), workers with high monthly salaries (> £3,000 per month) were more likely to be working from home (86% v 72%; $p=.014$), as were university graduates (82% v 59%, $p<.001$).

Table 1: Sample Personal Characteristics

	% / MEAN (SE) ($N= 610 - 621$)
Gender	
<i>Female</i>	63.9%
<i>Male / Other</i>	34.1%
Citizenship	
<i>British</i>	93.7%
<i>Northern Irish</i>	1.9%
<i>Irish</i>	1.5%
<i>Other</i>	2.9%
Ethnicity	
<i>White</i>	91.7%
<i>Asian</i>	2.9%
<i>Black</i>	2.4%
<i>Other</i>	0.4%
Relationship Status	
<i>Single / Divorced / Widowed</i>	25.6%
<i>In a relationship / Married</i>	74.4%
Education	
<i>No Formal Education / Lower Secondary</i>	6.1%
<i>Higher Secondary</i>	13.9%

<i>Cert / Diploma</i>	6.6%
<i>Technical / Vocational</i>	10.6%
<i>Undergraduate</i>	41.6%
<i>Postgraduate</i>	21.1%
Age	38.3 (.392)
Parental Status	
<i>Parent</i>	50.2%
<i>Non-Parent</i>	49.8%
Living on their own	
<i>Yes</i>	13.1%
<i>No</i>	86.9%
Living with children	
<i>Yes</i>	52.2%
<i>No</i>	47.8%
Net Monthly Household Income	
<i><£1,000</i>	1.5%
<i>£1,000-£2,000</i>	25.4%
<i>£2,000-£3,000</i>	30.8%
<i>£3,000-£4,000</i>	32.6%
<i>£4,000-£5,000</i>	8.2%
<i>>£5,000</i>	1.5%
Physical Health (<i>1 = "Very Bad"; 5 = "Very Good"</i>)	"Good" (53.4%)
Mental Health (<i>1 = "Very Bad"; 5 = "Very Good"</i>)	"Good" (40.9%)
Physical Health condition (Wave 1 only)	
<i>Yes</i>	23.1%
<i>No</i>	76.9%
Mental Health condition (Wave 1 only)	
<i>Yes</i>	23.6%
<i>No</i>	76.4%

Table 2: Sample Work Characteristics

	% / MEAN (SE) (N= 610 – 621)
Contract type	
<i>Permanent</i>	95.6%
<i>Temporary / Fixed-Term / Other</i>	4.4%
Seniority (0 = “Most Junior”; 5 = “Most Senior”)	3 (32.7%)
Tenure	
<i>< 12 months</i>	12.1%
<i>1-2 years</i>	11.3%
<i>Years</i>	27.2%
<i>5-10 years</i>	22.7%
<i>>10 years</i>	26.7%
Net Monthly Salary	
<i><£1,000</i>	4.2%
<i>£1,000-£2,000</i>	52.6%
<i>£2,000-£3,000</i>	30.1%
<i>£3,000-£4,000</i>	8.7%
<i>> £4,000</i>	4.4%
Sector	
<i>Private</i>	60.3%
<i>Public</i>	39.7%
Industry	
<i>Admin, IT & Telecoms</i>	12.0%
<i>Agriculture / Forestry / Fishing</i>	0.5%
<i>Arts / Entertainment</i>	0.8%
<i>Construction</i>	3.1%
<i>Education and Childcare</i>	14.3%
<i>Finance and Insurance</i>	9.1%
<i>Food</i>	2.4%
<i>Healthcare</i>	10.6%
<i>Manufacturing</i>	9.7%

<i>Civil Service & Local Government</i>	2.3%
<i>Other Services</i>	3.2%
<i>Professional Services</i>	8.9%
<i>Publishing / Media</i>	1.8%
<i>Retail</i>	8.8%
<i>Social Services & Law Enforcement</i>	4.4%
<i>Tourism</i>	1.6%
<i>Transportation</i>	2.8%
<i>Utilities</i>	2.3%
<i>Wholesale and Warehousing</i>	1.5%
Organisation Size	
<i>Micro (< 10 employees)</i>	3.7%
<i>Small (< 50)</i>	12.0%
<i>Medium (< 250)</i>	19.0%
<i>Large (> 250)</i>	63.7%
<i>Other</i>	0.1%

3.2 Measures

We employ 16 outcome variables to estimate the effect of COVID-19 and the associated restrictions on worker well-being and performance. All but two of the outcome variables contain ten or less missing observations.¹³ A full description of all variables is provided in [S3](#).

Life satisfaction is a global evaluative judgement made by an individual about the overall state of her life using a 0-10 scale. An identical format is used to measure workers' satisfaction with their *homelife* and jobs (*job satisfaction*). Single-item measures have been shown to correlate highly with longer life-satisfaction scales (Cheung and Lucas, 2014).¹⁴

¹³ *Experiential positive and negative affect* contain twenty-seven missing observations each.

¹⁴ *As a robustness check we also use the Abridged Job Descriptive Index (AJDI) (Stanton et al, 2002) given evidence that multi-faceted domain measures may capture job satisfaction more completely.*

Global positive and negative affect are measured using the **Institute of Work Psychology (IWP) Multiaffect Indicator** (Warr and Parker, 2010; 2016). Respondents indicate the extent to which they experienced 16 emotions (8 negative, 8 positive) at work during the past month (0 = “Never” and 6 = “Always”). Emotions are evenly split between high activation emotions (e.g. “excited”; “nervous”) and low activation emotions (e.g. “calm”; “depressed”). Positive global affect is the mean of the 8 positive feeling scores and negative global affect is the mean of the 8 negative feelings scores.¹⁵ Cronbach’s alpha scores for baseline and follow-up positive and negative affect are .894/.903 and .926/.923 respectively.

Experiential positive and negative affect are measured using the **Day Reconstruction Method (DRM)** (Kahneman et al, 1994). Workers use diaries to ‘reconstruct’ 3 consecutive ‘episodes’ from the previous working day. The time-of-day starting point for the episodes is randomly generated. Participants are asked when each episode started and ended; where they were; who they were with and what they were doing. They then rate the extent to which they experienced 16 feelings (the same used to measure global affect) during this episode, where 0 = “Did not experience that feeling at all” and 6 = “That feeling was an important part of the experience”. Average positive and negative experiential affect are the mean positive and negative scores for the 3 combined episodes, with observations containing missing values excluded.¹⁶ Cronbach’s alpha scores for baseline / follow-up positive and negative experiential affect are .757/.910 and .841/.845 respectively.

Organisational affective commitment, the extent to which workers feel emotionally attached to their organisations, is measured using Meyer and Allen’s (1997) 6-item **Affective Commitment Scale**. Workers rate their agreement with 6 statements (3 positive, 3 negative) e.g. “I do not feel like ‘part of the family’ at my organization”, where 1 = “Strongly Agree”;

¹⁵ For ease of comparison with the other affective measures used in this study, scores are recoded using a 0-6 scale and reverse coding is not employed.

¹⁶ Eight observations are omitted from Wave1 and nineteen from Wave 2.

5= “Strongly Disagree”. Average commitment is the mean of the 6 scores, with reverse scoring applied to negative items. Cronbach’s alpha are .886/.895 (baseline / follow-up). Workers also rate their current levels of *work-related stress* (1= “Not at all Stressful”; 5= “Extremely Stressful”) and indicate what aspects of working life they find most stressful.

Disengagement and *exhaustion* are measured using Demerouti and Bakker’s (2008) previously validated¹⁷ 16-item **Oldenburg-Burnout Inventory (OLBI)**. Respondents use a 1-4 scale to rate their level of agreement with 8 negative and 8 positive statements e.g. “During my work, I often feel emotionally drained”. Cronbach’s alpha is .898/.894 (baseline / follow-up). The extent to which workers’ needs for *relatedness* (feeling connected to people at work), *competence* (feeling capable of attaining desired work-related outcomes) and *autonomy* (feeling that work is compatible with self-identity) are met at work is assessed using the **21-item Basic Psychological Needs Satisfaction at Work Scale** (Deci et al, 2001). Respondents use a 1-7 scale to rank the trueness of statements e.g. “I really like the people I work with”. Cronbach’s alpha ranges from .873/.874 (relatedness) to .728/.703 (competence) and .678/.659 (autonomy). Workers also use a 1-5 scale to rate their general mental health (1= “Very Bad”; 5 = “Very good”). Finally, workers use the previously validated¹⁸ **WHO HPQ measure** (Kessler et al., 2003) to self-rate their *overall job performance over the previous month* relative to the worst and best job performance anyone could have at their job (0= “Worst Performance”; 10= “Top Performance”).

3.3. Data Analysis

Using an approach similar to Pierce et al. (2020), we estimate changes in the well-being of worker i at time t (WWB_{it}) during the period of COVID-19 restrictions using the equation:

¹⁷ e.g. Halbesleben and Demerouti (2005)

¹⁸ E.g. Scuffham, Vecchio and Whiteford (2014); Previous worker well-being studies e.g. Jones, Molitor and Reif (2019) find a high correlation between self-rated and objective performance measures.

$$WWB_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 wave_i + u_i + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (1)$$

where β_0 is the intercept which is assumed to be time-invariant and correlated with observed explanatory variables; $wave_i$ is a dummy variable that takes the value 1 for Wave 2 (May-June 2020) and 0 for Wave 1 (Nov 2019 – February 2020); u_i captures the individual fixed effects; and ε_{it} denotes independent and identically distributed time-varying random shocks. The parameter β_1 captures the baseline difference in WWB_i between Wave 1 (pre-restrictions) and Wave 2 (during-restrictions). A fixed effects model is appropriate given the high probability of unobserved characteristics confounding the relationship between COVID-19 restrictions and well-being (e.g. personality characteristics or gender differences in the division of childcare). The disadvantage of this approach is that time-invariant covariates commonly featured in well-being studies (e.g. gender and education) cannot be explicitly modelled as they do not change substantially over time. The main analysis is re-estimated using mixed and random effects models in [S7](#) and no material differences are found.

We first estimate within-person changes in well-being between Wave 1 and Wave 2. We then conduct sub-group analyses to examine heterogeneity in how homeworkers / non-homeworkers and male / female homeworkers experience lockdown. Homeworkers (coded 1) are workers who are working from home (either full-time or most of the time) during Wave 2. Whether or not the homeworkers have switched to homeworking due to COVID-19 or have previous experience of homeworking is assumed to be picked up by the individual fixed effects. Non-homeworkers (coded 0) comprise workers who continue to work from their pre-lockdown location.

The outcomes are measured using ordinal scales but are treated as cardinal in line with the generally accepted approach to measuring subjective well-being in the empirical literature which assumes that Likert scales may be treated as continuous once individual fixed effects are

accounted for.¹⁹ Robust standard errors, clustered at the individual level, are employed throughout in accordance with Moulton (1990).

The Benjamini-Hochberg (1995) method is used to control the false discovery rate (the proportion of significant results that represent false positives). P-values controlling for multiple testing are generated as follows: (1) The p-values from the 48 tests conducted for the primary analyses are ranked from smallest to largest, (2) each p-value is compared to a critical value ($[i/m]*Q$), where i is the rank, m the total number of tests, and Q is the false discovery rate of 0.05, (3) p-values are deemed significant if they are smaller than the p-value Benjamini-Hochberg critical value at the relevant threshold (i.e. $p < .05$, $p < .01$, and $p < .001$).

4. RESULTS

4.1 Longitudinal Change in Worker-Wellbeing

Bivariate correlations between the dependent variables are presented in [S4](#). Differences in the raw and standardised means and the results of paired-sample t-tests which examine differences in within-person well-being changes between homeworkers and non-homeworkers. are presented in [S5-S6](#). The raw means for the whole sample and by homeworking status are presented in Table 3.

These descriptives suggest that, overall, worker well-being is not adversely affected by the COVID-19 restriction, however, there is considerable heterogeneity. The fixed effects models which are summarised in Table 3 formally test these relationships.

¹⁹Ferrer -i Carbonell and Frijters (2004) show that results are not sensitive to the choice of OLS method – a finding replicated in several studies. Recent COVID-19 studies treat well-being cardinally (e.g. Zacher and Rudolph, 2020). Furthermore Baetschman, Staub and Winkelmann (2015 p.685) point out that “there is no consensus in the past literature on how to implement a fixed effects estimator for the ordered logit model”. We estimate Equation 1 using an ordered logit fixed effects model in [S14](#) and find no material change in the results.

Table 3. Descriptives - Mean Outcomes by Homeworking Status⁺ ⁺⁺

Outcome	Wave1 WS⁺	Wave2 WS	Wave 1 NHW	Wave 2 NHW	Wave 1 HW	Wave 2 HW
<u>Cognitive Well-being</u>						
Life Satisfaction	6.628	6.562	6.457	6.357	6.676	6.614
(0-10)	(.073)	(.075)	(.176)	(.170)	(.079)	(.083)
Homelife Satisfaction	7.173	6.952	6.986	6.793	7.226	6.998
(0-10)	(.082)	(.082)	(.210)	(.192)	(.087)	(.091)
Job Satisfaction	5.979	6.109	5.841	5.813	6.019	6.192
(0-10)	(.087)	(.089)	(.193)	(.205)	(.097)	(.098)
<u>Emotional Well-being</u>						
Experiential Positive Affect	2.907	2.971	2.813	2.877	2.930	2.992
(0-6)	(.037)	(.040)	(.083)	(.094)	(.041)	(.044)
Experiential Negative Affect	2.111	2.001	2.037	2.123	2.134	1.973
(0-6)	(.031)	(.028)	(.061)	(.060)	(.036)	(.032)
Global Positive Affect	2.552	2.530	2.533	2.522	2.553	2.530
(0-6)	(.043)	(.045)	(.092)	(.101)	(.049)	(.051)
Global Negative Affect	1.558	1.504	1.552	1.482	1.564	1.513
(0-6)	(.046)	(.046)	(.096)	(.104)	(.053)	(.052)
Affective Commitment	2.982	3.170	2.900	3.042	3.008	3.211
(1-5)	(.040)	(.040)	(.085)	(.087)	(.046)	(.046)
<u>Psychological Well-being</u>						
Work Stress	3.080	3.066	3.124	3.081	3.073	3.070
(1-5)	(.041)	(.041)	(.091)	(.090)	(.046)	(.046)
Disengagement	2.470	2.389	2.571	2.486	2.440	2.360
(1-4)	(.022)	(.022)	(.050)	(.050)	(.025)	(.025)
Exhaustion	2.535	2.425	2.667	2.541	2.499	2.393
(1-4)	(.022)	(.021)	(.042)	(.047)	(.026)	(.024)
Relatedness	4.953	5.014	4.912	4.969	4.961	5.023
(1-7)	(.043)	(.040)	(.091)	(.088)	(.049)	(.046)
Competence	4.973	5.046	5.026	5.069	4.955	5.037
(1-7)	(.041)	(.038)	(.081)	(.081)	(.048)	(.044)
Autonomy	4.421	4.538	4.280	4.378	4.460	4.588
(1-7)	(.044)	(.040)	(.089)	(.088)	(.050)	(.045)
Mental Health	3.614	3.639	3.489	3.621	3.643	3.643
(1-5)	(.036)	(.035)	(.083)	(.080)	(.039)	(.039)
<u>Performance</u>						
Self-rated Performance	7.612	7.107	7.633	7.511	7.604	6.992
(0-10)	(.058)	(.070)	(.126)	(.142)	(.066)	(.080)

+ WS = Whole Sample; NHW= Non-Homeworkers; HW = Homeworkers ++ Standard errors in parentheses

Fixed Effects Model of Within Worker Changes in Well-being and Job Performance

A linear fixed-effect model is estimated to examine changes in within-worker well-being during the period of COVID-19 restrictions. Equation 1 is estimated using OLS, where WWB_{it} corresponds to one of 16 outcomes (15 well-being outcomes and self-rated performance) and β_l captures the change in WWB_i associated with moving from Wave1 to Wave2.

The main effect for each outcome is presented in Table 4. Column two summarises the changes in well-being for the whole sample. Overall, the impact of the COVID-19 restrictions is positive, with several measures of affective and psychological work-related well-being significantly improving. Workers feel more emotionally attached to their organisations (+.18 sd; CI [.124 – .246]; $p < .001$) and experience fewer negative emotions the previous working day (-.15 sd; CI [-.254 – -.046]; $p = .013$). The risk of burnout also decreases, as evidenced by significant reductions in disengagement (-.14 sd; CI [-.202 – -.079]; $p < .001$) and exhaustion (-.19 sd; CI [-.256 – -.141]; $p < .001$).

In addition, the extent to which workers feel that their basic psychological needs are being met at work increases, with workers reporting significant rises in relatedness (+.06 sd; CI [.027 – .088]; $p < .001$), competence (+.07 sd; CI [.033 – .112]; $p < .001$) and autonomy (.11 sd; CI [.067 – .152]; $p < .001$).

At the same time, homelife satisfaction deteriorates significantly (-.11 sd; CI [-.178 – -.038]; $p = .009$), as does self-rated job performance (-.31 sd; CI [-.398 – -.223]; $p < .001$). However, the COVID-19 restrictions are not associated with significant changes in life or job satisfaction, mental health, positive global or experiential affect, experiential negative affect or stress.

Table 4. Fixed Effects –Standardised Main Effects by Homeworking Status

Outcomes	Whole Sample Coefficient (SD change)	Non-Homeworkers Coefficient (SD change)	Homeworkers Coefficient (SD change)
<u>Cognitive well-being</u>			
Life Satisfaction	-.035 (.036)	-.054 (.085)	-.034 (.039)
Homelife Satisfaction	-.108** (.035)	-.093 (.086)	-.111* (.039)
Job Satisfaction	.059 (.036)	-.013 (.094)	.078 (.039)
<u>Emotional well-being</u>			
Global Positive Affect	-.020 (.035)	-.089 (.081)	-.020 (.038)
Global Negative Affect	-.046 (.031)	-.061 (.064)	-.044 (.036)
Experiential positive affect	.066 (.042)	.067 (.092)	.064 (.048)
Experiential negative affect	-.150* (.053)	.116 (.105)	-.219*** (.060)
Affective Commitment	.185*** (.031)	.140 (.063)	.199*** (.035)
<u>Psychological well-being</u>			
Work Stress	-.014 (.032)	-.042 (.076)	-.002 (.035)
Disengagement	-.141*** (.031)	-.150 (.068)	-.140*** (.035)
Exhaustion	-.199*** (.029)	-.226** (.063)	-.191*** (.033)
Relatedness	.057*** (.015)	.054 (.035)	.059** (.017)
Competence	.073*** (.020)	.042 (.041)	.082*** (.022)
Autonomy	.109*** (.021)	.093 (.048)	.121*** (.023)
Mental Health	.029 (.034)	.148 (.074)	-.001 (.039)
<u>Productivity</u>			
Self-rated Performance	-.311*** (.044)	-.075 (.092)	-.378*** (.050)

*** $p < 0.001$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$. Adjusted p -values are significant at the threshold identified ($p < .05$, $p < .01$, $p < .001$) after controlling for multiple testing (Benjamini–Hochberg procedure); Standardised variables. Robust clustered standard errors in parentheses

Columns 3 and 4 in Table 4 suggest that these results are largely driven by homeworkers. Tables [S8](#) and [S9](#) depict a further sub-group analysis which decomposes the main effects by homeworking status and gender.

The homelife satisfaction of homeworkers decreases significantly (-.23 sd; CI [-.384 – -.072]; $p=.011$) during lockdown, a reduction driven by females. While global positive and negative affect remain relatively stable for both groups, homeworkers report experiencing fewer negative emotions the previous working day (-.16 sd; CI [-.248 – -.073]; $p<.001$), however no such effect is found for non-homeworkers. Analysing within-worker changes in individual emotions offers additional insights into the affective mechanisms which may be driving these results (see [S10](#) – [S13](#) for further detail). While non-homeworkers fail to report any significant changes in the extent to which they experienced positive or negative feelings the previous month, homeworkers report feeling significantly less enthusiastic (-.20 sd; CI [-.291 – -.117]; $p<.001$) but also significantly less dejected (-.20 sd; CI [-.292 – -.117]; $p<.001$). The reduction in experiential negative affect for homeworkers is driven by significant decreases in the extent to which they report feeling tense (-.20 sd; CI [-.325 – -.076]; $p=.048$) and nervous (-.19 sd; CI [-.321 – -.075]; $p=.096$) the previous working day.

Overall levels of work-related stress remain constant for both groups, although there is evidence of between-group differences in rankings of stressors pre-and during the period of restrictions.²⁰ The COVID-19 restrictions are associated with an improvement in the psychological well-being of both groups, although the effects are stronger for homeworkers. In terms of burnout, both homeworkers (-.19 sd; CI [-.256 – -.125]; $p<.001$) and non-homeworkers (-.23 sd; CI [-.351 – -.100]; $p=.003$) report significantly lower levels of exhaustion. Both homeworkers (+.22 sd; CI [.143 – .299]; $p<.001$) and non-homeworkers (+.22 sd; CI [.081 –

²⁰ Homeworkers are significantly less stressed by their clients, co-workers, deadlines and hours during lockdown but are more stressed by job security. They are just as stressed about achieving a good work-life balance as pre-COVID-19.

.357]; $p=.005$) feel less tired before starting work and have more energy for leisure activities (homeworkers: $-.22$ sd; CI $[-.311 - -.138]$; $p<.001$; non-homeworkers: $-.22$ sd; CI $[-.368 - -.035]$; $p=.034$). In addition, homeworkers report a significant drop in disengagement ($-.14$ sd; CI $[-.209 - -.071]$; $p<.001$), driven by an increase in the extent to which they report feeling more engaged in their work ($-.14$ sd; CI $[-.233 - -.047]$; $p=.007$) and less prone to performing their jobs “mechanically” ($+.10$ sd; CI $[.005 - .190]$; $p=.064$) or to talking about their work in a negative way ($+.19$ sd; CI $[.119 - .279]$; $p<.001$).

Homeworkers’ work-related psychological needs are better met during lockdown, with significant increases in relatedness ($+.06$ sd; CI $[.024 - .093]$; $p=.003$), competence ($+.08$ sd; CI $[.037 - .127]$; $p<.001$), and autonomy ($+.12$ sd; CI $[.074 - .167]$; $p<.001$) reported. An analysis of sub-scale items reveals that the increase in competence relates to an increase in the extent to which homeworkers feel a sense of accomplishment ($+.26$ sd; CI $[.181 - .335]$; $p<.001$). The increase in homeworkers’ relatedness is driven by an increased sense of being part of a supportive work community, with homeworkers reporting an increase in the extent to which they like the people they work with ($+.14$ sd; CI $[.065 - .223]$; $p<.001$) and regard them as friends ($+.10$ sd; CI $[.026 - .169]$; $p=.029$) who care about them ($+.15$ sd; CI $[.075 - .229]$; $p<.001$). The increase in homeworkers’ autonomy score relates to an increase in the extent to which homeworkers feel free to express their opinions ($+.15$ sd; CI $[.069 - .236]$; $p<.001$) and feel that their feelings are taken into consideration ($+.30$ sd; CI $[.227 - .380]$; $p<.001$) at work.

Homeworkers report significant increases in both affective commitment ($+.20$ sd; CI $[.13 - .27]$; $p<.001$) and the extent to which they feel that their organisations prioritise worker well-being ($+.27$ sd; CI $[.198 - .345]$; $p<.001$). Neither group reports a significant change in self-rated mental health. In terms of productivity, homeworkers report a significant

deterioration in their self-rated performance (-.38 sd; CI [-.477 – -.278]; $p < .001$).²¹ This result holds for both male and female homeworkers, with similar effect sizes found for both groups.

5. Discussion

Our findings highlight the need for policymakers to consider individual differences when evaluating the impact of potential pandemic responses on well-being. In contrast to most COVID-19 well-being papers, our study of full-time workers demonstrates that lockdown should not necessarily be construed as a universally negative experience. We find evidence of considerable within-sample heterogeneity, with homeworkers' overall well-being improving during COVID-19 restrictions, due mainly to a reduction in experiential negative affect, an increase in autonomy and an increase in the extent to which they feel supported and cared for by their organisations.

In contrast to Zacher and Rudolph (2020), life satisfaction declines only marginally in our sample during lockdown. Similar to Moehring et al., (2020), we find a significant drop in the homelife satisfaction of homeworkers. In relation to emotional well-being, while overall global affect remains relatively stable, we find that experiential negative affect declines significantly for homeworkers, supporting the separability of global and experiential measures. Zacher and Rudolph (2020) find a similar decline in negative affect for homeworkers, a finding which they suggest may reflect an increase in low activation negative emotions, although they do not measure this. Our findings suggest otherwise. Other than dejection, lockdown is not associated with a significant decrease in low activation negative feelings experienced by homeworkers, raising the possibility that the decrease in negative affect revealed by both studies is not a measurement artefact but may instead reflect coping mechanisms, as

²¹ 48% of homeworkers feel "less productive than normal due to COVID-19", versus 27% of non-homeworkers ($p < .001$). 38% of homeworkers admit to getting less done when they work from home and 19% admit to producing work of lower quality when they work from home. The three biggest reasons cited by homeworkers for getting less done is a lack of motivation; getting distracted easily and having a poor physical work set-up at home.

hypothesised by Zacher and Rudolph (2020). Alternatively, it may reveal something fundamental about the lived reality of homeworking.

Experiential negative affect notwithstanding, the life satisfaction and overall happiness of full-time workers appear to be relatively unaffected by the COVID-19 restrictions. This may reflect low baseline scores²² or a data collection period which is too short to register significant changes in longer-term, global measures. Happiness at work is ‘sticky’ (Fisher, 2014) and highly dependent on stable dispositional traits. Sample composition is undoubtedly also a factor. We exclude workers who are no longer working due to the pandemic, thus eliminating one of the most severe COVID-19-related well-being shocks. An alternative explanation for our findings which is supported by recent research, is adaptation. Previous research on ‘adaptive preferences’ shows that individuals scale down their expectations to avoid disappointment when faced with adverse conditions (White, 2009). Workers may have already adapted to the initial shock of lockdown restrictions by Wave 2 and their well-being may have already reverted to its original ‘set point’ level (Lykken and Tellegen, 1996). Alternatively, workers’ scores may incorporate an anticipatory element, reflecting their belief that, six weeks into lockdown, the worst of the pandemic is over.

To the best of our knowledge no studies to date have examined the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on work-related psychological well-being. Our findings reveal that lockdown-induced homeworking is associated with positive changes in psychological well-being. Homeworkers feel more autonomous compared to their pre-pandemic levels. They report being able to express their opinions more freely. They also enjoy the positive challenge and opportunities for learning which a new way of working presents and feel a stronger sense of accomplishment. Somewhat counterintuitively, homeworkers’ relatedness, a measure of the

²² Average life satisfaction in the UK is 7.7 versus a baseline level of 6.6 in our sample. Layard et al (2020) also report a substantial decrease in life satisfaction in their UK sample prior to lockdown. Hudson, Lucas and Donnellan (2019) report average global positive and negative affect of approximately 4 and 2.5 respectively versus our baseline levels of 2.5 and 1.5.

strength of their social ties and relationships with their work colleagues, improves significantly during COVID-19 restrictions. The individual scale items reveal that this is due to an enhanced sense of community. Homeworkers feel closer to and more friendly towards their colleagues than they did prior to COVID-19 and this is reciprocated, with homeworkers in turn feeling more cared for. This may explain why homeworkers report feeling more emotionally attached to their organisations compared to the pre-pandemic period. This enhanced sense of belonging is also reflected in a significant increase in the extent to which homeworkers believe that their organisations prioritise worker well-being, highlighting the link between organisational support and positive homeworking experiences previously documented by Allen (2001). Our results also reveal a significant reduction in burnout symptoms during COVID-19. Both homeworkers and non-homeworkers report feeling significantly more energised at work and having more energy for leisure activities. In addition, homeworkers are significantly more engaged in their work and have a more positive attitude towards it. In contrast to other COVID-19 studies, we find no evidence of a deterioration in mental health. This may reflect sample composition (e.g. a low proportion of young adults and less educated workers) or adaptation.

While our results reveal a generally positive association between COVID-19 restrictions and homeworkers' well-being, there is evidence that this may be at the expense of productivity. While other studies report improvements in homeworkers' performance during lockdown (e.g. Baudot et al, 2020), our results reveal a significant negative association between homeworking and self-rated performance. It is unlikely that this decrease is purely related to group composition effects.²³ It may partially reflect a 'COVID-19 effect'.²⁴ It may also reflect the suddenness of the switch to homeworking and a general lack of preparedness for homeworking. The decline in performance may also reflect the largely involuntary nature of the switch to homeworking. Alternatively, the fall in performance may reflect reduced work

²³ Homeworkers and non-homeworkers have similar baseline performance and rates of promotion / pay rises.

²⁴ 48% of homeworkers report "feeling less productive at work than usual due to COVID-19" versus 27% of non-homeworkers.

effort on the part of homeworkers. Homeworkers report working on average 19 hours less during the period of COVID-19 restrictions, despite an average reduction in their weekly contractual hours of just two hours. It is not clear whether this reduction is due to reduced demands on the part of their employers or whether it relates to a lack of motivation and/or ability on homeworkers' part to successfully navigate an entirely new way of working, for which they may be ill-equipped cognitively or emotionally.²⁵

Our study has some limitations which could be addressed by future research. The first area of potential concern relates to the selective nature of our sample. While the evidence that 'professional' survey participants differ demographically and attitudinally from other survey participants is mixed, our participants may differ systematically from the 'average' worker.²⁶ For example, workers who can work from home may be overrepresented in online surveys (Dingel and Neiman, 2020). In addition, while our sample is by design restricted to full-time workers, female, middle-aged and highly educated workers are over-represented, which may detract from the wider generalisability of our results. An obvious direction for future research would be to target a more ethnically and socioeconomically diverse online sample and/or to extend our survey to a field setting.

A second issue relates to timing. The time intervals between waves are not constant across individuals. However, robustness tests reveal that the wave variable picks up most of this variation, rendering the inclusion of a month variable inappropriate. Secondly, it is possible that our follow-up survey was issued too 'late' (e.g. workers may have already adapted and easing of lockdown had in some cases already commenced) or too 'early' (e.g. only two people in our sample had been physically affected by the virus at the time of the second survey; and homeworkers may still have been in the 'honeymoon' phase, resulting in an under-reporting of some of the well-documented negative aspects of homeworking e.g. isolation). The study

²⁵ 26% of homeworkers report getting less work done at home due to a lack of motivation. 25% say it is due to getting distracted

²⁶ See Huff and Tingley (2015) and Hillygus, Jackson, and McKenzie Young (2014) for a summary.

would benefit from the inclusion of additional waves of data to examine the longer-term impact of the pandemic and involuntary homeworking on well-being.

Thirdly, the use of a fixed effects model, while econometrically appropriate, eliminates potentially policy-relevant sources of heterogeneity such as personality, having a mental health condition etc. Future research could tease out the relationship between additional covariates and homeworking preferences and/or effectiveness. Finally, our outcome variables are subjective, self-rated scales, which may raise concerns about self-report and recall bias. While including additional time points would partially address this, combining objective measures of performance (e.g. supervisor ratings) with self-rated performance data, potentially within a field setting, would strengthen validity.

Our results provide a valuable insight into how policy responses to an exogenous shock can affect how individuals experience and evaluate their working lives. As Layard et al., (2020) point out, decisions around appropriate pandemic responses require high-quality information on the potential psychological and emotional cost for society. By utilising multiple measures to capture the lived reality of one such policy response (lockdown) for full-time workers and by demonstrating the considerable heterogeneity in experiences, our study makes a valuable contribution to this debate.

One by-product of the COVID-19 restrictions which is likely to have longevity is the global shift to homeworking. Our study is one of very few that captures the lived experience of homeworking and in particular, the lived experience of workers who may not otherwise have chosen to work from home. Our results suggest that homeworking benefits full-time workers through increased psychological well-being and fewer negative work-related emotions. However, these improvements are accompanied by reductions in homelife satisfaction and job performance. Whether this trade-off reflects the sudden, largely involuntary nature of the shift to homeworking or the extraordinary circumstances initiated by COVID-19 (e.g. school

closures), or whether it is a feature of homeworking per se, is of direct economic relevance to organisations currently seeking to future-proof labour force deployment and real estate strategies. The direction in which the homeworking cost-benefit balance revealed by our results shifts post-pandemic will largely depend on the extent to which organisations are willing to consider individual preferences for homeworking. Whether or not the potential cost savings associated with homeworking justify encouraging employees who dislike homeworking, or who are ill-suited to it, to continue to work from home post-pandemic is an important policy question which warrants further investigation.

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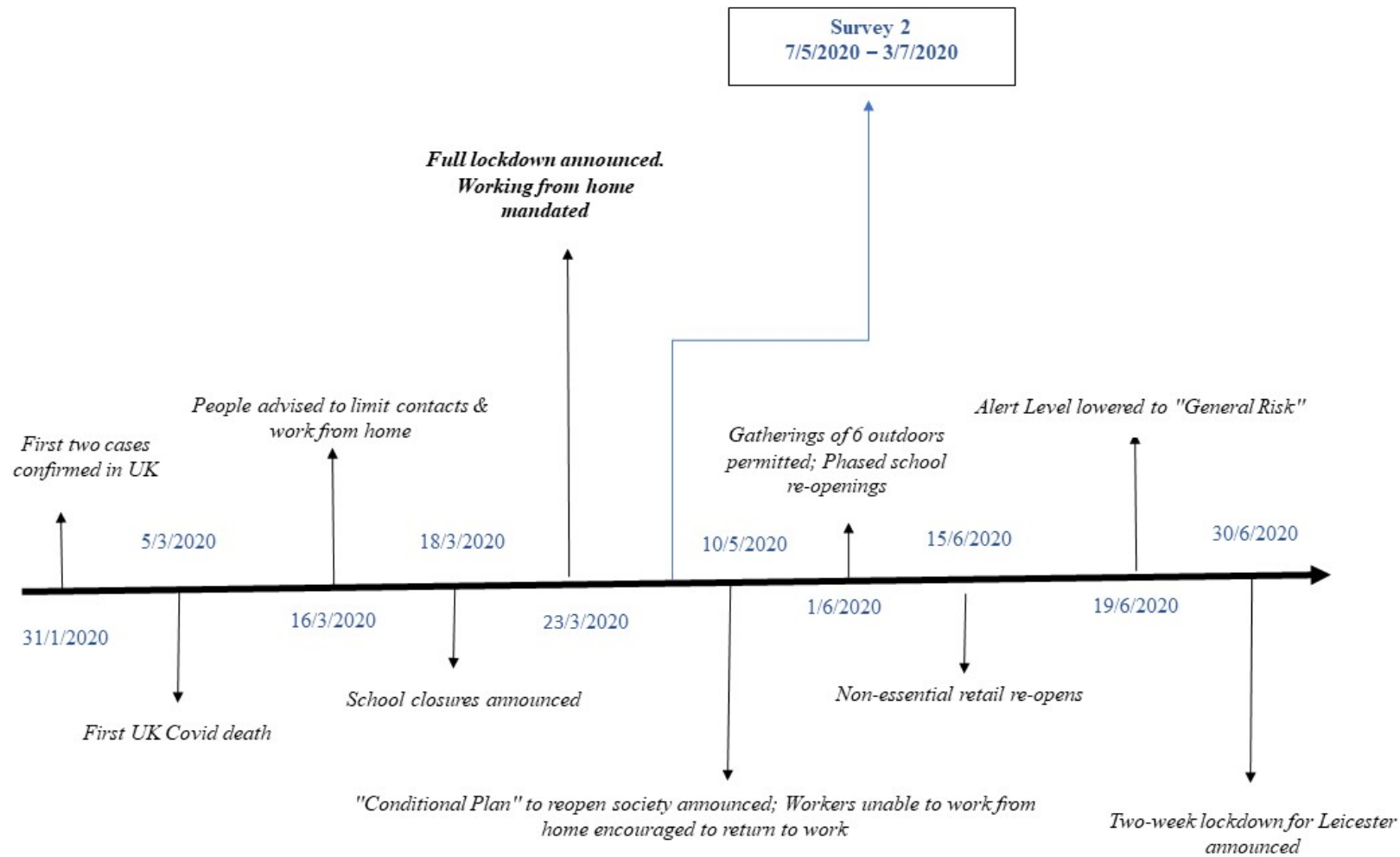
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Figure 1. COVID-19 Restrictions in the UK: Timeline (Jan 2020 – July 2020)



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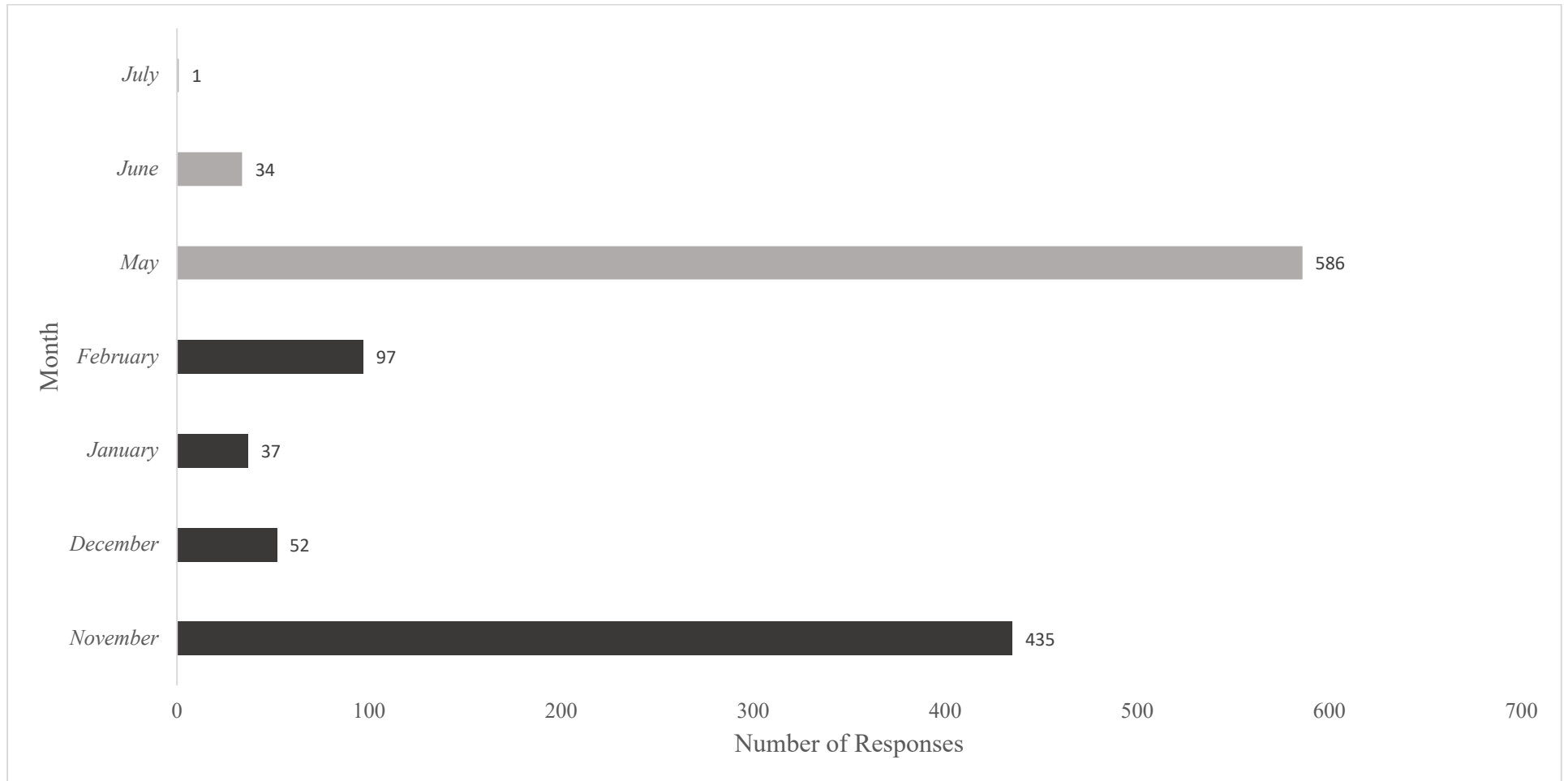
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S1. Distribution of Responses by Month of Collection (Nov 2019 – July 2020)



S2: Comparison of Sample Characteristics with Wheatley (2020)²⁷

	WHEATLEY (2020)	OUR STUDY
<i>Gender</i>		
Women	55%	64%
Men	45%	36%
<i>Age</i>		
16-24	13%	4%
25-29	11%	17%
30-39	24%	38%
40-49	26%	25%
50-59	19%	13%
60-69	6%	2%
70 or over	1%	0%
<i>Education</i>		
No qualifications	6%	0%
GCSE or above	26%	17%
A Levels or equivalent	37%	21%
Degree or above	33%	62%
<i>Country of Residence</i>		
England	82%	83%
Wales	6%	3%
Scotland	8%	9%
NI	4%	5%
<i>Long term condition / disability</i> ²⁸	23%	23%
<i>Relationship status</i>		
Single / Divorced / Widowed	49%	26%
In a relationship	51% ²⁹	74%
<i>Annual Household income</i>	£26,600	£24,000 - £36,000
Permanent Contract	93%	96%
Overall Life Satisfaction	5.2	6.5
Job Satisfaction	5.3	6.0

²⁷ Wheatley (2020) source: Understanding Society Waves 2, 4, 6 and 8. Data for Workers only. Excludes self-employed. ² Assumed to refer to a chronic physical disability.

³ Wheatley differentiates using marriage / civil partnership. This may underestimate workers in a relationship as workers who have never been married are designated as single although they may be in a (non-married) relationship.

S3: Full Description of Outcome Variables

VARIABLE	QUESTION IN ABBREVIATED FORM	ANSWER SCALE
Overall Life Satisfaction	Respondents are asked to rate their overall life satisfaction	0= “Completely Dissatisfied”; 10 = “Completely Satisfied”
Home Life Satisfaction	Respondents are asked to rate their overall life satisfaction	0= “Completely Dissatisfied”; 10 = “Completely Satisfied”
Overall Job Satisfaction	Respondents are asked to rate their overall life satisfaction	0= “Completely Dissatisfied”; 10 = “Completely Satisfied”
Self-Rated Mental Health	Respondents are asked to rate their overall mental health status	1= “Very Bad” 5= “Very Good”
Work-related Stress	Respondents are asked to rate the stress levels associated with their job	1 = “Not at all stressful” 5 = “Extremely stressful”
Sources of work stress	Respondents are asked to indicate what aspects of work are causing them the most stress	15 response options e.g. “clients” and “other”
Multi-dimensional Job Satisfaction	Job Descriptive Index (JDI) – Stanton, Sinar, Balzer, Julian, Thoresen, Aziz, Fisher and Smith (2002) Respondents are asked the extent to which 6-8 adjectives relating to each of the following dimensions of job satisfaction: satisfaction with the job in general; pay; supervision; promotion opportunities; people encountered at work; the work itself; accurately describes it e.g. “ <i>Annoying</i> ”	3 options for each question: ‘Yes’ if the word is an accurate descriptor; ‘No’ if the word is not an accurate descriptor and ? if the respondent is unsure
Global Affect (Feelings experienced at work)	IWP Multi-Affect Indicator (Parker & Warr, 2010; 2016) Respondents are asked to indicate the extent to which they experienced 16 different emotions at work during the previous month	7-point Likert scale: 1= “Never (0% of the time”; 4= “About half of the time” (41% to 60%); 7 = “Always” (100% of the time”) (Recoded to 0-6 scale in our study for ease of comparison with DRM)

Experiential Affect (Feelings experienced over 3 episodes the previous day)	Day Reconstruction Method (DRM) – Kahneman, Krueger, Schkade, Schwarz and Stone (2004) Respondents are asked to indicate the extent to which they experienced 16 emotions during three episodes the previous day	0 = “Not at all” 6 = “Very much”
Engagement / Exhaustion	16-item Oldenburg-Burnout Inventory (OLBI) - Demerouti & Bakker (2008) Respondents are asked to agree / disagree with 16 statements e.g. <i>“There are days when I feel tired before I arrive at work”</i>	1 = “Strongly Agree” 4 = “Strongly Disagree”
Relatedness / Competence / Autonomy	21-item Basic Psychological Needs Satisfaction at Work Scale - Deci, Ryan, Gagné, Leone, Usunov, & Kornazheva, 2001; Ilardi, Leone, Kasser, & Ryan, 1993; Kasser, Davey, & Ryan, 1992) Respondents are asked to indicate the extent to which 21 statements applied to them at work over the previous month. E.g. <i>“When I am at work.....I feel pressured at work”</i> .	1 = “Not at all true” 7 = “Very much true”
Organisational Commitment (Affective Commitment)	6-item Affective Commitment Scale - Meyer & Allen (1997) Respondents are asked to agree / disagree with six statements e.g. <i>“I do not feel like ‘part of the family’ at my organization”</i>	1 = “Strongly Agree” 5= “Strongly Disagree”
Self-Rated Performance	WHO HPQ scale - Kessler, Barber, Beck, Berglund, Cleary, McKenas, Pronk, Simon, Stang, Ustun and Wang (2003) Respondents are asked to rate their job performance over the past month relative to the performance of a top worker	0 = Worst Performance 10 = Top Performance

S4: Pairwise Correlations between the outcome variables

Variables	LS	JS	DRM PA	DRM NA	IWP PA	IWP NA	Stress	Disengage	Exhaust	Rel	Comp	Auton	AC	Perform	HLS
(1) Life Satisfaction	1.000														
(2) Job Satisfaction	0.567*	1.000													
(3) DRM Positive Affect	0.384*	0.426*	1.000												
(4) DRM Negative Affect	-0.126*	-0.199*	-0.219*	1.000											
(5) IWP Positive Affect	0.430*	0.580*	0.565*	-0.242*	1.000										
(6) IWP Negative Affect	-0.405*	-0.511*	-0.414*	0.304*	-0.521*	1.000									
(7) Stress	-0.181*	-0.247*	-0.299*	0.185*	-0.365*	0.402*	1.000								
(8) Disengagement	-0.349*	-0.664*	-0.414*	0.189*	-0.576*	0.492*	0.147*	1.000							
(9) Exhaustion	-0.385*	-0.568*	-0.474*	0.252*	-0.623*	0.634*	0.510*	0.625*	1.000						
(10) Relatedness	0.274*	0.384*	0.309*	-0.087*	0.336*	-0.335*	-0.116*	-0.414*	-0.324*	1.000					
(11) Competence	0.336*	0.531*	0.384*	-0.147*	0.499*	-0.494*	-0.141*	-0.611*	-0.487*	0.528*	1.000				
(12) Autonomy	0.364*	0.532*	0.415*	-0.206*	0.516*	-0.523*	-0.332*	-0.569*	-0.587*	0.509*	0.632*	1.000			
(13) Affective Commitment	0.287*	0.562*	0.336*	-0.093*	0.411*	-0.336*	-0.051	-0.644*	-0.401*	0.481*	0.535*	0.541*	1.000		
(14) Performance	0.273*	0.309*	0.229*	-0.057*	0.288*	-0.293*	-0.115*	-0.243*	-0.249*	0.189*	0.364*	0.232*	0.178*	1.000	
(15) Homelife Satisfaction	0.730*	0.359*	0.350*	-0.087*	0.313*	-0.298*	-0.135*	-0.201*	-0.262*	0.192*	0.232*	0.249*	0.164*	0.232*	1.000

* $p < 0.05$

S5. Raw Outcome Scores by Homeworking Status

	<i>Obs</i>	<i>Mean Wave 1</i>	<i>Mean Wave 2</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>Std. Err</i>	<i>p-value</i>
<i>Whole Sample</i>						
Life Satisfaction (0-10)	620	6.628	6.562	-.066	.067	.323
Homelife Satisfaction (0-10)	617	7.173	6.952	-.222	.073	.003***
Job satisfaction (0-10)	617	5.979	6.109	.130	.081	.107
Episodic Pos Affect (0-6)	596	2.907	2.971	.064	.042	.123
Episodic Neg Affect (0-6)	596	2.111	2.001	-.111	.039	.005***
Global Pos Affect (0-6)	618	2.552	2.530	-.023	.039	.563
Global Neg Affect (0-6)	618	1.558	1.504	-.054	.036	.141
Work Stress (1-5)	611	3.080	3.066	-.015	.033	.655
Disengagement (1-4)	618	2.470	2.389	-.080	.018	< .001***
Exhaustion (1-4)	618	2.535	2.425	-.111	.017	< .001***
Relatedness (1-7)	619	4.953	5.014	.061	.017	.001***
Competence (1-7)	619	4.973	5.046	.073	.020	.001***
Autonomy (1-7)	619	4.421	4.538	.116	.022	< .001***
Org. Commitment (1-5)	616	2.982	3.170	.188	.032	< .001***
Performance (0-10)	615	7.612	7.107	-.504	.072	< .001***
Mental Health (1-5)	613	3.614	3.639	.026	.031	.400
<i>Non-Homeworkers</i>						
Life Satisfaction (0-10)	140	6.457	6.357	-.100	.158	.527
Homelife Satisfaction (0-10)	140	6.986	6.793	-.193	.177	.279
Job satisfaction (0-10)	139	5.841	5.813	-.029	.206	.889
Episodic Pos Affect (0-6)	133	2.813	2.877	.065	.089	.470
Episodic Neg Affect (0-6)	133	2.037	2.123	.086	.077	.268
Global Pos Affect (0-6)	140	2.533	2.522	-.011	.090	.904
Global Neg Affect (0-6)	140	1.552	1.482	-.071	.075	.344

Work Stress (1-5)	137	3.124	3.081	-.044	.077	.573
Disengagement (1-4)	139	2.571	2.486	-.085	.039	.030**
Exhaustion (1-4)	139	2.667	2.541	-.126	.035	.001***
Relatedness (1-7)	140	4.912	4.969	.057	.037	.132
Competence (1-7)	140	5.026	5.069	.043	.041	.302
Autonomy (1-7)	140	4.280	4.378	.098	.051	.057*
Org. Commitment (1-5)	138	2.900	3.042	.142	.064	.028**
Performance (0-10)	139	7.633	7.511	-.122	.149	.414
Mental Health (1-5)	137	3.489	3.621	.131	.066	.049**
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<i>Homeworkers</i>						
Life Satisfaction (0-10)	476	6.676	6.614	-.063	.073	.392
Homelife Satisfaction (0-10)	473	7.226	6.998	-.228	.080	.005***
Job satisfaction (0-10)	475	6.019	6.192	.173	.085	.044**
Episodic Pos Affect (0-6)	460	2.930	2.992	.062	.046	.184
Episodic Neg Affect (0-6)	460	2.134	1.973	-.161	.044	.001***
Global Pos Affect (0-6)	475	2.553	2.530	-.023	.044	.598
Global Neg Affect (0-6)	475	1.564	1.513	-.051	.042	.227
Work Stress (1-5)	470	3.073	3.070	-.002	.036	.954
Disengagement (1-4)	476	2.440	2.360	-.080	.020	< .001***
Exhaustion (1-4)	476	2.499	2.393	-.106	.018	< .001***
Relatedness (1-7)	475	4.961	5.023	.062	.018	.001***
Competence (1-7)	475	4.955	5.037	.082	.023	.001***
Autonomy (1-7)	475	4.460	4.588	.128	.025	< .001***
Org. Commitment (1-5)	475	3.008	3.211	.203	.036	< .001***
Performance (0-10)	473	7.604	6.992	-.613	.082	< .001***
Mental Health (1-5)	473	3.643	3.643	.000	.035	1.00

S6. Descriptives - Standardised Outcome Scores by Homeworking Status

	<i>N</i>	<i>Mean Wave 1</i>	<i>Mean Wave 2</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>Std. Err</i>	<i>p-value</i>
<i>Whole Sample</i>						
Life satisfaction	620	.018	-.018	-.036	.036	.323
Homelife satisfaction	617	.052	-.056	-.108***	.036	.003
Job satisfaction	617	-.029	.030	.059	.037	.107
Episodic Pos Affect (DRM)	596	-.028	.038	.066	.043	.123
Episodic Neg Affect (DRM)	596	.072	-.079	-.150***	.053	.005
Global Pos Affect (IWP)	618	.011	-.009	-.020	.035	.563
Global Neg Affect (IWP)	618	.025	-.021	-.046	.032	.141
Work Stress	611	.006	-.008	-.014	.033	.655
Disengagement	618	.068	-.073	-.141***	.031	< .001
Exhaustion	618	.099	-.100	-.199***	.030	< .001
Relatedness	619	-.030	.028	.058***	.015	.001
Competence	619	-.036	.036	.073***	.020	.001
Autonomy	619	-.057	.053	.110***	.022	< .001
Affective Commitment	616	-.092	.093	.185***	.031	< .001
Performance	615	.154	-.157	-.311***	.044	< .001
Mental Health	613	-.014	.015	.029	.035	.400
<i>Non-Homeworkers</i>						
Life satisfaction	140	-.074	-.129	-.054	.086	.527
Homelife satisfaction	140	-.039	-.133	-.094	.087	.279
Job satisfaction	139	-.092	-.105	-.013	.094	.889
Episodic Pos Affect (DRM)	133	-.127	-.060	.067	.092	.470
Episodic Neg Affect (DRM)	133	-.030	.088	.117	.105	.268
Global Pos Affect (IWP)	140	-.006	-.015	-.010	.081	.904
Global Neg Affect (IWP)	140	.021	-.041	-.061	.065	.344

Work Stress	137	.049	.007	-.043	.076	.573
Disengagement	139	.247	.097	-.150**	.069	.030
Exhaustion	139	.335	.109	-.226**	.064	.001
Relatedness	140	-.069	-.015	.054	.036	.132
Competence	140	.017	.060	.043	.041	.302
Autonomy	140	-.191	-.098	.093*	.049	.057
Affective Commitment	138	-.173	-.033	.140**	.063	.028
Performance	139	.168	.092	-.075	.092	.414
Mental Health	137	-.154	-.006	.148**	.074	.049

<i>Homeworkers</i>						
Life satisfaction	476	.044	.010	-.034	.040	.392
Homelife satisfaction	473	.079	-.033	-.111***	.038	.005
Job satisfaction	475	-.011	.068	.079*	.039	.044
Episodic Pos Affect (DRM)	460	-.004	.060	.064	.049	.184
Episodic Neg Affect (DRM)	460	.103	-.117	-.219***	.060	.001
Global Pos Affect (IWP)	475	.011	-.009	-.021	.039	.598
Global Neg Affect (IWP)	475	.031	-.013	-.044	.036	.227
Work Stress	470	-.002	-.004	-.002	.036	.954
Disengagement	476	.015	-.125	-.140***	.035	< .001
Exhaustion	476	.034	-.157	-.191***	.034	< .001
Relatedness	475	-.022	.037	.059***	.018	.001
Competence	475	-.054	.029	.082***	.023	.001
Autonomy	475	-.021	.100	.121***	.024	< .001
Affective Commitment	475	-.066	.134	.200***	.036	< .001
Performance	473	.15	-.228	-.378***	.051	< .001
Mental Health	473	.019	.019	.000	.040	1.00

S7. Standardised Main Effects (SD) by Outcome – comparison of OLS, Fixed Effects, Random Effects and Mixed Models

Variable	Coefficient (SD change) OLS	Coefficient (SD change) FE	Coefficient (SD change) RE	Coefficient (SD change) Mixed
Life Satisfaction	-.036 (.057)	-.036 (.036)	-.036 (.036)	-.036 (.036)
Homelife Satisfaction	-.109* (.057)	-.108*** (.036)	-.109*** (.036)	-.109*** (.036)
Job Satisfaction	.063 (.057)	.059 (.037)	.061* (.037)	.061* (.037)
Global Positive Affect	-.019 (.057)	-.020 (.035)	-.020 (.035)	-.020 (.035)
Global Negative Affect	-.045 (.057)	-.046 (.031)	-.046 (.031)	-.046 (.031)
Experiential positive affect	.073 (.057)	.066 (.043)	.070 (.043)	.070 (.043)
Experiential negative affect	-.164*** (.053)	-.150*** (.053)	-.162*** (.053)	-.162*** (.053)
Work Stress	-.017 (.057)	-.014 (.032)	-.015 (.032)	-.015 (.032)
Disengagement	-.147** (.057)	-.141*** (.031)	-.143*** (.031)	-.143*** (.031)
Exhaustion	-.200*** (.056)	-.199*** (.029)	-.199*** (.029)	-.199*** (.029)
Relatedness	.060 (.056)	.058*** (.016)	.058*** (.016)	.058*** (.016)
Competence	.079 (.056)	.073*** (.020)	.073*** (.020)	.073*** (.020)
Autonomy	.114** (.056)	.110*** (.021)	.110*** (.021)	.110*** (.021)
Affective Commitment	.186*** (.056)	.185*** (.031)	.185*** (.031)	.185*** (.031)
Mental Health	.035 (.056)	.029 (.034)	.032 (.034)	.032 (.034)
Performance	-.306*** (.056)	-.311*** (.045)	-.308*** (.044)	-.308*** (.044)

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$. Non-adjusted p -values. Standardised variables used throughout. Robust clustered standard errors in parentheses.

S8. Standardised Main Effects for Female Workers by Homeworking Status

Variable	NHW Coefficient (SD)	Obs	HW Coefficient (SD)	Obs
Life Satisfaction	-.018 (.126)	172	-.023 (.051)	611
Homelife Satisfaction	.022 (.120)	172	-.139*** (.049)	609
Job Satisfaction	.080 (.134)	171	.111** (.050)	610
Global Positive Affect (IWP)	.190* (.103)	172	-.013 (.051)	610
Global Negative Affect (IWP)	-.071 (.093)	172	-.109** (.047)	610
Episodic Positive Affect (DRM)	.100 (.121)	165	.040 (.064)	597
Episodic Negative Affect (DRM)	.232* (.126)	165	-.228*** (.080)	597
Work Stress	-.046 (.094)	170	-.026 (.046)	606
Disengagement	-.227** (.096)	171	-.195*** (.046)	611
Exhaustion	-.283*** (.091)	171	-.207*** (.042)	611
Relatedness	.094** (.045)	172	.064*** (.023)	610
Competence	.089 (.054)	172	.095*** (.030)	610
Autonomy	.162** (.064)	172	.165*** (.030)	610
Affective Commitment	.199** (.085)	170	.219*** (.046)	611
Mental Health	.013 (.095)	171	-.033 (.050)	608
Performance	-.050 (.115)	171	-.374*** (.062)	608

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$. Robust Clustered Standard Errors. Standardised variables used throughout. Non-Adjusted p -value

S9. Standardised Main Effects for Male Workers by Homeworking Status

Variable	NHW Coefficient (SD)	Obs	HW Coefficient (SD)	Obs
Life Satisfaction	-.122 (.095)	106	-.051 (.063)	334
Homelife Satisfaction	-.284** (.115)	106	-.061 (.062)	333
Job Satisfaction	-.155 (.120)	106	.013 (.061)	334
Global Positive Affect	-.307** (.119)	106	-.035 (.059)	334
Global Negative Affect	-.040 (.079)	106	.070 (.053)	334
Episodic Positive Affect	.024 (.147)	105	.108 (.073)	331
Episodic Negative Affect	-.055 (.185)	105	-.197** (.092)	331
Work Stress	-.037 (.132)	105	.029 (.055)	333
Disengagement	-.020 (.092)	106	-.023 (.052)	334
Exhaustion	-.133* (.077)	106	-.161*** (.053)	334
Relatedness	.000 (.058)	106	.046* (.026)	334
Competence	-.028 (.063)	106	.052 (.034)	334
Autonomy	-.012 (.072)	106	.035 (.035)	334
Affective Commitment	.055 (.093)	106	.138*** (.053)	333
Mental Health	.353*** (.116)	104	.053 (.064)	334
Performance	-.116 (.158)	106	-.391*** (.086)	334

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$. Non-adjusted p -values. Robust Clustered Standard Errors. Standardised variables used throughout

S10. Global Positive Affect (IWP)– t-tests: emotions by Homeworking Status

	<i>Obs</i>	<i>Mean Wave 1</i>	<i>Mean Wave 2</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>Std. Error</i>	<i>p- value</i>
<i>Whole Sample</i>						
Calm	617	3.324	3.342	.018	.054	.744
At Ease	615	2.699	2.785	.086	.065	.187
Relaxed	617	2.692	2.83	.138**	.059	.019
Laid Back	616	2.372	2.484	.112*	.063	.076
Enthusiastic	618	3.055	2.813	-.243***	.052	<.001
Joyful	618	2.24	2.147	-.092*	.054	.092
Excited	610	1.836	1.715	-.121**	.054	.025
Inspired	616	2.18	2.087	-.093	.057	.102
<i>Non-Homeworkers</i>						
Calm	140	3.293	3.379	.086	.116	.462
At Ease	139	2.727	2.727	.000	.143	1.00
Relaxed	140	2.671	2.679	.007	.122	.954
Laid Back	139	2.389	2.295	-.094	.144	.515
Enthusiastic	140	3.035	2.914	-.121	.112	.281
Joyful	140	2.315	2.393	.079	.126	.532
Excited	137	1.737	1.679	-.058	.122	.635
Inspired	139	2.021	2.007	-.014	.128	.901
<i>Homeworkers</i>						
Calm	474	3.327	3.333	.006	.062	.918
At Ease	473	2.689	2.799	.110	.073	.136
Relaxed	474	2.694	2.873	.179***	.068	.008
Laid Back	474	2.359	2.538	.179**	.070	.011
Enthusiastic	475	3.057	2.781	-.276***	.060	<.001
Joyful	475	2.211	2.071	-.139**	.060	.022
Excited	470	1.857	1.722	-.136**	.060	.024
Inspired	474	2.226	2.110	-.116*	.063	.066

S11. Global Negative Affect (IWP)– t-tests: emotions by Homeworking Status

	<i>Obs</i>	<i>Mean Wave 1</i>	<i>Mean Wave 2</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>Std. Error</i>	<i>p-value</i>
<i>Whole Sample</i>						
Depressed	618	1.379	1.322	-.057	.051	.264
Despondent	601	1.393	1.278	-.115	.054	.034
Dejected	612	1.496	1.236	-.261***	.057	<.001
Hopeless	614	1.069	.945	-.124**	.052	.019
Anxious	617	1.806	1.898	.092*	.054	.089
Tense	615	1.933	1.787	-.146***	.056	.009
Worried	615	1.830	1.948	.119**	.058	.039
Nervous	616	1.540	1.611	.070	.051	.170
<i>Non-Homeworkers</i>						
Depressed	140	1.421	1.322	-.100	.098	.306
Despondent	131	1.351	1.199	-.153	.106	.154
Dejected	137	1.379	1.226	-.153	.122	.211
Hopeless	138	1.058	.898	-.159	.106	.135
Anxious	140	1.793	1.900	.107	.106	.315
Tense	139	2.029	1.842	-.187	.128	.146
Worried	138	1.826	1.971	.145	.127	.255
Nervous	140	1.550	1.514	-.036	.102	.727
<i>Homeworkers</i>						
Depressed	475	1.373	1.324	-.048	.059	.414
Despondent	467	1.407	1.302	-.105*	.063	.096
Dejected	472	1.536	1.24	-.297***	.065	<.001
Hopeless	473	1.074	.956	-.118*	.06	.052
Anxious	474	1.817	1.901	.084	.064	.183
Tense	473	1.911	1.780	-.131**	.062	.035
Worried	474	1.834	1.945	.112*	.065	.085
Nervous	473	1.546	1.643	.097*	.059	.099

S12. Experiential Positive Affect (DRM) – t-tests: emotions by Homeworking Status

	<i>Obs</i>	<i>Pre-Lockdown</i>	<i>During Lockdown</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>St Err</i>	<i>p-value</i>
<i>Whole Sample</i>						
Calm	577	3.579	3.678	.099*	.054	.071
At Ease	574	3.284	3.401	.117*	.060	.052
Relaxed	577	3.265	3.420	.154**	.060	.011
Laid Back	571	3.027	3.170	.143**	.059	.015
Enthusiastic	577	3.026	3.011	-.014	.056	.797
Joyful	573	2.368	2.413	.045	.057	.427
Excited	567	2.252	2.226	-.026	.057	.641
Inspired	565	2.417	2.458	.041	.054	.445
<i>Non-Homeworkers</i>						
Calm	128	3.554	3.521	-.034	.105	.748
At Ease	128	3.208	3.279	.070	.129	.585
Relaxed	131	3.292	3.28	-.013	.121	.916
Laid Back	127	2.895	3.021	.126	.132	.339
Enthusiastic	131	2.820	2.807	-.013	.128	.921
Joyful	127	2.362	2.570	.207*	.121	.090
Excited	124	2.199	2.220	.022	.114	.850
Inspired	123	2.349	2.292	-.057	.117	.628
<i>Homeworkers</i>						
Calm	447	3.587	3.727	.139**	.064	.030
At Ease	444	3.310	3.438	.128*	.069	.063
Relaxed	444	3.260	3.462	.201***	.069	.004
Laid Back	442	3.068	3.216	.148**	.066	.026
Enthusiastic	445	3.086	3.074	-.013	.063	.839
Joyful	445	2.367	2.368	.001	.064	.991
Excited	441	2.265	2.226	-.039	.066	.547
Inspired	441	2.430	2.505	.075	.060	.218

S13. Standardised Experiential Negative Affect scores (DRM) – individual emotions Status

	<i>Obs</i>	<i>Mean Wave 1</i>	<i>Mean Wave 2</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>Std. Error</i>	<i>p-value</i>
<i>Whole Sample</i>						
Depressed	572	2.000	2.011	.012	.045	.799
Despondent	559	2.081	2.035	-.046	.049	.349
Dejected	565	2.096	2.017	-.080*	.044	.071
Hopeless	570	2.003	1.986	-.018	.044	.691
Anxious	576	2.170	2.049	-.121**	.054	.026
Tense	570	2.240	2.087	-.154***	.058	.007
Worried	571	2.091	2.005	-.086	.053	.103
Nervous	580	2.111	2.017	-.095*	.050	.058
<i>Non-Homeworkers</i>						
Depressed	127	2.002	2.095	.092	.101	.364
Despondent	123	1.965	2.208	.244**	.098	.014
Dejected	126	2.037	2.162	.124	.085	.145
Hopeless	125	2.022	2.099	.077	.100	.438
Anxious	129	2.039	2.124	.085	.108	.434
Tense	126	2.220	2.267	.048	.122	.699
Worried	128	2.050	2.196	.146	.107	.175
Nervous	130	1.925	2.128	.203*	.101	.047
<i>Homeworkers</i>						
Depressed	443	2.003	1.988	-.015	.052	.769
Despondent	434	2.115	1.986	-.128**	.056	.022
Dejected	437	2.115	1.975	-.140***	.051	.006
Hopeless	443	2.001	1.954	-.047	.049	.344
Anxious	445	2.207	2.030	-.176***	.062	.005
Tense	442	2.244	2.038	-.207***	.065	.002
Worried	441	2.102	1.951	-.151***	.060	.013
Nervous	448	2.166	1.985	-.181***	.057	.002

S14: Ordered Logit FE model – Standardised Main Effect (SD) by Outcome

Variable	Coefficient (SD change)	Log Conditional Likelihood
Life Satisfaction	-.119 (.120)	-474.967
Homelife Satisfaction	-.341*** (.113)	-550.515
Job Satisfaction	.181 (.112)	-610.511
Global Positive Affect (IWP)	-.068 (.107)	-3362.356
Global Negative Affect (IWP)	-.173 (.109)	-3251.211
Episodic Positive Affect (DRM)	.161 (.107)	-9490.099
Episodic Negative Affect (DRM)	-.296*** (.109)	-8515.229
Work Stress	-.055 (.124)	-223.761
Disengagement	-.503*** (.112)	-2235.030
Exhaustion	-.754*** (.112)	-2061.411
Relatedness	.444*** (.114)	-1460.603
Competence	.362*** (.109)	-1319.527
Autonomy	.542*** (.112)	-1998.572
Affective Commitment	.663*** (.104)	-1804.448
Mental Health	.108 (.129)	-203.349
Performance	-.804*** (.115)	-502.132

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$. Unadjusted p -values. Standardised variables used throughout. Robust clustered standard errors in parentheses. Estimated using Stata feologit command. Baetschmann, G., K. E. Staub, and R. Winkelmann 2015. Consistent estimation of the fixed effects ordered logit model. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A* 178: 685-703. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rssa.12090>.

S15: Permission to use Measurement Scales (where open access for academic purposes is not specified)

Oldenburg Burnout Inventory

Demerouti, E.

Mon, 22 Jul, 09:15

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On behalf of professor Demerouti I would like to thank you for your interest in her burnout instrument. The OLBI is free of charge for academic purposes. In the attachment, you can find the OLBI in German and the unstandardized translation in English (checked by an American native speaker). As you will see in the meantime the scale has been improved in order to have equal number of positive and negative items.

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Kind regards

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Natalie Jean Allen

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