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Staidéar Fadaimseartha na  
hÉireann um Dhul in Aois

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The Irish Longitudinal  
Study on Ageing



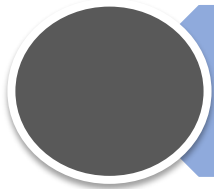
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**HRS Meeting  
August 2023**

**Fieldwork Update**

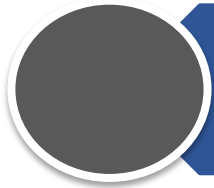


# Study Design – Data Collection Methods



Computer Assisted  
Personal Interview  
(CAPI)

Fieldwork Agency Interviewers  
Completed in participants homes



Self Complete  
Questionnaire (SCQ)

Left behind by interviewers  
Respondents complete in their own time

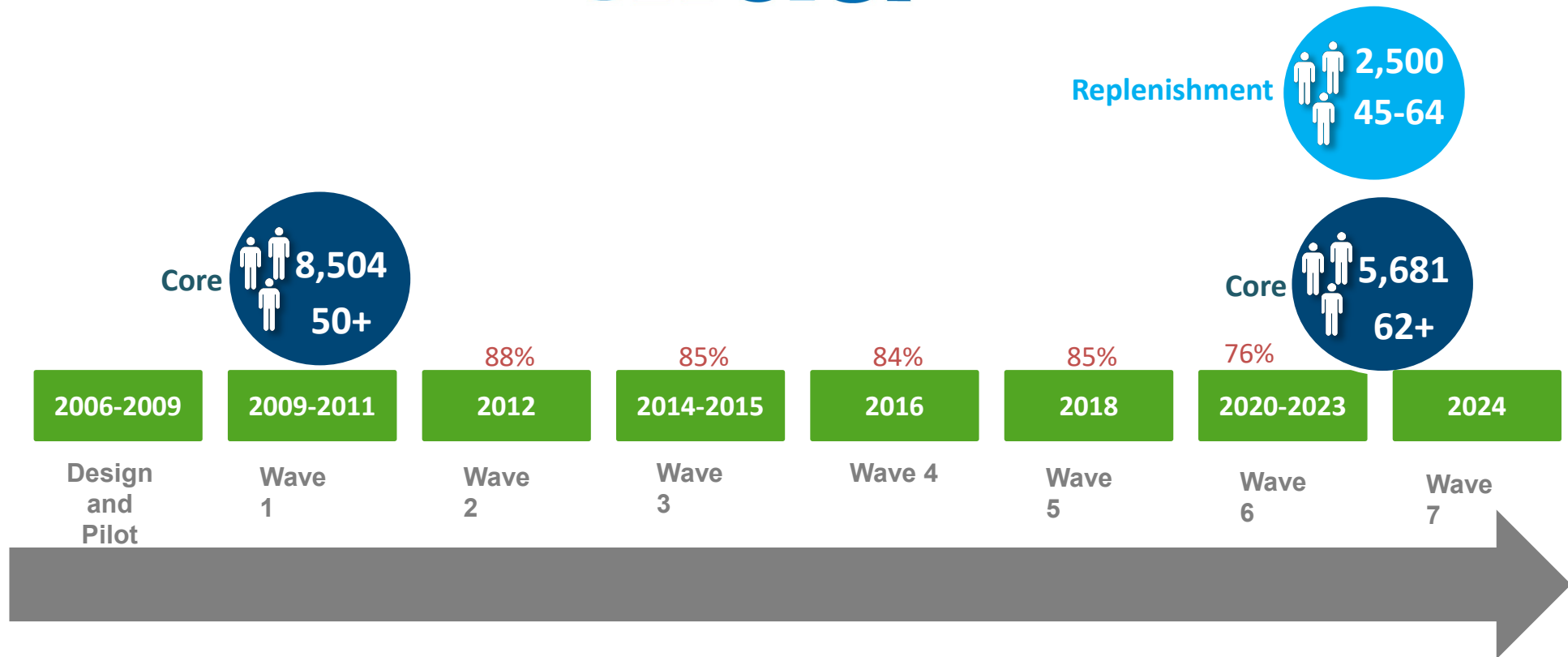


Health  
Assessment

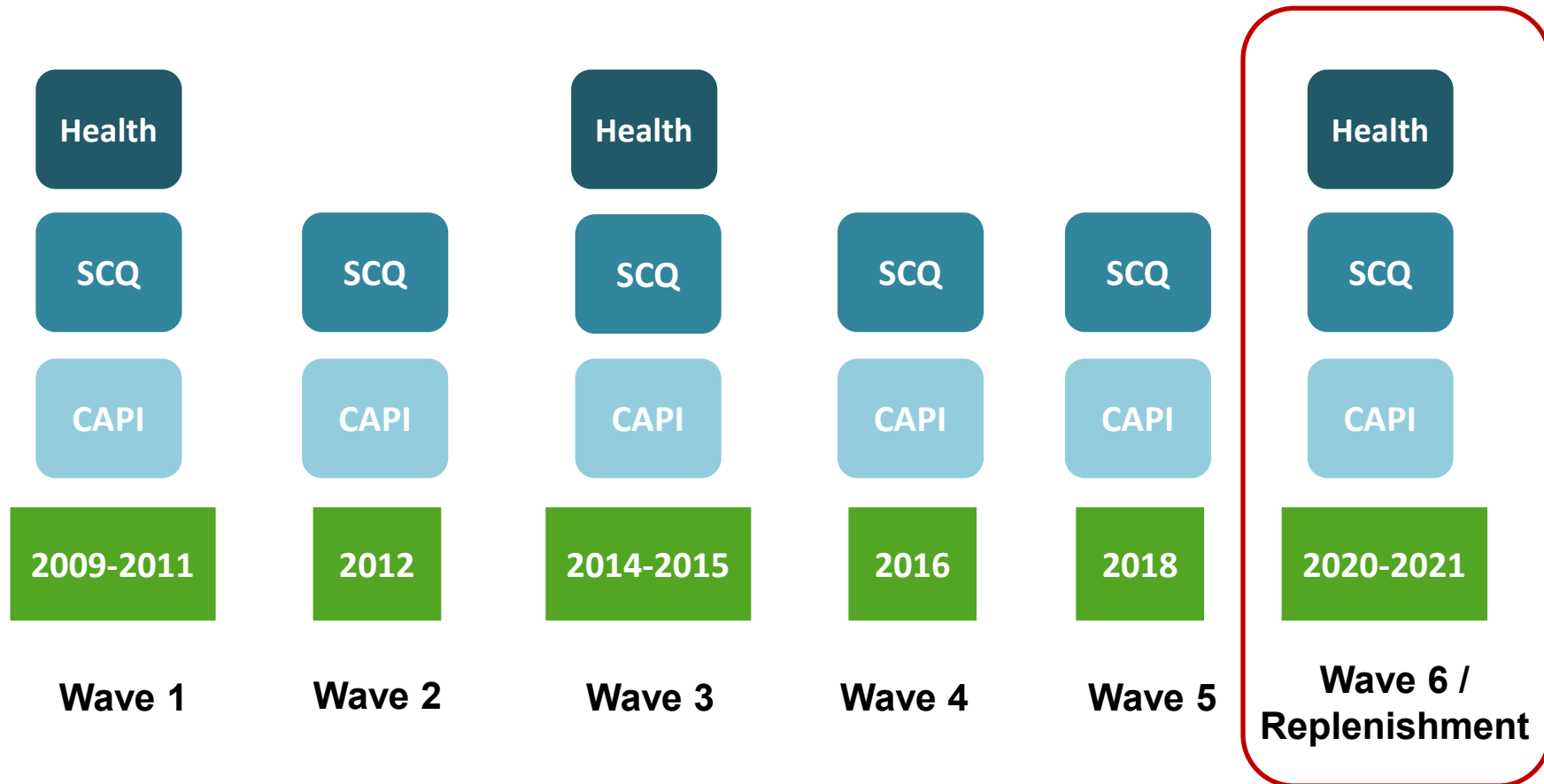
Completed in our health assessment centre (or  
abridged version in participant's home)

# TILDA has completed six sweeps of data collection

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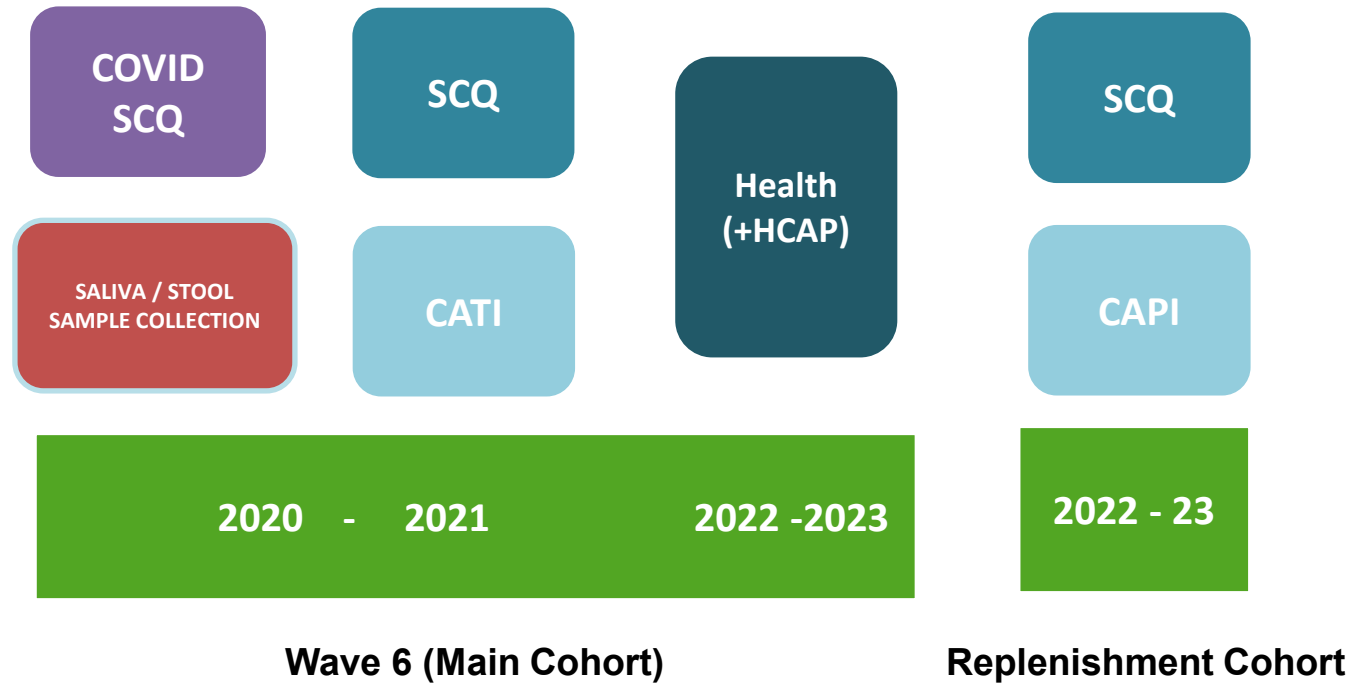
# Pre-2020 plan for data collection



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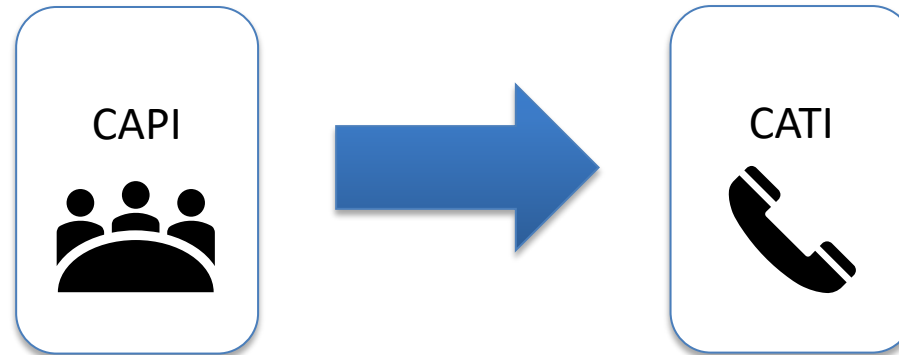
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# Adapting to the pandemic



**June 2020**

COVID-19 SCQ

71% RR

**January 2021**

SARS CoV2  
saliva  
antibodies

68% RR

**March 2021**

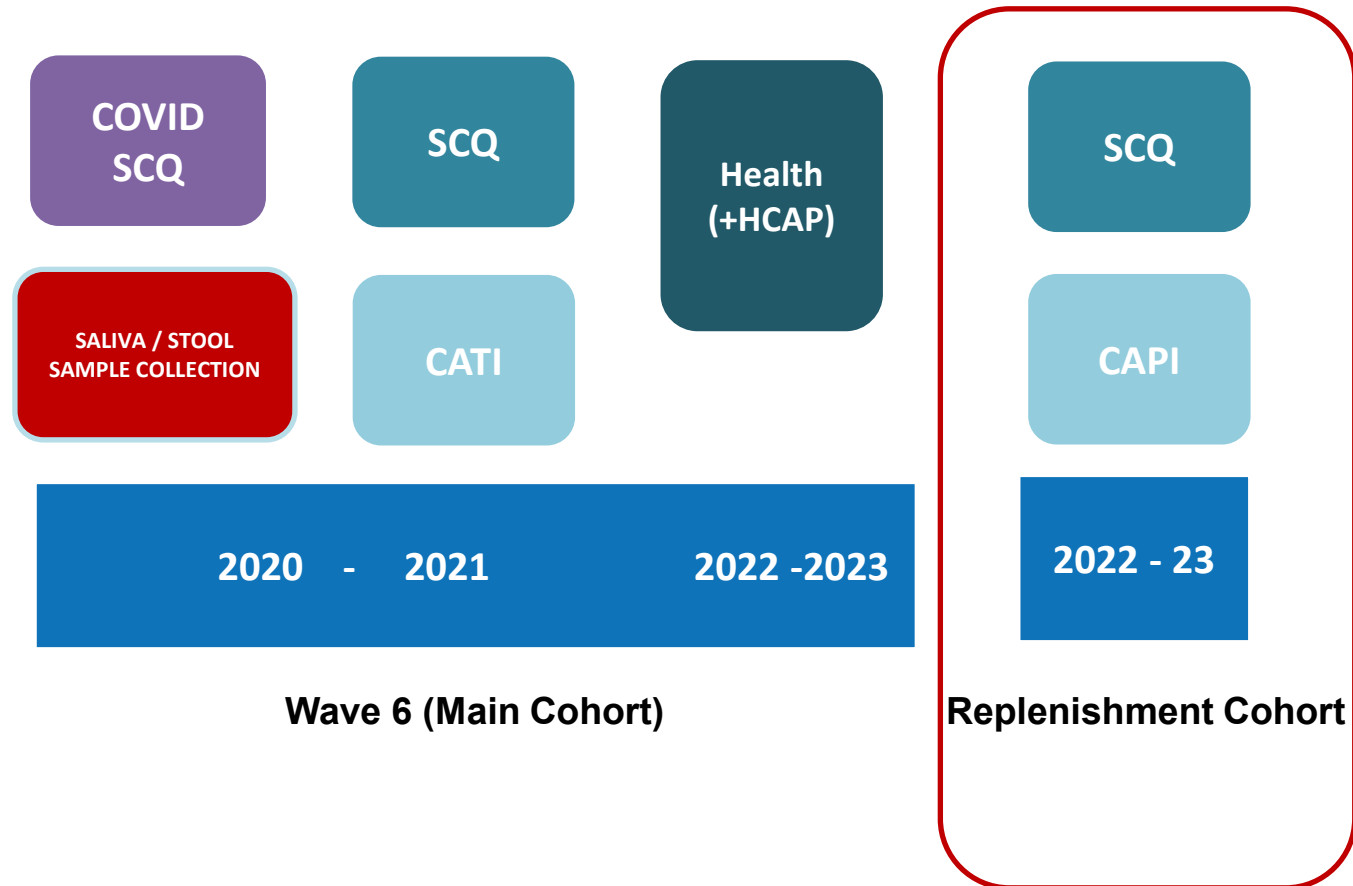
Microbiome  
postal sub-  
study

85% RR



# Wave 6 CATI & SCQ Response Rates

	Self	Proxy	Total
Total sample	5531	150	5681
Completed interview	4228	104	4332 (76%)
Refused	657	42	695 (12%)
Withdrawn	261	-	261 (5%)
EOL – postpone to Wave 7	94	-	94 (2%)
Other	9	7	15 (0%)
No Contact	283	-	283 (5%)
SCQs issued	4231		81%
SCQs returned	3457		



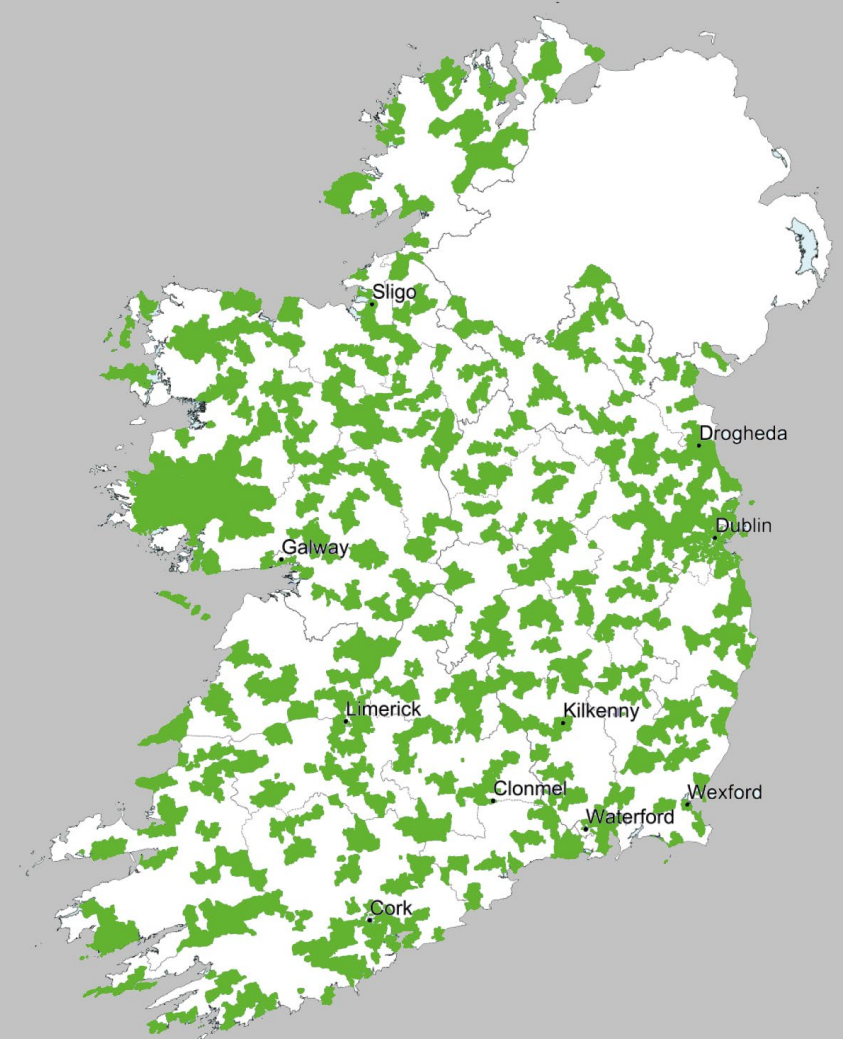
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# Replenishment Strategy

**Tried to use original sample frame to select replenishment sample.**

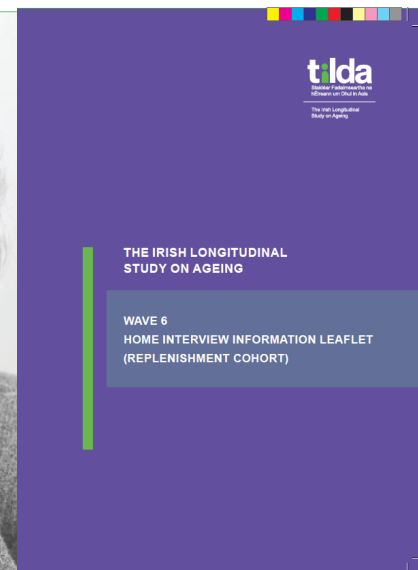
- ~18,000 household addresses in the target sample.
- Respondents aged **50-62 years**



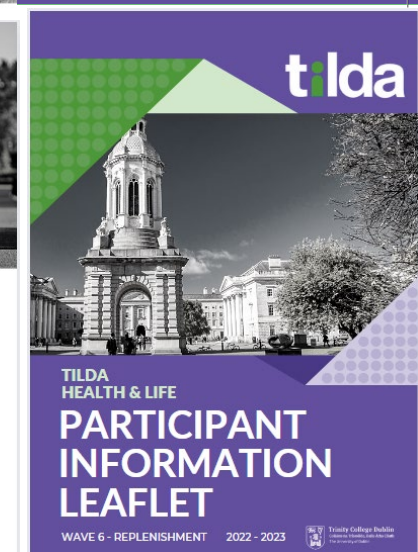
- Slow recruitment due to:
  - Narrow age band
  - Dated sampling frame
  - Long duration CAPI (2+ hours average)
  - Negative perceptions of association with ‘ageing’
  - Post-Covid survey fatigue?
  - GDPR legislation

# Replenishment Changes

- Widened age band 50-62 ➔ 45 – 64
- Reduced length of interview to 90 mins duration by removing TUG and some questions.
- Deferred questions to be re-introduced at next wave.
- Updated language to reflect more positive orientation towards ageing e.g. Health + Life instead of ageing.

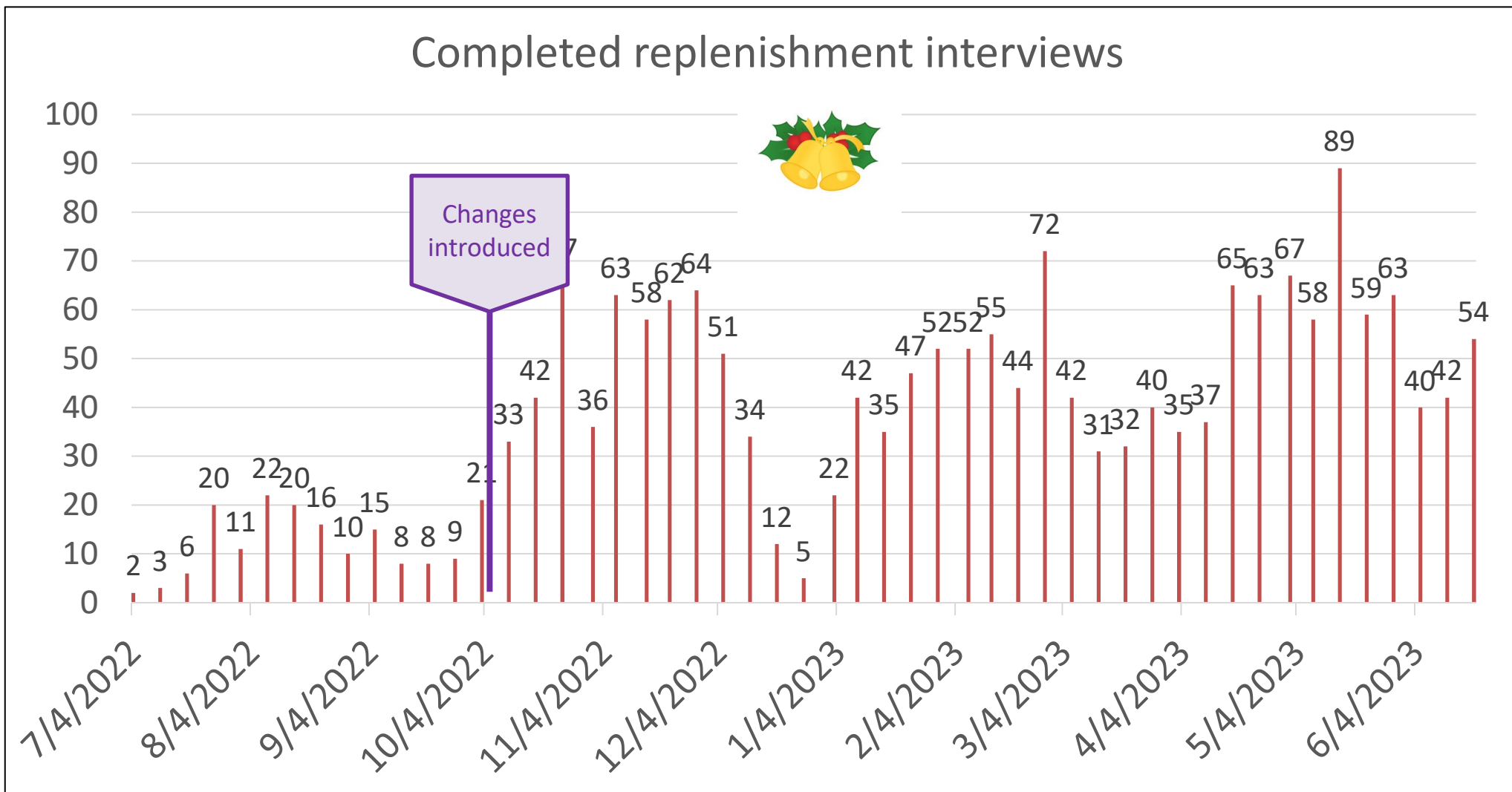


Old Literature



New Literature

# Impact of fieldwork changes

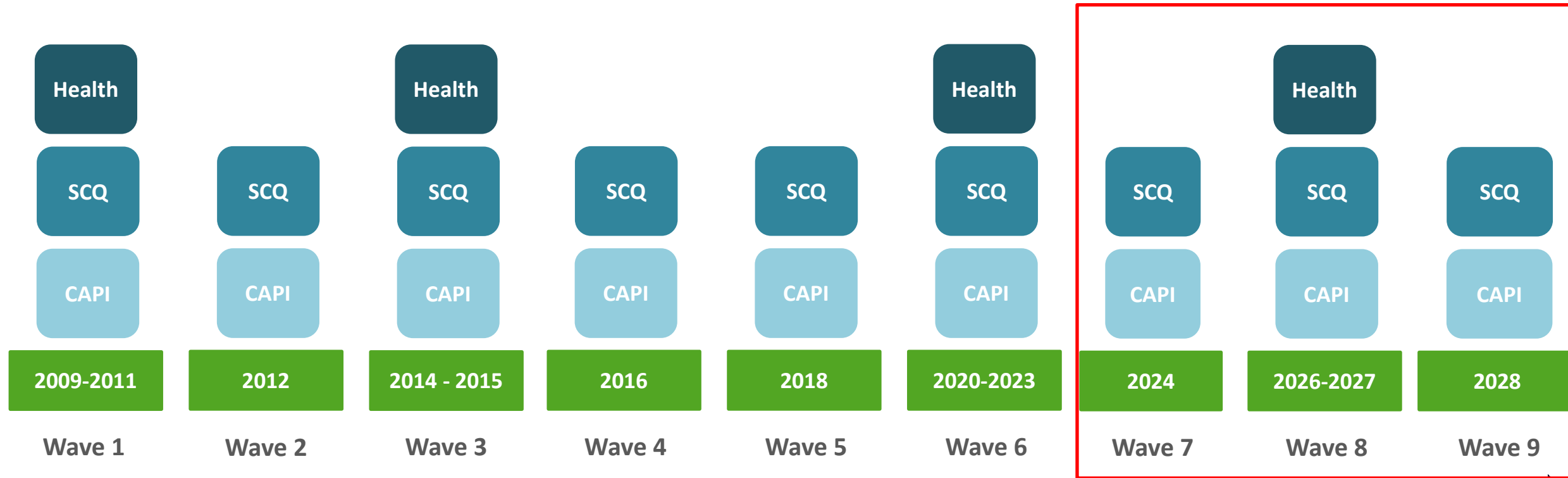


# Replenishment progress (August 2023)

	Total	
Total	10,824	%
Completed interviews	2051	20%
Partial Complete	1	0%
No contact at address	2304	23%
Upfront refusal from eligible adult (aged 45 to 64)	1638	15%
Non-private address	569	5%
No eligible adult at address	3540	28%
Non-productive interview with eligible adult (cancelled appointments etc)	513	6%
Not eligible due to health or language issue	207	2%
AMT or MMSE failure or consent declined	3	0%

- **Response rate of eligible adults = 60.8%**
- Similar to W1 RR (62%)
- Fieldwork to finish in October 2023

# Future Timeline



Health: TILDA Health Assessment  
 SCQ: Self Completion Questionnaire  
 CAPI: Computer Aided Personal Interview

With thanks to  
the TILDA team

