

BUS PASSENGER SURVEY RESULTS FOR: Arriva in Shropshire Council area

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Methodology

Passenger Focus undertook a survey of bus passenger satisfaction in the following areas in November 2009:

PTE	Urban	County
South Yorkshire	Stoke-on-Trent	Shropshire
West Yorkshire	Brighton	Cumbria
Merseyside	Medway Kent	Cornwall
Greater Manchester	Plymouth	Hampshire
	Swindon	Cambridgeshire

The survey used a self-completion questionnaire, which was handed to passengers onboard the bus during their journey. A copy of the questionnaire is included in the appendices to this report.

The survey was administered on a pre-selected sample of bus services in each area. The sample of bus services was designed to be broadly representative of operator market share and service frequency.

A database of local bus services was created for each area and stratified by operator and service frequency. A sample of services was then selected using a Probability Proportional to Size approach. The results for each geographical area were then weighted to accurately reflect the market share of operators in the area. Results were also weighted according to the proportion of journeys made by concessionary passengers, based on data provided by the TAS partnership.

This report presents the survey results for ARRIVA in Shropshire Council area and compares them to the results for all Shropshire Council area and to all County areas surveyed.





Sample Profile

	ARRIVA	Shropshire	Counties
SAMPLE	743	986	5320
	%	%	%
SEX			
Male	25	26	30
Female	71	69	66
Not stated	4	5	4
AGE			
16-25	15	16	13
26-34	6	6	8
35-44	11	10	10
45-54	15	13	14
55-59	8	8	8
60+	40	41	43
<u>DISABILITY</u>			
Yes	19	19	20
No	67	68	69
Not stated	14	13	11
TIME OF TRAVEL			
Peak (before 9:30 or between 4pm and			
7pm) `	53	48	41
Off peak (between 9:30am and 4pm or after	47	52	58
CONCESSIONARY FARE			
Concession	39	39	42
No concession	60	60	57

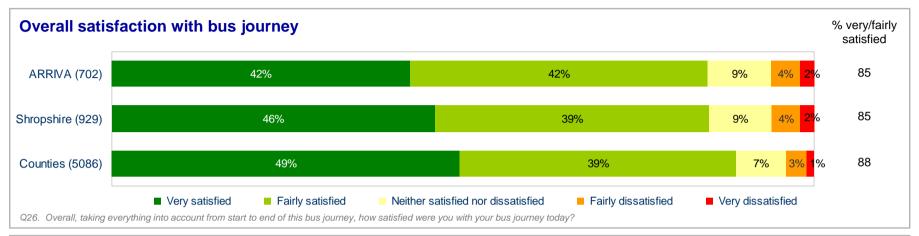
	ARRIVA	Shropshire	Counties
SAMPLE	743	986	5320
	%	%	%
JOURNEY PURPOSE			
Commute	39	37	34
Shopping	36	36	36
Visiting friends/relatives	6	7	8
Sport/entertainment	1	2	2
Day out	2	2	3
Travel to/from holiday	0	0	0
Personal business	5	4	4
Company business	0	0	1
Other	5	5	6
REGULAR TRAVELLER			
Yes (6 or more journeys in last 2 weeks)	44	46	44
No	51	50	51
Not stated	4	5	5
OTHER POSSIBLE MODES			
Car (passnger)	27	28	27
Car (driver)	26	23	23
Train	4	4	6
Taxi	19	18	17
Bicycle	5	5	7
On foot/walking	34	33	31
Metro/light rail/tram	0	0	0
Coach	0	0	1
Motorbike	0	0	1
Other	3	4	5

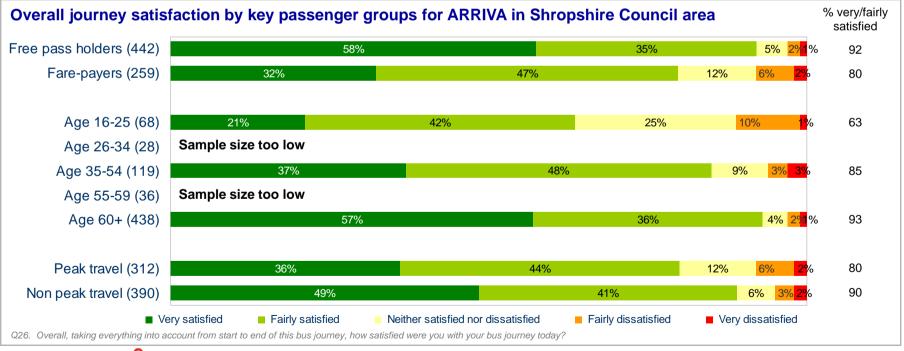
NB: Throughout this report, base size information relates to the unweighted base, to show the real number of passengers who were interviewed to provide the results. However, all data shown in the report, including sample profile data here, is weighted.





Overall Satisfaction

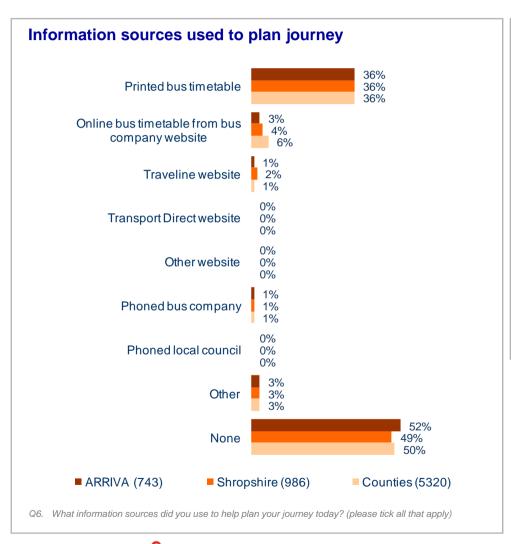








Planning the journey

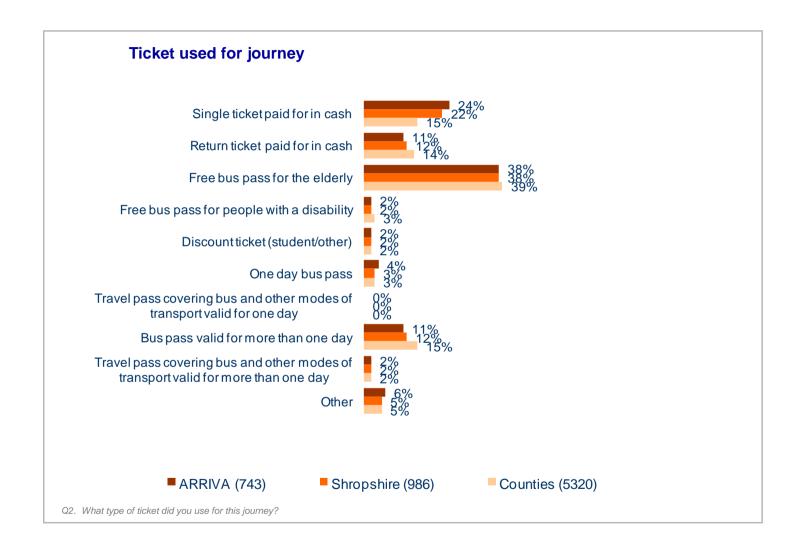


	Satisfaction using that source of information (% very/fairly satisfied)							
	ARRIVA	Shropshire	Counties					
Printed bus timetable	82	85	90					
Online bus timetable	-	-	85					
Traveline website	-	-	81					
Transport Direct website	-	-	-					
Other website	-	-	-					
Phoned bus company	-	-	-					
Phoned local council	-	-	-					
Q7. How satisfied were you with the in	formation sources	you used?						





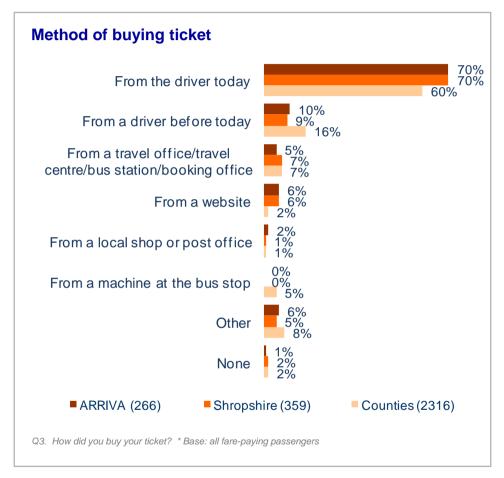
Ticket used for journey







Method of Buying Ticket

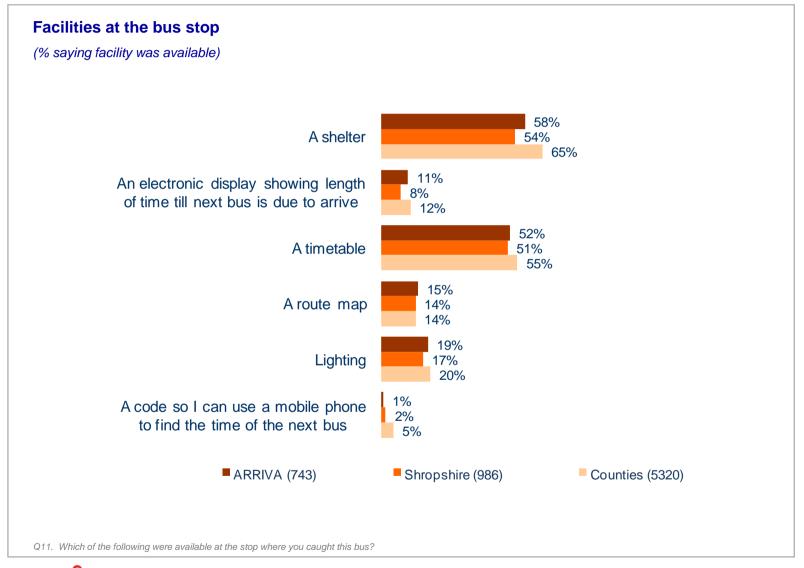


Rating the ease of buyin (% very/fairly easy)	ng a ticke	t using tha	t method
	ARRIVA	Shropshire	Counties
From the driver today	99	97	97
From a driver before today	-	-	97
Travel office/centre/bus station/booking office	-	-	76
From a website	-	-	-
From a local shop/post office	-	-	-
From machine at bus stop	-	-	88
Q4. And how easy did you find buying this * Base: all fare-paying passengers	ticket – was it…?	,	





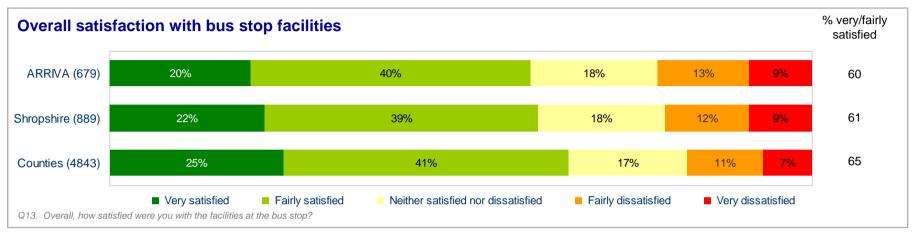
Bus Stop Facilities

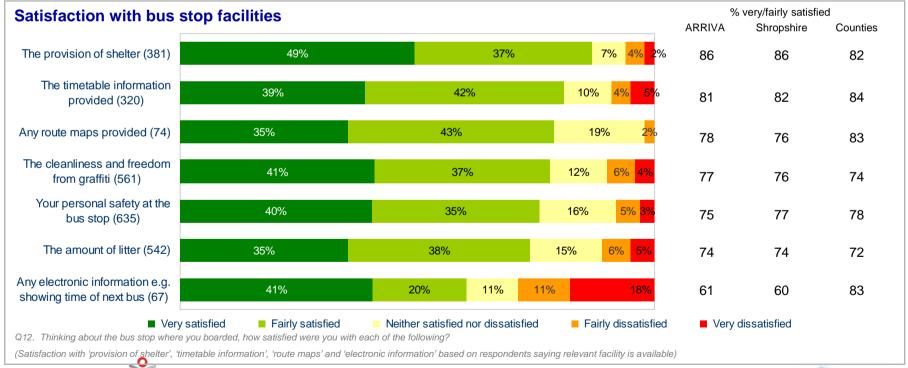






Satisfaction with Bus Stop



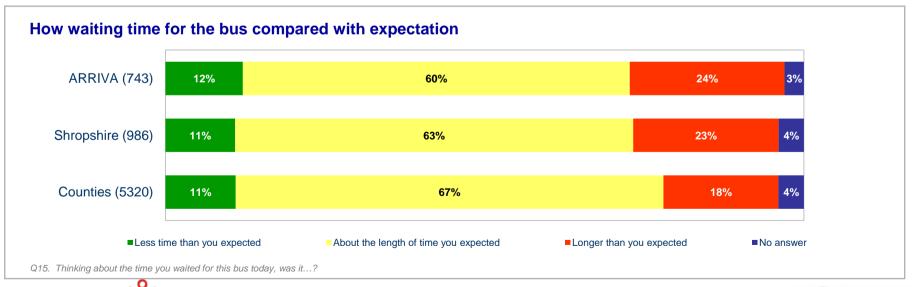






Time Waiting for Bus

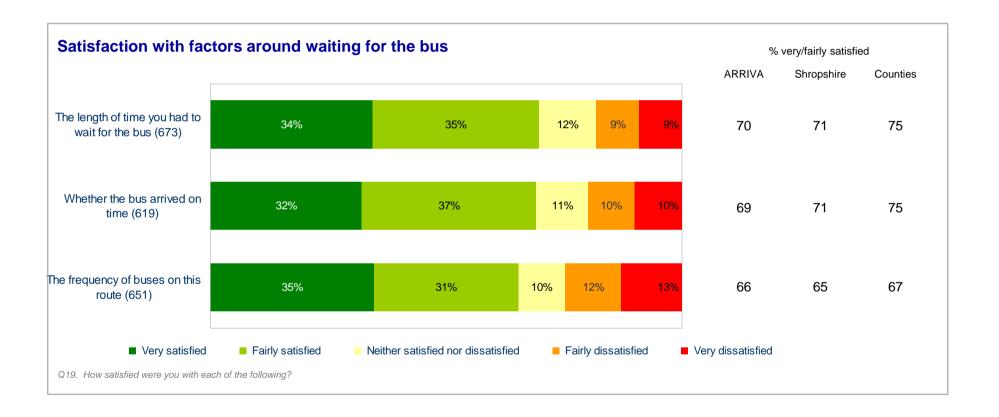
(% waiting for)	ARRIVA	Shropshire	Counties
Under 2 mins	11	12	12
2-5 mins	36	37	36
More than 5 mins, and up to 10 mins	31	28	30
More than 10 mins and up to 15 mins	10	10	10
More than 15 mins	7	8	8
Not sure	1	2	1







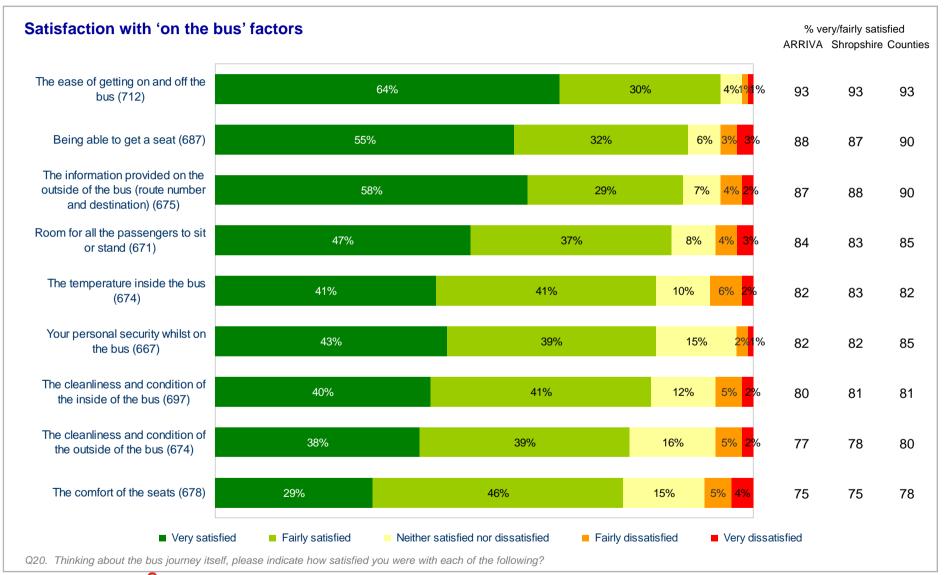
Satisfaction with Waiting for Bus







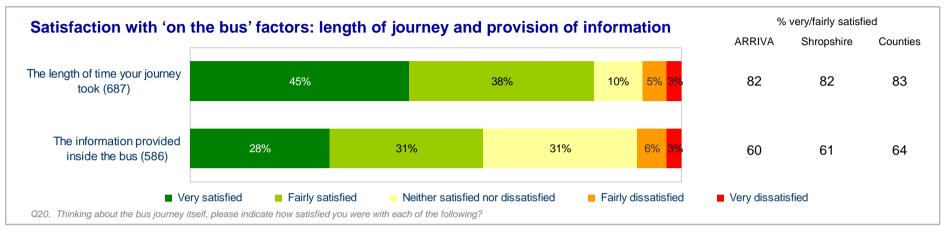
On the bus

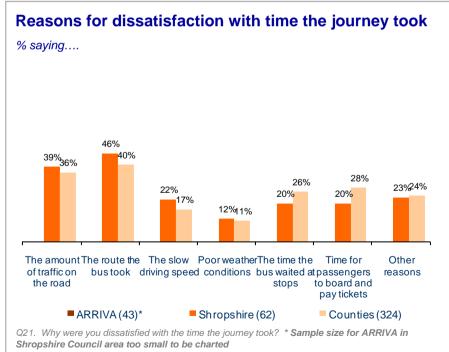


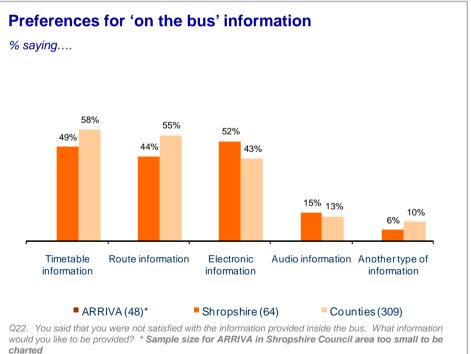




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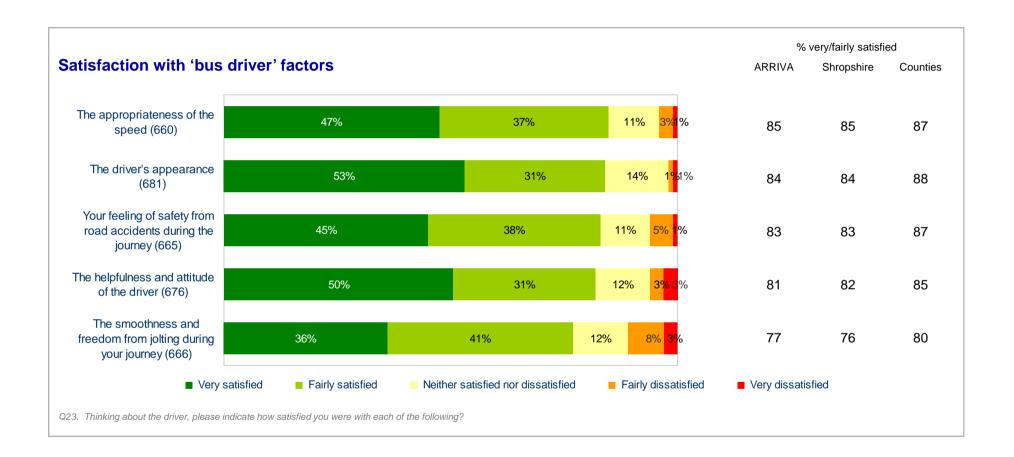








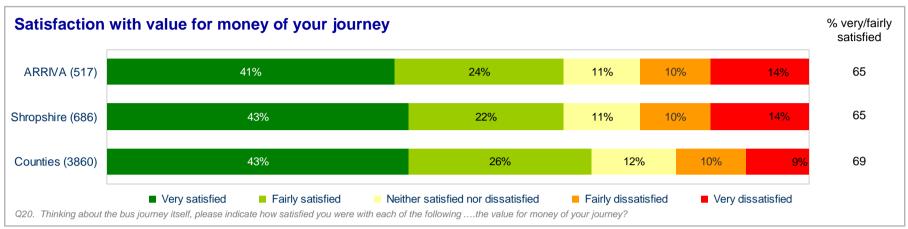
The Bus Driver

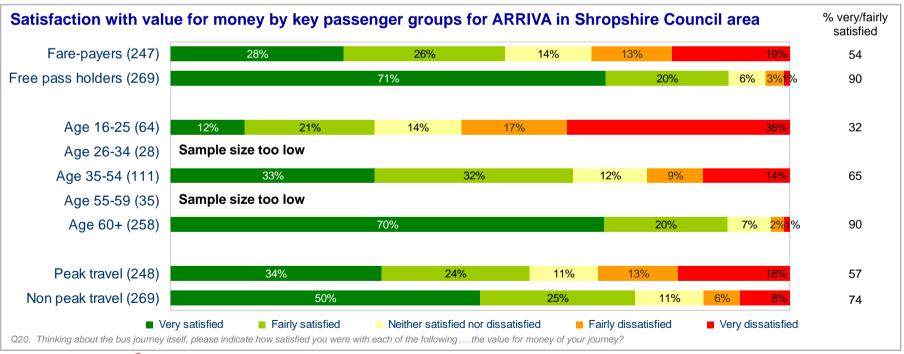






Value for Money

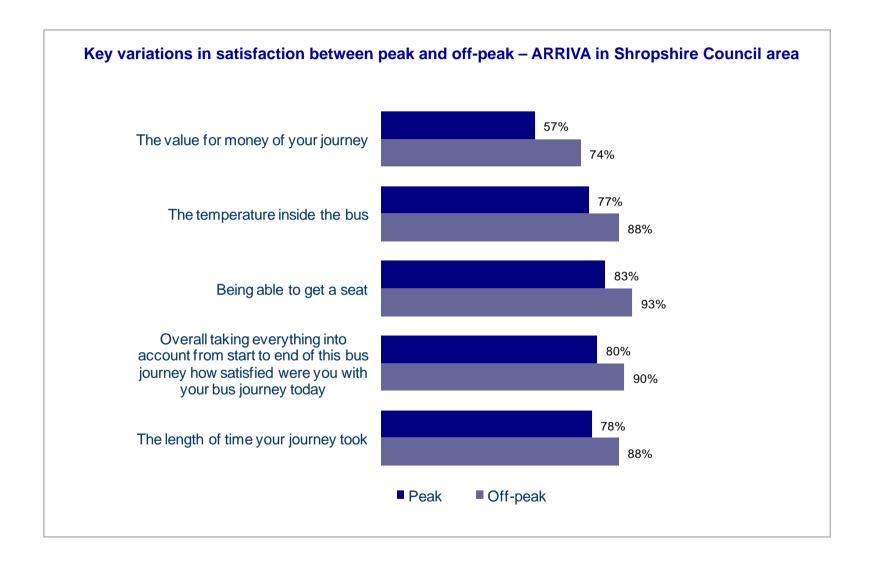








Peak vs Off-peak comparison







Key drivers of overall satisfaction

Impact of individual factors on overall satisfaction with bus journey – ARRIVA in Shropshire Council area The figures in this chart are computed using a regression analysis which measures the correlation between overall satisfaction and satisfaction with individual factors. The more highly correlated a factor is, the greater its influence is likely to be on overall satisfaction. Arriva in Shropshire Shropshire Counties ☐ The Length Of Time Your Journey Took ☐ The Smoothness And Freedom From Jolting During The Journey ■ The Cleanliness And Condition Of The Inside Of The Bus ■ The Driver's Appearance ■ The Ease Of Getting On And Off The Bus Others

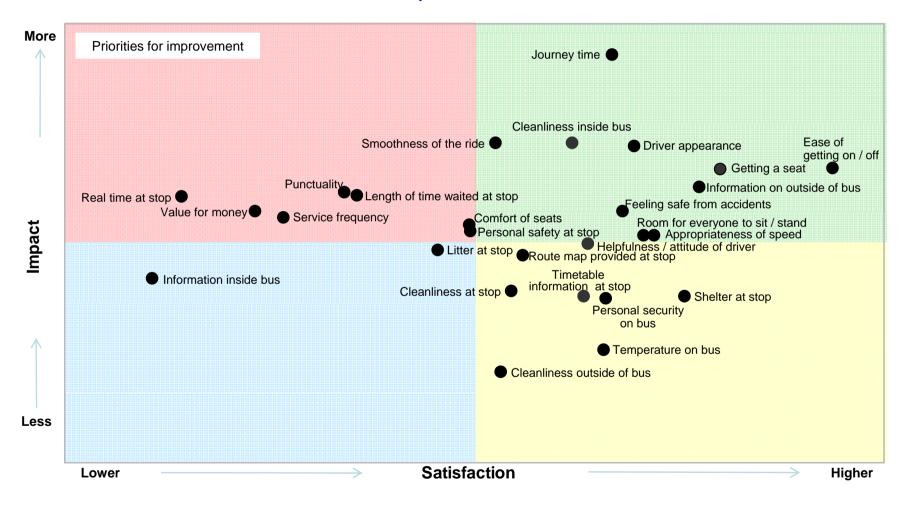




Satisfaction and Impact

Satisfaction with individual factors and their impact on overall journey satisfaction

Arriva in Shropshire Council area







Questionnaire (1)

	Passenger Focus is undertaking a survey to research pas experiences of bus travel. Passenger Focus is the indepe organisation representing the interests of bus users. To the Focus represent the views of bus passengers and to improve would appreciate a little of your time to complete this organisation.	ndent consumer nelp Passenger ove bus services
	Please fill in the questionnaire when you have completed. To answer the questions please tick the box next to the ar apply or write in your answer in the space provided. Unles allows you to tick several answers please just tick one bo. When you have completed your questionnaire please retu envelope provided.	nswer(s) that ss the question x per question.
	tion 1: Your journey today	
21	Please fill in the time that you boarded the bus today Use the 24 hr clock e.g. 17: 25	
12	What type of ticket did you use for this journey?	
	A single ticket paid for in cash. A return ticket paid for in cash. A free bus pass for the elderly. A free bus pass for the elderly. A free bus pass for people with a disability A discount ticket (Student/other). A one day bus pass. A travel pass covering bus and other modes of transport valid for one day A bus pass valid for more than one day A travel pass covering bus and other modes of transport valid for more than	
	Officir. Please write in	
23	How did you buy your ticket? From the driver today From a driver before today From a travel office/travel centre/bus station/booking office From a website. From a local shop or post office From a machine at the bus stop. Other: Please write in	

	Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor	Fairly difficult	Very difficult	No opinion
			difficult			
	Go to Q6	Go to Q6	Go to Q6	Go to Q5	Go to Q5	Go to Q6
25	What made buyi	ing a ticket difficult	?			
	Please write in:					
26		n sources did you	use to help plan yo	our journey today (F		
	None Printed bus timeta	ble				
	Online bus timetal	ble from bus compa	ny website			Go to Q7
27	How satisfied we Very satisfied	ere you with the int Fairly satisfied	ormation sources	you used? Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	No opinion
			dissatisfied			
28	What is the mair	n purpose of your l	ous journey today?			
	Daily commuting	to/from work				□
			ork			
			from college/schoo tion (to/from colleg			
	Travel to/from he	oliday				🗆
			w, dentist etc)			
			elf employed)			
29			his journey in the la urn journey that wo		ourneys)	
	This is my first in					
	2 - 5					
	2 - 5 6 - 10					_





Questionnaire (2)

	On foot/walking.							
	Car as passenge Car as driver							
	Taxi							
	Bicycle							
	Train							
	Metro/Tram/Ligh Motorbike							
	Coach							
	Other (Please w							
	No alternatives to	the bus						
Sec	tion 2: About	the bus stop	where you	boarded	this bus			
Q11	Which of the follo		able at the sto	p where you	caught this	bus?		
	A shelter							
	An electronic dis	play showing the	length of time	e till the next	bus is due	to arrive		
	A timetable							
	A route map							
	Lighting							
	A code so I can							
	None of these th	ings						
	each of the follow	ving?	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/Not applicable
	Your personal sa The cleanliness							
		and needon no						
	The amount of li							
	The provision of	shelter						
	The timetable inf	ormation provide	d 🗆					
	Any route maps	provided						
				_				
	Any route maps Any electronic in			_				
All a	Any route maps Any electronic in	formation e.g.				0		
	Any route maps Any electronic in showing time	formation e.g. of next bus		0				
	Any route maps Any electronic in showing time	formation e.g. of next bus		as at the bus		Very		No
	Any route maps Any electronic in showing time answer Overall, how sati	formation e.g. of next bus sfied were you w Fairly satisfied	ith the facilitie Neithe satisfied dissatisfi	es at the bus	stop?			
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Q14	How long did you wait for your bus						
	Under 2 minutes						
	2 to 5 minutes						
	More than 5 minutes and up to 10						
	More than 10 minutes and up to 1						
	More than 15 minutes						
	Not sure						
Q15	Thinking about the time you waited	d for this bus	today, was	it			
	Longer than you expected						
	About the length of time you expec						
	Less time than you expected						
Q16	Were you unable to board the first (Tick all that apply)	t bus that arr	ived due to a	any of the fol	llowing reaso	ins?	
	I could not board as the bus was to						Go to Q
	I could not board the first bus as it						Go to Q
	I could not board as there was no						Go to Q
	I could not board as there was no						Go to Q
	I was able to board the first bus th	at arrived					Go to Q
	wait for the next bus?		na hovas ha	low)			
	(Please write in the number of n	ninutes in ti	ie boxes be		Minutes:		
	answer				Minutes:		
				-	Minutes:		
	answer How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run	run on this r	oute?				
	answer How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often	run on this r	oute?				
	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes	run on this r	oute?				
	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes Every 8-9 minutes.	run on this r	oute?				
	Answer How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5-7 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes Every 8-9 minutes About every 10 minutes	run on this r	oute?				
	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes Every 8-9 minutes About every 10 minutes About every 12 minutes	run on this r	oute?				
	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 8-9 minutes About every 10 minutes About every 12 minutes About every 15 minutes	run on this r	oute?				
	Answer How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5-7 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes. About every 10 minutes. About every 12 minutes. About every 15 minutes. About every 15 minutes. About every 10 minutes.	run on this r	oute?				
	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes Every 8-9 minutes About every 10 minutes About every 12 minutes About every 15 minutes About every 20 minutes About every 30 minutes About every 30 minutes	run on this n	oute?				
	Answer How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5-7 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes. About every 10 minutes. About every 12 minutes. About every 15 minutes. About every 15 minutes. About every 10 minutes.	run on this r	oute?				
Q18	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes Every 8-9 minutes About every 10 minutes About every 12 minutes About every 15 minutes About every 20 minutes About every 30 minutes About every 40 minutes	run on this n	oute?				
Q18	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes Every 8-9 minutes About every 10 minutes About every 12 minutes About every 15 minutes About every 20 minutes About every 20 minutes About every 30 minutes About every 30 minutes About every 40 minutes	run on this n	oute?				No
Q18	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes Every 8-9 minutes About every 10 minutes About every 12 minutes About every 15 minutes About every 20 minutes About every 20 minutes About every 30 minutes About every 30 minutes About every 40 minutes	run on this r	oute?	Neither satisfied nor	Fairly		opinion/No
Q18	Answer How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 6-7 minutes. Every 8-9 minutes. About every 10 minutes. About every 12 minutes. About every 15 minutes. About every 15 minutes. About every 30 minutes. About every 30 minutes. About every hour. Less than one per hour. How satisfied you were with each	run on this n	oute?	Neither satisfied	Fairly		opinion/No
Q18	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes Every 8-9 minutes About every 10 minutes About every 12 minutes About every 20 minutes About every 20 minutes About every 30 minutes Less than one per hour How satisfied you were with each	of the follow Very satisfied	oute?	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly	Very dissatisfied	opinion/No applicable
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Q18	How often do you think the buses Don't know how often they run Every 5 minutes or more often Every 6-7 minutes Every 8-9 minutes About every 10 minutes About every 12 minutes About every 15 minutes About every 20 minutes About every 30 minutes About every 30 minutes Less than one per hour How satisfied you were with each	of the follow Very satisfied	ing?	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly	Very	opinion/No applicable





Questionnaire (3)

Q20	Thinking about the bus journey itself	f, please in	dicate how s	atisfied you	were with ea	ch of the foll	owing?
		Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	No opinion/Not applicable
	The ease of getting on and off the bus		п	п	п	п	п
	The information provided on the outside of the bus (route number		ш	П	П	П	п
	and destination)	🗆					
	The cleanliness and condition of the outside of the bus						
	The cleanliness and condition of the			_	-	_	
	inside of the bus The information provided inside the	🛚					
	bus						
	The comfort of the seats Your personal security whilst on the						
	bus	🗆					
	Room for all the passengers to sit or stand	🗆					
	Being able to get a seat	🗆					
	The temperature inside the bus The value for money of your						
	journey	🗆					
	The length of time your journey took	🗆					
othe	ou were not satisfied with lenerwise, go to Q22 Why were you dissatisfied with the to (Tick all that apply)			,,,,,,	, , ,		,
	The amount of traffic on the road						
	The route the bus took						
	The slow driving speed						
	Poor weather conditions						
	The time the bus waited at stops The time it took passengers to boar						
	The time it took passengers to boar	u anu pay i	or ureir none				
	Some other reason(s) - Please write	in				I	
	Some other reason(s): Please write	in					
	Some other reason(s) : Please write	in					
	.,						
	ou were not satisfied with the		tion prov	ided insid	le the bus,	answer (Q22,
othe	ou were not satisfied with the	informa	-				
othe	ou were not satisfied with the erwise, go to Q23 You said that you were not satisfied you like to be provided? (Please tic	e informa with the int k all that a	formation pro	ovided inside	e the bus. Wh	nat informati	
othe	ou were not satisfied with the envise, go to Q23 You said that you were not satisfied you like to be provided? (Please tic Timetable information	e informa with the in k all that a	formation pro	ovided inside	e the bus. Wh	nat informati	
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Q23	Thinking about the driver, please in	dicate how	satisfied you	ı were with e	ach of the fo	llowing?		
		Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	No opinion/Not applicable	
	The driver's appearance							
	driver							
	jolting during your journey Your feeling of safety from road	🗆						
	accidents during the journey The appropriateness of the speed							
Q24	Did you get a seat on the bus							
	Yes - for all the journey Yes - for part of the journey No - but I was happy to stand No - I would have liked a seat							
Q25	How long, in minutes, was your journey on this bus? (Please write in the number of minutes in the boxes below)							
				N	Minutes:			
Q26	Overall taking everything into accounties with your bus journey today?	unt from sta	rt to end of t	his bus journ	ey, how satis	sfied were yo	ou	
	Very Fairly satisfied	Neithe satisfied dissatisf	nor di	Fairly ssatisfied	Very dissatisfi	ed (No opinion	
Q27	Would you say this journey was							
	Better than your normal experience About the same as your normal exp Worse than your normal experience Don't know/today is the first journey	perience on e on this rou	this route					
Q28	Please use the space below for any the bus service generally.	further con	nments you	would like to	make about	your trip too	lay or	





Questionnaire (4)

റാവ	Are you			
Q25	Male		п	
	Female			
Q30	Which age group do you fall into?			
	16 - 25			
	26 - 34			
	35 - 44			
	45 - 54			
	55 - 59			
	60 - 64			
	65 +		⊔	
Q31	Are you?			
	Working full time (30+ hours)		п	
	Working part time (under 30 hours)			
	Not working - seeking work			
	Not working and not seeking work.			
	Looking after children full time			
	Looking after others full time (e.g. a carer)			
	Retired			
	Full time student.			
	Other			
	Office			
Q32	Were you travelling today with (Please tick all that apply)			
	Children in a buggy or pushchair		п	Go to Q33
	Children who were walking.			Go to Q34
	Lots of bags or luggage.			Go to Q34
	A wheelchair.			Go to Q34
	A carer			Go to Q34
	None of these.			Go to Q34
	Note of triese			GO (O Q3-
Q33	If travelling with children and buggy or pushchair please a go to Q34	inswer Q3	3, othe	erwise
	go to Q 34			
		Yes	No	
	Could you board the bus without folding up the buggy/pushchair?			
	Was there room inside the bus for your buggy/pushchair once you			
	had boarded?		П	

34	Do you have a disability or long-term illness related to the following? (Tick all the	nat apply)
	Mobility	
	Wheelchair use	
	Hearing	
	Eyesight	
	Speech impairment	
	Learning difficulties.	
	Other (Please write in):	
	No: None	
35	Which of the following best describes your ethnic background?	
	White	
	Mixed	
	Black or Black British.	
	Chinese	
	Asian or Asian British.	
	Other ethnic group	
	Thank you for your help in completing this question	nnaire.
	Thank you for your help in completing this question Please return it in the reply paid envelope provide	
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for in it ithe the con	Please return it in the reply paid envelope provide survey is being undertaken for Passenger Focus, the independent more details visit www.passengerfocus.org.uk). You were handed interviewer working for Continental Research, an independent mark the answers you provide are entirely confidential and will be combiner passengers who take part in the research in your area. Ou have any questions about this survey, please feel free to contact the timental Research on 020 7490 9111. If you have any concerns at research itself, you can contact the Market Research Society on 05	t passenger watchdog the questionnaire by tet research agency. The distribution of all David Chilvers at bout the legitimacy of 500 396999 who will



