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Opportunities for participatory data collection	The questionnaires can be both self-reported and administrable in an interview method.	
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22.12 Visual access to green space

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Visual access to green space		Green Space Management Health and Wellbeing	
Description and justification	Visual access to green space is an indicator of exposure to green spaces. Previous experimental studies have shown short-term looking at green spaces could have mental health benefits such as reducing stress, restoring attention, and improving mood. An emerging body of evidence is also suggestive of the health benefits of the long-term visual exposure to green spaces.		
Definition	Self-reported amount of green space in the view from windows at home and the frequency of looking at the view.		
Strengths and weaknesses	A strength of this indicator is that few epidemiological studies have considered visual access to green space in the long-term association between green spaces and health. A limitation is that the indicator is self-reported.		
Measurement procedure and tool	The indicator is obtained using a survey which is taken by a sample of the general population. The survey includes a section with the following questions: <i>"At home, how much green space (trees, grasses, flowers, etc.) can you see through the following window(s)?"</i> with possible answers on a scale from 0 (no green space/no window) to 4 (all of the view completely filled green space) <i>"How often (during the day) do you look out through the following window(s)?"</i> with possible answers on a scale from 0 (no window/never) to 3 (often)		

This survey is repeated before and after the implementations of NBS in order to observe a potential change in visual exposure to green and blue spaces.		
General population in residential neighbourhoods		
Questionnaire data		
Continuous variables		
Twice; once before the implementation of the nature-based solutions and once after.		
Low		
This indicator is related to other indicators of exposure to green space		
Good health and wellbeing: accumulating evidence demonstrates that increased green space exposure has been associated with better health and wellbeing. An increased visual exposure to green spaces is likely to contribute to improved health and wellbeing. Sustainable cities and communities: The implementation of nature-based solutions may contribute to increased visual exposure to nature and to sustainable cities and communities.		
The questionnaires are self-reported and as such are reported by the citizens themselves.		
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