



Growing Up in Ireland

-the National Longitudinal Study of Children

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Infant Cohort Presentation 03:

Summary of Information Recorded



Respondents in the home

- Primary Caregiver - usually mother
- Secondary Caregiver - (resident spouse/partner of Primary Caregiver - usually father)

Both questionnaires contained:

- 'Main' (interviewer administered) sections
- 'Sensitive' (self-completion) sections



Primary Caregiver Interview

Domains in Primary Caregiver Questionnaire

- Household composition
- Parenting, Child's Functioning and Relationships
- Baby's Development
- Baby's Habits
- Childcare Arrangements
- Siblings and twins
- Prenatal care
- Baby's Health
- Respondent's Health
- Family Context
- Socio-demographics
- Neighbourhood and Community



Household Composition

Information for each person in the household:

- Age
- Gender
- Relationship to PCG
- Relationship to Study Child
- Primary Economic Status



Parenting, Child's Functioning and Relationships

- Quality of Attachment
- Infant Characteristics Scale



Baby's Development

- Ages and Stages Questionnaire
- Interaction with infant
- Concerns about behaviour or development



Baby's Habits

- Sleeping habits
- Crying
- Use of soother / dummy



Childcare Arrangements

- Use of childcare.
- Form of childcare, days, hours, cost, relationship of carer to infant.
- Distance to childcare.
- Reasons for choosing childcare.
- Satisfaction with childcare.
- Future intentions.
- Difficulty in arranging childcare.



Siblings and twins

- Siblings in household.
- Single or multiple birth.
- Identical or fraternal twins.
- How dress twins.
- Relationship with twin.



Prenatal care

- Ante-natal care
- Number of ultrasound scans.
- Weight gained during pregnancy.
- Pregnancy complications.
- Folic acid and iron intake.
- Smoking in household during pregnancy.



Baby's Health

- Details of birth.
- Length and weight at birth.
- Complications at birth.
- Breastfeeding.
- General health status and specific conditions.
- Health care utilisation.
- Accidents.



Respondent's Health

- General health status.
- Chronic illness.
- Smoking.
- Drinking.
- Self-reported height and weight.



Family Context

- Parental Stress Scale.
- Support.
- Grandparents.
- Work status before birth.
- Maternity leave.
- Work-life balance.



Socio-demographics

- Household tenure.
- Employment status and occupation.
- Income and social welfare.
- Deprivation indicators.
- Highest level of education.
- Whether or not born in Ireland.
- Length of time in Ireland.
- Religion.



Neighbourhood and Community

- How long in local area.
- Physical condition of neighbourhood.
- Safety of neighbourhood.
- Service provision.
- Family living in local area.



Secondary Caregiver Interview

Domains in Primary Caregiver and Secondary Caregiver (Much shorter interview – about 20 minutes)

- Household information
- Parenting, Child's Functioning and Relationships
- Baby's Development
- Baby's Habits
- Childcare Arrangements
- Siblings and twins
- Prenatal care
- Infant's Health
- Respondent's Health
- Family Context
- Socio-demographics
- Neighbourhood and Community



Sensitive Questionnaires for Parents

- Marital status
- Relationship quality - Dyadic Adjustment Scale.
- Depression – total score and subscale scores in file



Physical Measurements

- Height and weight of Primary and Secondary Caregivers.
- Length, weight and head circumference of infant



Twins

- Where twin of Study Child identified twin module to record information in respect of other twin.