Niamh at 9 months



Niamh at 3 years



Niamh at 5 years



A lark in the park: Child injury and neighbourhood characteristics in Ireland

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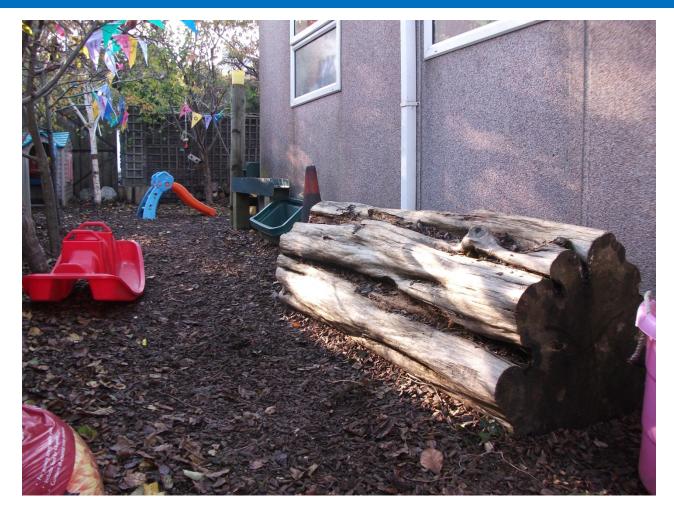


















Child Injury

- Leading cause of death
 - ➤ Ireland 2009 -125 children (MacKay & Vincenten, 2012)
- 85% of deaths preventable
- Morbidity



Irish context

- 14% of the burden of disease (WHO, 2009).
- EUR/RC55/R9
- Research needed to identify specific risks
- Multi-sector approach



Current study

 To what extent do household and environmental level factors impact on childhood rates of injury in Ireland?



Method

- Sample: Wave 1of 9 yr old cohort
- Data were weighted
- Measures
 - Outcome measures relating to hospitalisation due to injury from GUI questionnaire



GUI Questionnaire

- B17. Most children have accidents at some time.
 Has the Study Child ever had an accident or injury that required hospital treatment or admission? Yes...... □ No□
- B18. How many separate accidents has the Study Child ever had that required hospital treatment or admission?
 accidents
- B19. How many of these accidents involved bone fractures or breaks?



Statistical procedures

- Pearson's Chi square test
- Multivariate analyses -logistic regression and linear regression
- Missing data



Results

		How many involve fractures			Total	% Total N	
		0	1	2	3		
	1	1266	749	0	0	2015	23.5
How many	2	342	204	132	0	678	7.9
separate	3	59	33	24	14	130	1.5
accidents	4	35	9	13	12	69	.8
acciaenis	5	25	21	6	16	68	.8
Total		1727	1016	175	42	2960	
% Total N		20.2	11.8	2.0	.5		34.5



Household factors

 γ^2 (Ever)

Significance levels: * p < .05; ** p < .01; *** p < .001

O.R (Frequency)

	Univariate analysis	Multivariate analysis		
	χ^2	Odds ratio	C.I. (95%)	
FACTORS				
Poverty	7.2**	1.6	1.3 – 1.8	
Single parenthood	10.6**	.8	0.7 - 1.0	
Occupancy type	8.1*	.9	1.0 - 1.4	
Class (3 category)	6.6*			
Education level	4.7			
No. of children	9.3			
Medical card	4.1			
status				



Neighbourhood

	Univariate analysis	Multivariate analysis	
FACTORS	χ^2	Odds ratio	C.I. (95%)
Dirty Streets	14.2***	1.1	1.0 - 1.3
Safety of parks, playgrounds &			
play spaces			
Strongly agree	14.4*	-	-
Agree	14.4	1.1	0.9 - 1.3
Disagree		1.3**	1.1 - 1.5
Strongly disagree		1.2	1.0 - 1.4
School playground			
Poor		-	-
Fair	9.5*	1.1	0.9 - 1.3
Good		0.9	0.8 - 1.1
Excellent		0.9	0.8 - 1.1 18
Region	38.1***	1.2	1.1 – 1.4



Neighbourhood

	Univariate analysis	Multivariate analysis	
FACTORS	χ^2	Odds ratio	C.I. (95%)
Rubbish /litter	24.2***		
Homes/gardens in bad condition	34.3***		
Vandalism			
Very common		_	_
Fairly common	43.9***	1.5**	1.0 - 2.2
Not very common		1.6**	1.1 - 2.3
Not at all common		1.6*	1.1 - 2.4
Drinking/drug-taking			
Very common		-	-
Fairly common	41.9***	1.0	0.7 - 1.5
Not very common		0.9	0.6 - 1.3
Not at all common		0.7	0.5 - 1.09
Significance levels: * p<.05; ** p	o<.01; *** p<.001		



Individual

	Univariate	,	
	analysis	Multivar	iate analysis
FACTORS		Odds	
	χ^2	ratio	C.I. (95%)
Played outside during past	4.2*	1.0	0.9 - 1.1
week Gender	17.0***	1.2	1.1 - 1.3
SDQ: Total scores	7.6**	1.2	1.1 - 1.3 $1.0 - 1.5$
_	7.0	1.2	1.0 - 1.3
SDQ: Hyperactivity subscale - Carer	52.7***	0.7	0.6 - 0.8
SDQ: Conduct subscale -	22 0***	0.0	0.7
Teacher	23.8***	0.8	0.7 - 0.9
EAS Temperament Scale	8.6 **	0.9	0.8 - 1.0
Significance levels: * p<.05;	; ** <i>p</i> <.01;	*** p<.0	001



Pause for thought

Neighbourhood characteristics predict injury – characteristics that are not surprising – dirty, poor quality environments with unsafe play spaces and inadequate school playgrounds significantly increase children's risk of injury. And this risk is further increased if a child lives in a town or city.



Policy Implications

- Urbanisation increasing
- Children's especial need play space
- Children's especial risk road traffic



Play spaces

- 82% of children agree have green play area near home
- Half played outside in past week
- 21% visited a park
- Focus on safety and risk avoidance in design of play spaces







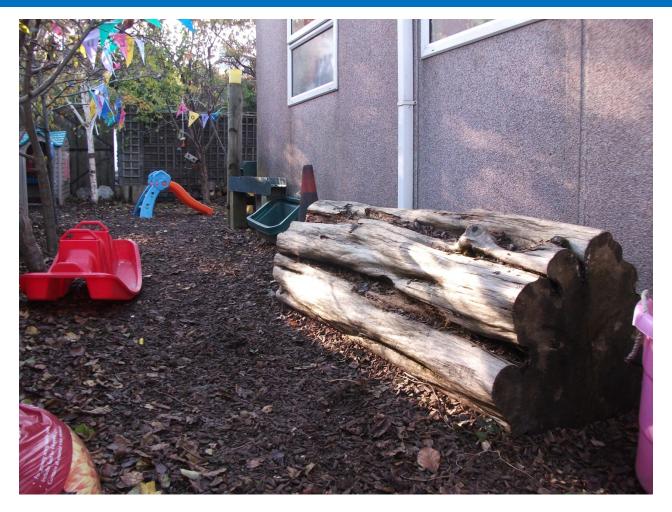
Injury and playing in natural world

Developmental milestones –

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Any questions?

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