Growing Up in Ireland – national longitudinal study of children
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Non Resident Father Questionnaire

Area Code  Household Code  Date ___ day ___month ___year

Please Read This First
This questionnaire should be accompanied by an information sheet. It is important that you read this information before filling out the questionnaire. If you have any questions, please ring (01)8632000 and ask for the Growing Up in Ireland team.

IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE WITH AN INTERVIEWER OVER THE PHONE, PLEASE CALL (01) 8632000 DURING OFFICE HOURS

First of all, we would like to ask you a few questions about the time you spend with the study child

Q1. How long is it since you last saw your child?  ____ days  ____ weeks  ____ months

Q2. How many nights do you and the study child spend together in a typical month?  ____ nights

Q3. How many days, or part-days, (without nights) do you and the study child spend together in a typical month?  ____ days

Q4. How long does a typical contact occasion last?  ____ days or  ____ hours

Q5. How do you feel about the amount of time you spend with the study child?  Please tick one of the following:

   Nowhere near enough
   _______ 1
   Not quite enough
   _______ 2
   About right
   _______ 3
   A little too much
   _______ 4
   Way too much
   _______ 5

Q6. If you feel that you do not spend enough time with the study child, what do you think is the reason for this situation? If more than one reason, please tick the main reason.

   Work commitments ........................................ 1
   Commitments to other family/new partner........... 2
   Physical distance between self and child .......... 3
   Other parent is uncooperative.......................... 4
   Court-imposed custody rules............................ 5
   Other .......................................................... 6

Q7. When you are spending time with the study child, where do you like to bring him or her? A list of places is given below. Please place a ‘1’ beside the location where you spend most time, a ‘2’ beside the next most used location and so on. If there are any locations that you do not visit, just leave them blank.

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<td>At your home</td>
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<td>At the other parent’s home</td>
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<td>At another relative’s home (e.g. child’s grandparents)</td>
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<td>Recreational/amenity area (e.g. park, swimming pool)</td>
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<td>Shopping centre /cinema /McDonald’s etc</td>
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<td>Specific events (e.g. football match)</td>
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Q8. Please tick one box below to indicate how you arrived at the current arrangements for time spent with your child

Court-imposed arrangements ..................................................... ☐
Formal, negotiated arrangements other than legal (e.g. counsellor) .... ☐
Mutual arrangement with no third party negotiator .......................... ☐
No regular arrangements .......................................................... ☐

Q9. Fathers do many things for their children. Of the list of things below, which 3 do you think are the most important for you, as a parent, to do? Please the rank them by entering 1 (most important), 2 (second most important) and 3 (third most important).

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<td>Taking time to play with my child</td>
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<td>Taking care of my child financially</td>
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<td>Giving my child moral and ethical guidance</td>
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<td>Making sure my child is safe and protected</td>
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<td>Teaching my child and encouraging his or her curiosity</td>
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Q10. Do you use any of the following to communicate with the study child? Please tick all that apply

Landline phone ..................................................... ☐
Mobile phone .......................................................... ☐
Internet chat-room ................................................... ☐
MSN Messenger or similar ........................................... ☐
Email ........................................................................... ☐
Other ........................................................................... ☐

Q11. How many hours of communication, outside of personal visits, do you have with the study child in a typical month? (Your best estimate is fine) ________ number of hours

Q12. We would like to get a sense of how you rate the quality of the time you spend with the study child. Please tick one box to indicate a rating of between 1 and 5, where ‘1’ is “excellent” and ‘5’ is “very poor”.

Excellent ………………….. Very Poor
☐ 1 2 3 4 5

Q13. Being a parent often involves performing routine tasks for the child. Please tick one box on each line to indicate how often you would normally do each of the following:

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<th>Task</th>
<th>Every day</th>
<th>At least once a week</th>
<th>At least once a month</th>
<th>Several times a year</th>
<th>Rarely or never</th>
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<td>Prepare a meal for the child at home</td>
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<td>Put the child to bed</td>
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<td>Help the child with his/her homework</td>
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<td>Take the child to doctor /dentist /hairdresser etc</td>
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<td>Take the child to or from school</td>
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We would like to record some information about the kind of financial support you provide for the study child and his or her household.

Q14. Do you pay anything directly towards the rent or mortgage due on the child’s home (i.e. the house or apartment where the child resides with his or her mother, NOT your own home)?

Yes, I pay the full amount due .................................................. ☐
Yes, I pay a contribution ............................................................... ☐
No, I don’t pay towards the rent or mortgage directly .......................... ☐
There is no rent or mortgage owing on the home .................................. ☐

Q15. If you pay all or part of the mortgage or rent, how much do you pay per month?
€ ________ per month
Q16. Do you provide financial support to the child’s mother (other than a direct rent or mortgage payment)?

Never … □₁
Yes... □₂   **REGULAR** payment of €___________ per month (excluding direct rent/mortgage payment)
Yes... □₃ **an IRREGULAR** payment, as required (e.g. back to school) to the approximate value of €___________ per year

Q17. If you give a regular payment as in Q16 above, how did you decide on the amount/schedule? (Please tick one box only)

Your decision .................................................. □₁
Mutual agreement with mother .......................... □₂
Legally imposed arrangement ........................... □₃

Q18. Do you provide any support other than financial, e.g. home repairs, minding the family pet, generally “being there” when needed, etc?

Never ......□₁  Yes, occasionally ......□₂  Yes, frequently ..........□₃

Q19. What was the status of your relationship with the study child’s mother when she became pregnant with the study child? (Please tick one box only).

Married and living together .................................. □₁ Go to Q20
Cohabiting/living as married ................................ □₂ Go to Q20
Separated ............................................................. □₃ Go to Q20
Divorced ............................................................... □₄ Go to Q20
Going out but not living together .............................. □₅ Go to Q20
Just friends ............................................................ □₆ Go to Q21
No relationship ....................................................... □₇ Go to Q21

Q20. What age was the study child when you separated or split up with the study child’s mother for the first time?

AGE ________ years and ________ months  OR  Separated before birth ......................□₁

Q21. Are you named on the study child’s birth certificate?

Yes ........................................□₁  No .........................□₂  Not sure .......................□₃

Q22. If you have never been married to the Study Child’s mother have you ever applied for guardianship of Study Child? If you were married, please go to Q24

No ......□₁  Yes, through mother only ........□₂  Yes, through court .......□₃

Q23. If yes, was this application successful?  Yes......□₁  No......□₂  Ongoing ......□₃

Q24. How often do you talk about the Study Child with the Study Child’s mother?

Every day ............................................................. □₁
Several times a week ....................................... □₂
About once a week ........................................ □₃
A few times a month ........................................ □₄
Several times a year ....................................... □₅
Not at all ............................................................ □₆

Q25. How well do you get on with the Study Child’s mother? Would you say your relationship is . . . ?

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<th>Somewhat positive</th>
<th>Neutral</th>
<th>Somewhat negative</th>
<th>Very negative</th>
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Q26. Often parents have to make major decisions concerning the child, such as about education. Please indicate the degree of influence you feel you have in major decisions concerning the study child’s:

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<th>A lot of influence</th>
<th>Some influence</th>
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Finally, we just have a few questions about you.

Q27. What is your date of birth?  
[ ] Day  [ ] Month  [ ] Year

Q28. How old were you when your first ever child was born? _______ years

Q29. How would you describe your current employment status?

- Working for payment or profit [ ]
- Looking for first regular job [ ]
- Unemployed [ ]
- Student or pupil [ ]
- Looking after home/family [ ]
- Retired from employment [ ]
- Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability [ ]
- Other (please specify) [ ]

Q30. What is (was) your occupation in your main job? Please describe as fully as possible.
___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Q31. What is the highest level of education that you have completed? (Please tick one box only)

- No formal education [ ]
- Certificate [ ]
- Primary [ ]
- Diploma [ ]
- Junior Cert. or equivalent [ ]
- Degree [ ]
- Leaving Cert. or equivalent [ ]
- Postgraduate Degree [ ]
- Trade Qualification [ ]

Q32. Which of the following best describes your current marital status?

- Single [ ]
- Separated [ ]
- First marriage [ ]
- Divorced [ ]
- Remarried following divorce [ ]
- Widowed [ ]
- Remarried following Widowhood [ ]

Q33. Are you currently living with a partner?

- Yes [ ]
- No [ ]

Q34. If yes, how long have you been in this relationship? _______ years or _______ months

Q35. How many other children (not including the study child) do you have?

- None [ ]
- _______ by same parent as Study Child _______ by a different partner(s)

Q36. What is your nationality?

___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Q37. If you are NOT Irish, how long have you been living in Ireland? _______ years OR _______ months

Q38. How would you describe your general state of health?

- Excellent [ ]
- Very good [ ]
- Good [ ]
- Fair [ ]
- Poor [ ]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING PART IN THIS PROJECT.
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