Growing Up in Ireland
-the National Longitudinal Study of Children

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Child Cohort Presentation 05:

Structure of the Data File

Structure of the data file (1)

Flat rectangular file in SPSS/ Stata/SAS format - based on simple concatenation of all household files followed by the school files. Files appear in the following order (variable prefixes are shown in brackets)

- Mother/Lone Father Main (**MM**)
- Mother/Lone Father Sensitive (**MS**)
- Father/Partner Main (**F**)
- Father/Partner Sensitive (**FS**)
- Child Main (**CQ**)
- Child Core Sensitive (**CCS**)
- Derived variables – scale scores and derived variables such as hhtype, region
- Principal questionnaire (**P**)
- Teacher-on-self questionnaire (**TS**)
- Teacher-on-pupil questionnaire (**TC**)
- Drumcondra scores

Structure of the data file (2)

- Most records involve a one to one match

- Some school level data involves a one to many match. E.g., Principal completes one questionnaire (one record) and multiple child records are matched to this

Variable characteristics

- Variable name starts with prefix
- In general, variable name relates to question number on questionnaire (except for derived variables)
- Note – not all questions from questionnaire are on the anonymised datafile
- Variable labels are shortened version of question wording from questionnaire