First of all, we would like to ask you some things about the study child in particular.

Q1. How long has the study child been attending this centre? ___ years ___ months ___ weeks

Q2. How many hours per week does the study child attend the centre? ___ hours

Q3. How many days per week does the study child attend the centre? ___ days

Q4. Compared with other children, do you think this child is . . . ?

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Q5. Please think about your relationship with the study child. How easy or difficult do you find getting on with the child?

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We would also like some general information about the care centre.

Q6. Are you registered with the Health Service Executive?

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

Q7. On a typical day, how many children are in the centre (excluding study child)? _______ no. of children

Q8. What ages are these children? (Please indicate the number of children in these age categories)

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Q9. If there is more than 5 years between the ages of the oldest and youngest child, are the younger children segregated from the older?

Yes .................................................. 1
No .................................................. 2
Sometimes ....................................... 3

Q10. How many children in the centre (excluding the study child) are from a non-English speaking family background? _______ children

Q11. How many children in the centre (excluding the study child) have a mental or physical disability? _______ children

Q12. How many of the following types of toys are there available to the child in the centre?

a. Cuddly toys or dolls ______ (Enter number of toys)  
b. Activity type toys ______ (number)

Q13. When you are minding the Study Child how many children’s books are available to the Study Child to look at / to be read from etc? Do you estimate...

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Q14. On average, how many hours per day does the child spend watching TV or DVD’s while in your care? ____ hrs
Q15. In a typical day, how long would the child spend asleep while in your care? ____ hours

Q16. On a typical day, how often would you get the chance to talk to the child on a one-to-one basis?

- Almost never [1]
- Sometimes [2]
- Often [3]
- Always [4]

Q17. How many staff (whole-time equivalents) are employed in the centre to look after the children (do not include administrative or maintenance staff, etc)? ____________ no. of staff

Q18. How many of these staff has a formal childcare qualification? ____________ no. of staff

Q19. How many of these child care staff have English (or Irish) as their first language? ____________ no. of staff

Q20. Are parents allowed to leave sick children into the centre?

- Never ………………… [1]
- Rarely ………………… [2]
- Frequently  ………………… [3]
- Always ………………… [4]

Finally, we would like to know some things about you.

Q21. Which of the following best describes your role in this child care centre?

- a. Director ........................................ [1]
- b. Full-time employee........................ [2]
- c. Part-time employee ................ [3]
- d. Other (please specify) ............ [4]

Q22. What is your date of birth? (DD/MM/YYYY) ____________ (day) ____________ (mth)________(yr)

Q23. Are you?  

- Male ........ [1]
- Female........ [2]

Q24. What is your nationality?  

Q25. Which of the following best describes the type of care your centre provides?

- Work-based crèche ........................................ [1]
- Playschool or Preschool ........................ [2]
- Other crèche / nursery .................... [3]
- Naoinra ............................................ [4]
- Montessori......................................... [5]
- Other (please specify)........................ [6]

Q26. Do you have any specific qualification in childcare excluding your experience of raising your own children?

- No formal childcare qualification .............................................................................................. [1]
- FETAC award (levels 4,5 or 6)............................................................................................................................... [2]
- HETAC or Third Level qualification from University, Inst of Tech, St Nicholas Montessori College etc. .......... [3]
- A childcare award from outside Ireland .......................................................................................... [4]
- Other related course(s) (e.g. teaching, nursing etc) please specify ................................................. [5]

Q27. Please indicate the subject area in which the qualification was obtained:

- Childcare ........................................... [1]
- Special needs assistance .......... [2]
- National school teaching .......... [3]
- Speech and language therapy .......... [4]
- Other education .................................. [5]
- Nursing .......... [6]
- Child psychology/development .......... [7]
- Other (please specify) ................. [8]

Q28. When did you receive this qualification? Year: ________

Q29. Have you undertaken any other training relevant to caring for children? Tick all that apply.

- Child psychology ........................................... [1]
- Nutrition/Diet ........................................... [2]
- Sign language ........................................... [3]
- Other (please specify) ................. [4]
- First aid ........................................... [5]

Q30. Is caring for children your main occupation?  

- Yes [1]
- No [2]

Q31. If no, please describe your main occupation as fully as possible

________________________________________________________________________________________

Q32. How long have you regularly worked 10 or more hours per week in a childcare situation? _____ years _____ mths

Q33. How long have you worked in this particular care centre? _____ years _____ months

Q34. Overall, are you happy working in childcare?

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