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NATIONAL LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF CHILDREN IN IRELAND (NLSCI) 3-YEAR QUESTIONNAIRE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

SECONDARY CAREGIVER TWIN QUESTIONNAIRE

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| INTERVIEWER NAM | INTERVIEWER NO: | | | | | | |
| Time Section Started | | (24 hour clock) | DATE: | dd | mm | vv | |

We are seeking to interview the parents/guardians of <child>. The whole interview with the parents/guardians and child will take about 120 minutes to complete [INTERVIEWER: Adjust as appropriate for you in the field]. All the information you and your family provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be released in any way which would allow the information you provide to be identified with you or your family. If however, we are told something which might suggest that a child or other vulnerable person is at risk we may have to act on it.

The Department of Health and Children is funding the study through the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (OMCYA), in association with the Department of Social Protection and the Central Statistics Office. The Department of Education and Science is represented on the Steering Group which oversees the Study. A group of researchers led by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and The Children's Research Centre at Trinity College Dublin is carrying out the study

Section A – Parenting and Family Context

I'd now like to ask you some general questions about parenting.

A1. [Card A1] I am going to read out some statements about the relationship between you and <child>. Please listen to each statement and describe the degree to which each of the following statements currently applies.

| | Definitely does not apply | Not really | Neutral not sure | Applies somewhat | Definitely applies |
|--|------------------------------|------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
| a. I share an affectionate, warm relationship with my child | | | 3 | 4 | |
| b. My child and I always seem to be struggling with each other | | | | | 5 |
| c. If upset, my child will seek comfort from me | | | | \square_4 | |
| d. My child is uncomfortable with physical affection or touch from | | | | \square_4 | |
| e. My child values his/her relationship with me | | | | | |
| f. When I praise child he/she beams with pride | | | | | |
| g. My child spontaneously shares information about his/herself | | | | | |
| h. My child easily becomes angry at me | | | | | |
| i. It is easy to be in tune with what my child is feeling | | | | | |
| j. My child remains angry or resistant after being disciplined | | | | | |
| k. Dealing with my child drains my energy | | | | | |
| I. When my child is in a bad mood I know we're in for a | | ····· | | | |
| long and difficult day | | | | | |
| m. My child's feelings toward me can be unpredictable or | | ····· | | ······································ | |
| change suddenly | | | | | |
| n. My child is sneaky or manipulative with me | | | | | |
| o. My child openly shares his/her feelings/experiences with me | | | | | |

A2. [Card A2] The next questions are about being a parent. There are no right or wrong answers, we are just asking about what happens in your family.

Thinking about <child> over the last six months, how often did you...? (Tick one box per row only)

| | Sometimes | Often | Never / Alwavs / | Rarely |
|---|--------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Almost never | | | Almost always |
| (a) Hug or hold this child for no particular reason | | | | |
| (b) Tell this child how happy he/she makes you | | | | |
| (c) Have warm, close times together with this child | | 2 | | |
| (d) Enjoy listening to this child and doing things with him/her . | | 2 | | |
| (e) Feel close to this child both when he/she was happy and | | | | |
| when he/she was upset | | | | |
| (f) Express affection by hugging, kissing and holding | | | | |
| this child | 1 | 2 | | |

A3. [Card A3] When parents spend time with their children, sometimes things go well and sometimes they don't. How often does the following happen...? (Tick one box per row only)

| | Never / | Less than | About half | More than | All the |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------|
| | Almost never | half the time | the time | half the time | time |
| (a) Of all the times you talk to this child about his/her | | | | | |
| behaviour, how often is this praise | | | | | |
| (b) Of all the times you talk to this child about his/her | | | | | |
| behaviour, how often is this disapproval | | | | | |
| (c) When you give this child an instruction or request to do | | | | | |
| something, how often do you make sure that he/she does it | | | | | |
| (d) If you tell this child he/she will get punished if he/she | | | | | |
| doesn't stop doing something, but he/she keeps doing it, | | | | | |
| how often will you punish him/her | | | | | |
| (e) How often does this child get away with things that you | | | | | |
| feel should have been punished | | | | | |
| (f) How often are you angry when you punish this child | | | | | |
| (g) How often do you feel you are having problems | | | | | |
| managing this child in general | | | | | |
| (h) How often is this child able to get out of punishment when | า | | | | |
| he/she really sets his/her mind to it | | | | | |
| (i) When you discipline this child, how often does he/she | | | | | |
| ignore the punishment | | | | | |
| (j) How often do you tell this child that he/she is bad or not | | | | | |
| as good as others | | | | | |
| (k) How often do you think that the level of punishment you | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| give this child depends on your mood | | | | | |
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