GROWING UP IN IRELAND – the national longitudinal study of children

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FATHER QUESTIONNAIRE – SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION

AREA NAME ____________________________ HOUSEHOLD ___________ RESPONDENT ___________

Interviewer Name__________________________ Interviewer Number ___________

Date ___________ mth ___________ year

S0. We have a few final questions that we would like to ask you. As some of these may be considered sensitive we have included them in a section for you to complete by yourself. However if you would like me to administer it I am happy to do so. So would you like me to administer this questionnaire to you or would you like to complete it yourself?

Administer it ......... ☐ Self-complete ............. ☐

Once again, we would like to assure you that ALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

S1. Are you the biological parent of the Study Child?

Yes ............. ☐ Go to S2 No ............. ☐ Go to S4

S2. Have there been any period(s) of 3 months or longer when the Study Child didn't live with you?

Yes ............. ☐ No ............. ☐ Go to S14

S3. How many periods of 3 months or longer when the Study Child didn't live with you?

One ............. ☐ Two ............. ☐ Three ............. ☐ Four or more ............. ☐

NOW PLEASE GO TO S14

S4. Are you the adoptive parent of the Study Child?

Yes ............. ☐ Go to S9 No ............. ☐

S5. Was that a domestic or an inter-country adoption?

Domestic ............. ☐ Inter-country ............. ☐

S6. Was that a within family adoption?

Yes ............. ☐ No ............. ☐

S7. From which country?

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S8. What age was the Study Child when you adopted him / her?

______________ years ____________ months

NOW PLEASE GO TO S14

S9. Are you the foster parent of the Study Child?

Yes ............. ☐ Go to S14 No ............. ☐

S10. How long has the Study Child been with your family?

______________ yrs ____________ mths ____________ wks

S11. Do you anticipate that this will be a long-term foster placement?

Yes ............. ☐ No ............. ☐

S12. How many previous foster placements has the Study Child been in?

______________ previous placements Don’t Know ............. ☐

S13. Immediately before coming to live with you was the Study Child living with another foster family, his / her own family or in institutional care?

Another foster family ............. ☐ Own family ............. ☐ Institutional care ............. ☐

NOW PLEASE GO TO S14
S14. Can you tell me which of these best describes your current marital status?
- Married and living with husband / wife [ ]
- Married and separated from husband / wife [ ]
- Divorced [ ]
- Widowed [ ]
- Never married [ ]

Go to S18

S15. In what year did you marry your (former) spouse? ________(year)

S16. Since when have you been living apart / spouse deceased? ________(year)

S17. May I just check whether you are currently living with someone in the household as a couple?
- Yes [ ]
- No [ ]

Go to S26

S18. Since when have you and your spouse or partner been living together? _______(mth) _______(year)

S19. Many couples argue from time to time. Roughly how often would you and your spouse / partner argue?
- Most days [ ]
- At least once a week [ ]
- Less than once a week [ ]
- Hardly ever [ ]
- Never [ ]

Go to S20

S20. How often would you argue about the child(ren)?
- Most days [ ]
- At least once a week [ ]
- Less than once a week [ ]
- Hardly ever [ ]
- Never [ ]

Go to S23

S21. When you and your partner argue, how often do you ....

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<th>Action</th>
<th>Almost never/ never</th>
<th>Not very often</th>
<th>Sometimes</th>
<th>Often</th>
<th>Almost always/ always</th>
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<td>Shout or yell at each other</td>
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<td>Throw something at each other</td>
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<td>Push, hit or slap each other</td>
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S22. And to end an argument, how often would you ....

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<th>Sometimes</th>
<th>Often</th>
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<td>Compromise</td>
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<td>Apologise</td>
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<td>Change the subject</td>
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<td>Agree to discuss the issue later</td>
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<td>Agree to disagree</td>
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<td>Use affection (hug) or make a joke about it</td>
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<td>Ignore or refuse to speak any more, walk away, leave the room or leave the house</td>
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S23. Most people have disagreements in their relationships. Please indicate below the approximate extent of agreement or disagreement between you and your partner for each item on the following list.

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<th>Agreement Level</th>
<th>Always Agree</th>
<th>Almost Always Agree</th>
<th>Occasionally Disagree</th>
<th>Frequently Disagree</th>
<th>Almost Always Disagree</th>
<th>Always Disagree</th>
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<td>Philosophy of life</td>
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<td>Aims, goals and things believed important</td>
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<td>Amount of time spent together</td>
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S24. How often would you say the following events occur between you and your partner?

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<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Never</th>
<th>Less than once a month</th>
<th>Once or twice a month</th>
<th>Once or twice a week</th>
<th>Once a week</th>
<th>More often</th>
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<td>Have a stimulating exchange of ideas</td>
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<td>Calmly discuss something together</td>
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<td>Work together on a project</td>
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S25. The numbers below represent different degrees of happiness in your relationship. The middle point, “happy,” represents the degree of happiness of most relationships. Please circle the number which best describes the degree of happiness, all things considered, of your relationship.

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<th>Degree of Happiness</th>
<th>Extremely Unhappy</th>
<th>Fairly Unhappy</th>
<th>A little unhappy</th>
<th>Happy</th>
<th>Very Happy</th>
<th>Extremely Happy</th>
<th>Perfect</th>
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<td>Number</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
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Go to S26
S26. Apart from your current partner (if relevant) have you had any other partners since the Study Child was born who had a close relationship with or influence on the Study Child?

Yes ........... No .............  \( \rightarrow \) Go to S28

S27. How many?
One .......... Two .......... Three or more

S28. Have you ever been treated by a medical professional for clinical depression, anxiety or ‘nerves’?

Yes ........ No ........ \( \rightarrow \) Go to S30

S29. Was this: [Tick all that apply]
Before the Study Child was born........ When Study Child was 1 – 4 yrs old........
In first year of Study Child’s life........... When Study Child was 5 - 9 yrs old........

S30. Listed on this card are 8 statements about some of the ways you may have felt or behaved. Please indicate how often you have felt this way during the past week.

1. I felt I could not shake off the blues even with help from my family or friends ............................................... 1 2 3 4
2. I felt depressed .............................................................................. 1 2 3 4
3. I thought my life had been a failure ................................................ 1 2 3 4
4. I felt fearful .................................................................................... 1 2 3 4
5. My sleep was restless.................................................................... 1 2 3 4
6. I felt lonely..................................................................................... 1 2 3 4
7. I had crying spells ........................................................................ 1 2 3 4
8. I felt sad ........................................................................................ 1 2 3 4

S31. Thinking back over the last year how often have you taken any of the following?

A. Sleeping pills ................................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
B. Tranquillisers ................................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
C. Pills for depression ......................................................... 1 2 3 4 5
D. Cannabis / marijuana .................................................... 1 2 3 4 5
E. Painkillers (aspirin, paracetamol, etc.) ........................... 1 2 3 4 5
F. Amphetamines or other stimulants .............................. 1 2 3 4 5
G. Heroin, methadone, crack, cocaine......................... 1 2 3 4 5
H. Anticonvulsants ............................................................. 1 2 3 4 5
I. Steroids .............................................................................. 1 2 3 4 5

S32. Have you ever been in trouble with the Gardai (other than for traffic offences) since the Study Child was born?

Yes ...... No ........ \( \rightarrow \) Go to S34

S33. Have you ever been to prison? Yes ........ No ........

S34. Can we check, does the Study Child’s mother live here with you or elsewhere?

Lives here ................................... \( \rightarrow \) Go to S50
Deceased ................................... \( \rightarrow \) Go to S50
Temporarily lives elsewhere ........... \( \rightarrow \) Go to S50
Lives elsewhere ................................ \( \rightarrow \) Go to S35

S35. Were you ever married to or did you ever live with the Study Child’s mother?

Yes, married to Yes, lived with No \( \rightarrow \) Go to S37 Adoptive / Foster parent \( \rightarrow \) Go to S50

S36. When did you separate or split up with the Study Child’s mother?

Spouse / Partner died ......................................... 1
In the last 4 years ........................................ 2
Longer than 4 years ago but less than 10 .... 3
Before child was born ........................................ 4
S37. What was the nature 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 .......... F
Cohabiting / living as married .......... F
Separated ............................................. F
Divorced ............................................. F

S38. Do you have a formal or informal custody arrangement regarding the Study Child and where he / she lives?

Formal ............ F
Informal ........... F
No custody arrangement ......... F

S39. Briefly describe that arrangement

___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________

S40. Do you and the Study Child’s mother have shared parenting of the Study Child on a regular basis?

Yes .................... F
No .................... F

S41. Please describe the nature of this shared parenting

___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________

S42. How far does the Study Child’s mother live from here?

Within ½ hour’s drive from here .......... F
Between ½ and 1 hour’s drive from here. F
More than 1 hour’s drive from here .......... F
Outside the country .................................... F

S43. How often does the Study Child have contact with his / her mother (incl. talking on the phone, texting, emailing etc.)?

Daily........................................................ F
Once or twice a week.................................. F
Weekly.................................................... F
Every second week / weekend................ F
Other (please specify) .............. F

S44. Does the Study Child’s mother make ANY financial contribution to your household and the maintenance of the Study Child? Include any form of financial support such as rent, mortgage, direct maintenance payment etc.

No, she never makes any payment............ F
Yes, she makes a regular payment............. F
Yes, she makes payments as required ........ F

S45. How much does she pay per week / fortnight / month?

€__________ per Week .... F
Fortnight .... F
Month

S46. About how much per year? €__________ per year

S47. How often do you talk to the Study Child’s mother about the Study Child?

Every day
Several times a week
About once a week
A few times a month
Several times a year
Never

S48. How well do you get on with the Study Child’s mother? Would you say your relationship is?

Very positive
Positive
Neither positive nor negative
Somewhat negative
Very negative

S49. We would like to send a short questionnaire to the Study Child’s mother. We would be happy to show you the content of this questionnaire before we send it. Would you be able to provide us with contact details for the Study Child’s mother?

Yes .......................................................... F
No, I do not wish other parent to be contacted .... F
No, I do not have contact details for other parent ..... F

S50. What is your date of birth? (DD/MM/YYYY) ________(day) _________ (mth)________ (yr)

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING PART IN THE GROWING UP IN IRELAND PROJECT.