

# Highlights from 'The Lives of 5-Year-Olds'

## Work-Life Balance

55% of mothers worked outside the home when the child was 5 years old

Nearly half of working mothers had missed out on family activities because of work responsibilities

Over a quarter of working mothers had to turn down work opportunities because of family responsibilities

## Contact with parents living elsewhere

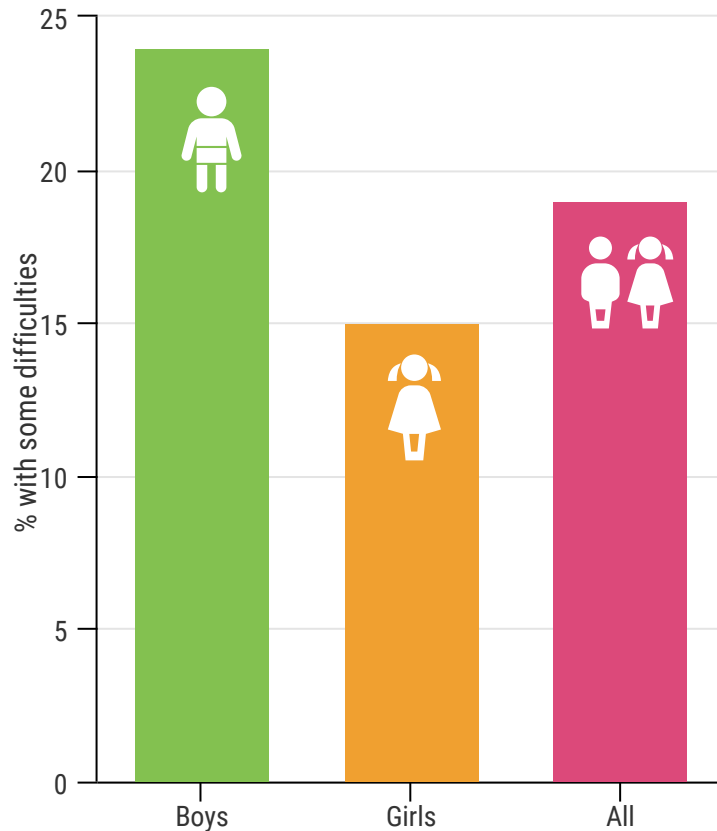
14% of 5-year-olds had a non-resident parent

Over one-third of children saw their non-resident parent several times a week



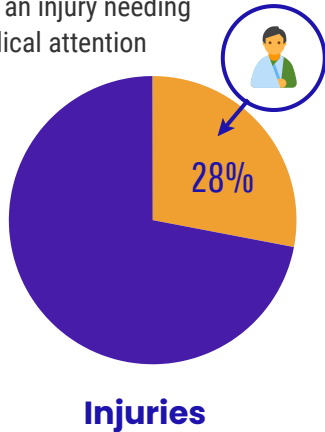
Over one-quarter never had face-to-face contact with them (27%)

## Parents reported more socio-emotional difficulties among boys



Nearly one-in-five mothers felt their 5-year-old had some difficulties with "emotions, concentration, behaviour or being able to get on with other people" - but most described these difficulties as 'minor'

Over a quarter of 5-year-olds had ever had an injury needing medical attention



## Injuries

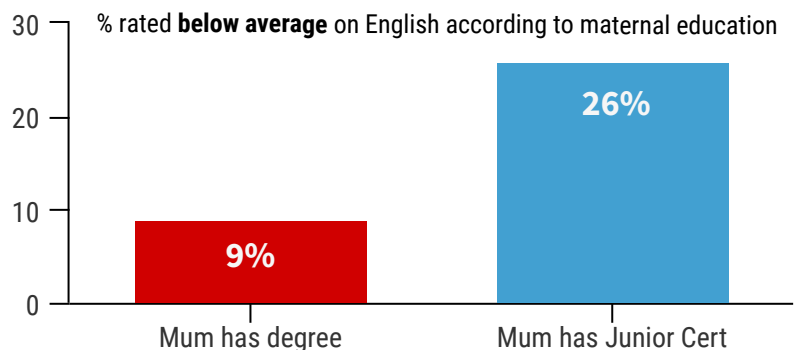


One-third of the most recent injuries were to the head

The child's home was the most common place for accidents - 61%



## Teacher's report on child's English



Teachers gave generally positive reports of 5-year-olds' ability to speak and listen in English - overall 40% were "above/well above average"

But children whose mothers had lower education had a higher risk of being rated as "below/well below average" (26% vs 9%)