

Survey Booklet Five: Twelve Months Postnatal

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. It will take you about <u>45</u> <u>minutes</u> to complete it and your answers are <u>confidential</u>. If you have any questions about any part of this survey, or need help answering any of the questions, please feel free to call us **on 087 229 0989**.

The MAMMI survey has been approved by the Research Ethics Committees of the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital and the Faculty of Health





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Structure of the MAMMI Survey

The Maternal health And Maternal Morbidity in Ireland (MAMMI) study is in six (6) parts: (1) antenatal (early pregnancy); (1A) antenatal (middle to late pregnancy - when you are about 7 months pregnant); (2) 3 months after the birth; (3) 6 months after the birth; (4) 9 months after the birth and (5) 12 months after the birth.

This is the final part of the MAMMI study surveys and is about your health now (12 months after childbirth). It has seven (7) sections, numbered A through to G:

Α	about v	vou.	vour	baby	/ and	contact	with	health	services;

- B life with a 12 month old baby;
- C your health over the past THREE months;
- D sex after childbirth;
- E your emotional health and well-being now;
- F you and your household;
- G you and your relationships.

You may notice that some questions are very similar or the same, however, the questions apply to different times in your life.

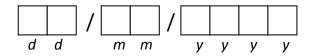
Please note, there is space after Section G for any comments you might like to make on the survey.

How to fill in the Survey		
Most of the questions can be answered by putting a tick in the box next to the answer that best applies to you. For example:		
Has tiredness been a problem for you in the past month?		
Yes		
No		
A few questions may ask you to fill in a number in a box. For example:		
What is your date of birth?		
Day /Month / Year 3 0 / 0 4 / 1 9 8 0 This filled in assemble represents a data of high of 30th April 1000		
This filled-in sample represents a date of birth of 30 th April 1980		

Section A: About you, your baby and contact with health services

These questions are about you, your baby and contact with health services. If you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions or they are too personal, you do not have to answer them. However, if you have experienced any of the symptoms or issues asked about, it would help us to understand them and it might help other women to know they are not alone in their experiences when the findings are published. Again, we would like to reassure you that all the information that you provide is **strictly confidential** and all the findings from this survey will be presented and published in a way that does not identify you or **any** individual woman.

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A1a You may be pregnant now or have become pregnant since the birth of your first baby. Please tick ONE response below.

I have not been pregnant since my first baby's birth	:
I am pregnant now	2
I was pregnant but I had a miscarriage	3
I was pregnant but I had an abortion	4

If you have experienced a miscarriage, and want to talk to someone about your experiences, the Miscarriage Association of Ireland offer help and support. Their website is at: http://www.miscarriage.ie/

Their office is at: Miscarriage Association of Ireland, Carmichael Centre, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7.

Telephone, (Central Lines): 01-873 5702. A list of telephone support lines is available on the website. You can also email: mailto:info@miscarriage.ie

If you have experienced an abortion, and want to talk to someone about your experiences, there are several sources of help and support, some are free and some charge a fee. Choosing the right source of support is a personal matter and the following websites might be a useful starting place for you: (i) The Crisis pregnancy agency http://www.crisispregnancy.ie; (ii) The Irish Family Planning Association http://www.ifpa.ie/index.php/eng/Pregnancy-Counselling/About-Abortion OR (iii) The Marie Stopes Clinic http://www.mariestopes.ie/.

All the websites provide a range of contacts, telephone numbers and services.

	Never Once Twice	
	Twice	
4		<u> </u>
	3 times	4
5	4 times	5
6	5-6 times	6
7	7 or more times	7
ish		
		5-6 times 7 or more times

		Yes	No	Not sure
a. D & C (dilatat	ion and curettage)	1	2	3
b. Wound break episiotomy	down – perineal tear or			
c. Wound break	down – caesarean section	1	2	3
d. Repeat repair	of perineal tear or episiotomy	/	2	3
e. Repeat repair	of caesarean section wound	1	2	3
In the next TUDES	AONTHE how we work in a color	un var sista	ad a bass	ital aussuss
department	MONTHS, how many times ha	·		
department a. About your heal		ve you visit b. About yo Never		
department a. About your heal Never	th?	b. About ye		s health?
department a. About your heal Never Once	th?	b. About y o		s health?
department a. About your heal Never Once Twice	th?	b. About yo Never Once		s health?
department a. About your heal Never Once Twice 3 times	th?	b. About yo Never Once Twice		s health?
department a. About your heal Never Once Twice	th?	b. About your Never Once Twice 3 times		s health?

a. You?		b. Yo	our baby?	
Never	1	Neve	er	1
Once	2	Once		2
Twice	3	Twice	e	3
3 times	4	3 tim	ies	4
4 times	5	4 tim	ies	5
5-6 times	6	5-6 t	imes	6
7 or more times	7	7 or	more times	
Please give reasons if yo	u wish			
rease give reasons if you				
. How many nights di	•	·		dmission
	•	·		dmission
First admission	•	d in the hospital?		dmission nights
First admission nights	d YOU spen	d in the hospital? Second admission	Third a	nights
First admission nights nights Please describe the miscarriage) If YOUR BABY was a	td YOU spen	d in the hospital? Second admission nights 2	Third a	nights

	Please describe the reason(s) for YOUR BABY'S admission(s)? (for example, breath difficulties, vomiting, diarrhoea, constipation etc.)	ing	
;	In the past THREE MONTHS, when you went to the doctor did you feel able to talk about things that were troubling you concerning your own health and well-being? The statements that you agree with. Leave the statements that you do nagree with blank.)	?	
a.	Yes, my doctor makes it easy for me to talk about anything that is concerning me		
b.	Yes, but he/she is often busy and doesn't seem to have time to listen		
C.	Yes, I can talk to my doctor and he/she is very supportive and reassuring		
d.	I can talk about some issues, but there are other things I do not feel comfortable talking about with my GP		
e.	There's no point in talking to the doctor about my health because he/she cannot fix any of my problems		
f.	No, I go to see the doctor about my baby not myself		
g.	I don't talk to my doctor because I am worried he/she will think I am not coping		
h.	I don't talk to the doctor because I am concerned he/she might want me to do something that will make the situation worse		
i.	There are some issues I don't talk about because I am concerned the doctor might tell someone else		

A10 In the past THREE MONTHS, has your local doctor or GP asked you directly whether or not you are experiencing any of the following (Please tick ONE response on EACH line.):

			Yes	No	Not sure
	a. Tiredness or exha	ustion	1	2	3
	b. Leakage or involu	ntary loss of urine	1	2	3
	c. Leakage or involu	ntary loss of bowel motion	1	2	3
	d. Perineal pain			2	3
	e. Sexual problems			2	3
	f. Haemorrhoids		1	2	3
	g. Feeling depressed	dorlow	1	2	3
	h. Relationship prob	lems		2	3
A11	In the past THREE MON by a Public Health Nurs	ITHS, how many times have se	you visited	l OR been v	isited at home
	Never	\square_1 (Please go to A14)			
	Once	2			
	Twice				
	3 times	4			
	4 times	5			
	5-6 times	6			
	7 or more times	7			

A12	Are you able to talk to your Public Health Nurse about things that are troubling you concerning your own health and well-being? (Please tick ALL statements that you agree with. Leave the statements that you do not agree with blank.)						
	a. Yes, she/he makes it easy for me to talk about anythi	ng that is	concerni	ing me		1	
	b. Yes, but she/he is often busy and doesn't seem to ha	ve time to	listen			2	
	c. Yes, I can talk to her/him and she/he is very supportion	ve and rea	ssuring			3	
	d. I can talk to her/him about some issues, but there are comfortable talking about	e other th	ings I do	not feel		4	
	e. There's no point in talking to her/him about my health because she/he cannot fix any of my problems						
	f. No, I go to see her/him about my baby not myself					6	
	g. I don't talk to her/him because I am worried she/he	will think I	am not	coping		7	
	h. I don't talk to her/him because I am concerned she/h something that will make the situation worse	ie might w	ant me	to do		8	
	i. There are some issues I don't talk about because I am might tell someone else	n concerne	ed she/h	e		9	
A13	In the past THREE MONTHS, has your Public Health Number or not you are experiencing any of the following on EACH line.):		•	•	ise		
		Yes	No	Not	sure		
	a. Tiredness or exhaustion	1		2	3		
	b. Leakage or involuntary loss of urine			2	3		
	c. Leakage or involuntary loss of bowel motion			2	3		
	d. Perineal pain	1		2	3		
	e. Sexual problems	1		2	3		
	f. Haemorrhoids	1		2	3		
	g. Feeling depressed or low	1		2	3		
	h. Relationship problems	1		2	3		

A14. In the past THREE MONTHS, has any OTHER health professional asked you directly about any of these issues?

	Yes	No	Not sure
a. Tiredness or exhaustion	1	2	3
b. Leakage or involuntary loss of urine		2	3
c. Leakage or involuntary loss of bowel motion		2	3
d. Perineal pain	1	2	3
e. Sexual problems	1	2	3
f. Haemorrhoids		2	
g. Feeling depressed or low		2	3
h. Relationship problems	1	2	3
f yes, please identify the type of health professional i.e. pro	actice nurse,	social work	er etc.
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Section B: Life with a 12 MONTH old baby

The next few questions are about your life with a 12 month old baby. If you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions or they are too personal, you do not have to answer them. However, if you have experienced any of the symptoms or issues asked about, it would help us to understand them and it might help other women to know they are not alone in their experiences when the findings are published. Again, we would like to reassure you that all the information that you provide is **strictly confidential** and all the findings from this survey will be presented and published in a way that does not identify you or **any** individual woman.

	past THREE MONTHS at home with your twelve month old baby, be your own health at that time? Did you feel:
Extremely well	
Very well	
ОК	3
Not very well	
Extremely unwell	5
How confident <u>did</u> you f home?	eel about looking after your baby over the past THREE MONTHS at
Very confident	
Fairly confident	
Mixed	3
Fairly anxious	
Not confident	5
a. Did your baby cry a	lot in the past THREE MONTHS?
Yes	
No	
	how would you describe Extremely well Very well OK Not very well Extremely unwell How confident did you fehome? Very confident Fairly confident Mixed Fairly anxious Not confident a. Did your baby cry a Yes

	b.	Now that your baby is twelve months old, doe	es he/she cry very much?	
		Yes		
		No		
	c.	How easy is it to settle your baby NOW once s	he or he starts crying?	
		Usually very easy	1	
		Usually fairly easy	2	
		Sometimes easy and sometimes difficult	3	
		Often difficult	4	
		Often very difficult	5	
В4	In t	the last week, which ONE of the following best o	describes your baby's pat	tern of sleeping?
	М	My baby has not woken up during the night AT ALI	L in the past week	1
	М	My baby has rarely woken up during the night in the	he last week	2
	М	Ny baby has woken up several nights in the last w	reek	3
	М	Ny baby has woken up once a night most nights in	n the last week	4
	М	Ny baby has woken up twice a night most nights in	n the last week	5
		Ny baby has woken up three or more times a nigh ne last week	nt most nights in	6
В5	De	o you feel like you are getting enough sleep you	ırself?	
	Υe	es		
	N	lo		
В6	a.	. Did you breastfeed your baby (or give expresse	ed breastmilk)?	
		Yes 1		
		No		

	b.	Are you still breastfeeding your baby (or giving expressed breastmilk)?
		Yes 1
		No 2
В7	Has	s your baby had any problems feeding (breast or bottle) in the past THREE MONTHS?
	Yes	, quite a lot
	Yes	s, some
	No,	, none
В8	a.	Has your baby had any health problems, or problems with development that have had a major impact on your life in the past THREE MONTHS?
		Yes 1
		No 2
	b.	If YES, please describe:
В9	Н	ow confident do you feel NOW about looking after your baby?
	Ve	ery confident
	Fa	airly confident
	М	lixed 3
	Fa	airly anxious \square_4
	No	ot confident 5

0 Ist	there anything else you would like to tell me about your baby?		
 1 a.	Now that your baby is twelve months old, do you ever has someone else looks after your baby? (Please do not inclu		= '
	Yes 1		, 31
	No		
b.	What do you do when you have this time for yourself?		
	Relax, put my feet up, watch TV		1
	Go walking		2
	Go out with a friend (e.g. to the movies, or for a coffee)		3
	Read a book or listen to music		4
	Have a bath (with the door closed) or a long shower		5
	Go shopping for the household		6
	Go shopping for myself		7
	Play sport (e.g. tennis, netball, golf)		8
	Go to a gym, aerobics or another exercise class		9
	Go running or bike riding		10
	Go swimming		11
	Go to an adult education class		12

		Pay bills, go to the bank			13
		Go to the hairdresser or beautician			14
		Mow the lawn or do some gardening			15
		Cook (for enjoyment)			16
		Go out with partner (boyfriend/girlfri	iend)		17
		Other (please describe)			18
					
	C.	In the LAST MONTH, how often have	e you had time for you	rselt?	
		Hardly ever	1		
		Less than once a fortnight	2		
		About once a fortnight	3		
		About once a week	4		
		Usually two to three times a week	5		
		Usually four or more times a week	6		
B12		uring the LAST MONTH, have any of the large state o		_	= =
		Your partner (boyfriend/girlfriend)	1		
		Your mother	2		
		Your sister	3		
		Other relative	4		
		Friends or neighbours	5		
		Family day care or child care centre	6		

		Paid housekeeper	7			
		Nanny/au pair	8			
		Other (please describe)	9			
	b.	PLEASE TICK HERE IF YOU HAVE NOT H	AD ANY HEL	P IN T	THE LAST MONTH	4.
B13		ing back over the LAST MONTH, would with cooking meals, housework, caring f	-		ore practical help	?
	Yes,	definitely1				
	Yes, ¡	possibly 2				
	No, n	ot really 3				
B14		re you happy with the contribution that oyfriend/girlfriend) makes to househol	-	nd/pa	artner	
		Yes, definitely			1	
		Yes, in the circumstances (e.g. work cor	nmitments)		2	
		No			3	
		Not applicable, I do not have a partner			4 (Please go to	B15)

	b. Are you happy with the contribution that your husband/partner (boyfriend/girlfriend) makes to looking after your baby?	
	Yes, definitely	
	Yes, in the circumstances (e.g. work commitments) 2	
	No 3	
c.	c. How involved would you say your husband/partner is in being a	parent?
	Really involved 1	
	Somewhat involved 2	
	No, not really 3	
The n	ne next few questions ask about physical activities you may have done in th	e LAST 7 Days.
b.	a. In the LAST WEEK, how many times have you walked continuously, recreation, exercise or to get from place to place? (e.g. walking with times 2 None → Skip b. What do you estimate was the total time you spent walking in this was the total time you spent walking in this was the total time.	baby in a pusher) to Q B16a. way in the LAST WEEK?
B16 a.	 a. In the LAST WEEK, how many times did you do any vigorous garden around the house or garden which made you breathe harder or puf 	
	times 2 None → Skip	to Q B17a.
b.	b. What do you estimate was the total time you spent doing vigorous around the house or garden in the LAST WEEK?	gardening or heavy work
	hours minutes	
B17 a.	a. In the LAST WEEK, how many times did you do any strenuous house moderate physical activity? (For example, vacuum cleaning, washing up several flights of stairs, scrubbing floors)	
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times

Times

² None → Skip to Q B18a.

² None → Skip to Q B22.

Fast walking Jogging/running Aerobics	
Aerobics	
Weight training	
Dancing	
Swimming	
Cycling	
Ball games (soccer, GAA, rugby)	
Racket sports (tennis, badminton)	
Weight lifting	
Other	

Section C: Your health over the past THREE months

The next few questions are about your health over the PAST three months. If you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions or they are too personal, you do not have to answer them. However, if you have experienced any of the symptoms or issues asked about, it would help us to understand them and it might help other women to know they are not alone in their experiences when the findings are published. Again, we would like to reassure you that all the information that you provide is **strictly confidential** and all the findings from this survey will be presented and published in a way that does not identify you or **any** individual woman.

C1 In the past THREE MONTHS, have you experienced any of the following:

(Please tick one response on EACH line)

		Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Often
a.	Extreme tiredness or exhaustion	1	2	3	4
b.	Coughs, colds or other minor illnesses	1	2	3	4
c.	Severe headaches or migraines	1	2	з	4
d.	Back pain (in your lower back)	1	2	3	4
e.	Back pain (in the upper or middle part of your back	1	2	3	4
f.	Painful or sore perineum (from episiotomy / tear)				4
g.	Perineal wound infection	1	2	3	4
h.	Pain from caesarean section wound	1	2	3	4
i.	Caesarean section wound infection	1	2	3	4
j.	Uterine (womb) infection	1	2	3	4
k.	Pain when you pass urine	1	2	3	4
l.	Urinary tract infection	1	2	3	4
m.	Pain when passing a bowel motion	1	2	3	4
n.	Bleeding when you pass a bowel motion	1	2	3	4

			Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Often
	0.	Constipation (opening your bowels only twice a week or less, or pushing or straining to open your bowels every fourth time you go)	1	2	3	4
	p.	Haemorrhoids (Swollen veins around your back passage, sometimes called piles)	1	2	3	4
	q.	Sore nipples		2	3	4
	r.	Mastitis		2	3	4
	s.	Pelvic pain		2	3	4
	t.	Heavy vaginal bleeding or bleeding that worried you	1	2	3	4
	u.	Other health issues (please describe)	1	2	3	4
C2	a.	In the past THREE MONTHS, have you fel	t depressed f	or two week	s or longer?	
		Yes, and I still feel depressed		1		
		Yes, I felt depressed a while ago, but I fee	l better now	2		
		No			(Please go to C	3)
	b.	When did you start feeling depressed?				
		Before pregnancy 1				
		During pregnancy 2				
		After the birth 3				

c. Are you taking tablets or n	nedication, or having	treatment for depression?
Yes, I'm taking tablets or r	nedications	1
Yes, I'm having treatment		2
No		3
Please comment if you wish		
a. SINCE THE BIRTH, have yo	u experienced intens	e anxiety or panic attacks?
Never	₁ (Please go to C4)	
Rarely	2	
Occasionally	3	
Often	4	
b. When did you start experi	encing intense anxie	ty or panic attacks?
Before pregnancy	1	
During pregnancy	2	
After the birth	3	
c. Are you taking tablets/me now?	edication or having tr	eatment for anxiety or panic attacl
Yes, I'm taking tablets or med	dications	1
Yes, I'm having treatment		2
No		3
D1		

C4		the past THREE MONTHS, have you experienced relationship problems with your artner or husband?		
	Neve	r	1	
	Rarel	У	2	
	Occa	sionally	3	
	Ofter	า	4	
C 5	In the	e past THREE MONT	THS, have you leaked	even small amounts of urine:
	a.	When you coughed	d, laughed or sneezed	d, or did physical exercise?
		No, never		1
		Yes, less than once	a month	2
		Yes, one or several	times a month	3
		Yes, one or several	times a week	4
		Yes, every day		5
I) .	When you were or	the way to the toile	t?
		No, never		1
		Yes, less than once	a month	2
		Yes, one or several	times a month	3
		Yes, one or several	times a week	4
		Yes, every day		5

(c.	When you had to wait to use the toilet	?
		No, never	1
		Yes, less than once a month	2
		Yes, one or several times a month	3
		Yes, one or several times a week	4
		Yes, every day	5
	d.	If you did not go to the toilet immediat	ely?
		No, never	1
		Yes, less than once a month	2
		Yes, one or several times a month	3
		Yes, one or several times a week	4
		Yes, every day	5
C6a		e past THREE MONTHS, have you ever fe mpanied by a FEAR of leakage?	It an URGENT need to urinate which was
	No, r	never1	
	Yes,	sometimes 2	
C6b		e past THREE MONTHS, have you ever fe mpanied by ACTUAL leakage?	lt an URGENT need to urinate which was
	No, r	never1	
	Yes,	sometimes 2	
If y	ou an	swered NO to all of the questions in C5 a	nd C6, please go to C11.

C7	Whe	en you leak urine, is it?	
	Drop	ps or just a little	
	Mor	re like a trickle	
	Mor	re than a trickle	
C8	Whi	ich of the following best describes how you manage this?	
	It is	a minor problem, I ignore it	1
	l car	rry a change of underwear with me wherever I go	2
	I ma I go	ake sure I know where the nearest toilet is whenever out	3
		ear protection (e.g. pads or panty liners when ed to, e.g. when doing physical exercise)	4
	l we	ear protection (e.g. pads or panty liners) all the time	
	Othe	er (please describe)	6
C 9	a.	In the past THREE MONTHS have you discussed your bla anyone?	ndder problems with
		Yes 1	
		No 2	
	b.	If YES, who did you discuss this with (Please tick ALL tha	t apply)
		General practitioner / local doctor	
		Public Health Nurse	
		GP Practice nurse	
		Obstetrician/gynaecologist 4	

		Physiotherapi	st			5			
		Other health ր	orofessional			6			
		Partner				7			
		Friend				8			
		Sister				9			
		Mother				10			
		Other (please	describe)			11			
c	:. I	f NO, is it becau	se						
		have thought al		iaven't fe	elt able to	talk abo	ut it 「	\bigcap_{1}	
		don't want to d				tum abo		⊣ ¬	
		Other (please de						2 	
	`	other (piedse de	scribej				L	3	
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	-								
C10	Ηον	w would you des	scribe these	problen	ns now				
	Abo	out the same			1				
	Bet	ter than before			2				
	It's	no longer a prob	olem		3				
	Ple	ase comment if y	ou wish						
C11	a.	Have you take		you beer	n prescrib	ed antib	iotics for	urinary i	nfections in the
		Yes] 1						
		No	2						

D.	THREE MONTHS?			
	Once	1		
	Twice	2		
	Three times or more	3		
Please	e comment if you wish			

The next few questions ask about bowel symptoms. Please do not include problems during short-term illnesses such as the flu or a short viral infection.

C12 In the past THREE MONTHS have you:

	a.	Noticed soiling from your back passage on your underwear?
		No, never 1
		Minor amount 2
		Major amount 3
	b.	Passed wind when you really didn't want to?
		No, never
		Yes, occasionally 2
		Yes often 3
C13		n the past THREE MONTHS have you ever, even very occasionally, experienced eakage of <u>LIQUID</u> bowel motions at an inappropriate time or an inappropriate place?
	N	Jo, never 1
	Υ	es, less than once a month 2
	Υ	es, one or several times a month 3
	Υ	es, one or several times a week
	Υ	es, every day 5
	b. If	f YES, when this happened how much leakage typically occurred?
	S	mall amount (with stain about the size of a 50 cent coin)
	Ν	Moderate amounts (often requiring a change of pad or underwear)
	L	arge amounts (often requiring a complete change of clothes)

C14	a.	In the past THREE MONTHS have you evel leakage of <u>SOLID</u> bowel motions at an inc	• • •	
		No, never	1	
		Yes, less than once a month	2	
		Yes, one or several times a month	3	
		Yes, one or several times a week	4	
		Yes, every day	5	
	b.	If YES, when this happened how much lea	akage typically occurred?	
	Small amount (with stain about the size of a 50 cent coin)			
		Moderate amounts (often requiring a char	nge of pad or underwear) 2	
		Large amounts (often requiring a complete	e change of clothes)	
C15		the past THREE MONTHS, have you ever our bowels that made you rush to the toile	-	
	No	o, never	1	
	Ye	es, less than once a month		
	Ye	es, one or several times a month	3	
	Ye	es, one or several times a week	4	
	Ye	es, every day	5	

	bowels that you could not delay or defer for more than 5 minutes?					
	No, never	1				
	Yes, less than once a month	2				
	Yes, one or several times a month	3				
	Yes, one or several times a week	4				
	Yes, every day	5				
If y	ou answered NO to all of the questions in C1	13 and C14 and C15, ple	ease go to C19.			
C16	Which of the following best describe how y	ou manage?				
	It doesn't happen very often and I just cope	with it when it does	1			
	I carry a change of underwear with me when change whenever I need to	rever I go and	2			
	I make sure I know where the nearest toilet is whenever I go out					
	I wear protection (e.g. pads or panty liners)	when I need to	4			
	I wear protection (e.g. pads or panty liners)	all the time	5			
	Other (please describe)		6			
C17 a	a. In the past THREE MONTHS have you dis	cussed your bowel pro	blems with anyone?			
	Yes 1					
	No 2					

C15a In the past THREE MONTHS, have you ever experienced an URGENT need to open your

C17 k	o. If YES, who did you discuss these with?	(Please tick all that	apply)
	General practitioner / local doctor	1	
	Public Health Nurse	2	
	GP Practice Nurse	3	
	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist	4	
	Physiotherapist	5	
	Other health professional	6	
	Partner	7	
	Friend	8	
	Sister	9	
	Mother	10	
	Other (please describe)	11	
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C17c	If no, is it because		
	I have thought about it but haven't felt a	able to talk about it	1
	I don't want to discuss it		2
	Other (Please describe)		3
C18.	If you have experienced bowel problem describe these problems now	s in the past THREE	MONTHS, how would you
	About the same		
	Better than before	2	
	It's no longer a problem	3	

The next few questions ask about perineal pain and pelvic floor problems you may have experienced since the birth. The perineum is the area around the entrance to the vagina, including the labia and other external genital organs. Please answer these questions even if you had a caesarean section.

(Please note that questions on sex are in section D)

The words used to describe pain are in increasing order of intensity. Please tick ONE response on EACH line.

C19 How would you describe the worst pain or discomfort you feel CURRENTLY in the perineal area (around the entrance to your vagina) when you are:

		No pain	Mild	Discomforting	Distressing	Horrible	Excruciating
a.	Lying in bed?	1	2	3	4	5	6
b.	Shifting positions in bed?	1	2	3	4	5	6
c.	Getting in and out of bed?	1	2	3	4	5	6
d.	Feeding your baby?		2	3	4	5	6
e.	Sitting in a chair?	1	2	3	4	5	6
f.	Lifting your baby?	1	2	3	4	5	6
g.	Walking?	1	2	3	4	5	6
h.	Bathing or showering yourself			3	4	5	6
i.	Doing physical exercise e.g. running, aerobics, climbing stairs?	1	2	3	4	5	6
j.	Carrying your baby for extended periods?	1	2	3	4	5	6
k.	Passing urine?	1	2	3	4	5	6
I.	Passing a bowel movement	1	2	3	4	<u> </u>	6
Ple	ase comment if you wish —						

If you have not experienced pain in any of these situations, please go to ${\it C22}$.

a. In the past four weeks have you used any nor tenderness in the perineal area (around			
Yes1			
No [2 (If no, please go to C22)			
b. If yes, which medication have you used (tic	k ALL that ap Yes	ply)? No	Not s
a Paracetamol (e.g. Panadol®)	1	2	
b. Paracetamol and codeine (panadeine)	1	2	
c. Ponstan®	1	2	
d. Difene (Voltarol) (taken orally)	1	2	
e. Difene (Voltarol) (suppository inserted into the back passage)		2	
f. Nurofen/Isobrufen	1	2	
g. Aspirin	1	2	
h. Local anaesthetic gel	1	2	
i. Herbal remedies	1	2	
j. Other (please describe)	1	2	
			
			
a. In the past THREE MONTHS, have you discusse	ed this perine	eal pain with ar	nyone?
Yes 1			
No 2 (if NOT, please go to C22)			

o. If YES, who did you discuss it with? (Please tick ALL that apply.)			
General practitioner / local doctor	1		
Public Health Nurse			
GP practice nurse	3		
Obstetrician/Gynaecologist			
Physiotherapist			
Other health professional	6		
Partner	7		
Friend	8		
Sister	9		
Mother	10		
Other (Please describe)			

When you were pregnant and since you gave birth, you may have been encouraged to do pelvic floor exercises. These exercises involve contracting your pelvic floor, as you would do if you interrupted the flow of urine midstream. The pelvic floor is the muscular structure that supports your rectum, uterus and bladder.

C22	a.	To what extent would you say your pelvic floor feels 'back to normal' as opposed to too loose or slack?
		Completely back to normal
		Almost back to normal
		Moderately back to normal 3
		Somewhat back to normal 4
		Not at all back to normal 5
	b.	If your pelvic floor does not feel completely back to normal, please describe the ways in which it feels different?
C23	a.	In the last month, have you been doing pelvic floor exercises?
		Yes, regularly 1
		Yes, when I remember 2
		No 3
	b.	If YES, approximately how often do you do them?
		Number of days each week Number of times per day

C24	a.	something was bulging in the va		rea?
		Yes, often		1
		Yes, sometimes		2
		No, not at all		3
	b.	Are you CURRENTLY having trou the vaginal area?	ble wit	h a feeling of bulging or falling down in
		Yes, often		1
		Yes, sometimes		2
		No , not at all		3
C25	a.	To what extent would you say yo before you got pregnant?	our vag	ina feels 'back to normal' or like it did
		Completely back to normal		1
		Almost back to normal		2
		Moderately back to normal		3
		Somewhat back to normal		4
		Not at all back to normal		5
	b.	If your vagina does not feel comin which it feels different?	pletely	back to normal, please describe the way(s)
				

The next few questions in this section ask about abdominal pain (tummy pain) you may have experienced since the birth. Please answer this question whether you had a caesarean section or a vaginal birth.

C26 How would you describe the worst pain or discomfort you feel CURRENTLY in your lower abdomen (below your tummy) when you are:

The words used to describe pain are in increasing order of intensity. Please tick ONE response to EACH line.

		No pain	Mild	Discomforting	Distressing	Horrible	Excruciating
a.	Lying in bed?	1	2	3	4	5	6
b.	Shifting positions in bed?	1	2	3	4	5	6
c.	Getting in and out of bed?	1	2	3	4	5	6
d.	Feeding your baby?	1	2	3	4	5	6
e.	Sitting in a chair?	1	2	3	4	5	6
f.	Lifting your baby?	1	2	3	4	5	6
g.	Walking?	1	2	3	4	5	6
h.	Bathing or showering yourself?	1	2	3	4	5	6
i.	Doing physical exercise e.g. running, aerobics, climbing stairs?				4		6
j.	Carrying your baby for extended periods?			3	4	5	6
k.	Passing urine?	1	2	3	4	5	6
l.	Passing a bowel movement?				4	5	6
	Please comment if you wish)					

٠.	If yes, which medication have you used (tic	k ALL that ap	ply)? No	Not sure
	a Paracetamol (e.g. Panadol®)	1	2	3
	b. Paracetamol and codeine (panadeine)	1	2	3
	c. Ponstan®	1	2	3
	d. Difene (Voltarol) (taken orally)	1	2	3
	e. Difene (Voltarol) (suppository inserted into the back passage)	1	2	3
	f. Nurofen/Isobrufen	1	2	3
	g. Aspirin	1	2	3
	h. Local anaesthetic gel	1	2	3
	i. Herbal remedies	1	2	3
	j. Other (please describe)	1	2	3

b. If YES, who did you discuss it with?	(Please tick ALL that apply.)
General practitioner / local doctor	1
Public Health Nurse	
GP practice nurse	
Obstetrician/Gynaecologist	
Physiotherapist	5
Other health professional	6
Partner	7
Friend	8
Sister	9
Mother	10
Other (Please describe)	11
NOW, 12 months AFTER THE BIRTH o	of your baby, are you satisfied with your body image?
Always Sometimes	Never
12	3
Please comment if you wish	

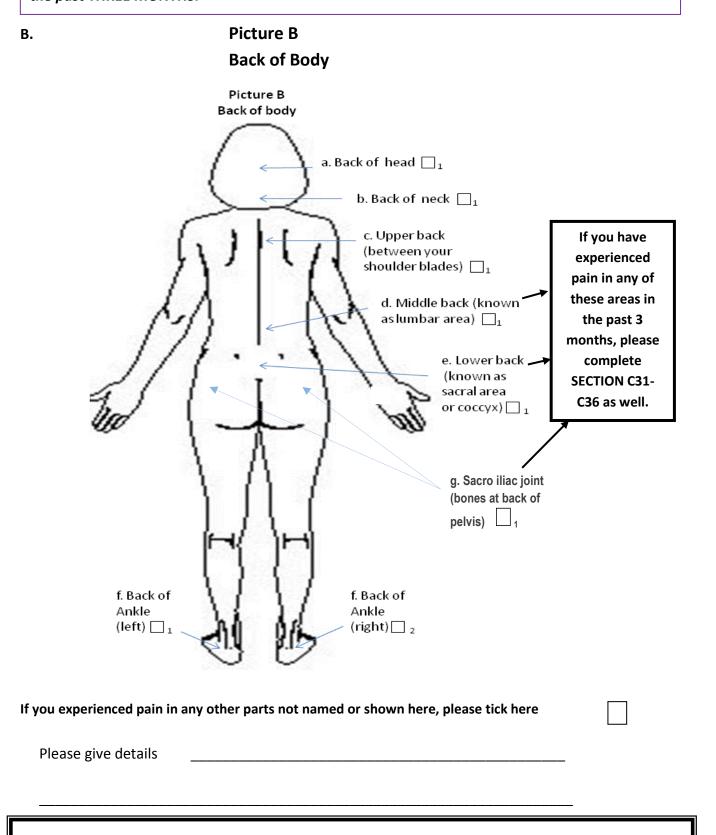
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looking at the body f parts of the body nai	rom the back. In the past THREE MONTHS, have you experienced pain in any of t med?	:he
Yes	No 2	
A. Please tick the box THREE MONTHS.	xes if you have experienced pain in any of the parts of the body named in the past	t
	Picture A Front of Body	
	a. Head (front or sides)	
h. H H: i. l	If you har experience pain in an these area the past months, pleft singers right 2 Bone at front of pelvis 1 If you har experience pain in an these area the past months, pleft 1 If you har experience pain in an these area the past months, pleft 2 I. Thigh (left) 1 Thigh (right) 2 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 2 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months are the past months, pleft 3 C36 as we can be seen that the past months are the past m	ced ny of as in t 3 lease te C31-
If you have experienced pain in this area in the past 3 months, please complete SECTION C31-C36 as well.	n. Lower leg (left)	

C30 Please look at the two pictures below. Picture A is looking at the body from the front. Picture B is

ou experienced pain in any other parts not named or snown here, please tick here	L
Please give details	
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Please tick the boxes if you have experienced pain in any parts of the body named or shown in the past THREE MONTHS.



Most pain can be treated successfully. If you are worried or concerned about pain and wish to get help, you should discuss it with your doctor or another health professional.

The next few questions ask about your BACK and/or PELVIC GIRDLE PAIN. (If you have not had low back or pelvic girdle pain in the past 3 months, go directly to section D on page 44.)

C31 How problematic is it for you because of your back and/or pelvic girdle pain to do the following:

	Not at all	To a small extent	To some extent	To a large extent
a. Dress yourself	0		2	3
b. Stand for less than 10 minutes	o	1	2	3
c. Stand for more than 60 minutes	o		2	3
d. Bend down	0	1	2	3
e. Sit for less than 10 minutes			2	3
f. Sit for more than 60 minutes	0	1	2	3
g. Walk for less than 10 minutes	0	1	2	3
h. Walk for more than 60 minutes			2	3
i. Climb stairs				3
j. Do housework				3
k. Carry light objects				3
I. Carry heavy objects				3
m. Get up/sit down	0			3
n. Push a shopping cart	0	1	2	3
o. Run	0		2	3
p. Carry out sporting activities	o		2	3
q. Lie down			2	3
r. Roll over in bed			2	3
s. Have a normal sex life				
t. Push something with one foot	0		2	3

	None	So	me	Moderate	Considerable
a. In the morn	ing 0		1	2	3
b. In the eveni	ng 0		1	2	3
33 To what exten	it because of your	back and/or pe	lvic girdle pai	n:	
		Not at all	To a small extent	To some extent	To a large extent
a. Has your leg/h given way?	ave your legs	0		2	3
b. Do you do thir	ngs more slowly?	0	1	2	3
c. Is your sleep in	nterrupted?	0	1	2	3
	nt because of you	r back and/or po	elvic girdle pa	in do you have	difficulty lifting/ handl
34 To what exter our baby?	nt because of you	r back and/or po To a small	elvic girdle pa To some		difficulty lifting/ handl To a large
		To a small			To a large
	Not at all	To a small extent		e extent	To a large extent
	Not at all	To a small extent		e extent	To a large extent
	Not at all	To a small extent		e extent	To a large extent

	C35 a. In the past four weeks have you used any tablets/medication or other therapies for pain or tenderness in the back and/or pelvic girdle area?					
	Yes 1		No	2		
	b. If YES, which medication have	e you use	d (tick ALL t	hat apply)		
a.	Paracetamol (e.g. Panadol®)			Yes 1	No	Unsure
b.	Paracetamol and codeine (panade	eine)		1	2	3
c.	Ponstan®			1	2	3
d.	Difene (Voltarol) (taken orally)			1	2	3
e.	Difene (Voltarol) (suppository inse	erted into l	back passage	e) 🔲 1	2	3
f.	Nurofen/Isobrufen			1	2	3
g.	Aspirin			1	2	3
h.	Local anaesthetic gel			1`	2	3
i.	Other (please describe)			1	2	3
C36	a. In the past THREE MONTHS, h	ave you d	iscussed this	back/pelv	ic girdle pain v	vith anyone?
	Yes1	No	2			
	b. If YES, who did you discus	ss it with?	(Please tick	ALL that a	oply.)	
Ger	neral practitioner / local doctor	1	Partner			7
Pub	olic Health Nurse	2	Friend			8
GP	practice nurse	3	Sister			9
Obs	stetrician/Gynaecologist	4	Mother			10
Phy	rsiotherapist	5	Other (Plea	ise describ	e below)	11
Oth	er health professional	6				

Section D: Sex after childbirth

Other reasons

do not have to answer them, but if you have experienced any of the symptoms or issues asked about, it would help us to understand them. Again, we would like to reassure you that all the information that you provide is strictly confidential and all the findings from this survey will be presented and published in a way that does not identify **any** individual woman. **D1** When did you first have sexual or intimate contact again after you had your baby: (Please include all forms of sexual contact i.e. do not restrict your answer to vaginal intercourse.) I have not had sexual or intimate contact since the birth ₁ (Please go to D2) During the first 3 months 4-6 months after the birth 7-9 months after the birth 10-12 months after the birth Did you feel that this was: b. Too soon after the birth Would have liked to start sooner About the right time after the birth D2 If you have NOT had any sexual or intimate contact since the birth is this because? You do not have a partner

The next few questions are about your sexuality and sexual health in the past three months.

Again, if you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions or they are too personal, you

D2	b.	If you have a partner, but have not had any sexual contact since the birth, please tell me why? (Please tick ALL that apply.)
		Too tired / exhausted
		Relationship problems 2
		Scared it will be painful
		Fear of getting pregnant 4
		Baby waking up 5
		Still experiencing pain from perineal wound 6
		Still experiencing pain from caesarean section 7
		Don't feel interested 8
		Other reason (please describe) 9
		Please comment if you wish
If y		ave not had any sexual or intimate contact since the birth, please go to question
D3	a.	Have you had vaginal intercourse since your baby was born?
		Yes
		Tried on one or more occasions, but it was too painful each time I tried 2
		No 3

b.		When did you first have vaginal intercourse again (or attempt vaginal intercourse again) after you had your baby?				intercourse
		Have not had sexual	or intimate cont	act since the birth	₁ (F	Please go to D12)
		During the first 3 mo	nths		2	
		4-6 months after the	birth		3	
		7-9 months after the	birth		4	
		10-12 months after t	he birth		5	
c.	Did y	ou feel that this was:				
		Too soon after the bi	irth	1		
		Would have liked to	start sooner	2		
		About the right time	after the birth	3		
D4		much pain or discom nal intercourse after y			ne you att	empted to have
	No p	ain	1			
	Mild		2			
	Disco	omforting	3			
	Distr	essing	4			
	Horri	ble	5			
	Excru	uciating	6			
D5	a.	Other than the first the birth, have you expended past THREE MONTHS	rienced pain or			
		Yes	1			
		No	2			
		Haven't tried again	3			

	b.	If YES, how would you experienced?	describe the worst pain or discomfort you have
		No pain	1
		Mild	
		Discomforting	3
		Distressing	4
		Horrible	5
		Excruciating	6
D6	а.	Are you still experienc	ing pain or tenderness during vaginal intercourse?
		Yes 1	
		No 2	
	b.	If NO, how many week stopped being painful?	ks after you baby's birth was it when vaginal intercourse?
		Number	of weeks after the birth
D7	How	often would you say in	tercourse is painful for you NOW?
	Alwa	ys painful [1
	Painf	ful most of the time	2
	Occa	sionally painful	3
	Rarel	ly painful [4

D8	a.	How would yo vaginal interco		e pain or	discomfor	t you are	experiencii	ng during
		No pain		1				
		Mild pain		2				
		Discomforting		3				
		Distressing		4				
		Horrible		5				
		Excruciating		6				
	b.	Looking at the discomfort you						pain or
		Aching	1					
		Throbbing	2					
		Shooting	3					
		Stabbing	4					
		Gnawing	5					
		Sharp	6					
		Tender	7					
		Burning	8					
		Exhausting	9					
		Tiring	10					
		Penetrating	11					
		Nagging	12					
		Miserable	13					
		Unbearable	14					

פט	d.	have you discussed the pain of discon	illort y	ou are experiencing with anyone:
		Yes 1		
		No Please go to D10		
	b.	If YES, who have you discussed this w	ith (Ple	ease tick ALL that apply.)
		General practitioner / local doctor		1
		Public Health Nurse		2
		GP Practice Nurse		3
		Obstetrician/Gynaecologist		4
		Physiotherapist		5
		Other health professional		6
		Partner		7
		Friend		8
		Sister		9
		Mother		10
		Other (please describe)		11
D10	In th	e past THREE months, how satisfied are	e you v	vith your overall sex life?
	Very	satisfied	1	
	Mod	erately satisfied	2	
	Equa	illy satisfied/dissatisfied	3	
	Mod	erately dissatisfied	4	
	Very	dissatisfied	5	
	Prefe	er not to answer	6	

DII	III (II	e PAST Tour weeks, have you had	.	•	Yes	No	Prefer not to answer
	a.	Oral sex					3
	b.	Anal sex				2	
	C.	Other sexual contact (i.e. forms with the genital area not leading intercourse but intended to achie	g to		1	2	3
D12		emotionally satisfying have you THREE MONTHS?	found yo	our relation	onship wit	h your part	ner in the
	Extre	emely emotionally satisfying	1				
	Very	emotionally satisfying	2				
	Mod	erately emotionally satisfying	3				
	Sligh	tly emotionally satisfying	4				
	Not a	at all emotionally satisfying	5				
	Not s	sure	6				
D13	3 In the past THREE MONTHS have you experi (Please tick one response on each line.)		-	nced any	of the follo	owing:	
			,	Yes	No	Prefer i	not to answer
	a. La	ack of vaginal lubrication		1	2	3	
	b. Pa	ainful penetration		1	2	3	
	c. Pa	in during sexual intercourse		1	2	3	
	d. Pa	ain on orgasm		1	2	3	
	e. Di	ifficulty reaching orgasm		1	2	3	
	f. Un	nable to reach orgasm		1	2	3	
	g. Va	aginal tightness		1	2	3	

			Yes		NO		Prefer not to answer
	h. V	aginal looseness / lack of muscle tone		1		2	3
	i. E	Bleeding or physical irritation after sex		1		2	3
	-	oss of interest in sex compared with efore your pregnancy		1		2	3
		More interest in sex compared with before your pregnancy		1		2	3
		Being pressured to take part in inwanted sexual activity		1		2	3
		seing forced to take part in inwanted sexual activity		1		2	3
	n. C	Other (please describe)		1		2	3
_							
D14	a.	Have you ever discussed any of the ab	ove wi	th any	yone?		
		Yes 1					
	No Please go to D15)						
	b. If YES, who have you discussed this with (Please tick ALL that apply.)						pply.)
		General practitioner / local doctor		1			
		Public Health Nurse		2			
		GP Practice Nurse		3			
		Obstetrician/Gynaecologist		4			
		Physiotherapist		5			
		Other health professional		6			

	Partner		7
	Friend		8
	Sister		9
	Mother		10
	Other (please describe)		11
C.	What issues did you discuss? (Please tic	k all t	that apply)
	Lack of vaginal lubrication		1
	Painful penetration		2
	Pain on orgasm		3
	Difficulty reaching orgasm		4
	Vaginal tightness		5
	Vaginal looseness / lack of muscle tone		6
	Bleeding or physical irritation after sex		7
	Loss of interest in sex compared with before your pregnancy		8
	More interest in sex compared with before your pregnancy		9
	Being pressured to take part in unwanted sexual activity		10
	Being forced to take part in unwanted sexual activity		11
	Other (Please describe)		12

	sexual activity (please tick only or	ie response	?)					
	a. 1-2 times per month	1	Pı	refer not to ar	nswer	5		
	b. 1-2 times per week	2						
	c. 3-4 times per week	3						
	d. More than 4 times per w	eek ⁴						
	Please comment if you wish							
D16	Overall, would you say that your It has improved		s changed	in the past TI	HREE MO	NTHS	?	
		1						
	It's about the same	2						
	Not as good	3						
	Not sure?	4						
D17	Not sure? How often have the following issues.	ues affecte Very	ed your se Often	x life in the pa	st THREE Rarely		NTHS? Never	
D17		ues affecte						
D1 7		ues affecte Very						5
	How often have the following iss	ues affecte Very		Sometimes		N		5
a.	How often have the following issues the following i	ues affecte Very often	Often	Sometimes 3		4		5 5
a. b.	How often have the following issometically depressed, low or blue	very often 1	Often 2	Sometimes 3 3		4		
a. b. c.	How often have the following isso Tiredness / exhaustion Feeling, depressed, low or blue Relationship problems	very often 1 1	Often 2 2 2	Sometimes 3 3 3		4 4 4		5
a. b. c. d.	Tiredness / exhaustion Feeling, depressed, low or blue Relationship problems Pain / tenderness	very often 1 1 1	Often 2 2 2 2 2	Sometimes 3 3 3 3 3		4 4 4		5
a.b.c.d.e.	Tiredness / exhaustion Feeling, depressed, low or blue Relationship problems Pain / tenderness Lack of time	very often 1 1 1 1 1	Often 2 2 2 2 2 2	Sometimes 3 3 3 3 3 3		4 4 4 4		5 5

D15 In the past THREE months, which of the following best describes the frequency of your

D18		ou would like to tell me about in relation to your sexual and the past THREE MONTHS?			
					
Г					
	If you are worried or conce	rned about pain when having sex and wish to get help, you can			
	discuss it with your doctor.				
Γ	If you are worried or conce	rned about unwanted or forced sexual activity and wish to get			
	•	al Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) based in the Rotunda			
	SATU telephone number:	01 8171736			
	SATU e-mail:	SATU@ROTUNDA.IE			
	Web:	http://www.rotunda.ie/			
	Opening hours:	9.00am to 4.30pm Mon – Fri			
		Outside of these hours please contact the Rotunda Hospital at 01 8171700			
	Or you can call the national Dublin Rape Crisis Centre. The Dublin Rape Crisis Centre was established in 1979 and is a national organisation offering a wide range of services to women and men who are affected by rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment or childhood sexual abuse.				
- 18		onal 24-hour helpline , one to one counselling, court services, training, awareness raising and lobbying.			
	Dublin Rape Crisis Centre to	elephone number: HELPLINE 1800 778888			

Section E: Your emotional health and well-being now

The next few questions are about your emotional health and well-being now. Again, if you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions or they are too personal, you do not have to answer them, but if you have experienced any of the symptoms or issues asked about, it would help us to understand them. Again, we would like to reassure you that all the information that you provide is **strictly confidential** and all the findings from this survey will be presented and published in a way that does not identify **any** individual woman.

Please look at the following statements and for each one think about how you have been feeling IN THE LAST WEEK.

E1	a. During the last week I have been at	ole to laugh and see the funny side of things
	As much as I always could	1
	Not quite as much now	
	Definitely not as much now	3
	Not at all	4
	b. During the last week I have looked	forward with enjoyment to things
	As much as I ever did	1
	Rather less than I used to	2
	Definitely less than I used to	3
	Hardly at all	4
	c. During the last week I have blamed	myself unnecessarily when things went wrong
	Yes, most of the time	1
	Yes, some of the time	2
	Not very often	3
	No, never	4

d. During the last week i have left wi	orned and anxious for no very good reason				
No, not at all	1				
Hardly ever	2				
Yes, sometimes	3				
Yes, very often	4				
e. During the last week I have felt sc	ared or panicky for no very good reason				
Yes, quite a lot	1				
Yes, sometimes					
No, not much	3				
No, not at all	4				
f. During the last week things have b	een getting on top of me				
Yes, most of the time I haven't been a	able to cope at all				
Yes, sometimes I haven't been coping	g as well as usual 2				
No, most of the time I have copied qu	uite well				
No, I have been coping as well as eve	r 4				
g. During the last week I have been so unhappy that I have had difficulty sleeping					
Yes, most of the time	1				
Yes, sometimes	2				
Not very often	3				
No, not at all	4				

	h. During the last week I have felt sa	ad or miserak	ole	
	Yes, most of the time	1		
	Yes, quite often	2		
	Not very often	3		
	No, not at all	4		
	i. During the last week I have been s	o unhappy t	hat I h	nave been crying
	Yes, most of the time	1		
	Yes, quite often	2		
	Only occasionally			
	No, never	4		
	j. During the last week the thought	of harming m	nyself	has occurred to me
	Yes, quite often	1		
	Sometimes	2		
	Hardly ever			
	Never	4		
E2	Is there anyone you can talk to abo	ut how you a	are fee	eling? (Please tick ALL that apply.)
	Yes, but I am not sure they understa	nd		1
	Yes, and they are very supportive			2
	No, there isn't anyone I can really tal	lk to		3
	I don't particularly want to talk abou	t how I feel		4
	There isn't anything I feel I need to ta	alk about		5

E3	Looking back over the time in the past THREE MONTHS, would you like to have had more emotional support (e.g. someone who regularly asked how you were, someone happy to listen to how you were feeling)?						
	Yes, definitely	1					
	Yes, probably						
	No, not really	3					
Ple	ase comments if you w	vish					

E4. Please read each statement and circle a number 0, 1, 2 or 3 which indicates how much the statement applied to you *OVER THE PAST WEEK*. There are no right or wrong answers. Do not spend too much time on any statement.

		Not at all	Some of the time	A good part of the time	Most of the time
1	I found it hard to wind down	0	1	2	3
2	I was aware of dryness of my mouth	0	1	2	3
3	I couldn't seem to experience any positive feeling at all	0	1	2	3
4	I experienced breathing difficulty (eg, excessively rapid breathing, breathlessness in the absence of physical exertion)	0	1	2	3
5	I found it difficult to work up the initiative to do things	0	1	2	3
6	I tended to over-react to situations	0	1	2	3
7	I experienced trembling (e.g. in the hands)	0	1	2	3
8	I felt that I was using a lot of nervous energy	0	1	2	3
9	I was worried about situations in which I might panic and make a fool of myself	0	1	2	3
10	I felt that I had nothing to look forward to	0	1	2	3
11	I found myself getting agitated	0	1	2	3
12	I found it difficult to relax	0	1	2	3
13	I felt down-hearted and blue	0	1	2	3

E4 c	continued	Not at all	Some of the time	A good part of the time	Most of the time
14	I was intolerant of anything that kept me from getting on with what I was doing	0	1	2	3
15	I felt I was close to panic	0	1	2	3
16	I was unable to become enthusiastic about anything	0	1	2	3
17	I felt I wasn't worth much as a person	0	1	2	3
18	I felt that I was rather touchy	0	1	2	3
19	I was aware of the action of my heart in the absence of physical exertion (e.g. sense of heart rate increase, heart missing a beat)	0	1	2	3
20	I felt scared without any good reason	0	1	2	3

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I felt that life was meaningless

Section F: You and your household

The next few questions are about you and your household. Again, if you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions or they are too personal, you do not have to answer them, but if you have experienced any of the symptoms or issues asked about, it would be help me to understand them. Again, I would like to reassure you that all the information that you provide is **strictly confidential** and all the findings from this survey will be presented and published in a way that does not identify **any** individual woman.

F1	Are you currently (Please tick ONE only.)	
	Married	
	Living with partner (boyfriend/girlfriend)	2
	Same sex relationship	3
	Divorced or separated	4
	In a relationship - not living together	5
	Widowed	6
	Single	7
	Other (Please describe)	8
F2	Who else lives with you in your household? (Please tick all that apply.)
	Your child	1
	Your partner/husband	2
	Your mother	3
	Your father	4
	Your partner's mother	5
	Your partner's father	6
	Partner's child/children from previous relation	nship

Your	sister or brother	8
A frie	end	9
Nann	y / Au pair	10
No or	ne	11
Othe	r (please describe)	12
B Hov	w would you describe your current living accom	modation?
Hou	use (with a mortgage)	1
Hou	use (with no mortgage)	2
Apa	rtment (with a mortgage)	3
Ара	rtment (with no mortgage)	4
Ren	ited house (rented privately)	5
Ren	ited house (rented from local authority)	6
Ren	ited apartment (rented privately)	7
Ren	ted apartment (rented from local authority)	8
Cara	avan / Mobile Home	9
Bed	and breakfast accommodation	10
Hos	tel accommodation	11
No f	fixed accommodation (homeless)	12
Oth	er, please give details	13
Plea	ase comment if you wish	

F4	a.	Since having your baby have you gone back to work or study?				
		Yes, gone back to paid work	1			
		Yes, returned to study				
		Am on paid maternity leave	3			
		Am on unpaid maternity leave	4			
		No, not in paid work or studying at the present	time 5 (Please go to F7)			
	b.	How old was your baby when you returned to	paid work or study?			
	c.	How many hours did you spend at work or stu	udying last week?			
		Less than 10 hours				
		Between 10 and 20 hours 2				
		More than 20 hours				
F5	Н	ow would you describe your current employme	ent status (please tick one response)			
	Ιį	gave up my job when my baby was born	1			
	F	ull time paid work	2			
	Pa	art-time paid work	3			
	C	asual paid-work	4			
	Lo	ooking for first job	5			

	Unemployed	6
	Student or pupil	7
	Looking after home/family	8
	Unable to work due to sickness / disability	9
	Unpaid voluntary work	10
	Other (Please describe)	11
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F6	since the birth of your baby?	our own ill health or the ill health of your baby
	Yes, due to my own ill health	1
	Yes, due to my baby's ill health	2
	No	3 (please go to F7a)
F6b	If you have had to take time off work due to	your own ill health or the ill health of your
	baby, was this	
	Paid time off (sick leave, compassionate le	eave, annual leave)
	Unpaid time off (unplanned parental leave	e, or special unpaid leave)
	Please comment if you wish	
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F6c If you have had to take time off work, was this:

F7

	For your OWN ill health (Please tick <u>ONE</u> response)		For your BABY's ill healt (Please tick <u>ONE</u> respons	
	1-3 days	1	1-3 days	1
	4-7 days	2	4-7 days	2
	1-2 weeks	3	1-2 weeks	3
	3-4 weeks	4	3-4 weeks	4
	More than 4 weeks	5	More than 4 weeks	5
Plea	se comment if you wish			-
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				_
				_
а.	Are you hoping to have and	ther baby?		
	Yes, 1			
	No, 2			
	Not sure 3			
b.	If YES, would you prefer to	have?		
	A vaginal birth	1		
	A caesarean section	2		
	No particular preference	3		

Section G: You and your relationships

The next few questions are about you and your relationships If you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions or they are too personal, you do not have to answer them, but if you have experienced any of the symptoms or issues asked about, it would help us to understand them. Again, we would like to reassure you that all the information that you provide is <u>strictly confidential</u> and all the findings from this survey will be presented and published in a way that does not identify **any** individual woman.

Even though you were asked about being pregnant at the beginning of the survey, the next few questions ask you to provide a little more detail please.

G 1	a.	Are you currently pregnant?				
		Yes 1				
		No 2				
	b.	If YES, how many weeks pregnant are you?				
		Number of weeks				
G2	a.	Since you had your 12 months old baby, have you had a pregnancy that ended in a miscarriage?				
		Yes 1				
		No Go to G3)				
	b.	If YES, please say when this happened:				
		month year				
	c.	How many weeks pregnant were you when this happened?				
		Weeks				

G3 a.	Since you had your one-year old baby, have you had a pregnancy that ended in an abortion (termination of pregnancy)?
	Yes 1
	No Go to G4) 2
b.	If YES, please say when this happened:
	month year
c.	How many weeks pregnant were you when this happened?
	weeks
Miscarr	ave experienced a miscarriage and want to talk to someone about your experiences, the iage Association of Ireland offer help and support. Their website is at:
	fice is at: Miscarriage Association of Ireland, Carmichael Centre, North Brunswick Street,
Telepho	one, (Central Lines): 01-873 5702. A list of telephone support lines is available on the . You can also email: mailto:info@miscarriage.ie
are seve source of for you: Plannin	ave experienced an abortion and want to talk to someone about your experiences, there eral sources of help and support, some are free and some charge a fee. Choosing the right of support is a personal matter and the following websites might be a useful starting place (i) The Crisis pregnancy agency http://www.drisispregnancy.ie ; (ii) The Irish Family g Association http://www.ifpa.ie/index.php/eng/Pregnancy-Counselling/About-Abortion The Marie Stopes Clinic http://www.mariestopes.ie/ .
All the v	vebsites provide a range of contacts, telephone numbers and services.

The next few questions ask about your experiences in adult intimate relationships (for example, husband, partner, girlfriend or boyfriend of longer than one month.)

G4	Are you currently in a relationship?					
	Yes	1	No 2 (Go to D6)			
G5	Are you	afraid of your curren	t partner?			
	Yes	1	No 2			
G6	Have you	u ever been afraid of	any partner?			
	Yes	1	No 2			
	Please co	omment if you wish				

G7 I would like to know if you have experienced any of the actions listed below and how often they happened during the last THREE months, since you had your baby. Please answer, even if you are not with a partner at present. (Please indicate how often it happened OVER THE LAST 3-MONTH PERIOD, by ticking one box on each line.)

My Partner	Never	Only once	Several times	Once a month	Once a week	Daily
Told me I wasn't good enough	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tried to turn my family, friends and children against me	1	2	3	4	5	6
Slapped me	1	2	3	4	5	6
Told me I was ugly	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tried to keep me from seeing or talking to my family			3			
Threw me				4		
Blamed me for causing their violent behaviour				4		
Shook me	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pushed, grabbed or shoved me	1	2	3	4	5	6
Became upset if dinner/housework wasn't done when they thought it should be			3	4	5	
Told me I was crazy			3	4		6
Told me no-one would ever want me	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hit or tried to hit me with something	1	2	3	4	5	6
Did not want me to socialise with my female friends	1	2	3	4	5	6
Kicked me, bit me or hit me with a fist	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tried to convince my friends, family or children that I was crazy	1	2	3	4	5	6
Told me I was stupid	1	2	3	4	5	6
Beat me up	1	2	3	4	5	6

My Partner	Never	Only once	Several times	Once a month	Once a week	Daily	
Kept me from medical care							
Followed me							
Locked me in the bedroom							
Raped me							
Hung around outside my house							
Harassed me over the telephone							
Tried to rape me							
Harassed me at work							
Pushed, grabbed or shoved me							
Used a knife or gun or other weapon							
Took my purse and left me stranded							
Put foreign objects in my vagina							
Refused to let me work outside the home							
Kicked me, bit me or hit me with a fist							
Please comment on ANY of the issues raised in G7 if you wish							
G8 Have you told anyone about the above experiences? (Please tick ALL that apply.)							
I have not had any of the above exper	iences		1				
I have not told anyone							

I have told my Public Health Nurse	3
have told my regular GP/family doctor	4
I told someone else (Please say who)	5
If you would like to tell us more about your exp	eriences please use the space below.

Women's Aid - working to end violence against women

If you need help, phone them on:

National Freephone Helpline

1800 341 900 - 10am to 10pm

http://www.womensaid.ie/ Everton House

47 Old Cabra Road

Email: <u>info@womensaid.ie</u> Dublin 7

Tel: +353 1 868 4721 Fax: +353 1 868 4722

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, Women's Aid can help:

- Women's Aid operate the <u>National Freephone Helpline</u> 1800 341 900 (10am to 10pm, 7 days a week except Christmas Day)
- Women's Aid provide one to one support in six locations throughout Dublin including Cabra, Coolock, Swords, Dublin City Centre, Amiens and Ballymun.
- Women's Aid provide a <u>court accompaniment service</u> in the Greater Dublin Area.
- Women's Aid refer women to <u>local domestic violence support</u> services and refuges.

All of **Women's Aid** services offer **free**, confidential support to women and their children who are experiencing domestic violence in the Republic of Ireland.

Comments

I managed to finish it but it took ages.	
I was pleased to be asked about my experiences 2	
It was OK	
It was interesting 4	
I didn't understand some of the terms or language used 5	
Other (please say what) 6	
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About the MAMMI Study website http://www.mammi.ie a. Have you had an opportunity to look at the MAMMI Study website?	
Yes 1 No 2	
Yes 1 No 2 b. Did you recommend the website to others?	
Yes 1 No 2 b. Did you recommend the website to others? Yes 1 No 2	
b. Did you recommend the website to others?	/or wl
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f you wish to write any further comments please do so on this page. Thank yo				

If you have agreed to being contacted in the coming years and your address has changed or you are about to move home, please fill in the details below:

Your NEW address:	Your NEW phone number(s):

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your answers will help us to understand more about the health of first-time mothers before, during and after their pregnancy and it may help other women to know about some of the health problems experienced by women when the findings are published. Again, we want to reassure you that no names will be used in any publication and it will not be possible to identify any individual woman or her responses.

Please use the reply paid envelope to send this survey back to us. If no envelope was enclosed with this survey or you have mislaid it, please call us on **087 229 0989** and we will send you out another one.

We are very grateful for the time and trouble you have taken to participate in the study. All the information you provide will help us to fill in some of the gaps in what is currently known about first-time mothers' health during pregnancy and after giving birth.

The final survey results will not be available until all of the women taking part in the study have completed this final survey. As soon as all the survey results are available, we will let you know via the website and the study newsletter for participants.

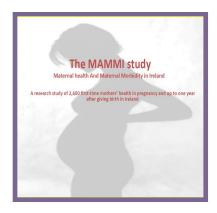
Please call us if you have any questions about the study. I hope you and your family enjoy good health and happiness always.

Best wishes

The MAMMI study team

087 229 0989

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