

should refer to who actually raised the person and acted as mother in an affective or legal sense, e.g., the female guardian.

For a person with same-sex parents, both being male, this variable could be used to report the country of birth of one of the fathers/mothers.

**Suggested question:**

The proposed reference question is:

*"In which country was your mother born?"*

In situations (e.g., specific countries or regions) where this question may not capture appropriately the information on the place of *usual residence* of the mother of the person's mother at the time of delivery, the following question should be asked:

*"Which was the country of usual residence of your maternal grandmother at the time when you were born?"*

*This variable should only be collected in the first wave, for co-residents and should be reported annually.*