# A TODDLER IN THE HOUSE (FOR PARTNERS)

- This questionnaire is for the parent who is less involved in the day to day care of your toddler. Usually this will be the father. This questionnaire asks about your lifestyle now that you have a toddler. Its purpose is to find out the role partners have in bringing up a toddler and any problems they might find. Your answers will help us to identify problems which may be changed by alterations in the healthcare system.
- It asks you a number of questions about yourself and about bringing up a toddler. To answer you simply tick the box which is most accurate in your opinion.
- Please answer all questions if you can, even if some are similar to those you may have answered before. If you cannot answer a question or if it does not apply to you, put a line through it. There are no good or bad answers. Just tell us what you think. All answers are confidential.

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#### FILLING IN THIS BOOKLET

Most of the questions can be answered by ticking the box beside the right answer.

#### For example

How many times have you been to the supermarket in the past week?

None 
$$_1$$
 1  $_2$  2-6  $_3$   $\checkmark$  7 or more  $_4$ 

This means you went to the supermarket  $\underline{\text{once}}$  in the past week

Sometimes there are questions with  $\underline{if}$  in front of them.

#### For example

a) Have you been to the supermarket today?



b) If yes, did you buy any carrots?

Yes 1 No 2

In general, though, each question needs an answer.

In some questions you may be asked to describe something. It would be helpful if you wrote as clearly as possible.

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## SECTION A: YOUR HEALTH

i)

j)

iron

heroin, methadone, crack, cocaine

	d) e)	pills for depression					
	٦١	i ranoni i i i sers					
	c)	cannabis/marihuana tranquillisers					
	b)	vitamins					
	a)	sleeping pills	1	2	3	4	5
			Every day	Often	Sometim	-	Not at all
A3.		Since your toddler was 8 mg	onths old how	often have	you taken	the following	7?
	đ)	other problems (please describe)					
	p)	urinary infection					
	0)	rheumatism					
	n)	arthritis					
	m)	psoriasis					
	1)	eczema					
	k)	stomach ulcer					
	j)	bronchitis					
	i)	wheezing					
	h)	influenza					
	g)	haemorrhoids/piles					
	f)	cough or cold					
	e)	indigestion					
	d)	back ache					
	c)	headache or migraine					
	b)	depression	-	2	3		
	a)	anxiety or 'nerves'	consulted doctor	co	d not nsult ctor		
A2.		Have you had any of the fol	Yes and	Ye	s but N		
		mostly well and healthy often feel unwell hardly ever feel well	2 3 4				
		fit and well	1				

1 2 3 4 5

	1)	steroids			
	m)	other pill, medicine, treatment, drug or medicine			
		(please describe each and state how	w frequently taken)		
				• • •	
Α4.	a)	In the past year have you used any	homeopathic medicine?		
		Yes $_1$ No $_2$ If $\underline{\mathbf{no}}$ , go to A5			
If ye	es,				
	b)	was it prescribed by:			
		your GP 1 qualified lay homeopath 3 family, friend, neighbour 5 other, (please describe) 7	specialist homed chemist yourself	opathic doctor 2 4 6	
A5.		If you are ill do you take any home	eopathic medicine?		
		yes usually 1 yes syes, only once or twice 4 no, r	sometimes 2 never 5	yes occasionally 3	
A6.		Please name all the medicines, pil	ls and ointments that y	ou have taken <b>in the p</b> a	ast month:
	What	did you take:	About how many days did you tak or use it?	How often se per day?	
1.					
5.					
Checl	<u>s</u>	Have you included iron tablets, la: killers, herbal medicine and home (If more than , please continue on	eopathic preparations?	ping tablet s, aspirin,	cough mixture, pai
A7.	a)	Since your toddler was 8 months old	d have you had to go and	d stay in hospital?	
		Yes $_1$ No $_2$ If $\underline{\mathbf{no}}$ , go to $\mathbf{A8}$			
If ye	<u>es</u> ,				
	b)	how many times?			
Pleas	se desc	ribe for each admission.			
			1st admission	2nd admission	3rd admission
A7.	c)	How old was your study child?	months	months	months
	d)	What were the reasons for your admission? (please describe)			
	e)	How long did you stay?	days	days	days

k)

anticonvulsants

In the past month, how often have the following occurred:

A8.

In t	he past month:	Almost all the time	Sometimes	Once only	Not at all
a)	backache	1	2	3	4
b)	headaches or migraines				
c)	urinary infection				
d)	nausea				
e)	vomiting				
f)	diarrhoea				
g)	haemorrhoids or piles				
h)	feeling weepy/tearful				
i)	feeling irritable				
j)	feeling exhausted				
k)	varicose veins				
1)	passing urine very often				
m)	problem holding urine when you jump, sneeze etc				
n)	indigestion				
0)	feeling dizzy/fainting				
p)	flashing lights/spots. before eyes				
d)	shoulder ache				
r)	tingling in hands/fingers				
s)	tingling in feet/toes				
t)	neck ache				
u)	feeling depressed				
v)	other problem (please describe)				

A9. a) How often are you having sexual intercourse now?

not at all  $_1$  less than once a month  $_2$   $_1$ -3 times a month  $_3$  about once a week  $_4$   $_2$ -4 times a week  $_5$  or more times a week  $_6$ 

b) Is this as often as before your partner became pregnant with your toddler?

more often  $_1$  about as often  $_2$  less often  $_3$ 

# SECTION B: BEING A PARENT

Below are some opinions that some people have about being a parent.

Please indicate what your feelings are:

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		This is exactly how I feel	This is often how I feel	This is how I sometimes feel	I never feel this way
B1.	The best way to calm a child is to cuddle him/her	1	2	3	4
B2.	Toddlers should be allowed to eat whenever they ask for food				
в3.	There are times when a child's continuous whining can make a parent want to hit him/her				
В4.	Parenthood is something a man learns naturally				
B5.	Having a young child is absolutely exhausting				
В6.	Toddlers are fun				
В7.	A smack is the best way to discipline a child				
В8.	Parents can feel exasperated when they want to calm the child down and nothing works				

- B9. I really love my toddler
- B10. I am glad that we had this child when we did
- B11. My toddler never gets on my nerves

The following statements are about you may feel about your child.

		This is exactly how I feel	This is often how I feel	This is how I sometimes feel	feel
B12.	I really cannot bear it when my child cries	1	2	3	4
в13.	I don't mind the mess that surrounds a toddler				
в14.	I am afraid to be left alone with the toddler because I think I might be violent				
B15.	It is a great pleasure to watch my child grow				

		This is exactly how I feel	This is often how I feel	This is how I sometimes feel	I never feel this way
B16.	I feel desperate when my child goes on complaining and being difficult	1	2	3	4
B17.	I often worry whether my child is eating enough				
B18.	My child's demands sometimes bring intense feelings of anger				
B19.	Trying to get my child to eat the right food makes me very anxious				
B20.	I feel pretty sure that I'm doing the right thing for my child				
B21.	I feel anxious if someone else is looking after my child				
B22.	My child gives me great joy				

The following statements are about the help and support you have.

		This is exactly how I feel	This is often how I feel	This is how I sometimes feel	I never feel this way
B23.	I have no one to share my feelings with	1	2	3	4
B24.	My partner provides the emotional support I need				
B25.	I believe in moments of difficulty my neighbours would help me				
B26.	I'm worried that my partner might leave me				
B27.	There is always someone with whom I can share my happiness and excitement about my ch:	ild			
B28.	If I feel tired I can rely on my partner to take over				
B29.	If I was in financial difficulty I know my family would help if they could				

		exactly how I feel	often how I feel	how I sometimes feel	feel this way
в30.	If I was in financial difficulty I know my friends would help if they could	1	2	3	4
в31.	If all else fails I know the state will support and assist me				

This is This is This is

I never

# SECTION C: YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

C1.	Excluding your partner and children, how many of your relatives and your partner's relatives do you see at least twice a year?
	None $_1$ 1 $_2$ 2-4 $_3$ more than $_4$
C2.	About how many friends do you have, (people you know more than just casually)?
	None $_1$ 1 $_2$ 2-4 $_3$ more than $_4$
C3.	Overall, would you say you belong to a close circle of friends - a group of people who keep in close touch with each other - or not?
	Yes 1 No 2
C4.	How many people are there (including your partner) that you can talk about personal problems?
	None $_1$ 1 $_2$ 2-4 $_3$ more than $_4$
C5.	How many people (including your partner) talk to you about their personal problems or their private feelings?
	None $_1$ 1 $_2$ 2-4 $_3$ more than $_4$
C6.	If you have to make an important decision, how many people (including your partner) are there with whom you can discuss it?
	None $_1$ 1 $_2$ 2-4 $_3$ more than $_4$
C7.	How many people are there among your family and friends from whom you could borrow £100 if you needed to?
	None $_1$ 1 $_2$ 2-4 $_3$ more than $_4$
C8.	How many of your family and friends would help you in times of trouble?
	None $_1$ 1 $_2$ 2-4 $_3$ more than $_4$
C9.	During the last month, how many times did you get together with one or more friends?
	None $_1$ 1 $_2$ 2-4 $_3$ more than $_4$
C10.	During the last month, how many times did you get together with one or more of your relatives or your partner's relatives?
	None $_1$ 1 $_2$ 2-4 $_3$ more than $_4$

# SECTION D: YOUR FEELINGS

D23. Do you have to make a special effort to face up to a crisis or difficulty?

The questions in this section ask you about your feelings and the way you behave. You have answered these questions in other questionnaires, but you might be feeling differently now.

Please indicate the way you feel.

Pleas	se indicate the way you feel.				
		Very often	Often	Not very often	Never
D1.	Do you feel upset for no obvious reason?5	1	2	3	4
D2.	Do you get troubled by dizziness or shortness of breath?				
D3.	Have you felt as though you might faint?				
D4.	Do you feel sick or have indigestion?				
D5.	Do you feel that life is too much effort?				
D6.	Do you feel uneasy and restless?				
D7.	Do you feel tingling or prickling sensations in your body, arms or legs?				
D8.	Do you regret much of your past behaviour?				
D9.	Do you sometimes feel panicky?				
D10.	Do you find that you have little or no appetite?				
D11.	Do you wake unusually early in the morning even when you haven't been woken by the baby?				
D12.	Do you worry a lot?				
D13.	Do you feel tired or exhausted?				
D41.	Do you experience long periods of sadness?				
D15.	Do you feel strung-up inside?				
D16.	Can you go to sleep alright?				
D17.	Do you ever have the feeling you are going to pieces?				
D18.	Do you have excessive sweating or fluttering of the heart				
D19.	Do you find yourself needing to cry?				
D20.	Do you have bad dreams which upset you when you wake up?				
D21.	Do you lose the ability to feel sympathy for others?				
D22.	Can you think as quickly as you used to?				

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Your feelings in the past week.
           I have been able to laugh and see the funny side of things:
D24.
           As much as I always could
           Not quite so much now
           Definitely not so much now
           Not at all
D25.
           I have looked forward with enjoyment to things:
           As much as I ever did
           Rather less than I used to
            Definitely less than I used to 3
           Hardly at all
D26.
           I have blamed myself unnecessarily when things went wrong:
            Yes, most of the time
            Yes, some of the time
           Not very often
           Never
D27.
           I have been anxious or worried for no good reason:
           No, not at all
           Hardly ever
            Yes, sometimes
           Yes, often
D28.
           I have felt scared or panicky for no very good reason:
            Yes, quite a lot
            Yes, sometimes
           No, not much
           No, not at all
D29.
           Things have been getting on top of me:
           Yes, most of the time I
             haven't been able to cope
            Yes, sometimes I haven't
             been coping as well as usual
            No, most of the time I have
             coped quite well3
            No, I have been coping as well
             as ever
D30.
           I have been so unhappy that I have had difficulty sleeping:
           Yes, most of the time
            Yes, sometimes
           Not very often
No, not at all
D31.
           I have felt sad or miserable:
           Yes, most of the time
            Yes, quite often
           Not very often
           No, not at all
D32.
           I have been so unhappy that I have been crying:
            Yes, most of the time
            Yes, quite often
            Only occasionally
           Never
D33.
           The thought of harming myself has occurred to me:
            Yes, quite often
            Sometimes
            Hardly ever
           Never
D34.
           On the whole are there more good days than bad?
            Yes, more good days
            About half and half
            No, more bad days
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# SECTION E: RECENT EVENTS

E26. You got married

Listed below are a number of events which may have brought changes in your life. Have any of these occurred since the baby was 8 months old? If so, please assess how much effect it had on you.

		Yes & affected me a lot		Yes, mildly affected		No did not happen	
	e the baby was nths old:				at all		
E1.	Your partner died	1	2	3	4	5	
E2.	One of your children died						
E3.	A friend or relative died						
E4.	One of your children was ill						
E5.	Your partner was ill						
E6.	A friend or relative was ill						
E7.	You were admitted to hospital						
E8.	You were in trouble with the law						
E9.	You were divorced						
E10.	You found that your partner didn't want your child						
E11.	You were very ill						
E12.	Your partner lost her job						
E13.	Your partner had problems at work						
E14.	You had problems at work						
E15.	You lost your job						
E16.	Your partner went away						
E17.	Your partner was in trouble with the law						
E18.	You and your partner separated						
E19.	Your income was reduced						
E20.	You argued with your partner						
E21.	You argued with your family and friends						
E22.	You moved house						
E23.	Your partner was physically cruel to you						
E24.	You became homeless						
E25.	You had a major financial problem						

			Yes & affected me a lot	Yes, moderately affected	Yes, mildly affected	Yes, but did not affect me	No did not happen
	the b	aby was d:				at all	
E27.	physi	partner was cally cruel to children	1	2	3	4	5
E28.		ere physically to your children					
E29.	You a	ttempted suicide					
E30.		ere convicted of fence					
E31.	Your pregn	partner became ant					
E32.	You s	tarted a new job					
E33.	You r	eturned to work					
E34.		partner had carriage					
E35.	Your abort	partner had an ion					
E36.	You t	ook an examination					
E37.		partner was onally cruel to you					
E38.	emoti	partner was onally cruel to children					
E39.		ere emotionally to your children					
E40.	Your burgl	house or car was ed					
E41.	Your a new	partner started job					
E42.	A pet	died					
E43.		ad an accident se describe)					
E44.	a)	Is there anything else you or required addition					
<b>7.5</b>	_	Yes 1 No 2	If <u>no</u> , go t	o section F			
If <u>y</u> e							
	b)	please describe :					
		•••••					
						• • •	
	c)	How did this affect you	1?				
		a lot $_{1}$ moderately $_{2}$ mildly $_{3}$ not at all $_{4}$					

## SECTION F: YOUR PARTNER

The section below is concerned with your relationship with your partner. (The partner will be referred to as 'she', although the questions refer to  $\underline{\text{all}}$  partners.)

F1. How would you assess your partner's physical health

always fit and well 1 mostly well and healthy 2 often feels unwell 3 hardly ever feels well 4

F2. How would you rate her on these characteristics?

		always	2000	ever	
a)	helpful, co-operative	1	2	3	4
b)	quiet, reserved				
c)	unreliable				
d)	sociable, outgoing				
e)	dominating, assertive				
f)	understanding				
g)	quick-tempered, easily upset				

Almost

Sometimes

Hardly

Never

F3. Who does these various household tasks?

cheerful, easygoing

h)

			Me always	Me mostly	Sometimes me, some- times my partner	Partner mostly	Partner always	Always both of us	Someone else
	a)	shopping for groceries	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	b)	cooking							
	c)	cleaning house							
	d)	repairs in home							
	e)	looking after children							
			Me always	Me mostly	Sometimes me, some- times my partner	Partner mostly	Partner always	Always both of us	Someone else
F4.		Who decides:							
	a)	how to spend free	time 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	b)	how much to see f or friends	amily						
	c)	when to do repair redecorate	s or						
	d)	how we should spe our money	nd						

F5. People vary greatly in the amount they are satisfied or dissatisfied with their relationship. How do you feel about the following aspects of your life together?

				Very satisfied	Moderately satisfied		what atisfied	Very dissatisfied
	a)	handling far	mily	1	2	3		4
	b)	demonstrati affection	ons of					
	c)	sex						
	d)	amount of t spent toget						
	e)	making majo: decisions	r					
	f)	household to	asks					
	g)	leisure time interests & activities						
F6.	a)	How often r	ecently have	you been irritabl	e with your	partner?		
		not at all	less	than once a week $_{ m 2}$	1-2 t:	imes a week	3	$3-6$ times a week $_4$
	b)	How often h	as she been	irritable with you	?			
		not at all	less	than once a week $_{ m 2}$	1-2 t:	imes a week	3	$3-6$ times a week $_4$
F7.	a)	How many ar	guments or d	isagreements have	you and your	partner ha	nd in the <u>pas</u>	t three months?
		None 1	1-3 2	4-7 3 8-13	4	14 or more	5	
	b)	In the past	months, ha	ve any of these ha	ppened in an	ger?		
					Yes, I did this	Yes, she did this	Yes, we both did this	No, not at all
			peaking to p ore than hal		1	2	3	4
		ii) one of the he	f you walkin ouse	g out of				
			ing at partn lling partne					
		iv) hitti	ng or slappi	ng partner				
		v) throw	ing or break	ing things				

F8. In the past three

months how often have you done these things with your partner?

Never Less At least Less than than once a week once a once a month week gone out for a meal a) b) gone out for a drink

- visited friends c)
- d)
- visited family
- e) gone to the cinema or theatre
- F9. a) How many evenings a month do you go out and do things on your own or with your own friends?

2-3 times  $_3$ 4-7 times  $_4$ none 1 once 2 8 or more times 5

b) How many times a month does your partner go out and do things on her own or with friends?

none 1 once 2 2-3 times  $_3$ 4-7 times  $_4$ 8 or more times 5

F10. How often in a week, on average, would you and your partner:

		Never	Less than once a week	1 - 3 times a week	Most days
a)	discuss work or how the day has gone	1	2	3	4

- b) laugh together
- c) calmly talk over something (eg. the news, a hobby or interest)
- d) kiss or hug
- e) make plans
- f) talk over feelings or worries
- F11. a) Which of the following statements about alcohol best applies to your partner:

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Never drinks alcohol
Very occasionally (less than once a week) 2
Occasionally (at least once a week) 3
Drinks 1- glasses* every day
Drinks -9 glasses* every day
Drinks at least 10 glasses* a day
Don't know
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[\*by glass we mean a pub measure (loz) of spirits or ½ pint (¼ litre) of beer or cider, a wine glass of wine, etc]

b) How many days in the past month do you think she had the equivalent of pints of beer, glasses of wine or pub measures of spirit?

more than 10 days 2 every day 5-10 days 3 3-4 days 1-2 days don't know 9 none

#### SECTION G: YOUR OCCUPATION AND LIFESTYLE

G1. Compared with other parents of your age, would you consider yourself to be:

much more active 1
somewhat more active 2
about the same 3
somewhat less active 4
much less active 5

G2. a) At least once a week do you engage in any regular activity like brisk walking, jogging, cycling, etc. long enough to work up a sweat?

Yes  $_1$  No  $_2$  If  $\underline{no}$ , go to G3

## If yes,

- b) how many days a week: days
- G3. As far as you can, please describe your actual job, occupation, trade or profession. (Use precise terms such as radio mechanic, woodworking machinist, toolroom foreman. If the occupation is known by a special name, please use that name. If in H.M. Forces, give the rank in addition to the actual job. Please also describe the type of industry or service given: i.e. give details of what is made, materials used, or services given).

Your present job or last main job.

a) Actual job, occupation, trade or profession

.....

b) Please tick which of the following apply to you:

foreman 1 manager 2 supervisor 3 leading hand 4 self-employed 5 none of these

G3. c) Type of industry or service given (main things done in job):

.....

d) How would you describe the physical effort you need for your current job?

very little effort, mostly sitting 1
some physical effort 2
quite a lot of physical effort 3
considerable physical effort 4
don't have a job 7 Go to G9

G4. Do you find your job satisfying?

Yes 1 No 2 Sometimes 3

G5. Do you wish that you could generally spend more time with your child?

yes often 1
yes sometimes 2
yes but rarely 3
no not at all 4

G6. a) How do you usually travel to work?(Tick all that apply)

i) public transport 1 2 7 Go to G7 (bus, train)ii) car

Yes

- II) Car
- iii) cycle
- iv) walk
- v) other

No

Work at home

b)

G7.

G8.

G9.

How long does it usually take: Less than 1-0 0-9 An hour mins 1 mins mins or more i) to travel to work ii) to travel home from work Below are statements about how working affects being a parent. Please indicate which is true for you: Yes Yes Not Never often almost very often always I enjoy seeing my toddler a) after work After a day at work I find b) it hard to cope with a toddler Do you worry about your baby when you are at work? a) Yes Yes No not sometimes 2 often  $_{\rm 1}$ at all 3 b) Does he/she cry when you leave him/her? Yes Yes Nο often 1 sometimes 2 never 3 How many cigarettes per day do you currently smoke? 25-29 <sub>25</sub> 20-24 20 30+ 30 15-19 15 10-14 10 5-9 <sub>05</sub>  $1 - 4_{01}$ none 00 cigars only 09 pipe only 08 G10. a) How much alcohol do you drink? never drink alcohol very occasionally (less than once a week)
occasionally (at least once a week)
drink 1- glasses\* nearly every day
drink -9 glasses\* every day drink at least 10 glasses\* a day glass of wine, etc) How many days in the past month would you think you had had the equivalent of pints of beer,

(\* by glass we mean a pub measure (loz) of spirits, half a pint (% litre) of lager or cider, a wine

G10. b) glasses of wine or pub measures of spirit?

> every day 1 more than 10 days  $_2$ 5-10 days 3-4 days 1-2 days none

Do you or your partner make your own wine or beer?

yes, wine  $_1$ yes, beer 2 yes, both 3 no 4  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{G11.}}$  How difficult at the moment do you find it to afford these items:

Yes 1 No 2

			Very difficult	Fairly difficult	Slightly difficult	Not difficult	Paid directly by Social Security
	a)	food	1	2	3	4	5
	b)	clothing					
	c)	heating					
	d)	rent or mortgage					
	e)	things you need for the toddler					
G12.	How n						
		many hours sleep do	you get ar	together now?			
		many hours sleep do	None	1 - 3 hours	4 - 5 hours	6 - 7 hours	More than 7 hours
	a)	during an average night		1 - 3			
	a) b)	during an	None	1 - 3 hours	hours	hours	7 hours

#### THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP

Space for any additional comments you would like to make:

H1. This questionnaire was completed by:

H2. Please give the date on which you completed this questionnaire:

day month year 199

H3. Please give your date of birth:

day month year 19

When completed, please return the questionnaire to:

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