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MATERNITY SURVEY

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS
AND THE POPULATION INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

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TELL THE MOTHER:—

1. That thousands of mothers all over the country are being asked these questions.
2. That by answering as accurately as she can, she will enable us to make use of her experience in planning better Maternity Services which will benefit future mothers.
3. That all information she gives will be regarded as absolutely confidential.

HOW TO FILL IN THIS FORM.

1. The questions are printed in light type and the mothers' answers in small capitals. Instructions to the interviewer are in italics.
2. The answers to the questions are shown by putting a ring with a soft pencil round the code number or letter opposite the mother's answer. If the answer does not fit any alternative, write it below the question itself. When comments or opinions are asked for, as far as possible write down the mother's own words. If the mother refuses to answer any question put a ring round "X" for "No answer."
3. Before you interview the mother, read through the questionnaire and answer as many questions as possible from your records and those of the midwife and sanitary department. However, check all answers you have obtained from the records with the mother when you interview her.
4. It will probably be most convenient to make an appointment with the mother for this interview. If she refuses to be interviewed try to find out her reasons and write them in the space provided. Then fill in as much of the questionnaire as you can from the records, the essential items to obtain being mother's age (6), number of children (16), whether she attended for ante-natal care (21), where she was confined (26), and the occupation of her husband (45).

IT IS AS IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET BACK REFUSALS AS COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES, SO PLEASE
DO NOT DESTROY REFUSALS BUT RETURN THEM TO US.

5. Please follow the order of the questions as set out in the questionnaire and keep as close to the phrasing as you can. When any question does not apply to a particular mother, do not ask her it. In such cases do NOT ring "X" for "No answer," but STRIKE RIGHT THROUGH THE QUESTION.
6. When interviewing a mother whose baby was still-born or has died since birth, use your own judgement in leaving out any questions that might embarrass her.
7. Before leaving the mother, please check through the questionnaire to see that all relevant questions have been answered.
8. When you have completed this questionnaire do NOT send it to London but hand it with any others you may have, if possible before May 10th, to whoever has been delegated by your Medical Officer of Health to receive them.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Mother's Name

Address

If she has transferred since delivery to another M. and C.W.

Authority, what is her present address?

1 If mother not interviewed because she refused, was ill, etc., give reasons

Ring with a soft pencil the code number opposite the mother's answer.

Details of this Birth.

(To be filled in by Health Visitor, if possible, before interview.)

2 (a) Date of baby's birth.....1946

IBB

(b) Date of birth of last baby (whether alive or dead) preceding this one.MONTH, 19.....
NO OLDER CHILD0

3 Result (If baby died, at what age did he die?)
BABY LIVING1
STILL-BORN2
DIED AGEDDAYS

- 4 Sex. \$
not from here
- MALE1
FEMALE2
TWINS (BOTH MALE)3
TWINS (BOTH FEMALE)4
TWINS (DIFFERENT SEX)5

- 5 Legitimate or illegitimate. LEGITIMATE1
ILLEGITIMATE2

The Mother and her work.

- 6 Mother's age MAB46 YEARS MONTHS
(really taken from Fertility Extr. Sheets
- see p147 this book
Ask married women only. MAM

- 7 Mother's age at (first) marriage YEARS MONTHS

Ask all mothers.

- 8 What was the last school or other place of education you attended?
ELEMENTARY1
PRIVATE, SECONDARY OR PUBLIC2
TECHNICAL OR OTHER COLLEGE3
UNIVERSITY4
OTHER, NAMELY
No ANSWERX

- 9 (a) Were you working when you started this baby?
YES1
No2
No ANSWERX

- (b) If "Yes," was it a whole or a part-time job?
WHOLE TIME1
PART-TIME2
No ANSWERX

Ask working mothers only.

- 10 What was your occupation at the time you started this baby?
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- 11 How many weeks before baby came did you stop working? WEEKS
DOESN'T KNOWYY
No ANSWERXX

- 12 (a) Were you given leave of absence from work because this baby was coming?
YES1
No2
No ANSWERX

- (b) If "Yes," was it with full pay, part pay, or no pay at all?
FULL PAY1
PART PAY2
UNPAID3
No ANSWERX

- 13 If you had leave of absence, how many weeks in all were you given? WEEKS
No ANSWERXX

- 14 Do you intend to return to work?
YES1
No2
UNCERTAINY
No ANSWERX

Ask mothers who intend to return to work.

- 15 In how many months after the birth of your baby do you intend to return to work?
MONTHS
UNCERTAINYY
No ANSWERX

This Mother's Children.

(Include this baby — exclude miscarriages and adopted or step-children.)

Ask all mothers.

	NUMBER
16 Number of children born to this mother who are still alive and under five years old?	(a)
Number of children born to this mother who are still alive and five years or older?	
Number of children born alive to this mother who have since died?	MORT
Number of children still-born to this mother?	ESB
Total number of children (alive and dead) born to this mother?	(b)

The Care of this Baby.

- 17 Baby's weight at birth? BWT46
(If twins, give weight of each separately. Please check weight from records.)
..... POUNDS OUNCES
UNCERTAINYY
No ANSWERXX

- 18 How are you feeding baby?
BREAST ONLY1
BREAST AND BOTTLE2
BOTTLE ONLY3
No ANSWERX

Ask mothers who are wholly or partly bottle feeding their babies.

- 19 How old was this baby when you started bottle feeding? DAYS
UNCERTAINYY
No ANSWERXX

- 20 Why are you wholly or partly bottle feeding him?
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Ante-Natal Care.

Ask all mothers.

- 21 Who gave you ante-natal care and advice? ANC
NOBODY AT ALL0
HOSPITAL ANTE-NATAL CLINIC1
OTHER ANTE-NATAL CLINIC2
MUNICIPAL MIDWIFE AT HER OR MOTHER'S HOME3
PRIVATE MIDWIFE4
DOCTOR BY ARRANGEMENT WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY5
OWN PRIVATE DOCTOR6
OBSTETRIC SPECIALIST7
OTHER
No ANSWERX

- 22 How many weeks before baby was born did you first go to a doctor, midwife, or clinic? WEEKS
UNCERTAINYY
No ANSWERXX

23 (a) Have you had any difficulties in the care of yourself and your baby which you feel could have been avoided if you had been able to have more ante-natal advice?

YES1
 No2
 No ANSWERX

(b) If "Yes," give details (Write in exactly what the mother says)

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24 How many times did you attend for ante-natal care or advice:—

During the first seven months of pregnancy?	
During the last two months of pregnancy?	
Total number of attendances during pregnancy?	(a)

Ask mothers who did not attend an ante-natal clinic (even if they had other ante-natal care).

25 What were your reasons for not attending an ante-natal clinic? (Write in exactly what the mother says.)

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The Confinement.

Ask all mothers.

26 Where was this baby born?

(a) Domiciliary. OWN HOME1
 OTHER HOME2

(b) Institutional. MUNICIPAL MATERNITY HOME3
 EMERGENCY MATERNITY HOME4
 HOSPITAL (PUBLIC WARD)5
 HOSPITAL (PRIVATE WARD)5
 HOSPITAL (EMERGENCY CASE)7
 PRIVATE NURSING HOME8

OTHER, NAMELY
 No ANSWERX

27 Why did you have your baby there? (Write in exactly what the mother says)

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28 (a) If you have another baby would you like to have him in the same place as this one?

YES1
 No2
 DOESN'T WANT ANOTHER BABY3
 UNCERTAINY
 No ANSWERX

(b) If "No," where would you like to have him?

OWN HOME1
 OTHER HOME2
 HOSPITAL3
 PRIVATE NURSING HOME4

OTHER
 UNCERTAINY
 No ANSWERX

Ask mothers delivered in any institution, including nursing home.

29 How long before baby was born did you book your bed? WEEKS

UNCERTAINYY
 No ANSWERXX

30 How many days before baby was born were you admitted? DAYS

UNCERTAINYY
 No ANSWERXX

Ask all mothers admitted more than three days before baby was born.

31 Why were you admitted more than three days before baby was born?

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Ask all mothers.

32 Who was in charge of your confinement?

OBSTETRIC SPECIALIST1
 HOSPITAL DOCTOR (NOT SPECIALIST)2
 OWN DOCTOR BY PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT3
 DOCTOR CALLED IN FOR EMERGENCY4
 MUNICIPAL MIDWIFE5
 PRIVATE MIDWIFE6

OTHER PERSON, NAMELY
 No ANSWERX

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33 Who actually delivered your baby?

BORN BEFORE ATTENDANT ARRIVED0
 OBSTETRIC SPECIALIST1
 HOSPITAL DOCTOR (NOT SPECIALIST)2
 OWN DOCTOR BY PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT3
 DOCTOR CALLED IN FOR EMERGENCY4
 MEDICAL STUDENT5
 MUNICIPAL MIDWIFE6
 PRIVATE MIDWIFE7
 PUPIL MIDWIFE3

OTHER PERSON, NAMELY
 DOESN'T KNOWY
 No ANSWERX

34 (a) Were you given anything during child-birth to relieve the pain?

YES1
 No2
 DOESN'T KNOWY
 No ANSWERX

(b) If "No," was anything offered to you?

YES1
 No2
 DOESN'T KNOWY
 No ANSWERX

Ask mothers given or offered anything to relieve pain.

35 What were you given or offered? (Health Visitors please check if possible.)

GAS AND AIR1
 CHLOROFORM2
 GAS AND AIR, AND CHLOROFORM3

OTHER, NAMELY
 DOESN'T KNOWY
 No ANSWERX

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Ask all mothers.

36 Do you think that anything more could have been done to make your delivery or confinement more satisfactory?

If so, give details.

(Write in exactly what the mother says)

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Getting Up, etc.

37 How many days after baby was born were you able to get up and dress? NOT UP YET99 DAYS No ANSWERXX

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Ask mothers delivered in any institution, including nursing home.

38 How many days after baby was born did you leave the hospital or nursing home? NOT LEFT YET99 DAYS No ANSWERXX

HOW 46

Ask all mothers.

39 How many days after baby was born did you start doing a full day's work in the house again? NOT STARTED YET99 DAYS No ANSWERXX

40 (a) Have you been examined by a doctor since your baby was born? YES1 No2 No ANSWERX

(b) If "No," have you made arrangements to be examined? YES1 No2 No ANSWERX

41 (a) Are you taking your baby to a baby clinic? YES1 No2 No ANSWERX

(b) If "No," have you made arrangements to take him to one? YES1 No2 No ANSWERX

Ask mothers who do not intend to take baby to baby clinic.

42 What are your reasons for not intending to take baby to a baby clinic? (Write in exactly what the mother says)

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The House and those who live in it.

Ask all mothers.

43 How many bedrooms and living rooms (excluding kitchen and scullery) are there in the part of this dwelling occupied by your household (including relations and lodgers living with you)?

44 How many people are there living with you in these rooms?

Table with 2 columns: Category (THIS MOTHER, FATHER, AND THEIR CHILDREN?, RELATIONS AND FRIENDS?, LODGERS AND DOMESTICS?, TOTAL IN HOUSEHOLD?) and Number.

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OFFICE ONLY table with columns 1-8 and X, and rows for values like -1, -1 1/2, -2, -2 1/2, -3, -3 1/2, 3 1/2, UNK.

Occupation of Father

(If husband is temporarily in the Forces, retired, unemployed or dead, these answers should refer to his previous occupation. All these questions relate only to mother's present husband.)

Ask married mothers.

45 (a) What does your husband do? OG846 from lists File 58

(b) In what trade or industry does he work? IND46

(c) Is he:—

- AN EMPLOYER OF TEN OR MORE PEOPLE1
WORKING FOR HIMSELF OR EMPLOYING LESS THAN TEN PEOPLE2
EMPLOYED AND EARNING A MONTHLY SALARY3
EMPLOYED AND EARNING A WEEKLY OR OTHER WAGE4
NO ANSWERX

(d) If your husband is not an employer, or working for himself, what is his employer's business?

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Table with columns 1-10 and X, and rows P, E, OA, S, WE, WM, F, AW, L, AF, NA.

Date of interview1946

Time taken for interview minutes

Checked and coded

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