

Standard Measures

NOTE: Where measures are available for different cohorts and at various sweeps the source and sweep prefix (i.e. Ma, Mb, Dc etc) has been removed from the variable name.

Cognitive Development and Ability

Instrument name	Outcome area being measured	Cohort, age (sweep)	Constituent variables
Communication milestones	Existence/practice of communicative gestures in child	BC (sw1): 10mths	MaDbab09 to MaDbab12
Whether child can be understood	Whether child's speech can be understood	CC & BC: all sweeps	Dspe01 to Dspe03
Concerns about speech and language development	Parental concerns about speech and language	CC & BC: all sweeps	Dspe04 to Dspe11
Communication and Symbolic Behaviour Scales - Infant/Toddler Checklist	Development of communication	BC (sw2):22 mths/sw2	MbCSBS01 to MbCSBS24 (Derived score and scale variables are on the sw2 dataset, see sw2 user guide for details)
BAS Picture Similarities	Problem solving ability	BC (sw3/sw5): 34mths & 58mths	PicRaw to PicSPT (see sw3/sw5 user guides for more details)
BAS Naming Vocabulary	Expressive language ability and knowledge of vocabulary	BC (sw3/sw5): 34mths & 58mths	NamRaw to NamPT (see sw3 user guide for more details)

Social, emotional and behavioural development

Instrument name	Outcome area being measured	Age/Wave first used	Constituent variables
Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire	Hyperactivity; Emotional problems; Conduct problems; Peer problems; Pro-social behaviour	CC (sw2) & BC (sw4): 46mths (and then annually)	SDQ01 to SDQ25 (derived scale variables available on sw2, 3 & 4 datasets – see user guides for details)
Pianta Child-parent relationship scale	Child-parent relationship	BC (sw5): 58 mths	MePpia01 to MePpia15
Insecure attachment	Attachment	BC (sw3): 34mths	McHatt01 to McHatt05
Problems managing child's behaviour and relationships	Peer and sibling relationships	CC (sw1) & BC (sw3): 34mths	Tsib01, Tbeh01

Physical development and health

Instrument name	Outcome area being measured	Cohort, age (sweep)	Constituent variables
General health	General health	CC & BC: all sweeps	Hgen01
Short-term illness	Illness	CC & BC: all sweeps	Hprb02 – Hprb95
Long-standing illness or disability	Illness or disability	CC & BC: all sweeps	Hlsi01/Hlsa01/Hlsb01/Hlsc01
Accidents and injuries	Any accidents or injuries sustained by child resulting in medical attention	CC & BC: all sweeps	Haca01 – Hace95
Child height	Used for BMI	CC (sw2/sw4) & BC (sw4): 46mths & 70mths	Zeht05
Child weight	Used for BMI	CC (sw2/sw4) & BC (sw4) 46mths & 70mths	Zewt01
Body Mass Index (with various cut-offs and overweight/obese indicator variables available)		CC (sw2/sw4) & BC (sw4) 46mths & 70mths	BMI - ISDcOvW
Developmental milestones	Physical development	CC (sw1) & BC (sw3): 34 mths	Dtod01 – Dtod14

Standard analysis variables

Individual or household level parent and child socio-economic and demographic variables

MeHGsx1	Sex of study child
DeHGnkd2	Number of children in the household
DeHGnmad	Number of adults in the household
DeHGnmk2	Number of children in household - Banded
DeHGprim	Whether child was mothers first-born
DeHGbord	Study child's birth order (among children in household)
DeHGrsp04	Family type: Lone parent or couple family
DeHGrsp05	Whether respondent is child's mother (including adoptive, foster and step-mothers)
DeHGrsp06	Whether respondent is child's father (including adoptive, foster and step-fathers)
DeHGrsp07	Who is the respondent in relation to the child?
DeHGrsp08	Who is the respondent's partner in relation to the child?
DeHGmag2	Age of mother at time of interview
DeHGmag3	Age of mother at interview (banded)
DeHGmag4	Age of mother at birth of sample child (years)
DeHGmag5	Age of mother at birth of sample child (banded)
DeMeth07	Ethnicity of Respondent
DeYeth07	Ethnicity of Partner
DeMsta01	Respondent's employment status
DeMsta02	Respondent's employment status: ver2
DeYsta01	Partner's employment status
DeYsta02	Partner's employment status: ver2
DeMsta10	Household employment: ver1
DeMsta11	Household employment and family type
DeWsta02	Mother's employment status
DeWsta03	Mother's employment status
DeMedu01	Highest Education level of Respondent
DeMedu02	Highest Education level of Respondent - Banded
DeMedu04	Highest Education level of Respondent – Banded SCQF
DeYedu01	Highest Education level of Partner
DeYedu02	Highest Education level of Partner - Banded
DeYedu04	Highest Education level of Partner – Banded SCQF
MdWinc09	Household income – full version
DeWinc01	Household income - banded
DeEqvinc	De Equivalised income
DeEqv5	De Equivalised income - quintiles
DeMsec01	Respondent NSSEC – 6 Category
DeYsec01	Respondent NSSEC – 6 Category
DeMsec10	Household NSSEC - 6 Category (NS-SEC is derived each sweep for the main respondent and his or her resident partner. Where there are two such classifications, 'Household NS-SEC' takes the higher classifications as its reference category)
DeZten01	Derived tenure at sweep 5 - full

Area-level demographic variables

ALeURin1	ALe - Urban-rural classification (Scotland)
ALeURin2	ALe - SG urban-rural classification
ALeSNim2	ALe - SIMD 2009 quintiles
ALeLow15	ALe - Flag lowest 15% datazones
ALeCarst	ALe - Deciles of Carstairs scores
ALeHBdBc	ALe - Health Boards aggreg as Sw1 (Birth Cohort)

Variations on area-level variable names at sweep 3 only

DcURind1	Urban-rural classification (Scotland)
DcURind2	SG urban-rural classification
DcADsco2 *	SIMD 2006 quintiles
DcADsco3	Flag lowest 15% datazones (SIMD 2006)