




## Department of Children and Youth Affairs

### Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

## L27 Lifeways Study: Health, Lifestyle and Nutrition GP Follow-up Questionnaire, 2005

<b>Title of overall study</b>	The Lifeways Cross-Generation Cohort Study ( <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/phpps/lifeways">www.ucd.ie/phpps/lifeways</a> )
<b>Data creator</b>	University College, Dublin ( <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/phpps">www.ucd.ie/phpps</a> )
<b>Data funder</b>	Health Research Board ( <a href="http://www.hrb.ie">www.hrb.ie</a> )
<b>Data publisher</b>	UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Population Science ( <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/phpps">www.ucd.ie/phpps</a> )
<b>Brief description</b>	<p>Lifeways is a longitudinal cross-generation cohort study, designed to collect longitudinal life-course data in Ireland and investigate the effect of food and nutrition on health. The principal aim is to follow the growth and development of children from the ante-natal stage throughout childhood and to understand what factors affect this growth, including environmental factors, lifestyle and healthcare experience. The study investigates the interrelationships between socio-economic status, social relationships, family, lifestyle, nutrition and health outcomes. A number of the study participants have 3 generations of the same family involved, enabling patterns and links to be established. Family doctors, with the consent of participants, also provide data.</p> <p>The <b>GP Follow-up Questionnaire, 2005</b> was sent to the GPs of all adult and child cohort members and recorded data on their health status (including diagnoses of stroke, cancer and myocardial infarction for the adult cohort), GMS eligibility and frequency of health service utilisation. For grandparents, data on blood pressure and blood lipid profile were included. For the child cohort, data on asthma diagnosis and treatment were included.</p>
<b>Key classificatory variables</b>	ID Other; Sex; DOB; Geog Other
<b>Themes/domains</b>	Health
<b>Unit of observation</b>	Study adult members, child and GP
<b>Start date of data collection</b>	2001
<b>Date of last data collection</b>	September 2012
<b>Frequency of data collection</b>	Baseline questionnaire was issued in 2001, with follow-up questionnaires issued in 2007 and 2011. GPs provided data in Phase 3 (2005) and Phase 5 (2011-2013).
<b>Coverage</b>	<p><b>Target population:</b> GP of the study participants.</p> <p><b>Sample size:</b> 1,082 families.</p> <p><b>Recruited:</b> A total of 3,462 questionnaires were returned by GPs, having examined the grandparents.</p>

<b>Method of data collection</b>	Postal, self-completion paper questionnaire.
<b>Date of last publication</b>	2012. See:  Murrin, C., Kelly, G.E., Tremblay, R.T. and Kelleher, C.C. (2012) 'Body mass index and height over three generations: Evidence from the Lifeways cross-generational cohort study', <i>BMC Public Health</i> , Vol. 12, p. 81. Available at: <a href="http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/12/81">www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/12/81</a>  A full list of publications, key findings and research papers can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/phpps/lifeways/ourresearch/">www.ucd.ie/phpps/lifeways/ourresearch/</a>
<b>Internationally comparable data</b>	No. Internationally, the Lifeways study is unique since it is one of few such studies where cross-generational data (children, parents and grandparents) are collected.
<b>Access/further information</b>	UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Population Science ( <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/phpps/lifeways/welcome/">www.ucd.ie/phpps/lifeways/welcome/</a> )