

Tinsley SureStart Questionnaire
Summary of all 129 responses

A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A1 How old are you?

17-19	8
20-29	56
30-39	55
40+	10

A2 How long have you lived in Tinsley?

0-4 years	28
5-10 years	34
11-20 years	32
21+ years	35

A3 Are you

male - 8	female - 121
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A4 Can you tell me which ethnic group you consider yourself or your family members to be part of?

White - British	33
White - Irish	1
White - Other	1
Black British	2
Black - Caribbean	4
Black - African	-
Black - Other	-
Indian	1
Pakistani	77
Bangladeshi	-
Yemeni	3
Somali	1
Chinese	-
Mixed Race	2
Other	3

A5 Can you tell me what is your religion, or that of your family members?

None	16
Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	22
Buddhist	-

Hindu	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	87
Sikh	-
Other	2

A6 How many people live in this household?

No. people in categories below:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Adults (18+) M	14	99	11	1	4				
Adults (18+) F	4	98	20	4	-	3			
Children M	34	43	30	15	7				
Children F	40	54	28	5	2				
Total M	5	36	30	31	18	6	-	-	3
Total F	1	34	46	31	9	3	5	-	-

A7 How many children are there in each of the following age groups?

No. children in categories below:	0	1	2	3	Total children
0-4 years M	53	52	19	4	102
0-4 years F	65	53	10		73
5-14 years M	77	37	10	3	66
5-14 years F	79	40	8		56
15-17 years M	119	8			8
15-17 years F	122	3			3

A8 Do you suffer from any long standing illness, health problem or disability which limits your daily activities or work in any way?

Yes	22
No	107

A9 How healthy do you feel (on an average day)?

couldn't be better - feel great! - ready for anything!	19
pretty good - I have no worries	50
generally OK - room for improvement	46
generally not OK - room for quite a lot of improvement	4
not so good - it worries me	5
I feel dreadful - NOT ready for anything!	2

A10 Which statement do you think best describes your smoking behaviour?

I have never smoked	96
I used to smoke	8
I now smoke daily	15
I now smoke occasionally	8

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A11 How often do you include fruit and vegetables in the food you and your family eat?

every day	59
most days	53
some days	15
rarely	1
never	-

A12 Generally speaking, do you think that you and your family have a healthy diet?

Yes	107
No	9
Don't know what a healthy diet is	3
Don't know if I have a healthy diet	9

B. SUPPORT AND SERVICES BEFORE THE BIRTH OF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN

B1 What services were used when you (or your wife/daughter/daughter-in-law) were pregnant?

Family Doctor	121
Midwife	115
Hospital	106
Health Visitor	2
Social Worker	1

B2 Did you find these services helpful? In what way?

support/reassurance	77
advice	32
information	28
not at all/not entirely helpful	8
local and accessible	6
closely monitored due to problems	2
helpful interpreter	2
doctor on 24-hour call	1
GP not helpful	1

B3 How could these services be improved?

interpreters; prof/trained bilingual support	10
ante natal classes	10
more midwives/more flexible mw's	10
more verbal information	9
better organised	8
more in local area	8
spend more time with patients	8
more leaflets, written information	7
drop-in surgery at GPs/home visits	7
more sensitive	5

more staff at hospitals	4
more money and facilities	4
better communications with midwives	2
Pakistani midwives and health visitors	1
more doctors so can get different opinions	1
longer stay in hospital	1
female doctor	1

B4 Where were your children born?

Hospital	120
Home	2
Hospital abroad (not UK)	5

B5 What did your children weigh when they were born?

children born weighing under 2.5kg/5.5lb	39
children born weighing 2.5kg/5.5lb and over	230
Total children whose birth weights recorded by survey households	269

C. IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR CHILDREN WERE BORN

C1 How did you feel in yourself?

happy	104
depressed	18
sad/crying a lot	7
tired	2
happy but cried a lot/good & bad days	2
a bit sad	1
relieved after Caesarian	1
worried after Caesarian	1
poorly	1
excited	1
worried about responsibility	1

C2 If you were depressed or unhappy at all, what helped to make you feel better?

family	10
friends	7
time to self	4
support from midwife	4
fresh air, good weather, going for a walk	3
nothing	3
GP/medication	3
sleep	2
support from health visitor	2
chocolate	1
smoking	1

counselling	1
getting child to nursery	1
work	1

C3 What other concerns did you have (if any) about your own health at that time?

back pain	7
retained weight	6
couldn't cope	5
problems due to difficult birth	3
concerns over health of other children	2
worried about scar (Cesarian)/discomfort	2
lack of rest/sleep	2
anaemic and tired	2
kidney stones	1
concern for other children when depressed	1
diabetes	1
heart problems	1
gall bladder	1
thyroid overactive	1
liver problems	1
pre-eclampsia	1
high blood pressure	1
depressed and tired because overweight	1
migraine	1

D. WHEN YOUR CHILDREN WERE VERY SMALL (under 2 months old)

D1 Did you visit, or were you visited by, any of the following:

Health Visitor	115
Family Doctor	80
Midwife	99
Social Worker	8
Solicitor	1
Hospital specialist	1
Counsellor	1
Children scheme	1
friends	1

D2 Did you find these services helpful? In what way?

support/reassurance	75
advice	59
listening/sympathetic ear	16
visited when unwell or couldn't get to surgery	8
not at all/not entirely helpful	6
diet advice	5

reminders for injections	3
breast feeding advice	3
local	2
mother's help on children scheme	1
got child into Roundabout centre	1

D3 How could these services be improved?

health visitor/midwife for longer/more of them	18
more time/money for professionals	15
home visits, so not rushed	13
interpreter, prof/trained bilingual support	9
more caring	8
more flexible arranging appointments	7
GP should be more attentive/careful	6
better communications	5
women and children drop-in sessions for health problems	3
health visitor more supportive	2
woman doctor available every day	2
alternative help	2
breastfeeding support immediately after birth	2
midwife available more than just Mondays	2
more mixed age/race groups	1
more support for single parents	1
baby facilities	1

D4 Were any of your children ill when they were very young?

unspecified problem	17
colds, bronchitis, chest infections	8
high temperature, fever	3
throat problems, tonsillitis, floppy larynx	3
colic	2
chicken pox	2
urine, kidney infections	2
whooping cough	2
asthma	2
premature baby, intensive care	2
long-term problem (2 yrs)	1
stomach pains	1
dairy products allergy	1
meningitis	1
thrush	1
eczema	1

D5 Were any of your children admitted to hospital, or did they ever attend hospital for any reason when they were very young?

unspecified problem	18
chest infection/croup cough	5

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tonsillitis	3
asthma	3
fits	3
long-term problem (2 yrs)	2
broken bone (leg, arm, etc), bump on head	2
water/kidney problem	2
eczema	2
vomiting	2
hernia	1
eye problem	1
dental operation	1
dairy product allergy	1
meningitis	1
floppy larynx	1
premature baby	1
not feeding	1
colic	1
food poisoning	1
high temperature/fever	1

D6 Have any of your children had any speech or language difficulties when they were very small?
If so, what advice and support were they/you offered?

speech therapist	1
no bilingual support on playbus	1
hearing problem/operation	1
advice about possible stutter	1
support from Children's Hospital	1
special needs school	1

E. SPENDING TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN

E1 How much time do you spend playing with your youngest children?

all/most of the time (more than 4 hours a day)	76
3-4 hours/day	24
1-2 hours/day	22
less than 1 hour/day	6

E2 How much time do your young children spend playing with other family members?

none	3
1 hour/day	9
2 hours/day	26
3 hours/day	17
4 hours/day	17
5 hours/day	2
6 hours/day	2
most of time	33

1 hour/week	3
2 hours/week	5
3 hours/week	1
4 hours/week	1
8 hours/week	4
10 hours/week	1

E3 What games or toys do your young children enjoy most?

dolls, pram, teddy	34
books, reading	30
computers, play station	25
noisy toys/activities	25
cars	24
scooter, bike	23
colouring books, drawing, painting, cutting	22
shapes, jigsaws	17
Bob the Builder, Pokemon, Tweenies, etc	14
ball, balloon	13
videos, TV	12
bricks, lego, building toys	12
educational toys	10
swing, slide, see-saw	9
music, dancing, singing	8
bouncer, walker	6
board games	5
water	4
word games	3
wrestling, sports	3
writing	2
pots and pans	2
playdough	1
make up	1

E4 What activities do you and your young children enjoy outside the home?

park	46
sports (football, cricket, etc)	34
going for a walk	25
swimming	23
cycling, scooter	19
visiting friends/family	8
own garden	7
Meadowhall, shopping	7
swing, see-saw, slide, etc	6
drives in countryside, day trips	6
keep fit, running, skipping	5
eating out (restaurants, cafes)	4
animal parks, farms	4

karate, etc	3
Tinsley Tots	2
hide and seek	2
skates	2
Playworld at Parkgate, etc	2
dancing	1
tent, caravan	1
cinema	1
Alphabet Zoo	1
restricted to indoor play due to foster care restrictions	1
on street	1
fairs	1
library	1

E5 How often do you use the local library?

Weekly	22
Every 2 weeks	17
Monthly	14
Occasionally	37
Never	38

E6 Are there any activities you would like to do outside the home, but are not currently able to?

Yes	63
No	58

E7 Please describe what you would like to do

go to park	27
swimming	15
games and sports for children all ages	10
playgroup	9
day trips	8
keep fit (with creche)	5
socialising locally	5
educational/social courses	5
drop-in creche	4
walking	4
fairs, fetes	3
activities in holidays	3
work	2
improve own garden for children	2
places/activities for grandparents and grandchildren	2
picnics	2
after school clubs	2
cycling	1
English lessons	1
cookery lessons	1

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ice skating	1
time out for self	1
car boot sales	1
help with special needs children	1

E8 What prevents you from doing these activities?

facilities not available locally	33
park too dirty/dangerous	16
lack of time	7
no creche facilities	6
personal safety/security	5
baby too young	4
times of activities clash	3
don't know what's happening	3
health problems	2
no family/friends in area	2
family/cultural restrictions	2
single parent	2
pollution	1
mixed age/race groups	1
looking after ill relatives	1
lack of money	1
don't have confidence to do alone	1
avoid taking 3 children on bus	1

F. FACILITIES AND CHILDCARE

F1 Have you registered your young child/children with a school yet?

Yes	73
No	53

F2 Which school?

Tinsley	42
Brinsworth	6
Not specified	5
Whitehill	2
St Joseph's RC (application)	1
Hindhouse	1
Tinsley/Brinsworth	1
Playbus	1

F3 Do you and your children use any facilities or take part in any activities for pre-school children?

Yes	58
No	63

There are no facilities in the area	3
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F4 What pre-school services, facilities and activities do you use?

Nursery	26
Local park/recreation ground	21
Mother & toddler group	20
Creche	16
Public library	16
Play bus	12
Toy library	5
Rowan Centre, Rotherham	1
Clifton Park	1
Playgroup at Gleadless	1
parks outside Tinsley	1
Brinsworth Pavilion	1
help with education from home	1

F5 How could local services, facilities and activities for pre-school children be improved?

more hours/places in creche/nursery/playbus	42
improve park/more security in park	22
playgroup for 2-3 year olds	8
better advertising	7
drop-in creche	7
outdoor play area for playbus	4
more mixed age/race groups	3
more qualified professionals	3
look at wider needs of community	2
more trips	2
open in holidays	2
brighten up (repaint) nursery	1
buggy buses so can get about	1
more lighting in subway so child friendly	1
more ante natal (more than once/week)	1
playbus nearer	1
review regularly as needs change	1
better schools	1
better facilities (eg child changing) in mother & toddlers/toy library	1
support for special needs children & parents	1

F6 What services, facilities and activities for pre-school children would you like to take part in?

creche	20
mother/grandparent/toddler group	20
trips, picnics	13
club for small children, playgroup	13
park, outdoor facilities, area for women & children only	11

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don't know	9
education and play	9
local swimming group	6
family activities	5
toy library	5
nursery	4
breakfast club, coffee mornings	4
English classes	4
computing	3
keep fit - mums & kids	2
leisure centre	1
shops	1
baby too young	1
more school places	1
prevented by family/cultural restrictions	1
evening mum & toddler group	1
another playbus	1

F7 Do you have a regular childcare arrangement for your under 4s?

Yes	32
No	92

F8 If 'YES', please describe

family	24
nursery	5
child minder	3
school for under 4s	1

F9 Would you consider using extended childcare (e.g. to cover working hours) for your under 4s, if it were available locally?

Yes	89
No	35

F10 Which of the following is the most important thing you need from childcare?
(Show card G - tick only one)

Convenient location	23
Reasonable cost	22
Flexibility	16
Provision for more than 1 child	7
trust and police-checked carers	3
good for children to mix with others	2
wide hours (breakfast to after school)	1
cover for children all ages	1

F11 How could local childcare services for the under 4s be improved?

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more places at nursery/creche/playbus	45
more services	30
after school hours, flexible hours	11
drop-in creche	7
more staff	7
more widely advertised	6
more money	3
keep price low	3
more research about what people want/need	2
groups for people of all ages/races	2
more outside play areas	2
more bilingual (Arabic) speakers	1
more support and information	1
better organised trips for all	1
playgroup	1
special needs provision	1

6. SUPPORT FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS

G1 Do grandparents or other family members live nearby?

Yes	99
No	28

G2 If 'YES', do they help with the children? How do they help with the children?

childminding	54
babysitting	46
help with handling baby	11
weekend/occasional breaks	9
fetch children from school	8
rarely or don't help with children	7
live with parents/in-laws so there all time	5
visit occasionally	1

G3 Is there any other support you receive as a family?

Yes	28
No	97

G4 If 'YES', please describe

friends babysit occasionally	13
neighbours help out occasionally	3
childminding	3
Rygate children's hospital	2
learning mentor in school	1
support from health visitor	1
Rowan Centre, Rotherham	1

asylum seekers support group	1
church Sunday morning children's group	1
family/friends outside area	1

G5 What other support or help do you feel you need as a family?

babysitting, childminding	15
creche	12
help with children	9
evening creche (for college cover, work, etc)	7
weekend activities for families	7
women's group	4
pre-school group	4
grant to improve home, financial support	2
youth club for 6+ year olds	2
help for special needs children locally	2
group for all ages/races	2
drama classes	1
Scouts	1
help and support for vulnerable mothers	1
less traffic (esp Bawtry Road)	1
care for rest of family while in hospital having Caesarian	1
regular time at library for young children	1
men's group	1

G6 Does your household have access to a car or van?

Yes	86
No	40

G7 Do you yourself drive?

Yes	37
No	89

H. THE AREA IN GENERAL AND FUTURE NEEDS

H1 To what extent are you satisfied or dissatisfied with this area as a place to live?

very satisfied	fairly satisfied	neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	fairly dissatisfied	very dissatisfied	don't know
6	32	26	31	29	1

H2 Over the last 5 years how, if at all, has this area changed as a place to live?

got a great deal better	got a little better	stayed about the same	got a little worse	got a great deal worse	don't know

1	11	20	39	48	9
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H3 To what extent you are satisfied or dissatisfied

	very satisfied ¹	fairly satisfied ²	neither satisfied nor dissatisfied ³	fairly dissatisfied ⁴	very dissatisfied ⁵	don't know ⁹
General appearance of the area	2	25	27	36	33	3
Quality of education in local schools	3	55	19	21	8	19
Quality of local health services	8	45	32	19	11	7
Access to training	6	28	36	22	6	22
Availability of jobs for local people	3	10	33	26	32	19
Public transport to where you want to get to	9	46	21	14	16	13
Quality of the local shops	6	43	19	18	19	8
Quality of leisure and community facilities	2	15	13	9	65	17

H4 In general, what would make this area a better place to live?

nice/clean park	67
cleaner streets/less litter	44
more/community police/neighbourhood watch	35
leisure facilities/activities for all ages, families	24
less pollution, less traffic	17
more community spirit, more respect for others	16
youth club, facilities for older children	15
shops	9
local enterprise providing local employment	7
better doctor's surgery, shorter wait for appointments	7
creche	7
women's group	6
better/more attractive houses	5
more training and education	5
greener/more trees, open spaces	3
improve all items in H3	3
better bus service	2
dog warden	1
lollypop lady for infants	1
paddling pool	1
bins emptied twice a week	1
control speeding cars	1
dentist	1
improve advice centre	1

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H5 For parents who are just about to have children in Tinsley, what should they have that you wish you'd had?

nice park/play facilities	14
group for pregnant women (and after birth)	13
more nursery places	12
help and advice	7
more support from health visitor/confidence building	6
more support from community	4
cleaner environment	4
playgroup	3
more bilingual support	3
safer environment	2
more mixed age/race groups	2
local hospital/transport to/from hospital	2
midwife on days other than Mondays	2
home help with children	1
counselling group	1
coffee mornings, socialising	1
better medical care/advice/information	1
youth club	1
more babysitters	1
comprehensive school in area	1
financial support	1
more courses	1
better prospects	1
SureStart	1

H6 If you have more children in the future, what would you like to have (as a parent) that doesn't exist at present?

park, play facilities	15
more nursery/creche places	12
group for pregnant women (and after birth)	7
clean environment	5
safe environment	5
playgroup	4
leisure/sports activities (gym, boxing, etc)	3
after school clubs	3
English and FE courses	3
peace and quiet	3
coffee mornings	2
go-kart track on derelict land, Sheffield Road	2
personal help	2
everything	2
better job prospects and training to suit family commitments	2
more info about local facilities given by health visitor to new mums	2
flexible childcare for working mothers	2
cleaner roads	2

community spirit	2
Tinsley festival	1
community farm/educational nature reserve	1
more local schools	1
more help at home	1
bigger house	1
fairer waiting list for playbus/nursery	1
social life	1
drop in sessions for health and special needs	1

I. ABOUT YOURSELF AND THE OLDER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

I1 What activities are you involved in outside the home?

Full time employment	15
Part time employment	20
Work-related training programme	2
Further education/student	15
Voluntary work	7
support other family members (hospital visits etc)	1

I2. Are any of the other adults in the household (over 16 and under 65) involved in the following:

Full time employment	61
Part time employment	11
Work-related training programme	9
Further education/student	13
Voluntary work	1
Sports	1

I3 How would you describe your fluency/literacy in the following languages:

	excellent	good	fair	poor
English	78	20	8	13
Urdu	28	17	14	13
Punjabi	53	16	6	10
Arabic	4	1	-	-
Pushtu	4	-	-	-
French	-	-	2	-
German	-	-	1	-

Would you like to be kept informed of any other events to do with the SureStart programme?

Yes	90
No	38