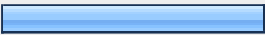
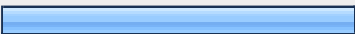


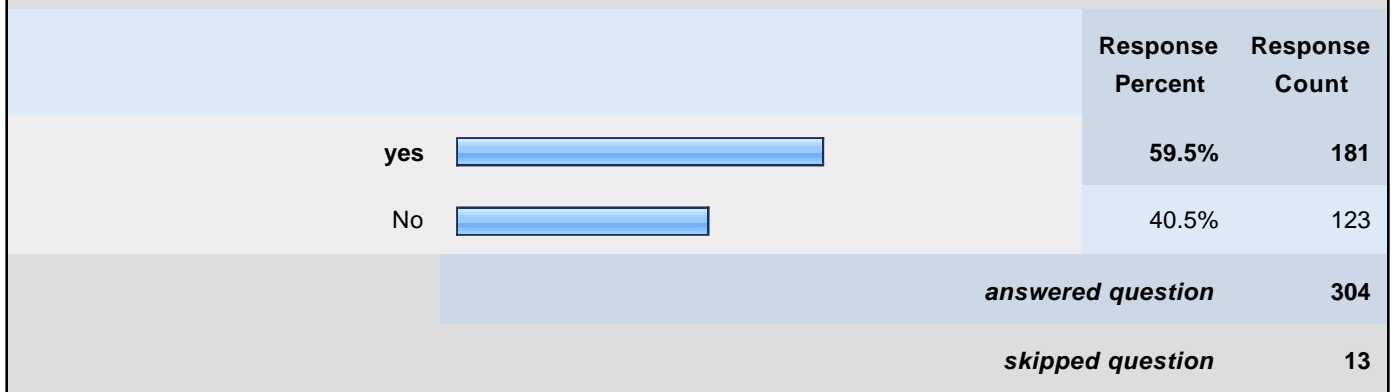
4. What gestation was your premature baby born at ?		Response Count
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	<i>answered question</i>	316
	<i>skipped question</i>	1

5. If this was your first pregnancy, did you do any ante-natal classes?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	42.6%	109
No 	57.4%	147
	<i>answered question</i>	256
	<i>skipped question</i>	61

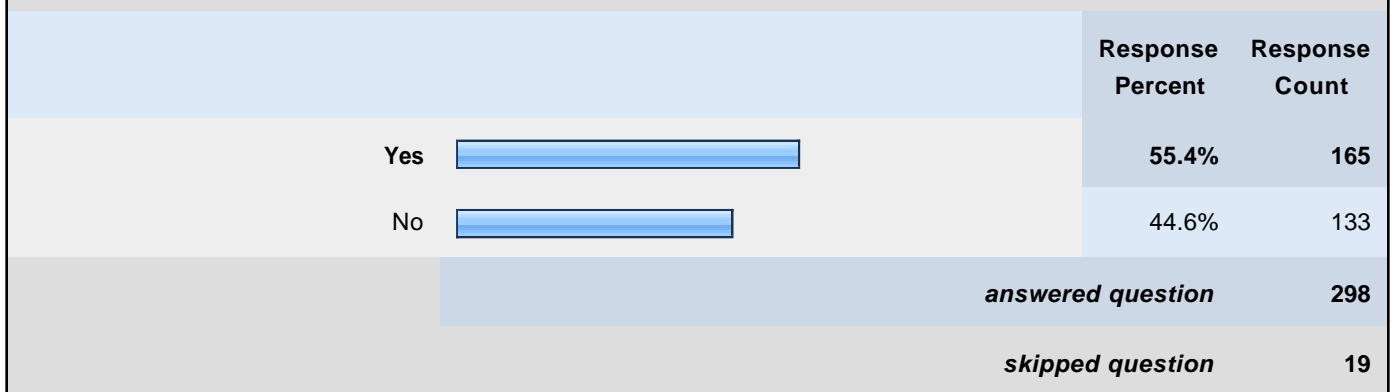
6. Did you have any medical issues following the birth ? (such a c-section, high blood pressure, confined to bed, HDU or ICU care)		Response Count
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	<i>answered question</i>	302
	<i>skipped question</i>	15

7. How long after the birth were you able to hold your baby?		Response Count
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	<i>answered question</i>	299
	<i>skipped question</i>	18

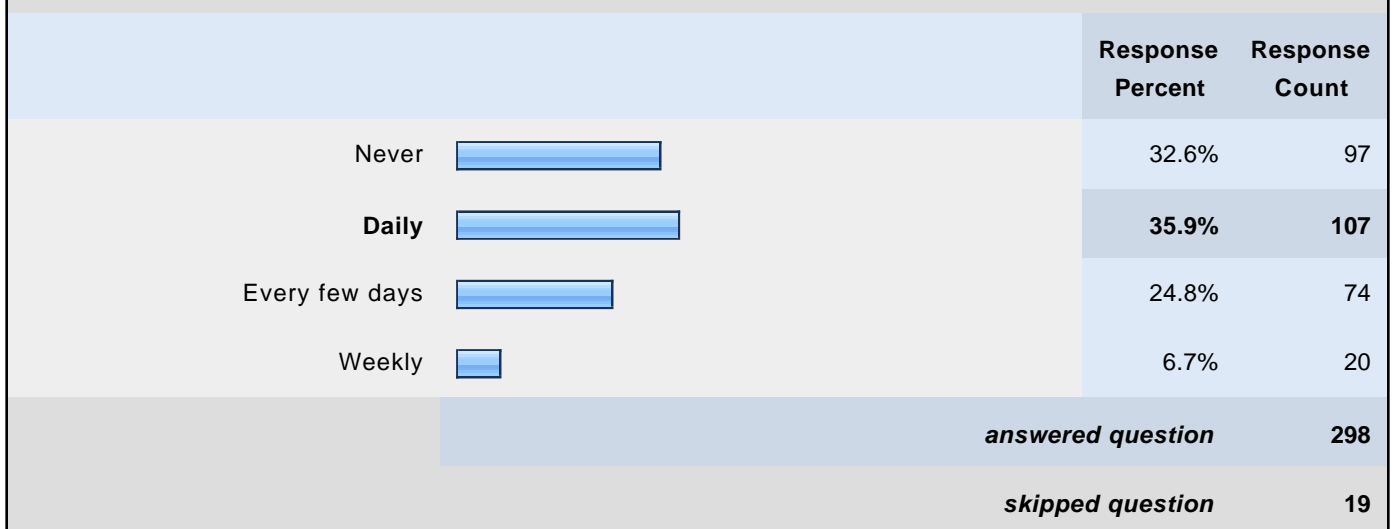
8. Were you encouraged to do skin to skin or kangaroo care with your baby? (Skin to skin/kangaroo care is a naked baby on your bare chest)




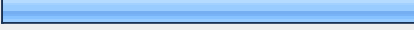
9. Were the benefits of skin to skin or kangaroo care explained to you?




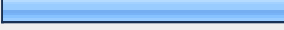
10. How often did you practise skin to skin or kangaroo care ?





11. Were there facilities for you to stay in the hospital 'rooming in' with your baby ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	32.6%	97
No 	67.4%	201
<i>answered question</i>		298
<i>skipped question</i>		19



12. Did you have access to nutritious meals in the hospital? (Not sandwiches or rolls)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	54.0%	161
No 	46.0%	137
<i>answered question</i>		298
<i>skipped question</i>		19

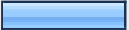

13. Did you have access to drinking water in the hospital?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	87.2%	260
No 	12.8%	38
<i>answered question</i>		298
<i>skipped question</i>		19


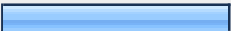
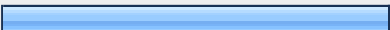
14. If you commuted a long distance everyday to the hospital, did you have access to a place to rest ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	22.7%	49
No 	77.3%	167
<i>answered question</i>		216
<i>skipped question</i>		101


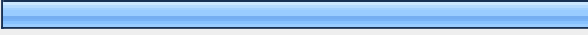
15. Was there a room for you to stay overnight (not with your baby) ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	19.8%	53
No 	80.2%	215
<i>answered question</i>		268
<i>skipped question</i>		49


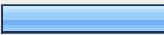
16. Was there a creche or other facilities for your other children when you visited your baby in the neonatal unit?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	0.3%	1
No 	36.6%	107
Not applicable 	63.0%	184
<i>answered question</i>		292
<i>skipped question</i>		25

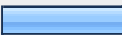

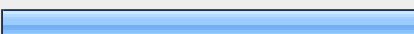
17. Were you offered any assistance with financial costs associated with having a baby in the neonatal unit ? (such as travel or accomodation costs, not hospital costs)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	4.3%	12
No 	95.7%	265
If yes (please specify)		17
<i>answered question</i>		277
<i>skipped question</i>		40

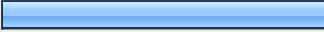
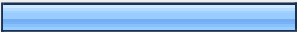
18. Before your baby was born were you planning to breastfeed?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	73.8%	217
No 	26.2%	77
<i>answered question</i>		294
<i>skipped question</i>		23



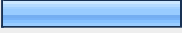

19. Have you ever breastfeed a previous baby?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	19.2%	56
No 	13.7%	40
This was a first baby 	67.1%	196
<i>answered question</i>		292
<i>skipped question</i>		25

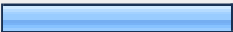
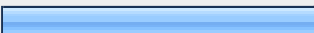

20. Within the first 6 hours after your baby's birth was the importance of breast milk explained to you ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	52.4%	152
No 	47.6%	138
answered question		290
skipped question		27

21. In relation to breastfeeding/expressing your milk, did you think the neonatal unit

	Response Percent	Response Count
Encouraged breastfeeding for premature babies 	54.1%	153
Pressured you to breastfeed 	11.3%	32
Left you to decide to breastfeed or not 	29.0%	82
Discouraged breastfeeding 	5.7%	16
answered question		283
skipped question		34


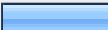
22. Within the first 6 hours after your baby's birth were you asked to hand express your colostrum for your baby?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	37.3%	106
No 	50.7%	144
Unable to express 	12.0%	34
If you were unable to express (please specify)		57
answered question		284
skipped question		33


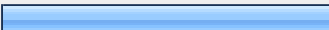
23. Were you given any booklets in relation to

	Yes	No	Response Count
How to express milk for your baby	45.9% (129)	54.1% (152)	281
How to feed a preterm baby at the breast	28.1% (77)	71.9% (197)	274
How to formula feed a preterm baby	21.0% (56)	79.0% (211)	267
<i>answered question</i>			283
<i>skipped question</i>			34

24. Did you express breast milk or breastfeed your baby ? (If you answer no, you will be automatically transferred to the discharge/going home section)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	83.1%	241
No 	16.9%	49
<i>answered question</i>		290
<i>skipped question</i>		27

25. Were you shown how to hand express your colostrum for your baby?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	46.8%	111
No 	53.2%	126
<i>answered question</i>		237
<i>skipped question</i>		80

26. Did you have access to a hospital grade breast pump in the hospital ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, in the neonatal	24.9%	59
Yes, in the ward and neonatal	67.9%	161
No	7.2%	17
<i>answered question</i>		237
<i>skipped question</i>		80


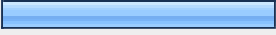


27. Did a member of staff show you how to use a breast pump?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	85.5%	200
No	14.5%	34
<i>answered question</i>		234
<i>skipped question</i>		83

28. Did you have a breast pump at home ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	94.5%	222
No	5.5%	13
<i>answered question</i>		235
<i>skipped question</i>		82

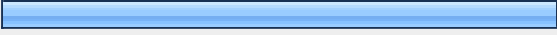

29. If you had a breast pump at home, how did you get it ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Supplied for you 	6.1%	14
You hired it 	44.2%	102
You bought it 	48.1%	111
No pump at home 	1.7%	4
<i>answered question</i>		231
<i>skipped question</i>		86

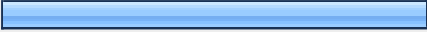
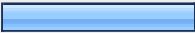
30. Were you provided with free sterile containers to store your breast milk ?

	Yes	No	Response Count
While you were on the postnatal ward	88.7% (188)	11.3% (24)	212
While your baby was in the neonatal unit	94.6% (211)	5.4% (12)	223
<i>answered question</i>			234
<i>skipped question</i>			83


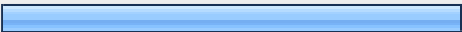

31. Were you provided with adequate space to store your breast milk ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	90.5%	209
No 	9.5%	22
<i>answered question</i>		231
<i>skipped question</i>		86

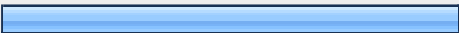
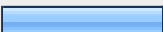
32. Did you feel the staff in the neonatal unit were able to help you sufficiently with expressing/ pumping your milk ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	68.9%	157
No 	31.1%	71
<i>answered question</i>		228
<i>skipped question</i>		89

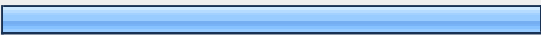

33. If you had supply issues or health issues, were you ever informed of the option of donated breast milk ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	14.5%	31
No 	74.8%	160
Not available 	10.7%	23
<i>answered question</i>		214
<i>skipped question</i>		103

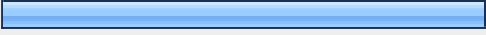

34. Did you have access to a private room to express in ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	74.3%	168
No 	25.7%	58
If no (please specify where you expressed)		61
<i>answered question</i>		226
<i>skipped question</i>		91


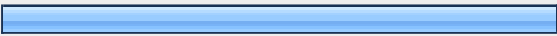
35. Was your baby tube fed (nasogastric) ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		87.7%	207
No		12.3%	29
<i>answered question</i>			236
<i>skipped question</i>			81

36. What was your baby's first method of independent feeding after the feeding tube ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Bottle		78.6%	169
Breast		21.4%	46
<i>answered question</i>			215
<i>skipped question</i>			102

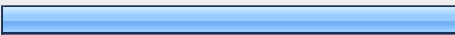
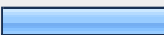
37. Were you ever offered an alternative to bottle feeding to compliment breastfeeding?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		9.6%	22
No		90.4%	206
<i>answered question</i>			228
<i>skipped question</i>			89

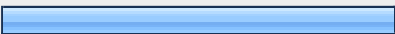

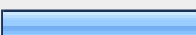
38. If yes, which alternative were you offered ?

	Yes	No	Response Count
Cup feeding	32.6% (15)	67.4% (31)	46
Finger feeding	5.7% (2)	94.3% (33)	35
Other	14.7% (5)	85.3% (29)	34
		Other (please specify)	6
answered question			50
skipped question			267



39. Did a staff member in NICU/SCBU or a lactation consultant show you how get your baby to breastfeed ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Staff member in the NICU/SCBU 	74.0%	125
Lactation consultant 	26.0%	44
answered question		169
skipped question		148

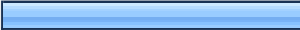
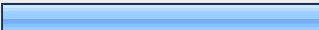
40. Was there a lactation consultant in the hospital ? (If you answered no or don't know please advance to question 46)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	63.8%	143
No 	4.9%	11
Don't know 	31.3%	70
answered question		224
skipped question		93

41. Did you use the services of the lactation consultant in the hospital ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	52.2%	95
No 	47.8%	87
<i>answered question</i>		182
<i>skipped question</i>		135

42. Did you find it easy to contact the lactation consultant?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	48.6%	71
No 	51.4%	75
If no (please specify)		55
<i>answered question</i>		146
<i>skipped question</i>		171

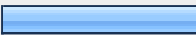


43. How many times did you contact the lactation consultant?

	Response Count
	118
<i>answered question</i>	118
<i>skipped question</i>	199

44. What expressing/breastfeeding issues did you have ?

	Response Count
	150
<i>answered question</i>	150
<i>skipped question</i>	167

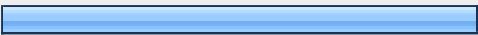

45. Were you expressing/breastfeeding issues resolved ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		31.4%	48
No		53.6%	82
Temporarily		15.0%	23
answered question			153
skipped question			164

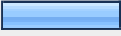

46. When your baby was discharged from hospital, how were they fed ?

	Yes	No	Response Count
All feeds at the breast	27.8% (25)	72.2% (65)	90
Some feeds at the breast and some expressed milk	41.1% (39)	58.9% (56)	95
No feeding at the breast and on just expressed milk	47.2% (51)	52.8% (57)	108
Mix of breastfeeding and formula feeding	28.2% (24)	71.8% (61)	85
Mix of breastmilk and formula feeding	48.5% (50)	51.5% (53)	103
Fully formula fed	74.0% (91)	26.0% (32)	123
If expressed breastmilk (please specify if you used bottle, tube, cup)			114
answered question			272
skipped question			45

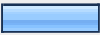
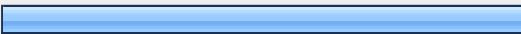
47. Did you feel confident to feed your baby at discharge ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	77.4%	212
No 	22.6%	62
<i>answered question</i>		274
<i>skipped question</i>		43



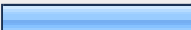
48. Was there any follow up feeding assistance from the hospital after your baby's discharge ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	18.8%	51
No 	81.3%	221
If yes (please specify)		48
<i>answered question</i>		272
<i>skipped question</i>		45

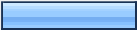



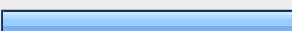
49. Did you seek help in the community with formula feeding?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	15.4%	41
No 	84.6%	226
If yes (please specify)		33
<i>answered question</i>		267
<i>skipped question</i>		50

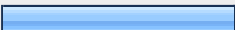
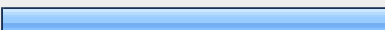
50. Did you seek help in the community with expressing or breastfeeding concerns you had ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	22.2%	59
No 	47.4%	126
Not applicable 	30.5%	81
If yes (please specify)		53
answered question		266
skipped question		51


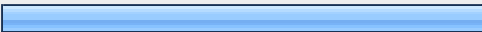
51. How would you rate the expressing/ breastfeeding support or advice you received in the community?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Not Good 	21.4%	55
Fair 	11.7%	30
Good 	12.5%	32
Very Good 	7.4%	19
Not applicable 	47.1%	121
answered question		257
skipped question		60


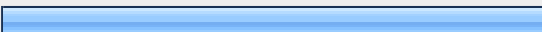
52. Did you seek help on the internet with expressing or breastfeeding?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	37.6%	99
No 	62.4%	164
If yes (please specify)		71
answered question		263
skipped question		54

53. Did you seek help on the internet with formula feeding?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	21.7%	56
No 	78.3%	202
If yes (please specify)		38
answered question		258
skipped question		59

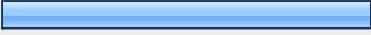
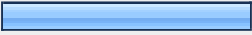
54. Did you seek help from any Irish breastfeeding websites ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	11.9%	31
No 	88.1%	229
If yes (please specify on their usefulness)		26
answered question		260
skipped question		57

55. How long did you breastfeed for ? (Includes both exclusive, partial breastfeeding or expressing)

	Response Count
	223
answered question	223
skipped question	94

56. Were you happy with the overall support you got in relation to feeding your baby in the neonatal unit ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	59.7%	160
No 	40.3%	108
<i>answered question</i>		268
<i>skipped question</i>		49

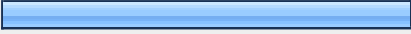

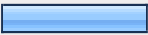
57. If no, how do you think it could be improved ?

	Response Count
	108
<i>answered question</i>	108
<i>skipped question</i>	209



58. Was there anything you found very helpful that you think could benefit future parents of premature or ill babies ?

	Response Count
	98
<i>answered question</i>	98
<i>skipped question</i>	219

59. If you had access to free professional lactation services in your home, would you have availed of this service ?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	66.3%	177
No 	10.5%	28
Not Applicable 	23.2%	62
answered question		267
skipped question		50

60. Would you find it beneficial if Irish Premature Babies produced booklets on expressing and breastfeeding?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	91.3%	241
No 	8.7%	23
answered question		264
skipped question		53