

SURVEY 1000

TRACKERS INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF 1000 UNMARRIED MOTHERS 1950 – 1975

1. DID YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR BABY?

YES:	989	98.9%
NO:	11	1.1%

2. WHICH UNMARRIED MOTHERS HOMES WERE YOU IN?

CHRISTIAN CHURCH:	981	98.1%
PRIVATE:	3	0.3%
LOCAL AUTHORITY:	7	0.7%
DIDN'T STAY IN ONE:	9	0.9%

3. WERE YOU GIVEN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT UMARRIED MOTHERS HOMES?

- a. CHURCH HOMES CHARGED GIRLS A FEE FOR THEIR STAY & BABY'S FATHER WAS NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT.
- b. LOCAL AUTHORITY HOMES DID NOT CHARGE GIRLS A FEE BECAUSE THEY WERE PART THE NHS & BABY'S FATHER WAS ENCOURAGED TO VISIT.

YES:	8	0.8%
NO:	992	99.2%

4. DID YOU HAVE A SOCIAL WORKER OR A MORAL WELFARE WORKER?

YES:	995	99.5%
NO:	5	0.5%

5. DID YOUR SOCIAL WORKER – MORAL WELFARE WORKER TELL YOU THAT YOU HAD RIGHTS?

YES:	3	0.3%
NO:	992	99.2%
NO WORKER:	5	0.5%

6. HAD YOU BEEN TOLD THE 'FACTS OF LIFE'?

YES:	13	1.3%
NO:	987	98.7%

7. DID YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WHEN YOU WENT INTO LABOUR & GAVE BIRTH?

YES:	412	41.2%
NO:	588	58.8%

8. DID THE UNMARRIED MOTHERS HOME GIVE OR ARRANGE LESSONS ON CHILDBIRTH?

YES:	3	0.3%
NO:	992	99.2%
NOT IN A HOME:	5	0.5%

9. WERE YOU GIVEN PAIN RELIEF DURING LABOUR?

YES:	87	8.7%
NO:	908	90.8%
CAESAREAN SECTION:	5	0.5%

10. IN HOSPITAL WERE YOU GIVEN THE SAME STANDARD OF CARE, RESPECT, TREATMENT AS MARRIED MOTHERS?

YES:	6	0.6%
NO:	994	99.4%

11. DID THE UNMARRIED MOTHERS HOME GIVE OR ARRANGE CLASSES IN BABY CARE?

YES:	3	0.3%
NO:	992	99.2%
NOT IN A HOME:	5	0.5%

12. DID YOUR SOCIAL WORKER – MORAL WELFARE WORKER INFORM YOU THAT YOU WERE TO THE FOLLOWING - IF YOU KEPT YOUR BABY?

- a. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.
- b. RENT & RATE FREE HOUSING.
- c. GRANTS FOR PRAM COT BEDDING.
- d. PRIORITY NUSERY PLACE IF YOU WANTED TO GO OUT TO WORK.
- e. UNDER 16. YOU & YOUR BABY WOULD BE FOSTERED TOGETHER.

YES:	0	0%
NO:	995	99.5%
NO WORKER:	5	0.5%

13. DID YOUR SOCIAL WORKER – MORAL WELFARE WORKER TELL YOU IT WAS ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE PRESSURISE OR FORCE YOU TO SURRENDER YOUR BABY FOR ADOPTION?

YES:	0	0%
NO:	995	99.5%
NO WORKER:	5	0.5%

14. WAS BABY BORN MIXED RACE, PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED?

YES:	9	0.9%
NO:	991	99.1%

15. WERE YOU PRESSURISED OR FORCED TO SIGN THE FINAL ADOPTION CONSENT FORM?

YES:	613	61.3%
NO:	387	38.7%

16. WHO PRESSURISED OR FORCED YOU TO SIGN THE FINAL ADOPTION CONSENT FORM?

SOCIAL WORKER – MORAL WELFARE WORKER:	487	48.7%
PARENTS:	126	12.6%
NO ONE:	387	38.7%

17. DID YOU SIGN THE FINAL ADOPTION CONSENT IN THE PRESENCE OF A J.P.?

YES:	290	29.0%
I DIDN'T SIGN THE CONSENT:	11	1.1%
NO ONE TOLD ME WHO THE CONSENT TAKER WAS:	699	69.9%

18. DID YOUR SOCIAL WORKER – MORAL WELFARE WORKER TELL YOU THAT UNTIL THE ADOPTION WAS FINALISED YOU WERE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO ASK FOR YOUR BABY TO BE RETURNED?

YES:	0	0%
NO:	995	99.5%
NO WORKER:	5	0.5%

19. WERE YOU INTERVIEWED BY THE GUARDIAN ad LITEM?

YES:	120	12.0%
NO:	880	88.0%

20. DID THE GUARDIAN, OR ANYONE IN AUTHORITY, ASK IF YOU SIGNED THE ADOPTION CONSENT OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL, OR IF YOU WERE COERCED?

YES:	13	1.3%
NO:	987	98.7%

21. WERE YOU GIVEN A POST-NATAL EXAMINATION?

YES:	36	3.6%
NO:	964	96.4%

22. DID YOU SUFFER SECONDARY INFERTILITY?

YES:	353	35.3%
NO:	647	64.7%