RCH National Child Health Poll Questionnaire:
Fever

The next few questions are about fever in children.

1. Thinking about the PAST THREE MONTHS, do you think your child has had a fever? Please answer separately for each child?

Yes/No

2. Parents have different views on fever. **Above what temperature** would you consider your child to have a fever? BY PARENT

36 °C / 36.5 °C / 37 °C / 37.5°C / 38 °C / 38.5°C / 39 °C / 39.5 °C / 40 °C /41 °C / Not sure

3. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about fever in a child AGED OVER THREE MONTHS.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, not sure

3.1 It is important to regularly check a child’s temperature with a thermometer when they are sick

3.2 A child with a fever should always be given medication to lower the temperature

3.3.If left untreated, a fever is likely to cause severe illness

3.4 If left untreated, a fever is likely to cause seizures or fits

3.5 If left untreated, a fever is likely to cause death

3.6 If left untreated, a fever is likely to cause brain damage

3.7 A fever is always a sign of a serious illness

3.8 Every child with a fever needs to be checked by a doctor, even if they appear well

3.9 It is important to try to lower the body temperature if a child has a fever

3.10 Teething can cause a fever in babies

3.11 Fever fits (febrile convulsions) are usually very dangerous

3.12 A very high fever is always a sign of a severe illness

4. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, not sure

A baby aged less than 3 months with a fever should always be checked by a doctor

5. Thinking about when your child/ren (AGED OVER THREE MONTHS) has a fever, how often would you typically do the following?

{PROGRAMMING present on carousel in random order}

Never, rarely, sometimes, often, always

5.1 Remove all clothing to keep my child cool

5.2 Apply a cold sponge or face washer

5.3 Apply forehead cooling patches

5.4 Give a cold bath or shower

5.5 Give over-the-counter medication (such as paracetamol or ibuprofen) to treat the fever
5.6 Give two or more different medications

5.7 Wake my child during the night for medication to reduce fever

5.8 Take my child to the GP

5.9 Take my child to an emergency department

5.10 Call the nurse or doctor helpline e.g. nurse on call

{BRANCHING: If rarely, sometimes, often or always to Q8.6 or Q8.7 above branch to Q9}

6. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements. I believe that reducing my child/ren's fever with medication will

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, not sure

6.1 Reduce discomfort caused by fever

6.2 Reduce the risk of my child being harmed by the fever

6.3 Reduce the risk of a febrile convulsion

6.4 Help my child to get better