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Table 1: Characteristics of Parents and their Babies

Socio-demographic characteristics	Total (n)
Sex (n=20)	
Female	18
Male	2
Age (n=19)*	
Mean age	31.0 years
	Range 19-42
Ethnicity(n=19*)	
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	14
Indian/Bangladeshi/Pakistani	3
White/Black Caribbean mixed	1
Other (not specified)	1
Highest Education Level (n=19)*	
Postgraduate degree/qualification	6
Undergraduate degree/qualification	6
Higher post-A level vocational qualification	1
A level/NVQ level 3/BTEC diploma	4
GCSE/O level 2NVQ level 2/completed secondary education	2
Employment Status when baby was crying (n=19)*	
Maternity leave	7
Employed part-time	5
Self-employed	2
Unemployed looking for work	2
Not in paid employment	3
Marital/Living Status (n=18)*	
Married/cohabiting	16
Living alone but supported by partner	1
Single living alone	1
Baby's Sex (n=19)**	
Female	10
Male	9
Baby's Birth Order (n=19)**	
First child	10
Second child	8
Third child	1

^{*} Information not available for all 20 participants

^{**} One parent had two excessively crying babies and two couples participated in the focus groups, whose baby's data is only reported once, thus giving a total of 19 babies.