

Women's Experience in Paid Work During and After Pregnancy A National Survey 2009



The Crisis Pregnancy Agency and the Equality Authority have formed a partnership to commission a study looking at women's experience in paid work during and after pregnancy. It is the first study of its kind in Ireland.

The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and Amárach Research, both independent and experienced research organisations, have been asked to do this study. The Department of Social and Family Affairs has kindly agreed to help us and to send out this survey on our behalf. The names and addresses of 5,000 mothers who have had a baby in the last two and a half years have been drawn at random from Child Benefit records. All of the information collected will be confidential and the questionnaires will be completely anonymous.

Women are being asked to complete a short questionnaire about their experiences at work during pregnancy. The purpose of the study is to find out about a range of topics including pregnancy at work, experience of crisis pregnancy, maternity leave and deciding whether or not to return to work after the birth of a child. The information being collected is very important as it will help us to understand the challenges women face and the kinds of services that would help to improve circumstances for pregnant women and working parents.

Only women who have received a questionnaire in the post are being asked to respond to the questionnaire. They can respond by post, on-line at www.amarach.com/work.htm or over the phone.

If you have any queries about the study or if you have received a copy of the questionnaire and would like to contact us, please call Maeve O'Brien on 01 8146292 or email her at mobrien@crisispregnancy.ie