Lives of Irish Adolescents who were born with a Cleft (LIA-Cleft)

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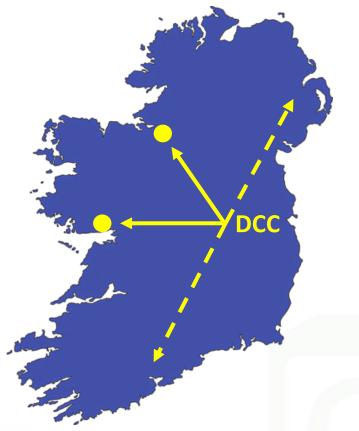


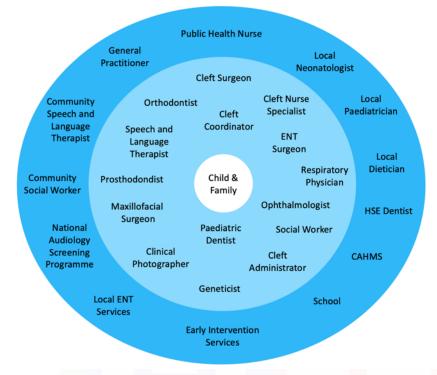








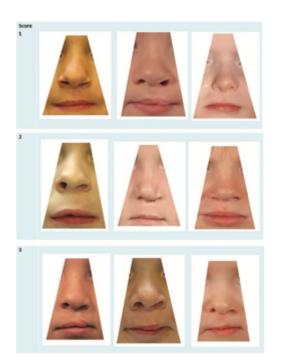


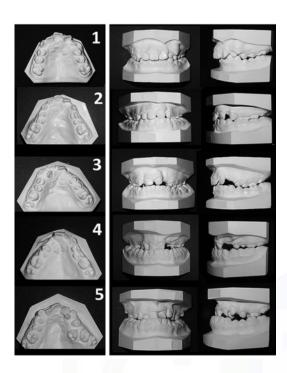


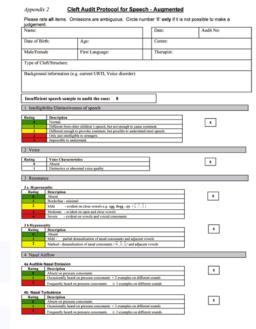
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Methodology

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- ▶ GUI cohort '08 turned 13 in 2021, wave 6 data collection
- ▶ Cross-sectional cohort study, comparing 13-year olds who were born with a cleft to their peers in the general population
- ▶ Adapted **GUI Cohort '08** Age 13 questionnaires in partnership with PPI contributors
- ▶ Invited DCC Cohort '07, '08 and '09 (n=271) to participate



Recruitment = 11%

- ▶ 30 participants 9 female, 21 male
 - 15 Isolated cleft palate
 - 8 Unilateral cleft lip & palate
 - 6 Cleft lip only
 - 1 Bilateral cleft lip & palate
- Non-responder analysis
- Power calculation





- ▶ Wave 6, GUI Cohort '08
 - 6655 primary caregivers
 - 6375 young people

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Demographics

Variable	GUI	LIA-Cleft
Respondents, n (%)	6655 (100)	30 (100)
Sex, n (%)		
	3354	
Male	(50.3)	20 (66.67)
	3301	
Female	(49.6)	10 (33.33)
Age, years		
Median	13	14
Mean	13.05	13.63
Cleft type, n (%)		
Cleft lip only		1 (3.33)
Cleft lip and alveolus		5 (16.67)
SMCP		2 (6.67)
Cleft of soft palate only		8 (26.67)
Cleft of soft & hard palate		5 16.67)
Unilateral cleft lip & palate		8 (26.67)
Bilateral cleft lip & palate		1 (3.33)
Syndrome diagnosis, n (%)		6 (20.0)



Medical and dental health

Variable	GUI	LIA-Cleft	U	z	р
How would you describe your child's health?			109023	2.052	0.04*
(Scale 1-3, where 1=very healthy, 3=almost					
always unwell)					
Respondents, n	6654	28			
Median	1	1			
Mean	1.28	1.46			
Range	0-3	0-3			
SD	0.51	0.576			
How would you rate the health of your			117393	2.13	0.033*
child's teeth? (Scale 1-5, where 1 =					
excellent, 5 = poor)					
Respondents, n	6653	29			
Median	2	2			
Mean	2.02	2.55			
Range	1-5	1-5			
SD	0.944	1.298			



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Expected educational attainment

Variable	GUI	LIA-Cleft	U	z	р
How far parent expect child to go in education			98576	0.29	0.771
Respondents	6609 (100)	29 (100)			
Junior/Leaving cert or equivalent	343 (5.2)	3 (10.3)			
Apprenticeship or trade	410 (6.2)	1 (3.4)			
Diploma/Certificate	368 (5.6)	1 (3.4)			
Degree	3452 (52.2)	14 (48.2)			
Postgraduate/higher degree	1587 (24.0)	7 (24.1)			
Don't know	449 (7.0)	3 (10.3)			
How far child themselves expects to go in					
education			64996	-0.73	0.466
Respondents	5789 (100)	24 (100)			
Junior cert	59 (1.0)	0 (0)			
Leaving cert	617 (10.7)	1 (4.2)			
Certificate or diploma	711 (12.2)	7 (29.1)			
Degree or higher degree	4402 (76.0)	16 (68.7)			



Psychological wellbeing

Variable	GUI	LIA-Cleft	U	z	р
Mental Health Inventory 5 (MHI-5), child report (Scale					
0-100, with higher score indicating good mental health)			67649.5	-1.07	0.284
Respondents, n	6173	25			
Min	28	40			
Max	100	100			
Mean	78.3029	75.84			
SD	14.88255	15.42638			
Short Mood and Feelings Questionnaire (SMFQ), child					
report (Scale 0-26, with higher score indicating poorer					
mental health)			9568.5	-1.025	0.305
Respondents, n	3024	8			
Min	0	0			
Max	21	8			
Mean	6.1703	4			
SD	5.69779	3.8172			
Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire, parent report					
(Scale 0-40, with 40 representing maximum difficulty)			113496.5	1.653	0.98
Respondents, n	6649	26			
Min	0	0			
Max	23	20			
Mean	6.975	8.7241			
SD	5.423	5.9455			



Psychological wellbeing

Variable	GUI	LIA-Cleft	U	Z	р
"How satisfied are you with your life these days?"					
(Scale, 1-10, with 10 being maximum satisfaction), child					
report			60727	-2.201	0.028*
Respondents, n	6173	26			
Min	0	0			
Max	10	10			
Mean	8.05	7.19			
SD	1.557	2.227			
Rosenberg self-esteem scale, summary score, child					
report (Scale 0-30, with higher score indicating higher					
self-esteem)			61689	-1.964	0.049*
Respondents, n	6096	26			
Min	5	4			
Max	18	18			
Mean	13.3159	11.96			
SD	2.91114	3.77869			



Results Friendship

Variable	GUI	LIA-Cleft	U	Z	p
Victim of bullying in last 3 months			100960	0.994	0.32
Respondents (PCQ)	6619 (100)	29 (100)			
Yes	572 (8.6)	1 (3.4)			
No	6047 (91.4)	28 (96.6)			
"I have made new friends"			68648	-1.116	0.264
Respondents (YPQ)	6186 (100)	25 (100)			
Strongly agree	2596 (42.0)	13 (52.0)			
Agree	3437 (55.6)	12 (48.0)			
Neither agree nor disagree	53 (0.85)	0 (0)			
Disagree/Strongly disagree	100 (1.6)	0 (0)			





ResultsActivities

Variable	GUI	LIA-Cleft	U	z	р
Weekday time playing video games			88380	0.641	0.521
Respondents (PCQ)	6360 (100)	26 (100)			
None	2695 (42.4)	11 (42.3)			
Up to 1 hour	1097 (17.2)	5 (19.2)			
1 hour to less than 2 hours	1097 (17.2)	4 (15.4)			
2 hours to less than 3 hours	548 (8.6)	4 (15.4)			
3 hours to less than 4 hours	205 (3.2)	0 (0)			
4 hours to less than 5 hours	51 (0.8)	1 (3.8)			
5 Hours or more	31 (0.5)	1 (3.8)			
Physical activity for at least one hour					
over last 7 days			73274.5	-0.995	0.32
Respondents (YPQ)	6342 (100)	26 (100)			
None	208 (3.2)	1 (3.8)			
1 day	270 (4.3)	3 (11.5)			
2 days	598 (9.4)	1 (3.8)			
3 days	900 (14.1)	6 (23.1)			
4 days	1057 (16.7)	4 (15.3)			
5 days	1129 (17.8)	3 (11.5)			
6 days	663 (10.5)	3 (11.5)			
Every day	1517 (23.9)	5 (19.2)			
Have own social media profile			75582	-1.572	0.116
Respondents (YPQ)	6367 (100)	26 (100)			
Yes	5814 (91.3)	26 (100)			
No	553 (8.6)	0 (0)			





Summary LIA-Cleft group

- Reported poorer medical and dental health
- Similar responses regarding friendship, bullying, physical activity, social media and screen time
- Less satisfied with their lives
- Lower self-esteem
- No difference in measures of mental health and wellbeing or socio-emotional wellbeing







Lessons learnt

and future opportunities

- ▶ Challenge of recruiting teenagers
- ▶ Broad nature of data collection in a national longitudinal study

- ▶ GUI Cohort '24
- Other congenital conditions









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