

Supplementary file 2

Table 3: Comparing child age group with UPED questionnaire variables (test statistics reported for the Kruskal-Wallis Test or ANOVA and appropriate post hoc analyses as outlined under 'data analysis')

	Comparing child age group with UPED questionnaire variables:			Age groups with significant differences (mean, SD) or (median, IR):
Variables:	Test statistic	d f	p	
				For all variables a lower score (mean/median) indicated a more 'negative' response e.g. greater perceived seriousness
Perceived seriousness	F=4.003	4	0.003	<1 year (4.41,1.62) vs. 1-4 (5.66,1.90) (p=0.036) 5-9 (6.06,1.86) (p=0.003) 10-14 (5.99,1.81) (p=0.003)
Level of worry	X ² =18.175	4	0.001	< 1 year (6,7) vs. 10-14 (8,5) (p=0.001) 15-18 (8,4) (p=0.033) 1-4 vs. 10-14 (p=0.009) 5-9 (6,4) vs. 10-14 (p=0.002)
Level of stress	X ² =35.082	4	p≤0.0005	<1 year (7,3) vs. 1-4 (8,5) (p=0.035) 5-9 (9,5) (p=0.028)

				10-14 (10,2) ($p \leq 0.0005$) 15-18 (10,3) ($p = 0.001$) 1-4 vs. 10-14 ($p \leq 0.0005$) 5-9 vs. 10-14 ($p = 0.001$)
Perceived helplessness	$X^2 = 23.833$	4	$p \leq 0.0005$	<1 year (6,6) vs. 5-9 (10,3) ($p = 0.033$) 10-14 (10,2) ($p \leq 0.0005$) 15-18 (10,1) ($p = 0.007$) 1-4 (9,3) vs. 10-14 ($p \leq 0.0005$) 5-9 vs. 10-14 ($p = 0.014$)
Level of upset	$X^2 = 32.650$	4	$p \leq 0.0005$	<1 year (6,5) vs. 10-14 (10,3) ($p \leq 0.0005$) 15-18 (8,4) ($p = 0.011$) 1-4 (7,5) vs. 10-14 ($p \leq 0.0005$) 5-9 (7,4) vs. 10-14 ($p \leq 0.0005$)
Level of confidence in looking after the child with illness/injury	$X^2 = 19.876$	4	0.001	<1 year (8,5) (lower levels of confidence) vs. 1-4 (10,2) ($p = 0.007$) 5-9 (10,2) ($p = 0.012$) 10-14 (10,0) ($p \leq 0.0005$) 15-18 (10,2) ($p = 0.010$) 1-4 vs. 10-14 ($p = 0.014$) 5-9 vs. 10-14 ($p = 0.031$)

Level of confidence in looking after a child who is unwell generally	$X^2=12.424$	4	0.014	<1 year olds (8,4) (lower levels of confidence) vs. 1-4 (9,2) (p=0.045) 5-9 (10,2) (p=0.030) 10-14 (10,2) (p=0.001) 15-18 (10,2) (p=0.014) 1-4 vs. 10-14 (p=0.047)
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