

Table 4: Demographic characteristics of the parents of the Isle of Wight Birth Cohort participants (recorded at recruitment)

	Mothers	Fathers
Mean age (years)	27.25	-
Smoking (n)	393	608
Cat ownership (n)	494	-
Dog ownership (n)	442	-
Asthma (n)	165	149
Hay fever (n)	305	220
Eczema (n)	183	97
Food allergy (n)	71	38
Any allergic disease (n)	528	388