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Supplementary Material

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ALSPAC supplement for cVEDA cohort profile paper

The ALSPAC sample

The sample comprised participants from the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC). Detailed information is available at (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alspac>), including a fully searchable data-dictionary (<http://www.bris.ac.uk/alspac/researchers/data-access/data-dictionary>). Pregnant women resident in the former Avon Health Authority in SW England, having an estimated date of delivery between 1/4/91 and 31/12/92 were invited to take part, resulting in a cohort of 14,541 pregnancies (1). Of the 13,978 singletons/twins alive at one year, 24 participants withdrew consent leaving a starting sample of 13,954. Ethical approval was obtained from the ALSPAC Law and Ethics committee and local research ethics committees.

Behavioural problems in childhood.

Data were taken from seven assessments (spanning the age period from 4 to 16 years) of mother-reported Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (2, 3) all administered via postal questionnaire. Due to the variation in child age at each wave it was possible to estimate the mean score for each behavioural problem for more than seven specific ages.

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