**Online figure 1.** Flowchart

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| All very preterm births | | |  |  |
| 10329 | | |  |  |
|  | |  |  |  |
|  | |  | Stillbirth or termination of pregnancy | |
|  | |  | 2429 | |
|  | |  |  |  |
| Live births | | |  |  |
| 7900 | | |  |  |
|  | |  |  |  |
|  | |  | Deceased before discharge | |
|  | |  | 1108 | |
|  | |  |  |  |
| Alive at discharge | | |  |  |
| 6792 | | |  |  |
|  | |  |  |  |
|  | |  | Deceased between discharge and age 2 | |
|  | |  | 31 | |
|  | |  |  |  |
| Alive at 2 years | | |  |  |
| 6761 | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Deceased between age 2 and 5 | |
|  |  |  | 2 | |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Alive at 5 years | | |  |  |
| 6759 | | |  |  |
|  | |  |  |  |
|  | |  | Non-respondersa | |
|  | |  | 3124 (46.2%)b | |
|  | |  |  |  |
|  | | Responders at 5 years | | |
|  | | 3635 (53.8%)b returned questionnaires | | |

aNon-responders include children for whom parents did not consent to follow-up, who were lost to follow-up or for whom a questionnaire was not returned  
bCalculated over children alive at five years