Another response from Tom Pullum:

You can omit the svy correction for data quality checks, for confirming the construction of recodes, and for a preliminary or tentative analysis. However, your final results should always include the svy adjustments. The weight adjustment is most important. The cluster and stratum adjustments will only affect the standard errors and confidence intervals. They will not affect cross tabs or estimates of proportions, means, or rates. But if you want to construct confidence intervals or do tests, you really must use the cluster and stratum adjustments.

Before you try to merge IR and HR data onto the KR file, you should check which variables you need. Almost all of the relevant characteristics of the mother (from the IR file) are already included on the child's record. There may be some HR variables worth merging, but first check whether they are already in the KR file.