Statistics on Women’s Smoking Status at Time of Delivery (provisional)

England: Quarter 3, October 2017 to December 2017
This report may be of interest to members of the public, policy officials and other stakeholders to make local and national comparisons and to monitor the quality and effectiveness of stop smoking services for pregnant women.
Key facts cover quarter 3 of 2017/18 (October 2017 to December 2017). Data is provisional.

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Similar to 11.0% in quarter 2

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Introduction

- Smoking during pregnancy can cause serious pregnancy-related health problems. These include complications during labour and an increased risk of miscarriage, premature birth, still birth, low birth-weight and sudden unexpected death in infancy.
- Reducing smoking during pregnancy is one of the national ambitions in the Tobacco Control Plan published in July 2017, which is “reducing smoking amongst pregnant women (measured at time of giving birth) to 6% by the end of 2022”\(^1\).
- This data collection is designed to provide a measure of the prevalence of smoking among women at the time of giving birth at a local level. It is provided by all Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in England.
- From April 2017, the definition used in the Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) to calculate the percentage of women who were known to be smokers at the time of delivery, changed to exclude women with unknown smoking status from the denominator. A similar change was also made to the definition for the Clinical Commissioning Group Outcome Indicator Set (CCG OIS).

1) See: Towards a Smokefree Generation - A Tobacco Control Plan for England
Women known to be smokers at time of delivery, by quarter

10.8% of pregnant women were known to be smokers at the time of delivery during quarter 3 of 2017/18.

This compares to 11.0% for the previous quarter (quarter 2, 2017/18).

The current national ambition is to achieve a level of 6% or less by 2022.

For more information: Table 1, Provisional Statistics on Women's Smoking at Time of Delivery, 2017/18, Q3
Women known to be smokers at time of delivery, by CCG

In quarter 3, the CCGs with the lowest proportion of women known to be smokers at time of delivery were NHS Wokingham (1.6%), NHS Camden (2.4%) and NHS Hammersmith and Fulham (2.4%).

9 CCGs had proportions above 20%. Those with the highest were NHS Blackpool (27.8%), NHS South Kent Coast (23.1%) and NHS South Tyneside (21.7%).

An additional visualisation of this data, including time series, is available at the following link:
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For more information: Table 2, Provisional Statistics on Women’s Smoking at Time of Delivery, 2017/18, Q3
Women known to be smokers at time of delivery by CCG, compared with the national ambition

In quarter 3 of 2017/18, 34 out of 207 CCGs met the new national ambition of 6% or less.

In the London NHS England region, 21 out of 32 CCGs achieved the national ambition.

In the North NHS England region, only 1 out of 64 CCGs achieved the national ambition.

1) See: Towards a Smokefree Generation - A Tobacco Control Plan for England
For more information: Table 2, Provisional Statistics on Women’s Smoking at Time of Delivery, 2017/18, Q3
Data quality: Maternities with an unknown smoking status

In quarter 3, 11 CCGs recorded over 5% of their maternities with an unknown smoking status, and 4 of these had 10% or more.

The CCGs with 10% or more were:
- NHS Mid Essex (30%)
- NHS Hull (21%)
- NHS Wirral (16%)
- NHS East Riding (15%)

For more information: DQ Table 1, Provisional Statistics on Women’s Smoking at Time of Delivery, 2017/18, Q3
There are several other reports published by NHS Digital on smoking. These can be found at: http://content.digital.nhs.uk/lifestyles

Also Public Health England produce Local Tobacco Control Profiles for England which contain a range of data on smoking and these can be found at: http://www.tobaccoprofiles.info/