

Under 18 conceptions

Rate of conceptions per 1,000 females aged 15-17

Performance: 2014

Warwickshire

22.9/1,000 (PHOF)

Introduction

Most teenage pregnancies are unplanned and more than half end in an abortion. As well as it being an avoidable experience for the young woman, abortions represent an avoidable cost to the NHS.

Research evidence shows that teenage pregnancy is associated with poorer outcomes for both young parents and their children. Teenage mothers are less likely to finish their education, are more likely to bring up their child alone and in poverty and have a higher risk of poor mental health than older mothers. Infant mortality rates for babies born to teenage mothers are around 60% higher than for babies born to older mothers. The children of teenage mothers have an increased risk of living in poverty and poor quality housing and are more likely to have accidents and behavioural problems.

Current position

Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) data shows that under 18 conceptions have been reducing both locally and nationally in recent years.

In Warwickshire, the rate at 22.9/1,000 (216 conceptions) was statistically similar to the England rate and significantly better than the West Midlands. Across Warwickshire, approximately 70% of teenage conceptions are terminated, indicating that they are unplanned or unwanted.

The number of conceptions in under 18 year olds in Warwickshire have dropped from...



Although rates are continuing to reduce the picture at lower tier local authority level is more variable:

	1998	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014 Conception numbers
North Warwickshire Borough	44.6	29.5	29.0	26.6	24.3	27
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough	48.8	43.2	38.4	29.7	43.0	97
Rugby Borough	43.1	24.3	20.8	22.6	18.5	36
Stratford-on-Avon District	31.3	25.4	16.2	18.9	14.2	29
Warwick District	40.1	29.6	17.1	19.7	12.9	27
Warwickshire	41.4	30.9	24.3	23.4	22.9	216
West Midlands	51.7	34.9	32.0	28.9	26.5	2,725
England	46.6	30.7	27.7	24.3	22.8	21,282

Source: Public Health Outcomes Framework and ONS

Current activity

Maintain www.respectyourself.info. Supporting access to services, as well as information and advice for relationships and sexual health.

Respect Yourself training programme for professionals working with young people around relationship and sexual health issues.

Primary and Secondary school Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) programmes.

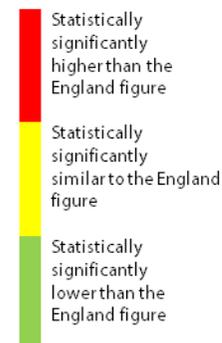
Nuneaton and Bedworth Teenage Pregnancy summit. Developing an action plan with local organisations to tackle this issue.

Future activity

Roll out of RSE programme and staff training package for secondary schools.

Development of parent materials for www.respectyourself.info

RSE youth council led projects on issues such as sexual consent.



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Source: Public Health Outcomes Framework, Indicator 2.04