

London Maternity Strategic Clinical Network

Maternity services in London: Key facts

London
Strategic Clinical Networks

Across London there
are

25 trusts providing
maternity care on

33 sites;

2 stand-alone
birth centres
and

16 co-located birth
centres

8.3 million
people live
in London

600,000
of London's children
live in poverty

132,564
live births in London
in 2012

1/4
of births in England
and Wales are born
to mothers outside
the UK

NEWHAM
has the highest
proportion of births
to non-UK women
(77%)

1.84
children born
per woman
in London on
average

Among local
authorities,

**Barking
and
Dagenham**
had the
highest **2.58**

Camden
had the
lowest **1.35**

Among
regions in
England,
London had
the

LOWEST
birth rate for women aged
under 18 and
HIGHEST
birth rate for women aged
over 45 years

Giving birth

30 Average age at giving birth in England and Wales (ONS, 2014)

Nearly **2/3** of fathers are aged 30 and over

1,843 babies are born at home in London (1.4%)

Of the **132,564** births, **37,100** were born by caesarean (28%)

Of those, **16,306** were planned (44%) and **20,794** were emergency (56%)

53% of babies at The Portland are born by caesarean

Breastfeeding

Across the UK, mothers exclusively breastfeeding:

- 17%** 3 months
- 12%** 4 months
- 1%** 6 months

Maternal deaths



There has been a levelling off in the number of maternal deaths in London over the last two years, following a significant increase noted from 2008.

25 2009/10
31 2010/11
23 2011/12
19 2012/13
18 2013/14

Stillbirth

In 1988, there were **4.9** stillbirths per 1,000 live births in England.

2012 *In 2012, it was the same.*

In London that number is

5.3 stillbirths per 1,000 live births

Neonatal

Neonatal costs the NHS in London more than **£1,000** per day

1 in 10 babies born (approximately) are admitted to London neonatal units -- **13,596** each year!

£1,000 per day

282 of those babies do not survive (2.1% of admissions)

22% of the babies that died were born at 37-40 weeks gestation