

Pregnancy Toolkit



What is pregnancy about?

Capturing if citizens are currently pregnant.

Completion of this questionnaire helps us to recognise the needs of pregnant service users.

Pregnancy is a legally protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010.



National and Local Context

In 2021 there were just under 14,480 live births to women resident in Birmingham



- In 2021, there 625,008 live births in England and Wales.
- The total fertility rate was estimated at 1.61 children per woman in 2021
- The stillbirth rate was 4.2 stillbirths per 1,000 births.



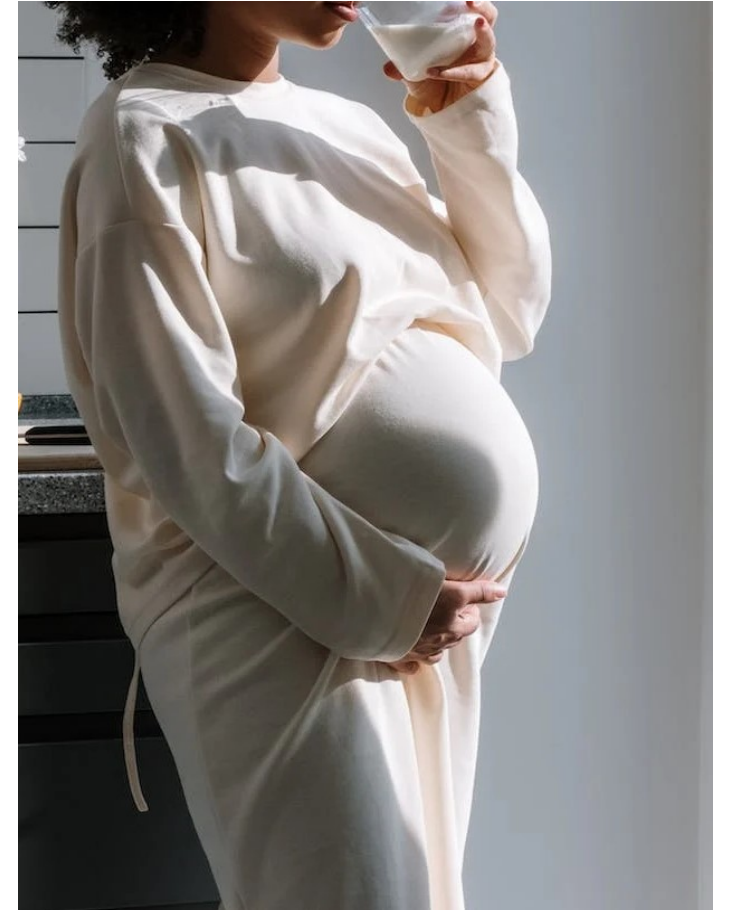
Why do we want to capture data on pregnancy?

Individual Care:

- To enable provision of respectful and inclusive care and support to people who are pregnant.
- Tailor interventions and services to meet the specific needs and preferences of users.

Service Improvement:

- Identify and address health issues and challenges faced by pregnant people.
- Monitor and evaluate the quality and effectiveness of our services and identify gaps and areas for improvement.
- Design and implement policies and programmes that aid individuals during pregnancy or whilst trying to be.



Measurement tool: Pregnancy

Tool	Pregnancy
Question	Are you currently pregnant?
Options	Yes No Not Applicable Do not wish to answer
Source	BCC Specific Question



Specific issues to consider

- Potentially difficult question for those with experience of loss
- Non- disclosure – perceived confidentiality/stigma
- Questions around appropriateness/relevance for some services
- Capturing single point in time – can change quickly

