

3.4 Teenage pregnancy

In Walsall the aim is to ensure that all our young people have the skills, confidence and motivation to look after their sexual health and delay becoming parents until they are ready emotionally, educationally and economically.

Indicator:

2014 rates of conception for under-18s in England and Wales were the lowest since 1969 at 22.95 conceptions per 1000 women aged 15-17 in England and Wales (a decrease of 6.5% comparing with the rate of 24.5 in 2013).

Compared to our statistical neighbours, Walsall had the ninth national highest conception rate in 2014 (37.5 per 1000 women aged 15-17) which nationally ranks 148 band D quartile (See Table 1).

Rank	Local Authority	Number of Conceptions 2014	Conception rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 17		
			2014	2013	1998
1	Nuneaton and Bedworth	97	43.0	29.7	48.8
2	Stoke-on-Trent	176	42.4	43.9	68.5
3	Tamworth	60	42.0	44.0	55.7
4	North East Lincolnshire	117	40.8	43.3	69.8
5	Kingston upon Hull	164	39.3	35.9	84.6
6	Preston	91	38.6	35.7	49.7
7	Sandwell	219	38.3	36.6	69.1
8	Norwich	68	38.1	31.4	53.7
9	Walsall	198	37.5	36.8	67.2
10	Blackpool	95	37.3	41.7	64.8

Table 1: The Worst Local Authorities with the Highest Conception Rate for Women aged under 18 England and Wales Source: ONS, 2016

Priority Actions for Teenage Pregnancy:

- Targeted focus on LAC and Care Leavers to minimise risk of pregnancy and potential removal of child into LAC.