Pregnancy and neonates: smokers at booking appointment

NICE indicator

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Indicator

Proportion of pregnant women who were smokers at the time of their booking appointment.

Indicator type

Network / system level indicator.

The indicator would be appropriate to understand and report on the performance of networks or systems of providers.

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Rationale

Smoking during pregnancy is detrimental to the health of both the mother and unborn baby. The NICE quality standard on antenatal care recommends that pregnant women who smoke are referred to an evidence-based stop smoking service at the booking appointment to help woman to stop smoking during pregnancy and beyond.

Source guidance

Antenatal care. NICE guideline NG201 (2021), recommendations 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.2.1

Tobacco: preventing uptake, promoting quitting and treating dependence. NICE guideline NG209 (2021, updated 2023), recommendations 1.11.1, 1.18.1, 1.18.6

Specification

Numerator: The number in the denominator where the mother was recorded as a smoker at their booking appointment.

Denominator: Number of pregnant women.

Calculation: Numerator divided by the denominator, multiplied by 100.

Exclusions: None.

Data source: Maternity services dashboard.

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to understand and report on the performance of networks or systems of providers.

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