



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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