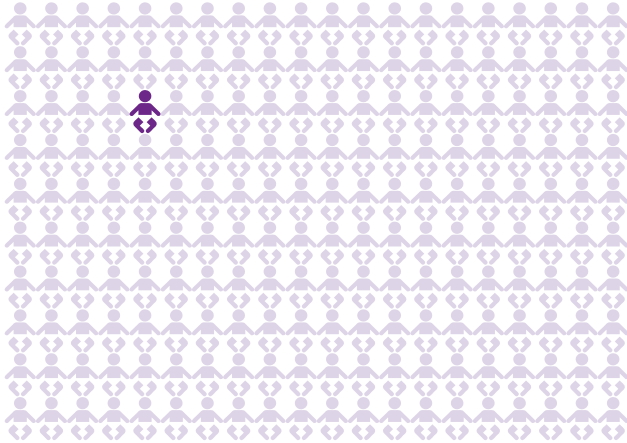


# When babies die before labour at term

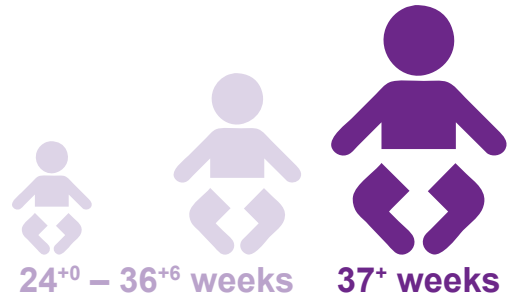
## Highlighting lessons



### Term stillbirths – how often in the UK?



One in 200 births ends in stillbirth



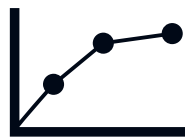
24<sup>+0</sup> – 36<sup>+6</sup> weeks    37<sup>+</sup> weeks  
One in three stillbirths occurs at term (37+ weeks' gestation) when a baby has the greatest chance of surviving.

### Missed opportunities



#### Developing diabetes in pregnancy

Around **half of the women** reviewed had at least one risk factor for developing diabetes in pregnancy – mainly women who were obese or from a high risk ethnic group - **but two out of three of these women** were not offered testing.



#### Monitoring growth

In nearly **two thirds of cases** reviewed national guidance for screening and monitoring the growth of the baby was not followed.



#### Identifying reduced fetal movements

Almost **half the women** had contacted their maternity units concerned that their baby's movements had slowed, changed or stopped. In **half of these there were missed opportunities** to potentially save the baby.



### Local review of care

For three quarters of stillbirths there was no evidence in the notes that a local review of the care had been carried out. Where a review had been done very few followed standards set out in national guidance or involved parents' views of their care.



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