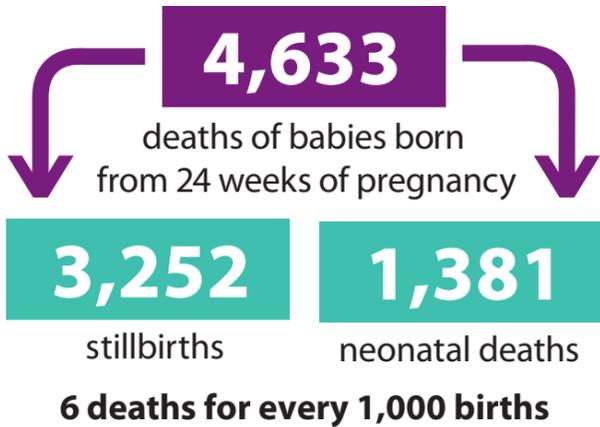


# Understanding babies' deaths in the UK: 2014

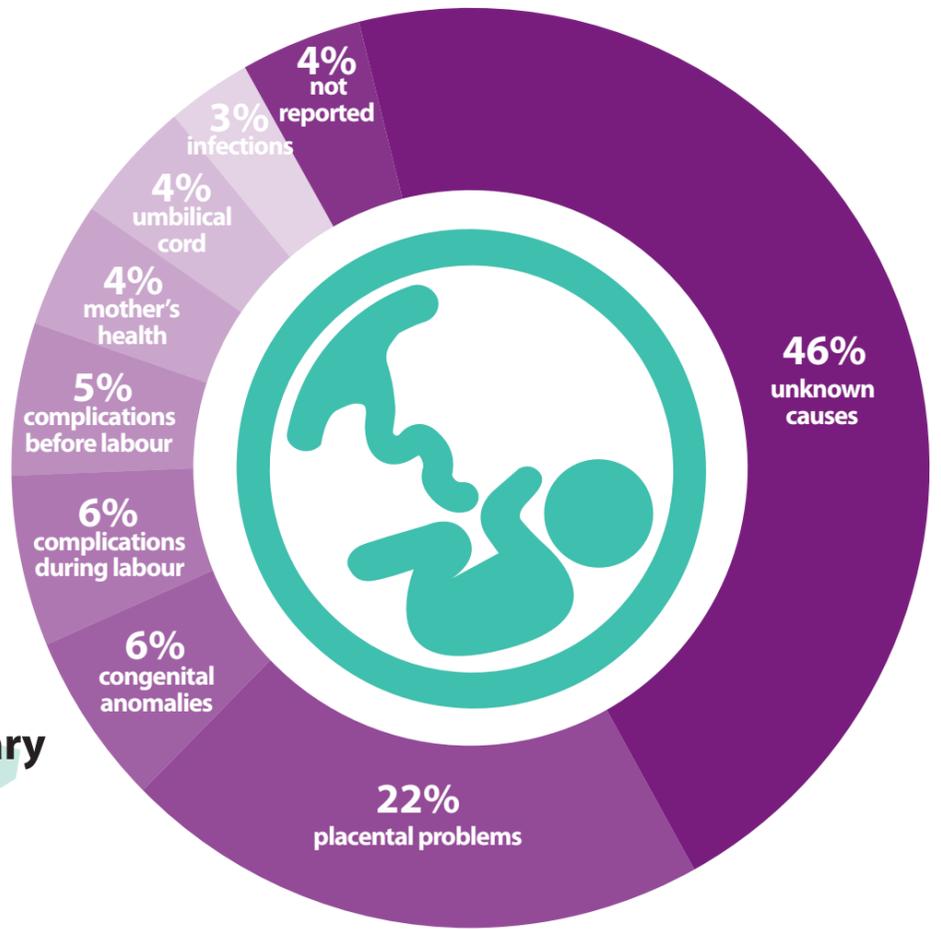
Out of over 780,000 births in 2014...

**5,623** registered deaths of babies before, during or within the first 4 weeks of birth

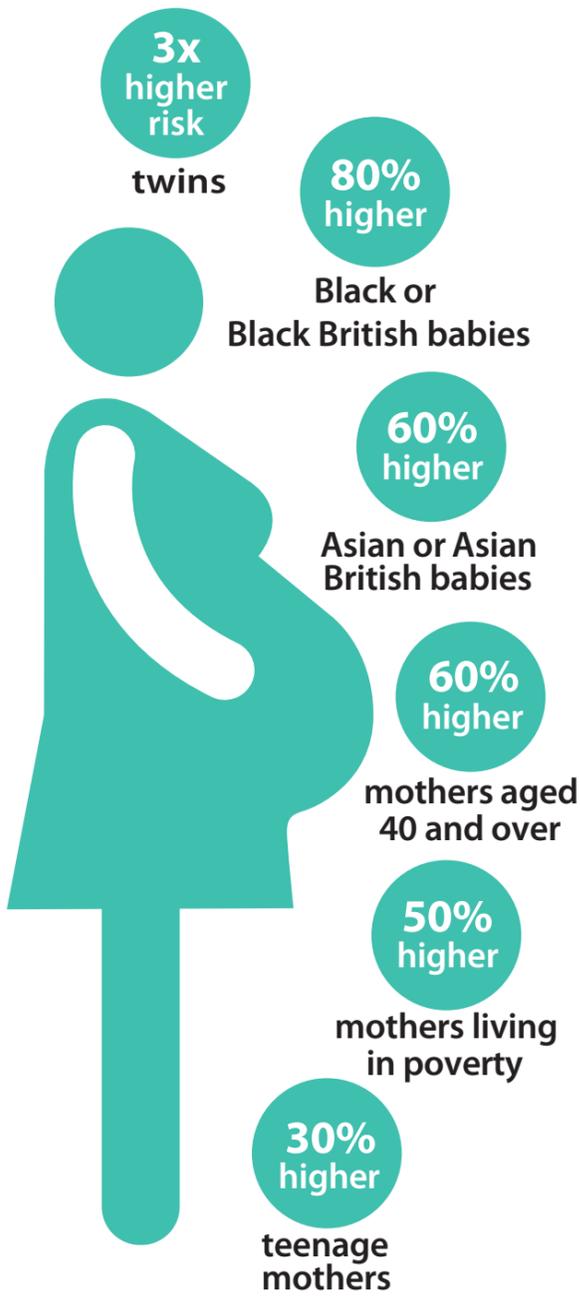


What do we know about why babies die?

Causes of stillbirth



What risks do we know about babies who die before, during or shortly after birth?



How do rates vary across the UK?

Local mortality rates varied across the UK even after taking into account differences in poverty, ethnicity and the age of the mother

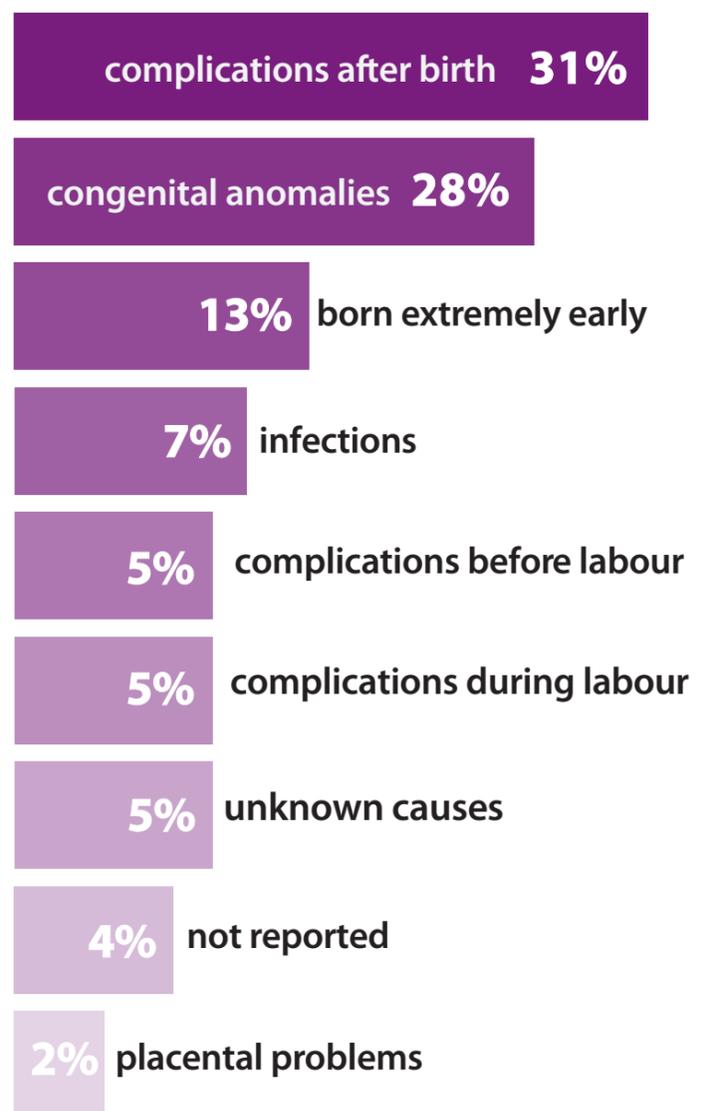
They ranged from **4.9** to **7.1** per 1,000 births

When do babies die?

1 in 3 die at term, when the baby has reached 37 weeks' gestation

1 in 4 die before 28 weeks' gestation

Causes of neonatal death



Post-mortem

9 out of every 10 families were offered a post-mortem; 4 out of every 10 families consented to post-mortem



What can we do to reduce the number of babies who die?

- Carry out local reviews of every death using a standardised process to identify local factors which may be responsible
- Establish aspirational UK targets for rates of stillbirth and neonatal deaths
- Offer a post-mortem to every family when their baby dies