

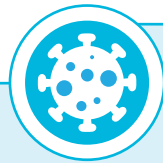
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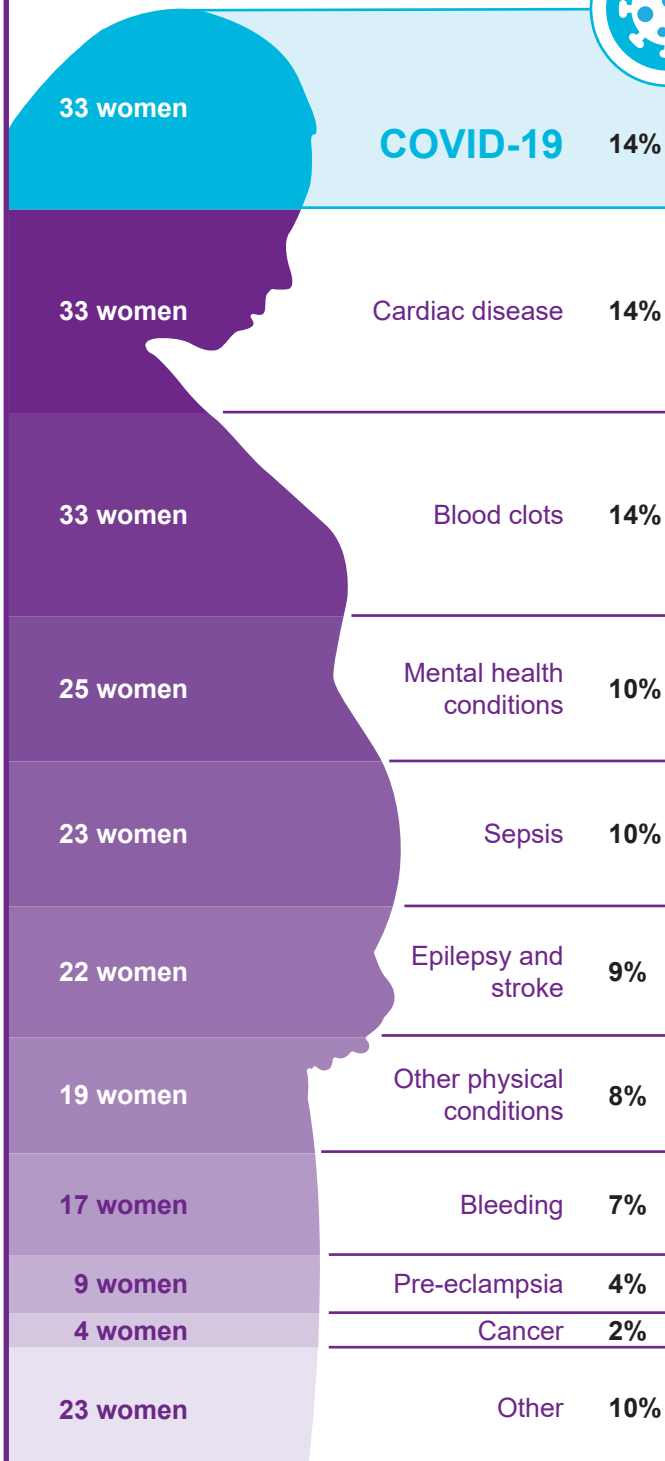
In 2019-21, **241 women died** during or up to six weeks after pregnancy among 2,066,997 women giving birth in the UK.

**11.7 women** per 100,000 died during pregnancy or up to six weeks after childbirth or the end of pregnancy.

### Causes of women's deaths

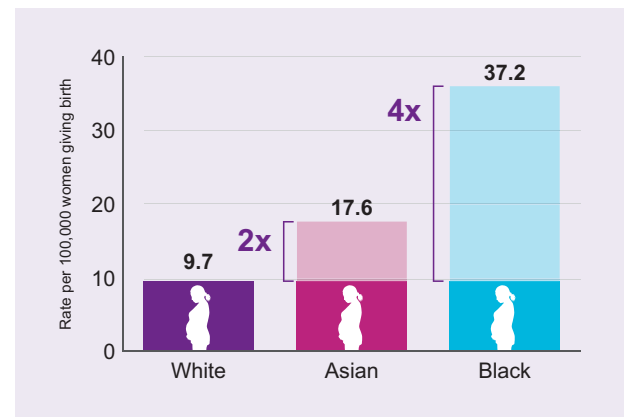


When maternal deaths due to COVID-19 are excluded, **10.1 women** per 100,000 died during pregnancy or up to six weeks after childbirth or the end of pregnancy

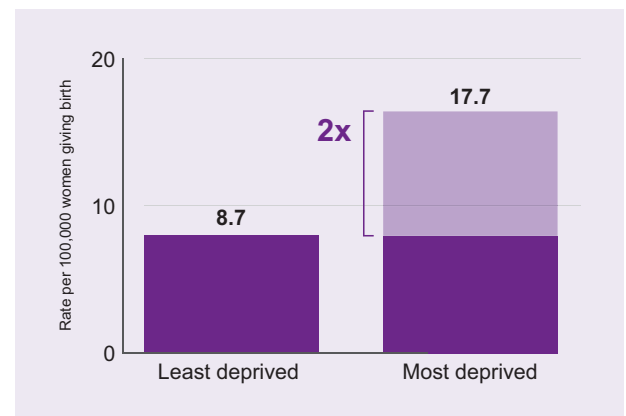


### Inequalities in maternal mortality

#### Ethnic group



#### Living in more deprived areas



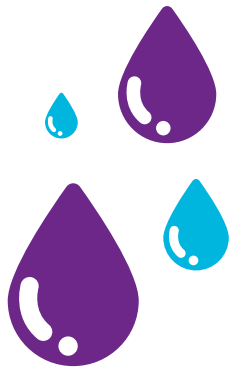
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## Recognition and management of bleeding

Assess blood loss early and regularly



Don't rely on a single bedside measurement of clotting or haemoglobin



Consider and exclude concealed bleeding



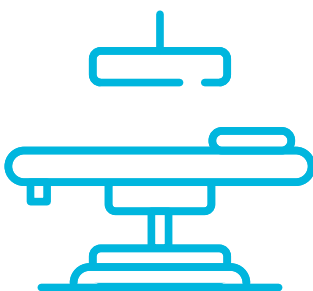
Pulse rate and blood pressure are typically maintained until 30% of circulating volume is lost

A **raised pulse rate** or **drop in blood pressure** should prompt clinical evaluation of blood loss

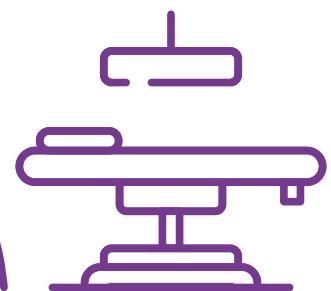
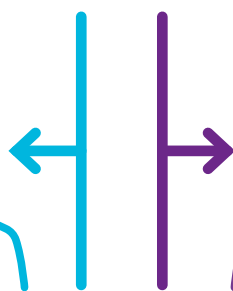


## National recommendation

Manage operating teams for **urgent** and **elective** caesarean sections separately



Category 1-3



Category 4

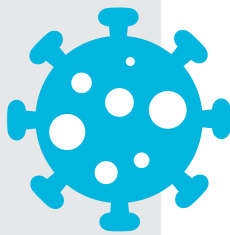
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**Treat pregnant, recently pregnant, and breastfeeding women the same as a non-pregnant person unless there is a very clear reason not to.**

Prepare a route for rapid delivery of advice and data on new vaccines and treatments



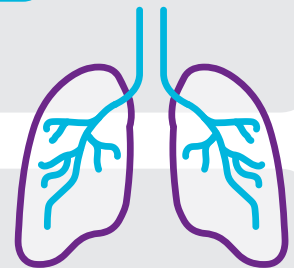
Include in medicine and vaccine research



Tailor care after pregnancy to a woman's individual needs



**Equity for pregnant and breastfeeding women**



Include in guidance for admission to ECMO\* services

\*ECMO = Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation



Ensure staff in maternal medicine networks have the skills to care for complex physical, mental and social care needs



Develop training resources to promote shared decision making and counselling on medication use