Key messages from the report 2016

8.5 women per 100,000 died during pregnancy or up to six weeks after giving birth or the end of pregnancy in 2012 - 14

2 women per 100,000 died from heart disease

Women known to have heart disease are high risk and need specialist care

Be aware severe chest pain spreading to the left arm or back may be cardiac

Persistent breathlessness when lying flat is not normal in pregnancy and may mean heart problems

Good care makes a difference

Less than 1 woman in every million who gives birth now dies from pre-eclampsia, but to detect it blood pressure and urine must be checked at every antenatal visit