Baby deaths in the UK
The national picture for 2017

760,169 births
of babies delivered from 24 weeks of pregnancy, excluding terminations of pregnancy

2,840 stillbirths
1,267 neonatal deaths

Overall reduced mortality rates between 2013 and 2017

Extended perinatal deaths
6.04 to 5.40
This represents approx.
500 fewer baby deaths*

Stillbirths
4.20 to 3.74
This represents approx.
350 fewer stillbirths*

Neonatal deaths†
1.84 to 1.67
This represents approx.
150 fewer neonatal deaths*

Neonatal mortality rates remain high for babies of Black and Asian ethnicity

Congenital anomalies account for wide variation in neonatal mortality rates

Largest fall in mortality rates in babies delivered at term

Reduction in extended perinatal mortality rates since 2013

Percentage of deaths notified within 30 days

Only half of deaths were notified within the MBRRACE-UK benchmark period of 30 days

* in 2017 compared with 2013
† a baby born at any time during pregnancy who lives, even briefly, but dies within 4 weeks of birth
‡ between 37th and 41st weeks of pregnancy
# between 24th and 36th weeks of pregnancy

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