Understanding babies’ deaths in the UK: 2013

The focus of this report is the deaths of babies born from 24 weeks as deaths of babies born before then are not all officially registered.

Over 5,700 babies died before or during birth (stillbirth) or within the first four weeks of life (neonatal death).

3,286 Stillbirths
1,436 Neonatal Deaths
781,932 Births

Which babies are most at risk?

Black or Black British Asian or Asian British >50% Higher risk
Teenage mothers & mothers over 40 39% Higher risk
Mothers living in poverty 57% Higher risk

Local rates varied across the UK

5.4 to 7.1 Stillbirths and neonatal deaths per 1,000 births

This variation is not explained by differences in poverty, ethnicity, or the age of the mother

Complete and accurate information are vital for MBRRACE-UK to help improve care for mothers and babies.

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