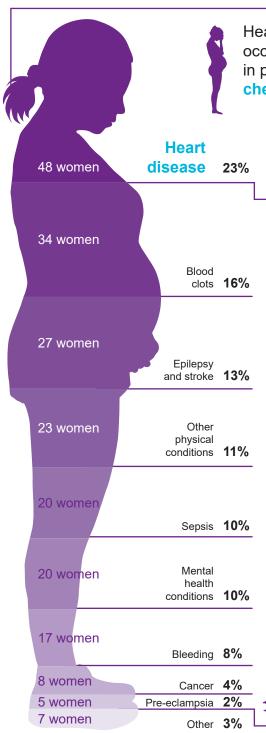
Key messages from the report 2019



In 2015-17, **209 women died** during or up to six weeks after pregnancy, from causes associated with their pregnancy, among 2,280,451 women giving birth in the UK.

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

Causes of women's deaths



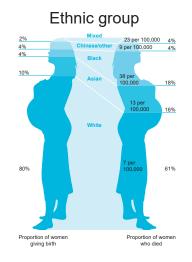
Heart disease can occur for the first time in pregnancy – severe chest pain is a red flag



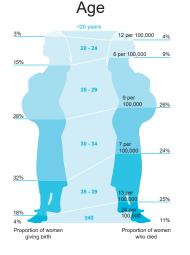
Women who are older, obese, smoke or have diabetes or a family history may be at greater risk of heart disease

Breathlessness when resting and especially when lying flat is not normal in pregnancy and may indicate heart problems

Inequalities in maternal mortality



Women with risk factors for pre-eclampsia need aspirin to be prescribed from 12 weeks of pregnancy



Living in more deprived areas

