

## Community Midwifery - Late Bookers

Delayed access to antenatal care ('late booking') has been linked to increased maternal and fetal mortality and morbidity.

During quarter 2 of 2016/17, 27.1% of women within Sandwell & West Birmingham CCG were seen after 12 weeks & 6 days of pregnancy, compared with England and West Midlands averages of 19.1% and 16.7% respectively. This Sandwell & West Birmingham figure is the highest proportion of late bookings in the West Midlands.

Over a period of 12 months (June 2017 – June 2018), 21% of pregnancies managed by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital Trust presented late for their first booking.

- 50% of those presenting late are from West Birmingham.
- 37% of those presenting late are from Sandwell.
- 13% of those presenting late are either young parents or residents outside of Sandwell and West Birmingham.

Table 1.3 shows late booking split by different area teams.

- For Sandwell, the proportion of late booking across all areas ranges from 12% in Rowley and Tipton and 16% in Smethwick and Oldbury.
- For West Birmingham, the proportion late booking is substantially higher than Sandwell and ranges from 18.8% in Great Barr and Kingstanding to 28.5% in Handsworth.
- Young parents and out of area bookings have the highest proportion of pregnancies booking late. For young parent, 4 out of 10 pregnancies will be booked late.
- Half of all out of area pregnancies will be booked late.

**Table 1.3: Late Bookers 2017/18**

		<b>% Booking Late</b>
<b>Sandwell Team</b>	Rowley and Tipton	12.3%
	Smethwick and Oldbury	16.2%
	Wednesbury & West Bromwich	15.0%
<b>Birmingham Team</b>	Aston	25.5%
	Great Barr & Kingstanding	18.8%
	Handsworth	28.5%
<b>Young Parents and Out of Area</b>	Young Parents	39.8%
	Out of Area	54.4%

Source: Badgernet – Electron Patient Records SWBHT