

Smoking in Pregnancy

Central Bedfordshire



Increases the risk of complications in pregnancy and of a child developing a number of conditions later in life:

obesity, diabetes, low birth weight, premature birth, problems with ear, nose and throat, respiratory conditions



Around 1 in 7

Babies born in Central Bedfordshire (13.9%) live with a smoker in the household

Babies born to women who smoke are on average lighter than babies born to non smokers by



200g

In 2015 of the total births:
1,180 (36%) were born in the L&D;
765 (24%) in Bedford Hospital,
617 (19%) in Lister, Stevenage and
680 born at other hospitals, at home, or other non hospital settings.

566 infants were born to smoking mothers in Bedfordshire (2015-2016)



2% of babies (60) are born with a low birth weight (2014)

Smoking in pregnancy causes



up to **9** premature births in Central Bedfordshire every year

Smoking during pregnancy causes up to **21 miscarriages and 1 perinatal death** every year in Central Bedfordshire

Stillbirth affects 3.6 per 1000 births (35 in 2013-2015)

100 new cases of asthma and wheeze



In 2015, **90** cases of lower respiratory tract infection in under 3 year olds

Cost to region's NHS per year up to **£275,000** for pregnancy related complications

Cost to region's NHS per year up to **£101,000** for health effects on infants