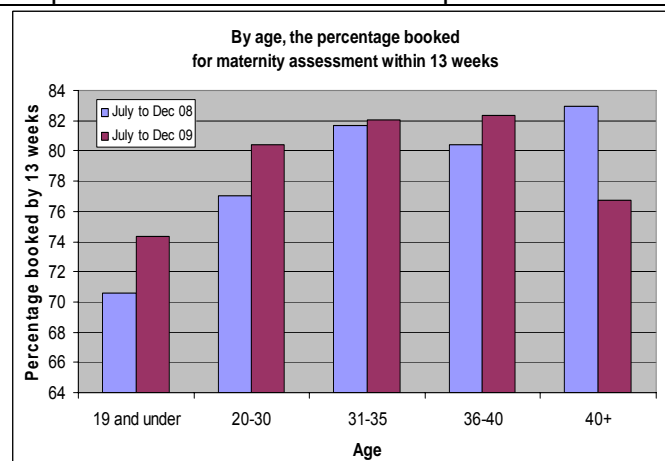
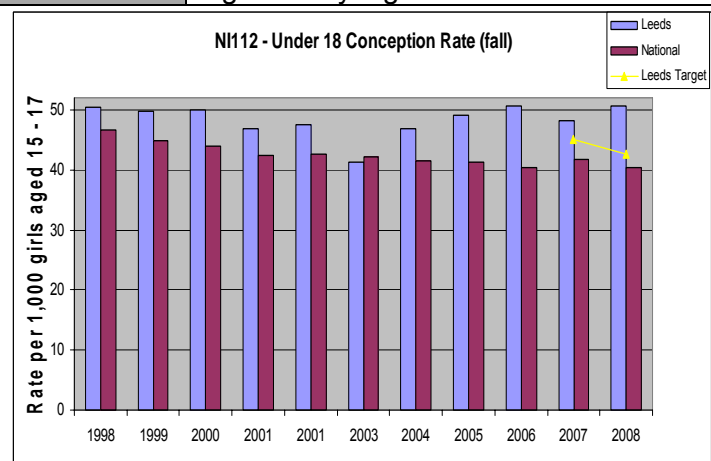




**Why is this a priority**



Evidence shows that having children at a young age can damage young women’s health and wellbeing and severely limit their education and career prospects. Long term studies show that children born to teenagers are more likely to experience a range of negative outcomes in later life and are up to 3 times more likely to become teenage parents themselves. Teenage parents are shown to be high users of services compared to other parents and are therefore a significantly higher cost to communities in comparison to those who become parents in later life.



**Overall progress to date and outcomes achieved – Quarter 4 2009-10**

**Overall Summary**

Our progress against our 2009-10 action plan is positive with majority of actions completed in line with national best practice recommendations. However our rates of conception remain high for Leeds.

Our indicator data for teenage conceptions, based on the national ONS data set, lags significantly behind any activity we undertake to reduce rates. We have created a local measure of conception through measuring 12 week bookings. These are shown in the right hand graph above. The number of teenage pregnancy bookings has declined in 2009 and teenagers are booking earlier. Confirmed figures for this will be available at Q1. The 2008 end of year rate for Leeds has been confirmed as 50.6 (per 1000, 15-17 year old females), a 5% increase on 2007, the national rate for England is 40.4. Comparing to other Core Cities, Leeds’ is midway between the highest and lowest performing on this indicator. We have utilised the Core Cities program to understand successful actions, they are summarised as extensive high level leadership investment and/or a context of well organised and integrated locality services we are including both these factors within the city’s 2010/11 action plan.

Levels of teenage pregnancy vary significantly between localities. Better quality data providing more timely information at the local level is supporting the development and coordination of services which are starting to have a positive impact.

Our assessment of progress at this stage is red due to a full year rate for 2007-8 being higher than the rate for 2006-7. We are hopeful that actions over the previous 18 months will show impact on rates for mid to late 2009 onwards however we do not have sufficient evidence of this at this time.

**Activity Achievements since the last quarter**

We detail the actions achieved below in Leeds in line with national strategies, nationally identified good practice and the recommendations for Leeds by the Teenage Pregnancy National Support Team. Reducing teenage conception is resistant to a single strategic approach and achieved through concerted and coordinate action which is reported below.

- Systems are now in place to collate information for the data sets from Education, Health, Early Years, IYSS, LAC and Housing within agreed timescales. Action plans in place for areas where data currently unavailable.
- The enhanced use of local data on deliveries, terminations and midwifery assessments is broken down to postal sector and shared to direct service interventions.

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- 3 new courses are now on offer for Secondary schools: exploring general strategies on delivering SRE, engaging boys & young men in SRE provision, and addressing sensitive issues in SRE.
- Communications campaign in February targeted priority areas in addition to the wider city, building on the theme of conversations with parents' campaign before Christmas, and utilising the national straplines of 'Sex. Worth Talking About.' And 'Contraception. Worth Talking About.' This ran on buses in the priority areas for the week before and after Valentines Day.
- 2 Leeds members of staff have been trained by the FPA to provide "in-house" Speakeasy facilitator training for staff working with parents in priority areas. So far, 16 new facilitators have been trained locally by these two trainers.
- 2 Leeds members of staff have been trained to upskill other workers to incorporate the nationally acclaimed 'delay messages' into their interactions with young people. Training will begin with youth workers and will be offered to wider staff over the coming year.
- Training for college welfare staff has taken place on working with school age and post 16 young people in dealing with unintended pregnancy choices and decisions.
- 10 Foster Carers received level 2 accreditation in Speak Easy.
- Sexual Health Policy for Looked After Children launched in January 2010.
- 8 Social Care staff – Residential and Leaving Care, were trained in c-card, Chlamydia testing and pregnancy testing in November and are delivering on-site services as a result.
- Mechanisms put in place for the move to a self referral system to the 3 termination providers from 1 April 2010.
- New quality standards, more robust monitoring and training of staff to ensure consistency and effectiveness of the C-Card scheme.
- Achieved 5,400 Chlamydia screens in February 2010.
- Tender awarded to offer schools one to one support to help them to deliver contraception choices training at 20 of the priority schools.
- Young people working within the Young Commissioners program have developed a specification for improving PHSE/SRE in a priority school of their choice.

### Challenges/Risks

- Effective cities have leadership and challenge at the very highest level in their city agreeing to be accountable to reducing teenage conception. Nottingham, a leading Core City in reducing TP has a task group consisting of the chief executive of the local authority, the chief executive of the NHS Nottingham, a local MP, the lead member for children's services and a senior commissioner. It is suggested that Leeds consider further whether senior leaders can systemically promote joint action.
- Leeds has a lower investment in community based services for young people to access for their sexual health than leading cities. Nottingham operates 20 sexual health clinics across 12 targeted sites. Leeds operates 6 in sites with current concerns low access by young people.
- Leeds has a program of placing sexual health services in schools (Healthy Young People Service – HYPS). Takeup of the program by schools has been effective in a minority of schools in high rate localities. A review of the approach needs to generate a revised approach to ensuring young people have swift and easy access to services from their school.
- Not all relevant services and strategies perceive that teenage pregnancy and parenthood is a priority for them. This can negatively affect the teenage conception rates, the implementation of the TPPP work programme and also result in insufficient progress in addressing the wide range of causative factors on teenage conceptions. For example, ensuring that housing services are fully engaged because unstable and inappropriate housing for teenage parents and their children is factor which is linked to 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent teenage pregnancies.
- Services will need to be further challenged to be young people friendly to ensure that young people will access them, and especially those young people who do not readily access mainstream services. There are national schemes, the accredited 'You're Welcome' for Health Services and the NYA standards for Youth services
- There is support for school age young fathers to continue their education. However, there is little specific support available for young fathers post 16, both in terms of preparing for parenthood and seeking education, training and employment thus demonstrating the link to the NEET agenda.

<b>Council / Partnership Groups</b>			
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### Key actions for the next 6 months

	Action	Lead Officer	Milestone	Timescale	Date Action Last Reviewed
1	A leadership review of teenage conception to be undertaken through a summit of senior leaders of the authority, health services, elected members and parliamentary representation.	Paul Bollom	Date arranged for summit (August 2010)	September 2010	New action
2	A benchmarking report to be completed to review the service investment made in sexual health services targeting young people in Leeds against high performing cities.	Vicky Womack	Benchmark information reported to TPPB (June 2010)	July 2010	New action
3	A review of the HYPs program to be undertaken to provide recommendations on swift and easy access to sexual health services in all priority schools.	Vicky Womack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report writing group formed (April 2010)</li> <li>Report presented to TPPPB (June 2010)</li> </ul>	June 2010	Initial meeting of report writing group held.
4	Youth work commissioning and family support commissioning outlined in the children's services improvement plan will include TP actions and outcomes in their specification	Paul Bollom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth work commissioner employed</li> <li>Family support and youth work commissioning specifications are agreed by universal commissioning group (September 2010)</li> </ul>	October 2010	New action
5	Plan for all CaSH, Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) and the Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) providers will be 'You're Welcome' accredited – the scheme to accredit health services as young people friendly. Target set for GP practices in high rate localities	Vicky Womack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report plan for all sexual health service providers to be accredited by end of year. (July 2010)</li> <li>Report on number of new accreditation submissions and success to be provided to TPPPB. (July 2010)</li> <li>A target set for GP practices in high rate areas to complete 'You're Welcome' accreditation. (July 2010)</li> </ul>	November 2011	Action revised from previous action to include all services. 2 services in accreditation in year 1.
6	A secondary PSHE and Citizenship Education Toolkit to be offered to all secondary schools, including special schools	Paul Brennan (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch of resource material scheduled for 22 April 2010</li> </ul>	April 2010	Launch held, action retained to ensure full distribution to schools of resources.

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7	Develop action plan for newly identified hot pockets in West Leeds	Paul Bollom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To place paper before Inner West area committee on local hotspot rates and suggested actions.</li> </ul>	March 2010 (Revised to September 2010)	Original action has not been completed to time scale. Review of resources and allocation of work to be completed by end of
8	To report on the availability and effectiveness of services for young fathers and use to inform the family support and parenting commissioning activity for March 2011	Jenny Midwinter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report commissioned from external provider by March 2010.</li> <li>Interim findings to be provided to TPPPB, June 2010.</li> <li>Family Support and Parenting Commissioning Plan to reflect outcomes of report in addressing needs of young fathers. (September 2010)</li> </ul>	October 2011	Report commissioned from provider. Consultation with young fathers and stakeholders underway.

### Performance Indicators

Performance indicators aligned to the Improvement Priority

Reference	Title	Service	Frequency & Measure	Rise or Fall	Baseline	2008/09 Result	2009/10 Target	Full Year Result	Data Quality
NI 112	Under 18 conception rate per 1000 girls ages 15-17	PCT	Annual	Fall	50.4	48.1	42.7	50.6 (2008) (691)	No Concerns with data