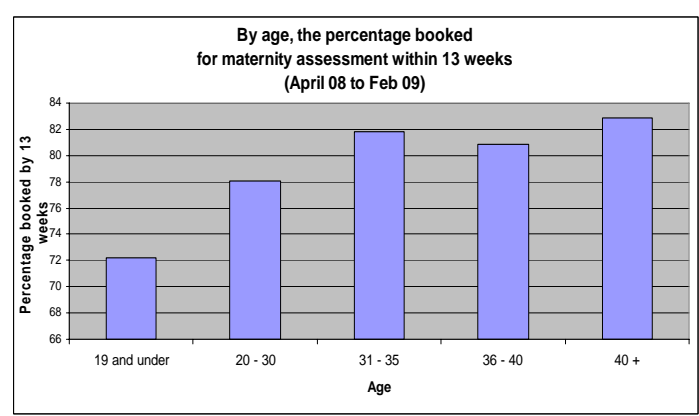
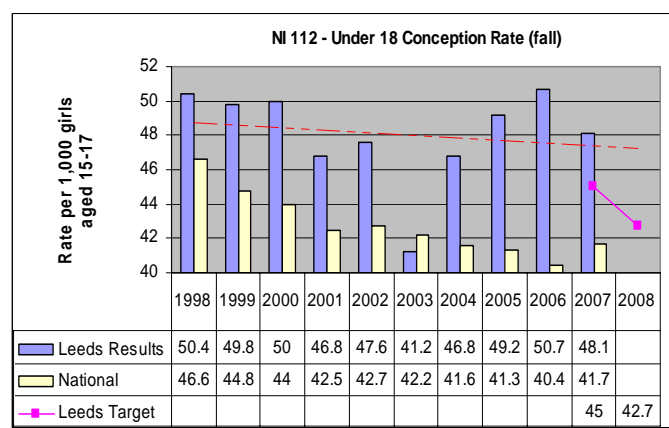


**Overall Progress**

**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.

Priority actions will focus on recognising the interdependencies between teenage pregnancy and improving other outcomes for children and young people; providing young people with the means to avoid early pregnancy; tackling the underlying circumstances that motivate young people to want to, or lead them passively to become parents at a young age; working in effective partnerships to ensure universal provision for all young people with strengthened delivery and services to those most at risk; and acknowledging that effective interventions require significant time to deliver sustainable change.



**Overall progress to date and outcomes achieved**

**Overall Summary**

The significant increase in activity to reduce the levels of teenage parents in Leeds in the last 12 months has started to show real service changes across the city. Increased momentum has been aided through our much better identification and sharing of the pattern of teenage conceptions across the city. Progress on our internal measures of action and process are good for most areas.

Our indicator data for teenage conceptions, based on the national ONS data set, lags significantly behind any activity to reduce it. The 2007 rate for Leeds is 48.1, a reduction from the 2006 figure of 50.9 (conceptions per 1000 female population aged 15-17), the national rate for comparison is 41.7. The next nationally produced city wide data will be available in February 2010, this will be the data relating to 2008. However, the first and second quarter data for 2008 is currently showing a provisional rise to 51.7 in Q1 and 54.1 in Q2; a rolling quarterly average of 50.3. It is useful to note Leeds’ recent performance is within a context of a national rise in teenage conceptions for 2008. Comparing to other Core Cities Leeds’ is midway between the highest and lowest performing cities on this indicator. No Core City or significantly sized local authority shows a consistent teenage conception reduction likely to enable it to reach the 50% reduction by 2010 target for the UK.

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 on reducing the level of teenage pregnancy across the city.

The overall assessment of amber reflects the considerable level of targeted activity in this area and the fact that national data will not be available until February, when progress will be reassessed (during Q3). However in view of the fact that quarterly data is showing an increase in the rate of teenage pregnancy per 1000, the direction of travel has been assessed as downward.

## HW-1d/CYPP 7 - Reducing teenage conception

Lead Officer – Sarah Sinclair

### Activity Achievements since the last quarter

- The Contraception and Sexual Health (CaSH) service from September 2009 will be offering an after school contraception outreach clinic in the six priority wards.
- From September 2009 on-site contraception clinics will be running in the three main FE providers in the city providing 18 hours per week on site contraception and sexual health service provision.
- Mapping to identify contraception and termination hotspots within priority wards and mapped against service provision is now available.
- The multi agency SRE Training Team have delivered 'Using the Contraceptive Kit Confidently' training to the secondary PSHE coordinators in the hot spot areas and in individual school settings.
- A 'whole school approach' package for primary schools has been designed for heads, teachers, governors, parents and children.
- Work in the priority hot spot area using the Leadership Challenge approach has resulted in pulling together a wide range of stake holders from all sectors with active support from local Councillors.
- Safeguarding partnership work with the Child Protection Team and Primary SRE Advisor is linking the Primary SRE curriculum with child protection issues.
- The NHS have mainstreamed the formerly TPPP funded Sexual Health Nurse for looked after children. This role continues to have a significant impact on access to CaSH Services and there has been a reduction in reported conceptions in the same period last year.
- The new Relationships Policy for looked after children was published in September which will be a useful resource in delivering on 'The Promise', as referenced in the Leeds CYPP, made to young people in care.
- The Family Nurse Partnership is operational and is working with young pregnant women and mothers and their families to improve early parenting, antenatal health, enhance child development and school readiness and link the family to wider social networks and employment.
- The pre and post 16 care pathways and the maternity care pathway have been integrated into a comprehensive working document for professionals and young people.
- The improved local data collection and analysis has identified significant hot pockets of teenage conceptions in west Leeds, which will enable targeted response.

We are responding to the challenge of the lack of change in teenage parenting rates by supporting the above with a commissioning plan which allocates £147K of Area Based Grant to the above priorities focussing on the 6 wards with the highest rates of conception.

### Challenges/Risks

- The Deputy Director (Commissioning) and Acting Head of Joint Commissioning are current seconded posts from NHS Leeds. The Director also chairs the teenage parent partnership board. The end of her secondment and the relocation of the Head of Joint Commissioning may result in a loss of strategic drive. Children Leeds has recruited a Priority Outcomes Commissioner to support the teenage conception and parenting agenda and its links to wider commissioning for vulnerable children.
- There are real risks that not all relevant services and strategies perceive that teenage pregnancy and parenthood is a priority for them, and that many services can have a positive effect. For example, we will be ensuring housing services are fully engaged as unstable and inappropriate housing for teenage parents and their children is key.
- 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 is no central point which professionals can refer to in order to ensure young parents to be and teenage parents are accessing the relevant services as early as possible, such as antenatal 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.

<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	Joint commissioning arrangements for vulnerable groups	Sarah Sinclair	Complete		
2	Action plans to be developed for two priority areas (south and east) by September  Implementation of the commissioning plan	Paul Bollom	Plans completed  Commissioning in place by April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2010	April 2010	
3	Detailed SRE strategic action plan to be implemented for primary and secondary SRE	Paul Bollom	To be agreed by TPPP Board	November 2009	
4	Focused leadership from Lead Member in support of locality and city wide action plan including work with school governors, locality leadership teams and elected members	Sarah Sinclair	Cllr seminar w/c 19 Oct		
5	CaSH, Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) and the Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) providers will be 'You're Welcome' accredited	Vicky Womack	Progress monitoring meetings Jan 2010	March 2010	
6	A secondary PSHE and Citizenship Toolkit to be offered to all secondary schools, including PRUs and SILCs	Dorothy Smith	Sample CD of the Toolkit has been created and to be disseminated to all secondary schools by Nov 2009	April 2010	
7	Develop action plan for newly identified hot pockets in West Leeds	Paul Bollom	Plan to be completed and agreed by the TPPP Board	March 2010	

### Performance Indicators

Performance indicators aligned to the Improvement Priority

Reference	Title	Service	Frequency & Measure	Rise or Fall	Baseline	Last Year Result	Target	Quarter 2	Predicted Full Year Result	Data Quality
NI 112	Under 18 conception rate	PCT	Annual	Fall	50.4	48.1	42.7	Annual PI	Annual PI	No concerns