

Women's Smoking Status at Time of Delivery in Croydon (2006-2017)

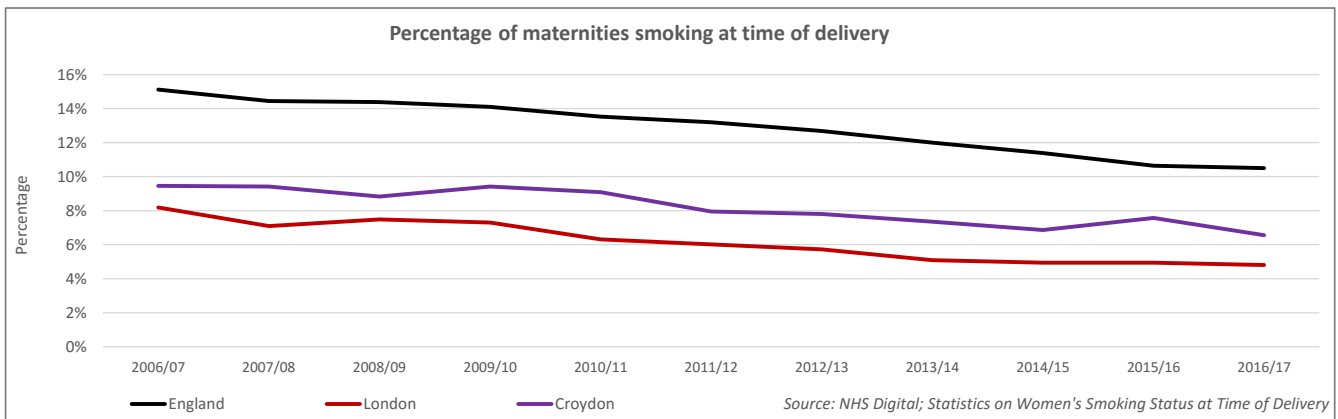
On 15 June 2017, the NHS released annual figures of mothers smoking status at the time of delivery in 2016/17: <http://www.content.digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB24222>

Smoking during pregnancy can cause serious pregnancy-related health problems. These include complications during labour and an increased risk of miscarriage, premature birth, low birth-weight and sudden unexpected death in infancy.

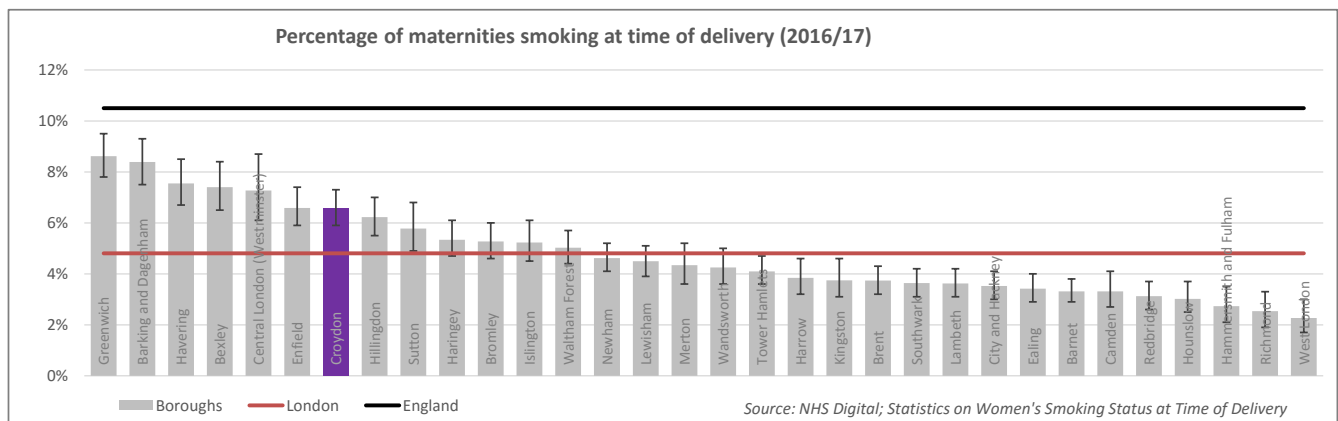
Reducing smoking during pregnancy is one of the three national ambitions in the Tobacco Control Plan published in March 2011, which is "to reduce rates of smoking throughout pregnancy to 11% or less by the end of 2015 (measured at time of giving birth)".

From April 2017, the definition currently used in the Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) to calculate the percentage of women who were known to be smokers at the time of delivery, will change to exclude women with unknown smoking status from the denominator. To aid the transition, the indicator has been published under both definitions during 2016/17, to make CCGs aware of the impact of the change and to give them time to improve the quality of their data. This will also allow time to co-ordinate the change with the publication of the new Government tobacco control plan for England which is expected in 2017.

Croydon achieved the Tobacco Control Plan ambition, reducing smoking at the time of delivery by 14% between 2011 and 2015. Since 2006, smoking at the time of delivery in Croydon has fallen by 31%, this is the same fall seen across England. Smoking at the time of delivery across London as a whole fell by 41% in the same time period (2006-2017).



In 2016/17, Croydon had a significantly higher proportion of maternities smoking at the time of delivery than London and significantly lower proportion than England. Croydon has the seventh highest proportion across London CCGs.



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Data quality in Croydon remains strong with less than 1% of maternities having an unknown smoking status. This has the effect that the new indicator definition from April 2017 has little impact on Croydon rates of smoking at the time of delivery.

In 2016/17 Croydon had the 11th lowest proportion of maternities with an unknown smoking status in London. This proportion has been slowly increasing since 2014/15.

