

Key messages

from the report 2014

Maternal deaths have decreased

from **11** (2006-08) to **10** (2010-12) per 100,000 women giving birth

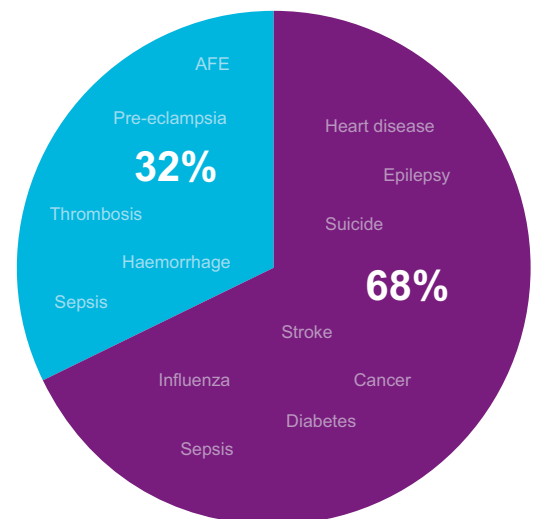
Causes of mothers' deaths

Two thirds of mothers died from medical and mental health problems in pregnancy and **only one third** from direct complications of pregnancy such as bleeding.

Three quarters of women who died had medical or mental health problems before they became pregnant.

Women with pre-existing medical and mental health problems need:

- Pre-pregnancy advice
- Joint specialist and maternity care



Think Sepsis



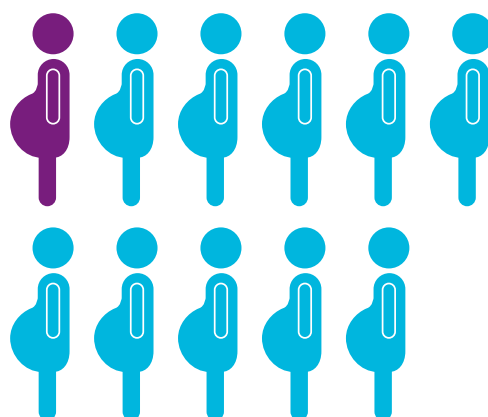
Almost a quarter of women who died had **Sepsis** (severe infection).

Women with sepsis need:

- Early diagnosis
- Rapid antibiotics
- Review by senior doctors and midwives

Prompt treatment and action can make the difference between life and death

Prevent Flu



1 in 11 of the women died from **Flu**

More than half of these women's deaths could have been prevented by a flu jab.

Flu vaccination will save mothers' and babies' lives