

Key messages

from the report 2017



In 2013-15 **8.8 women** per 100,000 died during pregnancy or up to six weeks after giving birth or the end of pregnancy.

Two thirds of women who died had pre-existing physical or mental health problems.

Forward planning works

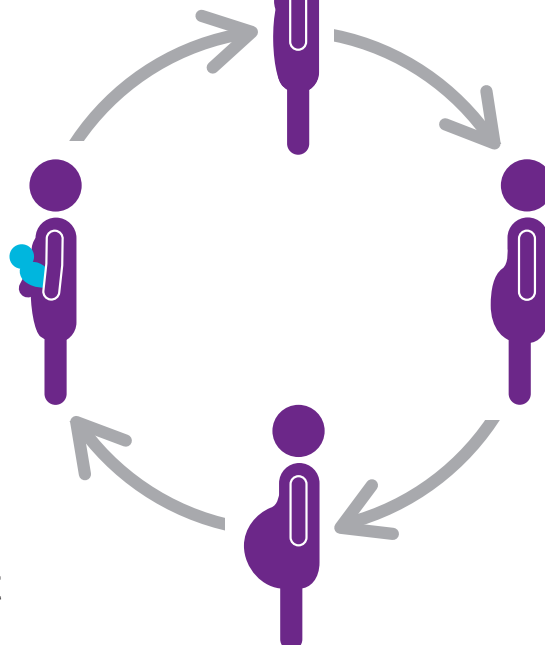
For women with physical and mental health problems:

Before pregnancy, plan contraception as well as the safest medication



Do not stop medication in early or later pregnancy without consulting a specialist

Take account of changes which occur in the postpartum period and change medication accordingly. Plan for contraception as well as the next pregnancy



Think about special medication considerations around the time of labour and birth