

Teenage Pregnancy in Wakefield

A strategy and toolkit to support young people



Wakefield
Teenage Pregnancy
Strategy

The **Wakefield Teenage Pregnancy Strategy** identifies the action towards effective local delivery of comprehensive support, education and access to services for young people, alongside support for pregnant teenagers and young parents, as part of a whole system approach.

This strategy has been developed jointly with partners and young people from across the district including Wakefield Council, Voluntary Community Social Enterprise Sector (VCSE) and Health and Education colleagues.

Our strategy outlines key priorities to ensure we continue to improve the experiences of teen parents and their children, measure impact and build on the work to date, ensuring to improve outcomes.

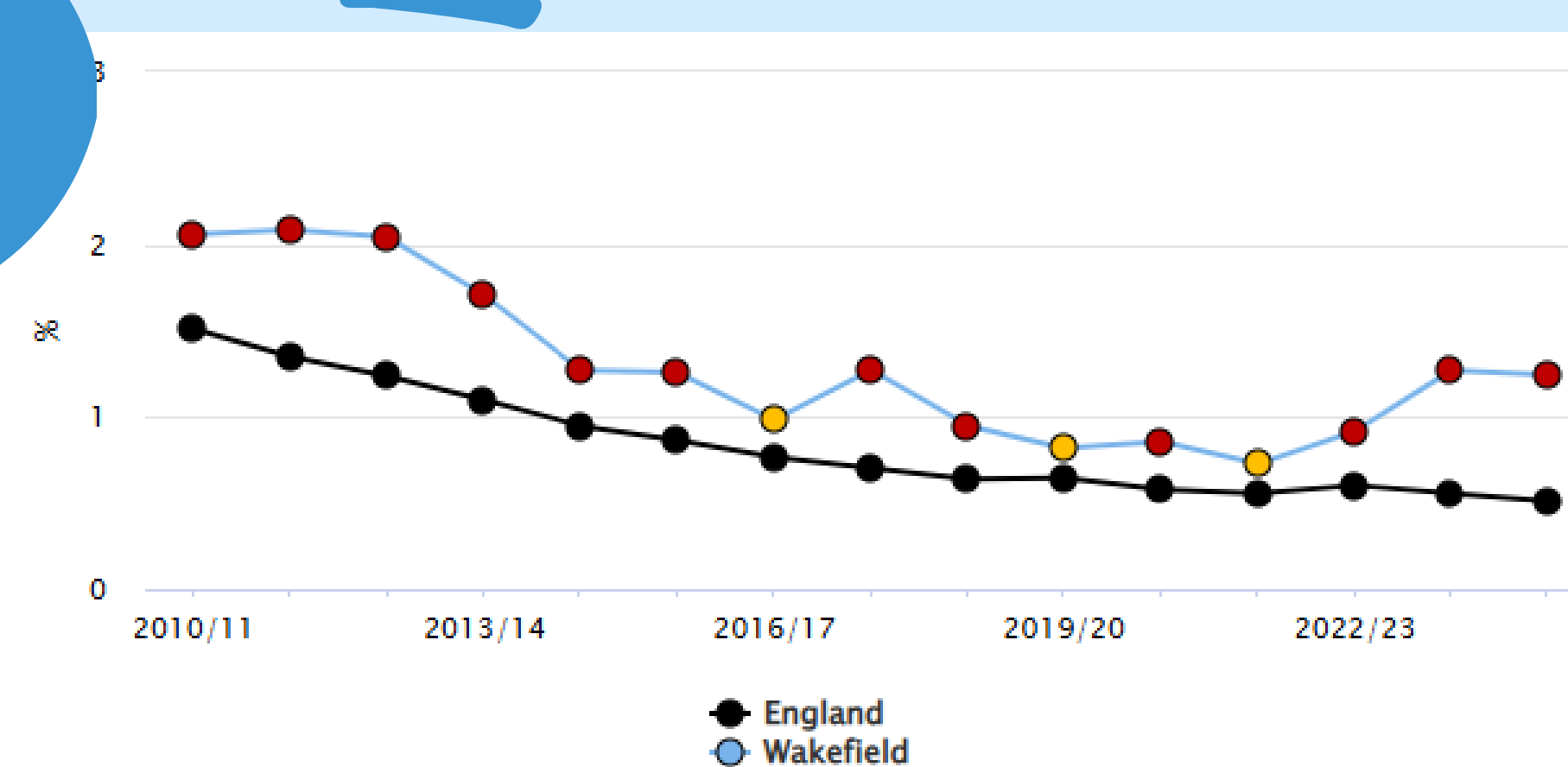
The strategy is interdependent with other key strategies (**Children and Young Peoples Plan, Early Help Strategy and Family Hub 'Best Start for Life' Programme**), working to maximise effective early intervention and prevention in an integrated and coordinated way.

The **Wakefield Risk and Resilience Framework** was created with a particular focus on reducing teenage pregnancy and helps young people build resilience to everyday pressures.
www.riskandresilience.org.uk



Wakefield Council has seen a decrease in teenage pregnancies over the years, however **numbers are slowly starting to climb**, prompting action to provide a toolkit to help support practitioners with advice, support and information. (Wakefield JSNA, 2025)

By addressing the underlying factors that can lead young people to become pregnant or parents, we can support young people to make positive decisions, and active choices based on what matters to them to stay healthy, connected and safe.



Recent trend: ➔ No significant change

| Period | Count | Value | Wakefield | | England |
|---------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| | | | 95% Lower CI | 95% Upper CI | |
| 2010/11 | 85 | 2.1% | 1.7% | 2.5% | 1.5% |
| 2011/12 | 86 | 2.1% | 1.7% | 2.6% | 1.3% |
| 2012/13 | 85 | 2.0% | 1.7% | 2.5% | 1.2% |
| 2013/14 | 69 | 1.7% | 1.3% | 2.2% | 1.1% |
| 2014/15 | 48 | 1.3% | 1.0% | 1.7% | 1.0% |
| 2015/16 | 47 | 1.3% | 0.9% | 1.7% | 0.9% |
| 2016/17 | 38 | 1.0% | 0.7% | 1.4% | 0.8% |
| 2017/18 | 46 | 1.3% | 1.0% | 1.7% | 0.7% |
| 2018/19 | 35 | 1.0% | 0.7% | 1.4% | 0.6% |
| 2019/20 | 30 | 0.8% | 0.6% | 1.2% | 0.7% |
| 2020/21 | 30 | 0.9% | 0.6% | 1.2% | 0.6% |
| 2021/22 | 25 | 0.7% | 0.5% | 1.1% | 0.6% |
| 2022/23 | 30 | 0.9% | 0.6% | 1.3% | 0.6%* |
| 2023/24 | 40 | 1.3% | 0.9% | 1.7% | 0.6% |
| 2024/25 | 40 | 1.2% | 0.9% | 1.6% | 0.5% |



Wakefield
Teenage Pregnancy Toolkit
2025

The **Teenage Pregnancy Toolkit** was developed collaboratively with all key stakeholders, incorporating invaluable insights from teenage parents to ensure it comprehensively addresses every stage of pregnancy, from pre-conception advice through birth and into parenthood.

It serves as a practical and informative resource for all services, enabling professionals to provide timely, appropriate support and guidance to teenage parents throughout their journey.

The toolkit was launched in April 2025 to ensure timely support for Year 11 and Year 13 students preparing to leave school or college. This earlier release avoided a September launch, which would have delayed access to vital information during the critical summer transition period.

To view the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy, scan the QR code below.



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