

## Whooping Cough in Pregnancy (Easy Read)

### pregnant



- Whooping cough rates have risen.
- Babies that are too young for vaccination are most at risk.
- Whooping cough in babies can lead to serious illness and sometimes death.



- Pregnant women can protect their unborn babies by having the whooping cough vaccine in pregnancy.
- If we give the vaccine to the pregnant woman the baby will have some immunity when born
- Immunity means that the body has a way to fight infections.
- This vaccine is given by an injection into your arm.

### midwife



Your Midwife will talk to you about the Whooping cough vaccine.

## when



You can have the whooping cough vaccine between 16 and 32 weeks into your pregnancy.

You can have it after 32 weeks but it is more effective earlier.

## where



You can have the Whooping Cough vaccine when you come to the hospital for an appointment

Or

You can have the Whooping cough vaccine at your GP Surgery.

## Is it Safe?



There have been no reported concerns about the Whooping cough in pregnancy.

All medicines and vaccines are tested for safety.

## possible side effects



- A heavy feeling in your arm where the injection has been.
- Red area where injection has been
- Aches and pains in your body
- Loss of appetite.
- Nausea (feeling sick)

**worried**



If you feel any side effects and you are worried call 111

**ask  
questions**



If you have any questions, ask the Midwife or the person doing the vaccination.

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