

# Why am I being asked if I might be pregnant?

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## What do we know about teenage pregnancy?

Girls under the age of 16 do get pregnant, even though the law in this country says that they should not be having sex.

The government counts how many young girls between the ages of 13 and 15 become pregnant. Between 2008 and 2012 this number was 33,300.

## Why is it important for you to know if I might be pregnancy?

If you are pregnant when you have an operation or special scan, it may harm your unborn baby.

This is especially true at the beginning of a pregnancy, when you might not even realise that you are pregnant.

## Why are you asking me if I might be pregnant, I'm not having sex?

We understand that many teenage girls are not having sex, so it is not possible for them to be pregnant. We do not know who is and who isn't sexually active, so to ensure we care for you safely, we ask everyone aged 12 and over if it is possible they might be pregnant.

By doing this, we hope to prevent the possibility of harming an unborn baby, and the distress this would cause to the baby's mother.

## What should I do if I think it might be possible for me to be pregnant when I come to the hospital?

It is important that you tell a nurse or doctor so that we can decide what to do next. Everything you tell us will be treated confidentially, which means that we will not tell anyone else without your permission.

You may be offered a pregnancy test, which is done by testing a sample of your urine.

As the pregnancy test is not always reliable very early in a pregnancy, you may still be pregnant even if the result is negative. In this case, a doctor will talk to you about whether you should go ahead with your operation, Xray, or special scan.

## I'm not sure I really understand all of this, what should I do?

Ask a nurse or doctor to explain anything that you are not clear about. They will be happy to help and you can ask them to talk in private if you wish.

## If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

Children's Ward 3  
Calderdale Royal Hospital  
Tel: 01422 223277

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## If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

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