



Maternity Services across North East London

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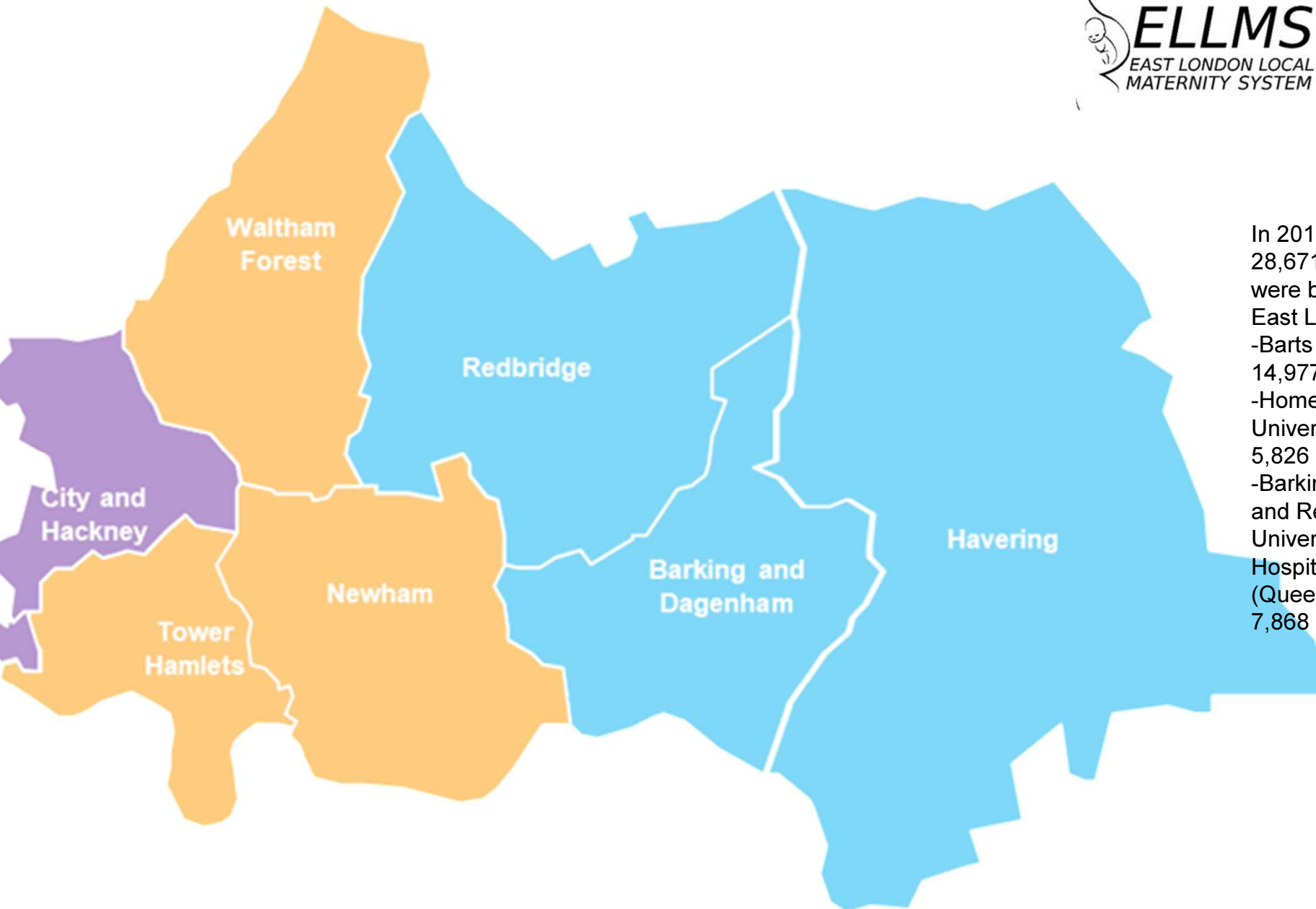


The East London Local Maternity System (ELLMS) has been developed to bring together all stakeholders involved in the provision and commissioning of maternity services.

We ensure that all babies born in North East London have the best possible start in life and their parents experience the best possible pregnancy and birth. The maternity providers are:

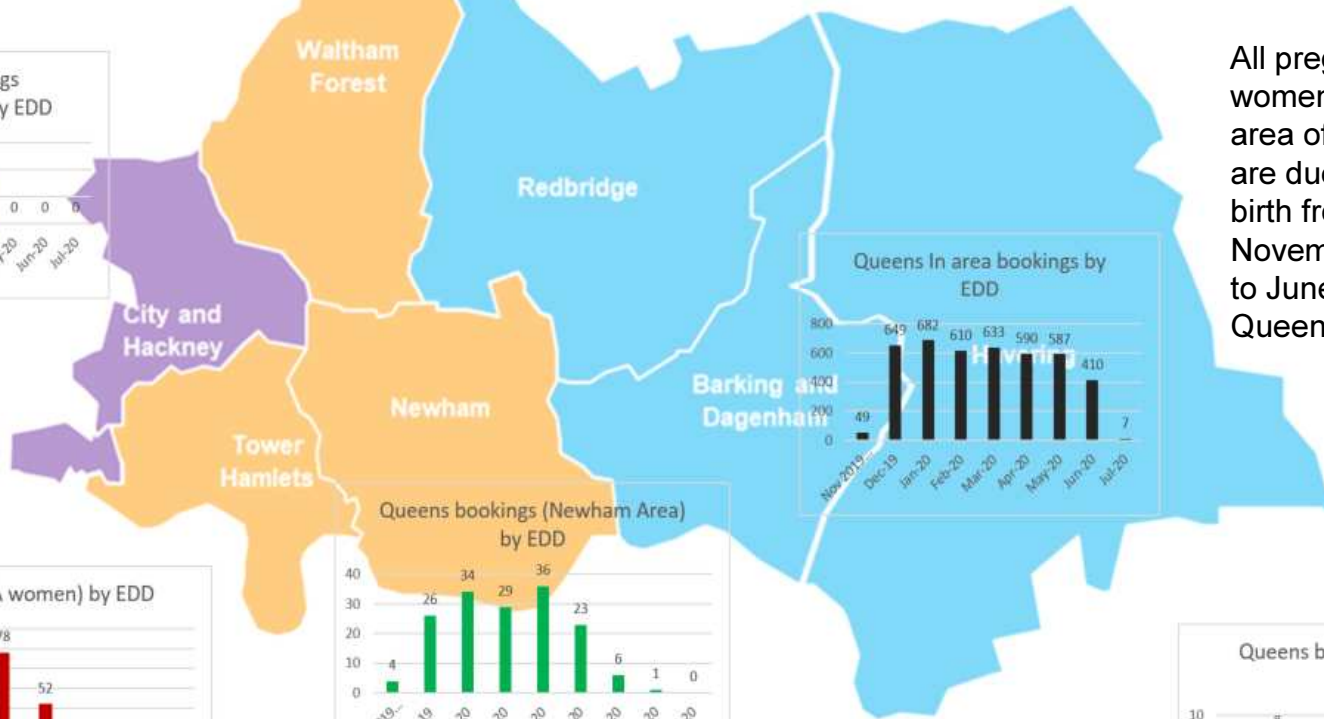
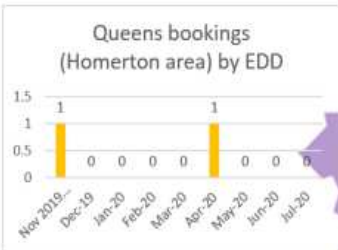
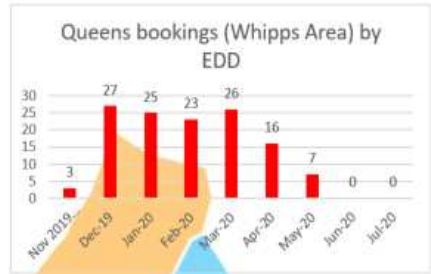
- **Barts Health NHS Trust**
 - Royal London Hospital
 - Newham University Hospital
 - Whipps Cross University Hospital
- **Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge Universities Hospital NHS Trust**
 - Queen's Hospital
- **Homerton University Hospital Foundation Trust**

Women can choose to give birth with one of our five maternity providers, and their birth options include obstetric labour wards, co-located midwife led units, freestanding midwife-led birth centres and at home.

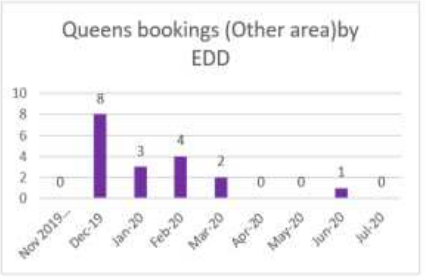
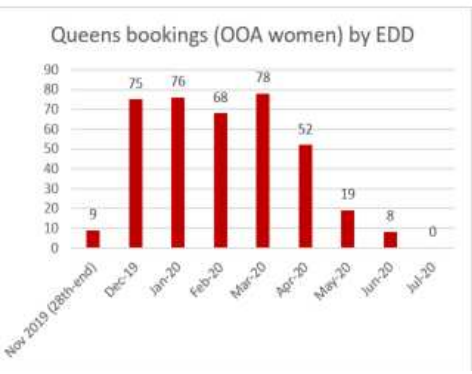


In 2018/2019
28,671 babies
were born in North
East London:
-Barts Health
14,977
-Homerton
University Hospital
5,826
-Barking Havering
and Redbridge
University
Hospitals
(Queen's Hospital)
7,868

*EDD – Estimated Date of Delivery



All pregnant women by the area of origin that are due to give birth from November 2019 to June 2020 at Queen's Hospital.



Current position on managing capacity across the system

- We identified another provider within the system that experiences similar pressures – Royal London Hospital (Barts Health)
- ELLMS hosts weekly system updates to identify and manage additional pressures across the system as well as future planning
- ELLMS produced letters to out-of-area women signposting them to their local service providers
- Out-of-area women are given opportunity to contact heads of maternity services, if they require additional information or reassurance

Future of maternity services across ELLMS

- ELLMS is reviewing both current and future activity across all sites to develop a sustainable maternity and neonatal service offer.
- ELLMS will work with the NEL clinical senate and all maternity service providers to review maternity capacity and ensure effective utilisation of our birthing facilities.
- ELLMS will complete a demand and capacity review by March 2020.
- ELLMS will continue to involve women and their families to help us shape a maternity service that is safe, high quality and accessible to them.

Workforce

A key ELLMS objective is to have a robust workforce strategy to cope with the constant changing demand on maternity services. Some of the current workforce projects within the ELLMS include:

- Recruitment and retention programme for midwives
- Midwifery rotation across the ELLMS
- Upskilling and professional development for non-registrant staff
- Standardisation of training and sharing of system wide learning and best practice.