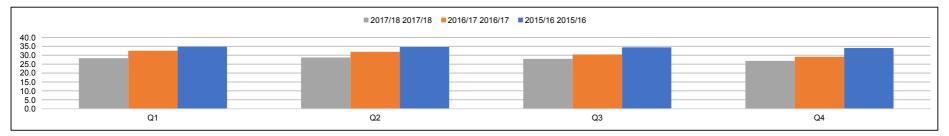| Definition	Numerator	Number of pregnancies that occur to women aged under 18, that result in either one or more live or still births or a legal abortion under the Abortion Act 1967.	How this indicator works	Only about 5% of under 18 conceptions are to girls aged 14 or under and to include younger age groups in the base population would produce misleading results. The 15-17 age group is effectively treated as the population at risk.
	Denominator	Number of women aged 15-17 living in the area.		
Source		Office for National Statistics		
What does good performance look like?		For the rate of under 18 conceptions to be as low as possible.	Why is this indicator important?	Research evidence, particularly from longitudinal studies, shows that teenage pregnancy is associated with poorer outcomes for both young parents and their children. Teenage mothers are less likely to finish their education, are more likely to bring up their child alone and in poverty and have a higher risk of poor mental health than older mothers. Infant mortality rates for babies born to teenage mothers are around 60% higher than for babies born to older mothers.

Quarterly data		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	2019/20				
	2017/18	28.3	28.7	27.9	26.8
	2016/17	32.5	31.9	30.4	29.1
	2015/16	34.7	34.6	34.4	34.0

Performance overview	Actions to sustain or improve performance	Benchmarking
Note: the data presented above is a 3-year rolling average, containing data for the 12 quarters up to and including the quarter named. Barking and Dagenham's 3-year rolling average of under 18 conceptions has more than halved in the past decade. However, its rate remains substantially higher than the London average (target) of 17.2 conceptions per 1,000 females aged 15 to 17 years.	Several programmes are being undertaken to reduce the teenage pregnancy rate in the borough, such as the C-Card distribution scheme, which supplies teenagers with condoms. This has been the best performing programme in London for the past few years. The Healthy Schools Programme also supports schools to provide effective Relationships and Sex Education. The programme in the borough is among the best performing in London. ONS annual data for the 2017 (calendar year) demonstrated that the borough's teenage conception rate had fallen at twice the rate of London and national compare to 2016. In addition, the most recent quarterly data for the borough (Q4 2017-2018) was the lowest the borough had ever seen and lower than the England average for the first time.	2017/18 quarter 4 (rolling 3-year average): London: 17.2 England: 18.7.

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