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Breastfeeding Prevalence  
6-8 weeks**

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## Context

There is a clear case for investing in services to support breastfeeding as part of a local child health strategy. This is particularly important for mothers from low income groups, as it is known that they are less likely to breastfeed. Breastfeeding protects the health of babies and mothers, and reduces the risk of illness. (NICE, 2008)

Breast milk is the best form of nutrition for infants, and exclusive breastfeeding is recommended for the first six months (26 weeks) of an infant's life. Thereafter, breastfeeding should continue for as long as the mother and baby wish, while gradually introducing the baby to a more varied diet.

In recent years, research has shown that infants who are not breastfed are more likely to have infections in the short-term such as gastroenteritis, respiratory and ear infections, and particularly infections requiring hospitalisation. In the longer term, evidence suggests that infants who are not breastfed are more likely to become obese in later childhood, which means they are more likely to develop type 2 diabetes, and tend to have slightly higher levels of blood pressure and blood cholesterol in adulthood. For mothers, breastfeeding is associated with a reduction in the risk of breast and ovarian cancers. A recent study also suggests a positive association between breastfeeding and parenting capability, particularly among single and low-income mothers.

Results from the UK Infant Feeding Survey 2010 showed that 83% of women in England breastfed their babies after birth, 78% after two days and 57% at six weeks. The differences between the two sets of results is likely to be due to the fact that the Infant Feeding Survey is based on self-reported information from women who agreed to take part in the survey; and the fact that breastfeeding status is not captured for all infants in the statistics covered in this report

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## Summary of results

The Q1 2013/14 onward collection of 12 week risk assessment, breastfeeding initiation and 6-8 week breastfeeding data was collected directly from maternity service providers and child health information system providers.

136 maternity providers were identified for 12 week and breastfeeding initiation submissions. During Q1 2014/15 providers who had not submitted during 2013/14 were given a final opportunity to do so as a result we have received data returns covering 133 of these providers Q1 - Q3, an uptake rate of 96%, for Q4 136 providers submitted data, an uptake rate of 99%.

As of the 01/06/2014 some of the Maternity services transferred from RN3 Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to RD1 Royal United Bath NHS Trust as a result 139 provider trusts submitted data from Q1 2014/15. The level of maternity provider submissions at Q1 2014/15 was 100%.

As of the 01/07/2014 RVL Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust became a part of RAL Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust as a result 138 provider trusts submitted data from Q2 2014/15. The level of maternity provider submissions at Q2 2014/15 was 100%.

As of the 01/10/2014 RV8 North West London Hospitals NHS Trust and RC3 Ealing Hospitals NHS Trust merged to become R1K London North West Healthcare NHS Trust. Also, as of the 01/10/2014 RD7 Heatherwood & Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust merged into RDU Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. RGT Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and RQW The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust are unable to submit data due to clinical system changes. As a result 136 maternity providers should have submitted data for Q3 2014/15. The level of maternity provider submissions at Q3 2014/15 was 99%.

As data submissions are now above the validation limits we have sufficient data coverage to publish an England figure for the Q1 - Q4 2013/14 & Q1 - Q3 2014/15.

110 Child Health Information System (CHIS) Providers were identified for 6-8 week breastfeeding prevalence submissions for Q3 2014/15. We received data returns covering 105 of these providers with an uptake rate of 95%.

In 2013/14 the number of eligible children with no breastfeeding prevalence status recorded was 10.4%. As insufficient data passing the 95% data completeness we are unable to publish the 6-8 week breastfeeding prevalence England figures for Q1 - Q4 2013/14 and Q1 - Q3 2014/15.

### Initiation of breastfeeding

In England the Q3 2014/15 rate of breastfeeding initiation was 73.9%. The annual percentage was 74.0% in 2013/14, 73.9% in 2012/13 and 2011/12 (74.0%) and which was slightly higher than 2010/11 (73.7%), 2009/10 (72.7%) and 2008/09 (71.7%) (Table 1).

In England amongst the 169 CCGs that passed validation in Q3, breastfeeding initiation ranged from 43.9% in NHS South Sefton CCG to 93.4% in NHS Lambeth CCG (Table 5).

In England amongst the 119 Trusts passed validation, breastfeeding initiation ranged from 47.6% in South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust to 93.4% in Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (Table 4).

### Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks

The 6-8 week breastfeeding prevalence figures are based on the number of infants recorded by CCGs as totally or partially breastfeeding, as a percentage of all infants due a 6-8 week check.

When making comparisons over time, it is best to limit this to those quarters with high and consistent levels of coverage. There is evidence that the significant improvements in data coverage that were achieved in the early quarters of data collection affected the comparability of the prevalence estimates over time. This is because improvements in coverage have resulted in the inclusion in the statistics of a disproportionately higher number of women who are not breastfeeding.

In 2012/13 prevalence at 6-8 weeks was 47.2% and in 2011/12 47.2% of infants due a 6-8 week check were being breastfed at 6-8 weeks (Table 2).

In England the breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks was not published in 2013/14 due to the number children with no recorded status of 6-8 week breastfeeding prevalence being greater than 5% of all eligible children. In Q3 2014/15 13.1% of eligible children at 6-8 weeks in England did not have a 6-8 week breastfeeding status recorded and the Q3 2014/15 cannot be published due to failure of data completeness.

In Q3 2014/15 122 CCGs failed to pass validation checks\*. 14 failed as the number of eligible children submitted failed to meet the -10% + 20% number of expected children.

An additional 75 CCGs failed due to more than 5% of their eligible children having no breastfeeding status recorded, among the CCGs that failed on 95% recording coverage validation failures was NHS Harrow CCG where the 6-8 week breastfeeding status of 100% eligible children was not known\*\*.

Amongst the 122 CCGs that passed validation\*, breastfeeding prevalence as a percentage of infants due a 6-8 week check ranged from 18.4% in NHS Knowsley CCG to 82.2% in NHS Central London (Westminster) CCG (Table 8).

*\*\* Note that two CCGs (07M NHS BARNET CCG and 08D NHS HARINGEY CCG) did not have data submitted against them and were excluded from the passed validation counts*

*\*\* R1K LONDON NORTH WEST HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST only submitted data for the number of eligible children and did not supply the number of infants whom were totally, partially or not at all breastfed. There are issues with obtaining the data from the GP Practices; work is ongoing to resolve this.*

*Please see Data Quality notes for trust specific explanations.*

**Table 1: Initiation of breastfeeding, England Trend - Commissioner based**



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Year / Quarter	Maternities No.	Breastfeeding			Not breastfeeding		Not known	
		No.	% of maternities	95% confidence interval	No.	% of maternities	No.	% of maternities
2003/04 OT	566,355	316,751			171,453		78,151	13.8%
2004/05 OT	576,935	363,549			181,655		31,731	5.5%
2005/06 OT	583,011	385,909	66.2%	66.1% - 66.3%	172,801	29.6%	24,301	4.2%
2006/07 OT	601,262	409,317	68.1%	68.0% - 68.2%	178,288	29.7%	13,657	2.3%
2007/08 OT	634,035	443,227	69.9%	69.8% - 70.0%	180,119	28.4%	10,690	1.7%
2008/09 OT	640,681	459,430	71.7%	71.6% - 71.8%	171,403	26.8%	9,848	1.5%
2009/10 OT	652,957	474,865	72.7%	72.6% - 72.8%	168,928	25.9%	9,164	1.4%
2010/11 OT	659,238	485,780	73.7%	73.6% - 73.8%	166,024	25.2%	7,434	1.1%
2011/12 OT	664,683	491,837	74.0%	73.9% - 74.1%	166,030	25.0%	6,816	1.0%
2012/13 OT	658,112	486,057	73.9%	73.7% - 74.0%	165,047	25.1%	7,008	1.1%
2013/14 OT	614,346	454,317	74.0%	73.8% - 74.1%	147,266	24.0%	12,763	2.1%
2013/14 Q1	149,091	110,440	74.1%	73.9% - 74.3%	35,950	24.1%	2,702	1.8%
2013/14 Q2	158,213	117,376	74.2%	74.0% - 74.4%	37,781	23.9%	3,056	1.9%
2013/14 Q3	153,514	113,161	73.7%	73.5% - 73.9%	37,494	24.4%	2,859	1.9%
2013/14 Q4	153,528	113,340	73.8%	73.6% - 74.0%	36,042	23.5%	4,146	2.7%
2014/15 Q1	158,359	117,146	74.0%	73.8% - 74.2%	36,988	23.4%	4,225	2.7%
2014/15 Q2	166,011	123,490	74.4%	74.2% - 74.6%	39,442	23.8%	3,079	1.9%
2014/15 Q3	156,969	116,037	73.9%	73.7% - 74.1%	37,659	24.0%	3,273	2.1%
2014/15 Q4								

Notes:

1. Shaded and blank cells indicates reported data that do not pass the data quality checks. For further details of the checks, see definitions sheet.

1. Red cells mean that no. of maternities does not meet validation criteria (see definitions sheet for details).

**Table 2: Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks, England Trend - Commissioner based**



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Quarter	Infants due a 6–8 week check No.	Infants being breastfed (Totally + Partially)			Totally		Partially		Not at all		Not known		
		No.	% of all infants	95% confidence interval	No.	% of all infants	No.	% of all infants	No.	% of all infants	No.	% of all infants	
2008/09 OT	654,063	241,534			167,509		74,025		251,842		160,687	24.6%	Coverage Target 85%
2009/10 OT	655,486	292,942	44.7%	44.6% - 44.8%	204,773	31.2%	88,169	13.5%	302,838	46.2%	59,706	9.1%	Coverage Target 85%
2010/11 OT	670,391	309,303	46.1%	46.0% - 46.3%	213,354	31.8%	95,949	14.3%	325,133	48.5%	35,955	5.4%	Coverage Target 90%
2011/12 OT	672,013	317,240	47.2%	47.1% - 47.3%	217,993	32.4%	99,247	14.8%	324,433	48.3%	30,340	4.5%	Coverage Target 95%
2012/13 OT	670,535	316,634	47.2%	47.1% - 47.3%	216,466	32.3%	100,168	14.9%	327,048	48.8%	26,853	4.0%	Coverage Target 95%
2013/14 OT	629,012	288,219			196,790		91,429		275,503		65,290	10.4%	Coverage Target 95%
2013/14 Q1	152,355	69,692			47,589		22,103		68,578		14,085	9.2%	
2013/14 Q2	158,807	72,621			49,671		22,950		70,923		15,263	9.6%	
2013/14 Q3	162,599	74,254			51,079		23,175		71,043		17,302	10.6%	
2013/14 Q4	155,251	71,652			48,451		23,201		64,959		18,640	12.0%	
2014/15 Q1	146,761	65,137			44,561		20,576		64,252		17,372	11.8%	
2014/15 Q2	159,968	69,902			48,110		21,792		69,510		20,556	12.9%	
2014/15 Q3	162,895	70,344			48,804		21,540		71,189		21,362	13.1%	
2014/15 Q4													

Notes:

1. Shaded and blank cells indicates reported data that do not pass the data quality checks. For further details of the checks, see definitions sheet.
2. Comparisons with quarters before 2010/11 Q4 need to be made with caution due to the high level of not knowns.

**Table 3: Drop Off rate between breastfeeding initiation and Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks  
England Trend - Commissioner based**



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Quarter	Maternities No.	Breastfeeding		Quarter	Infants due a 6–8 week check No.	Infants being breastfed (Totally + Partially)		Difference between percentage of mothers initiating breastfeeding and prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks (% of those initiating) %
		No.	% of maternities			No.	% of all infants	
2008/09 OT	640,681	459,430	71.7%		654,063	241,534		
2009/10 OT	652,957	474,865	72.7%		655,486	292,942	44.7%	38.5%
2010/11 OT	659,238	485,780	73.7%		670,391	309,303	46.1%	37.4%
2011/12 OT	664,683	491,837	74.0%		672,013	317,240	47.2%	36.2%
2012/13 OT	658,112	486,057	73.9%		670,535	316,634	47.2%	36.1%
2013/14 OT	614,346	454,317	74.0%		629,012	288,219		
2013/14 Q1*	149,091	110,440	74.1%	2013/14 Q2	158,807	72,621		
2013/14 Q2*	158,213	117,376	74.2%	2013/14 Q3	162,599	74,254		
2013/14 Q3*	153,514	113,161	73.7%	2013/14 Q4	155,251	71,652		
2013/14 Q4*	153,528	113,340	73.8%	2014/15 Q1	146,761	65,137		
2014/15 Q1	158,359	117,146	74.0%	2014/15 Q2	159,968	69,902		
2014/15 Q2	166,011	123,490	74.4%	2014/15 Q3	162,895	70,344		
2014/15 Q3	156,969	116,037	73.9%	2014/15 Q4				
2014/15 Q4				2015/16 Q1				

Notes:

1. Shaded and blank cells indicates reported data that do not pass the data quality checks. For further details of the checks, see definitions sheet.
2. Comparisons with quarters before 2010/11 Q4 need to be made with caution due to the high level of not knowns.
3. \* Comparisons with OT before 2013/14 cannot be made as there was a definition change between 2012/13 and 2013/14, from 2013/14 comparison of 6-8 week prevalence against the previous quarter's BFI







# Mothers initiating breastfeeding as a percentage of maternities by NHS Trusts in England

2014/15 Q3

NHS Trusts with < 5% not Knowns & passing maternities checks

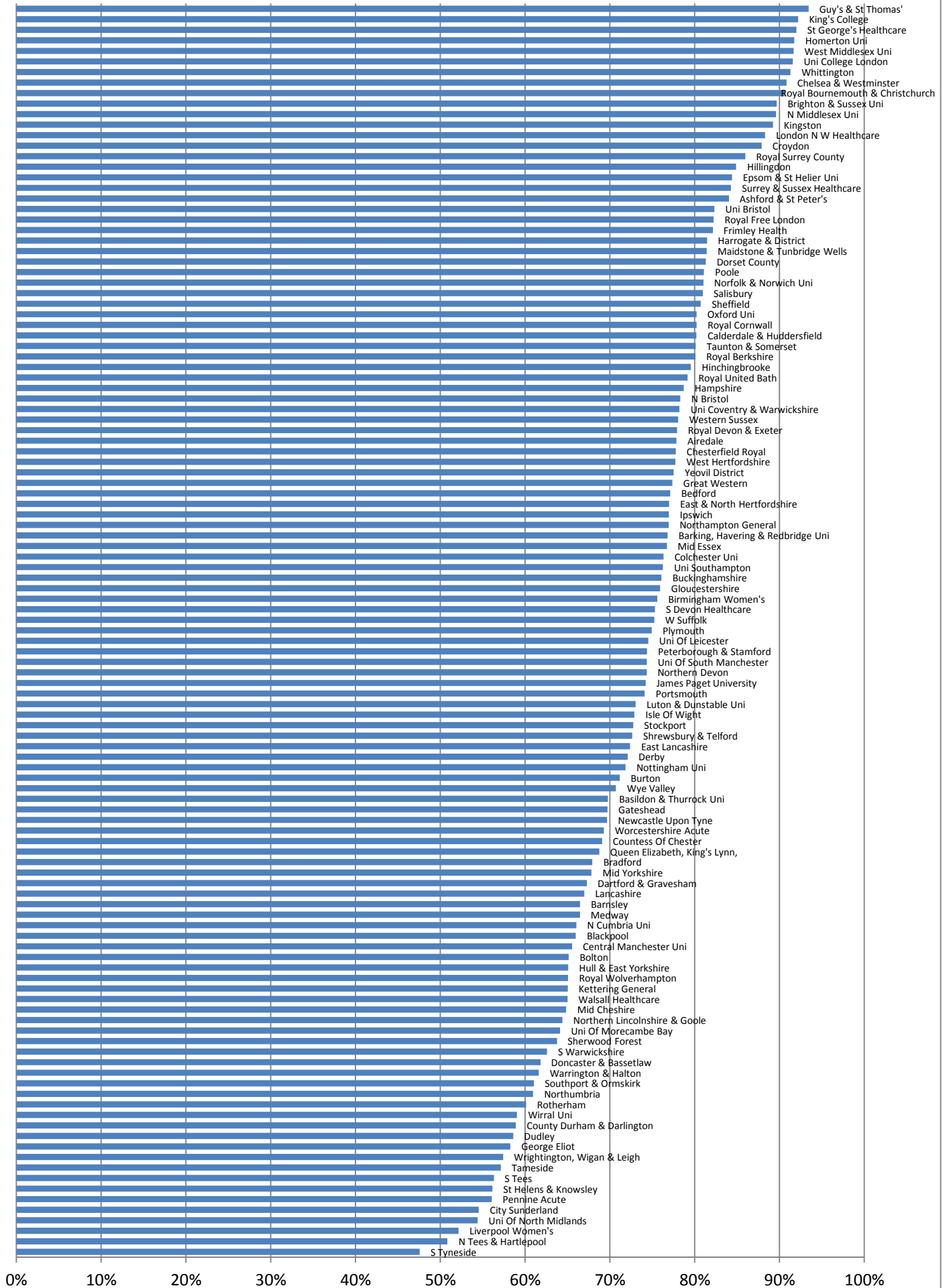




Table 5: Initiation of breastfeeding, by CCG and Area Team - Quarterly 2014/15

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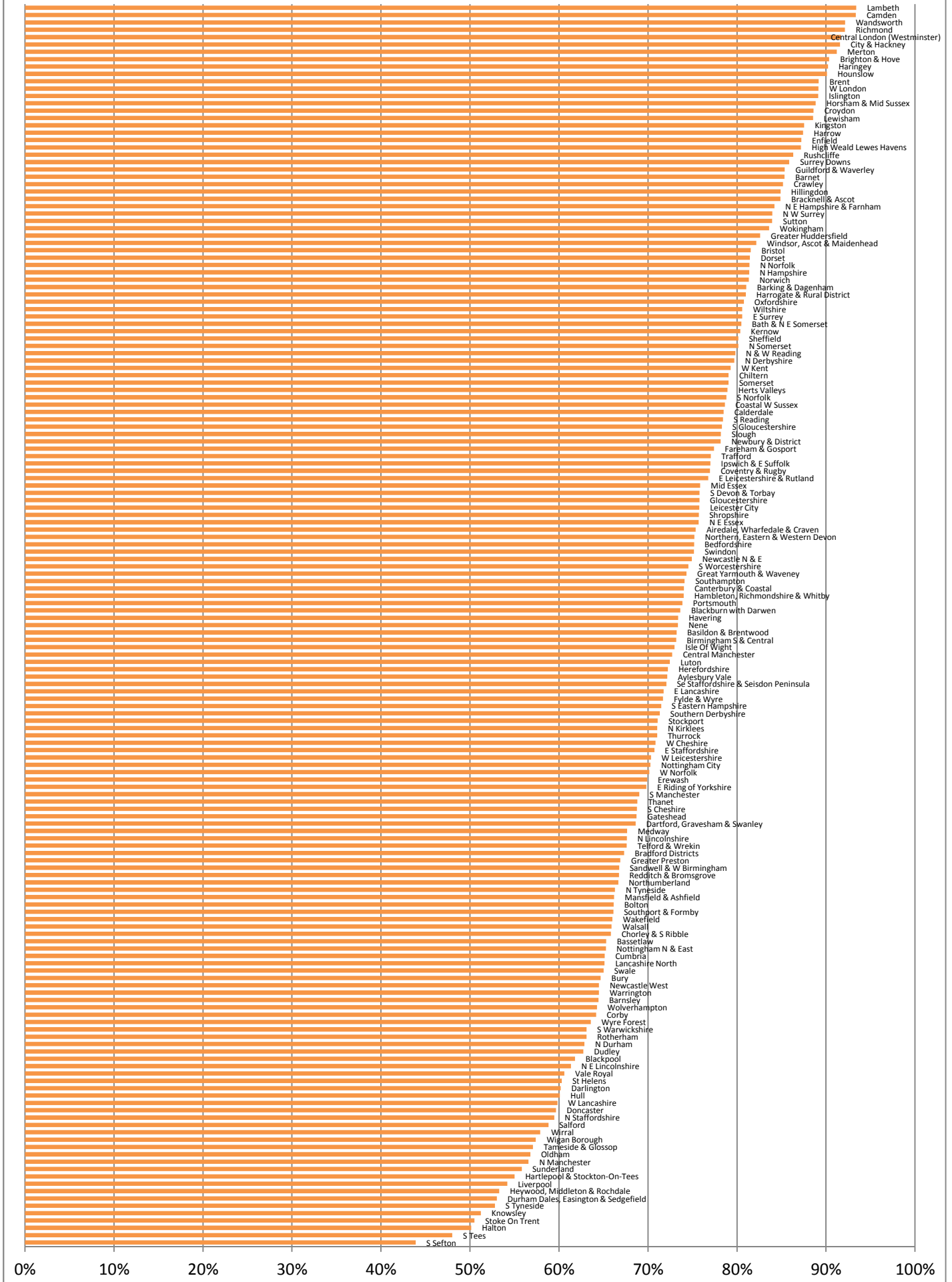
Table with columns for 'Number of Initiators (N)' and 'Initiators whose breastfeeding status not known (N)'. Each column has sub-columns for four quarters (2014/15 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4) and their respective 95% confidence intervals. The table lists various CCGs and Area Teams with their corresponding counts and percentages.



# Mothers initiating breastfeeding as a percentage of maternities by CCGs in England

2014/15 Q3

CCGs with < 5% not Knowns & passing maternities checks



# Mothers not known initiating breastfeeding as a percentage of maternities by CCGs in England 2014/15 Q3

## 2014/15 Q3 Quarter Actual v Not known target 5%

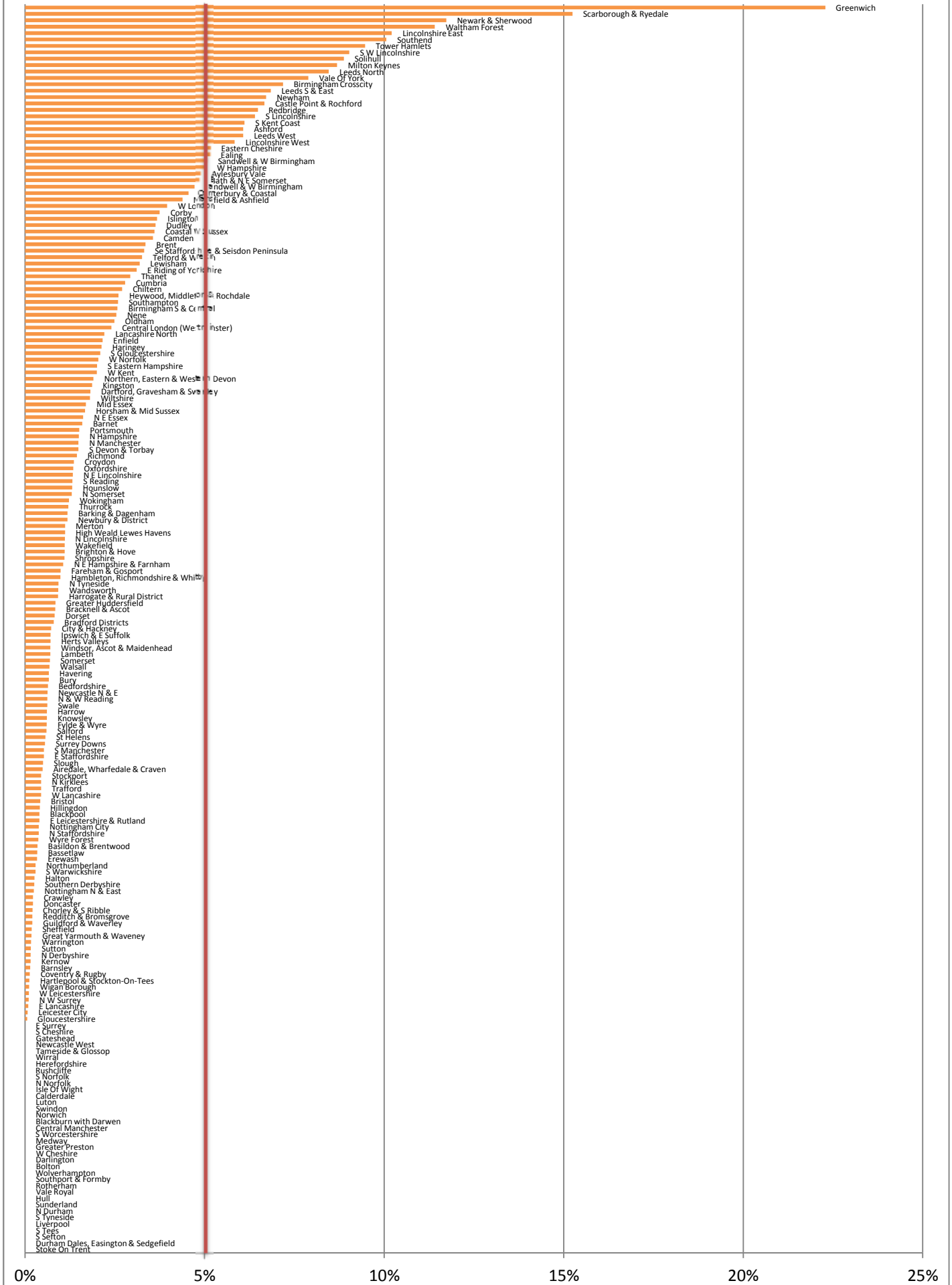




















Table 8 : Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks, 2014/15 Q3, by CCG and Area Team

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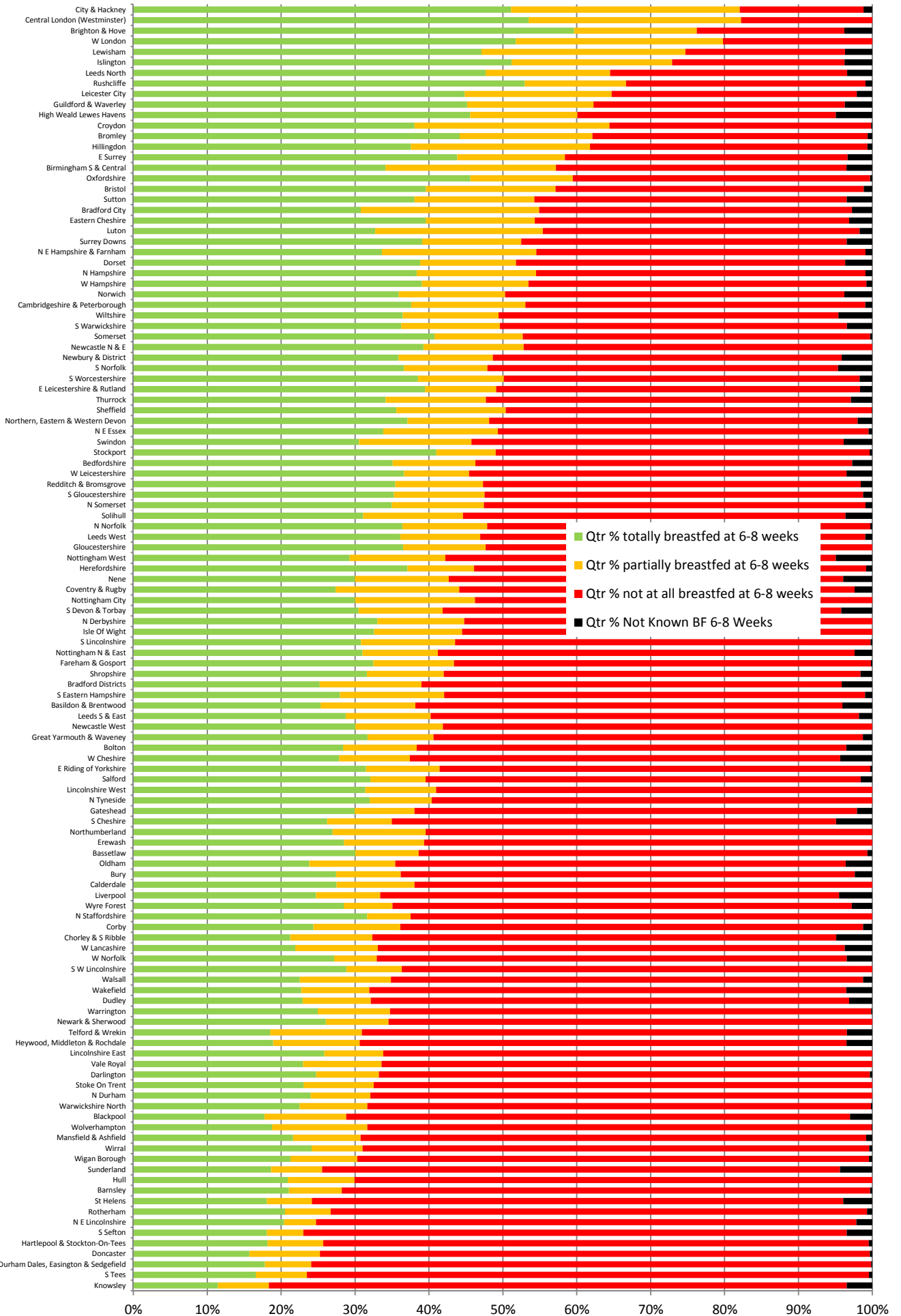


Code Name	Code Area Team	No. of infants due a 6-8 week check (1)		Infants totally or partially breastfed (2)		Infants totally breastfed (2)		Infants partially breastfed (2)		Infants not at all breastfed (2)		Infants whose breastfeeding status was not known (3)		ONS Code
		No.	No.	%	95% confidence interval	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
09P NHS Hastings and Rother CCG	O68 Surrey And Sussex Area Team	457	233			186		47		171		53	11.6%	E38000210
09K NHS High Weald Lewes Havens CCG	O68 Surrey And Sussex Area Team	406	244	60.1%	55.3% - 64.7%	185	45.6%	59	14.5%	142	35.0%	20	4.9%	E38000211
09X NHS Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG	O68 Surrey And Sussex Area Team	561	181			140		41		91		289	51.2%	E38000212
09Y NHS North West Surrey CCG	O68 Surrey And Sussex Area Team	1,167	665			470		195		400		102	8.7%	E38000213
09H NHS Surrey Downs CCG	O68 Surrey And Sussex Area Team	806	423	52.5%	49.0% - 55.9%	315	39.1%	108	13.4%	355	44.0%	28	3.5%	E38000214
10C NHS Surrey Heath CCG	O68 Surrey And Sussex Area Team	246	117			84		33		94		35	14.2%	E38000215
10Y NHS Aylesbury Vale CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	663	242			163		79		203		218	32.9%	E38000216
10G NHS Bracknell and Ascot CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	432	212			156		56		156		64	14.8%	E38000217
10H NHS Chiltern CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	1,028	501			339		162		331		196	19.1%	E38000218
10M NHS Newbury and District CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	337	164	48.7%	43.4% - 54.0%	121	35.9%	43	12.8%	159	47.2%	14	4.2%	E38000219
10N NHS North & West Reading CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	335	184			124		60		115		36	10.7%	E38000220
10Q NHS Oxfordshire CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	1,931	1,148	59.5%	57.2% - 61.6%	881	45.6%	267	13.8%	777	40.2%	6	0.3%	E38000221
10T NHS Slough CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	645	343			191		152		208		94	14.6%	E38000222
10W NHS South Reading CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	492	271			170		101		154		67	13.6%	E38000223
11C NHS Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	446	204			147		57		109		133	29.8%	E38000224
11D NHS Wokingham CCG	O69 Thames Valley Area Team	475	273			201		72		143		59	12.4%	E38000225
11J NHS Dorset CCG	O70 Wessex Area Team	1,881	974	51.8%	49.5% - 54.0%	730	38.8%	244	13.0%	838	44.6%	69	3.7%	E38000226
10K NHS Farnham and Gasport CCG	O70 Wessex Area Team	514	223	43.4%	39.2% - 47.7%	167	32.5%	56	10.9%	290	56.4%	1	0.2%	E38000227
10L NHS Isle Of Wight CCG	O70 Wessex Area Team	362	167	44.5%	39.4% - 49.6%	118	32.6%	43	11.9%	207	55.5%	0	0.0%	E38000228
09M NHS North East Hampshire and Farnham CCG	O70 Wessex Area Team	550	300	54.5%	50.4% - 58.7%	185	33.6%	115	20.9%	245	44.5%	5	0.9%	E38000229
10J NHS North Hampshire CCG	O70 Wessex Area Team	767	418	54.5%	51.0% - 58.0%	294	38.3%	124	16.2%	342	44.6%	7	0.9%	E38000230
10R NHS Portsmouth CCG	O70 Wessex Area Team	678	281			186		95		309		88	13.0%	E38000231
10V NHS South Eastern Hampshire CCG	O70 Wessex Area Team	504	212	42.1%	37.8% - 46.4%	141	28.0%	71	14.1%	287	56.9%	5	1.0%	E38000232
10X NHS Southampton CCG	O70 Wessex Area Team	851	286			208		78		263		302	35.5%	E38000233
11A NHS West Hampshire CCG	O70 Wessex Area Team	1,472	787	53.5%	50.9% - 56.0%	575	39.1%	212	14.4%	673	45.7%	12	0.8%	E38000234
07L NHS Barking and Dagenham CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,127	617			307		315		385		120	10.6%	E38000235
07M NHS Barnet CCG	O71 London Area Team	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	E38000236
07N NHS Bexley CCG	O71 London Area Team	716	124			72		52		114		478	66.6%	E38000237
07P NHS Brent CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,168	859			524		335		198		111	9.5%	E38000238
07Q NHS Bromley CCG	O71 London Area Team	969	602	62.1%	59.0% - 65.1%	428	44.2%	174	18.0%	361	37.3%	6	0.6%	E38000239
07R NHS Camden CCG	O71 London Area Team	628	257			147		110		71		300	47.8%	E38000240
09A NHS Central London (Westminster) CCG	O71 London Area Team	428	352	82.2%	78.3% - 85.6%	229	53.5%	123	28.7%	76	17.8%	0	0.0%	E38000241
07T NHS City and Hackney CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,170	960	82.1%	79.7% - 84.1%	598	51.1%	362	30.9%	196	16.8%	14	1.2%	E38000242
07U NHS Croydon CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,346	867	64.4%	61.8% - 66.9%	512	38.0%	315	26.4%	2	0.1%	1,184	35.4%	E38000243
07W NHS Ealing CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,193	7			4		3		3		1	99.2%	E38000244
07X NHS Enfield CCG	O71 London Area Team	936	603			351		252		321		12	1.3%	E38000245
08A NHS Greenwich CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,133	315			195		120		132		686	60.5%	E38000246
08C NHS Hammersmith and Fulham CCG	O71 London Area Team	543	437			304		133		106		0	0.0%	E38000247
08D NHS Haringey CCG	O71 London Area Team	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	E38000248
08E NHS Harrow CCG	O71 London Area Team	751	0			0		0		0		751	100.0%	E38000249
08F NHS Havering CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,113	417			248		169		448		248	22.3%	E38000250
08G NHS Hillingdon CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,073	663	61.8%	58.8% - 64.6%	403	37.6%	260	24.2%	403	37.6%	7	0.7%	E38000251
07Y NHS Hounslow CCG	O71 London Area Team	870	378			243		135		142		350	40.2%	E38000252
08H NHS Islington CCG	O71 London Area Team	664	484	72.9%	69.4% - 76.1%	340	51.2%	144	21.7%	155	23.3%	25	3.8%	E38000253
08J NHS Kingston CCG	O71 London Area Team	525	390			273		117		88		47	9.0%	E38000254
08K NHS Lambeth CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,242	930			609		321		172		140	11.3%	E38000255
08L NHS Lewisham CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,218	910	74.7%	72.2% - 77.1%	574	47.1%	336	27.6%	263	21.6%	45	3.7%	E38000256
08R NHS Merton CCG	O71 London Area Team	756	538			372		166		180		38	5.0%	E38000257
08M NHS Newham CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,475	522			184		338		175		778	52.7%	E38000258
08N NHS Redbridge CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,310	793			379		414		359		158	12.1%	E38000259
08P NHS Richmond CCG	O71 London Area Team	689	106			69		37		36		547	79.4%	E38000260
08Q NHS Southwark CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,166	882			533		349		179		105	9.0%	E38000261
08T NHS Sutton CCG	O71 London Area Team	691	375	54.3%	50.5% - 57.9%	263	38.1%	112	16.2%	292	42.3%	24	3.5%	E38000262
08V NHS Tower Hamlets CCG	O71 London Area Team	2	1			0		1		0		1	50.0%	E38000263
08W NHS Waltham Forest CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,215	498			276		222		184		533	43.9%	E38000264
08X NHS Wandsworth CCG	O71 London Area Team	1,315	792			549		512		243		281	21.4%	E38000265
08Y NHS West London CCG	O71 London Area Team	628	501	79.8%	76.5% - 82.7%	325	51.8%	176	28.0%	127	20.2%	0	0.0%	E38000266
X24 Military Practices	X24 NHS England	185	83			65		18		83		19	10.3%	
12H Durham, Darlington & Tees Commissioning Hub	O45 Durham, Darlington & Tees	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
12K Lancashire Commissioning Hub	O47 Lancashire	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
12M Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear Commissioning Hub	O49 Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
12Q West Yorkshire Commissioning Hub	O52 West Yorkshire	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
12V Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Commissioning Hub	O55 Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
12W East Anglia Commissioning Hub	O56 East Anglia	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
13C Shropshire & Staffordshire Commissioning Hub	O60 Shropshire & Staffordshire	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
13D North East London Commissioning Hub	O71 London	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
13F South London Commissioning Hub	O71 London	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
13H Bristol, N Somerset, Somerset & S Gloucestershire Commissioning Hub	O65 Bristol, N Somerset, Somerset & S Gloucestershire	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
13K Kent & Medway Commissioning Hub	O67 Kent & Medway	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
13M Thames Valley Commissioning Hub	O69 Thames Valley	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
13A Leicestershire & Lincolnshire Commissioning Hub	O59 Leicestershire And Lincolnshire Area Team	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	
13R London Commissioning Hub	O71 London	0	0			0		0		0		0	0.0%	

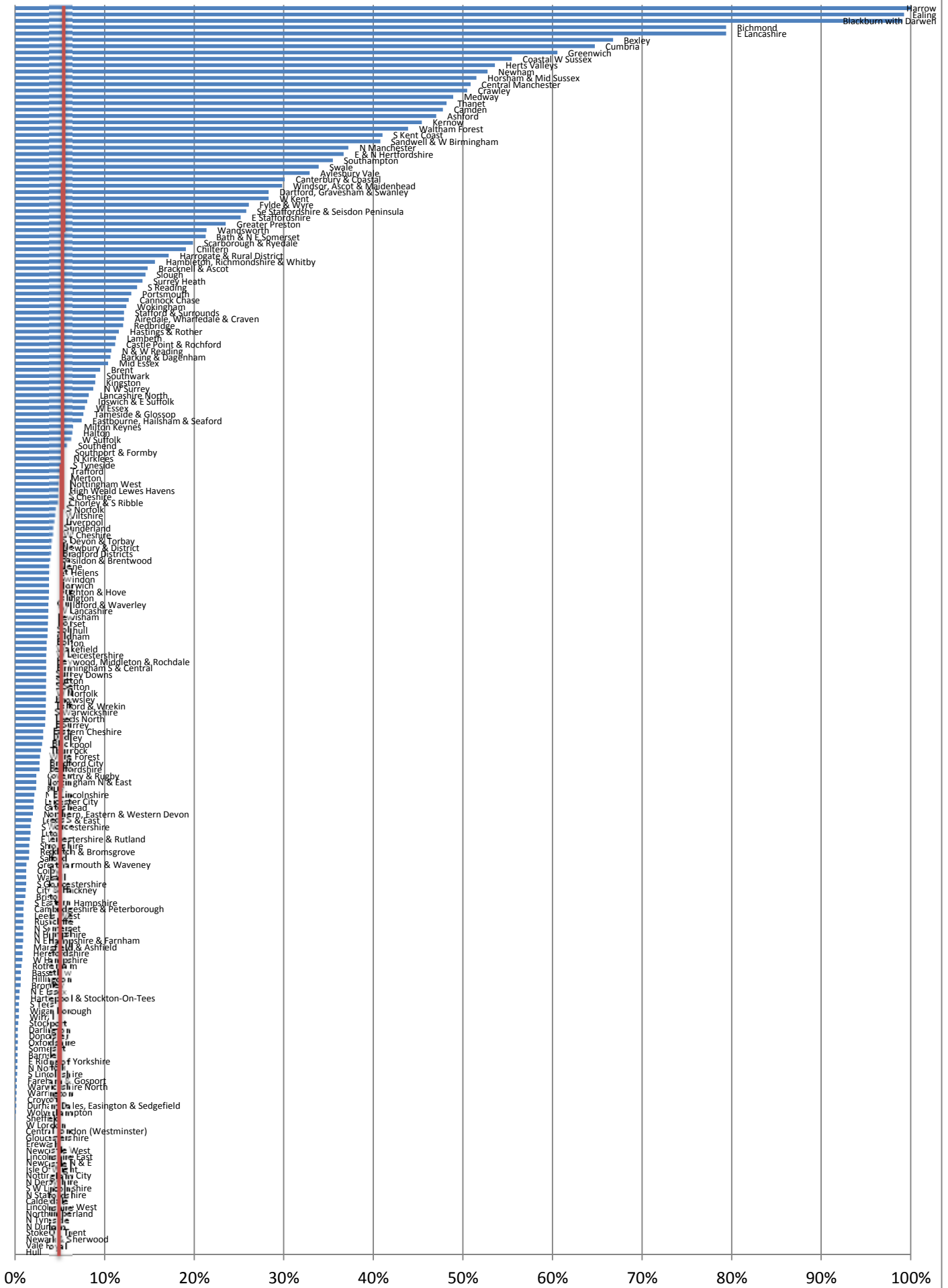
- Notes:
1. Red cells mean that no. of infants due for a 6-8 week checks does not meet validation criteria (see definitions sheet for details).
  2. Blank cells mean that data does not meet validation criteria (see definitions sheet for details).
  3. Shaded cells mean that percentage of infants whose breastfeeding status was recorded falls short of data quality standard of 95%.
  4. Area Team and England actuals and percentages are calculated including the data from those CCGs who have failed the validation criteria.



## Infants 6-8 week breastfeeding status as a percentage of infants due 6-8 week reviews by CCGs in England 2014/15 Q3



**Percentage of infants not known breastfeeding as a percentage of infants due 6-8 week reviews by CCGs in England 2014/15 Q3**  
**actual V Not known target 5%**



**Non Data Submissions****Maternity Providers:**

**Q1 2014/15:** All Trusts submitted data

**Q2 2014/15:** All Trusts submitted data

**Q3 2014/15 non submissions from:**

RGT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST and RQW THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL NHS TRUST recently transitioned to new clinical systems.

**6-8 week Breastfeeding Providers:**

**Q1 2014/15 non submissions from:** RFS CHESTERFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST, OAV NHS NORTH YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT and RBN ST HELENS AND KNOWSLEY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST as CHIS do not hold 6-8 week breastfeeding prevalence data

609 SUFFOLK and RDR SUSSEX COMMUNITY NHS TRUST recently transitioned to new clinical systems

Q47 LANCASHIRE AREA TEAM

**Q2 2014/15 non submissions from:** RFS CHESTERFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST, OAV NHS NORTH YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT and RBN ST HELENS AND KNOWSLEY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST as CHIS do not hold 6-8 week breastfeeding prevalence data

609 SUFFOLK recently transitioned to a new clinical system

711 TOWER HAMLETS do not have access to the birth data so cannot submit as there is no denominator

**Q3 2014/15 non submissions from:** RFS CHESTERFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST, OAV NHS NORTH YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT and RBN ST HELENS AND KNOWSLEY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST as CHIS do not hold 6-8 week breastfeeding prevalence data

724 HARINGEY unable to submit due to insufficient data; some Haringey GP Practices have not submitted their data returns. HARINGEY is working with their CCG to ensure in the following quarters the CHIS will take on responsibility for the next submission.

711 TOWER HAMLETS do not have access to the birth data so cannot submit as there is no denominator

**Data Submission Issues****Q1 2014/15 Maternity Providers:**

RYJ IMPERIAL COLLEGE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST implemented a new clinical system.

RXK SANDWELL AND WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST submitted data for the number of maternities, 12 week risk assessment and assessment at any time during pregnancy indicators but no data was provided for the indicators known to have initiated breastfeeding and known not to have initiated breastfeeding.

RTR SOUTH TEES HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST reported having no electronic way of recording feeding at 48 hours within the community setting.

RWP WORCESTERSHIRE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST has a number of babies whom have not got a breastfeeding indicator filled in and are working on this issue.

RJZ KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST reported that where the breastfeeding status is not known it is these mothers whose babies went to Special Care Baby Unit before being fed on their labour ward and, as a result, are not able to record the feeding status for these mothers / babies following delivery. The next point at which the feeding status would be recorded is at discharge and it cannot be known for sure whether or not that would have been within 48 hours. The Provider changed to a new clinical system for capturing this data in October 2013.

**Q2 2014/15 Maternity Providers:**

RJE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF NORTH MIDLANDS NHS TRUST contribution for GP practices M83070 and M83074 was excluded from the publication file due to erroneous data.

**Q1, Q2 & Q3 2014/15 Maternity Providers:**

RNQ KETTERING GENERAL HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST only has paper based systems for 12 week risk assessment so they do not have the GP level of data. This will be submitted under V81999 and under CCG code 04G (as they do not have this level of data either). This is their main commissioners but only covers 50/60% of their activity.

RJD MID STAFFORDSHIRE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST does not have data at GP level, therefore all data was submitted under V81999 under CCG code 05V.

RN3 GREAT WESTERN HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST as of 01/06/2014 some of the Maternity services were transferred to RD1 ROYAL UNITED BATH NHS TRUST, hence the data validation flag for 2014/15 Q1, Q2 and Q3 maternities was removed to account for this.

RD1 ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL BATH NHS TRUST as of the 01/06/2014 some of the Maternity services were transferred from RN3 GREAT WESTERN HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST to RD1 ROYAL UNITED BATH NHS TRUST. Data for this Trust has not been subject to validation as validation is compared against historic data and there will not be any data for this yet. Therefore, the validation flag for 2014/15 Q1, Q2 and Q3 maternities was removed.

RJ2 LEWISHAM AND GREENWICH NHS TRUST only submitting information for Q3 onwards, as the LEWISHAM AND GREENWICH NHS TRUST was only formed in October 2013. Also in July, there was the implementation of Cerner and as such there have been data quality issues with capturing the information correctly. The required field for capturing the breastfeeding initiation status is currently not mandated and as with any new system there have been data quality issues. There is a plan for Cerner to have this made a mandated field from January 2015, but for Q3 the service will be monitoring the use of the system to try and resolve the issue as much as they can.

#### **Q2 & Q3 2014/15 Maternity Providers:**

As of the 01/07/2014 RVL BARNET AND FARM CHASE HOSPITALS merged with RAL ROYAL FREE LONDON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST to form a larger trust, hence the data validation flag for 2014/15 Q2 and Q3 maternities was removed.

#### **Q3 2014/15 Maternity Providers:**

As of the 01/10/2014 RD7 HEATHERWOOD & WEXHAM PARK HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST merged into RDU FRIMLEY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST, hence the data validation flag for 2014/15 Q3 maternities was removed.

As of the 01/10/2014 RV8 NORTH WEST LONDON HOSPITALS NHS TRUST and RC3 EALING HOSPITALS NHS TRUST merged to become R1K LONDON NORTH WEST HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST, hence the data validation flag for 2014/15 Q3 maternities was removed.

R1F ISLE OF WIGHT NHS TRUST data was submitted under V81999 and under CCG code 10L.

RWP WORCESTERSHIRE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST implemented a new clinical system.

#### **Q1 2014/15 6-8 week Breastfeeding Providers:**

NTV CSH SURREY report that not all Health Visitors are creating "development checks tables" when a child is checked at 6-8 weeks which means that some of the data is missing; work is ongoing to resolve this issue.

RY9 HOUNSLOW AND RICHMOND COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST highlighted an issue with RiO code (v3.1) whereby if a child's CCG code cannot be identified the scripts defaults to the organisation code. Advised to submit these under the GP Code of V81999 allocating the CCG code based on the patient's postcode. There were around 30 patients' postcodes that could not be identified, owing to two lead commissioning CCGs, these patients were excluded as the Provider was not sure where to allocate them.

R1C SOLENT NHS TRUST report data quality issues linked to their data warehouse and the current patient system being used. Once the data is validated and cleansed by the service it should be possible to re-run the extract to show the cleansed data, however it is not pulling through the data in all cases; work is ongoing to resolve this issue.

RA9 SOUTH DEVON HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST only submitted data for Torbay addresses and have not submitted data for Plymouth or South Devon.

NDA VIRGIN CARE SERVICES LTD contribution for 09L East Surrey CCG was excluded from the publication files as this was duplicated data submitted by NDJ FIRST COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE CIC.

RH8 ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER NHS FOUNDATION TRUST's submission was all zeros i.e. a null return.

05L NHS SANDWELL AND WEST BIRMINGHAM CCG data for Q1 2014/15 reported a higher breastfeeding percentage rate at 6-8 weeks than that of the breastfeeding initiation percentage rate and as such failed validation.

#### **Q2 2014/15 6-8 week Breastfeeding Providers:**

RT2 PENNINE CARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST a national incident has been raised regarding GP's not informing Child Health Departments in a timely fashion of children that they register / de-register. This affects all four areas that Pennine Care submits for; Oldham, HMR, Trafford and Bury). The Child Health Department in Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale CCG have reported that the 2 pieces of paperwork are not always being completed by GPs (the 6-8 week contact form (Health Visitor) and the 6-8 week Health Review GP). Trafford; are currently some issues around the movement of the relevant paperwork from Health Visitor teams into the Child Health Department. This issue is being actively managed and progressed.

RDY DORSET HEALTHCARE UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST introduced a new electronic system for data collection which has presented data quality issues as clinicians adjust to a different method of recording information. The Provider has been proactively working to resolve these issues and have implemented systems and processes to improve data capture across the health visitor teams. It is anticipated that the reported coverage will increase in the Q3 2014/15 return.

RC3 EALING HOSPITAL NHS TRUST only submitted data for the number of eligible children and did not supply the number of infants whom were totally, partially or not at all breastfed. This is because RC3 EALING HOSPITAL NHS TRUST does not provide a service for the 6-8 weeks breastfeeding review, this is done by the Ealing GPs and there is no data collection system in place to collate this information from the GPs.

RW3 CENTRAL MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST reported that they do not receive a lot of information on the breastfeeding at the 6-8 week review from the GP Practice.

RYY KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST reported that they failed on the coverage validation check as there was insufficient data from the GP Practices.

RPG OXLEAS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST highlighted an issue with the RiO script which uses the GP practice of the client record. If there is no GP record it does not use the assumed GP record and a large number of our clients do not have a client GP record in the early days and weeks. Therefore, all of these unknown GP records are distorting their results.

**Q1, Q2 & Q3 2014/15 6-8 week Breastfeeding Providers:**

RJ7 ST GEORGE'S HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST reported that the high percentage of babies with not known breastfeeding status is due to late submission of the 6-8 week checks data by the GPs and onto EMIS; work ongoing to resolve this issue.

RTR SOUTH TEES HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST submitted data under V81999 under CCG code 00M.

Data missing for 5 Farnham GP Practices; data due to be submitted by NDA VIRGIN CARE SERVICES LTD with an agreement in place for submission at Q4.

**Q2 & Q3 2014/15 6-8 week Breastfeeding Providers:**

RV3 CENTRAL AND NORTH WEST LONDON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST reported a number of issues receiving 6-8 week check data from Camden's GPs which has been raised with commissioners locally but has impacted on coverage rates.

**Q3 2014/15 6-8 week Breastfeeding Providers:**

NTV CSH SURREY reported that not all Health Visitors are creating "development checks tables" when a child is checked at 6-8 weeks which means that some of the data is missing; work is ongoing to resolve this issue.

RNN CUMBRIA PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST reported that they only submitted a partial count for the number of infants being recorded as not at all breastfed. Data is to be revised in the Q4 annual revision period.

RA9 SOUTH DEVON HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST submitted data for Chillington Health Centre. Agreement that this data will be submitted by RK9 PLYMOUTH HOSPITALS NHS TRUST for Q4 onwards.

R1K LONDON NORTH WEST HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST reported that there are issues with obtaining the data from the GP Practices; work is ongoing to resolve this.

**Organisation name changes:**

RJE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE NHS TRUST to UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF NORTH MIDLANDS NHS TRUST

RDU FRIMLEY PARK HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST to FRIMLEY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

RD1 ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL BATH NHS TRUST to ROYAL UNITED HOSPITALS BATH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

RJ7 ST GEORGE'S HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST to ST GEORGE'S HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

RY2 BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST to BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

RY8 DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES NHS TRUST to DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

RYY KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS TRUST to KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

RHA NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST to NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

**Data Failing Validation****Maternity Providers:**

Q3 2014/15 data quality:

- 132 Trusts that submitted data passed the -10% / +20% validation standards when compared against HES maternities figure
- 121 out of the 134 Trusts that submitted data met the required 95% recording coverage standard, this is where there are less than 5% of the eligible maternities for whom a breastfeeding status is not known
- 119 out of the 134 Trusts that submitted data passed both validation checks
- Data aggregated to the CCG level; 195 out of the 211 CCGs passed the -10% / +20% validation standards when compared against recorded ONS births figures
- Data aggregated to the CCG level; 183 out of the 211 CCGs met the required 95% recording coverage standard, this is where there are less than 5% of the eligible maternities for whom a breastfeeding status is not known
- Data aggregated to the CCG level; 169 out of the 211 CCGs passed both validation checks

**6-8 week Breastfeeding Providers:**

Q3 2014/15 data quality:

- Data aggregated to the CCG level; 197 out of the 211 CCGs met the -10% / +20% validation standards when compared against recorded ONS births figures
- Data aggregated to the CCG level; 128 out of the 211 CCGs met the required 95% recording coverage standard, this is where less than 5% of eligible children's 6-8 week breastfeeding status is not being recorded on the CHIS
- Data aggregated to the CCG level; none of the 211 CCGs reported a higher breastfeeding initiation percentage rate than that of the breastfeeding percentage rate at 6-8 weeks
- Data aggregated to the CCG level; 122 of the 211 CCGs passed all validation checks\*

\* Note that two CCGs (07M NHS BARNET CCG and 08D NHS HARINGEY CCG) did not have data submitted against them and were excluded from the passed validation counts

## Data collection and definition



### Breastfeeding initiation

Since April 2003, data on the local breastfeeding initiation has been requested on a quarterly basis, historically from all PCTs. This information provides more timely, frequent and local information on breastfeeding initiation than the Infant Feeding Survey.

Since April 2013 this data is now being collected directly from providers via the data collection tool that is part of Unify2, a web based system set up to collect performance and other central returns directly from the NHS. The figures are obtained from maternity providers from midwives in acute trusts and information recorded at deliveries.

For breastfeeding initiation, each provider is required to submit actual figures for the quarter and year end out turn figures for the following three items:

- the number of maternities.
- the number of mothers initiating breastfeeding.
- the number of mothers not initiating breastfeeding.

### Data validation

The following validation rules are applied to the data

All numbers must be submitted as integers.

Number initiating Breastfeeding	+	Number not initiating Breastfeeding	<=	Number of Maternities
Number of Maternities	<	Maximum Office of National Statistics (ONS) reported number of maternities for last year PLUS 20%		
Number of Maternities	>	Minimum Office of National Statistics (ONS) reported number of maternities for last year MINUS 10%		
Number initiating Breastfeeding	+	Number not initiating Breastfeeding	>	95% of Number of Maternities

All validation checks must be passed by Providers in order for the data to meet departmental statistical requirements. Where information has not passed these validation checks, this is identified in the tables in this report by conditional formatting.

## Data collection and definition



### Breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks

Since April 2008, data on the local prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks has been requested on a quarterly basis, historically from all PCTs. This is in addition to data collected on initiation of breastfeeding. This information provides more timely, frequent and local information on breastfeeding prevalence after the mother and baby have been discharged from hospital than the Infant Feeding Survey.

Since April 2013 this data is now being collected directly from child health information system providers via the data collection tool that is part of Unify2, a web based system set up to collect performance and other central returns directly from the NHS. The figures are typically derived by child health records from information recorded at infants' 6-8 week check.

For breastfeeding prevalence, each child health information system is required to submit actual figures for the quarter and the year end out turn figures for the following four items:

- The number of infants due a 6–8 week check in each quarter.
- The number of infants being “totally” breastfed (defined as infants who are exclusively receiving breast milk at 6-8 weeks of age - that is, they are NOT receiving formula milk, any other liquids or food).
- The number of infants being “partially” breastfed (defined as infants who are currently receiving breast milk at 6-8 weeks of age and who are also receiving formula milk or any other liquids or food).
- The number of infants being “not at all” breastfed (defined as infants who are not currently receiving any breast milk at 6-8 weeks of age).

### Data validation

The following validation rules are applied to the data:

All four numbers must be submitted as integers.

Number of infants due a 6–8 week check	>=	Number of infants “totally” breastfed + Number of infants “partially” breastfed + Number of infants “not at all” breastfed
Number of infants due a 6–8 week check	<	Maximum National Statistics (ONS) reported number of live births for the last year PLUS 20.0%
Number of infants due a 6–8 week check	>	Minimum National Statistics (ONS) reported number of live births for the last year MINUS 10.0%
Percentage of infants being breastfed at 6-8 week	<	Percentage of mothers initiating breastfeeding

All validation checks must be passed in order for the data to meet departmental statistical requirements. Where information has not passed these validation checks, this is identified in the tables in this report by conditional formatting.

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