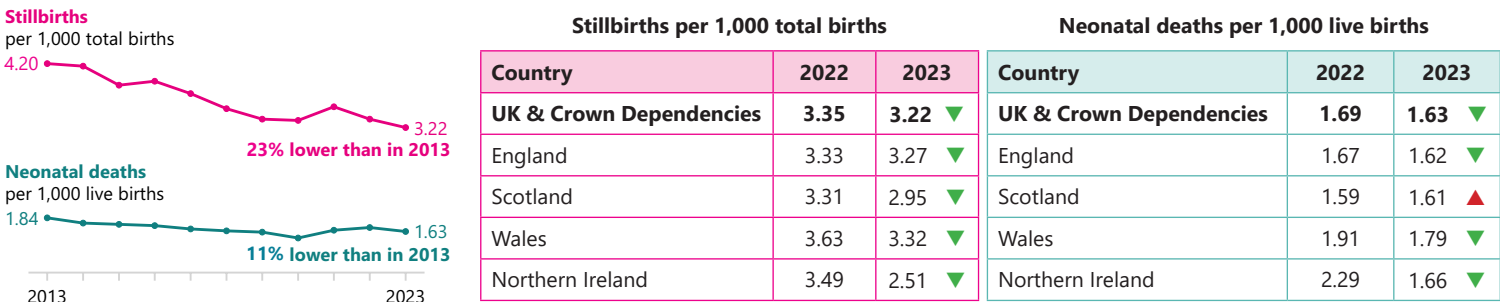
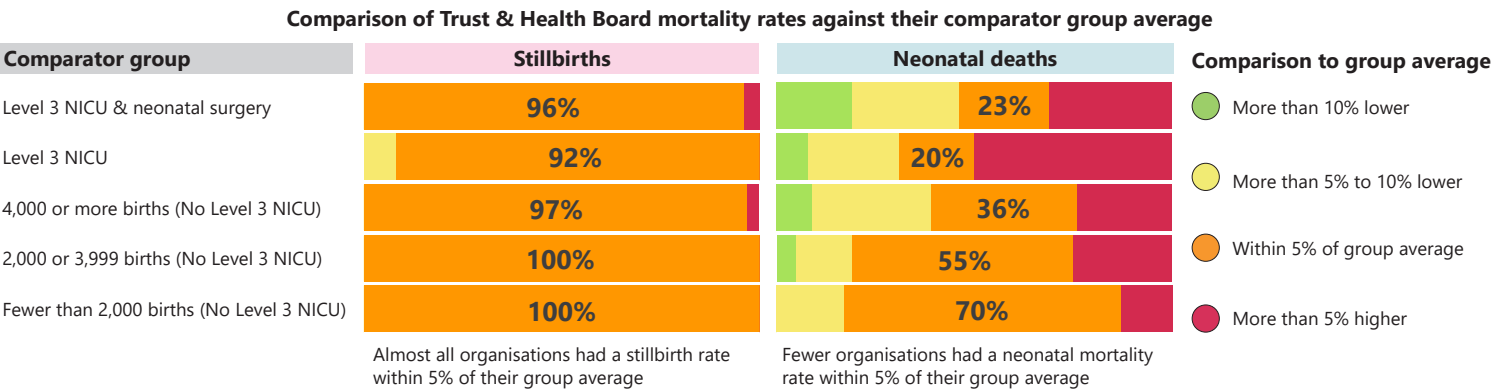


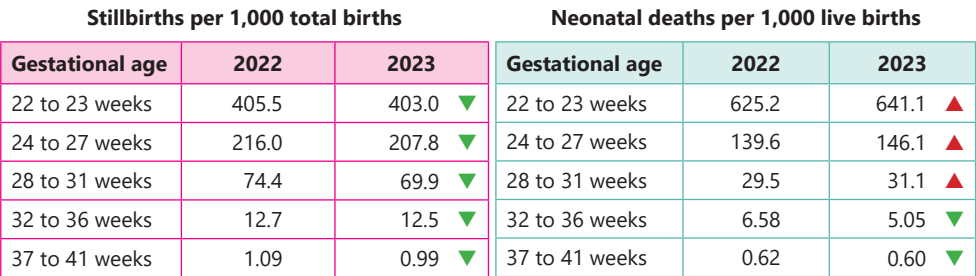
1. Perinatal mortality rates continued to decrease in 2023, driven by a reduction in stillbirths.



2. There was wide variation in neonatal mortality rates



3. Neonatal mortality rates increased for the most preterm babies



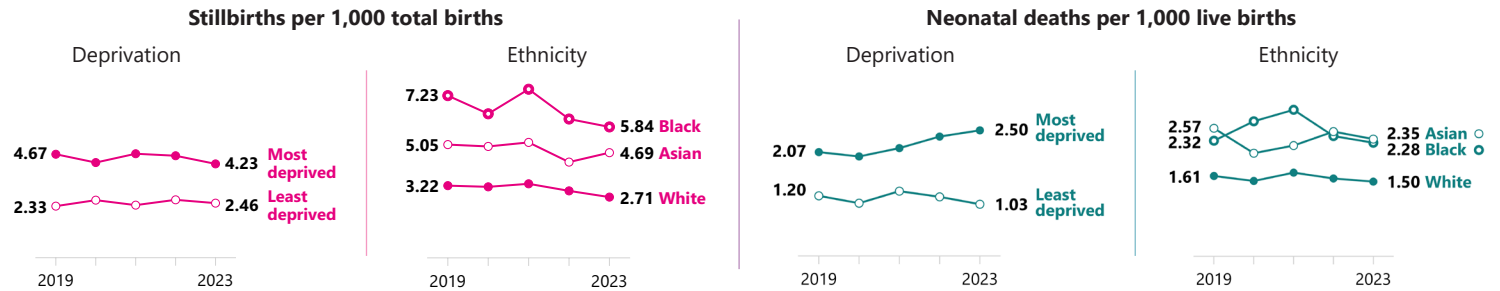
What is a stillbirth or neonatal death?

A **stillbirth** is the death of a baby before or during birth once a pregnancy has reached 24 completed weeks.

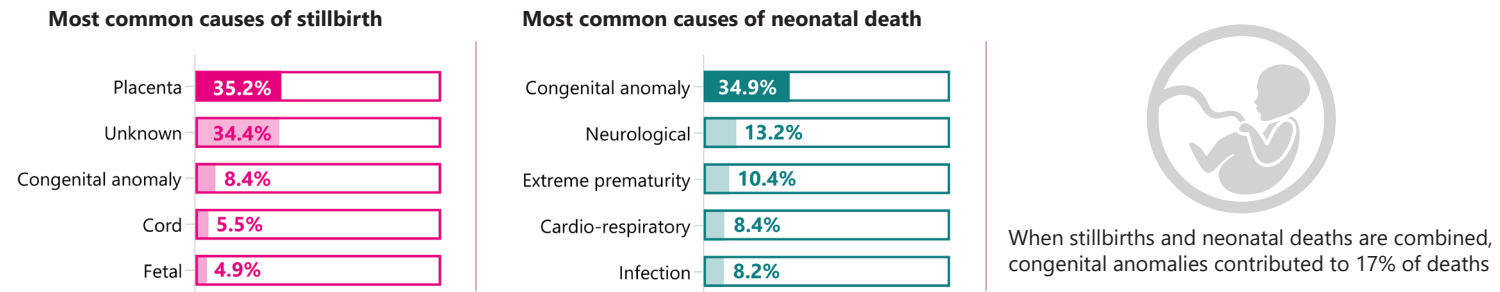
A **neonatal death** is a baby born at any gestation who lives, even briefly, but dies within 28 days of birth.

All rates in this report are for babies born from 24 completed weeks and include deaths due to congenital anomalies, unless otherwise stated.

4. Neonatal mortality rates for babies from the most deprived areas increased for the third year



5. The most common causes of stillbirth and neonatal death were unchanged



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