Facts about whooping cough for pregnant women

There is a lot of whooping cough around at the moment, and babies who are too young to start their vaccinations are at greatest risk.

Whooping cough is a serious disease in babies.

In the UK during 2012 there were 400 cases of whooping cough in babies aged under three months. Fourteen of these babies died.

Pregnant women can protect their babies by having the whooping cough injection.

If you are pregnant, the best time to have this injection is between 16 and 32 weeks.

When the vaccine is given during pregnancy, it works very well at protecting young babies against whooping cough, and it is very safe.

Your baby will still need their routine vaccinations at two months old.

Talk to your midwife or GP and make an appointment to get vaccinated.

You can get more information from

www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/doityourself/vaccinations/Whoopingcoughpreg/