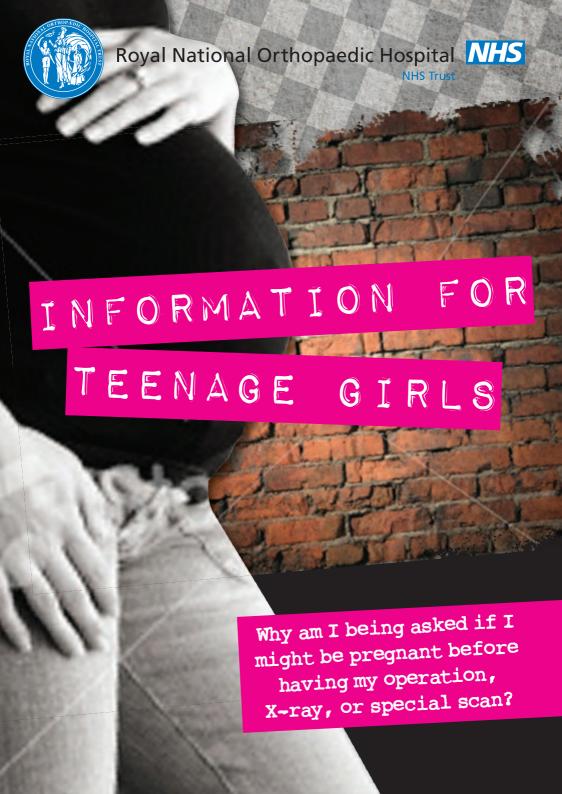
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## WE KNOW ABOUT DO WHAT PREGNANCY? TEENAGE

Girls under the age of 16 do get pregnant, even though the law in this country says that they should not be having sex.

The government counts how many young girls aged 13-15

Between 2005 and 2007 this number was nearly 24,000. become pregnant.

IMPORTANT FOR YOU I MIGHT BE PREGNANT? IT IS WHY KNOW IF

If you are pregnant when you have an operation, X-ray, or special scan, it may harm your unborn baby.

This is especially true at the beginning of a pregnancy, when you might not even realise that you are pregnant.

MIGHT ASKING ME IF YOU ARE

SEX? BE PREGNANT, I'M NOT HAVING

- We understand that many teenage girls are not having sex, so it is not possible for them to be pregnant. We do not know who is and who isn't sexually active, so to ensure we care for you safely, we ask everyone aged 12 and over if it is possible they might be pregnant.
- By doing this, we hope to prevent the possibility of harming an unborn baby, and the distress this would cause to the baby's mother



It is important that you tell a nurse or doctor so that we can decide what to do next. Everything you tell us will be treated confidentially, which means that we will not tell anyone else without your permission.

You may be offered a pregnancy test, which is done by testing a sample of your urine.

Because the pregnancy test is not always reliable very early in a pregnancy, you may still be pregnant even if the result is negative in this case, a doctor will talk to you about whether you should grahead with your operation, X-ray, or special scan.

