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as spina bifida could have been avoided in the UK since 1998, if the Government had followed advice to fortify flour with folic acid. 78 countries, including the United States, add folic acid to cereal grain and flour. With more, here's our health correspondent, Dominic Hughes. still in the womb and is known as a neural tube defect which can affect the brain. Very often these cases lead to termination, stillbirth, the death of the newborn baby or serious disability. Some protection can come from folic acid, naturally present in some foods, cereals and wholemeal bread. But it is hard to consume enough from purely natural sources, so the Department of Health has been advising pregnant women to take folic acid supplement since 1992. New research suggests as many as 28% of women ignore the advice and don't take folic acid while pregnant. In 1998 the authorities in the US started adding folic acid to flower for bread and since then have seen a

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dramatic fall in babies developing these defects -- flour. If the UK had adopted a similar policy researchers say that since 1998 more than 2000 cases would have been avoided. It is getting to women who are basically healthy before they are pregnant when we have around 50% of pregnancies in this country that are still unclad. It was always a tall order that would need a massive sustained campaign over and over again. No government has really tackled that had long. Successive governments have been advised to follow the US example and introduce folic acid to flour for bread, most recently on October when the Department of Health has said they are still considering the latest recommendations. A new film is being released by the police today, giving the general public advice about what to do in the event of a gun attack. It's in response to recent shootings in Paris and Tunisia but detectives