



Statistical Press Notice: 2014 Local Health Profiles

The 2014 Local Health Profiles, produced by Public Health England (PHE) were released on Tuesday 8th July 2014.

The profiles draw together information to present a picture of health in each local area in a user-friendly format. They are a valuable tool for local government and health services in helping them to understand their communities' needs, so that they can work to improve people's health and reduce health inequalities. The profiles and related interactive information are available online at www.healthprofiles.info.

There is a four-page profile for each Local Authority in England, which includes:

- An 'At a glance' summary description of people's health in the area, which includes information on locally identified priorities.
- Maps and charts showing how the health of the area compares to the national view and information on health inequalities within the local authority.
- Charts presenting changes in death rates over a 10 year period, compared to rates for England.
- A 'spine chart' health summary showing the difference in health between the area and the England average for 32 indicators within five domains (Our communities, Children's and young people's health, Adults' health and lifestyle, Diseases and poor health, and Life expectancy and causes of death)

The JSNA dataset, which provides information for smaller areas including electoral wards, has also been updated and can be viewed as area reports using the LocalHealth tool. This can be accessed at www.localhealth.org.uk or using the menu of the Health Profiles website.

The Health Profiles website also provides interactive tools, further details of the data presented, and links to relevant products.

The 2014 Local Health Profiles demonstrate clear variations in health, both across the country and within individual local authorities.

Background notes

1. The 2014 Local Health Profiles and interactive tools are found at: www.healthprofiles.info
2. There are 351 Local Health Profiles - One for each Lower Tier, Upper Tier, Unitary and Metropolitan District Authority in England. (Profiles were not produced for the Isles of Scilly or the City of London as the populations were too small).
3. The Local Health Profiles are produced by Public Health England and have been updated annually since they were first produced in 2006. They were referred to as Community Health Profiles in their early development, but are consistently known as Health Profiles within the product and in project communications.
4. Local councillors will be notified electronically that the 2014 profiles are available.
5. The majority of information included in the profiles uses data already published separately, e.g. by the Health and Social Care Information Centre or the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The Local Health Profiles are unique in drawing this information together to present a picture of health in each local area.
6. Full technical details of all indicators included in the Local Health Profiles, including data sources, are found within the interactive tool available via www.healthprofiles.info
7. The LocalHealth tool was developed in response to user feedback and presents information down to electoral ward level. It also enables users to select an area by choosing multiple wards, and to create a report for this selected area. The information presented comes from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment dataset. Local Health is available via the Health Profiles website or using the direct link: www.localheath.org.uk