



Statistical press notice: Child Health Profiles 2017

The 2017 Child Health Profiles, produced by Public Health England (PHE), were released on Tuesday 7 March 2017.

The profiles draw together information to present a picture of the health of children and young people in each local area in a user-friendly format. They provide a snapshot of child health and wellbeing for each local authority in England using key health indicators which enable comparison locally, regionally and nationally. They are a valuable tool for local government and health services in helping them to understand the needs of their community, so that they can work to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people and reduce health inequalities.

There is a four-page profile for each local authority in England which includes:

- An 'At a glance' summary description of child health in the area which highlights key findings
- Maps and charts showing how the health of the area compares to the national view and other local authorities in England
- A 'spine chart' health summary showing the difference in health between the area and the England average for 32 indicators within the five domains of the Public Health Outcomes Framework.

The new child and maternal health section on PHE's Fingertips tool developed by the [National Child and Maternal Health Intelligence Network](#) also provides interactive charts for users to create their own views of the data, and links to further supporting and relevant products.

Background notes

1. The Child Health Profiles and interactive tools are available on the child and maternal health section of PHE's Fingertips tool, developed by the National Child and Maternal Health Intelligence Network, at: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/child-health/profile/child-health-overview>
2. There are 150 Child Health Profiles - one for each local authority in England. (Profiles were not produced for the Isles of Scilly or the City of London as the populations are too small. Data for the Isles of Scilly is instead included in the profile for Cornwall and the City of London the profile for Hackney).
3. The profiles have been updated annually since 2011. Profiles were produced for London and Yorkshire and the Humber in 2010.
4. The majority of information included in the profiles uses data already published separately eg by NHS Digital or Office for National Statistics. The Child Health Profiles are unique in drawing this information together to present a picture of health in each local area.
5. Full technical details for all indicators included in the Child Health Profiles, including data sources, are found alongside the profiles at: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/child-health/profile/child-health-overview>
6. Child Health Profiles have been published since 2012 as an Official Statistic of the Department of Health. Since its creation on 1 April 2013, Public Health England has taken responsibility for producing these profiles on an annual basis.
7. The [National Child and Maternal Health Intelligence Network](#) provides information and intelligence to improve decision-making for high quality, cost effective services. Its work supports policy makers, commissioners, managers, regulators, and other health stakeholders working on children's, young people's and maternal health.
8. The interactive version of Child Health Profiles is now part of the new child and maternal health section in PHE's Fingertips tool at: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/child-health/profile/child-health-overview>