

Protecting and improving the nation's health

Health Profiles - May 2017

Main findings

Our communities indicators

• In 2016, the England rate of long term jobseekers allowance claimants was 3.7 per 1,000. This was a decrease from the previous year.

Children's and young people's health indicators

• The rate of alcohol-specific admissions amongst under 18s was 37.4 admissions per 100,000 in 2013/14-2015/16. This was a decrease from the previous period.

Disease and poor health indicators

- 52.4% of cancers diagnosed in 2015 were at early stage (stages 1 or 2), an increase on the previous year.
- The rate of emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm was 196.5 per 100,000 in 2015/16, an increase from the previous year.
- In 2015/16, the rate of hospital admissions for alcohol related conditions was 647 per 100,000. This was an increase from the previous year.
- The rate of emergency hospital admissions due to falls for people aged 65 and over was 2169 per 100,000 in 2015/16, a reduction from the previous year.

Life expectancy and causes of death indicators

• Smoking attributable mortality was 283.5 per 100,000 in England for 2013-15. This was an increase from the previous period.

Background

Health Profiles have been developed by Public Health England (PHE) to improve availability and accessibility of health and health-related information. The Profiles provide a snapshot overview of health for each local authority in England. They are intended to help local government and health services make plans to improve local people's health and reduce health inequalities.

Health Profiles include a set of indicators that show how the area compares to the England average. These include some factors that affect health and some important health outcomes. They are reviewed each year to reflect important public health topics.

Health Profiles are presented as pdf documents and an online tool containing interactive maps, charts and tables. The pdf documents are updated annually and were last updated in September 2016. The pdfs will next be updated in July 2017.

The Health Profiles are produced at local authority level because they are intended for use by elected Councillors, Directors of Public Health, Council Officers and other members of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) process, and by members of the Health and Wellbeing Boards. Health Profiles are now an established part of planning for health improvement.

A list of indicators updated in the most recent online tool updates can be found in the Health Profiles collection within www.gov.uk.

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