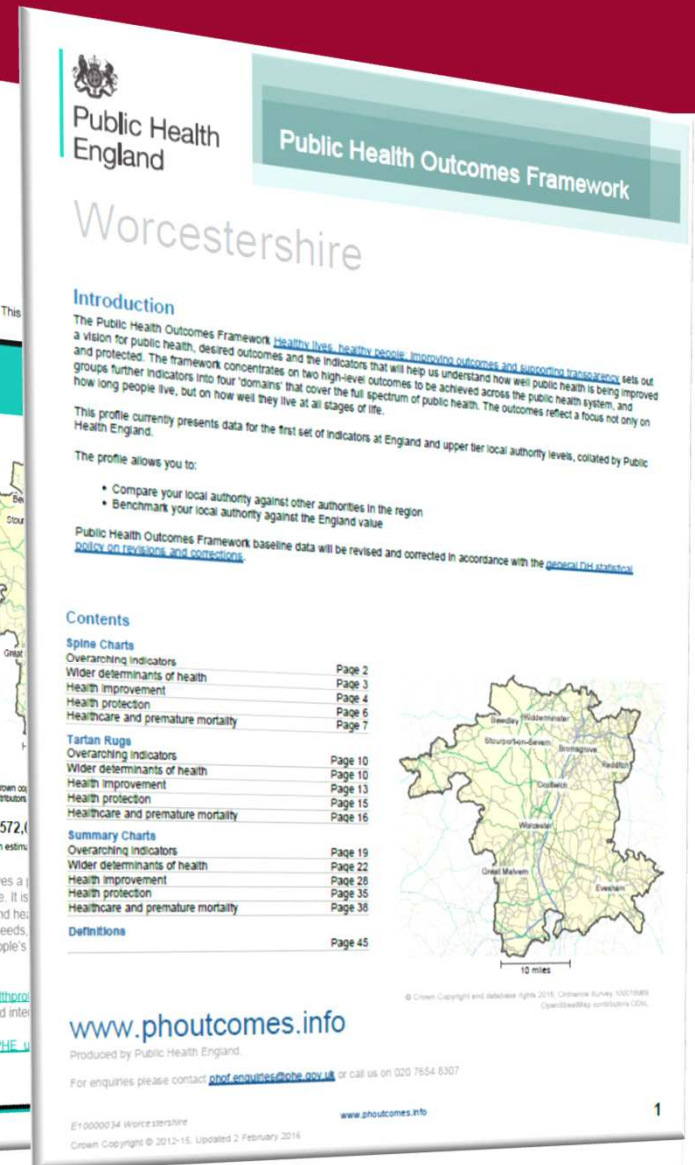
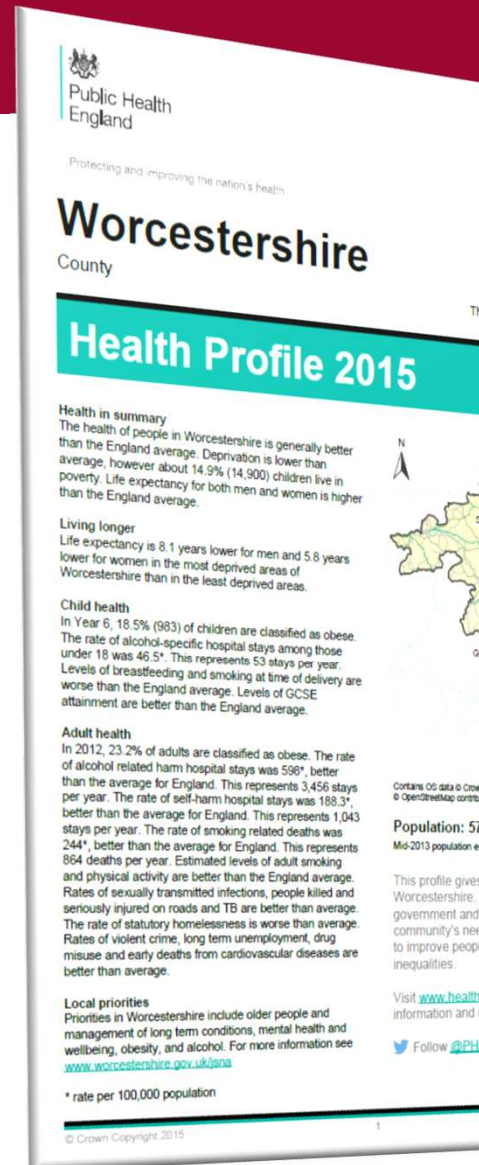


Worcestershire Health Indicators Summary

May 2016

Health Indicators

- Drawn from 2 reports from Public Health England updated each year
 - Health Profile for Worcestershire
 - Public Health Outcomes Framework report for Worcestershire
- Both show Worcestershire compared to regional and national benchmarks
- Highlight indicators where we are significantly different to the average



Things we do well on

- In general health and well-being in Worcestershire is better than the England average
- There are many areas that have improved and in general there are fewer indicators that we are worse on than in the last two years
- Indicators where we continue to do particularly well are:
 - Overall life expectancy and healthy life expectancy
 - Mortality from common conditions and those considered preventable
 - The proportion of low birthweight babies
 - Rates of people killed or seriously injured on the County's roads
 - Cancer screening coverage
 - Injuries due to falls
 - Emergency readmissions to hospital within 30 days

Areas that have improved

- Alcohol-specific hospital stays in under 18s
 - The rate of under 18s admitted to hospital for alcohol-specific conditions has reduced from 66 per year to 53 per year and is no longer significantly higher than average although they remain somewhat higher.
- Hospital stays for self-harm
 - The standardized rate of admissions to hospital for self-harm is now significantly lower than the England average
- School readiness for most pupils
 - The latest figures for 2014/15 are almost exactly on the England average having increased by over 8% since last year and about 18% from 2 years ago
- Treatment completion for tuberculosis
 - As expected this has reverted to being just above average and the number of cases is well below the average

Areas that have got worse

- Adult obesity

- The number of overweight adults is estimated to be higher than average and this is once again significant. The rate has only gone up from 66% to 67%, but methodological changes mean that this is now significant

- Social isolation of carers

- The percentage of adult carers who have as much social contact as they would like is significantly lower than the England average

- School readiness amongst those receiving free school meals

- The proportion of those on free school meals achieving the expected level on the phonics screening check is now showing as significantly worse

The local rate is not much worse (57.7% compared to 58.1% last year), but the national average has improved

Areas of ongoing concern

- Obesity

- Breastfeeding

- Despite improving from 64% to 70% Worcestershire still has significantly lower rates of breastfeeding than the England average

- Older people and people with long-term conditions

- Fuel poverty

- Although it has improved slightly the percentage of people experiencing fuel poverty in Worcestershire is still significantly higher than the England average

- Other issues

- Smoking in pregnancy

- The proportion of women in Worcestershire who are smokers at the time of delivery is higher than the England average

Some progress has been made with rates improving from 14% to 12½%

Areas of ongoing concern

- School readiness amongst those receiving free school meals
 - The proportion for those on free school meals has increased by nearly 10% but remains below average
- Successful completion of drug treatment
 - The percentage of people successfully leaving drug treatment who do not re-enter treatment within 6 months has improved somewhat for non-opiate users
 - For non-opiate users it is now 30% (up from 23% last year)
 - For opiate users it is still just 5%, meaning 95% of opiate users who leave treatment are back in treatment within 6 months
- Flu vaccination rates
 - These have been significantly below the England average for the last two years
 - However the rate for at risk individuals has gone from significantly worse to significantly better than average

Recommendations

- a) Note the contents of the reports

- b) Request the Health Improvement Group to respond to areas of concern