



Statistical press notice: 2013 Local Health Profiles

The 2013 Local Health Profiles, produced by Public Health England (PHE) were released on Tuesday 24 September 2013.

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.

There is a 4-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 [Health Profiles website](#) also provides links to tools and further supporting and relevant products.

The 2013 Local Health Profiles show that there are clear variations in health, both across the country and within individual local authorities.

Background notes

1. The 2013 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 population was 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.
4. Local councillors and officials in local government will be notified electronically that the 2013 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 on the Health Profiles website at: www.healthprofiles.info
7. In response to user feedback, the Health Profiles team has developed another online profiling tool called “Local Health” to provide information down to ward level. This information comes from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment dataset. Local Health is available via the Health Profiles website or using the direct link: www.localhealth.org.uk