

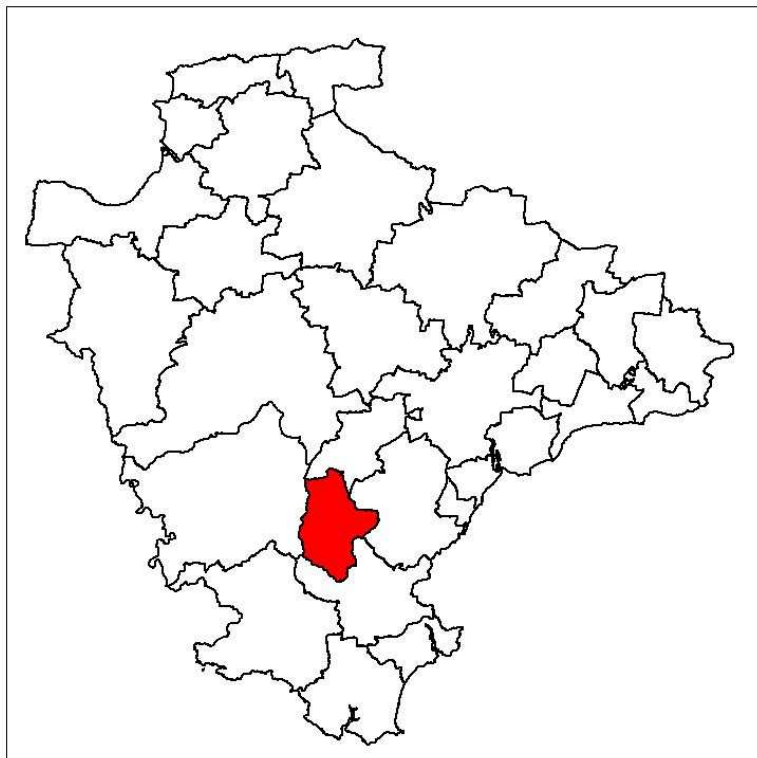
INTRODUCTION

This is the Devon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for the Ashburton and Buckfastleigh area, which also encompasses surrounding rural parishes.

The aim of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is to collaboratively identify current and future health and well being needs and inform future service planning and delivery. The purpose of this town profile is to provide a detailed assessment of current need and service activity at a local level. This profile looks at the health and social care needs of the town and its rural surroundings and other smaller surrounding settlements.

Data for this report was gathered and collated by the NHS Devon information teams, and the Devon County Council Adult and Community Service and Children and Young Peoples Service and Strategic Intelligence teams.

A glossary is available providing detailed definitions and background information for the measures in this report:



http://www.infopoint.devonpct.nhs.uk/Library/Public_Health_Commissioning/JSNA_2009_Glossary_Devon.pdf

FEEDBACK

Any feedback or questions concerning the information in this report would be gratefully received. We would be keen to receive feedback on whether you recognise the community as described in the profile, whether any key information is missing, or whether there are any local priorities or issues you wish to identify.

Please contact d-pc.strategicreview@nhs.net with any comments or questions.

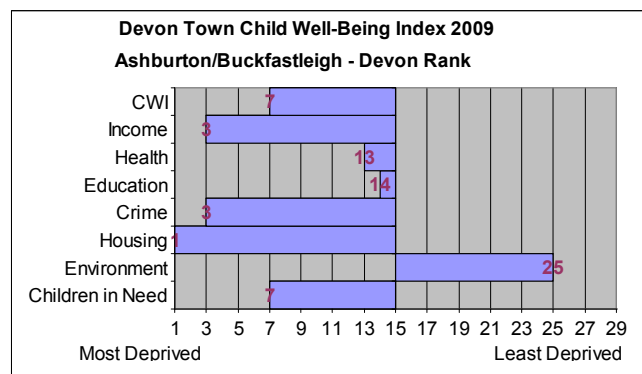
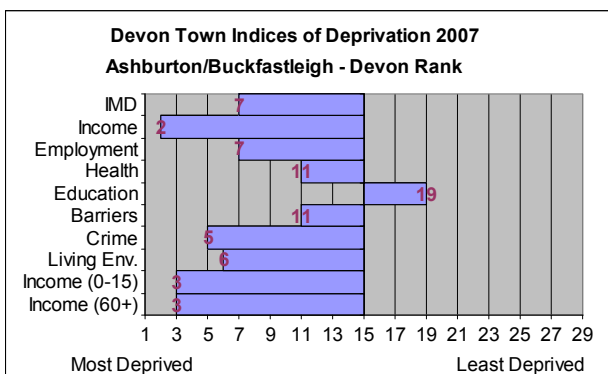
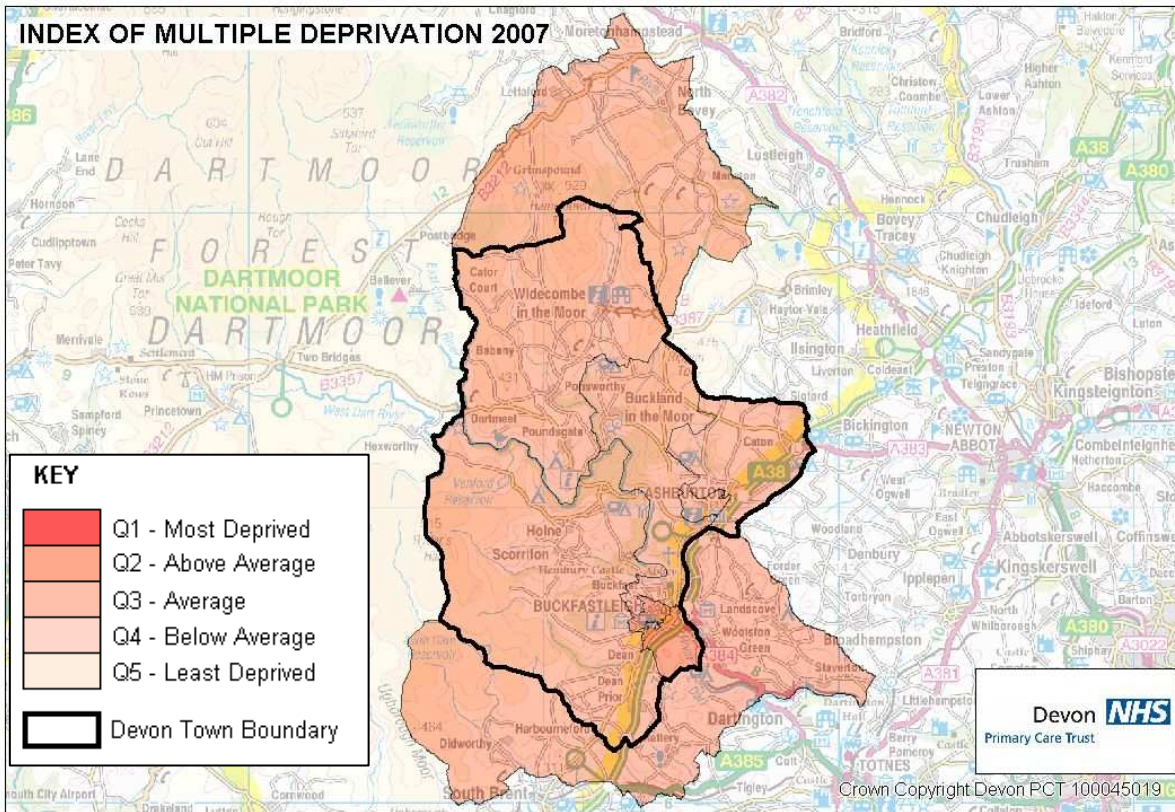
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Ashburton and Buckfastleigh area has above average levels of deprivation with particular issues in terms of income, crime and housing.
- The population of Ashburton / Buckfastleigh is predicted to increase by 322 people between 2006 and 2021 – a rise of 3.5%. The largest change is predicted to be in the 70 to 74 age group with an increase of 38.6%
- The birth rate is in line with the Devon average, with slightly higher rates in Buckfastleigh.
- Life expectancy is above the Devon average, with the longest life expectancy seen in the rural hinterland.
- The area has above average numbers of those with Special Educational Needs.
- GCSE performance is below the Devon average, and the second lowest in the county. The youth offending rate is below average. The rate of referrals for older people aged 65+ into Adult and Community Services in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh is in line with the Devon average
- The estimated prevalence of Dementia in the 65 and over population in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh is 7.64%
- The rate of Safeguarding alerts for vulnerable adults in Teignbridge is in line with the Devon average
- The rate of outpatient and A&E attendances is above average, whilst the rate of admission to hospital is below average.
- The rate of alcohol-related hospital admissions is above the Devon average, with the highest rates seen in Ashburton.

DEPRIVATION

The main source of information on deprivation is the 2007 Indices of Deprivation, which combine data on different social issues to produce an overall deprivation score for local areas, known as the Index of Multiple Deprivation. In the Ashburton/Buckfastleigh town area the most deprived areas are in parts of the town of Buckfastleigh.

A breakdown of the individual domains from the Indices of Deprivation 2007, reveal particular issues around income, crime, employment and the living environment domains (covers RTAs, CO emissions and housing stock). A separate Child Wellbeing Index was released in 2009, which reveals particular issues in relation to the housing (highest rank in Devon), crime, income and children in need.

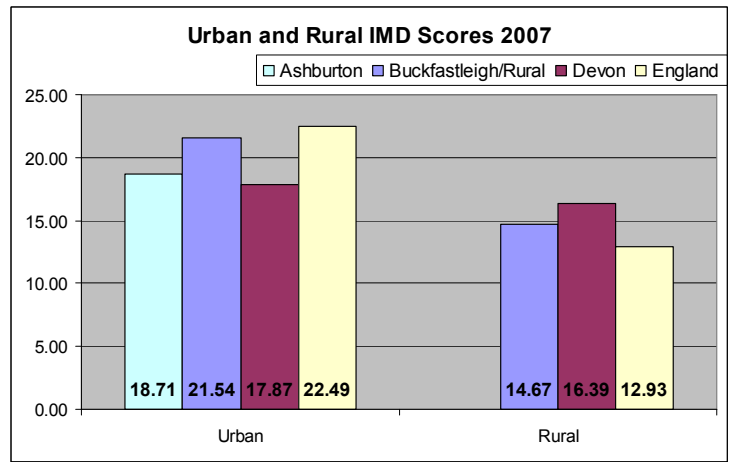


For full description of domains please view the glossary

DEPRIVATION IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

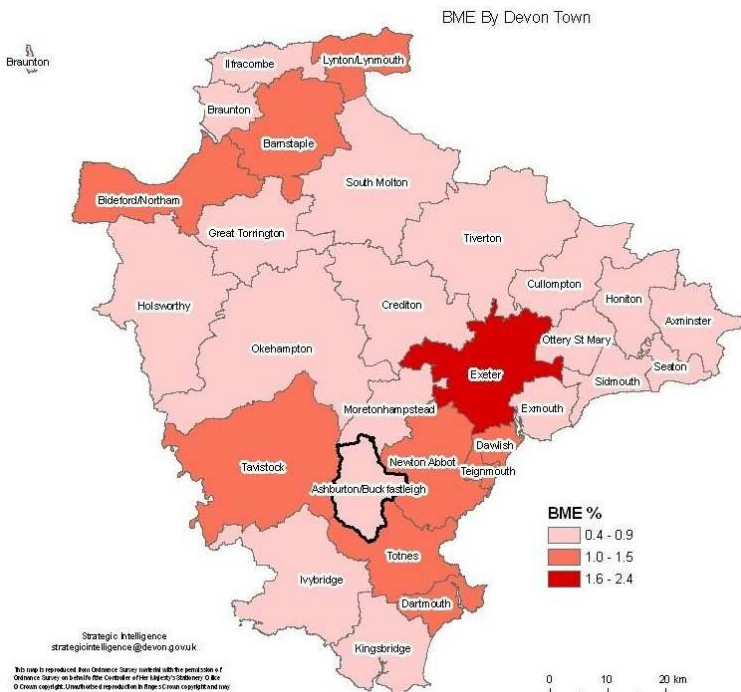
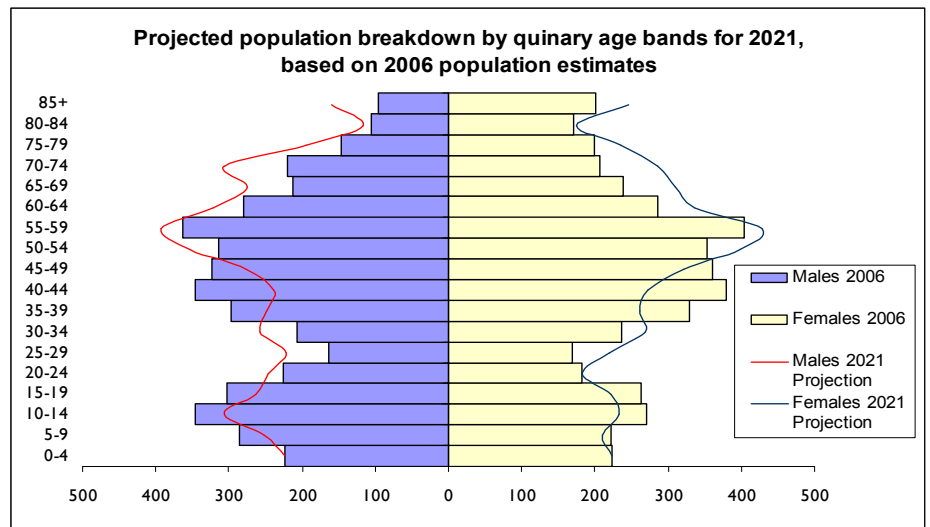
The following chart compares index of multiple deprivation scores for the urban areas of Ashburton and Buckfastleigh with the surrounding rural hinterland, along with average urban and rural Index of Multiple Deprivation scores for Devon and England as a whole.

This reveals that in general the urban centres in this area are generally much more deprived than the surrounding rural areas. Buckfastleigh itself is the most deprived urban area, with Ashburton being relatively deprived. Rural areas around Ashburton/Buckfastleigh are less deprived than the Devon rural average, but more deprived than the England rural average.



POPULATION

The population of Ashburton / Buckfastleigh is predicted to increase by 322 people between 2006 and 2021 – a rise of 3.5%. The total number in the younger age groups (from 0 to 19) is predicted to decrease by 201 to 1,935 – a fall of 9.4%. The 20 to 44 year age band is also predicted to see a reduction, in this case of 116 to 2,418 or 4.6%. The 45 to 64 age group should see an increase of 142 people (5.3%) to 2,828. The older age groups (65 years and older) are due to see an increase in number of 497. This equates to a 27.6% increase over the 15 years that these projections cover and will take the population in this group up to 2,298. The largest change is predicted to be in the 70 to 74 age group with an increase of 38.6%.



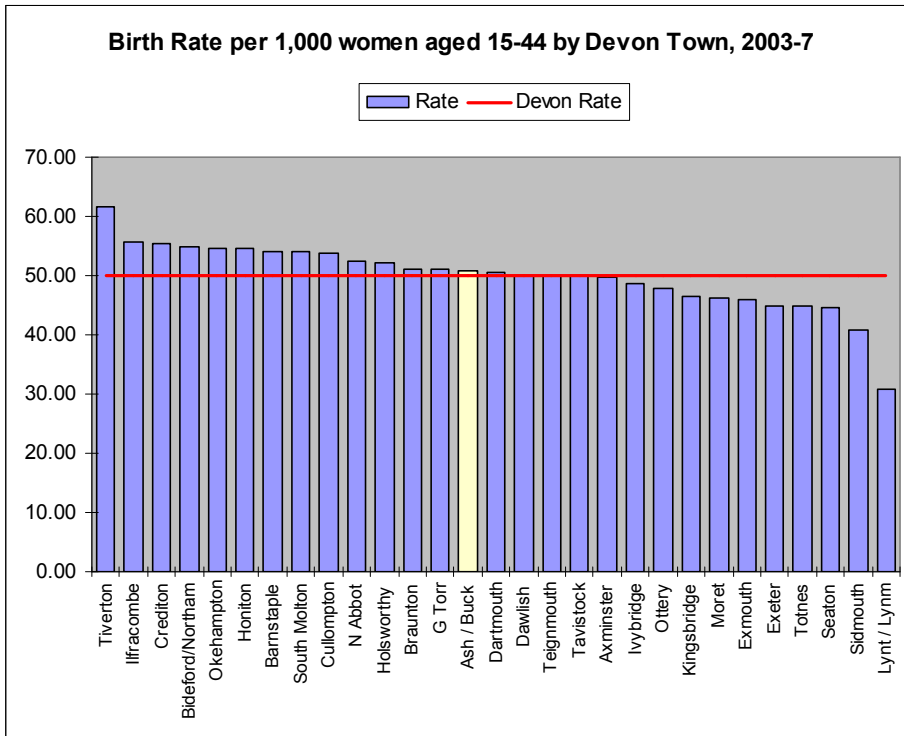
The proportion of Ashburton / Buckfastleigh's population from BME communities based on the 2001 census is 0.9%. This is comparable to the overall Devon BME of 1.1%.

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BIRTHS

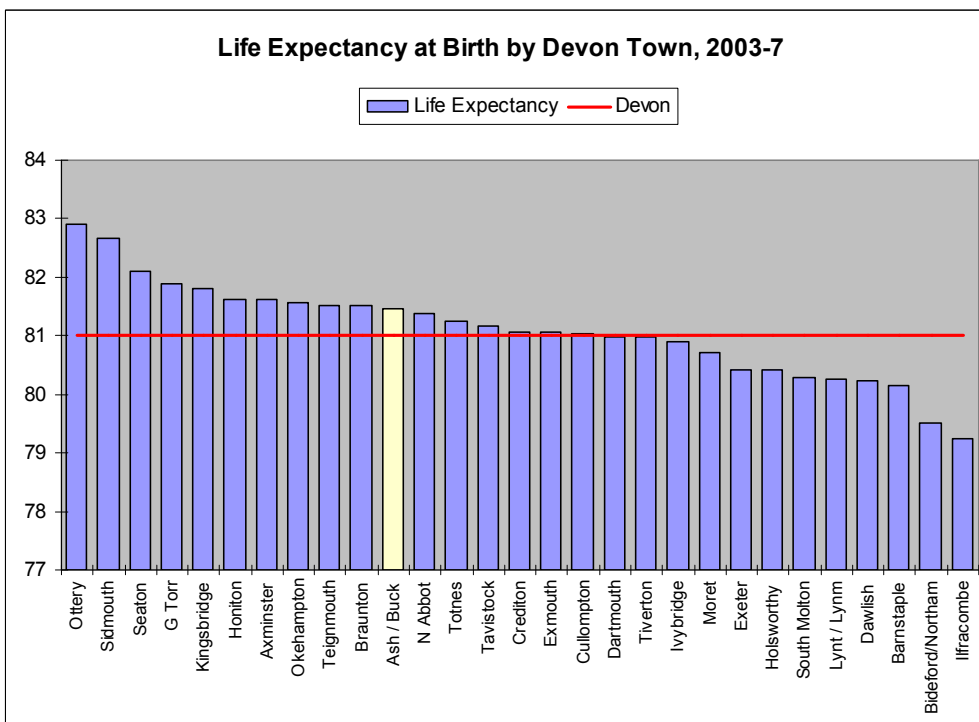
The birth rate in the Ashburton/Buckfastleigh area is in line with the Devon average, with 85 births per year. The highest birth rates were seen in Buckfastleigh.



Area	Average births per year	Birth Rate
Ashburton	38	50.60
Buckfastleigh	36	52.12
Ash/Buck Hinterland	11	48.25
Ash/Buck Town Area	85	50.90
Teignbridge District	1,139	51.89
Southern Locality	2,272	50.52
Devon	6,721	50.02
Devon Urban	4,797	50.35
Devon Rural	1,925	49.24

LIFE EXPECTANCY

Life expectancy in the Ashburton/Buckfastleigh area is slightly above the average for Devon. Life expectancy in the rural hinterland was generally longer than in the towns.

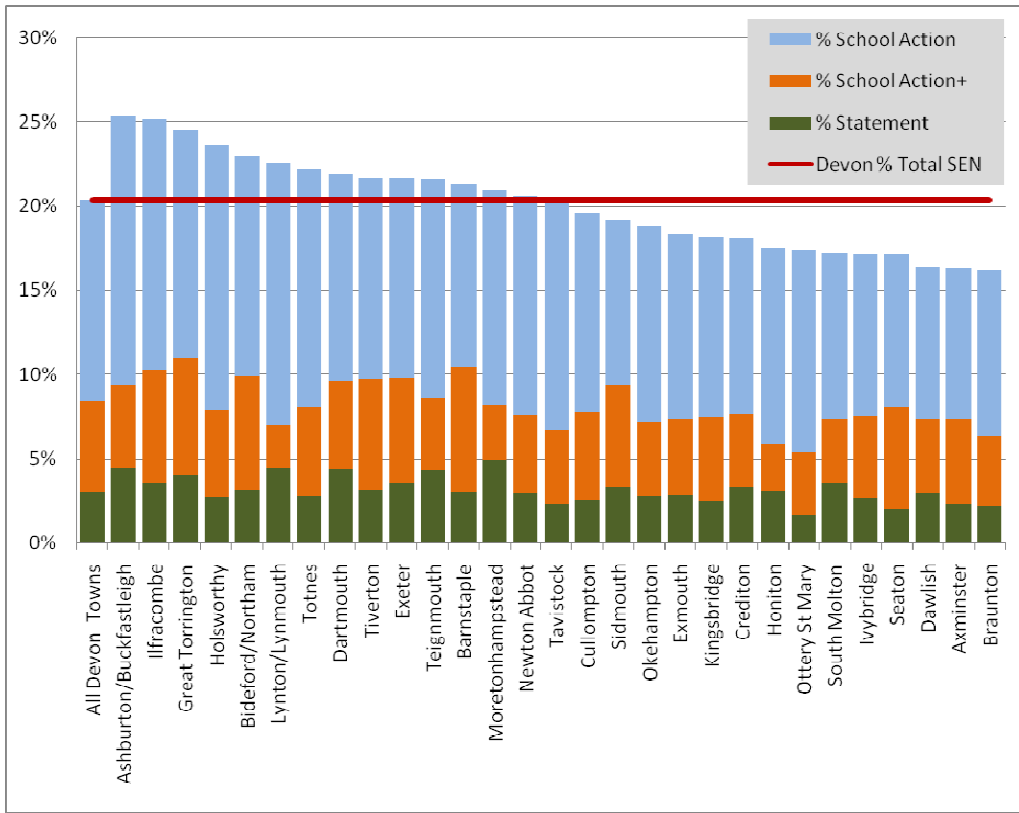


Area	Female	Male	Total
Ashburton	85.1	78.4	81.7
Buckfastleigh	82.3	78.6	80.5
Ash/Buck Hinterland	89.0	80.3	84.7
Ash/Buck Town Area	83.9	78.9	81.5
Teignbridge District	83.0	79.6	81.4
Southern Locality	83.2	79.3	81.4
Devon	83.0	78.9	81.0
Devon Urban	82.5	78.4	80.5
Devon Rural	84.0	80.0	82.0

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Ashburton/Buckfastleigh Town Area has above average numbers of those with Special Educational Needs; below average GCSE performance; a lower than average youth crime rate; and, an average number of children and young people from black and ethnic minority groups.

Special Educational Needs (2007/8)



This graph represents the percentage of young people with SEN attending a DCC school in 07/08 by their town of residence.

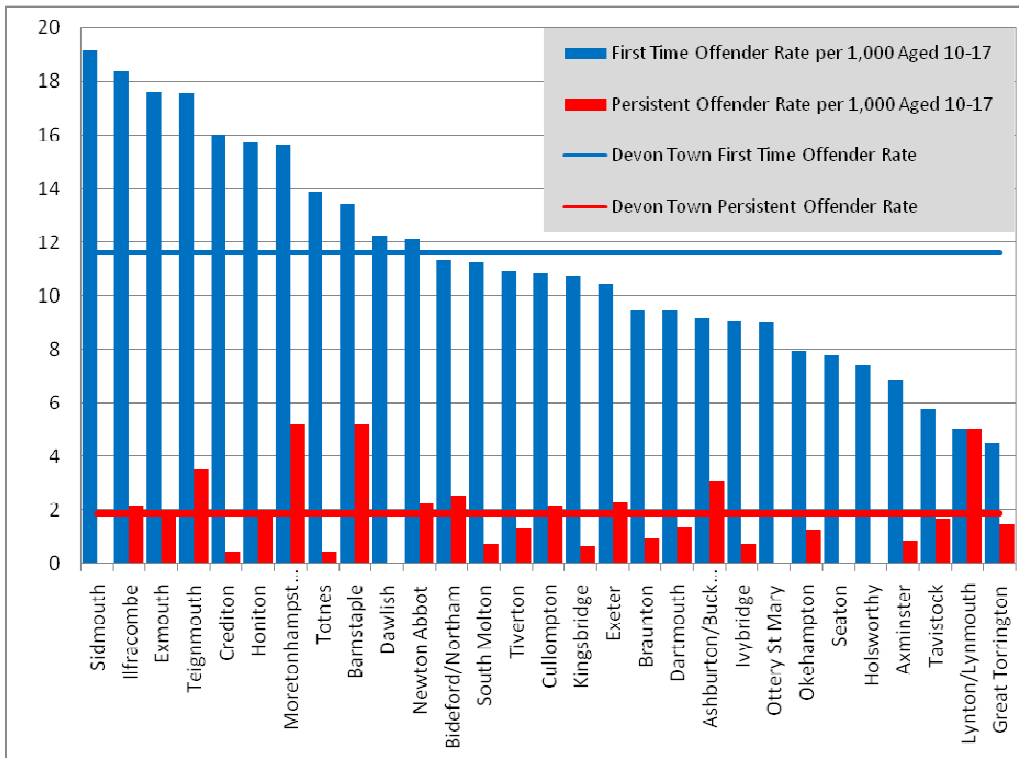
The national average for the proportion of pupils identified with SEN (i.e. Statemented, School Action Plus and School Action combined) is approximately 20%.

We want children and young people to access services and provision within their Local Learning Communities wherever possible. Some children with complex needs will require access to specialist support in additionally resourced provision or special schools.

Where there are significant variations it reflects the level of support needed within the community.

Data Source: DCSF School Census (Oct 07, Jan 08 and May 08)

Youth Offending (2008)

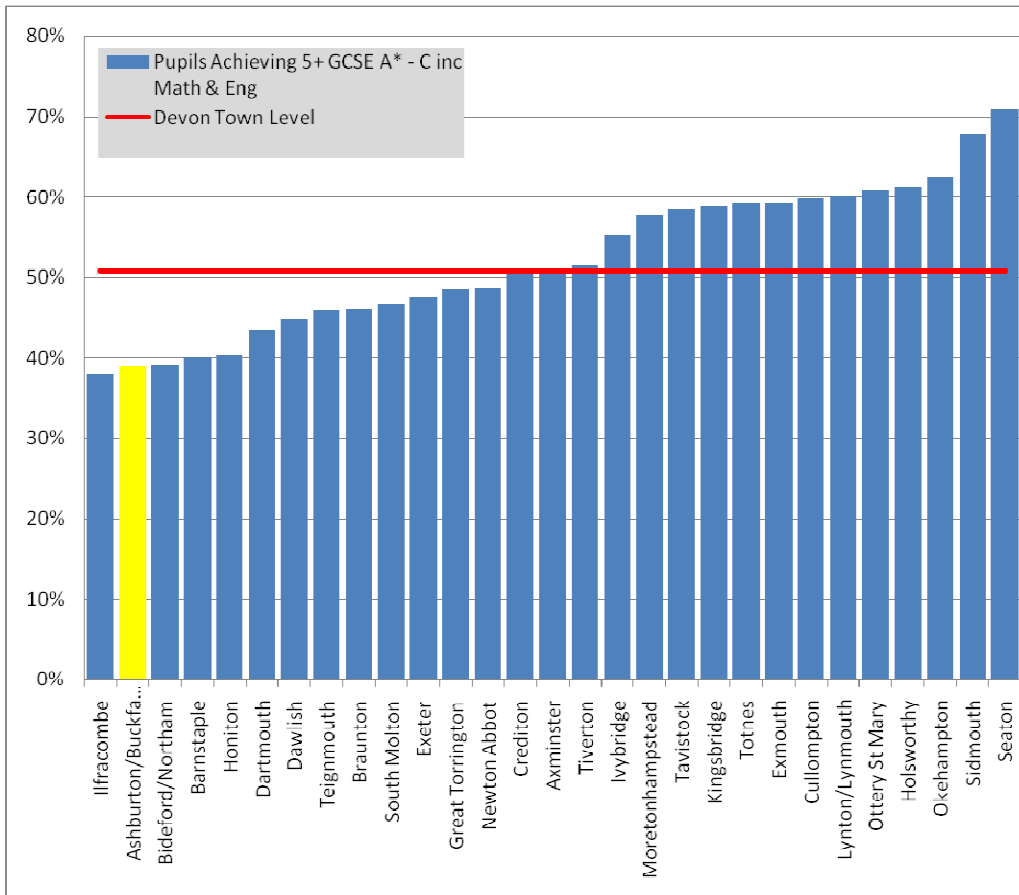


Devon's First Time Entrants (FTEs) figure has been below the regional and national average since 2004/5, and continues to fall - current projections for the financial year 2009/10 are that the FTE rate will drop by over a third, compared to the baseline year of 2007/8. Within Devon, such small numbers of FTEs can cause significant statistical variations from one year to the next, particularly in the smaller towns and communities. In general, around two thirds of FTEs do not re-offend, but the pattern of those who re-offend more persistently (Persistent Youth Offenders - PYOs) is even more liable to fluctuation outside of the four largest communities (Barnstaple, Exeter, Exmouth and Newton Abbot). Preventative work by the Youth Offending Service

and Children's Trust is increasingly focused, therefore, on the towns where there is a longer term pattern of FTEs and PYOs above the Devon average.

Data Source: Devon Youth Offending Team 2009

GCSE Performance (2008)



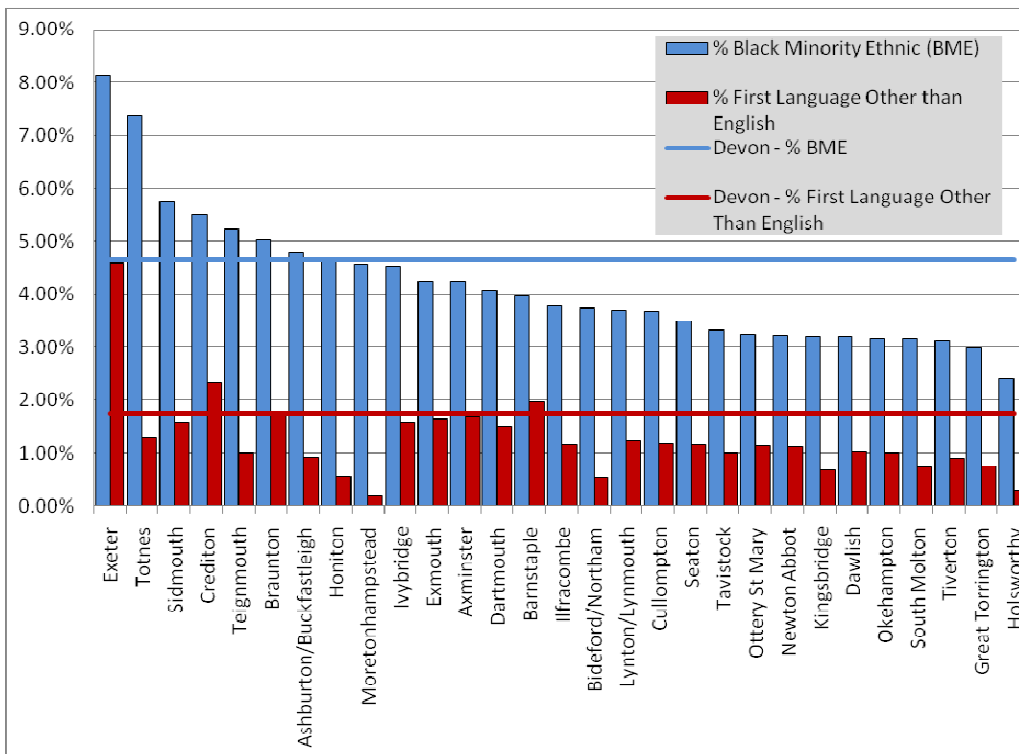
The graph illustrates GCSE performance in 2008 for pupils in Devon Maintained Schools by Town of residence.

Devon pupils' achievement at GCSE level is slightly above the National average (49.5%) but there still too many pupils not gaining 5 or more GCSEs including Maths and English.

The Local Authority has established a 'Narrowing the Gap' Programme to improve the attainment of the lowest 20% of achievers, and a 'Raising the Bar' programme to stretch the most able

Data Source: Devon Learning and Development Partnership

Ethnicity and First Language (2007/8)



This graph represents the percentage of young people with a first language other than English who were attending a DCC school in 07/08 by their town of residence.

In this time period there were 4,440 pupils from a minority ethnic background in Devon schools (4.65% of the total school population) and of these 1,731 have English as an additional language.

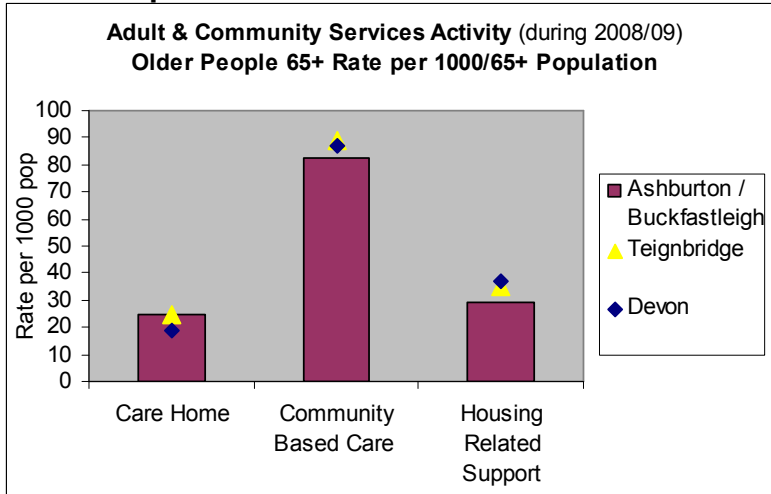
There are over 60 different languages spoken by children and young people in Devon schools, the largest minority language groups being Polish (252) and German (88).

There are few schools without minority ethnic pupils and an increase in those schools with over

6% Black Minority and Ethnic pupils on roll. Currently, the largest ethnic group are Polish families located across the county. Data Source: DCSF School Census (Oct 07, Jan 08 and May 08)

ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Older People 65+



The table illustrates that service activity for older people aged 65+ in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh is in line with the overall Devon average for the proportion of people based in Care Homes and the proportion receiving Community Based Care and Housing Related Support.

The rate of referrals for older people aged 65+ into Adult and Community Services in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh is 148.7 (per 1000 65+ population). This is comparable to the overall Devon referral rate. The proportion of referrals for older people aged 65+ in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh dealt with at point of contact and those sent on for further assessment is in line with the overall Devon average of 14% and 86% respectively. There is an over representation in the

number of referrals from Local Authority Housing Departments for clients aged 65+ in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh.

The rate of older people aged 65+ in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh receiving assessments is 60.1 (per 1000 65+ population) and 79.7 for reviews, these rates are both comparable to the Devon average.

7% of adult clients in Teignbridge who were assessed on Falls risk groups based on new enquiries received for the Home Improvement Agency were identified as in the High risk group, compared to 15% for the Devon average.

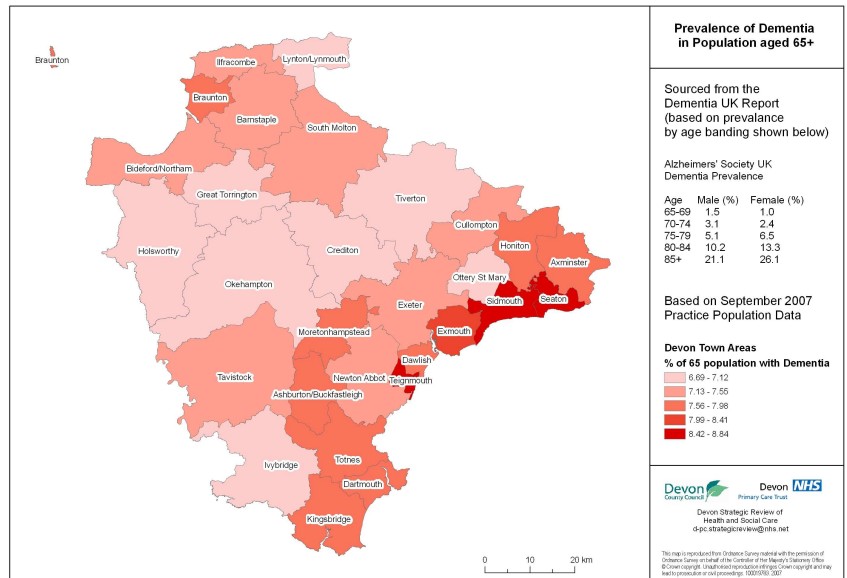
Mental Health and Learning Disabilities

Applying the nationally accepted prevalence rates for Dementia to the population in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh shows that there are an estimated 140 people in the area with Dementia. This gives an overall prevalence rate in the 65 and over population of 7.64%.

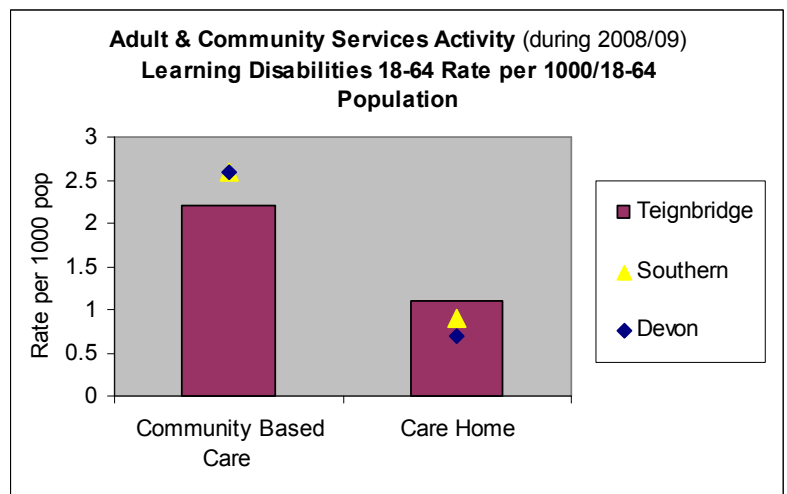
The table below presents people in Teignbridge aged 18-64 predicted to have a mental health problem, projected to 2025

	2008	2025	% Change
Depression	1,898	2,049	8%
Neurotic disorder	12,267	13,224	8%
Personality disorder	3,254	3,528	8%
Psychotic disorder	408	441	8%

Data Source: PANSI



In Teignbridge the proportion of people with learning disabilities aged 18-64 receiving Community Based Care is comparable to the overall Devon average (although in the table appears to be considerably below due to the scale used). The proportion placed in Care Homes is over represented when compared to the overall Devon average.



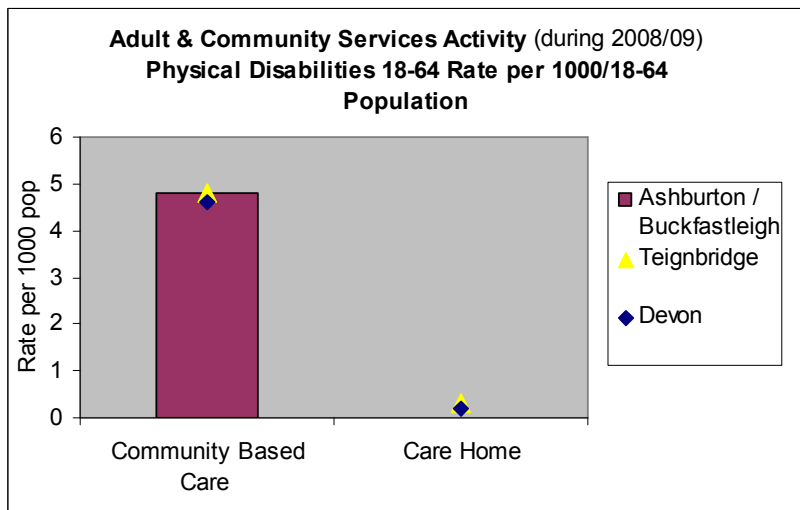
Physical Disabilities 18-64

This table demonstrates that Ashburton / Buckfastleigh are in line with the overall Devon average for the number of people with physical disabilities aged 18-64 receiving Community Based Care and the number based in a Care Home.

There is an over representation in the number of referrals made by self/carer for this client group Ashburton / Buckfastleigh.

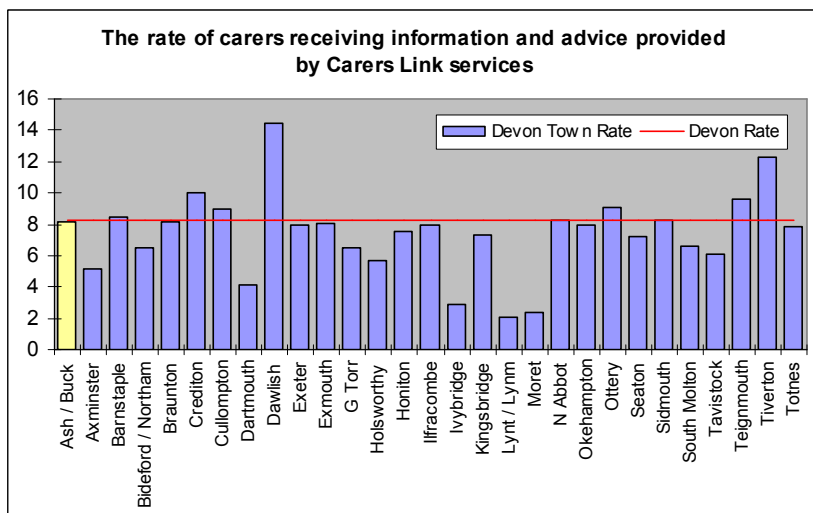
The rate of people with physical disabilities aged 18-64 in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh receiving assessments is 3.2 (per 1000 18-64 population) and 2.8 for reviews, these rates are both comparable to the Devon average.

The rate of Safeguarding alerts in Teignbridge is 1.9 (per 1000 18+ population) which is in line with Devon average of 1.6.



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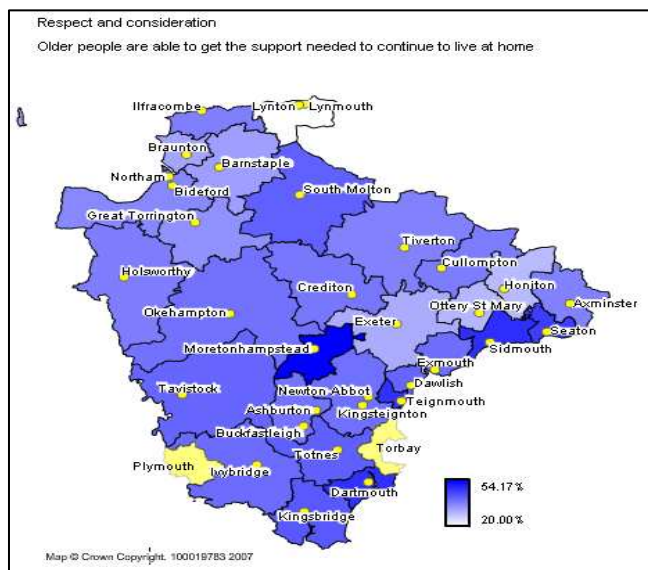
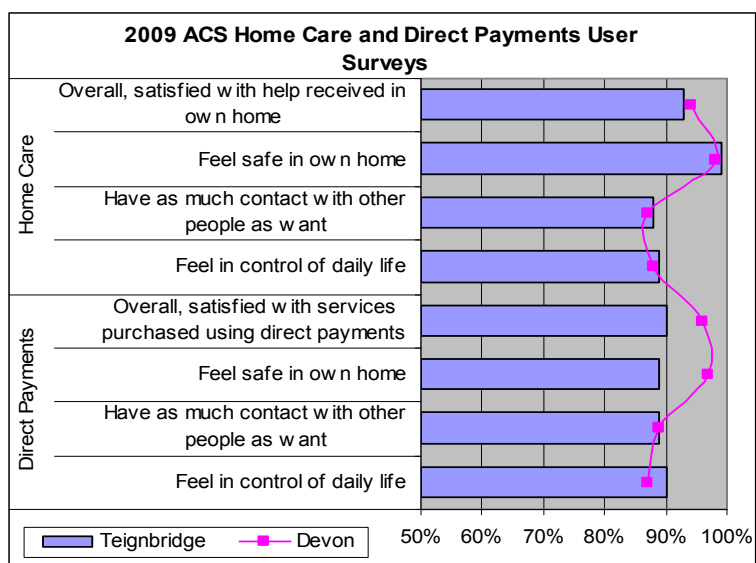
Carers



The rate of Carers assessments and reviews in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh is 7.5 (per 1000 18+ population) and is comparable with the Devon average.

The table opposite illustrates that the rate of carers receiving Information and advice provided by Carers Link services in Ashburton / Buckfastleigh at 8.2 (per 1000 18+ population) is in line with the Devon average of 8.3. A large proportion of this is carers of people with physical disabilities.

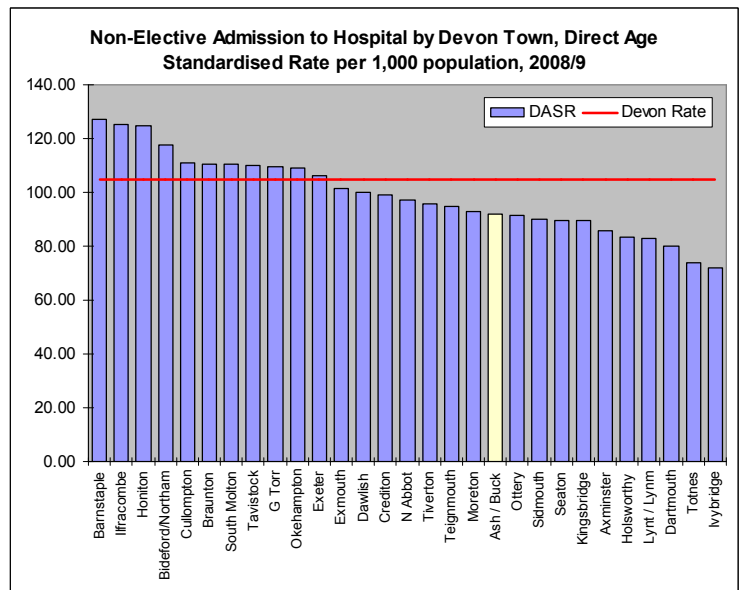
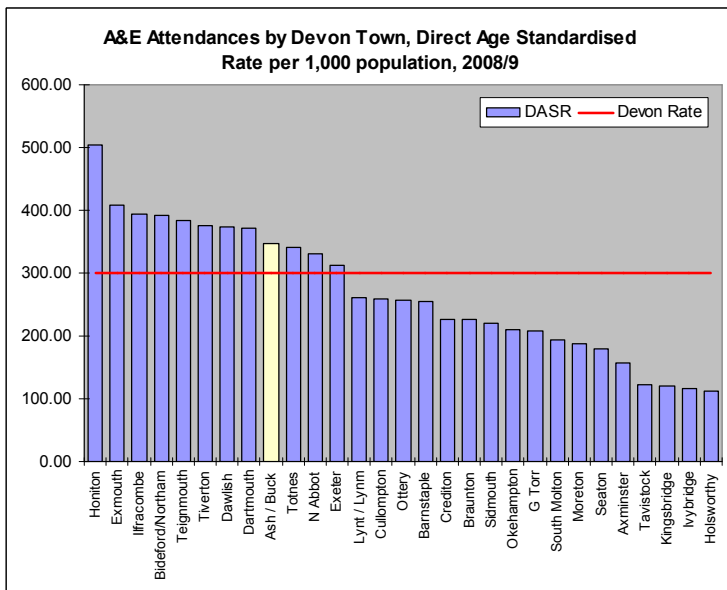
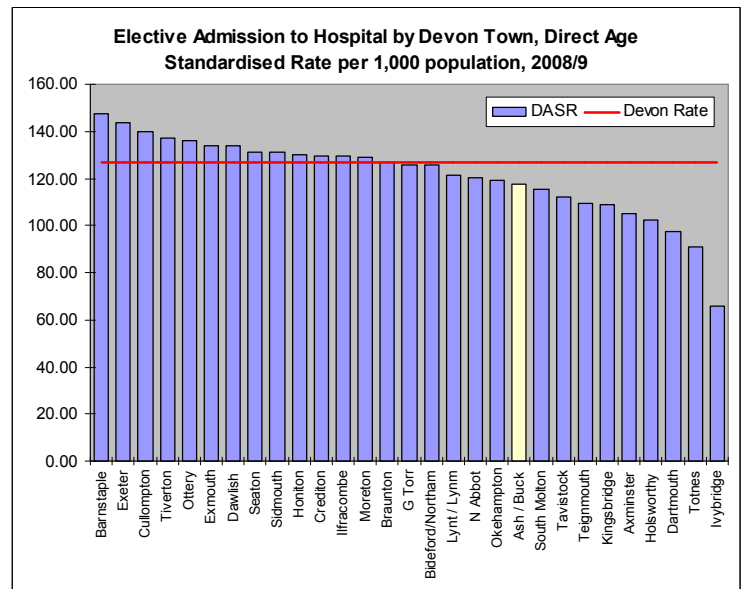
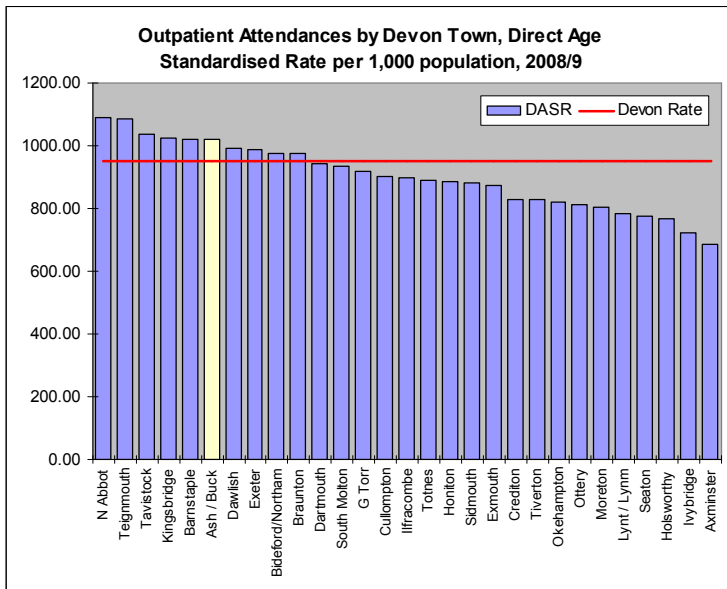
User Experience / Feedback



Results of the 2008 Place Survey reveal that 38.5% of Ashburton / Buckfastleigh residents who responded to the survey felt that older people are able to get the support needed to continue to live at home compared to the Devon average of 6%. The 2009 ACS User Survey results for Direct Payments recipients indicate that respondents in Teignbridge feel less safe than in Devon overall. However, low response rates in some districts can skew survey results.

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY

The rate of outpatient attendances in the Ashburton/Buckfastleigh town area is above the Devon average, although the rate of elective admissions to hospital is below the Devon average. The rate of Accident and Emergency attendances is also slightly above the Devon average, although non-elective admissions to hospital, which cover emergencies, maternities and transfers, are below the Devon average.



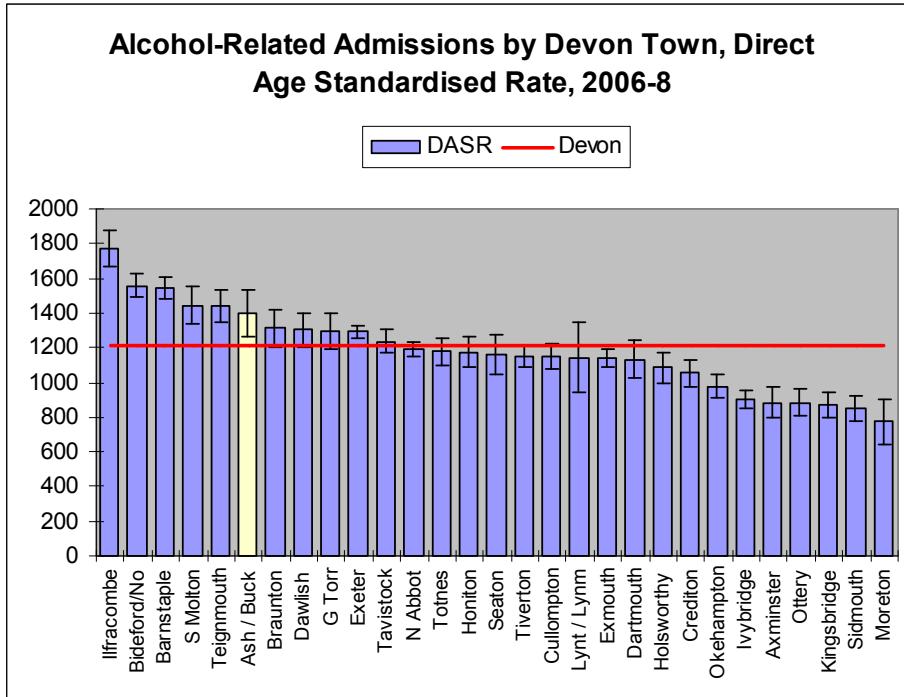
Hospital Activity, Direct Age Standardised Rates by Activity Type, 2008/9

Area	A&E Attends	Outpatient Attends	Elective Admissions	Non-Elective Admissions
Ashburton	405.1	1002.1	109.9	97.3
Buckfastleigh	315.9	1124.0	132.0	98.3
Ash/Buck Hinterland	254.6	823.0	100.8	62.7
Ash/Buck Town Area	346.1	1021.1	117.7	91.9
Teignbridge District	335.3	1054.8	123.8	96.0
Southern Locality	261.3	975.2	110.1	93.3
Devon	300.3	951.4	126.9	104.8

PUBLIC HEALTH

Alcohol Related Admissions

Alcohol-related admissions include those where acute, chronic and mental conditions are known to relate either fully or partially to alcohol use. Further details on how these figures are derived can be found in the glossary. The Ashburton/Buckfastleigh area has a higher rate of alcohol-related admissions to Devon as a whole. The highest rate of admissions is seen in the town of Ashburton itself, which accounts for 88 admissions per year.



Area	Admissions per year	DASR* per 100k
Ashburton	88	1643.9
Buckfastleigh	70	1382.0
Ash/Buck Hinterland	17	773.9
Ash/Buck Town Area	175	1398.8
Teignbridge District	2,242	1232.5
Southern Locality	4,348	1133.8
Devon	12,742	1215.3
Devon Urban	8,877	1319.4
Devon Rural	3,863	1012.1

* Direct age standardised rate, see glossary

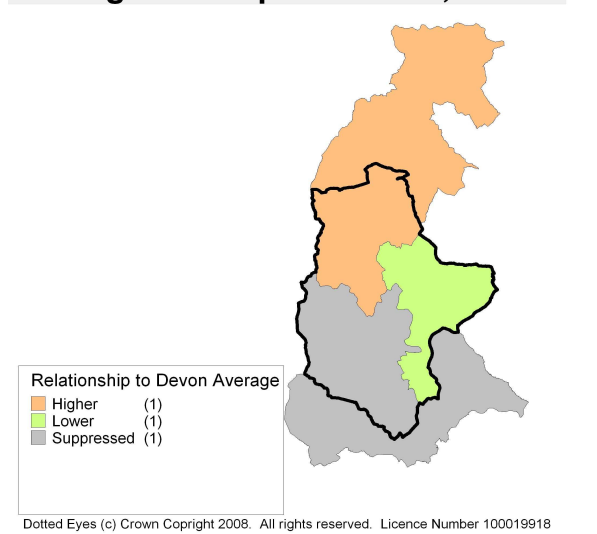
Teen Conceptions

Levels of under 18 conceptions were below average in Ashburton, and above average in Moorland ward, which also includes Moretonhampstead to the North. Due to small numbers rates were suppressed in Buckfastleigh.

Death Rates 2003-7

The table below presents mortality or death rates for the Ashburton/Buckfastleigh town area compared with Devon. This highlights that death rates are consistent with the Devon average, with no significant differences present.

Teenage Conception Rates, 2004-6



Measure	Average deaths per year	DASR	Devon DASR	Relation-ship to Average
All Causes	98	527.9	533.3	N.S.
All Causes, Female	50	419.9	448.3	N.S.
All Causes, Male	48	682.9	640.6	N.S.
All Causes, under 75	27	236.0	254.4	N.S.
Cancer	28	171.2	163.9	N.S.
Cancer, under 75	12	105.5	105.5	N.S.
Circulatory	37	191.5	183.8	N.S.
Circulatory, under 75	9	73.3	65.8	N.S.

N.S. = Not statistically significant. For more information on definitions and measures, see glossary