

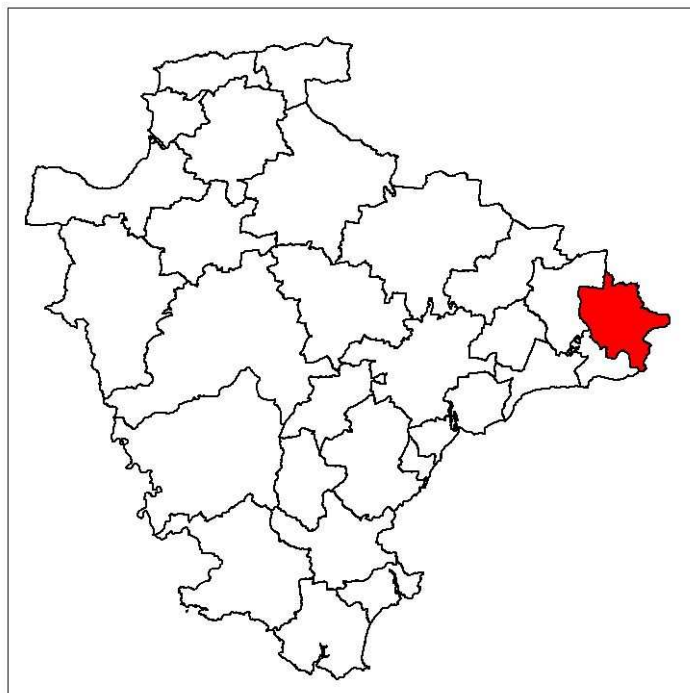
INTRODUCTION

This is the Devon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for the Axminster 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, is any key information is missing or any local priorities or issues you wish to identify.

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

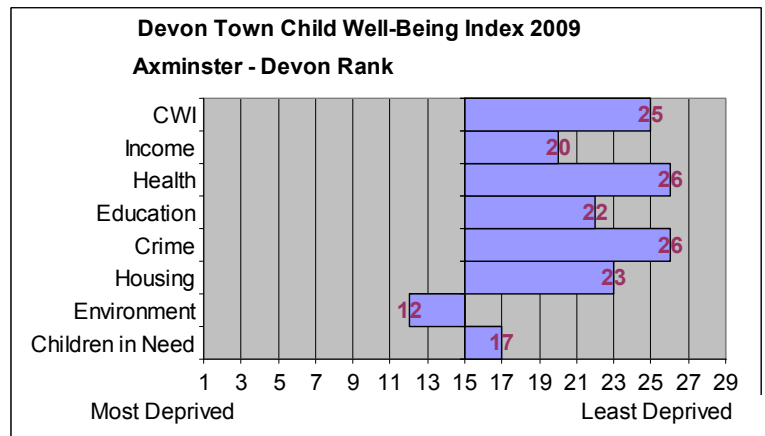
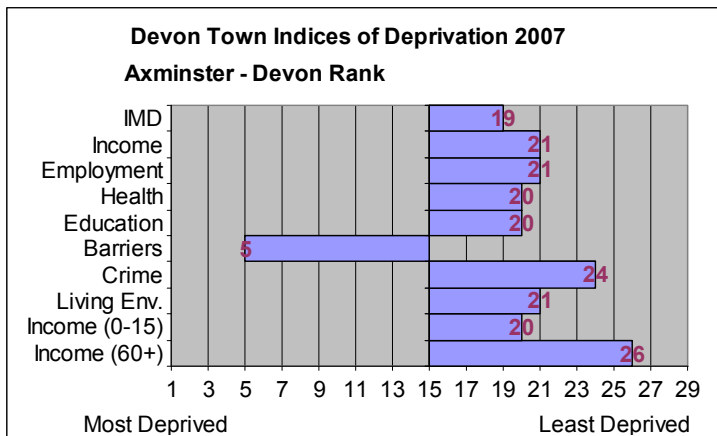
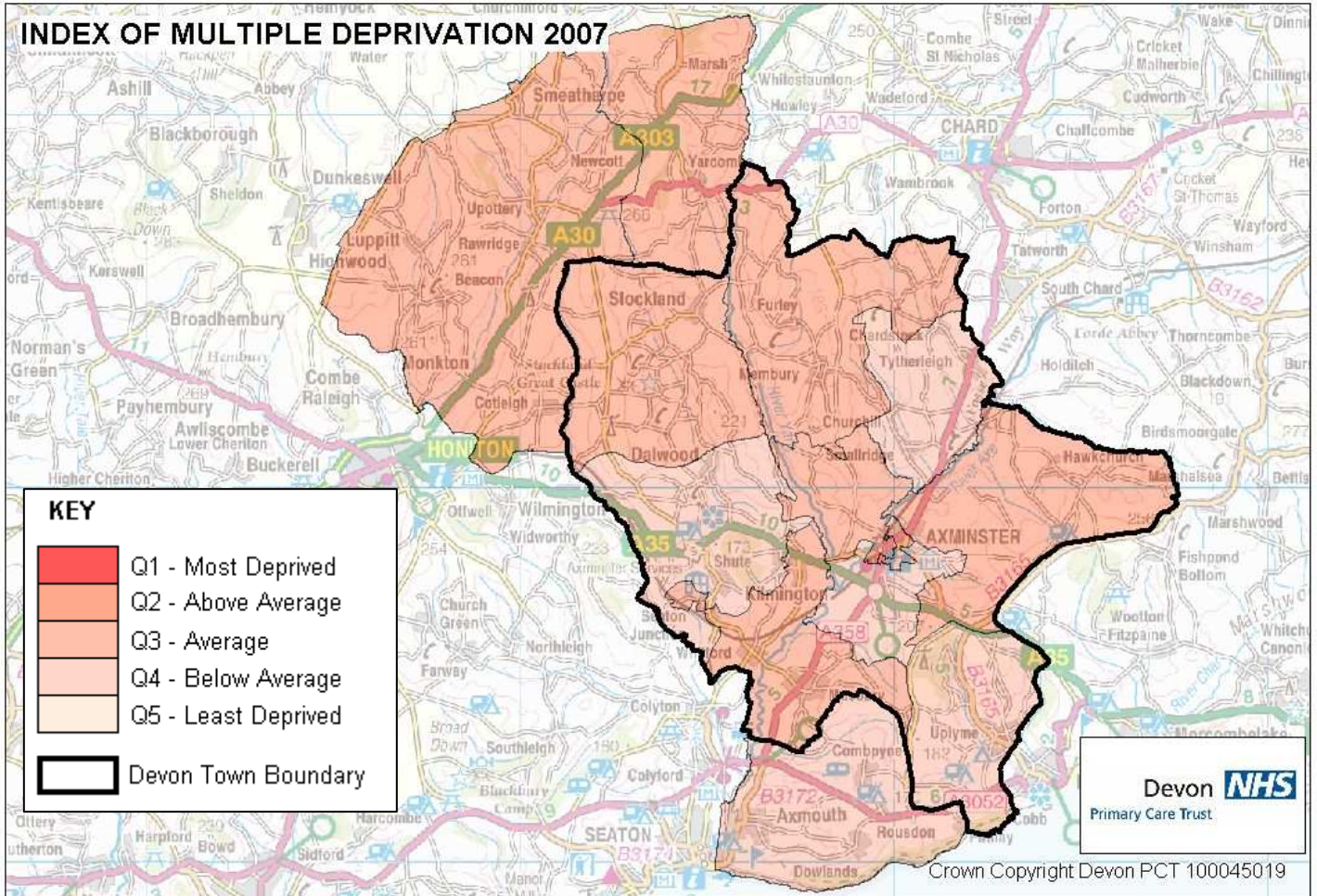
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Axminster area has below average levels of deprivation, although there are some issues around access to housing and services.
- The population of Axminster is predicted to increase by 905 people between 2006 and 2021 – a rise of 6.9%. The largest change is predicted to be in the 70 to 74 age group with an increase of 46.4%
- The birth rate is in line with the Devon average, with slightly higher rates in the urban area.
- Life expectancy is above the Devon average, with the longest life expectancy seen in the rural hinterland.
- The area has one of the lower levels of children with Special Educational Needs in Devon.
- The proportion of black and minority ethnic children is slightly below the Devon average.
- Youth offending levels are below the Devon average.
- The rate of referrals for older people aged 65+ into Adult and Community Services in Axminster is comparable with the Devon average
- The rates of older people aged 65+ in Axminster receiving reviews through Adult and Community Services is under represented compared with the Devon average
- The rate of Safeguarding alerts for vulnerable adults in East Devon is comparable with the Devon average
- The rate of outpatient and A&E attendances is well below average, whilst the rate of admissions to hospital area also below average.
- Teen conception rates in the town of Axminster, and particularly in areas to the East of the town including Millwey, are above the Devon average

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 Axminster area the most deprived areas are to the East of the town around Millwey.

A breakdown of the individual domains from the Indices of Deprivation 2007, reveal that the only domain above the Devon average is barriers to housing and services, a composite measure of distance to service and the availability of housing. A separate Child Wellbeing Index was released in 2009, which reveals the environment domain (air quality, road safety, school distance, and sports and leisure opportunities), as the only area where need is above the Devon average.



For full description of domains please view the glossary

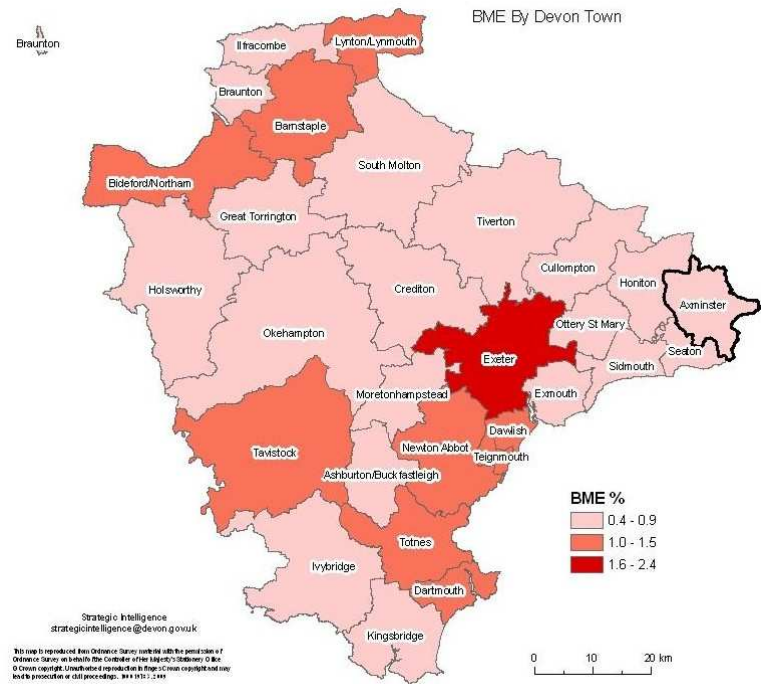
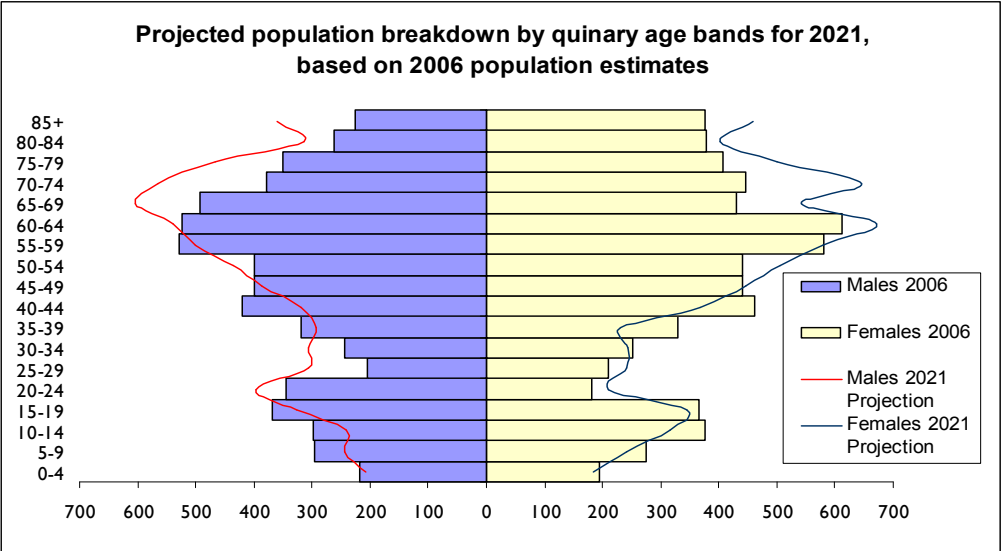
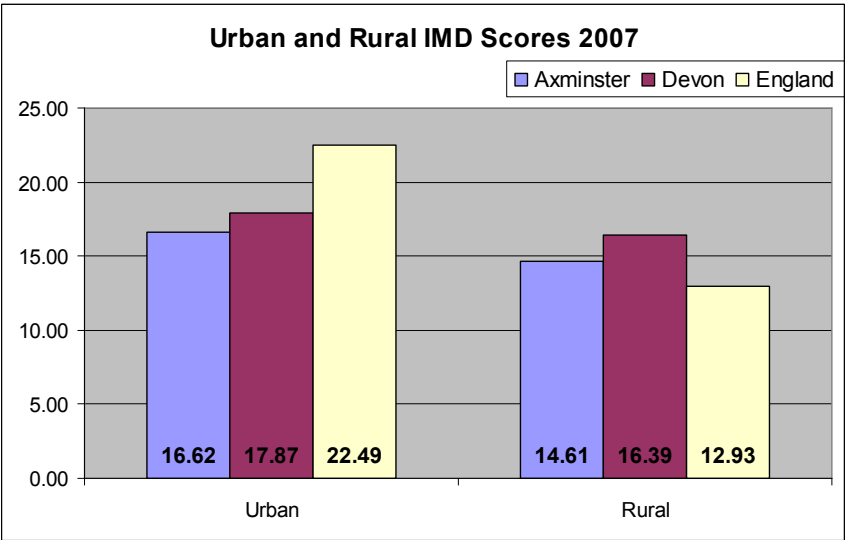
DEPRIVATION IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

The following chart compares index of multiple deprivation scores for the urban area of Axminster 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 centre is more deprived than the surrounding rural areas. However, Axminster town is less deprived than the average for other urban centres in Devon and England. Rural areas around Axminster are less deprived than the Devon rural average, but more deprived than the England rural average.

POPULATION

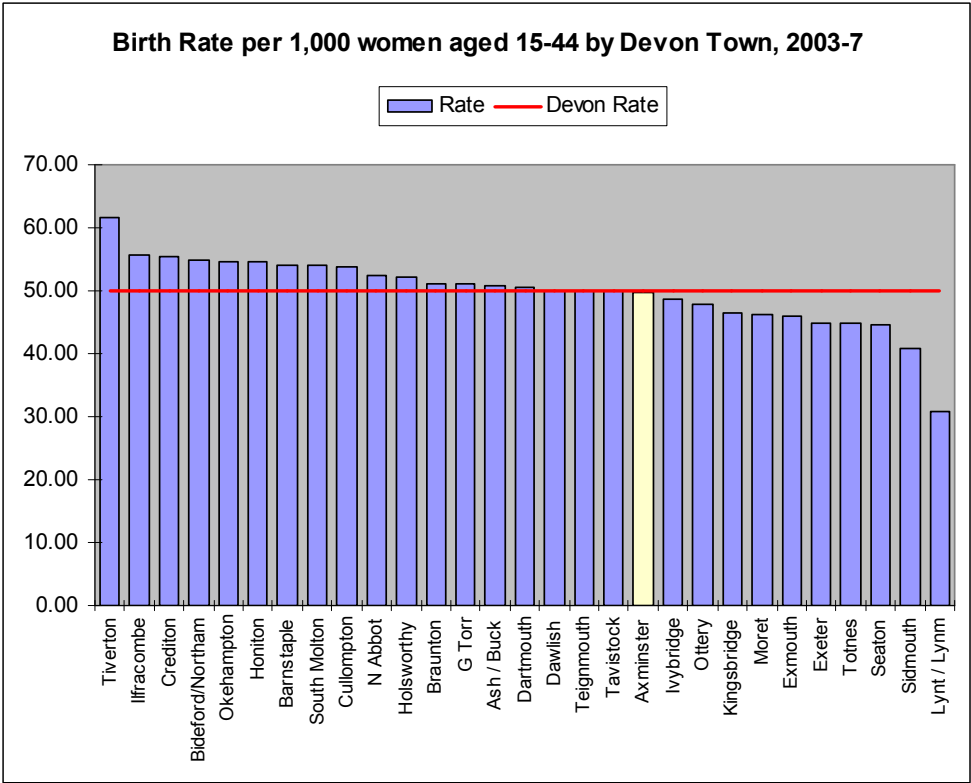
The population of Axminster is predicted to increase by 905 people between 2006 and 2021 – a rise of 6.9%. The total number in the younger age groups (from 0 to 19) is predicted to decrease by 286 to 2,105 – a fall of 12%. The 20 to 44 year age band is also predicted to see a reduction, in this case of 55 to 2,913 or 1.9%. The 45 to 64 age group should see an increase of 135 people (3.5%) to 4,062. The older age groups (65 years and older) are due to see an increase in number of 1,111. This equates to a 29.7% increase over the 15 years that these projections cover and will take the population in this group up to 4,857. The largest change is predicted to be in the 70 to 74 age group with an increase of 46.4%.



The proportion of Axminster's population from BME communities based on the 2001 census is 0.4%. This is an under representation when compared to the overall Devon BME of 1.1%.

BIRTHS

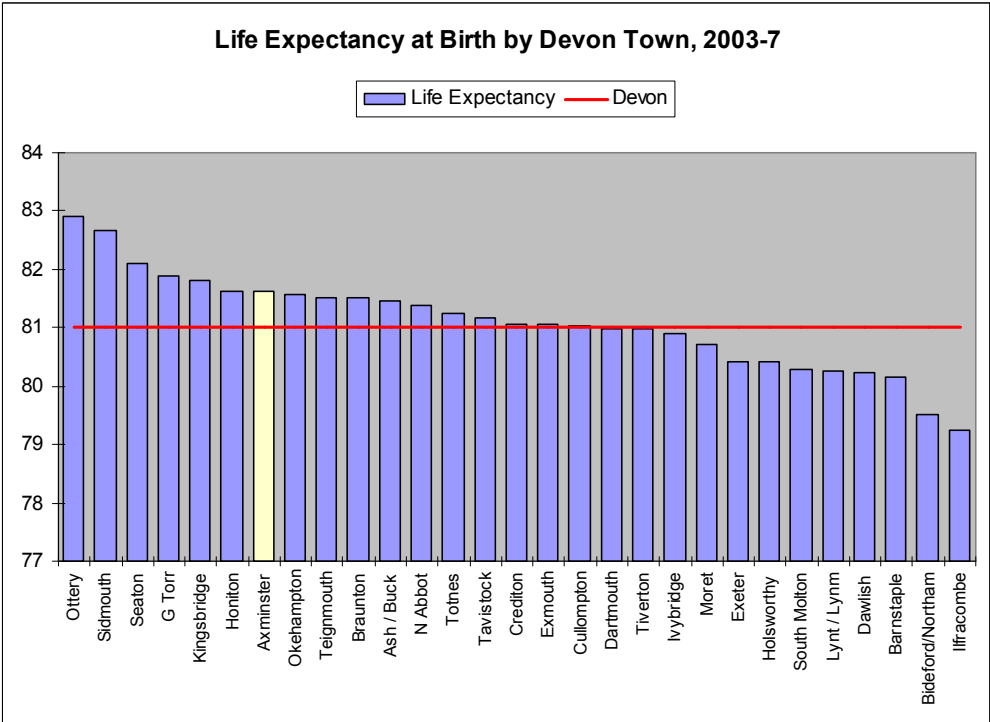
The birth rate in the Axminster area is in line with the Devon average, with 93 births per year. The highest birth rates were seen in the urban area.



Area	Average births per year	Birth Rate
Axminster Centre	54	55.99
Axminster Hinterland	39	43.13
Axminster Town Area	93	49.81
East Devon District	1,005	46.98
Eastern Locality	2,981	48.14
Devon	6,721	50.02
Devon Urban	4,797	50.35
Devon Rural	1,925	49.24

LIFE EXPECTANCY

Life expectancy in the Axminster area is above the average for Devon. Life expectancy in the rural hinterland was generally longer than in the towns.

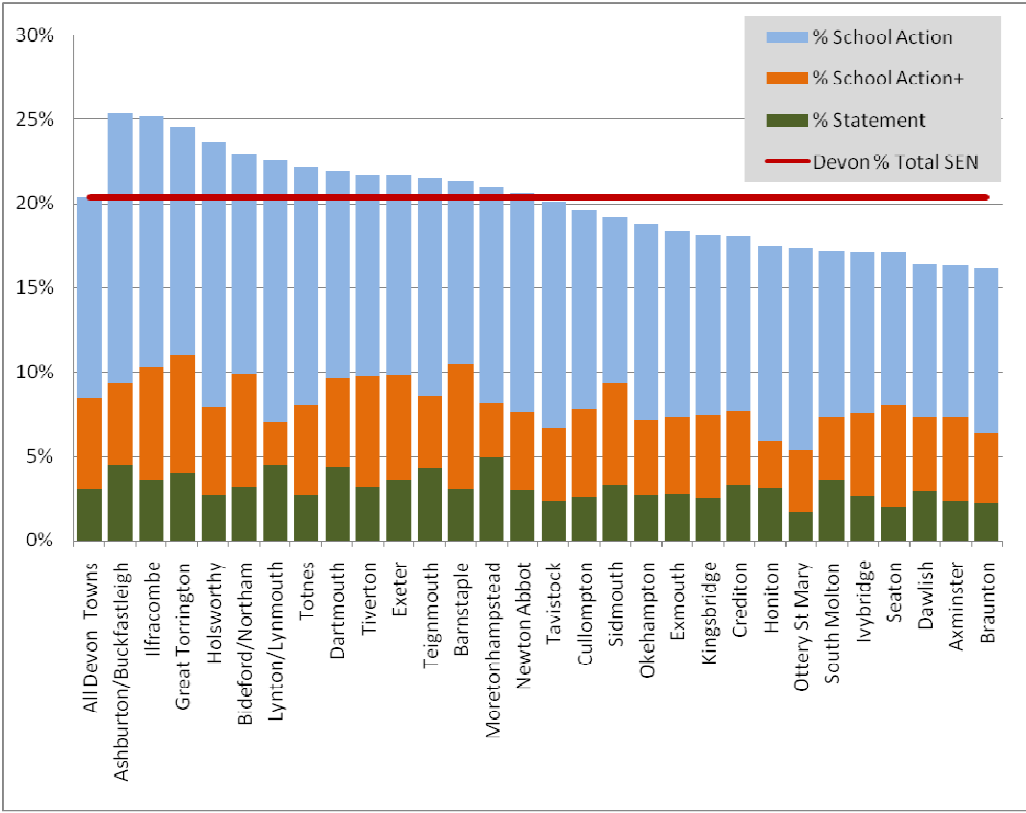


Area	Female	Male	Total
Axminster Centre	82.9	78.8	80.9
Axminster Hinterland	85.8	79.3	82.5
Axminster Town Area	84.0	79.2	81.6
East Devon District	83.4	79.9	81.8
Eastern Locality	83.0	79.1	81.1
Devon	83.0	78.9	81.0
Devon Urban	82.5	78.4	80.5
Devon Rural	84.0	80.0	82.0

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Axminster Town Area has one of the lowest levels of children with Special Educational Needs in Devon; and relatively low levels of youth offending. GCSE performance is in line with the Devon average, and the proportion of black and minority ethnic children is slightly below the Devon average.

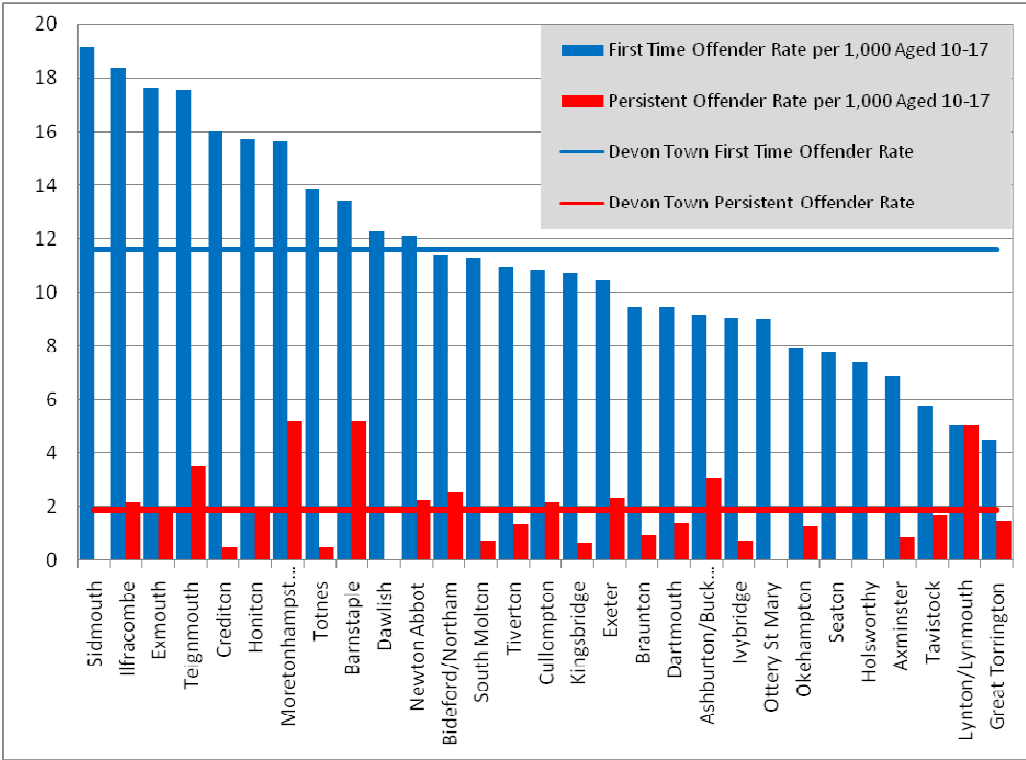
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (2007/08)



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)

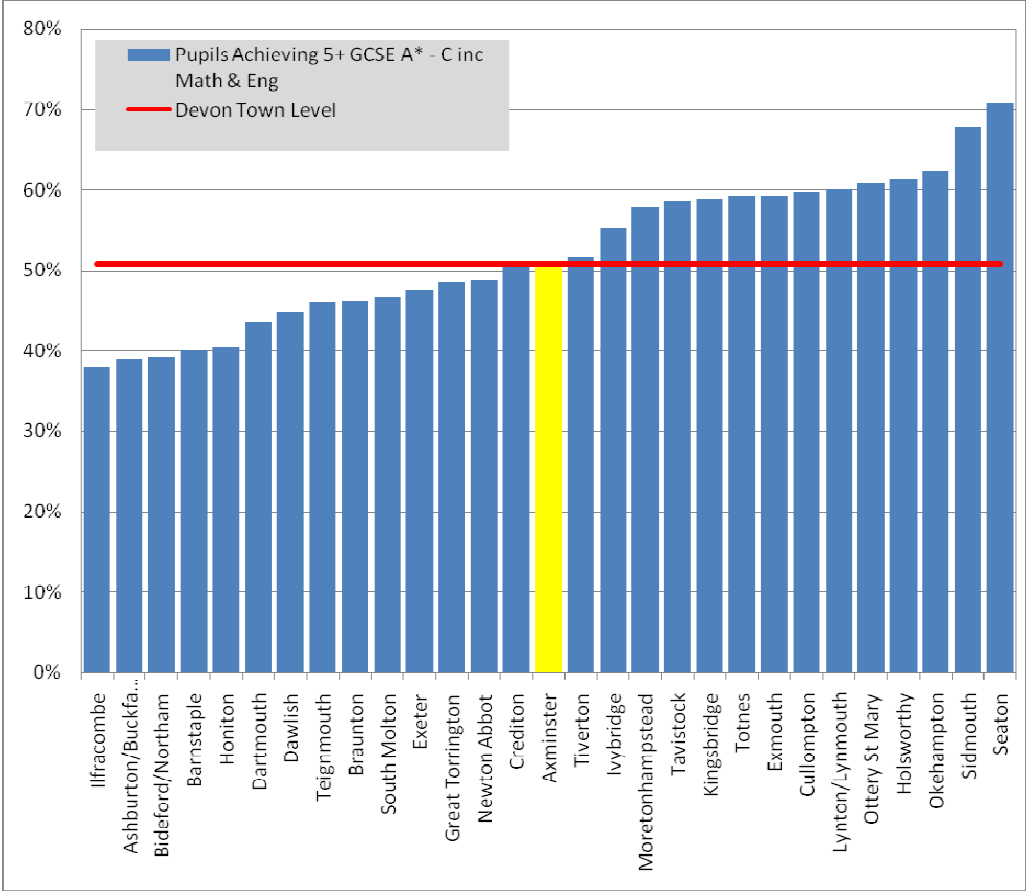
YOUTH OFFENDING (2008)



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)



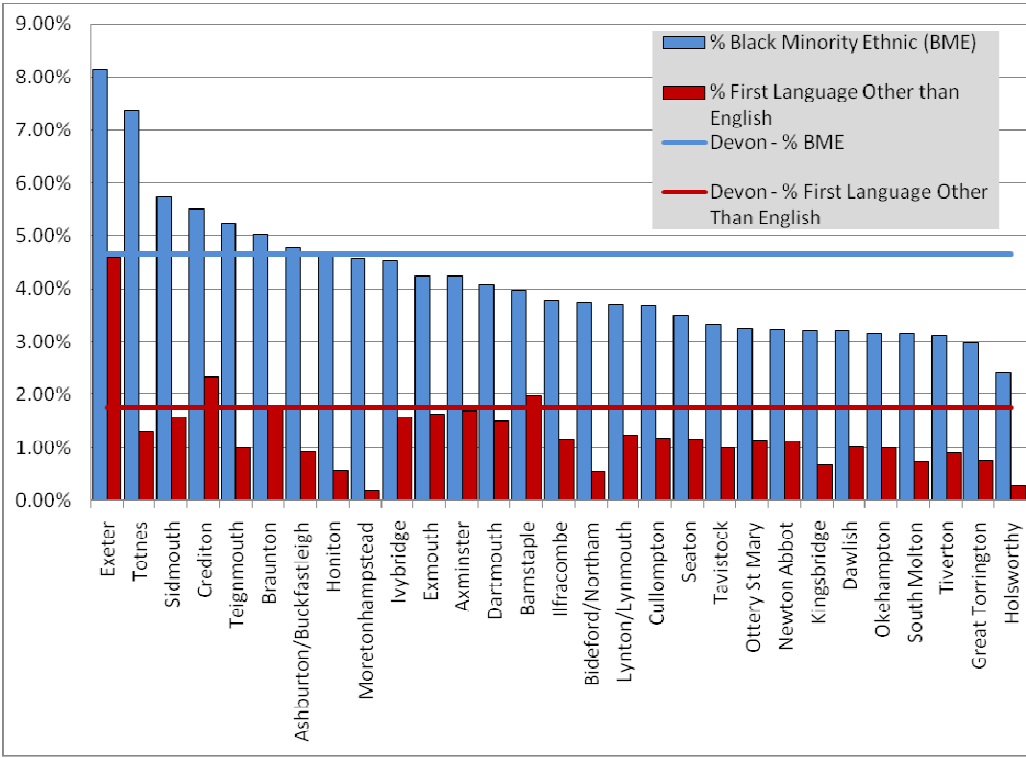
The graph illustrates GCSE performance in 2008 for pupils in Devon Maintained Schools by Town of residence.

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 (2007/08)



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.

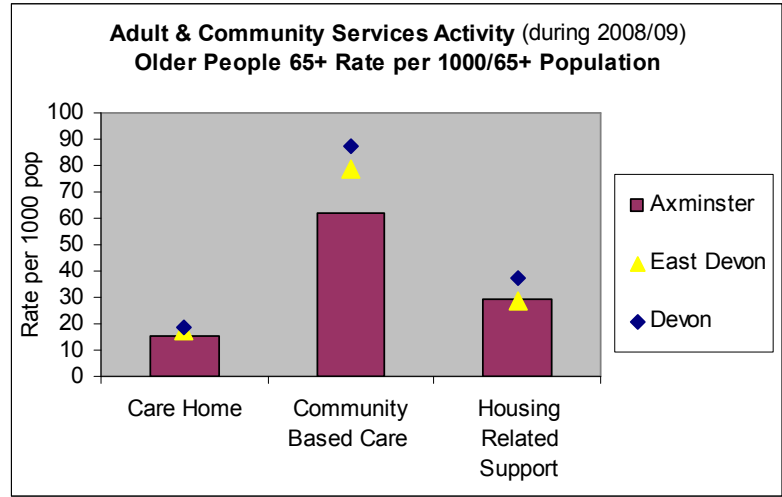
There are over 60 different languages spoken by children and young people in Devon schools the largest minority language groups being Polish (252) and German (88).

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 rate of older people aged 65+ in Axminster receiving assessments is 51.9 (per 1000 65+ population) and 58.2 for reviews, there is an under representation in reviews when compared to the Devon average. 13% of adult clients in East Devon 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.

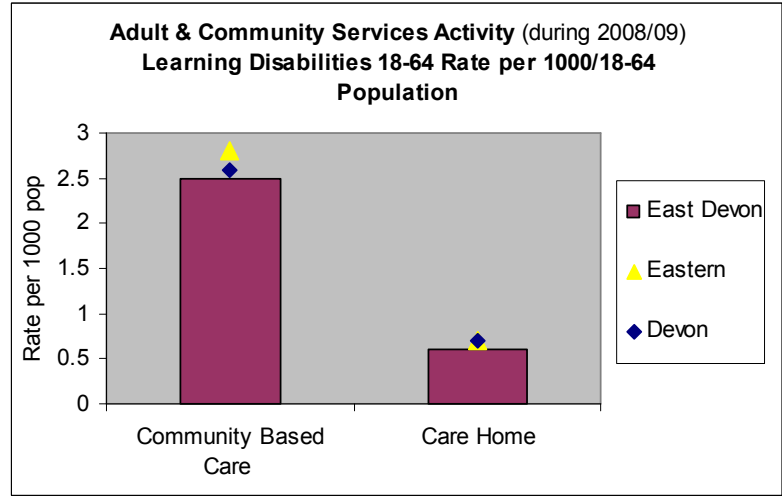
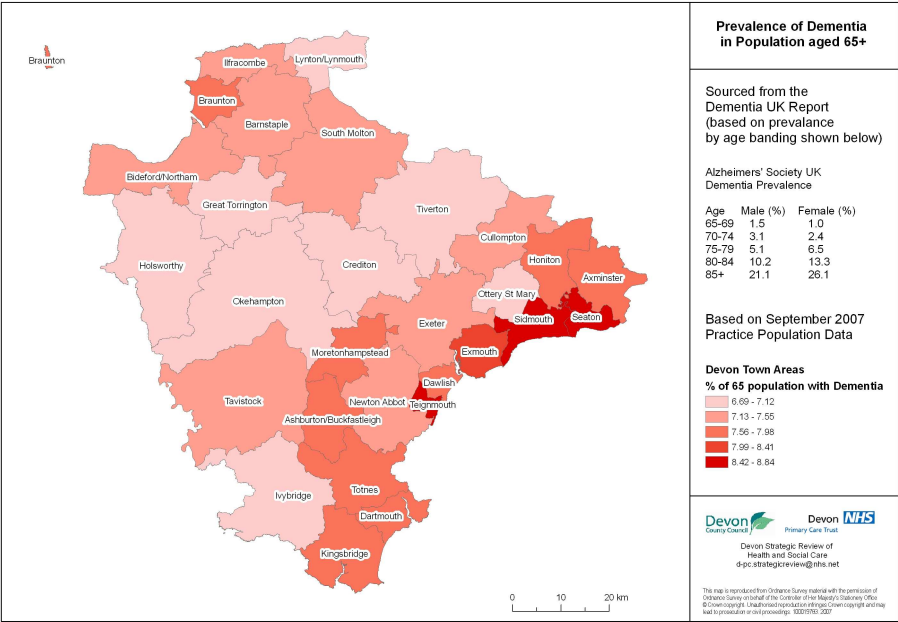
Mental Health and Learning Disabilities

Applying the nationally accepted prevalence rates for Dementia to the population in Axminster shows that there are an estimated 295 people in the area with Dementia. This gives an overall prevalence rate in the 65 and over population of 7.8%.

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

	2008	2025	% Change
Depression	1,880	2,087	11%
Neurotic disorder	12,148	13,484	11%
Personality disorder	3,224	3,580	11%
Psychotic disorder	404	449	11%

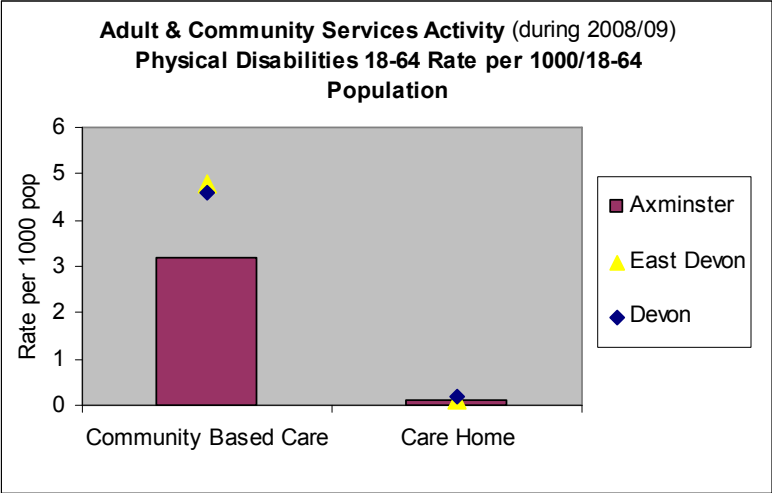
Data Source: PANSI



The table illustrates that service activity for older people aged 65+ in Axminster is comparable to the overall Devon average for the proportion of people based in Care Homes and the proportion receiving Housing Related Support. The proportion of people receiving Community Based Care is under represented when compared to the Devon average. The rate of referrals for older people aged 65+ into Adult and Community Services in Axminster is 142.9 (per 1000 65+ population). This is comparable to the overall Devon referral rate. A higher proportion of referrals (19%) for older people aged 65+ in Axminster are dealt with at point of contact when compared with the overall Devon average of 14%. There is an over representation in the number of referrals from Primary Health / Community Health for clients aged 85+ in Axminster.

In East Devon the proportion of people with learning disabilities aged 18-64 receiving Community Based Care and the proportion of people based in Care Homes is comparable to the overall Devon average.

Physical Disabilities 18-64



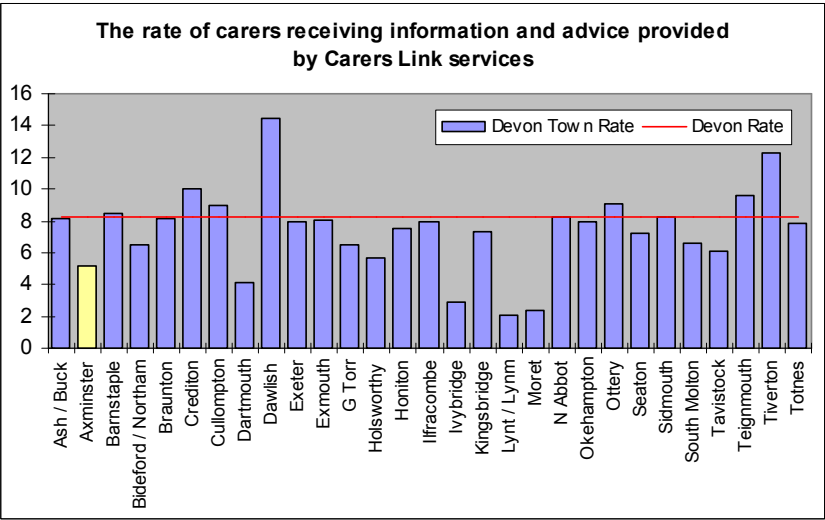
This table demonstrates that in Axminster there is an under representation in the number of people with physical disabilities aged 18-64 receiving Community Based Care when compared to the overall Devon average.

There is an under representation in the rate of referrals in Axminster for people aged 18-64 into Adult and Community Services. There is an under representation in referrals made by self/carer and Local Authority Housing departments.

The rate of people with physical disabilities aged 18-64 in Axminster receiving assessments is 2.4 (per 1000 18-64 population) and 1.6 for reviews. Reviews are under represented compared to the Devon average.

The rate of Safeguarding alerts in East Devon is 2.1 (per 1000 18+ population) and is comparable to the Devon

average.
Carers

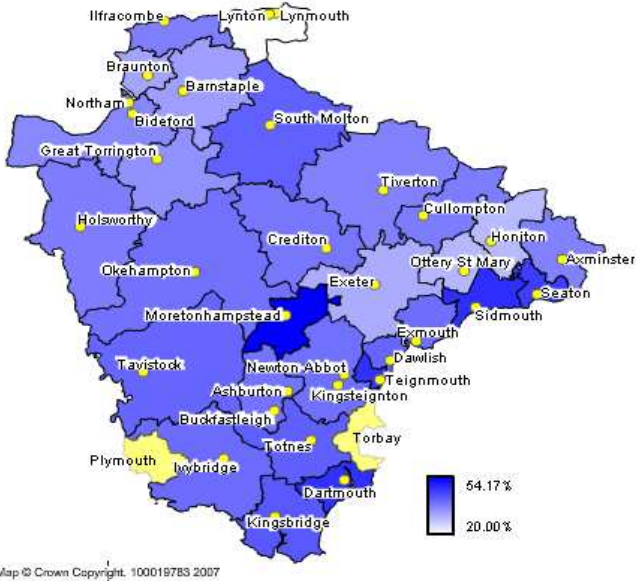
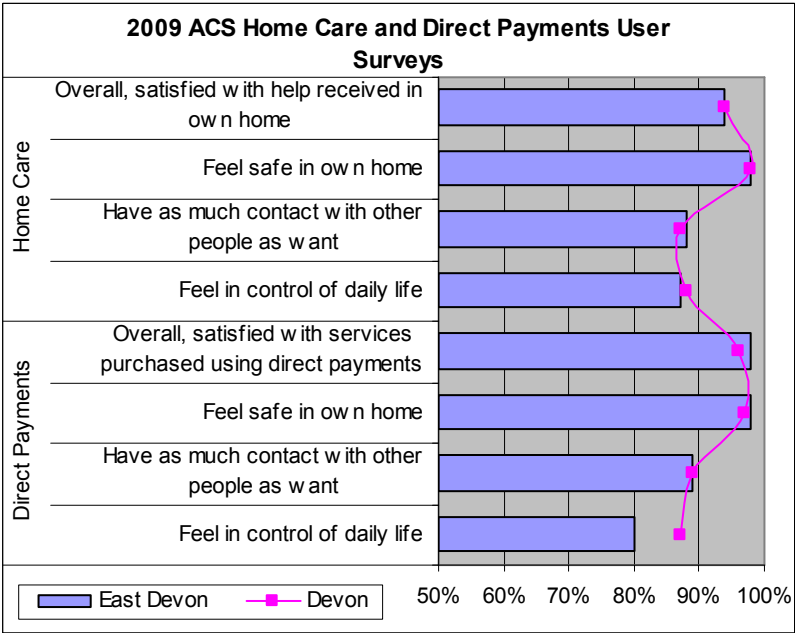


The rate of Carers assessments and reviews in Axminster is 7.4 (per 1000 18+ population) and is comparable with the Devon average.

The table opposite illustrates that the rate of carers receiving Information and advice provided by Carers Link services is under represented in Axminster compared to the Devon average of 8.3 (per 1000 18+ population).

Respect and consideration
Older people are able to get the support needed to continue to live at home

User Experience / Feedback

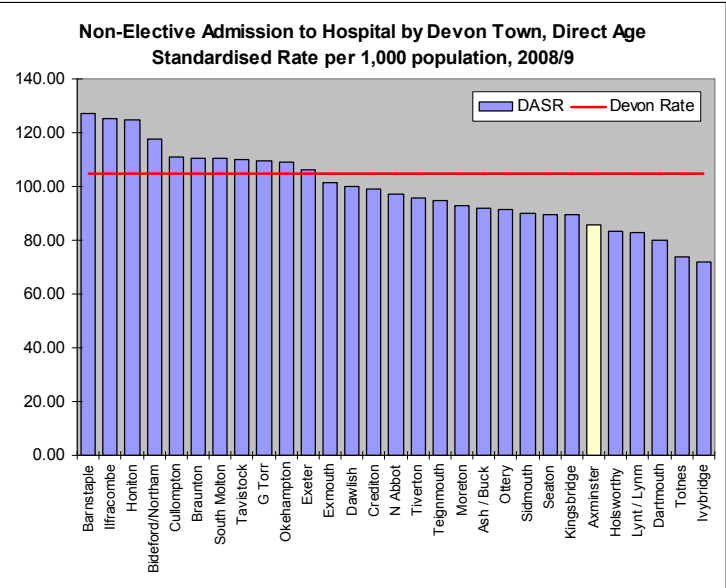
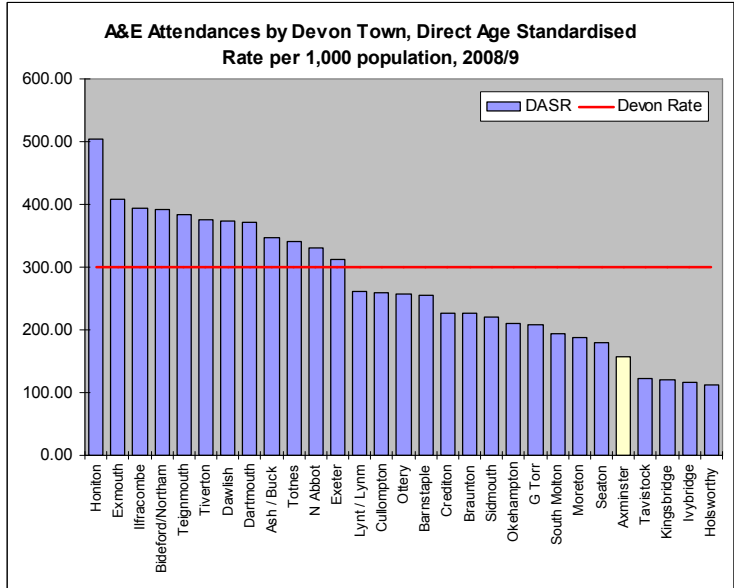
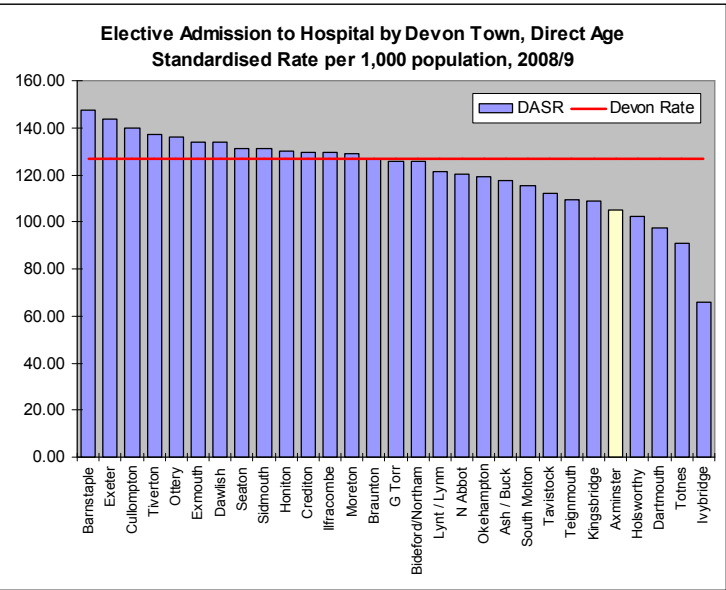
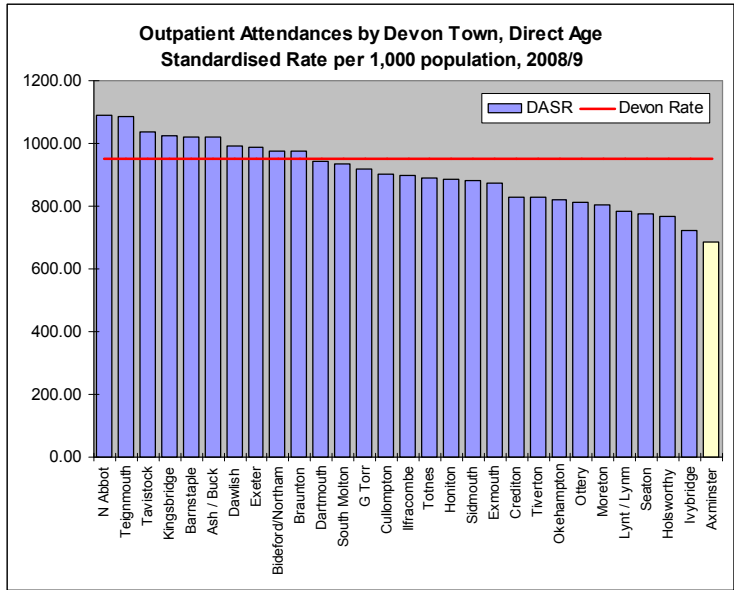


Results of the 2008 Place Survey reveal that 36.6% of Axminster residents who responded to the survey felt that older people are able to get the support needed to continue to live at home compared to the Devon average of 36%.

The 2009 ACS User Survey results for Direct Payments recipients indicate that respondents in East Devon feel less in control of daily life than in Devon overall. However, low response rates in some districts can skew survey results.

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY

The rate of outpatient attendances in the Axminster town area is the lowest in Devon, and elective admissions to hospital are also below the Devon average. The rate of Accident and Emergency attendances is also well below the Devon average, as is the rate of non-elective (emergency, maternity and transfer) admissions to hospital.

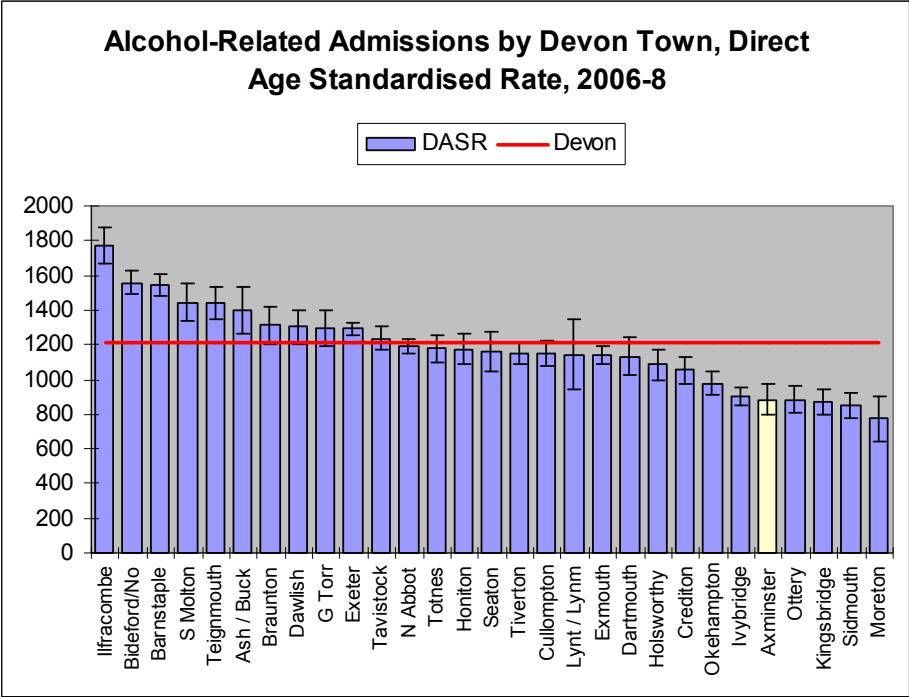


Hospital Activity, Direct Age Standardised Rates by Activity Type, 2008/9

Area	A&E Attends	Outpatient Attends	Elective Admissions	Non-Elective Admissions
Axminster Centre	181.4	818.8	125.8	97.6
Axminster Hinterland	132.3	559.7	87.6	73.6
Axminster Town Area	156.8	685.8	104.9	85.5
East Devon District	324.8	842.7	130.6	98.4
Eastern Locality	313.2	889.5	134.5	101.9
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 Axminster area has a significantly lower rate of alcohol-related admissions than Devon as a whole. The highest rate of admissions is seen in the surrounding rural hinterland, although this is still below average for rural areas in Devon. There are around 200 admissions per year in the area.



Area	Admissions per year	DASR* per 100k
Axminster Centre	93	847.5
Axminster Hinterland	103	935.9
Axminster Town Area	197	883.8
East Devon District	2,163	1043.8
Eastern Locality	5,082	1159.1
Devon	12,742	1215.3
Devon Urban	8,877	1319.4
Devon Rural	3,863	1012.1

* Direct age standardised rate, see glossary

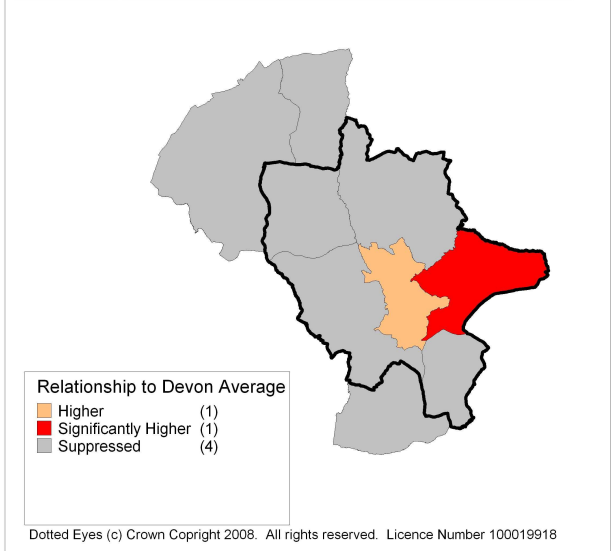
PUBLIC HEALTH TEEN CONCEPTIONS

Levels of under 18 conceptions were above average in Axminster town, and significantly above average in the Axminster Rural ward to the East, which includes Millwey. Due to small numbers rates elsewhere were suppressed.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEATH RATES 2003-7

The table below presents mortality or death rates for the Axminster town area compared with Devon. This highlights that death rates are consistently below the Devon average, the rate of death from circulatory conditions significantly below the Devon average.

Teenage Conception Rates, 2004-6



Measure	Average deaths per year	DASR	Devon DASR	Relationship to Average
All Causes	188	498.2	533.3	N.S.
All Causes, Female	99	409.7	448.3	N.S.
All Causes, Male	89	602.2	640.6	N.S.
All Causes, under 75	43	227.6	254.4	N.S.
Cancer	52	154.4	163.9	N.S.
Cancer, under 75	19	92.1	105.5	N.S.
Circulatory	69	157.7	183.8	Sig Low
Circulatory, under 75	10	46.7	65.8	Sig Low

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