

## INTRODUCTION

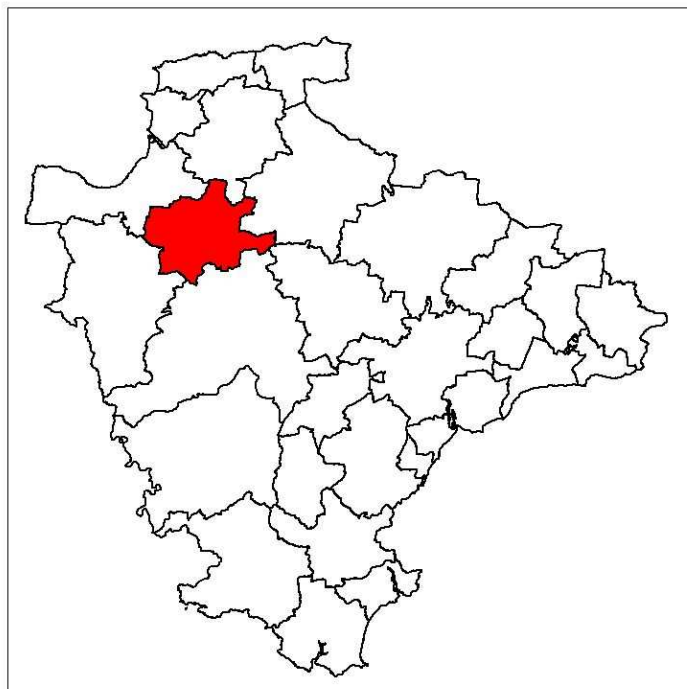
This is the Devon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for the Great Torrington area, which also encompasses the surrounding rural parishes.

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](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](mailto:d-pc.strategicreview@nhs.net) with any comments or questions.

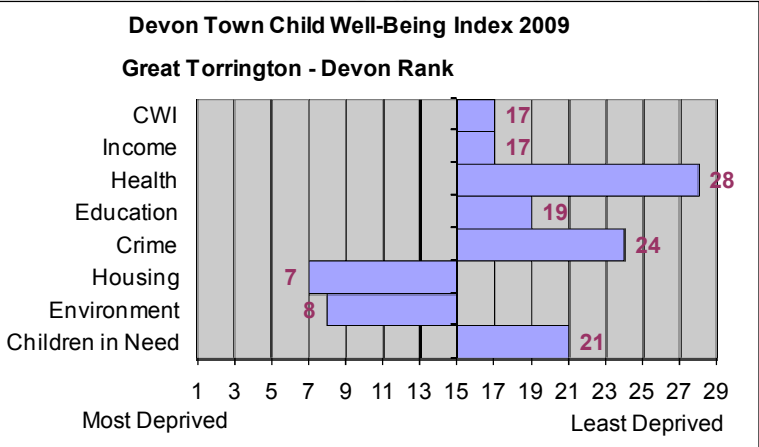
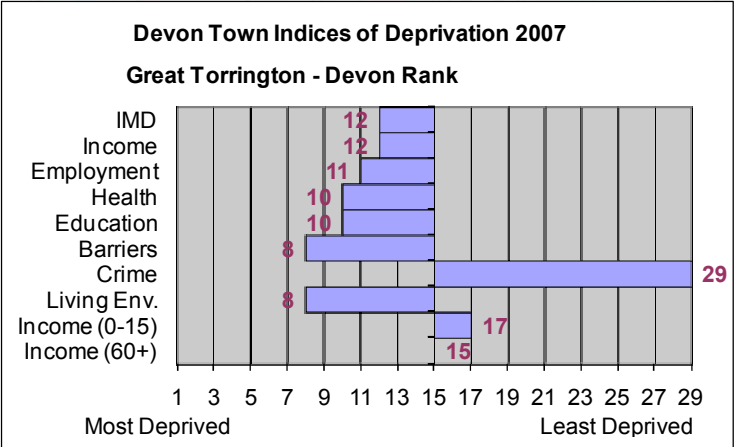
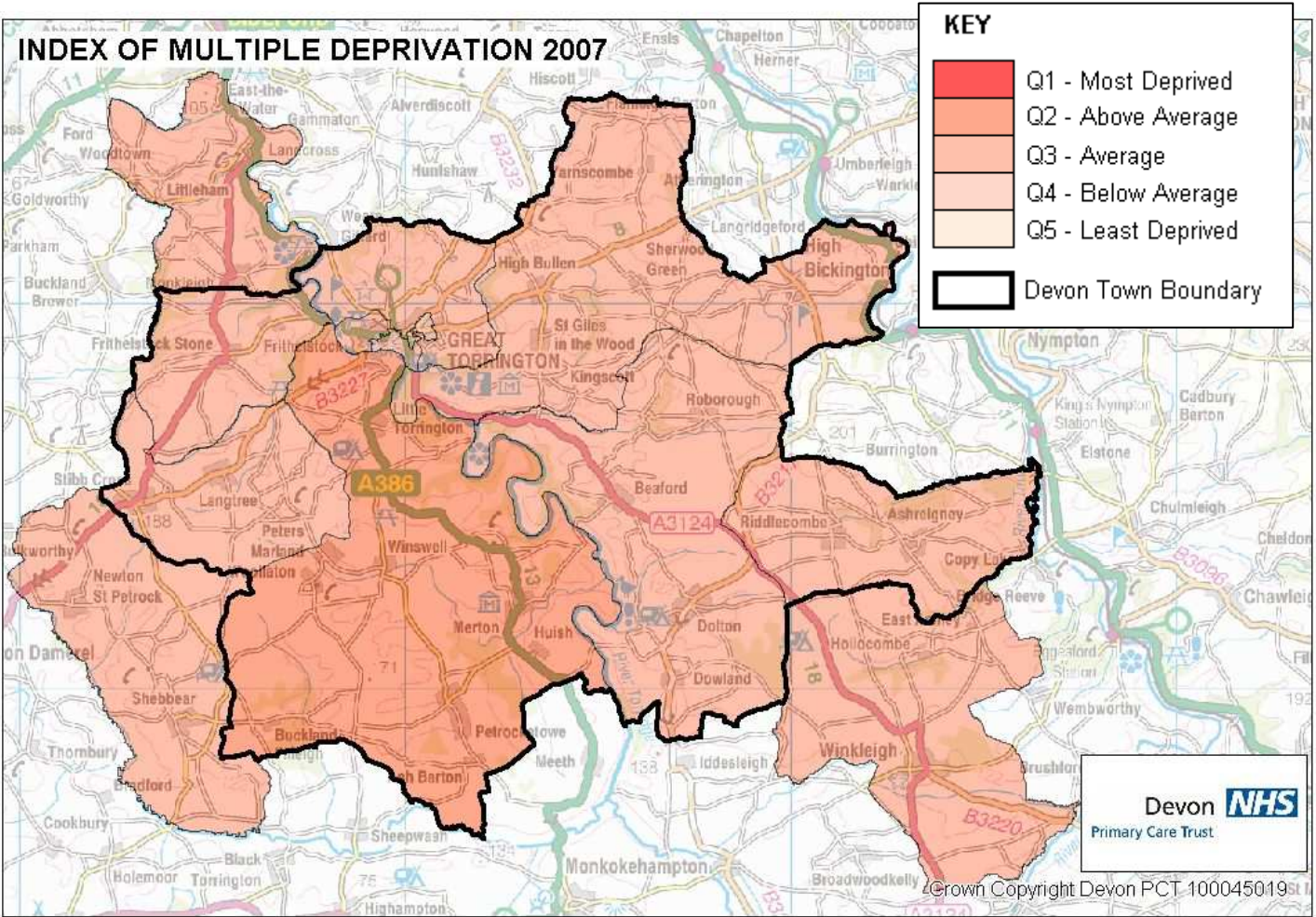
## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Overall deprivation is in line with the Devon average, although the rural hinterland is more deprived than the urban centre, with particular issues around access to housing and services.
- The population of Great Torrington is predicted to increase by 940 people between 2006 and 2021 – a rise of 7.8%. The largest change is predicted to be in the 70 to 74 age group with an increase of 55.9%
- The birth rate is broadly in line with the Devon average, with higher rates in the urban centre.
- Life expectancy is broadly in line with the Devon average, with longer life expectancy in the rural area.
- The proportion of children with Special Educational Needs is above the Devon average.
- The youth offending rate in the area is well below the Devon average.
- The proportion of children and young people from Black and minority ethnic groups is below the Devon average.
- The rate of referrals for older people aged 65+ into Adult and Community Services in Great Torrington is under represented compared with the Devon referral rate
- The rates of people with physical disabilities aged 18-64 in Great Torrington receiving assessments and reviews through Adult and Community Services are both under represented compared with the Devon average
- The rate of Safeguarding alerts for vulnerable adults in Torrington is under represented compared with the Devon average
- Levels of hospital activity typically vary little from the Devon average, although the level of A&E attendances was below the Devon average.
- The rate of alcohol-related admissions is above the Devon average.
- Death rates are consistently below the Devon average, and significantly so for females.

# 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, the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Deprivation levels in the Great Torrington town area are mainly average, with the exception of rural areas to the south of the town, which are above average.

A breakdown of the individual domains from the Indices of Deprivation, reveal particular issues around barriers to housing and services domain (a measure of the distance to key services and housing availability) and the living environment domain (a measure of housing quality, road traffic accidents and air quality). A separate Child Wellbeing Index was released in 2009, which reveals that whilst Great Torrington is less deprived than the Devon average, there are issues in relation to the domains of housing and environment (road safety, air quality, distance to school, and play space availability) domains.



For full description of domains please view the glossary

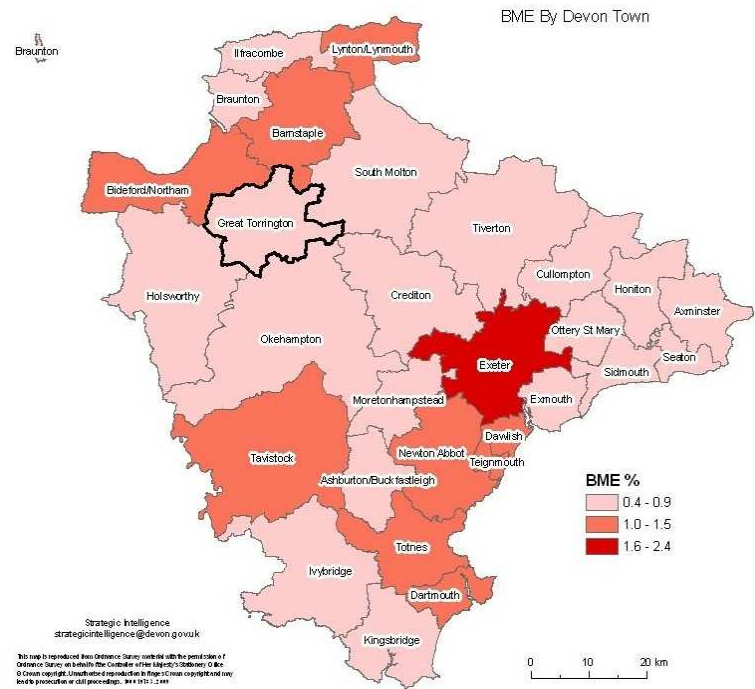
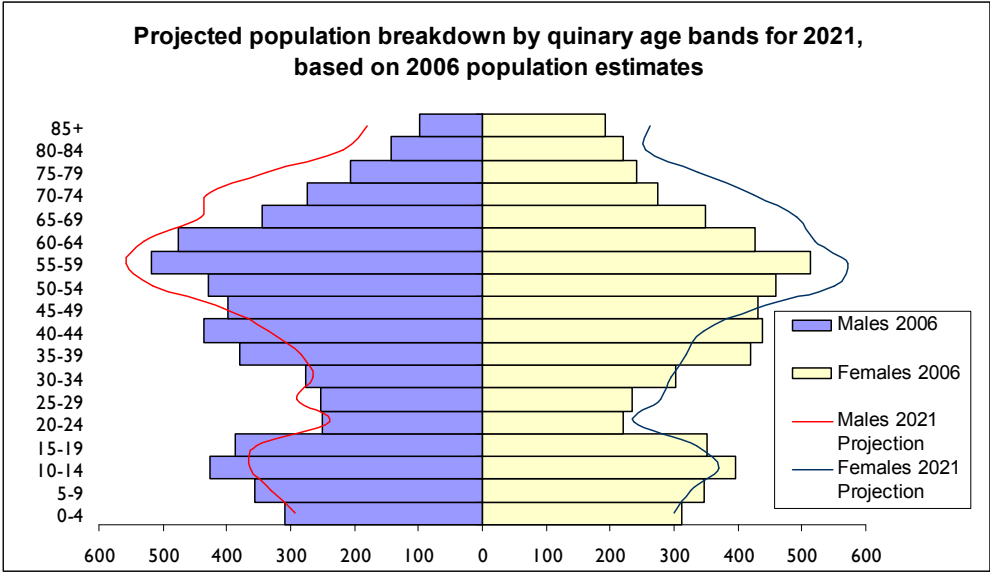
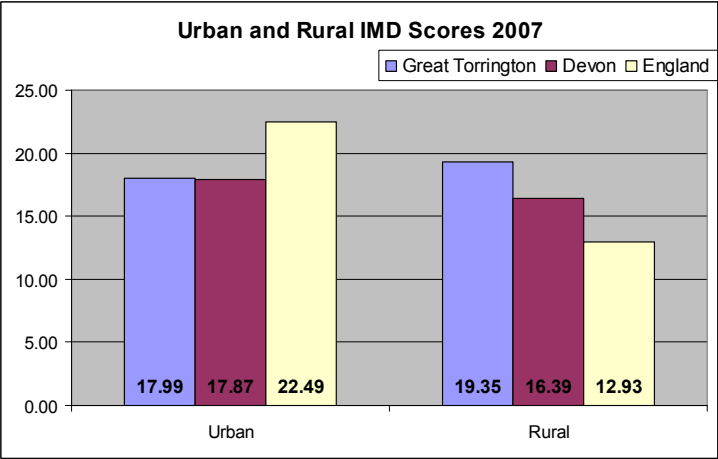
# DEPRIVATION IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

The following chart compares index of multiple deprivation scores for the urban area of Great Torrington 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 of Great Torrington is in line with the average for Devon and below the national average. In comparison the Great Torrington rural area is above the Devon rural average and well above the national average and more deprived than the urban centre.

## POPULATION

The population of Great Torrington is predicted to increase by 940 people between 2006 and 2021 – a rise of 7.8%. The total number in the younger age groups (from 0 to 19) is predicted to decrease by 212 to 2,674 – a fall of 7.3%. The 20 to 44 year age band is also predicted to see a decrease, in this case of 319 to 2,894 or 9.9%. The 45 to 64 age group should see an increase of 434 people (11.9%) to 4,084. The older age groups (65 years and older) are due to see an increase in number of 1,036. This equates to a 44.3% increase over the 15 years that these projections cover and will take the population in this group up to 3,380. The largest change is predicted to be in the 70 to 74 age group with an increase of 55.9%.

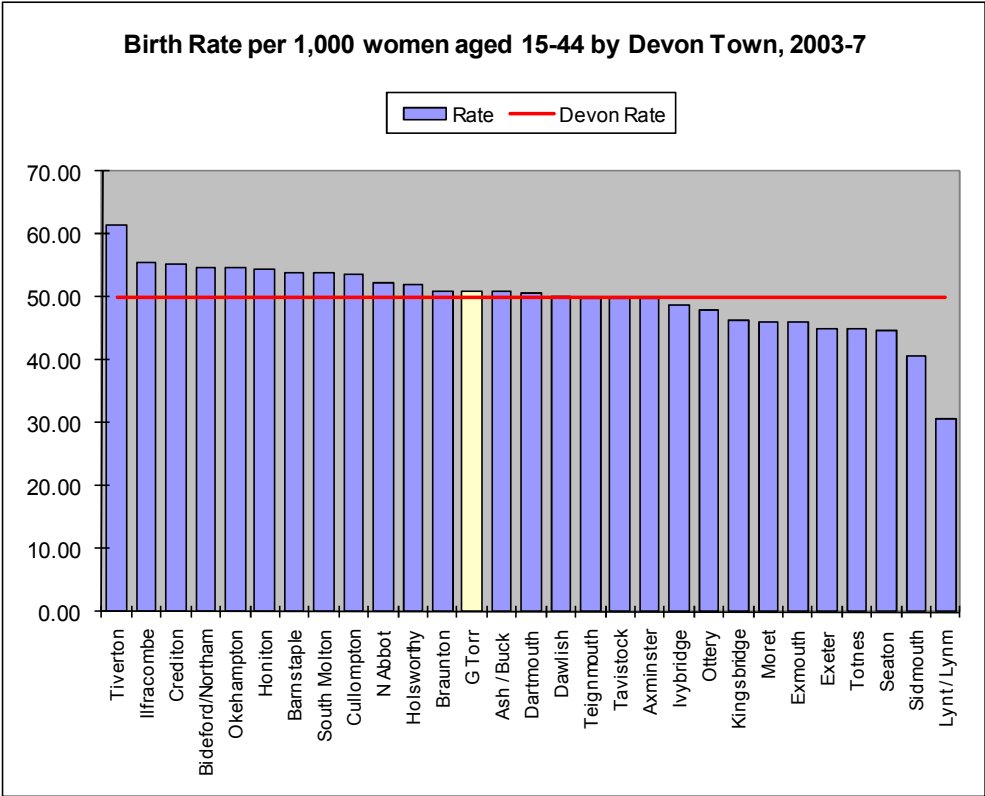


The proportion of Great Torrington's population from BME communities based on the 2001 census is 0.9%. This is comparable to the overall Devon BME of 1.1%.



# BIRTHS

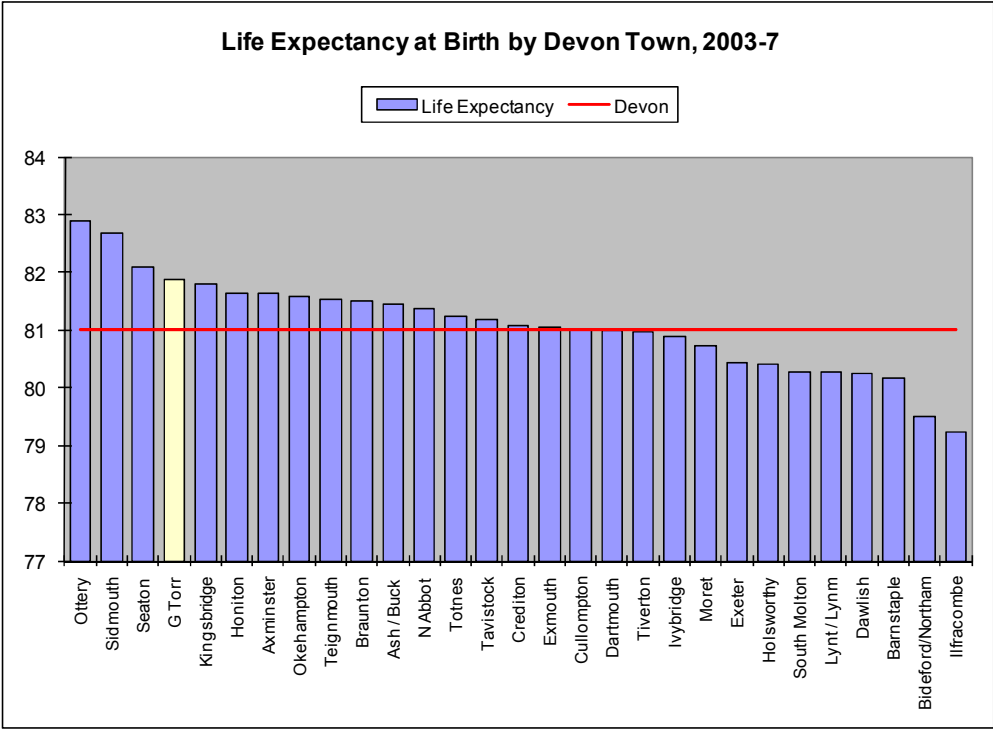
The birth rate in the Great Torrington area is in line with the Devon average. Rates in the urban centre are higher than the Devon average and lower than the Devon rural average in the hinterland.



Area	Average births per year	Birth Rate
Great Torrington Centre	58	56.64
Great Torrington Hinterland	44	45.08
Great Torrington Town Area	102	50.95
Torridge District	561	53.51
Northern Locality	1,468	53.47
Devon	6,721	50.02
Devon Urban	4,797	50.35
Devon Rural	1,925	49.24

# LIFE EXPECTANCY

Life expectancy in the Great Torrington area is higher than the average life expectancy in Devon. The rural area has a higher than average total life expectancy and in particular for the female population.

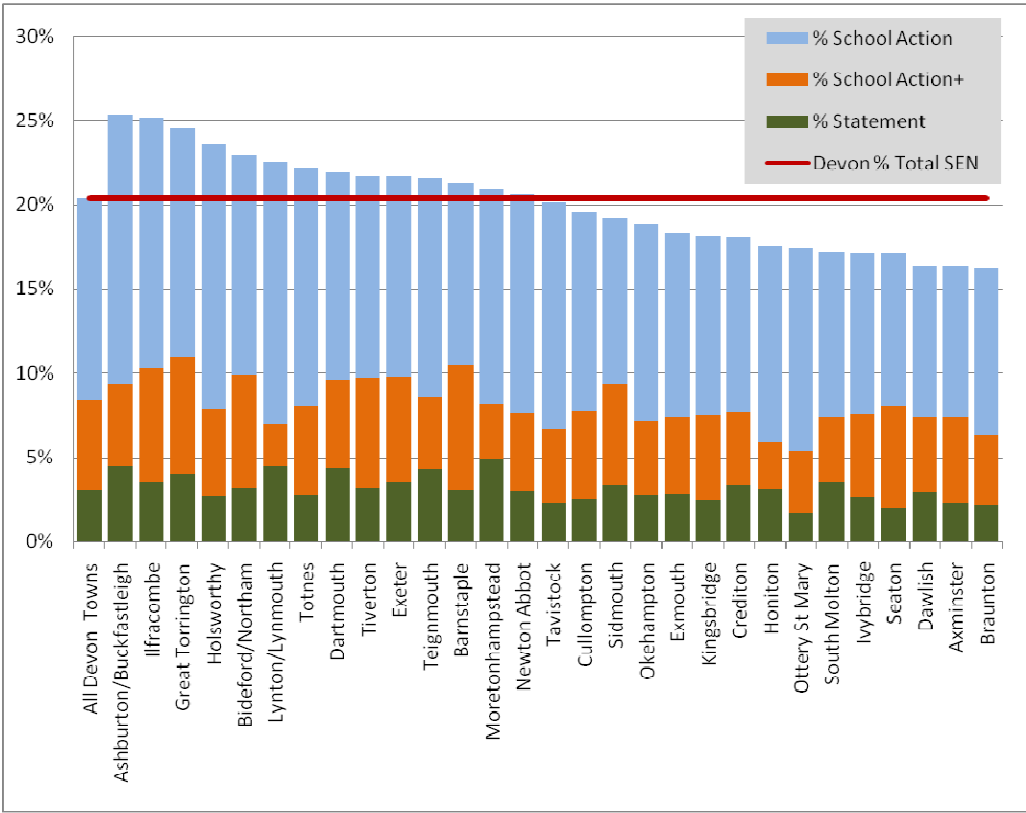


Area	Female	Male	Total
Great Torrington Centre	82.8	76.9	80.0
Great Torrington Hinterland	86.0	80.6	83.2
Great Torrington Town Area	84.7	79.1	81.9
Torridge District	82.3	78.1	80.2
Northern Locality	82.4	77.9	80.2
Devon	83.0	78.9	81.0
Devon Urban	82.5	78.4	80.5
Devon Rural	84.0	80.0	82.0

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Great Torrington Town Area has above average numbers of those with Special Educational Needs; slightly below average GCSE performance; the lowest youth crime rate; and a well below average proportion of children and young people from black and ethnic minority groups.

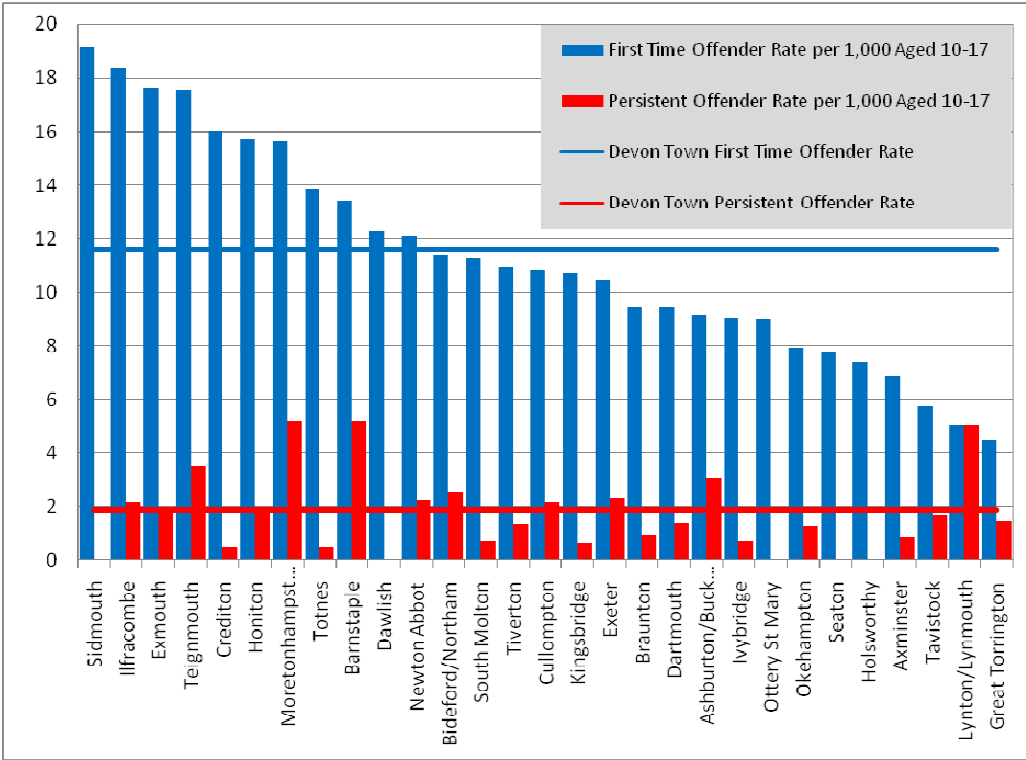
## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (2007/08)



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)

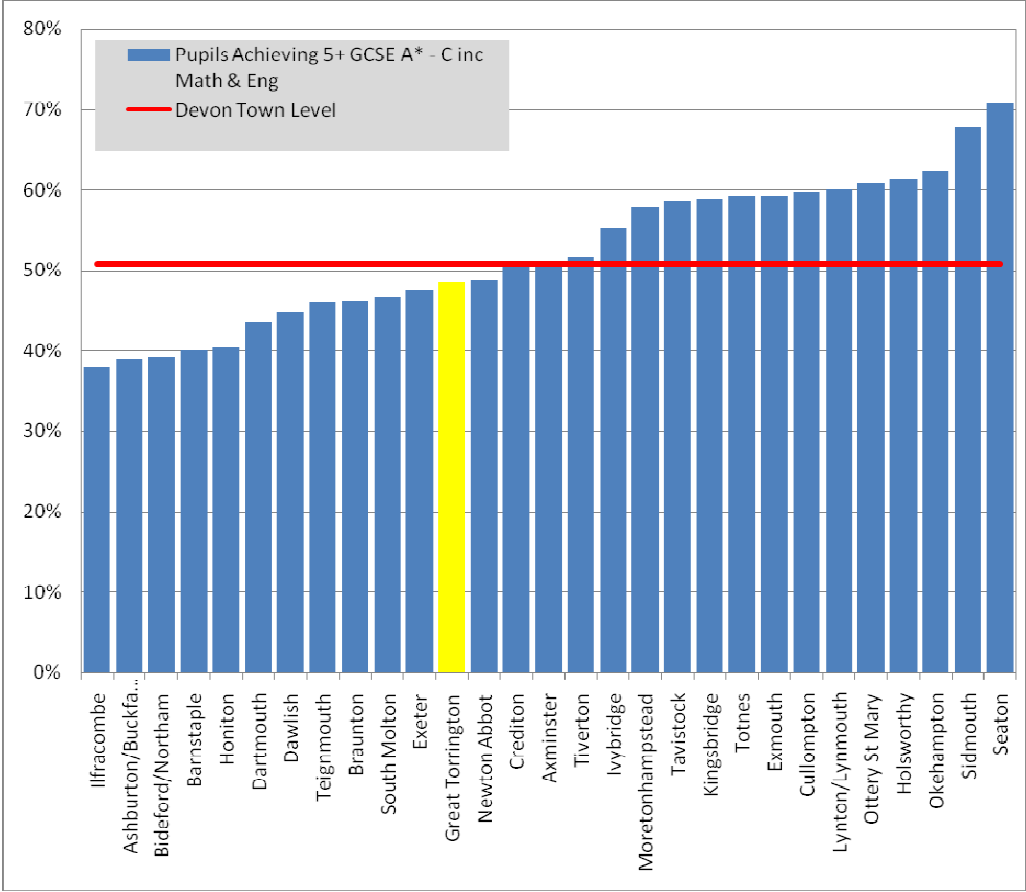
## YOUTH OFFENDING (2008)



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)



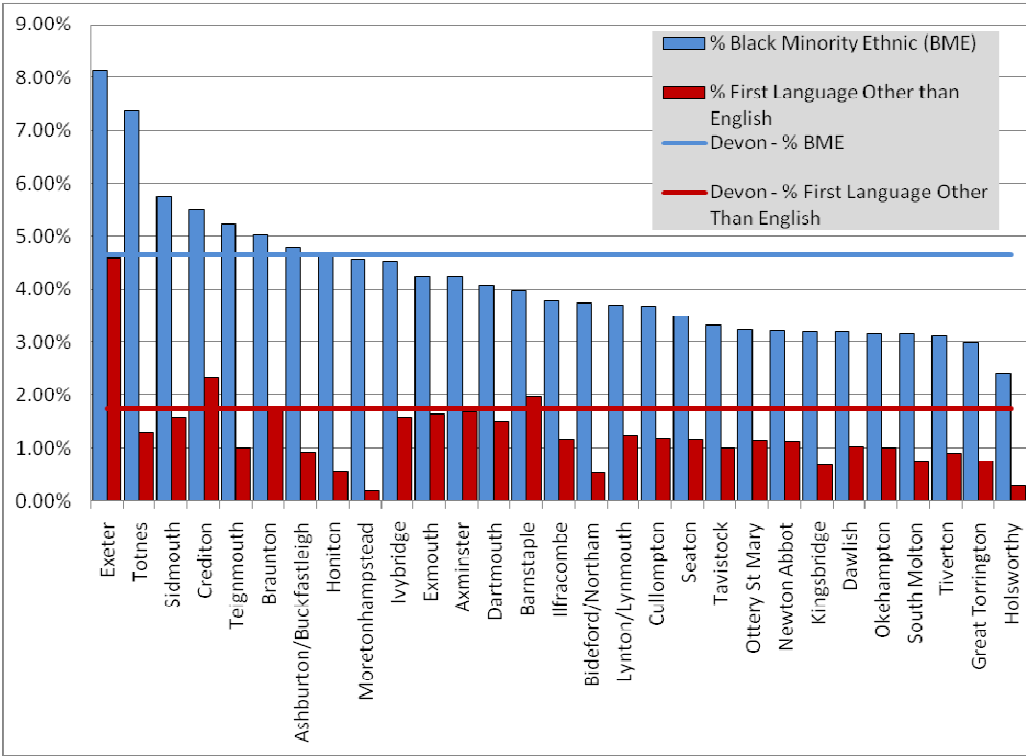
The graph illustrates GCSE performance in 2008 for pupils in Devon Maintained Schools by Town of residence.

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.

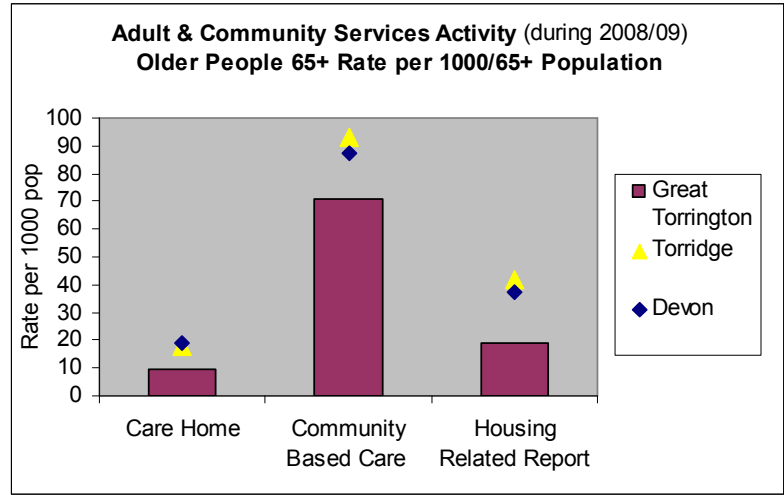
There are over 60 different languages spoken by children and young people in Devon schools the largest minority language groups being Polish (252) and German (88).

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 table illustrates that service activity for older people aged 65+ in Great Torrington is under represented compared with the overall Devon average for the proportion of people based in Care Homes and the proportion receiving Housing Related Support. The proportion receiving Community Based Care is less than but still comparable with the Devon average. The rate of referrals for older people aged 65+ into Adult and Community Services in Great Torrington is 116.4 (per 1000 65+ population). This is an under representation compared with the Devon referral rate. The proportion of referrals for older people aged 65+ in Great Torrington 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 under representation in the number of referrals from

Primary Health / Community Health for clients aged 75-84 in Great Torrington. The rate of older people aged 65+ in Great Torrington receiving assessments is 45.6 (per 1000 65+ population) and 58.4 for reviews, these rates are both under represented compared to the Devon average. 26% of adult clients in Torridge 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.

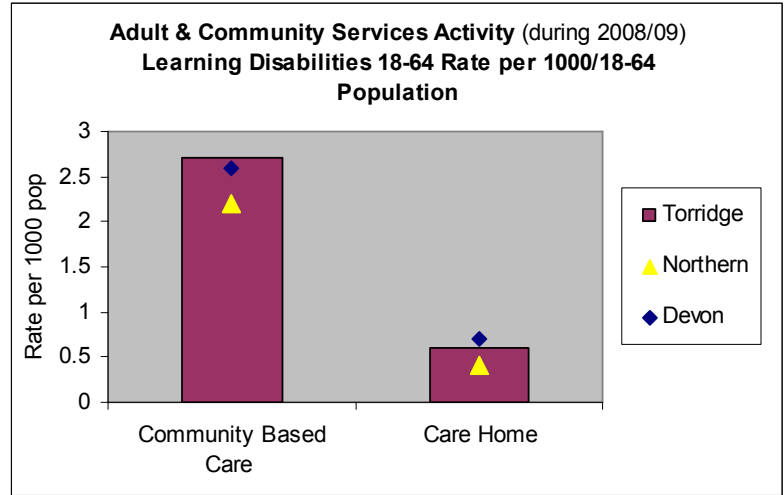
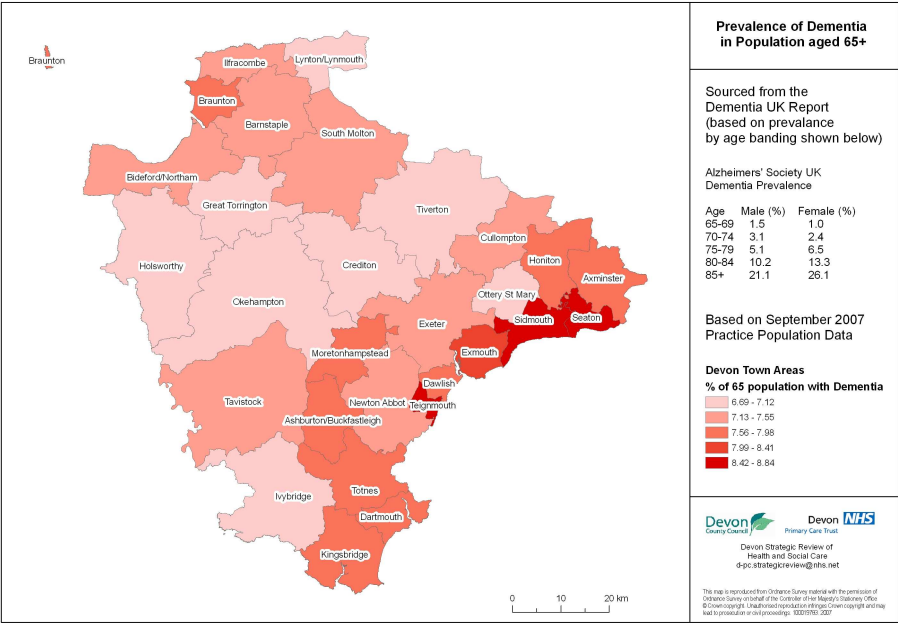
## Mental Health and Learning Disabilities

Applying the nationally accepted prevalence rates for Dementia to the population in Great Torrington shows that there are an estimated 179 people in the area with Dementia. This gives an overall prevalence rate in the 65 and over population of 7%.

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

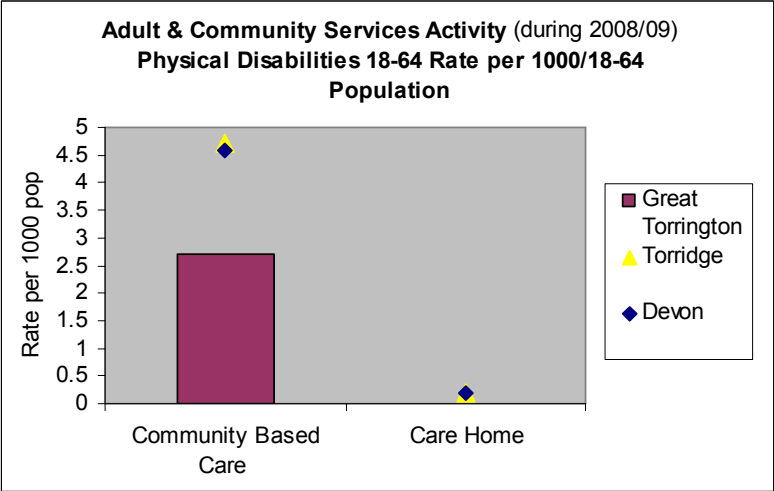
	2008	2025	% Change
Depression	988	1,129	14%
Neurotic disorder	6,381	7,294	14%
Personality disorder	1,698	1,937	14%
Psychotic disorder	213	243	14%

Data Source: PANSI



In Torridge 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

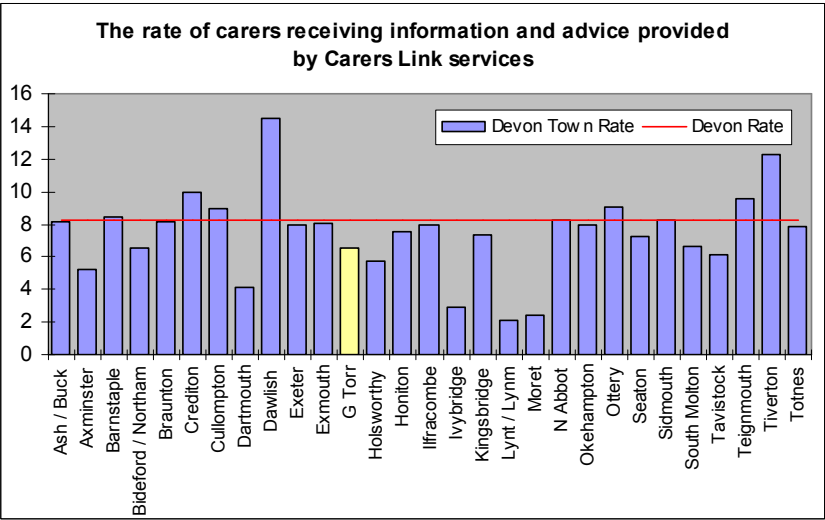


This table demonstrates that in Great Torrington there is an under representation in the number of people with physical disabilities aged 18-64 receiving Community Based Care when compared to the overall Devon average.

There is an under representation in the rate of referrals in Great Torrington for people aged 18-64 into Adult and Community Services. A lower proportion of referrals (6%) for this age group in Great Torrington are dealt with at point of contact when compared with the overall Devon average of 20%.

The rate of people with physical disabilities aged 18-64 in Great Torrington receiving assessments is 1.5 (per 1000 18-64 population) and 1.2 for reviews, these rates are both under represented compared with the Devon average. The rate of Safeguarding alerts in Torrington is 0.7 (per 1000 18+ population) which is an under representation when compared to the overall Devon average of 1.6.

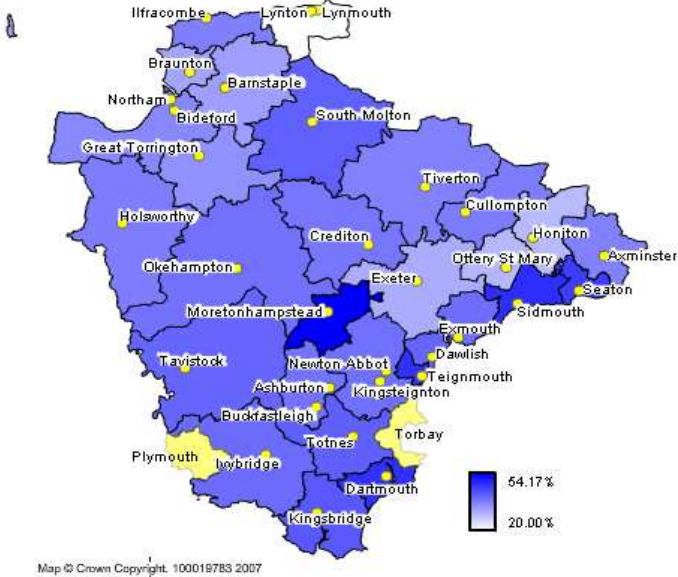
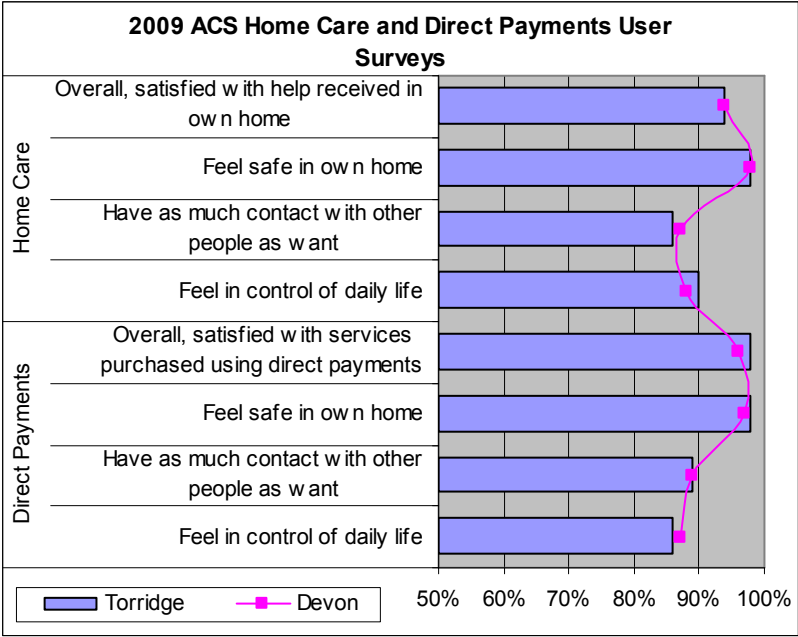
Carers



The rate of Carers assessments and reviews in Great Torrington is 6.8 (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 Great Torrington is below but still comparable with the Devon average. A large proportion of this is carers of people with physical disabilities and mental health problems.

User Experience / Feedback

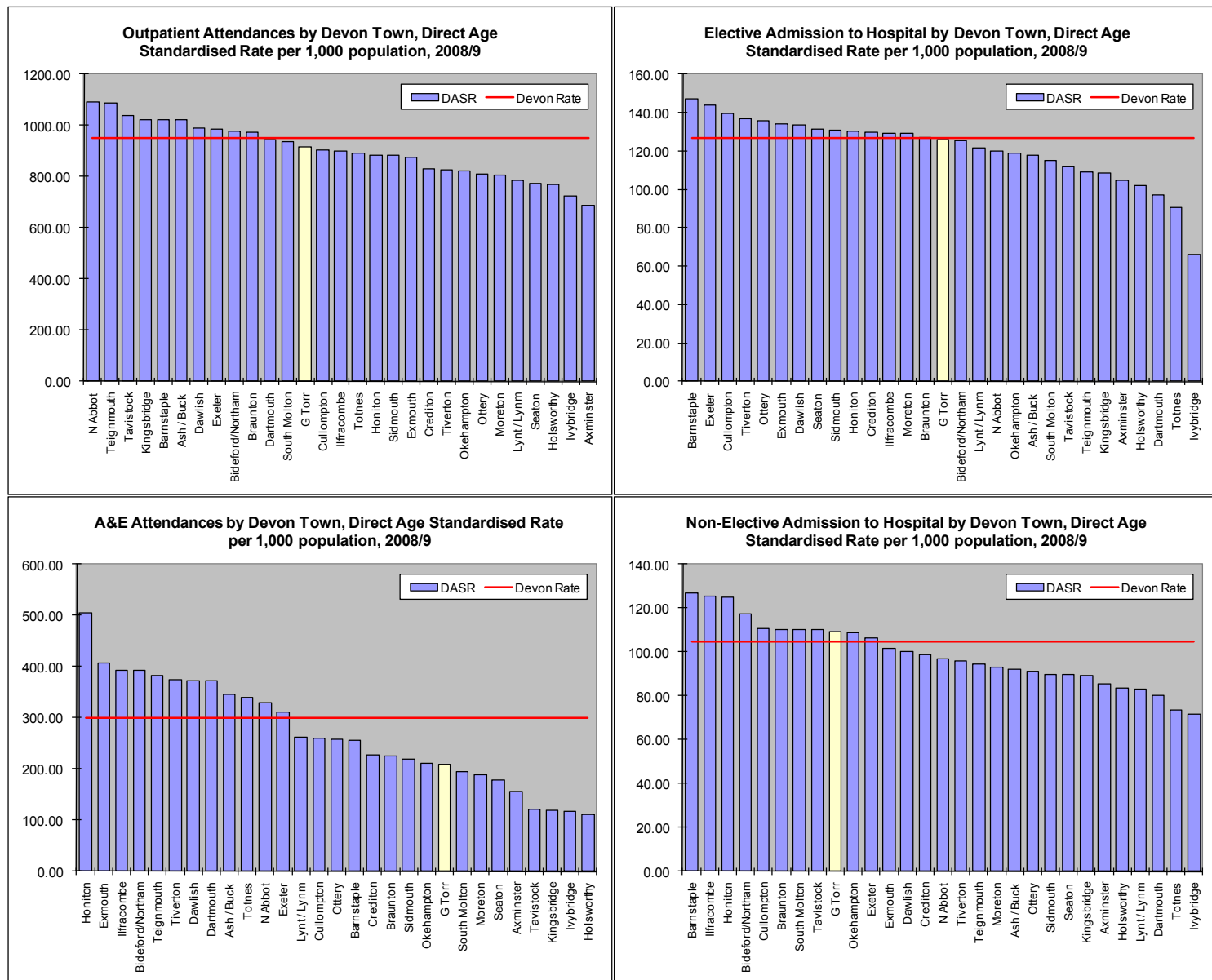


Results of the 2008 Place Survey reveal that 34.5% of Great Torrington residents who responded to the survey felt that older people are able to get the support needed to continue to live at home compared to the Devon average of 36%. The 2009 ACS User Survey results for Home Care and Direct Payments recipients indicate that respondents in Torrington feel as safe as in Devon overall. However, low response rates in some districts can skew survey results.



# HOSPITAL ACTIVITY

The rate of outpatient attendances in the Great Torrington town area is slightly below the Devon average. Rates of elective admissions to hospital mirror the Devon average. The rate of Accident and Emergency attendances is well below the Devon average, and non-elective admissions to hospital, which cover emergencies, maternities and transfers, are slightly higher than the Devon average.

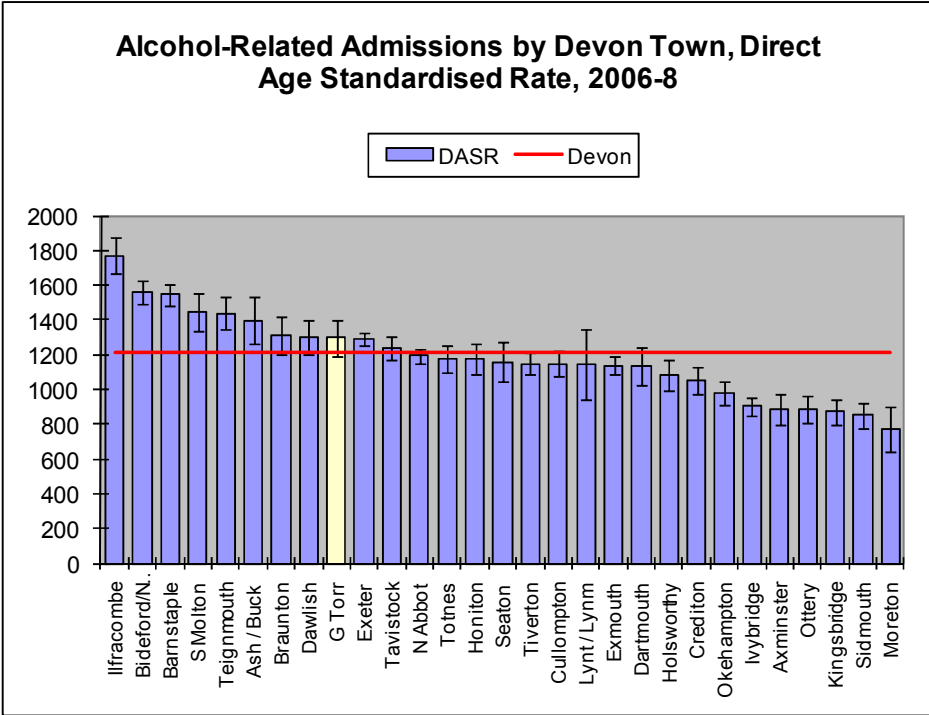


## Hospital Activity, Direct Age Standardised Rates by Activity Type, 2008/9

Area	A&E Attends	Outpatient Attends	Elective Admissions	Non-Elective Admissions
Great Torrington Centre	217.3	965.8	134.8	108.9
Great Torrington Hinterland	203.2	876.5	116.6	112.5
Great Torrington Town Area	209.1	916.6	125.7	109.3
Torridge District	295.0	918.5	121.1	109.1
Northern Locality	280.6	948.3	130.2	116.2
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 Great Torrington area has a slightly higher rate of alcohol-related admissions than Devon. Both urban and rural rates are higher than the corresponding Devon averages.



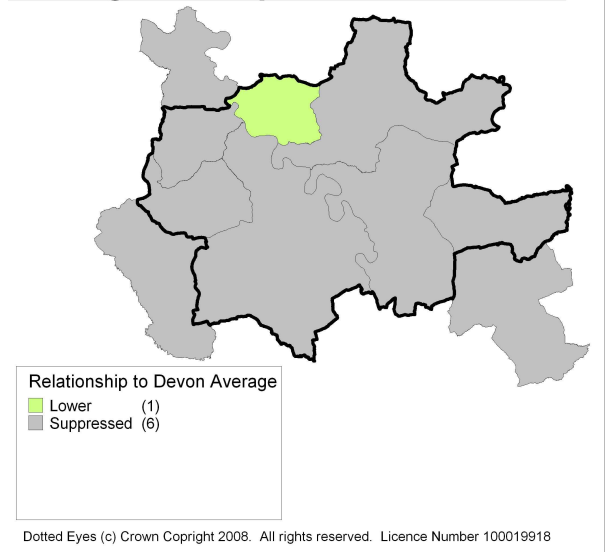
Area	Admissions per year	DASR* per 100k
Great Torrington Centre	117	1513.0
Great Torrington Hinterland	122	1143.8
Great Torrington Town Area	240	1299.4
Torridge District	1,317	1397.3
Northern Locality	3,310	1473.2
Devon	12,742	1215.3
Devon Urban	8,877	1319.4
Devon Rural	3,863	1012.1

\* Direct age standardised rate, see glossary

## PUBLIC HEALTH TEEN CONCEPTIONS

Levels of conceptions amongst females aged below 18 were lower than the Devon average in Torrington ward, which covers the urban centre. The rates in surrounding rural wards were suppressed due to the small numbers involved.

Teenage Conception Rates, 2004-6



## PUBLIC HEALTH DEATH RATES 2003-7

The table below presents mortality or death rates for the Great Torrington town area compared with Devon. This highlights that whilst death rates in Great Torrington are typically below the Devon average, the difference is only statistically significant for all cause female mortality.

Measure	Average deaths per year	DASR	Devon DASR	Relationship to Average
All Causes	117	498.4	533.3	N.S.
All Causes, Female	58	389.7	448.3	Sig Low
All Causes, Male	59	623.6	640.6	N.S.
All Causes, under 75	36	235.5	254.4	N.S.
Cancer	35	161.8	163.9	N.S.
Cancer, under 75	17	103.6	105.5	N.S.
Circulatory	46	179.8	183.8	N.S.
Circulatory, under 75	10	60.0	65.8	N.S.

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