

## INTRODUCTION

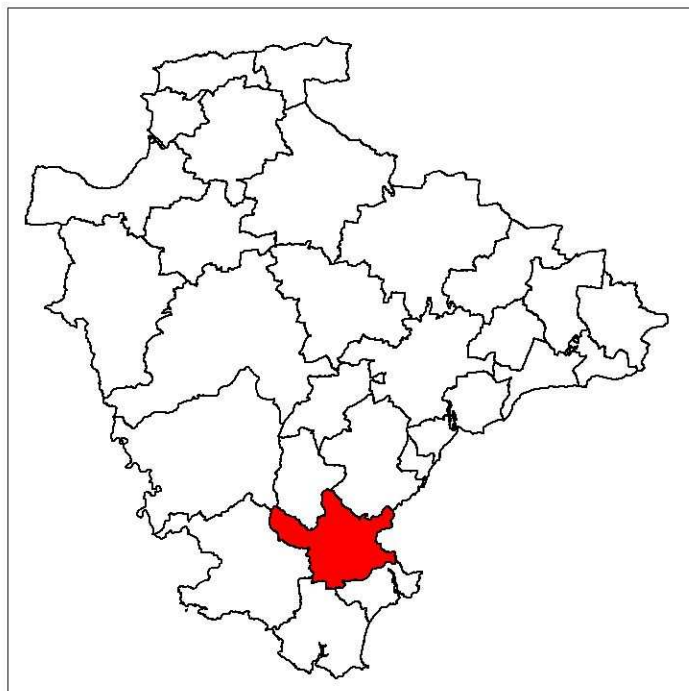
This is the Devon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for the Totnes area, which also encompasses the surrounding rural parishes.

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.

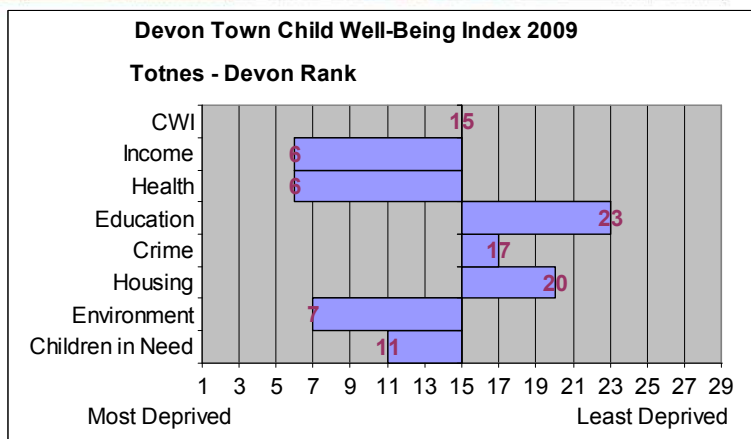
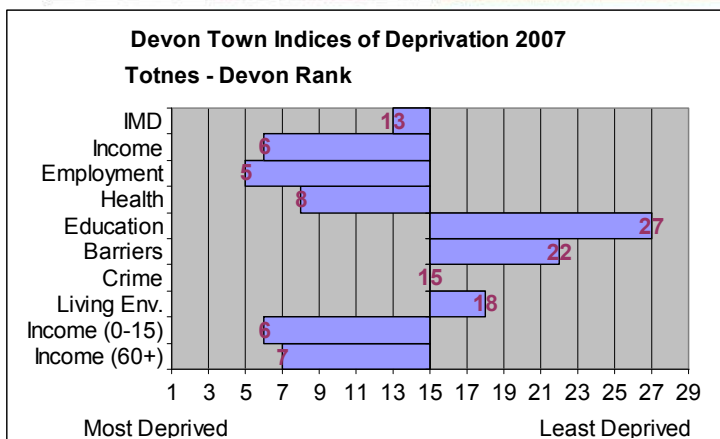
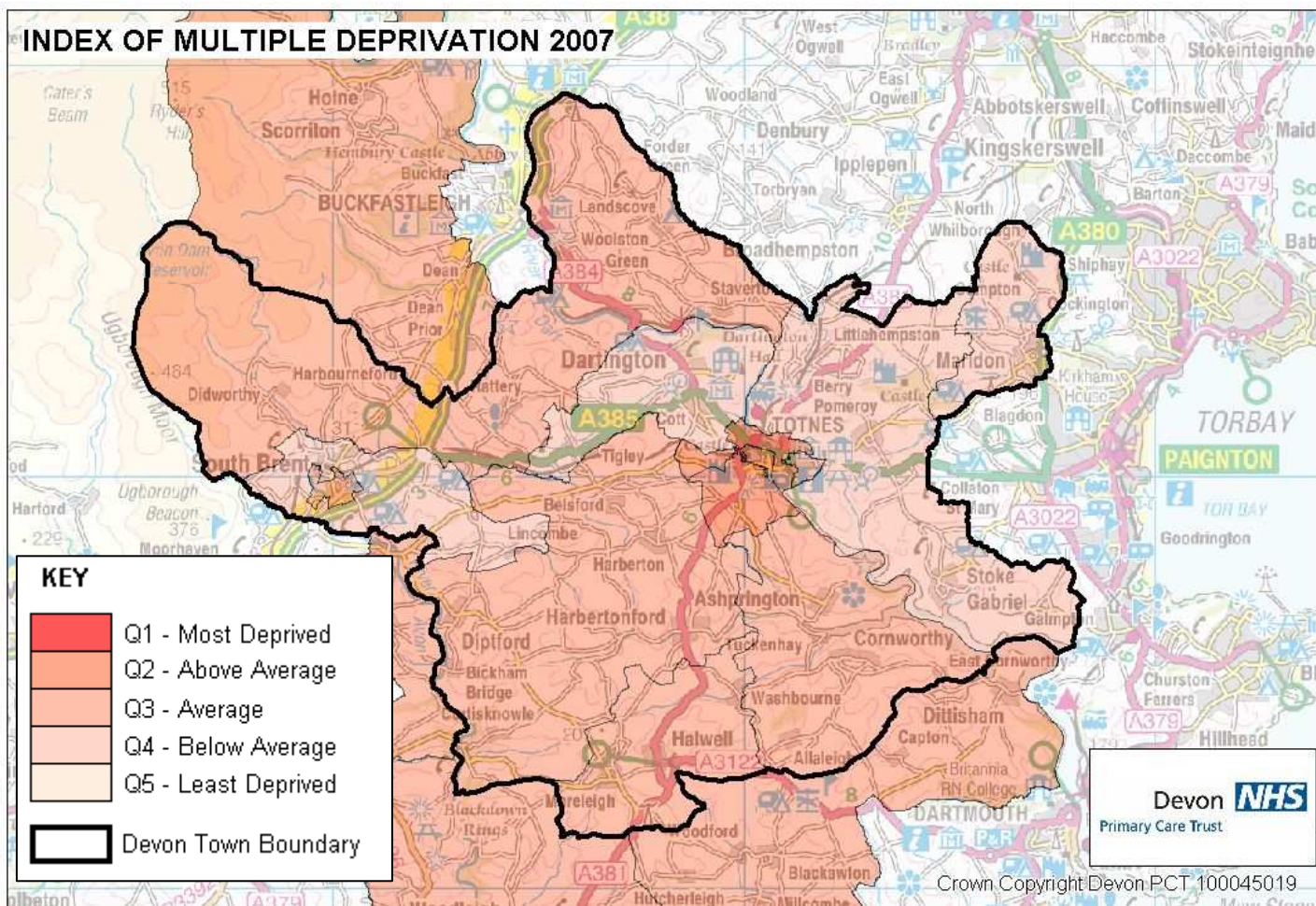
## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Overall deprivation is in line with the Devon average, although there are issues around income, employment and the health domain. The urban centre is much more deprived than the rural hinterland.
- The population of Totnes is predicted to increase by 355 people between 2006 and 2021 – a rise of 1.7%. The largest change is predicted to be in the 70 to 74 age group with an increase of 50.3%
- The birth rate is well below the Devon average, with slightly higher rates seen in the rural areas.
- Life expectancy is slightly above the Devon average, and slightly longer in the rural hinterland.
- GCSE performance in the Totnes area is above the Devon average.
- The youth offending rate is above the Devon average, although there were fewer persistent offenders.
- The area has a higher proportion of children with special educational needs than the Devon average.
- The rate of referrals for older people aged 65+ into Adult and Community Services in Totnes is comparable with the Devon average
- The estimated prevalence of Dementia in the 65 and over population in Totnes is 7.6%
- The rate of Safeguarding alerts for vulnerable adults in South Hams is in line with the Devon average
- Levels of hospital admissions and outpatient attendances are well below the Devon average.
- Teen conception rates are highest in the Totnes Town ward.
- Mortality rates are typically below the Devon average, although the difference is not significant.

# 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. In the Totnes town area the most deprived areas are around the town of Totnes itself. The least deprived areas are Dartington and the villages directly to the North and East of Totnes.

A breakdown of the individual domains from the Indices of Deprivation, reveal particular issues around income, employment and health. This also reveals that income deprivation is equally an issue in younger and elderly households. A separate Child Wellbeing Index was released in 2009, which reveals that whilst Totnes is broadly in line with the Devon average, there are issues in relation to income and health domains, along with the environment domain which measures road safety, air quality, distance to school, and play space availability.

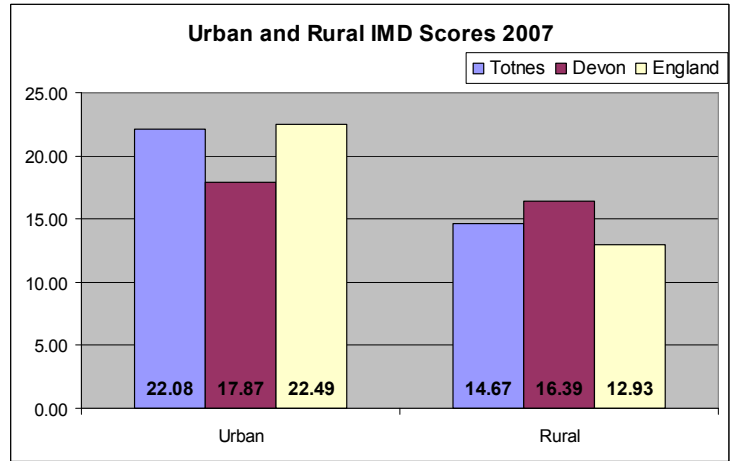


For full description of domains please view the glossary

# DEPRIVATION IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

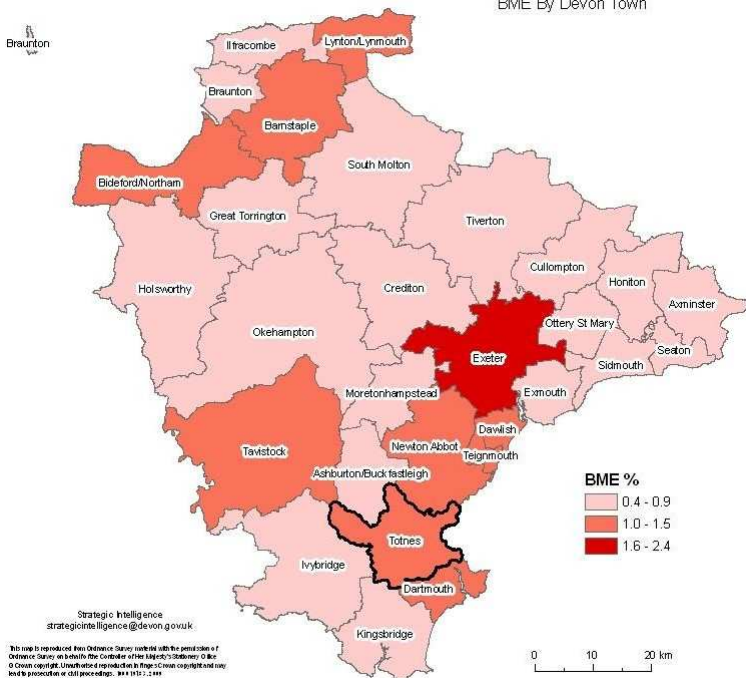
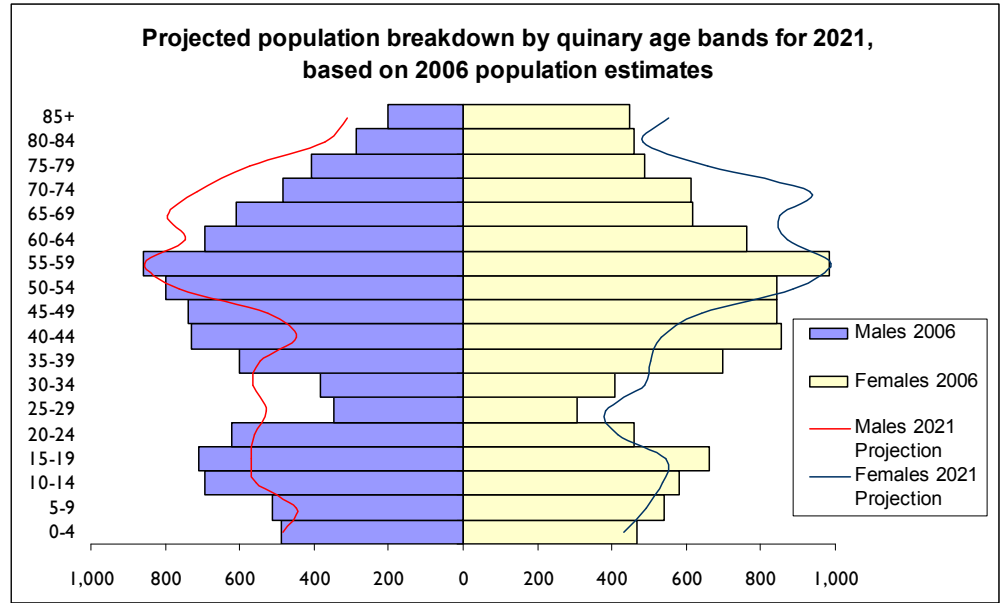
The following chart compares index of multiple deprivation scores for the urban area of Totnes with the surrounding rural hinterland, along with average urban and rural Index of Multiple Deprivation scores for Devon and England as a whole.

This reveals that in general the urban centre of Totnes is much more deprived than the surrounding rural area. Deprivation in the town is in line with the England urban average. Whilst less deprived than the urban centre, the rural area is more deprived than the national averages for rural areas.



# POPULATION

The population of Totnes is predicted to increase by 355 people between 2006 and 2021 – a rise of 1.7%. The total number in the younger age groups (from 0 to 19) is predicted to decrease by 597 to 4,059 – a fall of 12.8%. The 20 to 44 year age band is also predicted to see a decrease, in this case of 435 to 4,972 or 8%. The 45 to 64 age group should see a decrease of 242 people (3.7%) to 6,274. The older age groups (65 years and older) are due to see an increase in number of 1,629. This equates to a 35.3% increase over the 15 years that these projections cover and will take the population in this group up to 6,243. The largest change is predicted to be in the 70 to 74 age group with an increase of 50.3%.



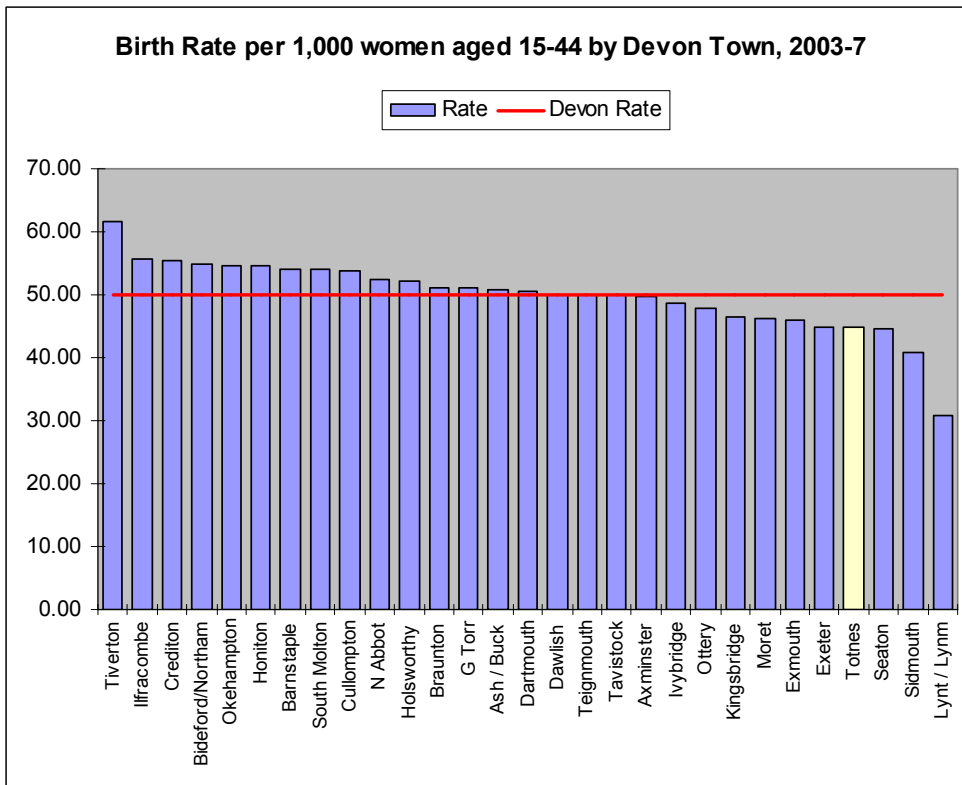
The proportion of Totnes's population from BME communities based on the 2001 census is in line with the overall Devon BME of 1.1%.

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# BIRTHS

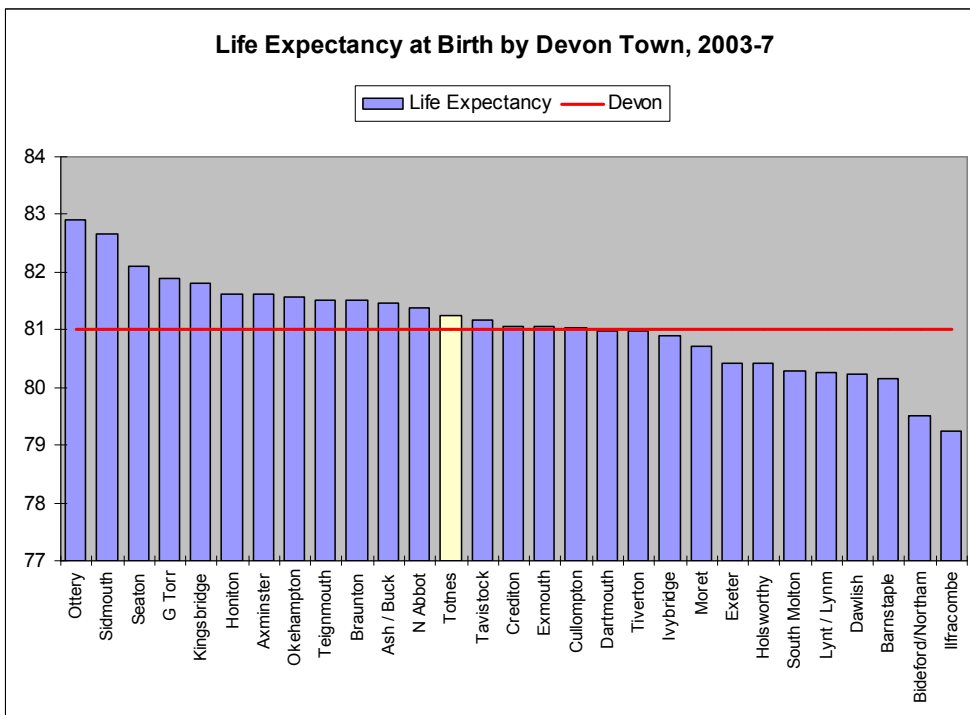
The birth rate in the Totnes area is one of the lowest in Devon, and is notably below the Devon average. Birth rates in the rural hinterland are higher than the town.



Area	Average births per year	Birth Rate
Totnes Centre	64	41.59
Totnes Hinterland	111	47.10
Totnes Town Area	175	44.93
South Hams District	691	47.59
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 Totnes area is slightly above the average life expectancy in Devon. The longest average life expectancy is seen in the rural hinterland.

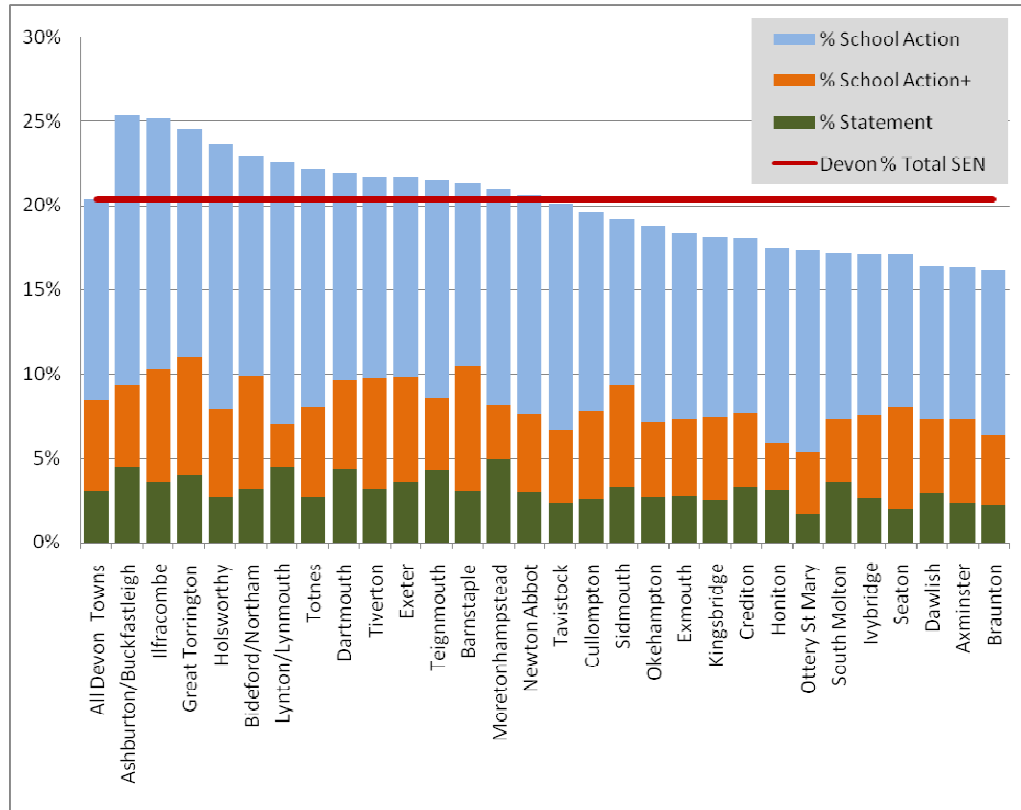


Area	Female	Male	Total
Totnes Centre	82.9	74.1	79.4
Totnes Hinterland	84.1	80.3	82.1
Totnes Town Area	83.7	78.8	81.2
South Hams District	83.4	79.2	81.3
Southern Locality	83.2	79.3	81.4
Devon	83.0	78.9	81.0
Devon Urban	82.5	78.4	80.5
Devon Rural	84.0	80.0	82.0

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Totnes Town Area has below average numbers of those with Special Educational Needs; above average GCSE performance; a higher than average youth crime rate (although with fewer persistent offenders); and, an above average proportion of children and young people from black and ethnic minority groups.

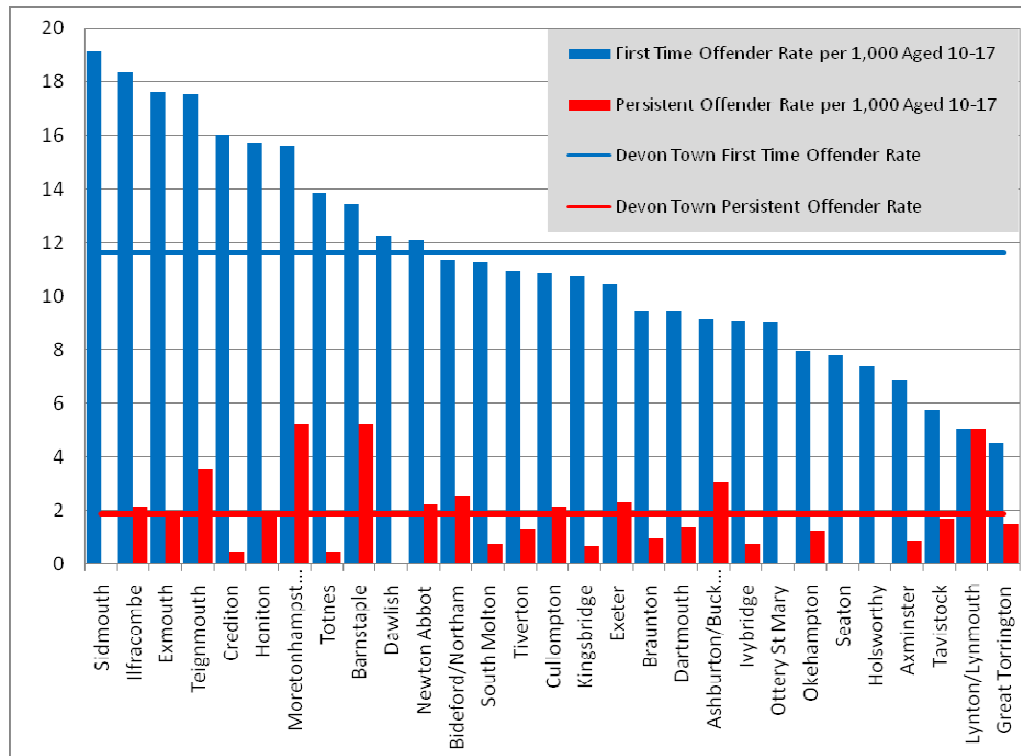
## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (2007/08)



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)

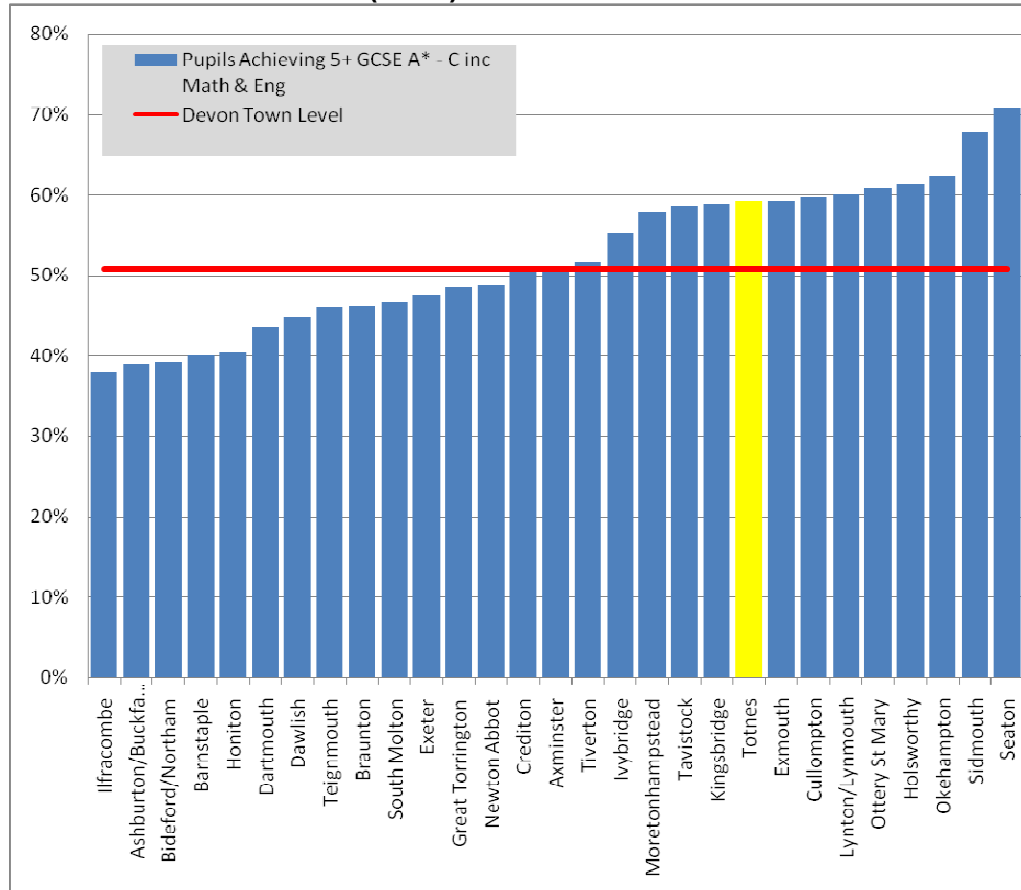
## YOUTH OFFENDING (2008)



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)



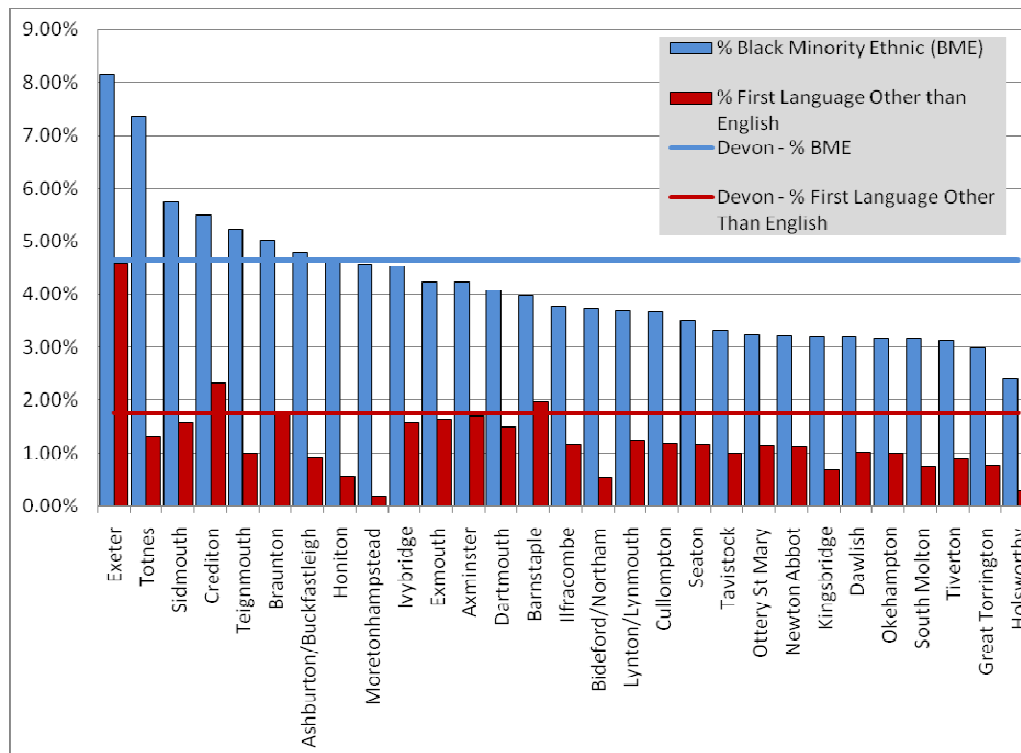
The graph illustrates GCSE performance in 2008 for pupils in Devon Maintained Schools by Town of residence.

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).

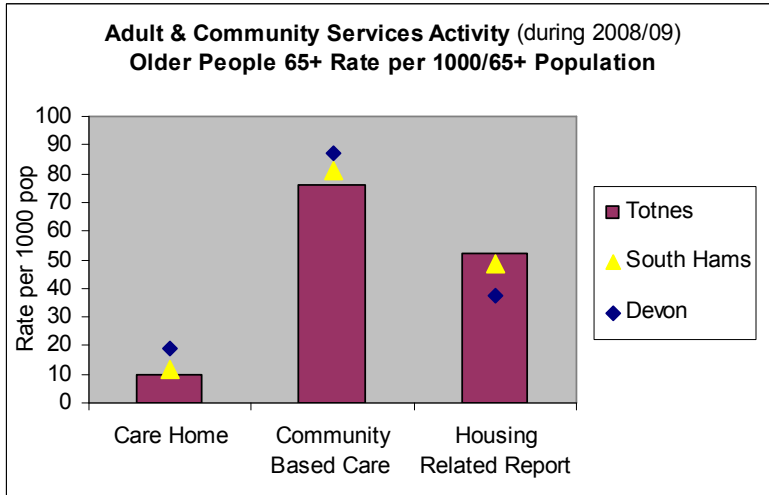
There are few schools without minority ethnic pupils and an increase in those schools with over 6% Black Minority and Ethnic pupils on roll. Currently, the largest ethnic group are Polish families located

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 Totnes is over represented when compared with the overall Devon average for the proportion of people receiving Housing Related Support.

The rate of referrals for older people aged 65+ into Adult and Community Services in Totnes is 131 (per 1000 65+ population). This is comparable with the Devon referral rate. A higher proportion of referrals (21%) for this age group are dealt with at point of contact when compared with the overall Devon average of 14%. 27% of referrals for the 65+ age group in Totnes are from Primary Health / Community Health.

The rate of older people aged 65+ in Totnes receiving assessments is 61 (per 1000 65+ population) and 72.5 for reviews, these rates are both comparable to the Devon average.

11% of adult clients in South Hams 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.

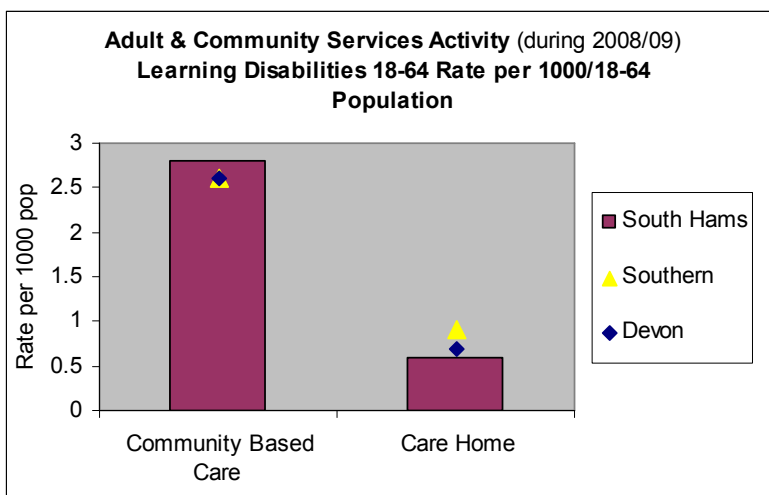
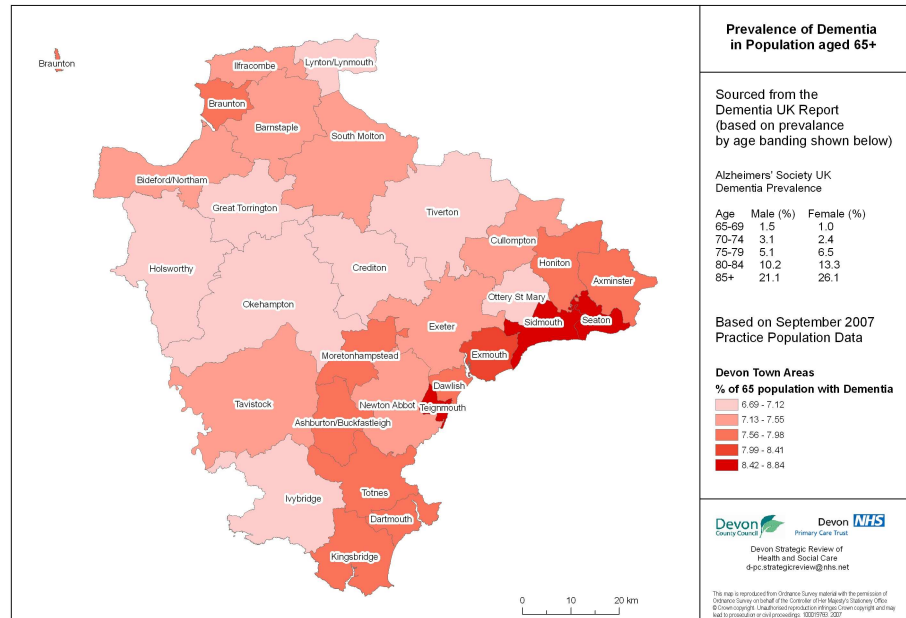
## Mental Health and Learning Disabilities

Applying the nationally accepted prevalence rates for Dementia to the population in Totnes shows that there are an estimated 349 people in the area with Dementia. This gives an overall prevalence rate in the 65 and over population of 7.6%.

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

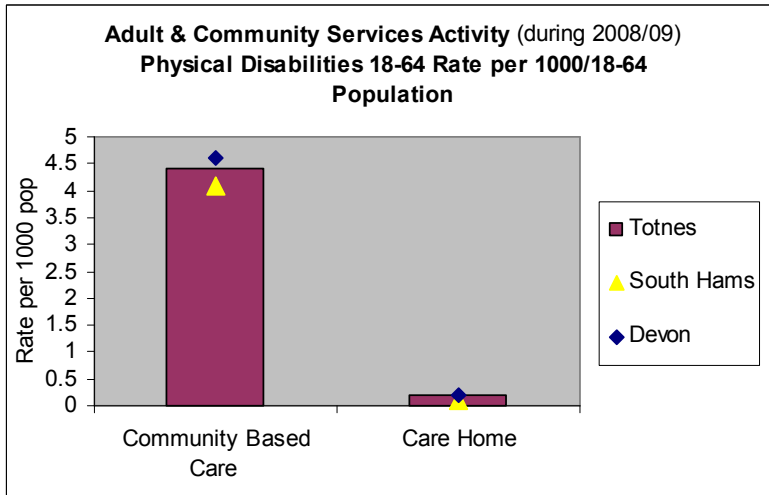
	2008	2025	% Change
Depression	1,261	1,252	-1%
Neurotic disorder	8,138	8,080	-1%
Personality disorder	2,170	2,159	-1%
Psychotic disorder	272	270	-1%

Data Source: PANSI



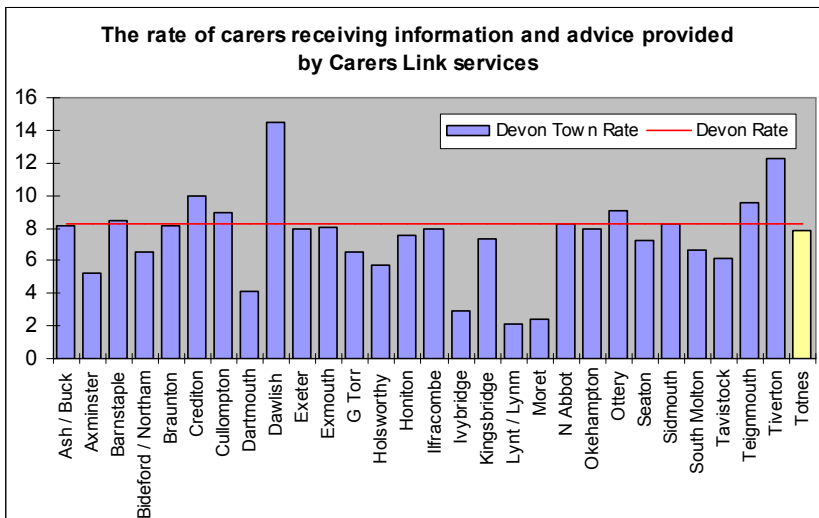
In South Hams the proportion of people with learning disabilities aged 18-64 receiving Community Based Care and the proportion of people based in Care Homes is comparable to the overall Devon average.

## Physical Disabilities 18-64



This table demonstrates that Totnes is 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. The referral rate in Totnes for people aged 18-64 into Adult and Community Services is comparable with the Devon average. A higher proportion of referrals (31%) for this age group 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 Totnes receiving assessments is 2.6 (per 1000 18-64 population) and 2.5 for reviews, these rates are both comparable to the Devon average. The rate of Safeguarding alerts in South Hams is 1.8 (per 1000 18+ population) which is in line with the Devon average of 1.6.

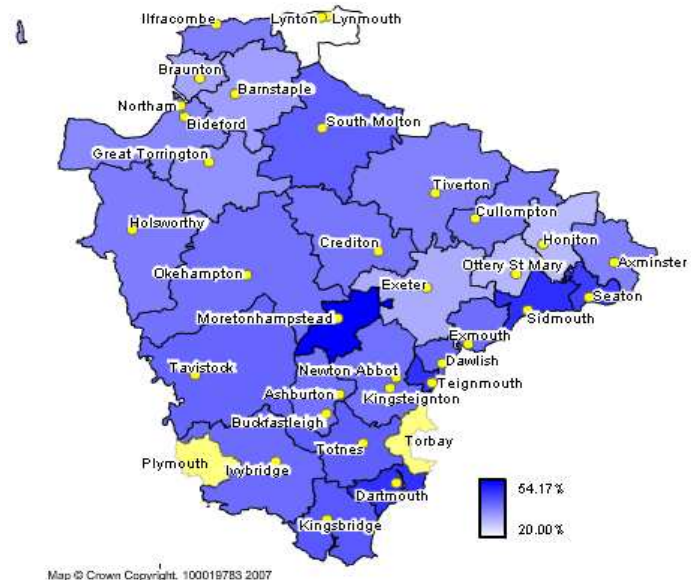
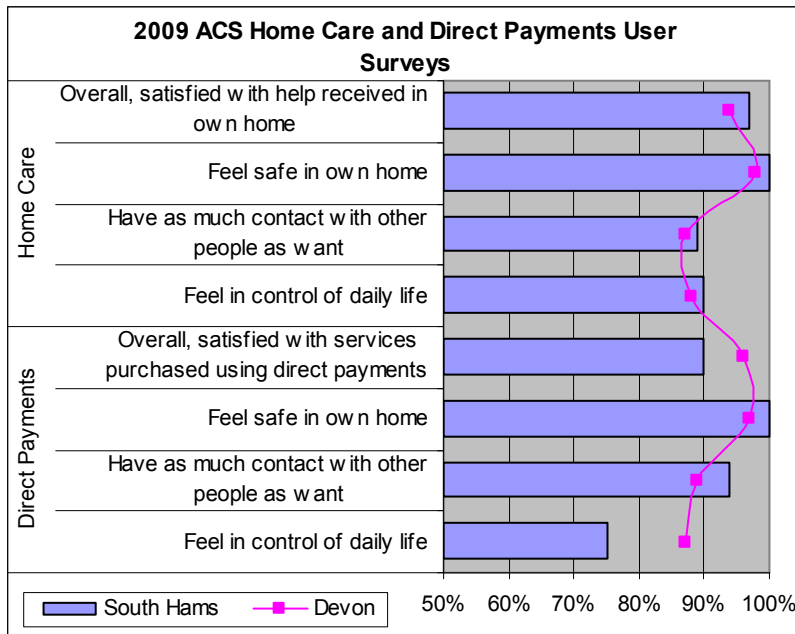
## Carers



The rate of Carers assessments and reviews in Totnes is 7.2 (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 Totnes is in line with the Devon average. A large proportion of this is carers of people with physical disabilities and mental health problems.

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

## User Experience / Feedback

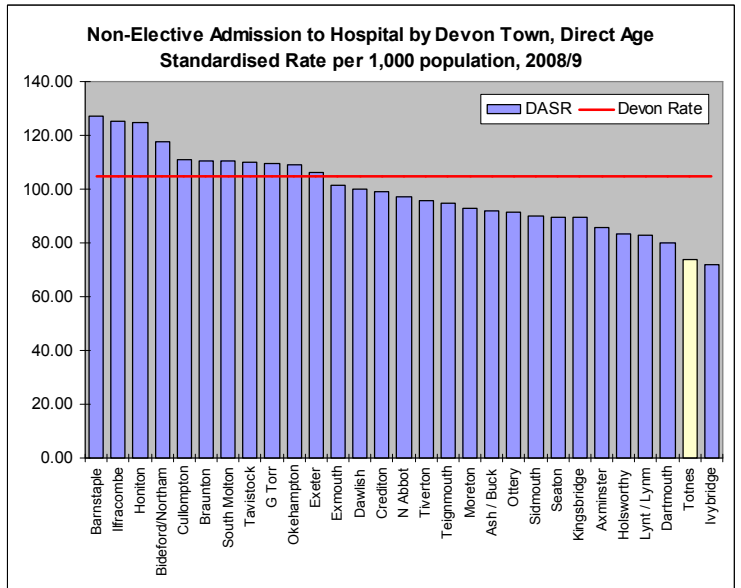
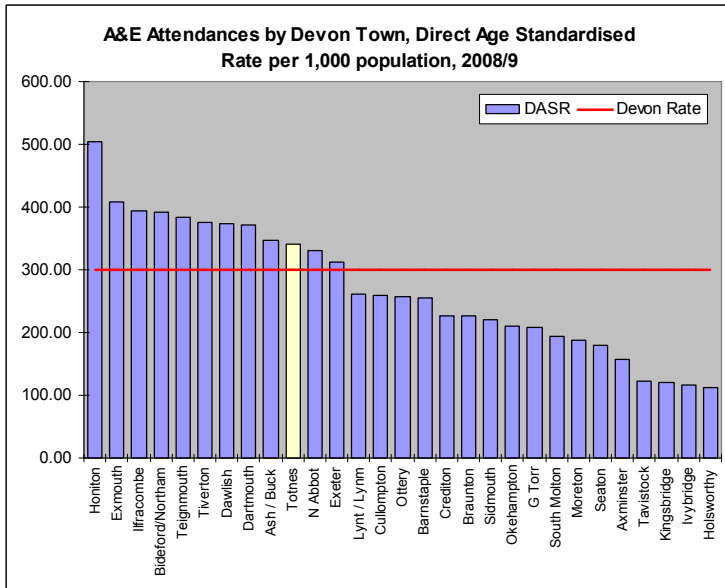
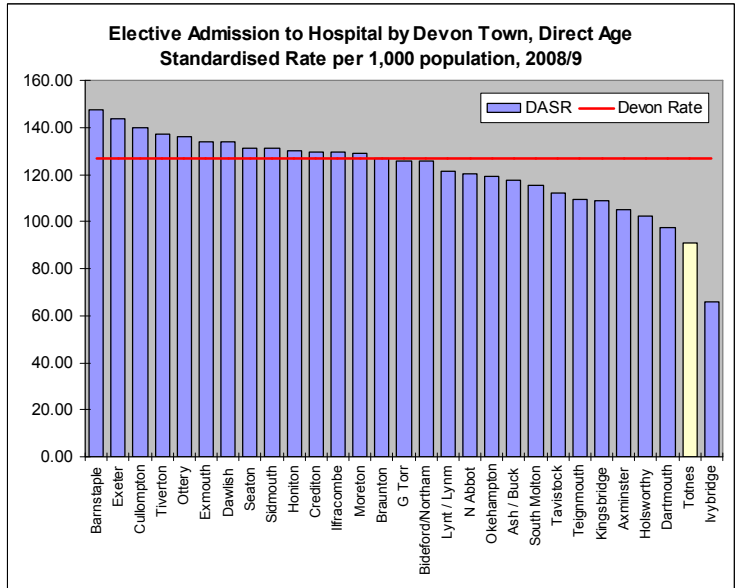
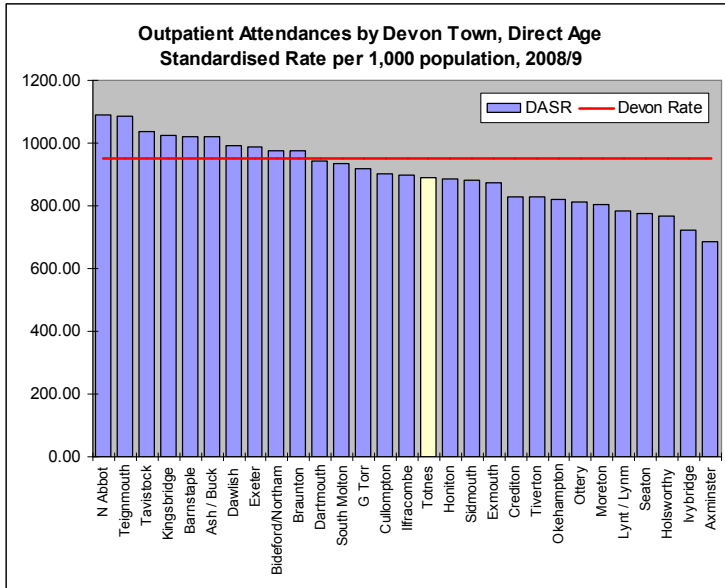


Results of the 2008 Place Survey reveal that 41.1% of Totnes residents who responded to the survey felt that older people are able to get the support needed to continue to live at home compared to the Devon average of 36%. The 2009 ACS User Survey results for Direct Payments recipients indicate that respondents in South Hams 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 Totnes town area is below the Devon average, although the rate of elective admissions to hospital is the second lowest in Devon. The rate of Accident and Emergency attendances is slightly above the Devon average, whilst non-elective admissions to hospital, which cover emergencies, maternities and transfers, are well below the Devon average. Admission and attendance rates in the town are typically much higher than the rural hinterland.

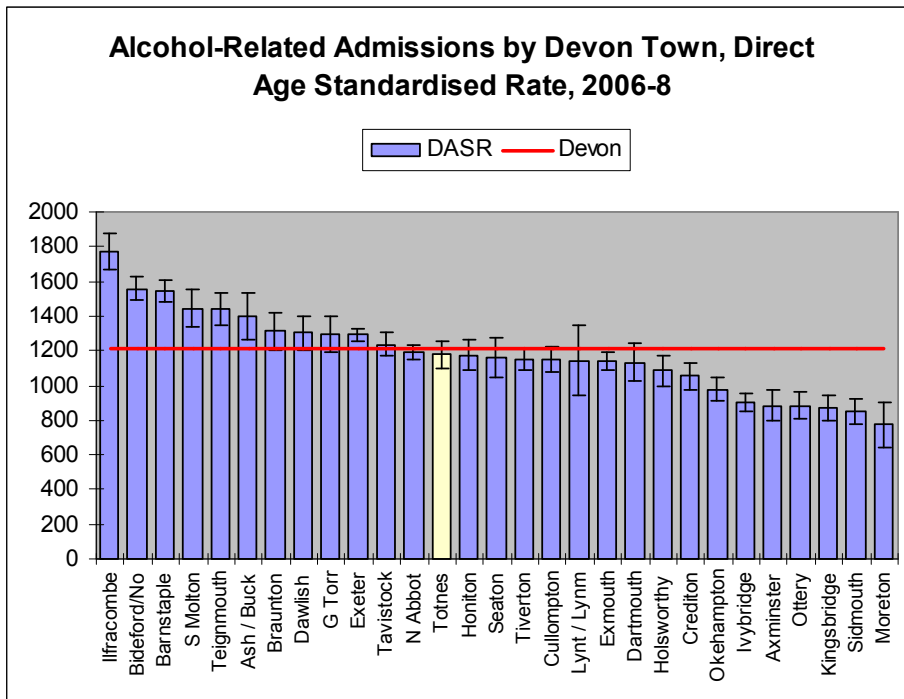


## Hospital Activity, Direct Age Standardised Rates by Activity Type, 2008/9

Area	A&E Attends	Outpatient Attends	Elective Admissions	Non-Elective Admissions
Totnes Centre	473.3	1044.1	109.9	94.1
Totnes Hinterland	263.0	807.6	79.6	62.8
Totnes Town Area	340.8	890.6	90.9	73.7
South Hams District	211.3	880.9	87.6	79.4
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 Totnes area has alcohol-related admission rates broadly in line with the Devon average. Whilst admission rates are higher in the town, the rural hinterland is only slightly lower, and is well above the Devon rural average.



Area	Admissions per year	DASR* per 100k
Totnes Centre	138	1213.3
Totnes Hinterland	242	1153.8
Totnes Town Area	380	1177.6
South Hams District	1,248	991.9
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

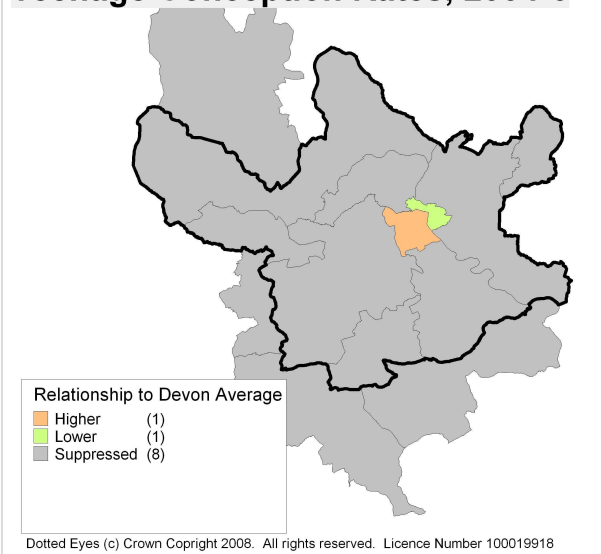
## PUBLIC HEALTH TEEN CONCEPTIONS

Levels of conceptions amongst females aged below 18 were higher than the Devon average in Totnes Town ward and lower in Bridgetown ward. The rates in surrounding rural wards were suppressed due to the small numbers involved.

## PUBLIC HEALTH DEATH RATES 2003-7

The table below presents mortality or death rates for the Totnes town area compared with Devon. This highlights that whilst death rates in Totnes are typically below the Devon average, the difference is not statistically significant.

**Teenage Conception Rates, 2004-6**



Measure	Average deaths per year	DASR	Devon DASR	Relationship to Average
All Causes	236	515.9	533.3	N.S.
All Causes, Female	125	421.9	448.3	N.S.
All Causes, Male	111	622.4	640.6	N.S.
All Causes, under 75	69	252.0	254.4	N.S.
Cancer	63	154.8	163.9	N.S.
Cancer, under 75	29	101.9	105.5	N.S.
Circulatory	90	172.0	183.8	N.S.
Circulatory, under 75	17	55.3	65.8	N.S.

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