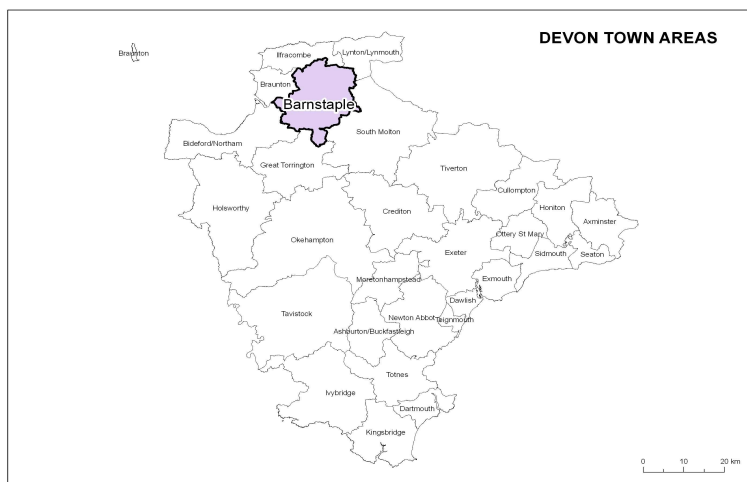


This profile has been produced in partnership across health & social care and offers an overview of the key demographic, lifestyle factors that may help understand the important areas affecting health and well-being in this Devon Town community. By bringing together a range of information across health and social care we can gain a better understanding of where there are high areas of demand on services but also where there is potentially unmet need.



This profile has been created to help stimulate discussion, not provide answers.

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## Introduction

All feedback and any questions on the information found within this profile are gratefully received. This profile will be most effective when used in conjunction with consultation and engagement with service users, carers and health and social care staff. Some of the questions you may wish to consider are:

- 1) Do you recognise the community described within the profile?
- 2) Is there any key information missing about health and social care need in the population?
- 3) Can any priority areas be identified from the story of this local area?

Please contact [d-pc.strategicreview@nhs.net](mailto:d-pc.strategicreview@nhs.net) with any comments or questions you may have.

The pages that follow describe the key features of interest and raise some general questions and issues for further debate. The detail is presented in terms of comparison with the Devon average\*\* and three terms are regularly used:

- Over-represented: This means there is more of a particular indicator for this Devon Town or locality when compared with the Devon average. (16% or more above the mean)
- Average: This means the indicator for this Devon Town is comparable with the overall Devon level
- Under-represented: This means there is less of a particular indicator for this Devon Town or locality when compared with the Devon average (16% or more below the mean)

*\*\*It is assumed the data values within each indicator are normally distributed. One standard deviation away from the mean has been applied to indicate over or under representation.*

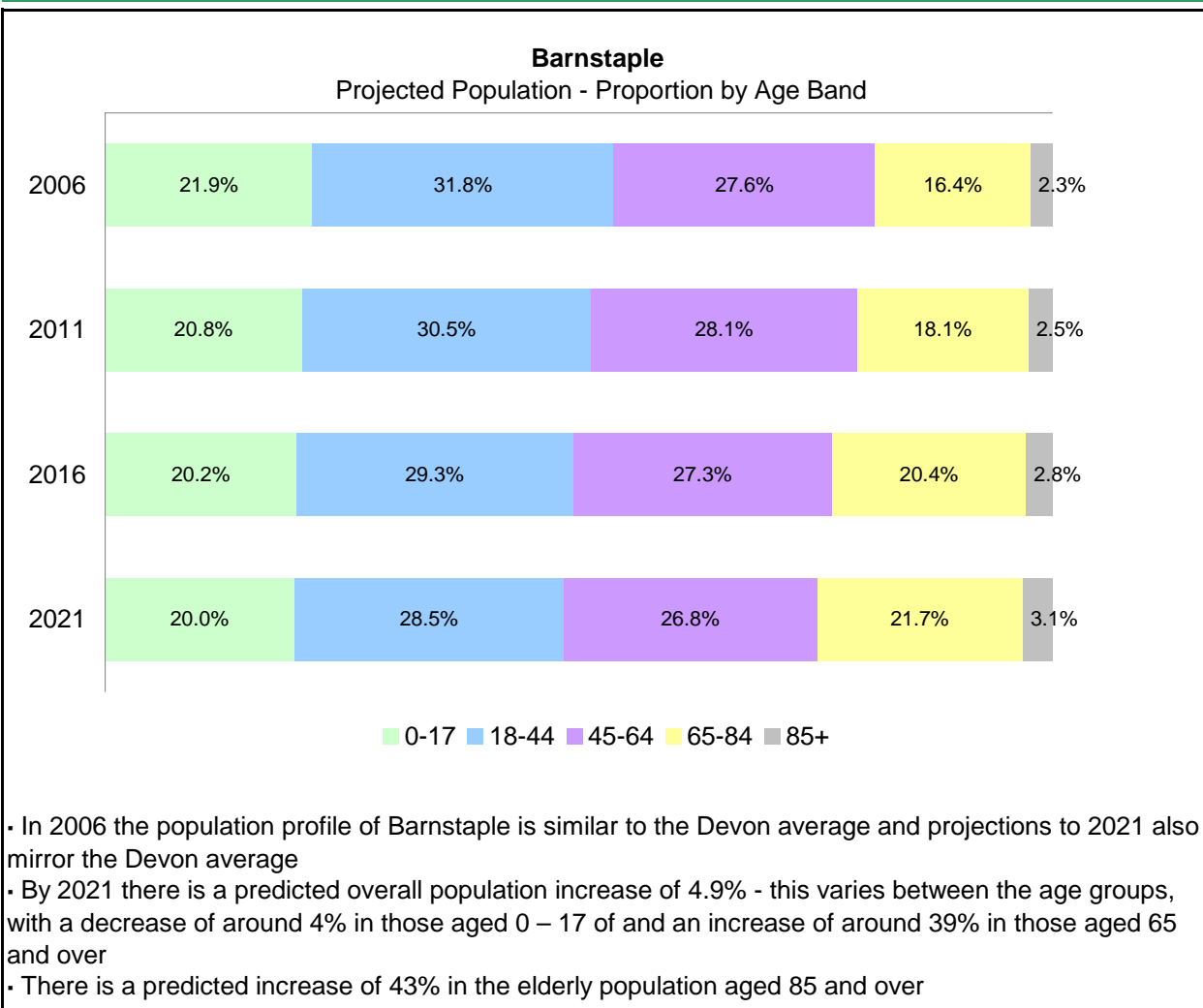
\*The date of this profile refers to the year in which the information has been collated and analysed. The period the information refers to varies, i.e. Census 2001 data, financial Year 06/07 health activity etc and this should be taken into consideration when interpreting this profile.

It is important to note that over or under representation does not mean bad or good in this context, it merely expresses difference. For example, being under represented when compared to Devon in prevalence of a particular disease is a positive feature but being under represented in school attendance is a more negative one. It is important therefore that this document is read carefully and over and under representation are not confused with making judgements of good or bad.

A glossary of terms and full list of information sources used within these profiles is available upon request by contacting [d-pc.strategicreview@nhs.net](mailto:d-pc.strategicreview@nhs.net)

## What do we know about Barnstaple? (When compared to the Devon average)

### Population Profile



### Areas of Interest

- Has the second highest rate of unemployment of any Devon Town
- There is an under representation those achieving level 4 attainment (Medical Doctor; Qualified Dentist; Qualified Nurse; Midwife; Health Visitor)
- Barnstaple schools have:
  - Over representation in those eligible and take up of school meals
  - The highest number of permanent exclusions from school of any North Devon Town
  - The third largest number of children with Special Educational Needs of any Devon Town
- Reported crime rates are high; the second highest rate of any Devon Town and the highest rate in North Devon
- Over representation of youth offending rates, with largest proportion being male (district based)

## What do we know about Barnstaple? (When compared to the Devon average)

**Indices of Multiple Deprivation** - Index of Multiple Deprivation - overall index of the seven main sub-domains (listed below)

*Income* - Measure of persons on low incomes or dependent on state benefits

*Employment* - Measure of persons of working-age who are involuntarily excluded from labour market

*Health* - Measure of premature death, illness, hospital admissions and mental health prescribing

*Education* - Measure of educational attainment in children and skills and qualifications of adults

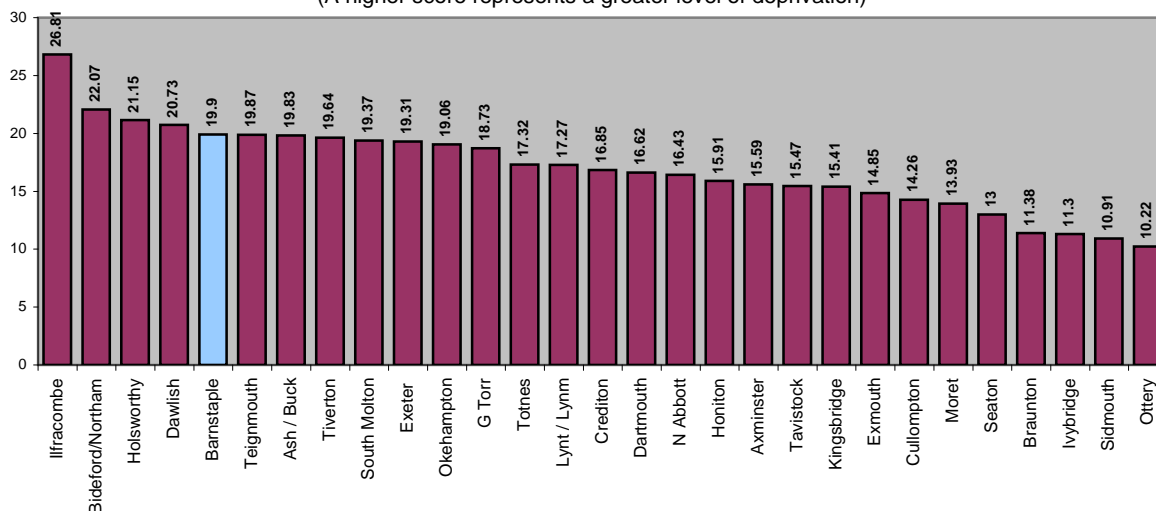
*Barriers* - Measure of distance to community facilities (GP, school etc.) and housing availability

*Crime* - Measure of recorded crime (burglary, theft, criminal damage and violence)

*Living Env* - Measure of indoor (quality of housing) and outdoor (RTAs and air quality) environments

**Indices of Deprivation 2007 - Average IMD Scores by Devon Town**

(A higher score represents a greater level of deprivation)



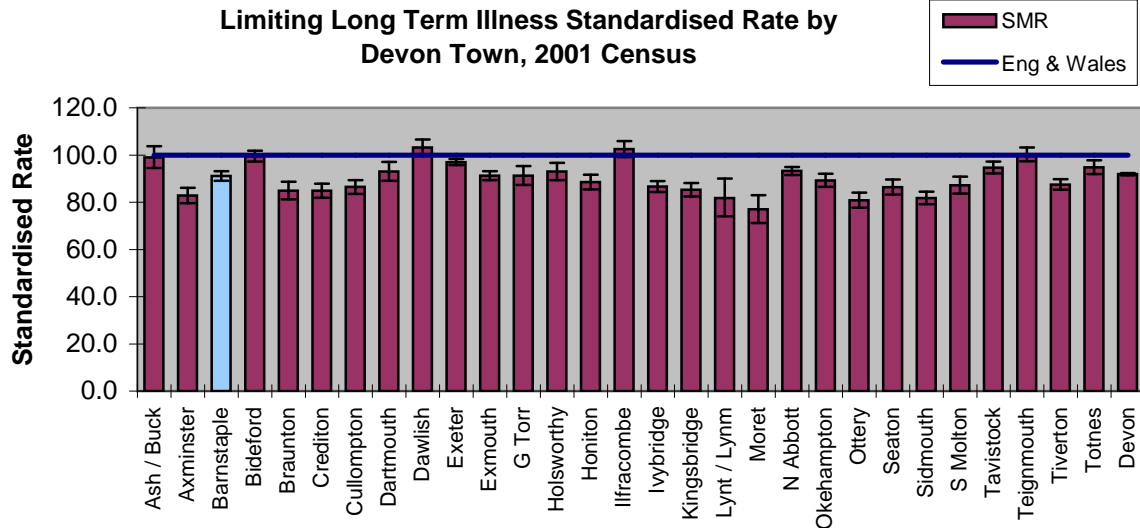
The Indices of Deprivation are reported on a small geography called Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA). These have been aggregated up to the Devon Town geography to allow for comparison between areas within Devon. The result of this is that the average score at a Devon Town level may mask neighbourhoods that the indices suggest are the most / least deprived.

Barnstaple has 33 LSOA's, of which 2 are in the most deprived quintile of LSOA's nationally and 1 are in the least deprived quintile.

## Health and Social Care

### HEALTH

- North Devon (district) has the highest percentage of children year 6 and reception who are categorised as obese or overweight (25.7%)
- Age standardised death rates are generally in line with the Devon average. The exceptions are an over representation in male death rates, CHD (under 75) and Suicide / Injury related deaths (the joint highest rate of any Devon Town)
- Has the highest level of substance misuse clients of any Devon Town
- The Barnstaple population is:
  - Over represented in new and follow-up Outpatient appointments; the highest rate of any Devon Town
  - Over represented in Day Cases in acute hospitals; the highest rate of any Devon Town
  - Under represented in Day Cases in community hospitals; the second lowest rate of any Devon Town
  - Second highest rate of Emergency Inpatient admissions into acute hospitals of any Devon Town
  - Over represented in Non-Elective admissions into acute hospitals



The chart above displays rates of self-report limiting long-term illness from the 2001 Census adjusted for age. A value of 100 represented by the line in the chart is the England & Wales average, and the bars represent rates for Devon Towns. This reveals that Barnstaple is significantly below the national average, but is in line with the Devon average.

**SOCIAL CARE - Children’s & Young Persons (CYPS) and Adult & Community Services (ACS)**

- Over representation of open referrals to Education Welfare Officer
- Over represented in the number of Children in Need
- Under representation in the proportion of referrals into ACS that are dealt with at point of contact, rather than sent on for further assessment (which may lead to the commissioning of an ongoing service); the lowest rate of any Devon Town
- Low proportion of referrals from self / carer with a comparably high proportion of referrals from Secondary Health
- The Barnstaple population is:
  - Over represented in clients (aged 18+) in receipt of individual support; the highest rate of any North Devon Town
  - Over represented in clients (aged 18+) in receipt of a community based care service; the highest rate of any North Devon Town

