

# PICTURE EAST SUSSEX

Annual report of the Director of Public Health 2018/19





# FOREWORD

I'm really pleased to present this, my first annual report as the Director of Public Health for East Sussex.



I arrive in East Sussex at an interesting time. At East Sussex County Council, we are working on our "Core Offer", which sets out what the authority should offer, from support for those who need it most, to services for everyone; our vision for a basic but decent level of service for East Sussex, in a difficult financial climate. Alongside this, our integration programmes with the NHS, "East Sussex Better Together" and "Connecting 4 You", enter a new phase in their development, with a greater focus on working to a county-wide geography.

These changes within the public sector called for a re-evaluation of what is important to the people of the county, and to set out afresh an overview of the needs and intelligence we have about our residents, our economy and our health services and the health of the population.

This report sets these out in a new format using infographics – bold pictures offering a visual representation of information or data – rather than giving an in-depth narrative or numerous tables of numbers. We want you, the readers of this report, to feel free to use the infographics in your own work and reports and to use them to tell your stories of health in East Sussex. The saying "A picture is worth a thousand words" could never have been more appropriate than for how we have designed this report!

East Sussex is a county of contrasts. This report gives a snapshot of some of the differences within the county, both geographical and demographic. I am only too aware that we have some long-term and stubborn inequalities

in health outcomes between parts of the county, and it is my aim to narrow these as far and as fast as is possible, and to mobilise the resources and actions of others to achieve this.

In Public Health, we have access to a far greater range of data and information than we have included here, and we welcome the free use of this as well. We maintain a specific resource called the Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment, which provides a central resource of local and national information to inform decisions and plans to improve local people's health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities in East Sussex. It is available at: [www.eastsussexjsna.org.uk](http://www.eastsussexjsna.org.uk)

I trust that this report gives you the picture of East Sussex that will enable you and your family, community, or organisation to understand where you fit within the wider context, and what influences your health and wellbeing. I hope that my conclusions will resonate with you and be shared by you, so that we can take these and work together to create the environments and energy to tackle them and commit to improve health for all in our county, and especially to narrow the inequalities which are so unfair.

## Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Interim Director of Public Health, Wendy Meredith, who set the direction and scope for this report before I took up my post.

The East Sussex Public Health Intelligence Team has undertaken the design and production of this report, and I thank all involved in making this report so accessible and enjoyable to read.

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# PICTURE EAST SUSSEX

## INTRODUCTION

This report presents a profile of the health and wellbeing of East Sussex using creative infographics. It is intended to provide a snapshot, rather than a complete picture, of the key factors that determine our health and collective wellbeing. The indicators and data included are highlights from numerous credible sources of health information.

The report profile includes both determinants of health (the things that make us healthy or unhealthy) and health status (how healthy or unhealthy we are), as well as information on how we use services. The aim of the profile is to stimulate discussion about health in our communities, homes and workplaces; contribute to planning and decision making; and provide a new way of presenting health and care information.

### **Some things to consider when using information in the East Sussex profile**

#### **What indicators are included?**

Indicators are organised into three sections: who we are, how healthy we are, and how we use our health and care services. Each section includes a broad range of relevant topics. However, each individual topic (e.g. physical activity) is represented by a single or small number of indicators.

#### **Where does the indicator data come from?**

The indicator data in the East Sussex profile comes from a number of different sources such as the Census, Public Health Outcomes Framework, Hospital Episodes Statistics and specific community surveys. The year and source of the indicator data are identified in the reference section at the end of the report. Priority was given to data sources where there were national comparators and/or reporting the data by factors such as age, sex, and geography was possible.

#### **Why does indicator data from different sources differ?**

There are several reasons why the statistics presented in the profile may differ from similar statistics generated from other data sources. Data that was collected using different methodology will yield different results. This is particularly true for data that has been self-reported versus data that has been objectively measured (e.g. physical activity levels or height and weight).

#### **Why are the statistics presented a few years old?**

The statistics presented in the health profile are based on the most current data available at the time that the data was analysed. The data sources used in the health profile are routinely updated, therefore for some indicators, new data may have become available before the release of the profile. However, population health issues change slowly over time and big changes are not usually observed from one release to the next.

#### **What does statistical significance mean?**

A statistically significant result is one that is not likely due to chance. When results are not statistically significant, the possibility of the result being due to chance cannot be ruled out.

#### **What is an age-standardised rate?**

An age-standardised rate is a rate that has been adjusted to remove the effect of age so that groups (e.g. males and females, local authorities) with different age distributions can be compared. When interpreting age-standardised rates, the focus should be on the trend (e.g. East Sussex higher than England) rather than the value of the rate.

#### **What are income quintiles?**

Income quintiles refer to data on income that has been divided into five equally sized groups. In the profile, comparisons for a given indicator are made across these income groups.

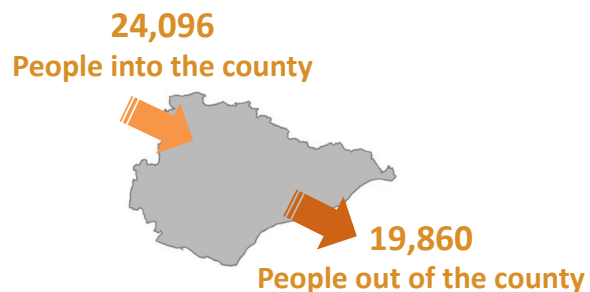


# WHO WE ARE ABOUT EAST SUSSEX

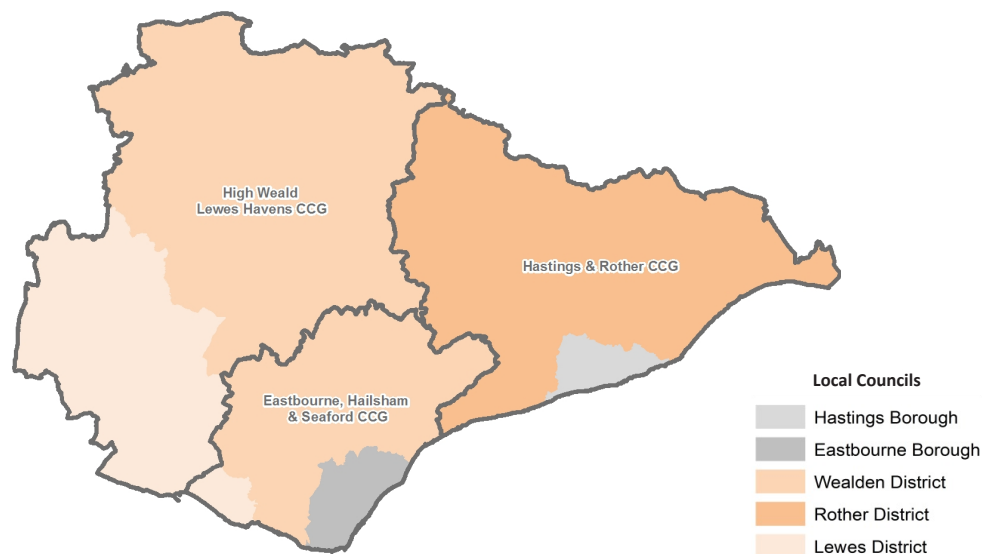
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## 3. WE ARE CHANGING (2017)

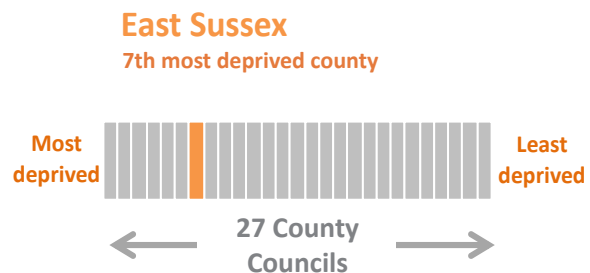


## 2. HEALTH AND LOCAL AUTHORITY GEOGRAPHIES

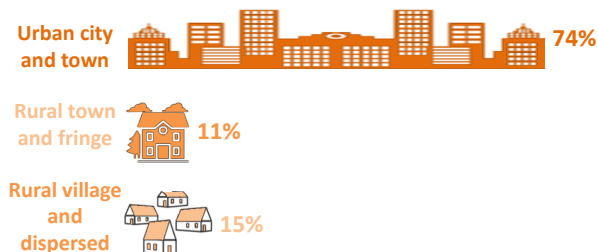


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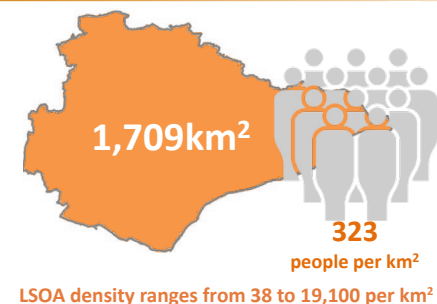
## 4. DEPRIVATION, INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION, 2015



## 5. WHERE WE LIVE

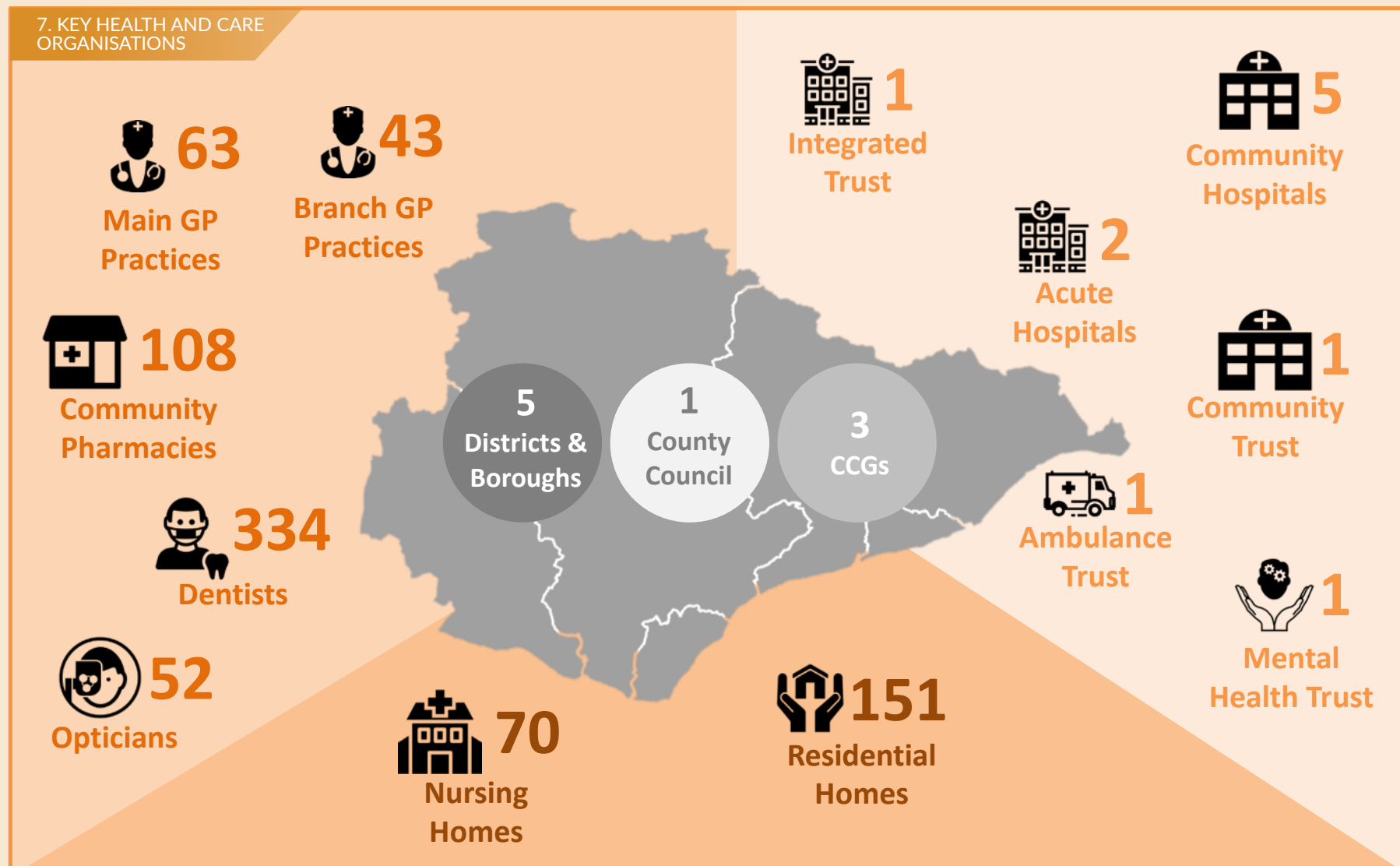


## 6. OUR COUNTY



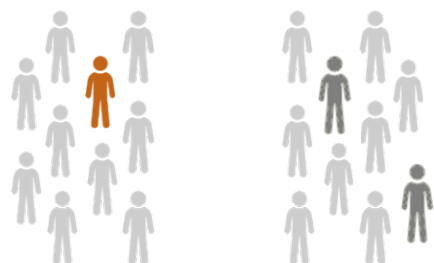
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## HEALTH AND CARE ORGANISATIONS



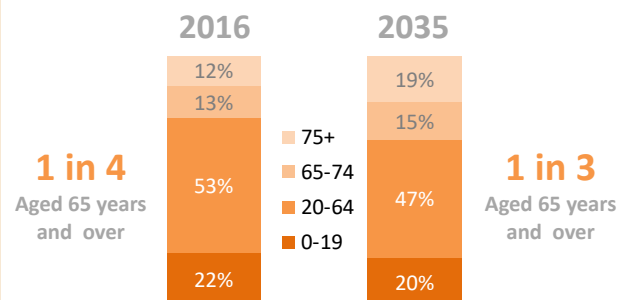
# WHO WE ARE PEOPLE

## 8. ETHNICITY, 2011



Identify as non White British/Northern Irish

## 9. POPULATION AGE STRUCTURE AND PREDICTED CHANGE



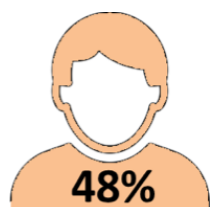
## 10. LONG TERM LIMITING ILLNESS OR DISABILITY, 2011



**20%** people have a  
Long Term Limiting Illness or disability

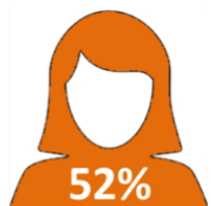
18% England

## 11. GENDER, 2017



267,500  
males

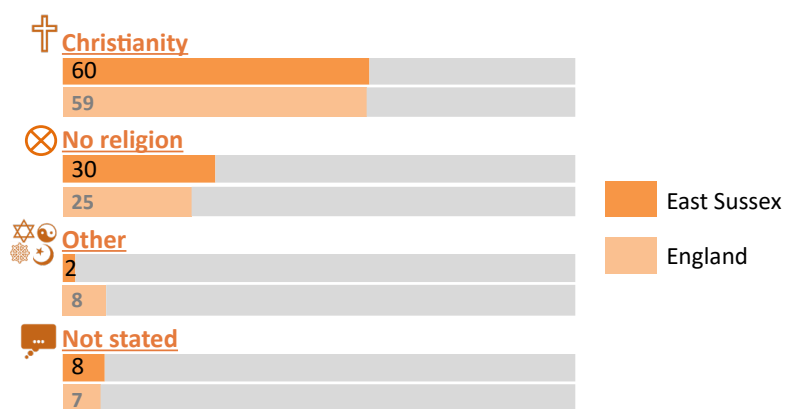
48%



284,800  
females

52%

## 12. RELIGIOUS BELIEF, 2011



## 13. SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY, 2017

3%

identify as

**LGBT+**

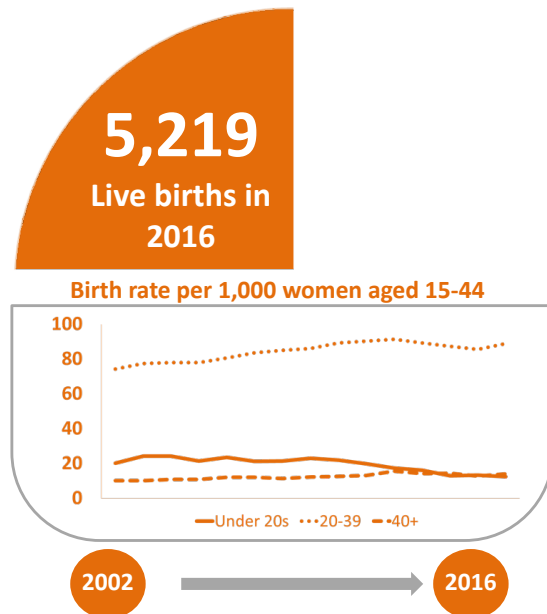
LGBT+: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and  
other sexual and gender identities



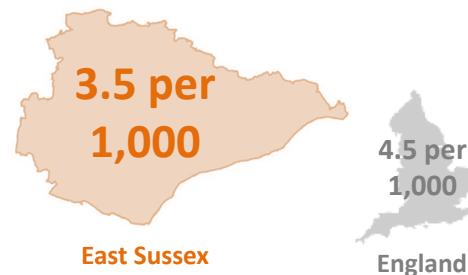
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## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

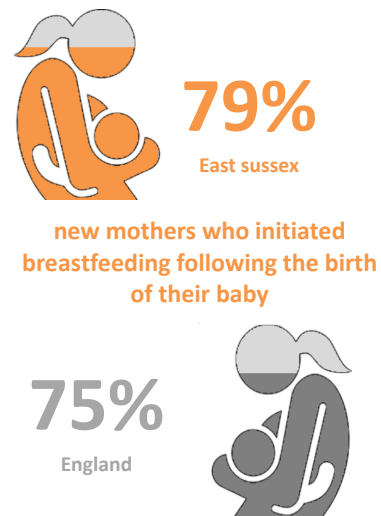
### 14. NUMBER OF BIRTHS



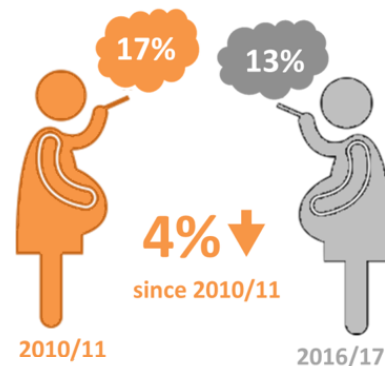
### 17. RATE OF STILLBIRTHS 2014/16



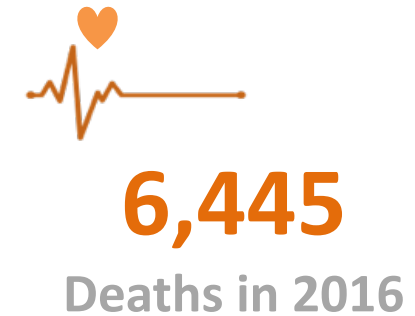
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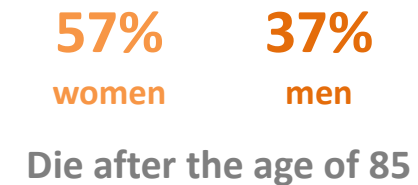
### 18. SMOKING AT TIME OF DELIVERY



### 16. NUMBER OF DEATHS

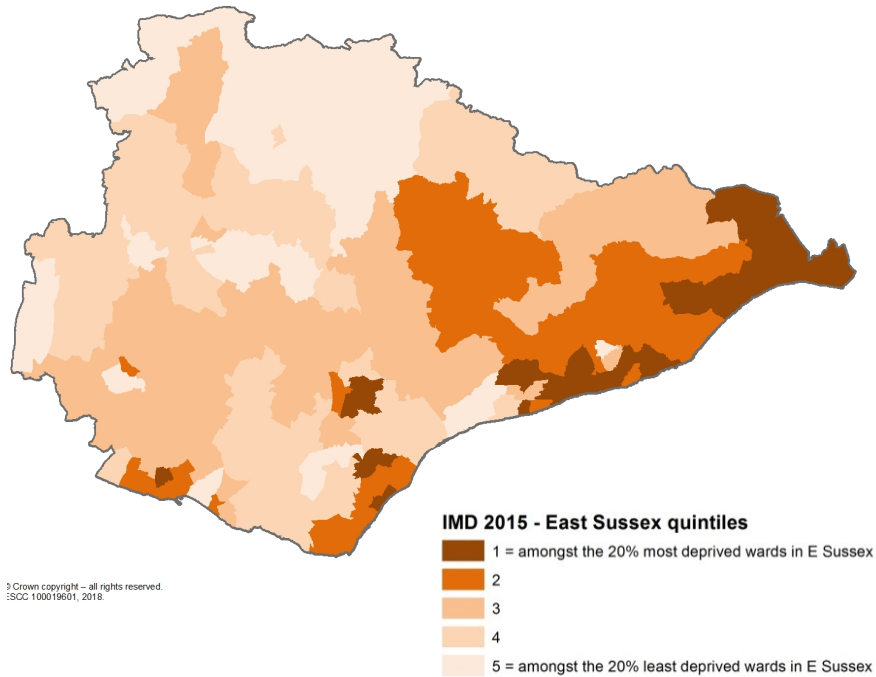


### 19. AGE AT DEATH

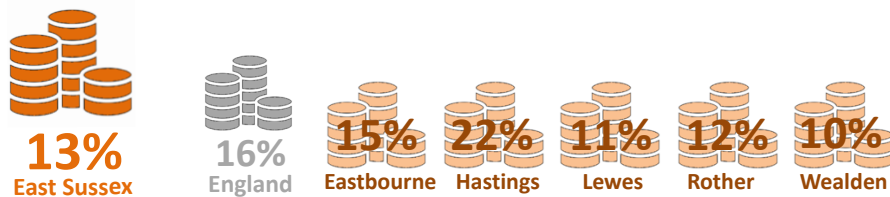


# WHO WE ARE DEPRIVATION

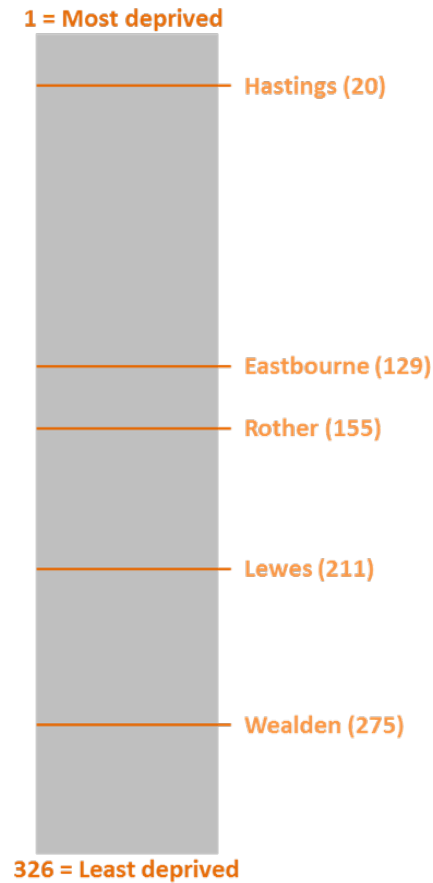
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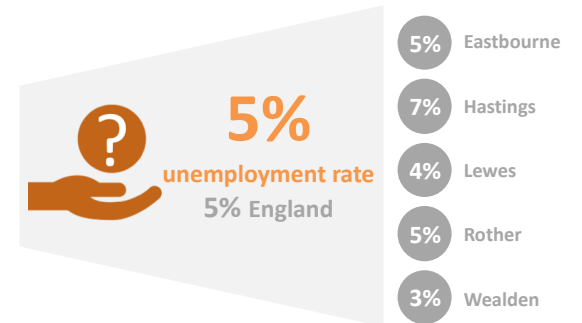
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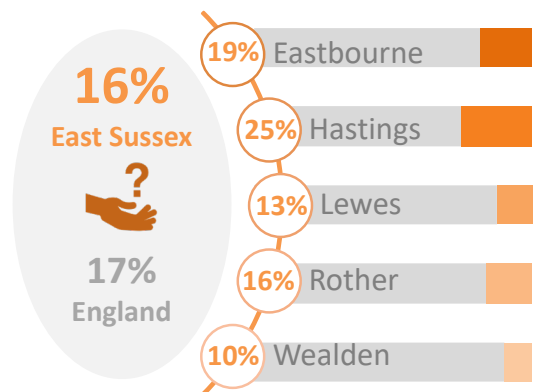
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## 23. UNEMPLOYMENT, 2016

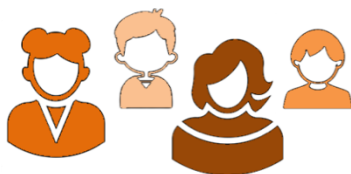


## 24. CHILDREN AGED 16 AND UNDER IN LOW INCOME FAMILIES, 2015



# WHO WE ARE BETTER BEGINNINGS

## 25. OUR YOUNG POPULATION

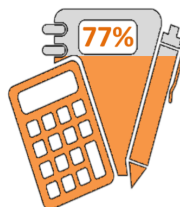


**112,300**

Children and young people aged 0-18, 2017

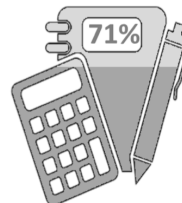
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**East Sussex**

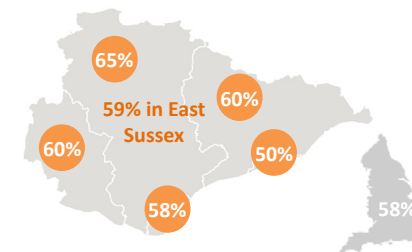


Children attaining a good level of development at the end of reception, 2016/17

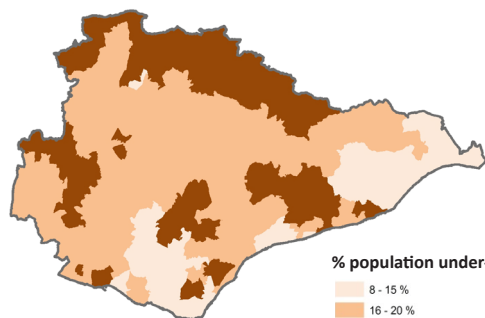
**England**



## 27. ACHIEVING 5 A\*-C AT GCSE, 2015/16



## 28. WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE LIVE



## 29. EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE PLAN, 2016



**13%**  
**East Sussex**  
**14%**  
**England**

## 30. HAPPINESS, 2017



Year 6



Year 10

Pupils feel 'quite' or 'very' happy with their life at the moment

## 31. WELLBEING, 2017

**34% Year 6**

**14% Year 10**



surveyed had a score indicating high wellbeing



## 32. NOT IN EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING, 2016

**5%**  
**East Sussex**

**6%**  
**England**

## 33. 0-18 YEAR OLDS, 2017

**57,800**  
**males**  
**(51%)**



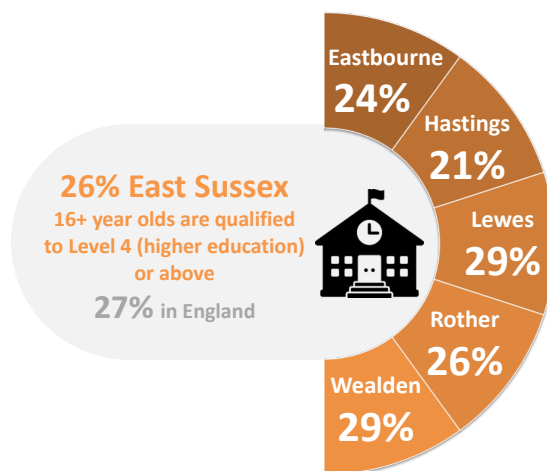
**54,500**  
**females**  
**(49%)**



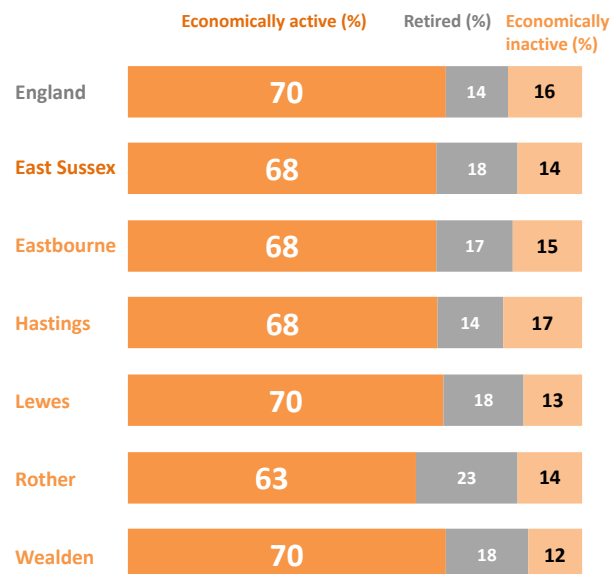
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## FAIR EMPLOYMENT/WORK

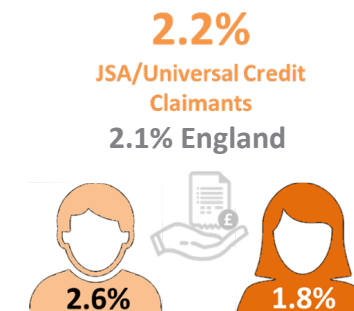
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### 35. EMPLOYMENT STATUS, 2011



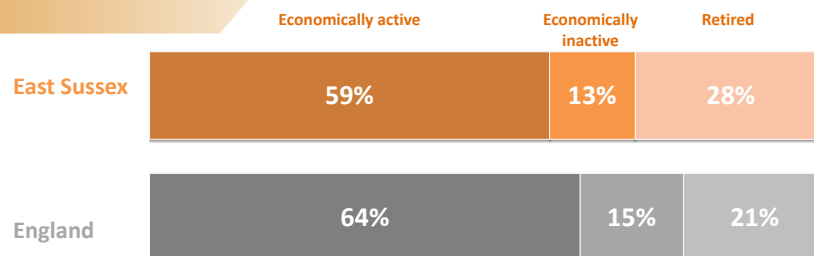
### 36. UNIVERSAL CREDIT CLAIMANTS, JULY 2018



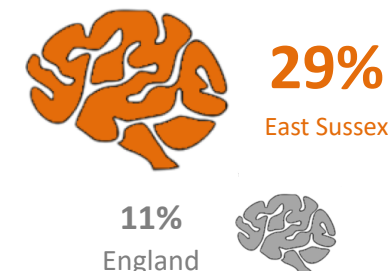
### 38. SUPPORTED ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN PAID EMPLOYMENT, 2015/16



### 37. EMPLOYMENT OF UNPAID CARERS, 2011



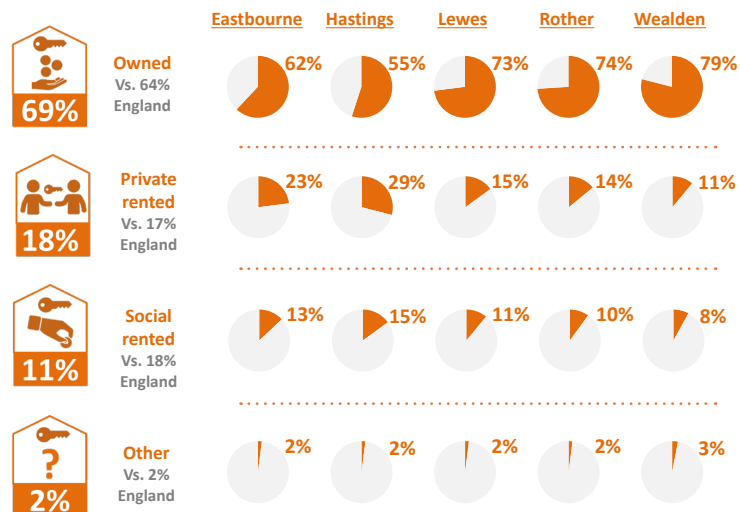
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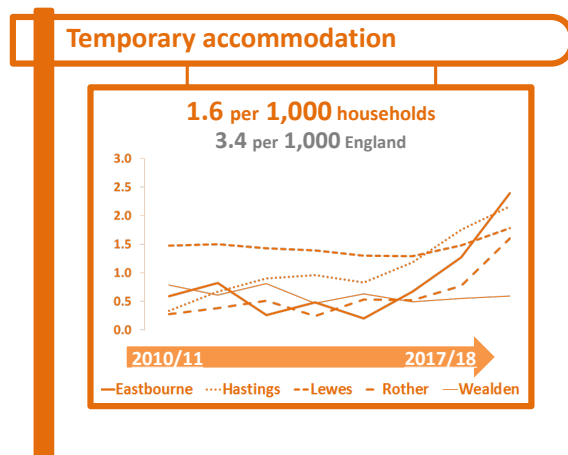
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## STANDARD OF LIVING

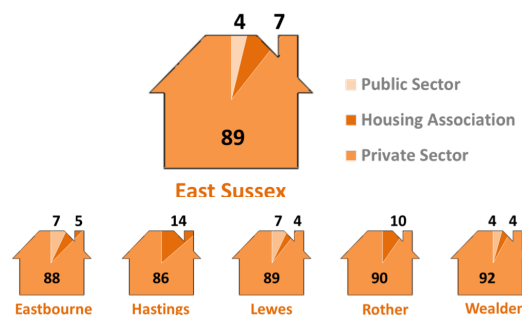
### 40. HOUSING TENURE, 2011



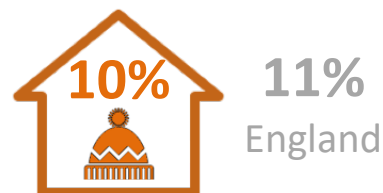
### 43. HOUSEHOLDS IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION



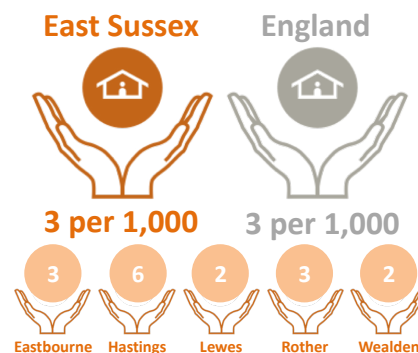
### 41. HOUSING STOCK, 2017



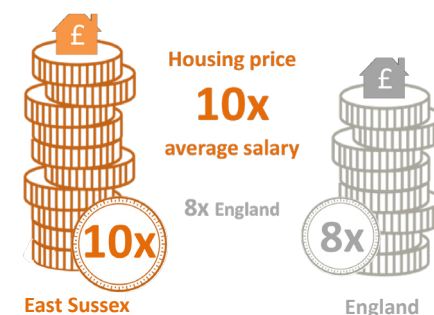
### 44. FUEL POVERTY, 2016



### 46. HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIORITY NEED, 2017/18



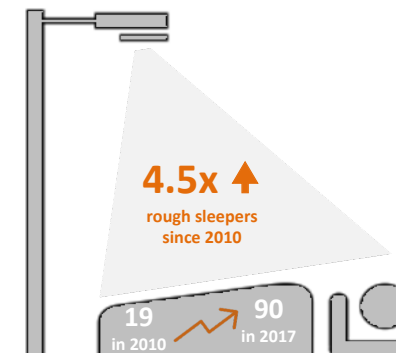
### 42. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY, 2017



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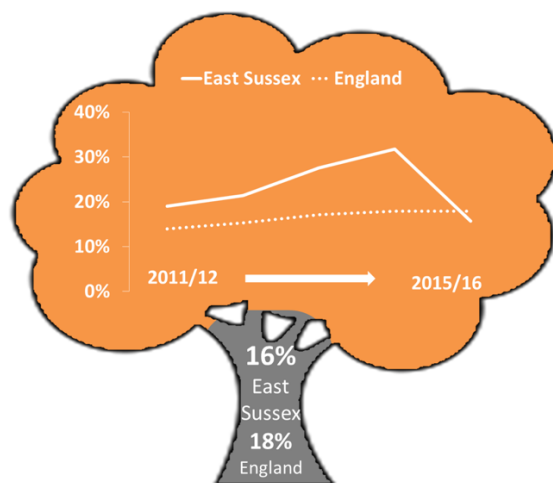
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## HEALTHY PLACES

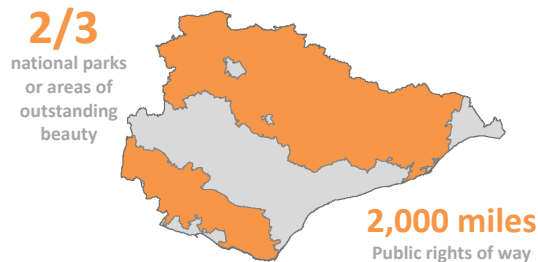
### 48. USE OF OUTDOOR SPACE FOR EXERCISE/HEALTH REASONS BY PEOPLE AGED 16+



Have used outdoor space for health or exercise over the past week

Based on an annual national survey, local figures are susceptible to significant year on year change due to small numbers.

### 54. GREEN SPACE IN EAST SUSSEX

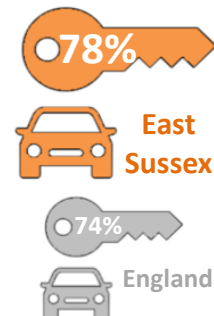


### 49. AIR QUALITY

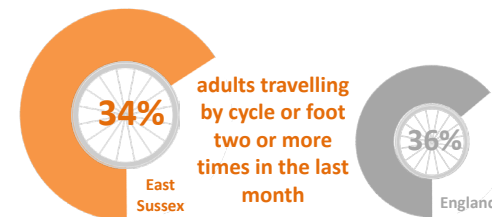


located within Lewes town and Newhaven

### 50. CAR OWNERSHIP, 2011



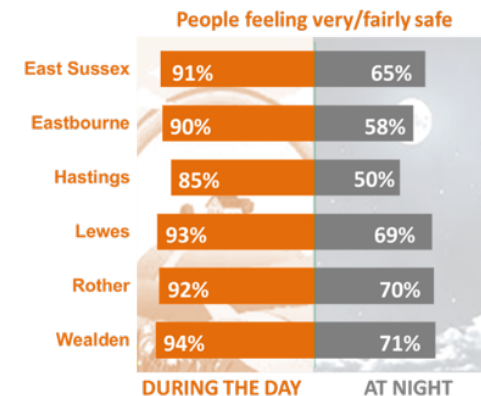
### 51. ACTIVE TRAVEL, NOVEMBER 2016/17



### 52. SENSE OF BELONGING, 2017



### 53. FEELING SAFE, 2017



### 55. TRANSPORT NETWORK, 2017





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## ASSETS

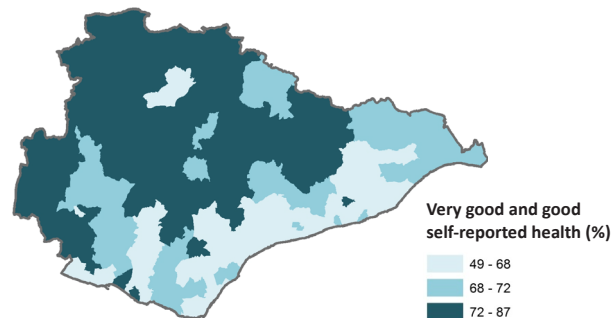
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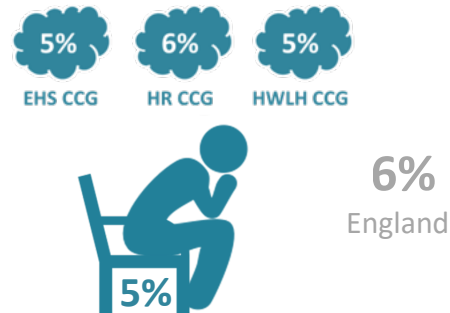
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## HEALTH STATUS

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### 58. SELF-REPORTED POOR MENTAL HEALTH, 2016/17



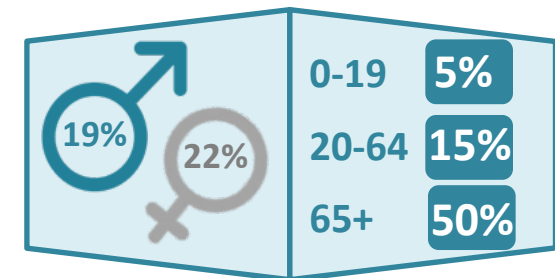
### 59. LONG TERM LIMITING ILLNESS OR DISABILITY, 2011



### 60. WELLBEING SCORE, 2018



### 61. LOW LIFE SATISFACTION, 2016/17



### 62. HEALTH RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE, 2011



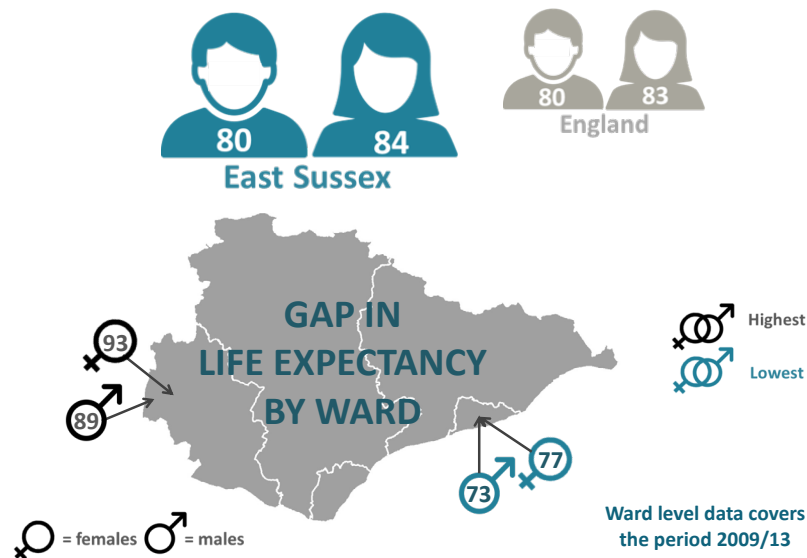
### 63. DISABILITY BENEFITS, 2016



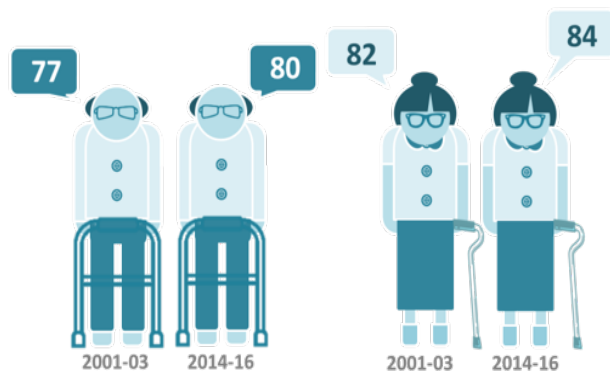
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## LIFE EXPECTANCY

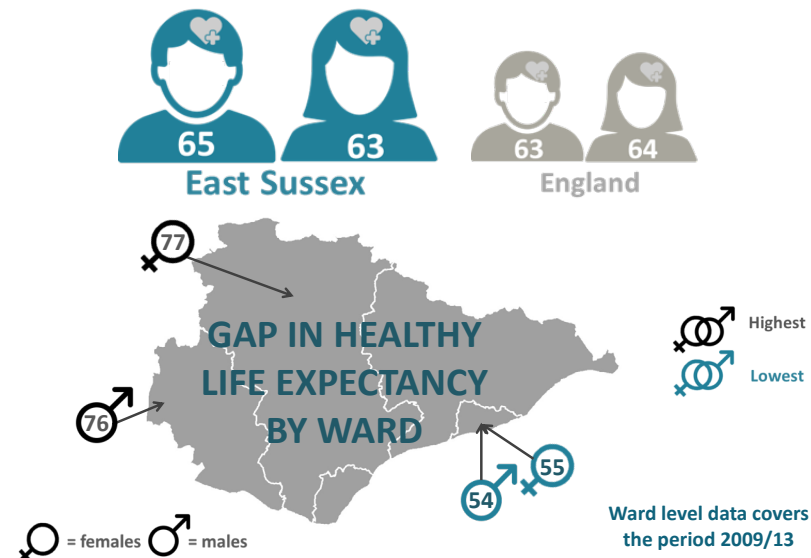
64. LIFE EXPECTANCY, 2014/16



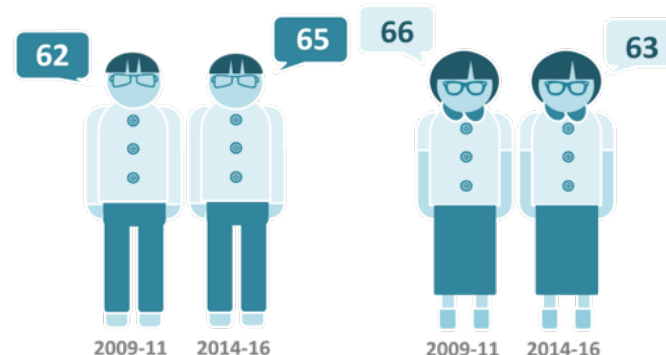
66. CHANGES IN LIFE EXPECTANCY



65. HEALTHY LIFE EXPECTANCY, 2014/16



67. CHANGES IN HEALTHY LIFE EXPECTANCY

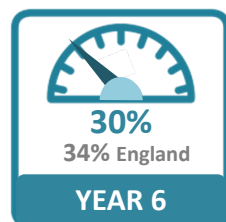
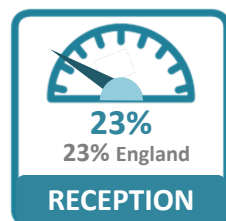




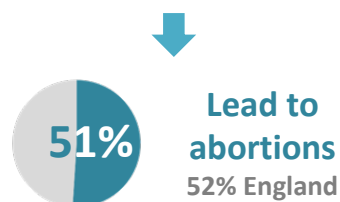
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## START WELL

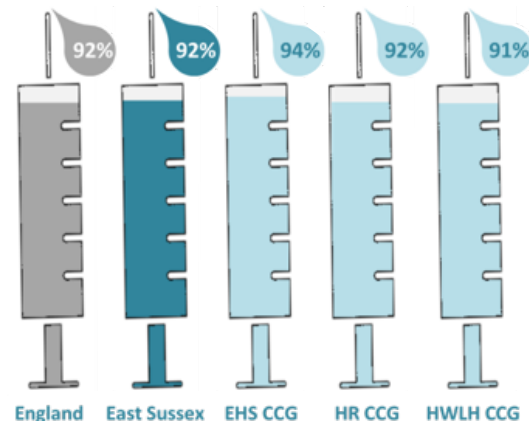
68. OBESE AND OVERWEIGHT, 2016/17



71. TEEN CONCEPTIONS AND TERMINATIONS, 2016



69. MMR VACCINE: 2 DOSES BY AGE 5, 2016/17



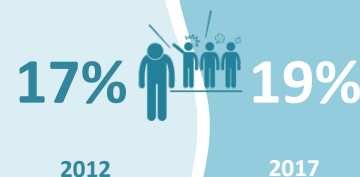
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70. HEALTH RELATED BEHAVIOUR SURVEY: 14/15 YEAR OLDS

### Health Related Behaviour Survey 2017 – YEAR 10

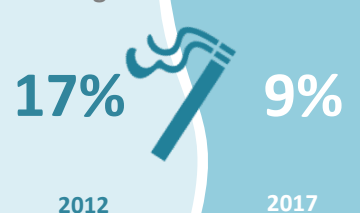
Bullied in the last 12 months



Had alcohol in the last week



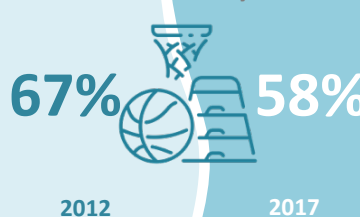
Had a cigarette in the last week



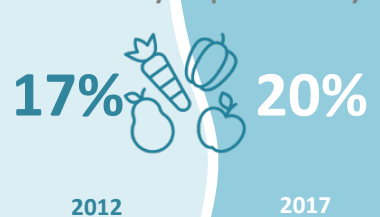
Have ever taken cannabis



Exercised hard 3+ days last week



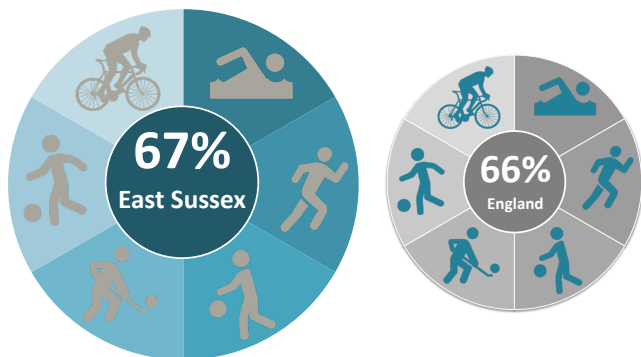
Ate 5 a day on previous day



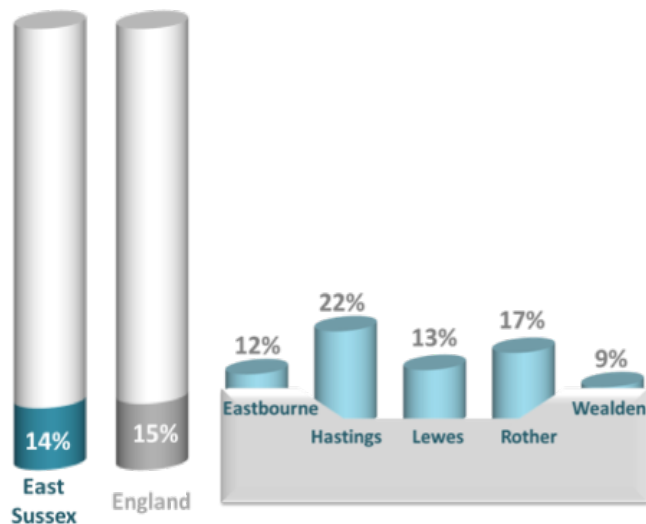
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## BETTER LIVING

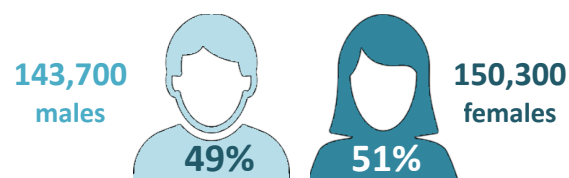
73. PHYSICALLY ACTIVE, 2016/17



76. SMOKING PREVALENCE, 2017



74. POPULATION AGED 20-64, 2017



77. PEOPLE DRINKING MORE THAN 14 UNITS OF ALCOHOL A WEEK, 2017



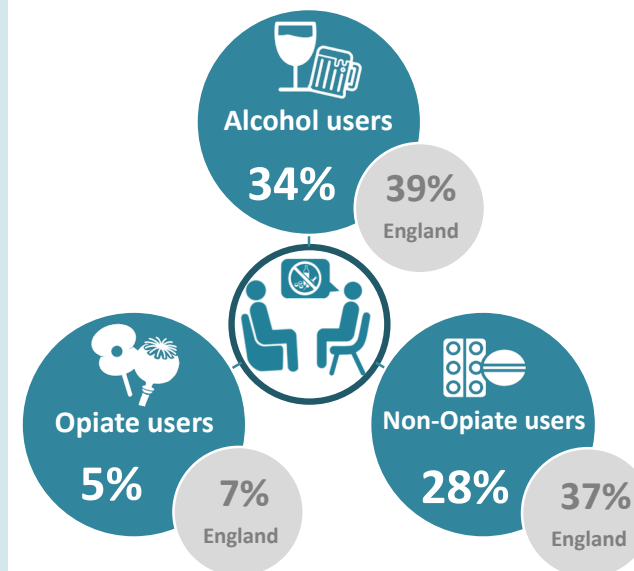
79. BINGE DRINKING, 2011-14



75. PHYSICALLY INACTIVE, 2016/17



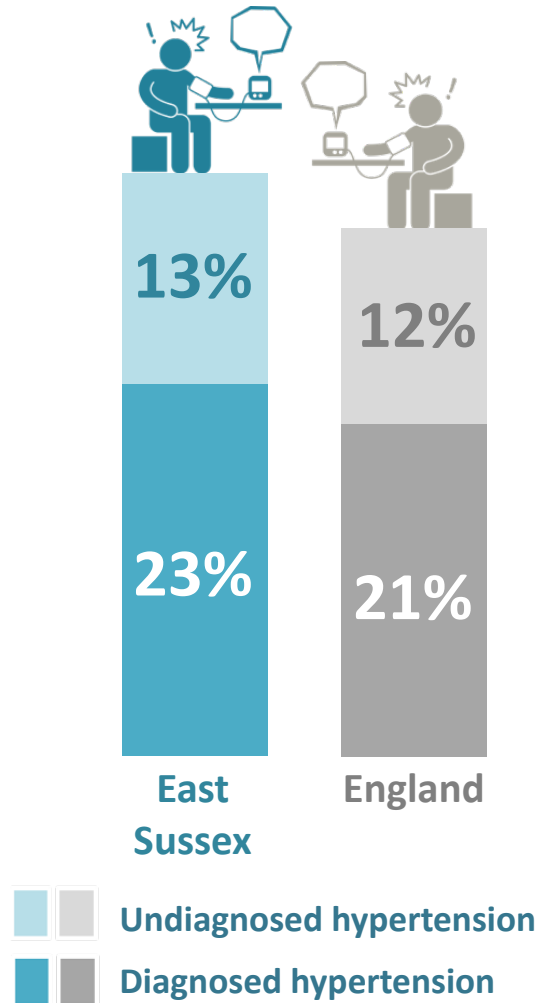
78. COMPLETED TREATMENTS FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE, 2016



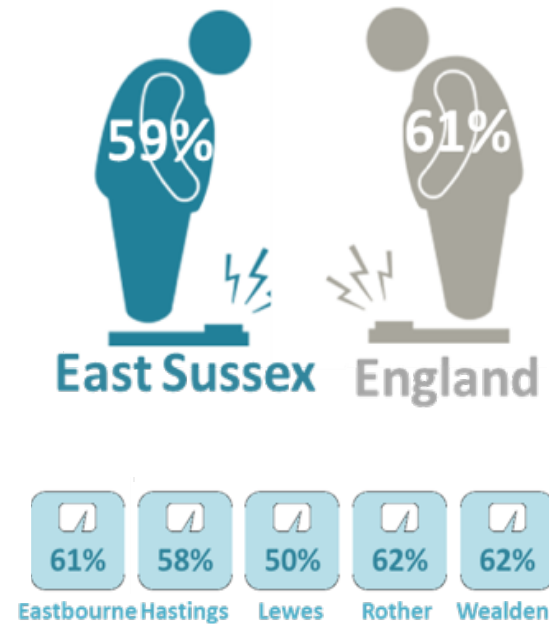
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## RISK CONDITIONS

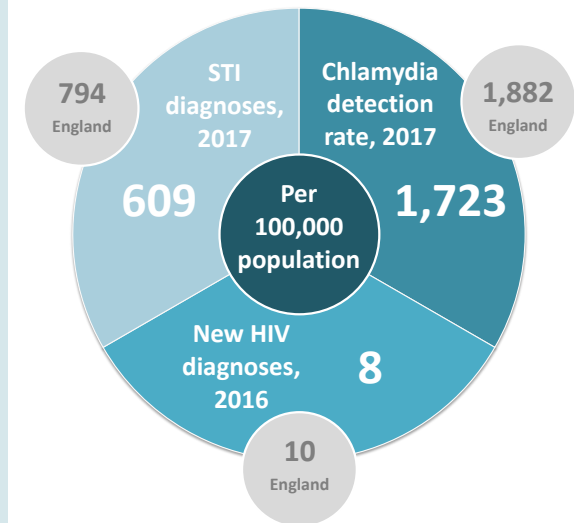
80. HYPERTENSION, 2015



81. OBESE OR OVERWEIGHT, 2016/17



82. SEXUAL HEALTH



83. ESTIMATED PREVALENCE OF NON-DIABETIC HYPERGLYCAEMIA, 2015



# HOW HEALTHY ARE WE

## PHYSICAL ILLNESS

### CORONARY HEART DISEASE (CHD)

84. ESTIMATED CHD PREVALENCE IN 55-79 YEAR OLDS, 2015

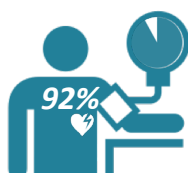


East Sussex

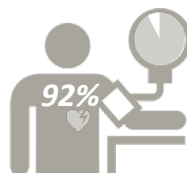


England

85. PEOPLE WITH CHD WHOSE BLOOD PRESSURE IS CONTROLLED, 2016/17



East Sussex



England

### RESPIRATORY DISEASE

88. CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PREVALENCE, 2016/17



East Sussex

2% England

2% EHS CCG

2.5% HR CCG

1.5% HWLH CCG

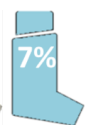
89. ASTHMA PREVALENCE BY CCG PRACTICE POPULATION 2016/17



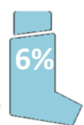
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England



EHS CCG



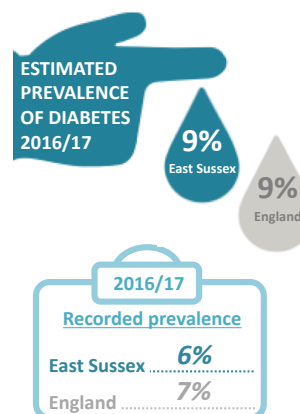
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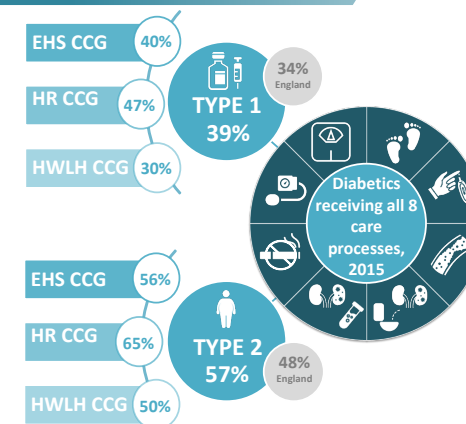
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### DIABETES

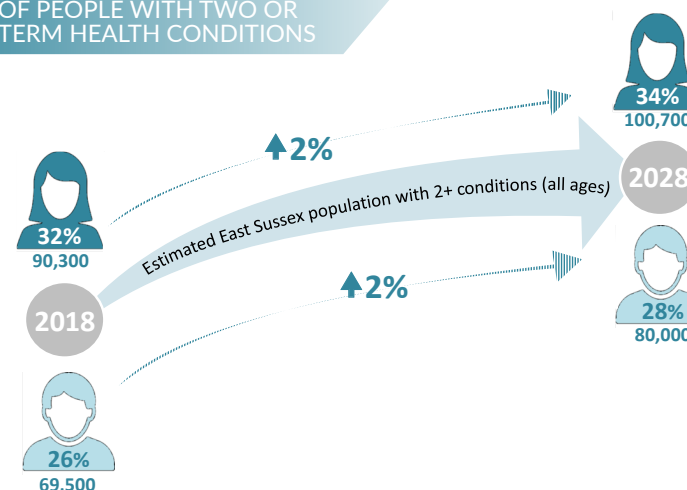
86. ESTIMATED PREVALENCE OF DIABETES, 2016/17



87. RECEIVING ALL 8 DIABETES CARE PROCESSES, 2015



90. NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH TWO OR MORE LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS



# HOW HEALTHY ARE WE

## MENTAL ILLNESS

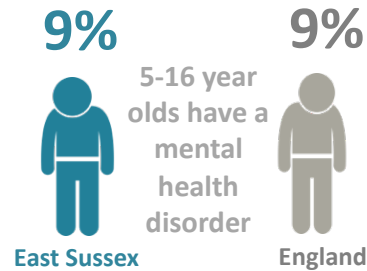
### COMMON AND SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS

#### 91. ONSET OF MENTAL ILLNESS



Of those with a lifetime mental health problem first have symptoms by 14 years old

#### 92. ESTIMATED PREVALENCE OF MENTAL ILL HEALTH IN YOUNG PEOPLE, 2015

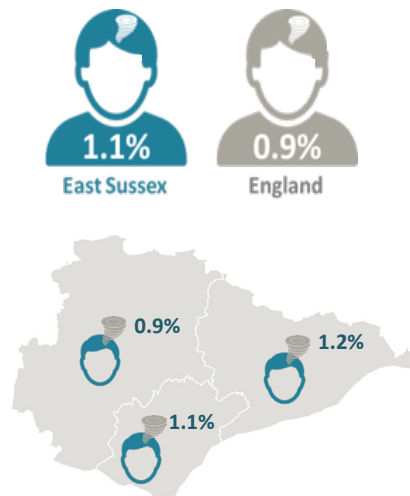


#### 94. ESTIMATED PREVALENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

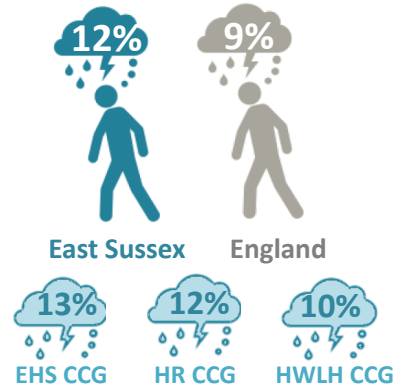


Has a mental health condition at any one time

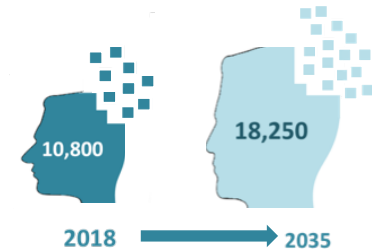
#### 95. GP RECORDED PREVALENCE OF SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS, 2016/17



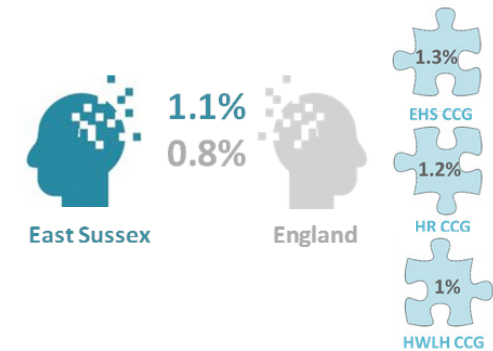
#### 96. GP RECORDED PREVALENCE OF DEPRESSION, 2016/17



#### 93. PREDICTED DEMENTIA CASES



#### 97. GP RECORDED PREVALENCE OF DEMENTIA, 2016/17



#### 98. PREVENTING DEMENTIA

Approximately  
**1 in 3**



could be prevented through lifestyle and social changes



# HOW HEALTHY ARE WE

## SCREENING AND CANCER

### 99. CANCER



**11,325**

New cases of cancer, 2014/16



547 England

Incidence of cancer, 2014-16



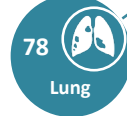
674 England



Cases of cancer per 100,000 population 2014-16

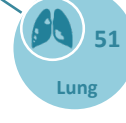


#### Males

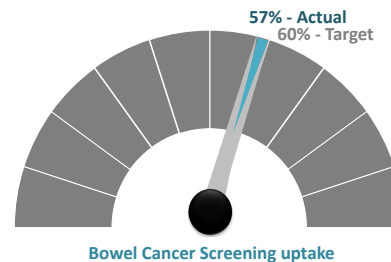
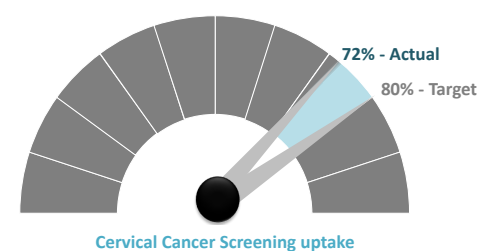
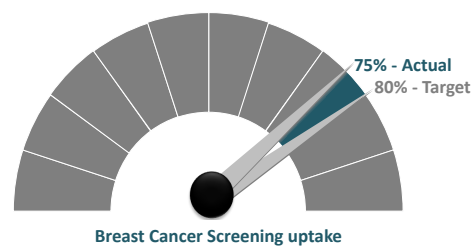
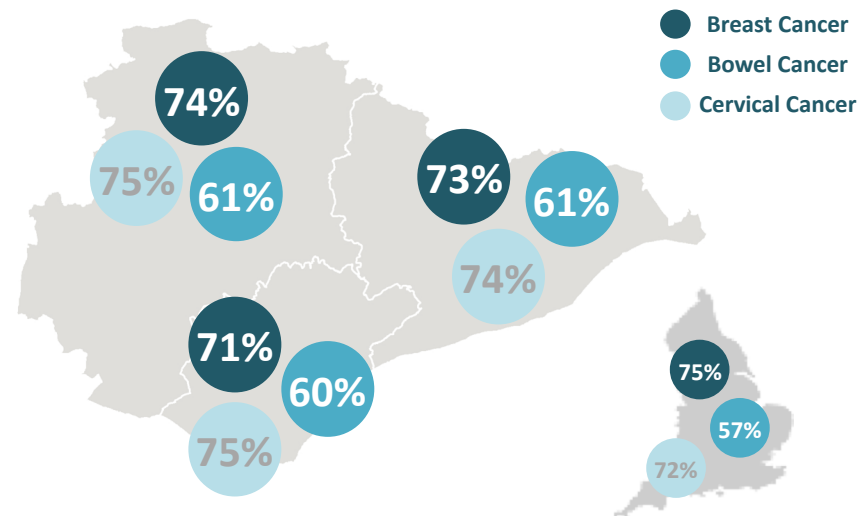


Most common cancers in East Sussex 2014/16 (per 100,000)

#### Females



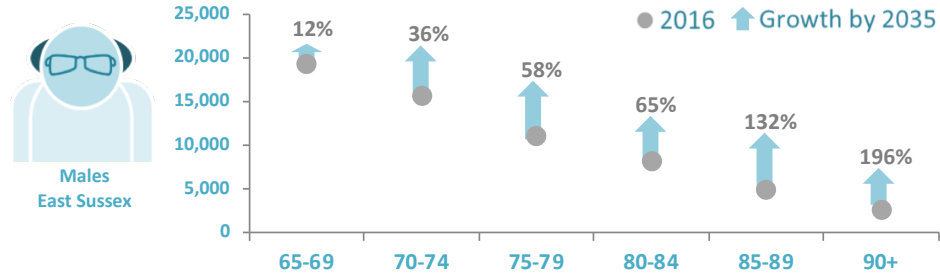
### 100. CANCER SCREENING UPTAKE, 2016/17



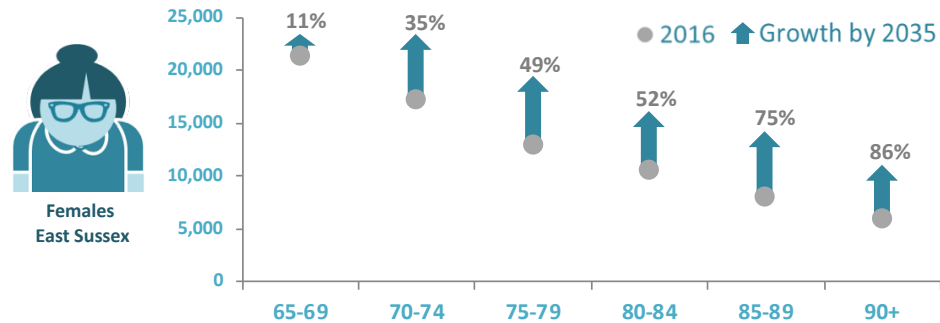
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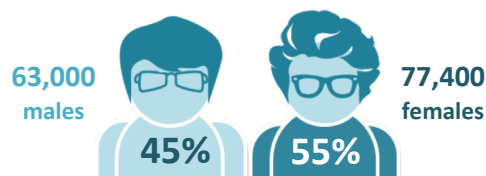
### 101. POPULATION GROWTH IN PEOPLE AGED 65 AND OVER



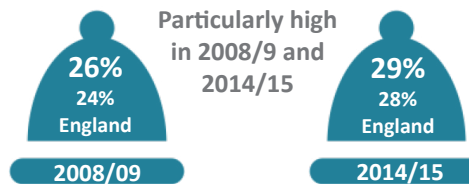
By 2035 there is a projected 46% growth in the population aged 65+



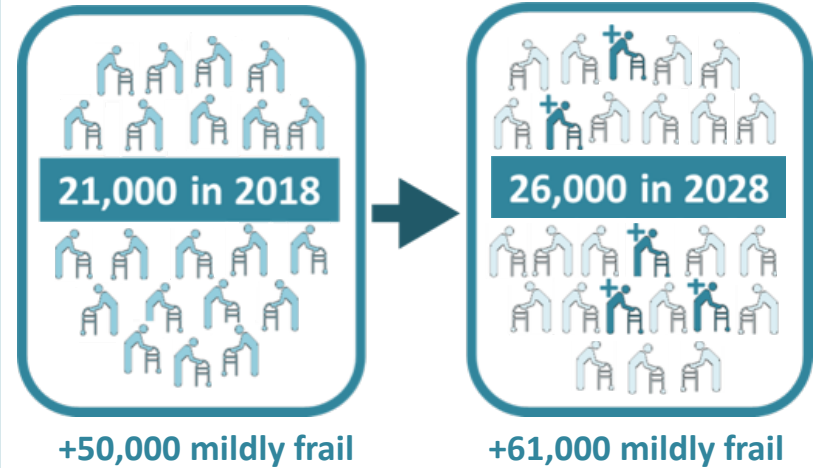
### 103. POPULATION AGED 65 AND OVER, 2017



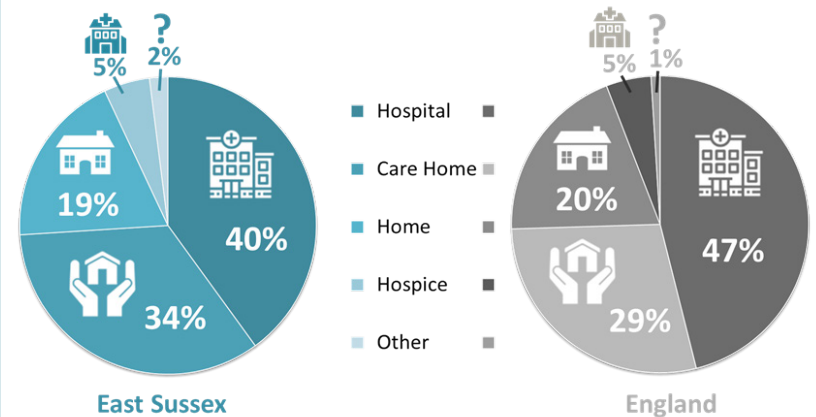
### 104. EXCESS WINTER DEATHS



### 102. ESTIMATED MODERATE AND SEVERE FRAILITY IN PEOPLE AGED 65+



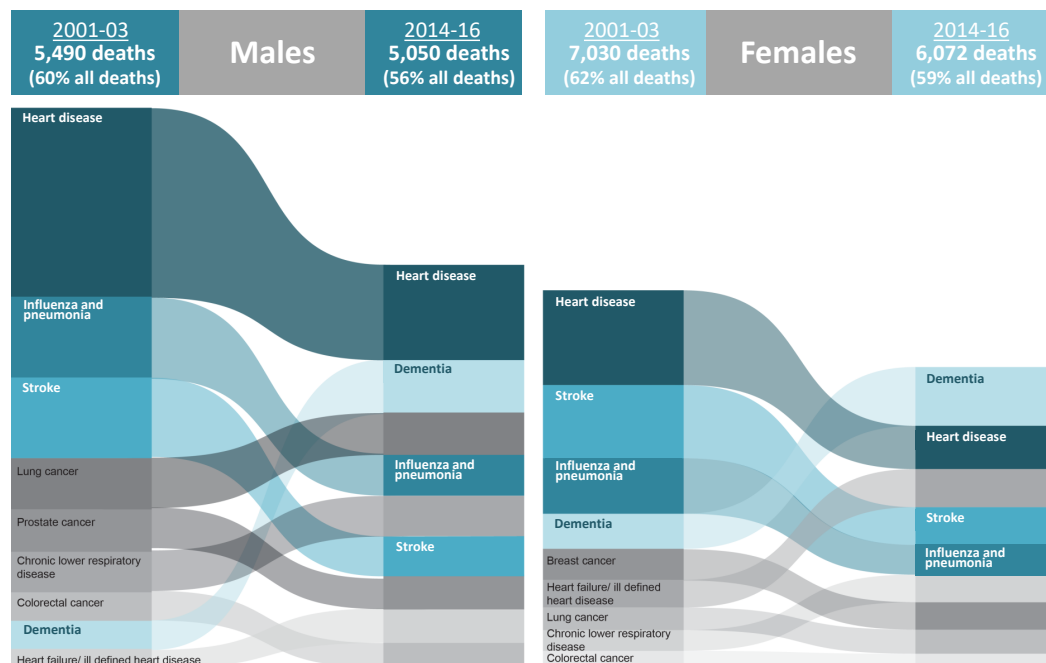
### 105. PLACE OF DEATH 65 AND OVER, 2016



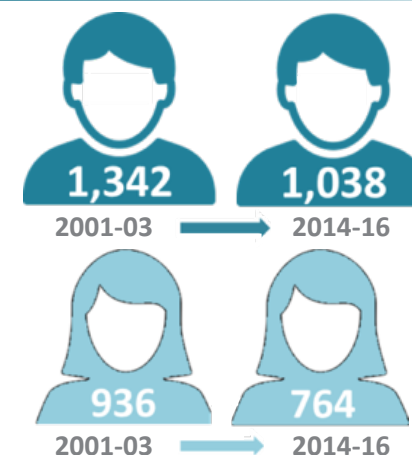
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## MORTALITY

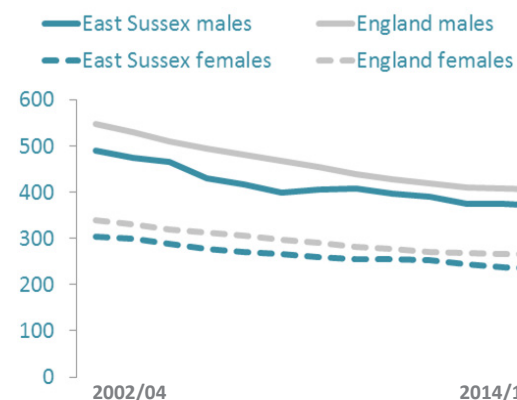
106. LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, AGE-STANDARDISED RATE PER 100,000



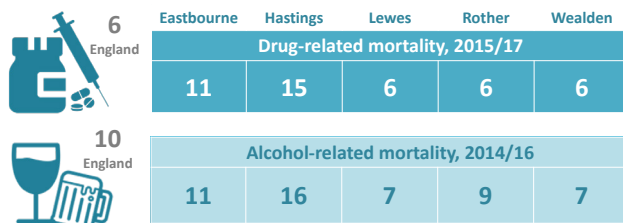
107. ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY, AGE-STANDARDISED RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION



110. PREMATURE ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY, UNDER 75 YEARS, AGE-STANDARDISED RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION



108. ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE MORTALITY, AGE-STANDARDISED RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION



109. SUICIDE RATE, AGE-STANDARDISED RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION, 2014/16



# HOW WE USE SERVICES

## PRIMARY CARE

### 111. PRIMARY CARE PROVISION PER 1,000 POPULATION

#### GPs



0.5

0.6 England

#### Pharmacies



0.2

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#### Dentists



0.6

0.4 England

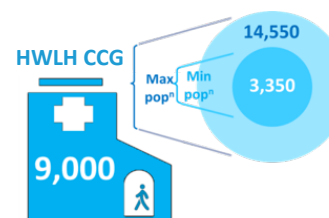
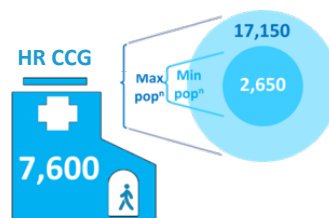
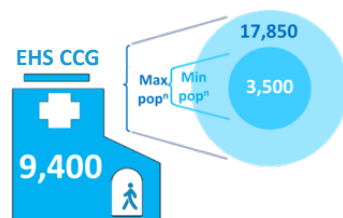
#### Opticians



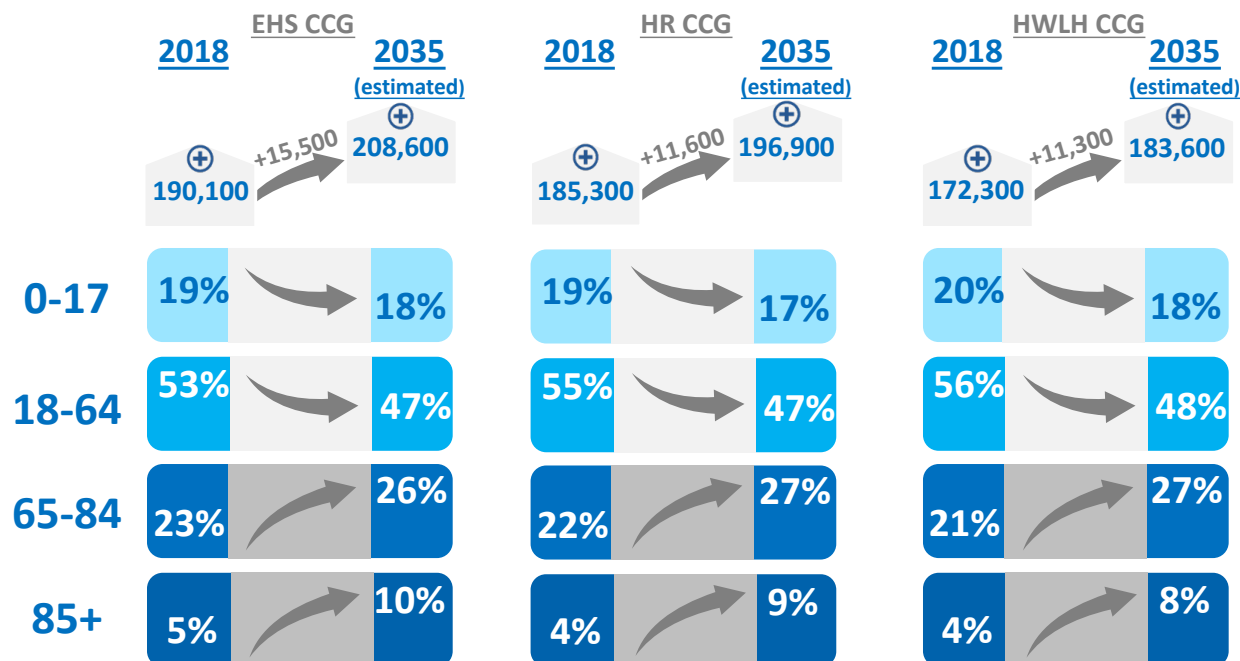
0.1

0.3 England

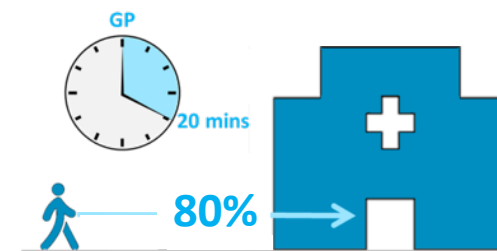
### 112. AVERAGE PRACTICE POPULATION



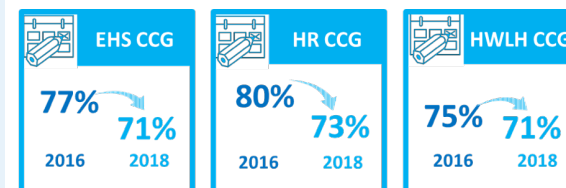
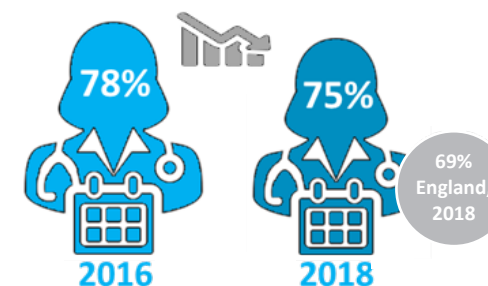
### 114. PRACTICE POPULATIONS



### 113. 20 MINUTES WALK TO GP, SEPTEMBER 2018



### 115. GOOD EXPERIENCE OF MAKING A GP APPOINTMENT

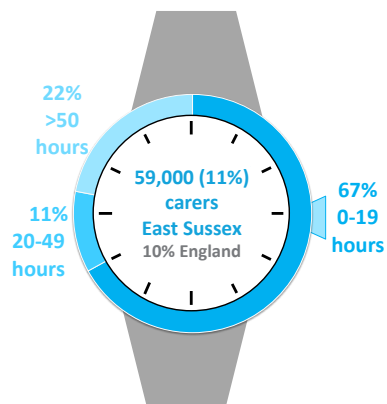


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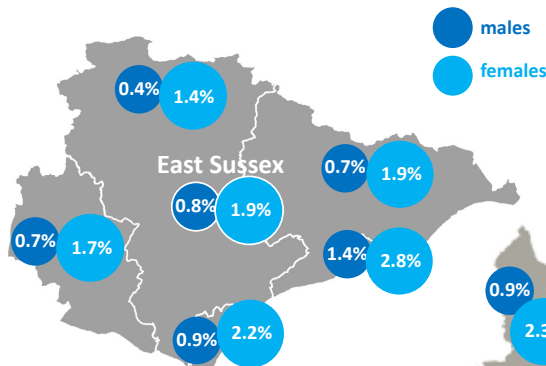
## SOCIAL CARE

### CARERS

116. HOURS SPENT CARING PER WEEK, 2011

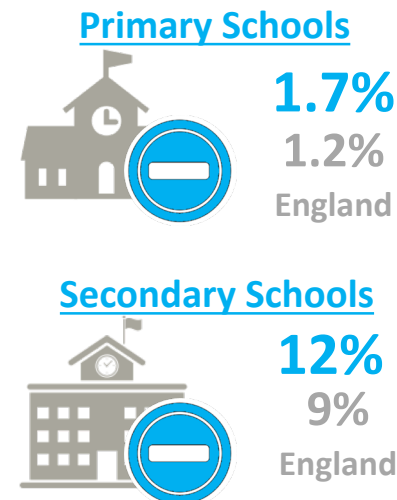


117. CARERS ALLOWANCE CLAIMANTS, AGED 16+, FEBRUARY 2018

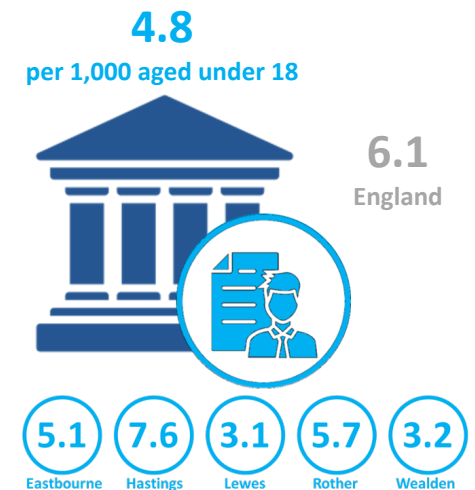


### CHILDREN

118. FIXED TERM EXCLUSIONS, 2015/16

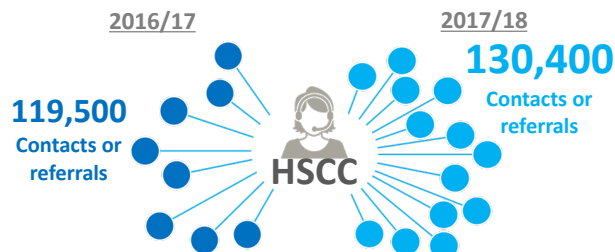


119. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN, MARCH 2017

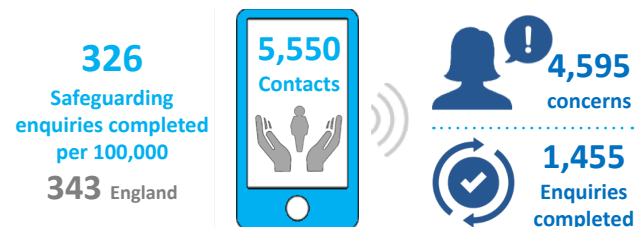


### ADULTS

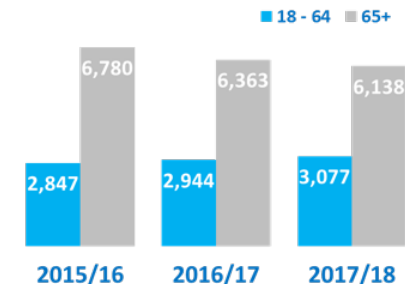
120. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CONNECT (HSCC) CONTACTS AND REFERRALS



121. SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS FOR PEOPLE AGED 18+, 2017/18



122. RECEIVING LONG TERM SUPPORT

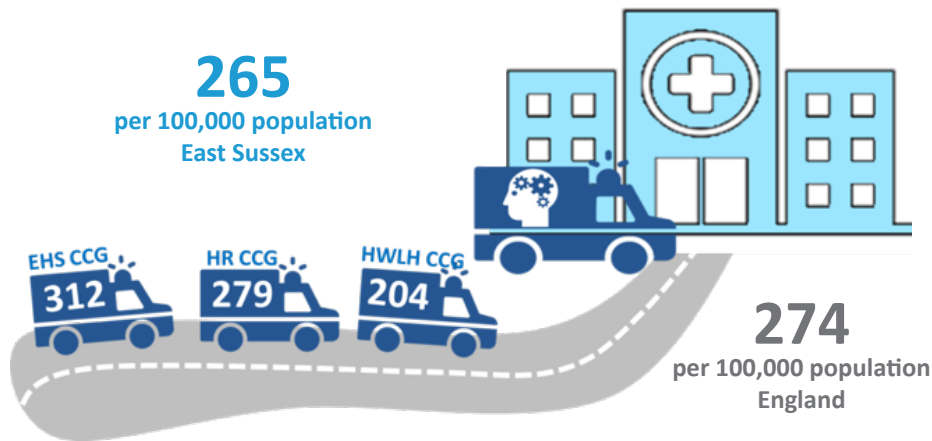




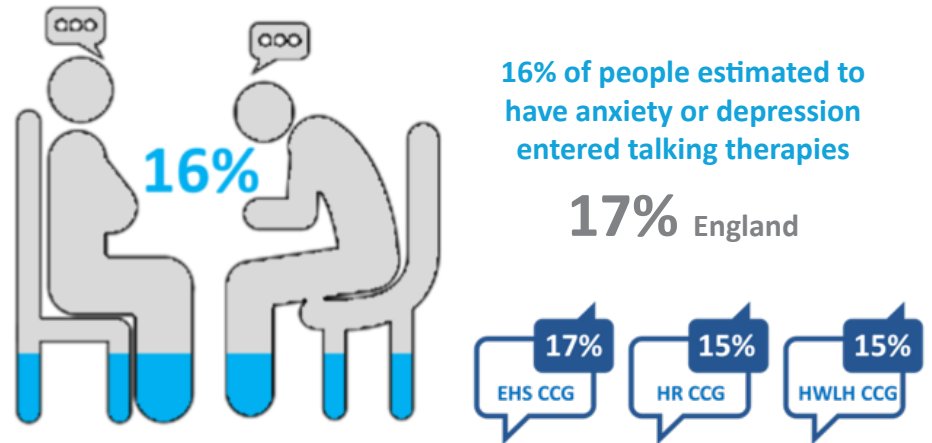
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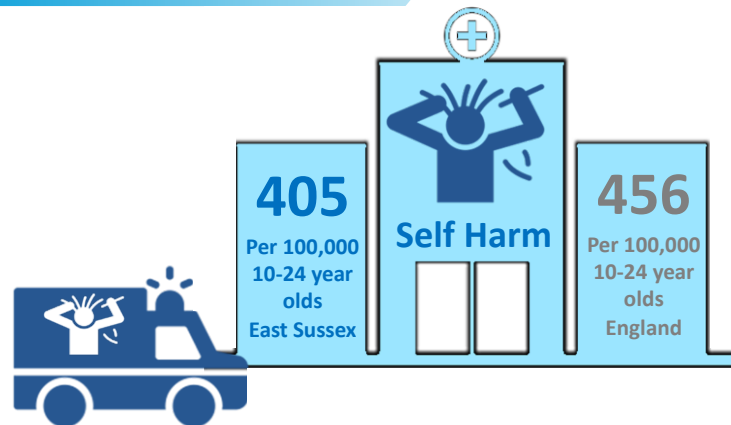
123. MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, Q4 2018



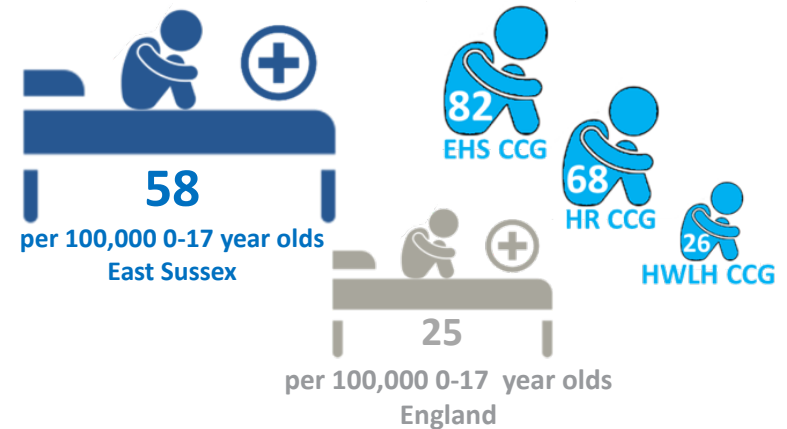
124. PEOPLE ENTERING TALKING THERAPIES, MARCH 2018



125. EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS FOR INTENTIONAL SELF-HARM - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, 2015/16



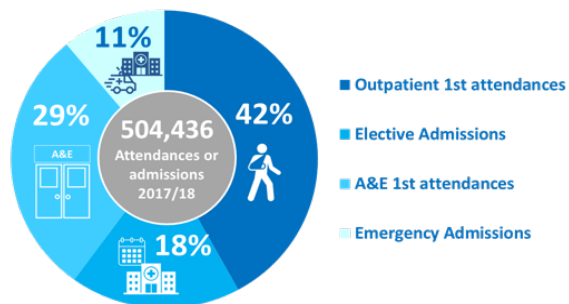
126. ADMISSIONS TO CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WARDS, Q2 2016



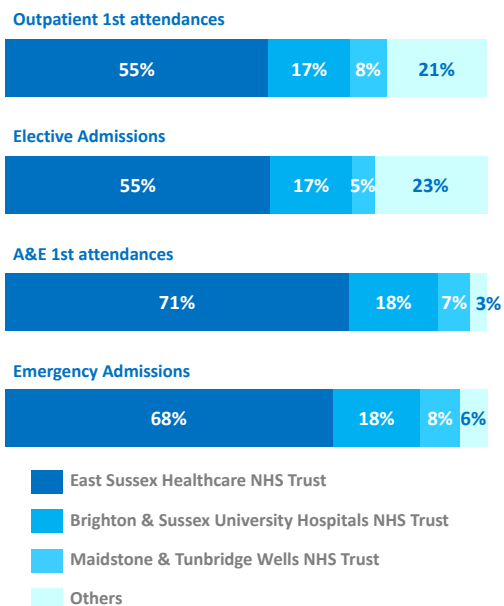
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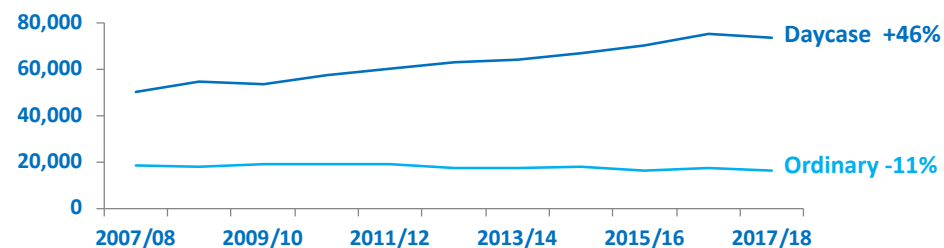
127. HOSPITAL ACTIVITY BY TYPE, 2017/18



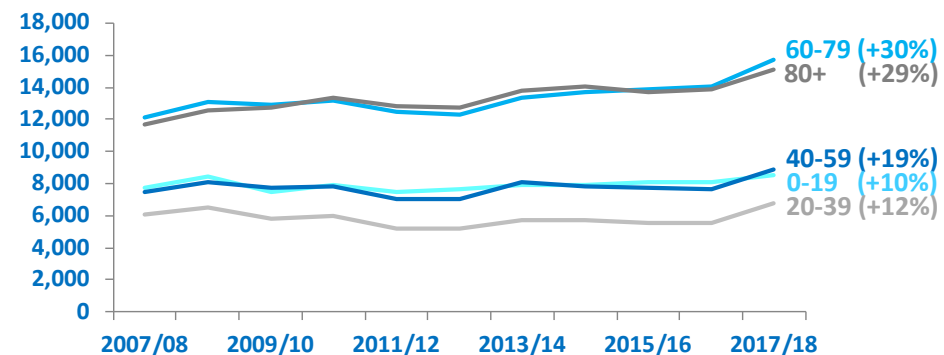
129. HOSPITAL ACTIVITY BY PROVIDER, 2017/18



128. ELECTIVE ADMISSIONS BY TYPE



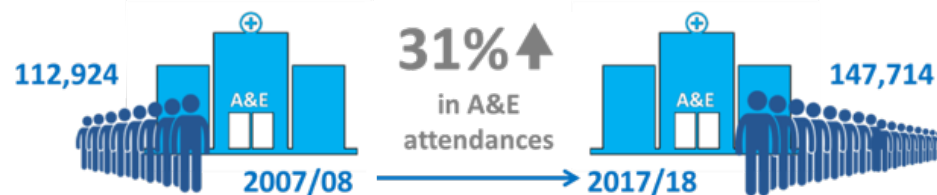
130. ELECTIVE ADMISSIONS BY AGE GROUP



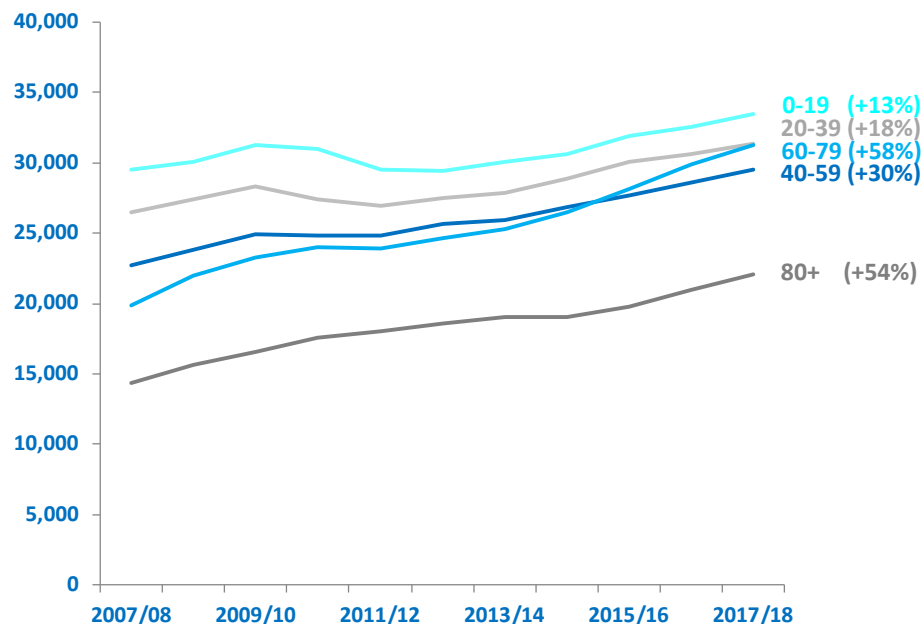
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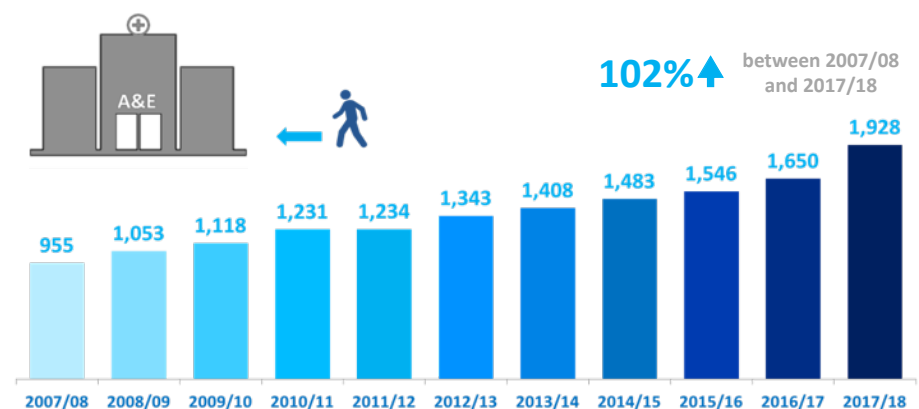
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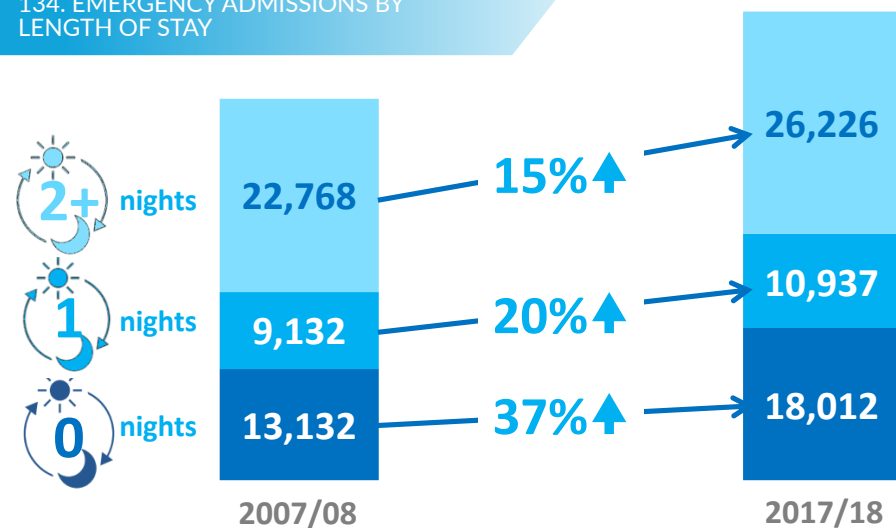
133. A&E ATTENDANCES BY AGE GROUP



132. PATIENTS ATTENDING A&E 5 OR MORE TIMES IN A YEAR



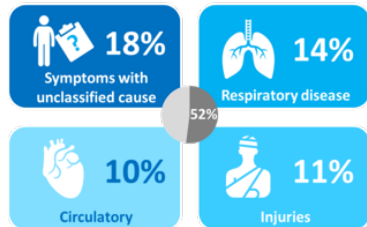
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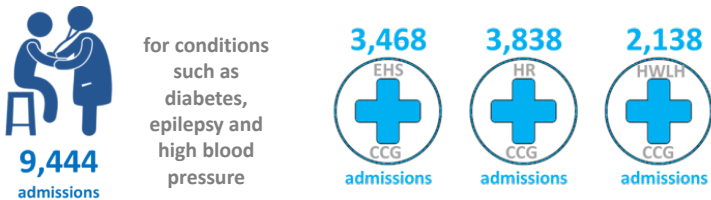
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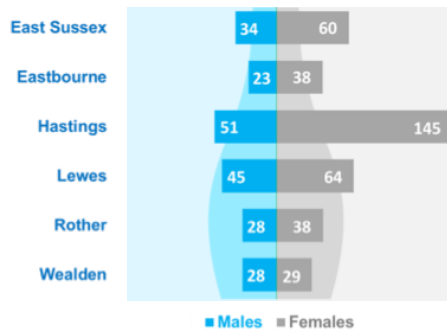
### 135. REASONS FOR EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS



### 137. UNPLANNED ADMISSIONS FOR LONG TERM CONDITIONS NOT USUALLY REQUIRING HOSPITALISATION, 2017/18

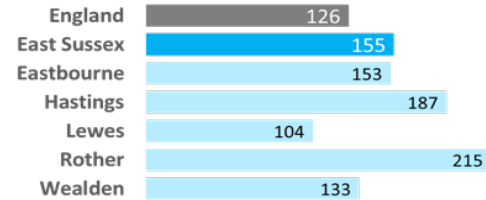


### 140. ADMISSIONS DUE TO ALCOHOL SPECIFIC CONDITIONS, UNDER 18 YEARS



Admissions per 100,000 population aged under 18, 2014/15 – 2017/18

### 136. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS DUE TO INJURIES, 0-4 YEAR OLDS, 2016/17



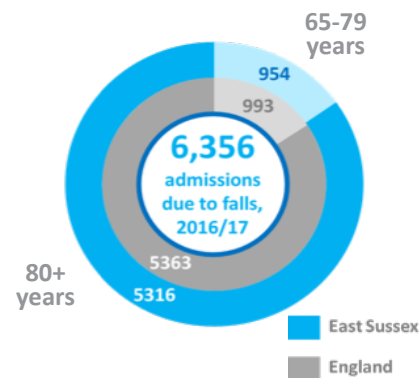
Rate per 10,000 0-4 year olds

### 138. ADMISSIONS DUE TO FALLS, 2016/17



**2,072**  
per 100,000  
aged 65+  
East Sussex

**2,114**  
Aged 65+  
England

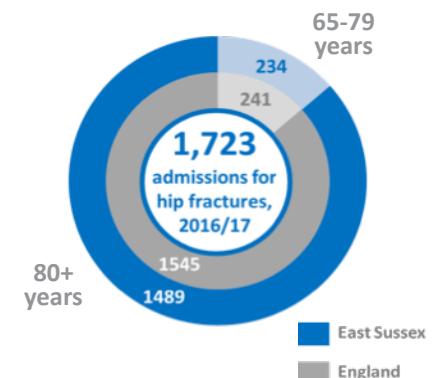


### 139. ADMISSIONS FOR HIP FRACTURES, 2016/17



**556**  
Per 100,000  
population aged  
65 and over

**575** England



# PICTURE EAST SUSSEX

## CONCLUSION

A person's chance of enjoying good health and a longer life is influenced by the social and economic conditions in which they are born, grow, work, live and age. These conditions affect the way people look after their own health and use services throughout their life. The impact of social conditions can be seen in the continuing and striking gradient in health. That is, the poorer your circumstances the more likely you are to have poor health and wellbeing, spend more of your life with life-limiting illness, and die prematurely.

The population and communities within East Sussex have many strengths and assets, reflected in the generally high levels of health and wellbeing within the county. However, variation does exist, and not all communities or people benefit from the same advantage. Addressing health inequalities and moving towards a fairer distribution of good health requires a life course approach and action to be taken across the whole of society. What happens in childhood is important as it has an impact on health and wellbeing in later life.

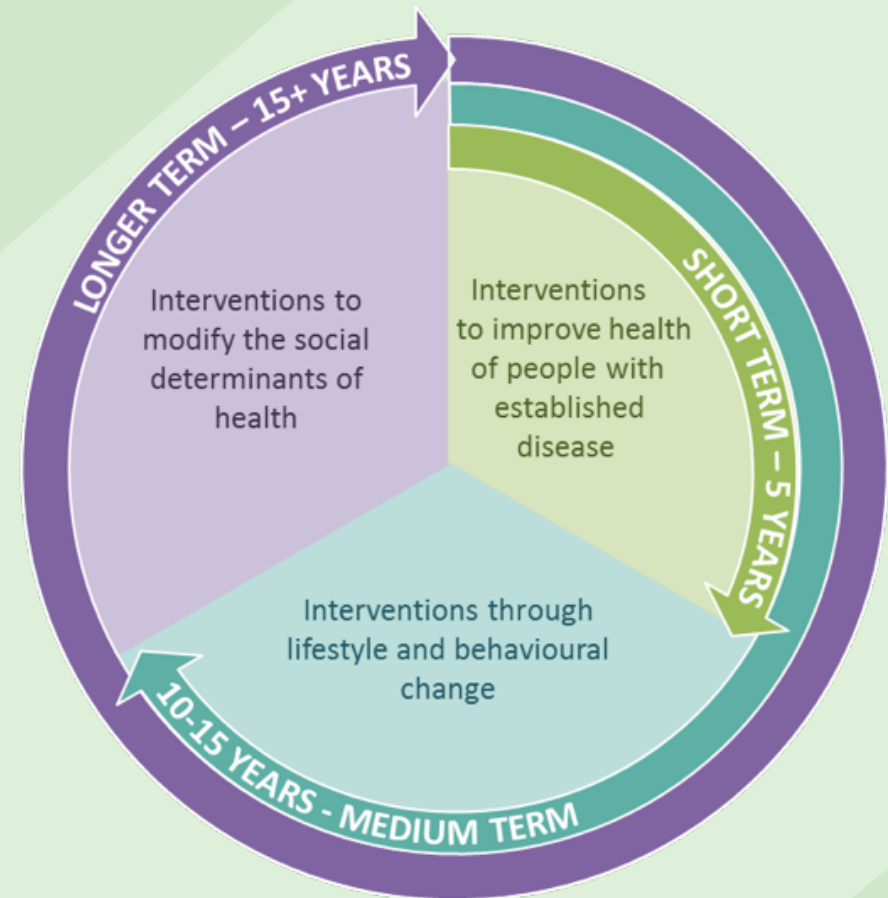
Actions are required to:

- Involve and empower patients to manage their own health
- Address individual-level lifestyle factors
- Adopt whole systems approach to social determinants of health

As we continue to transform our health and social care system, it is critical that appropriate attention is given to the prevention of disease and injury, along with the provision of high quality health care. To do this, increased understanding of the root causes of poor health and the development of social, economic and physical environments that better support our collective wellbeing are critical. This health and care profile of East Sussex provides the beginnings of a shared understanding of the population of the county, the way services are currently used and what demands may be placed on them in the future.

### Gestation times for different preventative interventions

**Adapted from:** *Health Inequalities National Support Team (HINST), 2010*



Here are ten of the important points this report makes about our health today and what it means for our future.



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### OUR POPULATION IS AGEING

The over 65s now represent a quarter of the county's population and are projected to make up nearly a third of all people by 2035. By 2035 there will be a 46% increase in our 65 and over population. The fastest rate of growth will be seen in the 85 and over group.

This ageing population is placing additional pressures on social care and the NHS, as well as impacting on families, and our workplaces. Those aged 85 and over are the largest users of health and social services.

Older people have a significant contribution to make to society. To maximise these contributions a focus on health and wellbeing throughout life is critical. To enable older people to achieve their own ambitions, enjoy good health and maintain independence for as long as possible.



### CHILDREN NEED THE BEST START IN LIFE

What happens during pregnancy and the first few years of life influences physical, cognitive and emotional development in childhood and may have an effect on health and wellbeing outcomes in later life.

Although children and young people in East Sussex report increasingly healthier behaviours, we see some clear differences in outcomes, such as hospital admissions for alcohol, significantly higher in Hastings.

Challenges in emotional health and wellbeing remain and the level of need for child and adolescent mental health services are high.

Educational achievement is variable across the county and exclusion from school is above the England average.

Enabling children to achieve their full potential and be physically and emotionally healthy provides the cornerstone for a healthy, productive childhood and adulthood.



### SECURE INCOME AND HOUSING ARE UNEVENLY DISTRIBUTED

In order to improve health and wellbeing, we need to remember that good health is about much more than just good health care services. There are a number of other factors at play such as getting a good education, a good job, and a safe place to live.

Having enough money for daily living is one of the biggest determinants of health outcomes. In our community survey 8 in 10 felt they were financially alright. However, across East Sussex 16% of children live in low income families and 13% of older people live in poverty. These figures hide stark differences in the county with 1 in 4 children and 1 in 5 older people living in these conditions in Hastings, compared to 1 in 10 in Wealden.

At its most basic, access to safe and secure housing is a key determinant of health. Across the county there are increasing numbers of people who do not have access to housing or whose housing is temporary.

Poor housing impacts on both physical and mental health and wellbeing. It is estimated that poor housing costs the NHS over £1 billion annually. Poor and unsafe housing can occur in all forms of home ownership and occupancy, but in general the private rented sector has the highest rates of poorer housing. Rates of private tenancy vary across the county, accounting for 1 in 3 households in Hastings to 1 in 10 in Wealden.

We cannot ignore the role that income and housing play in sustaining good health and maintaining independence.

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### THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN HOW LONG WE LIVE

Life expectancy continues to improve in the county. A girl born in East Sussex today can expect to live to 84, and a boy to 80.

Although life expectancy has continued to rise, the number of years we can expect to live in good health has not kept pace. Healthy life expectancy has increased for males from 62 to 65 between 2009/11 and 2014/16, but for females it has fallen from 65 to 63 years.

For both indicators health inequalities persist. Those living in our most deprived communities have the lowest life expectancy and can expect to live fewer years in good health. There is a 16 year gap between those who have the highest life expectancy and those who have the lowest. There is a 13 year gap between those with the longest healthy life expectancy and those have the shortest.

To increase the number of years we live in good health and reduce inequalities we must look beyond just the absence of disease and include the conditions and influences that create good health and wellbeing.

### NO SINGLE PROJECT OR INITIATIVE CAN BEAT OBESITY

In East Sussex 2 in 10 reception age children; 3 in 10 children in year six; and 6 in 10 adults are overweight or obese.

Along with smoking, obesity is among the leading risk factors for poor health. It is associated with a range of conditions, including cardiovascular disease, musculoskeletal conditions, respiratory disease, diabetes and many cancers.

The NHS spends over £6 billion each year on treating overweight and diabetes related ill health.

Obesity is a complex problem with a large number of different but often interlinked causes. No single measure is likely to be effective on its own in tackling obesity. To have a significant impact on obesity everybody needs to get involved.

### IT'S TIME TO TALK MENTAL HEALTH

1 in 4 of us will experience mental ill-health at some point in our lives. Mental illnesses constitute the largest single burden of disease nationally at almost a quarter of the total. Mental illness also has a considerable economic cost to our health and care system, and also to individuals, families and communities. In East Sussex, the GP recorded prevalence of severe mental illness; depression and dementia are all higher than England.

Mental ill-health often begins earlier than other causes of disability and there is continuity between mental illness in childhood and adulthood; we know that over half of people with a lifetime mental illness at the age of 26 will have met the diagnostic criteria first by the age of 14. Admissions to acute child and adolescent mental health services are twice as high in East Sussex as they are nationally.

Mental health is a lifetime issue, requiring a joined up approach across the lifespan. We need to promote good mental health for all and the importance of early intervention, particularly in childhood and the teenage years, both to prevent mental illness from developing and to mitigate its effects when it does.

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### WE NEED TO BE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

It is estimated that by 2035 there will be an additional 7500 people with dementia in the county.

Dementia is the leading cause of death for women in the county and has risen to the second leading cause for men.

1 in 3 cases of dementia could be prevented through lifestyle and social changes. The NHS Health Check, for adults in England aged 40 to 74, is an ideal opportunity for GPs and other healthcare professionals to offer advice to promote a healthier lifestyle.

It is important that we build dementia-friendly communities, where people are aware of and understand dementia. This will help people with dementia to continue to live in the way they want to and in the community they choose.



### WE NEED A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF DEMAND FOR SERVICES

The demand for services, both health and social care, continues to increase. This is in part due to our aging population and the challenges it brings. However, it is also due to some of the inbuilt inefficiencies within our systems.

Despite knowing a large amount about a small part of the health sector, hospital activity, we know very little about what happens at a population level in other settings and sectors. Understanding how people move between services and organisations, and identifying how and when an individual's level of need changes requires better information and shared data.

Making a shift towards population health management requires collaboration across a range of sectors and wider communities – between local authorities, the NHS, the third sector and patients and the public themselves working together as a system.



### THE PATTERN OF ILLNESS IS BECOMING MORE COMPLEX

Much of the demand for health and social care in the future will be driven by the increasingly complex management of people with multiple long term conditions and those who are becoming progressively more frail. By 2028 it is estimated that there will be an additional 22,000 people with two or more conditions in East Sussex. Alongside this increase, there will be an additional 16,000 people who will be moderately or severely frail in the county.

Multi-morbidity is often thought of as a condition that affects only older people. However, the risk of exposure to unhealthy lifestyle factors in early life is relatively high in more deprived areas and multi-morbidity is known to develop at least 10-15 years earlier. Of the estimated 160,000 people with more than two conditions 43% are under the age of 65 in East Sussex.

These changes pose major challenges to our health and care systems and highlight the need to invest in and strengthen timely prevention activities. Proactive, targeted case finding for both multi-morbidity and frailty and use of risk stratifying tools in can help early identification.



### WE CAN BUILD ON OUR STRONG COMMUNITIES

Many of the communities in East Sussex already have a secure identity with 7 in 10 people reporting they have a strong sense of belonging and more than 8 in 10 satisfied with their local area. People are engaged and willing to support each other with half of those responding to our community survey reporting they have volunteered in the past year.

The growing demands, in the context of an aging population, increasing prevalence of long term conditions and multi-morbidity, highlight the importance of focusing on prevention and early intervention. However, we also need to concentrate our efforts on improving and sustaining good health and positive wellbeing.

In order to achieve this we must empower individuals and local communities by involving them in designing and delivering the services they use. This asset based approach involves building and mobilising the skills and knowledge of individuals, and the connections and resources within communities and organisations.

By taking a strengths and assets approach we have a better chance of making a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of our population. Promoting independence and developing a sustainable health and care system requires us to value everyone's contributions.

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