

### **BlackpoolCouncil**

# **Update on the life expectancy and premature mortality**

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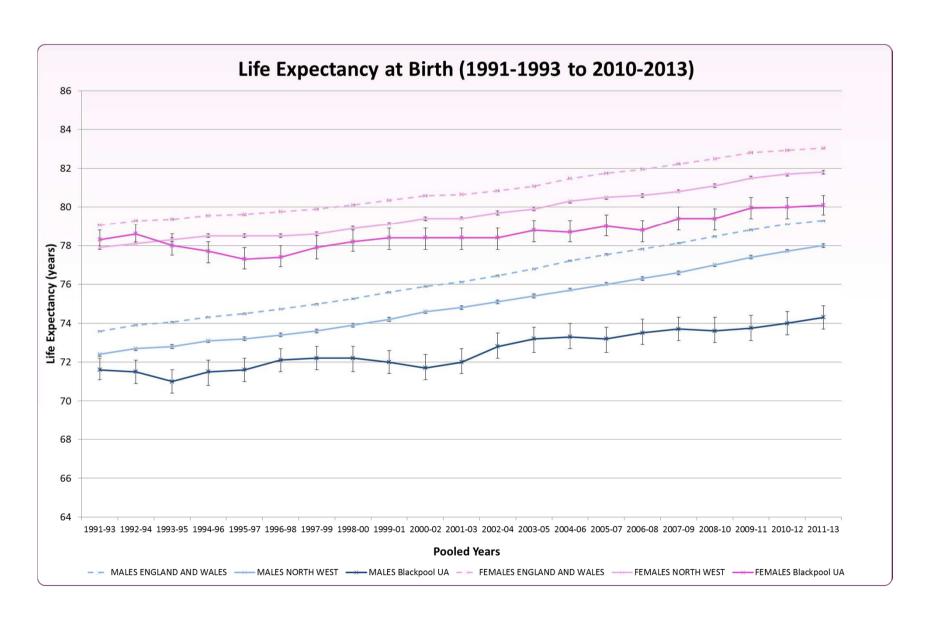
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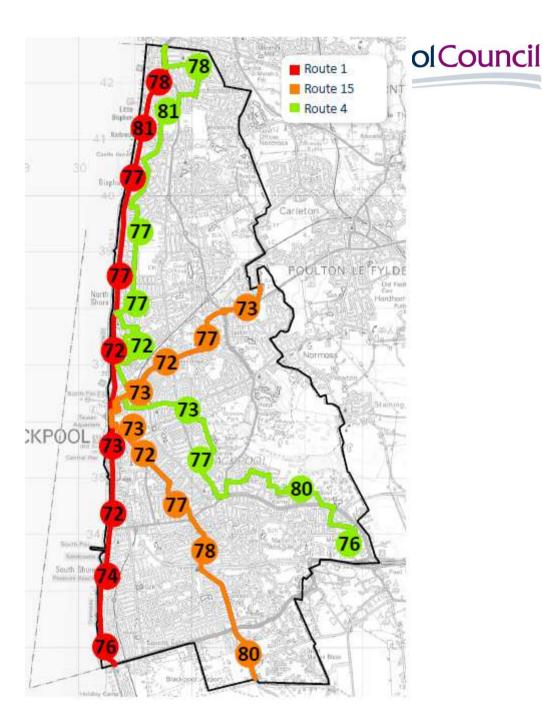


## The picture in Blackpool

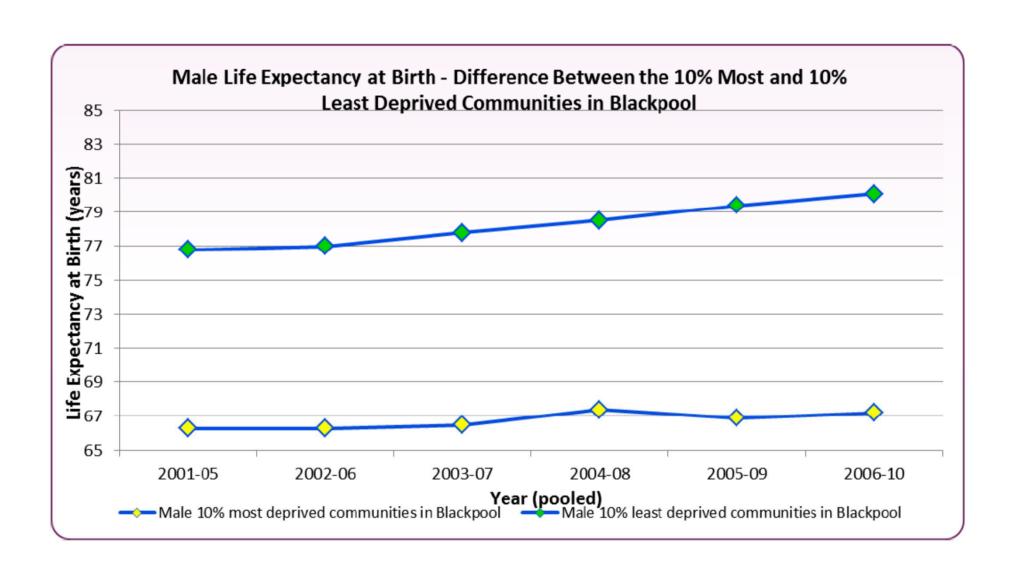




Life expectancy variation illustrated by bus routes

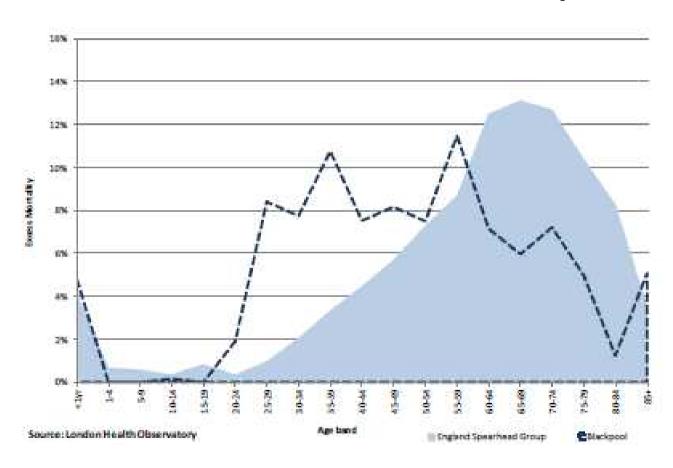








## Excess male mortality



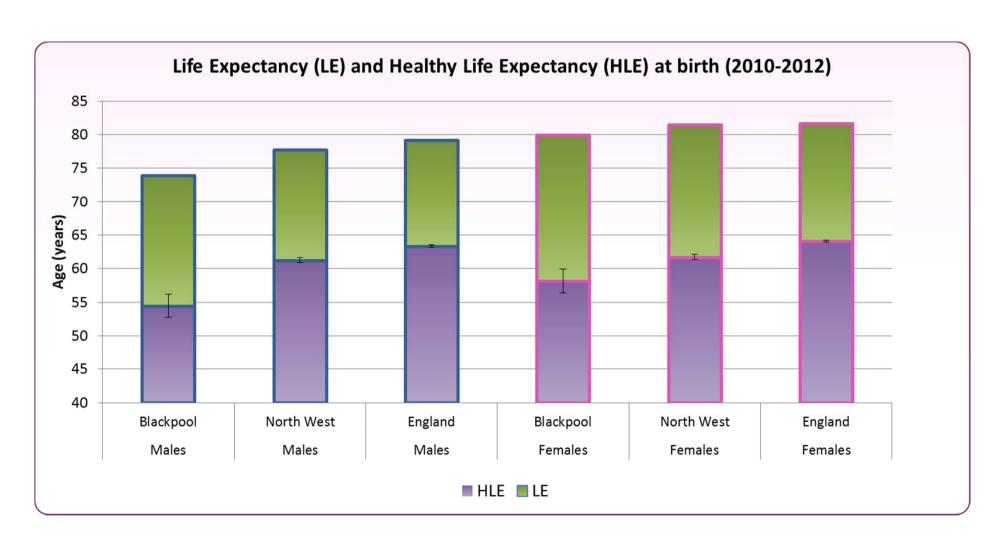


### Main causes of reduced life expectancy

#### Months of life lost

Men		Women	
Violence, self-harm, overdose & poisoning	12.06	Digestive diseases	7.16
Digestive diseases	12.02	Cancers	4.89
Circulatory diseases	11.46	Respiratory diseases	4.57
Respiratory diseases	7.46	Circulatory diseases	2.82
Cancers	6.06	Violence, self-harm, overdose and poisoning	2.5
Infant mortality	1.99	Infant mortality	1.38

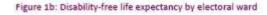


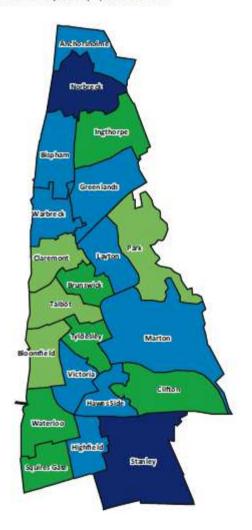


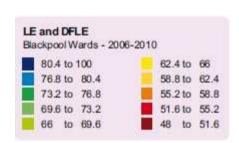


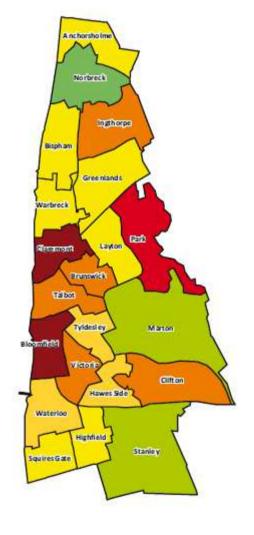
# Life expectancy and disability-free life expectancy within Blackpool

Figure 1a: Life expectancy by electoral ward

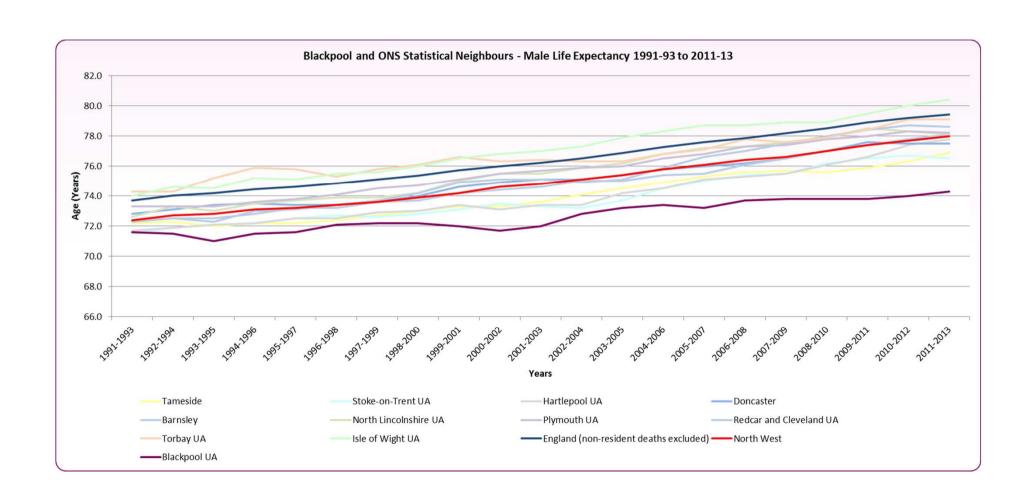








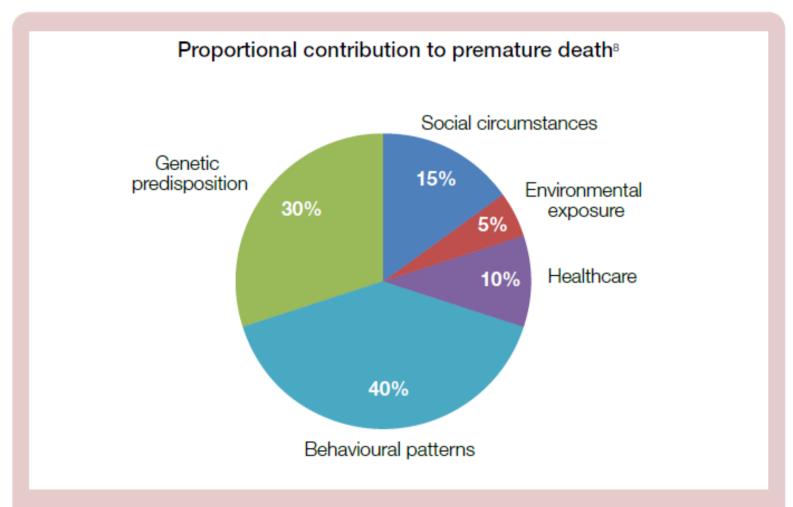






# What's driving local patterns of premature mortality and reduced life expectancy?

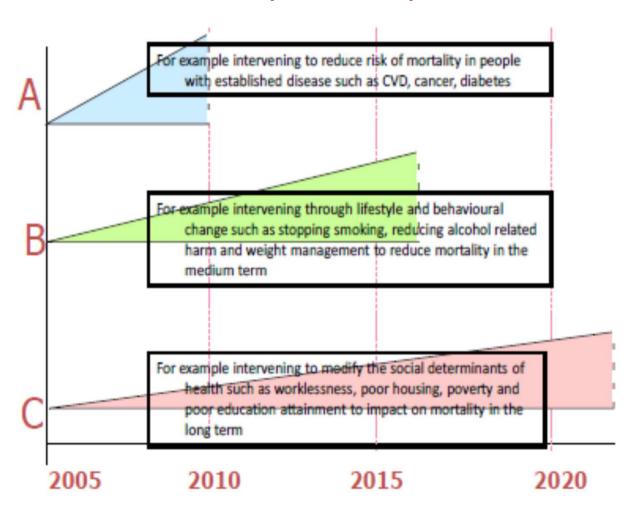




**Figure 1** In the US, McGinnis et al show how healthcare plays an important though proportionately small role in preventing early deaths. Similar studies have supported these findings in the UK. Improving how we live our lives offers far greater opportunity for improving health.



# Timescales for interventions to increase life expectancy





#### **Shorter-term actions**

- Secondary prevention for cardiovascular events
- Additional treatment for hypertension
- Warfarin for atrial fibrillation in the over 65s
- Improving management of diabetes
- Treating cardiovascular disease risk among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients
- Reducing smoking in pregnancy
- Reducing harmful alcohol consumption
- Increasing rates of early prevention for lung cancer
- Providing stop smoking interventions
- Reducing excess winter deaths, e.g. through warmer homes initiatives
- Providing flu vaccinations for those with existing health conditions



#### **Medium and long term actions**

- Addressing key lifestyle factors:
  - Smoking
  - Alcohol and drug misuse
  - Excess weight
  - Physical inactivity

#### •Modifying the social determinants of health:

- Worklessness
- Poor housing
- Poverty
- Poor educational attainment

### What works to reduce inequalities?

- Due North. Whitehead (2014)
- Fairer Society, Healthy Lives. Marmot (2010)
- Securing our future health. Wanless (2002)
- Securing good health for the whole population.
  Wanless (2004)
- Independent Inquiry into Inequalities in Health. Acheson (1998)
- Inequalities in Health. Black Report (1980)



## What's happening at present?



### **Activities**

- Case finding for hypertension, atrial fibrillation and COPD
- Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy and action plans
  - Mental health, Healthy weight, Tobacco, Alcohol
- Blackpool Council strategies and work plans
  - E.g. Child Poverty Strategy, Welfare Reform action plan,
    Homeless Strategy, mental health and worklessness
- A Better Start