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SEPHO's website new look

The SEPHO website has been updated with a new look & feel and a more user-friendly service. The menu is now better structured and includes a new Tools and Methods page where you will find links to tools and methodologies that are available for use within the South East region and at national level.

Please visit our new website and we would welcome your comments.

WELCOME TO SEPHO NEWS – THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE SOUTH EAST PUBLIC HEALTH OBSERVATORY (SEPHO).

This newsletter is produced for practitioners and other professionals working in public health.

SEPHO News provides updates on SEPHO projects, publications and data analyses; reports and statistics from other organisations; wider news; and forthcoming events.

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Briefing of Active People

This briefing uses the Sport England Active People Survey data to provide a descriptive analysis of moderate physical activity in the South East Region including walking and cycling when used for transport, as well as sport.

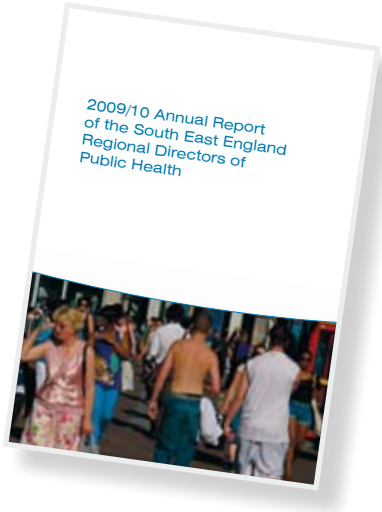
Mortality Rates in Europe – how does the South East compare?

This first report of the European Comparisons series shows that the population in the South East enjoys good health compared with other regions in the UK. However, this report, which uses all age, all cause mortality as a summary measure of ill-health, shows some interesting and rather startling contrasts between the South East and other countries and regions in Europe.

Knowledge Matters Newsletter

The latest Knowledge Matters Newsletter from the South East Coast Quality Observatory is now available.

2009/10 Annual Report of the South East Regional Directors of Public Health



This is the second joint annual report of Professor Yvonne Doyle and Professor John Newton, the South East England regional directors of public health.

South East Health Information Update 107

The latest DH Information update 107 is now available. This information briefing acts as a signpost to public health and social care resources, evidence, policy, news and events.

South East England Indicator Tool (SEEIT): Release 3.1

An updated version of the South East England Indicator Tool (SEEIT), a public health and social care information resource produced by the Department of Health South East (DHSE) is now available. SEEIT is an interactive Excel-based tool displaying trends, projections and Local Area Agreements (LAA).

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ChiMat

The Child and Maternity Observatory recently appointed a local specialist based at SEPHO, Susan Koffler-Sluijter. Susan is working with local health commissioners and their partners to increase the capacity to use knowledge information and intelligence to improve children's services.

One of the popular ChiMat tools is the Disease Management Information Toolkit, otherwise known as DMIT. This tool allows you to compare emergency admission performance for children with certain conditions between PCTs nationally, regionally or within a comparable peer group. DMIT now includes data for epilepsy and diabetes as well as the latest 2008/2009 data for asthma.

ChiMat also has Interactive Infant Mortality Profiles for England available now.

Guidance and support for commissioning is also available on the site in terms of the World Class Commissioning competencies and how the data and tools available on the site can be used to support the requirements of the commissioning process at every stage in the commissioning cycle: http://www.chimat.org.uk

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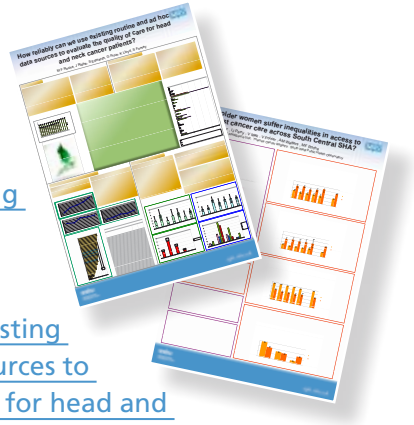
Oxford Cancer Intelligence Unit

The Oxford Cancer Intelligence Unit recently attended the UKACR & NCIN joint conference and presented four posters:

- Do older women suffer inequalities in access to breast cancer care across South Central SHA?
- Quality assuring the merging of the databases of two English cancer registries.
- How reliably can we use existing routine and ad hoc data sources to evaluate the quality of care for head and neck cancer patients?
- Profile of head and neck cancers in England: secular and geographical trends in the incidence, mortality and survival of laryngeal and oropharyngeal cancers.



Profile of Head & Neck Cancers in England

This report is the first output resulting from the collaboration between the National Cancer Intelligence Network's Site Specific Clinical Reference Group for Head and Neck Cancers and the Oxford Cancer Intelligence Unit.

It highlights some interesting and important findings about time trends and variations in incidence, mortality and survival for the main categories of head and neck cancers.

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Health Profiles – Launched 6th July

The latest Health Profiles are now available for each area in England. These provide a snapshot of health for each area in England using key health indicators, which enables comparison locally, regionally and over time. They are designed to help local councils and the NHS decide where to target resources and tackle health inequalities in their local area.

Learning Disabilities observatory

The learning disabilties observatory was launched on 27th July to keep watch on the health of people with learning disabilities and the health care they receive. You can visit their website at: http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/

New APHO Diabetes prevalence model available

The new APHO Diabetes Prevalence Model is now launched. This is a new tool that enables local healthcare organisations to calculate estimates of the number of people with diabetes for specific populations.

NOO: National Child Measurement Programme – Changes in children's body mass index between 2006/07 and 2008/09

This report presents analysis of the first three years of National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) data, and highlights any statistically significant differences that can be detected across survey years in the body mass index (BMI) of English children aged 4–5 and 10–11 years.

NOO: Data sources: knowledge of and attitudes towards healthy eating and physical activity

This paper identifies and describes the main sources of national-level data on knowledge of and attitudes to healthy eating and physical activity in adults and children in England.

The new Urological Cancer Hub is now available.

This hub was developed on behalf of the National Cancer Intelligence Network by the South West Public Health Observatory (SWPHO). The website aims to equip health professionals and others with information on urological cancers and their treatment.

Cost savings from a reduction of emergency admissions for myocardial infarction following smoke-free legislation in England

This report uses the findings from research into the short term impact of smoke-free legislation in England to estimate the reduction in bed days and costs to the NHS of emergency admissions for myocardial infarction (MI). By applying these findings, the report suggests that the introduction of smoke-free legislation in England has resulted in approximately 9,600 fewer bed days for myocardial infarction (MI) admissions, and an estimated cost saving to acute hospital care of £8.4 million.

The number of emergency admissions in England for MI in the year leading up to smoke-free legislation was the highest in the South East with 8,445 admissions. Already, the estimated savings across the south east of England is £1.4m.

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Local Basket of Health Inequalities Indicators

Data for three of the indicators in the Local Basket Of Health Inequalities Indicators (LBOI) have now been stratified by local deprivation quintile: premature mortality for circulatory disease, premature mortality for cancers, and premature mortality for lung cancer. The indicator value for each local quintile, and also the slope index of inequality, is available for each Local Authority.

Volumes, variations and value

This is the second in a new series of Commissioning briefs from ERPHO, designed to support PCTs and practice-based commissioners to become World Class Commissioners. ERPHO reported on Volumes, variation and value for 49 surgical procedures.

HSJ Supplement 27 May 2010: Health Intelligence (in partnership with APHO)

A review of 10 years of public health intelligence delivered by public health observatories and a look ahead to future opportunities and challenges.

Mid-year estimates

ONS have recently released the population estimates relating to mid-2009. To view these, visit the ONS website at:
http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=15106

Census 2011

The 2011 Census External Advisory Group Papers are also available.

PCT Spend and Outcome Factsheets and Tool (SPOT)

The Department of Health has commissioned the Association of Public Health Observatories (APHO) to develop a tool which helps commissioners to link health outcomes and expenditure. The development of this tool and a Spend and Outcome Factsheet for every PCT in England has been led by Yorkshire and Humber Public Health Observatory.

National End of Life Care Intelligence Network (NEoLCIN)

Launched in May, the arrival of this intelligence network and website brings together data on where people die and what affects their care.

Three publications from NEoLCIN are now available on their website for:
- Variations in Place of Death in England
- Deaths from Renal Diseases in England
- Deaths from Neurodegenerative Diseases in England

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2010 WCRF International 2-day Conference

12–13 September 2010

This new conference will provide a forum for the dissemination of results in nutrition and cancer and will examine how this knowledge can be used by policy-makers to inform thinking and help develop ways of preventing cancer.

HPA – Health Protection Conference

14–15 September 2010

Health Protection 2010 will focus on the latest scientific research and its practical application in key areas:

- Reducing harm from key infections
- Minimising health impact from environmental hazards, including radiation, chemicals and poisons
- Reducing harm arising from incidents and emergencies
- Ensuring biological medicines are safe and effective in reducing disease.

Public Health: Promoting Health and the Challenges Ahead

30 September 2010

This event will explore the way forward to safeguard a healthier nation and will debate strategies and policies that can make a real impact. Professionals from the public health and health promotion sectors can hear from leading experts on the current and emerging issues being faced and how they may be overcome.

Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Training

4–7 October 2010

Following the highly successful courses in 2009 at Birmingham and Gregynog, the West Midlands Public Health Observatory and the Welsh Health Impact Support Unit are once again offering these two courses in 2010.

NHS Alliance annual conference

18 & 19 November 2010

13th Annual conference at the Bournemouth International Centre

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South East Public Health Information Group (SEPHIG) Meeting

SEPHIG events are open to all public health intelligence analysts and specialists working in the South East. Meetings cover a wide range of topics related to public health and health information and allow an opportunity to network with others, exchange ideas and discuss current issues.

The last SEPHIG meeting was held on Wednesday 9th June 2010 and covered the following topics:

- ONS Geography – changes to coding
- GP practice profiles
- Primary care inequalities
- Surveillance
- Marmot review

To view presentations and other resources shared at the meeting please see the SEPHIG area of the SEPHO website.

The next SEPHIG meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th September 2010 at the City of Westminster Archives Centre. The meeting agenda will include:

- Healthy life expectancy/disability free life expectancy
- End of life care
- A&E and Ambulance data

To register for this meeting, please contact Carolyn.Tasker@sepho.nhs.uk.

If you would like to become a member of the SEPHIG group and receive SEPHIG mailings please contact Carolyn.Tasker@sepho.nhs.uk

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