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# Health inequalities data sources map

A tool to enable NHS finance staff to support their organisations to tackle health inequalities

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## Introduction


The HFMA has produced this map of health inequalities policy and data from across the four nations of the United Kingdom. It brings together key national guidance and data with useful resources to support NHS finance professionals.

As the NHS seeks to tackle the health inequalities brought into sharp focus by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is vital that NHS finance staff are able to support their organisations through the use of good quality data and evidence.

Aimed primarily at NHS finance professionals in both provider and commissioner organisations, this map provides a quick reference guide to key guidance documents, national statistics and data focusing on specific areas of health inequality.

There is a vast amount of information available to support work to tackle health inequalities and this map cannot include it all. However, the items included cover key areas and provide references to other useful sources.

This forms part of a suite of maps including *NHS value and efficiency map*; *Integrated care system finance and governance guidance map*; *Mental health guidance and resources map*; *NHS environmental sustainability guidance map*; and *Health inequalities data sources map*.

The map will be updated periodically as new guidance is produced, marked as . Please e-mail [policy@hfma.org.uk](mailto:policy@hfma.org.uk) with any links to further guidance or resources that may be helpful to include.

## National policy documents

The underpinning strategies that support national work to tackle health inequalities

Links to guidance	Last updated
<p><b>ENGLAND</b> <a href="#">Public Health England: <i>Addressing health inequalities through collaborative action</i></a> approach to health inequalities and the action that can be taken to address them. Links to various national frameworks and tools.</p>	September 2021
<p><b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b> <a href="#">Department of Health: <i>Making life better</i></a> a whole system strategic framework for public health 2013-2023.</p>	June 2014
<p><b>SCOTLAND</b> <a href="#">Scottish Government: <i>Public health priorities for Scotland</i></a></p>	June 2018
<p><b>WALES</b> <a href="#">Public Health Wales: <i>Measuring the health and well-being of a nation</i></a> public health outcomes framework for Wales.</p>	March 2016
<p><b>WALES</b> <a href="#">Public Health Wales: <i>Placing health equity at the heart of the Covid-19 sustainable response and recovery</i></a> report focusing on the wider effects of the pandemic on a range of issues including: poverty, deprivation and social exclusion; unemployment, education and the digital divide; harmful housing and working conditions; and violence and crime.</p>	March 2021
<p><b>WALES</b> <a href="#">Public Health Wales: <i>Rising to the triple challenge of Brexit, Covid-19 and climate change for health, well-being and equity in Wales</i></a> examining a range of factors that will be impacted by the three challenges, including health, economic, social and security, mental wellbeing, environment and access to, and quality of services and highlights how this 'triple challenge' will impact on the health behaviours of the population.</p>	October 2021

## Broad health inequalities' data

Reports and data sources that cover several areas of health inequality or review the national picture

Links to guidance	Last updated
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> <a href="#">The Health Foundation: Evidence hub: what drives health inequalities?</a> source of health inequalities data across money and resources; work; housing; and transport.	August 2021
<b>ENGLAND</b> <a href="#">Office for National Statistics: Health inequalities</a> current patterns and trends in ill health and death by measures of socio-economic status.	October 2021
<b>ENGLAND</b> <a href="#">Public Health England: Public health outcomes framework</a> trends in public health including wider determinants and life expectancy, with data available to local authority level.	February 2021
<b>ENGLAND</b> <a href="#">Institute of Health Equity: Fair society, healthy lives (the Marmot review)</a> report from an independent review to propose the most effective evidence-based strategies for reducing health inequalities in England. Link includes economic cost analysis.	February 2010
<b>ENGLAND</b> <a href="#">Institute of Health Equity: Marmot review 10 years on</a> review of progress in the context of deteriorating population health and widening health inequalities since 2010.	February 2020
<b>ENGLAND</b> <a href="#">Institute of Health Equity: Build back fairer – the Covid-19 Marmot review</a> the pandemic, socioeconomic and health inequalities in England.	December 2020
<b>ENGLAND</b> <a href="#">University of York: The costs of inequality: whole-population modelling study of lifetime inpatient hospital costs in the English National Health Service by level of neighbourhood deprivation</a>	May 2016
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b> <a href="#">Department of Health: Health inequalities annual report 2021</a> a comprehensive analysis of health inequality gaps in Northern Ireland.	May 2021
<b>SCOTLAND</b> <a href="#">Scottish Government: Long-term monitoring of health inequalities</a> annual update of the long-term monitoring of health inequalities headline indicators.	January 2021

**WALES NHS Confederation: *Making the difference: tackling health inequalities in Wales*** suggested actions for the Welsh Government to tackle health inequalities.

April 2021

## National indices of deprivation



Indices of deprivation are relative measures that describe national deprivation of each small area when compared with the rest of the country

Links to guidance	Last updated
 <b>UNITED KINGDOM Consumer Data Research Centre: <i>Index of multiple deprivation – interactive map</i></b> an interactive map providing small area measures of relative deprivation across the whole United Kingdom, using the indices of multiple deprivation from the four nations.	March 2022
<b>ENGLAND Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: <i>English indices of deprivation 2019</i></b> the indices of deprivation (IoD2019) are a suite of 39 separate indicators across seven domains: income; employment; health deprivation and disability; education, skills training; crime; barriers to housing and services; and living environment. The weighted seven domains form the index of multiple deprivation (IMD2019)	March 2022
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency: <i>Northern Ireland multiple deprivation measure 2017</i></b> a relative measure of multiple deprivation across seven domains: income deprivation; employment deprivation; health deprivation and disability; education, skills and training; access to services (formerly proximity to services); living environment; and crime and disorder (NIMDM2017)	February 2022
<b>SCOTLAND Scottish Government: <i>Scottish index of multiple deprivation 2020</i></b> a relative measure of deprivation across seven domains: income; employment; education; health; access to services; crime; and housing (SIMD2020)	February 2022
<b>WALES Welsh Government: <i>Welsh index of multiple deprivation 2019</i></b> a relative measure of deprivation across eight domains: income; employment; health; education; access to services; housing; community safety; and physical environment (WIMD2019)	January 2022

## Focused health inequalities' data

This section highlights reports and data that relate to specific areas of interest when considering health inequalities

### Race / ethnicity

	Links to guidance	Last updated
	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> <a href="#">NHS Race and Health Observatory: <i>Ethnic health inequalities in the UK</i></a> infographic.	September 2021
	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> <a href="#">NHS Race and Health Observatory: <i>Ethnic inequalities in healthcare – a rapid evidence review</i></a>	February 2022
	<b>ENGLAND</b> <a href="#">NHS Race and Health Observatory and Nuffield Trust: <i>The elective care backlog and ethnicity</i></a>	November 2022

### Mental health

	Links to guidance	Last updated
	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> <a href="#">Centre for Mental Health: <i>Mental health inequalities factsheet</i></a> key statistics about mental health inequalities.	November 2020
	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> <a href="#">Mental Health Foundation: <i>Tackling social inequalities to reduce mental health problems</i></a> evidence review to understand what types of social inequalities negatively affect mental health and how.	January 2020
	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> <a href="#">Centre for Mental Health: <i>Mental health inequalities: factsheet</i></a>	November 2020
	<b>ENGLAND</b> <a href="#">Local Government Association: <i>Health inequalities – mental health case studies</i></a> part of the health inequalities hub, which is funded by the UK Government	February 2022

	<b>ENGLAND NHS England: <i>Advancing mental health equalities strategy</i></b> summarises the core actions to take to bridge the gaps for communities fairing worse than others in mental health services.	September 2020
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## Obesity


	Links to guidance	Last updated
	<b>ENGLAND Public Health England: <i>Health matters: obesity and the food environment</i></b> obesity related statistics, economic cost, and the link to health inequalities including fast food outlet density data.	March 2017
	<b>ENGLAND The Kings Fund: <i>Tackling obesity – the role of the NHS in a whole-system approach</i></b> how the NHS can work in partnership with local partners, includes statistical data and extensive references.	July 2021
	<b>SCOTLAND NHS Health Scotland: <i>Obesity and health inequalities in Scotland</i></b> summary report focusing on inequalities in the distribution of obesity in Scotland among adults and children	July 2017

## Smoking

	Links to guidance	Last updated
	<b>UNITED KINGDOM Cancer Research UK: <i>The economic case for local investment in smoking cessation</i></b> with links to further information and tools.	2017
	<b>ENGLAND Office for Health Improvement and Disparities: <i>The Khan review - Making smoking obsolete</i></b> independent review into the government's ambition to make England smokefree by 2030	June 2022
	<b>ENGLAND Public Health England: <i>Cost of smoking to the NHS in England: 2015</i></b> combined data from a number of sources to assess the impact of smoking on the NHS.	July 2017



## Alcohol

Links to guidance		Last updated
	<b>UNITED KINGDOM Alcohol Change UK: <i>Alcohol statistics</i></b> the latest statistics relating to alcohol use in the UK.	2021
	<b>SCOTLAND NHS Health Scotland: <i>Hospital admissions, deaths and overall burden of disease attributable to alcohol consumption in Scotland</i></b>	February 2018

## Rural and coastal areas

Links to guidance		Last updated
	<b>ENGLAND Department of Health and Social Care: <i>Chief medical officer's annual report 2021: health in coastal communities</i></b> an analysis of the health and wellbeing of coastal communities, which include some of the worst health outcomes in England. Includes case studies and data analysis.	July 2021
	<b>ENGLAND Public Health England: <i>Health inequalities in ageing in rural and coastal areas</i></b> intended to support strategic planning, service design and commissioning. Includes case studies and links to other research.	August 2019
	<b>ENGLAND Local Government Association: <i>Health and wellbeing in rural areas</i></b> population profiles of different rural areas can be very diverse in relation to their level of affluence and their health outcomes but can be masked by average statistics. This report sets out why rural communities need particular consideration.	2017

## Useful websites

Links to guidance	Last updated
<a href="#">NHS Equality and Health Inequalities Hub</a>	
<a href="#">NHS Futures</a>	
<a href="#">National Institute of Health and Care Excellence – evidence search</a>	
<a href="#">NHS Race and Health Observatory</a>	
<a href="#">Office for Health Improvement and Disparities</a>	
<a href="#">Race Disparity Unit</a>	
<a href="#">Institute of Health Equity</a>	

## About the HFMA

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The association also analyses and responds to national policy and aims to exert influence in shaping the wider healthcare agenda. It has particular interest in promoting the highest professional standards in financial management and governance and is keen to work with other organisations to promote approaches that really are 'fit for purpose' and effective.

The HFMA offers a range of qualifications in healthcare business and finance at undergraduate and postgraduate level and can provide a route to an MBA in healthcare finance. The qualifications are delivered through HFMA's Academy which was launched in 2017 and has already established strong learner and alumni networks.

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