LEICESTERSHIRE
JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

BLABY
DISTRICT PROFILE

JANUARY 2010
1. **Demography**

In 2007 there were an estimated 92,900 people resident in Blaby.

90% of the population is white British, 4% is Indian, 2% is other white or Irish, 2% other Asian, 2% Black or Black British and 1% Chinese or other ethnic group.

Much of the built up area of Leicester City is continuous with adjoining built up areas of Leicestershire County, especially districts of Oadby & Wigston and parts of Blaby, Charnwood and Harborough.

For 2002 to 2007, Blaby had the lowest standardised mortality ratios.

Blaby is less affected by socio-economic deprivation with 10.1% of the population living in neighbourhoods that have been classified as deprived nationally (3rd quintile). However, there are no residents within the most deprived quintile (4 and 5). This is similar to the value for Leicestershire and is below the national average of 20% of people.

**Priority Neighbourhoods**

Blaby has only one priority neighbourhood area, Enderby Central. A map of the priority neighbourhood is available on the Leicestershire Statistics and Research Online website:

http://www.lsr-online.org/reports/leicestershire_laa_priority_neighbourhoods

2. **Housing and accommodation needs**

Blaby covers a 50 square mile area in South West Leicestershire. The north of the area is largely urban bordering the City of Leicester but becomes more rural in the south.
Blaby has a population of 92,500, which is expected to rise, the most significant increases are in those aged 50 and over who are projected to increase by 37.5% by 2030, with the oldest group (over 85) expected to increase by 128.6%. Over the same period the 30-50 age group is expected to decrease by 6.5%.

Other households with support needs represent 11.5% (4,206) of the total housing stock with physical disabled frail elderly and mental health being the highest categories with vulnerable young people and children leaving care showing only 0.8% of the total households with support needs and only 1.3% of the total household population of Blaby.

Nearly 8% of the population comprises black and minority ethnic people. This is comparable with the county at just over 7% and the East Midlands of nearly 9%. The largest ethnic group is the Indian population comprising nearly 3.5% of the population Gypsies and Travellers are, however, an increasingly important group in the area.

There are a high proportion of owner-occupiers with over 87% of households in this tenure compared to a national figure of 70% less than 8% of the households rent from social housing landlords and less than 5% of households rent from private landlords.

The average house price in the District was £156,796 (Average House Price Index from CACI Street Value Database, March 2006), however, this is likely to have reduced in the current economic climate. At present, mortgage repossessions are rising; the Council of Mortgage Lenders said in 2007 that mortgage repossessions increased by 65% in 2006 (across the country), the increasing effect of the economic uncertainty is that these levels of repossessions will continue to rise year on year.

The key priorities for housing are across Leicestershire:

- Housing and older people
- Achieving decent homes in the private sector
- The provision of more floating support to vulnerable people
- Tackling fuel poverty, anti-social behaviour and drug activity
- Housing adaptations for disabled people

3. **Staying Healthy**

Overall life expectancy in Blaby is 80 years for men and 83.2 years for women.

The main causes of health inequalities for Blaby have been identified as cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease and cancer. The key to reducing these inequalities lies in supporting people to make informed choices about their health.
and well-being. Some of the key lifestyle factors facing the people of Blaby are listed below.

In Blaby it is estimated that

- 19,300 adults are obese
- More than 27.5% of adults eat 5 portions of fruit or vegetables per day
- Only 23.5% of the adult population exercise for 30 minutes or more at least 3 times per week
- There are an estimated 12,600 binge drinkers
- 14,681 adults smoke, 15,300 hazardous drinkers, 2,869 harmful drinkers

4. **Children's health and well-being**

In 2001 there were 22,349 people aged 19 years and under in Blaby, 24.8% of the total population.

- Between 1993 and 2006 mortality rates amongst children and young people (aged under 15) have steadily reduced, in line with East Midlands and National trends.
- Diagnosis of children (aged 15 years and under) with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC) has increased ten-fold in the last 10 years.
- Across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, two in every 1,000 people under 20 years old are registered with Mental Health Services. Registration rates are on average three times higher for females.
- Children in care are much more likely to suffer from mental health problems.
- In 2007, Leicestershire’s under 18 conception rate increased by 4.3% which was greater than the national average increase of 2.6%.
- Between 2004 and 2006 there were 153 teenage conceptions in Blaby. The under 18 conception rate has increased in Blaby by 4.2% since 1998, increasing from 28.4% to 29.5%.
- Alcohol consumption rates for girls (aged 11-15) are continuing to rise nationally, whilst consumption rates for boys has stabilised. In most areas of Leicestershire girls (aged 11-15) have a higher alcohol consumption rate than boys.
- 18% of Leicestershire pupils in year eight and 10 reported using drugs, which is slightly higher than the national average of 16%.
• In 2006, 14% of ‘vulnerable young people’ in Leicestershire had either significant or critical issues in relation to substance misuse, with the highest rates being reported in Coalville and Hinckley.

• By 2050, it is predicted that 25% of under 20 year olds will be obese.

• By 2050, it is predicted that 70% of girls could be overweight or obese, with only 30% in the healthy Body Mass Index (BMI) range. For boys, it is predicted that approximately 55% could be overweight or obese, with around 45% in the healthy BMI range.

• For Blaby
  
  o 8% of reception age children are obese, 20% are overweight or obese
  o 12.9% of year 6 children are obese, 25.6% are overweight or obese
  o In year 6, boys, Blaby had lower prevalence of obesity and overweight and obese when comparing to the Leicestershire County and Rutland average.

• For each of the four areas identified as priority areas for children and young people (i.e. mental health, substance misuse, obesity and teenage pregnancy) there is a strong link between deprivation and prevalence. There is therefore a need to consider ways of targeting resources to further support young people in deprived areas such as North West Leicestershire/Charnwood/Melton/ and Hinckley & Bosworth, whilst ensuring that young people in other areas also have good access to services. Overall, children and young people in Leicestershire are healthier and safer than national averages.

5. Older people

In 2008 there were an estimated 16,100 people age 65 and over. This is projected to rise to 23,900 by 2025. This is an increase of 48.8%.

Healthy life expectancy for people aged 65 and over is 13.9 years Blaby.

In 2008 7,046 people over 65 had a limiting long term illness. This is projected to rise to 10,832 people in 2025, a rise of 53.7%.

In 2008 there were 5192 people over 65 years unable to self care. This is projected to rise to 8096 people in 2025.

Across Leicestershire as a whole the need and demand for services is predicted to increase. This pattern will be true for Blaby with its rise in older people.
Future service use will need to be focused towards:

- Reduced use of residential care and more people helped to live at home or supported living
- Personalisation of services
- Preventative services
- Voluntary service provision

6. Planned Care

Two thirds of referrals for planned care for people from Leicestershire County and Rutland are referred to University Hospitals Leicester. Surgical and medical specialties account for 77% of all outpatient attendances.

Older people over the age of 65 years are the group most likely to have a planned in-patient stay in hospital with an admission rate more than twice the rest of the population. This reflects the higher level of chronic disease and disability associated with these age groups.

For every age group except 17-24 year olds, neoplasm was the most common or second most common reason for admission. Prevention by facilitating lifestyle changes would have a significant impact on the health care services.

The level of planned care (as measured by hospital admissions) for the population of Leicestershire County and Rutland is greater than one would expect compared with the national population. Understanding the reasons for this would help reduce unnecessary episodes of planned care, especially as outpatient attendances are expected to increase by 7% and planned inpatient stays are expected to increase by 8% by 2012/13 even though the population in Leicestershire County and Rutland is expected to increase by only 5%.

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**Table 31: Projections for service use**

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*Source: www.poppi.org.uk*
7. **Cancer**

The number of new cases of cancer (incidence) is anticipated to increase over the next few years due to the increasing numbers of older people. Reducing risk factors, in particular smoking, will help reduce the rate of increase in the medium to long-term.

The falling rates in premature mortality for those who have cancer are expected to continue. The primary care trust has challenging targets to reduce premature mortality from cancer linked to the national target to reduce this by 20% by 2010 from the 1995-97 baseline.

The combined effect of increasing incidence and survival means that cancer services are likely to see an increasing demand for their expertise in the forthcoming years.

Increasing the uptake of cancer screening will increase the number of new cancers (although cervical cancer screening detects pre-cancerous changes rather than the cancer itself) and further increase the demand on cancer services. This is likely to be marginal as the uptake in Leicestershire County and Rutland is already greater than 80%.

Across Leicestershire County and Rutland:

- 64% of men diagnosed with cancer are alive at 1 year
- 71.2% of women diagnosed with cancer are alive at 1 year
- For men, 1 year survival is highest for prostate cancer at 94.4%, it is 74.5% for colorectal cancer and drops to 26.4% for lung cancer
- For women, 1 year survival is highest for breast cancer at 96.3%, it is 67.2% for colorectal cancer and drops to 31.3% for lung cancer
- 42.7% of men diagnosed with cancer are alive at 5 years
- 55.6% of women diagnosed with cancer are alive at 5 years
- For men, 5 year survival is highest for prostate cancer at 75.2%, it is 53.8% for colorectal cancer and drops to 5.9% for lung cancer
- For women, 5 year survival is highest for breast cancer at 83.9%, it is 48.9% for colorectal cancer and drops to 8.4% for lung cancer

In Blaby:

- Between 2003 and 2005 1,318 people were registered with cancer through cancer registries. The cancer incidence rate is similar to the national average.
• Between 2005 and 2007 645 people died from cancer. 317 of these were aged less than 75 years. The mortality rates from cancer are below to the national average.

• Blaby has lower incidence of lung cancer in males (50.8 per 100,000) and females (27.3 per 100,000). Both are similar to the Leicestershire County and Rutland average.

• Blaby has higher incidence of breast cancer (134.4 per 100,000) than the primary care trust average.

• Blaby has the highest incidence of colorectal cancer in females (38.8 per 100,000) and the lowest incidence for men (47.6 per 100,000).

• Blaby has higher incidence than the Leicestershire County and Rutland average for prostate cancer.

8. **End of life care**

Most people supported at home wish to die in their home with appropriate help from services. The high proportion of deaths that occur in hospital, which currently stands at 56%, needs to be reduced to reflect these views.

Between 2005 and 2007 approximately 19% of deaths occurred at home. The Primary Care Trust has plans to increase this to 23.5% by 2013. Although some events in the year prior to death are unanticipated and would be expected to lead to unscheduled hospital admissions, patients with cancer have a diagnosis that is already known and could have a care plan based on their likely prognosis. With prior planning, it would be expected that patients with cancer would have fewer hospital admissions in the year prior to their death than other patients. The fact that older people with cancer had higher rates of hospital admissions during the year prior to their death than all older people raises questions regarding the planning and support of cancer patients in the community.

At present most deaths in England occur in NHS hospitals (58%), with deaths at home (18%) and in care homes (17%) collectively accounting for around 35% of all deaths (based on ONS figures for 2004). Hospices account for around 4% of deaths, with around 3% occurring in other locations.

When people were asked about their preferences, the main findings were that:

• Most people would prefer to be cared for at home, as long as high quality care can be assured and that they do not place too great a burden on their families and carers;

• Some people, (particularly older people) who live alone, wish to live at home for as long as possible, although they wish to die elsewhere where they can be certain not to be alone;

• Some people however, would not wish to be cared for at home, and would prefer to be cared for in a hospice;
• Most, but not all, people would prefer not to die in a hospital – although this is where most people do die.

9. **Acute care**

Unscheduled care refers to NHS care in hospitals that is either emergency or unplanned (non-elective) care. On an individual basis, the episodes of care are unanticipated. However, at a population level, there are consistent patterns of care provided to groups within the population.

This chapter is based on NHS data for activity that took place during 2007/08 for the population of NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland.

• The age group most likely to attend the accident and emergency department at Leicester Royal Infirmary is 15 - 24 years, and men are more likely to attend than women

• However, in terms of unscheduled hospital admissions, the age group most likely to be admitted is 75 years plus with an admission rate three times higher than the rest of the population

• The diagnostic group “symptoms signs and abnormal conditions not elsewhere classified” accounted for 17% to 24% of non pregnancy related admissions amongst all age groups, and may reflect the uncertainty in the clinical presentations that require investigation and observation unavailable in the community

• The diagnostic group “injury poisoning and external causes” accounted for 11% to 25% of non pregnancy related admissions amongst all age groups. This is mainly related to trauma in various forms. Home safety and transport safety are key issues for public health and health inequalities.

• The diagnostic group “factors influencing health status” accounted for 12% to 28% of non pregnancy related admissions in the under 65 age groups. Further work should take place to understand why such a high proportion appears in this diagnostic group

• The level of unscheduled care (as measured by hospital admissions) for the population of Leicestershire County and Rutland is greater than one would expect compared with the national population. Understanding the reasons for this would help reduce unnecessary unscheduled hospital admissions, especially as unscheduled hospital admissions are expected to increase by 8% by 2012/13 even though the population in Leicestershire County and Rutland is expected to increase by only 5%.

10. **Long term conditions**

Long-term conditions refer to a group of illnesses that, at present, cannot be cured but can be controlled by medication and other therapies. Once diagnosed with a long-term condition, a patient’s life is forever altered. However, by supporting patients with a long-term condition to manage their condition and their risk factors,
the NHS and social care can support the patient to attain better health outcomes and quality of life, slow disease progression and reduce disability.

There are a large group of diseases that are considered to be long-term conditions. Within this section there is an overview of the common long term conditions that are managed largely within primary care and through GP registers.

Nationally, it is known that:

- People with long-term conditions are more likely to see their GP, be admitted to hospital, and stay in hospital longer than people without long-term conditions.
- Three out of every five people aged over 60 in England suffer from a long-term condition.
- Due to the ageing population the number of people in England with a long-term condition is set to rise by 23% over the next 25 years.
- Patients with long-term conditions are very intensive users of health care services. Those with long-term conditions account for 31% of the population, but use 52% of all GP appointments and 65% of all outpatient appointments.
- It is estimated that the treatment and care of those with long-term conditions accounts for 69% of the primary and acute care budget in England.

In Blaby:

- 3,642 people are on GP diabetes registers. This is similar to the estimated number of people with diabetes for the area.
- The estimated prevalence of diabetes is 4% of the population which is similar to the PCT average
- Between 2005 and 2007 17 people died from diabetes
- Across Leicestershire County and Rutland diabetes prevalence is estimated at 4.1% in 2008 (27,532 people). This is modelled to increase to 5.2% in 2015 (36,563 people) and 6.3% by 2025 (46,840). This is an overall increase of 70% in the number of people living with diabetes by 2025.
- In 2008 there were 1137 people on GP registers with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (1.53% of the adult population)
- Estimates of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are closer to 1952 people or 2.6% of the adult population
- Blaby has the next lowest mortality rate from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (14.9/100,000) which is lower than the Leicestershire County and Rutland average, but not significant.
It is estimated that the prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease will grow over time, both nationally and locally. In 2008 prevalence nationally was estimated at 3.5%. This is expected to rise to 3.7% in 2015 and 3.8% by 2025.

Blaby has a lower premature mortality rate of cardiovascular diseases compared to Leicestershire County and Rutland. Between 2004 and 2006 there were 202 premature deaths from cardiovascular diseases.

In 2008 there were 12,691 people on GP registers with diagnosed hypertension, 17% of the adult population.

The estimated level of hypertension is 22,585 people or 29.7%

In 2008 it is estimated that there are 163,776 people with hypertension in Leicestershire County and Rutland. This is 1 in 3 of the adult population. This is predicted to rise to 198,585 by 2020, a total increase of 21.5% on the 2008 levels.

In 2008 there were 3124 people on GP registers with coronary heart disease, 4.2% of the adult population.

Estimates of coronary heart disease predict actual prevalence to be 3912 people or 5.1%

Females in Blaby and Harborough have significantly lower premature mortality rates for coronary heart disease than the national average.

Blaby have significantly higher emergency admission rates for coronary heart disease than Leicestershire County and Rutland average.

In 2008 there were 1380 people on GP registers with a diagnosis of stroke, 1.9% of adult population.

The estimated prevalence of stroke is 1829 people, 2.4%

Blaby (68 per 100,000) have significantly lower rates of stroke than the national average (118 per 100,000).

Across Leicestershire County and Rutland prevalence is estimated at 2.4% in 2008 (13,271 people). This is modelled to increase to 2.6% in 2015 (15,579 people) and 2% by 2020 (17,313). This is an overall increase of 30% in the number of patients affected by stroke by 2020s.

11. Maternal and newborn health

In 2007 there were 1,078 births in Blaby. The birth rate is similar to the England average and higher than the PCT average.

Blaby has the greatest birth rate of 61.1 per 1,000 female population aged 15 -44 (95% CI 46.6 to 50.6).
Blaby have the highest birth rates across Leicestershire County and Rutland (rates are significantly higher than the Leicestershire County and Rutland average).

Between 2005 and 2007 16 babies died before reaching 1 year in age (the infant mortality rate is similar to the England and PCT average)

The proportion of low birth weight babies is slightly lower than the PCT average

12. **Adult and older persons mental health**

Predicted prevalence of mental health problems in Blaby 2008 and 2025:

- In 2008 there were 1,470 people predicted to have depression, rising by 2.9% in 2025.
- 9,471 people were predicted to have a neurotic disorder, rising by 2.9%.
- 2,546 people were predicted to have a personality disorder rising by 3.1%.
- 318 people predicted to have a psychotic disorder rising by 2.8%

Population aged 65 and over with predicted depression:

- In 2008, it is estimated that between 1600 and 2400 people in Blaby have depression.
- It is estimated that there are between 483 and 805 people with severe depression
13. **Learning disabilities**

There are 200 known people aged 19 and over in Blaby with learning disabilities. This is considerably fewer than the estimated number of 1,729 people.

The majority of people with learning disabilities are aged between 30 and 39 years.

The majority of people with learning disabilities in Leicestershire live with their parents (35.3%) followed by those living in residential accommodation (21%)

In Blaby:

- 36 people have downs syndrome
- 577 people have autistic spectrum disorder (18-64)

The number of adults with learning disabilities is predicted to increase in the future by 8.3% in Leicestershire. This is an increase from an estimated 9,828 adults with learning disabilities in 2008 to 10,643 adults with learning disabilities living in Leicestershire in 2025.

People with learning disabilities often have increased health needs, in comparison to the non disabled population. For example, people with learning disabilities are more likely to experience: psychiatric problems, gastrointestinal problems, respiratory problems, orthopaedic problems, dermatological problems, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, sensory impairments and obesity.
14. **Young disabled adults – physical disability**

- The population of moderately to seriously physically disabled people aged 18-64 is set to rise from 42,113 in 2008 to 45,786 in 2025, a rise of 8.7%. This rises and falls in line with the overall 18-64 years population in Leicestershire.

- On average there are three times as many people with moderate physical disabilities than serious disabilities.

- Of the total number of physically disabled people, there are predicted to be 3,546 people who will need assistance with personal care, which will rise to 3,850 by 2025, a rise of 8.5%. In 2008, there was a total population of 21,056 physically disabled people who were likely to be able to work.

- The number of community care assessments completed by Leicestershire County Council Adult Social Care Service with physically disabled people has increased by 31.2% between 2006 and 2008 and will continue to rise in line with population increases.

- 12,200 people in Leicestershire with a disabling neurological condition with 3,050 needing help with daily living

- 5,790 people registered as deaf or hard of hearing

- 14,550 people in Leicestershire who are blind or partially sighted

15. **Carers**

Blaby is estimated to have 9,535 carers, 10.4% of the population

Carers will need more (and different types of) support due to an expected increase in the numbers of people living in the community with long-term life limiting conditions

Carers are requesting more and more earlier support from community health services and primary care services, including official recognition as a ‘carer’

Information for carers and for social care and health staff who interface with carers (about carers rights and the availability of support) needs to be improved

Support for young carers of adults needs to be better co-ordinated across the Adult Social Care Service and Children and Young People Service

To date, there has been little focus on assistive technology as a support mechanism for carers

Consultation with carers has highlighted that they are keen to support service planning and service reviews. These should not only consider their own support needs but also wider services that address the support needs of the person being cared for
16. **Personalisation**

During 2008/9 in excess of 17,500 Leicestershire people used services provided by Leicestershire County Council’s Adult Social Care Service. The Government has set a target of 30% of the existing people receiving services to have an Individual Budget by 2011 (as defined by NI130). In Leicestershire this equates to over 5,000 people receiving an individual or personal budget by 2011. In 2008/9 approximately 1,300 people used the County Council’s Direct Payments Service. These people have largely directed their own care and support and will be migrated onto an Individual Budget during 2009/10.

Personalisation is the biggest change to the way Adult Social Care Services are organised since the introduction of Community Care. It will challenge all of the major systems both in terms of direct service delivery and all back office functions. Major change will be required to the care pathway and to the culture of the department in terms of empowering citizens to take control of their lives.

**Developing social capital** – there needs to be further recognition that how people behave towards each other in communities, as formal volunteers or informally looking after their neighbours, impacts on the social care and support needed by individuals (which can reduce the need for statutory provision). We need to value the contribution that all individuals can make to society, including meaningful roles for people in receipt of services who wish to volunteer as part of their contribution to society.

**Prevention and early intervention** – we must identify the gaps in existing health and social care provision and be able to meet those needs differently. We need system-wide transformation, developed and owned by local partners that promote early intervention, prevention and re-ablement so that people are supported early on and in a way that’s right for them.

**In line with national trends**, people in Leicestershire have told us they want (and rightly expect) more choice, control, and access to universal services wherever possible, rather than people with particular needs having to accept what services are offered. Consequently, commissioners and providers need to promote access to universal information, advice and advocacy.

17. **Offender health**

There are 4 prisons in Leicestershire County and Rutland covering a prison population of 2,850. There is one prison in Blaby. However there will be a population of offenders living in the community in the district.

MYOI Glen Parva houses young offenders aged 18 to 21. The facility acts as a remand centre for a large population awaiting trial or sentence, and is also a Young offenders Institution for its sentenced population. Around 70% of the population spend less than six months as sentenced prisoners. The operational capacity is 808 prisoners.
Glen Parva had the lowest number of prisoners accessing the stop smoking service. The lowest percentage of quitters were from Glen Parva (40% in 2007/08, 38% in 2008/09).

The numbers of people on community orders and suspended sentence orders in Leicestershire and Rutland at any one time is in the region of 2000.

Offenders have significant health inequalities compared to the general population. Their issues with mental health and substance misuse may contribute to their offending behaviour. It is therefore important to target this group of people both to improve their own health and to support reductions in re-offending.

The overall aim is to improve health and wellbeing, improve life expectancy, reduce health inequalities and reduce re-offending in this group. To date work has focused on:

- Improving access to a comprehensive range of mental health services.
- Improving access to drug and alcohol assessment and treatment services.
- Providing access to appropriate services in prison.
- Improving access to health improvement activities including smoking cessation, diet, exercise and health education.

18. **Primary Care**

Blaby GPs cover a registered patient population of 92,500 patients. There are 10 GP practices, 9 dental practices, 9 opticians and 21 pharmacies in the district.

Most of the population of Blaby live within two and a half miles of a GP practice. Some patients may need to travel more than 2.5 miles but less than 5 miles to access a GP surgery. This pattern is repeated for opticians, pharmacies and dentistry.

All districts excluding Blaby and Oadby and Wigston have one of more community hospitals. It should be noted that Blaby and Oadby and Wigston are located next to Leicester City where there are 3 acute hospitals.

Parts of Blaby district are rural in nature and are affected by deprivation associated with barriers to housing and services (IMD 2007)

The key issues facing the Primary Care Trust with respect to primary care are:

- To address remaining variation to achieve the 18 week standard across all services and specialties. This will ensure that no patient has to wait more than 18 weeks from referral to treatment.
- To continue to improve and expand primary care opening hours.
- To ensure that there is year-on-year improvement in patient satisfaction with GP services.
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**Blaby at a glance**

- The health of people in Blaby is generally better than the England average. Life expectancy is significantly higher for both men and women living in Blaby compared to the England average. Levels of deprivation, violent crime, over 65s ‘not in good health’, drug misuse, deaths from smoking, hip fracture in over 65s and new cases of tuberculosis all appear better than the England average.
- There are inequalities within Blaby by gender and ethnicity. For example, women born in Blaby can expect to live around 3 years longer than men.
- Over the last ten years rates of deaths from all causes, early deaths from cancer and early deaths from heart disease and stroke have improved and are better than the averages for England.
- Children’s health in Blaby appears better than the England average. Rates of physically active children, teenage pregnancy and children’s tooth decay all appear better than the England average.
- It is estimated that the smoking prevalence in adults in Blaby is lower than the England average.
- The rate of road injuries and deaths in Blaby is better than the average for England.
- The Leicestershire Local Area Agreement has prioritised tackling drug misuse, alcohol misuse, early deaths from heart disease and stroke, physical activity, smoking, and teenage pregnancy.

For further information, refer to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment at www.leicestershiretogether.org

**POPULATION 92,900**

Mid-2007 population estimate

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This chart shows the proportion of residents within England, the region and the local authority living in neighbourhoods belonging to each of the five national deprivation quintiles. These quintiles were derived by arranging all the small areas (Lower Super Output Areas) in England in rank order according to the deprivation scores in the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 and dividing them into five equal groupings. The resident numbers are based on the 2005 population figures.

Health inequalities: life expectancy

This chart shows the life expectancy at birth for males and females (2003-2007) within the local authority by national deprivation quintiles. Note the figures in this chart are based on data for five years. The life expectancy figures presented in the health summary chart are based on data for three years.
Health inequalities: changes over time

These trend graphs show how changes in health for this local authority compare with changes for the whole of England. Data points are mid-points of 3 year moving averages of annual rates e.g. 1997 represents the 3 year period 1996-98.

Trend 1 compares death rates (at all ages and from all causes) in this local authority with those for England.

Trend 2 compares rates of early death from heart disease and stroke (in people under 75) in this local authority with those for England.

Trend 3 compares rates of early death from cancer (in people under 75) in this local authority with those for England.

Health inequalities: ethnicity

This chart compares the percentage of children in each ethnic group who are eligible for free school meals (2008). Eligibility for free school meals is an indicator of deprivation, and people who suffer more deprivation tend to have poorer health. Comparing deprivation by ethnic group helps identify potential health inequalities between the groups.

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<tr>
<th>Ethnic Groups</th>
<th>% eligible</th>
<th>Number eligible</th>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>4.1</td>
<td>430</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mixed</td>
<td>8.8</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>4.3</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Black</td>
<td>11.1</td>
<td>30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chinese/other</td>
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All numbers are rounded to the nearest 10. Where the total school population in an ethnic group in the local authority is less than 30, or the number eligible is less than 5, the table shows n/a.
Health summary for Blaby

The chart below shows how people’s health in this local authority compares to the rest of England. The local result for each indicator is shown as a circle, against the range of results for England which is shown as a bar. A green circle may still indicate an important public health problem.

- **Significantly worse than England average**
- **Not significantly different from England average**
- **Significantly better than England average**
- **No significance can be calculated**

* relates to National Indicator Set 2009

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### Notes

(Numbers in bold refer to the above indicators)

1 % of people in this area living in 20% most deprived areas of England 2007 2 % of children living in families receiving means-tested benefits 2007 3 Crude rate per 1,000 households 2007/08 4 % at Key Stage 4 2007/08 5 Recorded violence against the person crimes crude rate per 1,000 population 2007/08 6 Total end user CO2 emissions per capita (tonnes CO2 per resident) 2006 7 % of mothers smoking in pregnancy where status is known 2007/08 8 % of mothers initiating breast feeding where status is known 2007/06 9 % 5-16 year olds who spent at least 2 hours per week on high quality PE and school sport 2007/08 10 % of school children in reception year 2007/08 11 Average number of teeth per child age 5 which were actively decayed, filled or had been extracted 2005/06 12 Under-18 conception rate per 1,000 females (crude rate) 2005-2007 13 %. Modelled estimate from Health Survey for England 2003-2005 14 %. Modelled estimate from Health Survey for England 2003-2005 15 %. Modelled estimate from Health Survey for England 2003-2005 16 % aged 16+ 2006/07 17 %. Modelled estimate from Health Survey for England 2003-2005 18 % who self-assessed general health as ‘not good’ (directly age and sex standardised) 2001 19 Crude rate per 1,000 working age population 2007 20 Directly age and sex standardised rate per 100,000 people 2007/08 21 Crude rate per 1,000 population aged 15-64 2008/07 22 % of people on GP registers with a recorded diagnosis of diabetes 2007/08 23 Crude rate per 100,000 population 2004-2006 24 Directly age-standardised rate for emergency admission 2006/07 25 Ratio of excess winter deaths (observed winter deaths minus expected deaths based on non-winter deaths) to average non-winter deaths 2006/07 26 At birth, 2005-2007 27 At birth, 2005-2007 28 Rate per 1,000 live births 2005-2007 29 Per 100,000 population age 35+, directly age standardised rate 2005-2007 30 Directly age standardised rate per 100,000 population under 75 2005-2007 31 Directly age standardised rate per 100,000 population under 75 2005-2007 32 Rate per 100,000 population 2005-2007

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