

The new 2011 Health Profiles for all local authorities and counties in England are released today. There is a separate profile for each local authority, providing a snapshot of the current health status of the area, with tailored commentary, maps and charts.

Please visit the website at www.healthprofiles.info to view profiles for the areas of interest to you. The website provides further information, interactive maps and links related to online tools also produced by the Public Health Observatories in England.

The 2011 profiles give up-to-date information on important health issues such as childhood obesity, skin cancer (malignant melanoma), deaths from smoking, hospital stays due to alcohol misuse, and early deaths from cancer and heart disease. A new indicator included this year shows the number of hospital stays due to self-harm.