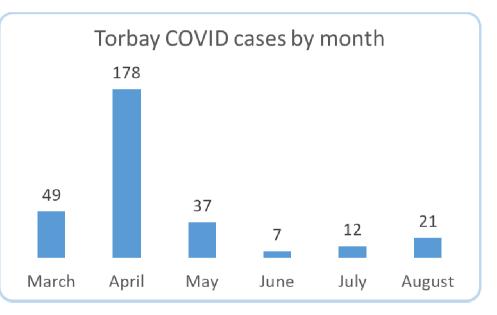
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COVID Current trends



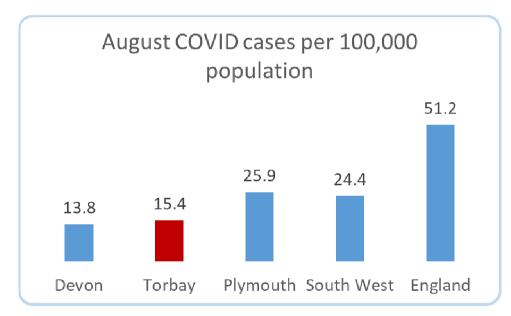
COVID Cases – Local

There has been an uptick in cases during August, cases are still substantially below levels earlier in the year.



Source: https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/

Rates in Torbay during August are significantly below South West and national levels.

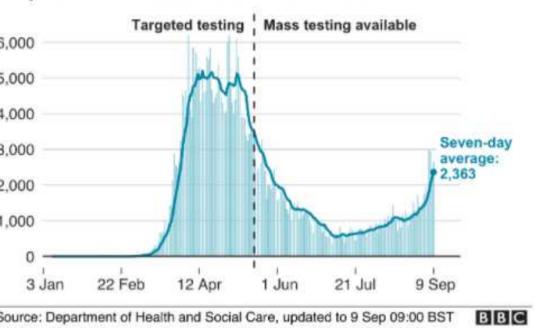




COVID Cases - National

Confirmed cases rising

Daily confirmed cases of coronavirus in the UK

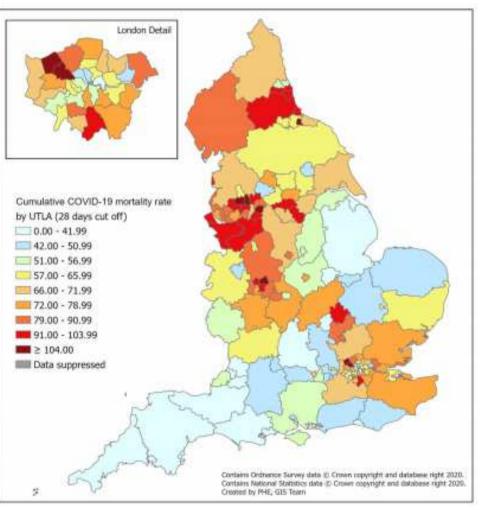


From BBC website article on 9 September 2020 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51768274

Compared to 10 weeks ago - England

- Case rates have **fallen** in those aged 45 and over.
- Largest falls in case rates in those aged 75 and over.
- Case rates have **risen** in those aged under 45.
- 15 to 44 now has the highest case rate.

COVID Deaths



This map relates to the mortality rate of COVID cases per 100,000 population for the last 28 days (up to 30th August).

The South West is the area of the country with the lowest mortality rate for the last 28 days.

The last COVID related death in Torbay was in early June.

COVID Impacts

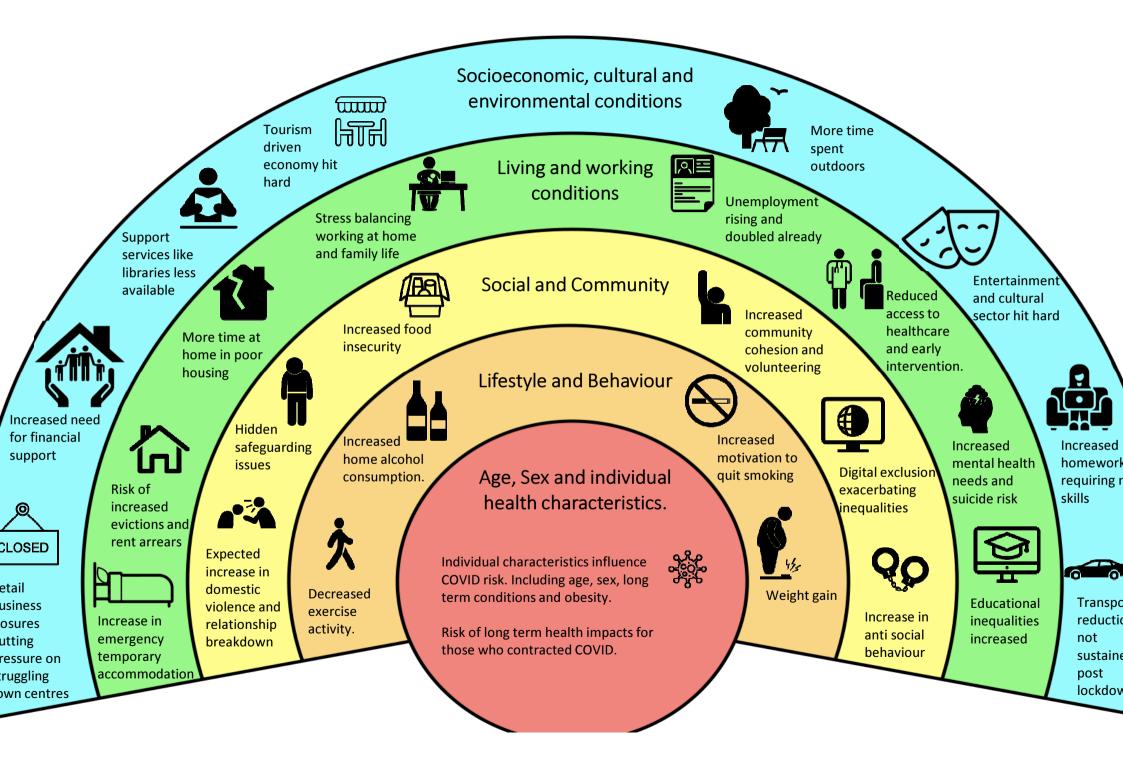


Impact of COVID-19 on Torbay

COVID19 came to Torbay in March 2020 and in this short time has had a profound impact on the local community. As well as the direct health impacts of COVID-19 disease on those who became ill, the social distancing and lockdown measures have had a huge and unequal impact of their own on individuals, households and communities through the restrictions imposed on our everyday social, health and economic activities. To begin to map out the extent of the onward impacts on health and wellbeing in Torbay the following examines the impacts of COVID-19 on the wider factors that influence health, together with people's age, sex and individual health characteristics. These factors largely determine the opportunities and challenges for recovery.

The factors have been categorised as follows:-

Age, Sex and individual health characteristics
Lifestyle and Behaviour
Social and Community
Living and working conditions
Socioeconomic, cultural and environmental of



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Individual characteristics influence on COVID

Variation in COVID19 risks based on age, sex and pre-existing conditions (particularly diabetes, obesity and COPD).

- In Torbay 20% of the population are aged over 70, this is higher than the South West (16%) and England (13%)
- Estimated 7.5% Torbay 17+ have diabetes (2018/19), South West 6.6%, England 6.9%
- Estimated 18% of Torbay adults have hypertension (2018/19), South West 15%, England 14%
- 60% of adults are overweight or obese, South West 61%, England 62%

There is also increasing evidence that people who experience mild to moderate COVID-19 disease may experience a prolonged illness with frequent relapses.



National research suggests increased motivation among smokers to quit and to stay smoke free.



Increased **drinking** in some groups with declines in others. National survey found that those who drink least are drinking less and heavier drinkers are drinking more. In the UK 28% report drinking less than usual, 9% cut out completely, 17% drinking more alcohol than usual. Pre COVID Torbay had significantly higher rates of alcohol specific hospital admissions for both adults and children.



Further increases in **obesity**. 60% of Torbay adults overweight or obese (2018/19). Supermarket sales show biscuit and convenience food consumption increased during lockdown. 25% of 4 to 5 year olds and 35% of 10 to 11 year olds in Torbay are classified as overweight or obese.

Time spent outdoors has increased. However levels of **physical activity** have declined in the least active.

cial and Community



The lockdown has exacerbated **food insecurity** and food need. Torbay Food Alliance is a partnership between 12 foodbanks, who together provided the equivalent of 140,000 meals in the first four months. The number of adults who are food insecure is estimated to have quadrupled. Local food banks have experienced a rapid increase in demand and reduced volunteer numbers. Is a £5.5 million estimated income loss across the 112 groups who responded to the TCDT survey.



Child **abuse** may have increased due to increased pressure in households and the removal of the protective factor offered by education settings. Referrals to children's social care have risen compared to the same period last year.

Civic participation - positive impact as many people have volunteered to help during the pandemic, for instance delivering food parcels and supporting neighbours. Torbay Help Hub on Facebook has 16,195 members. Volunteering and fundraising has declined with many regular volunteers aged over 70 and self-isolating. Rowcroft reports they have lost £1.5 million in donations over 3 months. There are opportunities for future working together such as the potential to maintain 'meals on wheels' service.



Crime levels dropped as people stayed at home but rapid increase in complaints about **anti-social behaviour**. Q1 20/21 recorded crime in Torbay fell by 17% compared to Q1 19/20. Q1 20/21 anti-social behaviour rose by 37% compared to Q1 19/20.

Calls to national domestic abuse helplines rising rapidly and local website hits are up over 100%



Digital inequalities may exacerbate impacts related to social isolation

ving and working conditions

140% increase (240 households) in emergency temporary accommodation, particularly single people.



As the **eviction** ban ends and families face rent arrears there are likely to be more families threatened with losing their homes. During 2019, 147 repossessions by landlords occurred in Torbay which was the highest amount for 10 years.

Increased time at home during lockdown may exacerbate the health impacts of **poor-quality housing** (e.g. poor air quality, excess cold/damp, overcrowding). 29 out of Torbay's 89 LSOAs are in the 20% most deprived areas for Indoor Deprivation in England.

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Reduced access to **healthcare** exacerbating existing conditions and leading to increases in waiting lists. A&E attendances at Torbay and South Devon Trust fell by 40% from March to June 2020 when compared to the same period last year. Planned admissions fell by 62% from April to May 2020 when compared to the same period last year.

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Job security has reduced with 35% of eligible staff furloughed by the end of June and concerned about future employment. Nationally among furloughed workers 50% say that the crisis has made no difference to their household finances. However, four in ten (39%) say their monetary situation has deteriorated over the past month, while just 7% say it has improved (YouGov survey). Those claiming Job Seekers Allowance rose from 2,675 (3.5 % of 16 to 64 year olds) in March 2020 to 6,035 (7.9%) in July 2020. More than doubled in all age groups (16-24, 25-49, 50+). More than doubled for both females and males.



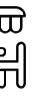
Stress of working from home without dedicated work spaces and trying to balance work and family life. There are opportunities for more flexible working that would enable more people to access work.

Increased **mental health** needs and suicide risk. Torbay already has one of the highest suicide rates in England, 19.5 per 100,000 (2016-18). Qwell provide online mental health and wellbeing services nationally. Amongst existing adult mental health users, there was a 53% increase in demand for mental health support (Children & Young People – 34% increase).



Educational inequalities exacerbated by distance learning. Institute for Fiscal Studies survey of 4,000 parents of school aged children during late April/early May showed pupils from better-off families spending longer on home learning. They have more access to private tutoring or chats with teachers, better home set-up for distance learning and parents report feeling more able to support them.

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Predictions that economic impact this will hit resort towns like Torbay particularly hard. Businesses that rely on close human interaction and crowds such as pubs, restaurants, nightclubs, hotels will be particularly badly hit. The **tourism** industry employs 11,600 people in Torbay.



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There are increased needs for **financial support**, just over 4,000 extra households in Torbay were claiming Universal Credit in May 2020 when compared to March. This represents a 67% increase over that period. A rise of approximately 900 working-age claimants for the Torbay Council Tax Support Scheme in Q1 20/21. This represents a 12% rise in claimants compared to the same quarter last year.

The closure of **libraries and support services** left the most vulnerable with less support. Services not being provided because of the pandemic included Respite Breaks, Social Events, Support Group meetings, Day Centres, Community Cafes, Complementary Therapies, Mobility Equipment Hire, Visits to Homes, Churches and Faith Activities, Environmental and Green Space Projects, Pet Welfare and Care, etc. However, alternative methods of these organisations continue to operate in many cases.

Retail business closures put additional pressures on struggling town centres. More are predicted to close once government pandemic financial support ceases. This fall in activity and jobs would put significant financial pressure on the wider community with increases in demand for services such as housing assistance, free school meals and food banks combined with potential falls in average disposable income.

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Transport reductions have not been sustained post lockdown and public transport usage has reduced while people are nervous about shared transport but positively more people are walking. There are opportunities to build on walking and cycling initiatives. Nationally, car usage is back to 90% of pre-COVID levels, bus and rail usage is less than half pre-COVID levels.



Theatre and entertainment sector hit hard as these industries are particularly affected by social distancing restrictions. Oxford Economics project 400 job losses in the Arts, entertainment and recreation sector.

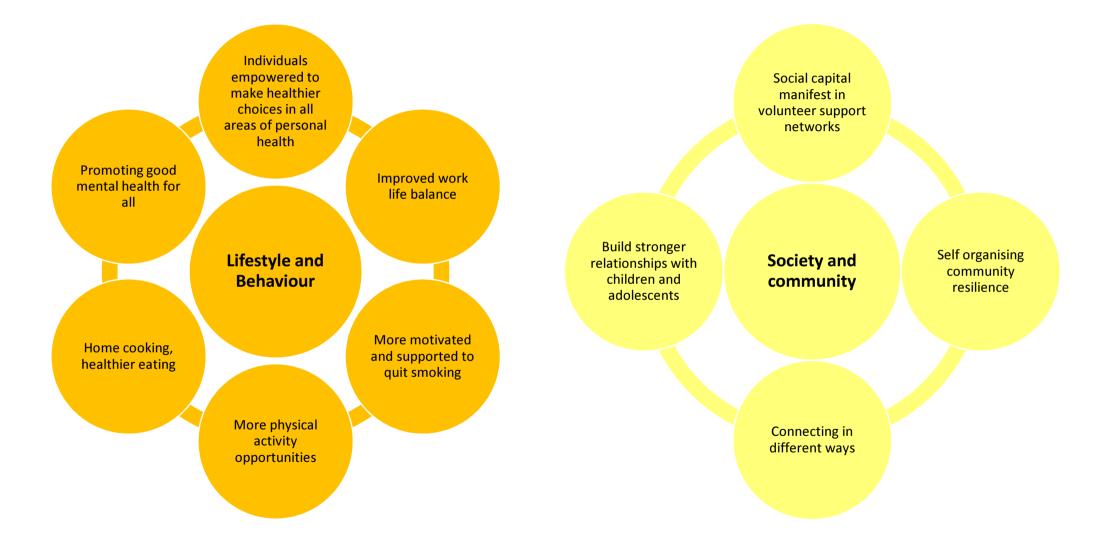


Homeworking presents the need for a new range of skills, as well as presenting opportunities for new ways of doing business.

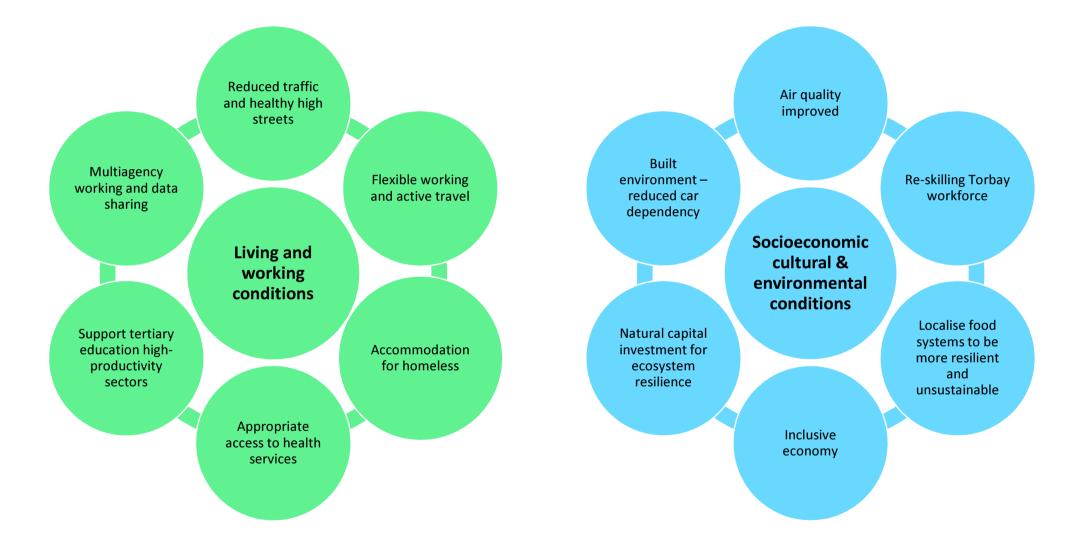


Positive wellbeing and increased appreciation of the Bay and of green space with increased amount of recreation time spent **outdoors**.

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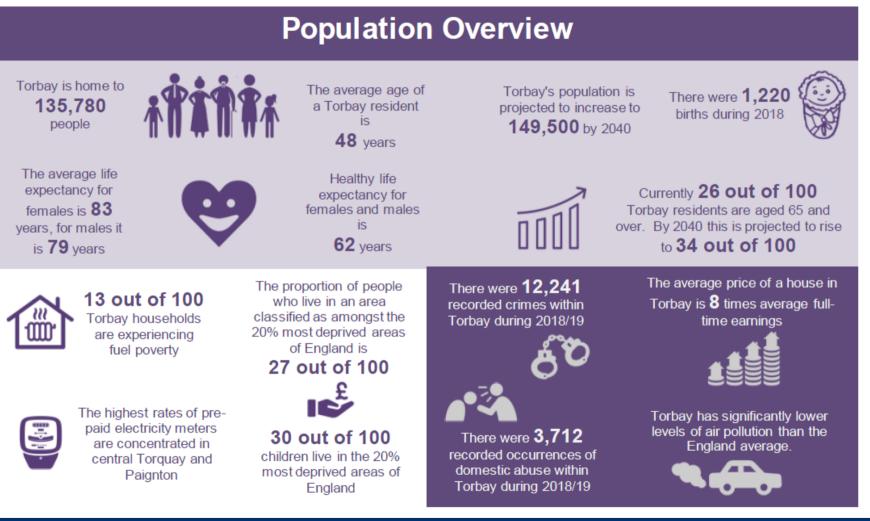


JSNA - Overview

- Torbay has pockets of significant poverty and deprivation and is ranked as the most deprived upper-tier local authority in the South West.
- Residents in our most affluent areas can expect to live on average over six years longer than those living in our more deprived communities.
- Torbay has an ageing population with the number of people aged over 85 expected to increase by over 50% within the next decade.
- Opportunities for people of Torbay to be supported to improve their lifestyles. At present:
 - o 6 out of 10 adults are overweight or obese
 - 1 in 6 adults smoke
 - High levels of suicide and self-harm in the population



JSNA – Population Overview



JSNA – Starting and Developing Well Overview



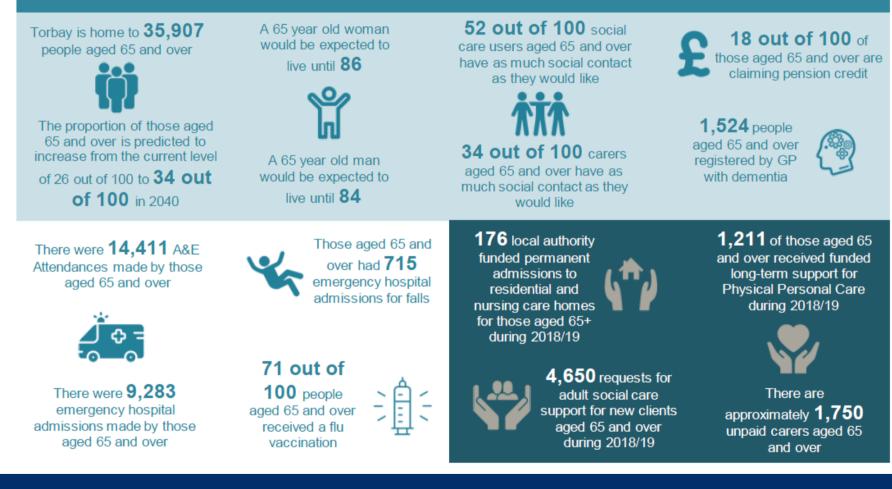


JSNA – Living and Working Well Overview



JSNA – Ageing Well Overview

Ageing Well Overview



Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Outcomes Table – August 2020 update



Outcomes Data highlights

Families under increased pressure

Modelled prevalence of children in households with all 3 of the so called 'toxic trio' - Torbay is in the 2nd highest percentile for local authorities. An estimate of 214 children in Torbay in 2019/20.

Children in Care

As of 31 March 2019, 362 Torbay Children in Care. This placed Torbay in the 2nd highest percentile for its Children in Care rate.

Young people at risk of falling behind in education

Number of children who are persistently absent during the year – Torbay is in the 5th highest percentile amongst local authorities during 2018/19.

Young people at risk of suffering harm

Children in need (CIN) episodes where a child has domestic abuse identified as a factor at CIN assessment – Estimate of 500 Torbay children in 2018/19, this places Torbay in the 16th highest percentile amongst local authorities.

