

DEVON HEALTH AND WELLBEING OUTCOMES REPORT

Priority 4: Strong and Supportive Communities

Indicator: Fuel Poverty

Period: 2015

RAG Rating

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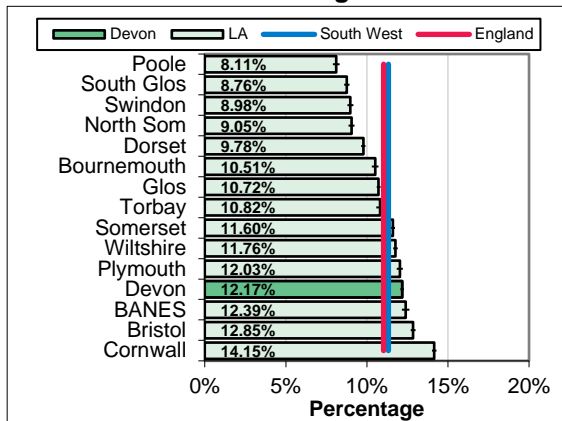
Overview

Just under one in eight households in Devon are in fuel poverty (12.17%), which is above the South West (11.33%), local authority comparator group (10.38%), and England (11.03%) rates. Within Devon the highest levels of fuel poverty were seen in West Devon (14.39%) and the lowest were seen in East Devon (10.49%). Levels of fuel poverty increased between 2011 and 2014 in Devon but fell or remained stable in many other areas of the country. Rates fell slightly between 2014 and 2015.

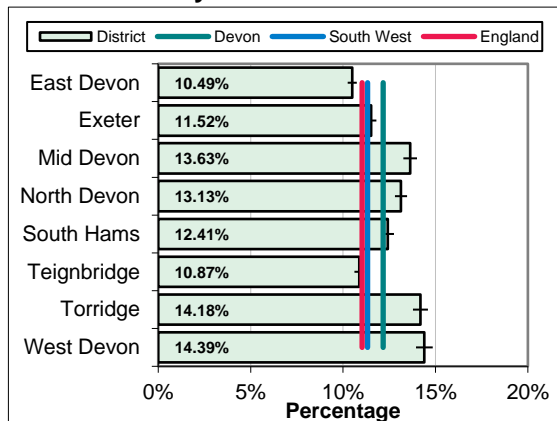
Equalities

Fuel poverty is more prevalent in groups with low household incomes, including pensioners, persons on benefits, and working families with below average incomes. The low wage economy, particularly in North and West Devon and higher living costs contribute to levels of fuel poverty locally. Fuel poverty is highest and has increased fastest in the most deprived areas of the country.

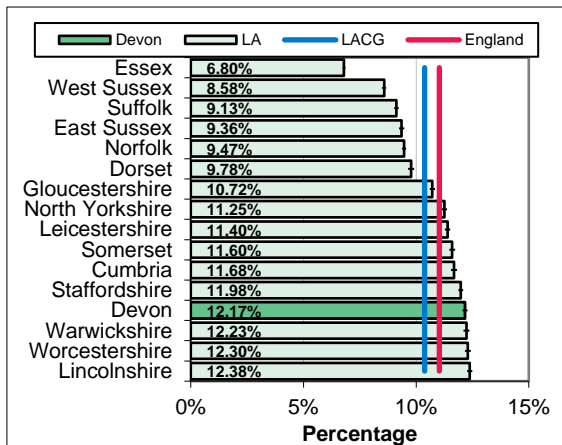
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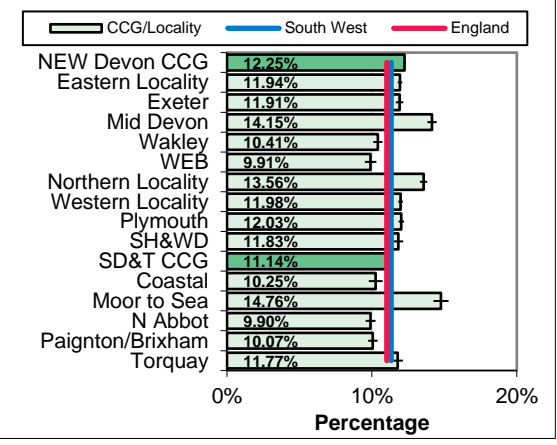
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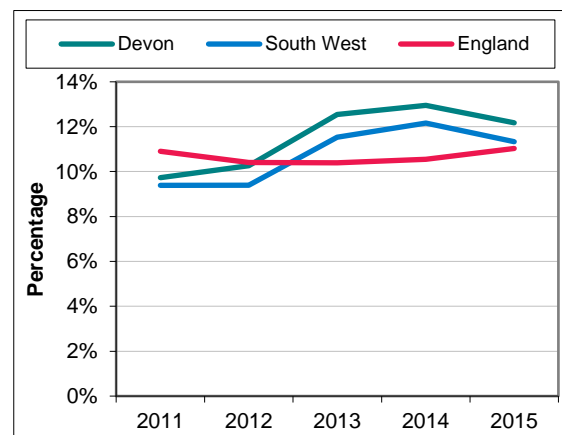
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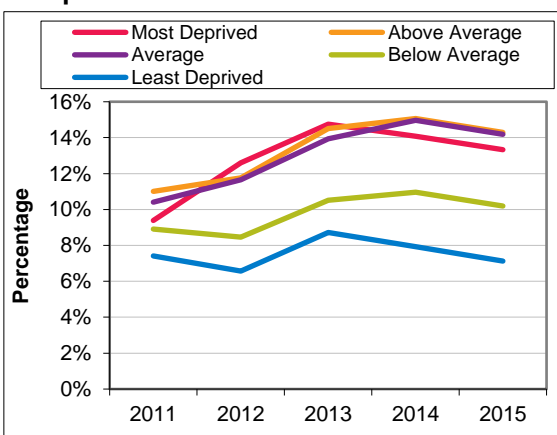
CCG and Locality Comparison



Trend



Inequalities



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INDICATOR SPECIFICATION

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Description	The percentage of households that experience fuel poverty based on the "Low income, high cost" methodology
Source	Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2012-sub-regional-fuel-poverty-data-low-income-high-costs-indicator
Update Frequency	Annually, around 18 months in arrears
Outcomes Framework	Public Health Outcomes Framework Indicator 1.17
Detailed Specification	<p>Under the "Low Income, High Cost" measure, households are considered to be fuel poor where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.They have required fuel costs that are above average (the national median level)2.Were they to spend that amount, they would be left with a residual income below the official fuel poverty line. <p>The key elements in determining whether a household is fuel poor or not are income, fuel prices, and fuel consumption (which is dependent on the dwelling characteristics and the lifestyle of the household)</p>
Chart Notes South West	Compares Upper Tier / Unitary Local Authorities in the South West Region. Error bar is 95% confidence interval.
Chart Notes Local Authority	Compares Local Authority Districts in the Devon County Council area. Error bar is 95% confidence interval.
Chart Notes Comparator	Compares Devon to similar upper tier / unitary local authorities using the 15 closest comparator councils from the Institute of Public Finance (IPF) statistical neighbours for 2015. Error bar is 95% confidence interval.
Chart Notes CCG/Locality	Displays rates for the two Clinical Commissioning Groups in the wider Devon area, their localities, and their sub-localities. This is based on the geographic areas defined at Lower Super Output Area level https://bit.ly/2kiz9zC . Error bar is 95% confidence interval.
Chart Notes Trend	Compares Devon rate with South West region and England over time.
Chart Notes Inequalities	Compares areas within Devon based on area deprivation. National deprivation quintiles from the 2015 Indices of Deprivation (Index of Multiple Deprivation) used.