

# Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA): Place-based approach

Stakeholder Event – Ludlow



# **Overview**

- What is a JSNA
- Why and what is a needs assessment?
- Initial work to date
- Next Steps





# What is a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment?

Local Authorities and CCGs (now ICS) have a legal Statutory Duty to undertake a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), through the health and wellbeing board.

The JSNA seeks to identify **current** and **future health and wellbeing** needs in the local population and identify strategic **priorities** to inform commissioning of services based on those needs.

These priorities in turn inform the **Health and Wellbeing Strategy** and **Integrated Care Strategy**, key documents as a basis for commissioning health and social care services in the local area. We also believe they should support local **partners/communities' priorities**.

In Shropshire, our JSNA takes three types:

- Web based profiling Tool
- Thematic Needs Assessments e.g., pharmacy, drug and alcohol and children
- Place Based Needs Assessments



# **JSNA Web Based Profiler Tool**

https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/public-health/jsna-data-beta/



JSNA data - BETA





More in JSNA data - BETA 🔻

Follow the links on these pages for detailed information on a variety of JSNA themes.

#### People »

A PowerBi report showing JSNA data related to people in Shropshire.

#### Adult wellbeing »

A PowerBi report showing JSNA data related to adult wellbeing in Shropshire.

#### Indices of multiple deprivation »

A PowerBi report showing JSNA data related to indices of multiple deprivation in Shropshire.

Ageing well »

Starting right »

A PowerBi report showing JSNA data related to aging well in Shropshire.

A PowerBi report showing JSNA data

related to starting right in Shropshire.

#### Employment and economy »

School years »

A PowerBi report showing JSNA data related to employment and economy in Shropshire.

A PowerBi report showing JSNA data

related to school years in Shropshire.

#### Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) »

Read the latest report

#### Highley Place Plan Profile »

Read the profile report

The web-based JSNA is an interactive tool that allows users to explore data relating to health need in Shropshire.

#### JSNA for SEND »

Read the latest report



# For Shropshire people to be the healthiest and most fulfilled in England

- Reducing inequalities
- Improving Population Health
- Working with and building strong and vibrant communities
- Joined up working

	Shropshire		-	Region	England		England		
Indicator	Period	Recent Trend	Count	Value	Value	Value	Worst/ Lowest	Range	est/ Highest
ife expectancy and causes of death									
ife expectancy at birth (Male)	2018 - 20	-	-	80.2	78.5	79.4	74.1		)
life expectancy at birth (Female)	2018 - 20	-	-	83.7	82.5	83.1	79.0		
Under 75 mortality rate from all causes	2018 - 20	-	3,043	296.5	365.2	336.5	570.7		22
Under 75 mortality rate from all cardiovascular diseases	2017 - 19	-	616	59.4	77.0	70.4	121.6		3
Under 75 mortality rate from cancer	2017 - 19	-	1,239	119.0	135.0	129.2	182.4		3
Suicide rate	2018 - 20	-	96	11.4	10.5	10.4	20.3		
njuries and ill health									
Cilled and seriously injured (KSI) casualties on ingland's roads (historic data)	2016 - 18	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Emergency Hospital Admissions for Intentional Self- Harm	2020/21	-	435	146.8	166.6	181.2	471.7		4
Hip fractures in people aged 65 and over	2020/21	-	455	553	584	529	746	0	
Cancer diagnosed at early stage (experimental statistics)	2017	-	693	49.2%	51.4%	52.2%	36.8%	0	61.
stimated diabetes diagnosis rate	2018	-	-	71.4%	86.3%	78.0%	54.3%	•	
estimated dementia diagnosis rate (aged 65 and over)  < 66.7% significantly)	2022	-	3,251	60.1%	58.9%	62.0%	41.2%		
Behavioural risk factors									
Admission episodes for alcohol-specific conditions - Under 18s	2018/19 - 20/21	-	40	22.2	24.9	29.3	84.0		
Admission episodes for alcohol-related conditions Narrow): Old Method	2018/19	•	2,368	689	739	664	1,127	q	
Smoking Prevalence in adults (18+) - current smokers APS)	2019	-	36,082	13.7%	14.1%	13.9%	27.5%	<b>O</b>	
Percentage of physically active adults	2020/21	-	-	72.9%	63.0%	65.9%	48.8%		3.
Percentage of adults (aged 18+) classified as overweight or obese	2020/21	-	-	68.0%	66.8%	63.5%	76.3%		
Child health									
Under 18s conception rate / 1,000	2020	-	62	11.5	15.1	13.0	30.4		
Smoking status at time of delivery	2020/21	-	264	11.0%	10.6%	9.6%	21.4%		1.
Breastfeeding initiation	2016/17	-	2,019	78.4%	68.9%	74.5%	37.9%		96
nfant mortality rate	2018 - 20	-	37	4.7	5.6	3.9	8.3	9	
/ear 6: Prevalence of obesity (including severe obesity)	2019/20	<b>→</b>	-	15.1%*	23.9%	21.0%	30.1%		0
nequalities									
Deprivation score (IMD 2015)	2015	-	-	16.7		21.8	42.0	(	
Smoking prevalence in adults in routine and manual occupations (18-64) - current smokers (APS)	2019	-	-	25.6%	23.3%	24.5%	60.3%	<b>Q</b>	3.
nequality in life expectancy at birth (Male)	2018 - 20	-	-	5.5	10.1	9.7	17.0		0
nequality in life expectancy at birth (Female)	2018 - 20	-	-	3.5	7.9	7.9	13.9		0
Nider determinants of health									
Children in low income families (under 16s)	2016		5,850	12.2%	20.3%	17.0%	31.8%		0
Average Attainment 8 score	2020/21	-	146,700	50.3	49.5	50.9	42.7		
Percentage of people in employment	2020/21	-	139,300	76.4%	73.7%	75.1%	59.5%		
Statutory homelessness - Eligible homeless people not in priority need	2017/18	<b>→</b>	388	2.8	1.1	0.8	-	Insufficient number of value	s for a spine ch
/iolent crime - hospital admissions for violence including sexual violence)	2018/19 - 20/21	-	170	20.0	37.7	41.9	116.8		
Health protection									
Excess winter deaths index	Aug 2019 - Jul 2020	-	190	16.7%	18.0%	17.4%	50.2%	(	0.
New STI diagnoses (exc chlamydia aged <25) / 100,000	2020	-	582	299	442	619	3,547	O	
B incidence (three year average)	2018 - 20	-	19	2.0	9.8	8.0	43.1		)



# People in Shropshire are living longer, but not necessarily healthier lives...

Measure	England	Shropshire	Range (Ward)	Range (Ward)
IMD Score (higher score = more deprivation)	21.7	17.2	3.7 (Copthorne)	37.6 (Harlescott)
Life expectancy at birth, (Male)	79.5	80.3	75.6 (Sundorne)	85.4 (Copthorne)
Life expectancy at birth, (Female)	83.2	83.6	78.7 (Sundorne)	89.2 (Clun)
Deaths all causes, all ages, SMR	100	95.7	62.8 (Copthorne)	141 (Worfield)
Deaths all causes, under 75, SMR	100	88.3	45.9 (Clun)	144.6 (Sundorne)
Preventable deaths, under 75, SMR	100	84.3	41.9 (Clun)	157.0 (Underdale)

Indicator	Shropshire	England
Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) Males	62.8	63.1
Inequality in HLE Males	5.5	9.7
HLE Females	67.1	63.9
Inequality in HLE Females	3.5	7.9

Ward	Ludlow North	Clee
Male Life Expectancy	77.8 years	83.0 years
Female Life Expectancy	82.2 years	86.2 years

Fingertips, Local Health, Public Health Data for small geographic areas



# JSNA Place Based Geographies

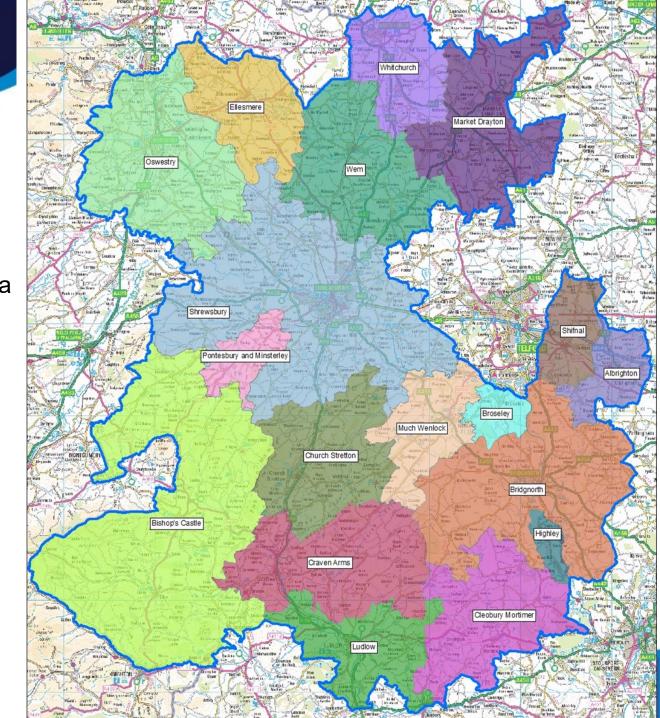
JSNA's for Shropshire and Place Plan Areas (PPA)

18 PPA focused mainly on a market town and its surrounding rural communities.

PPA's are based along geographical/communities' boundaries not political ones.

Capture the uniqueness of the areas in Shropshire.

Identify meaningful local differences and areas of need.



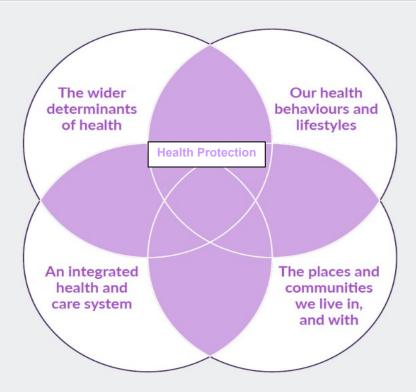


# What makes us healthy?

**Understanding and Addressing Inequalities** 

taking a preventative approach





Work Education Cital and Community Merican Services

Agriculture and food production

Dahlgren and Whitehead 1991

Understanding our Population Health/Population Health
Management (Insight/JSNA)



# Our Approach Person-Centered Care

People and communities are the cornerstone of how we will work.

Our programmes will focus first on supporting people to help themselves, followed by ensuring there is high quality, integrated, easily understood universal services for people to access, where they need it, when they need.

If further intervention is needed our approach will ensure high quality, integrated, easily understood specialist services are available.

Ludlow and Area Community Partnership (LACP)





#### DRAFT - FAMILY & COMMUNITY HUB/ named by community

# Single Function – Co-Located Team Single Manager

#### Person Centred Care – Underpinned by Trauma Informed Approach and Making Every Contact Count

#### **CYP & Families**

National Hubs Model

Front Door – EHAST

Universal Offer

Targeted Early Help – Family Support

#### Potential Hub & Spoke Offer Public Services:

Early Help

Parenting

Housing

Health Visiting

Mobile Offer / Outreach

MH/ CMHT

PCNs: ARRS, OT, Social Prescribing,

Vaccinations

Best Start / 1001 Days

Enable

SEN / Autism

Substance Misuse/ Domestic Abuse

Women's Hub

**Elective Home Education Support?** 

#### Access

Open Door/ easy online access
One Shropshire

Signposting/Self Help Support

Navigation/ Social Prescribing

Drop-in Sessions (for specific needs)

Appointment Making, social care, nhs etc SFRS, WMP, VCSE

#### Voluntary and community sector offer

Healthwatch

Peer Support

Befriending

Food and food banks

Community Activity

Infrastructure support

Falls and postural stability
Housing support

Warm Welcome

COL

#### Adults

National Hubs Model

Front Door – VCSE, ASC, NHS

Universal Offer

Prevention

Targeted Early Help

Potential Hub & Spoke Offer Public Services:

Social Prescribing (SP)

Making It Real

Lets Talk Local

Enable

LD / Autism

MH

Memory Team

PCNs: ARRS, OT, Social Prescribing, VAXX

Proactive Care Falls & Frailty

Housing

Substance Misuse/ Domestic Abuse

Care at Home / Re-ablement

Women's Hub



# A Stepped Approach – Hub and Spoke?

Understanding Need – Place Based - Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Understanding where there is opportunity to work collaboratively to support need in community; offer could be adapted depending on size of community and availability of assets

Implementation of Hubs and Spoke offer; start with a test and learn approach





# **Community Engagement**

# Stakeholder and Resident engagement via:

- ✓ Questionnaires to residents
- ✓ Interviews
- √ Focus Groups
- ✓ Attending key meetings/groups





# Ludlow Place Plan Examples of Key Health and Wellbeing Data

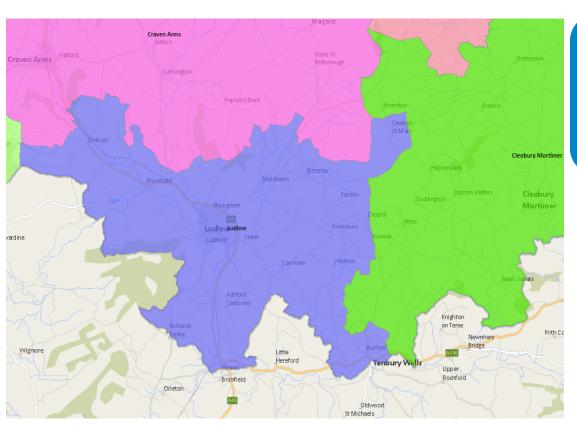




# **Ludlow Place Plan Area**

#### **Interactive map here:**

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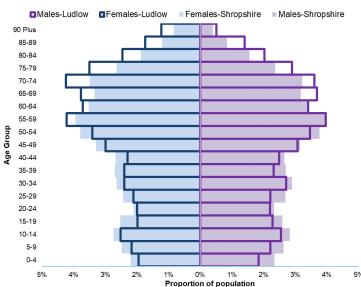


16,969

Population estimate (all ages)



#### Population compared to Shropshire (mid year 2020)





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Ludlow

16,969

Population Mid year 2020

49% 51%
Male Female

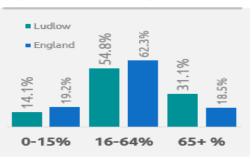
Ludlow

1.3 persons

per hectare

England

4.3 persons
per hectare



12,678

Hectares

18.2

Deprivation score (2019) £30,248

Median household income

Rankings

**11** out of 18

1= largest

5

out of 18

1= most deprived

**17** 

out of 18

1 = highest

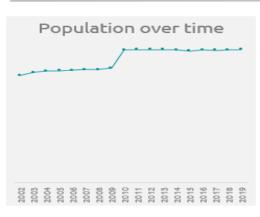
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27.3%

Population change 2002-2020

**Shropshire** 

17.2%



Life expectancy (2013-17)

Shropshire

O Q
80.5 84.1

Live births (2000-2019) 2,834

5%
of all births in
Shropshire



# **Ludlow Place Plan Area**

- We collected various data indicators locally
- The metrics were based on nationally collected data where it is possible to break down to a smaller geography
- Same metrics have been used in the previous place plan events (Highley, Oswestry, Bishop's Castle, Whitchurch and Shrewsbury)
- This is a starting point. These metrics will be revisited and expanded to take into account further data sources
- These metrics are data based and completely unrelated to the engagement survey shown later!
- We have grouped these data metrics together in order to give an overview of each place plan area – breakdown on following slides



# **Healthy People**

## Education

How far to people need to travel?

What are the needs of adults?

How are school children performing?

## Health

How long are people living?

How well are people living?

How many people have a long-term illness?

# Relationships & Trust

What is the crime rate?

How many people older people are living alone?



# **Healthy Economy**

## Equality

Are houses affordable?

Is the income of residents similar?

Are some areas wealthier than others?

## Economy

How many working age people are unemployed?

What's the medium income?

How many people have a dependent?

# Cost of living

How many people claim benefits?

Can people heat their homes?

How many households are on low income?



# **Healthy Environment**

# Transport & mobility

How far is the nearest supermarket?

How close is the local primary school?

How close is the GP?

## Housing

Are houses affordable for residents?

Is the housing suitable for people's needs

What is quality of the houses in the area?

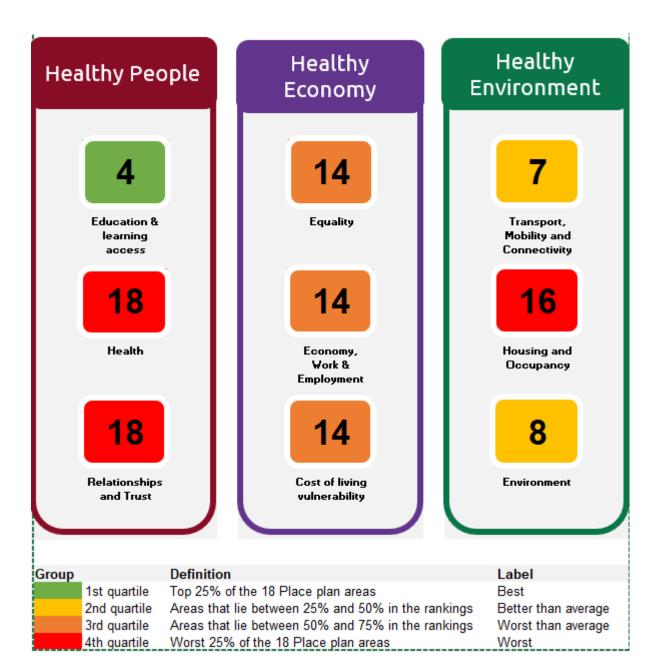
### Environment

Do people have access to green space?

What is the air quality like?

How many road traffic accidents are there?

## How does Ludlow overall compare to the 17 other areas?



#### **Strengths**

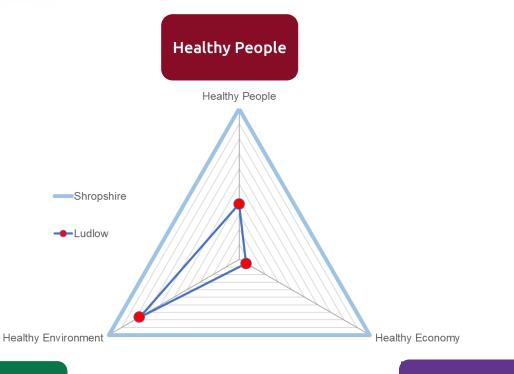
- Education and Learning Access e.g. Average journey time to Further Education
- Environment e.g. Access to Outdoors
- Transport, Mobility and Connectivity e.g. Local Geographical barriers

#### Challenges

- Relationships and Trust e.g. Crime Rate
- Housing and Occupancy e.g. Affordability
- Health e.g. Disease Prevalence



# Ludlow Health & Wellbeing Index: Overview



Healthy Environment Healthy Economy Compared to Shropshire average:

#### **Better:**

None

#### Worse:

Healthy People

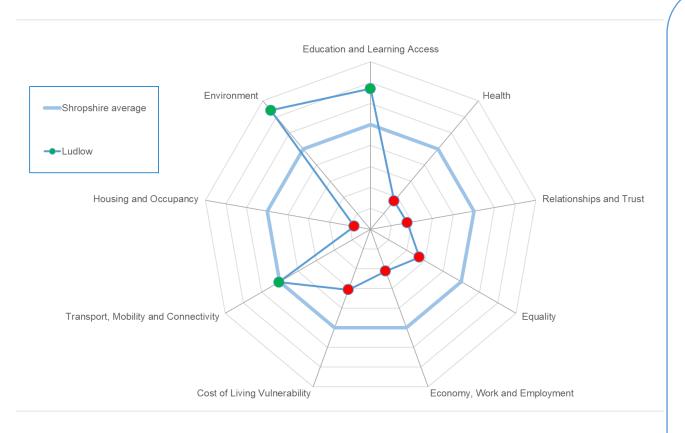
Healthy Environment

Healthy Economy





# Ludlow Health & Wellbeing Index: Sub-themes



Identifies where Ludlow is stronger or weaker for the specific themes.

#### **Stronger:**

- Education and learning access
- Transport, Mobility and Connectivity
- Environment

#### Weaker:

- Health
- Relationships and trust
- Equality
- Economy, Work and Employment
- Cost of living vulnerability
- Housing and occupancy



# **Smoking at time of delivery**

- Ludlow had 249 deliveries between 2017/18 and 2021/22, which is the 9<sup>th</sup> highest of the 18 place plan areas.
- 1 in 11 mothers were smoking at delivery for Ludlow, statistically similar to Shropshire's (10.7%)

#### Smoking at Delivery data for Shropshire and Ludlow Place Plan Area, 2017/18 to 2021/22

Area name	Number of deliveries	Percentage of mothers who were known to be smoking at time of delivery	Statistical comparison against Shropshire
Ludlow Place Plan Overall	249	11.2%	Similar
Shropshire	9,626	10.7%	-
England		10.1%	



# **Disease Prevalence**

There are differences in disease prevalence within the Ludlow area. RAG rating place plan area against Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin CCG prevalence

Disease or condition	Ludiow Place Plan Area	NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin CCG	ENGLAND
Atrial Fibrillation Prevalence	3.6%	2.5%	2.1%
Asthma Prevalence (6+)	7.3%	7.1%	6.5%
CHD Prevalence	4.6%	3.5%	3.0%
COPD Prevalence	2.4%	2.0%	1.9%
Dementia Prevalence	1.4%	0.9%	0.7%
Depression Prevalence (18+)	17.8%	14.5%	12.7%
Heart Failure Prevalence	1.5%	0.9%	1.0%
Hypertension Prevalence	20.2%	15.6%	14.0%
Learning disabilities Prevalence	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%
Mental health Prevalence	0.9%	0.8%	0.95%
Obesity Prevalence (18+)	8.1%	7.3%	9.7%
Peripheral arterial disease Prevalence	1.0%	0.8%	0.6%
Stroke and transient ischaemic attack Prevalence	3.1%	2.4%	1.8%



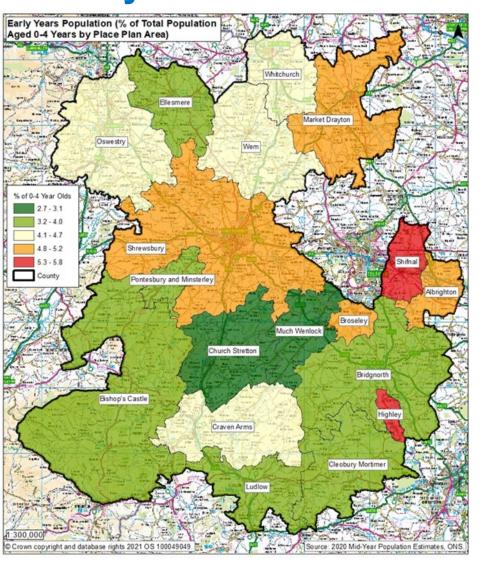
# Wider determinants of health

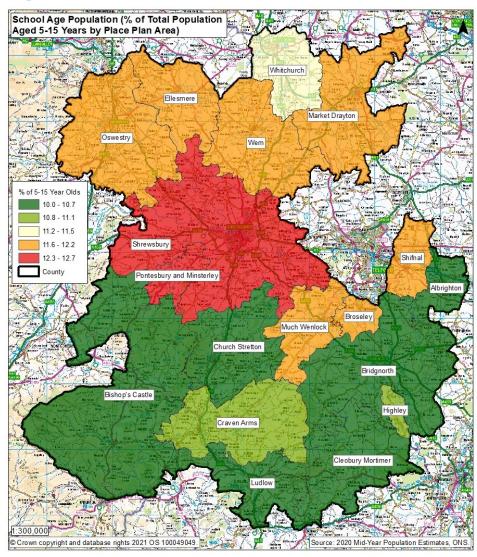
There are differences between wards within the Ludlow area across a number of wider determinants, Ranking : **1 = worst**, **63 = best**)

Ward (2022)	Unemployment, 2021-22	Child Poverty, English Indices of Deprivation, 2019	Income deprivation, English Indices of Deprivation, 2019	IMD Score, 2019	Long term unemployment, 2021-22	General fertility rate: live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years, 2016-20	A&E attendances in under 5 years old, three year average	Emergency admissions in under 5s, 2016/17 to 2020/21
Clee	48	57	49	28	45	36	12	42
Cleobury Mortimer	40	29	40	37	38	32	38	40
Corvedale	61	38	52	9	45	28	29	22
Ludlow East	12	24	23	41	8	52	2	56
Ludlow North	34	29	34	46	45	51	11	18
Ludlow South	17	7	7	8	41	35	1	49



# **Early Years and School Age Population**





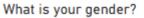


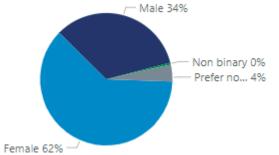
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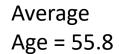
- 850 surveys completed during the consultation period which ran between August and October
- Again, the data in the survey is completely unrelated to the data metrics that were shown before

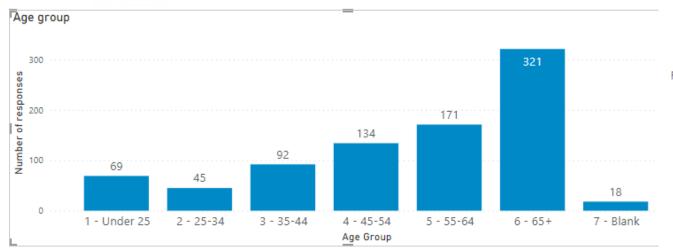


Survey Respondents: Demographics

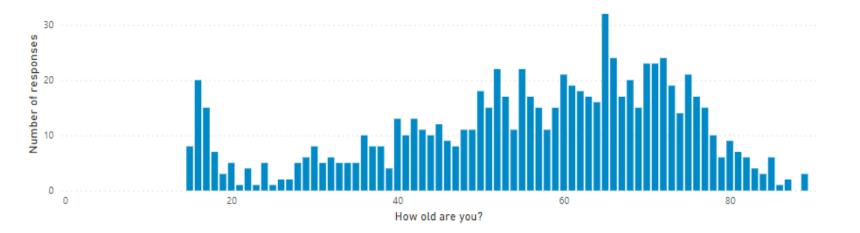








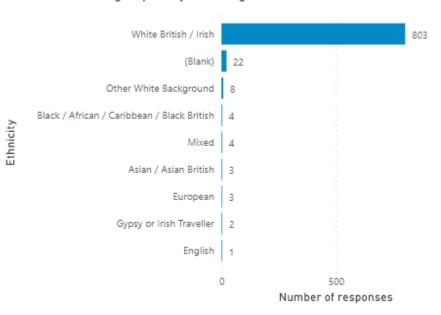
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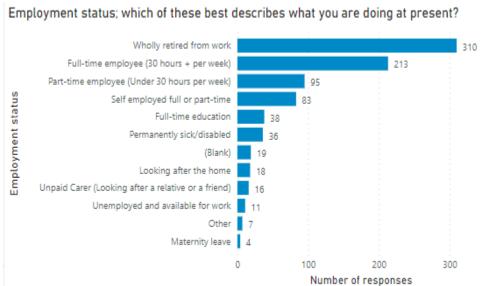




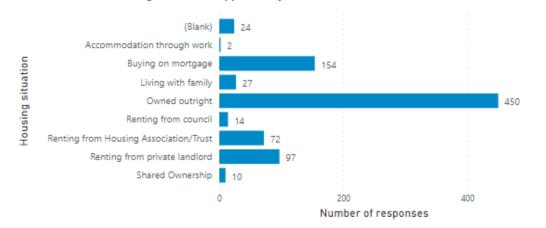
## Survey Respondents: Demographics

#### To which of these groups do you belong to?



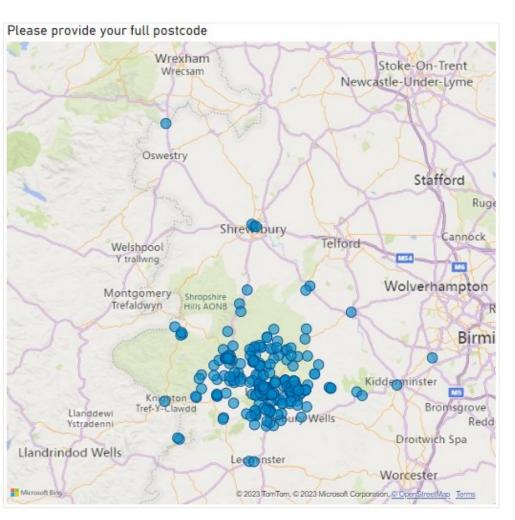


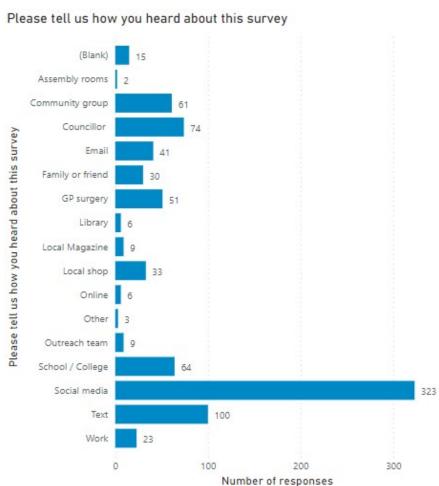
#### Which of these housing situations applies to you?





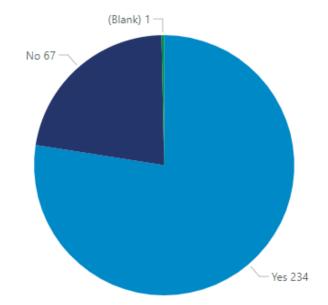
## Where responses came from



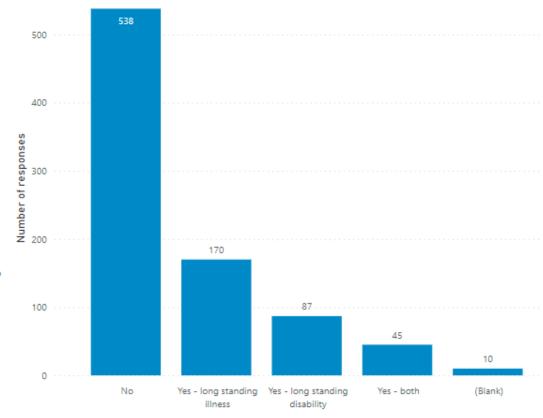




If yes, does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?

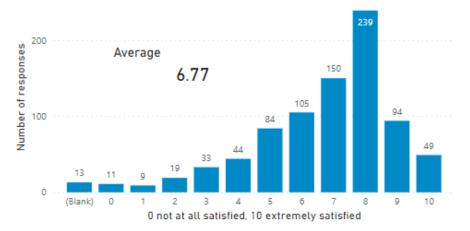


Do you have a long standing illness and/or disability?

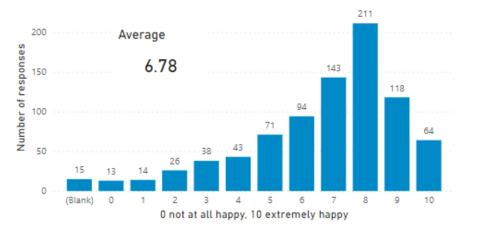




#### Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?

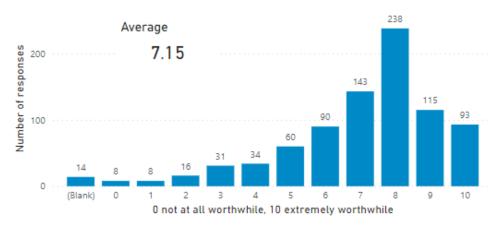


#### Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?

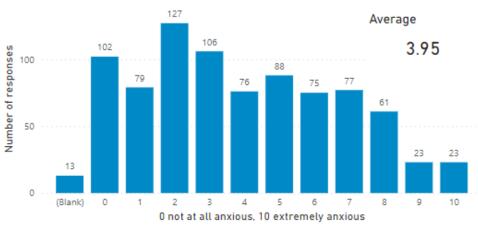


#### ONS Personal Wellbeing Questions

## Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile?

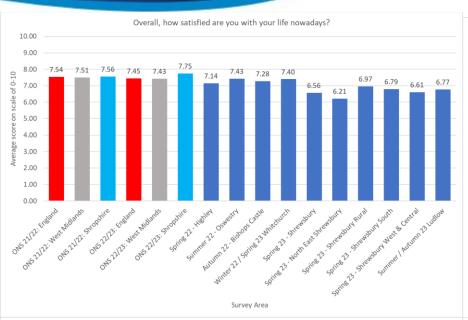


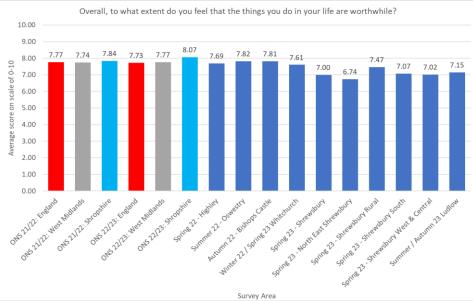
#### Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?

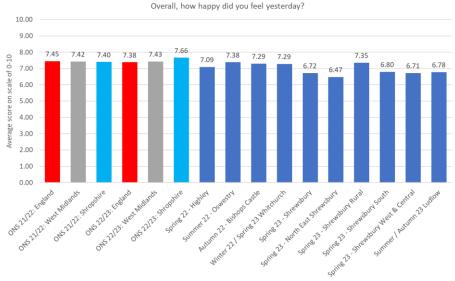


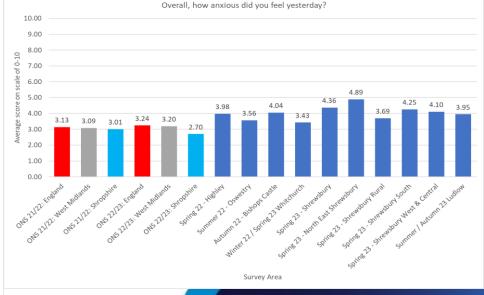


#### Comparison of Survey Scores to other areas





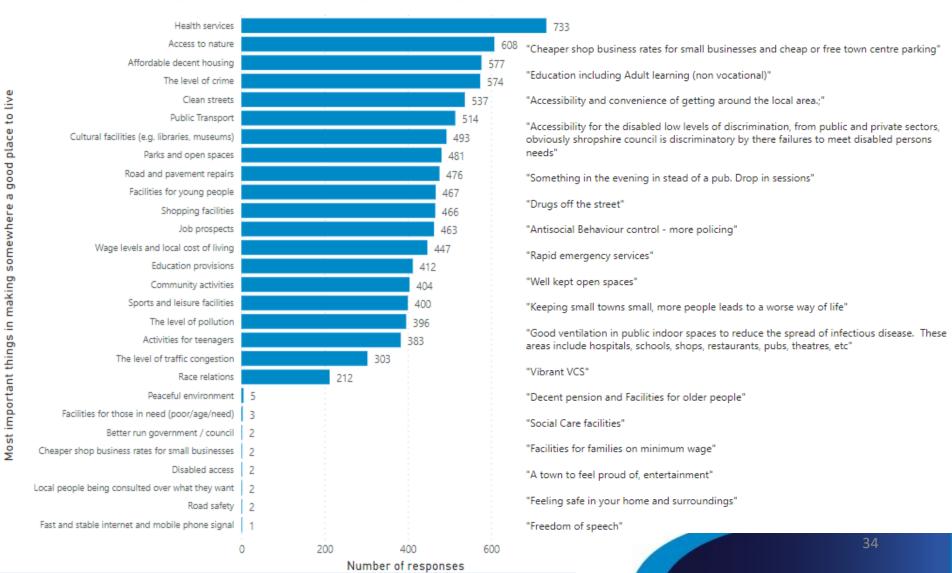






# Thinking generally, which of the things below would you say are the most important in making somewhere a good place to live?

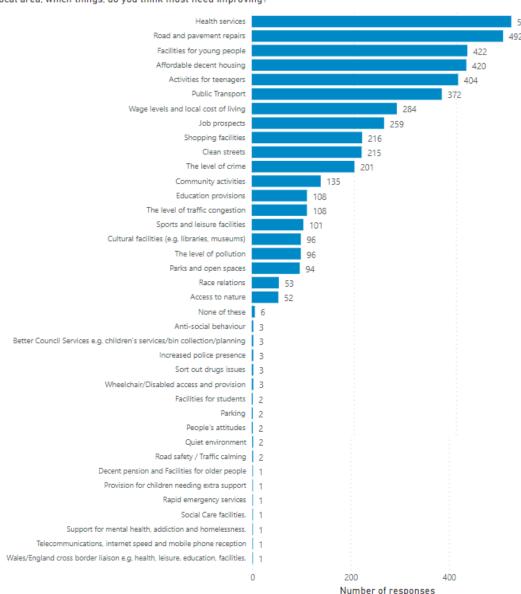
Thinking generally, which things are most important in making somewhere a good place to live?





# Thinking about this local area, which things do you think most need improving?

In your local area, which things, do you think most need improving?



"Fuel costs too high. Petrol. Coal. Electricity. Council tax too high with little recognisable benefits received"

"Railway bridge walkway on sheet road is treacherous in icy snowy weather.

This and sheet road, upper and lower gaelford pavements need gritting regularly"

"Many pavements are not user friendly for the disabled, uneven pavements, pot holes, no drop curbs, steep gradients that are man made, overgrown hedges due to home owners neglect of many years, preventing wheelchair users to use pavements, train station is a jungle. Unreliable train service, expensive train fare, no concession for train transport as is the case for buses provided by council, buses don't have toilets and the journey is too long for some people, there has been for over 35 years a pathetic, limited and substandard provision of adult education in the county, that doesn't reflect the multi cultural and educational needs of residents, many shops not accessible and some on request which makes you loose your independence, poor offering of care in the home, council led care is substandard and discriminatory, unacceptable provisions for the glbt community, poor selection of shops, especially clothing and budget stores, no this dentist? no proper hospital facilities, slow internet"

"Access to Facilities for disabled children"

"Better access to dentists; Increased police presence"

"Feeling safe in your home and surroundings;"

"Skateboarding at night is an issue, something more for kids;"

"Better Council Services including children's services that are fit for purpose;"

"Cheaper shop business rates for small businesses and free parking"
"Worried about the loss of banks :"

"Its appalling that racism still exists which i believe is due to ignorance;"

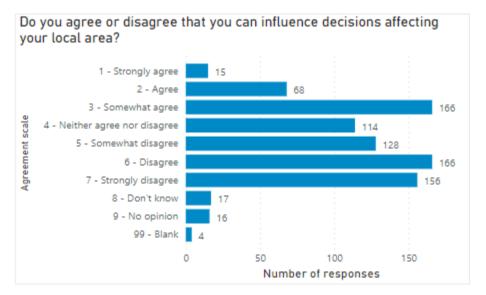
"Getting noise levels down would be a big help to me;"

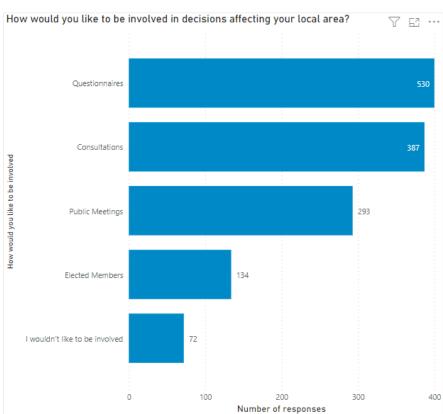
"Services such as GPs to be more responsive to patients needs, less tied to drug prescribing and offering more flexibility in ways to move towards wellness.:"

"Improving ventilation in indoor public spaces will reduce the spread of infection and pressure on health services. If public spaces are safer people who wish to avoid illness will frequent shops, restaurants, theatres, etc and improve the local economy;"

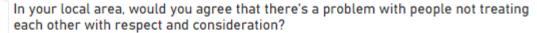
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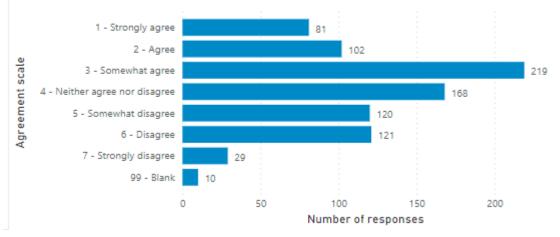




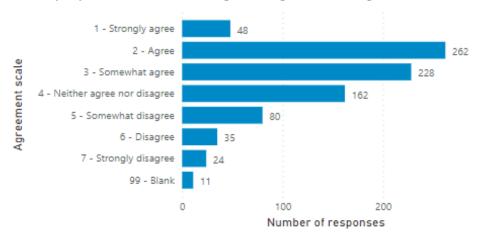






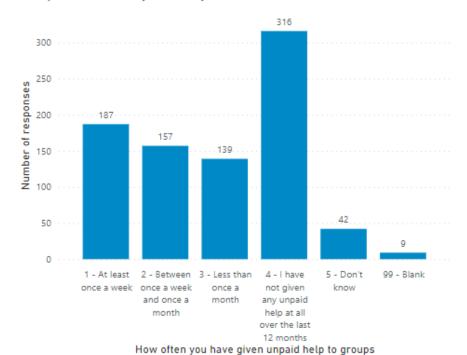


To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together?

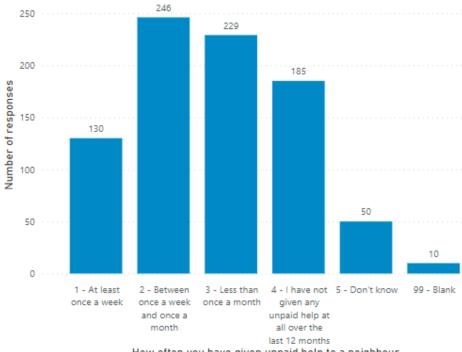




Overall, about how often over the last 12 months have you given unpaid help to any groups, clubs or organisations? Please only include work that is unpaid and not for your family.



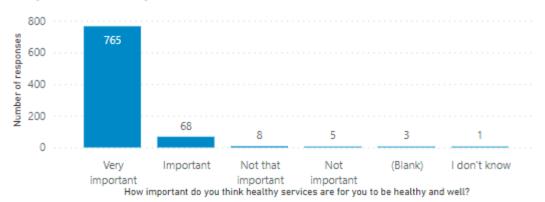
Overall, how often over the last 12 months have you give unpaid help to a neighbour?



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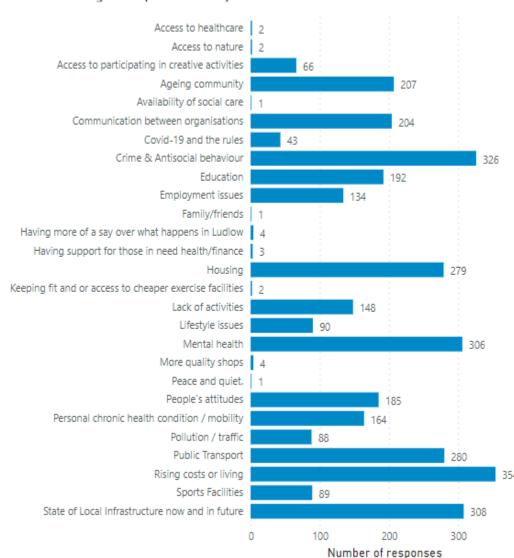
# How important do you think health services (GP, dentist, hospital, other) are for you to be healthy and well?





Response

## Not including health services, which things do you think are most important to your health and wellbeing in the place where you live?



"Water pollution and other essentials"

"There is too much noise and street lights are getting brighter and brighter which is also overwhelming and very hard to live with"

"Number of new houses being built, but schools & GP facilities are not expanding at the same time"

"Falls cause a lot of problems for older people and the uneven pavement's in Ludlow often Co tribute to them"

"Support for elderly family members"

"With so many Ludlow shops empty, rates and rent policies need to be reviewed. Parking charges are off putting and deter visits. Poor roads and broadband in rural areas."

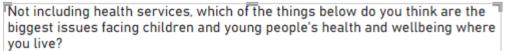
"Handling of the covid pandemic was a disaster and the biggest policy failure of my lifetime. The damage caused by this is staggering. Lockdowns and denying people access to visit loved ones in hospital, care homes etc was the most inhumane decision."

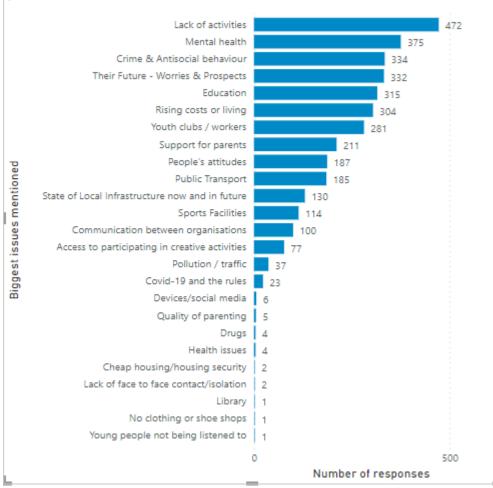
"Access to a local GPS and emergency services in Ludlow. Distance an ambulance needs to travel to get to Ludlow. No A&E nearby;"

"My concern is with the diminishing sense of agency and influence over our own town. Only we know it well, understand our needs and priorities and truly care. But too many decisions, and jobs that determine and deliver our future are centralised and we end up with no local ability, or even understanding, to manage ourselves. We need real local ownership. A reinstatement of a South Shropshire local council where everyone understands the realities of small, rural, remote market towns and their communities. Shrewsbury is dominated by its large conurbations."

"Housing, lack of activities, people's attitudes - It's an exclusive area, not inclusive"







"Adults not recognising /acknowledging signs of health issues or neurodivergency, or dismissing/not listening to children trying to share their struggles;"

"Lack of future job prospects in area"

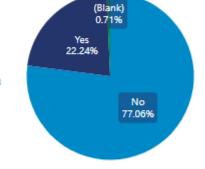
"Pier Pressure"

"Lack of medical provisions especially dentistry"

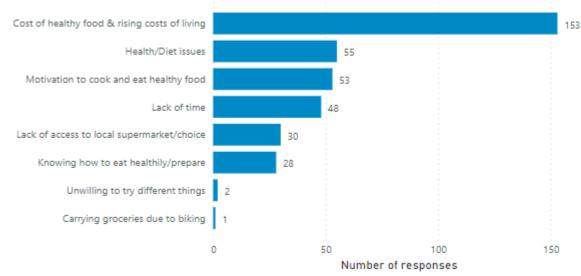
"Exposure to pathogens such as repeatedly contracting covid and other respiratory viruses unnecessarily. Schools should be adequately ventilated to prevent long term damage to children's health and that of teachers and their families. Would improve attendance and education opportunities"



Are there challenges for you and your family in eating healthy food?



#### What the challenges mentioned were to eating healthy food



"Choice is not there, all ultra processed food"

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What the challenges mentioned

"Difficulty getting a wide range of healthier foods, processed is much easier to get"

"Finding something we can all agree on to eat!!"

"My autistic son dislikes trying new foods"

"Permanent nausea and ability to actually swallow some foods (ie carrots get stuck in my throat )"

"Lack of cooking classes at school"

"Transport to nearby towns. No transport to nearby Tenbury or Bridgnorth"

"Local supermarkets are more expensive than Waitrose or M&S! But not the same quality"

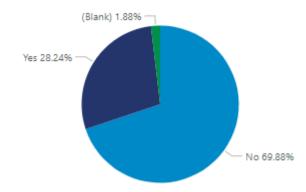
"High cost of allergen free foods, the majority have to be bought from outside the town, being used by supermarket to gain monies and with the backing of the government, our shopping bill has tripled just for basics"

"I am a nutrition professional so it is not really a challenge, however, the challenge is ensuring your child eats well when they want to eat sugary, unhealthy foods due to marketing etc;"

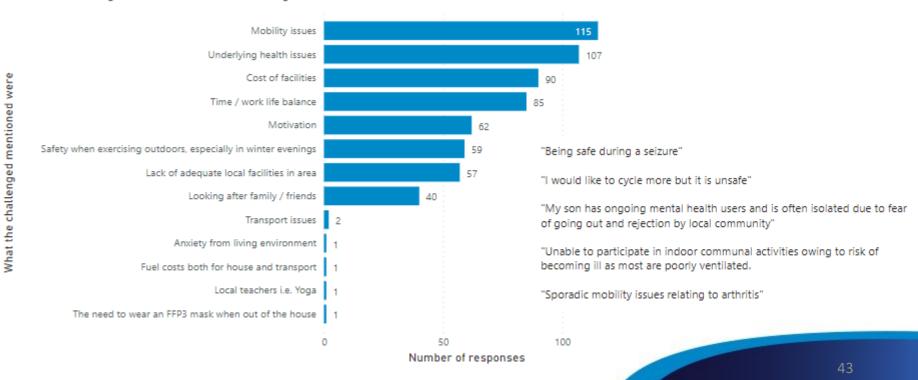
"Lack of healthy food due to dangerous farming method. Out of date dietary advice given by GPs. Lack of access to proper functional medicine and dietary advice for people with chronic health problems. Lobbying big business influencing guidelines as to what is considered healthy/unhealthy so that members of the public still think that margarine is healthier than butter, among other bad ideas"



## Are there challenges for you and your family with regard to being active in your daily life?



#### What the challenges mentioned were to being active





# Sarah's story: Her story of living in her community in Ludlow

Sarah said that when she has applied for work you tell the potential employer you are from Sandpits, they just won't interview you, you are not given an opportunity, the minute they hear the name Sandpits forget it.

Sarah said nothing has improved in her lifetime in Sandpits if anything things are worse.

Her Personal experience with her own family disabilities where she has had to fight for everything, has led her to help others who live in her community, she has become their voice they don't have anyone speaking up for them. The struggle to provide evidence such as bank statements, identification, legal documents, everything has become paperless or online, don't have access, services have closed, can't walk into a bank anymore and ask to print off a bank statements because they don't exist. Everything has become less accessible.

She has experienced random people who have entered her home trying to take things, she can't leave her door unlocked at all, she has had to install security cameras into her home, to keep herself and family safe. She and her family have been victimised after speaking out about an incident, consequently she has taken the decision to stay at home after dark. To this day she and her family are bullied and are subject to abusive and threatening language.

When shopping for her family, there is no suitable clothes shops that are affordable, it's all for the rich people, nothing for teenagers, youngsters even retired people. She and her family must travel to Leominster by train to buy school uniforms public transport is very poor.

She has openly told me that they live daily amongst the drug runners, it's a normality for them and has openly said until county lines are dealt with the drug runners will always exist.

My daily life in Sandpits consists of dealing with humiliation, constant denial of accusations, burglaries, house theft (house got broken into last night at 4am from across the road), abuse, drug raids, drug runners and eventually once I have dealt with all that I can provide for my family.



# **Group Discussion**

- 1. What are the key themes for the Ludlow Plan Areas?
- 2. What is already happening around the key themes?
- 3. What actions do we need to take to improve the key themes?