

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

COMMITTEE - 4th October 2010

SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2009

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update CHP of action taken in relation to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2009 (SIMD 09) further to the report presented to the CHP Committee in February 2010.

1.2 To advise of further statistical publications.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 SIMD 09 is the Scottish Government's tool for identifying small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across Scotland. It is relevant for the development of policies and targeting of resources aimed at tackling areas where there are concentrations of multiple deprivation.

2.2 Further to the report presented in February 2010 the CHP Committee:

- Requested that the report be remitted to CHP Officer Locality Groups and subgroups for consideration of the implications for service design and delivery.
- Endorsed the undertaking of further joint work across the CHP and through Community Planning arrangements in order to identify detailed implications of SIMD 09 in relation to tackling health inequalities within East Ayrshire.
- Requested that a further report on the detailed implications of SIMD 09 for the planning and delivery of services be presented to the CHP Committee in due course.

3. PROGRESS REPORT

3.1 The SIMD report has been considered by both of the Officer Locality Groups and by subgroups.

3.2 Specific work has been undertaken within the NHS in relation to the ranking of Patna in the health domain as this was inconsistent with its ranking across the other domains. Whilst it was not possible to identify a single cause for this effect it has proved to be possible to rule out the presence of care homes as a contributory factor.

- 3.3 Work has been undertaken in Housing services in relation to the Income domain. Analysis of data provided by the Joint Team (responsible for Income Maximisation for older people) and the Energy Advice unit showed the following: both teams are carrying out visits throughout the local authority at similar levels of concentration (Joint Team 28/30 datazones, Energy Advice Team 30/30 datazones). 20% of the work of the Joint Team and 25% of the visits carried out by the Energy Advice Unit took place in the 15% most deprived areas. Only 1% of visits carried out by both teams took place in the 15% least deprived areas. No income maximisation visits were carried out in the two least deprived datazones. The analysis confirmed that the teams are providing a service in the areas where it is most needed.
- 3.4 Work has been undertaken for the sub group Early Years Education sub group to identify social work activity in relation to children aged 12 and under by datazone; school attainment, exclusion and free school meals and clothing grant information and has also been mapped to Multi Member Wards.
- 3.5 Further work has commenced within Social Work to examine social work referrals and services by data zones by mapping postcodes to datazones to multi member wards.
- 3.6 All current and forthcoming strategy and action plan development linked to the Community Plan will take account of the SIMD.
- 3.7 Detailed implications are not yet available as wider consideration of other statistical publications is necessary.

4. FURTHER STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS

- 4.1 In August 2010 the Scottish Government published a report entitled Relative Poverty Across Scottish Local Authorities.
- 4.2 The figures in the report were derived from the Scottish Household Survey (SHS) and cover a range of areas including household income. They appeared to indicate an improving position for East Ayrshire relative to the picture painted in SIMD 09. Subsequent to publication concerns were raised about the apparent lack of correlation with the SIMD 09 figures across Scotland and it has been agreed that the statistics will be subject to a further level of quality assurance scrutiny by the Scottish Government.
- 4.3 Detailed profiles of Scottish CHPs were published by the Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) in 2008. The profiles were designed to:
- provide organisations and communities with up-to-date and locally-relevant public health intelligence;
 - highlight health and social inequalities;
 - show trends in key indicators;

- provide local information for targeting resources and priority-setting; and
- develop knowledge of the complex nature of health and its determinants.

4.4 ScotPHO intends to publish new profiles towards the end of 2010.

4.5 The Scottish Government is currently consulting on options for change to datazones to take account of population change and the links between datazones and their geography.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 CHP Committee is requested to:

- (i) Note the work undertaken to ensure SIMD 09 informs policy and strategy development.
- (ii) Receive a future report subsequent to the completion of the process of scrutiny on the report referred to in 4.1 and the publication of new CHP profile for East Ayrshire.

Background Papers

1. Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2009 General Report:
www.scotland.gov.uk/simd2009report
2. Relative Poverty Across Scottish Local Authorities
www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/08/26155956/0
3. 2010 Datazone Consultation
www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/08/DZconsult

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