





'Fit' for our own futures?



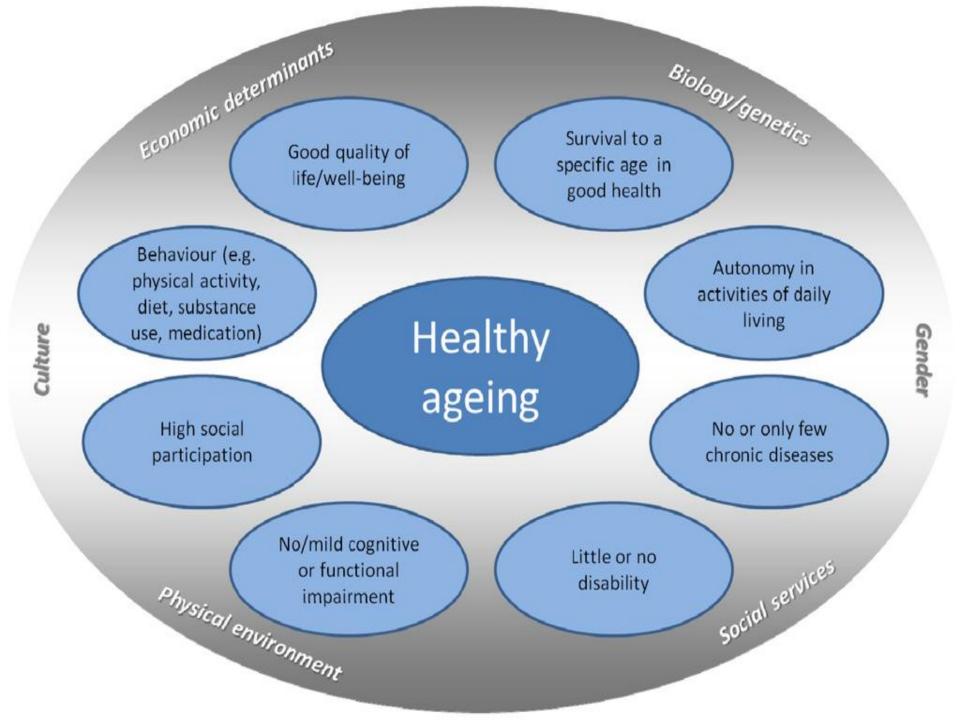


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Ageing

- There is a fear of old age as it is associated with disability and disease
- But the ageing process is not the principal cause of disabling disease
- Ageing is a normal biological process that is believed by itself to have relatively little significant impact until the nineties
- The major influence on the ageing process is external environmental factors
- 75% of longevity can be explained by these factors and only 25% of the ageing process is believed to be genetically determined
- Much of the illness and disability all too often associated with ageing can be prevented or postponed



Healthy Ageing

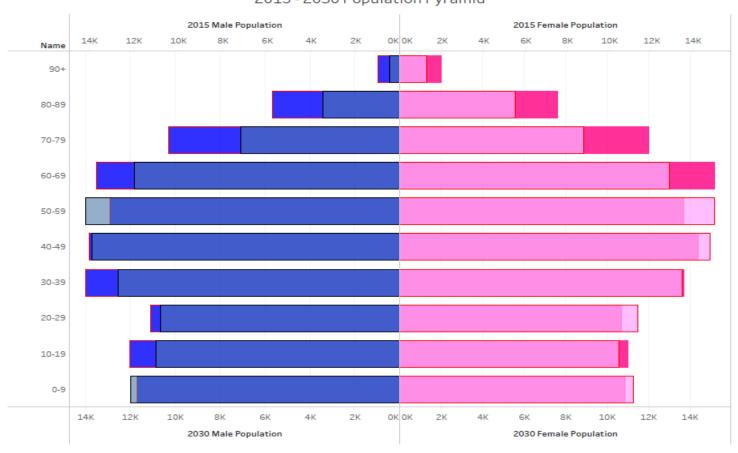
Enabling our residents not only to live longer but more importantly to live longer in good health and enjoy a good quality of life.

For most people the maintenance of functional ability has the highest importance.



Our ageing population





Measure Names

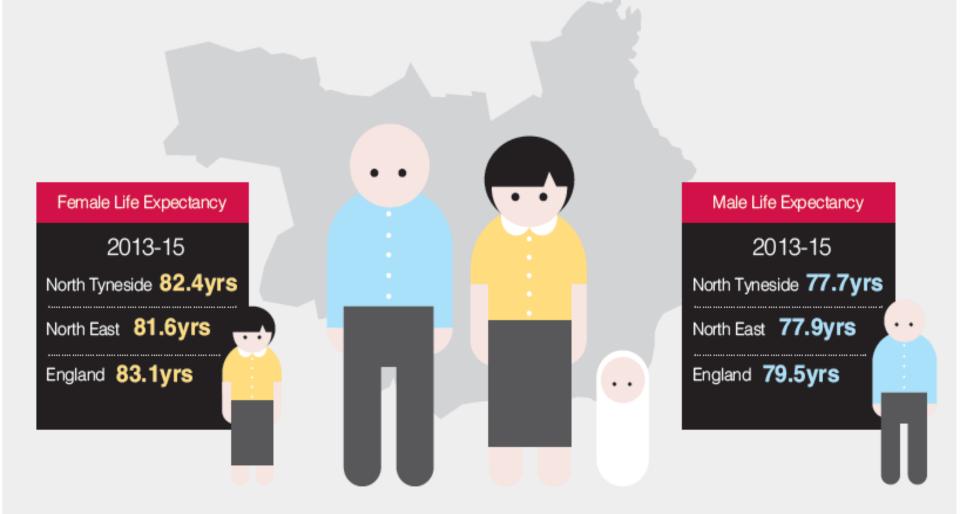
2015 Male - North Tyneside
2015 Female - North Tyneside

2030 Male - North Tyneside 2030 Female - North Tyneside



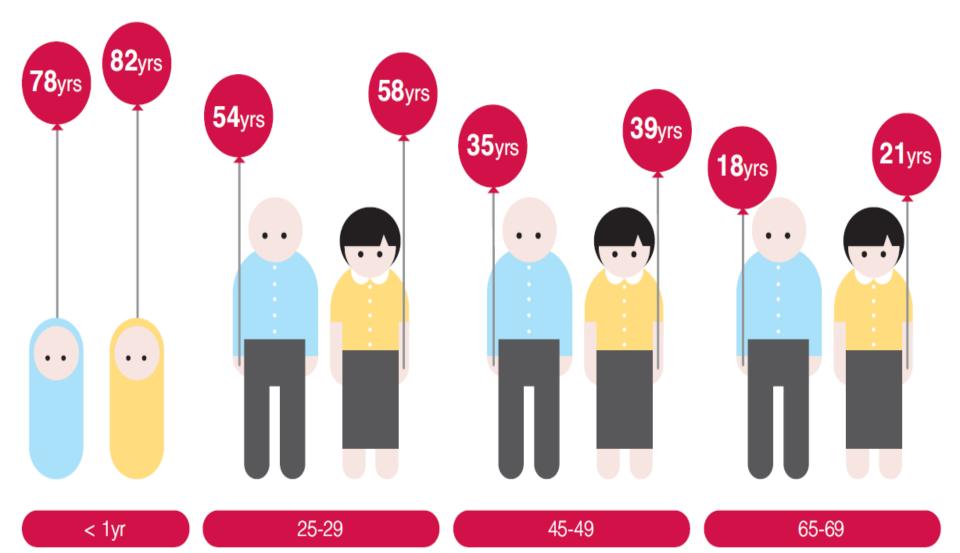
Adding years to life

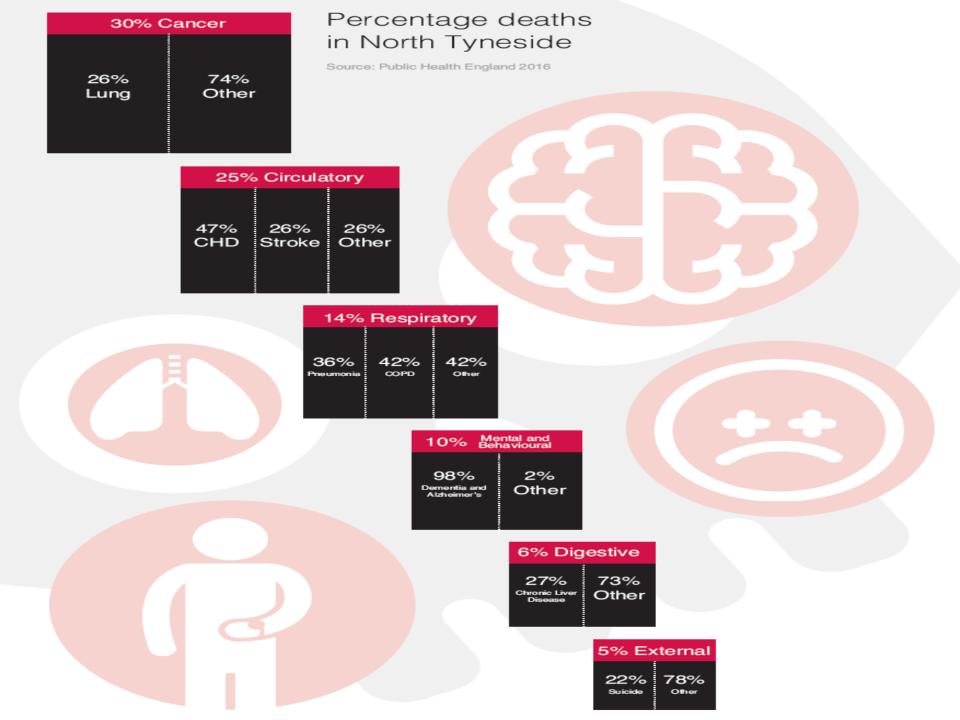
Life Expectancy at birth

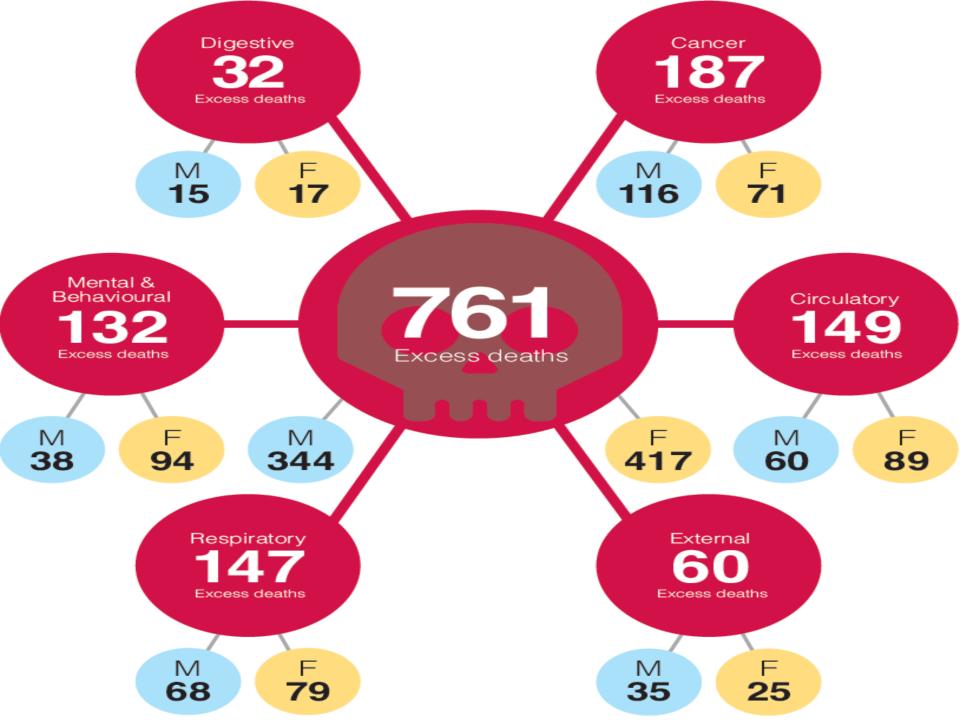


Life expectancy in North Tyneside at specific ages

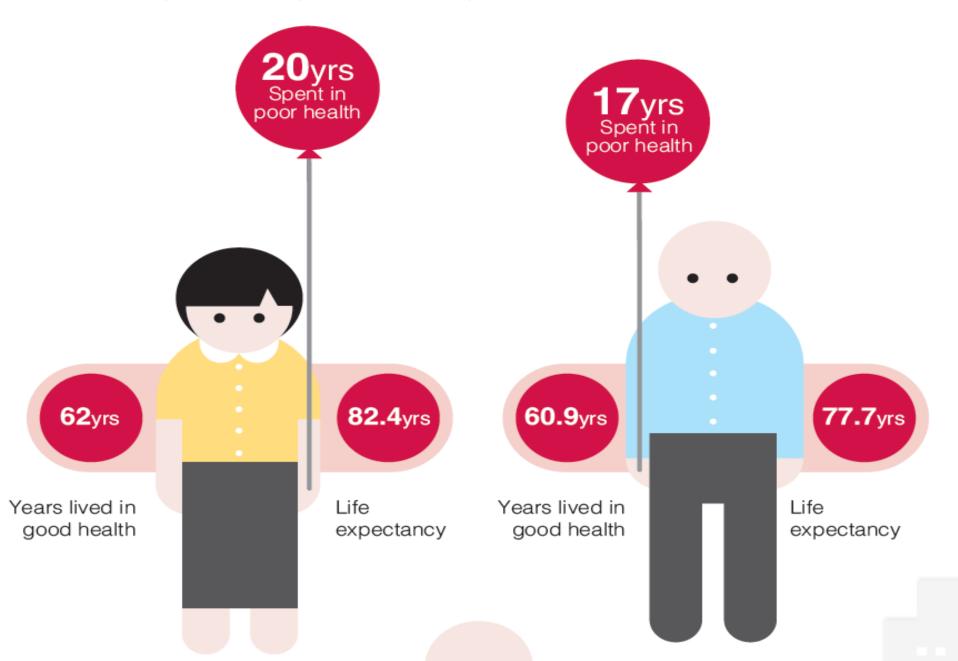
Based on your current age, you can expect to live another ...







Living longer in good health?

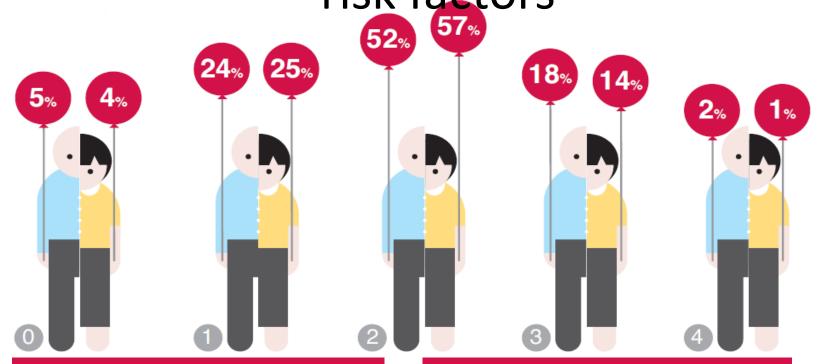


Risk factors - why do they matter as we age?

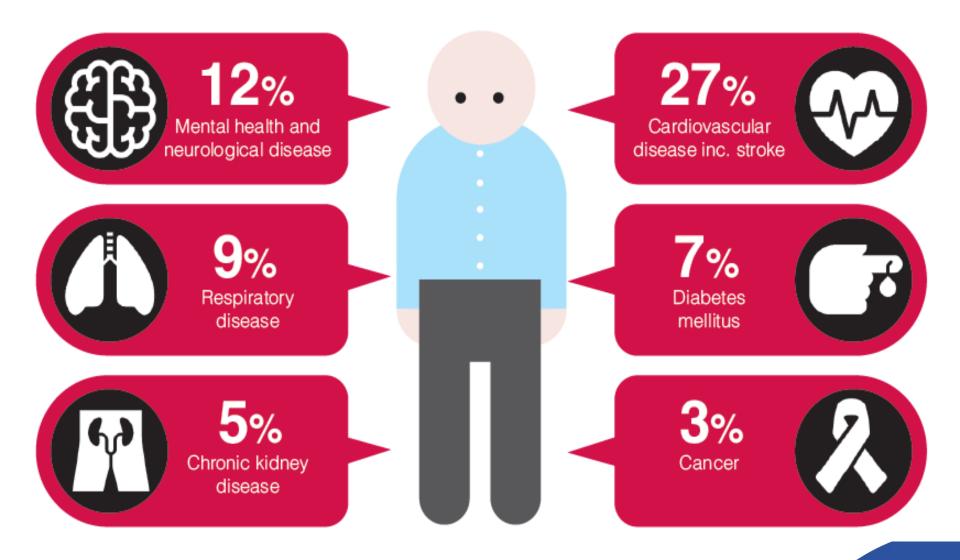
- Many of the diseases, conditions and disabilities that people associate with old age and that impact upon years lived in good health are not caused by ageing
- Lifestyle and environmental factors increase the exposure to certain risk factors
- The longer a person has lived, the longer they will have been exposed and the greater chance they have of getting a disease or condition
- Over 50% of people over 65 years have 2 risk factors



Proportion of people age 65+ with 0-4 risk factors



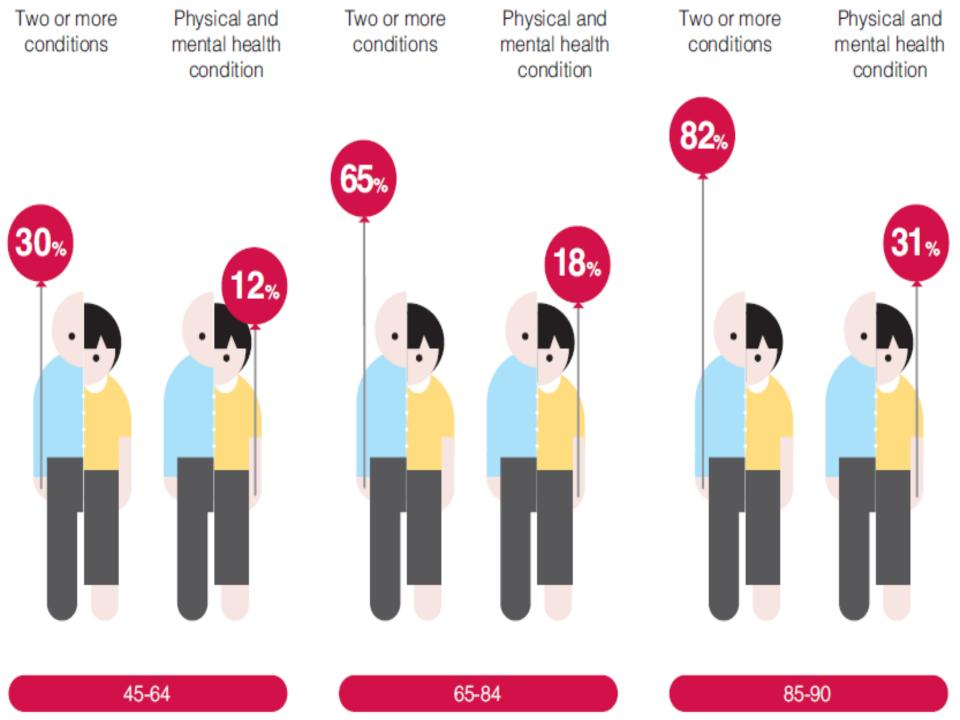
More than half of all adults in North Tyneside aged 65+ have two or more risk factors. This is equates to around 20,000 people. The most common combination of risk factors for men and women is low physical activity and low consumption of fruit and vegetables.



Half the population at age 50 is estimated to have at least 1 long term condition

There estimated to be around 17,000 adults aged 65-84 with multiple long term conditions in North Tyneside





"Stroke is one of the major causes of disability, resulting from decades of diet causing narrowing of the arteries of the brain, the risk often increased by smoking or decades of living with high blood pressure from a high salt diet and obesity. LIFESTYLE NOT AGEING."

Sir Muir Gray

"It is sometimes suggested that because cancer is ten or a hundred times more likely to arise in the coming year in old people than in young people, ageing per se should be thought of as an important determinant of cancer. We rather doubt whether this view point is a scientifically fruitful one and in any case we are concerned with the avoidable causes of cancer, among which we can hardly count old age" Sir Richard Doll and Sir Richard Peto



The importance of healthy behaviour and lifestyle



residents rate their health as good.



Physical activity and weight

73%

of females and

males of adults over the age of 55 are overweight or obese in North Tyneside.



52%
of adults eat five portions of fruit and vegetables per day.

34.4% of all adults in North Tyneside are inactive.

of adults inactive at age 65+.
Around 27,000 adults.

Alcohol

13% of 65+ drink every day compared to 9% of 25-64.

1 in 3

of adults drink at levels harmful to their health.





Smoking

18%

of adults in North Tyneside (29,000 people) smoke.

12,000 people aged 50-69 are

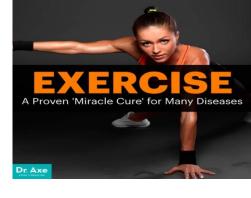
people aged 50-69 are estimated to smoke in North Tyneside.

RIP

On average, people who continue to smoke over the age of 60, die five years earlier than nonsmokers.

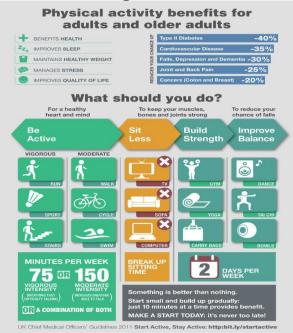


Physical activity



"Those who think they have no time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness." Edward Stanley (1826-1893)





Physical activity is a key determinant of active, healthy ageing

Physical activity is heavily related to functional ability

Fitness can be dramatically improved at any age

Five key dimensions

Strength: muscles of the core, upper & lower limbs

Stamina: activities that makes you breathless

Suppleness: Yoga Tai Chi Pilates

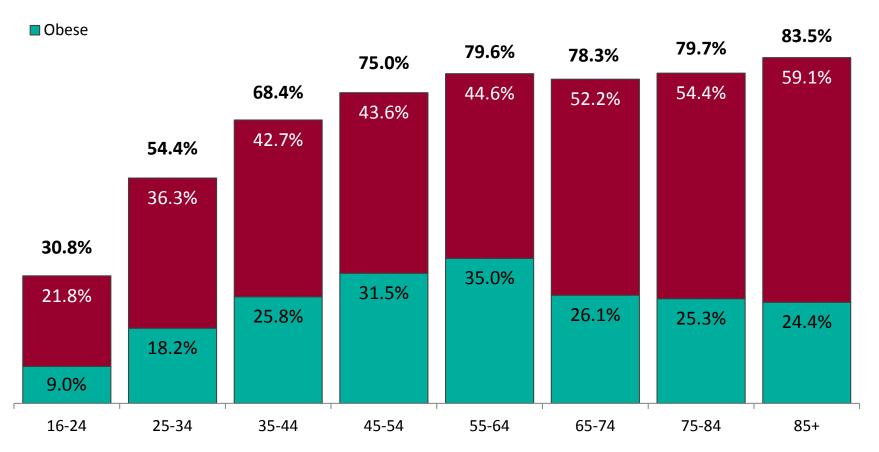
Skill: balance exercises

Healthy weight

Prevalence by age: men

Health Survey for England 2014

Overweight



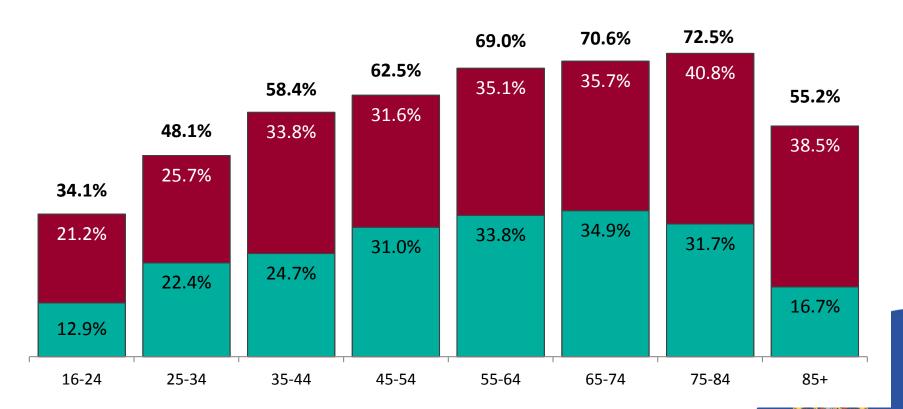
Adult (aged 16+) BMI thresholds: overweight: 25 to <30kg/m²; Obese: ≥30kg/m²

Prevalence by age: women

Health Survey for England 2014

■ Overweight

Obese



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Patterns and trends in adult obesity

North Tyneside Council

Mental health and ageing

- Mental health and physical health are inextricably linked throughout life
- People with long term mental health problems throughout adulthood have poorer physical health
- Depression is synonymous with the ageing process but this is a faulty notion
- Physical health is overwhelmingly a key determinant of emotional and mental wellbeing amongst people aged 65+
- Social factors are also very important



Mental health and ageing

 There are an estimated 14,500 people in North Tyneside aged over 50 in North Tyneside who feel anxious or depressed

 Anxiety and depression is highest in the 50 – 59 age group and over 80's

 41% of 50-70 year olds living in the least affluent areas have symptoms of depression compared to 13% living in the

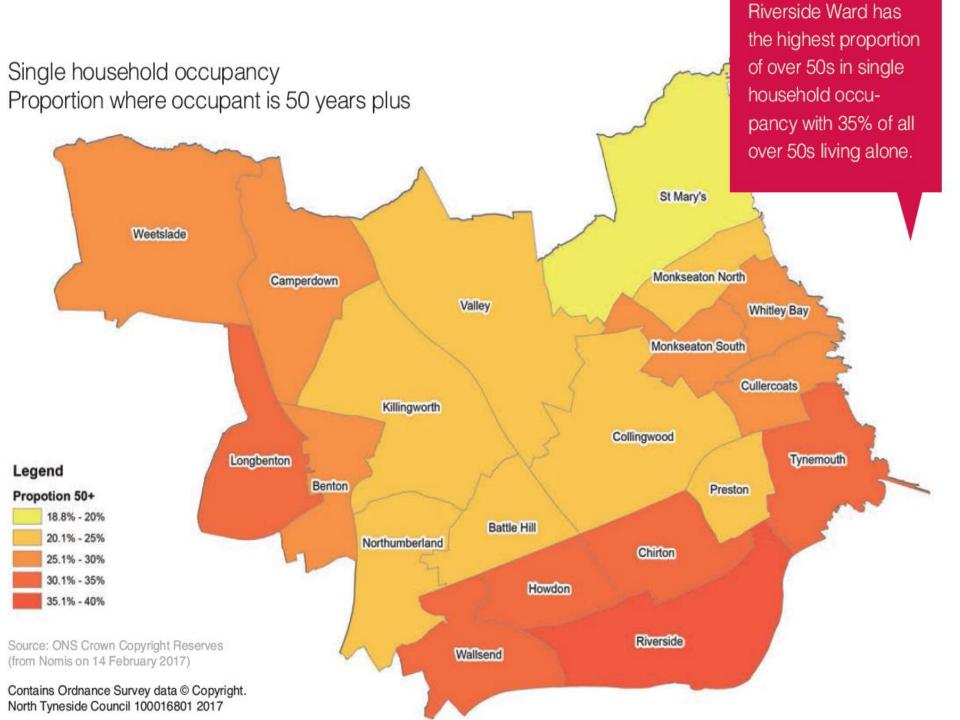
Older people have the lowest use of IAPT service

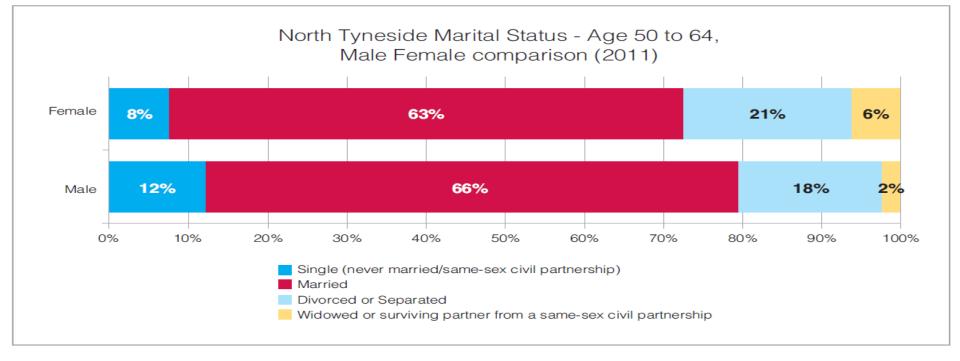
Social factors

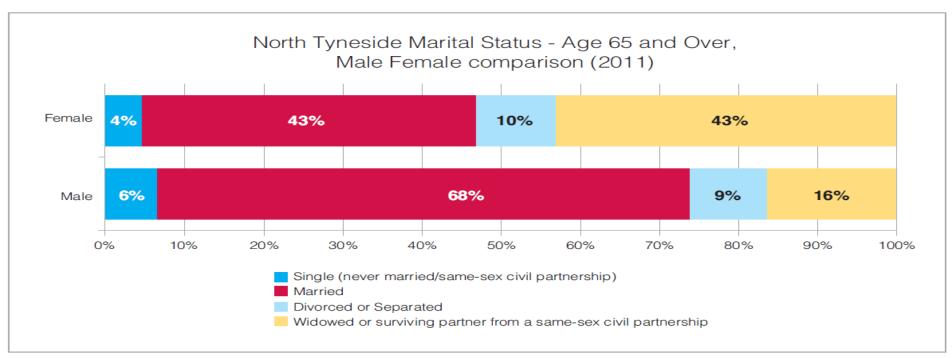
 Social inclusion and access to social networks is a known protective factor for health and wellbeing particularly as we age.

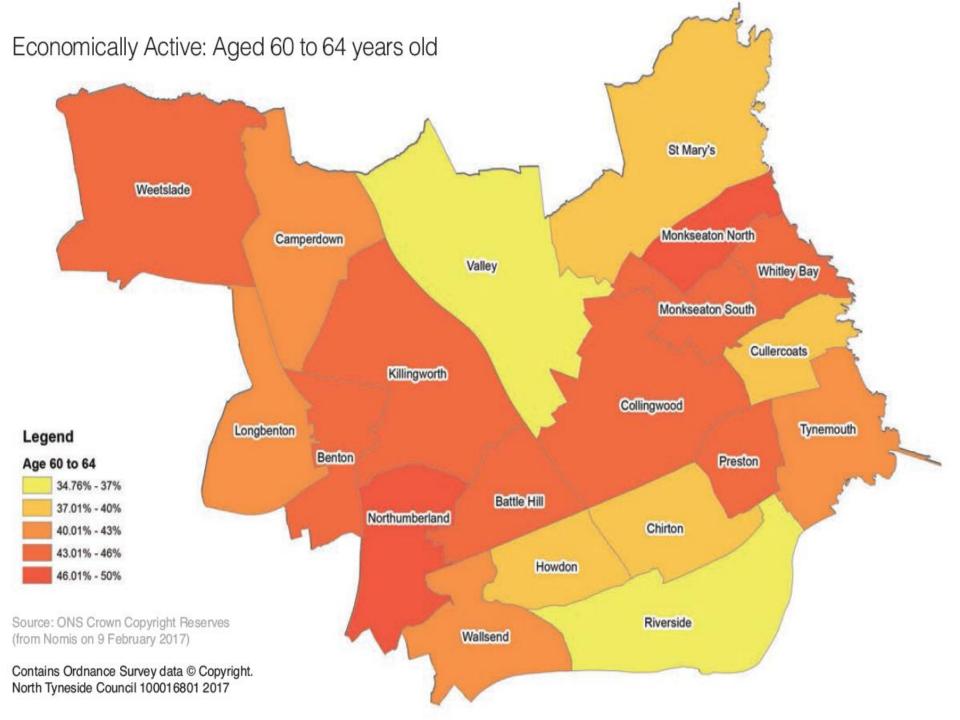
 Older people who have close connections and relationships not only live longer, but also cope better with health problems and are less likely to experience depression.

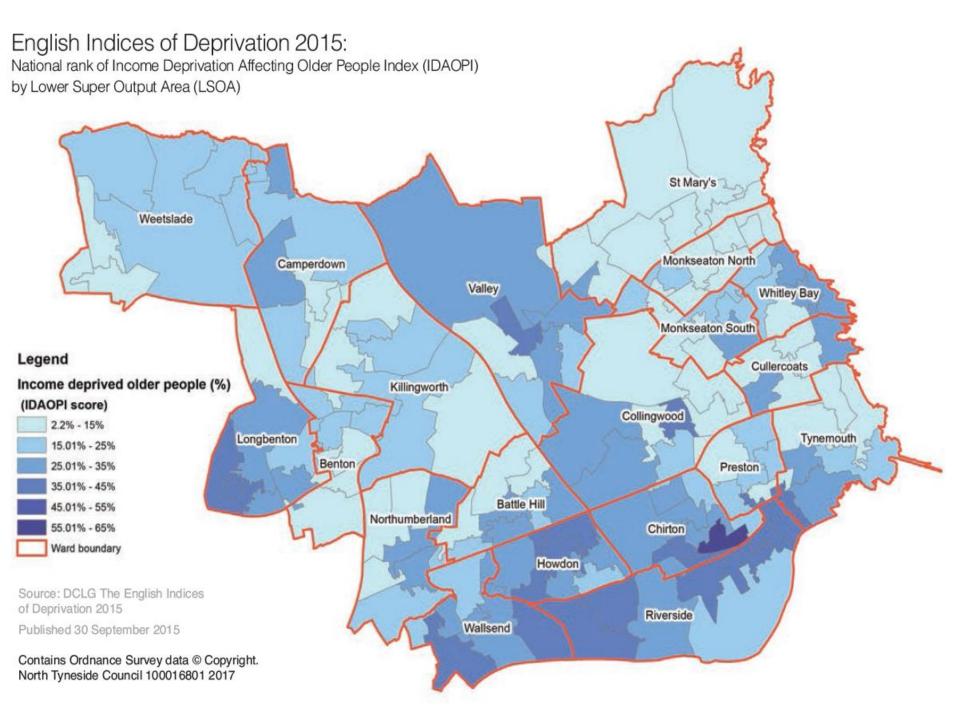












Social activity: use of facilities by age

Age	Parks and Green spaces (%)	Beaches (%)	Sports and Leisure (%)
18-34	94	97	81
35-44	96	97	82
45-54	94	91	75
55-64	89	87	67
65+	79	74	44
Age	Theatres/Art Centres (%)	Libraries (%)	Museums/Galleries (%)
Age 18-34	Theatres/Art Centres (%) 51	Libraries (%) 53	Museums/Galleries (%) 48
18-34	51	53	48
18-34 35-44	51 70	53 74	48 61

Frequency of use is defined as > 1 visit per month

Source: North Tyneside Residents Survey 2015

Conclusions

- It is good to grow old and society benefits from having older people
- Disease and disability are not inevitable consequences of ageing
- Many of the conditions that we associate with ageing are preventable
- The lifetime of exposure to risk factors impact on health at any age but as we get older they become more pronounced
- Wider social and economic factors are also important and impact our health as we age

Conclusions

- We are living longer but some residents are living for two decades with health conditions that limit the way they are able to live their lives
- Much of the chronic disease burden is preventable through modifiable risk factors
- It is never too late to modify the even in people with chronic disease
- Physical health, mental health and social connectedness are inextricably linked

Conclusions

Physical activity is critical for functional ability

 Staying active in adult life can prevent much of what we currently consider as ageing

 Health and social care costs are being driven by an increase in the population and chronic disease, not by age per se

Recommendations

- A systematic, positive and preventative approach
- Focus across the life course from birth
- Universal and targeted approaches to healthy lifestyle with a focus on tackling inequalities
- Upscale efforts to increase physical activity levels
- Targeting the baby boomers
- Preventing deterioration for those with existing long term conditions
- Promoting social connectedness and the use of community assets

"Older people contribute to society in many ways – whether it be within their family, to their local community or to society more broadly. However, the extent of these human and social resources, and the opportunities available to each of us as we age, will be heavily dependent on one key characteristic: our **health**. If people are experiencing these extra years in good health, their ability to do the things they value will have few limits. "