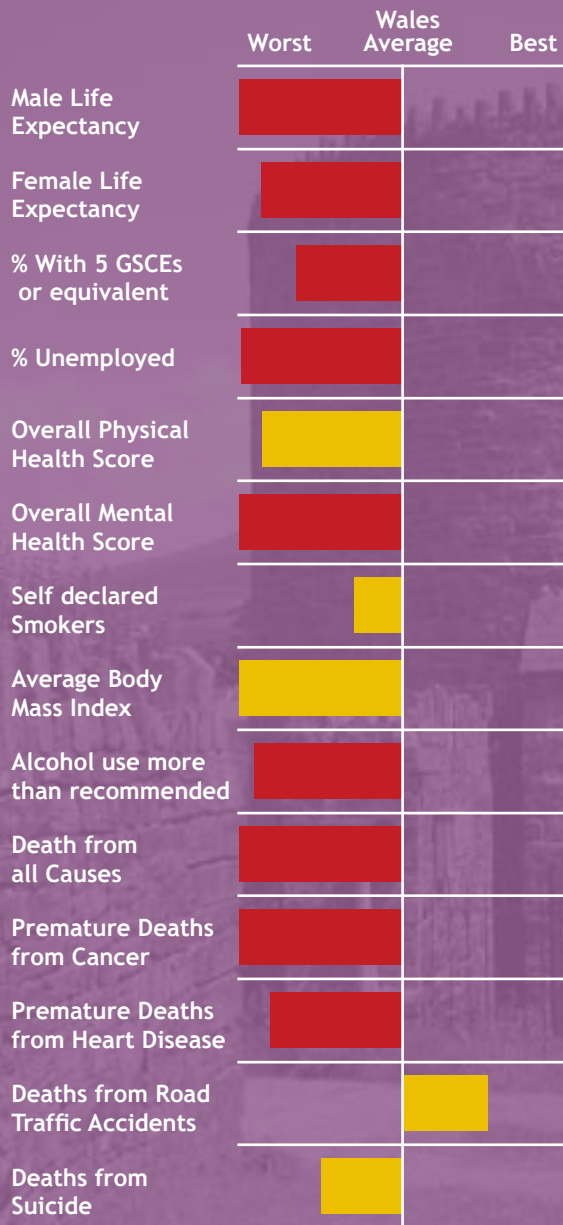




A Picture of Health in Blaenau Gwent



Blaenau Gwent has one of the worst overall health profiles in Wales compared to the average. Many of the reasons are historic and underlying. However, health is being improved in this community.

Positives for health:

- Life expectancy has consistently improved since 1996 for men and women.
- Smoking rates are within the average range compared with Wales and are showing sustained improvement.

Challenges for the community:

- Lifestyle outcomes, while generally worse than Wales, are improving.
- Mortality outcomes for Cancer and Heart Disease are significantly worse than the Wales average.

This local picture of health is a first attempt at raising awareness of general health with the public by the Wales Centre for Health. As such we welcome feedback and discussion about how best to engage and inform the public about general health issues.



Notes:

The spine chart shows the relative position of an area between the best and worst results in Wales. **Green bars** show a result that is significantly better than the Wales Average. **Red bars** show a result significantly worse than the Wales average. **Yellow bars** show results within the average range.

For more information please see the Wales Centre for health website www.wch.wales.nhs.uk, or contact 029 2022 7744.

