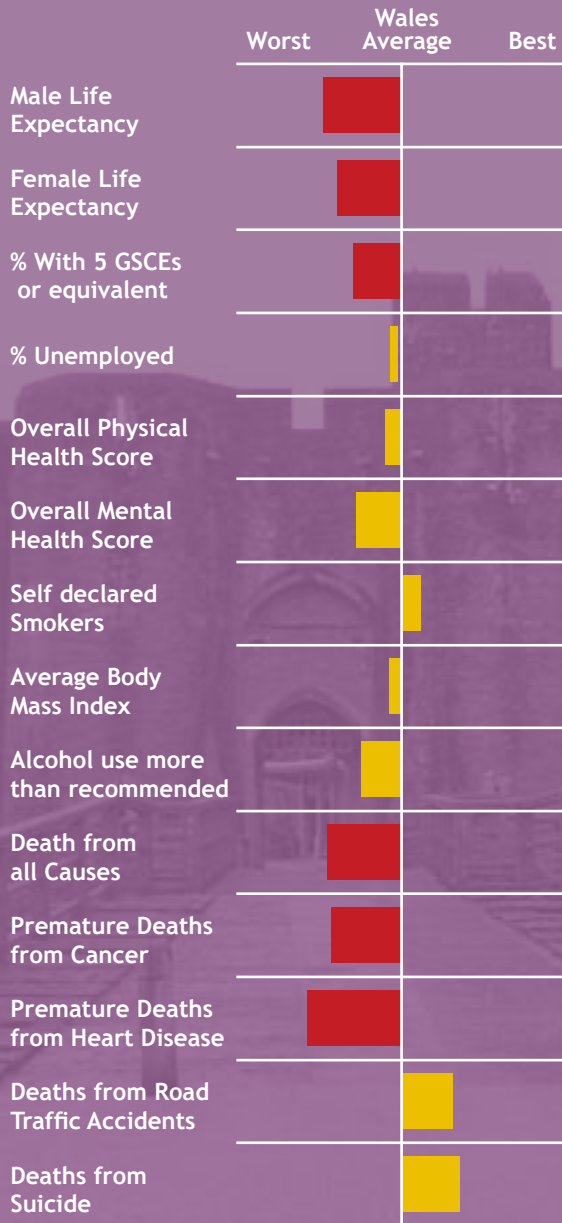




# A Picture of Health in Caerphilly



Caerphilly has an overall health profile that is generally worse than the average for Wales. One particular factor is the increasing number of older people in Caerphilly. One result of this is an anticipated rise in age-related illnesses, future demand on health services and deaths from cancers and heart disease.

### Positives for health:

- Deaths from Suicide and Road Traffic Accidents are lower than the average for Wales. Lifestyle factors, such as Alcohol and Smoking are not as prevalent as in other communities.

### Challenges for the community:

- The legacy of ill-health in older members of the area has an impact on overall death rates from Cancer and heart disease and future demand on health services.
- The gap between the best male life expectancy in Wales and Caerphilly has widened since 1991, but has improved between 2002 - 2004.

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](http://www.wch.wales.nhs.uk), or contact 029 2022 7744.

