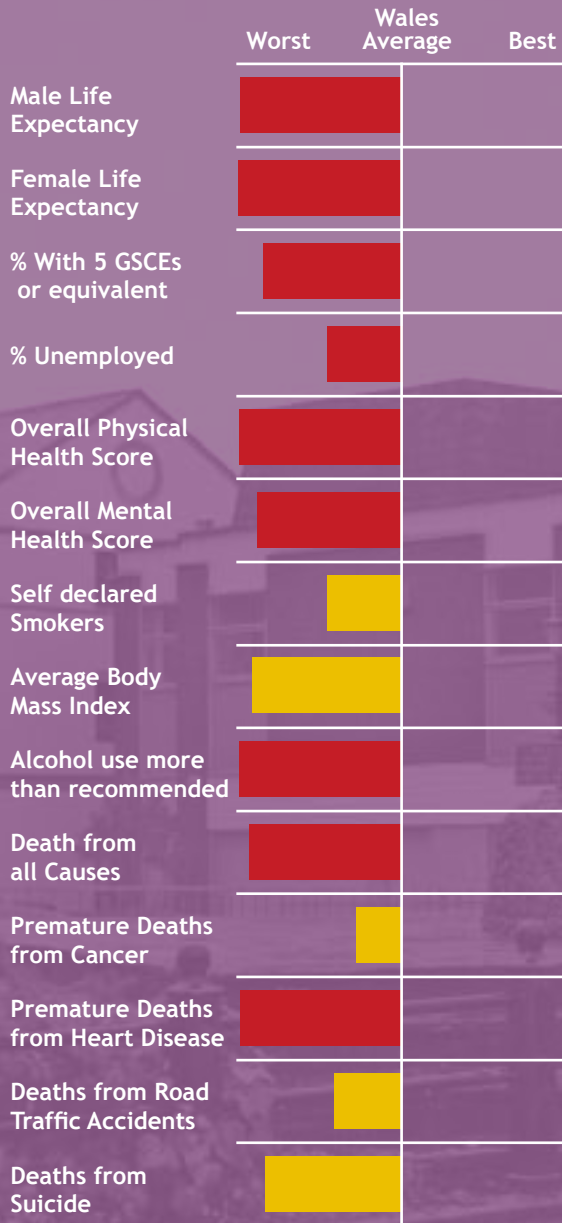




A Picture of Health in Merthyr Tydfil



Merthyr Tydfil has a profile of health largely worse than the average for Wales. The majority of small areas in Merthyr Tydfil are more deprived than the average for Wales.

Challenges for the community:

- Merthyr Tydfil has a lower life expectancy for males and females compared with Wales. Education and unemployment, key determinants of overall health, are significantly worse than the average for Wales.
- Mental and physical health are worse than the Welsh average. Alcohol consumption and premature deaths from heart disease are also worse than the Welsh 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.

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