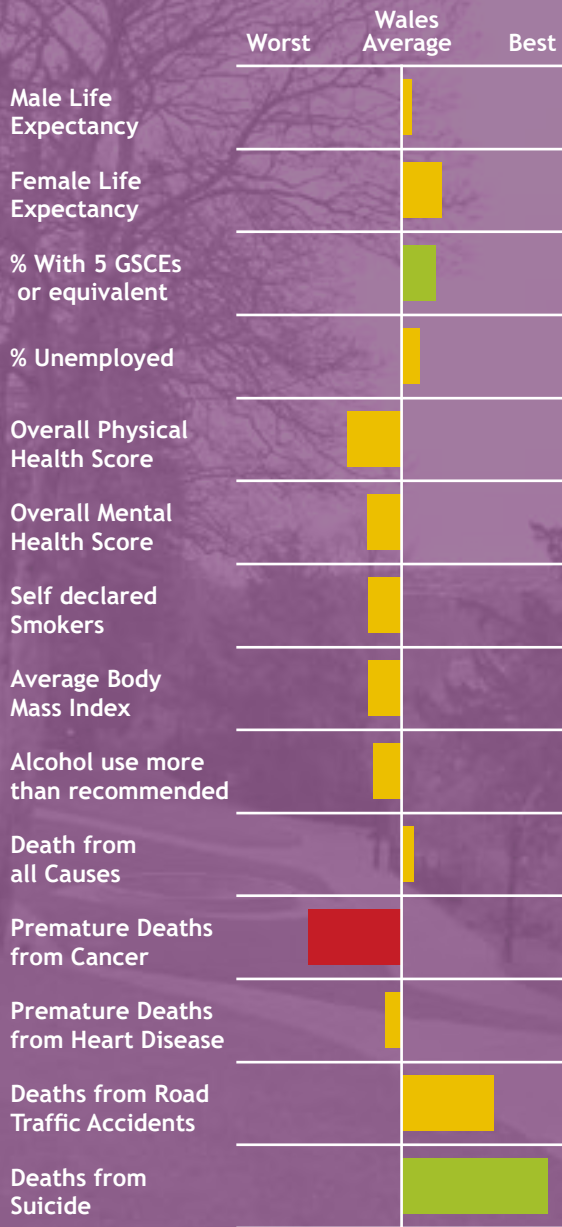




A Picture of Health in Torfaen



Torfaen has a general profile of health largely similar to the average for Wales. The area has a lower age profile than the rest of Wales with a higher proportion of people aged between 5 and 19. Deprivation levels in Torfaen are clustered mainly around the best 25% and the worst 25% in Wales, indicating different challenges within the community.

Positives for health:

- Education, a key determinant of overall health, are significantly better than the average for Wales. Torfaen also has one of the lowest rates for Suicide in Wales.
- Life Expectancy for Men and Women in Torfaen has consistently improved since 1991, closing the gap between this community and the best in Wales.

Challenges for the community:

- Torfaen has an overall rate of premature deaths from Cancer that is significantly higher than the average for Wales. The reasons for this is unclear and may require further investigation.

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.

