

# Blackburn with Darwen Public Health Dashboard Summary

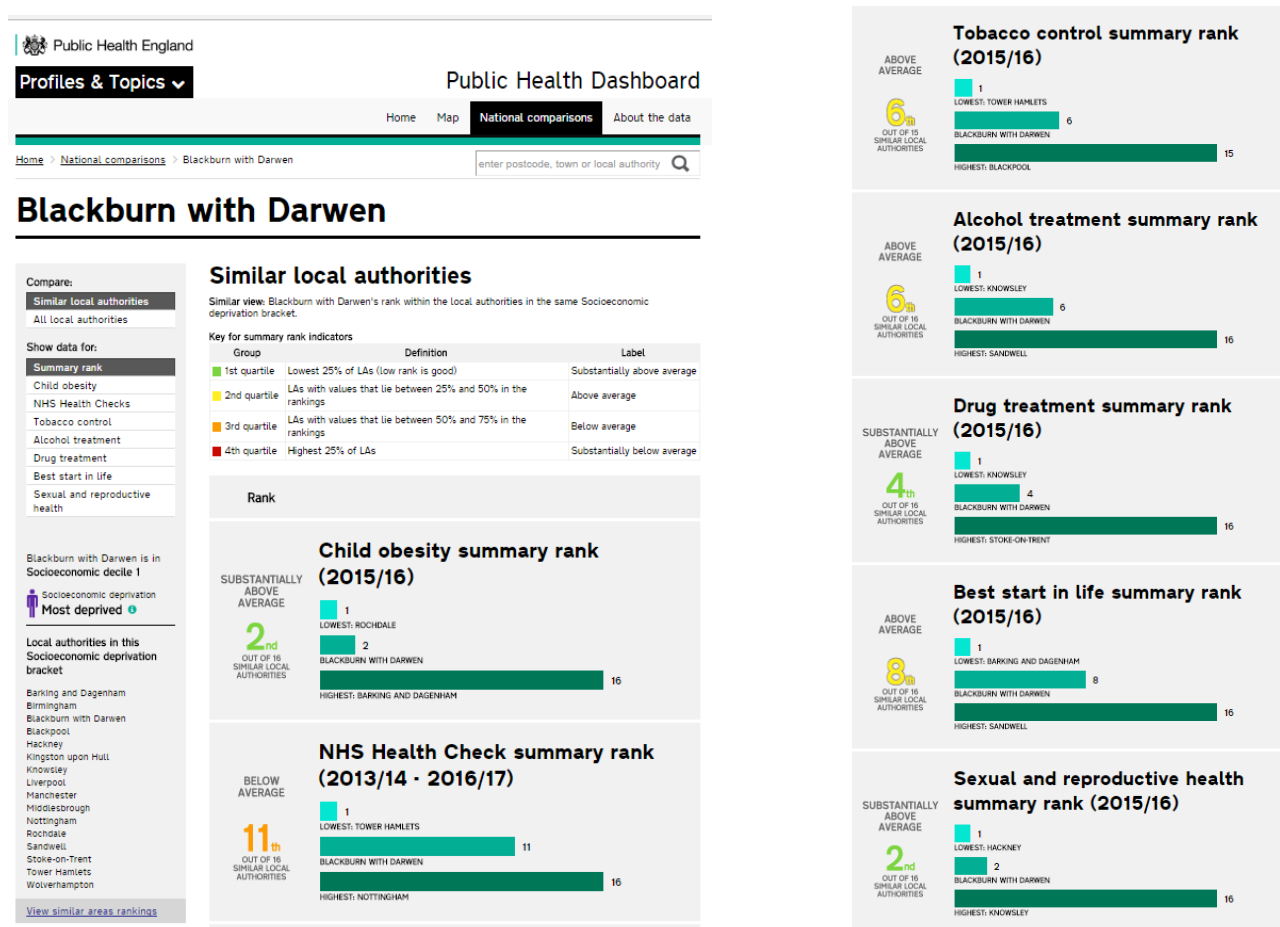
## Introduction

The Public Health Dashboard is a new tool designed to provide summary data on a variety of public health themes in a format that will be meaningful to a wide audience. These themes are: Child obesity, NHS Health Checks, Tobacco control, Alcohol treatment, Drug treatment, Best possible start in life, and Sexual and reproductive health.

If we enter 'Blackburn with Darwen' as the name of our local authority, we are first shown bar-charts of seven new 'summary rank' indicators created especially for this dashboard, one for each of the seven themes. If we then pick an individual theme, we are shown the relevant 'summary rank' indicator again, along with the individual indicators that were combined to produce it. For instance, the 'summary rank' indicator for Tobacco control is a combination of 'Adult smoking prevalence' and 'Smoking status at time of delivery'. We can also choose to display the results as a table or as a map rather than as bar-charts.

Options exist to show how Blackburn with Darwen compares with *all* local authorities, or with a peer group consisting of the 16 most deprived local authorities in England. Understandably, these comparisons will often be very different, so it is important to be aware of which option has been selected.

On accessing the Dashboard, the Blackburn with Darwen summary comparison with similar Local Authorities is shown below :-



## Commentary on Blackburn with Darwen Performance

Theme	BwD Rank against 16 similar LAs	Comment
Child Obesity	2 out of 16	<p>This is a fair summary of the Blackburn with Darwen position in the period covered by the dashboard indicators (2015/16).</p> <p>We have a long-term trend of good performance in both Reception and Year 6 children, with the 2015/16 data showing an isolated spike in Year 6 obesity levels which will need close monitoring.</p>
NHS Health Checks	11 out of 16	<p>This ranking is based on 4 years of cumulative data (2013/14-2016/17).</p> <p>In 2016/17 we introduced changes which increased the number of people invited and receiving a health check by 65% and 38% respectively; 2017/18 data will further improve our ranking.</p>
Tobacco Control	6 out of 16	<p>This is a fair summary of the Blackburn with Darwen position in the period covered (2015/16).</p> <p>Between 2014 &amp; 2016, smoking prevalence in adults fell from 6% points above the national average to 4% points above.</p>
Alcohol Treatment	6 out of 16	<p>This is a fair summary of the Blackburn with Darwen position in the period covered (2015/16). We have access to more recent data which suggests improvement on this position with our new providers.</p> <p>We acknowledge we have more work to do in relation to treatment penetration of dependent drinkers.</p>
Drug Treatment	4 out of 16	<p>This is a fair summary of the Blackburn with Darwen position in the period covered (2015/16). We have access to more recent data which suggests improvement on this position with our new providers, particularly in relation to treatment success.</p>
Best Possible Start in Life	8 out of 16	<p>This is a fair summary of the Blackburn with Darwen position in the period covered (2015/16).</p> <p>The best possible start in life summary rank is composed of 2 indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed new birth visits, for which we achieve 98.8%</li> <li>Children ready for school at age 5, for which Blackburn with Darwen achieves 63% and ranks 12 out of 16 similar authorities.</li> </ul>
Sexual & Reproductive Health	2 out of 16	<p>Blackburn with Darwen is doing better than the majority of similar areas for teenage pregnancy and long acting reversible contraception.</p> <p>The excellent ranking for Chlamydia screening may include a data recording error that we are aware of and are actively seeking to rectify, which may be reflected in a marginally worse position in 2016/17.</p> <p>Blackburn with Darwen ranks poorly in HIV testing coverage; historically the Genito-Urinary Medicine service has performed better than the national average on this measure, but this now needs to be extended across the whole of the recently integrated Specialist Sexual Health service, which we are approaching through an SLI approach.</p>