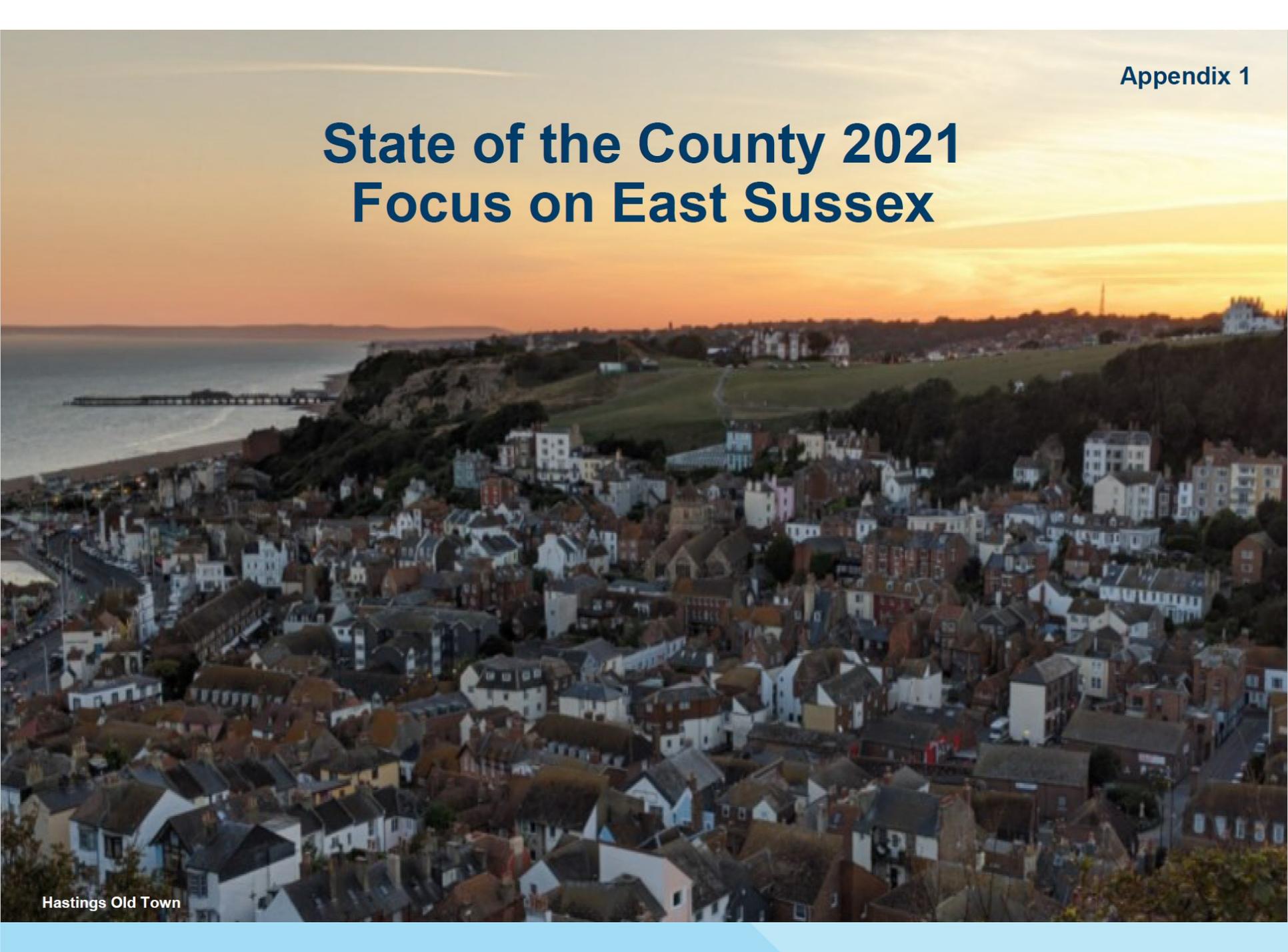


Overview of East Sussex

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Chief Executive

State of the County 2021 Focus on East Sussex

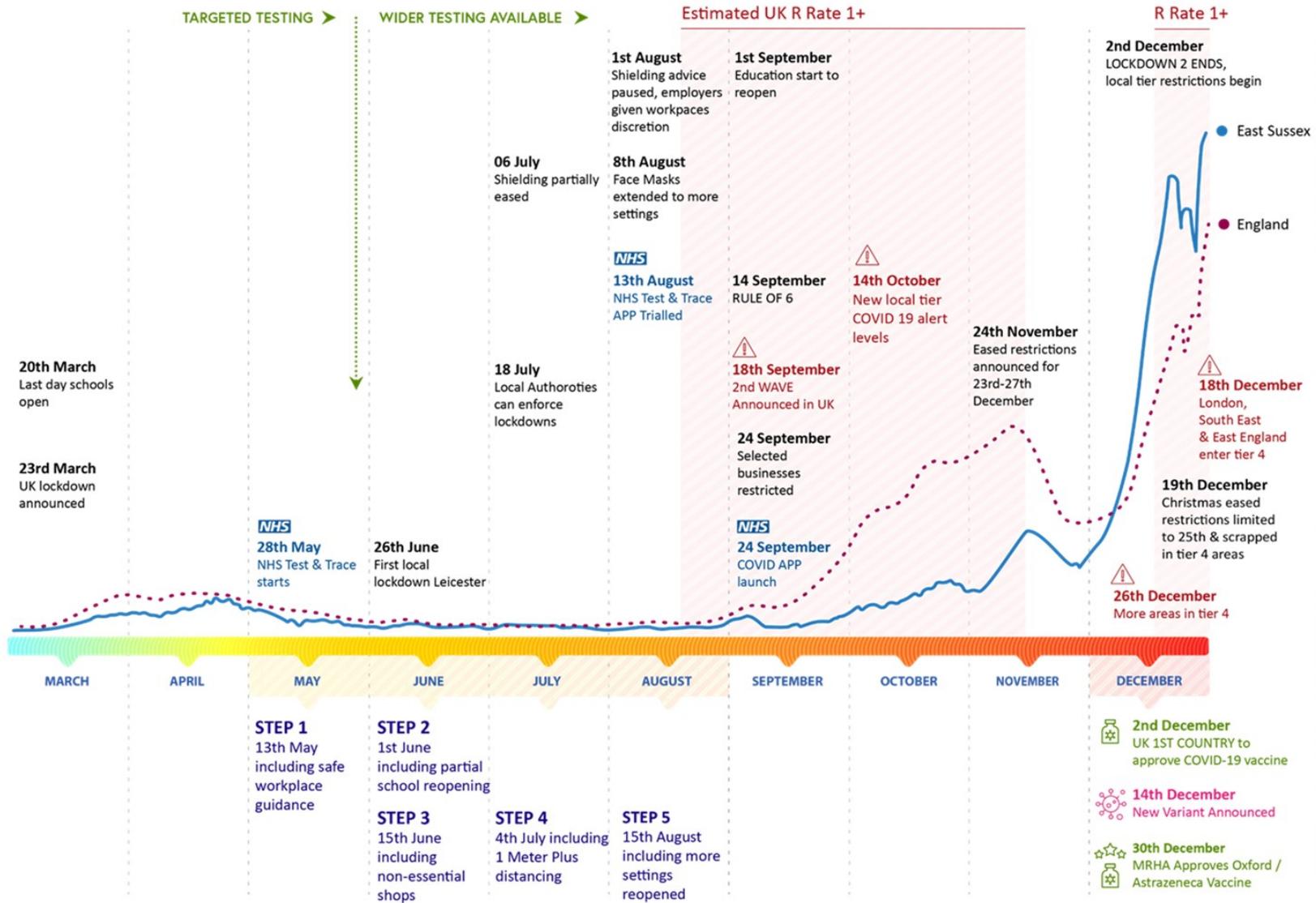


Short-term impacts of Covid-19

Covid-19 has impacted on multiple aspects of our lives over the last year. The data we have shows some of the immediate impacts of Covid-19:

- more than expected (“excess”) deaths
- economic and social changes
- changes to demand on front-line services

2020



Covid-19 direct impact

Numbers of people identified by the NHS as needing to shield and the percentage registered for help:



● Eastbourne ● Hastings ● Lewes ● Rother ● Wealden

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

There are clear disparities in the risk and outcomes of Covid-19:



Increasing diagnosis rates with increasing **age**

Of confirmed cases, persons aged 80 and over are **70x** more likely to die compared to Under 40s



Working age **males** with COVID-19 are **twice** as likely to die compared to females



Local authorities with the highest diagnosis and death rates are mostly **urban**

Persons living in the **most deprived** areas have higher diagnosis rates and more than double the death rate compared to those in less deprived areas



Diagnosis rates highest in people from **Black ethnic** groups with the highest death rates among those of Black and Asian ethnic groups

Source: Disparities in the risk and outcomes of COVID-19, Public Health England, June 2020

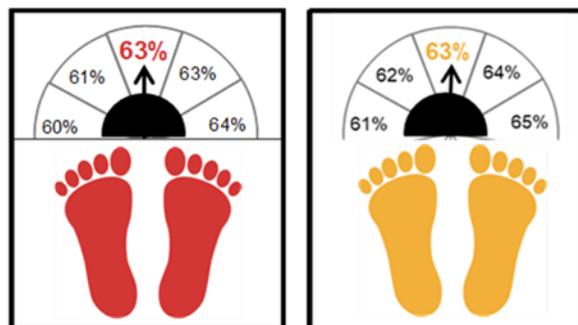
Community response

- Community Hubs had contact with over 7,000 people in East Sussex.
- 196,000 adults, 46% of the population, volunteered at least once in the past year; with 115,000 volunteering at least once a month.
- Foodbanks saw an increase of over 150% in the number of people receiving a food parcel, with 7,313 people receiving a parcel in May 2020 (4,383 adults and 2,930 children).

Health

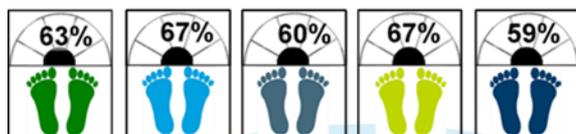
Some of the key health issues we had identified for the County before the pandemic are also risk factors for Covid-19.

Adults overweight or obese
2019/20



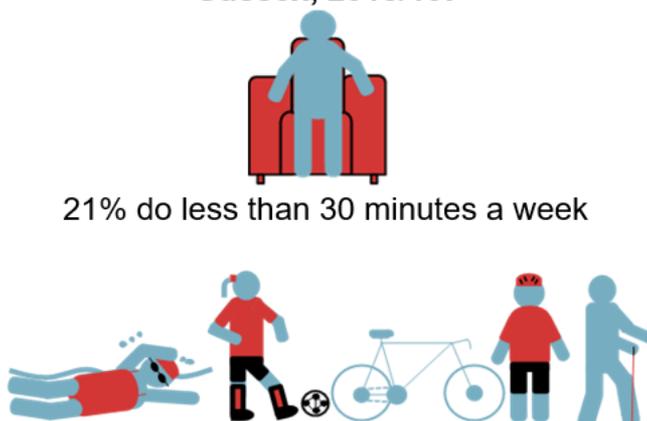
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England



Eastbourne Hastings Lewes Rother Wealden

Physical activity amongst adults in East Sussex, 2018/19:

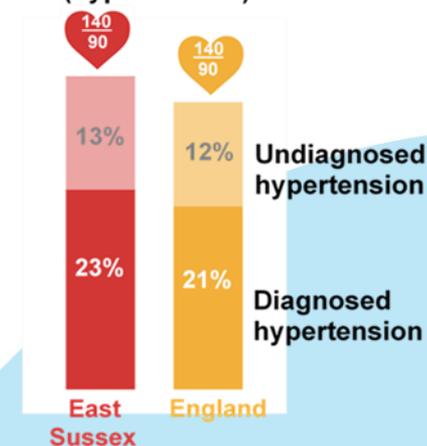


21% do less than 30 minutes a week

68% do 150 minutes or more a week

The remaining 11% fall in between these categories, as per Public Health Outcomes Framework, Public Health England

People with high blood pressure (hypertension) 2016/17

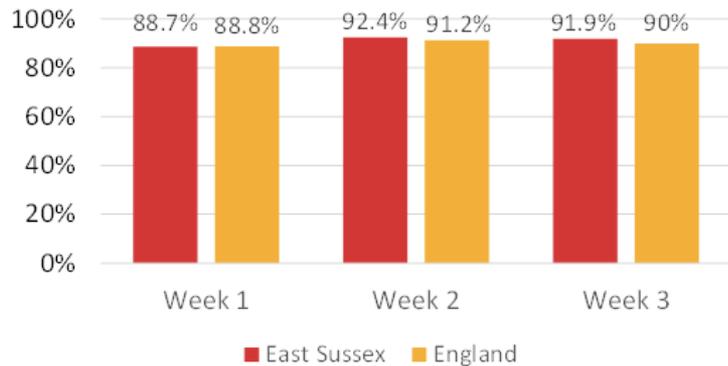


The pandemic has had an impact on emotional wellbeing and mental health. Additional support has been provided for school age children and young people through the lockdowns.

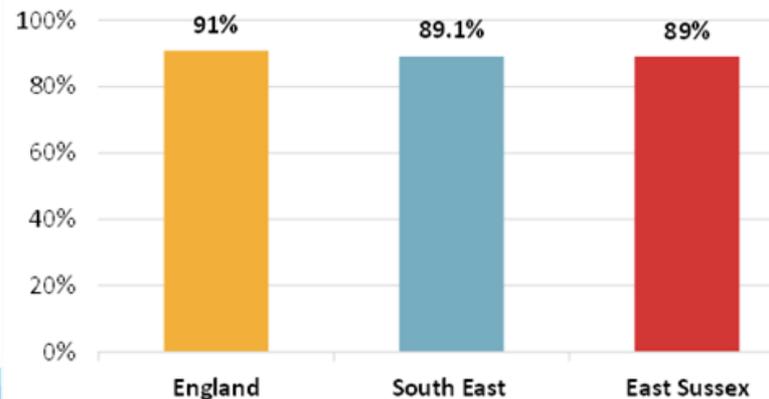
Education

- There have been significant challenges for the education sector over the past year.
- Despite the challenges we saw good levels of attendance following the reopening of schools to all pupils.
- The levels of young people in Year 13 participating in education, training or employment or undertaking re-employment provision was close to the regional average.

Proportion of pupils attending state funded schools - March 2021



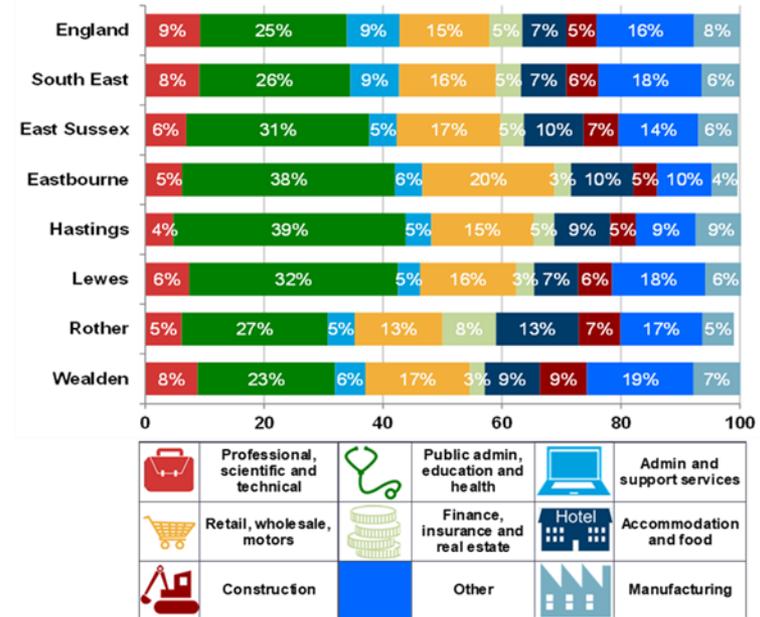
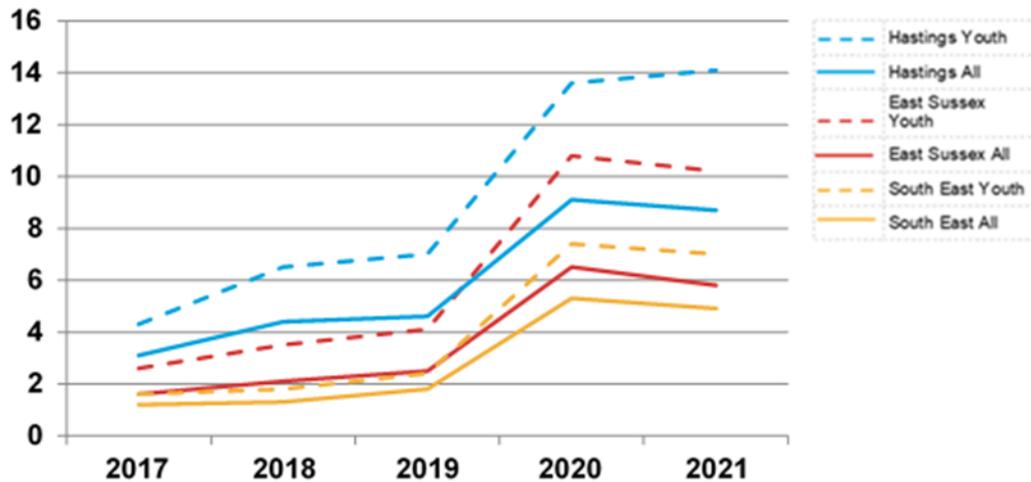
Meeting RPA Duty % - Academic Age 17



Economic impacts

Unemployment rates increased over 2020, but are now beginning to fall.

Unemployment rate: percentage of adult and youth population



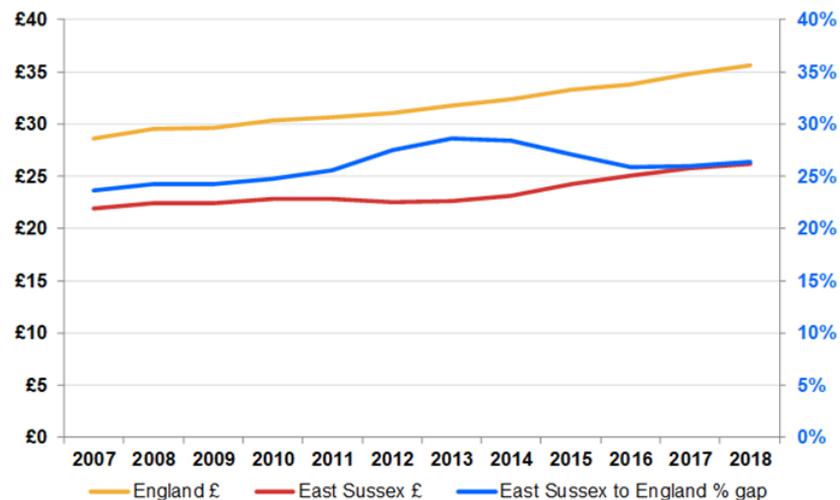
We have more businesses in the sectors most likely to be impacted by government restrictions, such as Accommodation and Food and Retail, Wholesale and Motors than the national average.

Economy pre-Covid

There were existing challenges for our local economy before the pandemic.

We have lower productivity levels than the national average, and disparities between workplace-based and residence-based earnings.

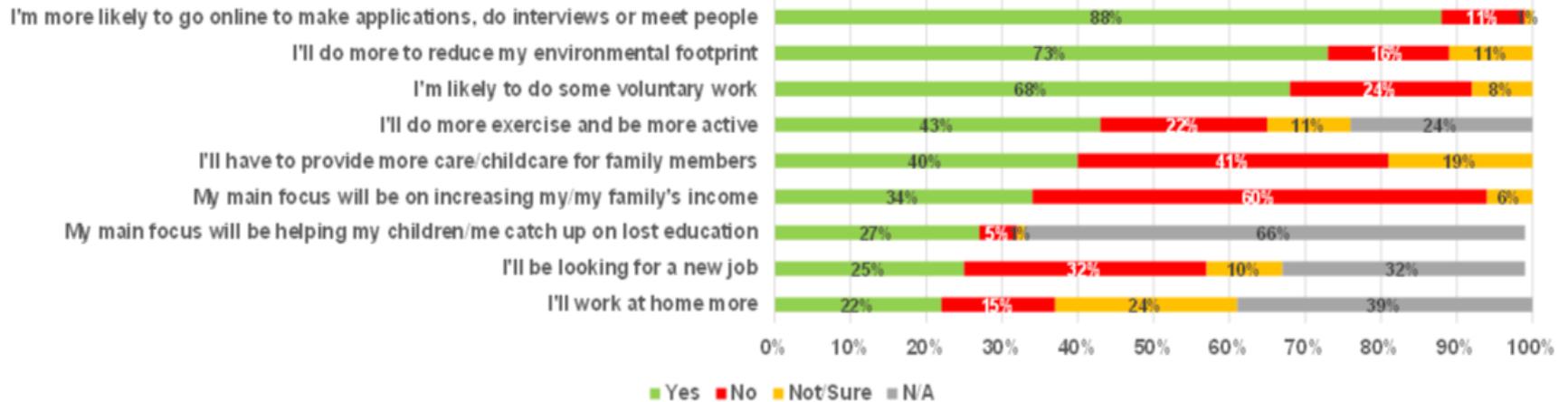
GVA per hour



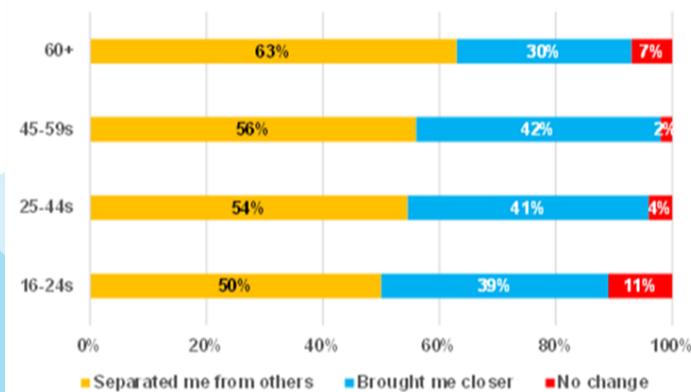
	Average (median) full time earnings					
	Workplace-based			Residence-based		
	2010	2020	% Change 2010/20	2010	2020	% Change 2010/20
Eastbourne	£25,120	£30,013	19.5%	£25,598	£31,555	23.3%
Hastings	£21,700	£24,031	10.7%	£21,711	£26,336	21.3%
Lewes	£23,931	£29,355	22.7%	£27,898	£31,031	11.2%
Rother	£21,371	£23,567	10.3%	£26,024	£29,084	11.8%
Wealden	£23,341	£26,999	15.7%	£30,792	£34,747	12.8%

Feedback from residents (Nov/Dec 2020)

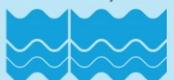
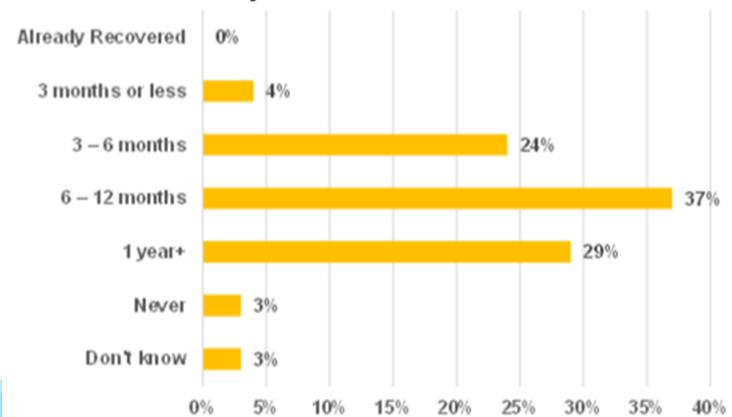
In the year to come, which of the following, do you expect will apply to you



How has COVID-19 changed your relationships with your local community



How long do you think it will be before you, and your family fully recover from COVID-19

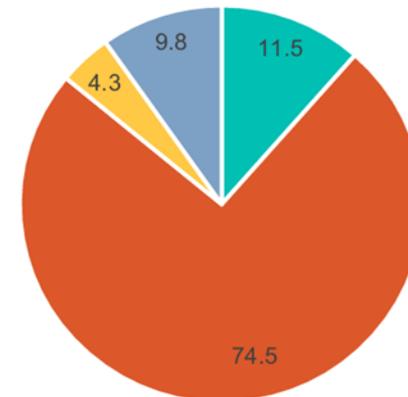


Longer-term impacts

Many of the longer-term impacts are yet to be fully understood. However, some of the changes seen over the last year may continue including changes to working patterns.

Do you think your organisation will encourage working from home in the longer-term (e.g. after current government restrictions are eased)?

- Yes, I think my organisation are likely to encourage conducting all work from home for the foreseeable future
- Yes, I think my organisation are likely to encourage at least some amount of home-working for the foreseeable future
- Not sure
- No, I think my organisation is likely to discourage working from home in the future



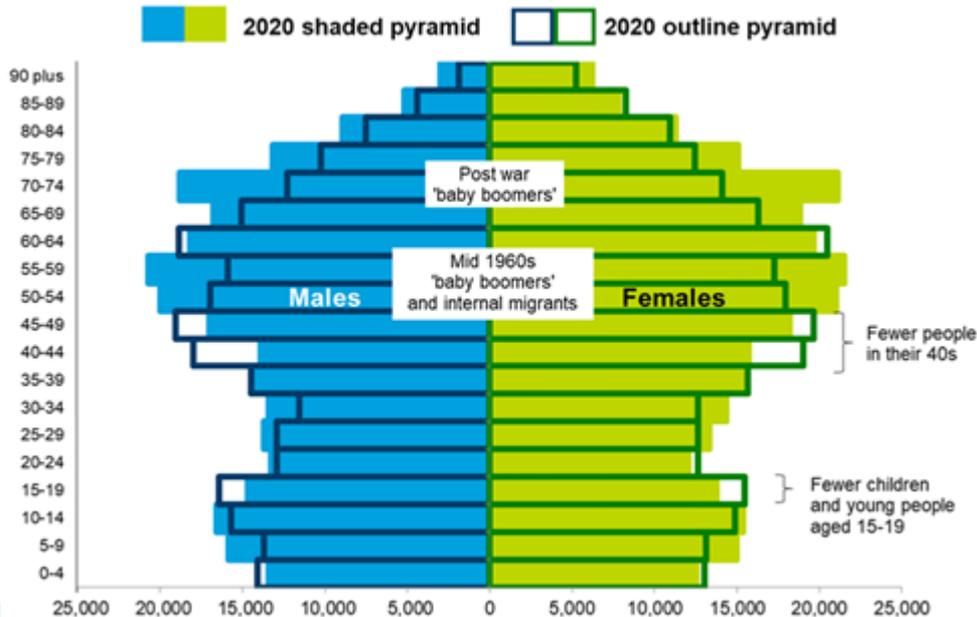
Source: University of Sussex, 'Working well from home in East Sussex'

Continuing challenges

Alongside the new issues resulting from the pandemic and the impact of restrictions there still remain longer-term challenges that we need to address as a County.

Population

We have a growing population, this growth has been driven primarily by people moving to the County.



Population change 2021-2025: compared to 2021, we estimate by 2025 there will be:

 **17,900** more people living in East Sussex (+3.2%)

 An increase of **0.7%** (**700** people) in the number of children and young people

 An increase of **1.5%** (**4,700** people) in the working age population

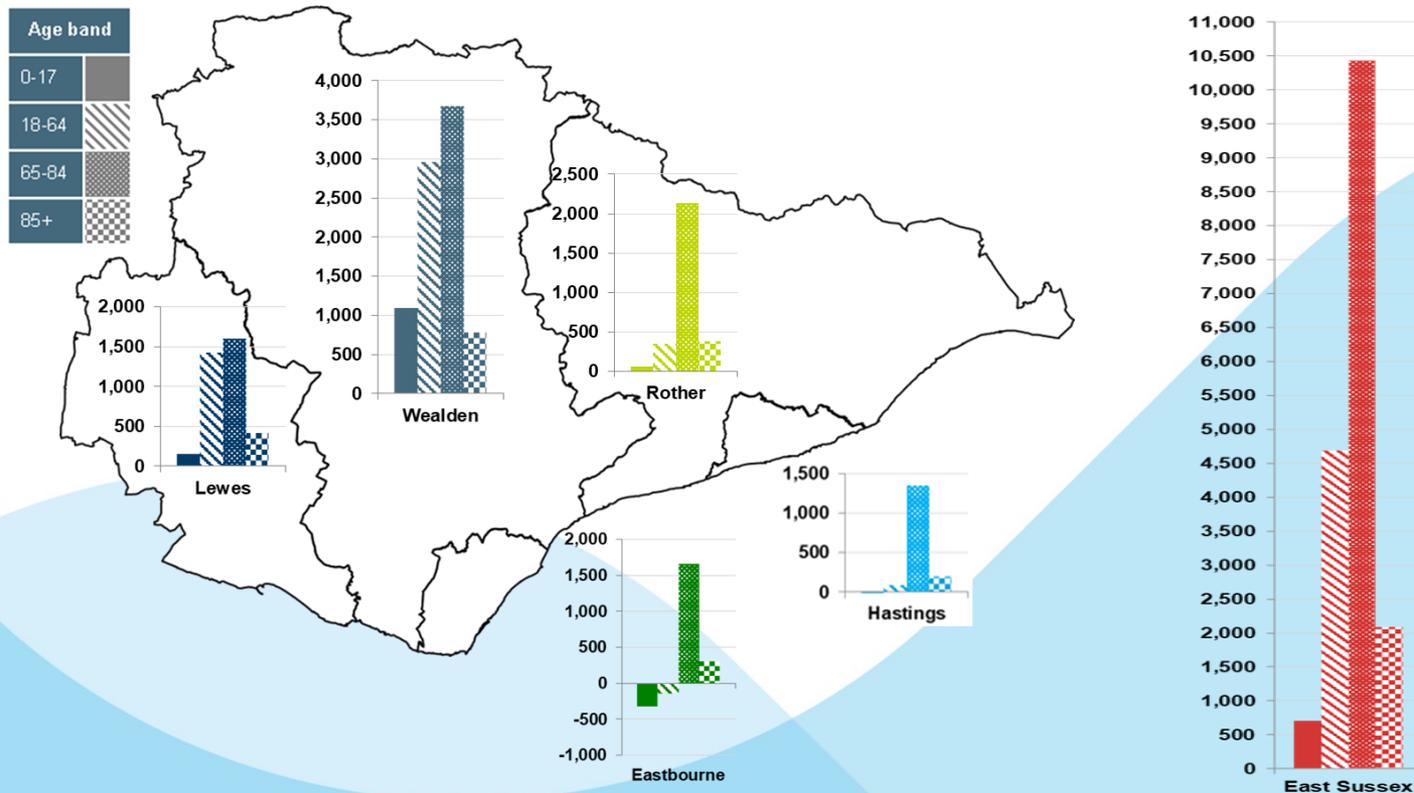
 **8.2%** (**10,400**) more people aged 65 and over

 In East Sussex **4.3%** of people will be aged 85+, a greater proportion than England, **2.7%**. Ranked **1st** in England for the highest proportion of population 85+, (ONS estimate 2019)

There was a net increase of 15,000 people moving into East Sussex between 2015-2019. 4,500 aged 0-17, 6,100 aged 18-64 and 4,300 aged 65+.

Population continued

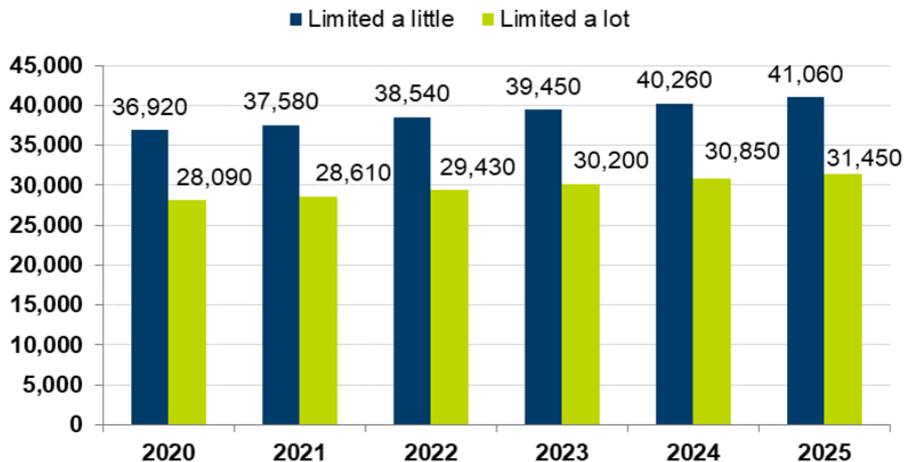
The picture of population growth looks different across the County. The map shows net changes in population by age group for 2025.



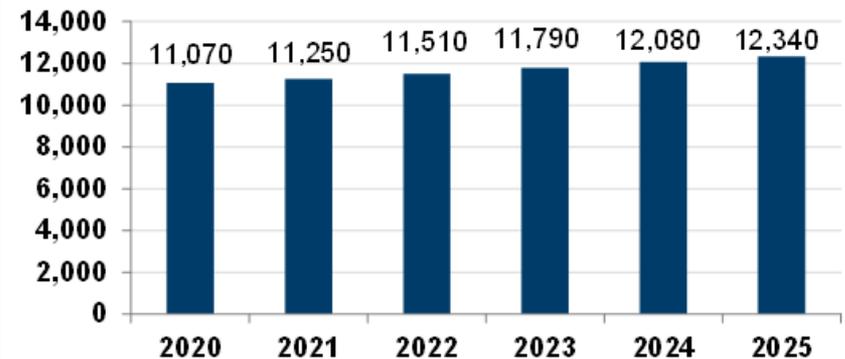
Older adults

Our increasing population of older adults is likely to mean an increase in demand for health and care support across the County.

Older people (age 65+) with a limiting long term illness projections



Older people (age 65+) with dementia projections

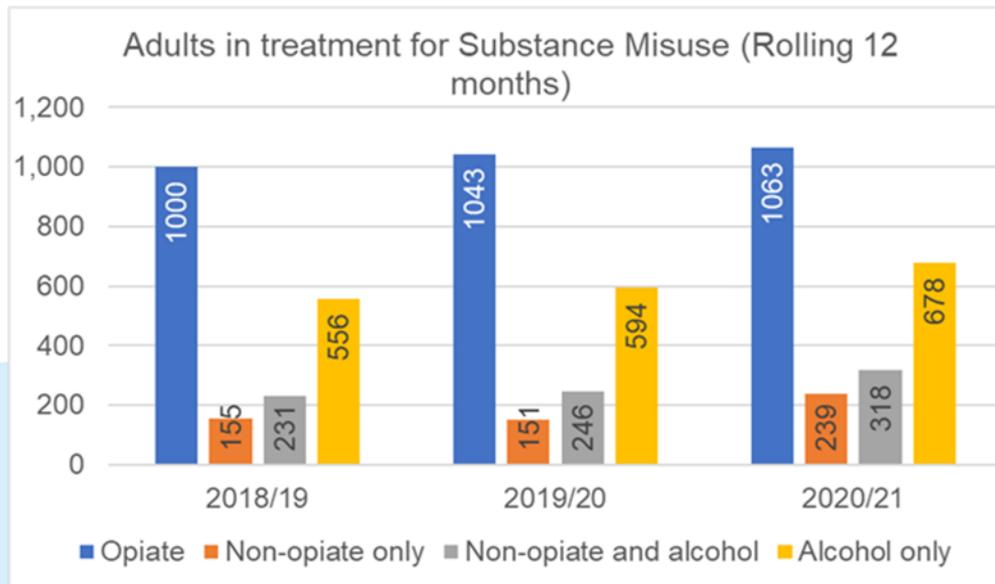


Adult Social Care

- Permanent admissions to long term residential care reduced for both working age and older people in 2019/20 and are below the national averages.
- The proportion of older people (age 65+) still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation services decreased in 2019/20 to 88.4%, but remained significantly above the national figure of 82.0%
- 93.3% of people who received short-term services during the year, required no ongoing support or support of a lower level; significantly higher than the national average of 79.5%.

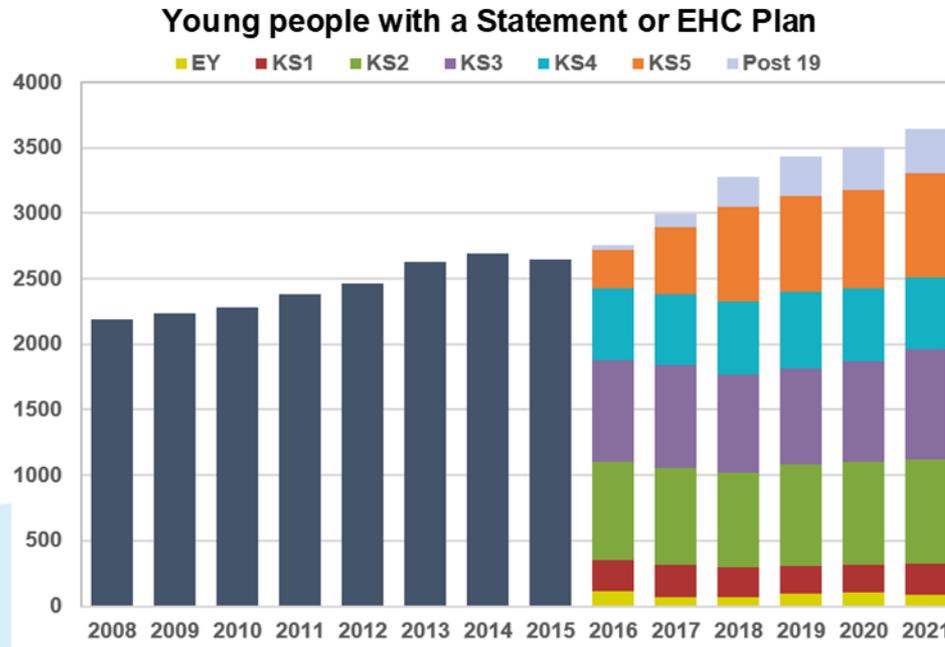
Other adults in need of support

- There were 7,328 referrals to community domestic abuse services between January 2019 and the end of December 2020, an increase of 26 on the previous calendar year.
- The number of people receiving substance misuse treatment in the 12 months to end-February 2021 increased by 11.8% to 2,253.



Children and young people

There continues to be increasing numbers of children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHC Plans). Numbers of children with autism have increased significantly since 2016 and this trend is set to continue.

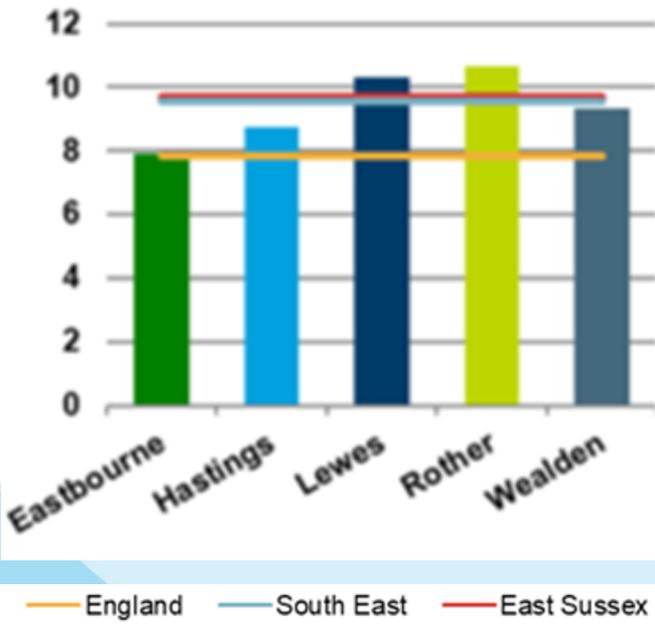


Note: Until Sep-14 a Statement of SEN could remain in place until the young person reached the age of 19. Since the SEND reforms were introduced from Sep-14 EHC Plans can remain in place until the young person reaches the age of 25.

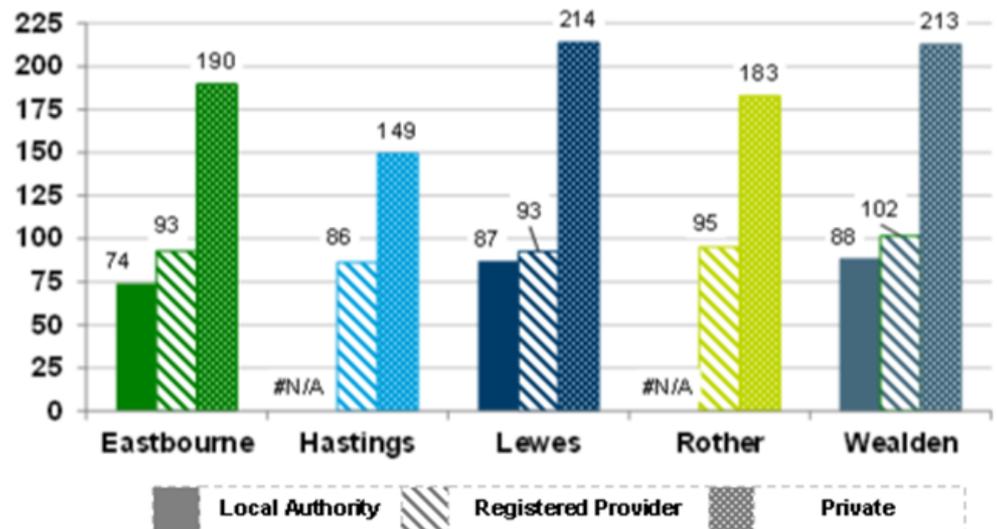
Housing

Housing affordability remains a key issue for the South East. Once government support schemes are withdrawn support for struggling households may become a larger issue.

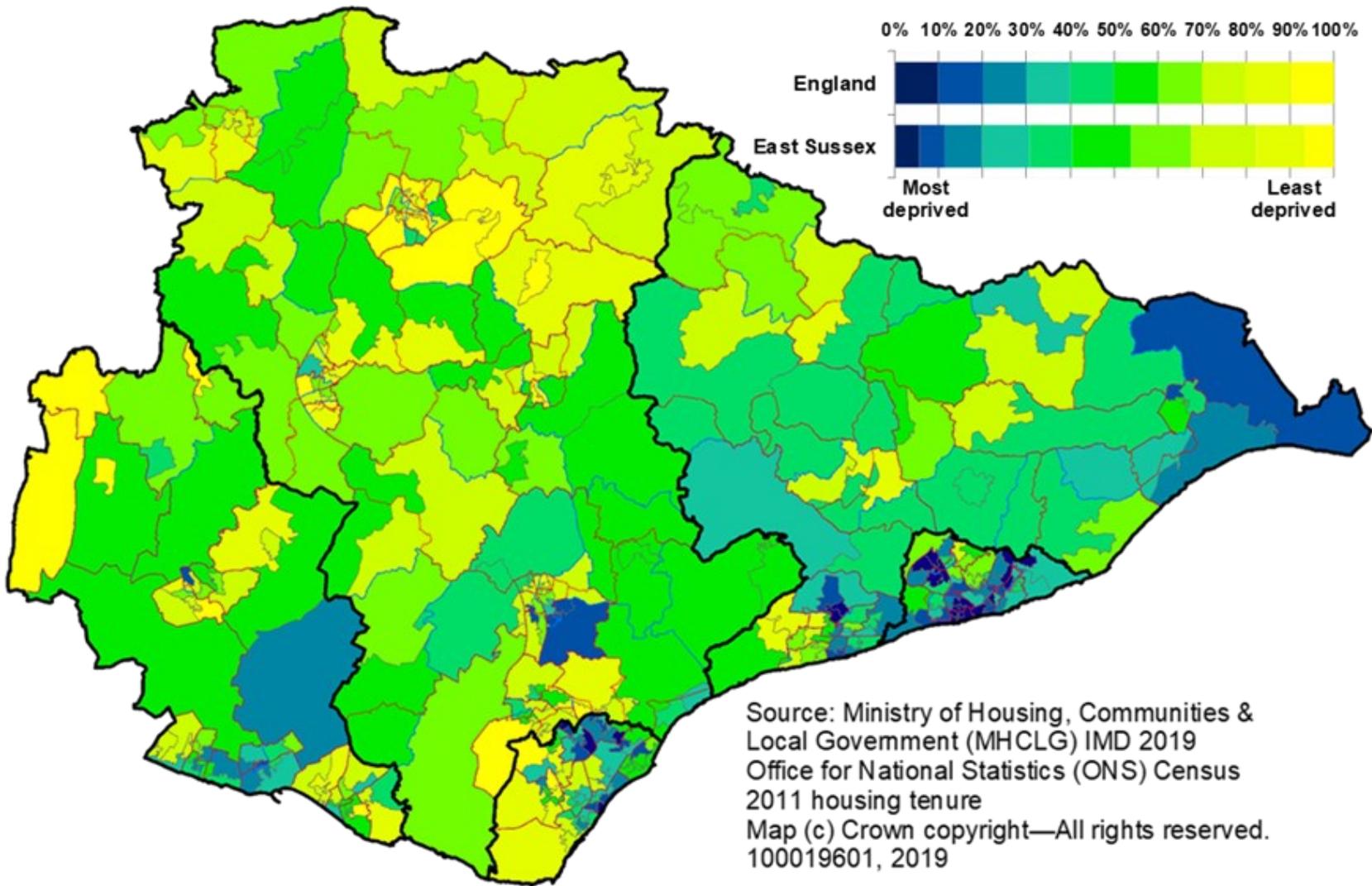
Ratio: median earnings to median house prices 2020



Housing affordability - renting
Average rent £ per week 2019/20



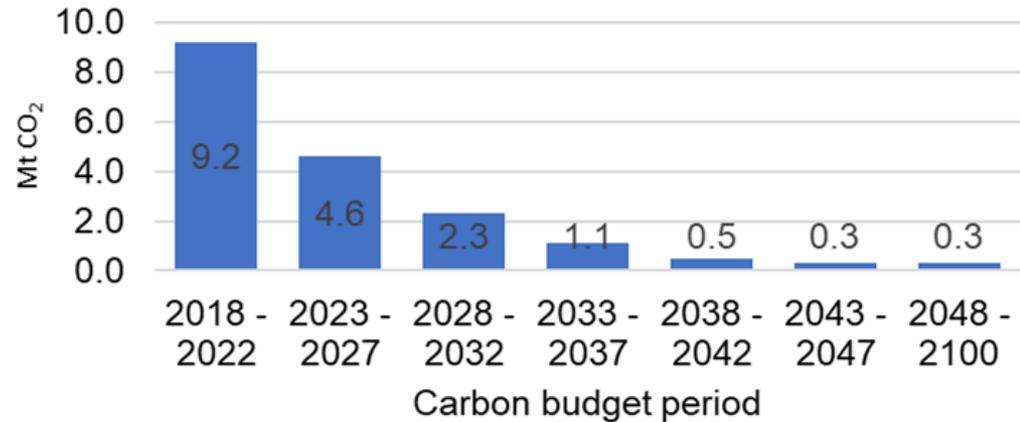
Deprivation



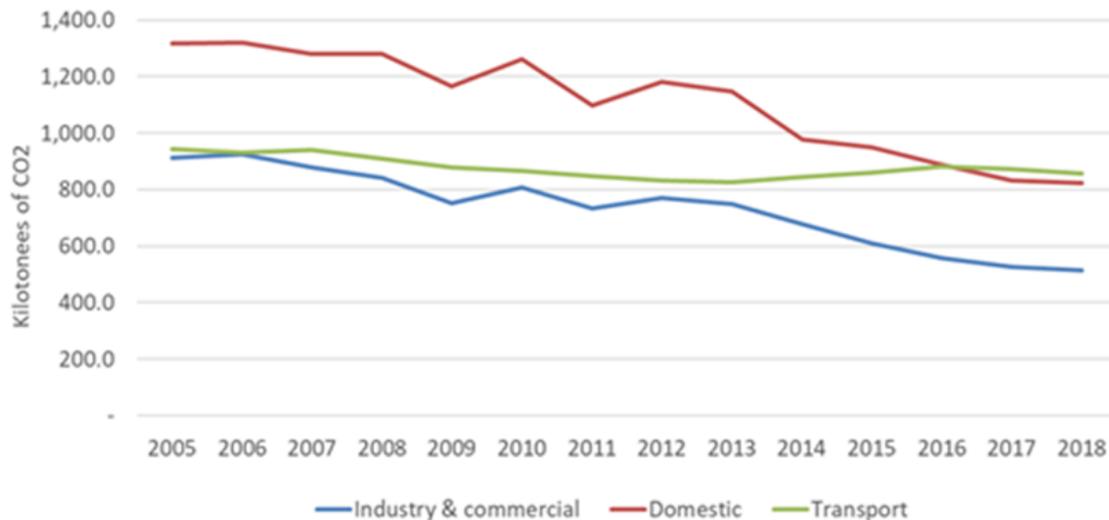
Climate change

To stay within our recommended carbon budget we would need to cut total emissions in half every 5 years.

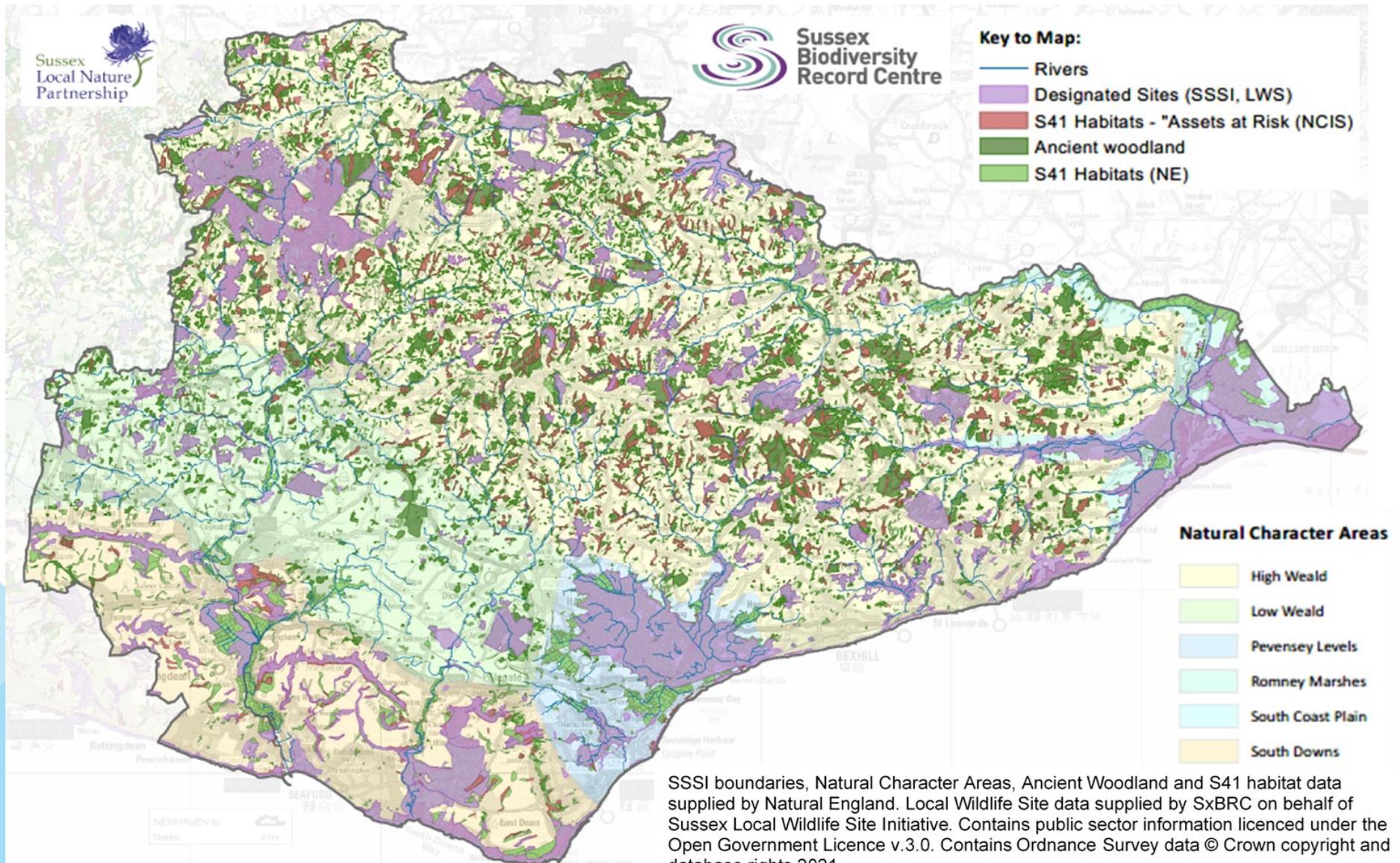
Recommended Carbon Budget (Mt CO₂)



CO_{2e} Emissions by sector 2005 - 2018 in East Sussex



Environment

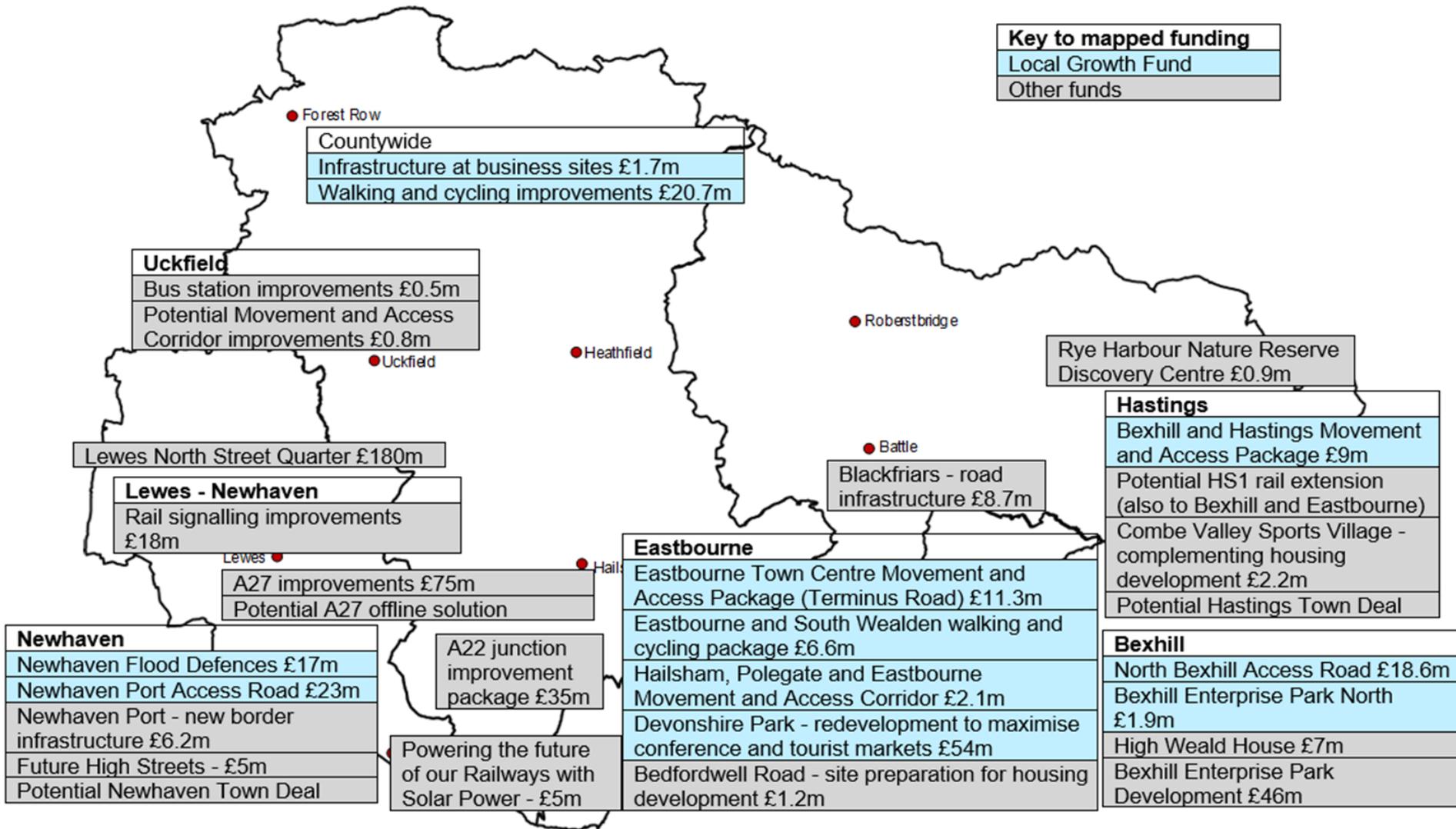


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Infrastructure

Key to mapped funding	
	Local Growth Fund
	Other funds



Countywide
 Infrastructure at business sites £1.7m
 Walking and cycling improvements £20.7m

Uckfield
 Bus station improvements £0.5m
 Potential Movement and Access Corridor improvements £0.8m

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Discovery Centre £0.9m

Lewes North Street Quarter £180m

Lewes - Newhaven
 Rail signalling improvements £18m

Blackfriars - road infrastructure £8.7m

Hastings
 Bexhill and Hastings Movement and Access Package £9m
 Potential HS1 rail extension (also to Bexhill and Eastbourne)
 Combe Valley Sports Village - complementing housing development £2.2m
 Potential Hastings Town Deal

A27 improvements £75m
 Potential A27 offline solution

Eastbourne
 Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package (Terminus Road) £11.3m
 Eastbourne and South Wealden walking and cycling package £6.6m
 Hailsham, Polegate and Eastbourne Movement and Access Corridor £2.1m
 Devonshire Park - redevelopment to maximise conference and tourist markets £54m
 Bedfordwell Road - site preparation for housing development £1.2m

Newhaven
 Newhaven Flood Defences £17m
 Newhaven Port Access Road £23m
 Newhaven Port - new border infrastructure £6.2m
 Future High Streets - £5m
 Potential Newhaven Town Deal

A22 junction improvement package £35m

Powering the future of our Railways with Solar Power - £5m

Bexhill
 North Bexhill Access Road £18.6m
 Bexhill Enterprise Park North £1.9m
 High Weald House £7m
 Bexhill Enterprise Park Development £46m

Future outlook - summary

- There are ongoing pressures, such as our ageing population, and new challenges as a result of Covid-19.
- There is a need to continue to work to reduce pre-existing inequalities.
- There is a need to drive sustainable economic recovery that supports our journey to becoming carbon neutral.
- We will need to continue to adapt as the long-term impacts of Covid-19 become clearer.
- We will need to meet these challenges in line with a changing policy landscape as the Government moves forward with a series of reforms.

Do you recognise this picture?

What's missing?

What do we particularly need to pay attention to?