

Comparative Health Impact Information

Other authorities were asked:- through the work carried out at a strategic level do you use Integrated Impact Assessment either on a site by site basis or project basis to determine if it has a positive impact with regard to health, equalities or sustainability? Or do you use another process to measure health impact?

Response from Preston City Council

We don't use an Integrated Impact Assessment in the way you have described.

We have an Equalities Impact Assessment for whole services and we are now being asked to complete one for areas within a service (ie, Park events, allotments, the Ranger Service etc). We also have an Environmental Impact Assessment which is something I developed with APSE for individual projects. To be honest though, it is not great and APSE haven't been able to roll it out to many authorities. (APSE - Association for Public Service Excellence)

Preston do promote health, they are a Healthy City – 2009. They also have a sports development team and sports centres, plus links to community food growing. It however appears that measuring health impact is not high on the agenda...

Response from Blackburn Council

Sorry we do not use the IIA system. Blackburn with Darwen Council has just published a Public Health Report 2013.

The [2013 report of the Director of Public Health for Blackburn with Darwen is now available for viewing.](#)

It is the first digital report of its kind to be made available in the borough featuring interviews with the public health team and the first-hand knowledge and experience of health and social care professionals and residents themselves.

The report is based around five themed chapters that explore the key stages and aspects of people's lives:

- children and young people,
- health and work
- safe and healthy
- homes and neighborhoods
- promoting good health/supporting people when they are unwell and older people



It identifies the key health risks and opportunities for people in Blackburn with Darwen and makes recommendations for actions to improve health and wellbeing over the coming year.

More detailed data and analysis is available to read in conjunction with the report, available via web links contained within it.

Integrated Strategic needs Assessment - The ISNA is the way we try to understand the needs and assets of residents. It's a story of Blackburn with Darwen . Overall it's about how the population of the borough is made up, what we know about how healthy it is and the assets people and communities have to help them to stay healthy. But it's also about understanding what residents and people that use services think about Blackburn with Darwen and the services that help to promote health. It tries to understand the stories that people and communities tell about their own experiences of health and wellbeing. It covers all strands of life including mental health, smoking, road safety, crime, housing, employment, alcohol, local economy, cancer etc..... This information is set out in a summary document available on the website.

We have our staff checked at least once a year for H.A.V.S and Ear tests. (Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome)

There is also Health checks from our Occupational Health unit but this is on a voluntary basis.

Response from South Ribble Borough Council

Use the same system as Chorley Council.