

County Durham Plan

Review of Health Impact Assessment

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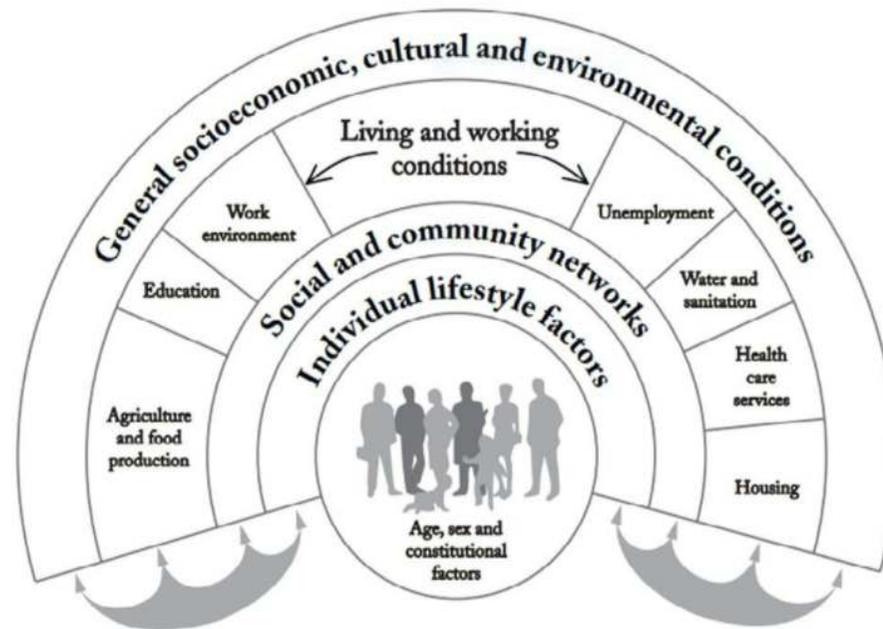
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Background and Purpose

- County Durham Plan adopted in October 2020
- HIA undertaken to assess the plan in the context of maximising the positive, and minimising the negative impacts of policies within the plan.
- The HIA made 20 recommendations against 8 policy areas including Aykley Heads strategic employment site, Durham City's Sustainable urban extensions, and addressing housing need (potential impact upon health)
- This review covers all 20 recommendations, as well as:
 - Policy 30 'Hot Food Takeaways'
 - Restriction of advertising food high in fat, salt and sugar (HFSS) on DCC platforms



Planning, Public Health and the wider determinants



Source: Dahlgren and Whitehead



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Policies

POLICY NO.	POLICY NAME
Policy 4	Aykley Heads
Policy 5	Housing Allocations
Policy 6	Durham City's Sustainable Urban Extensions
Policy 16	Addressing Housing Need
Policy 17	Durham University Development Purpose Built Student
Policy 23	Delivering Sustainable Transport
Policy 24	Durham City Sustainable Transport
Policy 26	Provision of Transport Infrastructure
Policy 51	Meeting and Need for Primary Aggregates
Policy 53	Surface Mined Coal and Fireclay
Policy 58	Preferred Area for Future Carboniferous Limestone Working



Progress of recommendations: Examples

Policy 4: Sites allocated to meet housing need

- Adoption of Building for Life (BfL) Supplementary Planning Document in 2019
- HIA for sites of over 800 properties and/or significant public interest to explore the health needs and the supporting infrastructure

Policy 5: Durham City's sustainable urban extensions

- Sniperley Masterplan and Healthy Active Travel Connectivity Plan



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Promoting healthy communities:

- Policy 30: hot food takeaways
- Restriction of advertising of HFSS foods on DCC platforms



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Key Points

- Limited progress in certain policies, i.e. Aykley Heads Strategic Employment Site
- Measurable progress made in terms of future housing developments
- Public health input into DCC design review process for the assessment of proposed residential developments
- Hot Food Takeaways
- Restriction of HFSS foods on DCC Platforms



Conclusion

- Assessing the health impacts of different policies and collaborations between health and planning colleagues has helped to ensure that health considerations are integrated into planning across all departments
- Progress is being made against the raft of recommendations made in the County Durham Plan HIA.
- The recommendations will continue to be monitored, and reviewed on an annual basis by public health and planning.

