

# EMC POLICY BRIEF

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## Health inequalities in the East Midlands

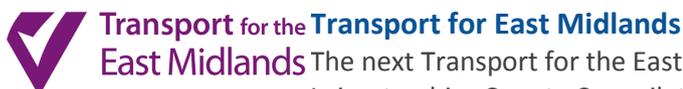
Public Health England East Midlands has published a report on 'Health inequalities in the East Midlands'. This report details that on average, men and women living in the East Midlands have a life expectancy and a healthy life expectancy that is lower than the average for England. The data that has been used within the report illustrates that across the East Midlands there has been no reduction in health inequalities since the publication of Fair Society, Healthy Lives (2010) and in some of the data presented in the report we can see that these are getting wider. This report looks in detail at the variation in health inequalities across the East Midlands and the factors that are driving these inequalities in health outcomes.

This report [available from [here](#)] has been developed for PHE East Midlands Centre as an evidence base on health inequalities for the East Midlands.

### Key findings:

- In 2013-15, average life expectancy at birth in the East Midlands was 79.3 years for males and 82.9 years for females
- In 2013-15, healthy life expectancy in the East Midlands was 62.5 years for males and 63.5 years for females
- In 2012-14, a male born in the most deprived area of the East Midlands could expect to live for 8.6 years less than one born in the least deprived area. For females the gap is 7.1 years
- The 'window of need' refers to the gap between life expectancy and healthy life expectancy and refers to the period of time, on average, that a person can expect to live with poor health. For 2013-15 in the East Midlands, the window of need was 16.8 years for males and 19.4 years for females. Males will spend an average of 21% and females an average of 23% of their lives affected by poor health
- Across the East Midlands counties there is an urban-rural divide with the urban areas of Nottingham, Leicester and Derby having significantly lower life expectancy than England across all four life expectancy indicators. There are also poorer outcomes in parts of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, the coastal towns of Lincolnshire and the coalfield areas in Leicestershire

**How well do you understand the health and wellbeing needs of your local community?** On 13 February EMC in partnership with Public Health England will hold a fully subsidised seminar for elected members on understanding the health and wellbeing needs of your local community. For more information on this seminar visit [here](#).



The next Transport for the East Midlands Board meeting will take place on 26 January at Leicestershire County Council, to be chaired by Leicester City Mayor Sir Peter Soulsby.

TfEM brings together senior leaders from the region's local transport authorities under the auspices of East Midlands Councils [further information available [here](#)]. The board will consider; TfEM Priorities for the East Midlands, the Governments' Major Road Network Consultation, an update on East Midlands Rail Franchise, Community Rail Consultation and the Transport Select Committee Inquiry into Rail Infrastructure Investment.



**EMC News**  
**Employment Law Update** - EMC is holding its annual Employment Law Event on 8 March. EMC has an early Bird Offer available until the end of January, if you book a place before the end of January the cost per delegate is just £99 plus VAT for EMC members, saving £76 per person [details [here](#)].

**Negotiation Skills for Councillors**, 7 Feb 2018 - EMC is offering a half day workshop for Councillors on Negotiation Skills. This half-day module will help delegates to understand what negotiation is, and is not, in the business world. It will give them practical skills to enable them to prepare for a negotiation scenario, weighing up variables and anticipating challenges along the way [details [here](#)].

**Action Learning Facilitators Programme** - This week EMC staff have supported an organisation through the provision of an accredited Action Learning Facilitators Programme. This practical programme is designed to support authorities to develop their own internal Action Learning facilitators. For more information contact [lisa.butterfill@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.butterfill@emcouncils.gov.uk)

**Information Request - Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (England) Regulations 2017** - This week EMC has circulated an request for sharing of information on the new Environmental Offences Fixed Penalties Regulations, that will come into force on 1 April 2018. For more information contact [kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk)

**Coaching Support** - This week EMC staff have provided individuals from member organisations with coaching support, both through providing one to one coaching. EMC has a number of internal coaches and external independent coaches available to support individuals through coaching. For more information contact [Kirsty.Lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Kirsty.Lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk) or visit [here](#).

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## Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



**Transport Committee, 'Rail infrastructure investment inquiry - publications'** - This week the Transport Committee has published the written statements made on the 'Rail infrastructure investment inquiry'. The deadline for written submissions was 18 December 2017, details of the inquiry can be found [here](#).

- East Midlands Councils written submission can be viewed [here](#).
- Midlands Connect written submission can be viewed [here](#).

**Strengthened planning rules to protect music venues and their neighbours** - Housing developers building new homes near music venues should be responsible for addressing noise issues in a move to protect both music venues and their neighbours, the Housing Secretary has said.

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#), which local authorities are legally bound to comply with, will now be clarified to include detailed reference to the 'Agent of Change' principle, and will be consulted on in spring.

The move means developers will be responsible for identifying and solving any sound problems, if granted permission to build, and avoid music venues, community and sports clubs and even churches running into expensive issues as a result of complaints from new neighbours [details [here](#)].

**Government supports new measures to improve the safety of tenants** - Secretary of State for Housing Sajid Javid confirmed government support for new legislation that will help ensure rented homes are safe and give tenants the right to take legal action when landlords fail in their duties. This includes being able to fine failing landlords up to £30,000 and from April this year councils will also be able to issue banning orders to kick the worst offenders out of the business [details [here](#)].

**Independent review to tackle barriers to building** - Panel of experts to review the gap between number of planning permissions being granted and those built in areas of high demand. The review, led by Sir Oliver Letwin will look to explain the gap between the number of planning permissions being granted against those built in areas of high demand [details [here](#)].

**Funding for thousands of electric car charge points unused by councils** - Ministers have written to local councils urging them to take up electric car charge-point funding, regarding a scheme which makes available up to 75% of the cost of procuring and installing chargepoints. Local authorities can fund the remaining costs through public and private sources [details [here](#)].

**New Towns: launch of the All-Party Parliamentary Group** - Secretary of State for Housing speaks about the launch of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on New Towns [details [here](#)]. The Town and County Planning Association press release is available from [here](#).

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## Asylum and Refugee Resettlement



**House of Commons Home Affairs Committee** - Report on 'Immigration policy: basis for building consensus'. The report is available from [here](#).

**£29 million extra to boost councils' support for vulnerable children** - Councils in England will receive an additional £29 million to boost their support for unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) and care leavers, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Sajid Javid confirmed this week [details [here](#)].

**LGA 'Modern Slavery Conference', 17 January 2018** - to download the presentations from this conference visit [here](#).

**EMC Summit on Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery** - In March 2018 EMC will hold a Summit on Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery. Further information on the event will be made available in the coming weeks.

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## Local Government News



### Government renews focus on housing with Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Government - Junior ministerial appointments have been confirmed by the Prime Minister, along with their responsibilities. This includes an addition of a further Parliamentary Under Secretary of State to the ministerial team to reflect the government's renewed focus on housing issues [details [here](#)].

- [Dominic Raab](#) - Minister of State for Housing and Planning
- [Jake Berry](#) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth
- [Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth](#) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Wales Office, Minister for Faith
- [Rishi Sunak](#) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Local Government
- [Heather Wheeler](#) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Housing and Homelessness
- [Secretary of State Sajid Javid](#) will also continue as the Ministerial Champion for the Midlands Engine.

**Derby Nottingham Metro Summit** - A Derby Nottingham Metro Summit, which took place at the University of Derby on 17 January, was attended by over 100 representatives from local businesses, including Toyota and East Midlands Airport; the education sector and local councils [Derby City press release [here](#) and Nottingham City's [here](#)].

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## Employers' Information



**Coroners Circular** - The latest version of the Coroners' Circular on pay guidance is available [here](#).

**Health Literacy Toolkit** - The Population and Prevention Programme in Health Education England has just published a *Health Literacy Toolkit*, the LGA and EMC have been asked to draw it to the attention of HR specialists in local government. The link to the new toolkit is available from [here](#).

**CEEP UK News Alert - 12 January 2018** - The latest alert is available from [here](#):

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## Health & Social Care



**Second referral to the Secretary of State on closure of Grantham A&E overnight** - Lincolnshire's Health Scrutiny Committee have unanimously voted to refer the latest decision by United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust (ULHT) for Grantham A&E to remain closed overnight, to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care [details [here](#)].

**Care and Health Improvement Programme Efficiency project** - This LGA report looks at the ten projects and draws conclusions as to what other councils might learn from them. The findings will be of particular interest to directors and assistant directors of adult social care, heads of service or transformation, or change managers leading projects to develop more efficient and sustainable approaches to supporting vulnerable practice. Case studies on 'Working in partnership with the NHS' include one from Nottingham City Council and one from Nottinghamshire County Council. The report is available from [here](#).

**Public Health England Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday message** - The 12 January 2018 message is available from [here](#) and the 19 January edition is available from [here](#).

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## EMC Events



**Taking the Minutes, 22 Mar 2018** - EMC is holding a one day course on minute taking, designed to support people when taking minutes on Thursday 22 March 2018. Meetings, short or long, formal or informal need minutes and/or action notes. This one day course explains why and shows how easy it is to take effective, readable minutes.

In the process delegates learn how to set and use an agenda - including what 'any other business' is really for - and find out who should be doing what if the meeting is to work well. For more information visit [here](#).

**Environmental Health CPD Programme, Health and Safety, 1 Mar 2018** - The sixth event in the 2017/18 programme is Health and Safety. For more information visit [here](#).

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## EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE  
Vice Chair: Cllr Jon Collins  
Vice Chair: Cllr Chris Millar  
Conservative Group: Cllr Roger Blaney  
Labour Group: Cllr Anne Western  
Lib Dem Group: Cllr David Bill MBE  
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