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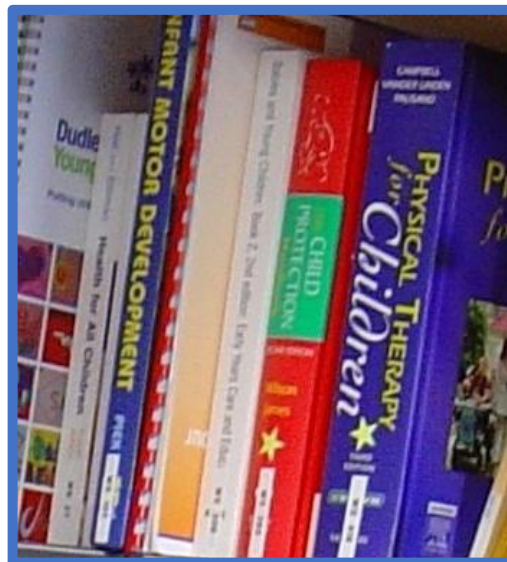
Issue 7

Welcome to the September 2024 Knowledge Services Newsletter

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter.

As a reminder our services are listed on this page, and we can be contacted by telephone on 01384 816173 or email at:

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So, what's in this edition of the Newsletter?

Public Health and Housing: some recent reports and papers about the relationship between housing and health

Local Government Association: Cost of Living Hub

Other reports and papers you may have missed!

Dudley's Draft Air Quality Action Plan

HeLM Consortium: Health Libraries Midlands offer access to thousands of books and resources

Health News Digest: a reminder about our weekly digest

Looking for evidence – some of our recent searches

Our services include:

- Evidence searching
- Article requests
- Training: group sessions or 1:1
- Health News Digest
- Journal clubs
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The causal link between poor housing and poor health is well established. The Marmot Review stated that housing is a “social determinant of health”. Housing is certainly one of the major factors for inequalities in physical and mental health.

In 2020, the English Housing Survey estimated that 2.2 million homes in England had at least one Category 1 hazard under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (9% of all stock.) A Category 1 hazard is one which poses a serious risk to health and safety.

Below are some recent reports and papers about the relationship between housing and health.

The House of Commons Library (2022) Housing and health: a reading list.

This reading list draws together reports and other material demonstrating the relationship between housing and health.

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9414/>

The Health Foundation (2021) Relationship between health and number of housing problems.

https://www.health.org.uk/evidence-hub/housing/multiple-housing-problems/relationship-between-health-and-number-of-housing-problems?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI0pCnsNn2hwMVJ1JBAh1DNw74EAAYA SAAEgIQxPD_BwE

Rolfe, Steve et al (2020) Housing as a social determinant of health and wellbeing: developing an empirically-informed realist theoretical framework.

BMC Public Health

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-020-09224-0>

Faculty of Public Health (2023) Faculty of Public Health Briefing: Housing, poverty & public health.

<https://www.fph.org.uk/media/p5rdhsu5/fph-poverty-housing-and-health-briefing.pdf>

The King’s Fund (2018) Housing and health: Opportunities for sustainability and transformation partnerships.

This independent report was supported by the National Housing Federation.

https://assets.kingsfund.org.uk/f/256914/x/2d50adb238/housing_and_health_2018.pdf

The Health Foundation (2023) Moving to healthy homes

https://www.health.org.uk/publications/long-reads/moving-to-healthy-homes?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIi4yjsfr2hwMVRzkGAB2irhpXEAMYAiAAEgJx-vD_BwE

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (2023) English Housing Survey 2021 to 2022: housing quality and condition.

The English Housing Survey (EHS) is a national survey of people's housing circumstances and the condition and energy efficiency of housing in England. It is one of the longest standing government surveys and was first run in 1967. This report provides the findings from the 2021-22 survey.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-housing-survey-2021-to-2022-housing-quality-and-condition/english-housing-survey-2021-to-2022-housing-quality-and-condition>

Health Foundation (2024) Inequalities between groups of people living in non-decent homes.

<https://www.health.org.uk/evidence-hub/housing/housing-quality/inequalities-in-who-lives-in-non-decent-homes>

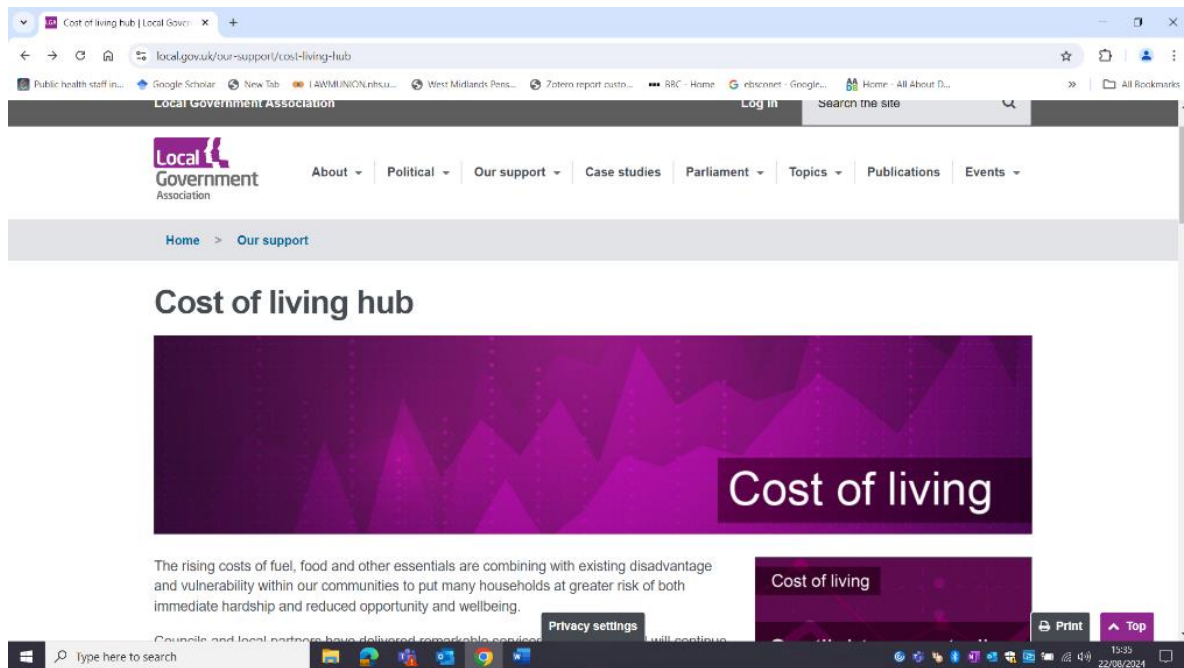
Local Government Association (2024) Building a better future: An assessment of the economic and social benefits of five-year housing regimes.

This report was commissioned to develop the evidence base to further support our six-point action plan for housing, specifically the point to roll-out five-year local housing deals to all areas of the country that want them by 2025 – combining funding from multiple national housing programmes into a single pot.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/building-better-future-assessment-economic-and-social-benefits-five-year-housing>



Local Government Association – Cost of Living Hub



The LGA has recently created a 'Cost of Living Hub'. The rising costs of food, fuel and housing has put many areas of society at risk. The LGA has recognised that many local authority teams from all over the UK, have delivered ground-breaking support and programmes during this period. The hub has been designed to showcase best practice and share ideas, support and data in several key areas including: food insecurity, health & wellbeing, money & debt advice and policy and strategy.

Each section houses a collection of innovative and successful practices from local authorities and their partners from around the country.

Find the 'Cost of Living Hub' here:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/cost-living-hub>

Other Reports and papers you may have missed!

Joseph Rowntree Foundation Report: A Minimum Income Standard for the United Kingdom in 2024

The Minimum Income Standard provides a vision of the living standards that we, as a society, agree everyone in the UK should be able to achieve.

This report sets out what households need to reach it in 2024.

<https://www.jrf.org.uk/a-minimum-income-standard-for-the-united-kingdom-in-2024>

Health Foundation: Options for restoring the public health grant

We present three policy options in order to restore the public health grant and allocate it on a more equitable basis. Our policy options assume restoration to 2015/16 real-terms per person levels over a 5-year period, with varying levels of redistribution.

www.health.org.uk/publications/long-reads/options-for-restoring-the-public-health-grant

The Children's Society: The Good Childhood Report 2024

This year's Good Childhood Report reveals that too many young people are unhappy with their lives. 11% of the children and young people who completed our survey in 2024 had low wellbeing.

https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/goodchildhood?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI2c608tzdiAMVRaNOBh2xYinvEAAYASAAEgK0KPD_BwE

Dudley Borough Draft Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)

<https://councilnews.dudley.gov.uk/news/share-your-views-on-measures-to-improve-air-quality-in-dudley-borough>

More on the effects of air pollution

This recent report highlights the impact of air pollution on the development of asthma in children living in Denmark.

Key points are:

- The investigators found that air pollutant exposures were generally associated with increased risk of developing childhood asthma, but were less consistently associated with asthma-related immune mediators and with lung function.
- They also found that both prenatal and postnatal periods are important windows of exposure for asthma development.
- The study underscores the importance of health outcome assessment methods in better understanding asthma risk factors and prevalence.

<https://www.healtheffects.org/publication/birth-cohort-studies-long-term-exposure-ambient-air-pollution-early-life-and-development>

HeLM Consortium

Just a reminder that Knowledge Services is part of a wider consortium of medical and health libraries within the Midlands area and beyond. What that means for you the member is that you can borrow items from any library within HeLM (Health Libraries Midlands.)



We are a member of...

Health Libraries Midlands

Borrow up to 16 books from health libraries across the Midlands.

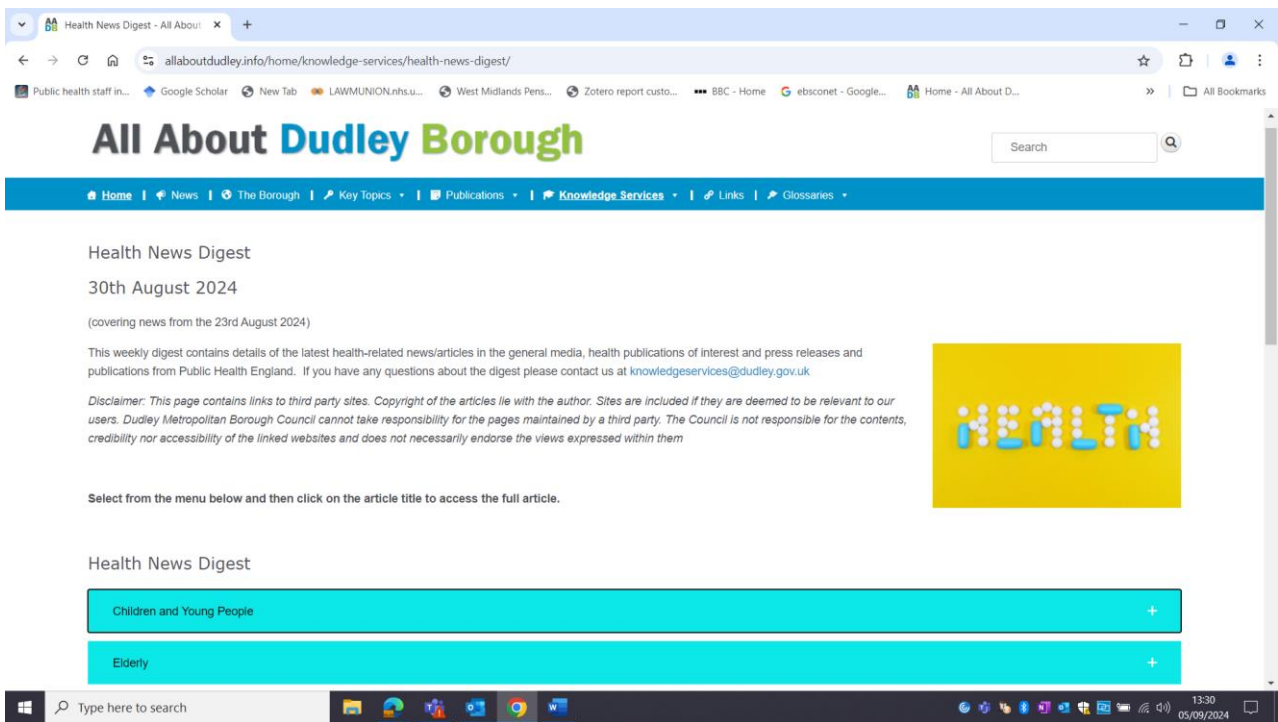
Most books are now loaned for 6 weeks as standard, and are renewed 5 times automatically, unless requested by another user.

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If you are not currently a member you can join for free [here](#). To find out about HeLM more watch this [introductory video](#).

Health News Digest



#Knowledge Services produce a weekly health news digest every Friday. This can be found [here](#) on All About Dudley Borough.

Alternatively, you can email us at knowledgeservices@dudley.gov.uk and asked to be added to the HND mailing list and we'll send you a reminder and a link every Friday as soon as we publish that week's edition.



Looking for Evidence?



Looking for evidence to help inform a decision, or want to find best practice before implementing a new service? An evidence search is a thorough and organised way to find information on your topic. It can save you time and add valuable insight in the early stages of a project.

Knowledge Services can carry out an evidence search for you. To request a search please use our Search Request Form which can be found here:

<https://www.allaboutdudley.info/home/knowledge-services/literaturesearch/>

We have access to the NICE/NHS core databases, but can also carry out grey literature searches for reports, unpublished articles and ephemeral material.

Some examples of recent searches we have been asked to carry out are:

perinatal mental health issues;

menopause – interventions, symptoms and exercise;

migrant health needs;

effective strategies/models to help support young people with disabilities transition between Childrens' and Adults' services;

the benefits of ear wax removal;

updates to school nursing evidence base 2020-24;

interventions to prevent and support young (under 18) females from getting a custodial sentence;

increase in deaths at home for males from cardiovascular disease in the last year – any link to post covid increase?;

how physical and mental health services can better support the needs of the homeless population in the community to improve overall wellbeing and health, life expectancy and reduce emergency admissions and the cost savings from earlier intervention.

