



## BOROUGH PROFILE

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## Borough Profile 2019

### Executive Summary

This Borough Profile provides an overview of key information about the London Borough of Croydon and some of the issues facing both communities in Croydon and service providers.

It is a good first reference point for intelligence about the Borough which can help those involved in commissioning and service provision on behalf of the Council.

As data throughout this document is available at different times of the year, it is intended that this will be updated at least twice a year.

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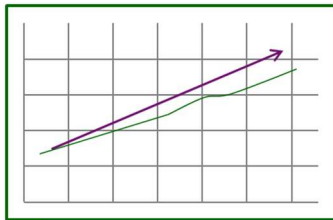
The information is organised under the following sections:

- Executive Summary
- Population
- Deprivation
- Education and skills
- Economy
- Housing
- Health
- Social Care
- Community safety
- Environment and Transport



## Population

### ✓ Areas of progress



The Croydon population continues to grow steadily.

### Challenges



The higher birth rate in 2012 brought added pressures to provide for an increasing younger children population in the borough. The 2017 birth figure is close to the 2012 level.



## Deprivation

### ✓ Areas of progress



There are 7 deprivation domains within the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Under the Education, skills and training domain, Croydon is in the bottom third (220<sup>th</sup> out of 326) of all district authorities. In most of the other domains, Croydon is in the top third most deprived districts.

### ⚠ Challenges



Croydon became relatively more deprived compared to other local authorities in England between 2010 and 2015.



There remains geographic inequality in the distribution of deprivation in the borough with the North and East of the borough remaining more deprived.

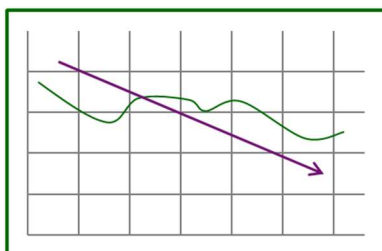


Croydon was in the 25 most deprived district authorities in the country for the crime domain in the IMD 2015.



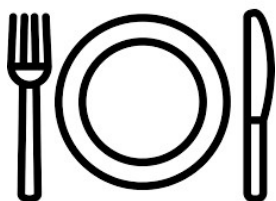
## Education and skills

### ✓ Areas of progress



Levels of authorised absences as well as permanent exclusions from primary and secondary schools in Croydon are lower than the regional and national average rates.

### Free School meals



The gap between attainment of a qualification at level 2 with English and Maths by age 19 years between those not eligible for FSM and those eligible for FSM is the lowest it has been for 9 years.

### ⚠ Challenges



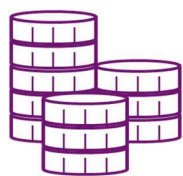
Take up of funded hours in Early Years settings is still below regional and national averages.

## KS2

Attainment at Key Stage 2 is improving in Croydon but there is still more to do in this area.

## KS5

The proportion of pupils achieving grades AAB or above at Key Stage 5 is still much lower than the regional and national averages.

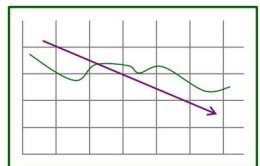


## Economy

### ✓ Areas of progress



The number of businesses continues to grow.



The proportion of out of work claimants has been going down every year for the last 5 years.



Latest figures show that the proportion of out of work claimants in Croydon is lower than both the London and England averages.

### ⚠ Challenges

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The job density rate measures the ratio of total jobs to population aged 16-64. The Croydon rate is lower than both the London and national rate.



## Housing

### ✓ Areas of progress



Croydon remains one of the most affordable areas to live in London both to buy and to rent.



Croydon had the third highest number of net additional dwellings in 2017/2018.

### ⚠ Challenges



The number of homeless acceptances, though lower than the previous 2 years, remains high.



The number of homeless households in temporary accommodation remains high and in excess of 2,000.



5<sup>th</sup> highest proportion of long-term vacant dwellings to total dwellings in London.





## Health

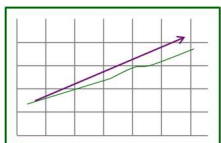
### ✓ Areas of progress



Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks remains higher than the national average.



The percentage of adults smoking in Croydon continues to fall and is below the national average.



Life expectancy at birth for men and women continues to increase.



The percentage of full-term babies with a low birth weight is in line with the national average.

### Challenges



Vaccination coverage remains low for a number of child and adult vaccinations.



The teenage conception rate in Croydon is still one of the highest in London.



Excess weight in pupils in Year 6 remains higher than the national average.



The rate of injuries due to falls in over 65s also remains higher than the regional and national averages.

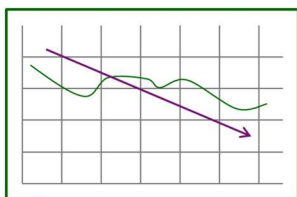


## Social Care

### ✓ Areas of progress



Croydon has dropped down from one of the highest rates of domestic abuse per 1,000 population to the top third of all London Councils.



The number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children has fallen every year for the last 3 years.

### ⚠ Challenges



The rate of referrals to children's social care is now higher than both the regional and national averages.

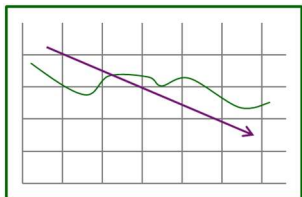


The number of looked after children in Croydon is still the highest in London.



## Community Safety

### ✓ Areas of progress

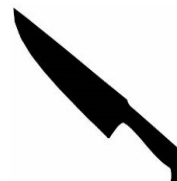


The total number of notifiable offences in Croydon has fallen in recent years and the rate of offences committed in Croydon is lower than the London average.



The number of gang flagged offences has decreased but there remains an issue around public perception of this issue.

### ⚠ Challenges



Knife crime is still an issue with around 30% resulting in injury or death.



The number of victims of serious youth violence is increasing.



## Environment and transport

### ✓ Areas of progress

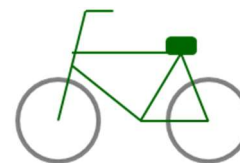


Carbon dioxide emissions continue to fall.

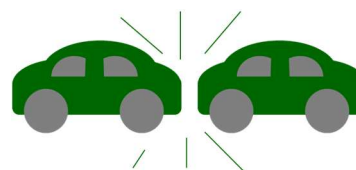


Croydon has one of the highest rates for the reuse, recycling and composting of household waste in London.

### ⚠ Challenges



Uptake of cycling in Croydon is still below the averages in London and nationally with only 7.6% of residents estimated to have done cycling once a week during 2016/2017.



The number of road traffic collisions in Croydon in 2017 has been increasing over the last 3 years.



The number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents has increased significantly in 2017 compared to the previous 4 years.



## Population

### Areas of progress

- ✓ Croydon's population continues to grow steadily.

### Challenges

- ⚠ The higher birth rate a few years ago means that there is an increase in the number of younger children requiring services in the borough.
- ⚠ ONS MYE 2016 indicates that the Croydon population of 0-17 year olds amounts to nearly 25% of the whole population.

### Overview

This section offers a brief overview of the Croydon population looking at:

- Population growth
- Our residents
- Our communities

Croydon Council is the second largest of all the London boroughs in terms of population, with approximately 385,000 residents (ONS 2018). Nearly a quarter of this figure is made up of young people aged 17 years or under. Around one in seven of our residents are aged 65 years or over.

Croydon's Corporate Plan 2018-2022 outlines how we intend to serve our residents in the best way possible by outlining the Council's key priorities to ensure no one is left behind, that Croydon's approach and growth becomes sustainable and Croydon's infrastructure is fit for purpose for the world today.

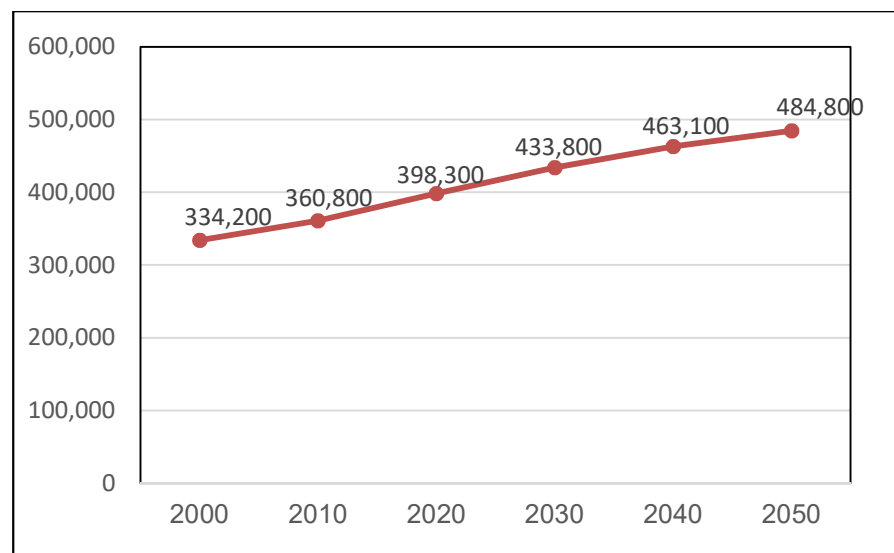


## Population growth

### Overview

Croydon's population is growing. The borough population recorded in Census 2001 was 330,587 and in the 2011 Census it had increased to 363,378. Based on ONS mid-year estimates, 2017, Croydon is home to 384,837 people and this is expected to increase to just under 500,000 by 2050.

Figure 1 – Projected population growth in Croydon



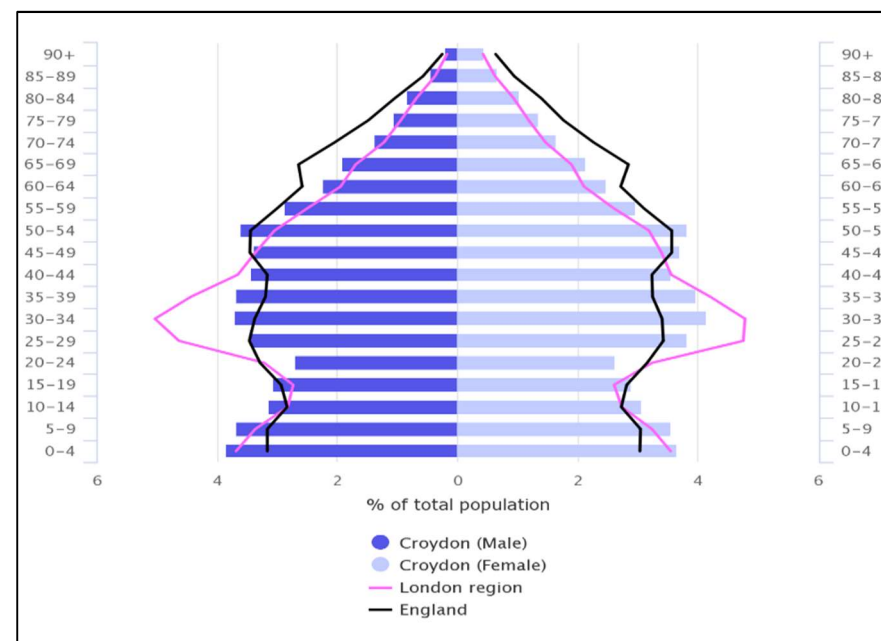
Source: GLA Central Trend-based projections, 2016

Figure 2 provides a picture of the age profile in Croydon.

The latest ONS Mid-year estimate (MYE) indicates that 1 in 4 Croydon residents (24.6%) is aged between 0-17 years.

In London there are more people in the 20-39 year age group compared to Croydon.

Figure 2 – Age Profile in Croydon



Source: PHE Profile and ONS, MYE, 2016



## Births and deaths

The number of live births in Croydon rose dramatically from just over 5,200 a year in 2009 to around 5,900 in 2012. Despite a drop to 5,600 in 2013, the annual birth numbers gradually rose each year, from 2013-2016. The latest figure for 2017 has seen a reduction to a similar level as 2011 at 5,761.

Latest figures for 2017 show that Croydon has a higher proportion of mothers who were born outside of the UK (52.1%) compared to the national average (29.2%). However, the London average across London is higher than in Croydon (57.9%).

In the last 10 years the life expectancy from birth in Croydon has progressively increased. For males the life expectancy from birth has increased from 77.4 years in 2004-2006 to 80.3 years in 2014-2016. Similarly life expectancy from birth for females has increased from 81.2 years to 83.6 years over the same period.

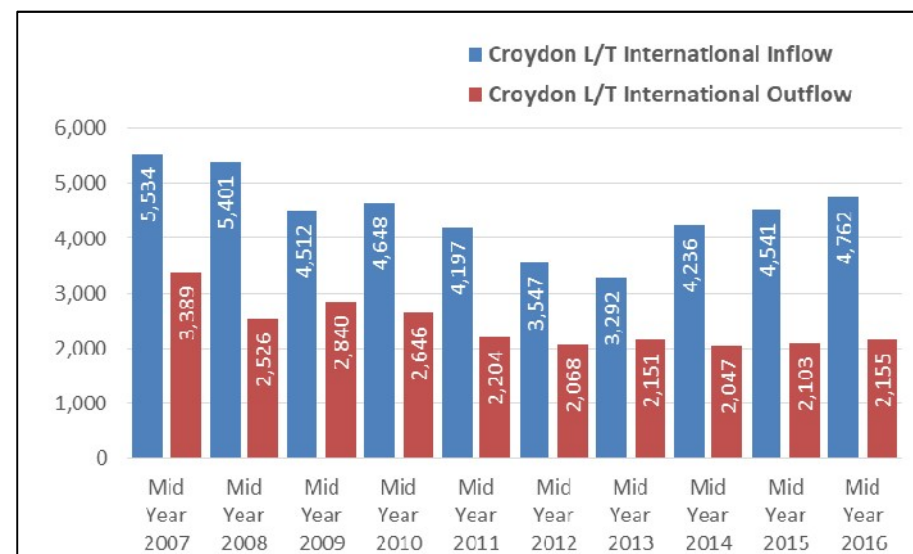
There were 2,287 deaths in Croydon in 2013 which steadily peaked to 2,578 in 2015 to again drop in 2016 to 2,424. The latest 2017 figures show that deaths in Croydon have gone up again to 2,518. However, there has still been a net growth in population over this period.

## Migration

Based on the latest figures for 2016, domestic migration has had little impact on the growth of the Croydon population. 20,700 people moved into the borough whilst 23,700 people left the borough to go to other areas of the UK.

The international inflows into Croydon continue to exceed the international outflows and this results in more migrants from outside the UK. For 2016, the ONS has estimated that around 11% of the Croydon population is made up of members from the EU and about 8% come from the rest of the World.

Figure 3 – International migration flows



Source: ONS Migration statistics.

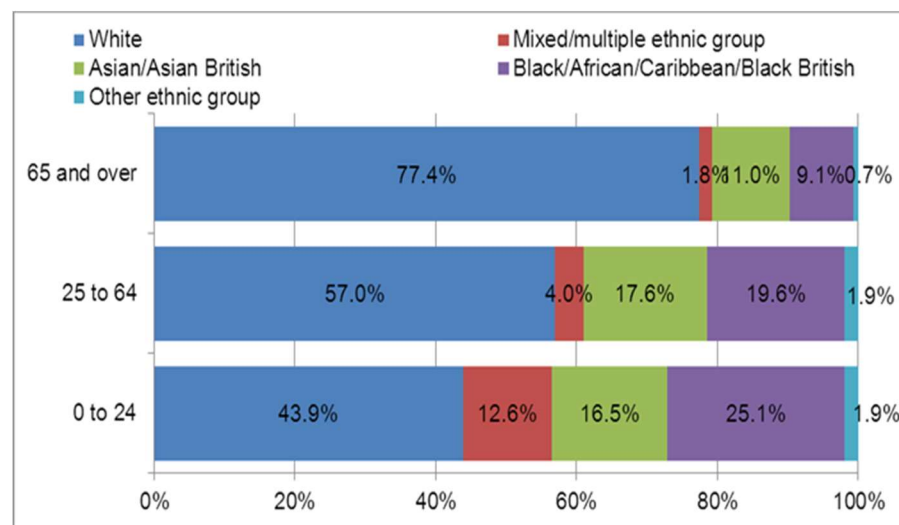


## Our residents

### Ethnicity

Croydon has a diverse population. As with other London boroughs Croydon has a higher proportion of residents from Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds than the national average. Figure 4 clearly shows that the younger population was more diverse than the older population in Croydon in 2011.

Figure 4 – Ethnic group by age



Source: ONS 2011 Census

Table 1 shows more up to date demographic projections from the GLA. Based on these, the proportion of Asian and Black residents in Croydon has been increasing since the 2011 Census. The proportion of White population is predicted to decrease by almost 10% by 2021. It will be interesting to see if the 2021 Census confirms this.

Table 1 – Croydon Ethnic Group Profile

Ethnic Group / Year	2011	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
White	55%	49%	48%	48%	47%	46%
Mixed	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Asian	16%	19%	19%	19%	20%	20%
Black	20%	23%	23%	23%	24%	24%
Other	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: GLA 2015 Projections, long-term migration scenario.

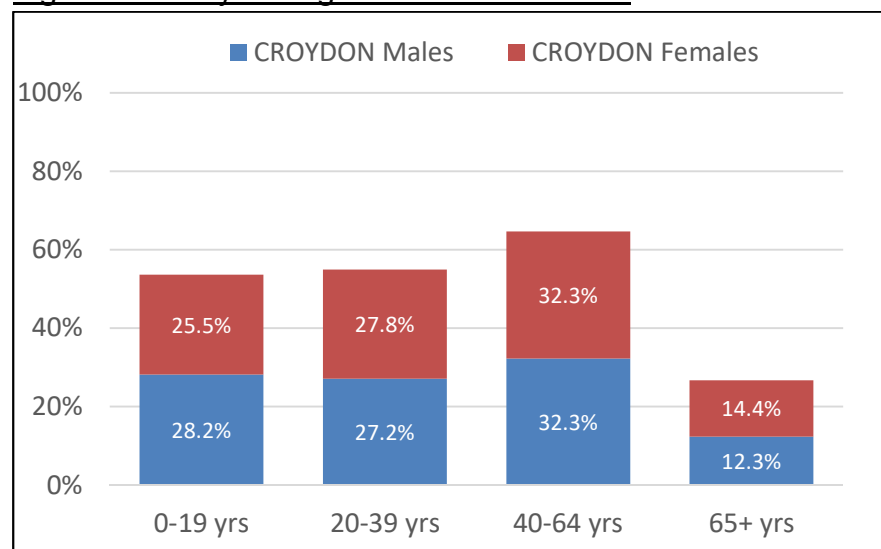




## Age and Gender

Croydon has the largest population of young people in London. As can be seen from Figure 5 there is a large population of younger children and working age adults in Croydon. The proportion of residents aged 65 and over is much lower than the national average.

Figure 5 – Croydon Age and Gender Profile

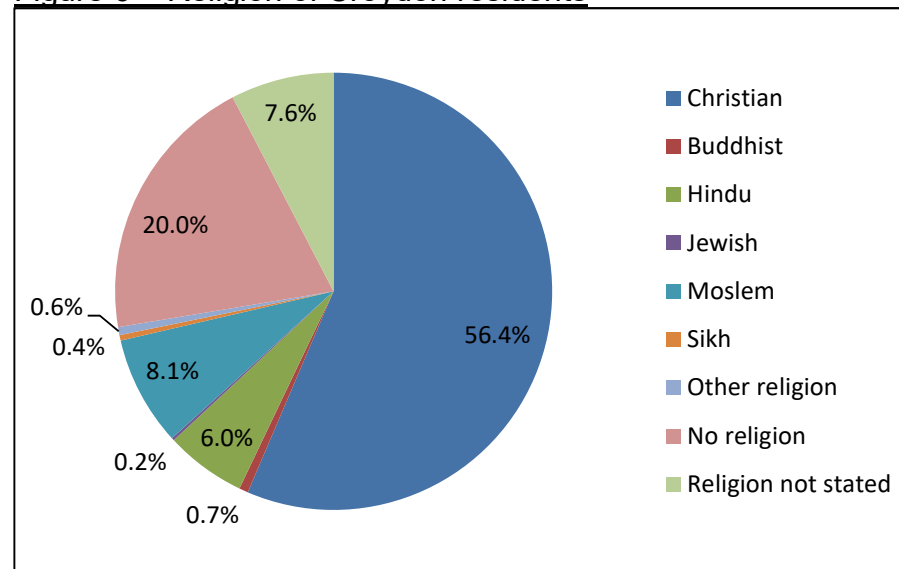


Source: ONS, 2016-based subnational population projections

## Religion

Just over half (56.4%) of respondents to the 2011 Census in Croydon stated that they were Christian. About 1 in 5 (20.0%) stated that they had no religion. Significantly 7.6% of respondents did not state their religion.

Figure 6 – Religion of Croydon residents



Source: ONS Census 2011 Table KS209EW



## Sexual orientation

Sexual orientation was not captured by the 2011 Census. The ONS produce regional estimates of the percentage of the population who identify themselves as gay, lesbian or bisexual. Across London it is estimated that 2.6% of the population in 2014 identified themselves as gay, lesbian or bisexual, higher than the national average of 1.6%.

By applying the London average to the Croydon population it is estimated that there would have been around 9,800 people in Croydon in 2014 who would have identified themselves as gay, lesbian or bisexual.<sup>1</sup>

## Gender identity

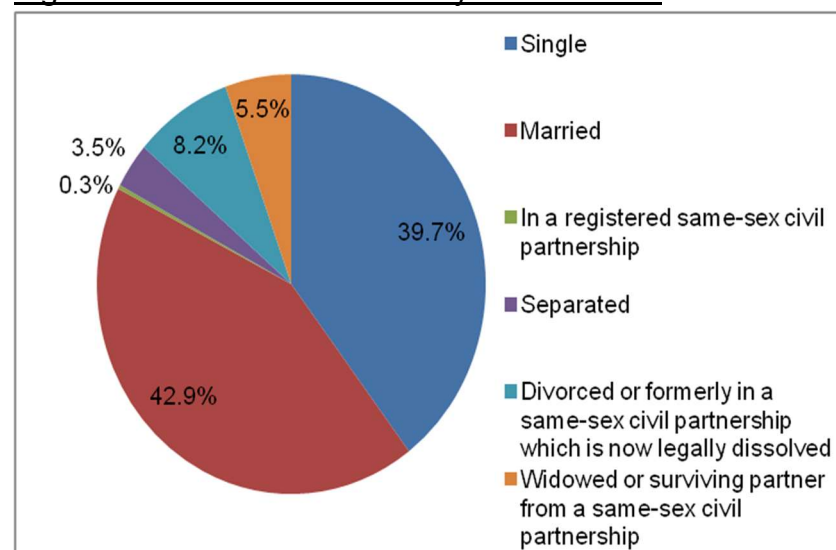
Data on the gender identity is not routinely captured. Gender variance is when someone believes he/she is a different gender to the one he/she had at birth. This condition is thought to begin before birth and can be experienced to different degrees. The Gender Identity and Research Society has estimated that nationally 1% of the population may be gender variant to some degree, with 0.2% of the population likely to seek medical treatment, at some stage, to present in the opposite gender.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ONS Integrated Household Survey Jan-Dec 2014 and ONS mid year population estimates 2014.

## Marital status

The 2011 Census is the latest data source for marital status. As Figure 7 shows the majority of adults aged over 16 in Croydon were either married or single in 2011.

Figure 7 – Marital status of Croydon residents



Source: ONS Census 2011 Table KS103EW

<sup>2</sup> Gender Identity and Research Society (2011) Collecting Information on Gender Identity <http://www.gires.org.uk/GID8301.PDF>

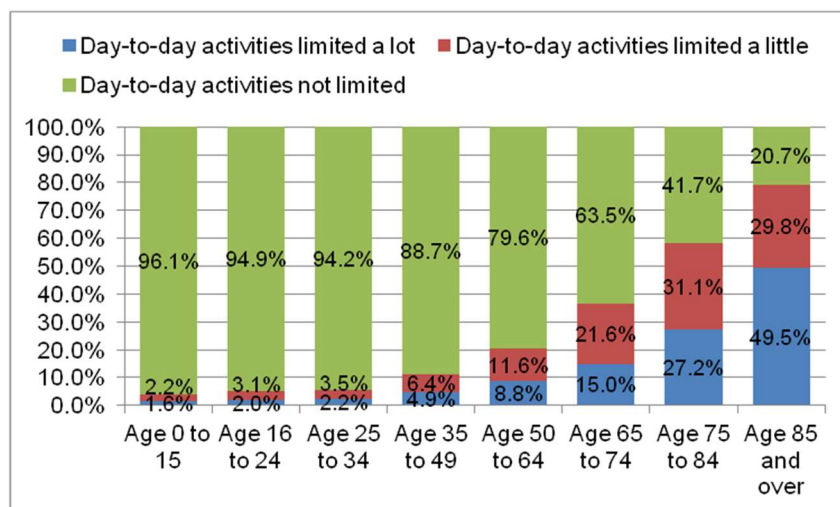


## Disability

There is not one comprehensive figure that can give a true picture of the total number of people with a disability in Croydon.

The 2011 Census figures showed that 14.1% of the population in Croydon had their day-to-day activities limited to some extent by a long-term health problem or disability. 22,493 people had their day-to-day activities limited a lot, whilst 28,134 had their day-to-day activities limited a little.

Figure 8 – Proportion of people whose day-to-day activities were limited by a long-term health problem or disability



Source: ONS 2011 Census Table DC3302EW

## Carers

The Census 2011 recorded 9.3% of the Croydon population as providing some form of unpaid care. This was slightly higher than the regional average of 8.5%. Of the 33,683 carers in Croydon, 65.5% provided up to 19 hours of unpaid care a week. However, 20.3%, equating to 6,870 people, provided 50 or more hours of unpaid care a week

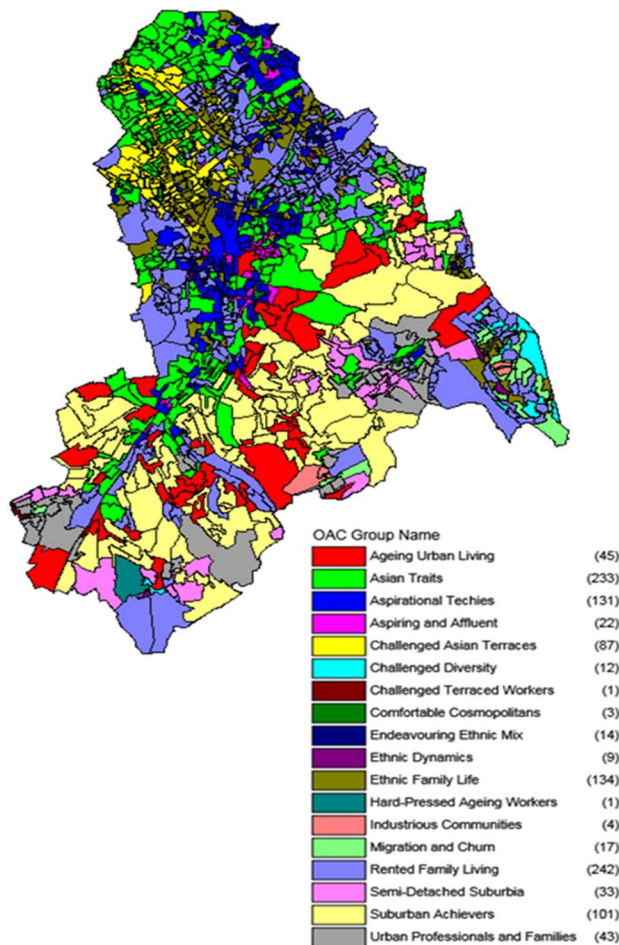
## Our communities

Croydon is home to a diverse range of communities as can be seen from the map, (Figure 8). The 2011 Output Area Classification (OAC) which the map depicts uses 2011 Census data to identify areas with similar demographic characteristics.

Overall, the OAC shows that the north of the borough is more culturally diverse and is more similar to other London areas. The south of the borough has more in common with more rural areas such as neighbouring Surrey.



Figure 8 – Map of OAC groups in Croydon



Source: ONS 2011 Census.

## Proficiency in English

In the 2011 Census 14.5% of people in Croydon had a language other than English recorded as their main language. The majority of these people were recorded as speaking English well or very well. However 17.2% (2.5% of the total Croydon population) were recorded as being unable to speak English well or being unable to speak English.

Only 5.4% of 8 to 9 year olds with English as an additional language (EAL) were unable to speak English well or were unable to speak English at all. These children made up only 0.4% of all the 8 to 9 year olds in Croydon.

Over half (51.5%) of those aged over 85 years of age could not speak English well or were unable to speak English. These older adults made up only 2.9% of all over 85 year olds in Croydon.

The proportion of females with EAL who could not speak English well or at all was slightly higher than their male counterparts at 19.7% compared to 14.5%.



## Deprivation

### Areas of progress

- ✓ Croydon is the bottom third (220<sup>th</sup> most deprived authority out of 336 district authorities) under the Education, skills and training domain.

### Challenges

- ⚠ Croydon became relatively more deprived compared to other local authorities in England between 2010 and 2015.
- ⚠ Although there have been some changes in the individual rankings of LSOAs within the borough there remains geographic inequality in the distribution of deprivation in the borough with the North and East of the borough remaining more deprived.
- ⚠ Croydon was in the 25 most deprived district authorities in the country for the crime domain in 2015.
- ⚠ Croydon was the 19<sup>th</sup> most deprived district authority in the country for barriers to housing and services.

## Overview

This section looks at the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) and its supplementary indices.

- IMD 2015 – Overall changes since 2010
- IMD 2015 Domains
- Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) 2015
- Income Deprivation Affecting Older People Index (IDAOPI) 2015

Croydon faces challenges around deprivation and inequalities in regard not only to income but other factors including health, education and housing. The Council is taking steps to manage these inequalities and to ensure that all residents feel the benefits of the borough's continued growth.

An example of the important support offered includes Croydon's Gateway service which has helped thousands of families avoid homelessness and provides critical budgeting support to vulnerable people adopting a holistic approach to build resilience in our communities.



## IMD 2015 – Overall changes since 2010

### Introduction

The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 allows relative deprivation levels across the country to be compared. It comprises seven different deprivation domains which each have a set of different measures to record deprivation scores. The domains are as follows:

- Income
- Employment
- Education, skills and training
- Health deprivation and disability
- Crime
- Barriers to housing and services
- Living environment

Each of these domains will be looked at in this section. There are also two supplementary indices: the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) and the Income Deprivation Affecting Older People Index (IDAOPI). These look at the proportion of children and older people who are income deprived respectively.

It is important to note that the IMD will show the relative ranking of different authorities over time but it cannot indicate how much more deprived one authority is to another.

The index is based on data at Lower-layer Super Output Area (LSOA) level. LSOAs were created based on 2011 Census data by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). There are 220 LSOAs in Croydon and each one had between 1,000 and 3,000 people.

For each deprivation domain, each LSOA is given a score and ranked. Rank number 1 signifies the most deprived LSOA in the country. Local authority scores are provided based on the average score of all the LSOAs in each authority.

The rank of average rank is based on the average of the ranks for each LSOA in the authority. The extent of deprivation is a measure of how widespread the deprivation is across the authority. This is based on how many LSOAs in the area are in the top 30% most deprived LSOAs in the country. The rank of concentration compares the most deprived LSOAs in a local authority against those in other authorities across the country.





Tables 1 and 2 show that Croydon has become relatively more deprived across 3 of the 4 measures from IMD 2010 to IMD 2015.

Table 1 – Upper tier authority rankings (out of 152)

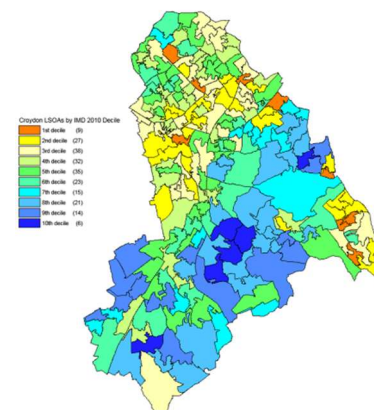
Index Measure	IMD 2010	IMD 2015
Rank of average rank	70	64
Rank of average score	77	71
Rank of extent of deprivation	80	73
Rank of concentration	93	95

Table 2 – Lower tier authority rankings (out of 326)

Index Measure	IMD 2010	IMD 2015
Rank of average rank	99	91
Rank of average score	107	96
Rank of extent of deprivation	114	98
Rank of concentration	134	134

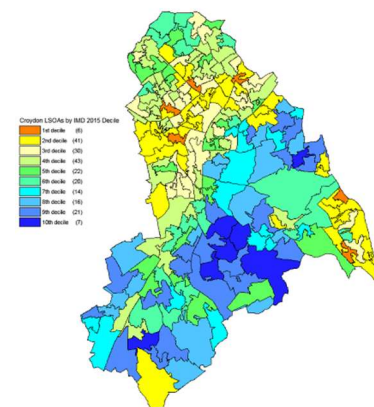
Figures 1 and 2 show that between IMD 2010 and IMD 2015 the overall pattern of deprivation across the borough has remained quite similar.

Figure 1 – IMD 2010 deciles



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Figure 2 – IMD 2015 deciles



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## IMD 2015 Domains

### Income

The Income domain looks at the proportion of the population who are either out of work or who have low earnings. It is based on a number of measures around people who are in receipt of income based benefits as at August 2012.

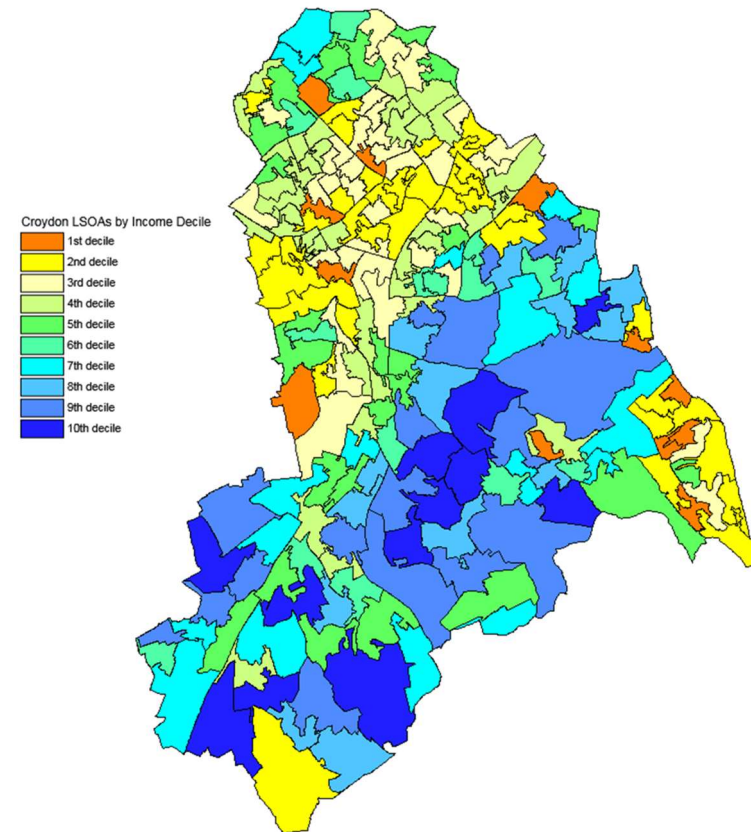
The score of each LSOA on the income domain contributes towards 22.5% of the LSOA's overall deprivation score. The overall pattern of income deprivation across the borough mirrors that for overall deprivation.

Croydon has an average score of 0.162 for the income domain, which places it as the 90<sup>th</sup> most deprived local authority out of the 326 districts in England.

The orange areas are in the top 10% most deprived LSOAs in the country and together make up 5% of the total LSOAs in the borough. Figure 3 shows these are spread out across the borough.

There is still a noticeable North-South split with a sizeable number of the LSOAs (in blue) in the South with a lower proportion of people on lower incomes than in the northern parts of the borough.

Figure 3 – Income deciles



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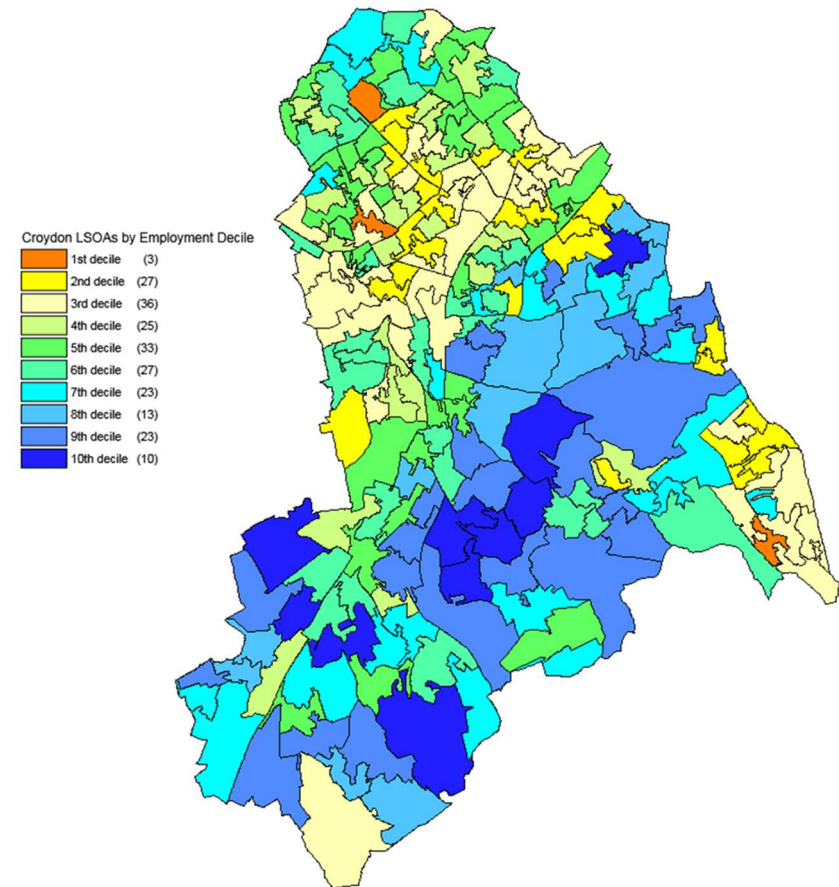
## Employment

The Employment domain looks at the proportion of the labour market who are involuntarily excluded from working due to unemployment, sickness or disability, or caring responsibilities. The data for this is based on benefits data for the period 2012-13 and was adjusted to take into account seasonal variations in the number of claimants.

Figure 4 shows that there were fewer LSOAs in the top 10% most deprived areas in England for the employment domain than there are for the income domain but the pattern of deprivation across the borough remains broadly the same.

The average score for the Employment domain was 0.115, placing Croydon as the 133<sup>rd</sup> most deprived LSOA out of the 326 districts. Only just over 1% of LSOAs in Croydon were in the most deprived 10% of areas in England.

Figure 4 – Employment deciles



Source: DCLG and Ordnance Survey



## Education, skills and training

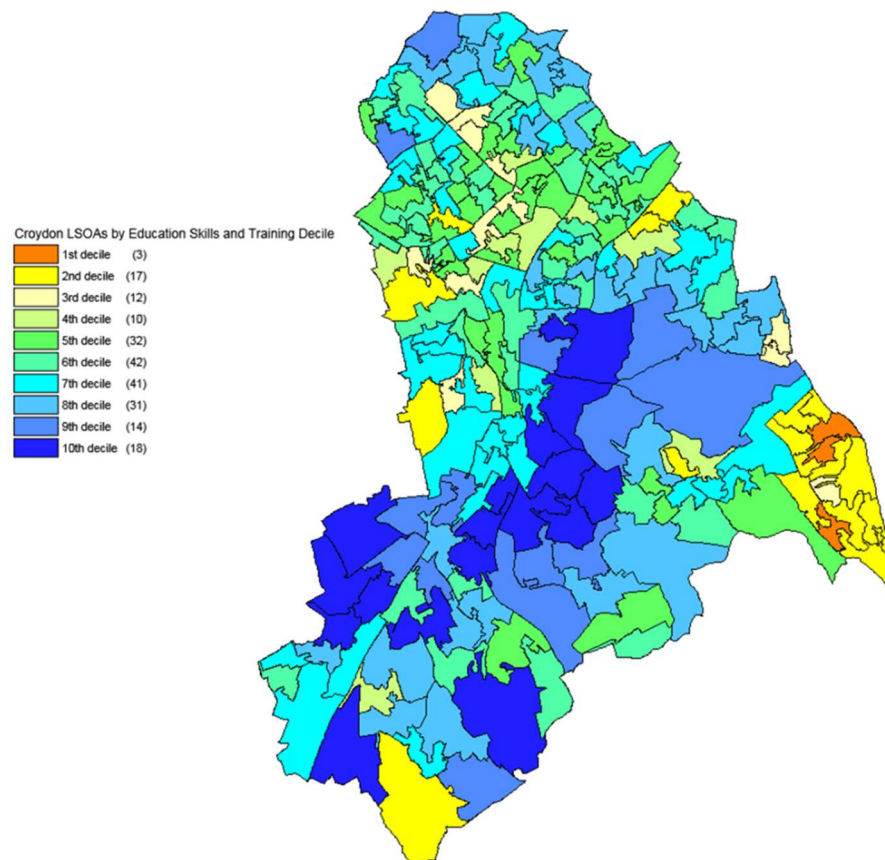
The Education, skills and training domain looks at the lack of skills and attainment in the population. This includes the attainment and absence of pupils at school, the numbers of young people staying in education post-16, and the progression of young people on to higher education. It also includes the proportion of adults with no qualifications and the proportion of adults who are unable to speak English well.

The data on children and young people is based on three years' worth of data, with the most recent data included dating from 2012/13. The data on adults was taken from the 2011 Census.

Croydon was in the bottom third of local authorities in the country for this domain; the average score for the borough was 15.661 making it the 220<sup>th</sup> most deprived borough out of the 326 districts. Just over 1% of the LSOAs in Croydon were in the top 10% most deprived areas in the country.

Areas in the North of the borough and the East are more deprived in this domain. In the East there are known issues around lower average attainment scores for pupils, and a higher proportion of adults with no qualifications.

Figure 5 – Education, skills and training deciles



Source: DCLG and Ordnance Survey



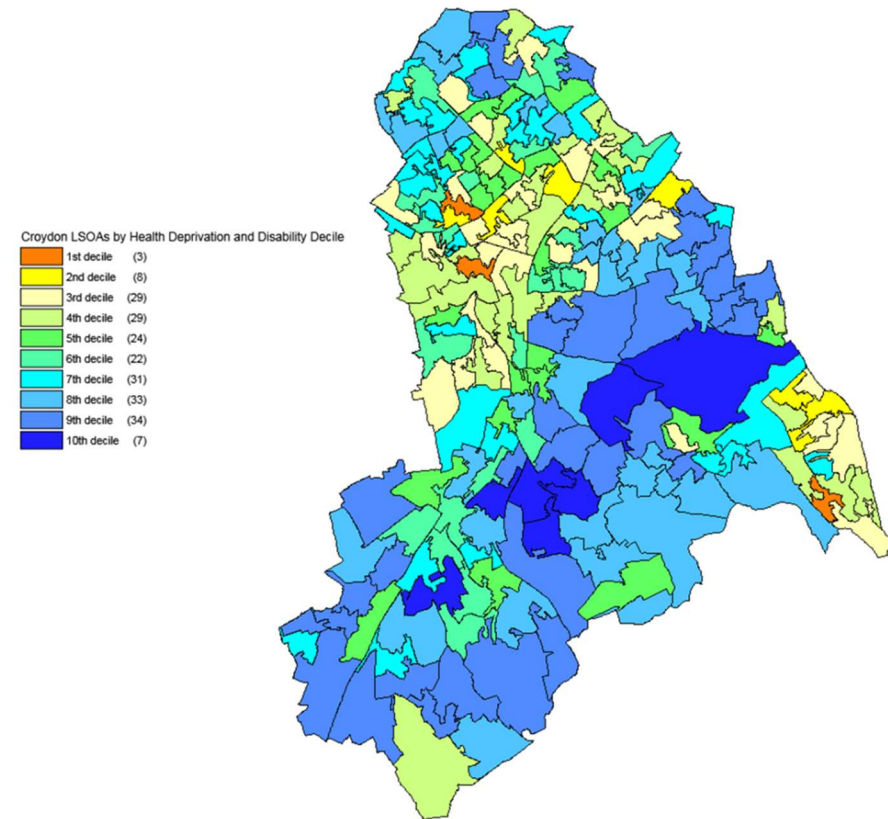
## Health deprivation and disability

The Health deprivation and disability is based on the risk of premature death and the impairment of quality of life due to poor mental or physical health. It is based on a range of different indicators covering different time periods. The most recent data used is from 2013.

The average score for Croydon for this domain was -0.134, making it the 155<sup>th</sup> most deprived authority out of the 326 districts. Again just over 1% of LSOAs were in the top 10% most deprived areas in the country.

Figure 6 shows the pattern of health deprivation and disability across the borough. Broadly the most deprived areas in Croydon in this domain are in the centre of Croydon, and in the East of the borough. These areas scored highly across each of the measures used for this domain.

Figure 6 – Health deprivation and disability deciles



Source: DCLG and Ordnance Survey



## Crime

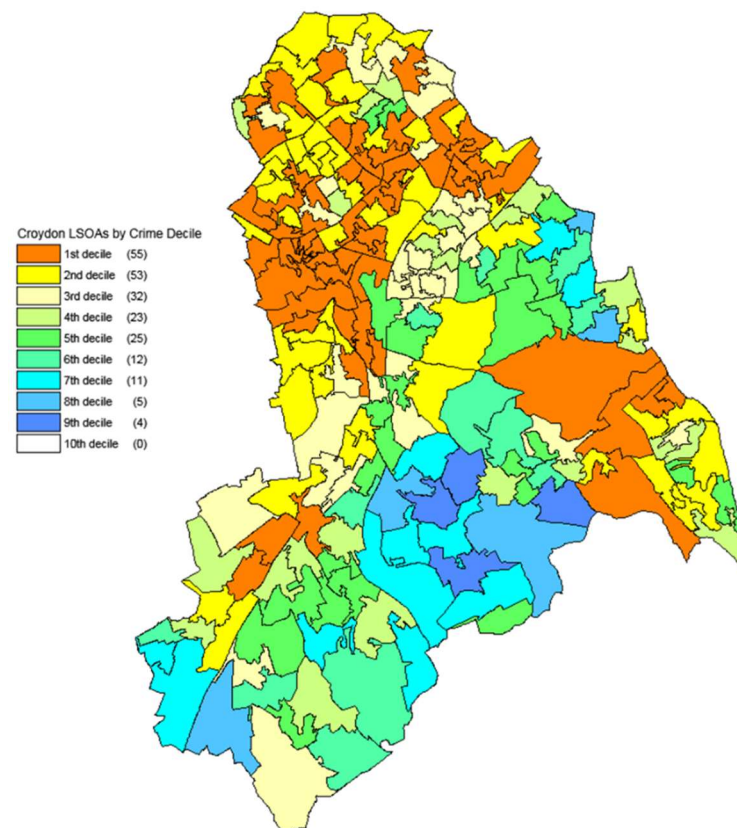
The Crime domain is based on the rates of violence, burglary, theft and criminal damage per 1,000 at-risk population. This at-risk population is the count of the residents in the area plus the number of people who work in the area but are not resident there. The data are based on recorded crimes for 2013/14.

The average score in Croydon was 0.624 making it the 22<sup>nd</sup> most deprived authority out of the 326 districts. In fact, 13 of the 33 London boroughs were in the top 25 most deprived authorities in the country and 30 were in the top third. This is not surprising as crime rates in London and other urban areas are higher than in many more rural parts of England.

25% of LSOAs in the borough were in the top 10% most deprived areas in the country. These LSOAs were predominantly in the North and centre of the borough as can be seen from Figure 7.

It should be noted that the number of total notifiable offences in Croydon is falling and that latest figures from MOPAC show that crime in London is falling at a faster rate than the national average.<sup>3</sup>

Figure 7 - Crime deciles



Source: DCLG and Ordnance Survey

<sup>3</sup> MOPAC crime dashboard





## Barriers to housing and services

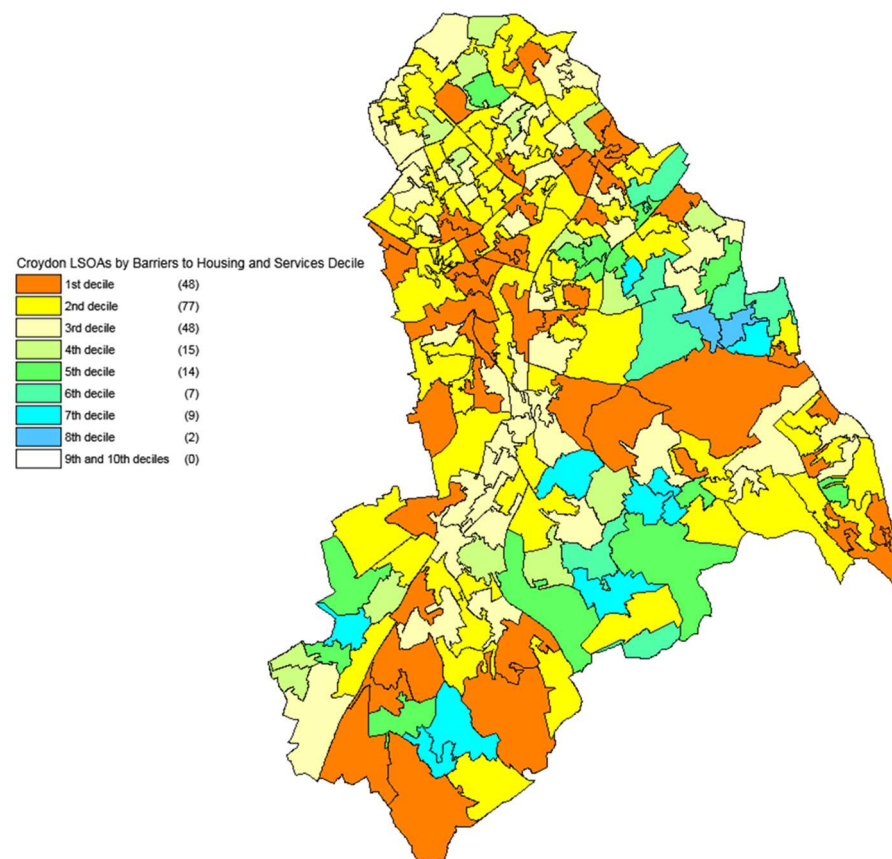
The barriers to housing and services domain looks at geographical barriers to services and wider barriers. These barriers are based on the average distance to key services such as a GP surgery, primary school, post office, and a general store or supermarket based on data from 2014. The wider barriers include household overcrowding, homelessness and housing affordability.

The average score in Croydon was 31.671, ranking Croydon the 19<sup>th</sup> most deprived authority out of the 326 districts. 15 of the 33 London boroughs were in the top 25 most deprived authorities in the country for this domain.

Figure 8 shows the distribution of the most deprived LSOAs for this domain are more spread out across the borough. Nearly 22% of the LSOAs in Croydon were in the top 10% most deprived areas nationally. None of the LSOAs were in the 20% least deprived areas nationally.

The homelessness indicator used as part of this domain is based on the number of households accepted as homeless. At the time of data collection, Croydon had a higher than average number of homelessness acceptances which would have significantly affected the scores for certain LSOAs.

Figure 8 - Barriers to housing and services deciles



Source: DCLG and Ordnance Survey

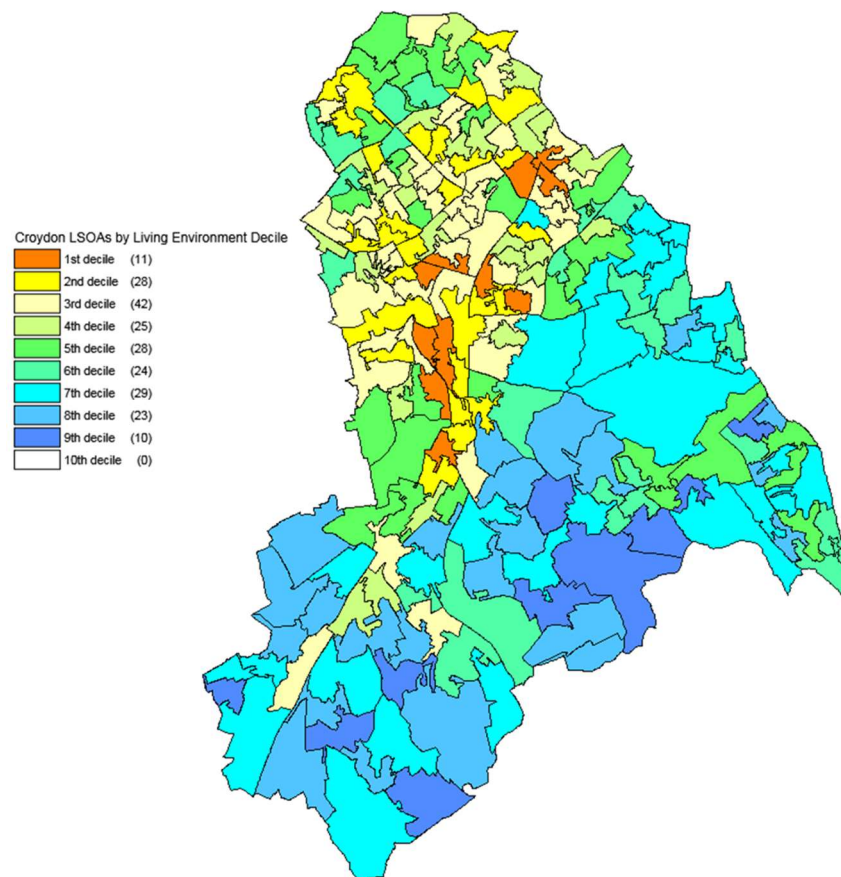


## Living environment

The living environment domain looks at both the indoor living environment and the outdoor living environment. The indoor living environment is based on the proportion of houses without central heating and the proportion of houses that are in poor condition. The outdoor living environment looks at air quality and road traffic accidents that cause injury to pedestrians and cyclists.

Croydon had an average score of 24.064 for the living environment domain, which means the authority was ranked 101<sup>st</sup> most deprived out of the 326 districts. Just 5% of the LSOAs in Croydon were in the top 10% most deprived areas nationally for this domain. As Figure 9 shows these are predominantly located in the centre of the borough. These areas have high scores both for the indoor and outdoor living environment measures.

Figure 9 – Living environment deciles



Source: DCLG and Ordnance Survey



## Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) 2015

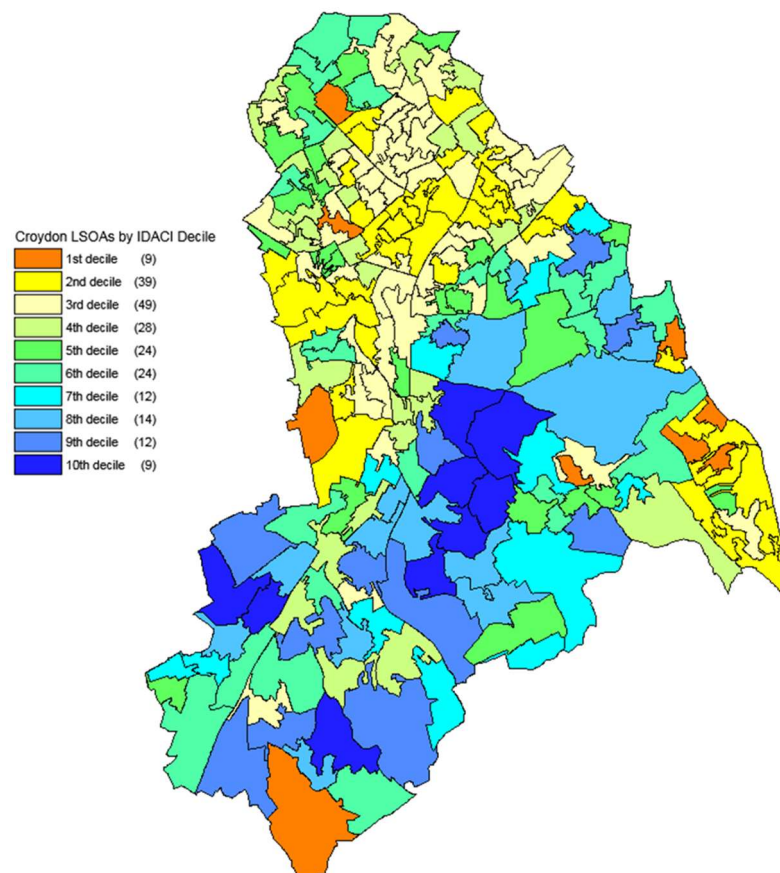
The Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index is a supplementary index that looks at the proportion of children in an area that are living in families affected by income deprivation.

At the time the Index was produced, Croydon had 23.2% of its children living in families affected by income deprivation. Croydon was ranked the 70<sup>th</sup> most deprived authority out of the 326 district authorities in England. 4% of the LSOAs in Croydon were in the top 10% most deprived LSOAs in the country, as can be seen in Figure 10.

These LSOAs are spread out across Croydon. However, it is noticeable that overall the North and East of the borough are relatively more deprived than the South West of the borough.

Figure 10 shows that there is a southernmost area in the borough which is within the new Old Coulsdon ward, (formerly Coulsdon East), which scores high on income deprivation affecting children.

Figure 10 – IDACI 2015 deciles



Source: DCLG and Ordnance Survey



## Income Deprivation Affecting Older People Index (IDAOPI) 2015

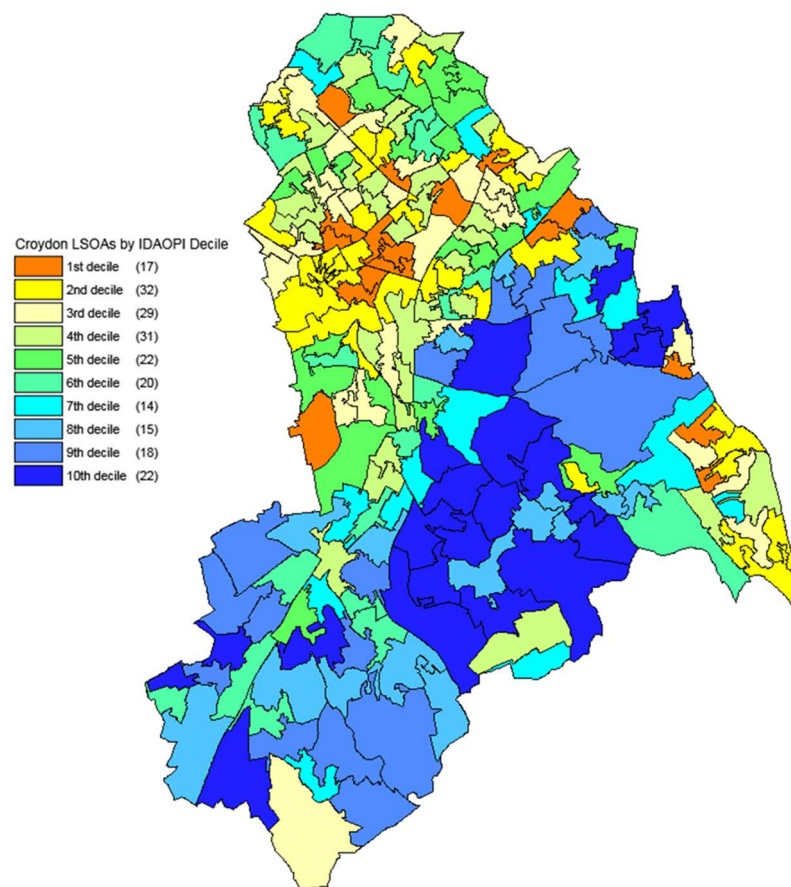
The second supplementary index is the Income Deprivation Affecting Older People Index. This is the proportion of the population aged 60 and over who are income deprived.

In Croydon 17% of older people were income deprived. This was the 100<sup>th</sup> highest score out of the 326 district authorities in England, putting Croydon in the top third most deprived areas.

Figure 11 shows that nearly 8% of LSOAs in Croydon were in the top 10% most deprived areas in the country. These are predominantly in the North of the borough, with a few in the East.

There were more LSOAs in the top 10% most deprived areas in the country in the IDAOPI compared to the IDACI. The lower overall average score for Croydon for the IDAOPI is due to the higher proportion of LSOAs in the IDAOPI that are amongst the least deprived LSOAs in the country. This is offset by the large parts of the South of the borough which has LSOAs that are in the 30% least deprived areas of the country.

Figure 11 – IDAOPI deciles



Source: DCLG and Ordnance Survey





## Education and skills

### Areas of progress

- ✓ Levels of persistent absence in schools remain very low each year.
- ✓ Attainment at the Early Years Foundation Stage is now in line with regional averages and above national averages.
- ✓ Attainment at Key Stage 2 has been improving but is still slightly less than the regional average.
- ✓ The number of permanent exclusions is decreasing.

### Challenges

- ⚠ Take up of funded hours in Early Years settings is still below regional and national averages.
- ⚠ There remains a significant attainment gap for pupils from Black ethnic backgrounds.
- ⚠ Few Croydon pupils achieve grades AAB or above at Key Stage 5 and latest results show that performance has worsened.

### Overview

#### Education and skills

- Early Years
- School attainment
- Further education

The Council has an important duty to support the development of talent in Croydon by enabling residents to access quality education and attain key skills. One of the priorities in Croydon's Corporate Plan 2018-2022 is that our children and young people thrive and reach their full potential. The Council, after a disappointing Ofsted judgement in 2017, understands the need to work hard to improve its services and has put a number of plans into action to raise standards:

- The 'Choose Your Future' Campaign to raise young people's aspirations and increase their opportunities.
- An annual youth congress, put in place to provide opportunities for children and young people to have a greater voice and influence.
- The implementation of Croydon's Early Help Strategy 2018-2020, which sets out how the Council and its partners will deliver early help in partnership with children,



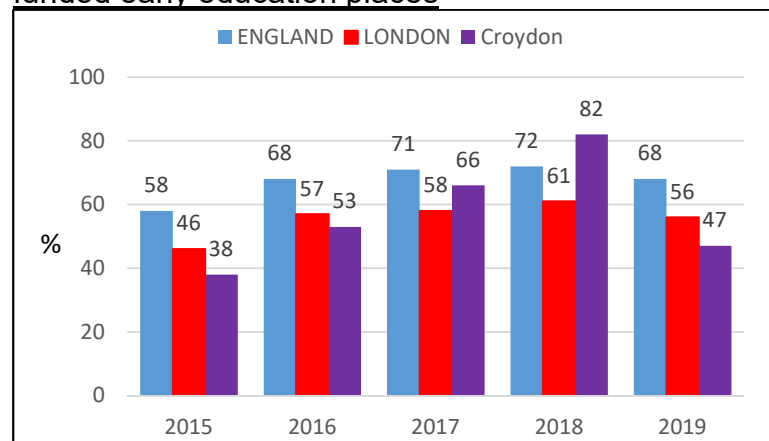
young people and their families which will improve the life chances of our vulnerable and disadvantaged families.

## Early Years

### Take up of funded hours

The percentage of 2 year old children benefitting from funded early education had been increasing, year on year, from 38% in 2015 to 82% in 2018. The 2019 figure is down to 47% which is lower than the take-up rate in both London (56%) and England (68%).

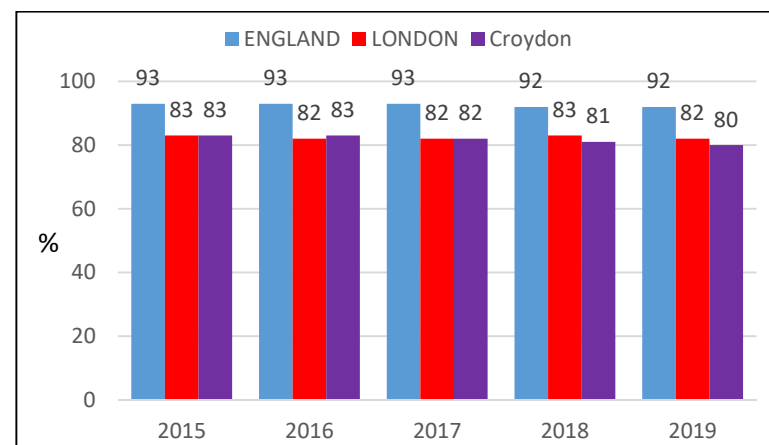
Figure 1 - The percentage of 2 year olds benefiting from funded early education places



Source: gov.uk, Education Provision, Table 8LA

Figure 2 shows that for 3 year olds, Croydon has consistently had a similar take-up rate to London and both areas have had a lower rate compared to the national picture.

Figure 2 - The percentage of 3 year olds benefiting from funded early education places

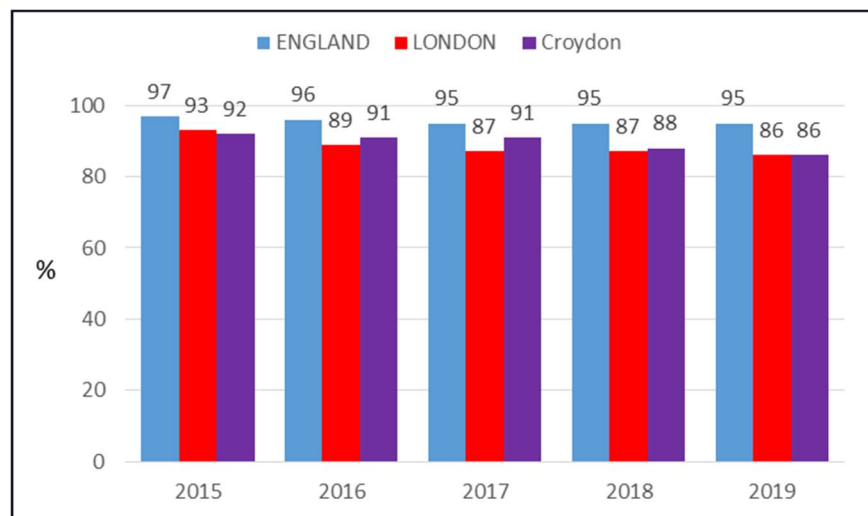


Source: gov.uk, Education Provision, Table 8LA

Figure 3 shows that over the years, a high proportion of 4 year olds have been benefiting from early funded educational places. Croydon and London take-up has been consistently around the same level but take-up nationally has been higher than in both Croydon and London.



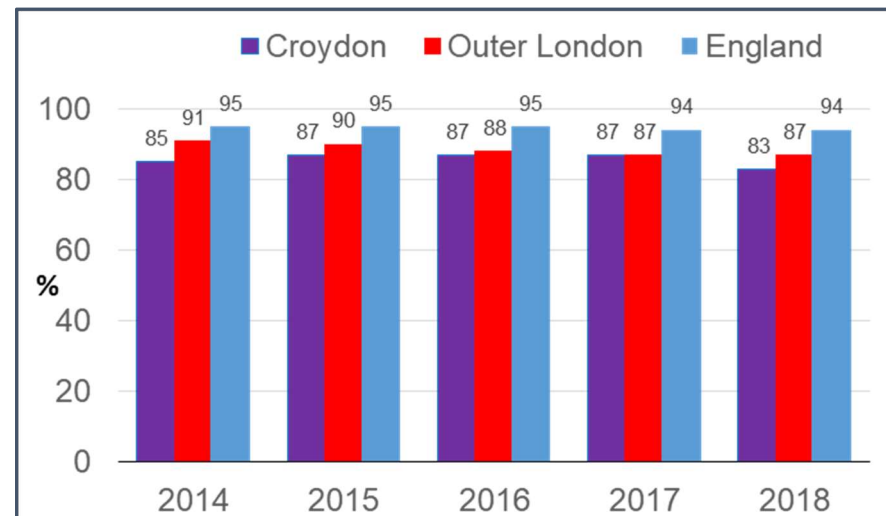
Figure 3 - The percentage of 4 year olds benefiting from funded early education places



Source: gov.uk, Education Provision, Table 8LA

In Croydon, the take-up of some free education amongst 3 and 4 year olds remains relatively high but is still below the London and England averages as Figure 4 shows.

Figure 4 – Percentage of 3 and 4 year olds taking up some free education



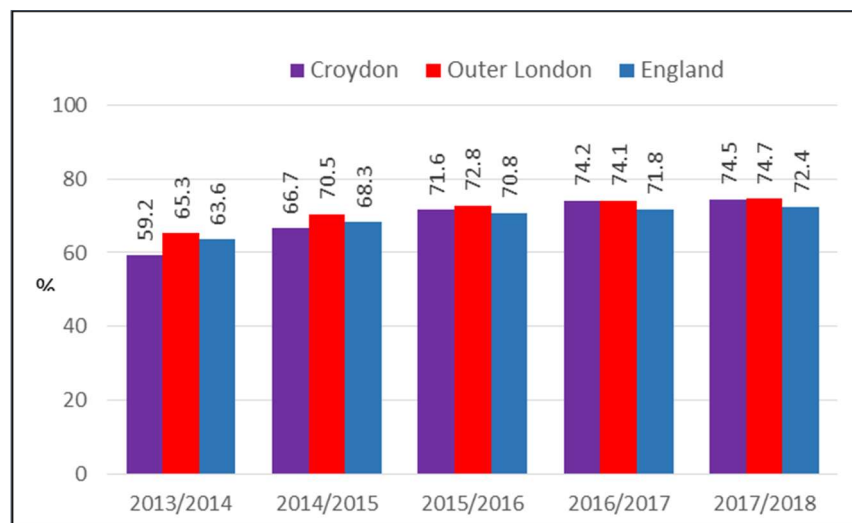
Source: DfE LAIT, data released October 2018.

## Foundation Stage

The percentage of pupils achieving a good level of development in Croydon in the Early Years Foundation Stage has been steadily improving year on year. The latest results show that Croydon has performed in line with outer London and edged in front of the national average for 3 years running.



**Figure 5 – Percentage of pupils achieving a good level of development**



Source: Gov.uk, Early Years Foundation Stage Profile8.

## School attainment

### Key Stage 1

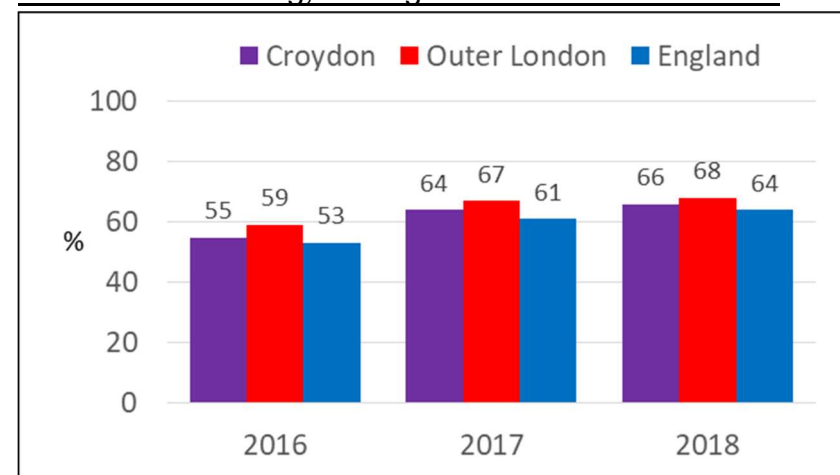
The proportion of pupils in Croydon achieving the expected standard in reading (77%) in 2018 remains in line with the regional average (78%) but higher than the national average of 75%. In Croydon, 72% of pupils achieved the expected standard in writing which was only just behind the outer

London average (73%) and better than the national average (70%). The proportion of Croydon pupils who achieved the expected standard in Maths, (78% in 2018), was similar to the averages for Outer London (79%) and slightly higher than the average for England (76%).

### Key Stage 2

In Croydon pupil attainment at this level has continued to improve over the last 3 years with performance better than the national average but slightly below the regional average as shown in Figure 6.

**Figure 6 – Percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at KS2**



Source: DfE LAIT, data released October 2018.



## Key Stage 4

Until 2016 attainment at Key Stage 4 was measured by counting 5 or more A\*-C grades at GCSE including English and Maths (end of KS4).

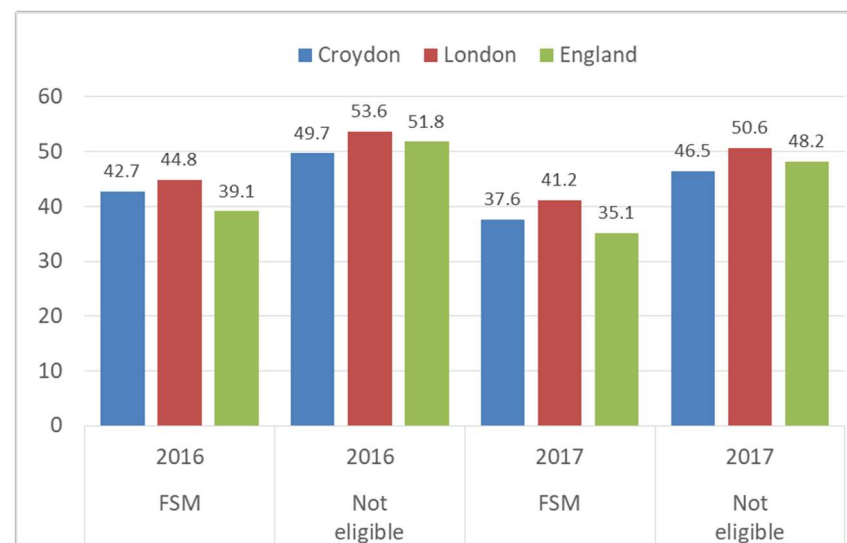
From 2015 this measure was changed to Average Attainment 8 Score per Pupil. Attainment 8 measures the average achievement of pupils in up to 8 qualifications.

The Attainment 8 average score in Croydon has been decreasing since its introduction in 2015, moving from 49.9 in 2015 to 45.7 in 2018.

Croydon performance over the last 3 years has been in line with the national average but has been consistently below the London average. In fact, 2018 shows Croydon attainment to be 4.1% lower than the outer London average.

Figure 7 shows that in both 2016 and 2017, the proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals in Croydon achieving Attainment 8 has been lower than the London average but has been higher than the national average.

Figure 7 – KS4 Attainment 8 scores by FSM eligibility

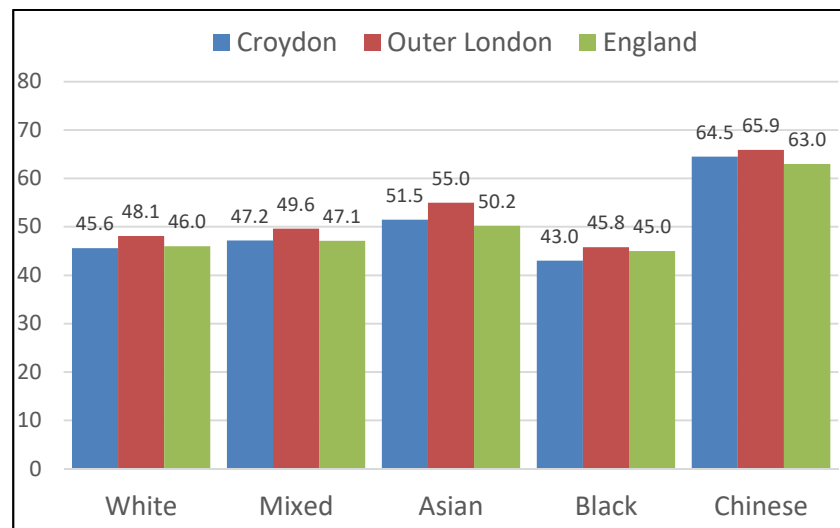


Source: DfE LAIT

Across the country there are variations in the proportions of pupils from different ethnic groups achieving Attainment 8 scores. Since 2015, at local, regional and national levels, there has been a lower proportion of pupils from Black backgrounds achieving Attainment 8 scores. Figure 8 shows the latest year's figures and contrasts the other ethnic groups against pupils from a Chinese background who are attaining higher average scores for this measure.



Figure 8 – KS4 Average Attainment 8 scores by ethnic group



Source: DfE LAIT.

## Attendance and exclusions

The latest figures for 2017 show that the rates of authorised absences from primary schools (2.8%) and secondary schools (3.3%) in Croydon have been lower than the regional and national average rates.

Rates of unauthorised absences from Croydon primary and secondary schools have always tended to be higher than the regional and national figures. In 2017, unauthorised absence

from Croydon primary schools was 1.2% and from Croydon secondary schools it was 1.9%.

Croydon has also seen a reduction in permanent exclusions. These are reported as the total number of exclusions as a percentage of the school population. The latest figure for Croydon for 2016/2017 was 0.07% - lower than both the regional average of 0.08% and the national average of 0.1%.

Fixed period exclusions in Croydon had been below 3% in 2013 and 2014 but, since 2015, there have been annual increases. The latest figure for 2017 is 3.7% compared to the regional average of 3.5% and the national average of 4.8%.

## Further education

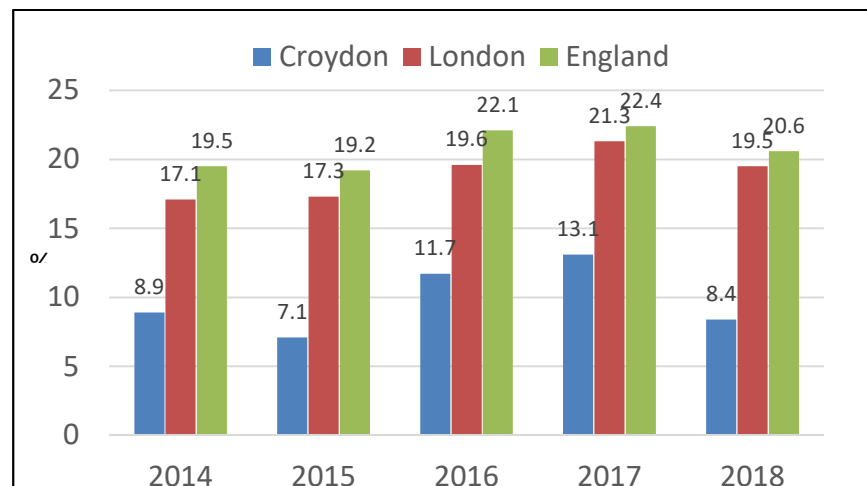
### Key Stage 5

The proportion of pupils in Croydon achieving AAB grades at Key Stage 5 has consistently remained significantly below the regional and national averages, as shown in Figure 9.

Croydon schools have some way to go to catch up with the regional and national performance for this measure and Croydon's worsening performance in 2018 at 8.4% shows the extent of work still needed in this area.



Figure 9 – The percentage of pupils achieving AAB grades



Source: DfE LAIT, data released October 2018.

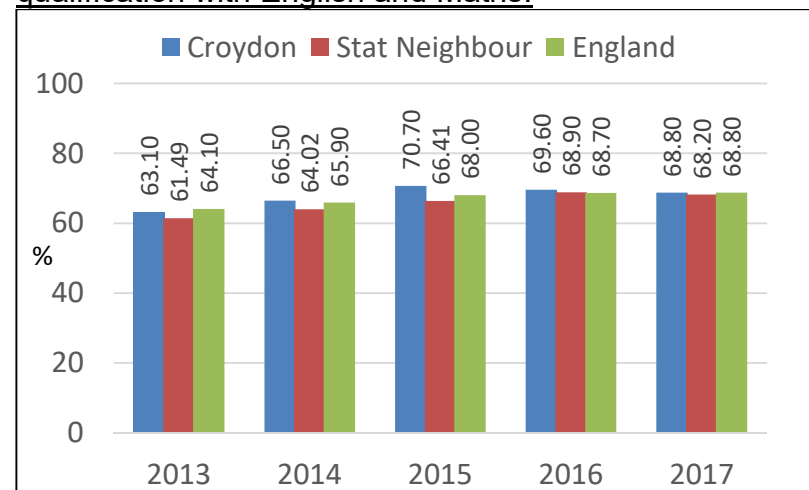
## Level 2 qualification by age 19

The latest figure for 2017 showed that 85.5% of young people in Croydon had achieved a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19. This is a poorer performance compared to the previous year (87.0%) but is still close to the national average of 85.6%.

Figure 10 shows that the proportion of young people in Croydon who had achieved a Level 2 qualification with English and Maths by age 19 has improved year on year but

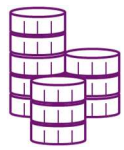
has dropped slightly to 68.8% which is slightly lower compared to last year's 69.6%. Despite this being a drop, it is still slightly better than Croydon's statistical neighbours and in line with the national average.

Figure 10 – The percentage of 19 year olds with a level 2 qualification with English and Maths.



Source: DfE LAIT, data released October 2018.

The Department for Education measures the gap between the percentages of young people who were eligible for free school meals and those who were not eligible who attained a Level 2 qualification with English and Maths by age 19. The latest figure for 2017 shows that the gap has now dropped to 16.8% which is the lowest it has been for 9 years.



## Economy

### Areas of progress

- ✓ The number of businesses continues to grow.
- ✓ The proportion of out of work claimants has been going down every year for the last 5 years.

### Challenges

- ⚠ The job density in Croydon remains low.

### Overview

This section provides a brief overview of the economy in Croydon looking at:

- Businesses
- Employment
- People out of work
- Apprenticeships
- Skill levels of adults

The Council plans to further develop the borough and to continue to provide exciting opportunities to our residents by creating and maintaining a thriving local economy. A priority in the Corporate Plan 2018-2022 is to encourage new businesses to move and invest in the borough and to enable existing businesses to grow.

Croydon has a quickly expanding technology sector and a large number of start-up businesses. Great potential exists in the borough to benefit everyone. Some key activities around the economy include:

- The redevelopment of Croydon town centre to provide new jobs, homes and investment in the heart of Croydon.





- The 100 in 100 Apprenticeship campaign, run by Croydon Apprenticeship Academy which has an ongoing aim to get 100 people into apprentices in 100 working days.
- The Croydon Local Plan 2018 (under review 2019) provides an exciting and deliverable vision for Croydon up to 2036. It notes: “The Council is committed to training, work placements and apprenticeships and views them as being a sustainable way to improve employment prospects for local people.”

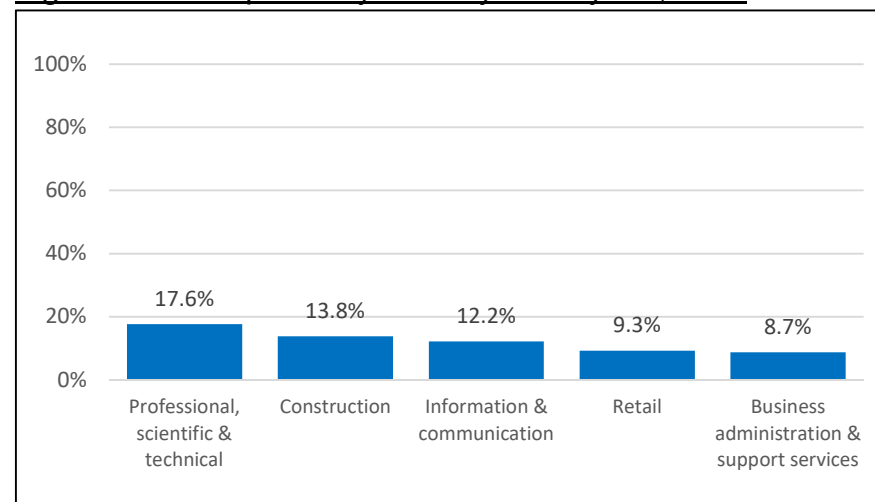
## Businesses

As at March 2018, there were 14,675 enterprises comprising 16,615 local units in Croydon.<sup>4</sup> This number of enterprises is down by 1% on the previous year and signifies the first slight reduction during a 7 year period when annual increases have been the norm. There were only 35 of these enterprises (0.24%) that employed in excess of 250 people. The majority (84%) were enterprises employing only 0-4 people.

Figure 1 shows that the 5 top industries for Croydon, based on the employment by the enterprise units are (i) professional, scientific & technical, (ii) construction, (iii) information & communications, (iv) retail and (v) business administration & support services.

<sup>4</sup> ONS, Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR).

**Figure 1 – Enterprises by industry in Croydon, 2018**



Source: ONS UK Business Demography, Table 16

The number of business births in Croydon continued to grow year on year from 2012 (1,765 new enterprises) to 2016 (2,905). In 2017 there has been a reduction to 2,470 which is back to the 2014 level. In 2012 there were 1,580 business deaths compared to 2,330 in 2017.

The overall number of active enterprises increased every year from 13,020 in 2012 to 17,285 in 2017.



The proportion of businesses that were started in 2016 that were still active in 2017 was 92.3% in Croydon. This compares with the 89.8% in London and 91.6% in England.

Table 1 shows that the survival rates of businesses born in 2014 were higher in Croydon than in London. In fact, the Croydon rates are closer to the averages for England than London up to the 3 year survival period.

**Table 1 – Survival rates of enterprises born in 2014**

	1 Year Survival Rate	2 Year Survival Rate	3 Year Survival Rate
Croydon	93.3%	77.4%	63.2%
London	90.9%	73.7%	58.9%
England	92.3%	75.9%	61.4%

Source: ONS Business Demography, Table 5.1c.

The ONS business counts now include more PAYE businesses than in previous years which means that the data for 2015 is not comparable with the historic figures. In 2015 there were approximately 12,880 enterprises in Croydon, almost all of these were small to medium enterprises.

## Employment

Three quarters (74.4%) of Croydon residents aged 16-64 years are in employment. This is slightly lower than in London and at the national level. The regional and national employment rates have increased slightly on the previous year.

However, Croydon has seen a reduction in the proportion of those employed by over 4% since the previous year when the employment rate was 78.5%.

**Table 2 – Employment and unemployment in Croydon – October 2017-September 2018)**

	<b>Croydon</b>	<b>Croydon</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Great Britain</b>
	<b>(nos)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Economically active†	208,700	79.1	78.5	78.5
In employment†	196,900	74.4	74.5	75.1
Employees†	165,400	64.0	60.7	64.3
Self-employed†	28,400	9.2	13.4	10.6
Unemployed (model-based)§	12,400	5.9	5.1	4.2

Source: ONS, Annual Population Survey

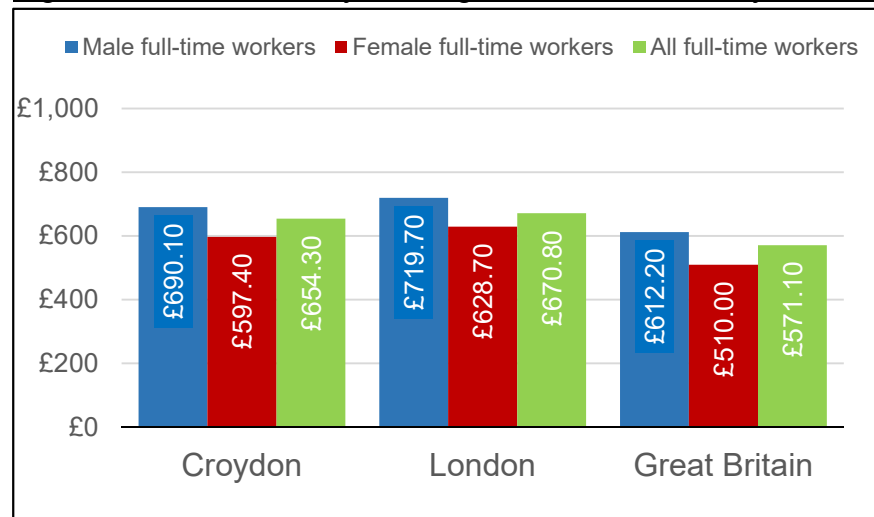
- † - numbers are for those aged 16 and over, % are for those aged 16-64  
 § - numbers and % are for those aged 16 and over. % is a proportion of Economically active



The latest job density figure for Croydon is 0.62 (2017). The density figure represents the ratio of total jobs to population aged 16-64. In Croydon, this has been increasing but is still much lower than in London (1.02) and Great Britain (0.86).

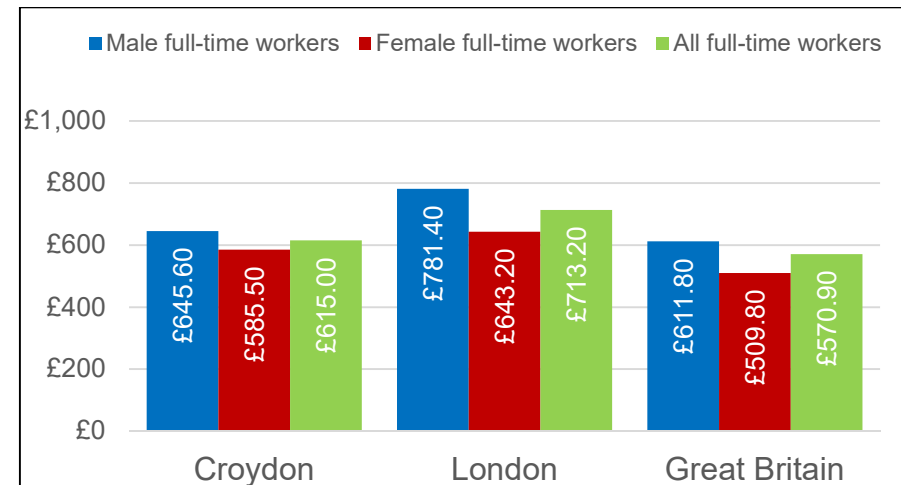
Comparing figures 2 and 3, it can be seen that the average gross earnings for male full-time workers is about £45 higher a week for those who work in Croydon compared to those who live in Croydon. For female full-time workers it is higher by about £12 a week.

Figure 2 – Gross weekly earnings for workers in Croydon, 2018



Source: ONS ASHE, resident analysis

Figure 3 – Gross weekly earnings for Croydon residents, 2018



Source: ONS ASHE, workplace analysis

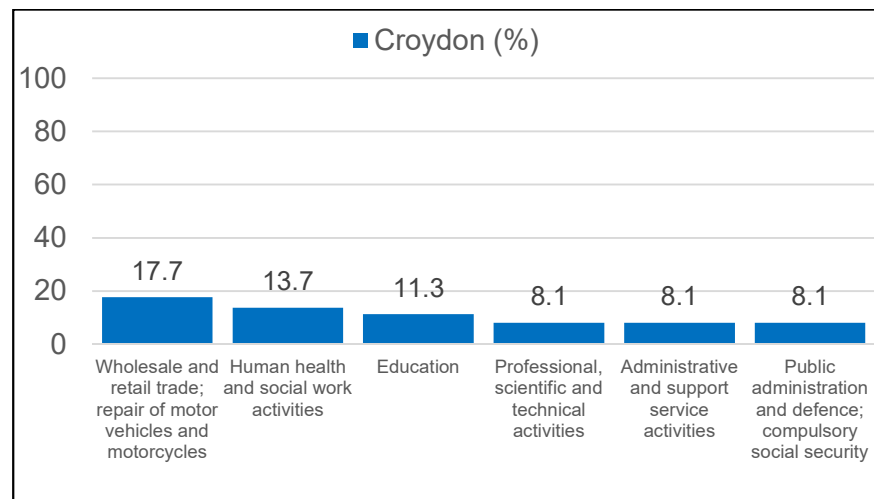
The higher earnings for those living in Croydon is likely to be linked to the high proportion of residents who commute into central London. The 2011 Census figures suggest that Croydon is a net exporter of workers.

The number of jobs in Croydon each year, over the past 3 years to 2017 has averaged at around 119,000 per year. Latest estimates for 2017 suggest that Croydon has a much higher than average proportion of jobs in the wholesale and retail sectors, in health and social work and in education.



Professional and administrative support services also feature at around 8% in Croydon.

**Figure 4 – Top 6 Employee jobs 2017**

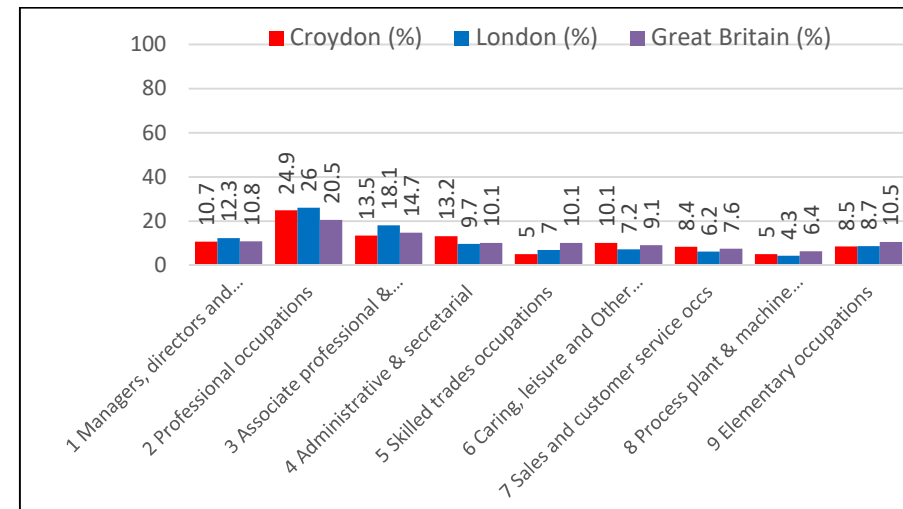


Source: ONS business register and employment survey

Nearly a half (48.5%) of the jobs in Croydon comprise occupations such as managers, directors, senior officials, professional, associate professional & technical staff. This is not surprising as there are lots of offices, banks, law firms and retail outlets in the town Centre.

Occupations in the services sector including care, leisure, sales and customer services account for 18.6% of the total occupations in Croydon. This is higher than the London and national averages.

**Figure 5 – Percentage Employment by Occupation for those aged 16+ years, (October 2017- September 2018)**



Source: ONS annual population survey

## People out of work

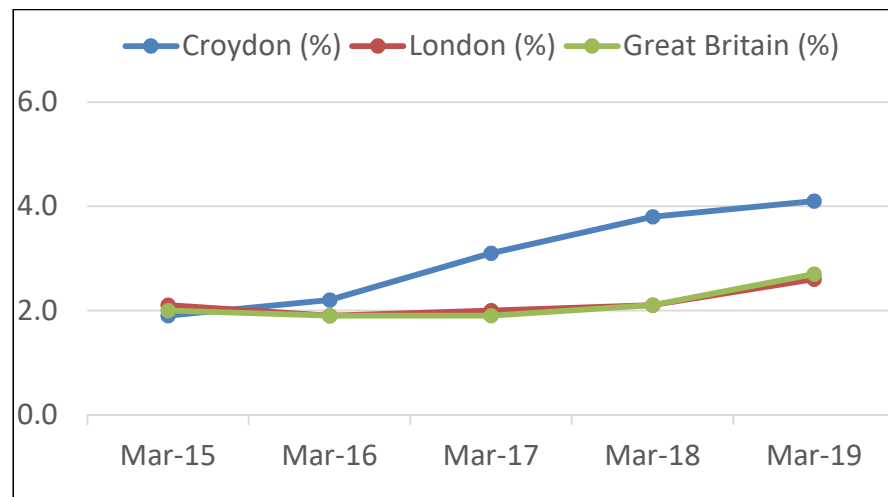
The number of people claiming job seeker's allowance (JSA) was used to measure the number of people out of work. Since the introduction of Universal Credit, the JSA counts have not proved to be very reliable. Instead, claimants of out of work benefits have been adopted as a more meaningful measure.



The number of people claiming benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed is made up of those claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits and those receiving Universal Credit as a result of being unemployed.

In March 2019, there was an estimated 10,105 people in Croydon claiming out of work benefits. The number has been steadily increasing since March 2017. Figure 6 shows that the regional (London) and national (GB) rate has kept in line with each another whilst the Croydon rate of out of work claimants has increased. This may be the result of Croydon updating the backlog of Universal Credit claimants in the borough.

**Figure 6 – Proportion of out of work claimants**



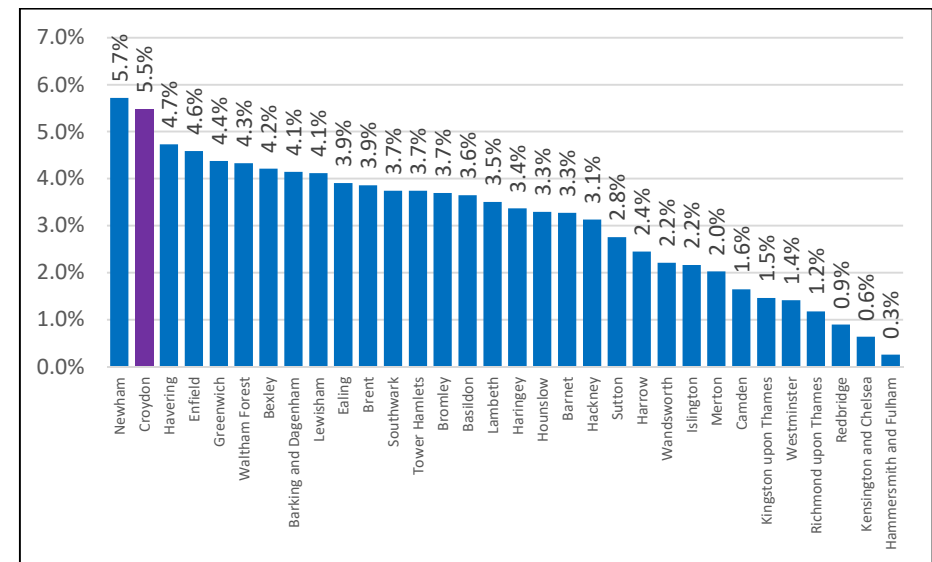
Source: ONS claimant count

## Apprenticeships

The number of apprenticeship framework achievements have been increasing in Croydon for years. The 2016/2017 figures for programme starts by local authority is the latest data available.

With 2,330 new apprenticeship starts during 2016/2017, Croydon has the second highest proportion of new apprentices in that year at 5.5% behind only Newham (5.7%). This compares to the London average of 3.0%.

**Figure 7- New apprenticeship starts during 2016/2017 broken down by London councils**



Source: gov.uk



## Skill levels of adults

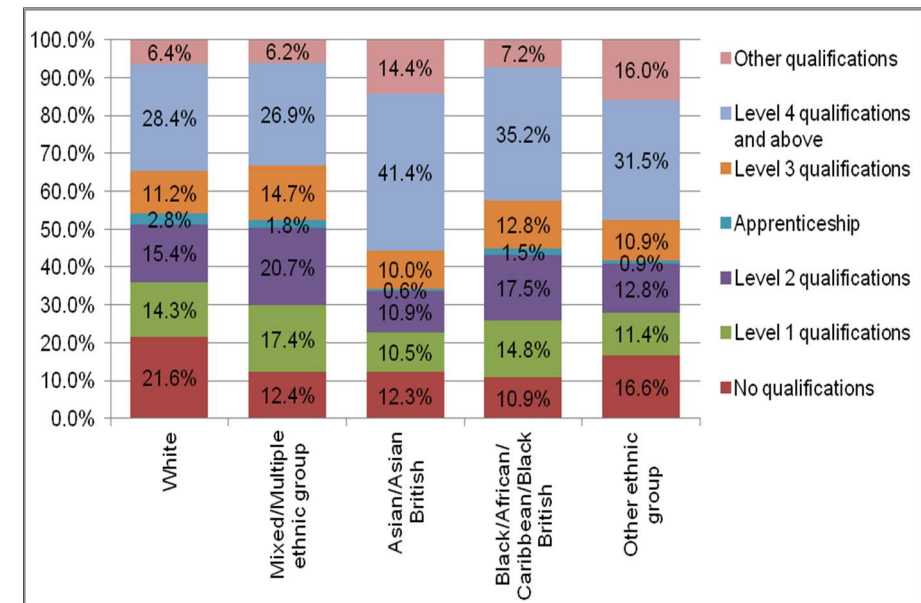
### No qualifications

Based on the 2011 Census, 17.6% of adults in Croydon were recorded as having no qualifications and this was in line with the London average. Across England this figure was higher at 22.5%.

Based on the ONS annual population survey for the calendar year 2017, only 4.7% of Croydon's resident population aged 16-64 years had no qualification. This proportion was higher in London (6.8%) and also higher at the national level (7.7%).

Figure 8 shows that adults from a White ethnic background in Croydon in the 2011 Census were more likely to have no qualifications than adults from any other ethnic background. A third of the residents in both Fieldway and New Addington had no qualifications recorded. The proportion of White British residents in Fieldway and New Addington were 61.3% and 72.8% respectively.

Figure 8 – Highest level of qualification by ethnic group



Source: ONS 2011 Census Table DC5209EWIa



## Housing

### Areas of progress

- ✓ Croydon remains one of the most affordable areas to live in London both to buy and to rent.
- ✓ Croydon had the third highest number of net additional dwellings in 2017/2018.

### Challenges

- ⚠ The number of homeless acceptances remains high.
- ⚠ The number of homeless households in temporary accommodation remains high.

### Overview

This section looks at some of the main issues relating to housing in Croydon including:

- Tenure
- Cost of property
- Availability of housing
- Homelessness

Croydon is taking steps to ensure it achieves its Corporate Plan priority to ensure good, decent homes are affordable to all. The Council is working with partners to create New Homes for sale and for rent for local people, ensure existing homes are Quality Homes and provide opportunities for Homes for Everybody. To these ends, Croydon Council is committed to the following:

- The delivery of 32,890 new homes from 2016 to 2036 (1,645 a year). The strategic target is that 40% will be affordable. (This is likely to increase to 2,949 per year once review of Croydon Plan is complete in 2019).
- Brick by Brick will build 2,000 new homes by 2022, 50% of which will be for shared ownership or affordable rent.





- The landlord licensing scheme will be renewed in 2020 to maintain standards in the private rented sector. At least 100 empty homes will be brought back into use every year.

### Tenure

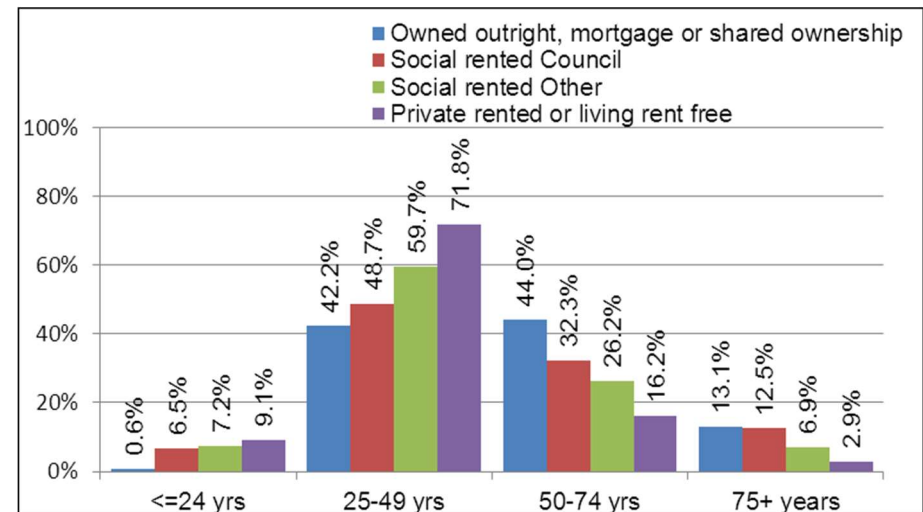
According to the 2011 Census, 60.1% of all Croydon 145,000 households were owner occupied, 22.1% were private rented or rent free households and 17.8% were households living in social housing.

The GLA's report on Housing Characteristics<sup>5</sup>, highlighted that 72.0% of houses in London were owner occupied of which owner occupied flats were 28.5%. Social rented housing in London was lower than Croydon and only accounted for 12.8% of all houses. Likewise, private rented homes in London made up a smaller proportion of the total housing stock at 15.2% compared to Croydon's 22.1%.

In the Census 2011, over half (50.8%) of households had a head of household who was aged between 25 and 49 years of age with 35.3% aged 50 to 74 years. There were only 3.6% of the households occupied by people aged 24 years or younger and at the other end, 1 in 10 (10.3%) households were headed by a person aged above 75 years.

<sup>5</sup> GLA Report on Housing Characteristics, October 2013.

Figure 1 - Tenure type by age bands in Croydon in 2011



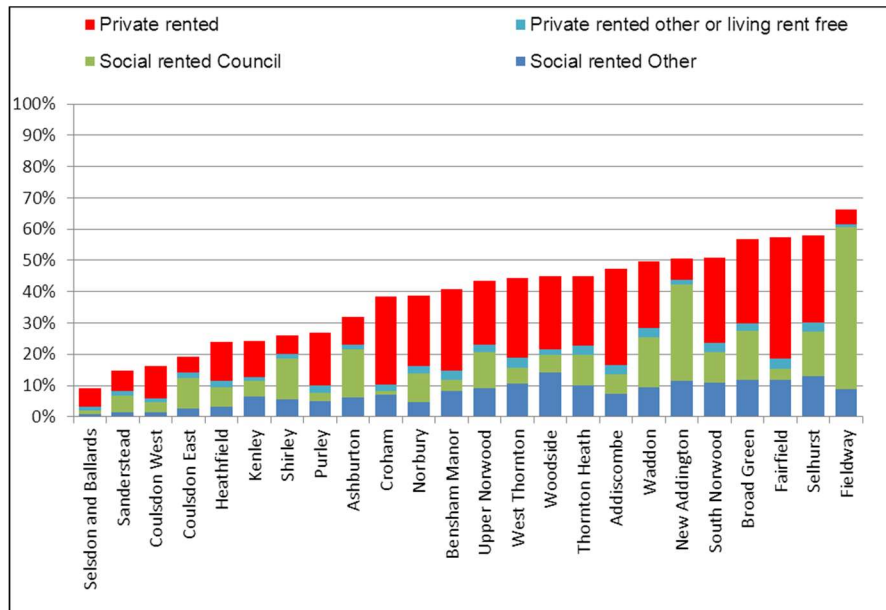
Source: ONS, Census 2011, Table DC4201EW.

Croydon has the largest borough housing stock in London but its social housing stock is smaller than many other London boroughs. Social housing in Croydon is mainly concentrated in the northern parts and the eastern edge of the borough.

The 2011 Census showed that in the east, the former wards of Fieldway and New Addington had the highest proportions of social housing (council homes and other) with 60.6% and 42.2% respectively.



**Figure 2 – Percentage in rented accommodation by ward in Croydon in 2011**



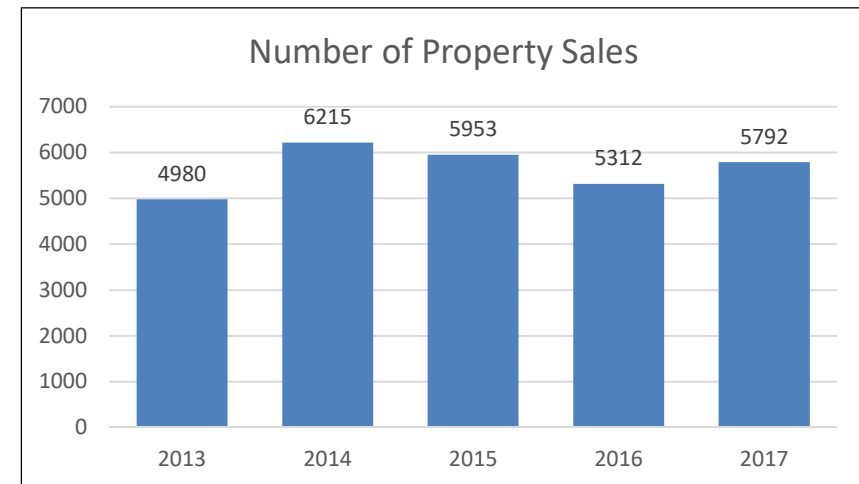
Source: ONS, Census 2011, Table DC4201EW.

### Cost of property

The number of house sales in Croydon increased by 25% from 2013 to 2014, prior to Brexit. Since then, the volume of property sales has decreased to around the high 5,000 level. In 2016, the number of sales dropped to around 5,300 possibly due to the uncertainty of the property market

following the Brexit outcome. These figures do not include “right to buy” sales or properties sold for less than £1,000 or more than £20 million.

**Figure 3 – House sales in Croydon 2013-2017**



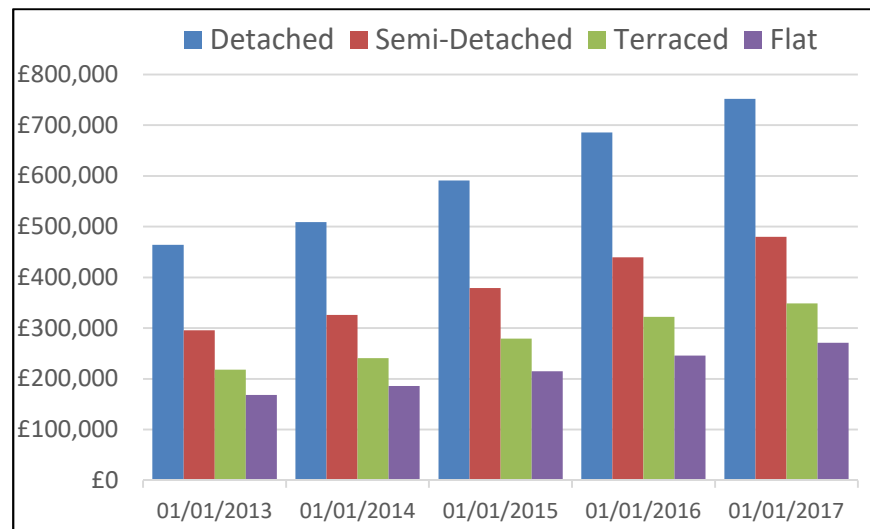
Source: GLA Housing Sales dataset based on Land Registry data.

The median cost of properties in Croydon has risen by 52% from £240,000 in 2013 to £365,000 in 2017. However, these figures are strongly influenced by the housing mix. In Croydon there is a high proportion of sales of flats and apartments which are quite over-priced and this raises the median cost of properties in the borough.



The last 5 years has seen an increase in the average price of properties in the borough. Every property type has increased in value, year on year, from detached houses to one bedroom flats, as shown in Figure 4.

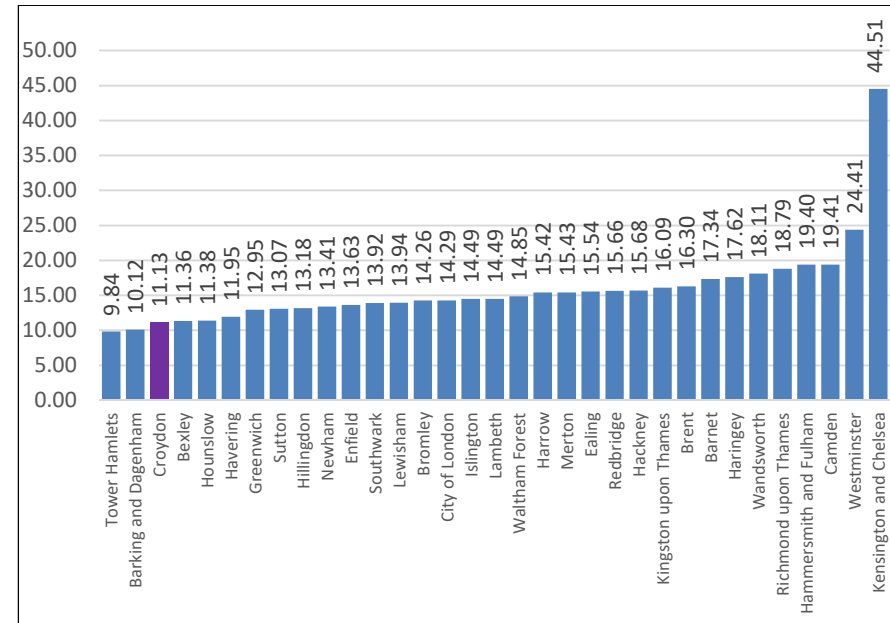
**Figure 4 – Change in property prices**



Source: GLA Average House Prices dataset based on Land Registry data.

Despite the rising property prices, Croydon has the third lowest ratio of average earnings (for full-time workers) to average house prices across London so remains one of the more affordable boroughs to live in.

**Figure 5: Ratio of house prices to earnings**

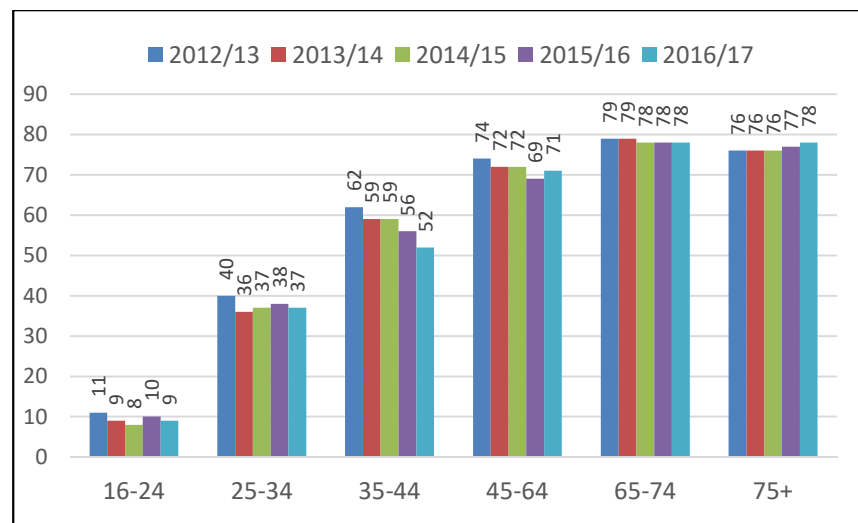


Source: GLA Ratio of House Prices to Earnings (full-time workers by place of work), 2017 (data released April 2019).

Nationally, around 78% of households, where the main reference person is aged over 65 years, own their own homes. Figure 6 shows that there has been a decrease over the last five years' worth of data in those aged 35-44 years who own their own properties. Based on 5 year averages, 9% of those aged 16-24 years and 38% of those aged 25-34 years own their own homes.



**Figure 6: Percentage of each age group that are owner occupiers**

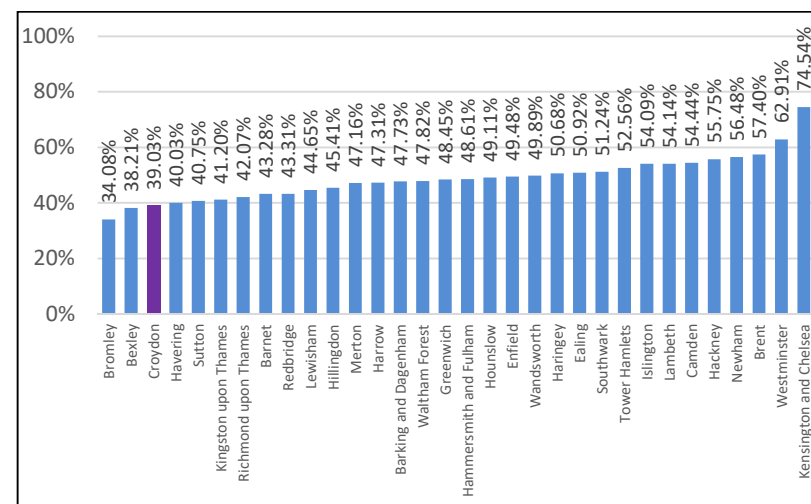


Source: DCLG, Owner occupiers, recent first time buyers and second homes, Table FC2101, 2017.

Using median monthly private rental data from the VOA and median gross monthly salary for 2017 from the ONS, it is possible to calculate the private rent over the gross monthly salary.

Figure 7 shows that although the median monthly private rent is 39% of the median gross monthly salary in Croydon, this is still far lower than for most of the other London boroughs.

**Figure 7: Median monthly private rent as a percentage of the median gross monthly salary 2017**



Source: Valuation Office Agency and ONS, ASHE.

## Availability of housing

The number of long-term vacant dwellings in Croydon in October 2016 was 1,216<sup>6</sup>. Compared to the 33 London borough, Croydon had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of long-term vacant dwellings in 2016 behind Kensington & Chelsea.

<sup>6</sup> DCLG Live Tables on Dwelling Stock Table 615



However, this actually only represents less than 0.8% of the total number of dwellings in the borough. Looking at the approximate proportion of empty dwellings in each London borough, Croydon has the 5th highest rate.

Croydon's local housing market assessment<sup>7</sup> (LHMA) has estimated that 22% of all households in Croydon are unsuitably housed, mostly in the north of the borough. For 2010 to 2031, the LHMA is estimating that Croydon will require an extra 27,000 homes made up of 18,000 from Market housing, 1,700 from intermediate housing and 7,300 from affordable housing.

Croydon had the third highest number of net additional dwellings, (2,076) in 2017/2018 out of all the London boroughs, behind Wandsworth (2,247) and Barnet (2,208).

There have been an additional 2,128 dwellings created in Croydon since 2011/2012. These have included new builds, conversions and changes of use.<sup>8</sup> This raised the total number of dwellings in the borough to 154,560. Croydon continues to have the largest number of dwellings of any of the London boroughs.

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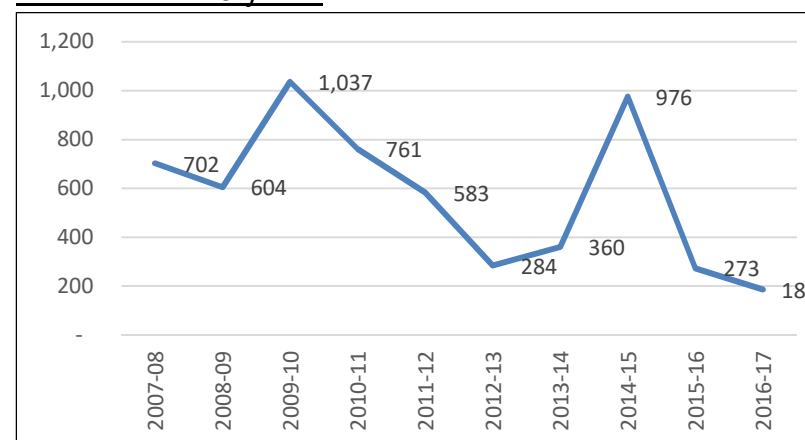
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## Affordable Housing

Over the last 10 years (2007/08 -2016/17), Croydon has built 5,766 affordable housing units with the highest annual figure reaching 1,037 completions at its peak in 2009/2010.

Figure 8 shows that despite an increase in completions from 2012/2013 and a marked increase to 976 completions in 2014/2015, the trend in the last 2 years of reported data has shown a noticeable decline in housing completions.

**Figure 8: Total affordable housing completions in Croydon over the last 10 years**



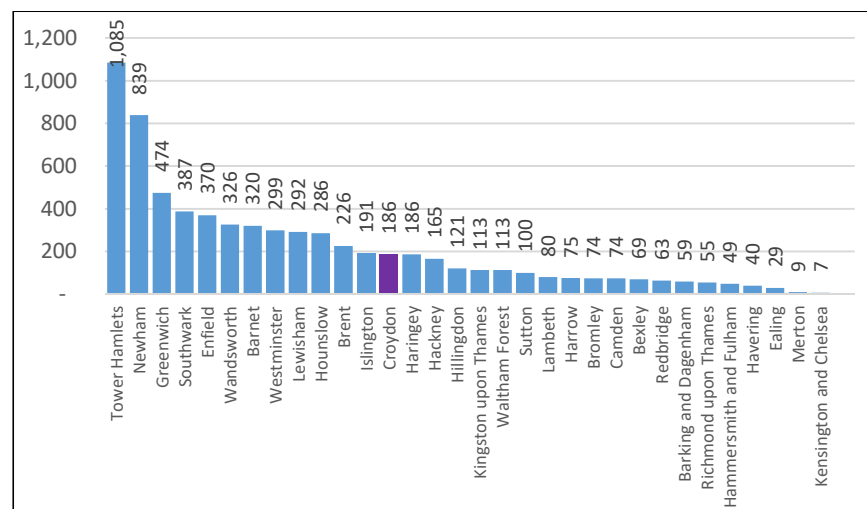
Source: DCLG, Total Affordable Housing Completions.

<sup>8</sup> Table 122, Net additional dwellings by local authority district, 2017/2018.



Despite what looks like a relatively low number of affordable housing completions for Croydon in 2016/2017, compared to the rest of London, Croydon is still in the top third of London boroughs providing affordable new housing, as Figure 9 shows.

**Figure 9: Total affordable housing completions in each London borough, 2016/2017**



Source: DCLG, 2017 Total affordable housing completions in each London borough, 2016/2017

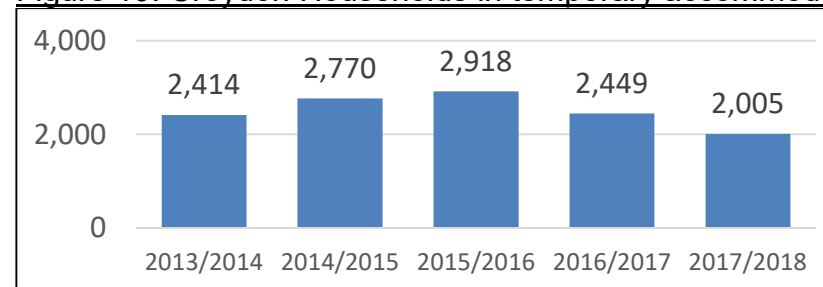
## Homelessness

The most common reasons for homelessness is parental evictions, exclusions by relatives and friends and relationship breakdowns. Croydon was the first London borough to halve its use of temporary accommodation in line with the target set by government. Over the years, by far the highest proportion of accepted homeless households in Croydon have been made up of lone parents with dependent children.<sup>9</sup>

Social housing in Croydon is only allocated to people with the most urgent housing need. The Council applies the Localism Act 2011 to fulfil its legal duties by providing accommodation in the private landlord sector to meet the constant housing demand.

There were 2,005 households in temporary accommodation at the end of March 2018. This is the lowest number since 2012/2013.

**Figure 10: Croydon Households in temporary accommodation**



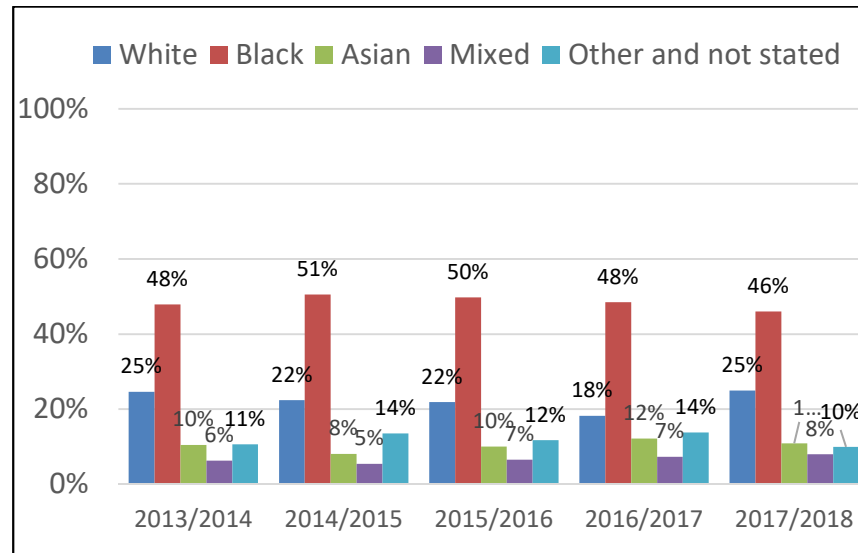
Source: Homelessness Review and Strategy, 2018, Sect. 5.44

<sup>9</sup> Homelessness Review and Strategy 2018.



In every age band, there is a disproportionately high percentage of homeless people from the Black community. Latest trends show that, of the households accepted as homeless in Croydon, around half are made up of people from the Black community, around a quarter are from the White community with the remainder made up of residents from all the other communities.

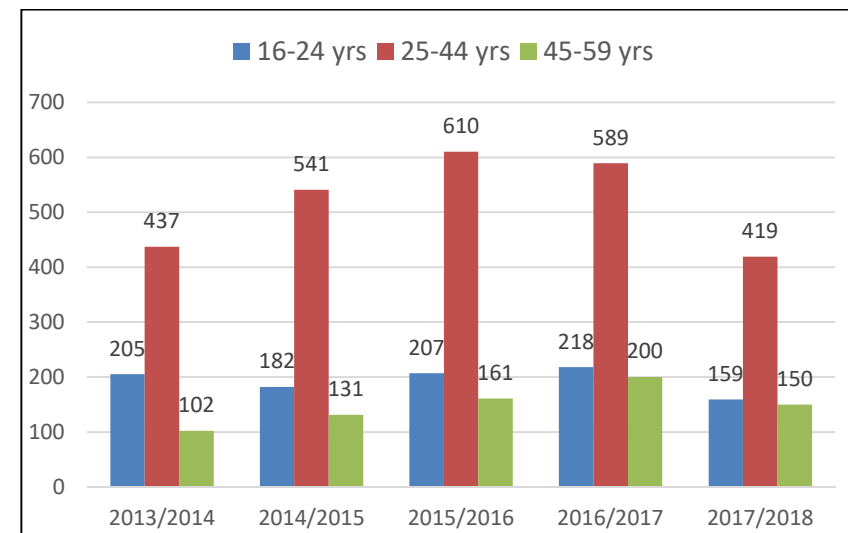
**Figure 11 – Percentage of Homeless households accepted in Croydon by Broad Ethnic Group**



Source: Homelessness Review and Strategy, 2018, Sect. 6.5

Past trends show that around 1 in 5 residents who are accepted as homeless are in the 16-24 years age band. The latest figures show that the majority of homeless people (58%) in Croydon are concentrated in the 25-44 years age group. One in 5 (22%) are aged between 16 and 24 years and one in 5 (20%) are aged 45-59 years. There are very small proportions of people aged 60 years and over.

**Figure 12 - Number of homeless households accepted in Croydon by set age bands**



Source: Homelessness Review and Strategy, 2018, Sect. 6.3





# Health

## Areas of progress

- ✓ Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks remains higher than the national average.
- ✓ The percentage of adults smoking in Croydon continues to fall and is below the national average.
- ✓ Life expectancy at birth for men and women continues to increase.

## Challenges

- ⚠ The teenage conception rate in Croydon is still one of the highest in London.
- ⚠ Vaccination coverage remains low for a number of child and adult vaccinations.
- ⚠ The proportion of patients with a diabetes diagnosis remains high.
- ⚠ The rate of injuries due to falls in over 65s also remains high.

## Overview

This section looks at the general health of the population in the borough, focusing on issues relating to Public Health.

- General health
- Children and young people's health
- Adults' health and lifestyle
- Disease and poor health
- Life expectancy and cause of death

Within Croydon we are starting to embrace a prevention model, working with communities at a locality level to reduce the likelihood or impact of a range of issues (Director of Public Health, Annual Report 2018). This new approach and linked actions are in place to ensure the Council accomplishes its aim for people to live long, healthy, happy and independent lives (Corporate Plan 2018-2022). Recent interventions introduced include:

- Delivering a partnership led Borough wide healthy weight action plan.
- Implementing a borough wide approach to prevention and early intervention that will strengthen community based knowledge and support and through the partnership Early



Help offer will support people at the right time and in the right place.

- Croydon's Early Help partnership offer to deliver a range of evidence based programmes including parent support.
- One Croydon Alliance - a Commissioner and provider led programme including the council voluntary groups and health partners - is developing patient centred care and promoting independence.

### General health

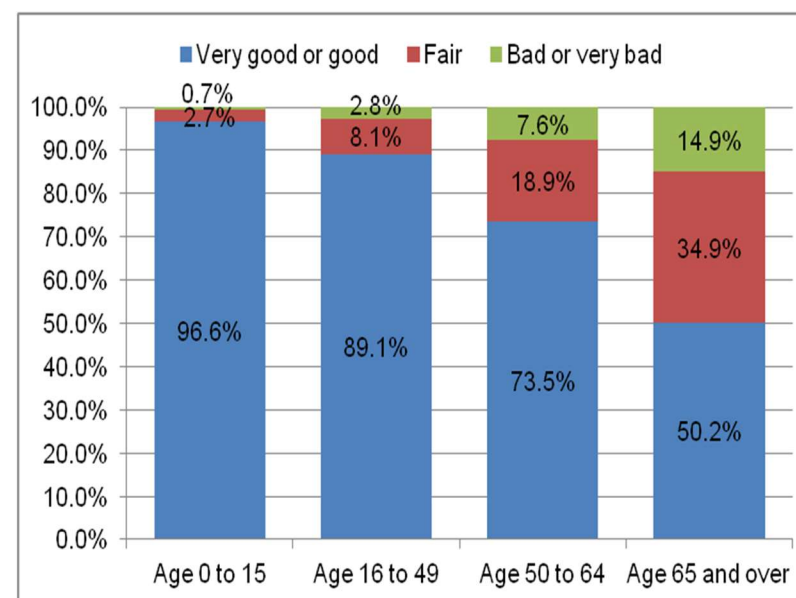
The 2011 Census asked residents to rate their general health as very good, good, fair, bad or very bad. In Croydon 83.4% of residents had very good or good health. Only 4.6% had bad or very bad health.

This was better than the national average, across England where 81.4% of people had very good or good health and 6.7% had bad or very bad health. The London figures were also above the national average with 83.8% of Londoners recording that they had very good or good health and only 5.0% recording bad or very bad health.

82.2% of females in Croydon said they had very good or good health, lower than the 84.8% of males. A higher proportion of females had bad or very bad health at 4.9%, compared to only 4.3% of males.

The younger population in Croydon indicated very good or good health as shown in Figure 1. Only half of the population aged 65 and over said they had very good or good health.

Figure 1 – General health by age group

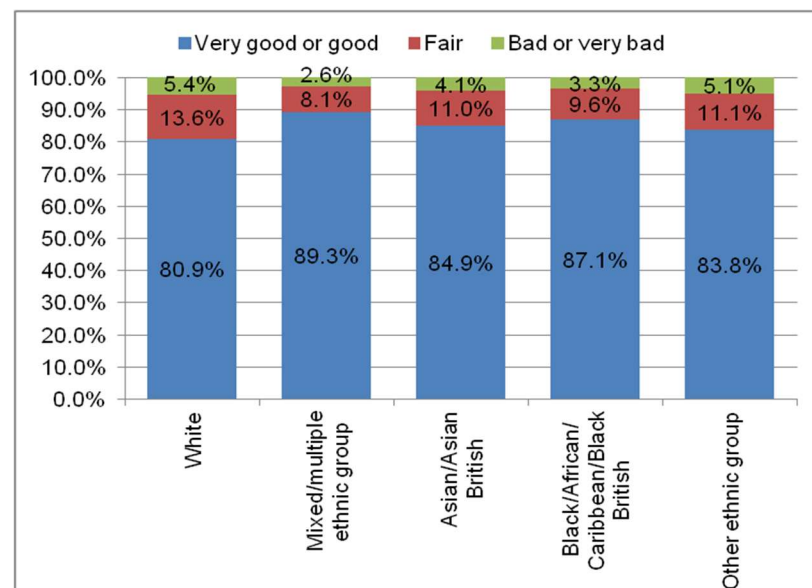


Source: ONS Census 2011 Table LC3206EW

The highest proportion of Croydon residents who reported very good or good health were from mixed or multiple ethnic backgrounds. Figure 2 shows that a higher proportion of residents from white ethnic backgrounds reported fair or bad or very bad health.



Figure 2 – General health by ethnic group

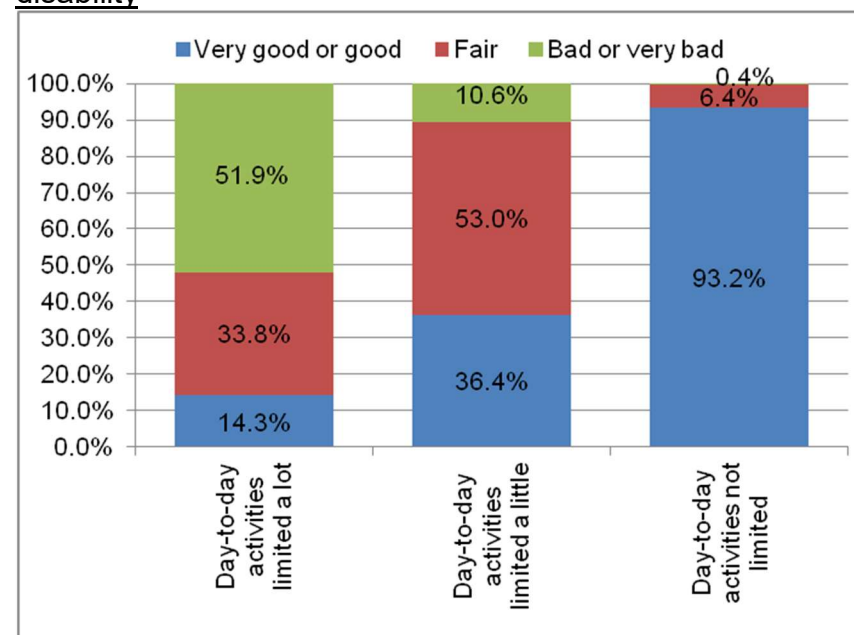


Source: ONS Census 2011 Table LC3206EW

Croydon residents whose day to day activities were limited by a long-term illness or disability reported poorer general health than those whose activities were not limited.

The proportion of people whose day to day activities were limited a lot who reported bad or very bad health was slightly lower than the national average at 51.9% compared to 53.2% across England.

Figure 3 – General health by long term limiting illness or disability



Source: ONS Census 2011 Table LC3302EW

In Croydon, 36.4% of people whose day to day activities were limited a little reported very good or good health which was similar to the national figure of 36.2%. The proportion who reported bad or very bad health was slightly higher at 10.6% compared to the national average of 9.2%.



## Children and young people's health

### Low birth weight

Low birth rate is classified as any weight less than 2,500 grams. The Public Health Profile for 2017 shows that the percentage of low birth weight babies in Croydon was 3.31%. This is higher than the previous year figure of 2.96%. The national average figure for 2017 at 2.82% is also higher than the previous year's figure of 2.79%.

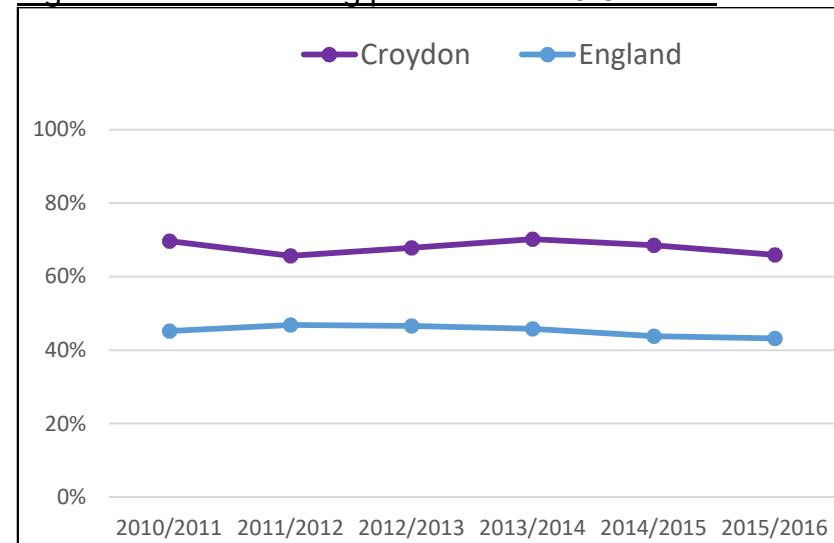
### Breastfeeding

Figure 4 shows that for a number of years, the proportion of mothers who breastfeed their children at 6-8 weeks from birth in Croydon has been far higher than the England average<sup>10</sup>

This measure has ceased to be reported at local authority level from 2016/2017 as there have been issues concerning the quality of local data and data across London. It is now reported to the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and mapped across to the local authority where possible.

<sup>10</sup> PHE, [Child Health Profiles](#) (based on data submitted to PHE)

Figure 4 - Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks



Source: PHE Public Health Outcomes Framework Tool

### Immunisations

In 2017/2018, childhood immunisation rates in Croydon remained statistically lower than both the London average and the England average for all immunisations. For the year, Croydon failed to meet a single child immunisation national target set at 90% coverage.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>11</sup> PHE, [Public Health Outcomes Framework](#) (based on NHS Cover of Vaccination Evaluated Rapidly (COVER) data)



Table 1 – Coverage of childhood immunisations, 2017/2018

	Croydon	London	England
Dtap/IPV/Hib (1 year old)	86.7%	89.2%	93.1%
Dtap/IPV/Hib (2 years old)	88.8%	91.7%	95.1%
PCV	87.4%	89.7%	93.3%
Hib/MenC booster (2 years old)	80.8%	85.1%	91.2%
Hib/MenC booster (5 years old)	81.2%	88.1%	92.4%
PCV booster	81.2%	84.3%	91.0%
MMR one dose (2 years old)	80.3%	85.1%	91.2%
MMR one dose (5 years old)	85.6%	91.4%	94.9%
MMR two doses (5 years old)	67.0%	77.8%	87.2%

Source: PHE Public Health Outcomes Framework Tool

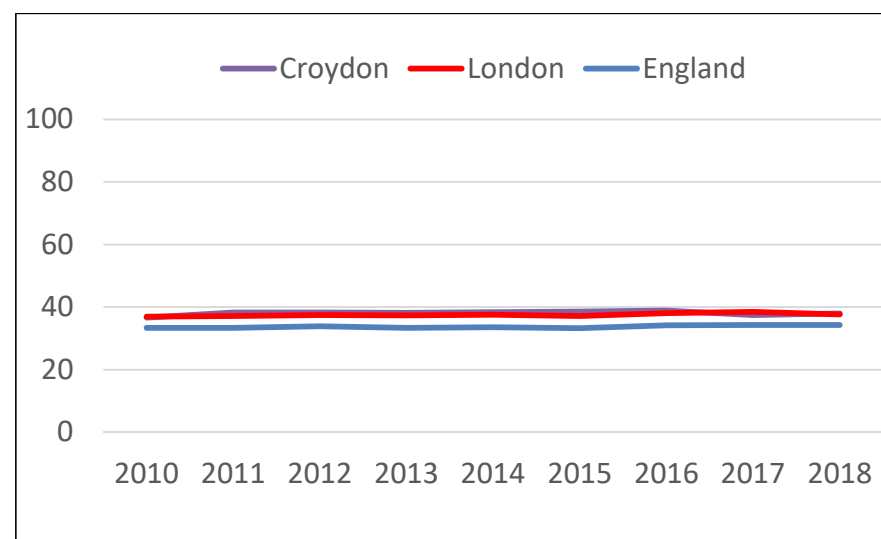
Coverage of the HPV vaccine in Croydon has been significantly lower than the national average for the last 3 years. The coverage of the vaccine in Croydon for 2017/2018 was 77.5% of girls aged 12-13, compared to 81.6% in outer London and 86.9% across England.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>12</sup> PHE, [Public Health Outcomes Framework](#) (based on data submitted to the ImmForm website)

## Excess weight

Excess weight in primary school pupils remains a concern in Croydon. The proportion of Croydon pupils in Year 6 measured as having excess weight was 38.0% (2017/2018) and remains in line with the London average (37.7%) but higher than the England average (34.3%).<sup>13</sup>

Figure 5 – Excess weight in pupils in Year 6



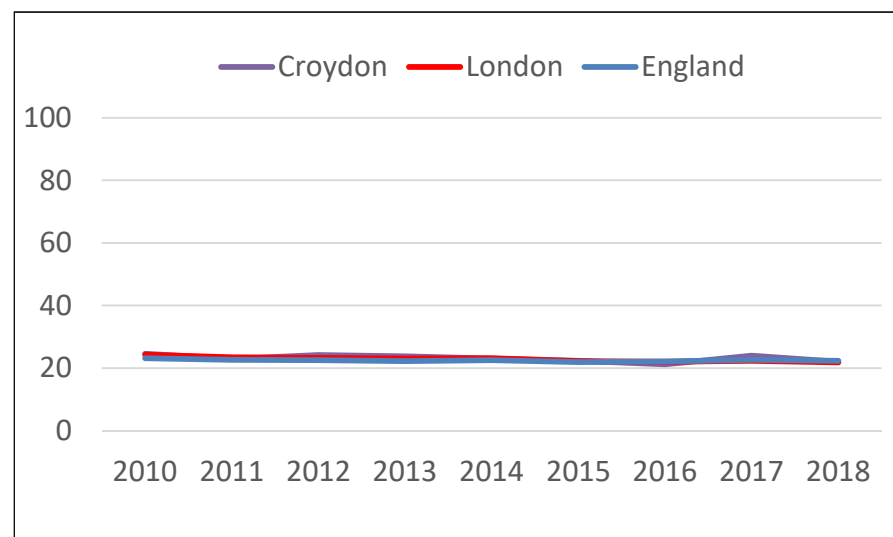
Source: NCMP

<sup>13</sup> PHE, [NCMP Profiles](#) (based on National Childhood Measurement Programme data)



The proportion of Croydon pupils in Reception year (aged 4-5) measured as having excess weight was 22.0% in the latest year (2017/2018).<sup>14</sup> This is in line with both the London average at 21.8% and the national rate at 22.4%.

**Figure 6 – Excess weight in pupils in Reception**



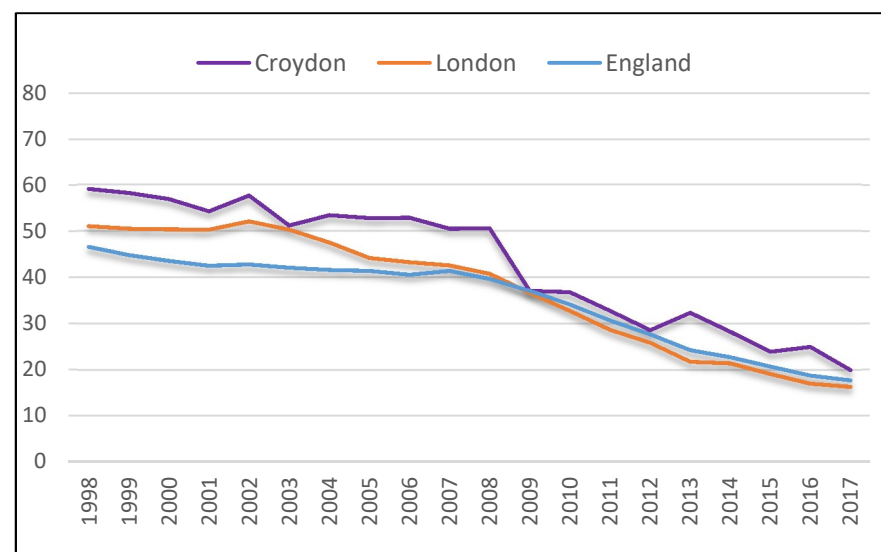
Source: NCMP

<sup>14</sup> PHE, [NCMP Profiles](#) (based on National Childhood Measurement Programme data)

## Teenage conceptions

Croydon had the fifth highest teenage conception rate (for girls aged under 18) in outer London in 2017, (behind Barking & Dagenham, Greenwich, Enfield and Havering), according to the latest ONS statistics. There were also 4 inner London councils with a higher rate than Croydon, (Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Haringey).<sup>15</sup> Overall there has been a downward trend in teenage conceptions since 1998.

**Figure 7 - Under 18 conception rate**



Source: ONS Conception statistics

<sup>15</sup> PHE, [Sexual Health Profiles](#) (based on ONS conception statistics)



The maternity rate for under 18s in Croydon was 6.0 per 1,000 girls aged 15-17 in 2016, a decrease from the rates of 8.5 in 2015 and 10.4 in 2014.<sup>16</sup> The rate of abortions increased slightly from 15 abortions per 1,000 girls aged 15-17 in 2015 to 16 in 2016.<sup>17</sup>

For 2014-2016, Croydon had the second highest rate of under 16 conceptions in London, behind Lambeth. There were 5.5 conceptions per 1,000 girls aged 13-15 in Croydon, compared to 3.2 per 1,000 girls across London and 3.7 per 1,000 across the country.<sup>18</sup> The percentage of under 16 conceptions that resulted in abortion in 2014-16 was 68.2% in Croydon. This was lower than the percentage across London (69.3%) but higher than the abortion rate in England (61.6%).<sup>19</sup>

## Sexually transmitted infections

Over the last 5 years, Croydon has had a better Chlamydia detection rate than the regional and national averages. In 2017 the rate in Croydon was 2,519 per 100,000 young people aged 15-24, higher than London (2,199 per 100,000) and England (1,881 per 100,000).

<sup>16</sup> ONS, [Conception Statistics](#)

<sup>17</sup> PHE, [Sexual Health Profiles](#) (based on DH abortion statistics)

<sup>18</sup> PHE, [Sexual Health Profiles](#) (based on ONS conception statistics)

<sup>19</sup> ONS, [Conception Statistics](#)

In 2017, 21.2% of those aged 15-24 were screened for Chlamydia in Croydon, higher than the 19.3% screened nationally and lower than the 24.0% screened across London.<sup>20</sup>

In 2017, the rate for all new STI diagnoses (excluding Chlamydia diagnoses in those aged <25 years) remained much higher in Croydon compared to the England average. In Croydon there were 1,283 diagnoses per 100,000 population compared to 794 per 100,000 across England and 1,547 per 100,000 in London.<sup>21</sup>

## Adults' health and lifestyle

### Excess weight

The proportion of adults aged 18 years and over with excess weight in Croydon was approximately 62.7% for the period 2017/2018. This is an increase on the previous year's figure of 59.0%. The average across London in 2017/2018 was only 55.9% and the national average figure was closer to Croydon with 62.0%.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>20</sup> PHE, [Sexual Health Profiles \(based on submissions to PHE\)](#)

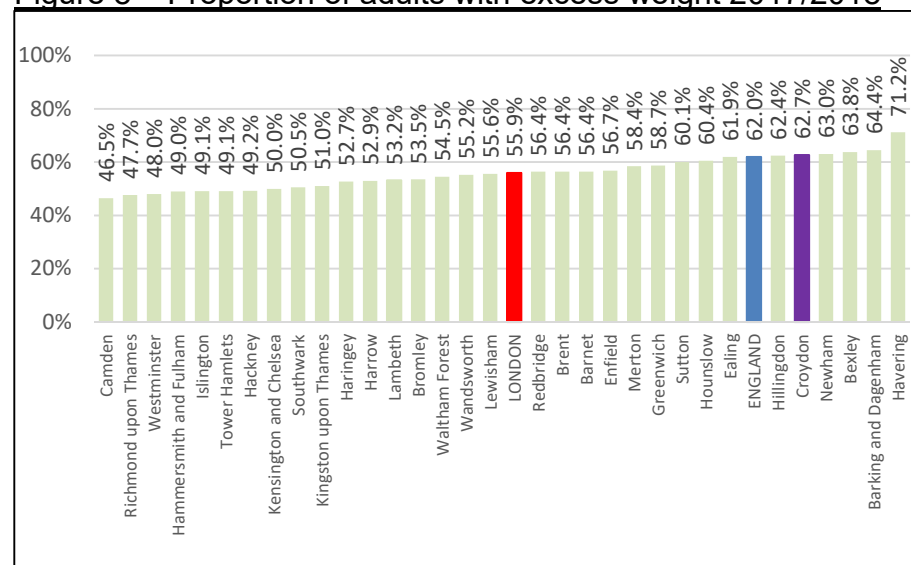
<sup>21</sup> PHE, [Sexual Health Profiles \(based on submissions to PHE\)](#)

<sup>22</sup> PHE, [Public Health Profiles](#) (based on the Active Lives survey, Sport England)





Figure 8 – Proportion of adults with excess weight 2017/2018



Source: PHE Health Profiles

## Physical activity

The Active Lives survey from 2016/2017 suggests that 64.2% of adults aged 19 and over in Croydon achieved 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise per week in line with the national guidelines. This is similar to both the national figure of 64.9% and the regional average of 64.6%.

<sup>23</sup> PHE, [Public Health Outcomes Framework](#) (based on data submitted to the ImmForm website)

## Smoking prevalence

The proportion of adults aged 18 and over in Croydon who were self-reported smokers, in the 2017 Annual Population Survey, was approximately 12.0%. This was lower than both the regional average of 14.6% and the national average of 14.9%. For Croydon it was also a slight decrease on the previous year when the proportion was 13.2%.

## Flu vaccinations

Only about 2 in every 3 people in London aged over 65 years take up the flu vaccinations. Over the last seven years Croydon coverage of flu vaccinations has been below the national average for those aged over 65 years. In 2017/2018, 65.9% of this age cohort received a flu jab compared to 66.9% in London and 72.6% nationally. Around 42.3% of “at risk” individuals aged 6 months to 64 years received the flu vaccination compared to 45.4% in London and 48.9% in England.<sup>23</sup>

## Wellbeing

The ONS Annual Population Survey asks questions relating to personal wellbeing. Participants are asked to score how satisfied they feel with their life overall; to what extent they feel

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the things they do in their life are worthwhile; how happy and how anxious they felt yesterday. There is a degree of uncertainty in the estimates produced for local authorities due to the sample sizes involved. However, the latest data (2016/2017) suggests that Croydon residents have similar personal wellbeing ratings compared to the regional and national averages.<sup>24</sup>

## Disease and poor health

### Mental health

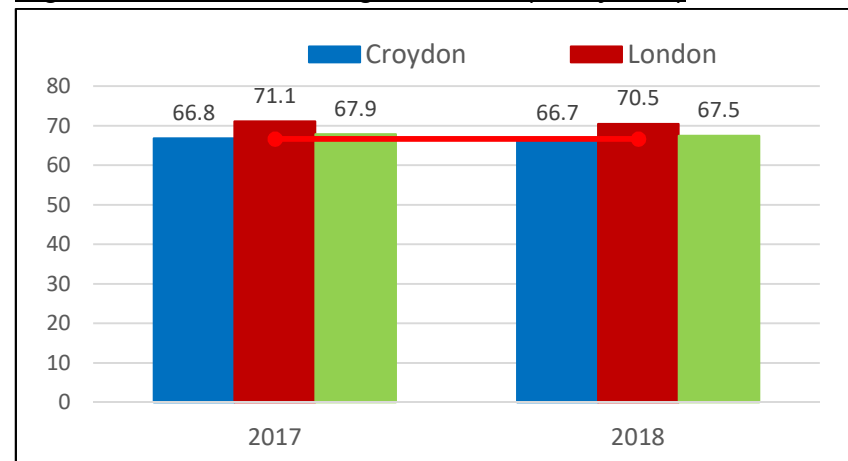
Approximately 1.11% of patients registered in Croydon in 2016/2017 had been diagnosed with a severe mental health condition. This was higher than the national average of 0.92% but in line with the average for London of 1.10%.

### Dementia

The government commits to increase the number of formal diagnosis for people living with dementia. The rationale being that a timely diagnosis enables people living with dementia, their carers and healthcare staff to plan accordingly and work together to improve health and care outcomes.

Over the first 2 years of estimation, the rate of diagnosis in Croydon has been slightly below the averages for London and England and in line with the target of 66.7.

Figure 9 – Dementia diagnosis rate (65+ years)



Source: NHS Digital

### Diabetes

The estimated diabetes diagnosis rate is expressed as a percentage of the observed number of people with a formal diagnosis of diabetes over a proportion of the estimated number with diabetes.

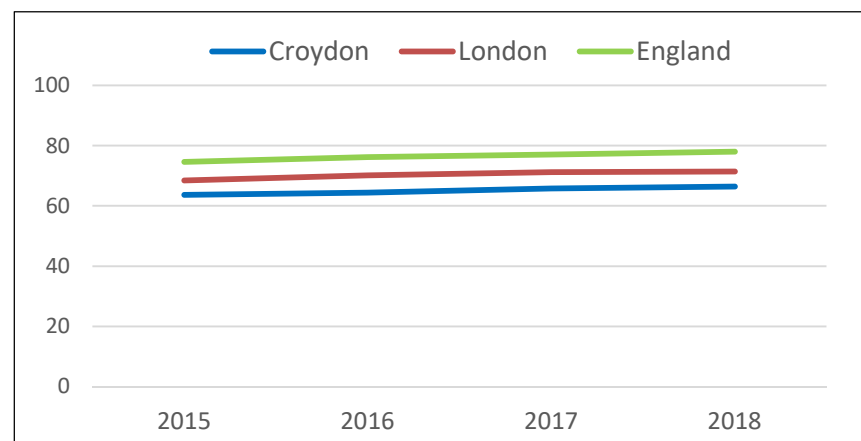
<sup>24</sup> ONS, [Estimates of Personal Wellbeing](#) (based on the Annual Population Survey, ONS)

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The prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in patients aged 17+ registered in Croydon has been slightly lower than the regional and national averages for the past 4 years but the trend is showing a slight rise in this rate.

**Figure 10 – Diabetes prevalence in 17+ year olds**



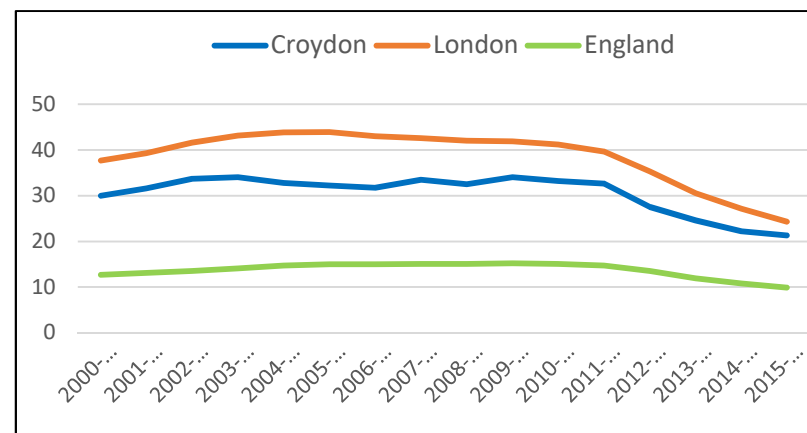
Source: PHE Health Profiles

## Tuberculosis

Croydon has a lower rate of new reported cases of TB than the London average. In 2015-2017, there were an estimated 21.3 new cases of TB per 100,000 population compared to a rate of 24.3 cases across London and 9.9 cases nationally.<sup>25</sup>

<sup>25</sup> PHE, [Public Health Profiles](#) (based on the Enhanced Tuberculosis Surveillance system)

**Figure 11 – Incidence of new cases of TB per 100,000 population**



Source: PHE Health Profiles, *Enhanced Tuberculosis Surveillance system (ETS)*

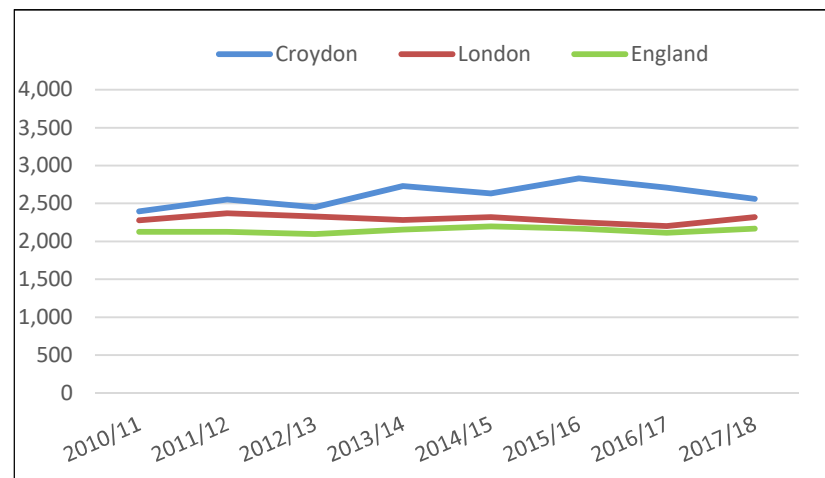
## Falls in over 65s

The rate of hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over in Croydon remains consistently higher than the national and regional averages. In 2017/2018 there has been a slight drop on the previous year rate of 2,710 to a rate of 2,561 emergency hospital admissions for injuries due to falls per 100,000 people.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>26</sup> PHE, [Public Health Outcomes Framework](#) (based on Hospital Episodes Statistics)



Figure 12- Injuries due to falls in over 65s per 100,000



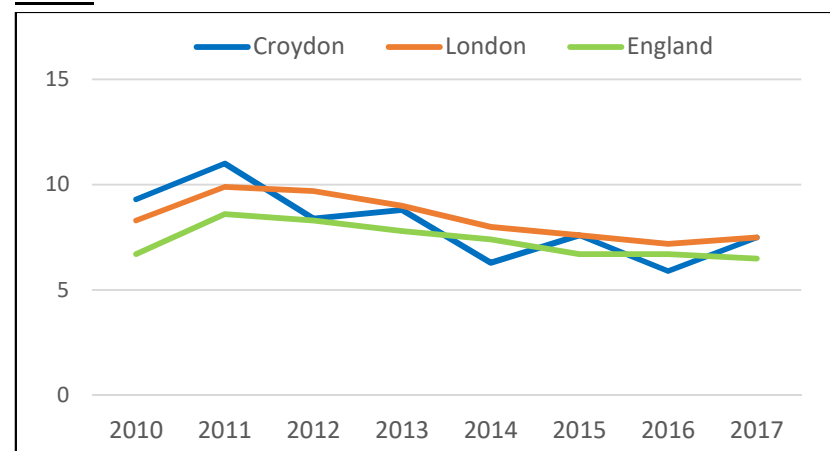
Source: PHE Health Profiles, Hospital Episode Statistics (HES)

## Drug treatment

The successful completion of drug treatment for opiate users is measured by the number of users of opiates that left drug treatment successfully (free of drug(s) of dependence) who do not then re-present to treatment again within 6 months as a percentage of the total number of opiate users in treatment.

Latest figures show that Croydon's success rate has improved in line with London and better than the national average.

Figure 13 - Successful completion of drug treatment - opiate users



Source: Calculated by PHE: Knowledge and Intelligence Team (North West) using data from the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System

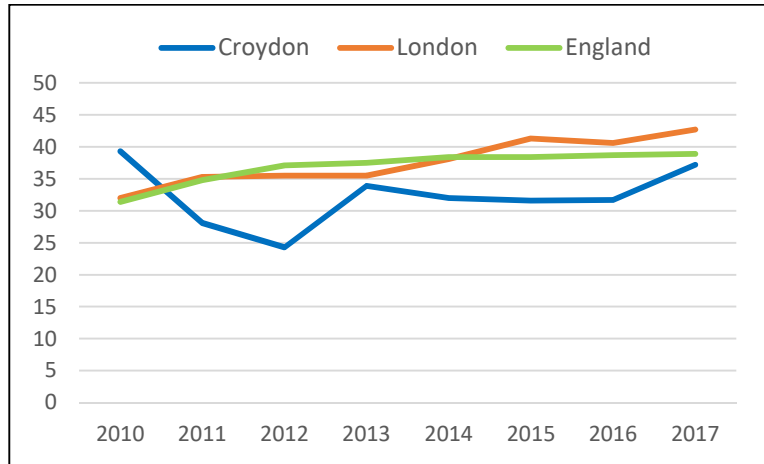
## Alcohol treatment

The successful completion of alcohol treatment is measured by the number of alcohol users that left structured treatment successfully (free of alcohol dependence) who do not then re-present to treatment within 6 months as a percentage of the total number of alcohol users in structured treatment.

For the past 7 years, Croydon has consistently been less successful with alcohol treatment compared to London and England generally.



**Figure 14 - Successful completion of alcohol treatment**

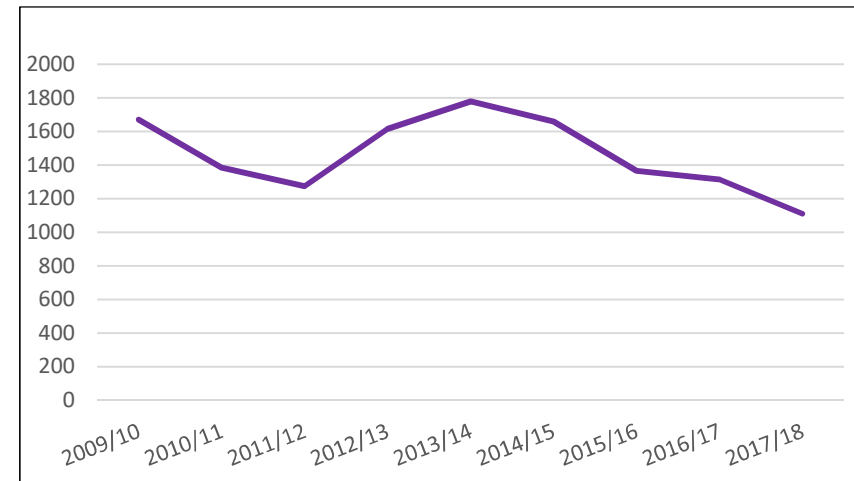


Source: Calculated by PHE: Knowledge and Intelligence Team (North West) using data from the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System

## Substance Misuse

There were 1,110 adults in treatment for substance misuse issues in Croydon in 2017/2018. This continues the downward trend since 2013/2014 as figure 15 shows.

**Figure 15 - Number of adults in treatment for Substance Misuse in Croydon**



Source: NDTMS Profiles

In 2017/2018, 80.6% of adults in treatment were from a White ethnic background, far higher than the proportion of adults from this group in the Croydon population.

One in 5 (20.9%) of clients were in treatment for opiate and crack cocaine usage and over a third (36.9%) were in treatment for alcohol usage only.<sup>27</sup>

<sup>27</sup> NDTMS Profiles



## Life expectancy and cause of death

### Life expectancy at birth

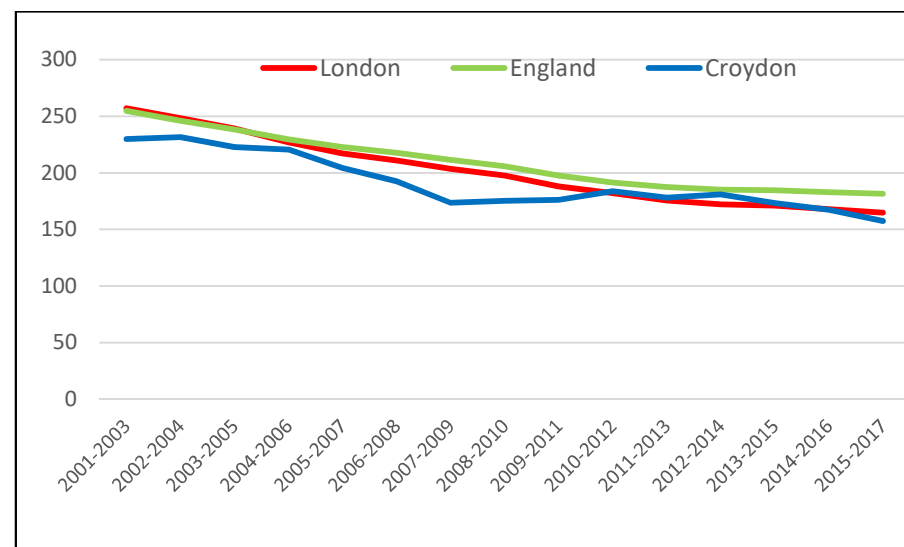
Life expectancy at birth for men in Croydon was on average approximately 80.4 years for the period 2015-2017. This is in line with the regional average (80.5) and higher than the national average (79.6). The life expectancy for women was slightly higher at 83.7 years which is below the London average of 84.3 years, but similar to the England average of 83.1.<sup>28</sup>

### Mortality rates

During 2015-2017 there were 3.6 deaths of infants aged under 1 year per 1,000 live births. This was in-between the regional (3.3) and national (3.9) rates.<sup>29</sup> The average rate of deaths in Croydon from causes that were considered preventable has been lower than both the regional and national averages over the last 15 years.

<sup>28</sup> PHE, [Public Health Profiles](#) (based on ONS health-state life expectancies)

**Figure 16 – Mortality rate from causes considered preventable (standardised rate per 1,000 persons)**



Source: PHE Public Health Outcomes Framework Tool

The mortality rate for cardiovascular disease for those aged under 75 in Croydon remains in line with the national average. For the period 2015-2017 the rate in Croydon was 71.0 compared to the regional rate of 73.2 and the national rate of 72.5 deaths per 100,000.

<sup>29</sup> PHE, [Public Health Profiles](#) (based on ONS births and deaths data)



## Smoking related deaths

The rate of smoking related deaths in Croydon remains lower than the national average. For the period 2015-2017 there were approximately 214.7 deaths per 100,000 people in Croydon compared to 231.5 across London and 262.6 nationally.<sup>30</sup>

## Suicide rate

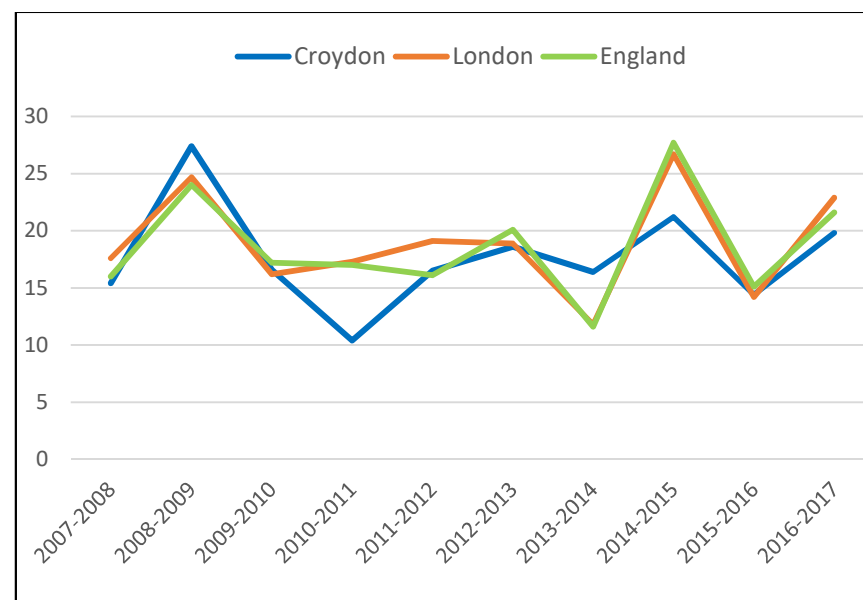
The suicide rate in Croydon was lower than both the regional and national averages at 7.1 deaths per 100,000 for 2015-2017. For this period the London rate was 8.6 and the national rate was 9.6.<sup>31</sup>

## Excess winter deaths

Excess winter deaths are reported as the ratio of extra deaths that occur during the winter months compared to the number of expected deaths based on the average number of non-winter deaths.

The latest calculated figure for the period August 2016 to July 2017 for Croydon was 19.8 which was lower than both London (22.9) and England (21.6).

**Figure 17 - Excess winter deaths index (single year, all ages) calculated from August to the following July.**



Source: Office for National Statistics: Public Health England Annual Births and Mortality Extracts

<sup>30</sup> PHE, [Local Tobacco Control Profiles](#) (based on ONS mortality data)

<sup>31</sup> PHE, [Public Health Outcomes Framework](#) (based on ONS mortality data)





## Social care

### Areas of progress

- ✓ A reduction in the rate of children in need.
- ✓ A reduction in the number of local Looked After Children
- ✓ Improvement in the effectiveness of reablement services in Croydon since 2010/11. The latest outcome for 2017/2018 shows Croydon is doing much better than the average for both London and England.

### Challenges

- ⚠ The rate of referrals to children's social care is now higher than both the regional and national averages.
- ⚠ The demand for local authority children's services remains high in line with national trends.
- ⚠ Croydon has the highest number of Looked After Children in London.

### Overview

This section provides a brief overview of social care clients in Croydon. It looks at:

- Children in need
- Looked After Children
- Adult safeguarding
- Adults receiving care

Social Care is a significant area that presents the council with a huge number of responsibilities and challenges. Key priorities are focused on safeguarding vulnerable children and adults in the borough. The Council takes its duty to support vulnerable individuals incredibly seriously and is committed to doing everything in its power to ensure these people are protected and supported to have a good quality of life.

- The Council has developed a partnership framework for the delivery of services aimed at tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence. (Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Strategy 2018-2021).



- The Council is taking proactive steps to combat Modern Slavery in the borough. Quarterly contract monitoring now includes a scoring category on Modern Day Slavery which monitors suppliers' stances in this area.
- The Council's work to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children has been recognised by UNICEF, the Department for Education and the Ministry for Communities, Housing and Local Government.

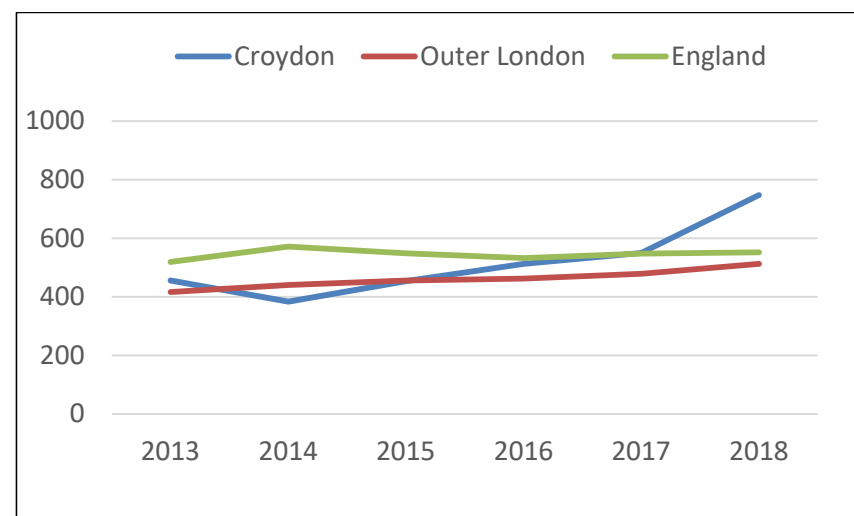
### Children in need

As at 31 March 2017, there were 392.7 children in need for every 10,000 children in Croydon. A year later and the rate of children in need in Croydon has risen to 548.50 per 10,000 which is close to the all-time high of 569.3 per 10,000 children in 2011.

The most common reason for a child being in need in Croydon is abuse or neglect and absent parenting. The high figures are distorted by the high number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in the borough.

The rate of referrals to children's social care increased to 748.10 per 10,000 in 2017/2018 and is now noticeably much higher than both the regional and national averages.

**Figure 1 – Rate of referrals to children social care services per 10,000 children**



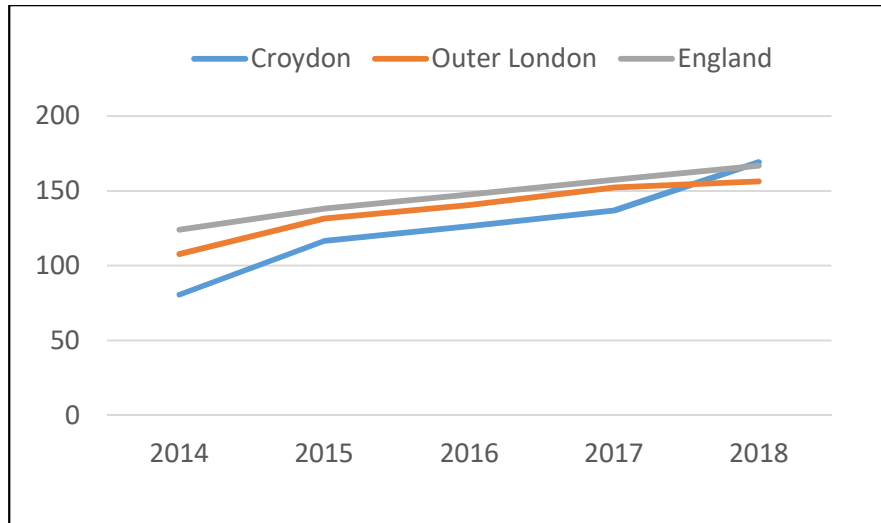
Source: DfE LAIT

The number of section 47 enquiries, investigations undertaken where there is reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm, has been rising in Croydon since 2013/2014.

Figure 2 shows that the rate of section 47 referrals in Croydon has not only been increasing since 2013/2014 but has increased above the London and England rates for the first time. The latest Croydon rate for 2017/2018 is 169.3 per 10,000 children.



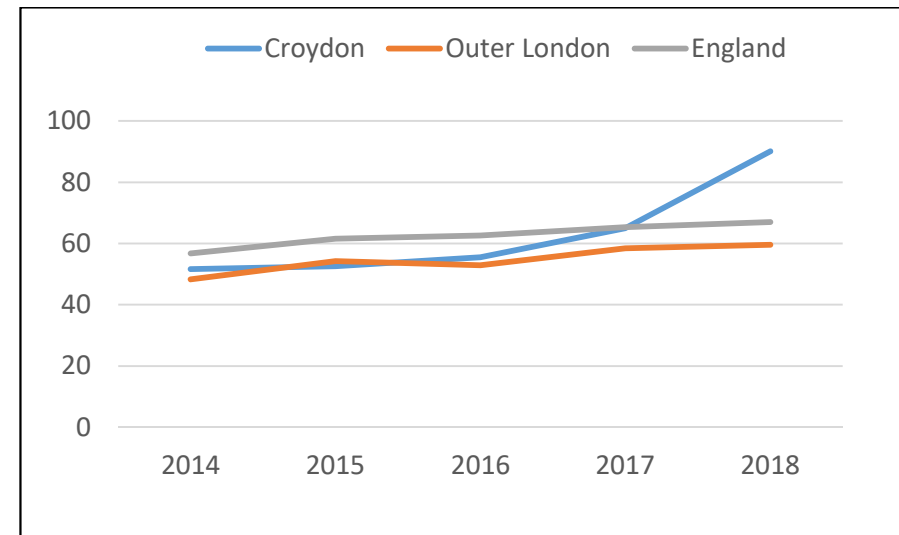
Figure 2 – Rate of section 47 enquiries per 10,000 children



Source: DfE LAIT

The rate of initial child protection conferences for 2017/2018 in Croydon has gone up significantly on previous years reaching 90.1 per 10,000 children. This rate compares with a rate of 59.6 in outer London and a national rate of 67.0 per 10,000 children.

Figure 3 – Rate of initial child protection conferences per 10,000 children

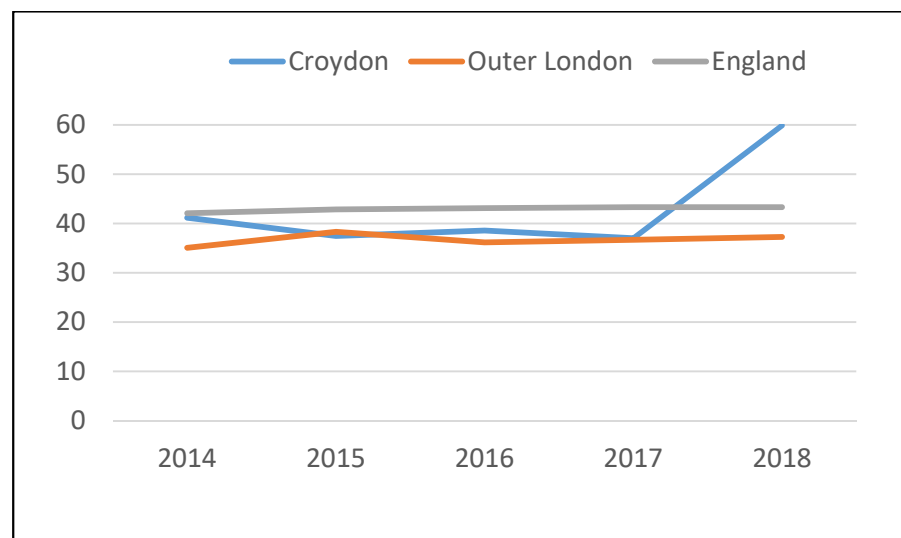


Source: DfE LAIT

The rate of children subject to Child Protection Conferences (CPP) in Croydon has been increasing steadily in recent years. However, the latest year of 2017/2018 has seen a marked rise in this rate, moving from 37.0 in the previous year to 59.6 per 10,000 in 2017/2018.



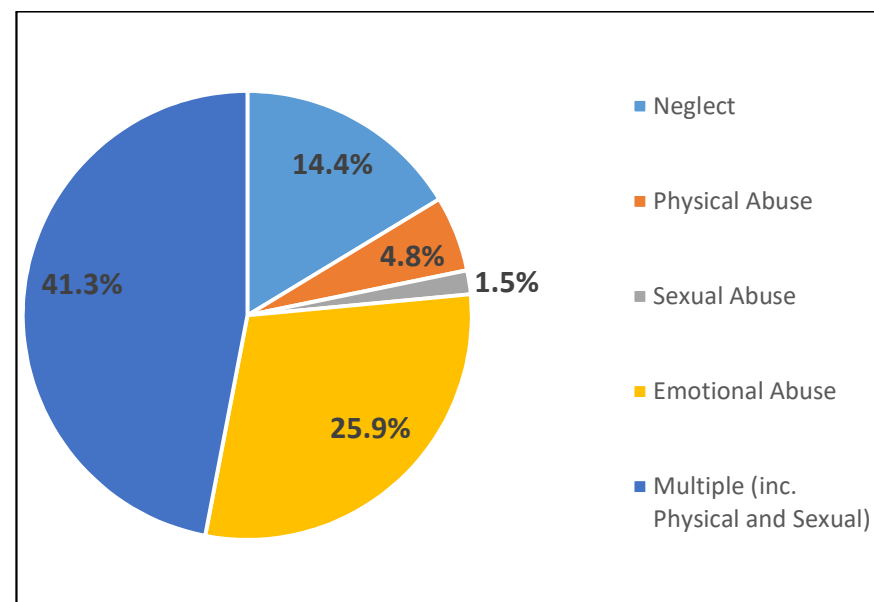
**Figure 4 – Rate of children subject to a child protection plan as at 31 March**



Source: DfE LAIT

Nearly one in 7 (14.4%) of people who were subject to a child protection plan as at 31 March 2017 had an initial category of abuse of neglect as can be seen from Figure 5. Multiple abuse which included Physical and Sexual abuse accounted for 41.3% of all abuse categories in Croydon. Just over a quarter (25.9%) of all the abuse recorded was Emotional abuse.

**Figure 5 – Initial category of abuse for children subject to a child protection plan as at 31 March 2017**



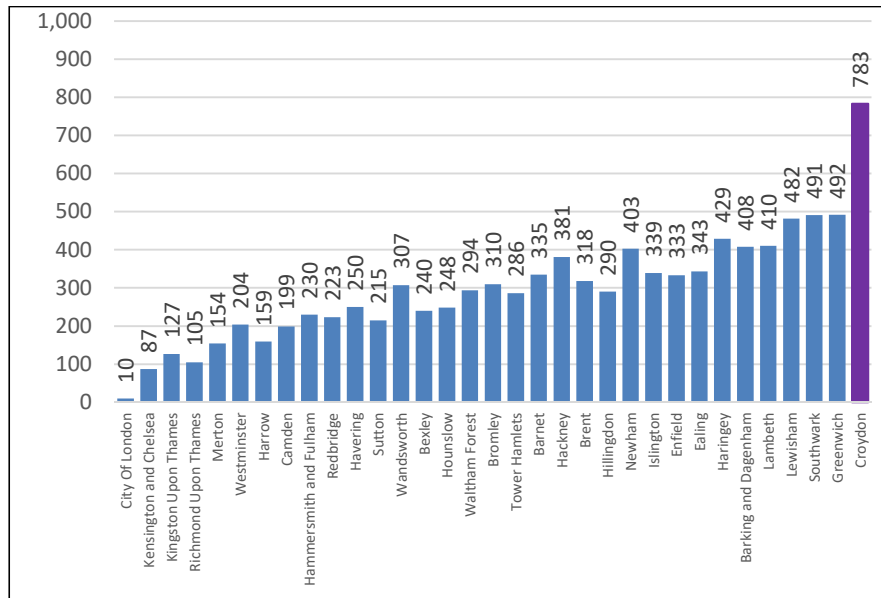
Source: SFR61/2017, Table D2.

## Looked After Children

Croydon has the highest number of looked after children of any London borough as shown in Figure 6. This is due to the high numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) looked after by the borough.



**Figure 6 – Number of Looked After Children in London boroughs as at 31 March 2018**



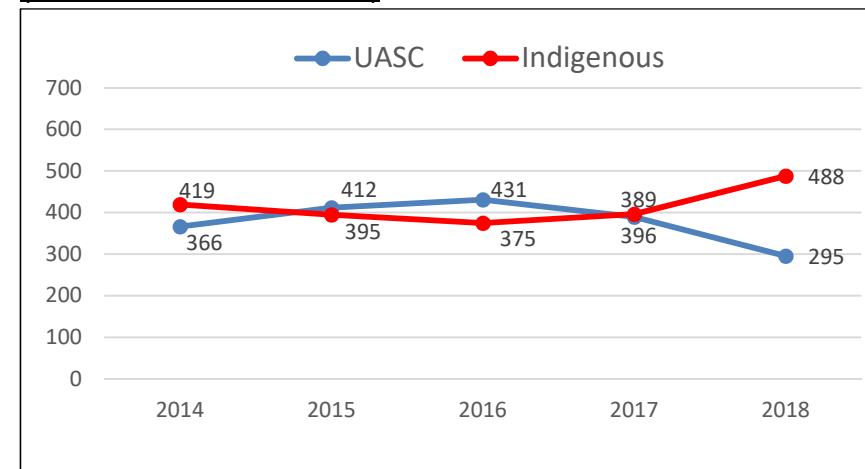
Source: DfE LAIT, data released October 2018.

(Note: All numbers rounded to the nearest 5)

The number of UASC looked after in Croydon fluctuates over time and is influenced by international events. Figure 7 shows that for 2 years in 2014/2015 and in 2015/2016 there were more UASC being looked after in Croydon than children indigenous to the borough.

The latest figures for 2017/2018 shows that the number of indigenous looked after children has now increased to 488 which is much higher than the number of UASC LAC and in fact the biggest difference between the 2 cohorts for 5 years.

**Figure 7 – Number of indigenous and UASC LAC for Croydon (2013/2014 – 2017/2018)**



Source: SSDA903, Tables LAA1 & LAA4

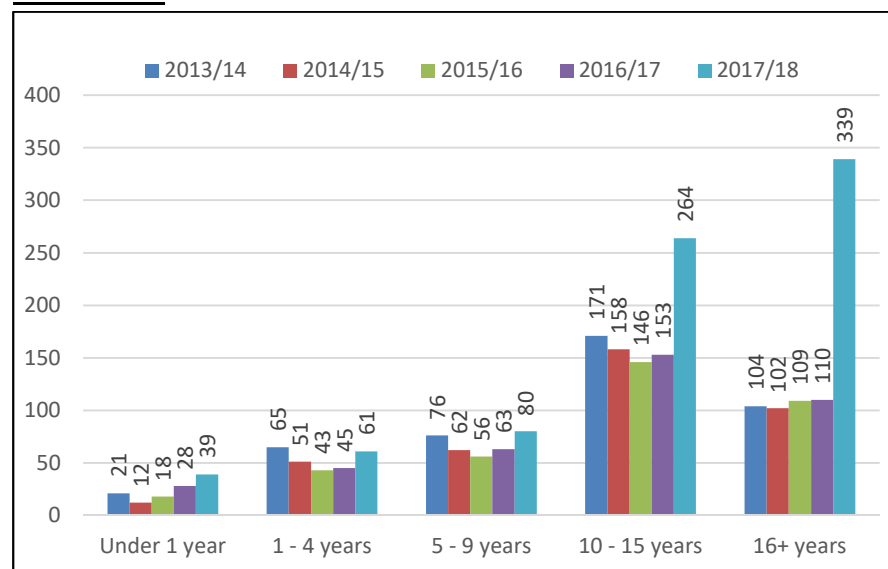
The UASC cohort distorts the demographics of Croydon's looked after children population.

The national published figures for looked after children do not distinguish between indigenous children and UASC which makes comparisons with other areas difficult.



Figure 8 shows that whilst the majority of the indigenous population are teenagers, around a quarter are now aged under 10. For 2017/2018, there has been a significant rise in the proportion of children aged 16 and over.

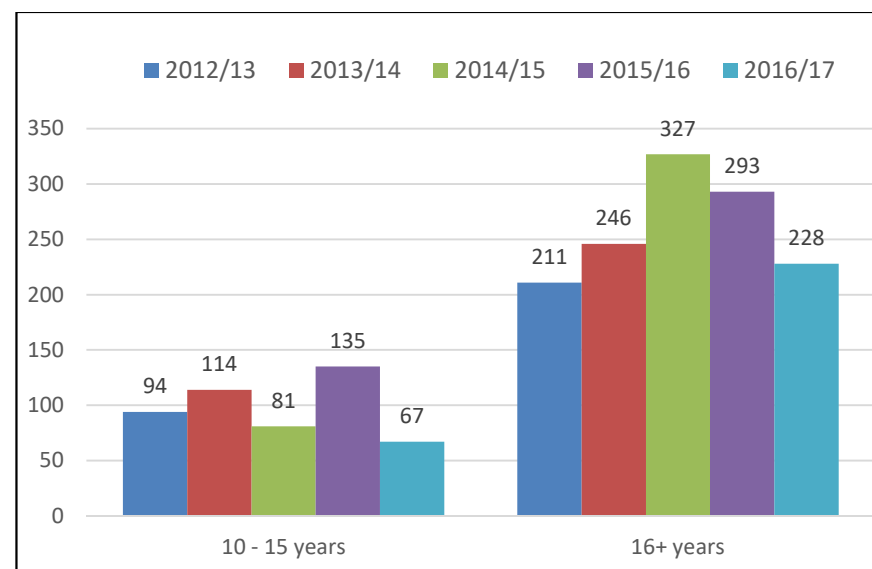
**Figure 8 –Croydon’s indigenous LAC by age 2013/2014-2017/2018**



Source: SSD903 Extract from CRS.

In contrast, over the past 5 years, all of the UASC looked after by Croydon are aged 10 years or over, with the majority being aged 16 and over.

**Figure 9 –Croydon’s UASC by age 2011/12-2015/16**

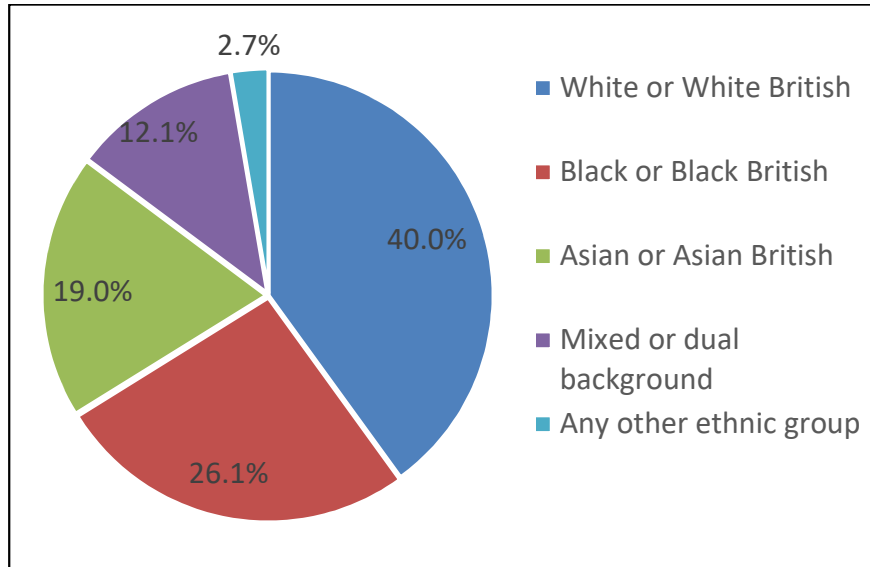


Source: SSD903 Extract from CRS.

Figure 10 shows the breakdown in broad ethnic groups of the children looked after as at 31. March 2018. The groupings are not as straightforward as they may appear. It should be noted that a high proportion of UASC are recorded as being from a White or White British background but are linked to the high number of UASC from Albania. Similarly a high proportion of UASC are recorded as being from an Asian or Asian British background where they have come from Afghanistan.



**Figure 10 – Children looked after at 31 March 2018 by ethnic origin**



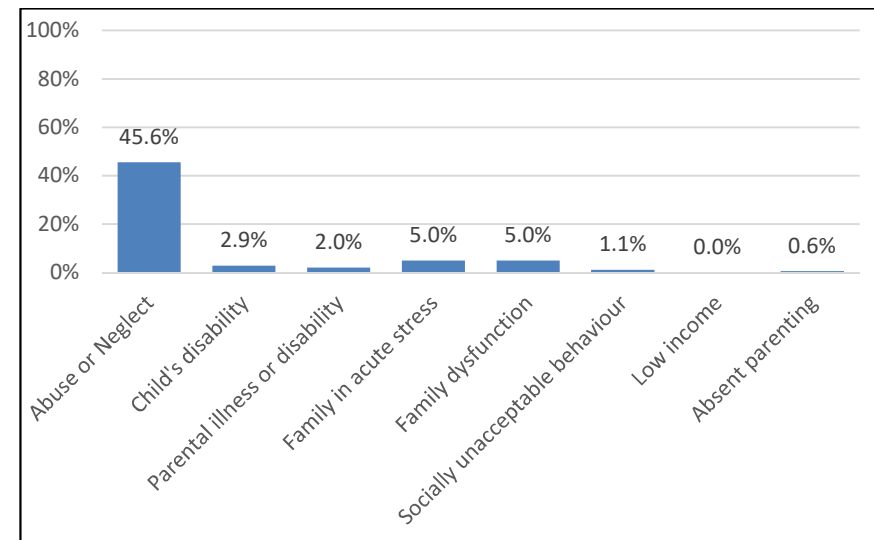
Source: SSDA903, Table LAA8.

The ethnic profile of the indigenous and UASC cohorts is very different in Croydon. Children from White or White British ethnic backgrounds and from Mixed or Dual ethnic backgrounds are overrepresented amongst indigenous looked after children.

The ethnic profile of UASC changes significantly over time according to the changing nationalities of children seeking asylum.

Figure 11 shows that the majority of indigenous looked after children in Croydon are looked after because of abuse or neglect. Abuse or neglect is also the most common need for looked after children nationally.

**Figure 11 – Indigenous children who started to be looked after during 2017/2018 by category of need**



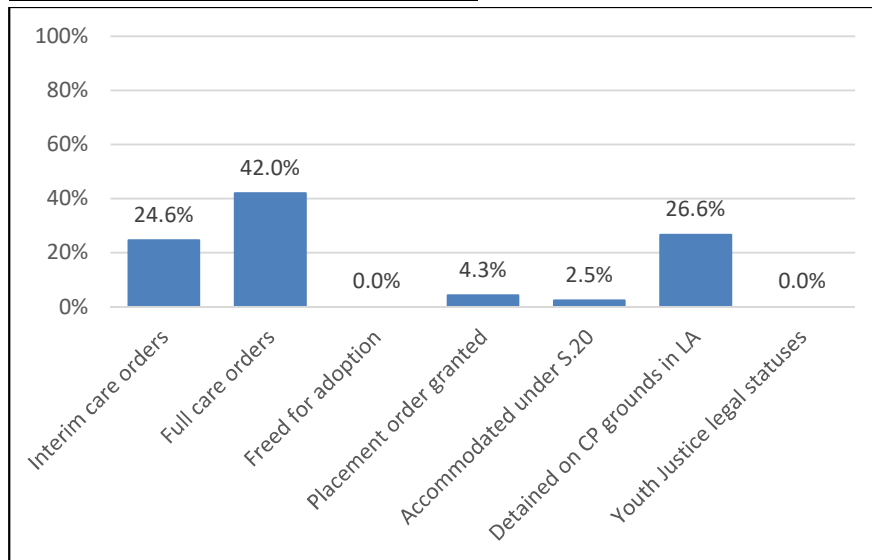
Source: SSDA903, Table LAC4.





Figure 12 shows the legal statuses of indigenous children who were looked after in Croydon in 2017/2018. The majority of these children (66.6%) were looked after under full care orders or Interim care orders. Just over a quarter (26.6%) were detained in the Local Authority.

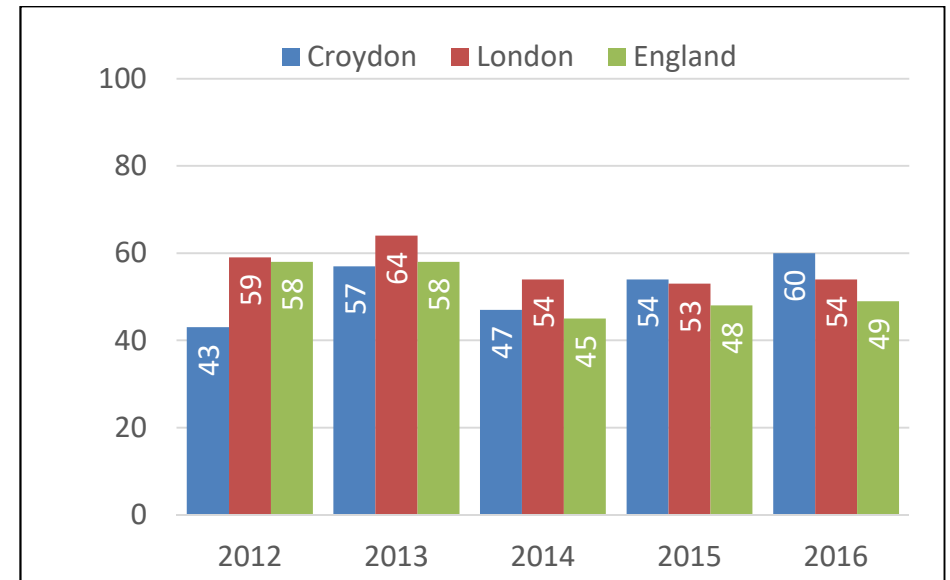
**Figure 12 – Indigenous children looked after at 31 March 2018 by legal status (provisional)**



Source: SSDA903, Table LAC3.

Figure 13 shows that six in 10 care leavers were known to be in education, employment or training on 31. March 2016, an increase from 2015. Whereas, the regional and national rates for this outcome for those 2 years has stayed constant.

**Figure 13 – Percentage of children aged 19 years old who were looked after when they were 16 years old who were known to be in education, employment or training**

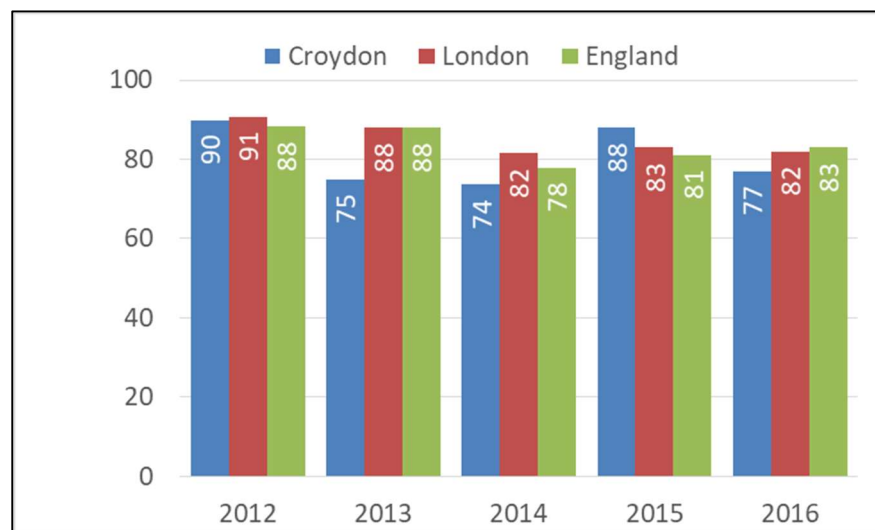


Source: DfE LAIT - Looked After Children.



Around three quarters of care leavers were known to be in suitable accommodation on 31. March 2016, a similar proportion to 2013 and 2014.

Figure 14 - Percentage of children aged 19 years old who were looked after when they were 16 years old who were known to be in suitable accommodation



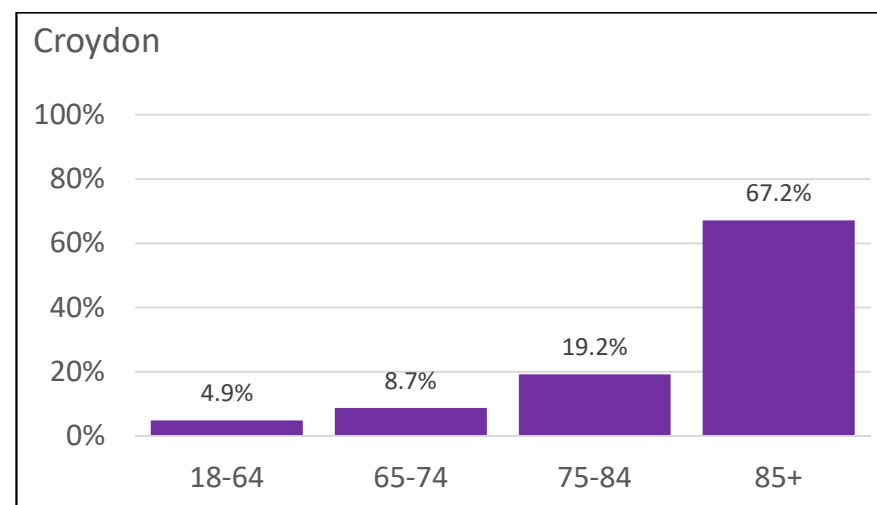
Source: DfE LAIT – Looked after Children.

## Adult safeguarding

In 2017/2018 there were 2,585 individuals in Croydon involved in safeguarding concerns.<sup>32</sup> This number was an increase of over 500 on the previous year's figure of 2,056.

Figure 15 highlights the vulnerability of the very elderly concerning safeguarding issues with nearly 7 in 10 (67.2%) of all safeguarding enquiries being concerned with those aged 85 years and over.

Figure 15 – Individuals involved in Section 42 safeguarding enquiries 2017/2018



Source: SAC, 2017/2018, Annex C, Table 1

<sup>32</sup> Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC), 2017/2018



Table 1 shows that, by far the most common type of abuse in all cases that were concluded during 2017/2018 was ‘neglect and acts of omission’ which accounted for 27.0% of all abuse types. The next 3 types of abuse were “financial or material” (18.4%), “physical” (17.0%) and “psychological” (14.9%).

Over a half of alleged perpetrators of abuse (53.8%) were known to the adult at risk but not related, or were relatives or family carers. Service providers made up 36.5% of all the alleged abuse cases in 2017/2018. Around 1 in ten (9.6%) were alleged perpetrators unknown to the individual.

Table 1 - Concluded Section 42 enquiries by type of risk

Type of Risk	Number	%
Physical Abuse	120	17.0%
Sexual Abuse	40	5.7%
Psychological Abuse	105	14.9%
Financial or Material Abuse	130	18.4%
Discriminatory Abuse	*	
Organisational Abuse	40	5.7%
Neglect and Acts of Omission	190	27.0%
Domestic Abuse	50	7.1%
Sexual Exploitation	5	0.7%
Modern Slavery	*	
Self-Neglect	25	3.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>100%</b>

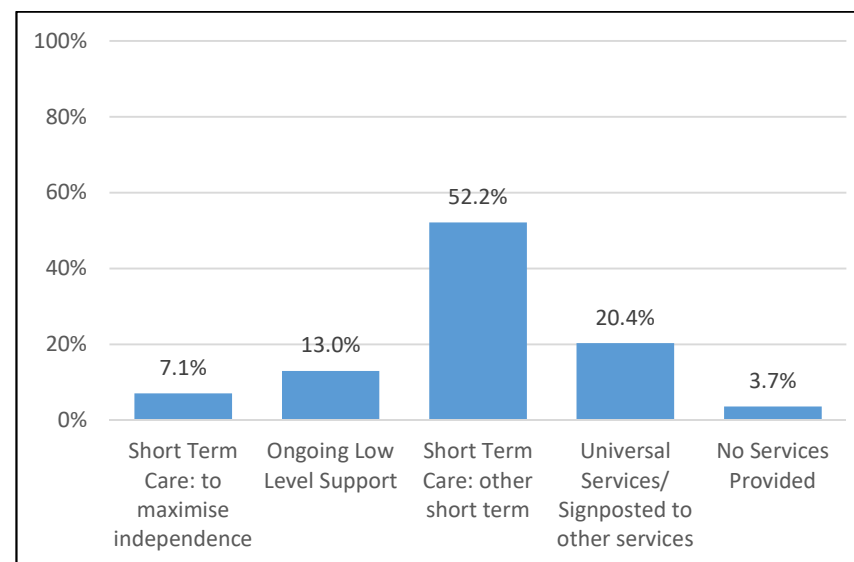
Source: SAC 2017/2018, Annex B, Table 2

## Adults receiving care

### Requests for support

During 2017/2018 there were 2,185 requests for support from new clients aged 18-64 years. This was much higher than the previous year’s figure of 1,505 requests. Figure 16 shows the outcomes of these requests.

Figure 16 – Top 5 outcomes of requests from new clients aged 18-64 in 2017/2018

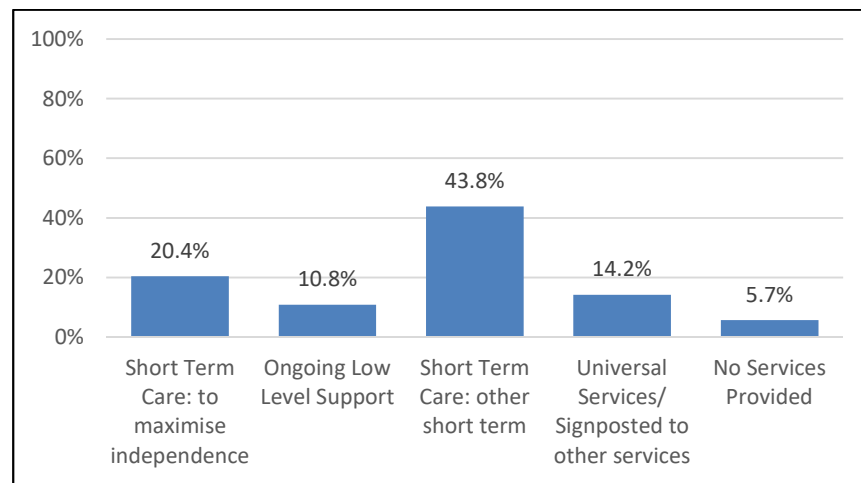


Source: Table 10, SALT Data Return, 2017/2018.



Over the same period there were 4,760 requests for support from new clients aged 65 years and over. Again, this was many more than the 3,842 requests in the previous 2016/2017 year. Figure 17 shows the outcomes of these requests.

Figure 17 – Top 5 outcomes of requests from new clients aged 65 or over in 2017/2018



Source: Table 11, SALT Data Return, 2017/2018.

## Short-term support to maximise independence

Older people clients with short term support care to maximise their independence made up one fifth (20.4%) of the total. For new younger adult clients aged 18-64 years, short term support to maximise independence accounted for only 7.1% of the total.

## No services or low level services provided

No services were provided to 5.7% of the older aged clients (excluding the deceased) and 3.7% of the younger adults received no services. Around 13.0% of younger adult clients received ongoing low level support compared to 10.8% of the older clients (65+ years).

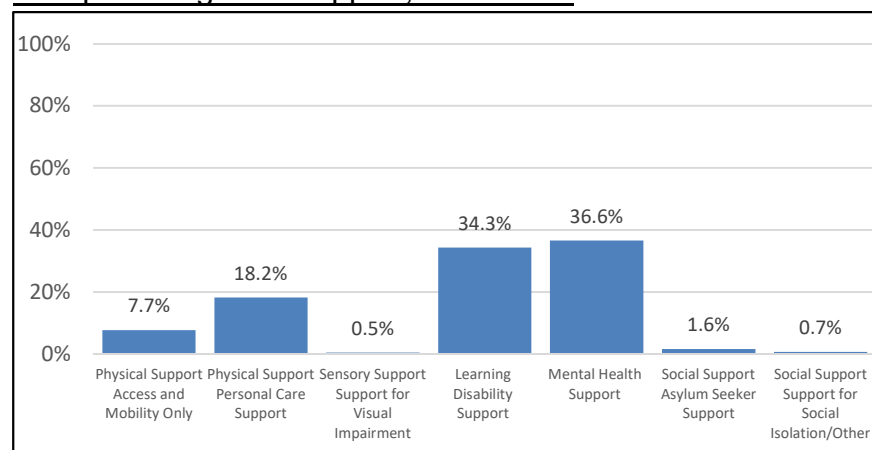
## Long-term support

During 2017/2018, there were 2,145 clients aged 18-64 years and 3,010 clients aged 65 and over in receipt of long-term support in Croydon. These figures are both down on the previous year when there were 2,646 clients aged 18-64 and 4,205 clients aged 65 and over. Figures 18 and 19 show the primary support reason for these clients.



Figure 18 shows that physical support and personal care support was the primary support reason for 18.2% of clients aged 18-64. Over 70% of the total support provided was for those with a learning disability or those with mental health needs.

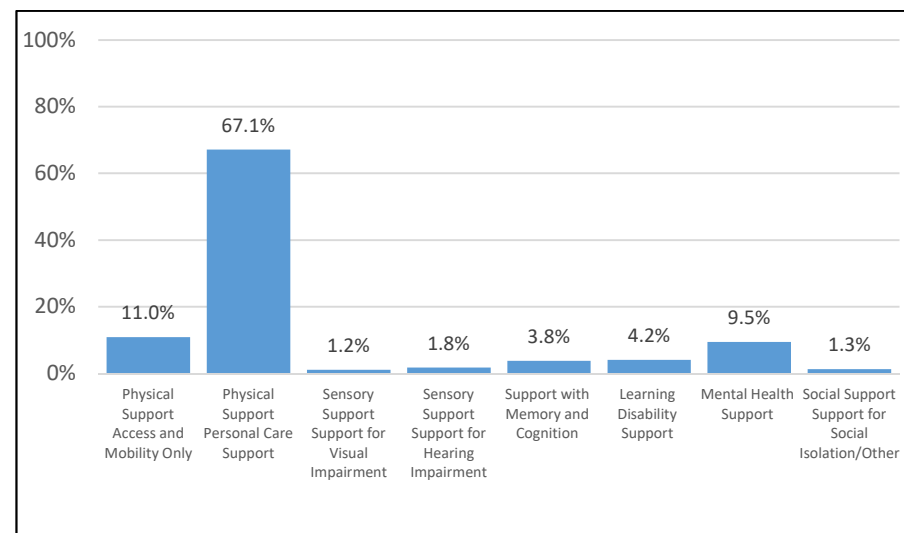
**Figure 18 – Primary support reason for clients aged 18-64 in receipt of long-term support, 2017/2018**



Source: Table 37, SALT Data Return, 2017/2018.

Figure 19 shows that physical support and personal care support was the primary support reason for 67.1% of all clients aged 65 years and over. This was by far the most common primary support reason for all older clients in receipt of long-term support in Croydon, in London and in England.

**Figure 19 - Primary support reason for clients aged 65 and over in receipt of long-term support, 2017/2018**



Source: Table 37, SALT Data Return, 2017/2018.

## Self-directed support and direct payments

Only 10.2% of service users in Croydon received direct payments in 2017/2018. Across London 20.0% of service users received direct payments, similar to the national average of 21.9%.



## Carers

The proportion of carers in Croydon receiving direct payments remains much lower than the regional and national averages. Only 14.5% of Croydon carers received direct payments in compared to 24.0% across London and an average of 23.4% nationally.<sup>33</sup>

## Residential and nursing care

During 2017/2018, there were 163 adults who had their long-term support needs met by a change of setting to residential and nursing care. This excludes anyone who was transferred between residential and nursing care.

For adults aged 18-64 there were 8.0 residential and nursing care admissions per 100,000 population in Croydon, compared to 9.6 per 100,000 in London. For older people aged 65 and over there were 280.2 admissions per 100,000 population in Croydon compared to 406.2 in London.

## Reablement

The effectiveness of reablement services is measured by the percentage of over 65 year olds who remain in their own home 91 days after they have been discharged from hospital.

There has been improvement in the effectiveness of reablement services in Croydon since 2010/11.

In 2016/2017 approximately 91.38% of older people were still at home 91 days after discharge. During 2017/2018, the outcome has improved to 93.4%. This is much better than the Outer London average of 87.9%, the London average of 87.2% and the national average of 82.9%.

Table 2 – Number of older people still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital by age band 2017/2018.

	Number of discharges to rehabilitation where the intention is for the patient to go back home	Number of discharges above where person was still at home 91 days later	% still at home 91 days after discharge
65-74 years	60	55	91.7%
75-84 years	123	116	94.3%
85 years +	148	138	93.2%
Total - 65 years +	331	309	93.4%

Source: Table STS004, SALT Data Return, 2017/18.

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## Community Safety

### Areas of progress

- ✓ The total number of notifiable offences in Croydon has risen in recent years but the rate of offences committed in Croydon is lower than the London average.
- ✓ The number of gang flagged offences has decreased but there remains an issue around public perception of this issue.
- ✓ The number of hate crimes is decreasing.
- ✓ Croydon has moved from the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest rate of Domestic Abuse to the 10<sup>th</sup> highest in London.

### Challenges

- ⚠ Knife crime is still an issue with around 30% resulting in injury or death.
- ⚠ The number of victims of serious youth violence is increasing.
- ⚠ Higher rate of first time entrants to the criminal justice system than the London average.

### Overview

Community safety remains a priority in Croydon. This section outlines the issues in the borough for key crime types and fly-tipping.

- Total notifiable offences
- New Crime Plan
- Gang crime and serious youth violence
- Knife crime
- Hate crimes
- Domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Antisocial behaviour
- Youth offending
- Adult offending

A critical priority for the Council is to ensure the borough's residents feel safer in their street, neighbourhood and home (Corporate Plan 2018-2022). The Council recognises the importance of creating supportive communities and the need to prevent violence from occurring as well as supporting those who are threatened.





This is reflected in the Council's new Violence Reduction Network which focuses on tackling root causes of violence as well as preventing or mitigating its impact. Other measures put in place to protect our residents and improve community safety include:

- The Council's Hate Crime Action Plan, developed through the Community Engagement and Confidence Programme Board which sits under the Safer Croydon Partnership.
- The Council's organised engagement events to improve social integration including the annual interfaith bike ride held each summer.
- Ongoing work with partners in the police, statutory agencies, business and voluntary and community sector to implement Croydon's Community Safety Strategy (2017-2020).

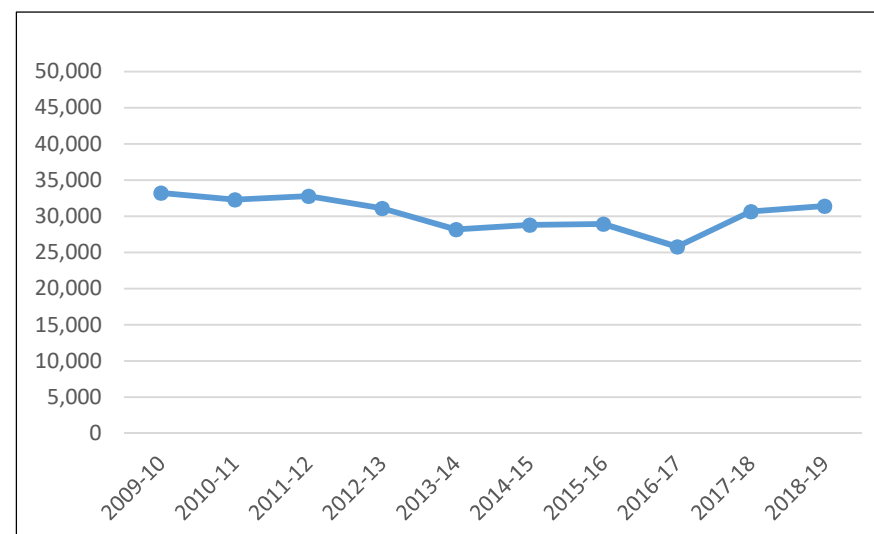
## Crime

### Total notifiable offences

The overall number of offences committed in Croydon has fallen in recent years based on the last 10 financial years of reporting as seen in Figure 1.

There is a high number of offences in Croydon but the borough has one of the largest populations in London which means that the overall rate of offences per 1,000 population in Croydon is not as high as other parts of London.

**Figure 1 – Total notifiable offences**



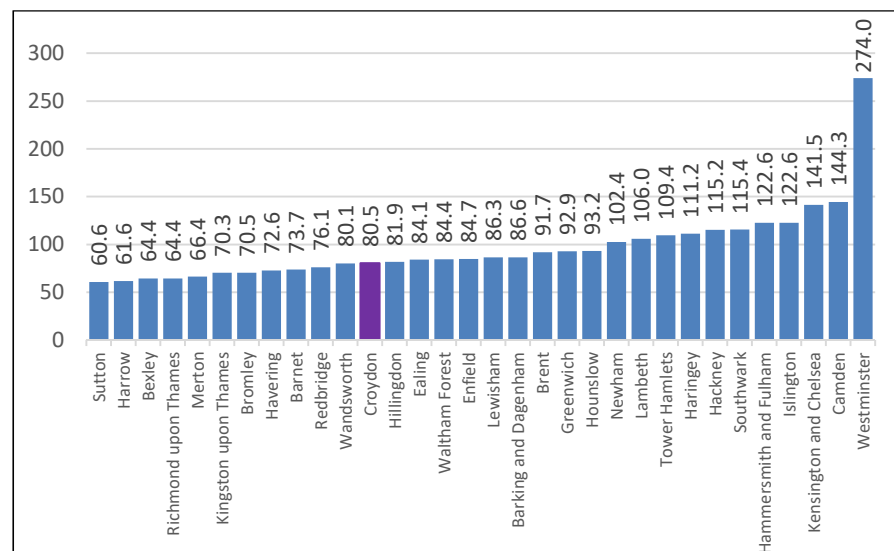
Source: MPS

Figure 2 shows that the rate of total notifiable offences in Croydon per 1,000 residents is close to the bottom third of lowest rates across London. In fact, there are 12 inner London Councils amongst those with the highest rates.

Croydon, together with 21 other London Councils, has a lower rate of TNOs than the London average. In fact, the majority of inner London councils, except Wandsworth and Lewisham, have crime rates above the London average.



**Figure 2 – Rate of total notifiable offences per 1,000 resident population – the year to 31. March 2019**



Source: MPS, Borough Volume and Trends dashboard

## New Crime Plan

Previously, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) monitored 7 indicators against targets set in terms of percentage reduction in the number of offence types compared to a 2012 baseline.

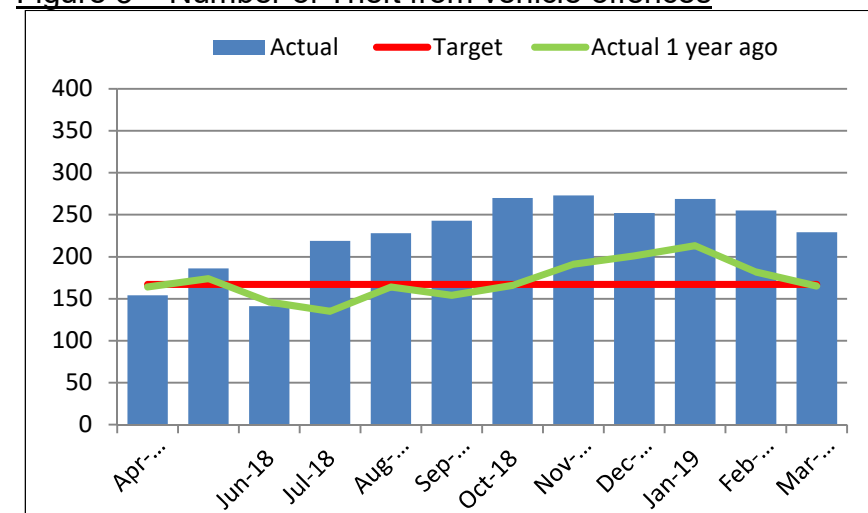
In March 2016, the new London Mayor introduced a Crime Plan with local policing priorities. The former indicators are still reported monthly and on a rolling 12 months basis and are measured against the average for each rolling 12 month

period. For this report, the original indicators will continue to be followed as they cover a range of criminal offences that affect the community in Croydon.

Since April 2018, the crime categories in the Boroughs Dashboard of Crime have changed to match those published by the Home Office and the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Figure 3 shows that the number of monthly theft from vehicle offences has been rising above the monthly target throughout most of 2018/2019. The latest figure for the rolling 12 months to the end of March 2019 shows that there have been 2,719 of these types of offences in Croydon which is much higher than the previous year's figure of 2,055.

**Figure 3 – Number of Theft from vehicle offences**

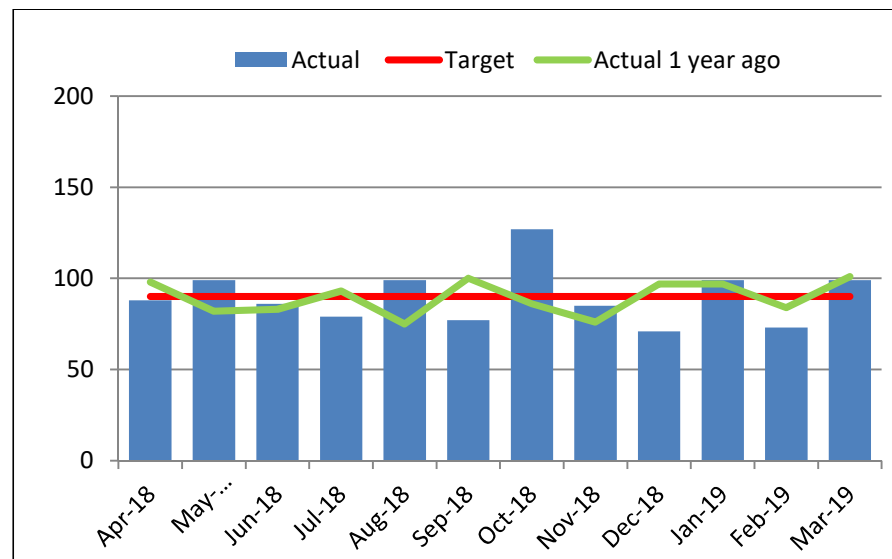


Source: MPS, Borough Volume and Trends dashboard



Figure 4 shows that the number of theft of motor vehicle offences has been consistently around 90 offences a month over the last 2 years. In the latest 12 months rolling figure to end of March 2019 there have been 1,080 these offences. There are more CCTV cameras dotted around the borough so these may be helping to act as a deterrent.

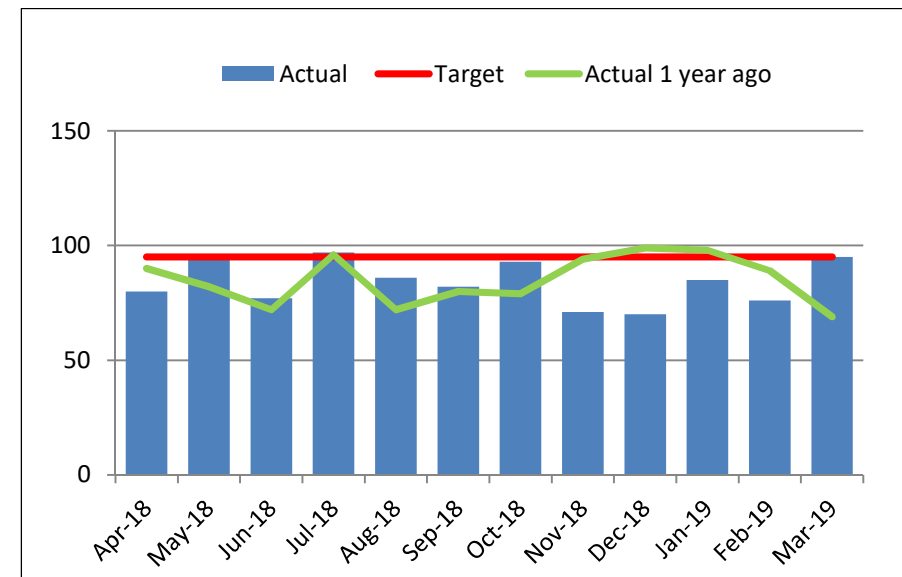
Figure 4 – Number of Theft of motor vehicle offences



Source: MPS, Borough Volume and Trends dashboard

Figure 5 shows that the number of robbery offences (personal property) in Croydon has fluctuated from 70 to 95 per month over the last 2 years. The monthly average in both 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 has stayed around 84 per month and therefore has been consistently below the target of 95 per month.

Figure 5 – Number of Robbery offences

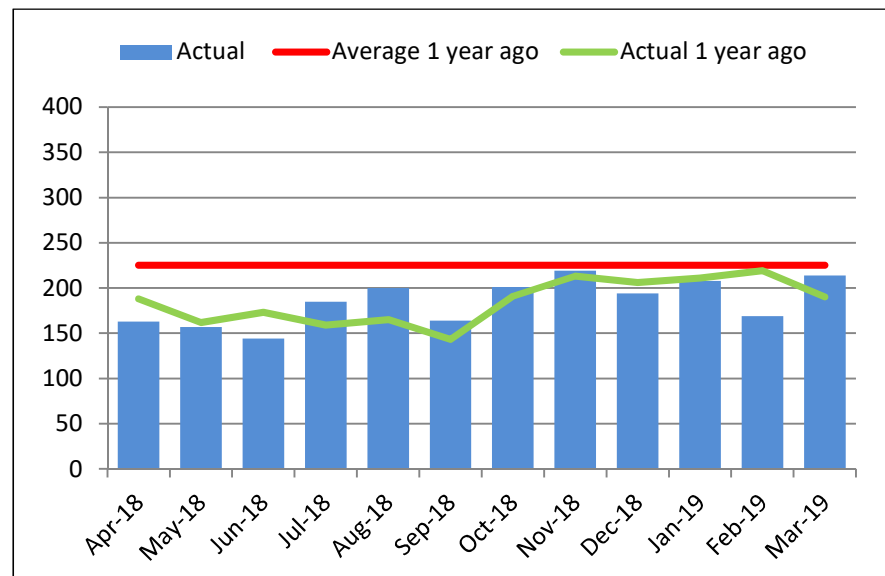


Source: MPS, Borough Volume and Trends dashboard



Figure 6 shows that the number of Burglary offences in Croydon has stayed at similar levels over the past 2 years. The rolling 12 months to the end of March 2019 shows that there were 2,218 residential burglary offences in Croydon. This is similar to the figure of 2,220 for the rolling 12 months to the end of March in the previous year. This performance is good because there has been a lower number of these offences each month compared to the monthly target.

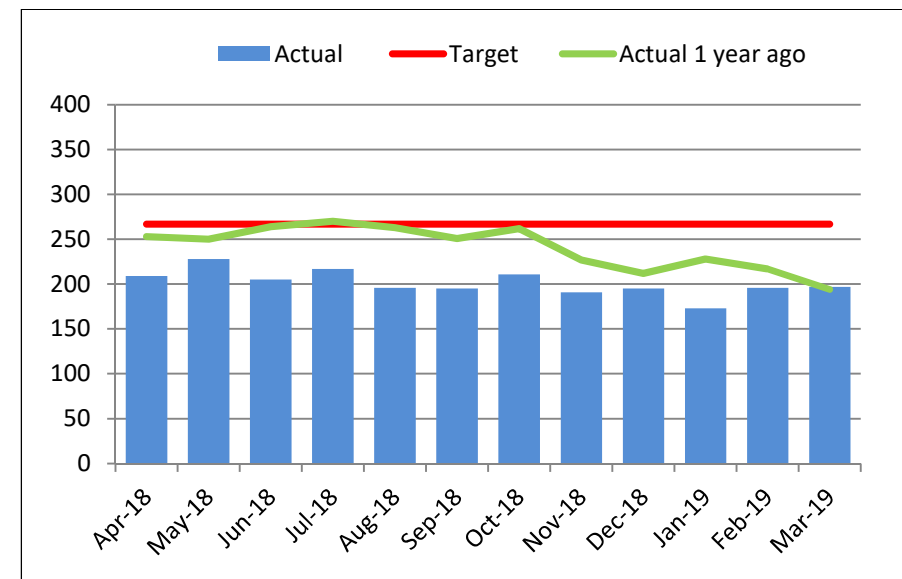
Figure 6 – Number of Burglary offences



Source: MPS, Borough Volume and Trends dashboard

The number of criminal damage offences in Croydon has been dropping over the last 2 years. There were 2,891 of these offences over the 12 months to the end of March 2018. During the 12 months rolling period to the end of March 2019, there have been 2,413 which continues a downward trend for the borough.

Figure 7 – Number of Criminal damage offences

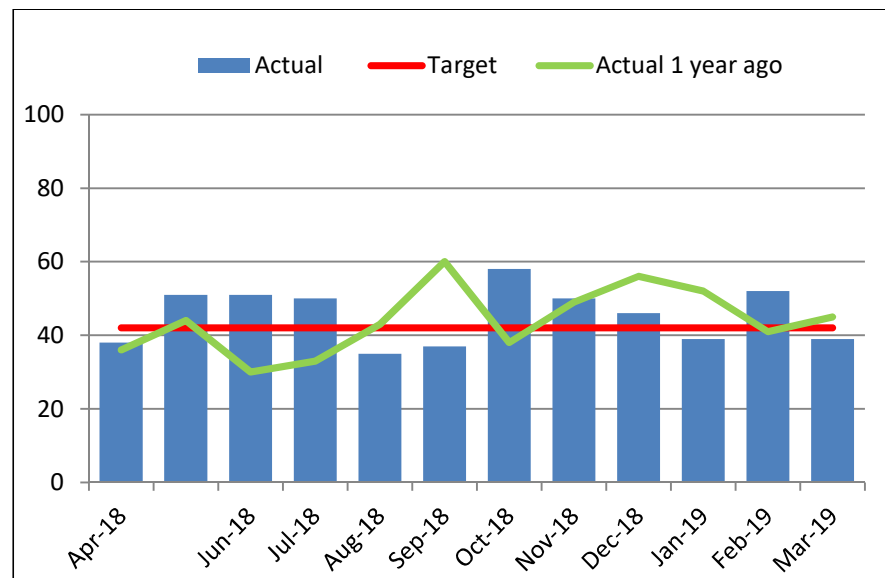


Source: MPS, Borough Volume and Trends dashboard



The number of theft from person offences is increasing. During the rolling 12 months of 2017/2018, there were 527 of these offences in Croydon compared to 543 in the rolling 12 months to 2018/2019. There has been an average of 46 of these types of crimes each month against a monthly target of 42.

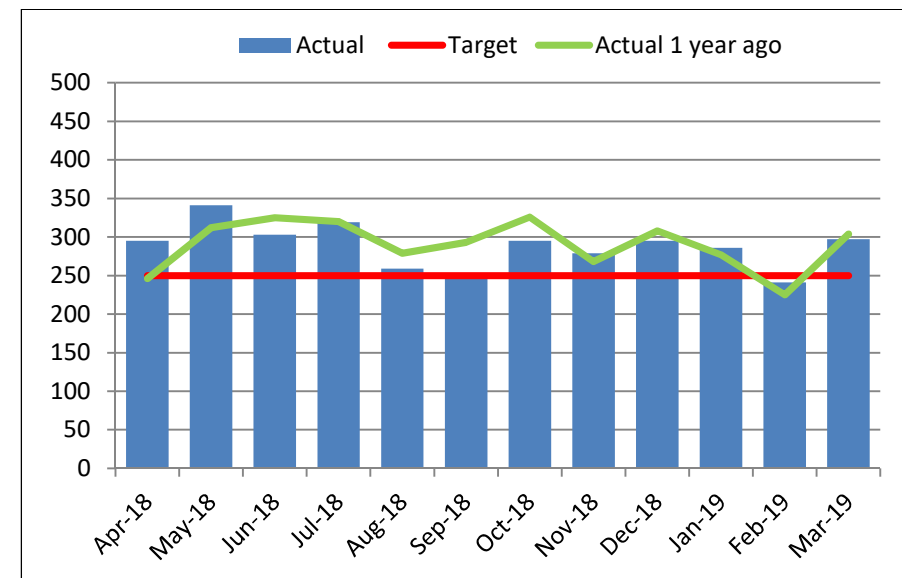
**Figure 8 – Number of Theft from person offences**



Source: MPS, Borough Volume and Trends dashboard

Regarding Violence with Injury crimes, there has been only a slight reduction in the 2018/2019 year figure (3,461) compared to the previous year's figure (3,483). In Croydon, this type of crime averages around 290 per month against a target of 250 per month so there is still much improvement needed.

**Figure 9 – Number of Violent Offences with Injury**



Source: MPS, Borough Volume and Trends dashboard

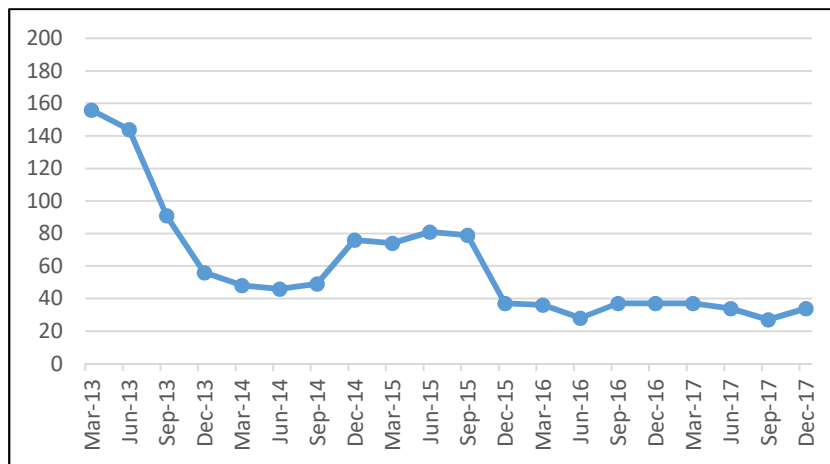


## Gang crime and serious youth violence

### Gang Crime

The data on gang flagged offences for the rolling year to December 2017 has seen a slight rise to 34 in Croydon. Only the neighbouring boroughs of Lambeth (64) and Southwark (39) have a higher number of these offences.

Figure 10 - Number of gang flagged offences



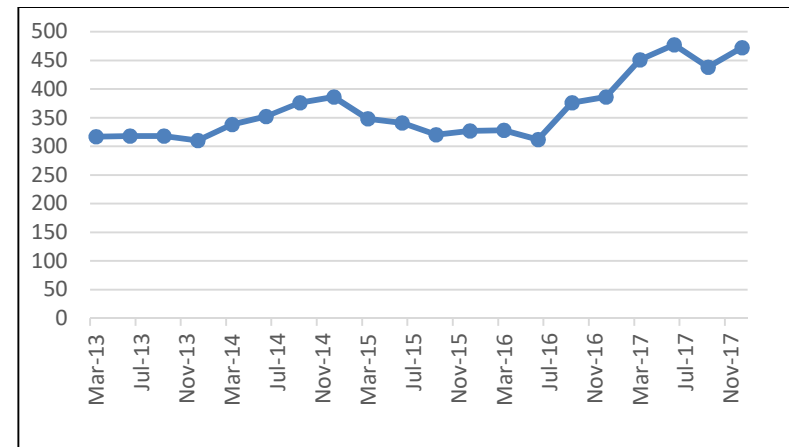
Source: Mayor of London Gangs dashboard

### Serious Youth Violence

Serious youth violence covers offences where serious violence is committed against a young person. This is an increasing issue in Croydon which has the largest youth population in London.

The number of victims of serious youth violence has increased slightly in recent years.

Figure 11 – Number of victims of serious youth violence



Source: Mayor of London Gangs dashboard

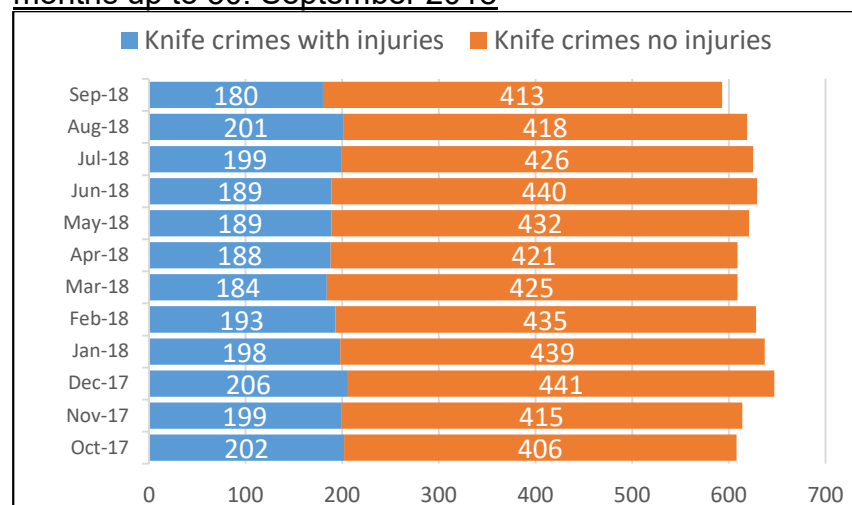


## Knife Crime

Knife crime is on the rise across the country. According to the Metropolitan Police Recorded Crime data 2016/2017, London (excluding the City) accounted for around three in ten recorded knife offences nationally.

Figure 12 shows that during the 12 months to 30. September 2018, there were 593 knife crimes in Croydon. Of these 180 (30.4%) resulted in injuries. The 593 offences made up 3.7% of all knife crimes in London (i.e. all the 33 London councils).

**Figure 12 – Number of Knife Crimes in Croydon – Rolling 12 months up to 30. September 2018**



Source: Mayor of London Weapon-enabled crime dashboard

## Hate crime

The Hate Crime dashboard monitors the offending throughout the Metropolitan Police Service Boroughs. It includes data on victimisation, perpetrators/offenders identified and the overall public perception and victim satisfaction of those affect by hate crime.

A hate crime is defined as “any incident that is perceived by the victim or any other person to be racist, homophobic, transphobic or due to a person’s religion, belief, gender identity or disability”<sup>34</sup>

All hate crime types are reported on a rolling 12 month basis so the monthly figures reported are not separate month figures but a sum of the 12 months leading to any given month.

The under-reporting of all types of hate crime remains a national issue.

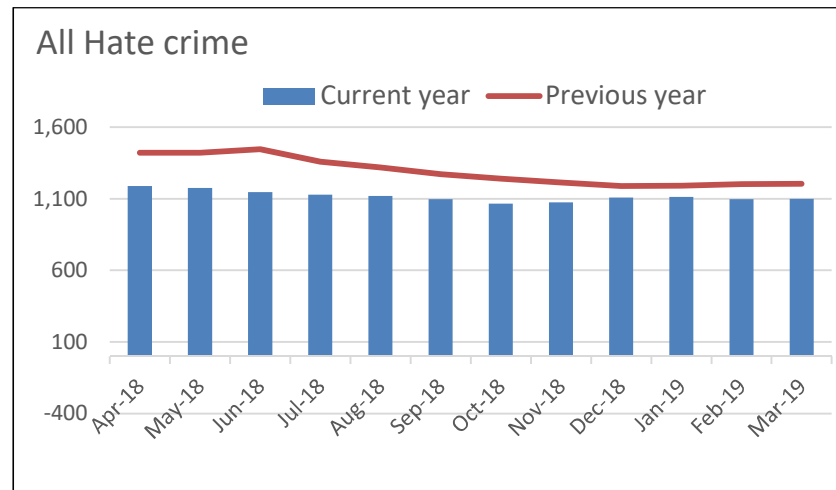
<sup>34</sup> Mayor of London Hate crime dashboard





Figure 13 shows that in Croydon there has been a decrease in the number of reported hate crimes in recent years. In fact, every rolling 12 month period in 2018/2019 has shown a reduction in the number of hate crimes reported compared to the same months in the previous year.

Figure 13 - Total recorded hate crimes

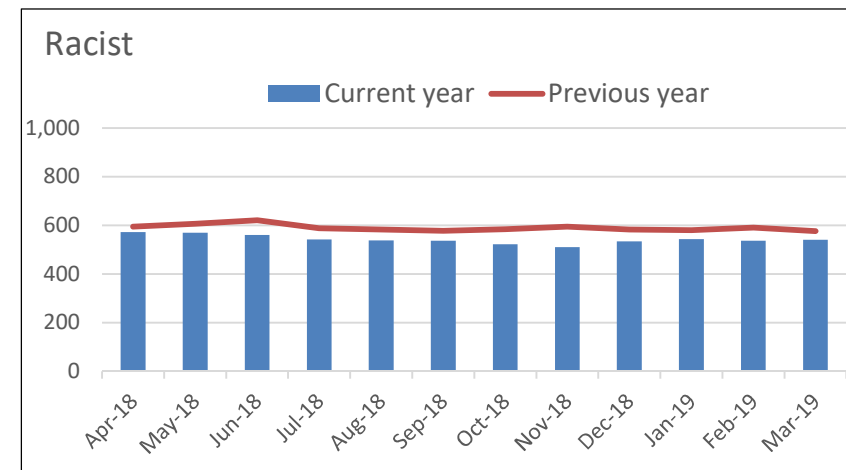


Source: Mayor of London Hate Crime Dashboard

More recently, the majority of reported hate crimes in Croydon have been racist and then disability hate crimes. Racist hate crime has been recorded for longer than others so there is likely to be a better reporting rate for racist crimes.

Figure 14 shows that the number of race hate crimes have dropped to below the rates of the previous year. This is encouraging but the actual number has still been over 500 in every rolling 12 month period.

Figure 14 – Total Racist hate crime

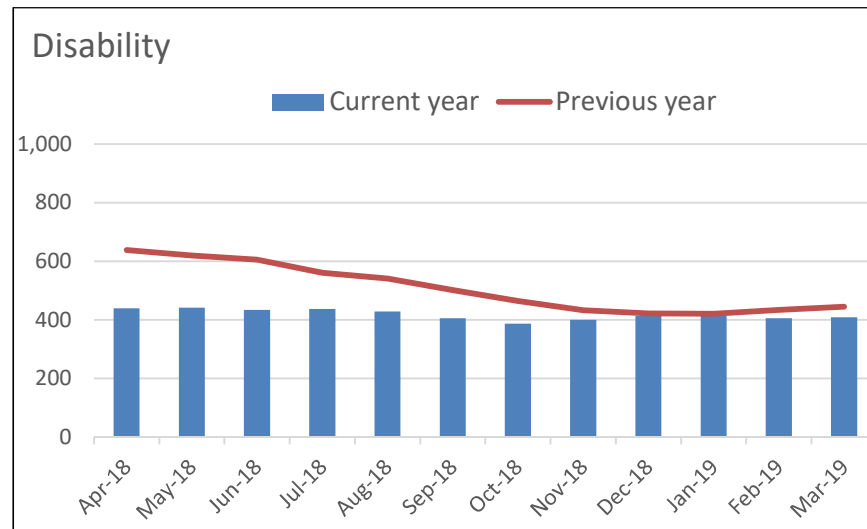


Source: Mayor of London Hate Crime Dashboard



Figures for disability hate crime in Croydon shows that the number had been dropping throughout 2017/2018 and is now stabilising at around the low 400 mark. The latest financial year's performance shows a consistent monthly decline in the numbers reported compared to the same periods in the previous year.

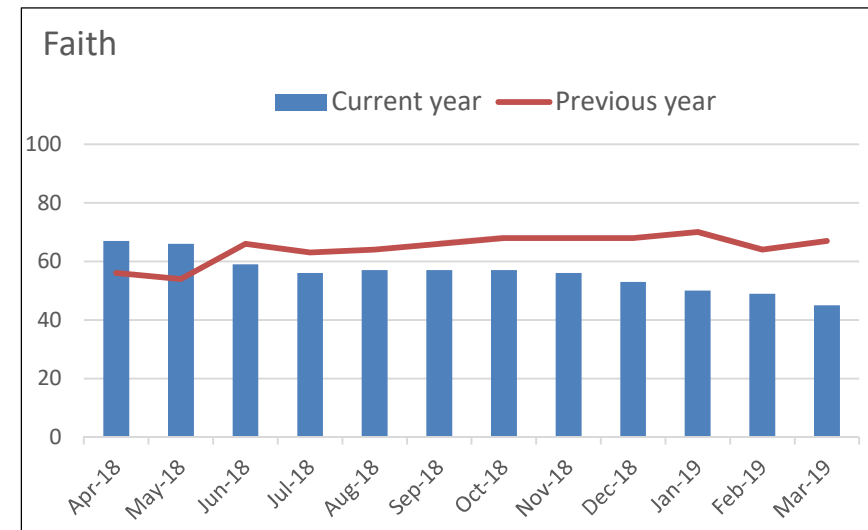
**Figure 15 – Disability hate crime**



Source: Mayor of London Hate Crime Dashboard

The number of faith hate crimes has been falling in Croydon over the past 12 months as Figure 16 shows. The average number of hate crimes, for any of the 12 rolling month periods in 2017/2018 was 65. This is now down to 56 for any rolling 12 month period in 2018/2019.

**Figure 16 – Faith hate crime**

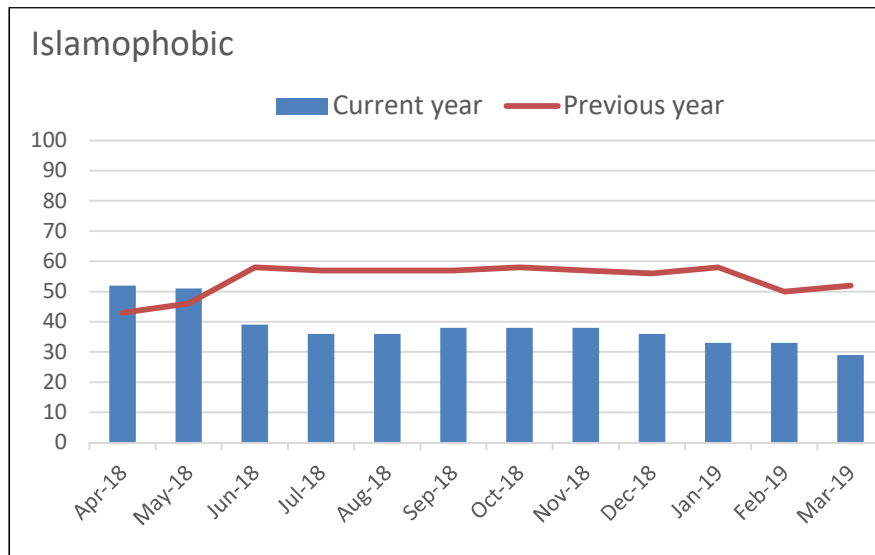


Source: Mayor of London Hate Crime Dashboard



The numbers of Islamophobia hate crimes were reported following concerns about an increase in this type of hate crime at the national level. Figure 17 clearly shows a decreasing trend compared to last year. In fact, the rolling monthly average throughout 2017/2018 was 54 and has dropped to 35 in 2018/2019.

**Figure 17 – Islamophobia hate crime**

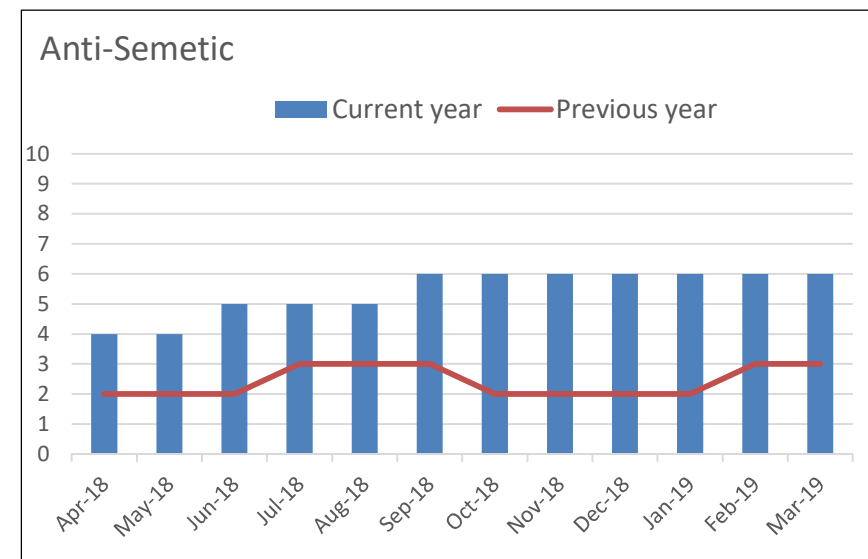


Source: Mayor of London Hate Crime Dashboard

All the uncertainty around BREXIT has contributed to a rise in the presence of nationalist groups and this, in turn, has led to a rise in the number of anti-semitic incidents reported to the Police.

Figure 18 shows that the number of these types of hate crime in Croydon has been increasing but fortunately, the numbers reported are still quite low with only 6 being reported in any given 12 month rolling period.

**Figure 18 – Anti-semitic hate crime**

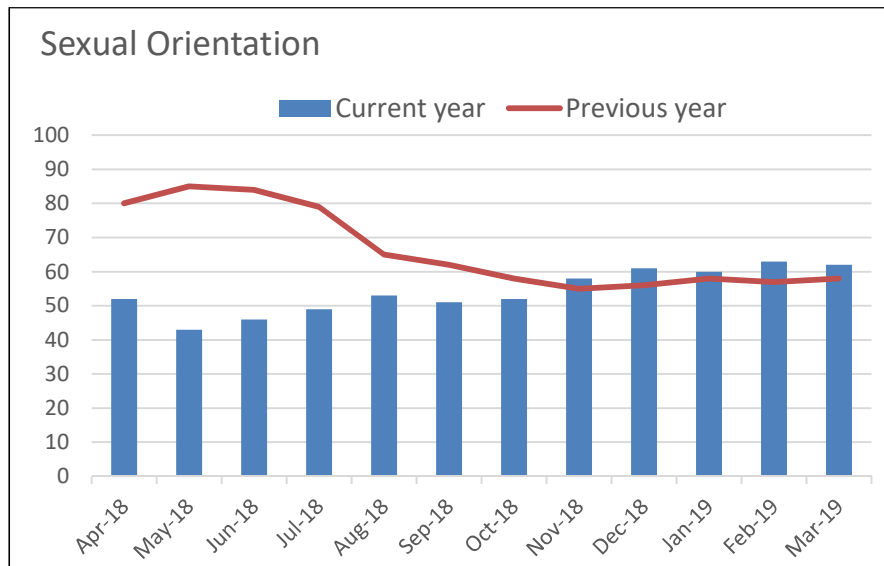


Source: Mayor of London Hate Crime Dashboard



There has been quite a high number of sexual orientation hate crimes reported to the MPS in Croydon each year. The figures have risen from a base of around 20-30 crimes in 2012/2013 to a figure of 62 in the 12 rolling months to 31.March 2019. The positive message is that the average number (54) in 2018/2019 is much lower than the average number (66) in 2017/2018.

**Figure 19 - Sexual orientation hate crime**

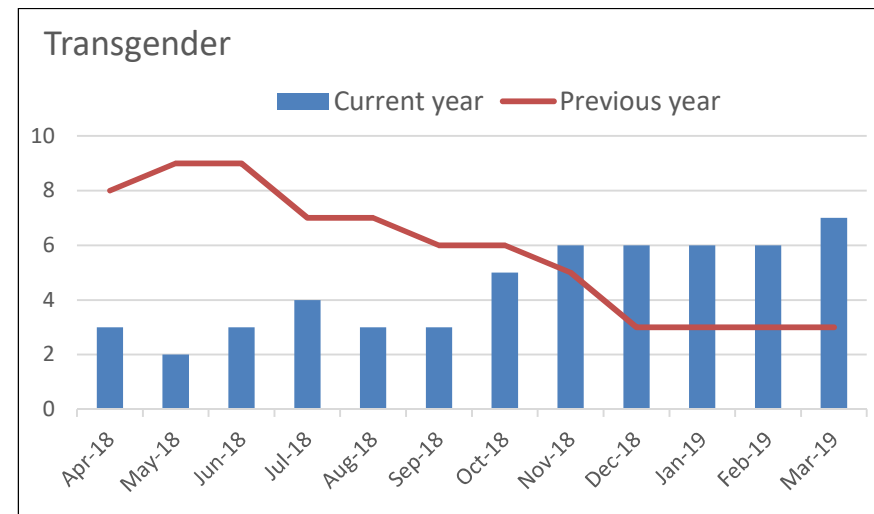


Source: Mayor of London Hate Crime Dashboard

Figure 20 shows that Croydon has seen an increase in the number of transgender hate crimes, particularly in the last 6 months of 2018/2019. That said, there have been fewer than

10 of these reported crimes in a population nearing 400,000 residents.

**Figure 20 – Transgender hate crime**



Source: Mayor of London Hate Crime Dashboard

## Domestic abuse and sexual violence

The Domestic and Sexual Violence dashboard has been developed from the Mayor's Violence against Women and Girls Strategy. It monitors the offences across London recorded by the Metropolitan Police Service.



## Domestic abuse

Croydon is in the top third of London councils for highest domestic abuse incidents with a rate of 18.2 per 1,000 of population for the 12 months rolling to 31. March 2019. The rate is lower than just Barking and Dagenham, Greenwich, Tower Hamlets, Hounslow, Haringey, Lewisham, Hackney and Newham.

Of the total victims of domestic abuse in Croydon, 76% were female. One in 3 (33%) of those subjected to domestic abuse were in the 25-34 year age band. 23% were in the 35-44 year band and 18% were in the 18-24 year band.

Of the victims, 47% were from the White community, 29% were from the Black community, 9% were from the Asian community and 13% were of unknown ethnic origin.

**Table 1 – Domestic Abuse - 12 months rolling to 31. March 2019**

	Number	Rate per 1,000 pop.
Domestic Abuse Incidents	141,921	18.2

Source: Mayor's DV and Domestic and Sexual Violence Dashboard

## Sexual Violence

The total number of Sexual violence crimes is made up of rape offences and other sexual offences.

The latest figures show that there have been 422 sexual violence (rape) crimes reported in Croydon which equates to a rate of 1.1 per 1,000 of population.

**Table 2 – Sexual Violence - 12 months rolling to 31. March 2019**

	Number	Rate per 1,000 pop.
Rape Offences	485	1.3
Other Sexual Offences	537	1.4
Total Sexual Offences	1,022	2.7

Source: Mayor's DV and Domestic and Sexual Violence Dashboard

Of the total victims of sexual offences in Croydon, 86% were female. Over half (53%) were aged under 24 years of age. Of the victims, 49% were from the White community, 26% were from the Black community, 7% were from the Asian community and 17% were of unknown ethnic origin. 41% were victims of rape and 59% were victims of other sexual offences.

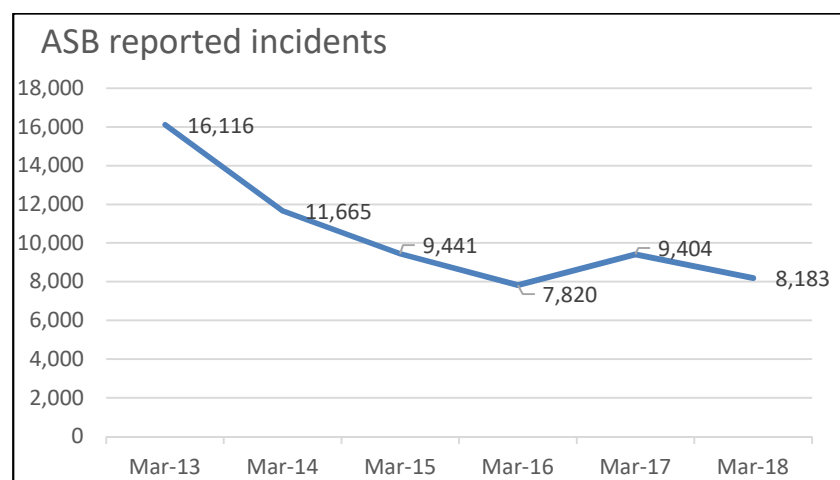


## Antisocial behaviour

Despite a recent fall in the number of antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents recorded in Croydon, the number was still over 8,000 as at 31. March 2018.

The most common types of antisocial behaviour reported to the Police were rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour and malicious or nuisance communications. Communal area nuisance and harassment were the most common antisocial behaviour reported to the council.<sup>35</sup>

**Figure 21 – Reported ASB in Croydon**



Source: Safer Croydon Partnership

<sup>35</sup> Croydon Strategic Assessment 2013 p22-23.

## Youth Offending

The latest data from the Youth Justice Board shows that there were 1,152 proven offences committed by children (10-17 year olds) in Croydon during the year ending 31. March 2018. This is an increase of 29% on the previous year.

By far the highest proportion of proven offences committed by children in Croydon is violence against the person. The latest figures show that one in 3 of all proven offences (32.3%) were of this type. Proven offences related to drugs were the second highest (16.8%) followed by robbery (7.6%), criminal damage (7.2%) and breach of statutory order (6.8%).

**Table 3 – The number of proven offences committed by children, years ending March 2014 to March 2018**

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Breach of statutory order	52	59	72	71	78
Criminal damage	49	39	67	48	83
Drugs	107	120	142	108	194
Motoring offences	33	29	51	62	70

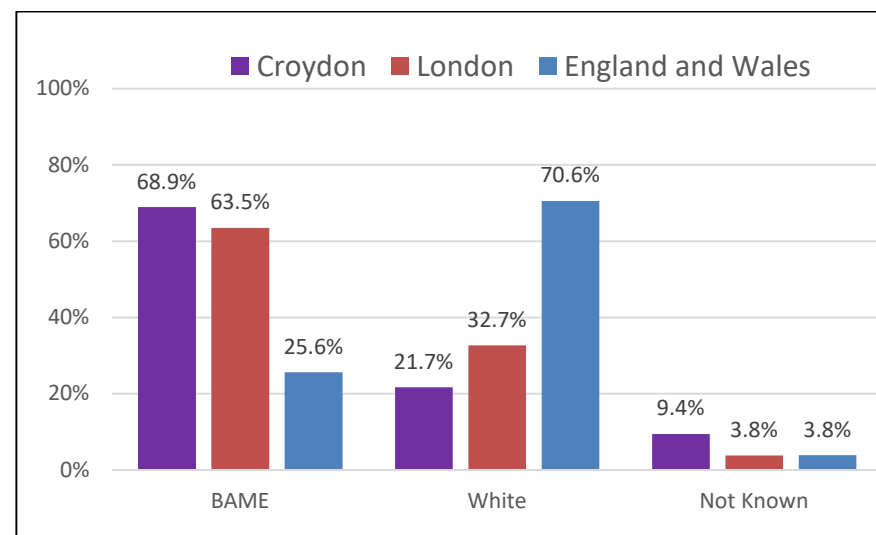


Other	29	25	15	27	10
Public order	46	35	52	53	68
Robbery	148	73	59	60	87
Sexual offences	19	7	20	22	14
Theft and handling stolen goods	128	141	91	77	68
Violence against the person	177	216	256	273	372
Breach of bail	15	17	28	20	19
Fraud and forgery	14	16	7	13	20
Arson	1	3	3		2
Breach of conditional discharge	3	4	5	5	8
Domestic burglary	31	11	10	7	14
Non domestic burglary	24	36	13	10	11
Racially aggravated	4	7	3	5	6
Vehicle theft / unauthorised taking	13	18	27	32	28
Not Known			2		
Grand Total	893	856	923	893	1,152

Source: Youth Justice Board

In Croydon, 88% of the youth offenders are male. There is a greater proportion of youth offenders, aged 10-17 years, who are from BAME backgrounds (68.9%). This is above the proportion of BAME offenders in London (63.5%). The proportion for England and Wales is much lower at 25.6% for the same period.

**Figure 22 - The percentage of children and young people in the youth justice system who received a youth caution or court conviction for the year ending March 2018**



Source: Youth Justice Board





There continues to be a disproportionately high percentage of young people from a Black or Black British background amongst the first time entrants in Croydon.

The most common offences committed by first time entrants in Croydon are violence against the person, drug offences and theft and criminal damage.

### Adult and Juvenile Re-Offending

Over the past few years, there has been an increase in the number of offenders of both adult and juvenile age. Conversely, re-offending rates have been decreasing. From 2012/2013 to 2015/2016 the proportion of adult offenders who reoffend has steadily been dropping from 30.2% to 26.6%. This downward trend has been the same for juveniles with a change from 51.9% to 49.2% over the same period.<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> Ministry of Justice, Proven re-offending overview data tool.



## Environment and transport

### Areas of progress

- ✓ Carbon dioxide emissions continue to fall.
- ✓ Croydon has one of the highest rates for the reuse, recycling and composting of household waste in London.
- ✓ The number of road traffic collisions in Croydon has increased for the second year running.

### Challenges

- ⚠ The number of road users killed or seriously injured (KSI) in Croydon has increased again.

### Overview

This section looks at a range of issues relating to the environment and transport including waste and method of travel to work.

- Environment
- Transport
- Substance Misuse
- Fire Services
- Fly-tipping

Croydon Council is committed to achieving a cleaner and more sustainable environment for our residents (Corporate Plan 2018-2022). This commitment is reflected in the Council's declaration in June 2019 that a climate and ecological emergency exists. The Council recognises that being sustainable goes beyond simply 'going green.' The principles of sustainability must be considered throughout everything we do including in the building of affordable quality, energy efficient homes, to the improvement of local infrastructure and transport and to encouraging local businesses to provide living wage paying jobs for local people.



Some actions the Council has taken to achieve a cleaner, more sustainable Croydon include:

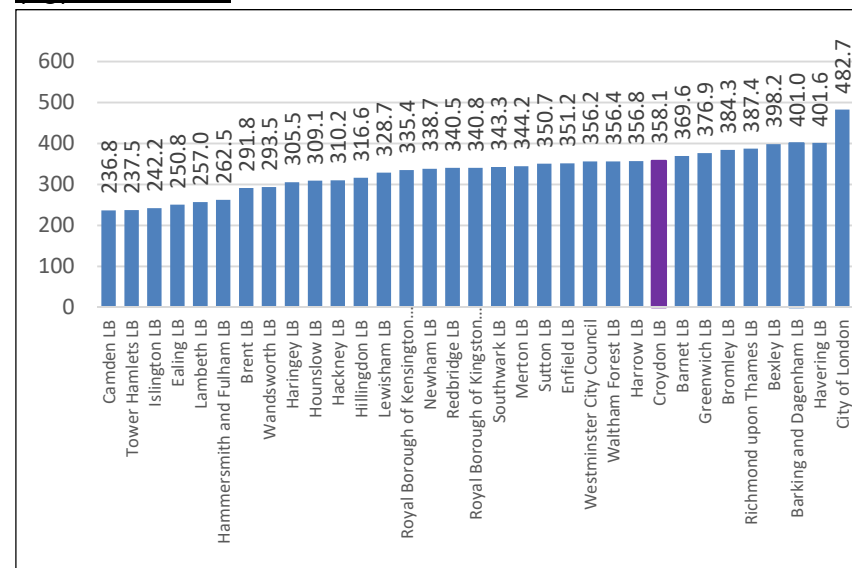
- The School Street Scheme, starting September 2019, which prohibits most vehicular transport at the start and end of the school day to improve air quality around schools and protect children from the harms of air pollution.
- A commitment to planting at least 700 trees per year (2018-2023).
- The continued work of the award-winning “Don’t Mess with Croydon” campaign which has been responsible for organising hundreds of litter picks in recent years to keep the borough clean.
- Communicating with partners including Transport for London to improve our infrastructure through potentially extending our tram network, improving train lines and increasing accessibility.

## Environment

### Waste

Croydon is in the top third compared to the rest of the London authorities for the amount of household waste collected per person as shown in Figure 1. In Croydon 358.1 kg was collected per person in 2017/2018.

**Figure 1 – Collected household waste collected per person (kg) 2017/2018**

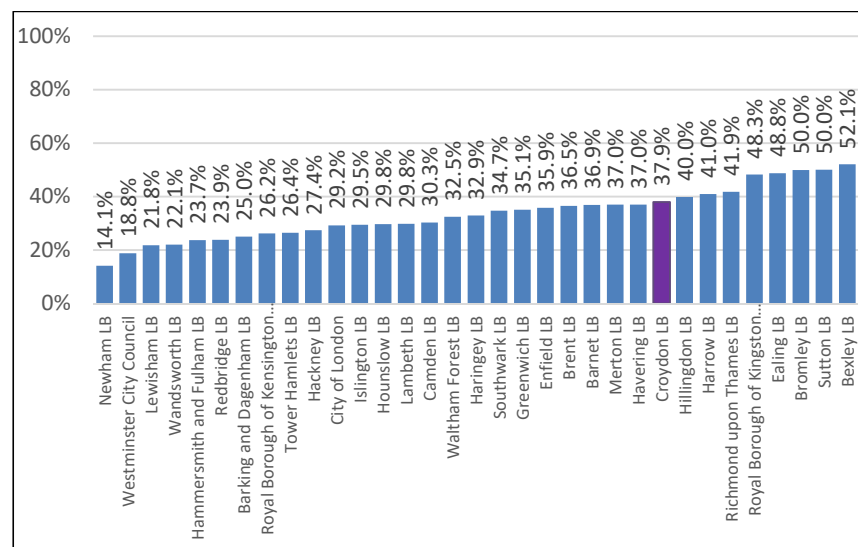


Source: Defra, Table 3 - Local authority collected waste statistics, 2017/2018.

Croydon is in the top quarter of London boroughs for reuse, recycling and composting. In 2017/2018, 37.9% of household waste was recycled in Croydon compared to the national average of 43.2% and the London average of 33.1%.



**Figure 2 – Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting 2016/2017**



Source: Defra, Table 3 - Local authority collected waste statistics, 2017/2018.

However Croydon sent 52.3% of its municipal waste to landfill. This is much higher than the 12.7% national average. The national average is influenced by the higher incineration rates in other local authorities.

<sup>37</sup> DECC, UK local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics: 2005-2016, updated 2018

## Air quality

Carbon dioxide emissions in Croydon have fallen steadily from 5.2 tonnes per person in 2005 to just 2.9 tonnes per person in 2016.

The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced from domestic, industrial and commercial, and transport sources have all decreased slightly over the 2005 to 2016 period.

This is part of a wider regional and national trend. In London emissions dropped from 6.3 tonnes per person in 2005 to 3.6 tonnes per person in 2016. Across England emissions fell from 8.7 to 5.4.<sup>37</sup> The London Borough of Croydon Air Quality Action Plan, 2012-2017 predicts that the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will continue to drop beyond 2025.

## Transport

### Travel to work

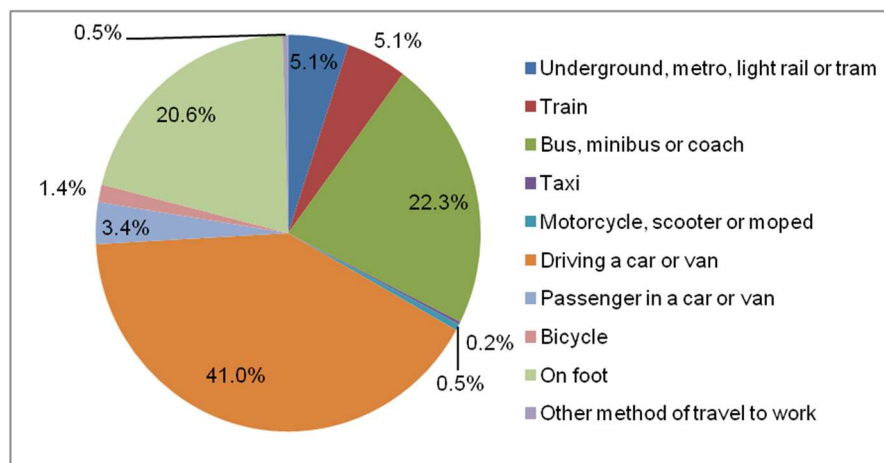
According to the 2011 Census, Croydon is a net exporter of workers. 54.8% of the 88,300 people who were recorded as working in Croydon in 2011 also lived in Croydon. However, this cohort only accounted for 34.4% of the 140,600 Croydon residents whose place of work was recorded.



The main methods of transport to work varied between those who lived and worked in Croydon, those who lived in Croydon but worked outside of the borough and those who lived outside of the borough but worked in Croydon.

Most of those people who worked in Croydon and also lived within the borough drove to work in a car or van, caught a bus, minibus or coach or walked to work, as Figure 3 shows.

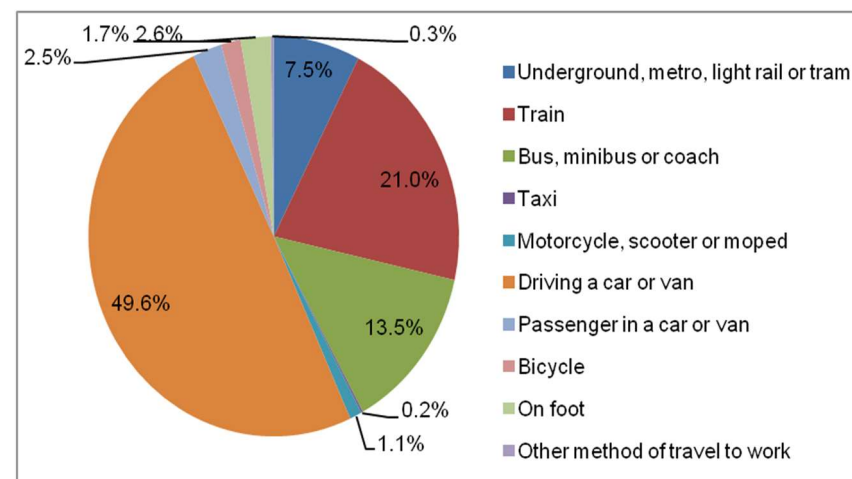
**Figure 3 – Method of travel to work for those who lived and worked in Croydon**



Source: ONS 2011 Census Table WU03UK

The method of travel to work for workers commuting in from outside of the borough was slightly different as can be seen from Figure 4. Nearly half of these workers drove to work in a car or van. Considerably more workers used trains to commute in and far fewer walked to work.

**Figure 4 – Method of travel to work for those who lived outside of the borough but worked in Croydon**

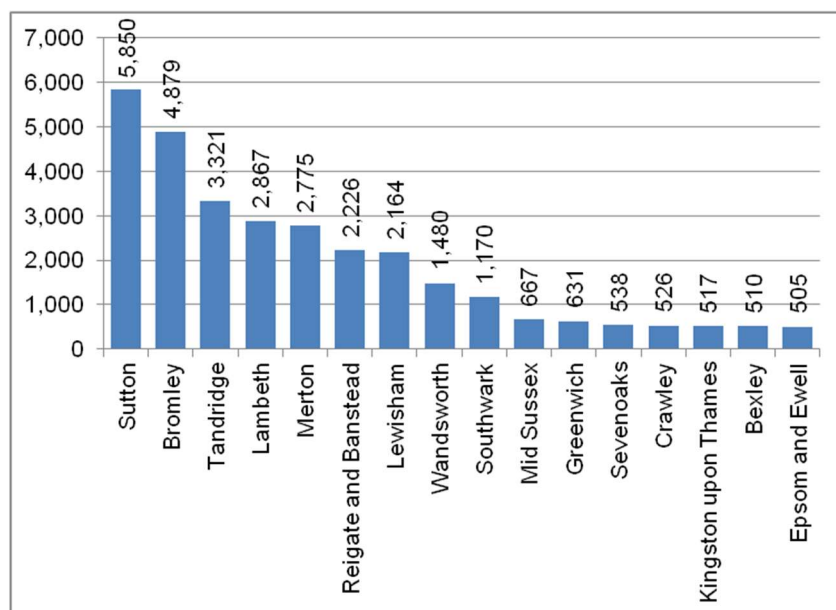


Source: ONS 2011 Census Table WU03UK

Figure 5 shows the main areas of residence for Croydon workers who lived outside of the borough. These areas include other London boroughs as well as districts in Surrey and Sussex.



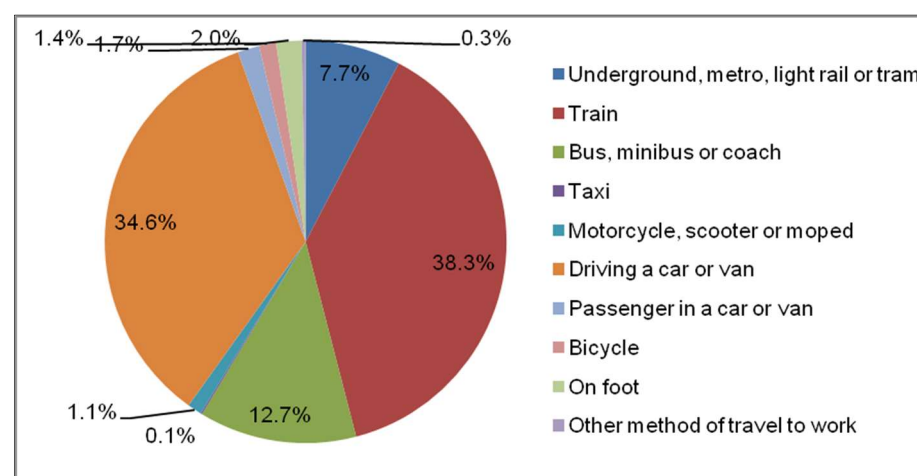
**Figure 5 – Main areas of residence for Croydon workers who lived outside of the borough**



Source: ONS 2011 Census Table WU03UK

For those Croydon residents who worked outside of the borough, train was the most common method of transport. Driving a car or van was less common but was still the main method of transport for nearly a third of these residents.

**Figure 6 – Method of transport to work for Croydon residents working outside of the borough**

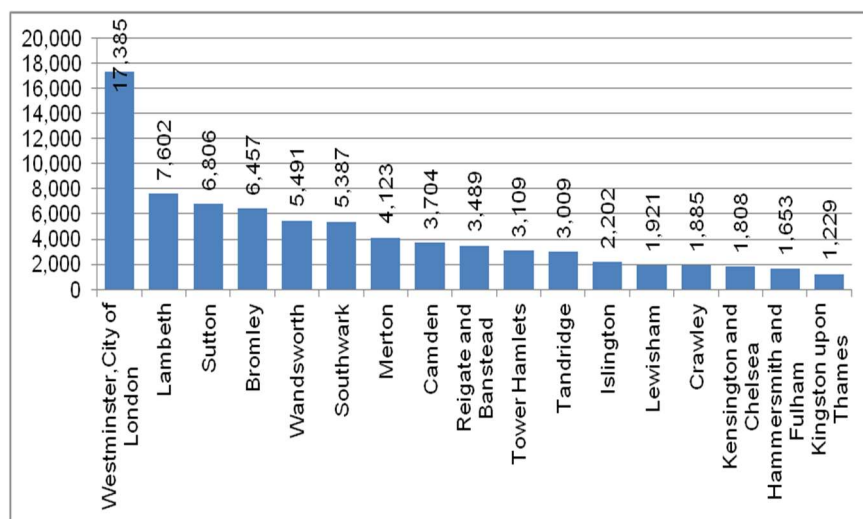


Source: ONS 2011 Census Table WU03UK

The majority of Croydon residents who work outside of the borough are commuting to other London boroughs as shown by Figure 7. This may explain the differences in the main mode of transport used by this cohort. Please note that Westminster and the City of London were merged by the Office for National Statistics for this dataset.



**Figure 7 – Main places of work for residents who worked outside of the borough**



Source: ONS 2011 Census Table WU03UK

## Walking and cycling

Although a significant proportion of Croydon residents who worked locally walked to work, the figures above show only a very small proportion of residents cycled to work. The Department for Transport collects statistics about general walking and cycling activity.

In the latest figures for 2014/2015 it was estimated that about 88.8% of residents in Croydon walked for over 10 minutes at least once a month. This was similar to the London average of 89.0% and the England average of 86.3%<sup>38</sup>.

The proportion of Croydon residents estimated to have cycled at least once a week during 2016/2017 was 7.6% compared to the London average of 12.6% and the national average of 11.9%. The Croydon and London figures are down on the previous year.<sup>39</sup>

## Availability of a car or van

The availability of a car or van in a household is often used as a proxy measure for how well households can access services and their wider community. In Croydon about a third of households in the 2011 Census were recorded as not having a car or van.

The 2021 Census may show a different picture as more young adults may be staying at home - not being able to afford to move out – yet being able to afford to buy cars instead of homes.

<sup>38</sup> Dft Walking and Cycling (local authority level), Table CW0105

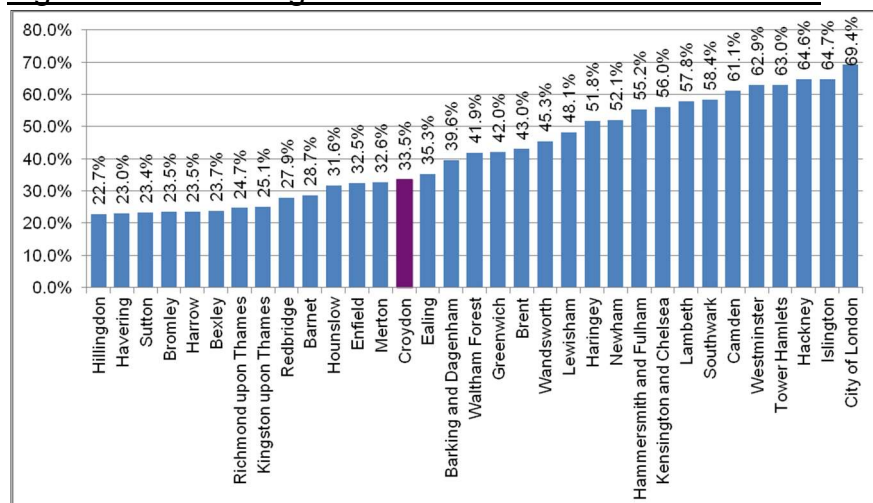
<sup>39</sup> Dft Walking and Cycling Statistics, Table CW0302





However, there is a clear pattern across London with households in Inner London being less likely to have a car or van than those in Outer London boroughs. It is likely that the good public transport links in Croydon influence these figures.

**Figure 8 – Percentage of households without a car or van**



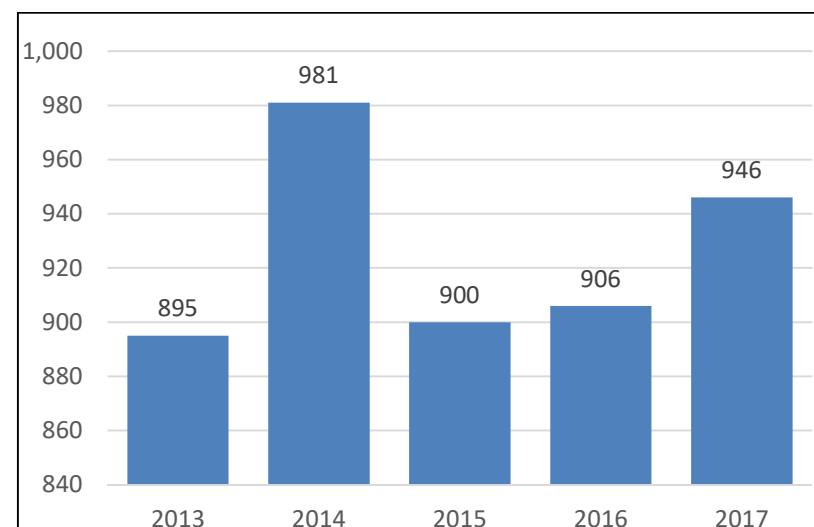
Source: ONS 2011 Census Table KS404EW

## Road Traffic Collisions

The number of road traffic collisions in Croydon has fluctuated over the last five years as shown by Figure 9. The 981 collisions in 2014 has been the highest number recorded over the last 5 years to 2017. The majority of these collisions only

involve slight injuries. There have been 5 fatalities in Croydon in both 2016 and 2017.

**Figure 9 – Number of road traffic collisions**



Source: DfT Road casualty statistics Table RAS10016

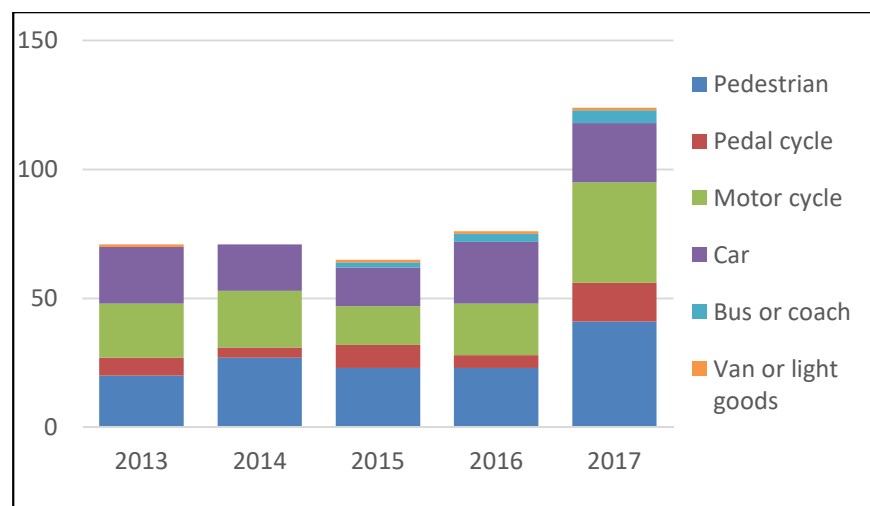
The number of road users killed or seriously injured (KSI) in Croydon in 2013 numbered 71. The latest figure for 2017 is 124 which has topped the highest figure of 107 in 2012.

Figure 10 shows the number of KSI casualties recorded over the past five years by the type of road user affected. For 2017 most casualties were pedestrians (41) followed by motor cyclists (39) and then cars (23).





Figure 10 – Number of KSIs by type of road user

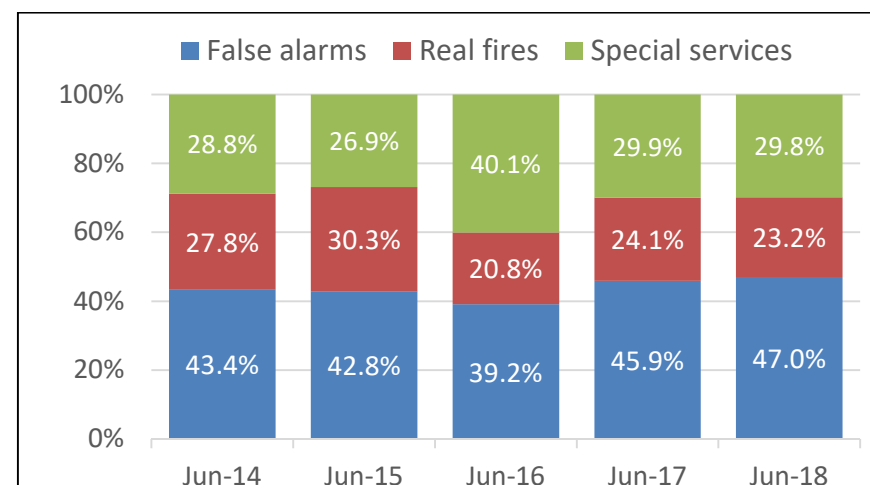


Source: DfT Road casualty statistics Table RAS30043

## Fire Services

The number of arson incidents reported in Croydon every June for the past 5 years has averaged around 323. The latest June 2018 number is down on the last 12 months at 332 incidents. Of these, only 1 in 4 (23.2%) were for real fires. Special services, which include services such as lift rescues, made up 29.8% of all reported arson incidents in Croydon with around a half (47.0%) false alarms, predominantly from automated fire alarm systems.

Figure 11 – Reported Fires in Croydon in the Month of June from 2014-2018



Source: LFB.

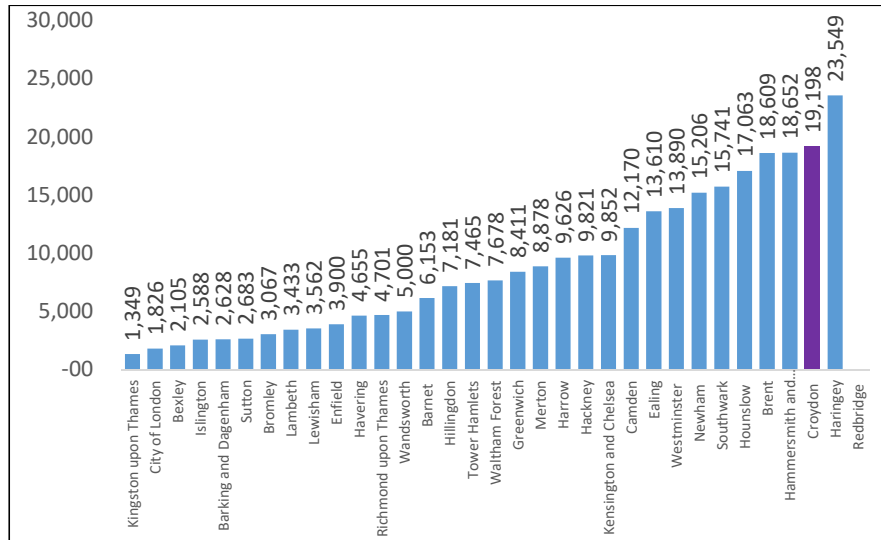
## Fly-tipping

In Croydon, there were 19,198 fly-tipping incidents reported in 2017/2018; this is a reduction on the 24,797 reported in the previous year 2016/2017. This may be due in part to the campaign to encourage the public to report fly-tipping.

The latest figures place Croydon in second place out of all London boroughs in terms of the highest number of reported fly-tipping incidents.



**Figure 12 – Number of fly-tipping incidents reported  
2017/2018**



Source: DEFRA, ENV24