

# Life Expectancy in Croydon

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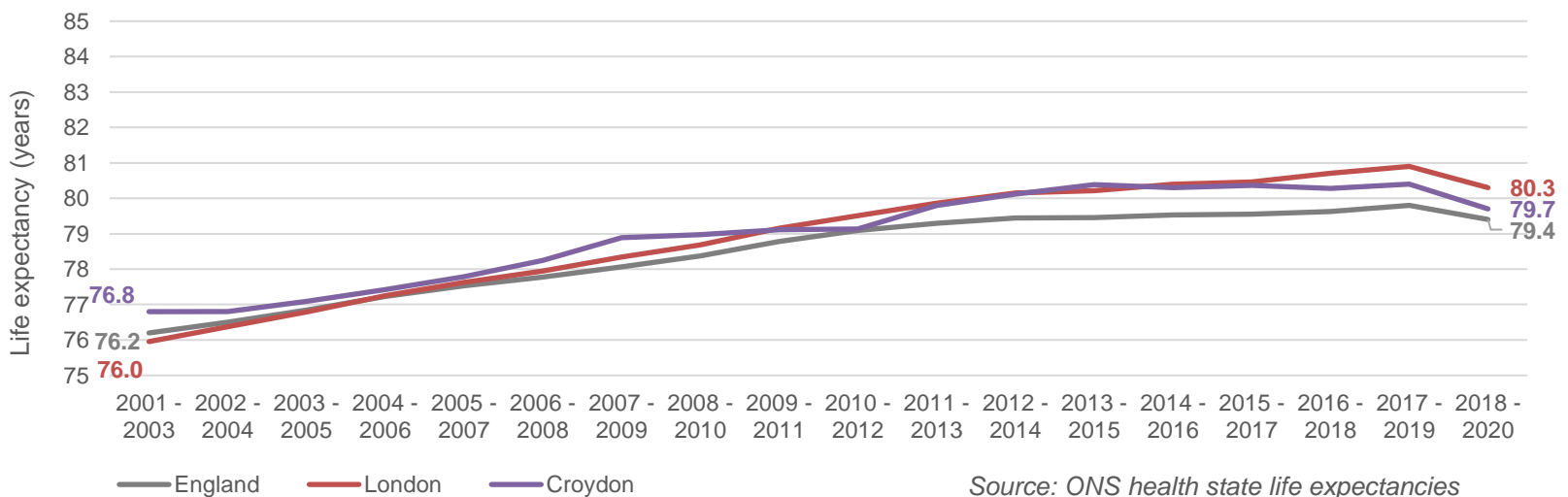
## Life Expectancy at Birth

Life expectancy has increased in the UK over the last 40 years, albeit at a slower pace in the last decade. However the coronavirus pandemic led to a greater number of deaths than normal in 2020. Consequently, in the latest estimates, we see no improvement in life expectancy for females locally compared to 2015 to 2017, both at 83.7 years, while for males in Croydon, life expectancy has fallen back to levels reported for 2011 to 2013, at 79.7 years.

These estimates rely on the assumption that current levels of mortality, which are unusually high, will continue for the rest of someone’s life. Once the coronavirus pandemic has ended and its consequences for future mortality are known, it is possible that life expectancy will return to an improving trend in the future.

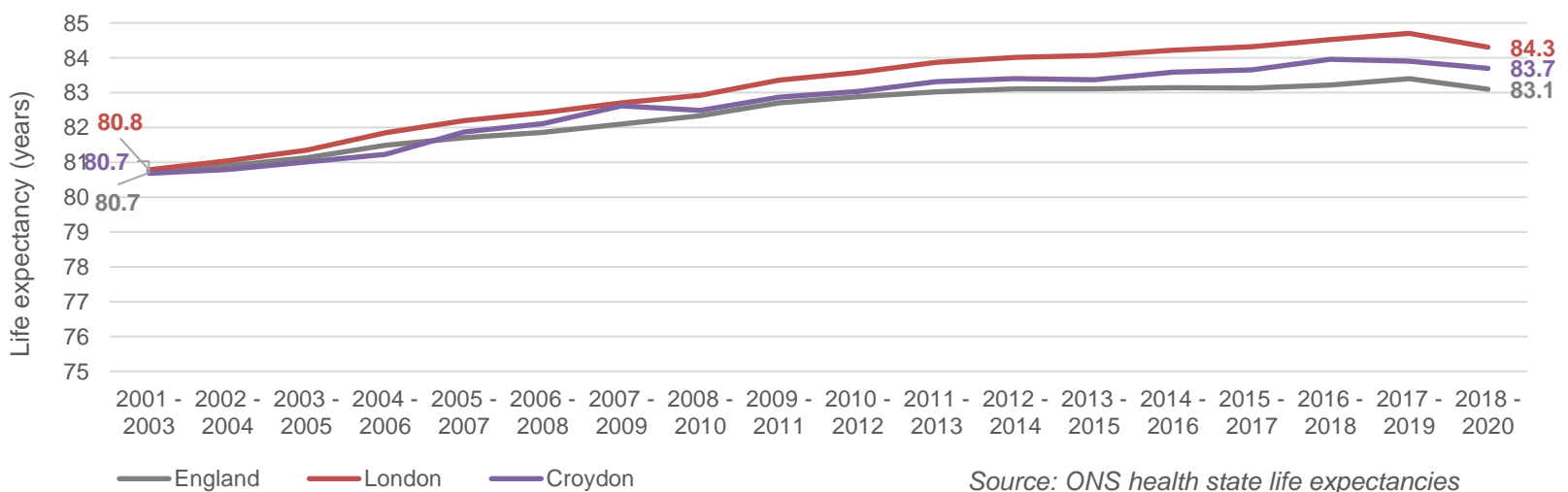
- > The gap between male and female life expectancy in Croydon is now 4 years, the largest gap since 2005-2007
- > Life expectancy at birth for males is now 79.7 years, an increase of 2.9 years since 2001-03

Life expectancy at birth, in males



- > Life expectancy at birth for females is now 83.7 years, an increase of 3 years since 2001-03

Life expectancy at birth, in females

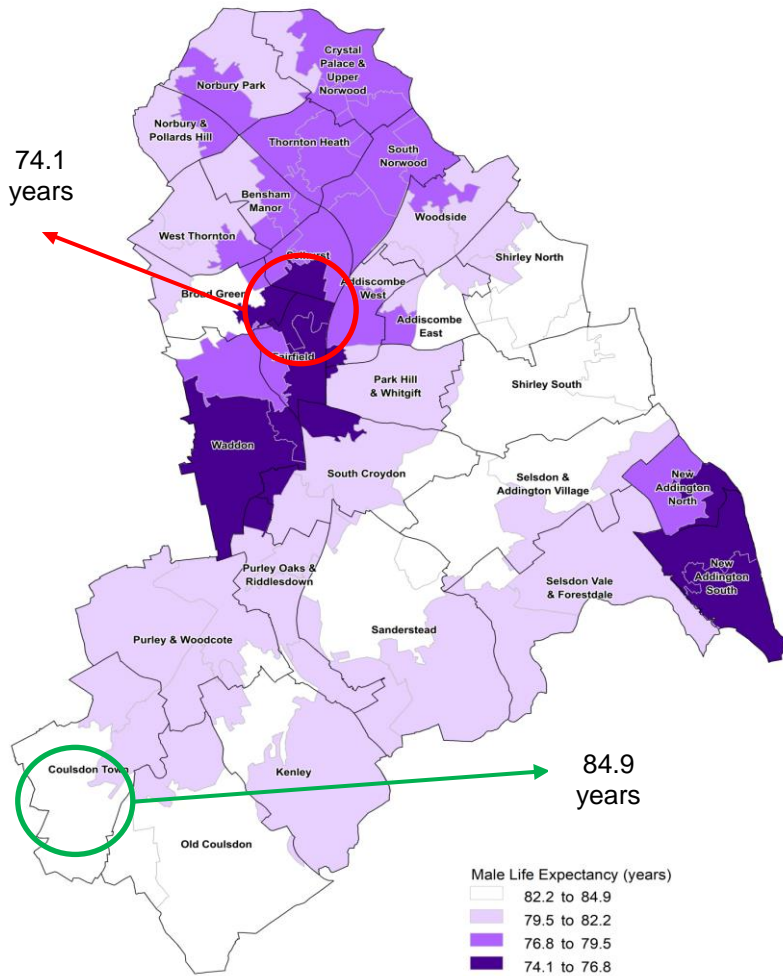


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Life expectancy at birth is different within different areas of Croydon.

Males and females with the highest and lowest life expectancies are not necessarily from the same areas.

Male Life Expectancy, 2016-2020

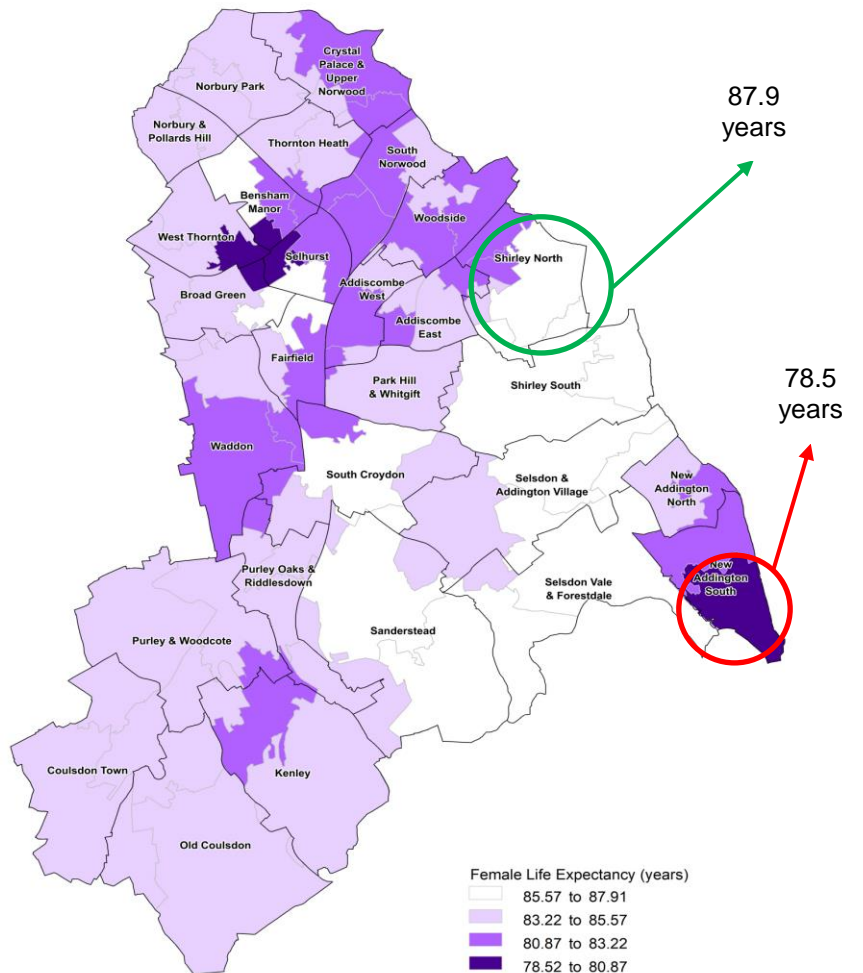


> In males, the small area with the highest life expectancy is within Coulsdon Town. The lowest small area crosses into Fairfield, Broad Green and Selhurst wards

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> In females, the small area with the highest life expectancy is within Shirley North ward. The small area with the lowest life expectancy is within New Addington South

Female Life Expectancy, 2015-2019



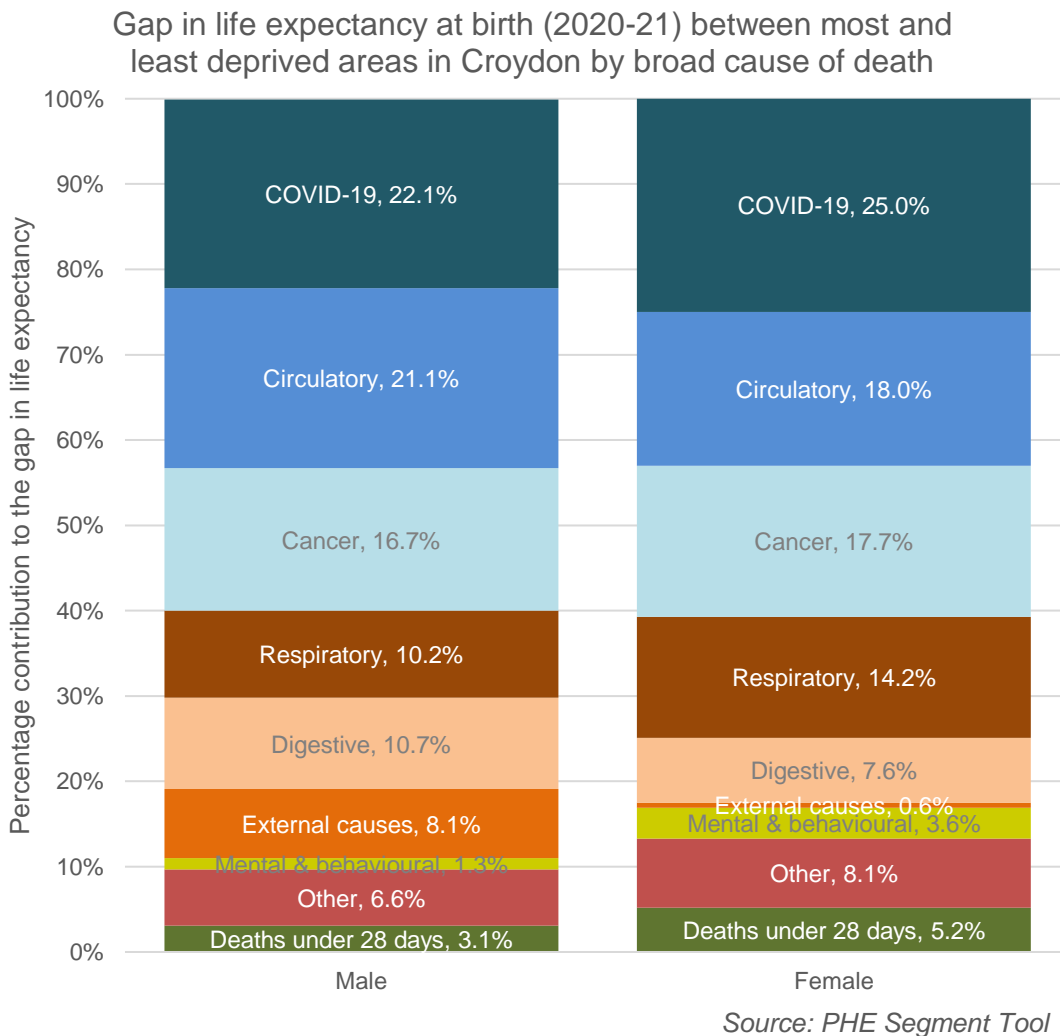
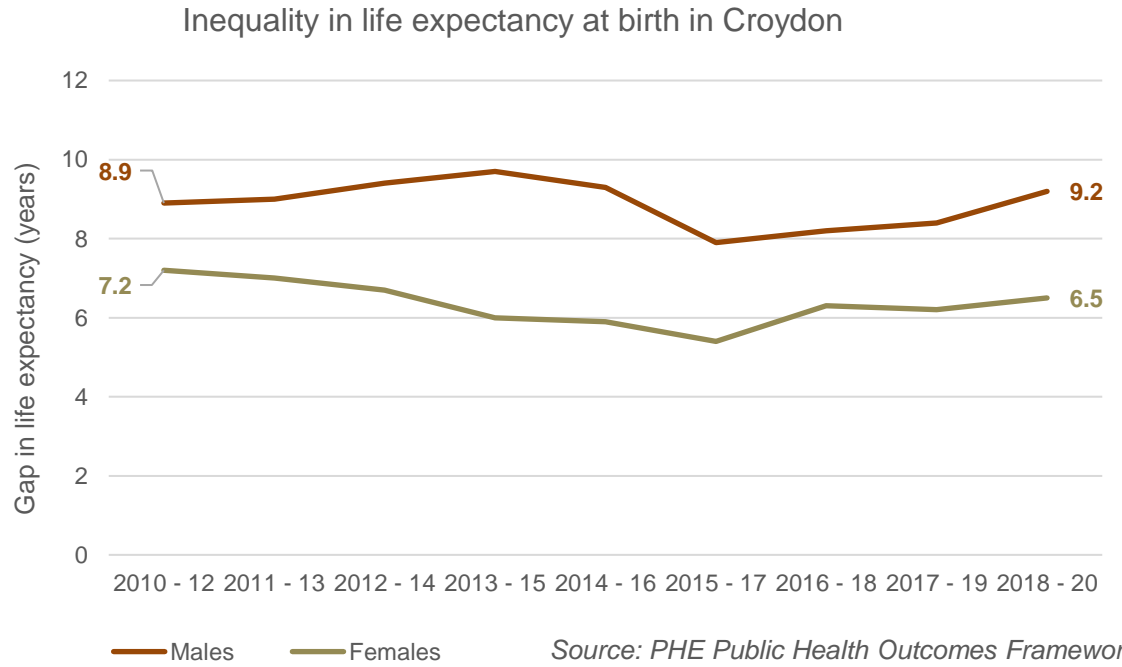
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## Life Expectancy in Croydon

### Inequality in Life Expectancy at Birth

The slope index of inequality looks into the differences in life expectancy across the whole range of deprivation and summarises this into a single number, showing how many years separate life expectancy within Croydon's most and least deprived areas.

- > The inequality of life expectancy within Croydon increased in both genders in the latest year
- > In females, the gap is now 6.5 years, 0.7 years less than 2010-12
- > In males, the gap is now 9.2 years, 0.3 years more than 2010-12
- > Croydon has the fifth largest inequality gap for males and seventh largest inequality gap for females in London



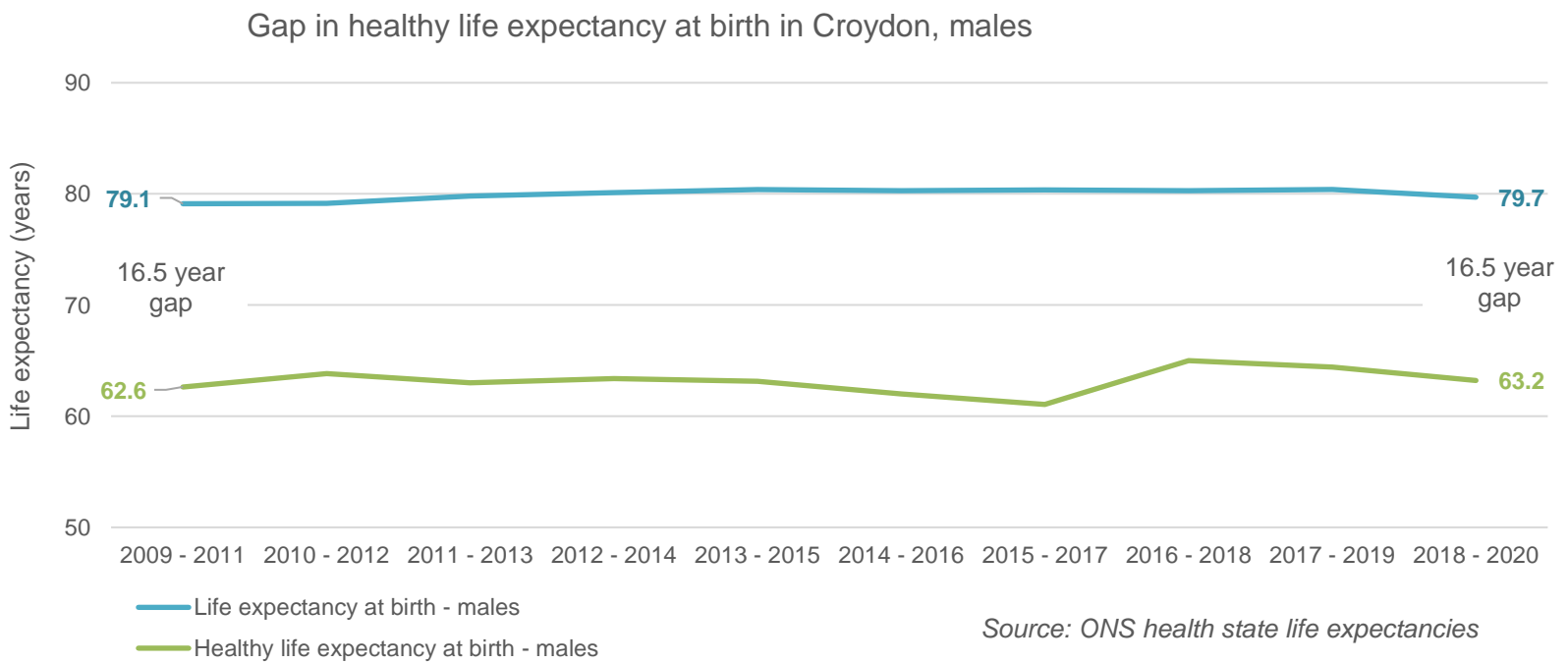
- > Covid accounted for the majority of the gap in life expectancy in males and females in Croydon, as across London.
- > Compared to London, the % contribution to the gap in life expectancy in males was higher for digestive causes (10.7% in Croydon compared to 6.4% in London) and external causes (8.1% in Croydon compared to 5% in London). The % contribution to the gap was lower for other causes (6.6% in Croydon compared to 11.9% in London).
- > Compared to London, the % contribution to the gap in life expectancy in females was higher for respiratory causes (14.2% in Croydon compared to 11.4% in London) and deaths under 28 days (5.2% in Croydon compared to 2.1% in London). The % contribution to the gap was lower for other causes (8.1% in Croydon compared to 10.5% in London).

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### Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth

Healthy Life Expectancy estimates the number of years live in 'good' or 'very good' health.

- > When healthy life expectancy does not rise in-line with overall life expectancy, this means that residents may be living for longer in poor health
- > There is a 1.8 year gap between male and female healthy life expectancy, an increase from the 3.1 year gap in 2009-11
- > Healthy life expectancy at birth for males is now 63.2 years, an increase of 0.6 years since 2009-11
- > Male residents in Croydon spend, on average, 79.3% of their lives in good health  
The gap between healthy life expectancy and life expectancy in males is 16.5 years



- > Healthy life expectancy at birth for females is now 62.4 years, a decrease of 3.3 years since 2009-11
- > Female residents in Croydon spend, on average, 74.6% of their lives in good health  
The gap between healthy life expectancy and life expectancy in females is 21.3 years

