## Somerset: Our County Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2017

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## SOMERSET'S JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) 2017

- Q. What is it?
- A. A statutory obligation so it's a 'must do'
- Q. What does it do?
- A. It looks at the health, wellbeing and social care needs of the *whole* population = data/qualitative
- Q. Who is it for?
- A. Ultimately, all of us....it's primary function is to inform commissioners



#### "...inside every old person is a young person wondering what happened." Terry Pratchett

Informal engagement (3) Individual interviews (4) Discussion groups (6)

Over 100 people involved



**Burnham on Sea Active Living Centre Priorswood Community Centre** Taunton Deane Sheltered Housing Forum Service Users' Engagement Group (social care) **District and County Councillors** Over 60s Health Fair at Junction 24 Somerset Engagement and Advisory Group members (CCG) Sedgemoor Older Persons' Forum The Men's Shed – Burrowbridge

+ four individual interviews

#### What does ageing well mean to you?

- "I want to feel well. I'm not worried about looks."
- "Still using the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained working into your retirement."
- "A **feeling** of good health but also accepting your restrictions......"
- "A sense of independence and safety."

Having a purpose, having a sense of community, feeling valued

#### What helps people to age well?

- "Community support or asking for help through support networks feeling you can **do** that."
- Laughter, sharing common interests, walking with other people
- Having the basics in place: heat, light, food, transport, companionship...." and hugs..."
- "Just having somewhere to meet and chat with people."

#### Socialising, community, personal resilience

#### What motivates you?

- "An attitude of mind, wanting to do it."
- Observing other people who are **not** ageing well
- Having grandchildren and wanting to watch them grow up
- The presence of husband/wife/partner
- Having something to look forward to.....

#### Keeping busy, taking an interest, family and friends – stimulation

#### What doesn't help people to age well?

- Bereavement/loneliness
- Caring responsibilities
- Transport (a key issue)
- Negativity of media across all generations ("When we were young we were wary, yes, but not fearful.")

#### Social and physical isolation, lack of confidence, negative media

#### Some additional points:

- Ageing referenced in terms of disability "Someone with Down's Syndrome may be 'ageing well' at 37."
- Housing for older people not allowing pets "....having a pet keeps you alive. A pet is like a friend...."
- A sense of 'blame' (again media driven).....e.g. pressures on the NHS, not downsizing/moving, generational conflict

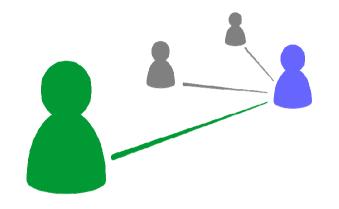
## **Implications for Commissioners**

## Promoting good health

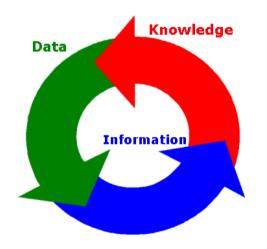
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## **Connected and independent**

- Self-help and short-term assistance to regain independence were commended.
- Recognizing the contribution and needs of family carers and the community could bring benefits to all.
- Good transport helps independence and social contact in town and country.
- New housing should take account of ageing and existing stock be adapted accordingly.
- Good work, including voluntary, is good. Employers should recognize older workers' contribution.



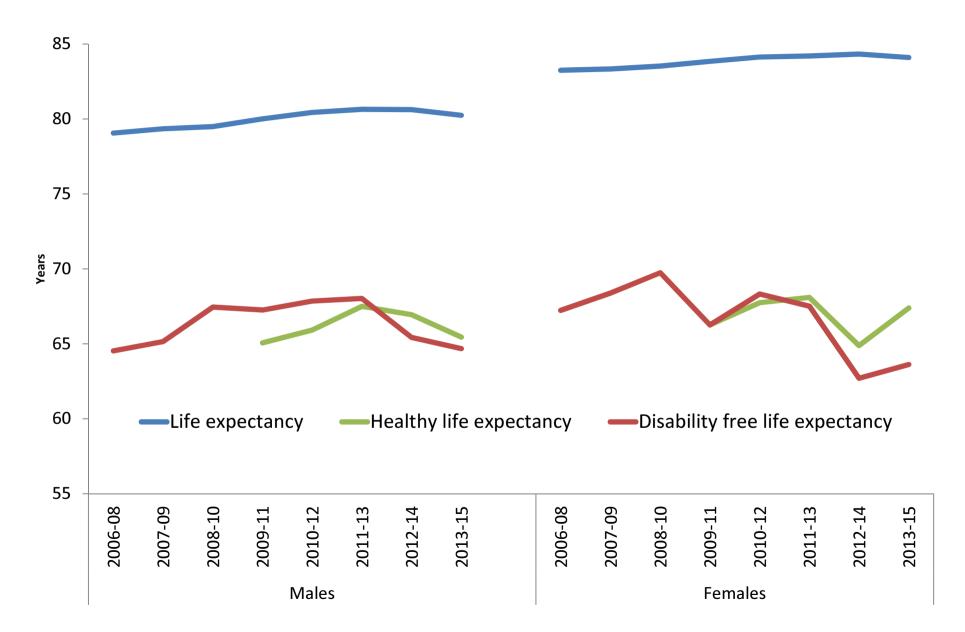
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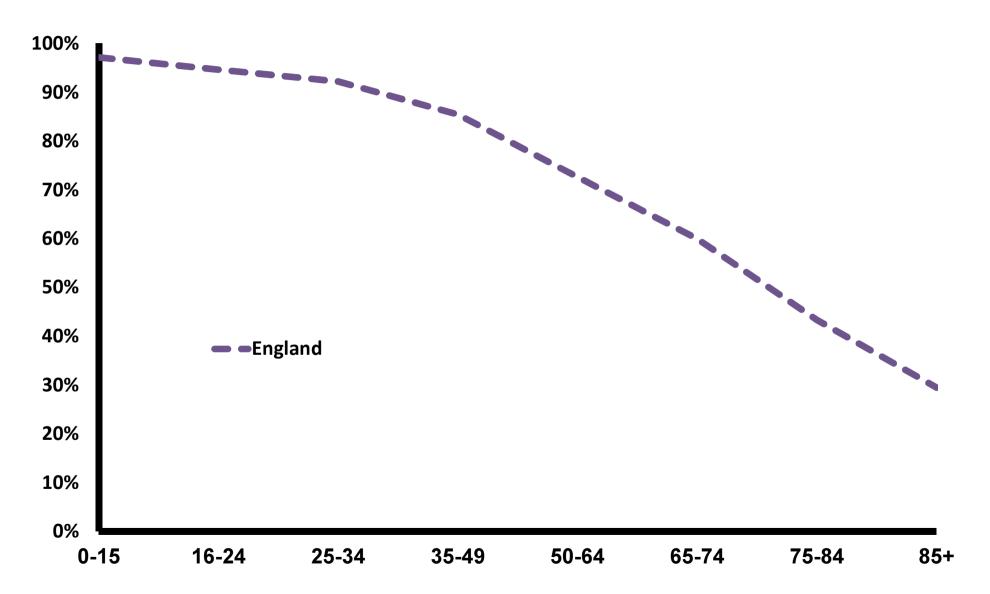
## <u>Healthy</u>

## Connected and independent

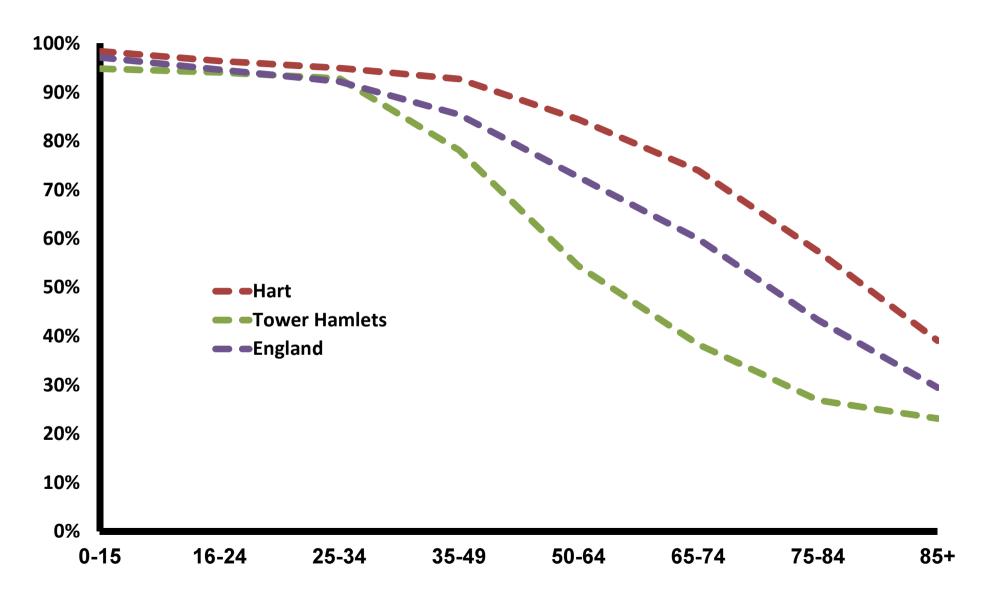
#### **Healthy Life Expectancy - Somerset**



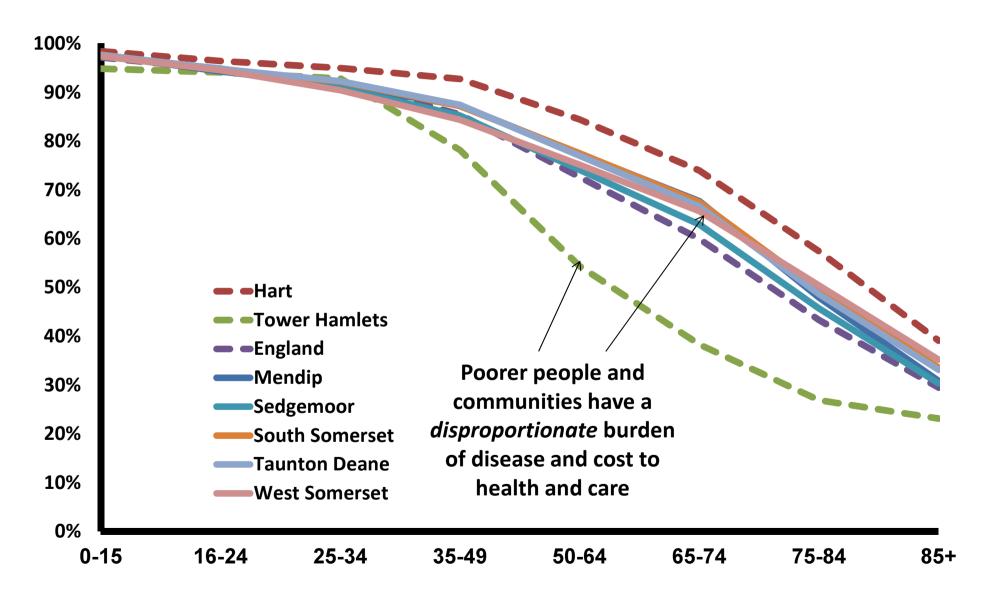
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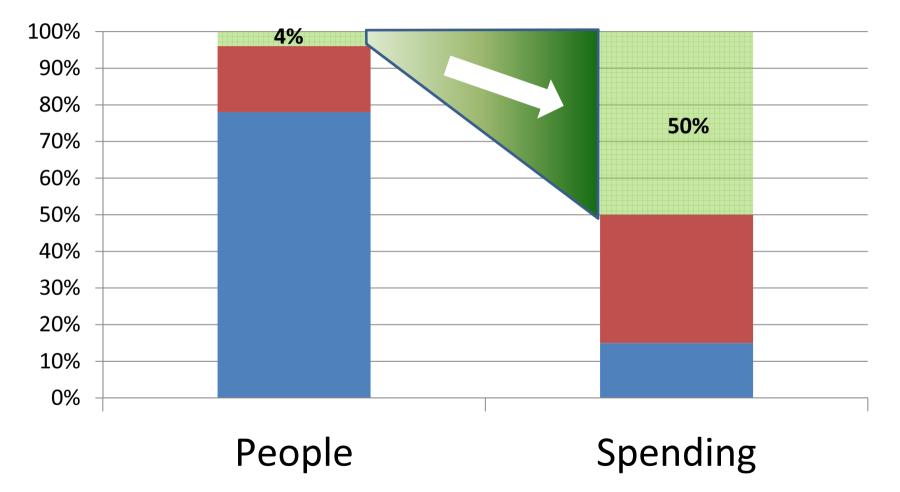
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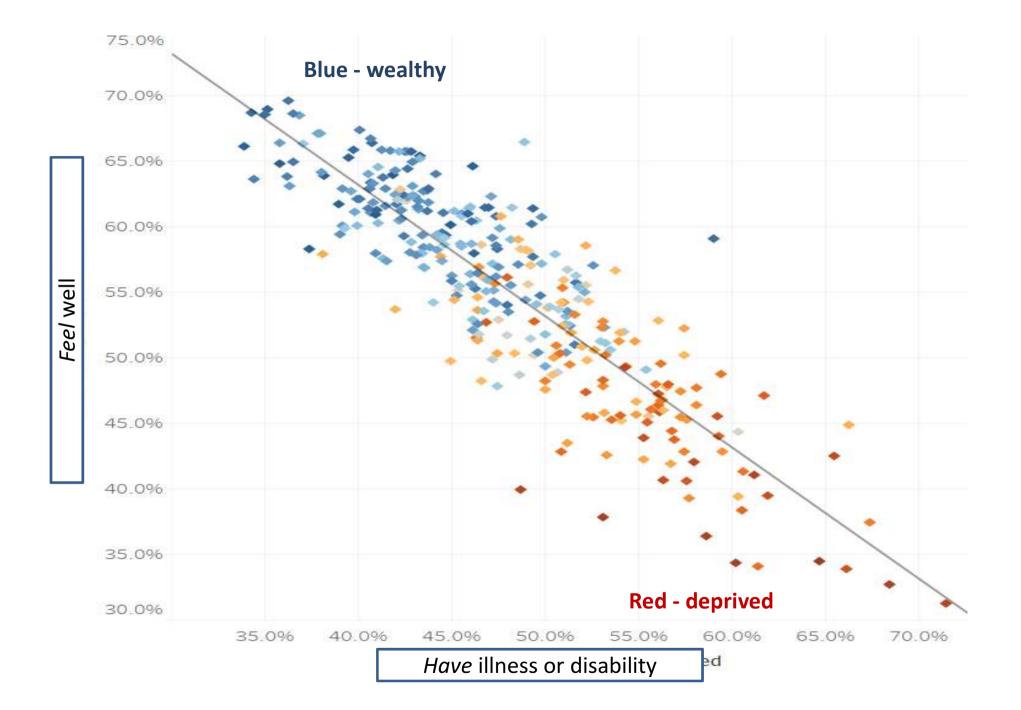


## Health and Care Spending (Symphony data)

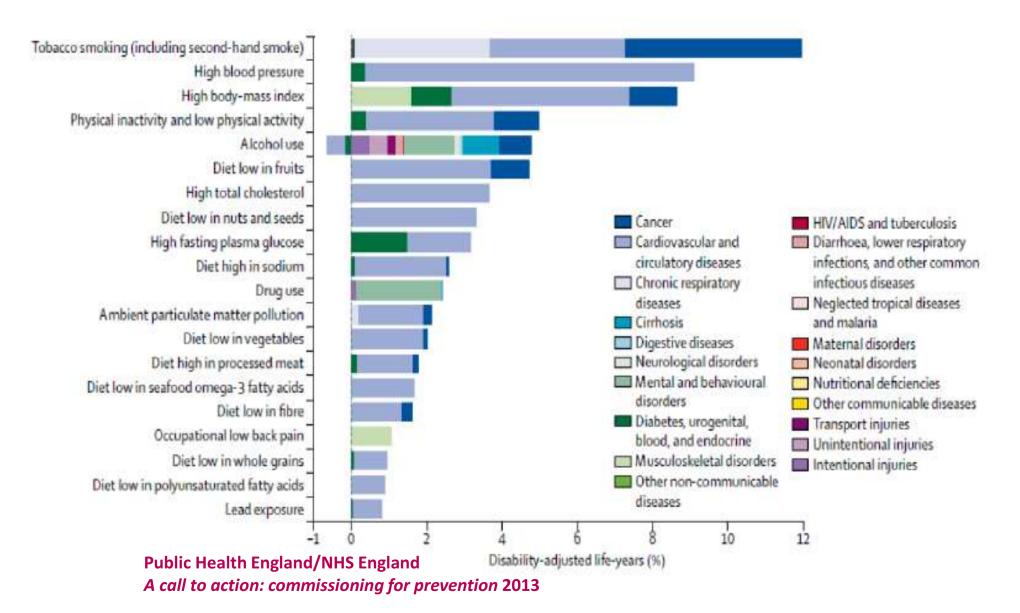


## <u>Healthy</u> (communities)

Connected and independent



### What to prevent?



## PREVENTION

#### Diet

- No junk food, cook your own
- During the war we had a limited diet, but wholesome. Food was from the land, you knew what was in it
- Eating smaller, healthier meals, 'but I am terrible sometimes, I binge on chocolate!'

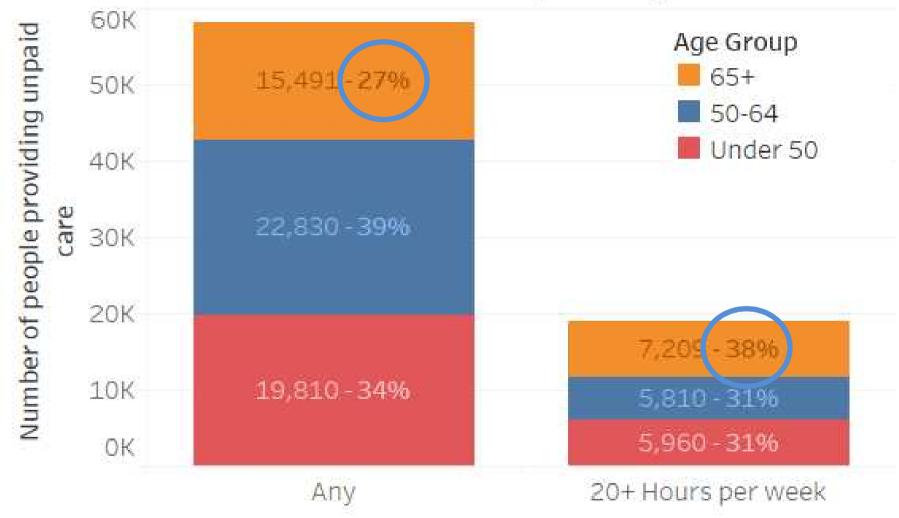
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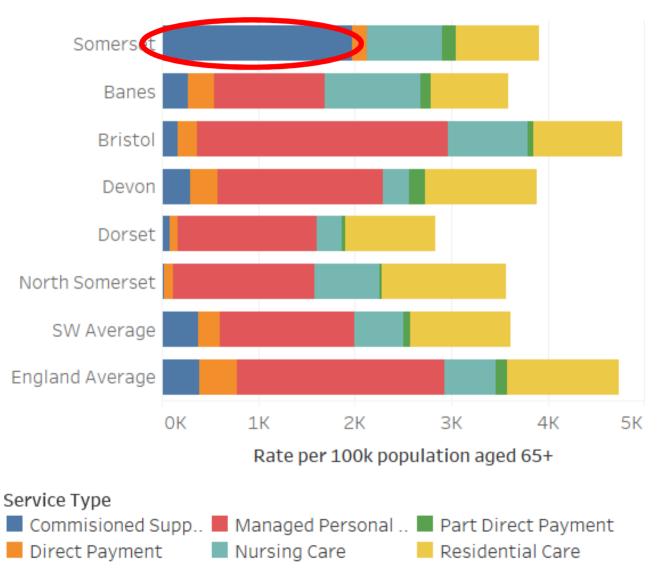
# HealthyConnectedandindependent

## Caring responsibilities

Amount of unpaid caring



# People 65+ receiving long term support at end 2014/15



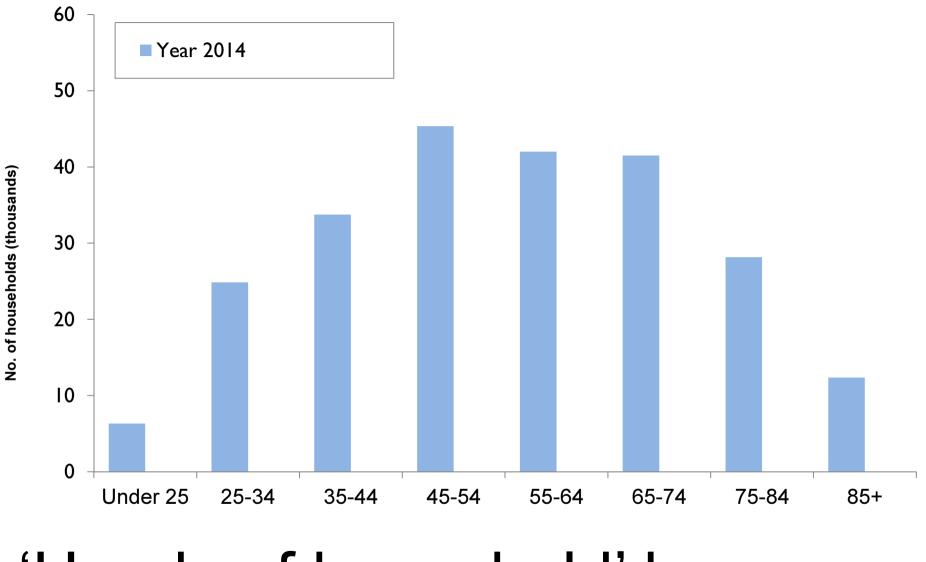
## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

#### Grace, 80 – Martock

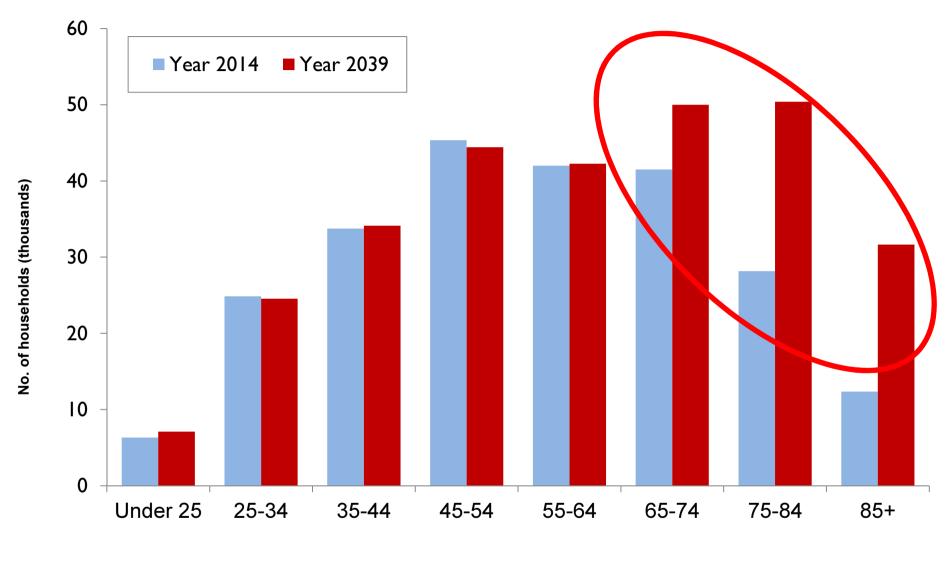
- She fell and spent time in hospital. Before, she was highly independent. After, she was fearful of going out and had become isolated and lonely.
- The GP asked the seniors' support coordinator to arrange a volunteer befriender, for visits once or twice a week.
- They started with a walk in the garden, slowly progressing to the local shops. She is now confidently back walking to the shops, and has resumed her social life.

## Healthy

## <u>Connected</u> <u>and</u> <u>independent</u> (housing)



## 'Heads of household' by age



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(transport)

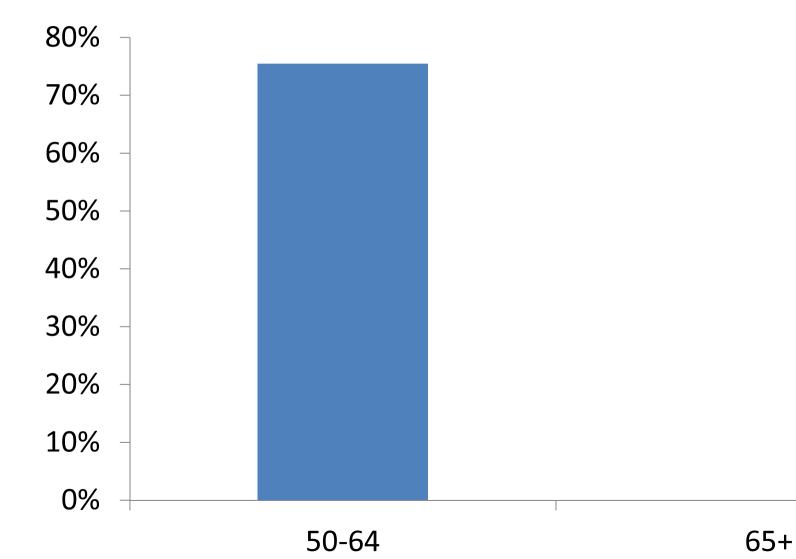
## TRANSPORT

- No transportation in Priorswood in the evenings
- Very difficult to get to Musgrove on the bus, for example from Street and Bridgwater

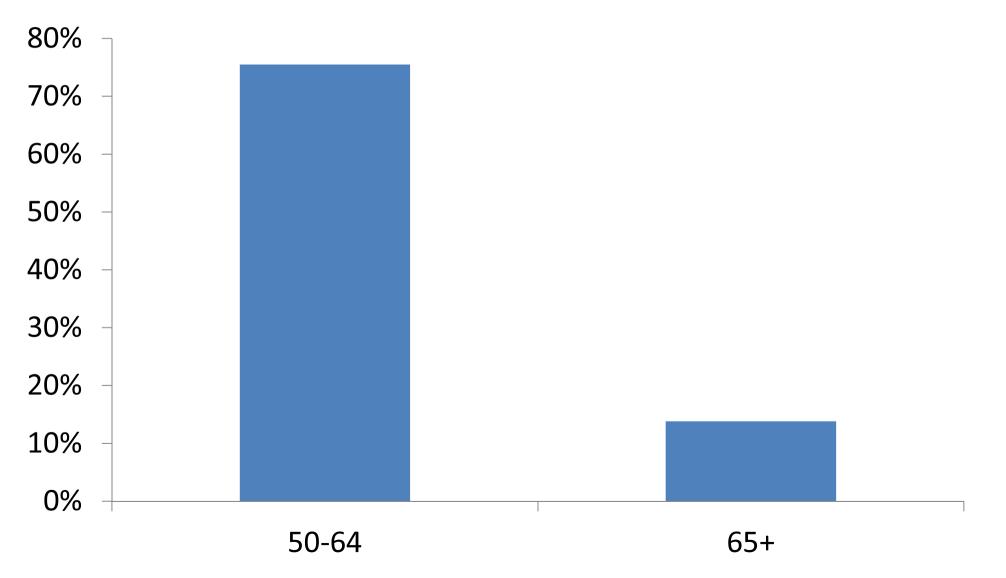
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## JSNA 2017-18 PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY (proposed)

- Communities
- Conditions and illnesses
- Behaviour change
- Inequality

- Wrong direction of travel
- Where we do badly compared to others
- Population groups