

FOCUSED WORK ON INCREASING LIFE EXPECTANCY: INVESTING IN LIFE PROGRAMME

The paper identifying the life expectancy gap between the 20 wards with the lowest life expectancy across East Sussex compared to rest of East Sussex led to the development of the 'Investing in Life' programme which focused initially on reducing vascular disease. The investing in life programme established targets aimed at increasing life expectancy both in the 20 wards and the rest of East Sussex and also a target on reducing the life expectancy gap.

The table below presents progress against these 3 targets and the final position which demonstrates that all targets were achieved.

Between 2003/04/05 and 2009/10/11:

- life expectancy in the 20 wards with the lowest life expectancy increased from 77.0 yrs to 79.2yrs
- life expectancy in the remainder of wards in East Sussex increased from 81.1 yrs to 82.8 yrs
- the life expectancy gap between the 20 wards with the lowest life expectancy and the rest of East Sussex has reduced from 4.0 yrs to 3.6 yrs.

	2003/04/05	2004/05/06	2005/06/07	2006/07/08	2007/08/09	2008/09/10	2009/10/11
TARGET Life expectancy in the 20 priority wards (yrs)	77.0	77.4	77.7	78.1	78.4	78.8	79.1
ACTUAL Life expectancy in the 20 priority wards (yrs)	77.0	77.5	78.2	78.6	78.8	79.1	79.2
TARGET Life expectancy in the remainder (wards)	81.1	81.3	81.6	81.9	82.2	82.5	82.8
ACTUAL Life expectancy in the remainder (wards)	81.1	81.6	82.0	82.1	82.6	82.6	82.8
TARGET Life expectancy gap	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6
ACTUAL Life expectancy gap	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.6

