

## Policy & Research Bulletin

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This bulletin presents a summary of the latest policy developments, at a national and regional level, of strategic relevance to Derbyshire. It incorporates Government announcements relevant to local government and highlights publications, guidance, live consultations and forthcoming events.

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## Guidance & Publications

### What is industrial strategy?

The LGiU has published a [briefing](#) which provides an overview of what industrial strategy is, together with a brief history of industrial strategy in practice. The briefing concludes with an overview of the possibilities for place-based industrial strategy, including a discussion of its risks and opportunities for local communities.

### Government plans to promote social mobility

The House of Lords Library has published a [briefing](#) which outlines the Governments plans to promote social mobility. The briefing also provides an overview of recent Government announcements in this area and concludes with a discussion of different views on social mobility.

### Homelessness prevention programme

The Department for Communities and Local Government has [announced](#) £40 million homelessness prevention programme. The programme will include a new £10 million rough sleeping prevention fund to help individuals who might be struggling to get by from ending up on the street. It will also provide rapid and targeted interventions for new rough sleepers, such as helping them to access employment and education opportunities.

Details of £20 million for local authorities to trial new initiatives have also been announced, responding to the specific needs in their communities and focusing on prevention at an earlier stage. These areas will work with a wider group of at risk people to help families and individuals before they reach crisis point – including through new resident advice services and outreach work with landlords and private sector tenants. A further £10 million Social Impact Bond programme has also been launched to help long-term rough sleepers who may be bouncing chaotically through the housing system – to address underlying issues such as poor mental health or substance abuse to help stop them from living on, and returning to, the streets.

### Brexit update October 2016

The LGiU has published a Brexit [briefing](#) which updates key issues such as parliamentary scrutiny, the economy, the role of local government in the debate and an analysis of the Brexit vote throughout the UK. The update includes:

- Legal and parliamentary update.
- The court case on the notification of withdrawal to the EU.
- Devolution, Brexit and growth.
- The economy.
- Analysis of the Brexit vote.
- Social cohesion and immigration.
- Scotland.

### Immigration policy after Brexit: what next?

The LGiU has released a [briefing](#) which suggests that, although public opinion polling found a large majority endorsing a reduction in immigration, a more detailed survey indicates that attitudes are more nuanced. The briefing finds that the impact of leaving the European Union, on local economies and services, and on cultural relations and integration, will emerge slowly. The briefing also finds that Local authorities will be concerned about the economic outcomes for their areas, for the resources

available for public services and for future social relationships. They will want to be involved, and to prepare for any changes that may occur.

## Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner: annual report 2016

The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner has published the first annual [report](#) which sets out the work undertaken during 2016. The report identifies future priorities which include:

- Victim identification and care.
- Driving an improved law enforcement and criminal justice approach.
- Promoting best practice in partnership working.
- Private sector engagement to encourage supply chain transparency and combat labour exploitation.
- International collaboration.

## Research & Statistics

### Public sector employment by parliamentary constituency

The House of Commons Library has released [data](#) which provides public sector employment, at a local level. The latest data, from the Business Register and Employment Survey, is for 2013 and shows public sector data based on employees in public corporations/nationalised bodies, central government and local authorities (excluding the armed forces).

[Quarterly data](#) for June 2016 is also available and reveals employment in local government was 2.196 million, representing a fall of 13,000 (0.6%) on the previous quarter and 72,000 (3.2%) on the previous year. Overall 5.3 million people in the UK were employed in the public sector in 2016, a fall of 15.5% on 2010. When comparing 2010 and 2016 public sector employment has fallen in all regions of the UK, however, the largest fall has been in the North East (21.4%). Across the East Midlands the data shows 395,000 people were employed in the public sector in 2010, this has decreased by 61,000 to 334,000 in June 2016.

Across Derbyshire available data shows:

	Number	% Total
Amber Valley	6,700	17%
Bolsover	4,500	11%
Chesterfield	12,700	27%
Derbyshire Dales	5,000	16%
Erewash	5,600	18%
High Peak	5,600	18%
Mid Derbyshire	3,000	13%
North East Derbyshire	4,600	18%
South Derbyshire	3,700	12%

### The gender pay gap – what is it and what affects it?

The ONS has published updated [statistics](#) which identify that the gender pay gap has fallen since 1997 but equally asks what is it and what can affect it? The report finds:

- The gender pay gap for full-time employees in 2016 was 9.4%.
- This means average pay for full-time female employees was 9.4% lower than for full-time male employees. This gap is down from 17.4% in 1997.

- The gap for all employees (full-time and part-time) has reduced from 19.3% in 2015 to 18.1% in 2016. This gap is down from 27.5% in 1997.
- The main factors explaining why women tend to earn less than men are part-time work, type of occupation and having and caring for children.

## Council Services

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#### Parental Bereavement Leave (Statutory Entitlement) Bill 2016-17

The House of Commons Library has published a [debate pack](#) produced for Second Reading of the Parental Bereavement Leave (Statutory Entitlement) Bill 2016-17.

The Bill would amend the Employment Rights Act 1996 to include a new Chapter with the heading 'Parental Bereavement Leave'. A new section in the Act would provide absence from work on leave under this section for the purpose of grieving for a deceased child and supporting the other parent or parents. Employees must be entitled to at least two week's leave. Provision for leave under the section must include a right to pay of at least £139.58 or 90% of weekly earnings, whichever is lower; this mirrors the rates of paternity, maternity and shared parental leave pay.

## Adult Social Care

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#### Care Act Statutory guidance

The Department for Health has published updated statutory [guidance](#) to support the implementation of part 1 of the Care Act 2014 by local authorities. Changes made to the Care Act guidance include:

- [Chapter 2: Preventing, reducing or delaying needs](#)
- [Chapter 6. Assessment and eligibility](#)
- [Chapter 8: Charging and financial assessment](#)
- [Chapter 9: Deferred payment agreements](#)
- [Chapter 23: Transition to the new legal framework](#)
- [Annex C: Treatment of income](#)

#### Homecare deficit explored

UK Home Care Association (UKHCA) has published a [report](#) which sets out the extent of under-resourcing of state-funded homecare using information obtained under Freedom of Information enquiries to all 211 councils in Great Britain and the Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland. The report provides average prices paid by individual councils, England's nine government regions and Wales, Scotland and by the Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland. The UKHCA recommend that a minimum price of £16.70 per hour for homecare is paid.

Derbyshire is one of the highest paying council's in the country with a rate of £16.68 per hour and above the average for both the East Midlands (£14.78) and England (£14.66).

## Brexit and the future of migrants in the social care workforce

Independent Age has published a [report](#) which looks at future workforce shortages in adult social care in England to take account of the EU referendum result. The report considers the impact of post-Brexit immigration changes on the social care workforce and looks at a number of potential scenarios including:

- Around 1 in 20 (6%) of England's growing social care workforce are EEA migrants, equating to around 84,000 people. Further, more than 90% of those EEA migrants (78,000) do not have British citizenship – meaning they could be at risk of changes to their immigration status following Brexit.
- In a zero net migration scenario, the social care workforce gap could reach just above 1.1 million workers by 2037. This means that there would be 13.5 older people for every care worker – compared to a ratio of seven for every care worker today. This is a workforce gap which, by 2037, is around 70,000 workers larger than our worst predictions in pre-EU referendum analysis.
- In a (more likely) low-migration scenario, where the sector remains as attractive as it is today, but the Government delivers on its commitment to reduce levels of net migration, there will be a social care workforce gap of more than 750,000 people by 2037.
- Even in a scenario where there are high levels of migration and the care sector becomes more attractive, the social care gap will be as big as 350,000 people by 2037. The implications of a social care workforce gap of between 350,000 and 1.1 million workers for older and disabled people are clear – far fewer will be able to access the care they need to live meaningful, independent lives.

## Research & Statistics

### Report on the findings of the BASW England survey on members' experiences of implementation of the Care Act

The British Association of Social Workers has released a [report](#) following a survey which found the Act was helping to improve practice and make safeguarding personal. Social workers responding to the survey however said their ability to enhance people's wellbeing and achieve the goal of preventing, reducing or delaying need for care and support was limited by lack of resource. The findings also suggest the Act's biggest success is in ensuring a more personal approach to safeguarding, with 46% agreeing this has been achieved. Four out of ten respondents believed the Act has helped them improve their practice compared to less than two out of ten who said it hadn't.

## Children's Services

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### Children arriving from France

The East Midlands Council has [reported](#) that the current situation regarding the resettlement of Asylum Seeking Children from France remains very fluid but with estimated national numbers being 350+, it would not be unreasonable to anticipate approximately 40 children being resettled to the East Midlands.

The EMC stated that this is in addition to the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (SVPRS), Asylum Dispersal and wider UASC responsibilities; responsibilities that impact upon both tiers of Local Government and add further pressure to an already difficult situation, particularly given previously highlighted funding, safeguarding and capacity concerns (e.g. care provisions and housing availability).

## Can grammar schools work for everyone?

The LGiU has published a [briefing](#) which looks at the recent parliamentary debate on grammar schools and considers:

- Historic evidence which suggests that selection does not work in the interests of the disadvantaged.
- The work of the Sutton Trust and Kent County Council on ways that access to grammar schools could be improved.
- Analysis from Education Datalab that suggests current ideas for improving access to selective schools may not work.

## Youth investment fund

The LGiU has published a [briefing](#) which looks at the £80 million fund launched in September 2016 to support England's youth sector giving young people in disadvantaged communities the best start in life. The briefing looks at how half the funding will go to Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE) organisations in 34 disadvantaged communities up until 2020. There will be a bidding process to deliver quality youth projects. This initiative will be jointly funded by the Government and the Big Lottery Fund, each providing £20 million. The first projects are expected to be awarded funding in spring 2017.

A second £40 million has been allocated to provide ongoing support for the Step Up To Serve [#iWill youth social action campaign](#), with the Government and the Big Lottery Fund again investing £20m each by the end of 2020.

## New belongings programme: evaluation

The Department for Education has published a [report](#) which provides an independent evaluation of the New Belongings programme which looks to improve services for young people leaving care. The report looks at:

- Introduction: background and methodology.
- Starting points: local authorities and the New Belongings programme.
- New Belongings in action.
- Progress in local authorities during the New Belongings year.
- What facilitated progress in the New Belongings local authorities?
- Conclusion and recommendations from the New Belongings Programme.

## Research & Statistics

### Pupil absence in schools in England: autumn 2015 and spring 2016

The Department for Education has released [statistics](#) on pupil absence in primary and secondary schools in the autumn and spring terms of the 2015 to 2016 academic year. The overall absence rate across state-funded primary and secondary schools has decreased slightly from 4.5% in autumn/spring 2014/15 to 4.4% in autumn/spring 2015/16. Overall absence rates have followed a generally downward trend over the past decade and have decreased by 2 percentage points since absence data was first collected at pupil level in autumn/spring 2006/07 when the overall absence rate was 6.4%. Absence due to illness has decreased from 2.9% of all sessions in autumn/spring 2014/15 to 2.7% in autumn/spring 2015/16. Illness remains the most common reason for absence, accounting for 62.2% of all absences.

## Consultation

### Consultation on reforms to the child elements of welfare support

The Department for Work and Pensions has launched a [consultation](#) on exemptions to reforms which limit the child elements in Child Tax Credit and Universal Credit to a maximum of two children from April 2017. This consultation seeks evidence and views to inform the detailed design of the four exceptions that have been announced, and their implementation. It is not a consultation on the policy itself.

**Consultation Closes on 27 November 2016.**

## Health & Communities

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### Involvement hub

NHS England has launched the [Investment Hub](#) which supports patients, carers, staff and the public who want to find out more about participation, both how to do it and how to get involved. The Hub is intended to be a source of information and resources which will help people to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence to get involved in the design and delivery of health services. The site also includes examples of good practice and links to learning and involvement opportunities.

### Suicide prevention: developing a local action plan

Public Health England has published a [report](#) as part of its ongoing programme of work to support the Government's suicide prevention strategy. The report advises local authorities how to:

- Develop a suicide prevention action plan.
- Monitor data, trends and hot spots.
- Engage with local media.
- Work with transport to map hot spots.
- Work on local priorities to improve mental health.

### Safer pregnancy awareness campaign

The Department of Health has launched the "Our Chance" [campaign](#) which aims to maximise women's chances of having safer pregnancies. The campaign includes [25 short films](#), featuring real-life stories from parents and healthcare professionals and covers a range of maternity issues which include:

- Attending antenatal appointments.
- The importance of mental health and seeking help early.
- Not smoking or drinking alcohol during pregnancy.
- Being aware of symptoms such as itching or swelling which might point to potentially harmful conditions such as pre-eclampsia or intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy.
- Being aware of reduced foetal movement.

### Sugar levy

The LGA has [announced](#) that the sugar levy on soft drinks should be administered by councils, who are best placed to work with schools and communities to fight childhood obesity. The LGA reports rather than schools receiving the funding directly, local authority public health teams would ensure

the money is invested where it is needed most. In a response to the Government's consultation on introducing a Soft Drinks Industry Levy as part of its new childhood obesity plan, the LGA states councils cannot be left out of deciding how and where it is spent.

## Sustainability and climate change: opportunities for PHE

Public Health England has published a [report](#) which outlines plans to adapt to environmental threats such as climate change and to reduce the impact on the nation's health. The report also provides an update on the progress made so far by the Sustainability and Climate Change Programme Board.

## Radicalisation: Common Select Committee report and its implications for local government

The LGiU has published a [briefing](#) which looks at recent report from the Home Affairs Select Committee which focuses on extremism affecting Muslim communities. The briefing considers the role of local authorities and its specific problems with powers and resources further explored.

## Community pharmacy reforms

The Department for Health has published a [report](#) which details the changes to the pharmacy sector and contractual framework from December 2016. The final package document explains the package of reforms, including changes to the community pharmacy contractual framework. The pharmacy access scheme document explains the eligibility criteria and rules of the scheme.

## The Arts Council investment

The Arts Council has published its [budget](#) for the 2013-22 investment period alongside the Applicant Guidance for the National Portfolio. A budget of £622 million per year will be made available across three main funding streams: the National Portfolio, Grants for Arts and Culture, and strategic funds.

- **National Portfolio** - A budget of £409 million will be available each year between 2018-22. This is to include £341 million of grant-in-aid and £68 million of National Lottery funding.
- **Grants for Arts and Culture** - The open access funding stream will see an increase in budget of £10 million per annum to £87.5 million during this investment round. The increase will help support the integration of museums and libraries, who will be able to apply to this funding stream for museums' activity for the first time. It will also continue to help support individual artists, community and cultural organisations.
- **Strategic funds** - Investment will remain broadly the same at £125 million per annum. The Arts Council's strategic funds will continue to address gaps in the sector, such as enhancing diversity and increasing the reach of art and cultural activity in areas with low levels of engagement.

## Consultation

### Review of gaming machines and social responsibility measures

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has launched a [consultation](#) regarding maximum stakes and prizes of gaming machines across all premises licensed under the Gambling Act 2005; the number and location of gaming machines across all licensed premises; and social responsibility measures to protect players and communities from gambling-related harm.

**Consultation closes on 4 December 2016.**

# Highways, Transport and Infrastructure

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### Funding for ultra low emission vehicles

The Department for Transport has unveiled £35 million [funding](#) to encourage the uptake of ultra-low emission taxis and give councils the opportunity to apply for funds to install chargepoints to be used by local taxi fleets.

A £7.5 million workplace charging scheme, due to be launched this autumn, will also be open to eligible private and public sector workplaces in the UK to support the installation of charging infrastructure for their staff and fleet use.

### Household recycling in the UK

The House of Commons Library has published a [briefing](#) paper which discusses UK trends in recycling and the applicable legislation at both EU and UK level. The briefing provides an overview of the EU circular economy proposals and explains recycling policy across the UK. The briefing also includes information on common barriers to recycling and local authority approaches to overcoming these barriers. A section on the possible impact of Brexit is also included.

### Flood risk management and funding

The House of Commons Library has published a [briefing](#) providing an overview of national flood defence spending, how flood defence funding works, and who manages flood risk in England.

### Neighbourhood Planning Bill: policy factsheets

The Department for Communities and Local Government has released [factsheets](#) which provide further background information on the measures within the Neighbourhood Planning Bill. The factsheets cover:

- Neighbourhood planning.
- Planning conditions.
- Planning register.
- Compulsory purchase.

### Four in ten British homes not up to scratch

Shelter has released a [report](#) which highlights that four in ten people (43%) in Britain live in homes which fail to meet the 'Living Home Standard', a new measure of what makes an acceptable home.

The research reveals that most homes fall below the standard due to the impact of high housing costs, with over one in four people (27%) in Britain living in homes which fail on affordability. Almost one in five (18%) live in homes which fail to meet the standard because of poor conditions, with problems including persistent pests, damp or safety hazards. The homes of almost one in ten people (10%) fail due to instability, largely driven by renters who feel they don't have enough control over how long they can live in their home.

### Overcrowded housing

The Department for Communities and Local Government has [announced](#) that minimum room sizes will apply to shared homes to help to clamp down on rogue landlords forcing tenants into unsafe and overcrowded homes. It is hoped that new measures will strengthen councils to tackle problem homes head-on and bring an end to landlords who exploit tenants and charge them extortionate rents to live in poor conditions.

## Tourism Growth

Visit England has published a [report](#) which reveals that latest figures show international visitors spent an extra £800 million across the nations and regions of Britain and domestic visitors spent an additional £97.2 million in England over the last year. The figures also show for inbound tourism to the UK in July increased 2% to 3.8 million compared to the same month last year, with spend up 4% to £2.5 billion. This continues a long-term pattern of growth which last year saw a record 36.1 million inbound visits to Britain and spend of £22.1 billion. Domestic visitors also spent more in England last year than ever before, with £19.6 billion spent by Brits on overnight trips, up 8% on 2014.

## Derbyshire Observatory

You can find all the latest data and statistics for Derbyshire on the [Derbyshire Observatory](#) or by following the links below:

[Economy and Skills](#)

[Health and Wellbeing](#)

[People and Place](#)

[Derbyshire Communities](#)

[Derbyshire Profiles](#)

[Health Profiles](#)

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## Recently Added

[Information](#) has been updated showing disposable household income per head of population at current basic prices (2014) across the county.

[Information](#) has been updated showing mortgages and landlord possessions (2015) across the county.

Co2 emissions - The latest data released shows that although the level of Carbon emissions in metric tonnes per capita for Derbyshire has fallen since 2010, the figure in 2014 (1.3) remains higher than England (1.2). More data can be found in the [Environment and Climate Change](#) section.

Customer Segmentation Infographic - A new infographic explaining [What is Derbyshire Customer Segmentation](#) has been added to the Observatory. The [Derbyshire Customer Segmentation](#) section contains more information about the Derbyshire Customer Segmentation model, along with maps, reports and factsheets.

[Local Economic Assessment](#) - The Derbyshire Economic Review aims to give a brief snapshot of the latest statistics and news on the Derbyshire economy both in a national and local context. This quarter the 'In Focus' section looks at the contribution being made by Derbyshire's manufacturing sector to the UK and local economies.

## Consultation

## Have Your Say

Visit [Have your say](#) where you can view details about Derbyshire County Council's current consultations, those carried out in the past and those planned for the future. Current consultations include:

Consultation	Started	Closes
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Improvements to Footpath 42 Crich between Main Road (B5035) and Whatstandwell Railway Station	08 August 2016	31 October 2016
Change to the age range of St Oswald's CE Infant School	7 October 2016	04 November 2016
Proposed changes to opening hours at the Derbyshire Record Office	26 September 2016	07 November 2016
Countryside service draft policy for working with community groups	30 September 2016	14 November 2016
2016 Social Value Strategy	26 September 2016	20 November 2016
Surface and drainage work to Hurstclough Lane	05 September 2016	28 November 2016
Work to the surface and drainage of Chapel-en-le-Frith byway	05 September 2016	28 November 2016
Proposal to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order at Stoney Middleton Byway	26 September 2016	12 December 2016
Bridleway bridges linking Jacksdale and Codnor Park, Ironville	08 August 2016	06 February 2017