**HEALTH**

**THE UK BY NUMBERS**

Our at-a-glance overview of the changing face of lifestyle, health and treatment in Britain today

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**GP consultations**

**Percentage of consultations by location**

Since 1995 home visits and consultations at a GP’s surgery have fallen, while the percentage of consultations by telephone has quadrupled. (Source: QResearch, University of Nottingham)

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**“The greatest wealth is health”** Virgil

- **24%**
  - In 2007, almost a quarter of adults were clinically obese. (Source: The Health and Social Care Information Centre – HSCIC)
- **48%**
  - Just under half of the population drank more than twice a week. (Source: Office for National Statistics – ONS)
- **24%**
  - In 2007, almost a quarter of respondents to the National Travel Survey reported that they took walks of at least 20 minutes less than once a year or never. (Source: HSCIC)
- **44%**
  - Those aged 20 to 24 reported the highest prevalence of smoking. (Source: ONS)
- **37%**
  - The number of death certificates in England and Wales mentioning methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) fell from 1,230 in 2008 to 781 in 2009. (Source: ONS)
- **16%**
  - Deaths involving SA (including those which did not specify methicillin resistance) fell by 16% from 1,500 in 2008 to 1,253 in 2009. (Source: ONS)

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**Drug-related admissions**

Hospital admissions in England where there was a primary diagnosis of drug-related mental health and behavioural disorders, by age group

Hospital admissions from drug-related mental health disorders are more than twice as likely to be from the 25-34 age group as from the 16-24 age group. (Source: NHS Information Centre)
Life expectancy

Within the UK, life expectancy varies by country. England has the highest life expectancy at birth, 78.0 years for males and 82.1 years for females, while Scotland has the lowest, 75.3 years for males and 80.1 years for females. Life expectancy at age 65 is also higher for England than for the other countries of the UK.
(Source: Office for National Statistics, November 2010)

Teenage conception

In 2008 the number of conceptions to women aged under 18 was 41,361 compared with 42,988 in 2007, a decline of 3.8 per cent. Nearly half (49.4 per cent) of conceptions to women aged under 18 in 2008 led to a legal abortion.
(Source: Office for National Statistics, November 2010)

Cigarettes consumed

Number of cigarettes consumed per person smoking per year
The British are relatively light smokers. (Source: World Health Organization)

Alcohol consumption

Equivalent pure alcohol consumption, litres per capita, age 15+ (2005)

In Western Europe the Irish consume the most alcohol per capita, followed by France. The UK is fourth, just behind Germany. (Source: World Health Organization)

Cancer survival

Five year survival % for adults (15-99 years) diagnosed with cancer
Breast cancer in women and prostate cancer in men remain the two most survivable types of cancer. (Source: Office for National Statistics)