

Hull PCT Health Outcome and Expenditure Comparison for Primary Care and Community Care 2009/2010

Key findings

- Spend on general medical services and patient medical services in Hull for 2009/2010 is lower compared to England, outside one standard deviation of the England average, which may require further investigation.
- Hull general medical services and patient medical services for 2009/2010 ranks 16th lowest for spend out of the 16 PCTs in the Industrial Hinterlands cluster.

Introduction

Programme budgeting is a well-established technique for assessing investment in health programmes rather than services. The purpose of this report is to provide an overall view of Hull PCT expenditure for primary care and community care programmes, one of the key priority goals set out for World Class Commissioning.

The Health Outcome and Expenditure Comparison Tool supplied by the Yorkshire and Humber Public Health Observatory and Department of Health highlights better/worse outcomes for spend across individual programmes relative to the England average, and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Industrial Hinterlands cluster rank for 2009/2010. However, there is no specific outcome available in the comparison tool for primary and community care programmes.

Figure 1: Hull programme spend

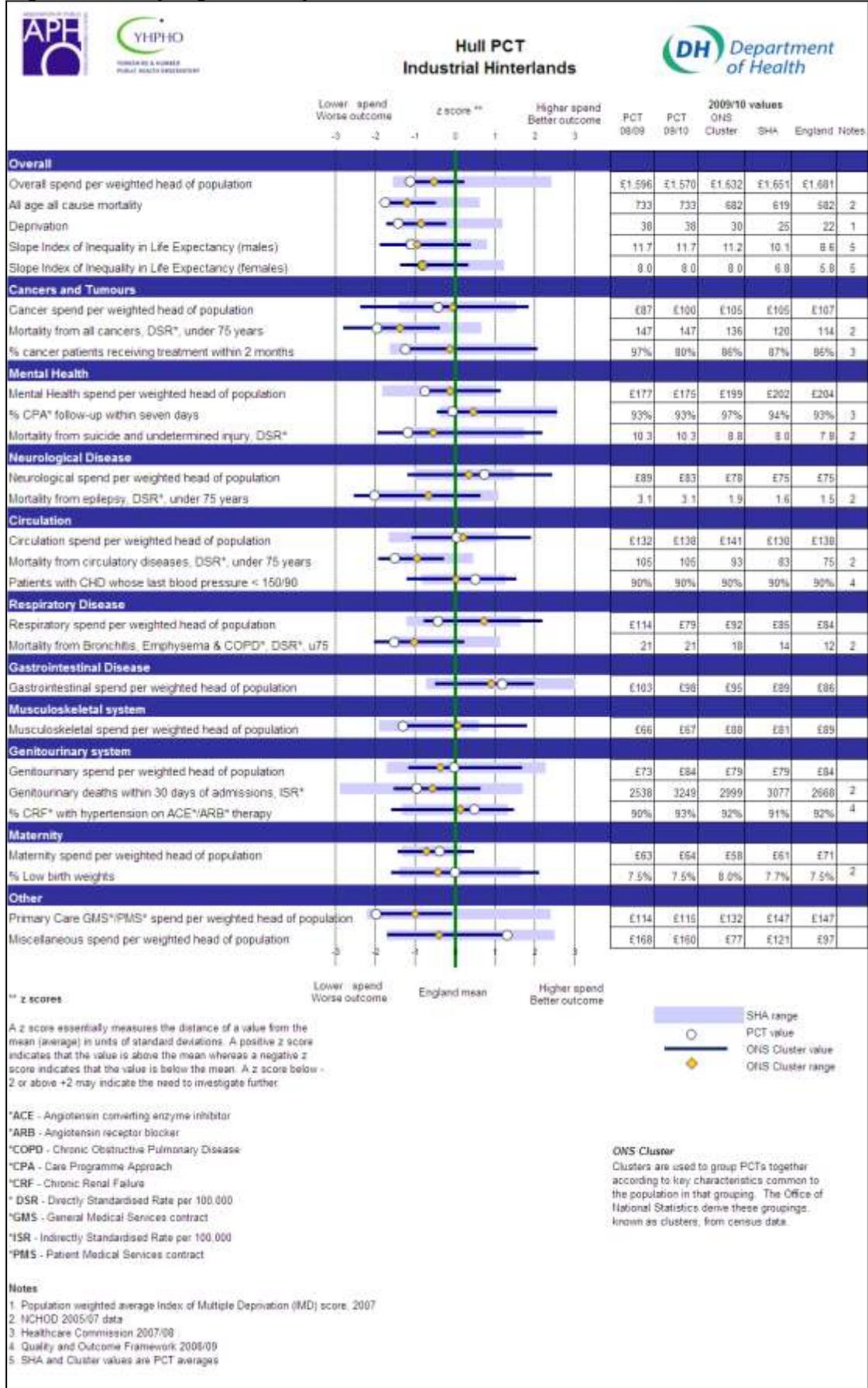


Figure 1 displays Hull's programme spend per head for 2009/2010 on primary care against the England average, ONS cluster average and Strategic Health Authority average (SHA). Clusters are used to group PCTs together according to key characteristics common to the population in that grouping. Hull has been grouped in the Industrial Hinterlands cluster, however it is most unlike all the other PCTs within this cluster.

The England average is displayed with a straight green line, with a z-score given to each programme measuring the distance of a value from the average in units of standard deviations. Programmes outside the dotted line +/- 1 z-score, may require further investigation. Approximately 30% of outcomes/expenditure will be outside this line. A programme outside the dotted line +/- 2 z-scores indicates that the data is significantly different from the England average, requiring further investigation. Approximately 5% of outcomes/expenditures will be outside this line.

Hull's programme spend for general/personnel medical services for 2009/2010 was £115 compared to the England average £147, giving a z-score of -1.9. Spend lies marginally within two standard deviations of the England average, requiring further investigation. Spend for 2007/2008 was £111 (outside two standard deviations of the England average), whilst spend for 2008/2009 was £114 (marginally inside two standard deviations of the England average). The Strategic Health Authority average was £147 for 2009/2010.

Hull's general and personnel medical programmes for 2009/2010 rank 16th lowest for spend out of the 16 PCTs in the Industrial Hinterlands cluster, with the average for the cluster £132. Hull general and personnel medical programmes ranked 16th and 15th lowest in 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 respectively.