



London Health Observatory

Web Tool Guidance Document for London Practice Profiles

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How to use the tool

The tool is best viewed using Internet Explorer version 6+. Unfortunately, this version will not work correctly using Mozilla FireFox version 2.

Opening Screen

Upon loading the tool, the user is presented with the following screen:

Welcome to the London Practice Profiles Webtool

These Profiles are designed to assist GP practices and Primary Care Trusts (PCT) to ensure that they are providing and commissioning an adequate level of effective and appropriate healthcare services for their local population. They contain information that can be used for both practice and PCT commissioning, for local needs assessment, for monitoring of population health and service utilisation, and for clinical governance reviews. Specifically, there is information on:

- local demographics
- estimated prevalence rates
- quality outcome framework indicators
- admission rates
- comparisons for all practices within PCTs and against London averages.

The London Practice Profiles are not an exhaustive list of primary care indicators - there are many other indicators that are collected and used at a local GP and PCT level. However, they provide a consistent approach to comparing and benchmarking across London.

Select your london primary care trust in step one, then select your GP practice in step two, and finally click the generate profile button in step three. For guidance on using the practice profiles tool please click [here](#).

Step one:

Step two:

Step three:

From the “step one” drop down list, select a PCT of your choice. The page will then refresh and this will generate the data for the “step two” drop down list, which contains all of the practices for that particular PCT.

Once you’ve selected your PCT, click on the “step two” drop down list and select either the practice you wish to view, or alternatively, the “PCT profile” option which provides a summary for the entire PCT.

Finally, click the “generate profile” button which takes you to the main profile screen.

Main Profile Screen

The core components of the screen are:

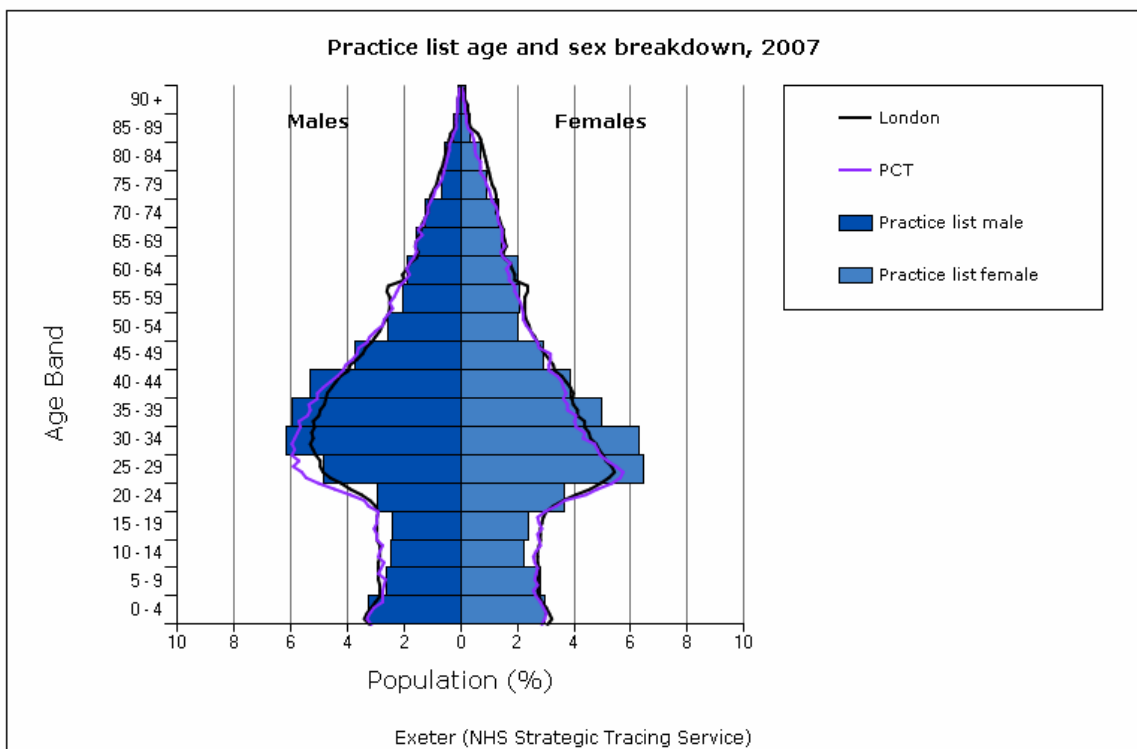
- Practice list age and sex breakdown
- Practice list ethnicity breakdown
- Practice list deprivation breakdown
- Spine charts for indicators

For guidance on interpreting the spine charts or for data source or copyright information, please consult the meta-data document which is available from the “download the full meta-data manual” link at the top of this screen and also the Indicator Specific Screen (see page 7).

At any point on this page, you are able to change the PCT and/or practice by using the drop down list boxes at the top of the screen, followed by the “Generate” button.

The user also has the option from the top of the screen of printing the entire profile for the chosen area.

Practice list age and sex breakdown



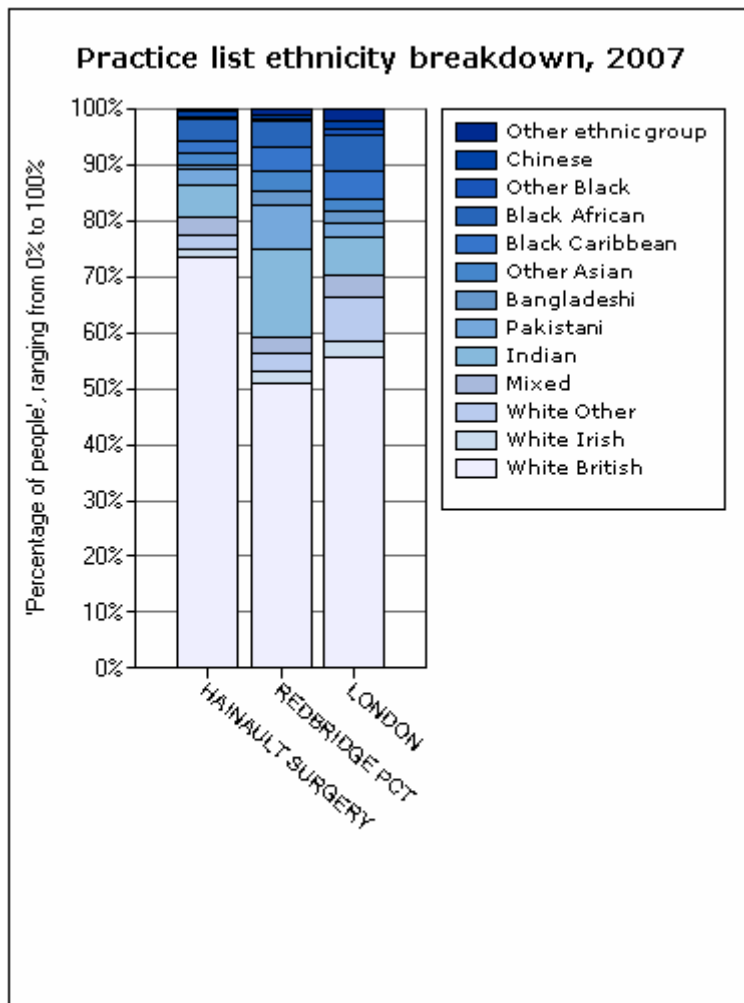
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The practice list age and sex breakdown allows the user to compare the population structure of their chosen area, with that of the chosen PCT and London overall.

Beneath the chart is a “download data” option. Clicking on this will output the data behind the breakdown to an excel file.

To save the breakdown (as an image) or print it, click on the chart and it will open in another window with further options.

Practice list ethnicity breakdown



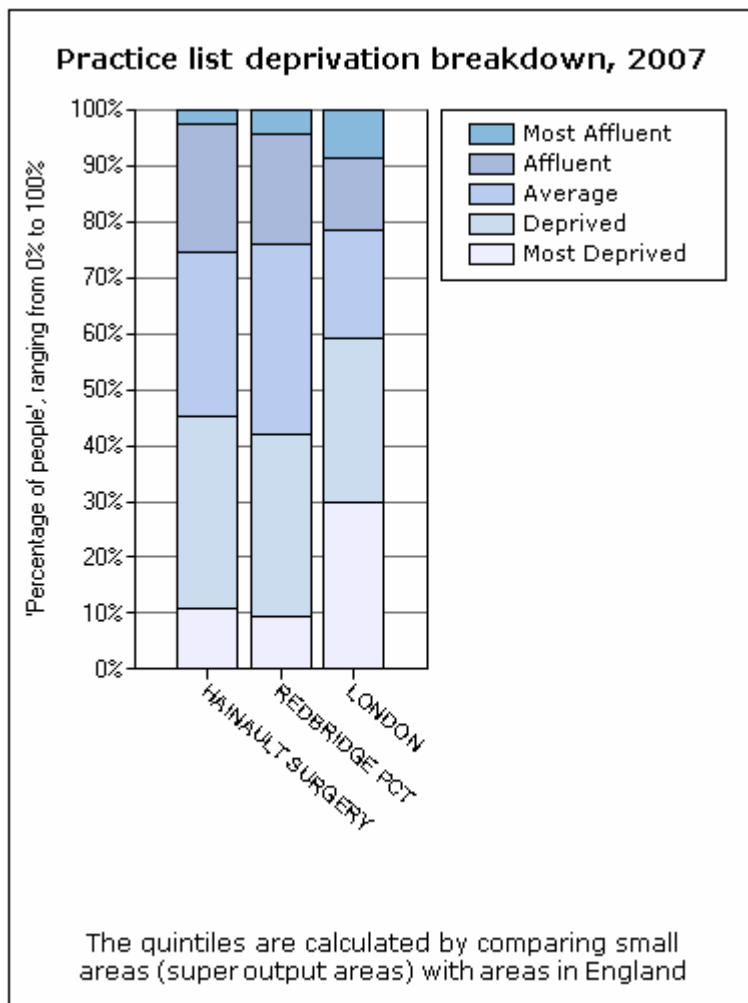
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The practice list Ethnicity breakdown allows the user to compare the ethnic composition of their chosen area with that of the chosen PCT and London overall.

Beneath the chart is a “download data” option. Clicking on this will output the data behind the breakdown to an excel file.

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Practice List Deprivation Breakdown



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The practice list deprivation breakdown allows the user to compare the percentage of people in each of the five deprivation classifications (most affluent, affluent, average, deprived, most deprived) in their chosen area with both the PCT and London overall.

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Spine Charts

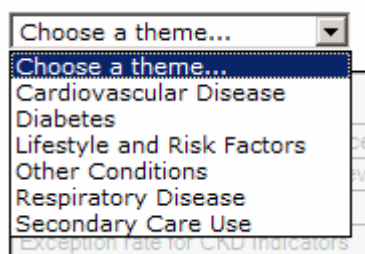
	Worse	London Mean	Better	Practice Value	PCT Value	London Value	Statistic	Time Period
	-53.2	-1	1	2	35			
Aged under 5 years				6.2	6.0	6.3	%	1st April 2007
Aged 65 years and over				9.3	9.8	10.9	%	1st April 2007
Black and minority ethnic groups				66.4	72.1	44.5	%	2007
Born outside the UK				41.9	46.3	27.7	%	2001
Index of multiple deprivation 2007 score				42.8	29.4	26.5	Score	2007
Lone parent households with dependent children				11.5	8.1	7.9	%	2001
Lone pensioner households				12.5	10.5	12.0	%	2001
Birth rate				66.9	65.7	62.2	Births...	2004-2006
Limiting long-term illness				18.9	15.7	15.5	%	2001
Health status: not good				11.6	8.7	8.3	%	2001
Social rented housing				55.5	22.9	26.3	%	2001
No qualifications				26.9	25.0	24.4	%	2001
Job seekers allowance claimants				6.9	4.0	3.2	%	February 2007
Incapacity benefit claimants				10.6	7.1	6.4	%	February 2007

Exeter (NHS Strategic Tracing Service)

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Initially, the spine chart presents only the contextual indicators for the practice/PCT chosen by the user. By clicking on the name of any of these indicators, the user will be taken to the Indicator Specific Screen (see page 7).

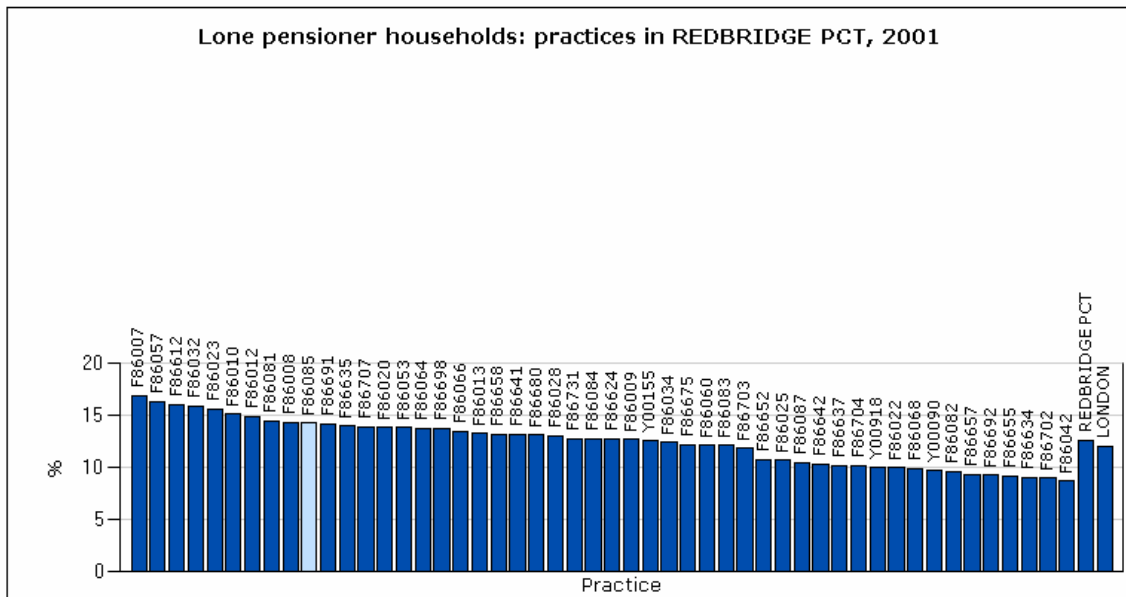
Further indicators are grouped into logical themes for ease of use. To view them, select the desired theme from the drop down list box which sits below the contextual indicators; this refreshes the screen and presents the indicator spine charts for the chosen theme. To view a different theme of indicators, simply select from the drop down list again.



There is also a “download data” link for the spine charts. Clicking on this will present the user with an excel file in a separate window containing data on all of the indicators for their chosen practice/PCT.

Indicator Specific Screen

Context



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Definition	The percentage of households consisting of a lone pensioner. Pensionable age is 65 and over for males and 60 and over for females.
Rationale behind the indicator	-
Policy relevance	-
Links	http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/census2001.asp
Statistics	%
Time period	2001
Data source	2001 Census Key Statistics (KS20), attributed using Exeter (NHS Strategic Tracing Service) data
Notes	Data at output area level was attributed to patients by the postcode where they live. The value for the practice is the average of its patients.

Clicking on the name of any of the indicators in the spine charts takes the user to the Indicator Specific Screen (above). This compares London, the PCT and the values for each of the practices in the PCT for the selected indicator. It also provides meta-data for this indicator.

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The user also has the option from the top of the screen of printing this particular screen or of downloading the full meta-data document.

There is also a “download data” link for the chart. Clicking on this will present the user with an excel file in a separate window containing data on the specific indicator selected for all practices within the chosen PCT.

To save the chart (as an image) or print it, click on it and it will open in another window with further options.