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|  | Latest year significantly higher than baseline position.             |
|  | No significant difference between latest year and baseline position. |
|  | Latest year significantly lower than baseline position.              |

| Indicator                       | Description   | Population/Group         | Trend from Baseline   | Latest Year Compared to Baseline Year  | Change from Baseline               |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Life Expectancy                 | <u>Differential between NI average and most disadvantaged areas for men and women</u>   | Male                     |    |  4.1 years in 2009-11, 4.4 years in 2020-22                     | <b>Negative Change</b>             |
|                                 |   | Female                   |    |  2.6 years in 2009-11, 2.9 years in 2020-22                     | <b>Negative Change</b>             |
| Healthy Life Expectancy         | <u>Differential between NI average and most disadvantaged areas for men and women</u>   | Male                     |    |  7.2 years in 2010-12, 6.4 years in 2020-22                     | <b>Positive Change</b>             |
|                                 |   | Female                   |    |  7.8 years in 2010-12, 9.8 years in 2020-22                     | <b>Negative Change</b>             |
| Disability Free Life Expectancy | <u>Differential between NI average and most disadvantaged areas for men and women</u>   | Male                     |    |  6.4 years in 2010-12, 6.7 years in 2020-22                     | <b>No Change</b>                   |
|                                 |   | Female                   |    |  6.8 years in 2010-12, 7.6 years in 2020-22                     | <b>No Change</b>                   |
| Infant Mortality Rate           | <u>Number of children dying before their first birthday per 1,000 live births in NI and the most deprived areas</u>   | All                      |    |  5.0 in 2007-11, 4.4 in 2018-22                                 | <b>No Change</b>                   |
|                                 |   | 20% Most Deprived        |    |  5.5 in 2007-11, 5.3 in 2018-22                                 | <b>No Change</b>                   |
| Smoking During Pregnancy        | <u>Proportion of mothers smoking during pregnancy in NI and the most deprived areas</u>   | All                      |    |  16.5% in 2012, 10.8% in 2022                                   | <b>Positive Change</b>             |
|                                 |   | 20% Most Deprived        |   |  29.6% in 2012, 21.1% in 2022                                  | <b>Positive Change</b>             |
| Breastfeeding                   | <u>Proportion of mothers breastfeeding on discharge and differential between NI average and most deprived</u>   | All                      |  |  42% in 2012, 51% in 2022                                     | <b>Positive Change</b>             |
|                                 |   | 20% Most Deprived-NI Gap |  |  35% in 2012, 25% in 2022                                     | <b>Positive Change</b>             |
| Educational Attainment          | <u>Proportion of primary pupils achieving at the expected levels in Key Stage Two assessment in Communication and Using Mathematics</u>                               | Communication            | Not Available   | Updates from baseline position (77.1% in 2012/13) unavailable due to low response rate as a result of industrial action and the COVID-19 pandemic. | <b>Not Available</b>               |
|                                 |   | Using Mathematics        | Not Available   | Updates from baseline position (78.5% in 2012/13) unavailable due to low response rate as a result of industrial action and the COVID-19 pandemic. | <b>Not Available</b>               |
|                                 | <u>Proportion of school leavers achieving at least 5 GCSEs at A*-C or equivalent, including GCSE English and Maths, and differential between NI and most deprived</u> | All                      |  |  62.0% in 2011/12, 71.6% in 2023/24                           | <b>Positive Change<sup>8</sup></b> |
|                                 |   | 10% Most Deprived-NI Gap |  |  35.3% in 2011/12, 24.9% in 2023/24                           | <b>Positive Change<sup>8</sup></b> |

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| Unemployment   | <u>Long Term Unemployment Rate: proportion of unemployed that have been unemployed for one year or longer</u>                           | All               |  | ↓ 46.9% in 2012, 37.8% in 2023  | Positive Change        |
|  | <u>Proportion of 16 to 24 year olds who are not in employment, full time education or training (NEETs)</u>                              | All               |  | ↓ 16.7% in quarter ending Sept 2012, 7.6% in quarter ending Sept 2024 | Positive Change        |
| Smoking  | <u>Proportion of adults (aged 18 and over) who smoke and proportion in the most deprived areas</u>                                      | All               |  | ↓ 25% in 2011/12, 13% in 2023/24                                      | Positive Change        |
|  |   | 20% Most Deprived |  | ↓ 39% in 2011/12, 23% in 2023/24                                      | Positive Change        |
| Alcohol-related Admissions                             | <u>Standardised rate for alcohol-related admissions in NI and the most disadvantaged areas</u>  | All               |  | ↓ 669 in 2009/10-11/12, 517 in 2020/21-22/23                          | Decrease <sup>1</sup>  |
|  |   | 20% Most Deprived |  | ↓ 1,521 in 2009/10-11/12, 1,026 in 2020/21-22/23                      | Decrease <sup>1</sup>  |
| Adults Drinking Above Sensible Guidelines <sup>2</sup> | <u>Proportion of adults who drink above the sensible drinking guidelines suggested, and proportion in the most disadvantaged areas.</u> | All               |  | ↓ 24% in 2011/12, 16% in 2022/23                                      | Positive Change        |
|  |   | 20% Most Deprived |  | ↓ 29% in 2011/12, 19% in 2022/23                                      | Positive Change        |
| Teenage Births   | <u>The teenage birth rate for mothers under the age of 17 – NI and most deprived areas</u>  | All               |  | ↓ 2.2 in 2011, 0.6 in 2022  | Positive Change        |
|  |   | 20% Most Deprived |  | ↓ 4.6 in 2011, 1.9 in 2022  | Positive Change        |
| Adult Obesity  | <u>Percentage of adults surveyed classified as obese, and proportion in the most disadvantaged areas</u>                                | All               |  | ↑ 24% in 2011/12, 28% in 2023/24                                      | Negative Change        |
|  |   | 20% Most Deprived |  | ↑ 25% in 2011/12, 32% in 2019/20                                      | Negative Change        |
| Childhood Obesity                                      | <u>Percentage of children surveyed classified as obese</u>  | NI Average        |  | ↓ 10% in 2011/12, 6% in 2019/20                                       | Positive Change        |
| Mental Health and Well-being                           | <u>Mean Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale by deprivation quintile</u>  | Most Deprived     |  | ↔ 48 in 2011/12, 48 in 2023/24  | No Change              |
|  |   | 2                 |  | ↔ 50 in 2011/12, 50 in 2023/24  | No Change              |
|  |   | 3                 |  | ↑ 51 in 2011/12, 52 in 2023/24  | No Change              |
|  |   | 4                 |  | ↑ 51 in 2011/12, 52 in 2023/24  | No Change              |
|  |   | Least Deprived    |  | ↔ 52 in 2011/12, 51 in 2023/24  | No Change              |
| Suicide  | <u>Crude death Rate in NI and the most disadvantaged areas</u>  | All               |  | ↔ 11.0 in 2015-17, 11.5 in 2020-22                                    | No Change <sup>3</sup> |
|  |   | 20% Most Deprived |  | ↔ 18.9 in 2015-17, 19.0 in 2020-22                                    | No Change <sup>3</sup> |
| Blood Pressure/Hypertension                            | <u>Number of patients with established hypertension and % of GP registered patients with established hypertension</u>                   | All               |  | ↑ 245,730 in 2013, 299,896 in 2025                                    | Increase <sup>1</sup>  |
|  |   | All               |  | ↑ 12.9% in 2013, 14.5% in 2025  | Increase <sup>1</sup>  |
| Long-Term Conditions                                   | <u>Number of people with one or more long term condition attending structured patient education/self management programmes</u>          | All               |  | ↑ 10,189 in 2011/12, 13,002 in 2023/24                                | Increase <sup>4</sup>  |

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| Investment in Public Health   | <u>Amount invested in public health (Public Health Agency Resource Outturn)</u>                               | All                             |               | ↑                    | £77.2M in 2011/12, £138.2M in 2023/24           | Positive Change                |                 |
| Poverty                       | <u>Percentage of individuals in low-income groups before housing costs</u>                                    | All                             |               | ↔                    | 20% in 2010/11, 17% in 2023/24                  | No Change                      |                 |
| Child Poverty                 | <u>Percentage of children in low-income groups before housing costs</u>                                       | Children                        |               | ↔                    | 22% in 2010/11, 23% in 2023/24                  | No Change                      |                 |
| Economic Inactivity           | <u>Economic Inactivity Rate: proportion of the working-age population that is not in the labour force</u>     | NI Average                      |               | ↓                    | 27.6% in 2012, 24.7% in 2023                    | Positive Change                |                 |
| Housing Standards             | <u>Proportion of social housing dwellings classified as non-decent homes</u>                                  | NI Average                      |               | ↓                    | 3.7% in 2011, 3.1% in 2016                      | Positive Change <sup>5</sup>   |                 |
| Air Quality                   | <u>Annual mean concentration level of Nitrogen Dioxide at urban background sites and urban roadside sites</u> | Urban background sites          |               | ↓                    | 21.9 µg/m³ in 2011, 11.3 µg/m³ in 2024          | Positive Change                |                 |
|                               |   | Urban roadside sites            |               | ↓                    | 35.1 µg/m³ in 2011, 22.6 µg/m³ in 2024          | Positive Change                |                 |
|                               | <u>Annual mean concentration level of particulate matter (PM)</u>   | Urban Sites                     |               | ↓                    | 19 µg/m³ in 2011, 13 µg/m³ in 2024              | Positive Change                |                 |
|                               | <u>Annual mean concentration level of Benzo(a)pyrene at monitored sites</u>                                   | Lisburn Dunmurry High           | Not Available |                      |   | 0.86 ng/m³ in 2011             | Positive Change |
|                               |   | Derry Brandywell                |               | ↓                    | 0.95 ng/m³ in 2011, 0.62 ng/m³ in 2023          |                                |                 |
|                               |   | Ballymena Ballykeel             |               | ↓                    | 1.10 ng/m³ in 2011, 0.36 ng/m³ in 2023          |                                |                 |
|                               |   | Lisburn Kilmakee Leisure Centre |               | ↓                    | 0.46 ng/m³ in 2013, 0.22 ng/m³ in 2023          |                                |                 |
|                               |   | Armagh Roadside                 |               |                      | 0.41 ng/m³ in 2023                              |                                |                 |
|                               | <u>Annual number of ozone breaches (days) at monitored sites</u>  | Belfast                         |               | ↑                    | 4 in 2011, 7 in 2023                            | Negative Change                |                 |
|                               |   | Lough Navar                     |               | ↑                    | 12 in 2011, 13 in 2023                          | Negative Change                |                 |
| Derry                         |   |                                 | ↔             | 9 in 2011, 9 in 2023 | No Change                                       |                                |                 |
| Water Quality                 | <u>Annual percentage compliance of Water Utility Sector Waste Water Treatment Works</u>                       | All                             |               | ↑                    | 93% in 2011, 94% in 2024                        | Positive Change                |                 |
|                               | <u>Annual percentage mean zonal compliance of drinking water quality</u>                                      | All                             |               | ↑                    | 99.83% in 2011, 99.92% in 2023                  | Positive Change                |                 |
| Social Capital                | <u>Percentage of adults in Northern Ireland who had volunteered within the past year</u>                      | All                             | Not Available |                      | 29% in 2013, formal volunteering 28% in 2023/24 | Not Available <sup>6,7,9</sup> |                 |
| Road Collision KSI Casualties | <u>Number Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) casualty numbers per capita</u>                                   | All                             |               | ↑                    | 843 in 2012, 1,008 in 2024                      | Negative Change                |                 |

## Notes

A number of indicators have not been updated for the most recent year as the COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on the reliability of information. See specific metadata tabs for further information.

<sup>1</sup>Assessments of change for outcomes relating to service-based indicators, have been analysed and presented based on whether there was an observed increase or decrease in activity, rather than positive or negative changes to health outcomes. This is due to difficulties in ascertaining whether any changes in rates are due to changes in demand (i.e., health of the population), or, as a result of changes in service provision and/or improvements in detection.

<sup>2</sup>Figures (including the baseline position) have been changed to reflect the new drinking limit guidelines of 14 units per week for both males and females.

<sup>3</sup>As a result of the Coroners review into deaths of undetermined intent, a statistical discontinuity now exists from 2015 onwards preventing comparisons with data that exists prior to the review. As a result, the baseline year has been changed from 2009-11 to 2015-17 to allow for an assessment of change. See Suicide Metadata for further information.

<sup>4</sup>The large decrease in attendances at structured patient education programmes in 2020/21 is due to a reduction in the number of available programmes during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as no data being available for the Belfast Trust in this year. As with 2020/21, data for Belfast Trust was incomplete and figures are therefore not comparable with previous years.

<sup>5</sup>The 2021 House Condition Survey was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic to 2023. Fieldwork has been completed and quality assurance of the data is underway. Next steps will be data analysis and data modelling. It is hoped the main report will be published late 2025.

<sup>6</sup>Figures for 2017/18 and after provide information on adults aged 16 years and over and their experience of volunteering from the Continuous Household Survey. Figures prior to 2017/18 provide the results of the Volunteering Module from the Northern Ireland Omnibus Survey. Therefore, figures are not comparable between these two time-periods.

<sup>7</sup>Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, data collection for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 surveys moved from face-to-face interviewing to telephone mode with a reduction in the number of questions. Questions relating to volunteering were not included in 2020/21 and therefore no data is available for that year. The results from 2021/22 are not directly comparable to previous years due to the significant changes to the survey in terms of methodology and content.

<sup>8</sup> Data from 2019/20 to 2022/23 are not directly comparable to 2018/19 and earlier years.

<sup>9</sup> Figures for 2023/24 are not directly comparable with previous years. See metadata for further detail.