



# Cancer Inequalities in the South East Region: The burden of cancer

This is the first in a series of reports about cancer inequalities in the South East region.

The report focuses on the relationship between inequalities in cancer incidence, mortality and survival for the four most common cancers (lung, colorectal, breast and prostate) and levels of deprivation in local communities.

## KEY MESSAGES:

- The South East region is a relatively affluent part of the country but there are areas of significant deprivation along the coast and in some of the cities.
- Lung cancer is more common in both sexes in the most deprived groups.
- Breast and prostate cancer are both more common in the least deprived groups.
- There is no association between levels of deprivation and the incidence of colorectal cancer.
- For all four of the most common cancers, survival is poorer in the most deprived groups.

The Oxford Cancer Intelligence Unit has worked with the South East Public Health Observatory, the Thames Cancer Registry and the South West Cancer Intelligence Service to produce this report.

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