

## AP3 Walsall North Area Panel Information

Extract from Local Policing and Crime Board report of 15<sup>th</sup> July. End of quarter 1 (01 April – 31 March 2015), ASB Priority Activity and Performance Update – Borough ASB context and North Walsall AP3.

### Strategic Priority 4: Reduce the level of ASB and increase the level of satisfaction with how ASB is dealt with in the Borough

#### Strategic Activity

Partnership activity is on-going in relation to tackling ASB across the Borough. We have a very effective Area Tasking process whereby partners meet monthly and discuss ASB and Crime issues. Those meetings are fed by a detailed analytical document containing hotspot analysis and ASB complaints determined from data provided to the WIN by all partners. Outside of those meetings there is very effective partnership working and robust ASB case management.

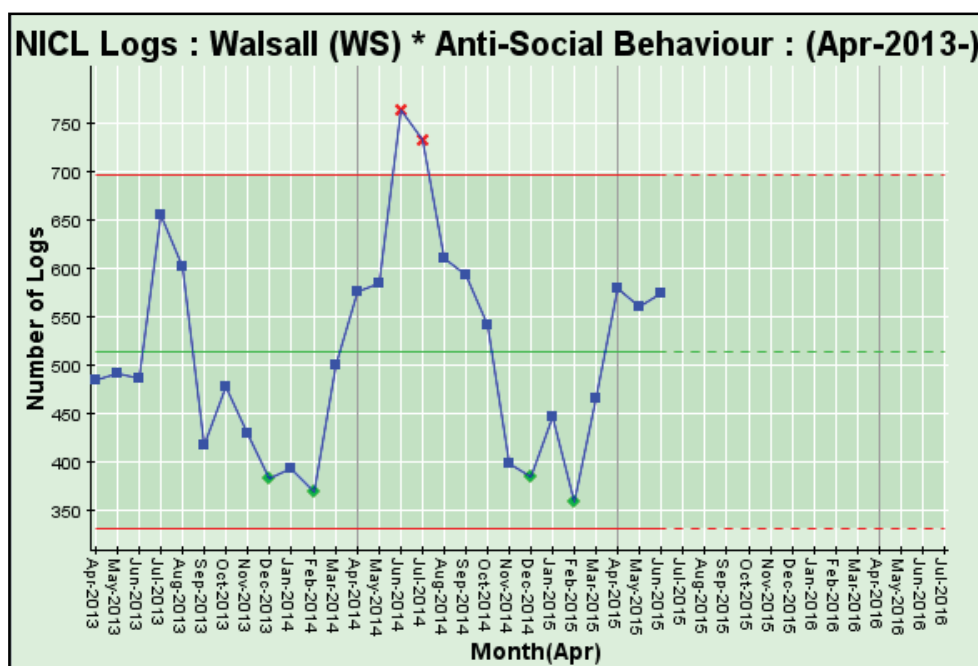
As you are aware new ASB powers came into effect on the 20<sup>th</sup> Oct and Safer Walsall Partnership invested heavily in its preparations. We have not had any ASB case reviews triggered and are looking to do some further communications regarding publishing our processes. In the autumn, one year on from the commencement of the new powers we intend to republish our Community Trigger Process, hold a Partnership Practitioners day to capture the learning thus far and lastly we would like to commission a public survey to investigate how we as a Partnership the public feel we deal with ASB.

Work on the implementation of the new tools and powers continues and we are focusing our efforts on moving swiftly towards a position where we will be able to utilise both Public Spaces Protection Orders and Community Protection Notices. We recently undertook our first consultation with Youth Justice Services on a number of the new Civil Injunctions whg are seeking to obtain and are in the process of finalising consultation requirements around these orders which after some delay commenced on the 23 March 2015.

#### Current Performance

Below there are a series of charts showing a variety of ASB Performance data. There are charts illustrating monthly variation of Police ASB incidents over the preceding year and levels of satisfaction with how the Police deal with ASB. The performance data in this report relates purely to Police data.

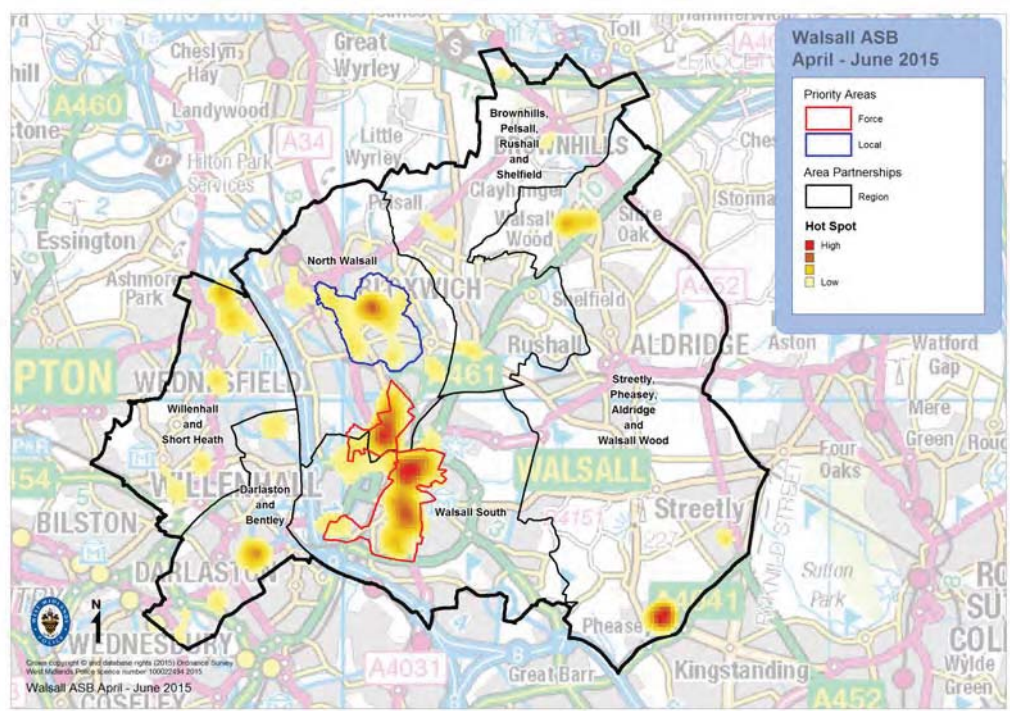
#### Total Number of Police Recorded ASB Incidents



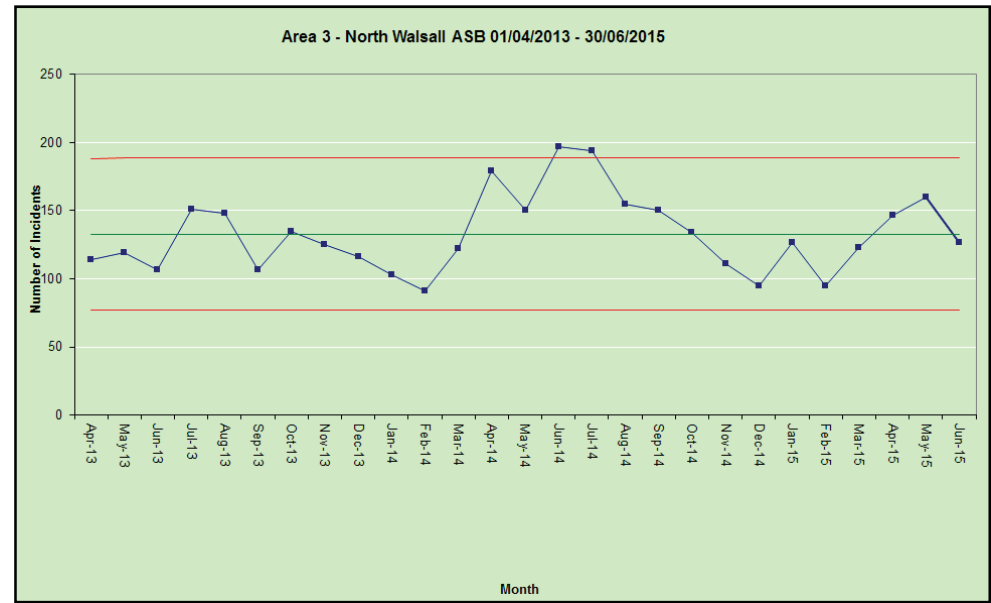
Year to date, the Borough has had 1,714 ASB incidents, a 10.9 per cent reduction compared to the same period the previous year. Incidents have been above average since April 2015. Historically incidents have peaked during the summer months of June and July. We could therefore still expect to see a seasonal rise in incidents as a result of lighter nights, warmer weather and schools breaking up for the summer holiday.

Using year to date data, the below chart shows a number of hotspots across the Borough. With the exception of Pheasey, the highest intensity of incidents can be seen within the Priority Areas.

Walsall Borough ASB Incidents 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015



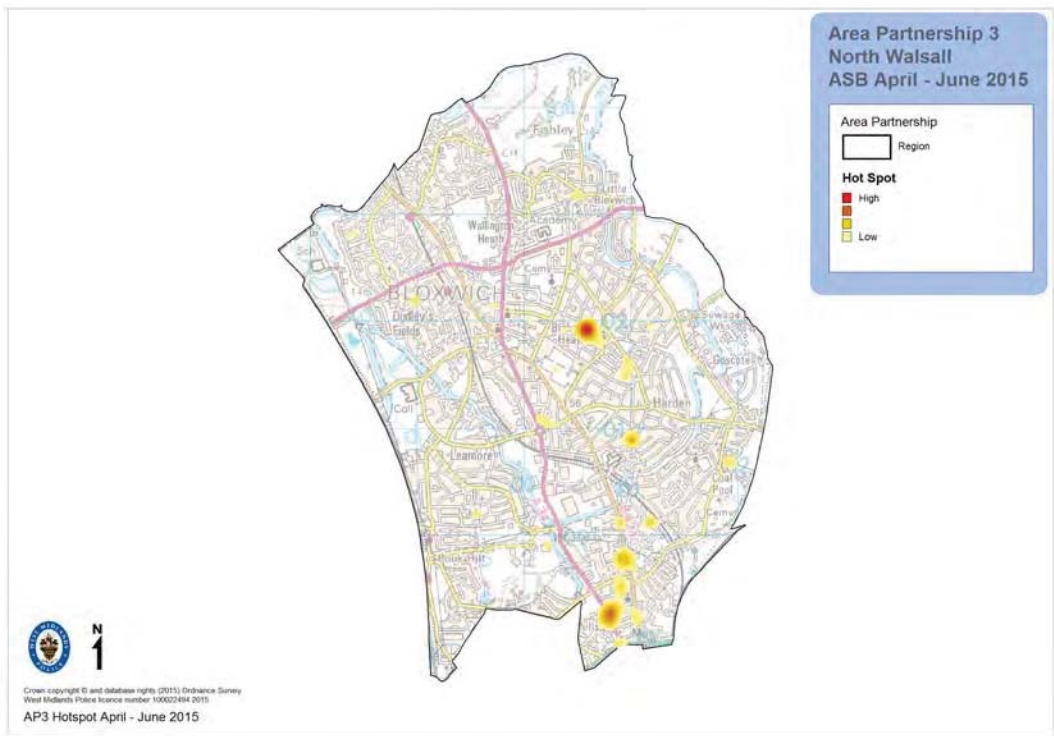
### Area Partnership 3: North Walsall



Year to date, AP3 has had 434 ASB calls for service compared to 526 during the same period the previous year. This equates to a decrease of 17.5 per cent. ASB incidents during the months of April and May 2015 were above average however, June 2015 saw a reduction to 127 incidents which is below average. In 2014, June (197 incidents) and July (194 incidents) were peak months and were above the Upper Control Limit.

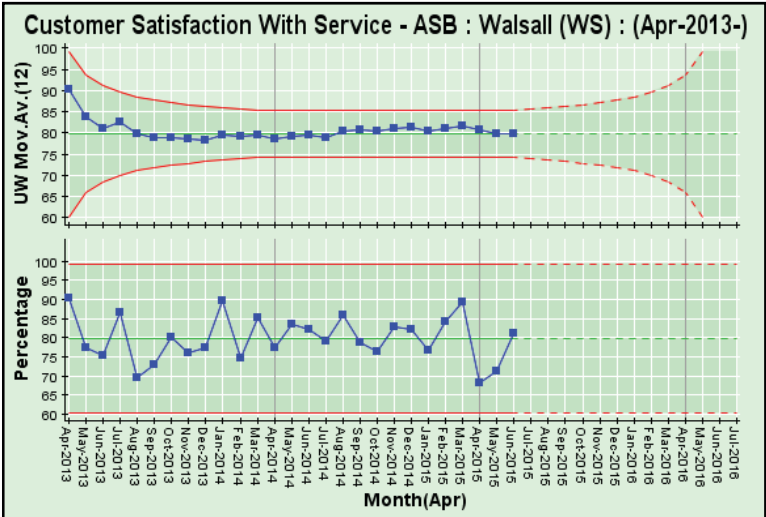
The below chart shows hotspots in the vicinity of Blakenall Heath and Birchills.

AP 3 ASB Incidents 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015



Customer Satisfaction with Service in Relation to ASB

Customer Satisfaction with service in relation to ASB has continued to increase since April 2015. Current performance is 80%



Every month West Midlands Police survey people who have reported ASB and ask them a series of questions. Walsall continues to maintain high levels of overall satisfaction. The Partnership may wish to consider commissioning a bespoke Walsall survey to seek the views of its residents as to how they feel we work in Partnership to tackle ASB especially now that we have introduced new practices. We would recommend that we explore this option one year on from the introduction of the new powers.

## **Challenges Ahead and Future Reporting**

As has already been mentioned we have new tools and powers and an ASB Review Trigger Process which will assist us all working together more effectively to tackle ASB in the Borough. The policies and procedures relating to these will be included in the Borough ASB Manual of Guidance; this is currently in draft form and will in effect become the ASB Policy for the Borough ensuring that all agencies work collectively to tackle ASB in a consistent fashion. Although as a borough we are well placed regionally in respect of this work there is still further work to be undertaken and decisions to be made in relation to their implementation. To support this work each Area Panel was recently asked to express its view on the transitional arrangements in relation to the existing Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) and the new Public Spaces Protection Order. These views along with the recommendations of legal services will be considered and inform our decisions as we take this work forward. We will continue to keep the Board updated and it will be interesting to see what effect these new tools and powers have.

It is our intention to keep the Local Policing and Crime Board and the Safer Walsall Partnership Board fully up to date with our progress. This will include a report about ASB review cases conducted and the findings from them.

**Safer Walsall Partnership - Strategic Priority 3: Reduce the level of crime experienced in the Borough focussing particularly on those areas that have historically experienced higher levels (Priority Areas) - specific focus on Public Place Violence, Domestic Burglary and Business Crime.**

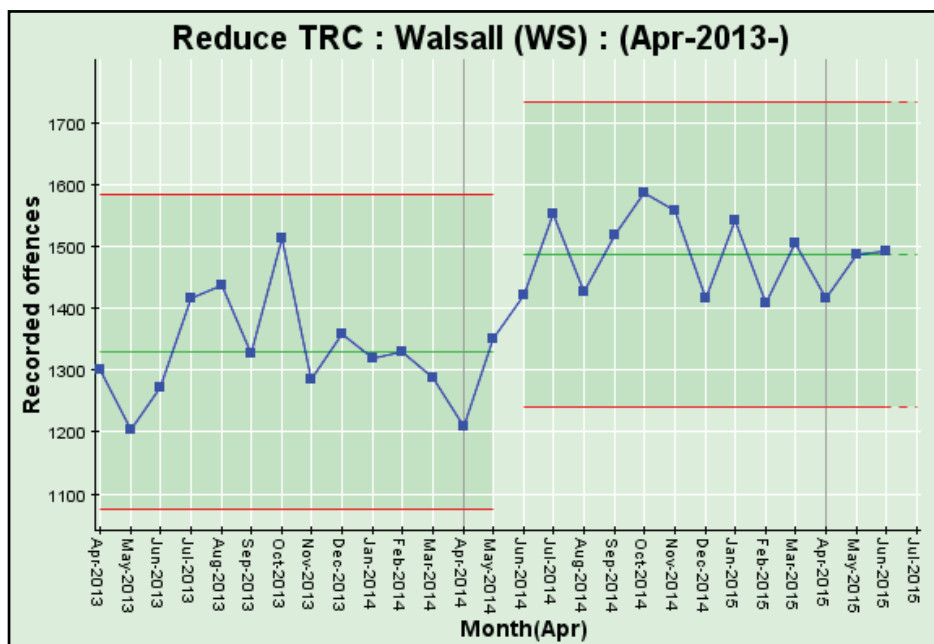
**Strategic Activity.**

Partnership activity is on-going in relation to reducing all crime across the Borough. Effective Control Strategies are employed against each crime type which have detailed activities in relation to prevention, intelligence, enforcement and reassurance and are directed at locations victims and offenders. The Police employ a very effective tasking and coordination process which involves monthly in depth analysis of crime, risk and threat, the production of a tasking document and a meeting where key decisions are made about planned activity and resource deployment. The Partnership employs a similar effective Area Tasking and Coordination process which also involves analysis and the production of a tasking document which supports a monthly tasking meeting involving Partners. Above all these processes sit a variety of Partnership working groups that seek to address particular themes for example: Integrated Offender Management, Domestic Violence, Troubled Families, Sex Worker Project, Retail Crime, Town Centre Ops group etc.

**Current Performance**

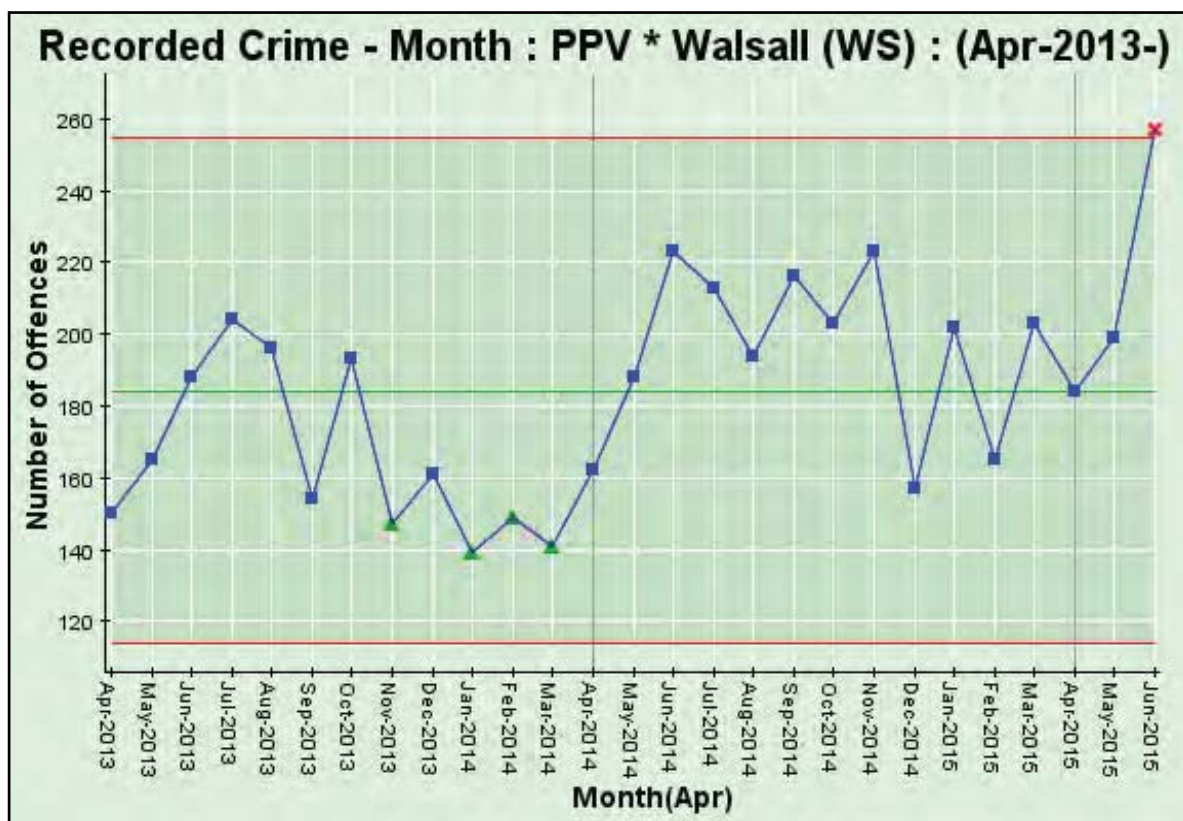
Below there are a series of charts which depicts specific crime types. The charts illustrate monthly variation of those crimes over the preceding year and a very brief commentary regarding our current year to date performance position.

**Total Recorded Crime (TRC)**



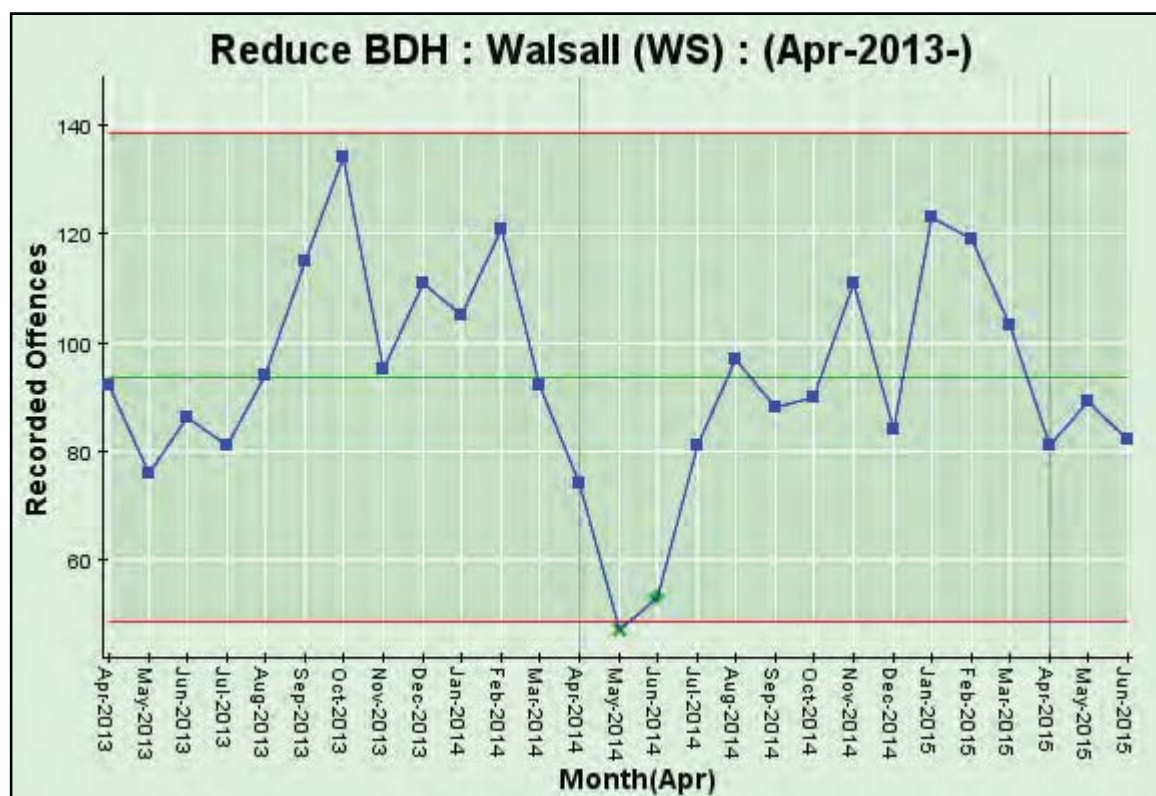
TRC has increased this year, compared to the same time last year. Year to date we have recorded 4,398 offences compared with 3,981 offences at the same point last year. This equates to a 10.5% rise.

## Public Place Violence (PPV)



PPV has increased this year, compared to the same time last year. Year to date we have recorded 640 offences compared with 573 offences at the same point last year. This equates to an increase of 67 offences, a rise 11.7%.

## Domestic Burglary



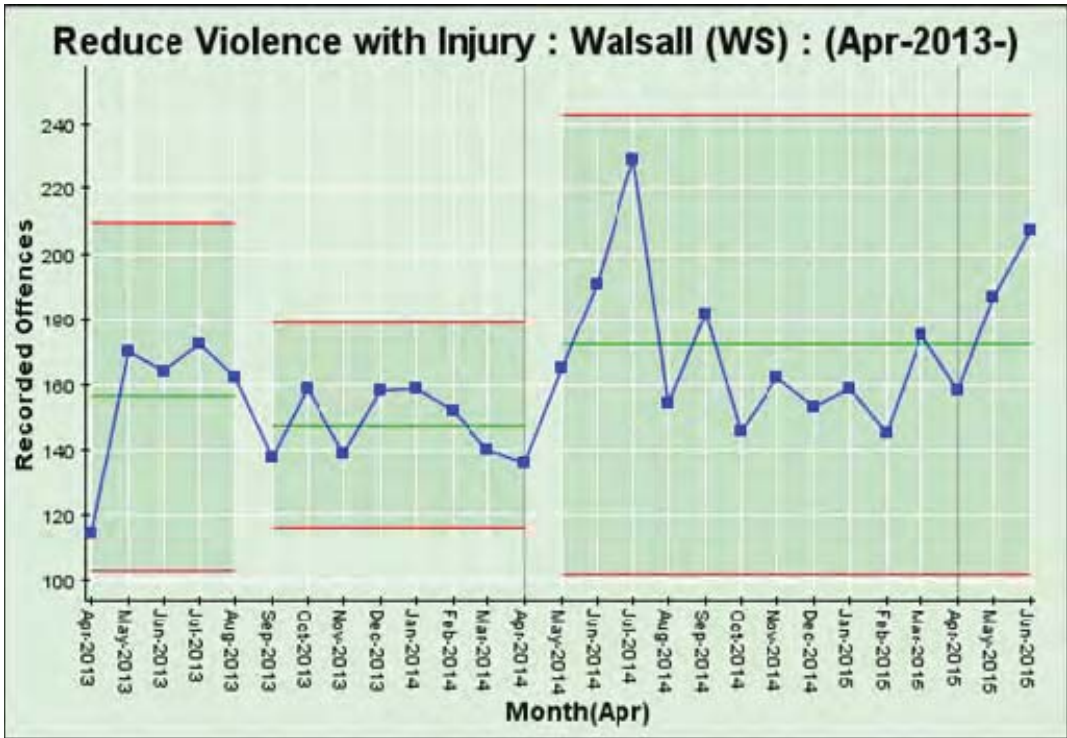
Burglary Dwelling has increased compared with the same time last year. Year to date we have recorded 253 offences compared with 174 offences at the same point last year. This equates to 77 more offences and an increase of 43.8%.

**Business Crime**



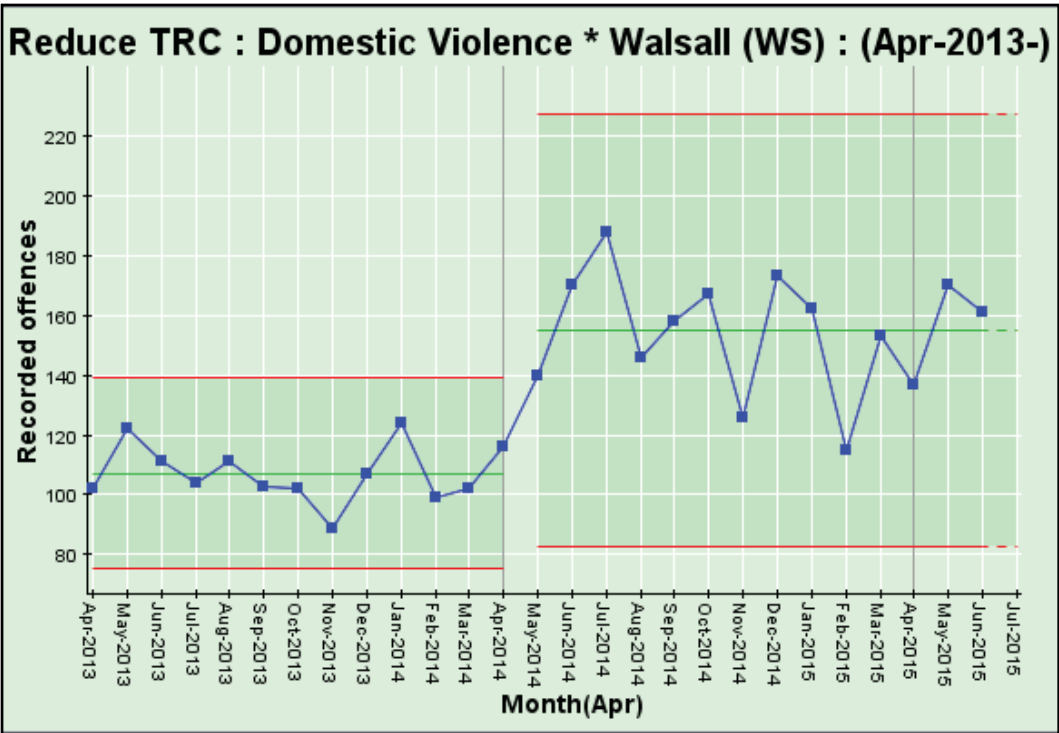
Business crime has increased this year compared with the same time last year. Year to date we have recorded 1,044 offences compared with 1,027 offences at the same point last year. This equates to an increase of 17 offences a rise of 1.7%

**Violence with Injury (VWI)**



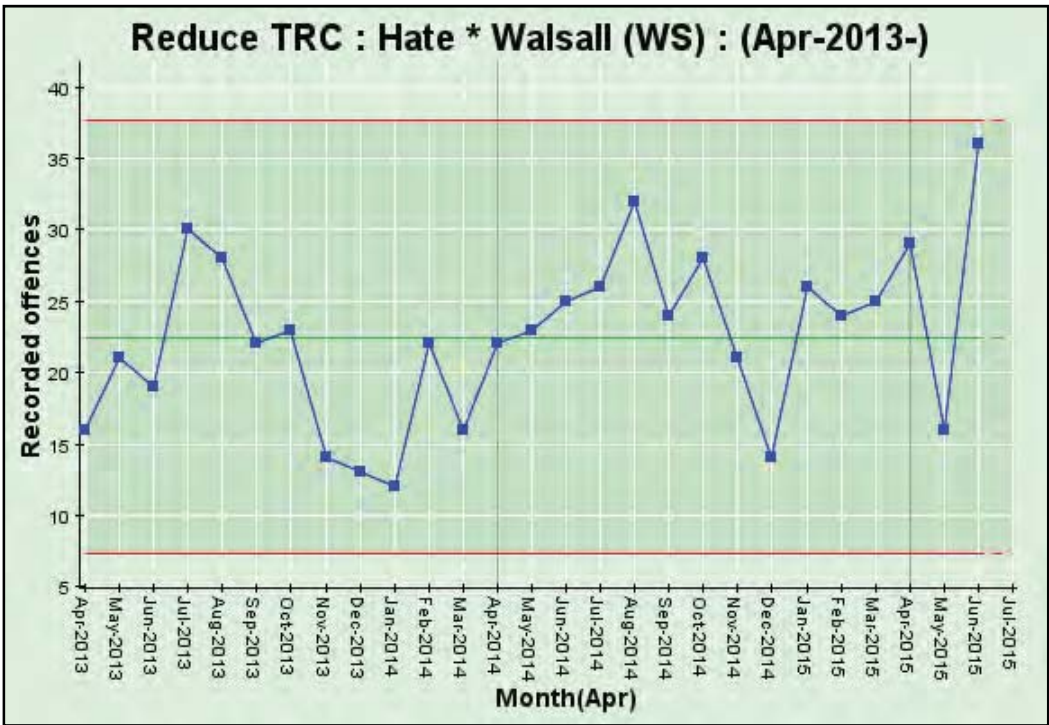
Violence with injury has increased this year compared with the same time last year. Year to date we have recorded 552 offences compared with 492 offences at the same point last year. This equates to an increase of 60 offences, a 12.2% rise.

Domestic Abuse



Domestic Abuse crime has increased compared with the same time last year. Year to date we have recorded 468 offences compared with 426 offences at the same point last year. This equates to an increase of 42 offences a 9.9% rise.

Hate Crime



Hate Crime has increased compared with the same time last year. Year to date we have recorded 81 offences compared with 70 offences at the same point last year. This equates to an increase of 11 offences a 15.7% rise.

### Priority Areas

Below shows a table of Performance Information relating to each of the 2 Force determined Priority Areas.

Priority Area WS01	Birchills Blakenhall Coalpool				Priority Area WS02	St Matthews Caldmore			
	2014/15 Apr-Jun	2015/16 Apr-Jun	Difference	%		2014/15 Apr-Jun	2015/16 Apr-Jun	Difference	%
TRC	109	158	49	44.95	TRC	656	731	75	11.43
BDH	2	5	3	150.00	BDH	17	22	5	29.41
Robbery	2	3	1	50.00	Robbery	18	8	-10	-55.56
Vehicle Crime	11	3	-8	-72.73	Vehicle Crime	27	41	14	51.85
ASB	74	111	37	50.00	ASB	291	237	-54	-18.56
Hate	3	3	0	0.00	Hate	12	7	-5	-41.67
PPV	19	43	24	126.32	PPV	127	143	16	12.60
Business	12	23	11	91.67	Business	250	241	-9	-3.60

### Area Partnerships

Below shows a table of Performance Information for Area Partnership 3 – North Walsall Qtr 1 2014/2015 compared to Qtr1 2015/16

Area Partnership 3	North Walsall			
	2014/15 Apr-Jun	2015/16 Apr-Jun	Difference	%
TRC	955	1013	58	6.07
PPV	131	164	33	25.19
BDH	36	52	16	44.44
Business Crime	199	219	20	10.05
VWI	142	139	-3	-2.11
Domestic Violence	134	137	3	2.24
Hate	16	20	4	25.00

Inspector Amanda McPhee on behalf of Chief Superintendent Clews – July 2015

## Community Safety Performance by Area Partnership as Extracted from 2015/16 Safer Walsall Community Safety Strategic Assessment

This provides a readily available and fairly recent 12 month year on year comparison (Nov 2012-Oct 2013 (3,528) compared to Nov 2013-Oct 2014); across key crime types and with borough context.

### Total Recorded Crime

#### Borough context

Total Recorded Crime (TRC) in Walsall has been on a reducing trend over the last twelve years and total crime has almost halved since 2002/3 as shown below, from an average of 2407 to 1340 (equivalent to a 44.3% reduction).



Walsall recorded Crime since April 2002

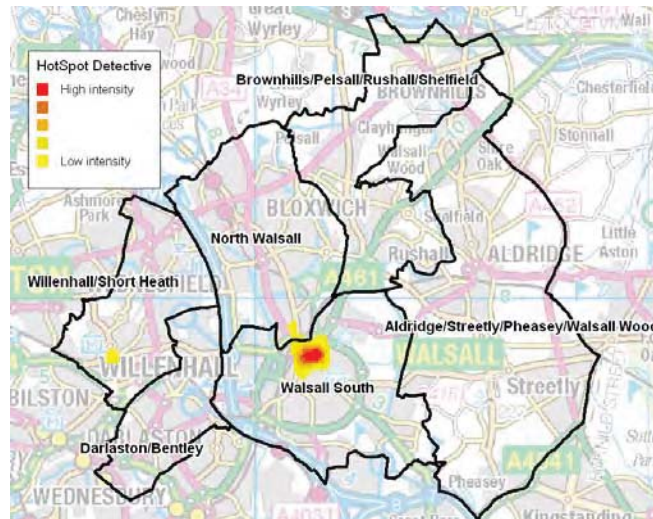
The following table shows the breakdown of total crime by area partnership over the last two years. Willenhall/Short Heath is the only area to experience a overall reduction in TRC. North Walsall experienced a 7.5% increase in TRC; between Nov 2012-Oct 2013 (3,528) compared to Nov 2013-Oct 2014 (3,793).

Area Partnership	Nov 2013 - Oct 2014	Nov 2012 - Oct 2013	Difference	%
Aldridge/Streetly/Pheasey/Walsall Wood	1613	1562	51	3.3%
Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall/Shelfield	1570	1504	66	4.4%
North Walsall	3793	3528	265	7.5%
Walsall South	5264	4854	410	8.4%
Willenhall/Short Heath	2563	2625	-62	-2.4%
Darlaston/Bentley	1765	1687	78	4.6%
Total	16568	15760	808	5.1%

Total recorded Crime (TRC) by Area Partnership November 2012 – October 2014

### Public Place Violence (previously measured as Violence with Injury)

Hotspot analysis of PPV/VWI between Nov 2013 – October 2014 shows that the main hotspot for PPV VWI is within Walsall Town Centre (Walsall South AP4), though the hotspot crosses marginally and at a low intensity level into Walsall South where it borders with AP4.



The table below shows that most areas have experienced an increase in offences over the 12 months compared with the previous period, the exception being Darlaston/Bentley. Numerically Walsall South and North Walsall experienced the greatest increases, although Aldridge/Streetly/Pheasey/Walsall Wood experienced the largest proportionate percentage increase.

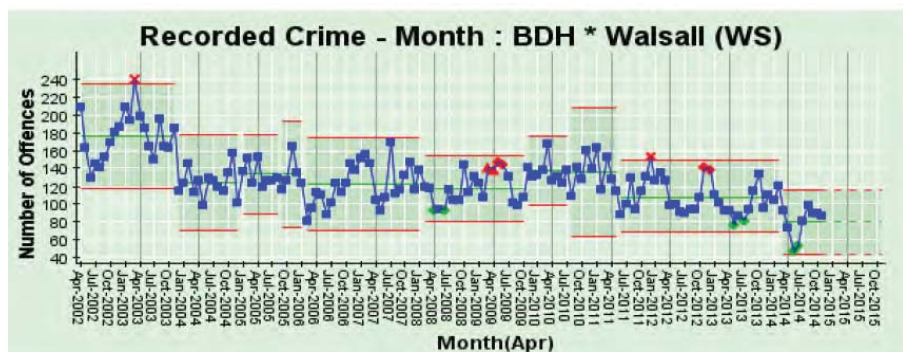
Area Partnership	Nov 2013 - Oct 2014	Nov 2012 - Oct 2013	Difference	% Difference
Aldridge/Streetly/Pheasey/Walsall Wood	81	56	25	44.6%
Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall/Shelfield	69	63	6	9.5%
North Walsall	224	171	53	31.0%
Walsall South	378	320	58	18.1%
Willenhall/Short Heath	116	107	9	8.4%
Darlaston/Bentley	87	95	-8	-8.4%
Total	955	812	143	17.6%

PPV VWI Offences by Area Partnership November 2012 to October 2014.

## Domestic Burglary

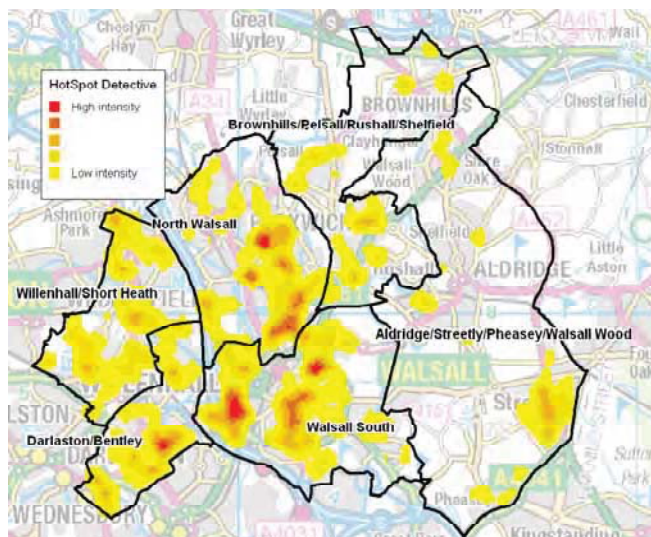
### Borough context

There were 1056 recorded domestic burglary offences within the Borough between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 compared to 1263 offences during the same period in the previous year, equating to a 16% reduction. The control chart below shows monthly performance since 2002, and how burglaries have reduced significantly throughout this time. The current average is 79 offences per month which is a 55% reduction on the monthly average in 2002/2003. More recently, good reductions were experienced between April and June 2014 before levels returned to similar levels experienced prior to April and have remained controlled.



Walsall Domestic Burglaries recorded since April 2002

The following hotspot map shows a high intensity of domestic burglary offences in the areas of Blakenall (North Walsall Area Partnership), Chuckery and Pleck (Walsall South Area Partnership), and Darlaston (Darlaston/Bentley Area Partnership)



Domestic Burglary offences November 2013 – October 2014

The following table shows the breakdown of offences by Area Partnership (AP) and the change compared with the previous period. All but one AP experienced reductions over the last year, with the only increase being on Darlaston/Bentley, with an increase of just 7 offences. The greatest reductions both numerically and as a percentage were on Aldridge/Streetly/Phaeasey/Walsall Wood AP.

Area Partnership	Nov 2013 - Oct 2014	Nov 2012 - Oct 2013	Difference	% Difference
Aldridge/Streetly/Phaeasey/Walsall Wood	139	213	-74	-34.7%
Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall/Shelfield	115	134	-19	-14.2%
North Walsall	223	253	-30	-11.9%
Walsall South	270	315	-45	-14.3%
Willenhall/Short Heath	172	220	-48	-21.8%
Darlaston/Bentley	135	128	7	5.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>-209</b>	<b>-16.5%</b>

Domestic Burglary offences by Area Partnership November 2012 to October 2014

## Business Crime

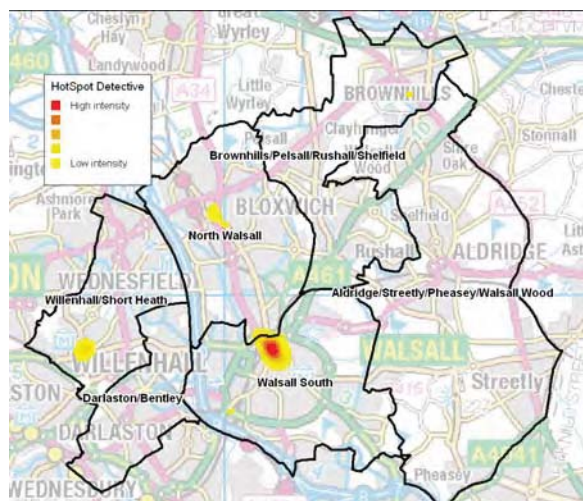
### Borough Context

There were 4152 offences of Business Crime recorded across the Borough between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014, compared with 4039 during the same period in the previous year, equating to an increase of 3%. The chart below shows the monthly levels of recorded offences since November 2008, when records began. The reported increase this year compared to the previous period is mainly as a result of an increase in offences since May 2014, which was driven by an increase in Theft from Shops/Stalls.



Walsall recorded Business Crime since November 2008

The following map shows a high intensity of Business Crime offences in Walsall Town Centre (Walsall South Area Partnership).



Business Crime Offences November 2013 to October 2014

The following table shows the breakdown by Area Partnership for Business Crime over the last two years (Nov 2012 to October 2014). There have been no significant changes across the areas; the greatest increase was seen on Willenhall/Short Heath (8%, 58 offences).

Area Partnership	Nov 2013 - Oct 2014	Nov 2012 - Oct 2013	Difference	% Difference
Aldridge/Streetly/Pheasey/Walsall Wood	383	396	-13	-3.3%
Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall/Shelfield	316	306	10	3.3%
North Walsall	846	863	-17	-2.0%
Walsall South	1493	1447	46	3.2%
Willenhall/Short Heath	786	728	58	8.0%
Darlaston/Bentley	295	291	4	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4119</b>	<b>4031</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

Business Crime offences by Area Partnership November 2012 – October 2014

## Anti-Social Behaviour

### Borough Context

There were 6480 recorded ASB incidents within the Borough between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 compared to 5929 incidents during the same period during the previous year, which means there has been a 9.3% increase in offences (Police recorded ASB data only). Police recorded ASB incidents only make up approximately 42% of all recorded ASB across the Borough; over half of incidents are recorded by various agencies other than the police.

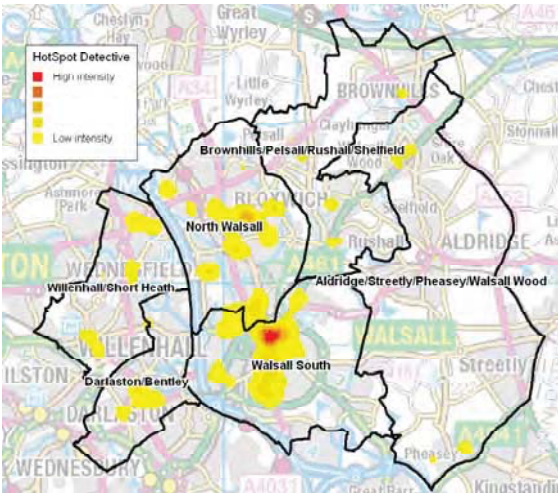
The chart below shows monthly levels of ASB since April 2010, when West Midlands Police changed incident recording classifications.



Walsall ASB incidents since April 2010

Over the long term, there has been a reduction from an average of 1212 incidents per month in 2010 to 517 per month over the last two years, equating to a 57% reduction in incidents. The increase in incidents this year compared to the previous year was mainly due to a rise in June and July 2014.

The following map shows that the main hotspot for ASB incidents is within Walsall Town Centre (Walsall South AP).



Police recorded ASB incidents November 2013 – October 2014

The table below shows that all but one area (Willenhall/Short Heath) have experienced an increase in offences compared to the previous year. Walsall South experienced the largest numerical increase, whereas Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall/Shelfield experienced the largest percentage increase.

Area Partnership	Nov 2013 - Oct 2014	Nov 2012 - Oct 2013	Difference	% Difference
Aldridge/Streetly/Phaeasey/Walsall Wood	699	627	72	11.5%
Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall/Shelfield	700	563	137	24.3%
North Walsall	1716	1593	123	7.7%
Walsall South	1772	1546	226	14.6%
Willenhall/Short Heath	873	942	-69	-7.3%
Darlaston/Bentley	718	651	67	10.3%
Total	6478	5922	556	9.4%

ASB (police recorded) by Area Partnership November 2012 – October 2014

**Hate Crime**

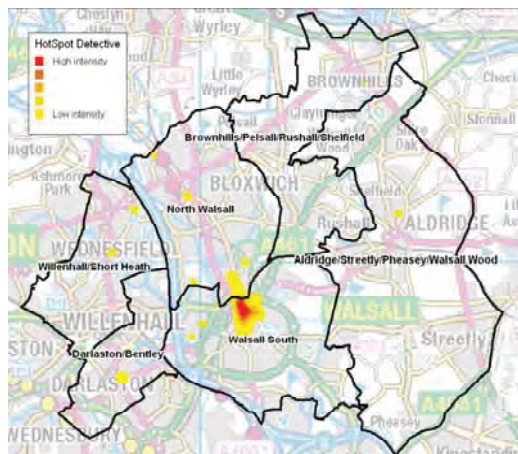
**Borough context**

There were 256 Hate Crime offences recorded by the Police throughout the Borough between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014, compared to 234 in the previous year, equivalent to an increase of 9%. Recorded offences have been following an increasing trend over the last two years, as shown below. It is difficult to understand whether this increase is a result of more offences or whether there is an increase in confidence around reporting.



Recorded Hate Crime Offences across Walsall since 2006

The following shows the highest intensity for hate crime offences is within Walsall Town Centre (Walsall South AP). There are small pockets of incidents within Walsall North AP3



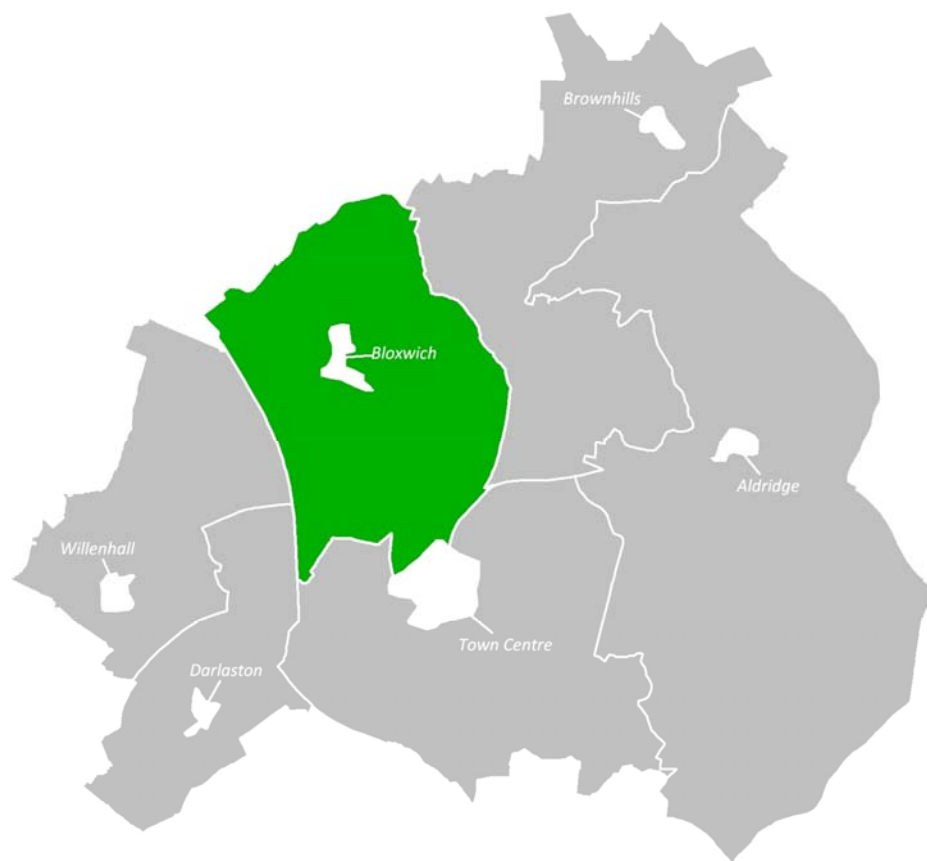
Recorded Hate Crime Offences across Walsall since 2006

The following shows that most areas have experienced a small increase in recorded offences, with the exception of Willenhall/Short Heath. Correlating to the map in Map 7, the area experiencing the highest number of offences is Walsall South.

Area Partnership	Nov 2013 - Oct 2014	Nov 2012 Oct 2013	Difference	% Difference
Aldridge/Streetly/Pheasey/Walsall Wood	21	17	4	23.5%
Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall/Shelfield	13	9	4	44.4%
North Walsall	62	56	6	10.7%
Walsall South	104	93	11	11.8%
Willenhall/Short Heath	28	33	-5	-15.2%
Darlaston/Bentley	26	26	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

Hate Crime offences (police recorded) by Area Partnership November 2012 – October 2014

# Area Partnership Profile



## Area 3: North Walsall

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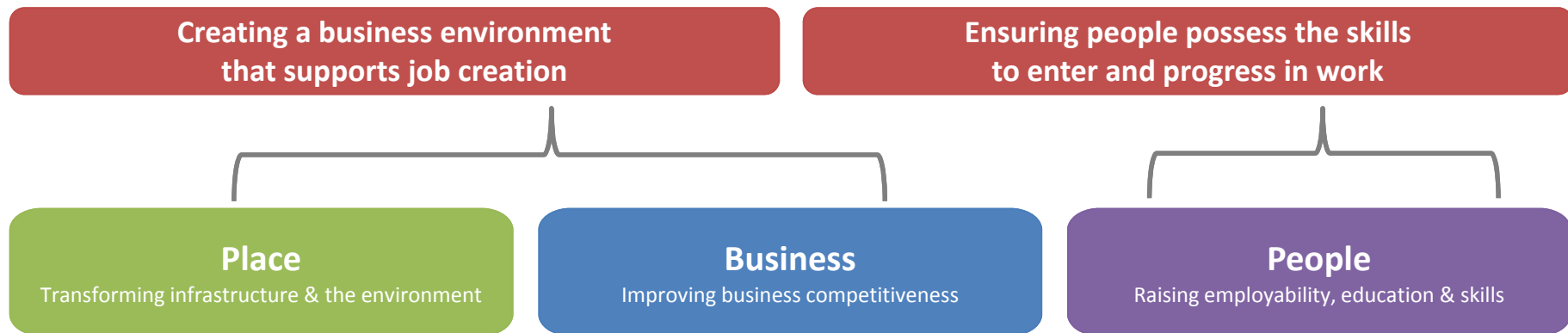
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# Strategic Economic Priorities

## *Overall Economic Purpose:*

Create the conditions for sustained economic growth by supporting the growth of businesses and jobs in Walsall, while ensuring Walsall people have the right skills and environment to make the most of opportunities

## *Walsall Economic Board Priorities:*



# Key Issues in North Walsall AP

- Low number of workplaces, below borough and national average density.
- Construction sector important locally.
- Much lower level of economically active adults than Walsall average, with especially low numbers in employment: 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men are economically inactive (i.e. out of the labour market altogether).
- Much higher than borough and national average levels of out-of-work benefit dependency.
- Levels of adult basic skills (literacy, numeracy and ICT) below borough average, and a high number of adults with no formal qualifications.



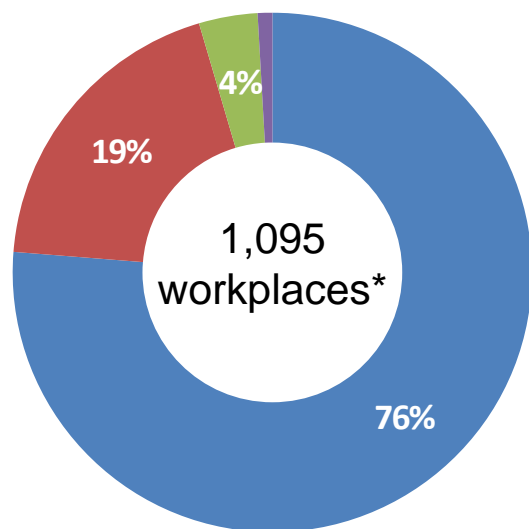
# Local Business Profile



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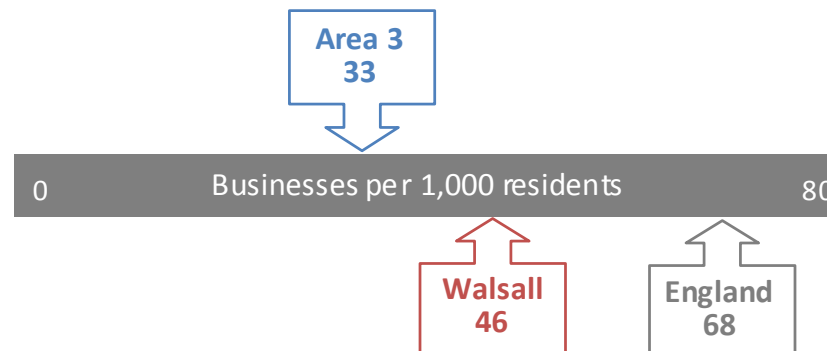
# Businesses



- Micro (0 to 9)
- Small (10 to 49)
- Medium (50 to 249)
- Large (250+)

*Source: ONS, BRES 2014*

- 94% of workplaces are private sector / 6% public sector.
- The Area has a much lower density of businesses per resident than the borough and national average.



\*A workplace is a 'local unit': an individual site (for example a factory or shop) associated with an enterprise.



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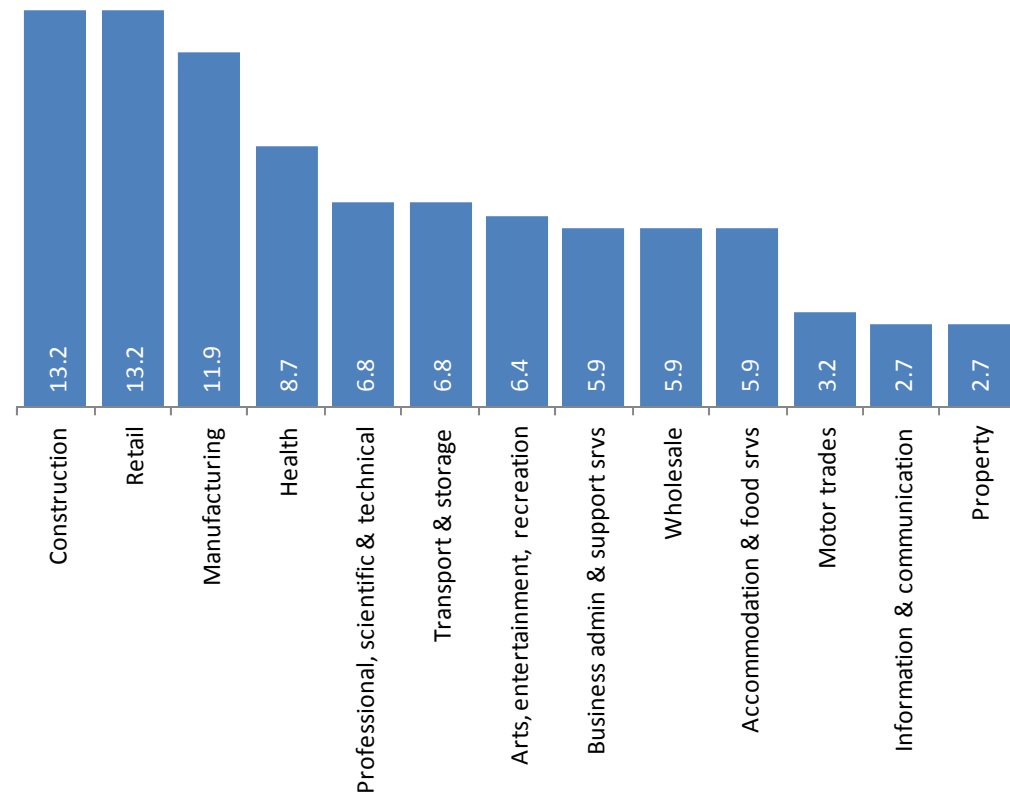
# Industrial Sectors

## Above average for:

- Construction  
(Walsall 11.8%)

## Strategically important companies include:

- Homeserve Plc  
(Services)
- South Staffordshire Plc  
(Utilities)
- S Macneillie & Sons Ltd  
(Manufacturing)



Source: ONS, BRES 2014



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# Economic Activity and Benefit Claimants



# Economic Activity

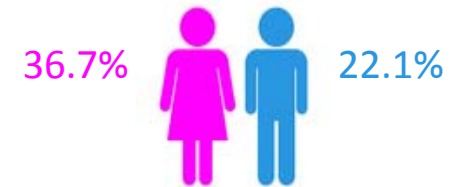
*% of working age residents (aged 16-64) who are:*

## Economically Active: 70.5%



- Employed: 59.2%
  - Full time: 36.6%
  - Part time: 16.0%
  - Self-employed: 6.5%
- Unemployed: 11.3%

## Economically Inactive : 29.5%



- Retired: 4.3%
- Student (inc full time): 5.0%
- Looking after home/family: 8.5%
- Long term sick/disabled: 7.8%
- Other: 3.9%

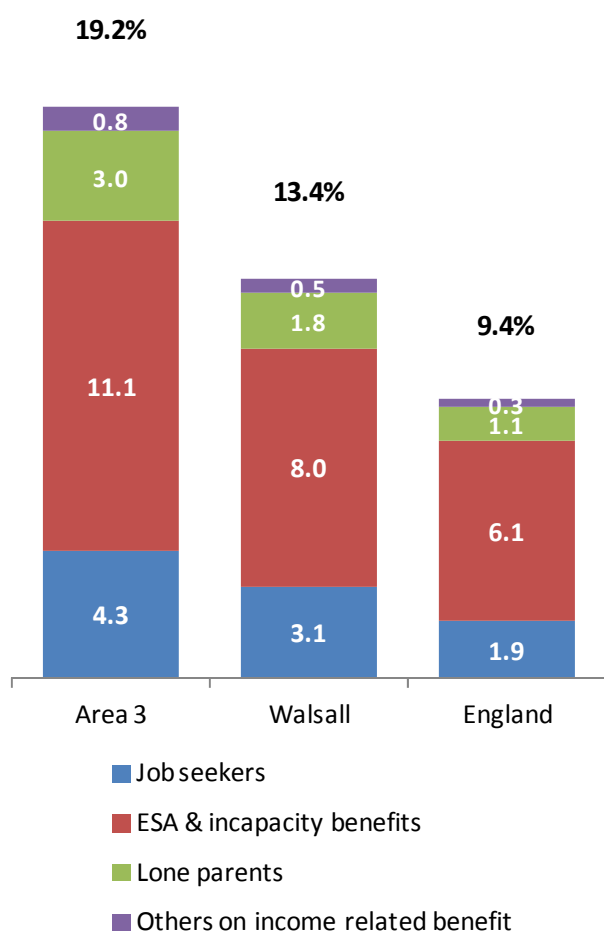
*Source: ONS, Census 2011*



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# Unemployment and Benefits

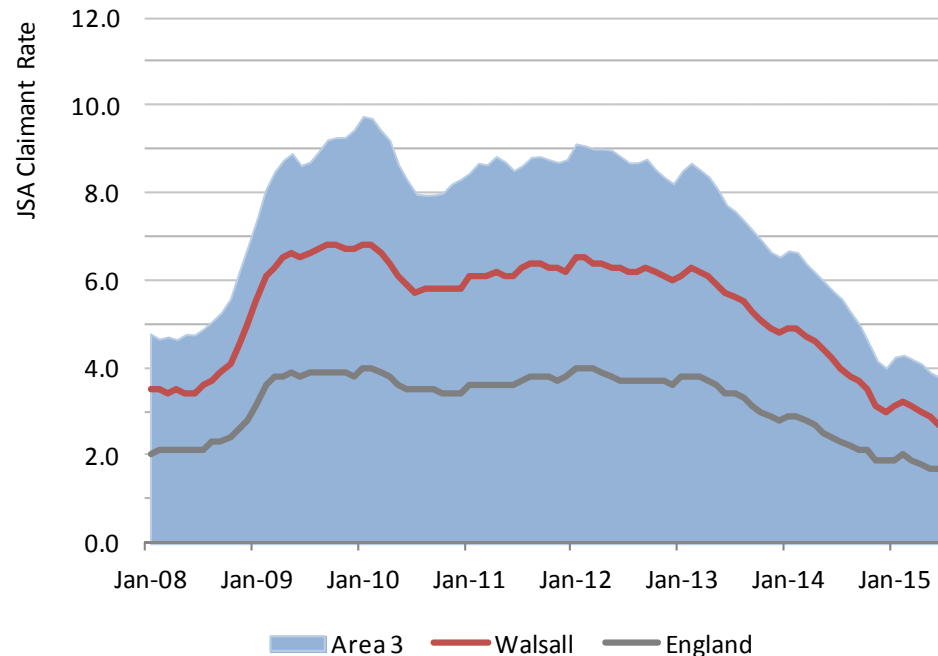


- 1 in 5 adults (6,420) are dependent on an out-of-work benefit.
- Well above borough and national level of claimants.
- Largest group are those on employment support allowance/incapacity benefit: 3,700 people, or 1 in 10 adults.
- Unemployed residents on JSA have been falling, but those claiming ill health related benefits remains high.

*Source: DWP, Working Age Client Group, Feb 15*



# Jobseekers



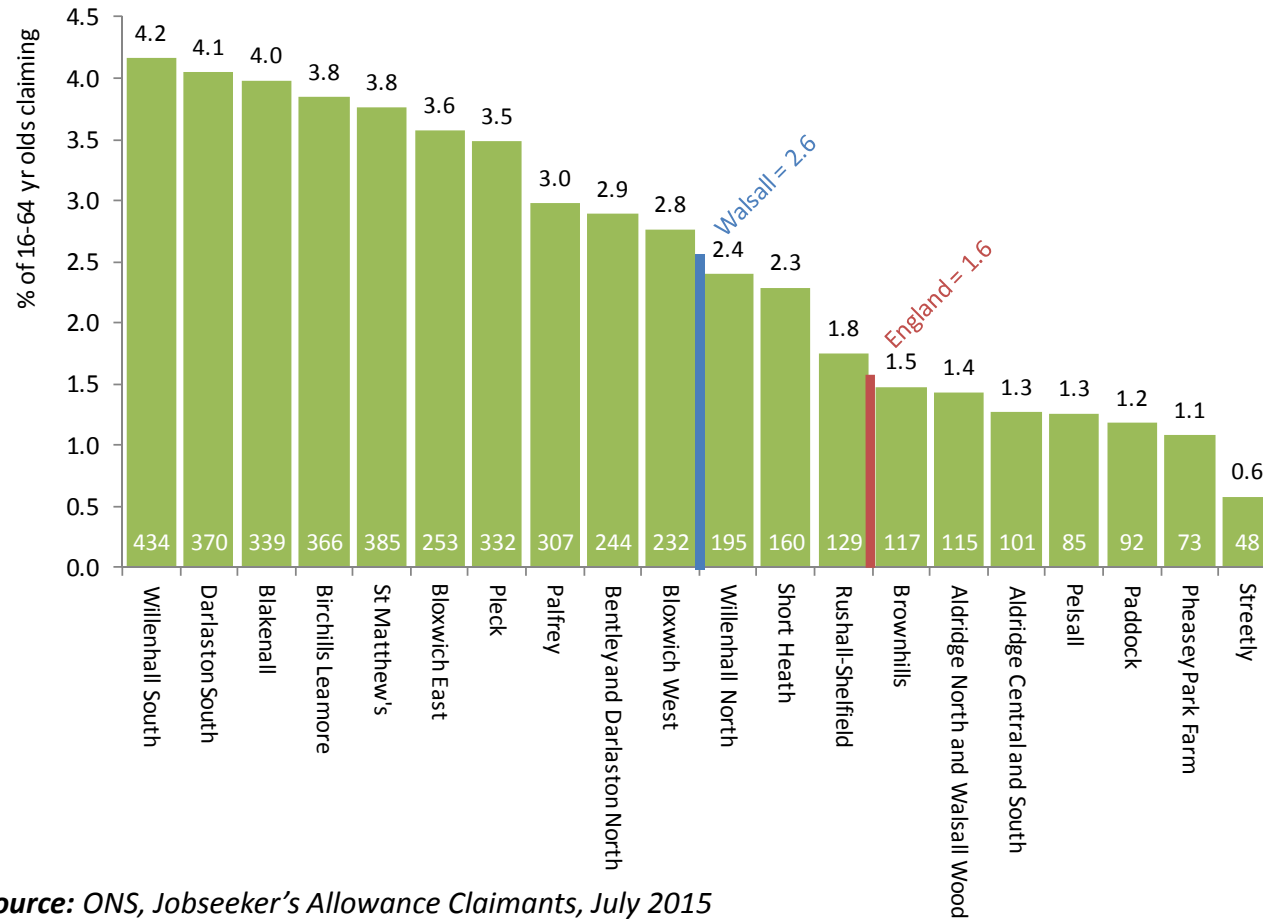
**Source:** ONS, *Jobseeker's Allowance Claimant Count*, Jan 2008 – Jul 2015

- JSA claimant count July15: 1,190 claimants
- JSA claimant rate: 3.6% of 16-64 yr olds (Walsall 2.6%, England 1.6%)
- Young claimants (18-24): 5.2% (Walsall 4.1%, England 2.3%)
- Average (median) length of claims: 28.1 weeks (Walsall 26.3, England 22.0)

**Note:** since Jun 2015, new single claimants are no longer eligible for JSA and instead have to claim Universal Credit. This will make JSA figures an increasingly unreliable measure of unemployment.



# Jobseekers by ward



**Source:** ONS, *Jobseeker's Allowance Claimants*, July 2015

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All 4 wards in the area partnership have JSA claimant levels above the borough average.

Blakenall and Birchills Leamore have the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> highest rates in the borough.



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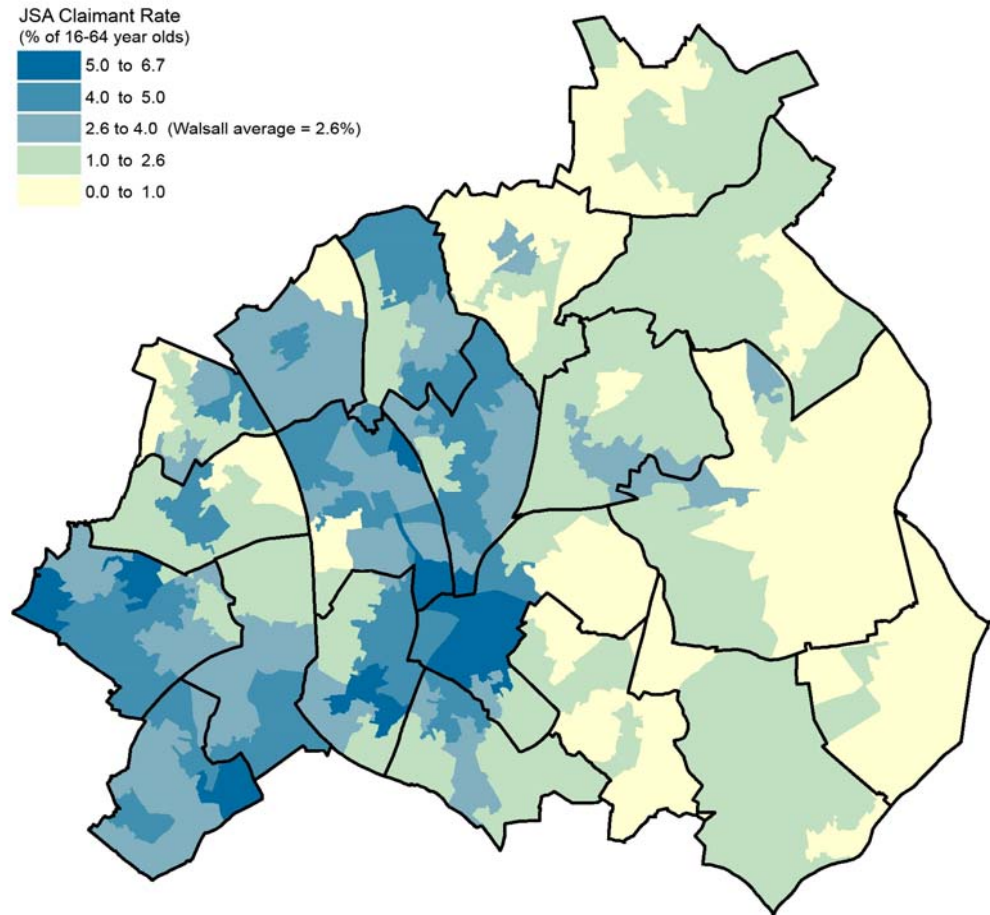
# Jobseekers by neighbourhood

The highest concentration of unemployed claimants is around the town centre. But most neighbourhoods in the North Walsall AP are above borough average.

However, some areas, such as the Turnberry estate, have among the lowest level of claimants in Walsall.

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**Source:** ONS, *Jobseeker's Allowance Claimants*, July 2015



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# Residents' Skills and Qualifications



# Basic Skills

- Adult literacy, numeracy and ICT skills much lower than borough average.
- Almost 1 in 4 adults have literacy skills below GCSE level.
- Almost 2 in 3 adults have numeracy skills below GCSE level.

		Entry Level (and below)	Level 1	Level 2 (and above)
Literacy	Area 3	23.6%	34.0%	42.4%
	Walsall	19.0%	31.9%	49.1%
Numeracy	Area 3	63.9%	22.5%	13.6%
	Walsall	58.0%	25.0%	17.0%
ICT*	Area 3	41.0%	28.7%	30.3%
	Walsall	34.9%	28.1%	37.0%

- *Entry Level:* Pre-GCSE
- *Level 1:* Equivalent to GCSE grades C - G
- *Level 2:* Equivalent to GCSE grades A\* - C

\*Based on Multiple Choice test of ICT knowledge

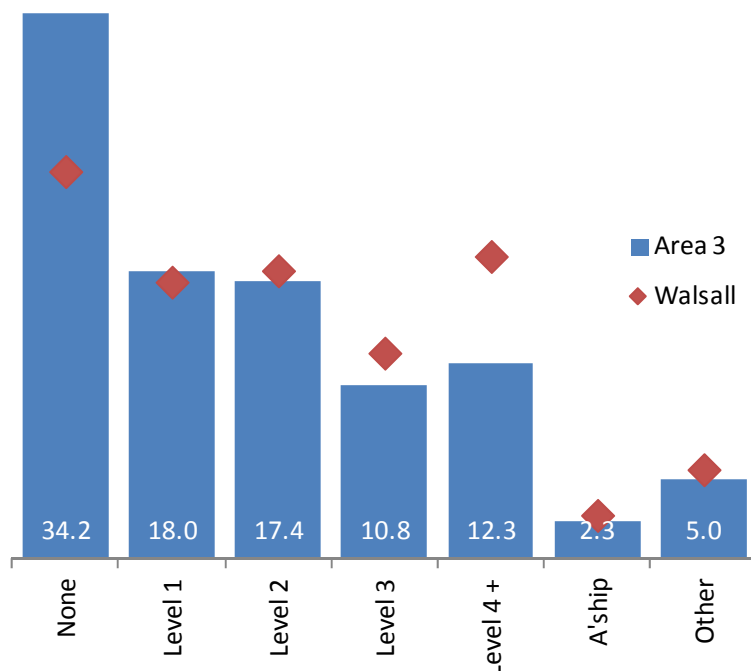
**Source:** BIS, Skills for Life Survey 2011



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# Qualifications



- *None*: No formal qualifications
- *Level 1*: 1-4 GCSEs or equivalent qualifications
- *Level 2*: 5 GCSEs or equivalent qualifications
- *Level 3*: 2 or more A-levels or equivalent qualifications
- *Level 4+*: Bachelors degree or equivalent, and higher qualifications
- *A'ship*: Apprenticeship
- *Other*: including foreign qualifications

- Adult qualifications levels much lower than borough average.
- Over 1 in 3 working age residents (approx 11,400 people) have no formal qualifications.
- Very low proportion with degree level qualifications.

*Source: ONS, Census 2011*



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# Basic Skills

Adults in North Walsall wards have lower levels of basic skills than the national and borough average. Numeracy levels are particularly low.

**Adults with skill levels *below* level 2 (i.e. *below* GCSE grade C standard)**

Area	Literacy		Numeracy	
Birchills Leamore	58%	5,100	87%	7,600
Blakenall	62%	4,700	89%	6,800
Bloxwich East	57%	3,900	86%	5,900
Bloxwich West	54%	4,300	84%	6,700
<b>WALSALL</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>79,200</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>129,100</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>43%</b>		<b>78%</b>	

**Source:** BIS, Skills for Life Survey 2011



# Businesses' Skills Requirements



# Recruitment

- Over two-fifths (44%) of Walsall businesses had a need to recruit staff in the last 12 months;
  - overall, 13% experienced problems with recruitment.
- Two-fifths (40%) of businesses are expecting to recruit in the coming 12 months.
- Almost one-quarter (24%) of Walsall businesses expect to experience skills shortages in the near future

*Source: Walsall Council, Business Survey, 2013*



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# Skills Shortages

## Skills employers found difficult to obtain from applicants

Skill area	
Technical, practical or job-specific	47%
Strategic management	30%
Problem solving	29%
Planning and organisational	29%
Numeracy	27%
Literacy	27%

- 14% of establishments have vacancies
- Almost 1 in 5 vacancies (19%) are skills shortage vacancies with gaps in certain skill areas (see table)
- 8% of employers have staff who are not fully proficient (skills shortage)

**Source:** UKCES, Employer Skills Survey, 2013



# Current Capacity

- 1 in 3 employers (31%) report having underutilised staff
- 2 in 3 employers (65%) predict a need for upskilling staff in the next 12 months

**Source:** UKCES, Employer Skills Survey, 2013



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# Training

Over the previous 12 months:

- 2 in 3 employers (66%) trained their staff

40%  
off-the-job training

59%  
on-the-job training

- Average training days per trainee: 5.9
- Average training days per staff member: 3.7

**Source:** UKCES, Employer Skills Survey, 2013



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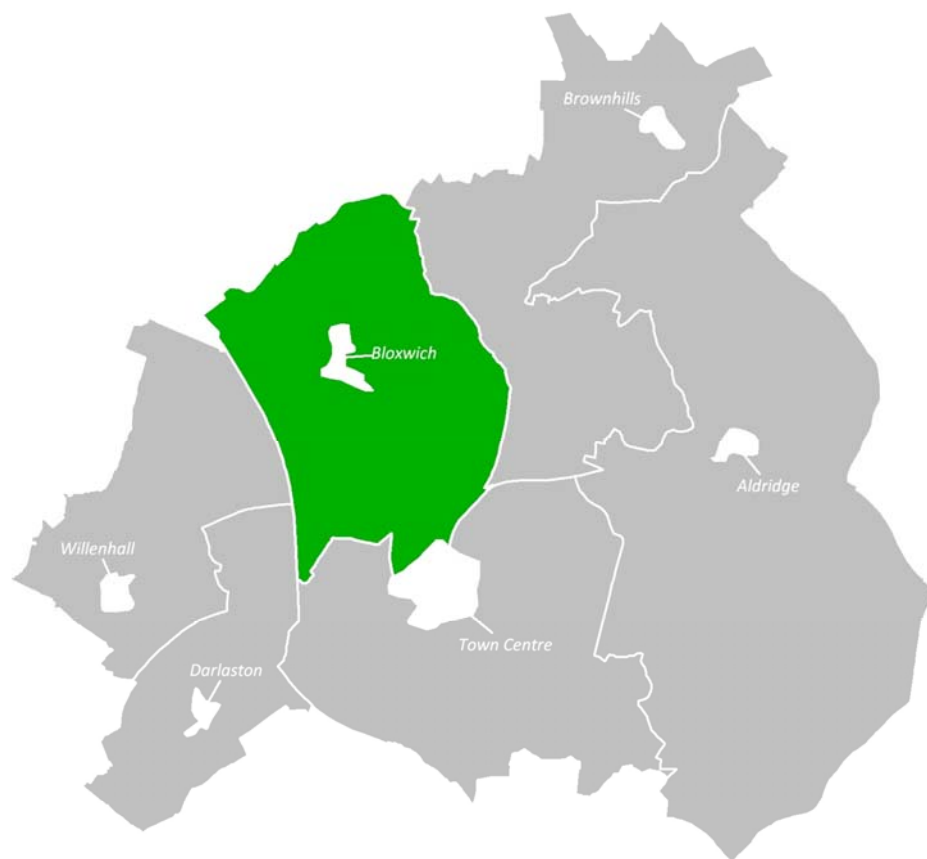
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# Area Partnership Profile



## Area 3: North Walsall

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# Health and Wellbeing Indicators

## Trends Over Time

### North Walsall



# Health and Wellbeing Indicators

- Children's Healthy Weight
- Breastfeeding
- Alcohol
- Dementia
- Diabetes
- Falls

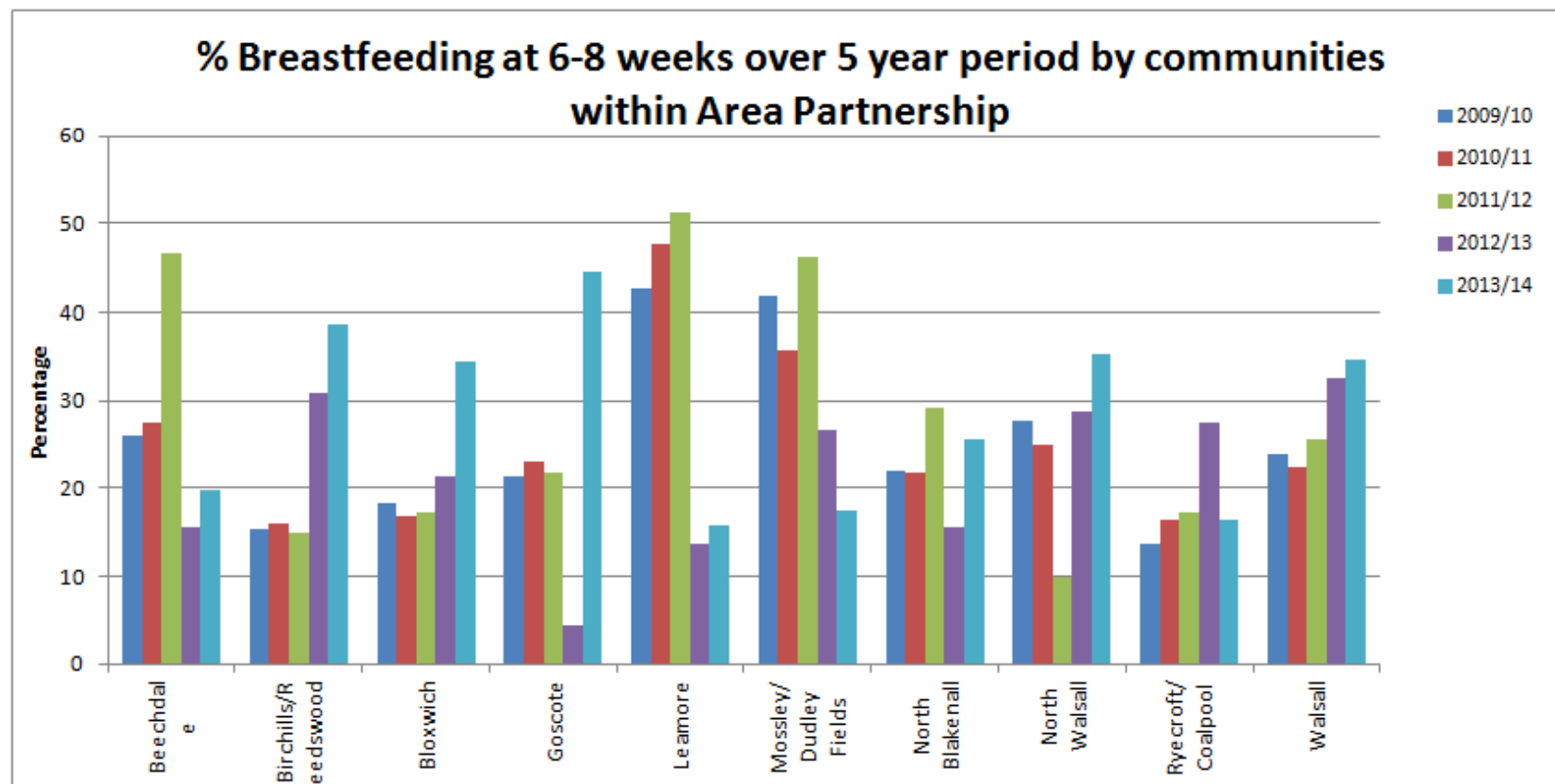


Breastfeeding at 6 to 8 Weeks

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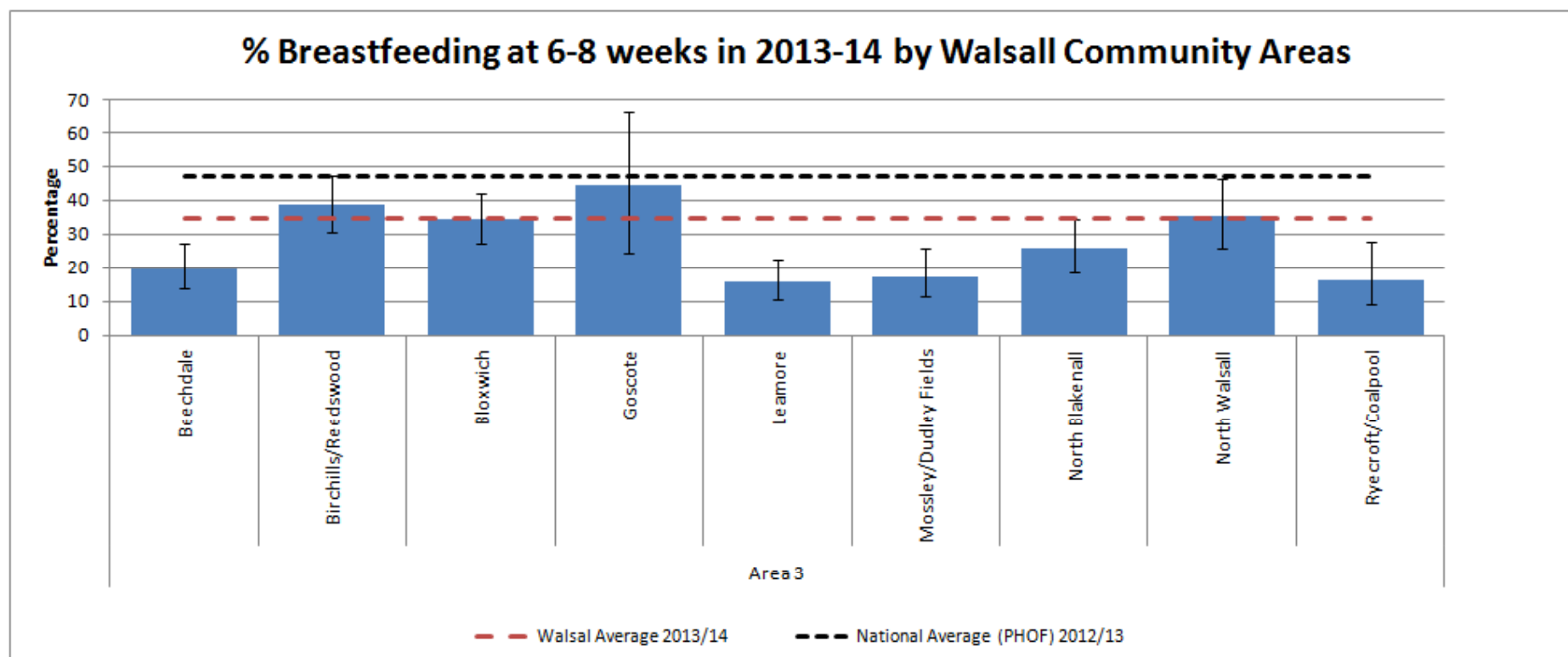
# Breastfeeding Rates – 6 to 8 Weeks



The chart above shows that Breastfeeding rates tend to vary from year to year in Walsall. The overall trend in Walsall shows that the rates have increased from about 24% to 34.7% in 2013/14



# Breastfeeding Rates – 6 to 8 Weeks



The chart above shows that Breastfeeding rates across North Walsall are below the Walsall and National average rates. Beechdale, Leamore, Mossley and Ryecroft / Coalpool had the lowest breastfeeding rates in 2013/14

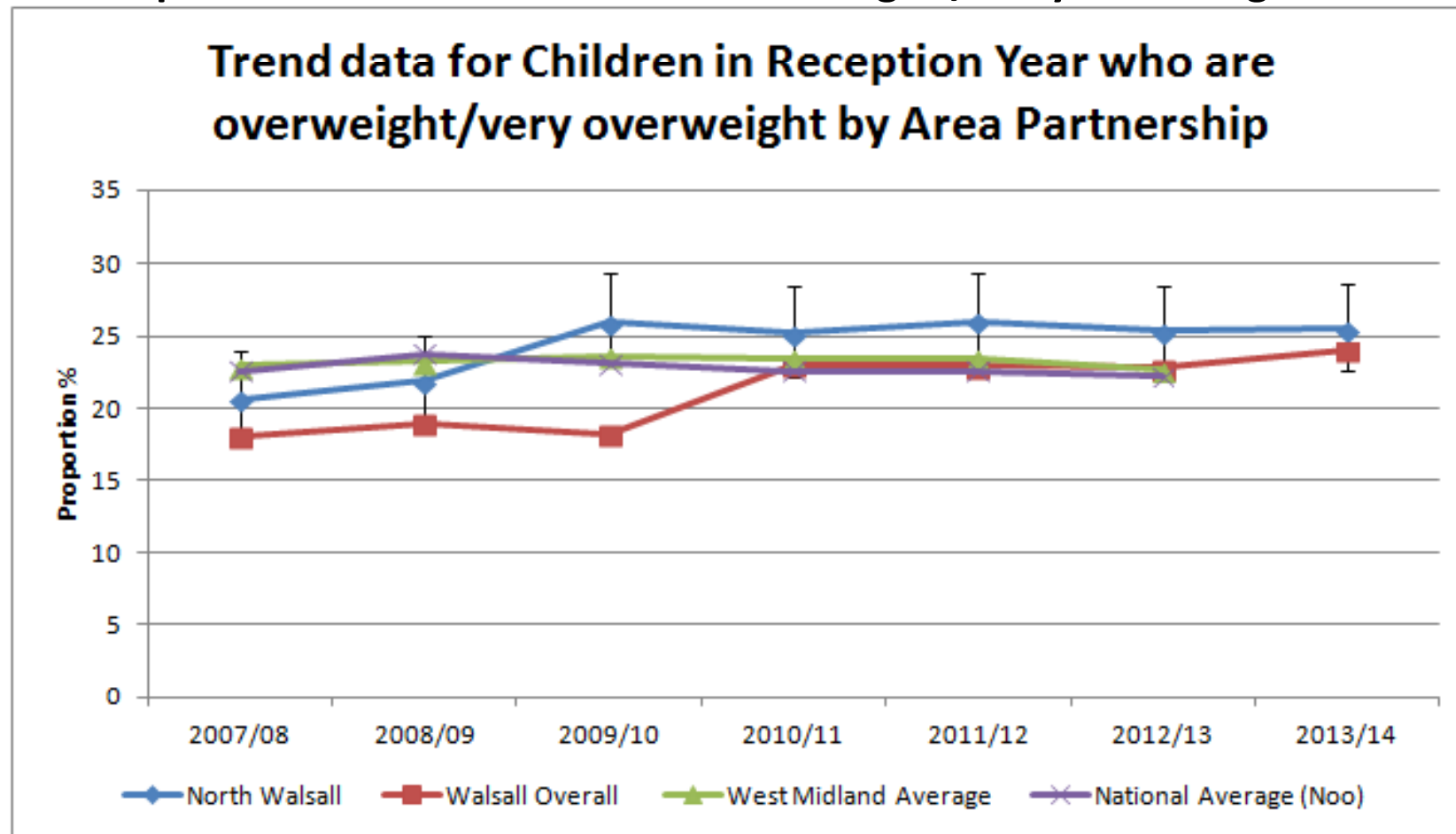


# Childhood Excess Weight Rates

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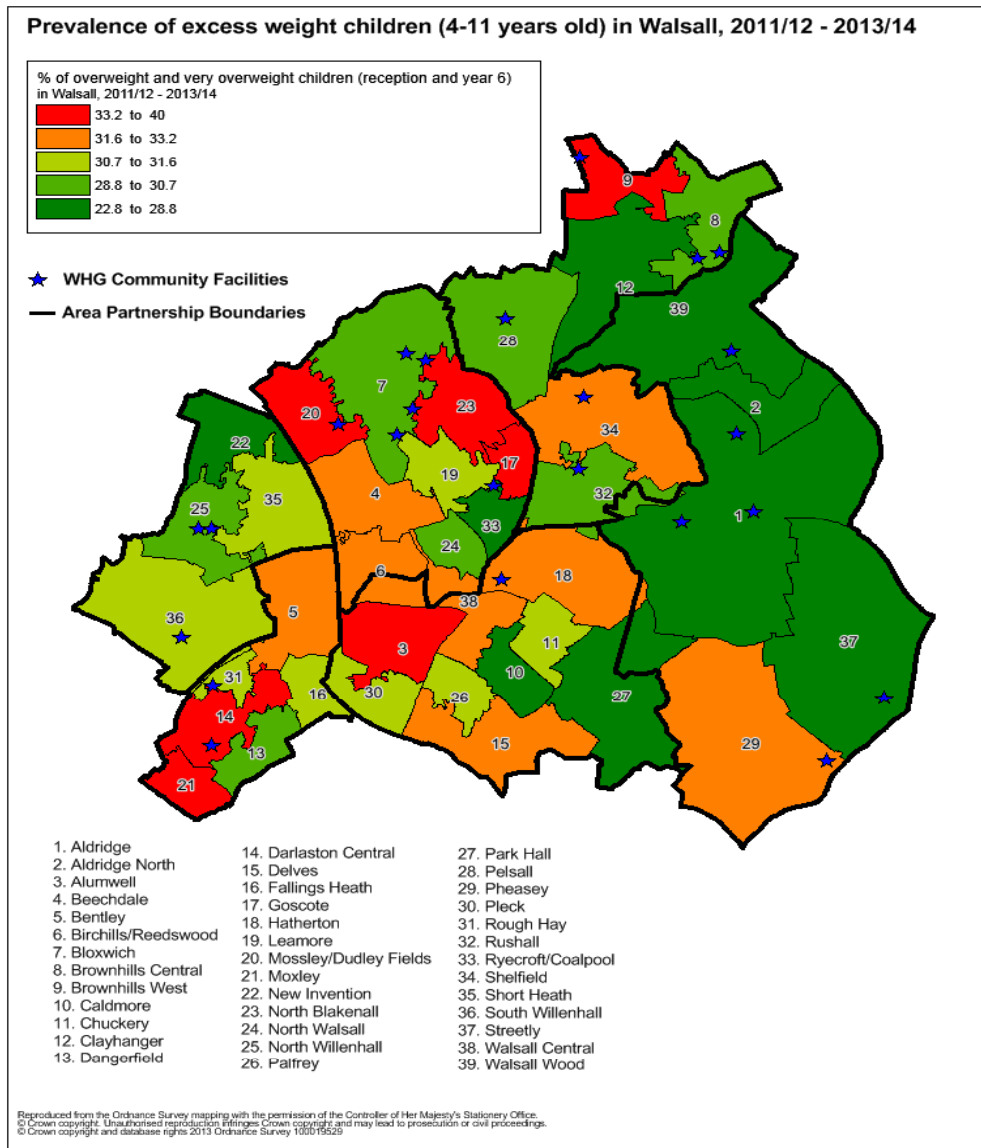


## Reception Year Children who are Overweight / Very Overweight: Rates



The chart above shows that children in North Walsall at reception age have a tendency to be overweight or very overweight. These figures are higher than the Walsall and England averages,





# Excess Weight of Children Aged 4 to 11 Years in Walsall

- The chart above shows there are some areas (in red) of North Walsall have high rates of children with excess weight – these include Mossley, Gosport and North Blakenall community areas.



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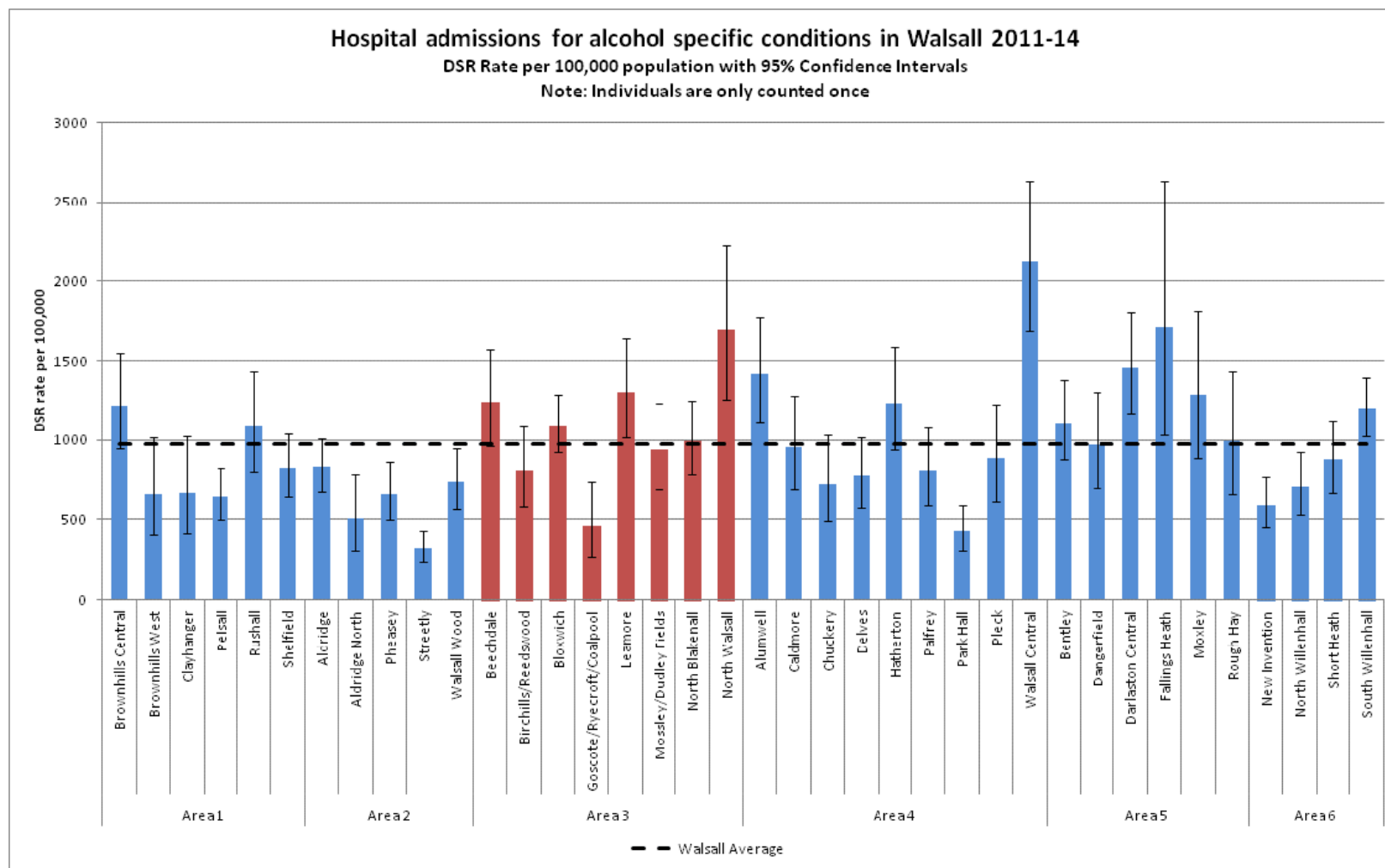
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# Alcohol Specific Admission Rates

## North Walsall Area Partnership



# Hospital Admissions for Alcohol Specific Conditions



The graph above shows that North Walsall, Leamore and Beechdale have significantly higher alcohol specific admission rates than the Walsall average



# The Number of Hospital Admissions for Alcohol Specific Conditions in North Walsall Area Partnership

Community	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Grand Total
Beechdale	27	16	27	70
Birchills/Reedswood	15	12	21	48
Bloxwich	61	38	48	147
Goscote/Ryecroft/Coalpool	9	3	5	17
Leamore	32	22	21	75
Mossley/Dudley Fields	15	18	18	51
North Blakenall	30	19	29	78
North Walsall	21	23	15	59
North Walsall AP Total	210	151	184	545

The graph above shows the number of Hospital Admissions for Alcohol specific conditions by Community. The largest number of Alcohol admissions are in the Bloxwich area of North Walsall.

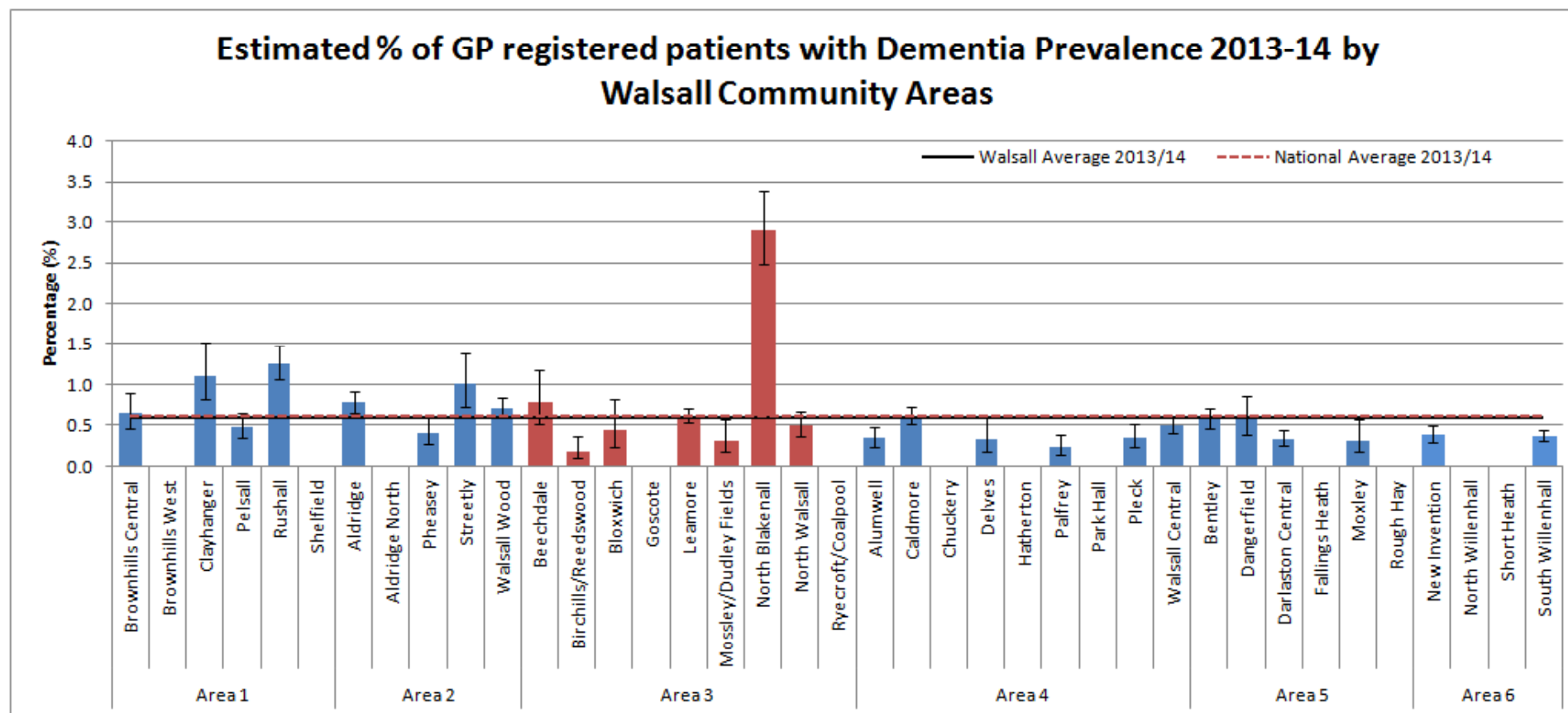


# Dementia Prevalence

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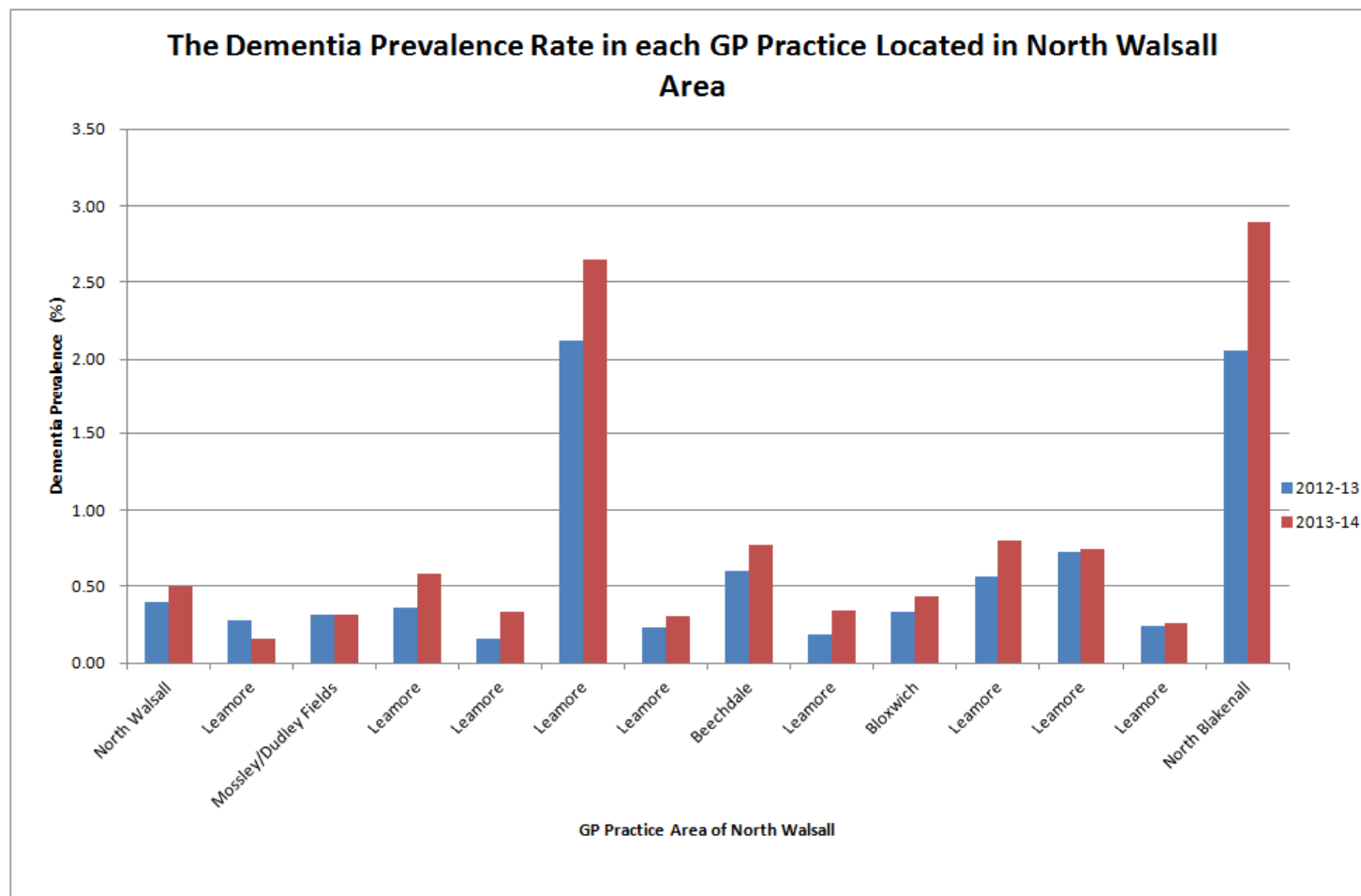
# Dementia Prevalence



- The data in the graph above shows the prevalence of Dementia by GP practice for 2013/14. Note that some GP practices will cover care homes that house Dementia patients.



# Dementia Prevalence



- The data in the graph above shows that the number of dementia has increased from 323 in 2012/13 to 432 in 2013/14 – a 34% increase over a 2 year period.
- A practice in Leamore and a practice in North Blakenall have shown the biggest increase in Dementia cases.

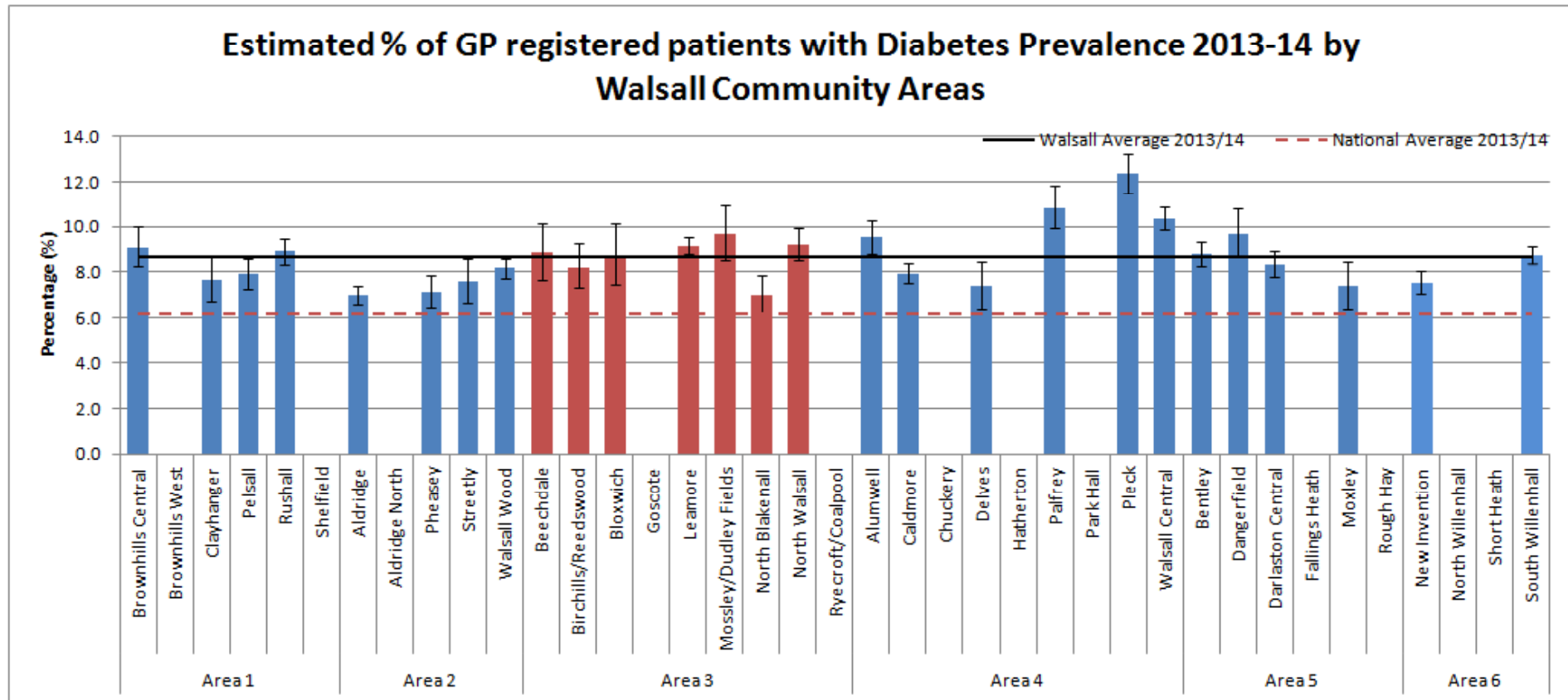


# Diabetes Prevalence

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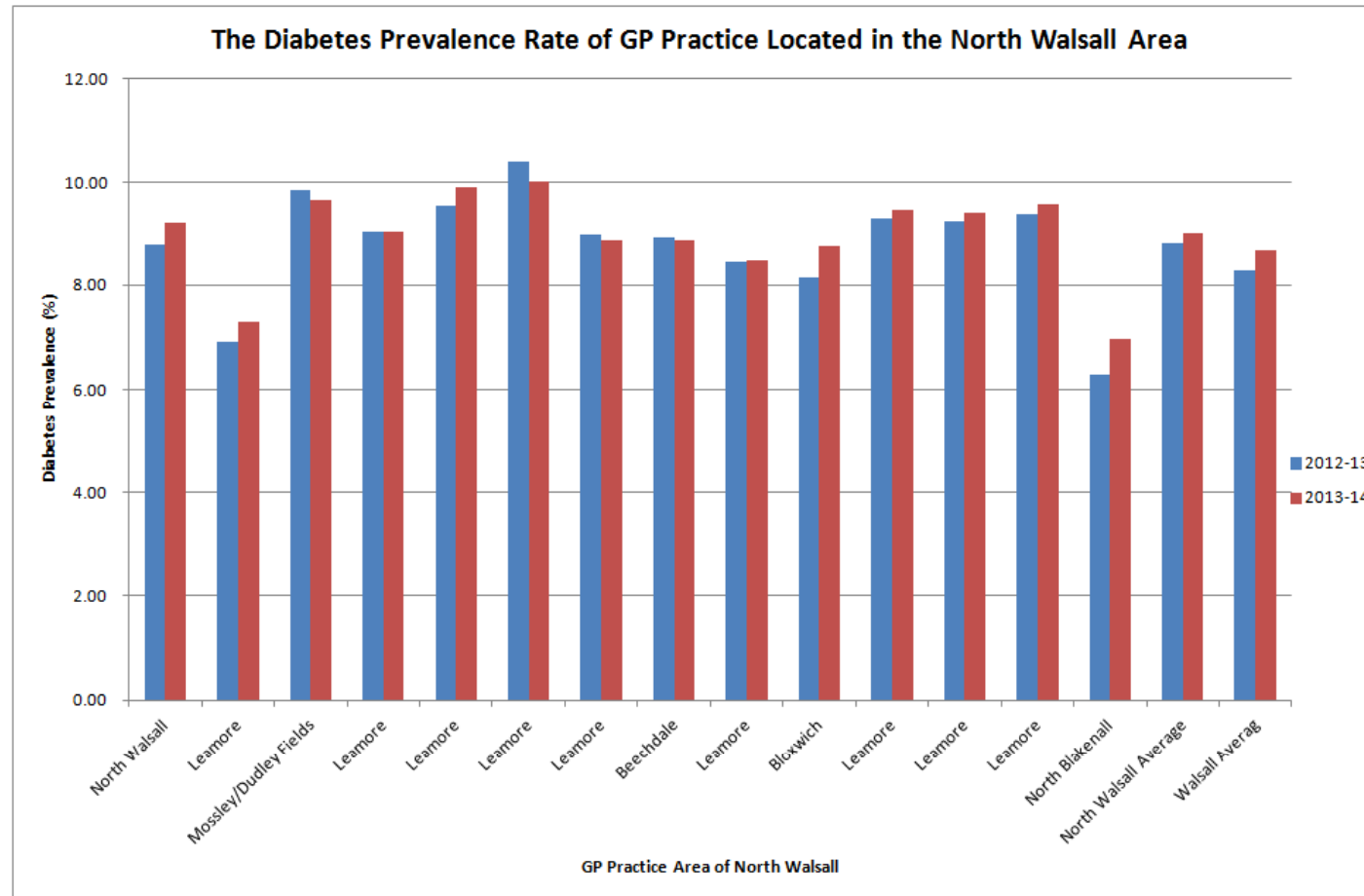
# Diabetes Prevalence



- The data in the graph above shows the prevalence of Diabetes by GP practice for 2013/14.



# Diabetes Prevalence



- The data in the graph above shows that the number of Diabetes cases has increased from 3,625 in 2012/13 to 3726 in 2013/14 – a 2.8% increase over a 2 year period.
- A practice in Leamore and a practice in North Blakenall have the lowest Diabetes prevalence rates.

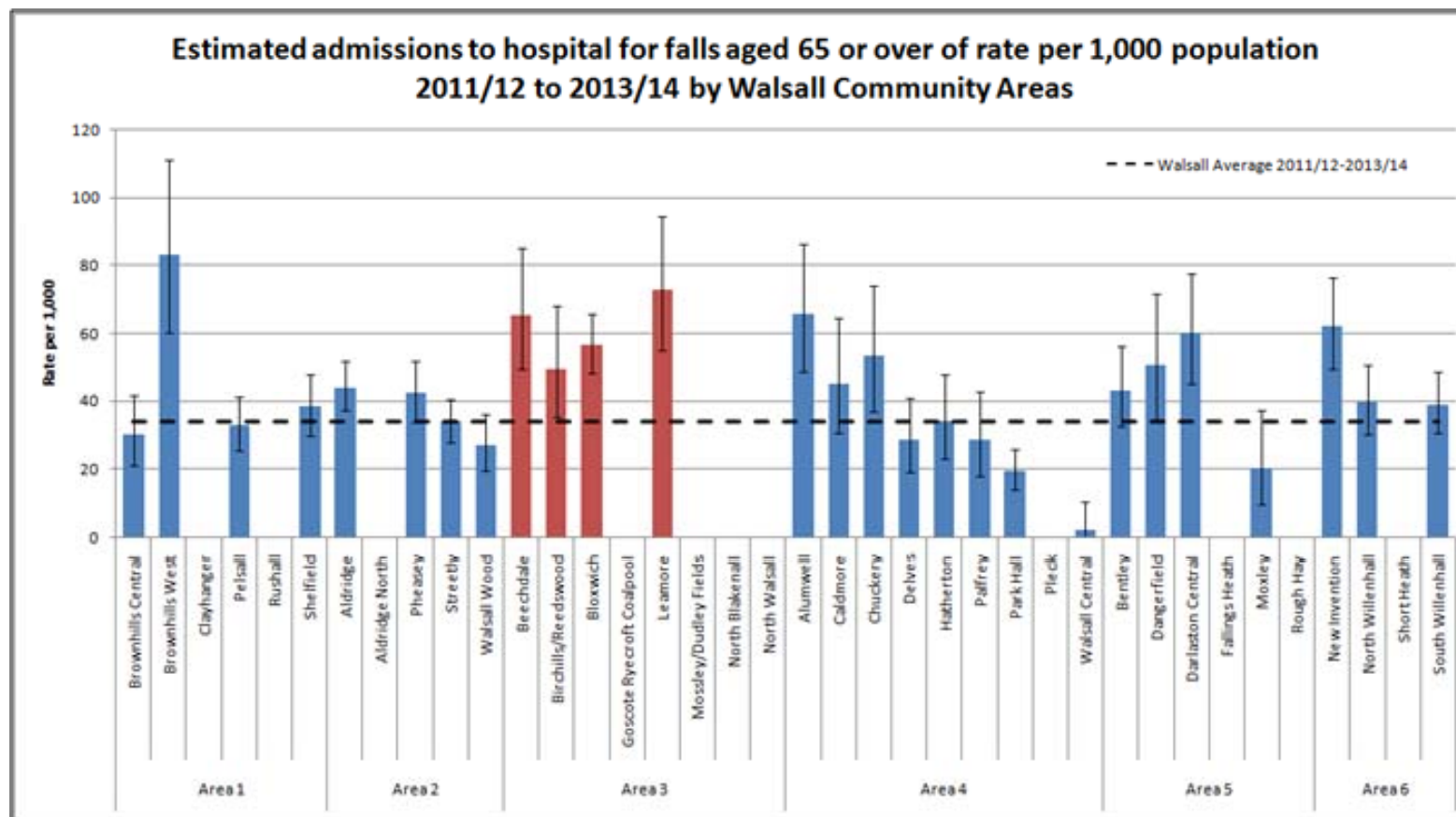


# Falls Admissions into Hospital

## North Walsall Area Partnership



# Falls Admissions into Hospital



- The data in the graph above shows the prevalence of Falls Admissions into Hospital by GP practice for a three year period. All four areas of North Walsall have a significantly higher admission rate than the Walsall average.

