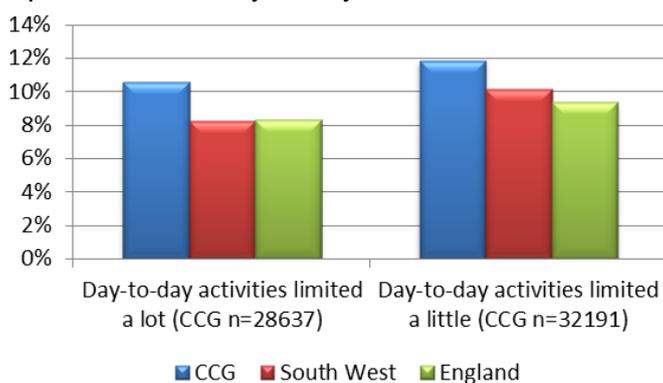


A Carer is someone who has caring responsibilities for a spouse, relative, friend or neighbour, who due to disability, frailty, illness and/or vulnerability cannot manage alone in the community. Carers can be of any age and care without pay (Measure Up, 2000).

Limited daily activity - There are around 61,000 (22%) residents across South Devon who have self-reported experiencing problems undertaking day-to-day activities. This is significantly higher compared to regional and national figures (Fig 1). We might expect this to increase the number of carers needed to provide support.

Figure 1: Percentage of residents reporting problems with day-to-day activities



Source: Census, 2011

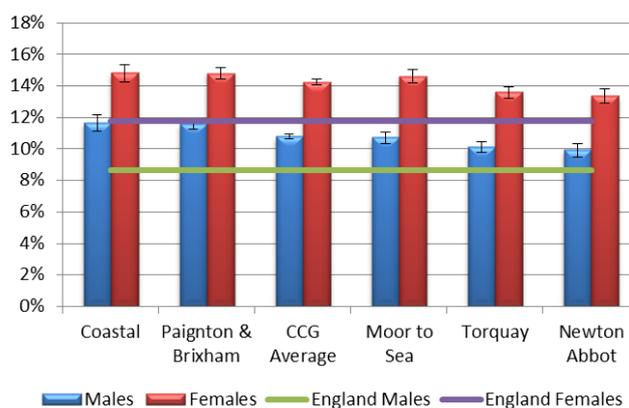
Carers - There are approximately 32,300 (12.6%) self-reported unpaid carers across South Devon; a significantly higher proportion compared to the England average (10.4%).

Almost 1 in 4 residents in South Devon are over the age of 65 years. Coastal and Paignton & Brixham localities have the highest proportion of carers in their populations (Fig 2).

1 in 4 (4,300) carers in the Torbay localities were on a GP Practice Carers Register in 2012. Carers of dementia and memory loss person(s) have previously been identified as a

group who are unlikely to be known or not coded on the register.

Figure 2: Percentage of carers by sex



Source: Census, 2011

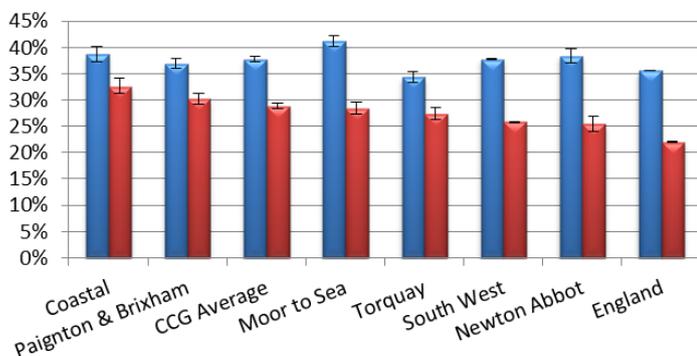
Sex & Ethnicity - As reflected nationally, women are more likely to be carers than men (Fig 2). Around 2.5% of carers come from a Black Minority Ethnic (BME) background, which is significantly less than the national average. However this is expected given the local BME population.

Age - South Devon has a significantly greater proportion of older carers with around a third aged over 65, compared to just under a quarter across England. As well as having the highest proportion of carers; Coastal and Paignton & Brixham localities have the highest proportion of carers aged over 65 (Fig 3). It is estimated that almost 45% of those over 65 years in Torbay are already living with a limiting long-standing illness (POPPI, 2012).

As our current older carer population continues to age and their health begins to

deteriorate, they may become less able to care. This would increase the burden on, and volume of, unpaid care provision required.

Figure 3: Percentage of older carers (50+ yrs)



Source: Census, 2011

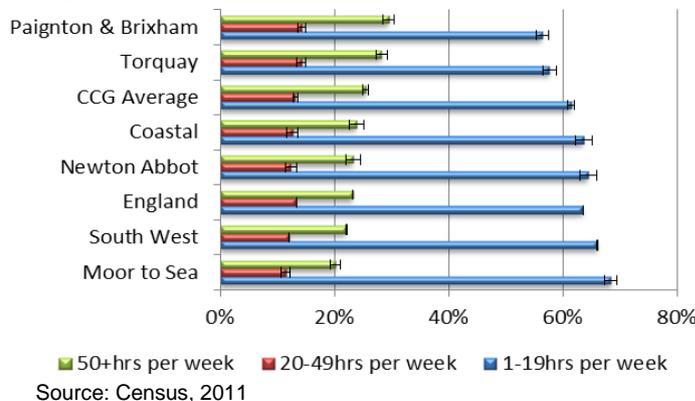
As expected from an older population, the proportion of young carers (those aged under 25) is around 6% in South Devon and is significantly lower than the proportion of young carers across England (7%).

Care provision - A quarter of all unpaid care provision across South Devon is for more than 50 hours per week. This is significantly higher than the England average. Torquay and Paignton & Brixham localities have the greatest proportion of carers who provide more than 50 hours of care per week (Fig 4).

Carers Allowance – Around 2% (pooled 2010-12) of the South Devon population claim Carers Allowance for looking after a severely disabled person(s) for more than 35 hours per week (NOMIS, 2012). National figures are significantly lower (1%) with age standardisation showing that this difference is predominantly due to an older population. If we assume that care provision over 50 hours per week equates to severity of disability;

there may be a gap of around 1% of unpaid carers that could be entitled to Carers Allowance across South Devon.

Figure 4: Percentage of carers by care provision

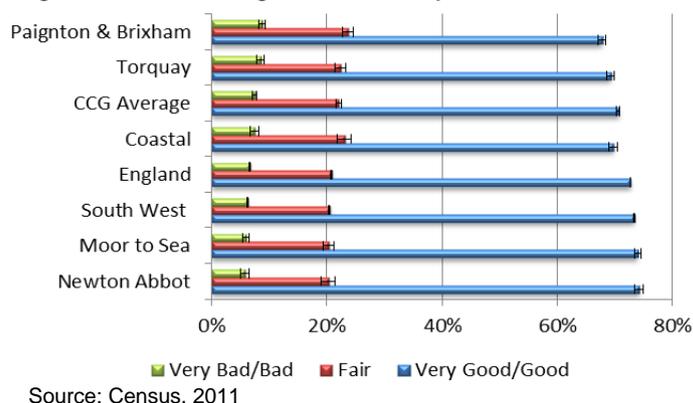


Source: Census, 2011

Carer's health - The majority of unpaid carers report having *Very Good/Good* health (70.6%). However on average, there are significantly more carers reporting *Very Bad/Bad* or *Fair* health status compared to England (Fig 5). Torquay and Paignton & Brixham localities have the greatest proportion of carers with *Very Bad/Bad* health status (8.6%) which may be related to longer hours of care (Fig 4).

In a GP project for carers in Torbay, 32% required active intervention after an *Enhanced Health and Wellbeing Check*. This suggests that self-reported ill health is slightly under-reported in Torbay.

Figure 5: Percentage of carers by health status



Source: Census, 2011