

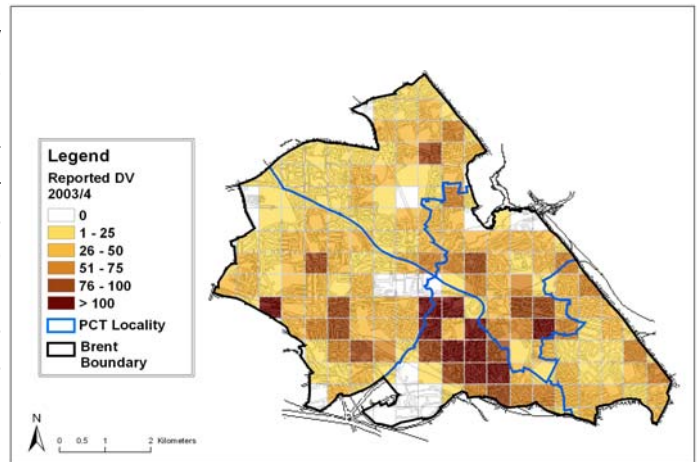


Domestic Violence - London Borough of Brent

Aims

A key element in the implementation of Children's Trusts is the development of a strategic plan by the local authority and its partners - the 'Children and Young People's Plan'. Well-being is the term used in the act to define the five 'Every Child Matters' outcomes: 'Be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution, achieve economic well-being'. We undertook an analysis of domestic violence over a two year period – its occurrence and a risk profile of typical cases– as part of an overall 'children's needs assessment'.

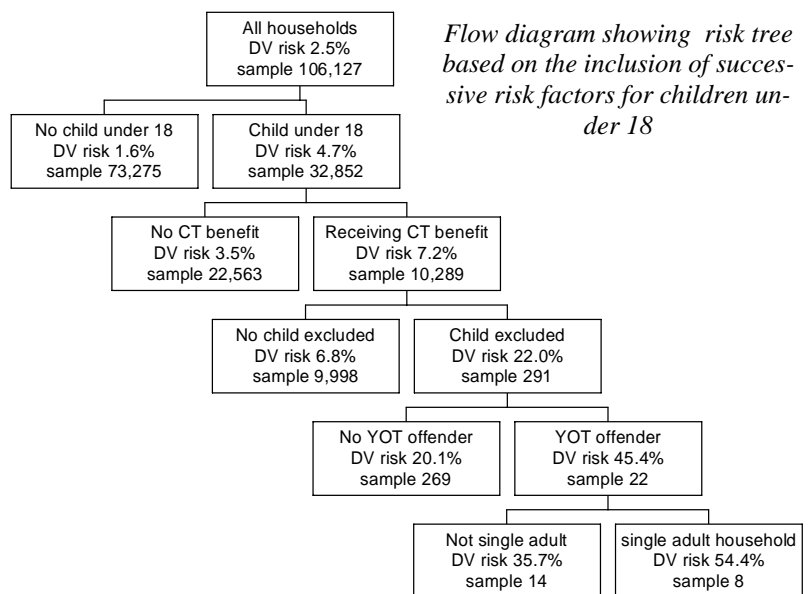
Tailoring services to local needs



Map showing the occurrence of reported domestic violence by 500x500 metre grid square over a 2-year period

What we did

In partnership with Brent PCT, the local authority and police, we obtained and linked data from each agency to the Local Property Gazetteer. We then undertook a risk assessment of all reported domestic violence based on socio-demographic factors such as age, gender, ethnicity, school exclusion, housing and benefits to determine the key risk factors. We mapped sub-populations to show the neighbourhoods where domestic violence was highest (see map) and identified key reasons for its occurrence from the accompanying risk analysis (see flow diagram).



Flow diagram showing risk tree based on the inclusion of successive risk factors for children under 18

Outputs

The domestic violence study was one of several addressing key children's outcomes using a range of local data sets. Other studies included mortality risk, teenage pregnancy, school attainment, housing and deprivation, child and adolescent mental health services, and school exclusion. The results formed part of the overall evidence base for the development of the Brent Children's Strategic Plan.