



Project Town Dalkeith – Inequalities Data

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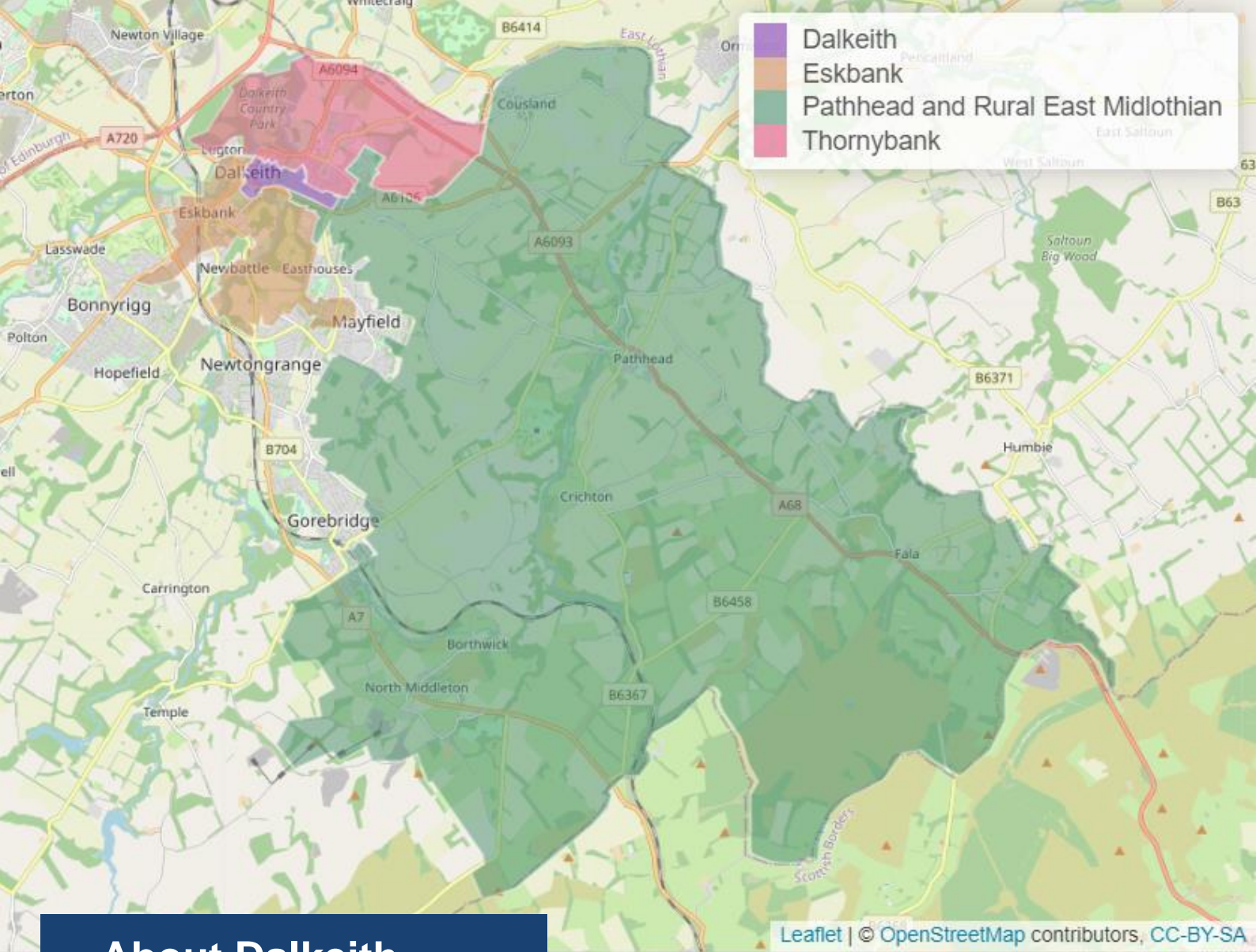
It highlights the key insights from a comprehensive quantitative data exercise undertaken by the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme to understand the most significant inequalities experienced by the population of Dalkeith.

The data was the starting point for identifying inequalities in Dalkeith and is intended to be read alongside the qualitative infographic that brings a deeper understanding of who is impacted by inequalities and how.

It is to be used by decision-makers to influence the development of plans and strategies which impact on place and support the health and wellbeing of those who live in Dalkeith.

Key areas of focus

- 1 People experiencing barriers including income and accessing services
- 2 Poverty, including child poverty
- 3 Crime
- 4 Substance use



About Dalkeith

The town of Dalkeith is covered by four areas, see map above.

Throughout the profile when we refer to Dalkeith this is the area highlighted in purple.

20,376
 people living across the four areas
 (2021-mid year estimate).
 National Records of Scotland

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People experiencing barriers including income and accessing services

2,105 people (71.9%)

are in the 20% most deprived (red areas in the map).

SIMD 2020

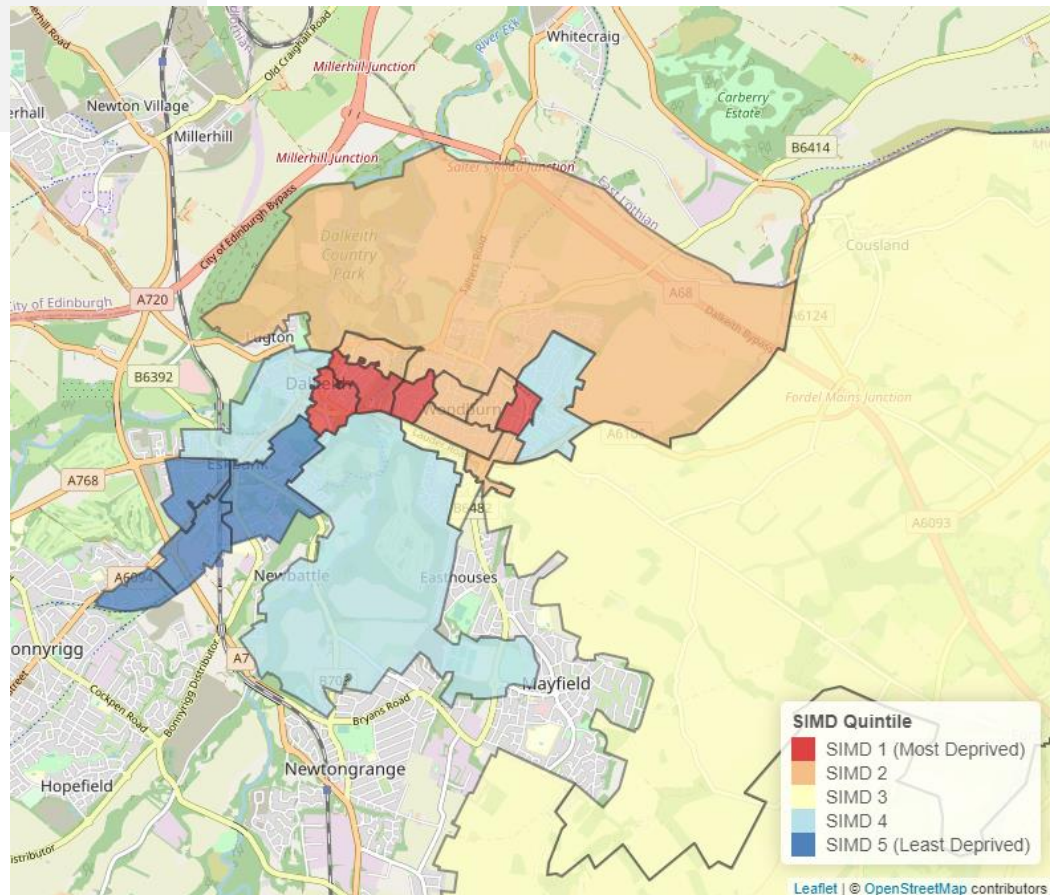
10.2% Thornybank
(466 people)

8.7% Midlothian
(8,239 people)

0% Eskbank and Pathhead and Rural East Midlothian

People experiencing barriers is not just about income, it is also about having fewer resources and opportunities.

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation looks at the extent to which an area is deprived across income, employment, education, health, access to services, crime and housing.



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Poverty, including child poverty



**185 children
aged 0-15 years
(36%)**

in Dalkeith live in poverty
(2021/22).

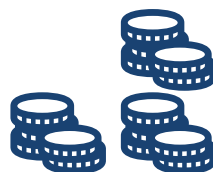
Improvement Service

Children in poverty is defined as children aged 0-15 years in relative low-income families, where a families equivalised income before housing costs is below 60% of the median income



30% of the Dalkeith population are in receipt of out of work Benefits (2021/22).

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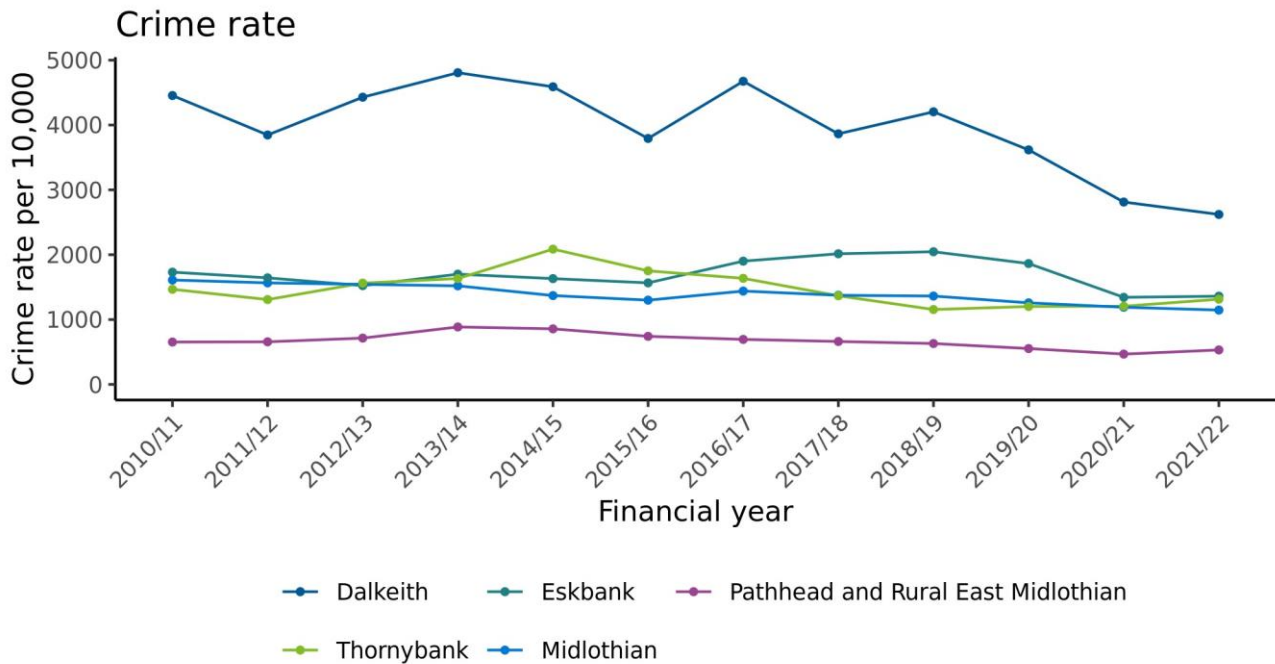


The rate of people aged 16+ on universal credit in Dalkeith is approx **double** the rate in Midlothian and Scotland (Sep 2023).

DWP

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Crime



Source: Improvement Service

Crime is higher in Dalkeith compared to Midlothian as a whole. Crime has been decreasing since 2018/19 in Dalkeith intermediate zone.

Most of the crimes in Dalkeith are relatively minor and we can work together to reduce the number of shoplifting and vandalism incidents in the area.

Improvement Service & Police Scotland

4 Substance use

2x



Alcohol-related hospital admission incidents in Dalkeith are more than double the rate in Midlothian (2021/22).

Public Health Scotland, SMR01

Alcohol-related hospital admissions are due to conditions entirely due to alcohol. Conditions include:

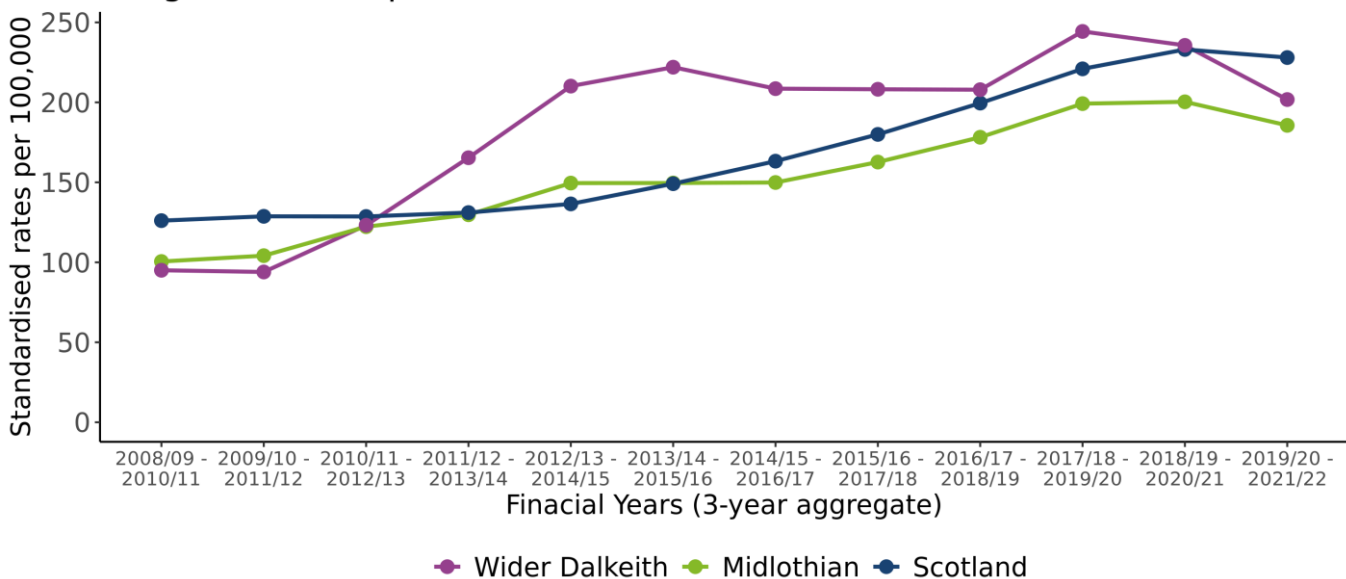
- Alcoholic liver disease
- Acute Intoxication
- Alcohol withdrawal
- Dependency

This figure includes patients that may have been admitted more than once.

Drug-related hospital admissions have decreased in Midlothian and Wider Dalkeith for the latest period.

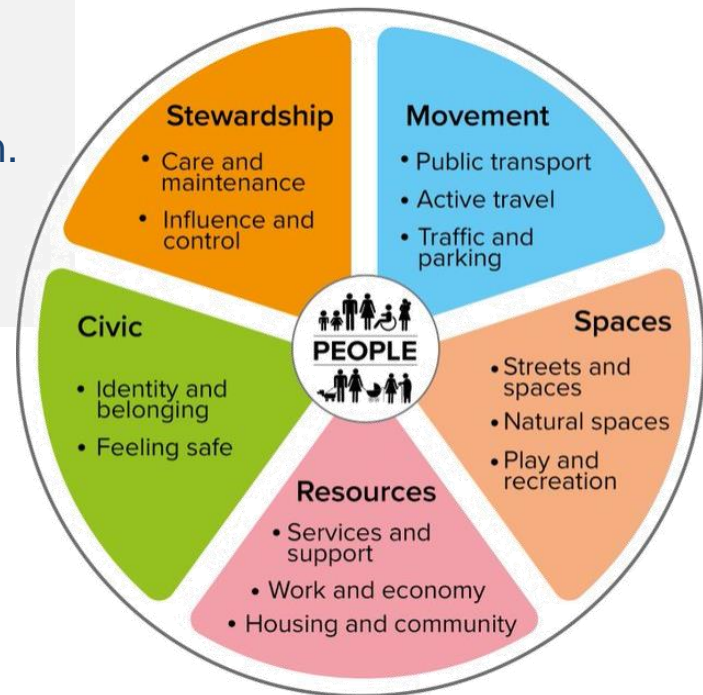
Drug-related hospital admission rates are higher in Wider Dalkeith than in Midlothian.

Drug-related hospital admissions



Place and Wellbeing Outcomes

Alongside this information, decision makers should embed the Place and Wellbeing Outcomes in policy and action. To ensure every place has what it needs to live well locally.



Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme

The [Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme](#) is a 3-year programme which is being delivered by Public Health Scotland and the Improvement Service jointly with local authorities and local NHS boards. The ambition is to improve Scotland's wellbeing by reducing significant inequality in the health of its people while addressing the health of our planet.

Data sources

PHS Database (e.g., Inpatients, SMR01, Deaths)
National Records of Scotland
Improvement Service

Scottish Government
Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)
Local Data