

Erratum for ‘Health Inequalities Policy Review for the Scottish Ministerial Task Force on Health Inequalities’ published by NHS Health Scotland in June 2013.

Figures 16 and 17 on pages 77 and 78 in the above publication have been found to have been mislabelled. The original labelling described the data as being the life expectancy for the most and least deprived quintiles within each local authority, when it should in fact have been the life expectancy for the most and least deprived areas within each local authority (the data refer to the most deprived 15%, and the least deprived 85%, of areas within each local authority).

The amended figures are given below (Figures 16 & 17). This does not change any of the interpretation in the text of the report other than the reference to ‘quintiles’, nor does it have any different implications for policy or practice. It should be noted that more recent data have subsequently been published by National Records for Scotland (NRS). Those data are available at <http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/life-expectancy/life-expectancy-in-scottish-areas/council-areas-by-deprivation>. The data should be interpreted with caution in Eilean Siar, Moray and Shetland because of the small number of deaths and the difficulties in using area deprivation to provide a social ranking within those local authorities.

NHS Health Scotland are planning to do further analyses on health inequalities within local authority areas in the coming year which may include an analysis of the life expectancy or mortality rates within the most and least deprived quintiles within each local authority. These data are likely to show more marked inequalities than the data in Figures 16 & 17 below because it will compare the extremes of the population rather than simply the most deprived with the rest of the population. When published this will be notified through the Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) mailing list which you can sign-up to at <http://www.scotpho.org.uk/register>.

This error was identified only after subsequent publications of updated data by NRS were being analysed by the author in March 2015 and this prompted a retrospective look at this publication to check whether the way in which NRS had published the data had changed or whether they had been incorrectly labelled in the above publication.

Figure 16 - Female life expectancy at birth in the most deprived 15% and least deprived 85% of areas within each Scottish local authority area (2006–2010) (Source: NRS)

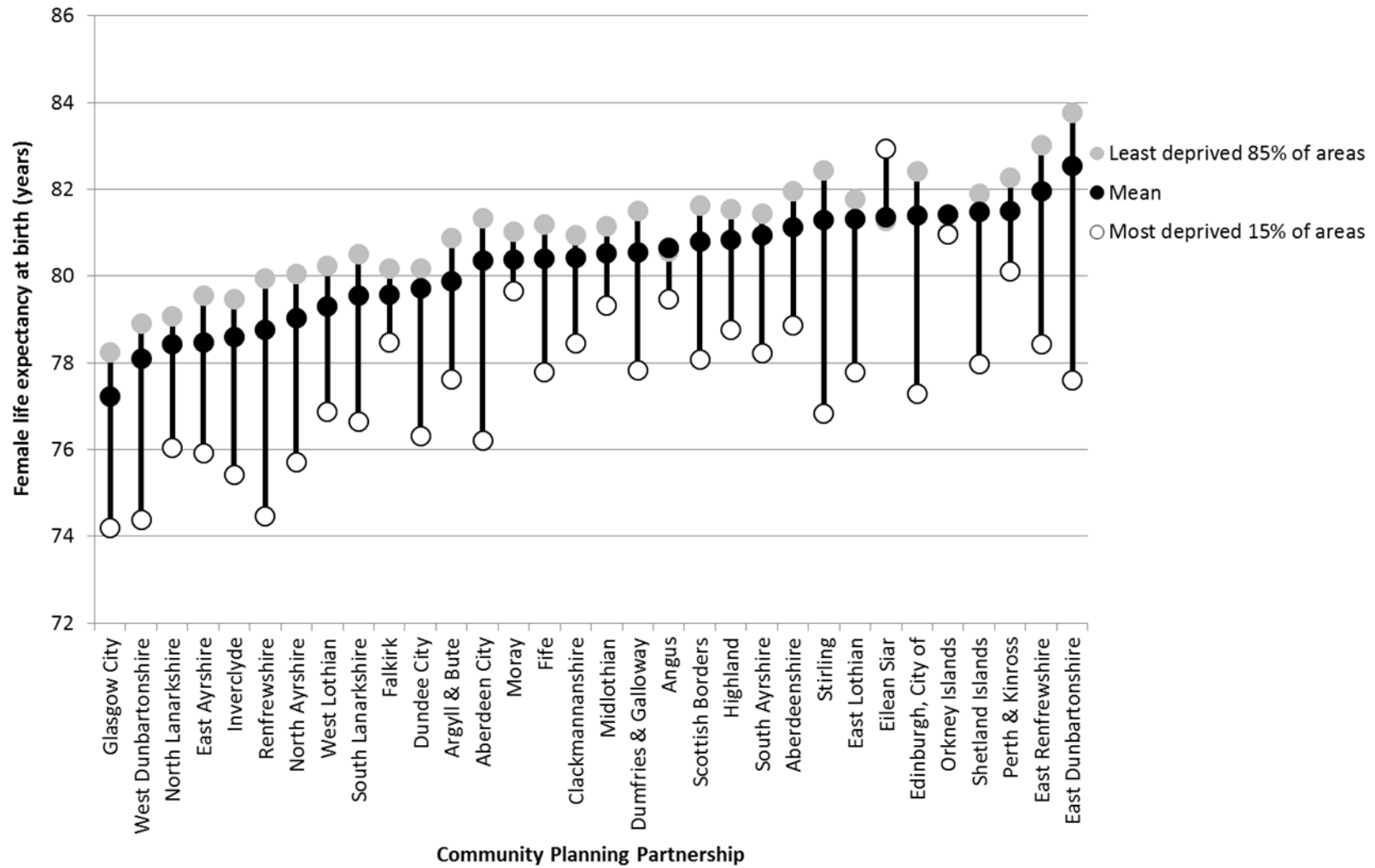


Figure 17 - Male life expectancy at birth in the most deprived 15% and least deprived 85% of areas within each Scottish local authority area (2006–2010)
 (Source: NRS)

