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The Health Profiles Team regrets that there was an error in the Statutory Homelessness indicator in some of the Health Profiles published on 6th July 2010. The indicator was corrected using a more complete source of data. This had the effect of changing statistical significance for some areas, and also enabled the presentation of data for some areas where the indicator was initially blank. Users in the affected areas were contacted by email within 10 days and sent apologies and a website link to the updated profile for their area. All metadata, interactive atlases and data tables were also updated. An incident report was completed and quality assurance processes were improved to reduce the risk of future errors. Only the corrected profiles and data are now provided on the website. However, in case any users wish to check a printed copy, the effects of the correction are given below. The areas affected by the error were: Local authorities (Central Bedfordshire UA) and Counties (Derbyshire CC, Lancashire CC, Leicestershire CC, Lincolnshire CC, Oxfordshire CC, Suffolk CC, and Warwickshire CC).

The profiles which went from blank to RAG were:

- Bristol CD
- Derbyshire Dales CD
- North Warwickshire CD
- Oadby and Wigston CD
- Oxford CD
- Waveney CD
- West Lancashire CD

The areas where the correction changed statistical significance were:

- Bromsgrove CD
- Burnley CD
- Cambridge CD
- Cumbria CC
- Fenland CD
- Great Yarmouth CD
- Hammersmith and Fulham LB
- Hastings CD
- Kensington and Chelsea LB
- Northumberland UA
- Reading UA

- Scarborough CD
- South Derbyshire CD
- South Gloucestershire UA
- Stafford CD
- Wealden CD

Why is there no indicator data for Indicator 21 Drug Misuse in the 2010 profiles?

New Problematic Drug User estimates were not available in time for inclusion in the Health Profiles 2010 thus no data has been presented for this indicator in Health Profiles 2010. In the 2009 Health Profiles the Drug Misuse indicator was a modelled estimate of the number of problem drug users in a local authority district. The analysis uses the problem drug user prevalence data (2006/07) provided by the Home Office and the National Treatment Agency for Top Tier Local Authorities (Counties, MCDs, UAs, LBs) and the number of opiate and/or crack users in treatment data by Local Authority District provided by the National Treatment Agency (2006/07).