SHROPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Report

Meeting Date	19 September 2024				
Title of report	Cost of Living - Dashboard				
This report is for (You will have been advised which applies)	Discussion and agreement of recommendations		Approval of recommendations (With discussion by exception)	x	Information only (No recommendations)	
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Which Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities does this report address? Please tick all that apply	Children & Young People	x	Joined up working	x
	Mental Health		Improving Population Health	x
	Healthy Weight & Physical Activity		Working with and building strong and vibrant communities	x
	Workforce	x	Reduce inequalities (see below)	x
What inequalities does this report address?	Inequalities arising from factors affecting the cost of living among our residents, such as fuel costs, income, employment and house and rent prices.			

Report content - Please expand content under these headings or attach your report ensuring the three headings are included.

1. Executive Summary

This report presents to the Health and Wellbeing Board an update on Shropshire's Cost of Living dashboard, progress to date, future direction, and timescales.

2. Report

The Shropshire Cost of living interactive dashboard can be found here:
https://app.powerbi.com/Redirect?action=OpenApp&appId=c36bab57-92cf-4323-b55d-d23d5152b2d4&ctid=b6c13011-372d-438b-bc82-67e4c7966e89

The Cost of Living project started before Christmas 2023 and is based on the Suffolk County Council's Cost of Living dashboard.

Shropshire's Cost of Living dashboard includes data from various public sources such as DWP (Department for Work and Pensions), ONS (Office for National Statistics), Education statistics and data from local partner organisations, such as Citizens Advice.

The dashboard includes the following sections:

- Household Spend
- Employment and Earnings
- Housing
- Health and Society

The dashboard went for comment to the Poverty and Hardship group in February 2024, involving statutory and VCSE (Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprise) partners working to support people in hardship and poverty in Shropshire. This group feeds into the Social Taskforce. The dashboard was then reviewed by the Social Task Force Group in March and was circulated in August 2024, receiving positive feedback and interest. We are still waiting for data from other partners to incorporate into the tool, it will be an iterative intelligence product, and more data will be added as it becomes available.

Dashboard contents

Examples of reports by section:

Household spend: Fuel Poverty

Employment and Earning: Universal Credit claimants

Page Information:
This page shows the number of people in Shropshire that are claiming Universal Credit. People on Universal Credit includes those who have started Universal Credit and have not had a termination recorded for this spell. The rollout of Universal Credit is ongoing with existing benefit claimants being moved to Universal Credit. For this reason, Alternative Claimant Count should also be considered when assessing the number of benefits claimants in Shrewsbury. The Alternative Claimant Count measures the number of people claiming unemployment benefits by modelling what the count would have been if Universal Credit had been in place since 2013 with the broader span of people this covers. Use the 'Areas' and

Areas	Age groups	Dates
Shropshire	All	L... ∨ 3 Years ∨
		24/08/2021 - 23/08/2024

Universal Credit claimants by age group

Age group ● 16-19 ● 20-24 ● Over 65

Shropshire Universal Credit claimants by gender

Gender ● Female ● Male
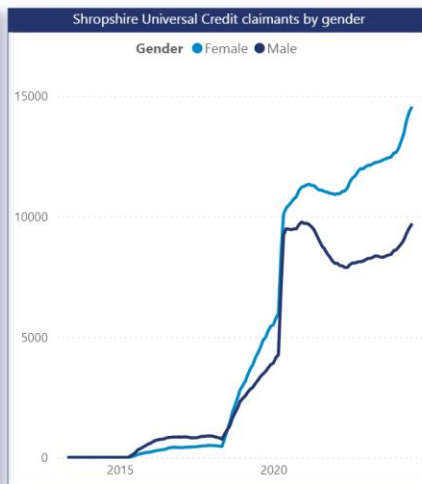
National Data	Data Source: DWP People On Universal Credit	Data availability: Public	Latest Data to: July 2024

Housing: Homelessness

Comment-
Data on this page is collected by the Department for levelling Up, Housing and Communities based on returns by local authorities. Local housing authorities report their homelessness activities under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 to DLUHC by completing the quarterly Homelessness Case Level Information Collection (H-CLIC) statistical return.

Household assessed as homeless

Households assessed as threatened with homelessness

Number of households assessed as homeless by Quarter and Area

Area ● England ● Shropshire ● West Midlands

Number of households assessed as homeless per 1,000 by Quarter and Area

Area ● England ● Shropshire ● West Midlands
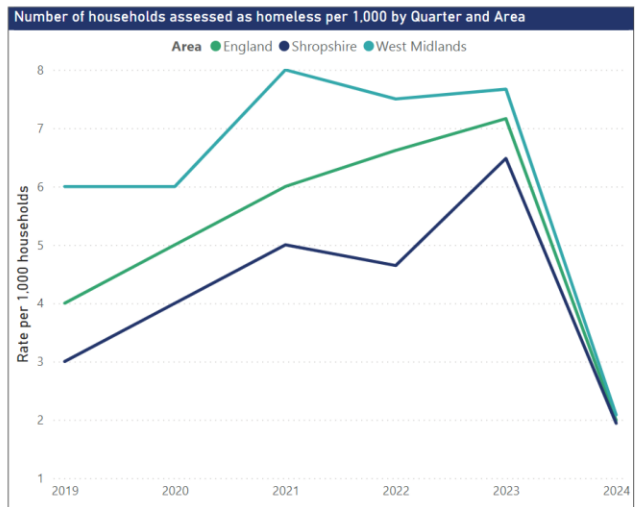
National Data	Data Source: DLUHC Statutory Homeless Statistics	Data availability: Public	Latest Data to: March 2024

Healthy & Society: Citizen's advice

Comment-
The Citizens Advice (CA) service are a network of independent charities offering confidential, impartial advice online, over the phone and in person, for free. The data on this page has been provided by CA Shropshire.

Filter On Ward: All

Dates: L... 2 Years
24/08/2022 - 23/08/2024

People helped with debt enquired by month

People helped with housing enquiries by month

People helped with employment enquiries by month
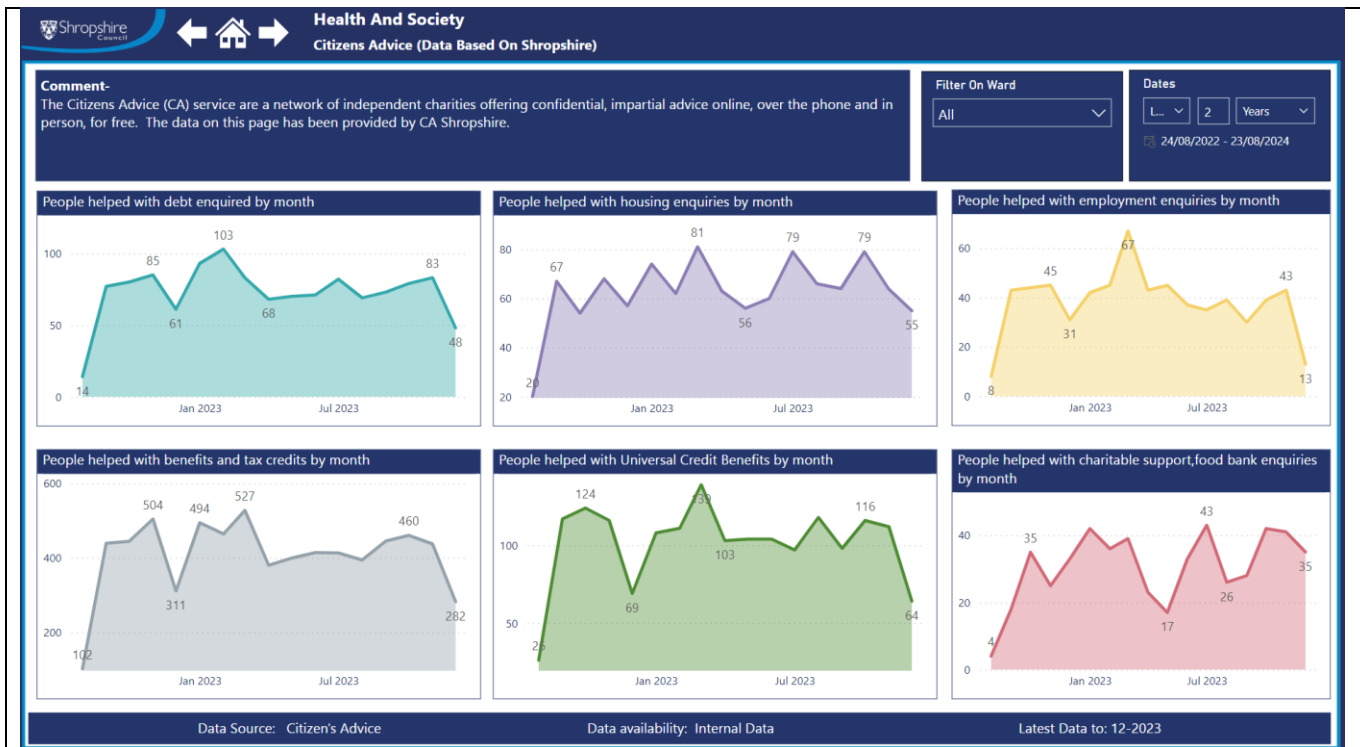
People helped with benefits and tax credits by month

People helped with Universal Credit Benefits by month

People helped with charitable support, food bank enquiries by month

Data Source: Citizen's Advice | Data availability: Internal Data | Latest Data to: 12-2023

Work continues with the integration of partner data, for example from VSCE partners. We aim to publish this tool on the public facing Shropshire Council website alongside the Economy dashboard to provide a set of tools to inform planning and decision making.

Risk assessment and opportunities appraisal (NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences, and other Consultation)	None	
Financial implications (Any financial implications of note)	None	
Climate Change Appraisal as applicable	None	
Where else has the paper been presented?	System Partnership Boards	Social Taskforce
	Voluntary Sector	Social Taskforce
	Other	-
List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)		
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) Portfolio holders can be found here **or your organisational lead e.g., Exec lead or Non-Exec/Clinical Lead** Cllr Cecilia Motley		
Appendices (Please include as appropriate)		