

The Enfield Update – June 2010

This briefing sets out an overarching picture of the current challenges facing the London Borough of Enfield. It is organised by the five themes of the borough's Local Area Agreement (LAA):

- Economic Development and Enterprise
- Safer and Stronger Communities
- Children and Young People
- Healthier Communities and Older People (brought together as one theme)

The briefing presents a short commentary on the key issues for each theme, and sets out a range of statistics, demographic information and performance against a number of the national indicators. The data used is the most up to date available.

This briefing is produced on a quarterly basis, although some of the data used is only updated on an annual basis.

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Economic Development and Enterprise

Commentary

GLA figures show that, in May 2010, 7.2% of the labour force in Enfield is unemployed (claiming Jobseeker's Allowance or National Insurance credits). This figure represents the tenth highest figure for a London borough, and is above both the Greater London, 5.9%, and Great Britain, 5.3%, averages. Nine wards in Enfield have labour force claimant count rates higher than the overall borough average, with Edmonton Green being the worst affected ward, where 14.1% of the labour force is claiming Jobseeker's Allowance or National Insurance credits. The current working age employment rate (October 2008 to September 2009) stands at 64.2%, below the London average of 69.3% and the national average of 72.9%.

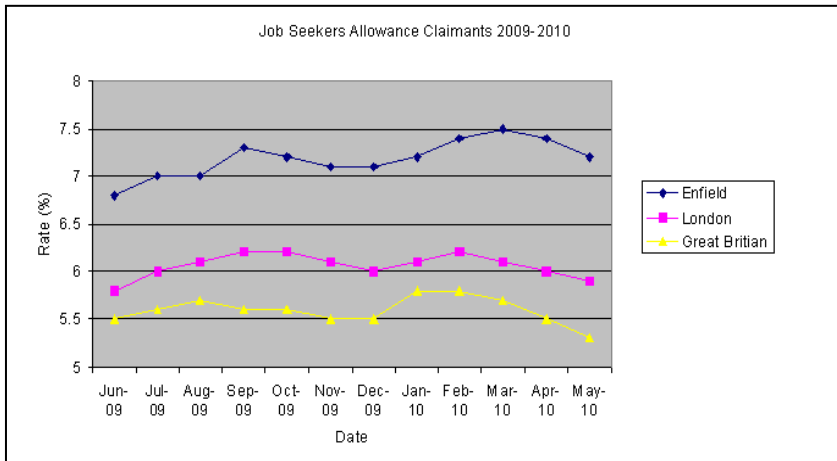
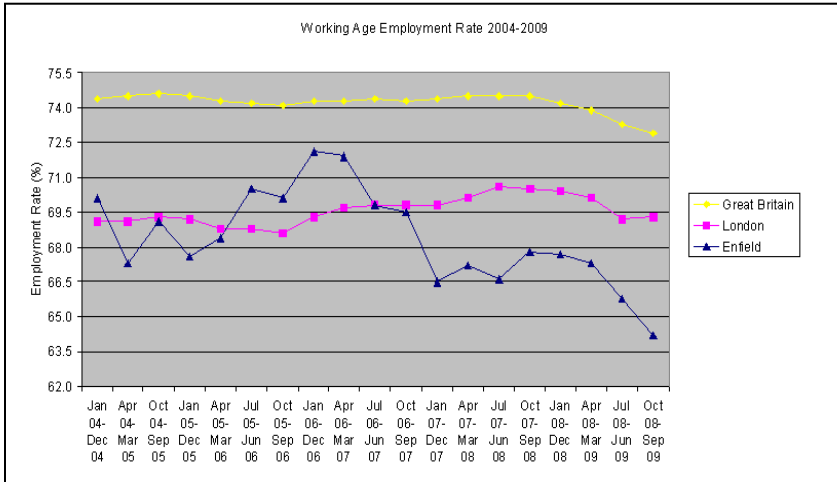
Partners are continuing to work together to tackle worklessness and have had a number of successes, including offering work experience to 100 school leavers through the Summer Work-Out scheme, developing volunteering opportunities and providing a job broker service in some of the most deprived parts of the borough such as Ponders End and Enfield Lock.

The average house price in the borough in January 2010 was £255,528, below the London average. House prices in Enfield have, however, shown strong signs of improvement in the last 12 months, with the average price rising by 7.1%, the fastest rate of increase since May 2008. Rental price levels sit marginally below the average levels for Greater London, for the majority of property sizes.

There is a shortage of affordable housing, and while there has been a reduction in the number of households in temporary accommodation, numbers remain high and this represents a key priority for the Enfield Strategic Partnership. Homeless acceptances have fallen in the last year, with 44 acceptances in the fourth quarter of 2009/10 compared to 129 acceptances for the same quarter the previous year.

Average weekly earnings have increased healthily over the past 12 months, increasing from £517.6 in 2008 to £546 in 2009, however earning levels are still below the London average of £598.6.

Employment



Unemployment rate by month and ward as a percentage of the labour force (June 09 – May 10)

Ward	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	Sep09	Oct09	Nov09	Dec09	Jan10	Feb10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10
Bowes	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.3	7.2	6.7
Bush Hill Park	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	4	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.1
Chase	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.4	6	6.4	6.4	6.5
Cockfosters	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.2
Edmonton Green	12.4	13.2	13.5	14.2	14.1	13.4	13.6	14.3	14.9	14.8	14.7	14.1
Enfield Highway	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.1	8.4	8.5	8.9	8.7	8.5
Enfield Lock	8.8	8.7	8.6	9.1	8.8	8.9	8.7	8.4	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0
Grange	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.5
Haselbury	8.4	8.9	9	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.6	9.4	9.3	9.6
Highlands	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5
Jubilee	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.7	9.1	9.3	9.0	9.1
Lower Edmonton	8.8	9.2	9.3	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.4	10.5	11.1	11.2	11.1	10.8
Palmers Green	6.2	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.2	5.9
Ponders End	11.8	12.3	12	12	11.3	11.3	11.5	11.7	12	12.7	12.3	11.9
Southbury	6.7	6.9	7	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.3	7.5	7.2
Southgate	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.2	4.8
Southgate Green	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.1	6	6.3	6.3	6.0	6.0
Town	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.9
Turkey Street	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.8
Upper Edmonton	10	10.6	10.6	11.1	11.5	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.5	11.7	11.5	10.7
Winchmore Hill	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.3	7.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.9

NB: Method of measurement changed slightly in January 2010

Jobseekers Allowance – flows by month

Enfield	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10
Off-Flow	1570	1105	940	1525	1390	1420	2055	1570	1700	2180	1680	1970	2255	1665	1730	1670	1665	1675	2130
On-Flow	1830	1420	1405	2390	1925	1810	2090	1635	1925	2255	1995	1910	2100	1600	1880	1925	1755	1545	1855
Stock	6040	6360	6805	7660	8185	8570	8615	8685	8915	8985	9300	9240	9110	9045	9215	9480	9590	9450	9200
Difference	265	320	445	855	525	385	45	70	230	70	315	-60	-130	-65	170	265	110	-140	-250

Median weekly earnings of full time workers (£)
(Source: ASHE)

Year	Enfield	London
2009	546.0	598.6
2008	517.6	581.5
2007	517.5	555.9
2006	501.6	537.6

Apprenticeships to date
(June 2010)

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Council Apprenticeships filled

Tax and Benefits

Enquiries regarding welfare benefits to CAB 2009/10

Quarter	Number of enquiries
1 (Apr-Jun)	1,329
2	1,228
3	1,423
4	1,578
Total	5,558

Average time taken to process new claims and benefits

	2009/10	April 2010
Time take (average number of calendar days)	10.18	12.35

Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit Claimants

Month	Number of claimants
May 2010	38,044
April 2010	37,725
March 2010	37,235
October 2009	36,923
September 2009	36,913
August 2009	36,797
July 2009	36,649
June 2009	36,426

Council Tax collection

	2009/10	Current year to date
Council Tax collection rate	95.7%	21.1%
Number of bounced payments	7,596	1,437

Businesses

	2009/10	Current financial year to date
Number of bounced NNDR payments	597	134
NNDR collection rate	99.1%	20%
Number of new business properties	62	0
Number of Business Rate payers with special payments arrangements agreed	N/A	169

NI182: Business satisfaction with LA regulation services

Actual (%)	Date
75	2009/10

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Total numbers accessing 'From Recession to Growth' web pages

(October 2009 – May 2010)

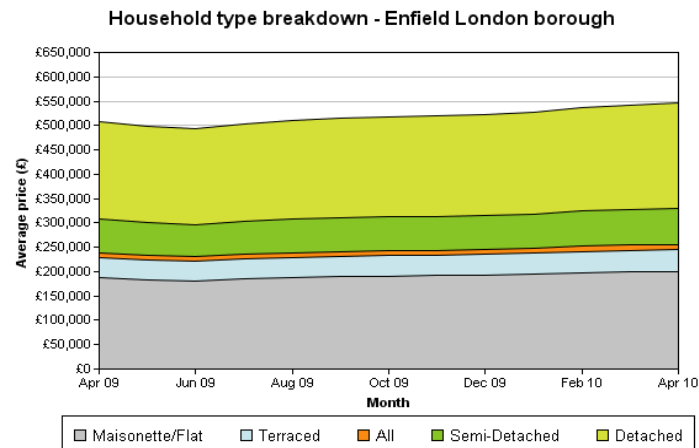
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Additional £s paid out to residents in benefits

Value 2009/10	Value 2010/11
£182,371	£50,235

Housing

Average house price by housing type



Homeless Acceptances

Quarter	Homeless acceptances	Homeless acceptances due to mortgage repossessions	Termination of Assured Shorthold Tenancy	Other
Q3 2008/09	167	3	57	107
Q4 2008/09	129	3	36	90
Q1 2009/10	98	4	28	66
Q2 2009/10	65	5	15	45
Q3 2009/10	37	0	6	31
Q4 2009/10	44	0	18	26

Rental Price Trends

Property	Median weekly rental price (£)	Quarterly change (%)	Greater London Average (£)
Room	74	N/A	91
Studio	138	N/A	150
1 bed	173	N/A	184
2 bed	224	N/A	230
3 bed	280	N/A	276
4 bed+	368	N/A	403

Source: London Rents Map

House Price Trends (Land Registry)

Month	Index	Average price (£)	Monthly change (%)	Annual change (%)	Sales volume
April 2009	293	238,549	-0.3	-14.6	170
May 2009	287.4	234,020	-1.9	-15.9	193
June 2009	283.3	230,679	-1.4	-16.3	152
July 2009	289.9	236,070	2.3	-13.9	251
August 2009	293.5	239,002	1.2	-11.6	246
September 2009	296.4	241,335	1	-9.3	245
October 2009	297.8	242,481	0.5	-8	304
November 2009	299.3	243,716	0.5	-4.1	279
December 2009	301.1	245,154	0.6	-1.4	307
January 2010	304	247,539	1	0.7	193
February 2010	309.3	251,855	1.7	3.7	185
March 2010	312.3	254,264	1	6.3	-
April 2010	313.8	255,528	0.5	7.1	-

Safer and Stronger Communities

Commentary

The overall level of crime in Enfield has remained fairly static over the 12 months to March 2010, with a negligible increase in total crime of 0.2%. Early indications from the initial data for June 2010 are encouraging, with notable improvements in the 12 month comparison rates of serious violent crime and gun crime. Of some concern however is an apparent increase in levels of serious knife crime, though it should be noted that the vast majority of these offences relate to crimes which involved no form of injury. The level of serious acquisitive crime is in line with the average for similar areas, and continues to fall. This is a key priority for the Enfield Strategic Partnership and is one of the designated LAA targets.

Partners are working effectively together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour through schemes such as alleygating and Operation Vigilance. Consequently, the Annual Residents' Survey 2009 showed that the number of residents who perceive a range of anti-social behaviour issues to be a major problem in their area is continuing to fall.

Levels of community cohesion remain reasonably high, with 76% of people thinking that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area (Annual Residents' Survey 2009). The Enfield Strategic Partnership has now agreed its Community Cohesion Strategy and begun work on the action plan for delivery.

LAA and other priority indicators

NI16: Serious acquisitive crime (April 2010 – 6 June 2010)

Crime	Actual (count)	Change on 2009-10 (%)
Serious acquisitive crime (total)	1349	-4.8
Burglary in a dwelling	377	-20.5
Robbery	260	+3.6
Theft from a motor vehicle	534	+9.9
Theft of a motor vehicle	178	-13.6

NI15: Serious violent crime rate (6 June 2010)

Current year to date	Previous year to date	% change
49	66	-25.8

NI28: Serious knife crime rate (6 June 2010)

Current year to date	Previous Year to date	% change
123	85	+44.7

NI29: Gun crime rate (6 June 2010)

Current year to date	Previous year to date	% change
16	25	-36

NI21: Concerns about anti-social behaviour (Annual Residents Survey)

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
34	30.4	2009/10

NI41: Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem (Annual Residents Survey)

Enfield (%)	London average (%)	Date
32	N/A for 2009	2009/10

NI42: Perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem (Annual Residents Survey)

Enfield (%)	London average (%)	Date
35	N/A for 2009	2009/10

Healthier Communities and Older People

Commentary

Healthier Communities

In general, the health of Enfield residents is similar to the England average. Mortality rates from serious illnesses such as cancer and heart disease have fallen over the past 10 years, and remain below the England average. Male life expectancy is 78.8 years and female life expectancy is 82.7 years, both of which are above the England average. However, there are large disparities between life expectancy in different parts of the borough, with a ten year difference between life expectancy in the south eastern and north western parts of the borough.

The Standardised Mortality Ratio for the borough is 94, which shows that the borough has a mortality rate below what would be expected for the area, taking into consideration a number of factors such as age and levels of deprivation. 77% of residents rate their health as good or very good.

On our key LAA and other priority indicators, there were 1,355 alcohol related admissions to hospital in 2008/09, exceeding the target of 1,232. Childhood obesity remains a concern. 22.9% of Primary School Year 6 aged children in Enfield are recognised as being obese, above the target of 21.8%, and the ninth highest figure in London. Similarly, 13.5% of Primary School Reception aged children are recognised as being obese, above the target figure of 12%, and the fifth highest figure in London. This is a priority area for the Enfield Strategic Partnership as children at age five and 11 show increasing and higher levels of obesity than found elsewhere. Teenage pregnancy is reducing, with a decrease of 11.5% in 2008 (latest figures available).

We are improving our joint working on health, with two joint NHS-Council appointments, including a new Director of Public Health. We have also launched the 'Healthy Enfield' brand, to co-ordinate all of our healthy living activity across the borough and work has begun on updating the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Older People

28.8% of the population in Enfield is aged over 50, 13.3% is aged over 65 and 1.8% is aged over 85. The older population is predicted to grow over the coming years, particularly the over 85 population. The 2009 Annual Residence Survey shows that 78.5% of residents aged over 65 are satisfied with their home and neighbourhood, and 26% of residents think that older people get the help and support they need to continue to live at home for as long as they want to.

To March 2010, 3,634 older people have been supported to live independently, and this figure is higher than the London average. The number of delayed discharges from hospital of people over the age of 65 has stayed below the London average and the use of telecare is one of the highest in London. Access to services for older people has been improved and work has begun on a new 'Healthy Ageing Strategy'. Strong arrangements are in place for safeguarding adults, with a new Safeguarding Strategy and a single point of contact for reporting suspected abuse.

General health

Life expectancy

Male life expectancy (2006-08)	78.8 years
Female life expectancy (2006-08)	82.7 years

Annual Residents Survey (2009)

% of residents describing their health as good or very good	77
Rank in London (out of 33)	N/A

Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR)

The Standardised Mortality Ratio measures the number of observed deaths against the number of expected deaths, and indicates whether an area has below average, average or above average mortality. A figure of 100 represents an average mortality rate. Below 100 represents a lower than expected mortality rate, and above 100 represents a higher than expected mortality rate.

Standardised Mortality Ratio (2006-08) All Persons	94
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LAA and other priority indicators

NI123: Prevalence of smoking (16 years +)

This indicator measures the number of self-reported four-week smoking quitters

Actual	Target	Date
669	636	Q4 2009/10

NI 113: Chlamydia screening rate (under 25s)

Actual (rate)	Target (rate)	Date
10.0%	10.0%	Q4 2009/10

NI121: Circulatory diseases mortality rate

Actual (per 100,000 population)	Target (per 100,000 population)	Date
75.0	70.5	2008

NI 39: Alcohol related hospital admissions

Actual	Target	Date
1,355	1,232	2008/09

NI136: People supported to live independently

Actual (count)	Target (count)	Date
3,622	3,327	March 2010

Older People

28.8% of the population is aged over 50

13.8% of the population is aged over 65

1.8% of the population is aged over 85

(Mid-2008 estimates)

Perception (Annual Residents Survey)

% of residents aged over 65 who are satisfied with their home and neighbourhood	78.5
Rank in London (out of 33)	N/A
% of residents who think that older people get the help and support they need to continue to live at home for as long as they want to	26
Rank in London (out of 33)	N/A

Children and Young People

Commentary

26.4% of the population in Enfield is aged 19 and under, which is above the London average, and is predicted to grow over the coming years. Educational results are close to or above the national averages, with 79% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in English at Key Stage 2, compared to a national average of 80% and 78% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in Maths at Key Stage 2, compared to a national average of 79%.

At Key Stage 4, 67.7% of pupils achieve 5 A*-C at GCSE, an increase of 10% from 2007/08 and close to the national average of 69.7%, and 50.4% achieve 5 A*-C including Maths and English, an increase of 2.5% from 2007/08 and above the national average of 49.8%. Four of the seventeen secondary schools in Enfield are rated as outstanding, with the remaining ten rated as satisfactory. No schools are in OFSTED categories of concern.

Processes in place to safeguard children and young people are good. There are low levels of children in care, and the stability of placements for looked after children and the length of placements are showing sustained improvements. In July 2009 the unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment found a number of major strengths and no priority areas for action. The report of the recent OFSTED inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services rated Enfield as 'good' overall, with outstanding features in areas such as partnerships, supporting transition, ambition and prioritisation.

Progress is being made on the number of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET), with a current figure of 6.1% against a target of 6.75%. Figures for care leavers and young offenders in education, employment and training remain slightly behind target at present. Childhood obesity remains a concern, and teenage pregnancy and infant mortality are key priorities.

Population

26.4%

Of the population is aged under 19

(mid-2008 estimates)

Education

	Enfield (%)	England (%)
% of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in English at Key Stage 2	79	80
% of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in Maths at Key Stage 2	78	79
% of pupils achieving 5 A*-G at GCSE	95.2	92.3
% of pupils achieving 5 A*-C at GCSE	67.7	70.0
% of pupils achieving 5 A*-C at GCSE including Maths and English	50.4	49.8

All figures are final data for 2009

LAA and other priority indicators

NI19: Rate of proven reoffending by young offenders

Actual	Target	Date
0.58	0.69	Q3 2009/10

NI45: Young offenders in education, employment or training

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
77.3	85.0	Q4 2009/10

NI56: Obesity amongst primary school age children (Year 6)

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
22.9	21.8	2008/09

NI59: Initial assessments for children's social care carried out within seven days

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
70.9	80.0	Q4 2009/10

NI60: Core assessments for children's social care carried out within 35 days

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
79.1	83.0	Q4 2009/10

NI62: Stability of placements for Looked After Children

This indicator measures the percentage of Looked After Children with three or more placements during the year

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
11.7	12.0	March 2010 (provisional figure)

NI63: Length of placements for Looked After Children*

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
71.7	70.0	March 2010

NI110: Young people's participation in positive activities

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
72.8	60	2009/10

NI111: First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 years

Actual	Target	Date
1241	1340	2009/10

NI112: Conception rate 15-17 years

This indicator measures the reduction in the rate of under-18 conceptions per 1,000 girls aged 15-17 years, as compared with the 1998 baseline rate

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
-8.2	-13.1	2008/09

NI116: Proportion of children in poverty

Actual (%)	2010/11 Target (%)	Date
33.1	32.2	2008

NI117: 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET)

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
6.1	6.75	2009/10

NI148: Care leavers in education, employment or training

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
67.7	83.0	Q4 2009/10

NI87: Number of persistent secondary school absentees

This measures the percentage of pupils missing 20% or more of the school year

Actual (%)	Target (%)	Date
4.5	5.5	2008/09

* This indicator measures the percentage of looked after children who have been looked after continuously for two and half years or more who were living in the same placement for at least two years, or who are placed for adoption and their adoptive placement together with their previous placement last for at least two years