

Poverty



23%
of people in Wales
live in poverty

Poverty Presentation

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"There are basically three current definitions of poverty in common usage: absolute poverty, relative poverty and social exclusion.

Absolute poverty is defined as the lack of sufficient resources with which to keep body and soul together. Relative poverty defines income or resources in relation to the average. It is concerned with the absence of the material needs to participate fully in accepted daily life.

Social exclusion is a new term used by the Government. The Prime Minister described social exclusion as "a shorthand label for what can happen when individuals or areas suffer from a combination of linked problems such as unemployment, poor skills, low incomes, poor housing, high crime environments, bad health and family breakdown".

(The House of Commons Scottish Affairs Committee)

What is poverty?

Although poverty is one of the most familiar and enduring conditions known to humanity, it is an extremely complicated concept to understand. Some researchers view it as a reaction to the stress of being poor, whereas others perceive it as a process of adapting to the condition of poverty. Historical definitions are numerous, but can be classified as relating to either lack of financial income or lower social status. Numerous factors contribute to the concept of poverty, including political, economic, social, and cultural forces. The one that has consistently had the greatest effect on the evolving concept is the passage of time, which encompasses all these forces in a very intricate manner. This author explored the evolution of the concept of poverty to identify relevant themes for consideration in the public health nursing domain.(University Of Washington)

The concept
of poverty

Poverty In Wales

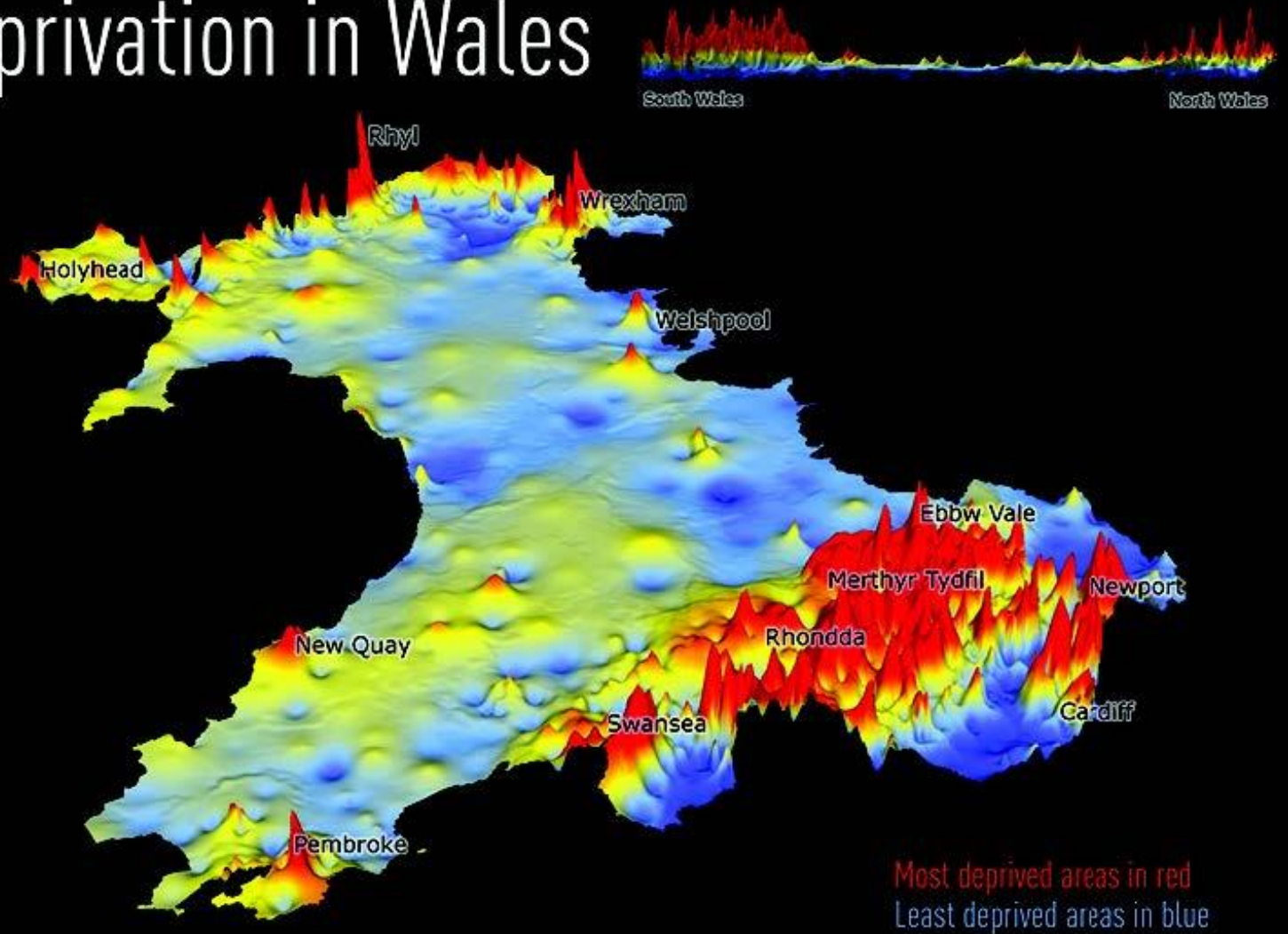
- Statistics show that over 23% of Wales live in poverty.
- 1 in 4 people in Wales live in Poverty
- That's roughly 700,000 of our fellow citizens, nearly a quarter of the welsh population.
- Around 200,000 of those being children, making Wales the worst in the UK for child poverty.



What's been done to fix this?

- Food banks
- Milk tokens/ fruit and Veg tokens
- Means tested welfare benefits
- Minimum Wages
- Free market policies to promote economic growth
- Direct provision of goods/services
- Fuel Policies
- Baby bundle idea

Deprivation in Wales



Plans, Acts and Policies to Tackle Poverty

- The housing act Wales (2014)
- The wellbeing of future Generations Act Wales (2015)
- Child poverty strategy for wales
- Welsh Government poverty action plan



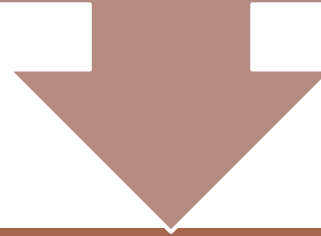
Has it worked?

- Over 1 million children have been taken out of poverty since 1999, and although the UK will likely be unsuccessful in their plan to abolish child poverty by 2020, they have made huge progress.
- The employment level in Wales is up 2,000 over the quarter to 1.451 million. Over the year, the level increased by 11,000 (UK Government, 2018)
- Statutory homelessness was up 58% in 2018, almost 11,000 households.



What else can be done?

Poverty is a evidently a growing problem in Wales, and whilst the government are attempting to offer as many services and solutions as possible to tackle the issue, it does appear that a large number of individuals either are unaware of the help available to them, or are purposely not accessing this help due to lack of confidence, lack of transport, no family support ,etc.



Educate people and advertise the help/ opportunities available more.

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