



Responding to welfare reform in Warrington

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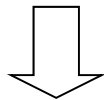
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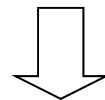
Responding to welfare reform

Identifying our most 'at risk' residents

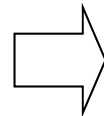
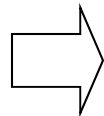


- Key insights – people
Key insights – place
- Under occupancy
 - Council Tax arrears
 - GGHT Rent Arrears
 - Disability patterns

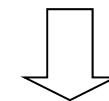
Raising awareness of the changes



- PR activities
Training
Communications with key stakeholders – e.g Members, partners, staff, residents, businesses



Ensuring our information and advice services are ready to respond



- Targeted drop-in sessions
Reviewing current provision
Identifying new opportunities, e.g Advice Services
Transition Fund



Key insights - people

- 1,525 under occupied tenants identified so far
- Over half are 'struggling families' and 1/5 'burdened singles'
- Just under 400 have had some level of contact with our social care services (both adult's and children's)
- 19 are currently identified as 'complex families' (troubled)
- Mostly residing in the inner wards but some located outlying villages
- 32 Benefit Capped claimants, of which only 1 is complex family
- 5 households fell under 5 risk factors; under occupancy, complex families, free school meals, rent arrears and council tax arrears.



Key insights - place

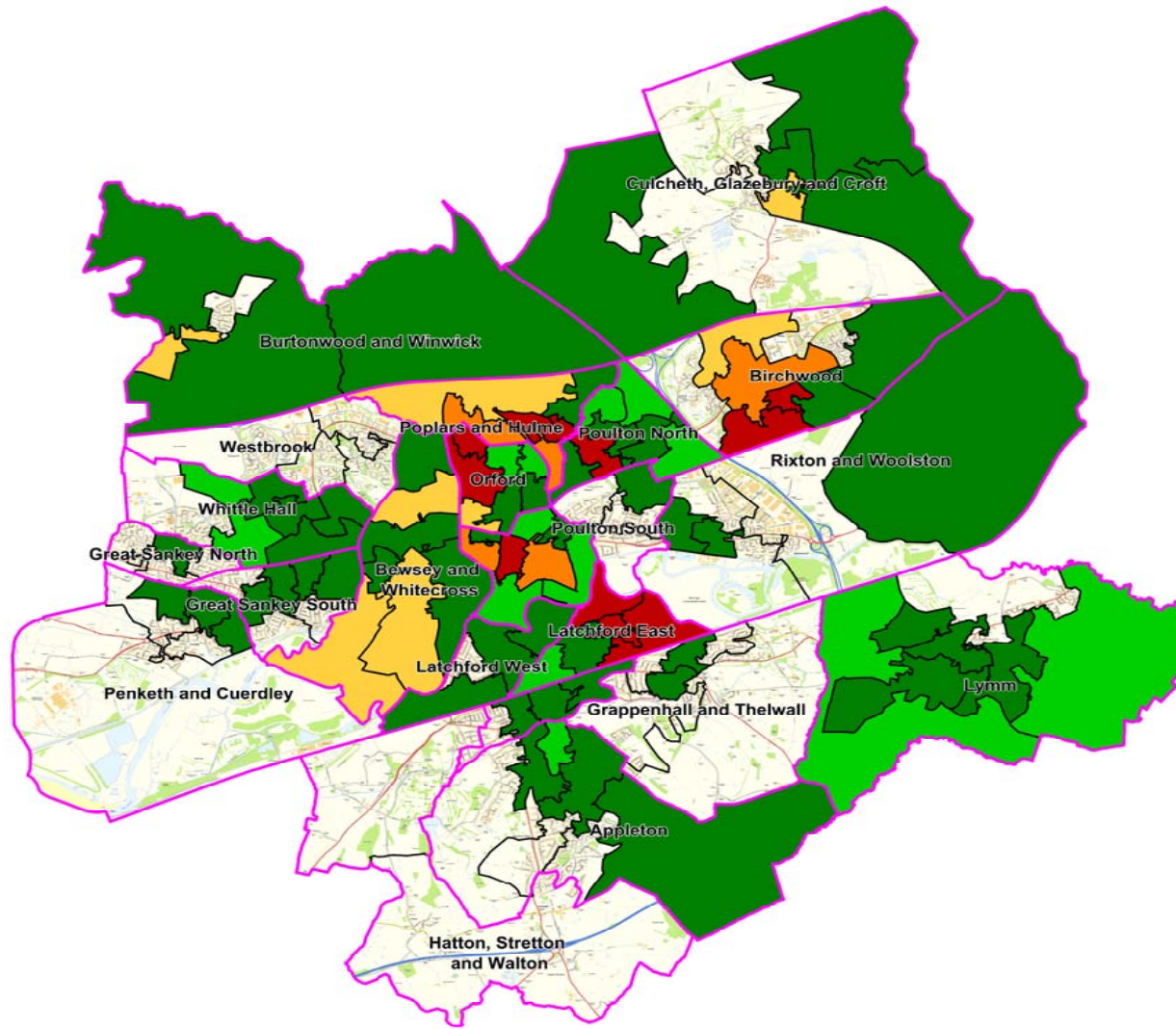
- Inner wards are most affected, with pockets of overlap in terms of:
 - Under occupancy
 - Council tax arrears
 - Rent arrears
 - Disability claimants
 - Incapacity claimants
- Those inner wards most affected are:
 - Bewsey and Whitecross
 - Fairfield and Howley
 - Orford
 - Poplars and Hulme
 - Poulton North



Number under occupied

- There are **1,525** under occupied households
- The areas with the most under occupied include:
 - Latchford East
 - Orford
 - Fairfield and Howley
 - Poulton North
 - Birchwood

Number of people affected by under occupancy within Warrington



MAP OF WARRINGTON SHOWING THOSE AT RISK FROM UNDER OCCUPANCY BY SUPER OUTPUT AREAS (SOA'S)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED WITHIN THE SOA'S

42 to 94	(11)
30 to 42	(6)
20 to 30	(8)
10 to 20	(13)
1 to 10	(52)

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Reductions to under occupied

- The average reduction value across all wards is £16.04 (per week)
- The wards with above average reductions are:

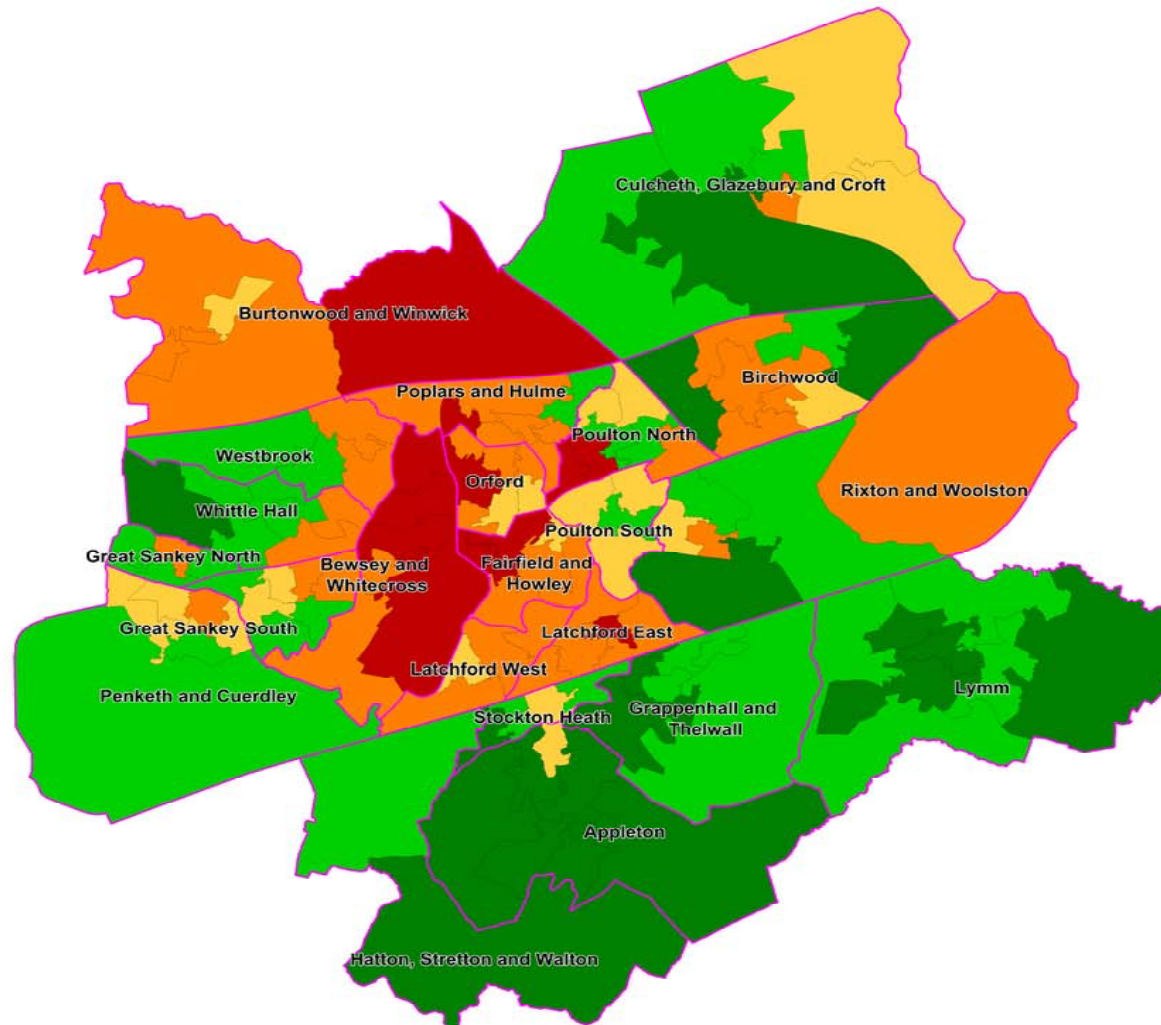
Top five wards with above average reductions	Number of people affected	Average amount of reduction
Grappenhall and Thelwall	2	£19.50
Great Sankey North	4	£19.50
Stockton Heath	8	£18.13
Appleton	20	£17.30
Rixton and Woolston	14	£17.14



Disability claimants

- There are 11,240 Disability Living Allowance claimants (Aug 2012)
- The wards with the most claimants are:
 - Burtonwood and Winwick
 - Bewsey and Whitecross
 - Fairfield and Howley

Number of Disability Living Allowance Claimants by SOA



MAP OF WARRINGTON SHOWING CLAIMANTS OF DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE BY SUPER OUTPUT AREAS (SOA'S)

NUMBER OF DLA CLAIMANTS BY SOA:

- 150 to 205 (13)
- 100 to 150 (39)
- 75 to 100 (21)
- 50 to 75 (33)
- 25 to 50 (19)

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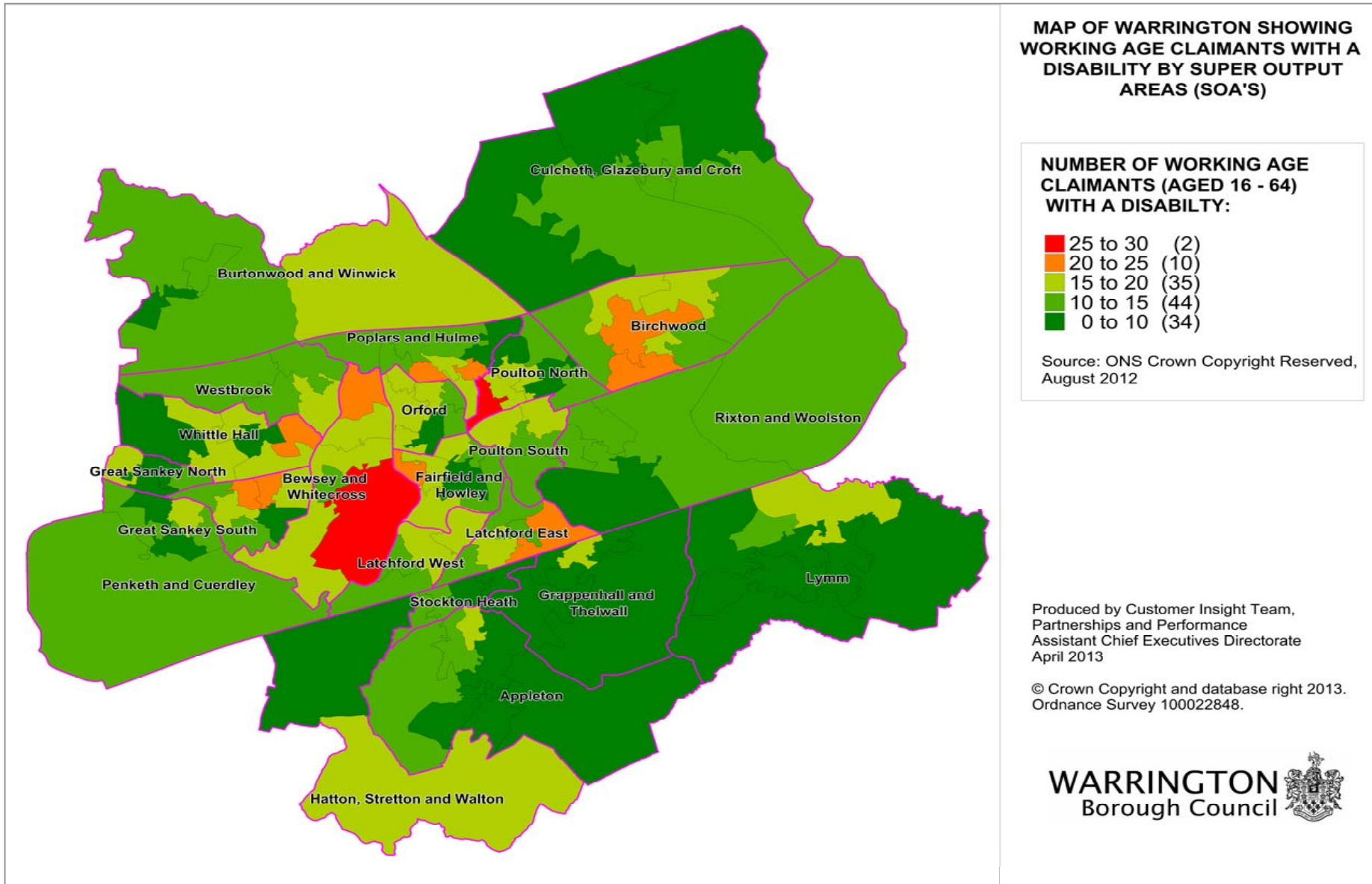
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Working age claimants with a disability

- There are 1,390 working age disabled claimants (*August 2012*)
- The wards with the most claimants are located:
 - Bewsey and Whitecross
 - Poulton North

Number of Working Age DLA Claimants by SOA

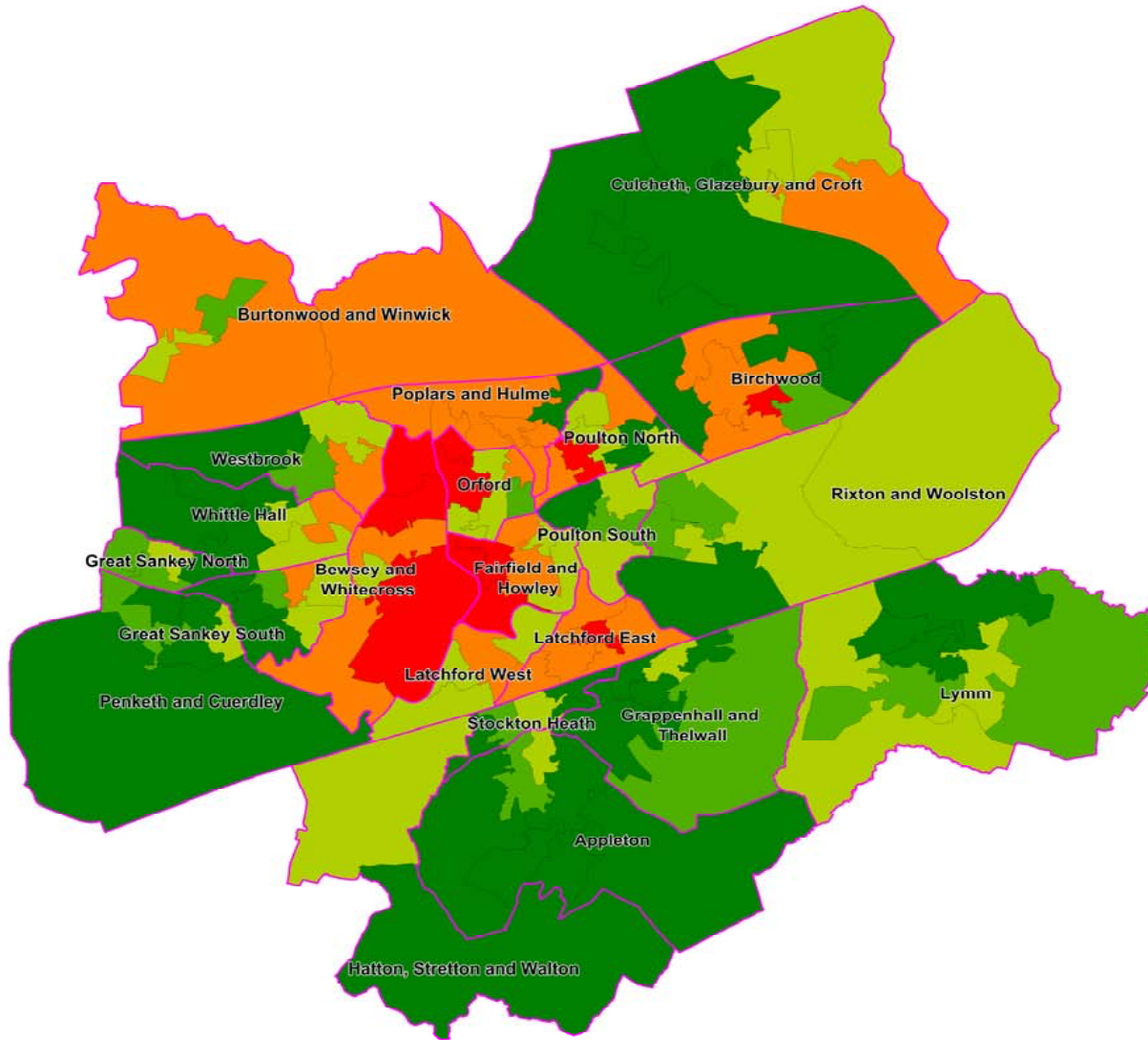




Incapacity claimants

- There are 5,465 incapacity benefit claimants *(August 2012)*
- The wards with the most claimants are located:
 - Bewsey and Whitecross
 - Fairfield and Howley
 - Orford

Number of Incapacity Benefit Claimants by SOA



MAP OF WARRINGTON SHOWING INCAPACITY BENEFIT CLAIMANTS BY SUPER OUTPUT AREAS (SOA'S)

NUMBER OF INCAPACITY BENEFIT CLAIMANTS:

50 to 80	(11)
30 to 50	(27)
20 to 30	(34)
15 to 20	(16)
0 to 15	(37)

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