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Early Years Knowledge Workshop

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5. Programmes, Pilots and Pathfinders
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Government Office Role

- 9 Regional Government Offices in England
- Provide “central government in the regions”
- Children and Learners Division established 2006
- Monitor, challenge and support LAs on the delivery of the ECM agenda
- Children’s Services Advisers - *strategic level co-ordinate engagement plan with each local authority area*
- LAAs, Improvement Support Partners and JISPs
- Policy leads focus on specific DCSF agendas working closely with area and locality leads in GOSW



Government Office Role (cont)

- Strengthen National Policies
 - Ensuring policy is delivery friendly
 - Providing local intelligence
 - Reflecting local priorities, experience and concerns
- Integrate regional strategies
 - Connect Whitehall to key regional players
 - Connect national policies, regional strategy and local delivery
 - Build shared vision for stakeholders with different politics and priorities



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Leading and Managing the system

- Co-ordination of support and challenge
- Effective use of Networks to provide peer support and to capture and share learning of what works
- Relationship with Improvement Support Partners
 - TDA, TfC, Nat Stats, CWDC, 4Children, Play England, The Parenting Academy
- Improved alignment through collective intelligence to add value to shared agendas.
- Joint intervention and assistance - as a critical friend to LA and partners.
- Escalate action when issues not resolved



The way we work

- 4 Children's Services Advisors meet DCSs on a termly basis to discuss progress against priorities and ECM outcomes.
- GOSW Director meets with all 16 SW DCS as part of the ADCS network at least twice a year.
- Policy leads engage with a range of LA and other stakeholders via regional networks.



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The way we work..

Networks

- Peer support
 - Local Authority Early Years Lead Officers
- Policy delivery
 - Childcare Sufficiency Regional Network
- Task and finish
 - Play Builder/Play Pathfinder Network
- Standing networks
 - Quality Improvement Network



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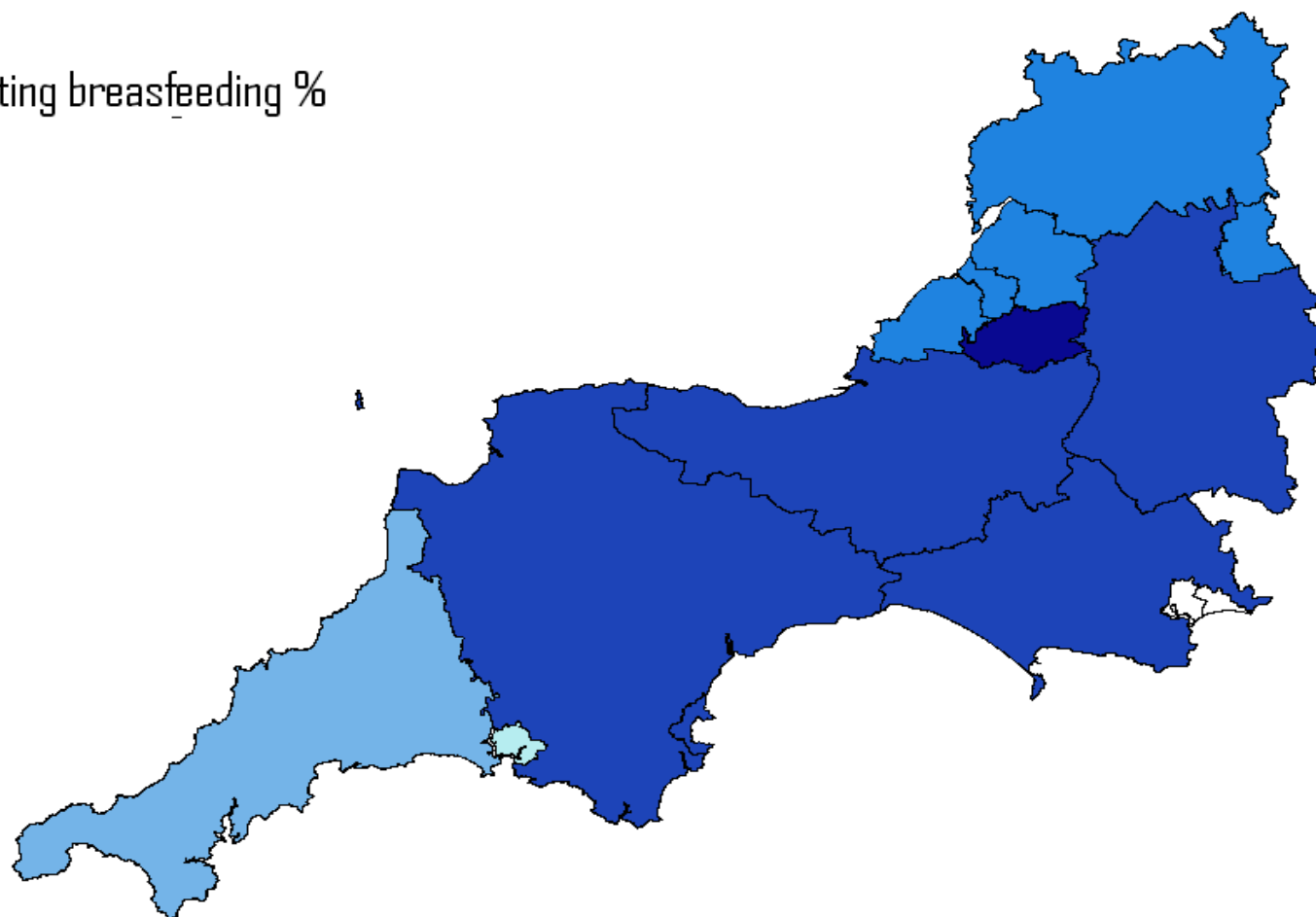
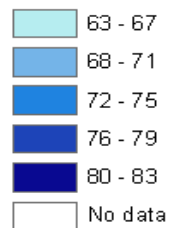
Outcomes for Children

Some key indicators..



Percentage Initiating Breastfeeding 2006/07

Percentage initiating breastfeeding %





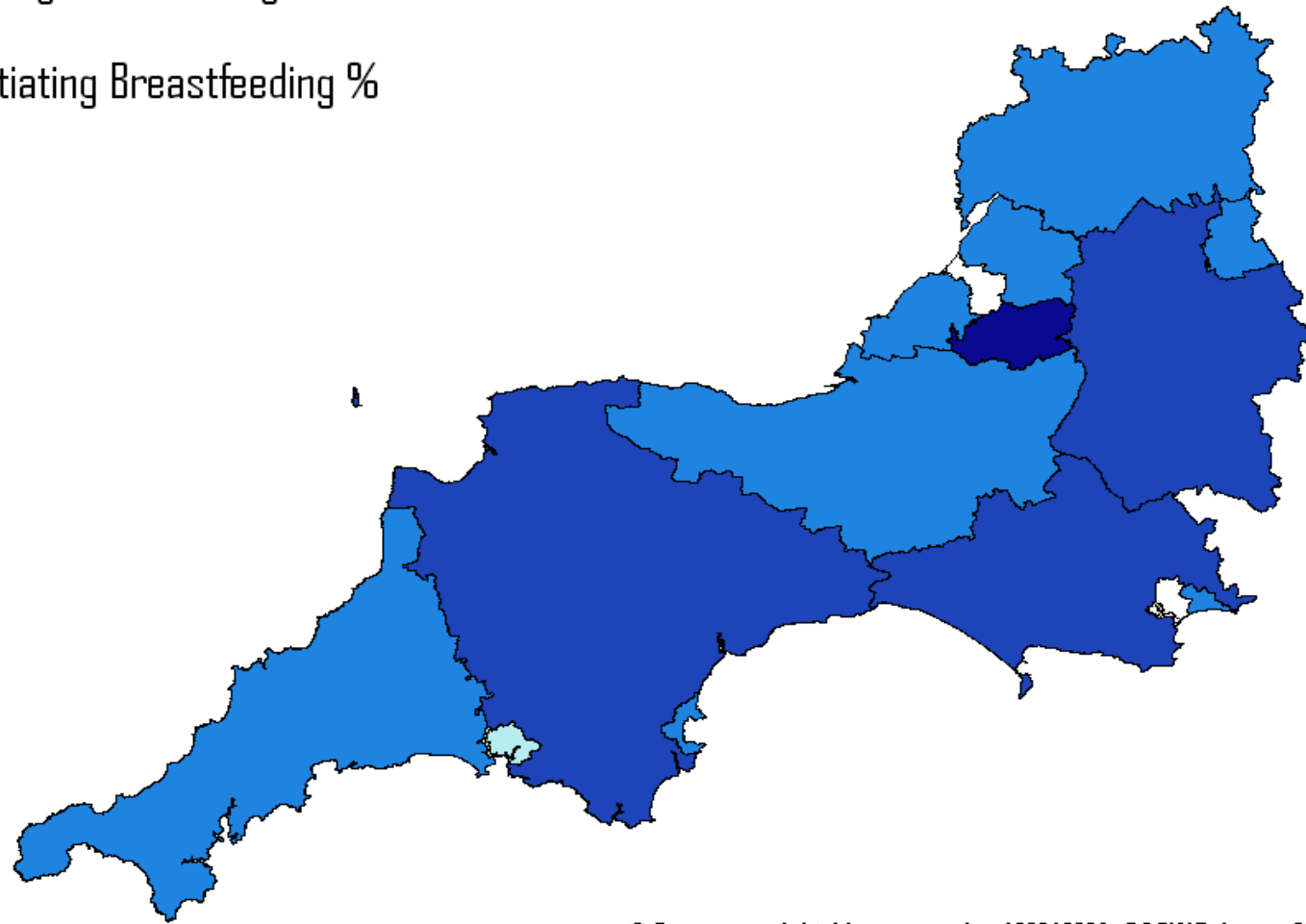
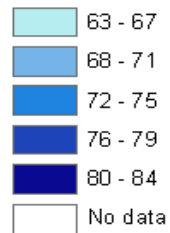
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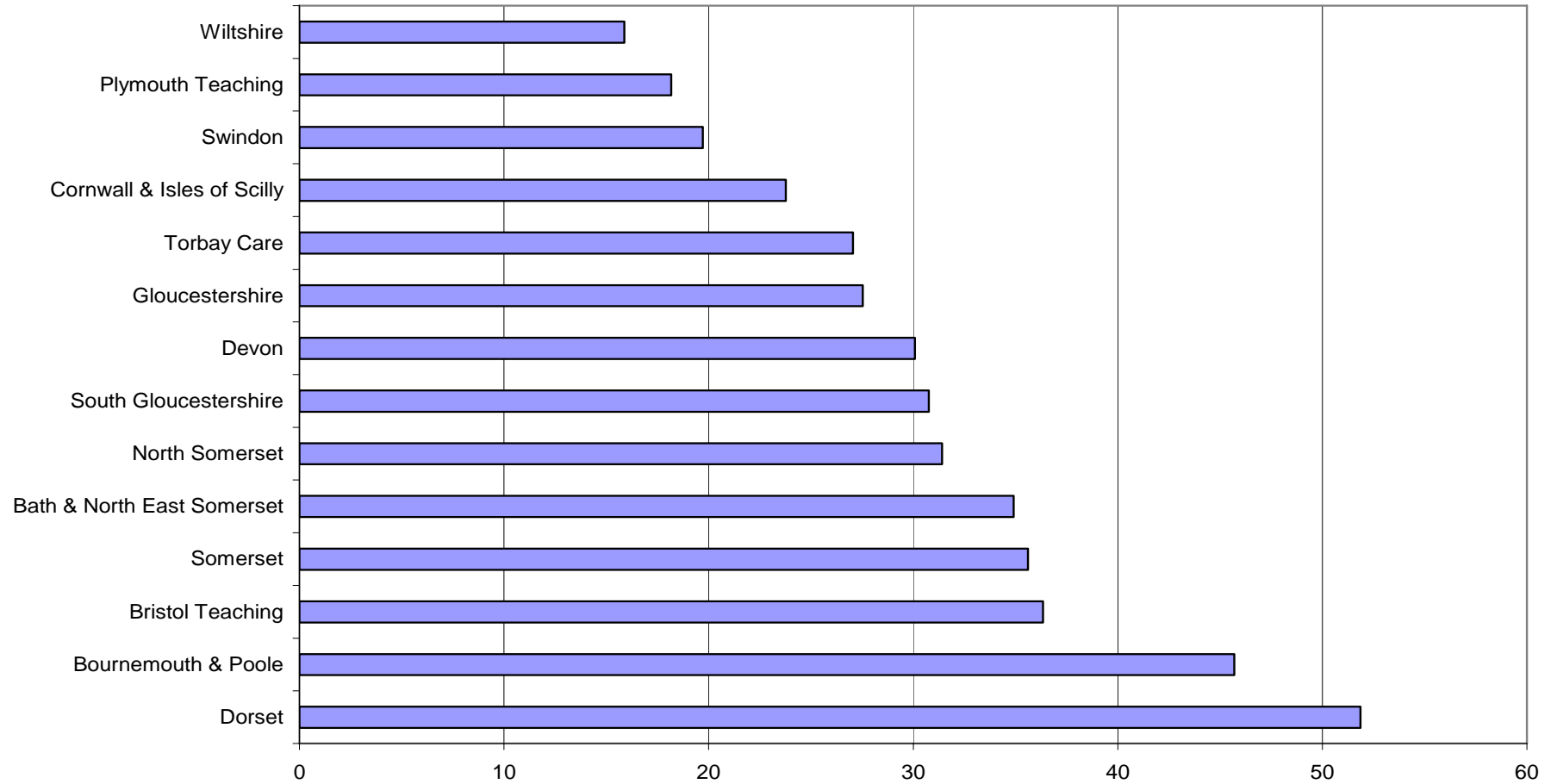
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Percentage Initiating Breastfeeding % 2007/08

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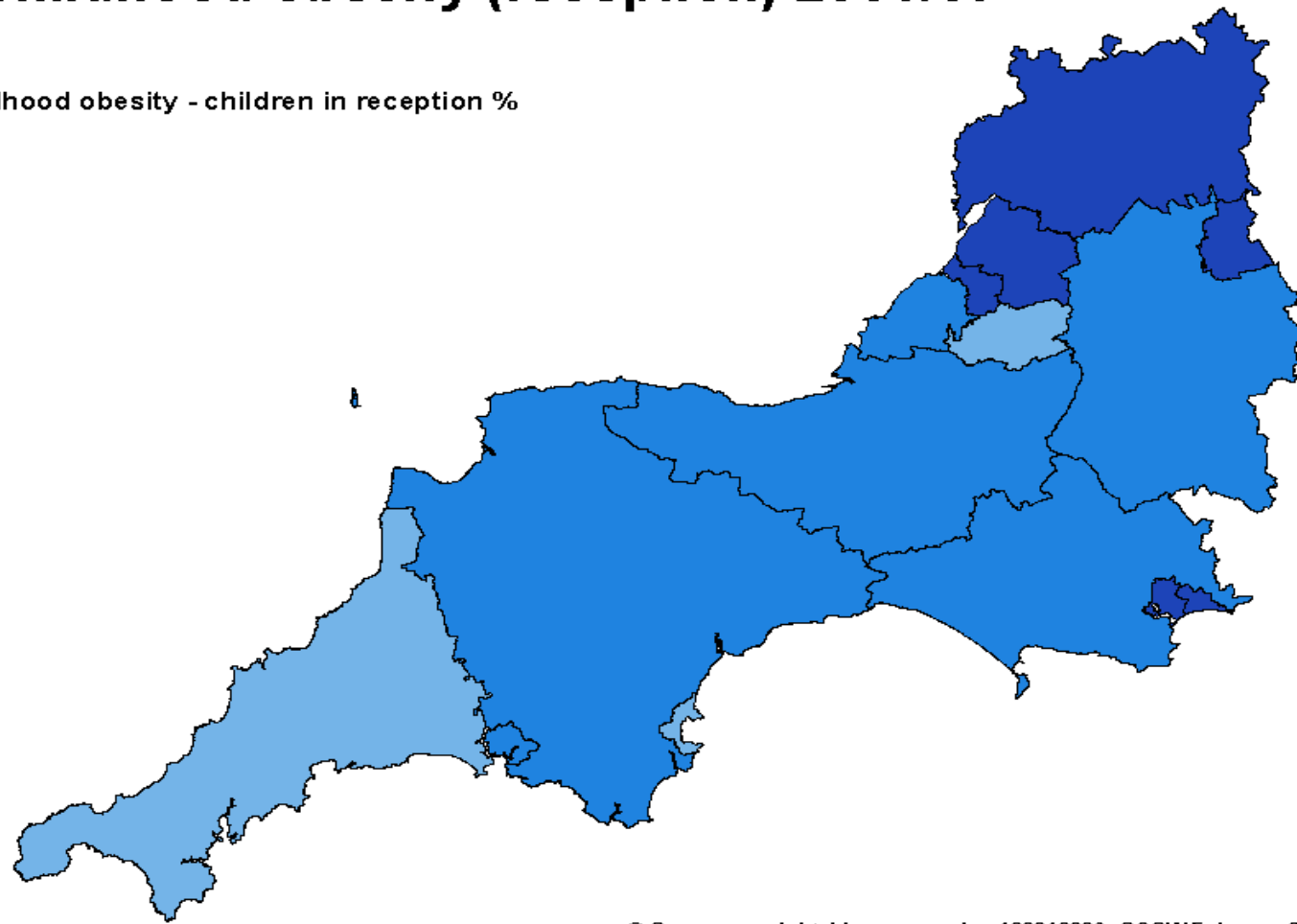
Breast Feeding Prevalance at 6-8 weeks during the quarter (%)





Levels of childhood obesity (reception) 2006/07

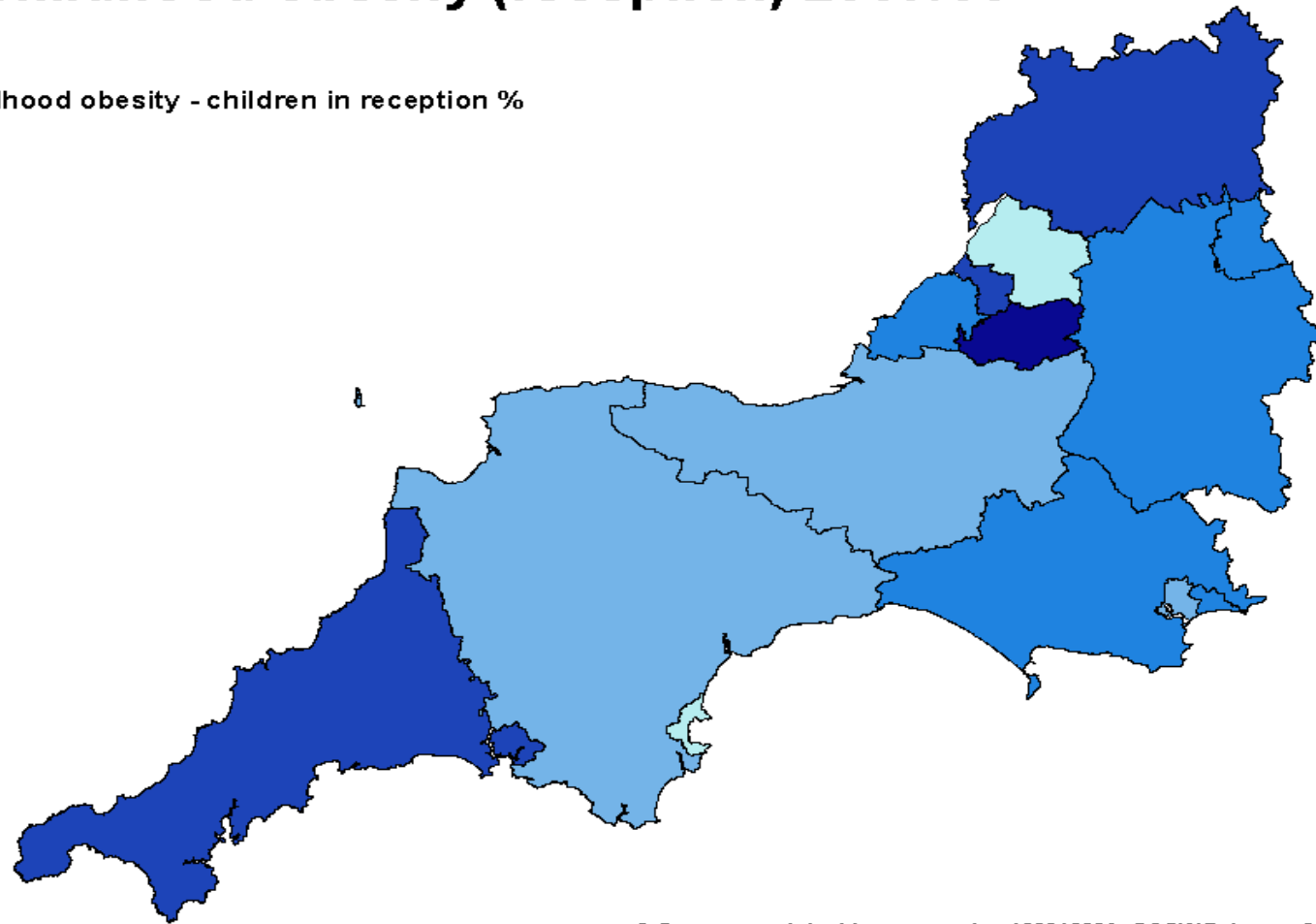
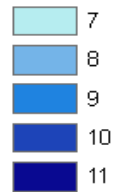
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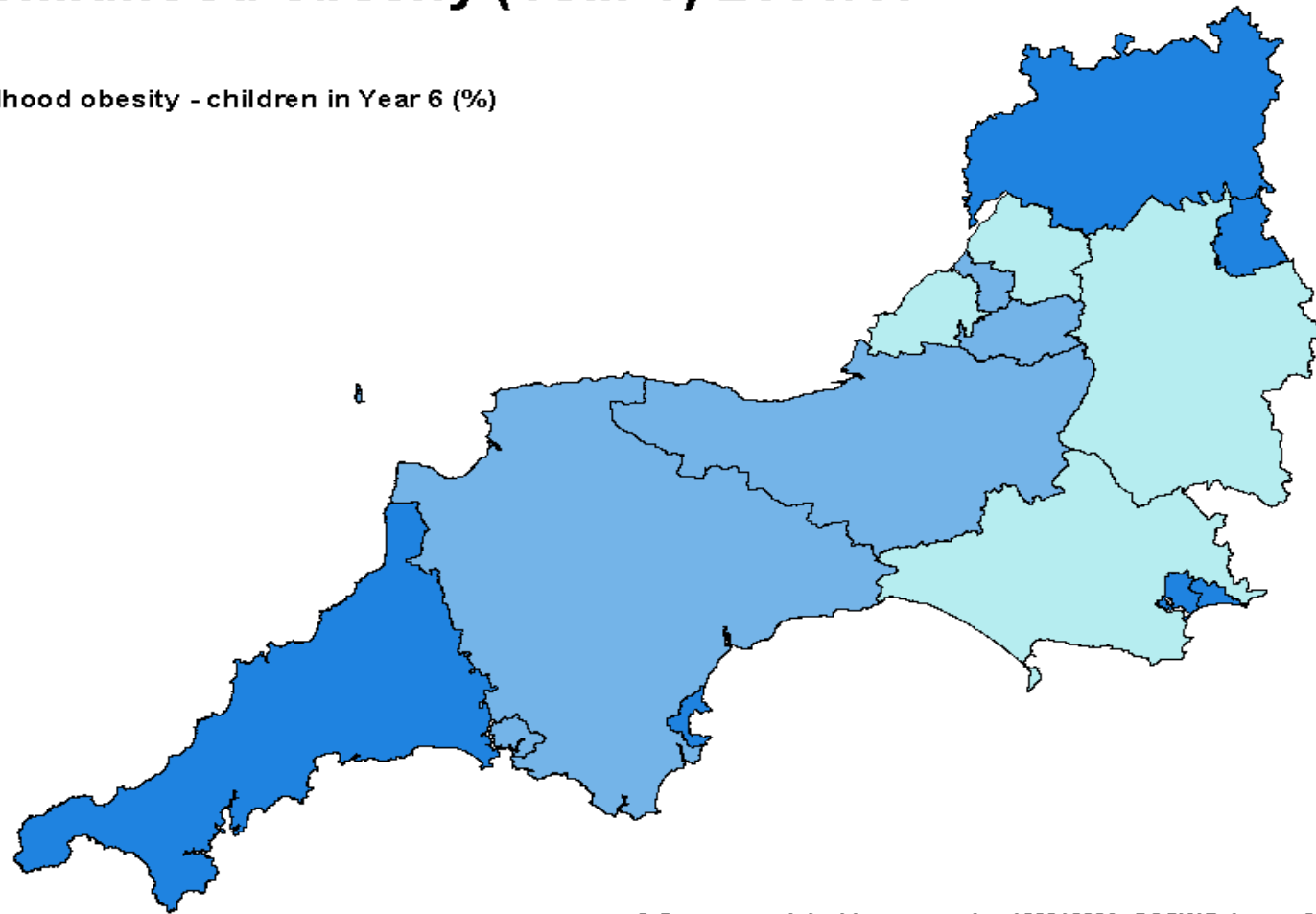
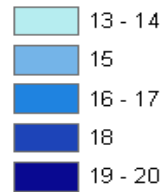
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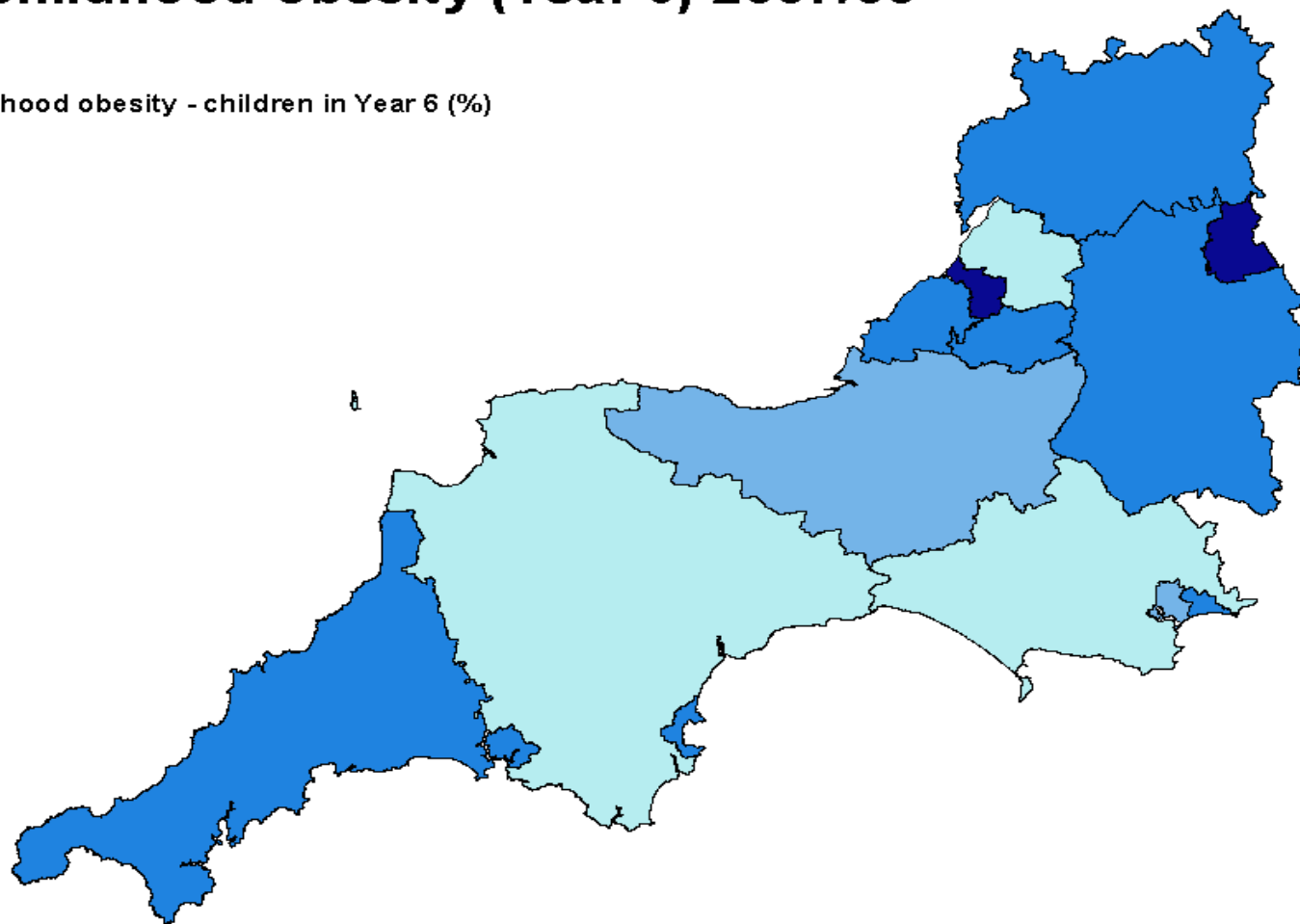
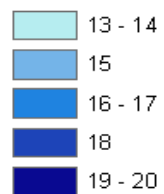
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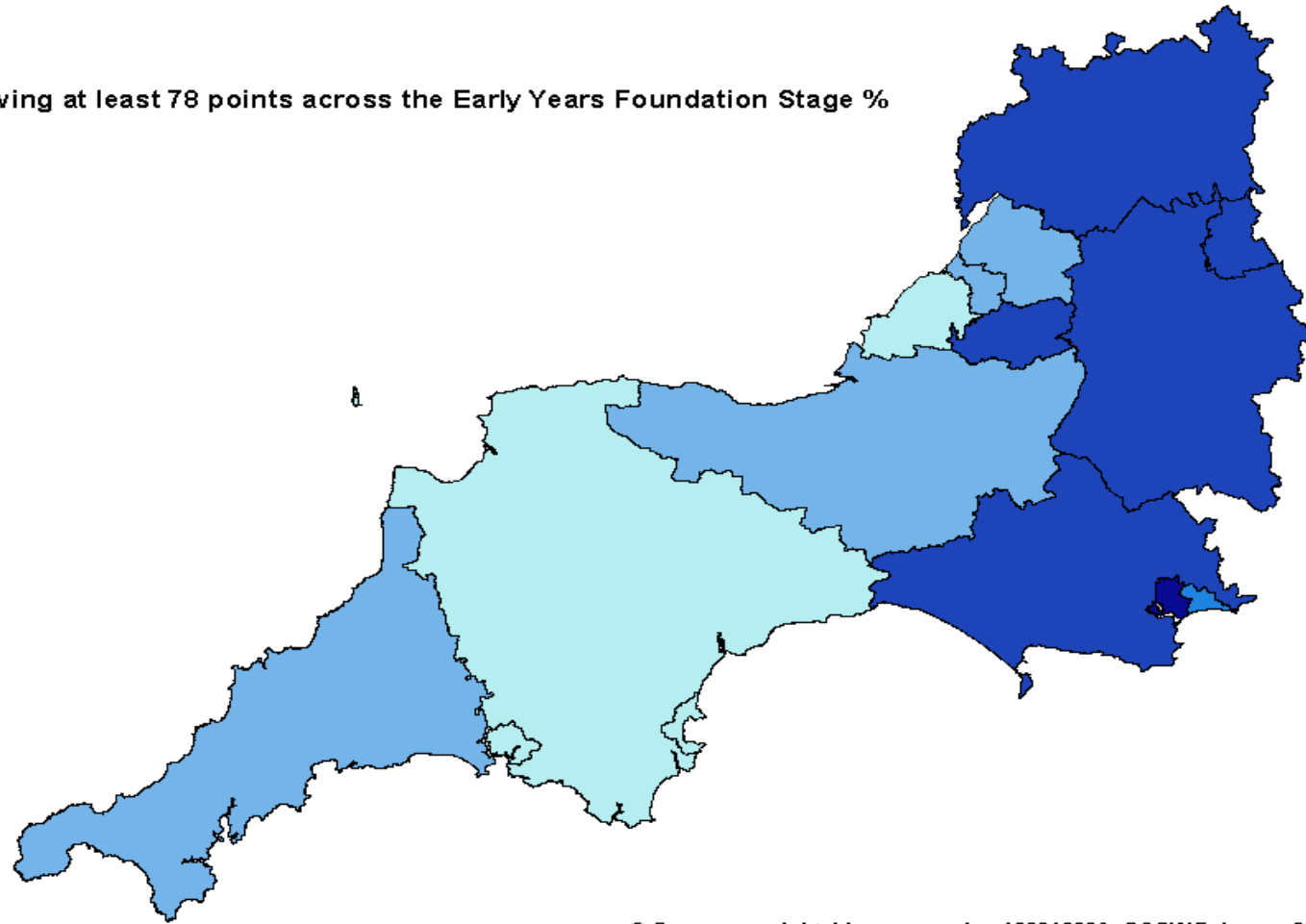
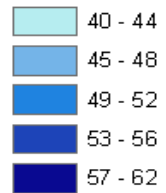
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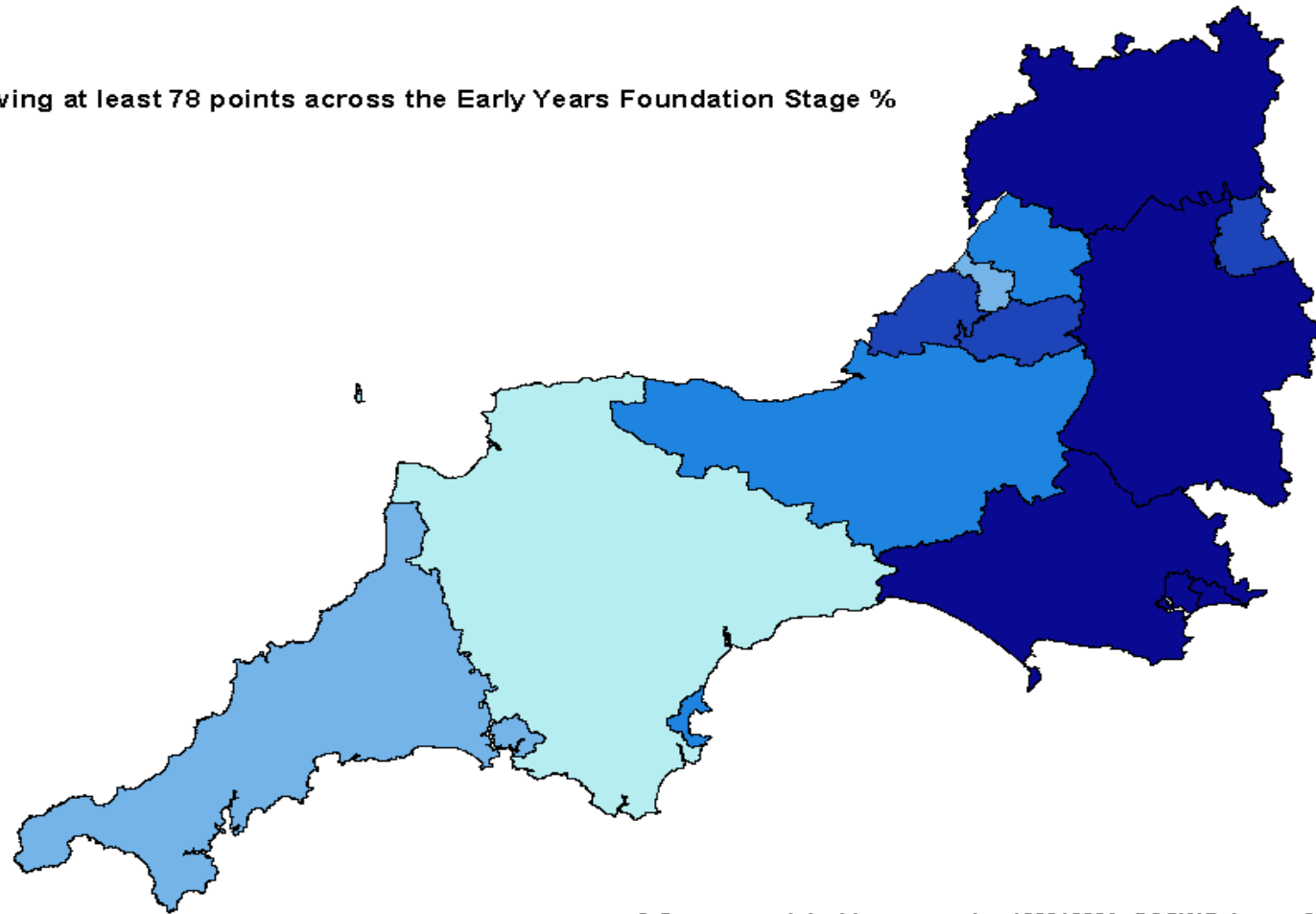
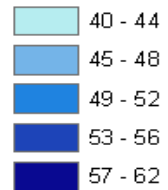
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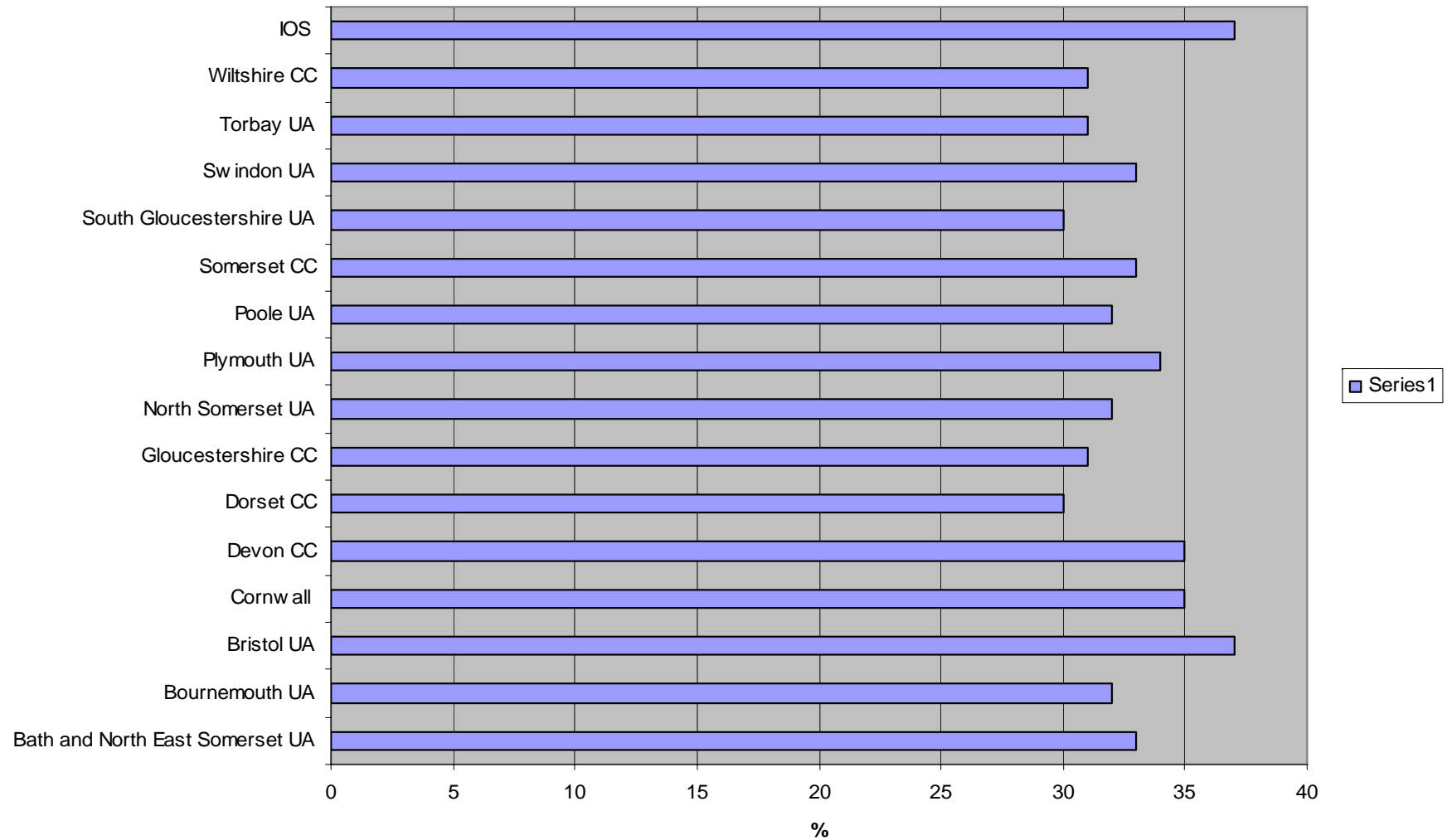


Achievement of at least 78 points across Early Years Foundation Stage 07/08

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Achievement Gap at foundation Stage - Gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the FSP and the rest 2008





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Indices Of Deprivation 2007 Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index

Key

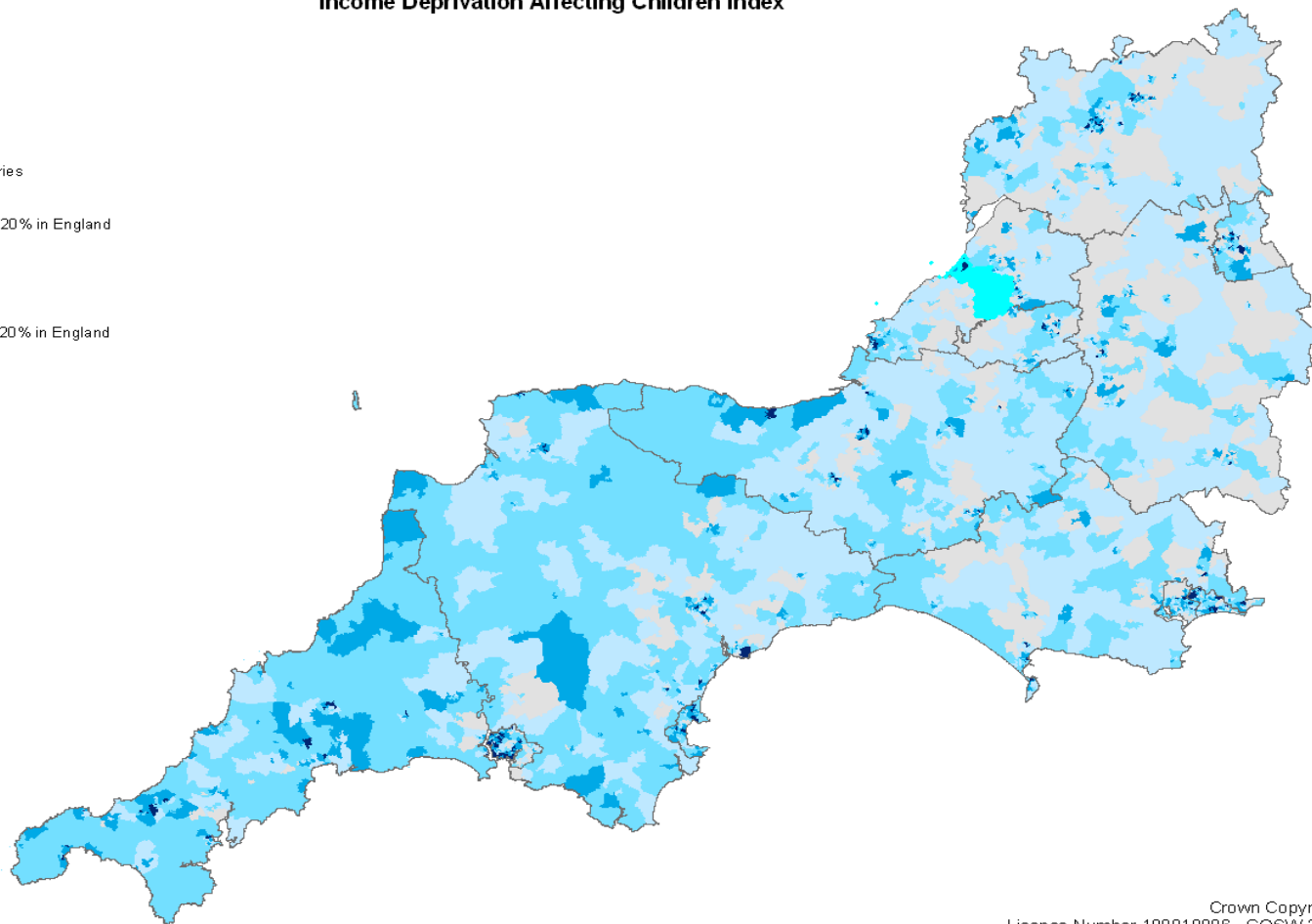
SW Counties & Unitaries

National quintiles

Within most deprived 20% in England



Within least deprived 20% in England



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What's going on in the SW..

A lot....



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Programmes, Pilots and Pathfinders

- Phase 3 of Children's Centres programme..
- Free early education and childcare for 3 & 4yr olds..
- 2 Pilots to improve access to childcare for disabled children and BME children..
- 3 super adventure playgrounds, improvements to play areas in all Las
- 2 Pathfinders subsidising cost of extended services to economically disadvantaged families
- 2 Pilots offering free childcare for 2yr olds



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- Others include:
 - Parent support advisors
 - Family intervention Projects
 - Nurse led family partnerships
 - Parents as partners in early learning
 - 0-7 Partnership
- Involving all 16 SW local authorities and partners



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And coming soon to an
area near you...

Free childcare for disadvantaged 2
yr olds, extension of entitlement for
3 & 4yr olds, a better qualified
workforce..



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