Social Exclusion in the UK

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• The approach to social exclusion in the PSE – multidimensional poverty and the BSEM
• Some headline figures for BSEM indicators
• Social resources and participation
Defining Social Exclusion

Social exclusion is a complex and multi-dimensional process. It involves the lack or denial of resources, rights, goods and services, and the inability to participate in the normal relationships and activities, available to the majority of people in a society, whether in economic, social, cultural or political arenas. It affects both the quality of life of individuals and the equity and cohesion of society as a whole. (Levitas et al. 2007)
Social Exclusion in the 1999 PSE

• Impoverishment, or exclusion from adequate resources and income
• Labour market exclusion
• Service exclusion
• Exclusion from social relations
The Bristol Social Exclusion Matrix (BSEM)

- **Resources**
  - Economic
  - Access to Services
  - Social
  - Cultural (Education and Skills)

- **Participation**
  - Economic
  - Social
  - Cultural
  - Civic and Political

- **Quality of Life**
  - Health and Well-being
  - Living Environment
  - Crime, harm and criminalisation

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Quality of Life
- Health & wellbeing
- Living environment
- Crime, harm & criminalisation

Resources
- Material & economic resources
  - Access to public & private services
  - Social resources
  - Education & skills
- Social participation

Participation
- Economic participation
- Cultural participation
- Political and civic participation

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## Material and Economic Resources

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<td>Less than 60% PSE median hhld income</td>
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<td>Income less than 60% threshold in FRS and PSE</td>
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<td>Cannot afford 5+ social and material necessities</td>
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<td>In arrears on any bills last year</td>
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<td>Falling behind with bills</td>
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<td>Had to borrow money from friends, family or elsewhere</td>
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<td>Cannot afford unanticipated, necessary expense of £500</td>
<td>36.8</td>
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<td>Not a home owner</td>
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<td>Genuinely feels poor all the time</td>
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<td>Has (well) below average living standards</td>
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<td>Has been often/mostly poor across lifetime</td>
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Access to Services

- Lacks adequate access to 3 or more services % all adults 21.3
Cultural Resources

- Completed full-time education aged 16 or less: 52.2 % adults
- Limited language skills (non-native speakers): 2.9 % adults
# Social Resources

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Economic Participation

% all adults

- No working age adults in household in paid work 17.0
- Not in paid employment 40.6
- Unemployed more than 12 months in last 5 years 8.0
- Gives any unpaid care (incl. childcare) 47.4
- Not satisfied with current job (in employment only) 14.0

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## Common Social Activities

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<td>Attending weddings, funerals</td>
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<td>Visiting friends and family in hospitals/ other institutions</td>
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<td>Attending church, synagogue, mosque or other places of worship</td>
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<td>Going to the cinema, theatre or music event once a month</td>
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<td>Taking part in sport/exercise activities or classes</td>
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Social Participation

- Participates in 5 or fewer common social activities 18.5 % adults
Cultural Participation

% adults

- Does not use any listed social and cultural facilities  19.6
  (Libraries, public sports facilities, museums and galleries, evening classes, public or community hall)
Political and Civic Participation

- Not a member of any listed organisations (e.g. sports, leisure or social club, trade union, campaigning group) 43.4
- Taken no local or national action (including voting) 32.0
- Low sense of political efficacy 23.1
Health and Well-Being

• Fair/bad or very bad general health 27.2
• Limiting longstanding illness 22.3
• Poor mental health
• Low life satisfaction 20.0

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## Living Environment

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<td>Home not in ‘good’ state of repair</td>
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<td>Dissatisfied with accommodation</td>
<td>11.1%</td>
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<td>Experiencing 3+ neighbourhood problems</td>
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Crime and Social Harm

- Experienced harassment or discrimination: 15.3%
- Has criminal record: 5.1%

% all adults
Exclusion from Social Relations

Individuals, families and groups can be said to be in poverty when they lack the resources to obtain the types of diet, participate in the activities and have the living conditions and amenities which are customary, or at least are widely encouraged and approved, in the societies to which they belong. Their resources are so seriously below those commanded by the average individual or family that they are, in effect, excluded from ordinary living patterns, customs and activities.

(Townsend 1979: 32)
Common Social Activities

- A hobby or leisure activity 71%
- A week’s holiday a year 59%
- Friends and family for a meal or drink once a month 62%
- Going out socially once a fortnight 54%
- Celebrations on special occasions 92%
- A meal out once a month 59%
- Holidays abroad once a year 42%
- Visits to friends and family in other parts of the country 41%
- Going out for a drink once a fortnight 41%
- Attending weddings, funerals 88%
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Social Participation by Income Decile

Cases weighted by Normalised PSE Individual weight - use this weight for individual level analyses

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Social Support

Respondents were asked how much support they would get on 7 items: a lot, some, not much, none at all:

Practical
• Being ill in bed and needing help around the home
• Needing practical help around the home such as moving heavy furniture
• Needing someone to look after home or possessions while away
• Needing a lift somewhere in an emergency

Emotional
• Needing advice about an important life-change
• Being upset because of relationship problems or feeling depressed
• Serious personal crisis

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# Social Support and Satisfaction with Personal Relationships by Household Type

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<th>% Low satisfaction</th>
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<td>Single Pensioner</td>
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