Prostate Cancer

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Introduction

Cancer Research UK provides a brief guide to prostate cancer that includes information about symptoms, early detection and possible risk factors.

Facts and figures

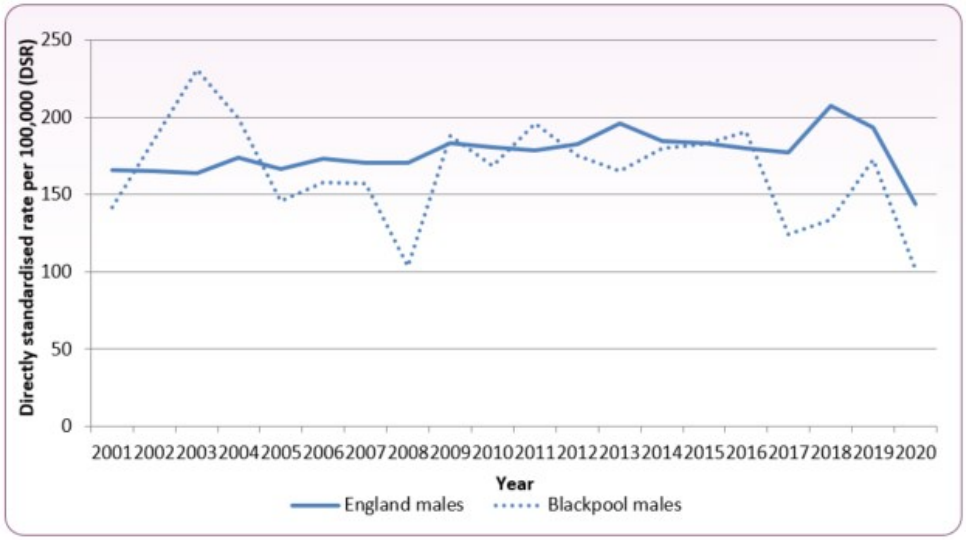
Incidence of prostate cancer

Incidence is defined as the number of new cases identified in a given period of time.

In Blackpool each year there are approximately 107 new cases of prostate cancer identified. **Figure 1** shows the trend in the cancer incidence rate in Blackpool and England. The incidence rate (in this case per 100,000 population) is calculated to allow comparison between geographies of different population sizes and with different age make ups.

The prostate cancer incidence rate in Blackpool has remained lower than the national rate, with both showing a decrease in 2020. This is likely to be due to the reduced screening during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Figure 1 - incidence of prostate cancer - 2001-2020 annual trend



Source: Cancer registration statistics - NDRS (as of March 2025)

Mortality from prostate cancer

Each year in Blackpool there are approximately 29 deaths due to prostate cancer. The directly standardised mortality rate (in this case per 100,000 population) is calculated to allow comparison between geographies of different population sizes and with different age make ups. The mortality rate for prostate cancer in Blackpool from 2021 to 2023 was 43.4 per 100,000 male population (all ages), slightly below the England average of 43.7 per 100,000.

National and local strategies (current best practices)

- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) provide guidance, advice, NICE Pathways and quality standards for prostate cancer

Risk factors

Cancer Research UK has compiled a summary of risk factors and causes of prostate cancer.

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