**South East – regional profile**

**Introduction**

The South East is third largest region of England, covering more than 19,000 square kilometres (sq km) and constituting almost 8 per cent of the total area of the UK. However, it is the largest region by population being home to 8.4 million people, 14 per cent of the UK total.

The South East is the second largest economic contributor among the regions of England and countries of the UK. Its local authorities have some of the highest levels of productivity after London.

The employment rate for the region's residents was 74.2 per cent in Q4 2011 compared with the UK average of 70.3 per cent. The unemployment rate was 6.3 per cent for the same period, compared with 8.4 per cent. The latest sub-regional data for the year ending September 2011 show that the employment rate ranged from 62.7 per cent in Thanet to 82.1 per cent in Reigate and Banstead.

Gross disposable household income of South East residents was also the second highest, after London, at £17,600 per head. In 2010 businesses in the region spent £5.6 billion on research and development. This was 22 per cent of the UK total and the highest regional spend in the UK.

The South East recorded 72 crimes per 1,000 population in 2009/10, the third lowest of any region (after the East of England and the North East). Violence against the person, criminal damage and general theft offences (excluding robbery and burglary) accounted for two-thirds of all offences recorded in many areas.

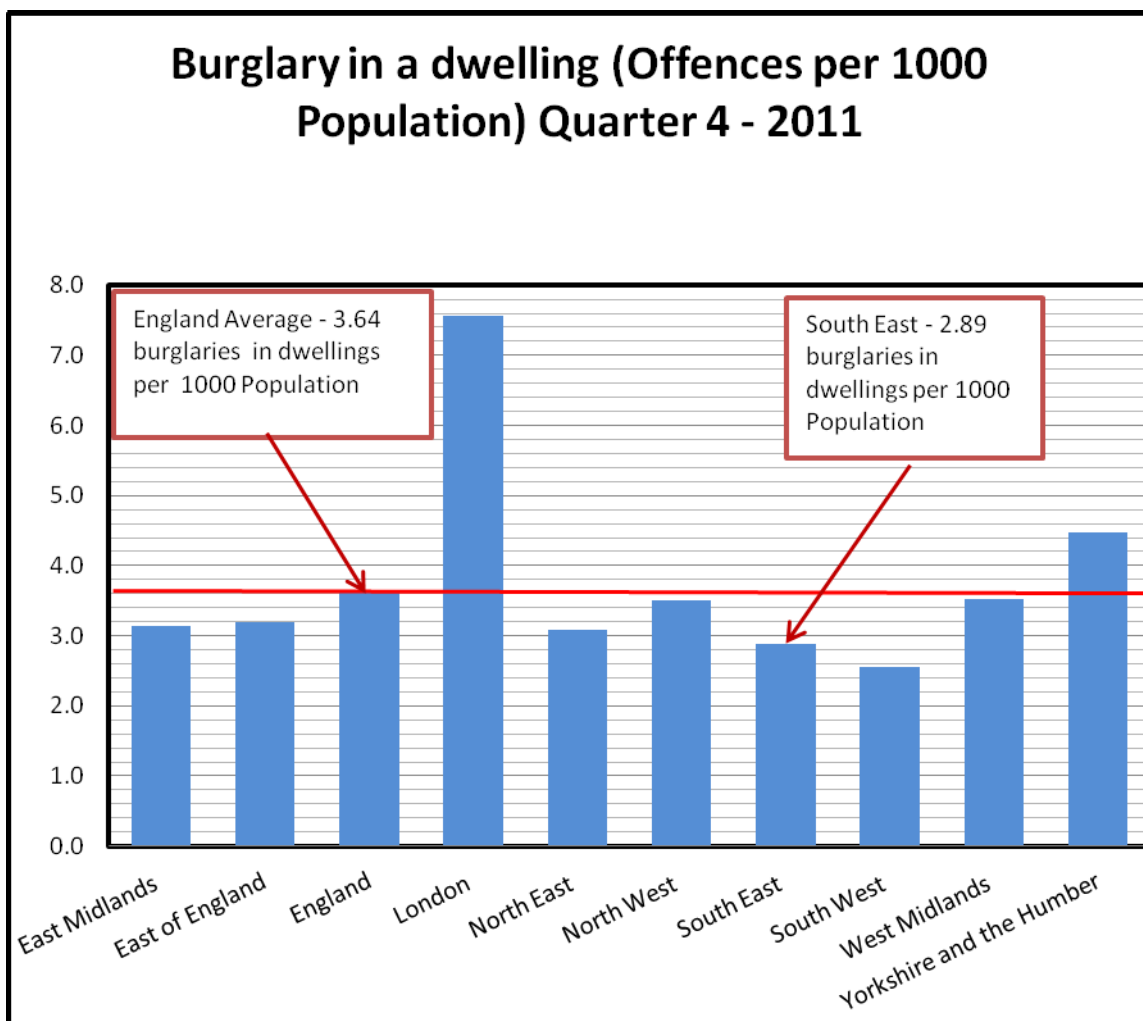(Some of the above text was sourced from ONS)

**LG Inform data**

LG Inform is a free online data service, developed by the LGA, which allows councils and other local authorities to access, compare and analyse data about their local area, their own performance, and then to use the data in reports and publications. This information will assist leaders and decision-makers in identifying local challenges, existing good practice and in designing more efficient and effective services that improve the quality of life for local residents.

LG Inform not only provides data on local areas and core local authority services, but also on a range of crime and community safety data. This data ranges from details about rates of specific types of crime such as burglary and car crime, through to data being collected as part of the work with troubled families, to the number of incidents of alcohol related harm reported by local hospitals, the level of success in tackling graffiti, the numbers of young people not in education, employment or training which can all inform decisions about crime strategies and targeting interventions.
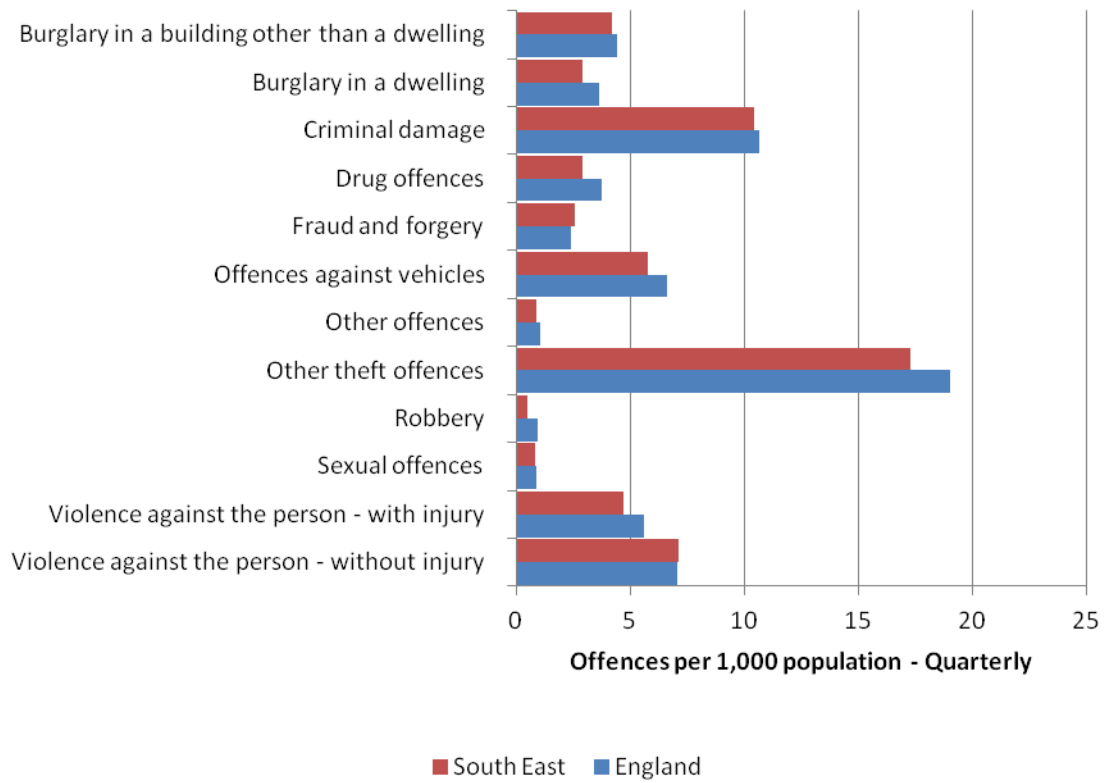
Set out below are summaries of the sorts of crime related information available, which compare the South East with the rest of England. More specific data is available on crime related information in local authority areas, and will in the future be made available on a force area basis.
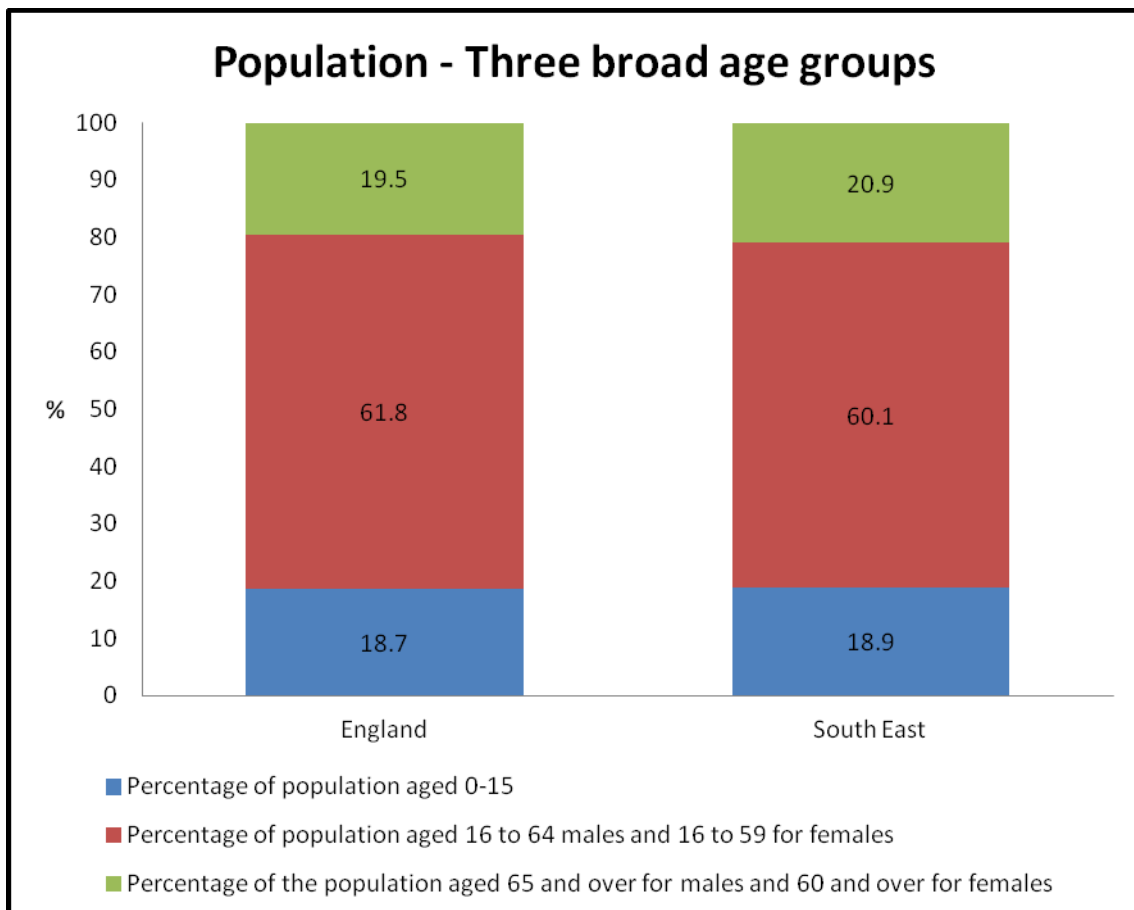
**Crime**

| Period | Organisation: Crime - Burglary in a dwelling (offences per 1,000 population) - quarterly | | Comparison: All English authorities | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Local value | Direction of travel | Min | Max | Average |
| 01/04/2011 - 31/03/2012 | 2.89 | Improving | 0 | 12.56 | 3.64 |
| 01/01/2011 - 31/12/2011 | 2.92 | Improving | 0 | 13.9 | 3.68 |
| 01/10/2010 - 30/09/2011 | 2.94 | Improving | 0 | 13.9 | 3.71 |
| 01/07/2010 - 30/06/2011 | 2.95 | Improving | 0 | 13.9 | 3.74 |
| 01/04/2010 - 31/03/2011 | 2.98 | Improving | 0 | 13.9 | 3.79 |



Burglary in a dwelling (Offences per 1000 Population) Quarter 4 - 2011

Crime - 2012 Q1

Offences per 1,000 population - Quarterly

- South East
- England

**Population**



## Population - Ethnicity - 2009

England, South East

Legend:
- Percentage of the population who are Chinese or other ethnic group
- Percentage of the population who are mixed race
- Percentage of the population who are black or black British
- Percentage of the population who are Asian or Asian British
- Percentage of the population who are white



## Population - Three broad age groups

| | England | South East |
|---|---|---|
| Aged 65+/60+ | 19.5 | 20.9 |
| Aged 16-64/16-59 | 61.8 | 60.1 |
| Aged 0-15 | 18.7 | 18.9 |

Legend:
- Percentage of population aged 0-15
- Percentage of population aged 16 to 64 males and 16 to 59 for females
- Percentage of the population aged 65 and over for males and 60 and over for females

**Unemployment and Benefits**

## Working age people on out of work benefits



Legend: England, South East

## Jobcentre plus vacancies - live unfilled vacancies per 10,000 working age population (16-64)



Legend: England, South East

**Health**



Rate of hospital admissions per 100,000 for alcohol related harm
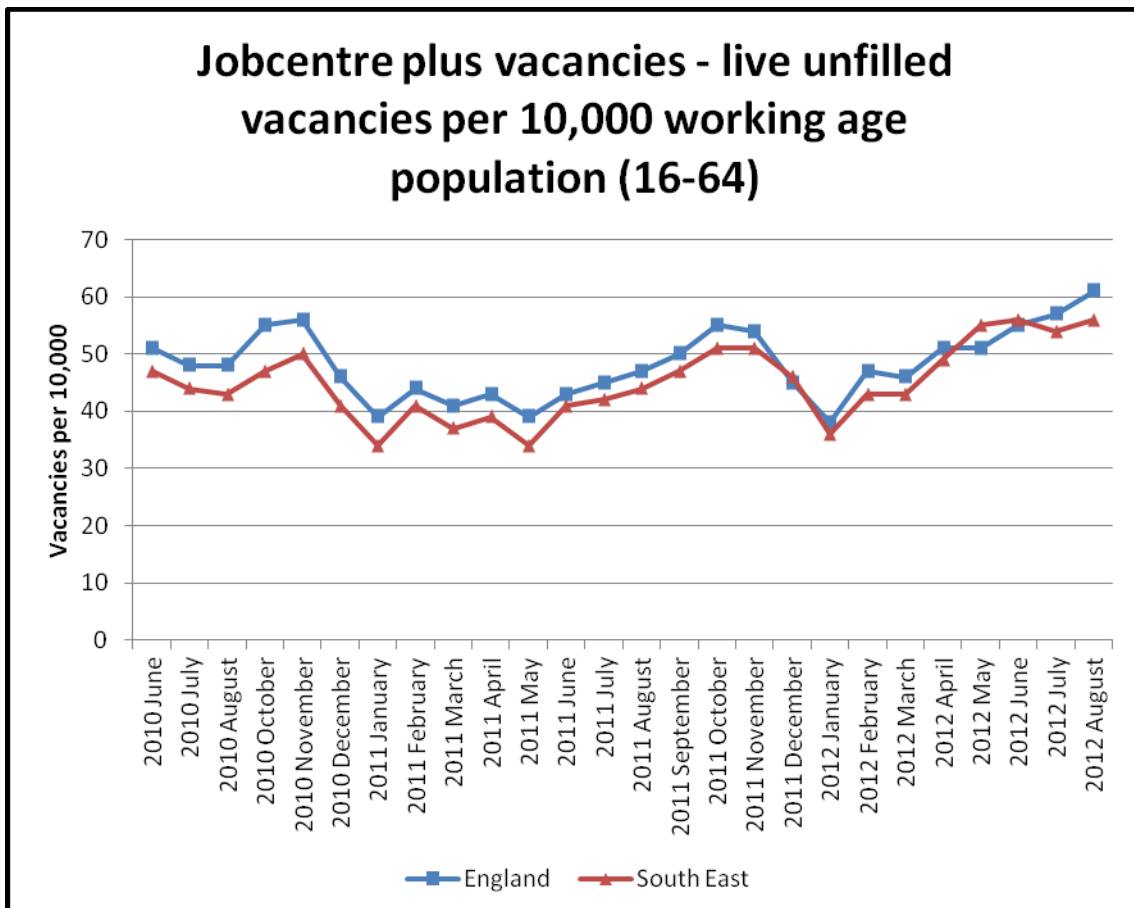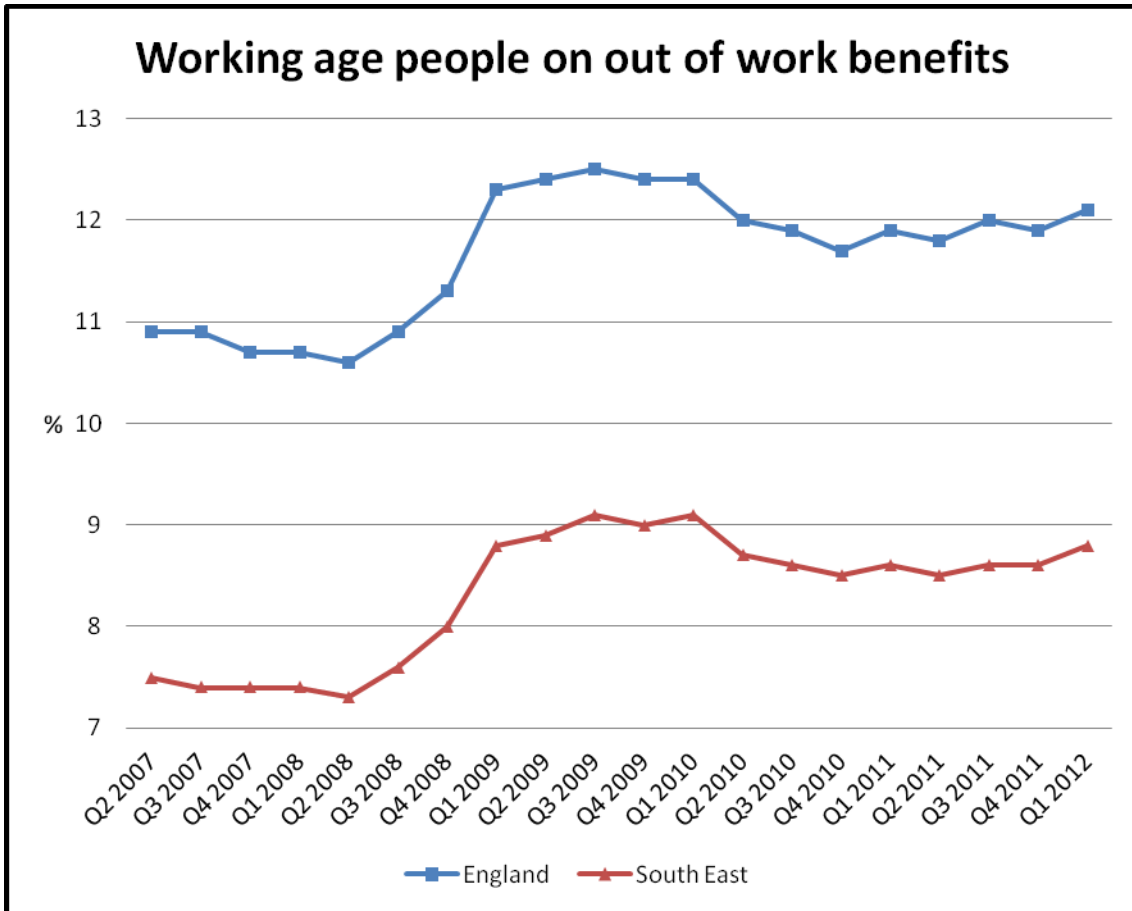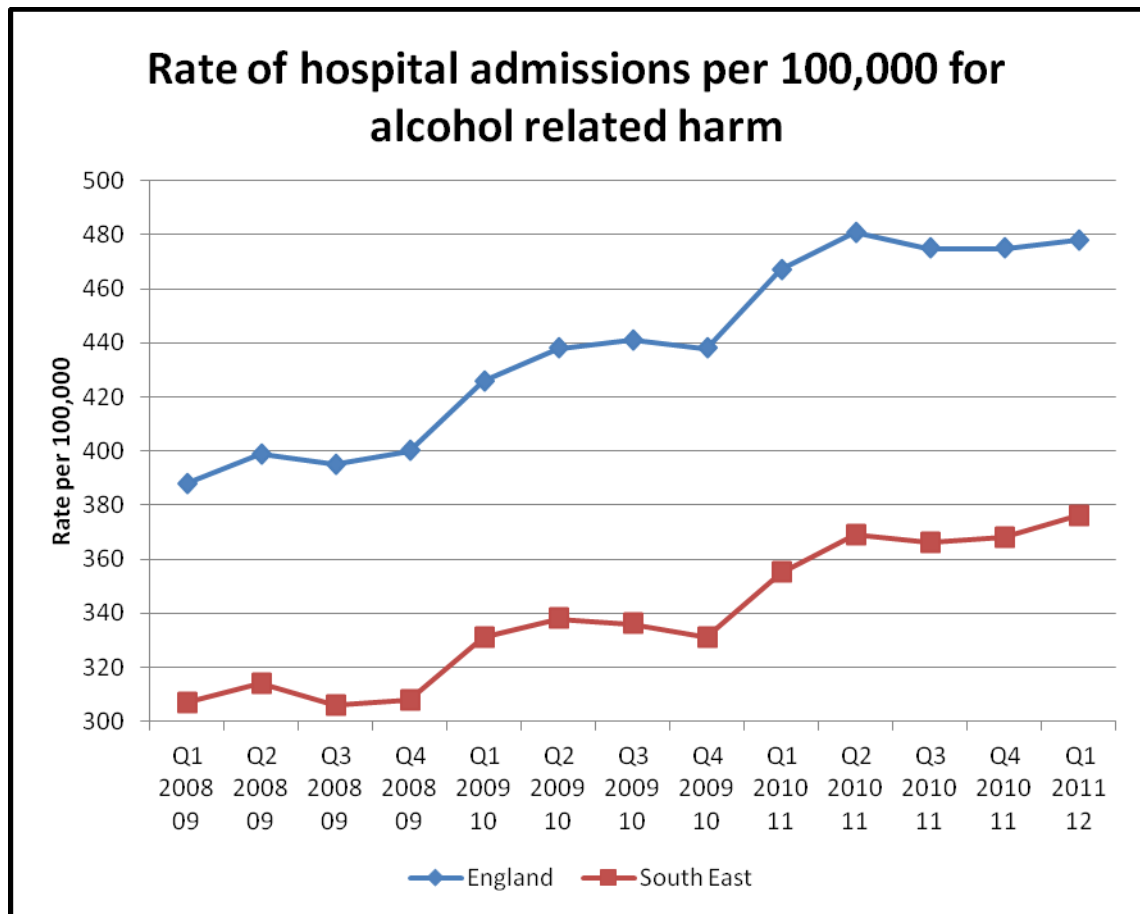
**Police force areas and local authorities**

It will be crucial that police and crime commissioners and local authorities work effectively together to obtain better outcomes for the communities they serve. A list of councils in each police force area is below.

In addition it will be up to councils to set up police and crime panels to hold to account and assist the police and crime commissioner for the way in which they exercise their role. In each area their will be a lead council who will be responsible for hosting the panel and this is also indicated in the table below.

| Hampshire | Kent | Surrey | Sussex | Thames Valley |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Basingstoke and Deane | Ashford | Elmbridge | Adur | Aylesbury Vale |
| East Hampshire | Canterbury | Epsom and Ewell | Arun | Bracknell Forest |
| Eastleigh | Dartford | Guildford | Brighton and Hove | Buckinghamshire (hosting panel) |
| Fareham | Dover | Mole Valley | Chichester | Cherwell |
| Gosport | Gravesham | Reigate and Banstead | Crawley | Chiltern |
| Hampshire (hosting panel) | Kent (hosting panel) | Runnymede | East Sussex | Milton Keynes |
| Hart | Maidstone | Spelthorne | Eastbourne | Oxford |
| Havant | Medway | Surrey (hosting panel) | Hastings | Oxfordshire |
| Isle of Wight | Sevenoaks | Surrey Heath | Horsham | Reading |
| New Forest | Shepway | Tandridge | Lewes | Slough |
| Portsmouth | Swale | Waverley | Mid Sussex | South Buckinghamshire |
| Rushmoor | Thanet | Woking | Rother | South Oxfordshire |
| Southampton | Tonbridge and Malling | | Wealden | Vale of White Horse |
| Test Valley | Tunbridge Wells | | West Sussex (hosting panel) | West Berkshire |
| Winchester | | | Worthing | West Oxfordshire |
| | | | | Windsor and Maidenhead |
| | | | | Wokingham |
| | | | | Wycombe |

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