Food and health

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Where are we now?

Childhood overweight and obesity in Cornwall

- Reception 23.6%
- Year 6 34.9%

UK National Diet and Nutrition Survey

- Adults' diets 200 to 300 excess calories per day
- Too much saturated fat, sugar, and salt
- Too little fibre, fruit and vegetables, and oily fish

Where should we be?

- NHS Eatwell / Planetary health / Mediterranean diet
- Public find the messaging confusing
- Government recommendations are consistent since 2015 (when max sugar was halved and fibre increased)



Eat food not too much mostly plants

Michael Pollan

It is three times more expensive to get the energy we need from healthy foods than unhealthy foods

But.....

The most deprived decile households would spend 75% of the disposable income on the Eatwell diet

It is harder to buy healthy foods in deprived parts of the UK – there is also a higher density of fast food outlets in these areas

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