Appendix G: Mortality rates and preferred place of death

In Brent, life expectancy for the population born between 2011 and 2013 is estimated to be 80 years for men and 84.9 years for women. However, life expectancy is 4.7 years lower for men and 4.4 years for women in the most deprived part of the borough than the least deprived part.

When asked, nationally nearly 80% of people express a preference to die in their usual place of residence and, while this may not always be possible (and preferences change for some people when the time comes) this is nearly the exact opposite in percentage of patients who actually achieve this.

There were 1,739 deaths in Brent in 2018/2019. According to the most recent data, just under half of all deaths in England occur in hospital. This number had been steadily decreasing over the past decade, from 58.2 per cent in 2005 to 46.7 per cent in 2015. The comparative figures for Brent show just over half of patients die in hospital and only 15% die in Care Homes, significantly less than the national figure.

2018/19 data on preferred place of death

Place of death	All Deaths In Brent	England %	London %	NWL STP %
Hospital	920 (53%)	46	53	53
Home	397 (23%)	24	24	24
Care Home	262 (15%)	23	15	14
Hospice	110 (6%)	6	6	6
Other	50 (3%)	2	3	3
Total	1,739			
Usual Place Residence	628 (37%)	46	38	26

Source 4/2019 Public Health Education England End of Life Data

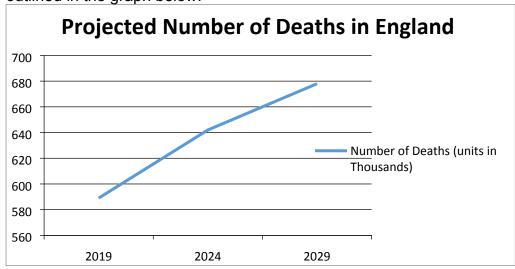
The mortality rate for Brent is slightly above the average compared to other North West London boroughs:

Mortality rate by borough

Local authority: county / unitary (as of April 2019)	Deaths	Age- standardise d mortality rate	Percentage of population	Population
Brent	1,753	786.25	0.530	330,754
Ealing	2,057	852.63	0.601	342,262
Hammersmith and	995	908.63	0.537	
Fulham				185,288
Harrow	1,509	700.65	0.603	250,248
Hillingdon	2,185	965.22	0.717	304,742
Hounslow	1,593	932.24	0.588	270,918
Kensington and Chelsea	791	618.52	0.506	156,324
Westminster	1,075	630.67	0.421	255,344
Total	11,958		0.571	2,095,884

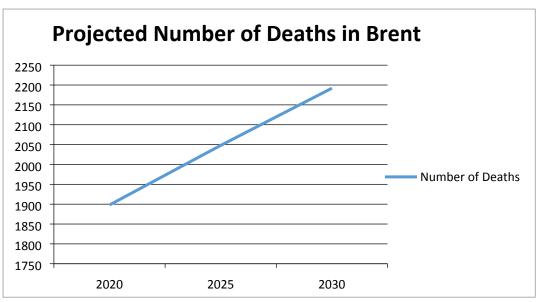
Source: ONS data January 2020

As a result of the UK's aging population, the number of deaths per year is expected to rise by 15% in England between 2019 and 2029. More people will be dying in older age who will be more likely to have complex needs and multiple co-morbidities as they near the end of their lives. The projected number of deaths in England is outlined in the graph below.



Source: ONS data 2020

For Brent, the number of deaths is also projected to increase from 1,898 in 2020 to 2,192 in 2030, an increase of 15%.



Source of data – GLA 2020