

Productivity

The latest ONS UK Labour Productivity Report revealed a second successive quarterly fall in productivity (0.1% decrease compared to Q4 2017) following the decrease of 0.2% for the previous quarter.

This represents a continuation of the 'productivity puzzle' - a sustained stagnation of UK productivity levels.

The Northern Health Science Alliance report: Health for Wealth states that productivity issues facing the UK can be tackled through focusing on improving health. It's also the first time that poor productivity in the North has been connected to health.

The report calls on Health & Wellbeing boards and the emerging NHS integrated care systems to commission more health promotion, condition management and prevention services amongst other recommendations.

Sheffield | Leeds

is the unhappiest city across all four areas of wellbeing: financial, physical, mental and social*

is the third most stressed city out of 17 UK cities*

£13.2bn

extra would be put into the economy by tackling health inequalities between the North and South.

Source: Northern Health Science Alliance

20% | 18%

of employees in the North never achieve the recommended weekly amount of exercise*

of employees in the North rarely find the time to achieve 150 minutes of weekly exercise*

The relationship between health & wellbeing and productivity

Sheffield & Manchester

are in the bottom three out of 17 UK cities for never getting the recommended amount of weekly exercise*

Workers with ill health in the North are

39%

more likely to lose their job than a similar individual in the rest of England

If workers with ill health do return to work, wages are

66%

lower than a similar individual in the rest of England

Source: Northern Health Science Alliance

"Over a quarter of employees in cities within the Northern Powerhouse admit to missing wellbeing activities due to work volume and/or stress*"

3-5 days

20% of employees in the North East say they have taken 3-5 working days off due to minor illness over the last three months*

10% of employees in Yorkshire say they have taken 6-10 working days off due to minor illness over the last three months*

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£44

A 1% increase in NHS spending per head could increase the median weekly wage by £44 in the Northern Powerhouse compared to £26 in the rest of England

Source: Northern Health Science Alliance