

Title: The effects of poverty on single mothers living in Hartcliffe

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Abstract:

This piece of research highlights the effects of poverty on teenage mothers in Hartcliffe. Measures such as housing, diet, morality, morbidity and life expectance have all been looked at to show how poverty affects the lives of those on a low income. The problems of using such measures have also been discussed. It has made use of qualitative methods of research, whilst using both group and individual interviews of some seven single mothers. It has pointed to the gender and class inequalities in relation to poverty, poor health, housing, diet and access to services, all of which have impacted disproportionately on women. It has used the area of Hartcliffe, as this was an area identified by the Bristol City Council as an area which suffers from severe deprivation and poverty. This research concludes by looking at the present Labour government's welfare reforms in relation to the structural causes of poverty and how this government seeks to reduce poverty, in the case of child poverty, abolish within twenty years.