

Incinerators in Wolverhampton and Dudley and wide variations in infant mortality rates in electoral wards in Bridgnorth, South Staffs, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley, and Sandwell.

"The predominant wind direction over Shropshire is South Westerly, bringing clean air from the Atlantic and over Wales."

("A Review and Assessment of Air Quality in Shropshire", December 2000, page 59)
<http://www.ukhr.eu/incineration/shropshirestaffordshiremapa3.pdf>

"no permit would be issued to an incinerator operator if a health risk was likely."
 Chris Smith, now Lord Smith of Finsbury, Chairman of the Environment Agency,
 ("Health risk: worries of more heart disease and infant deaths found near incinerators", South London Press, 4 May 2007)

"The Department (of Health) has made no recent assessments of the effect on public health of emissions from incinerators, or the effects on infant mortality."
 (Hansard, 30 November 2009; Column 539W)

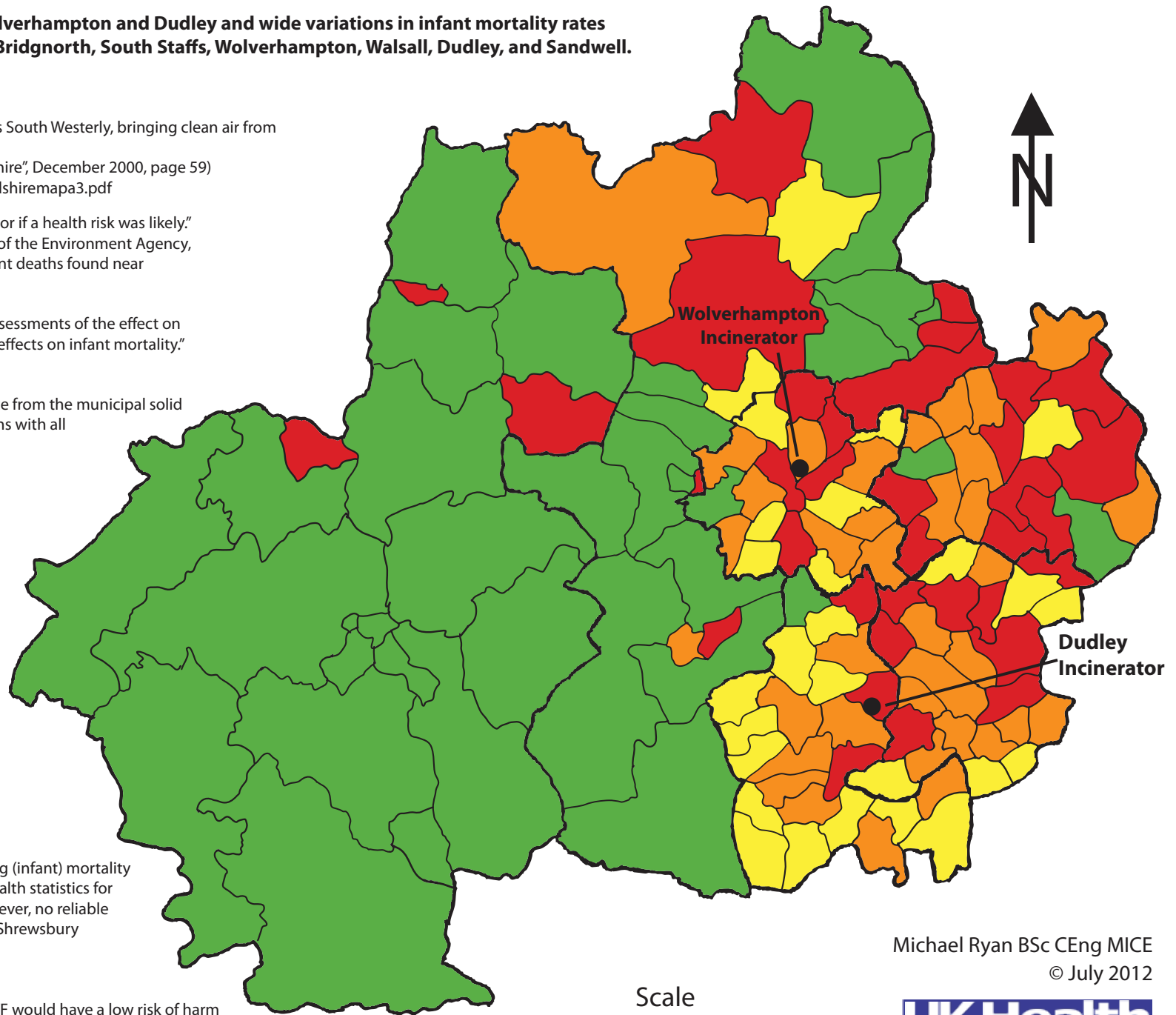
"Our study shows a peak-decline in risk with distance from the municipal solid waste incinerators for infant deaths and infant deaths with all congenital malformations combined."
 (J Epidemiol. 2004 May;14(3):83-93.)

2004-2008 ONS data

No of Wards	Infant Mortality Range per 1,000 live births
35	8.1 - 17.9
37	5.0 - 7.7
27	1.5 - 4.8
35	Zero

"Mr Ryan submitted a number of maps documenting (infant) mortality rates upwind and downwind of incinerators, and health statistics for localities near incinerators and power stations. However, no reliable inference can be drawn from this data." (page 26 of Shrewsbury incinerator decision document)

"Conclusions on health effects (Section 100)
 On the third main issue, I find that the proposed EWF would have a low risk of harm to human health." (page 29 of Shrewsbury incinerator decision document)
 John Woolcock, Shrewsbury Incinerator decision document Appeal
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