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Gap in children's health levels in the UK raises concern

英国儿童健康水平差距引起担忧



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一份大型报告称，英国儿童的健康水平正落后于其它欧洲国家。该文件尤其强调人们应关注儿童肥胖、心理健康及儿童死亡率等问题。这项由英国皇家儿科和儿童健康学院（*Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health*）发布的详尽报告着重指出，贫困是许多儿童健康问题的根源。请听 *Dominic Hughes* 的报道。

This report **acknowledges** there has been progress in the health of children and young people in recent decades. But the authors argue this can't **obscure** the fact that the UK is **slipping behind** other wealthy countries.

It also highlights a **stark** and growing gap between the health of children from rich families, which matches the best in the world, and the health of those from more **deprived** backgrounds, which is among the worst.

The report says that childhood **mortality rates** compare poorly with other European countries while **conditions** such as diabetes, obesity and **mental health** are all **areas of concern**.

词汇表

acknowledges	承认，认可
obscure	掩盖，隐藏
slipping behind	正落后于
stark	明显的，鲜明的
deprived	贫困的
mortality rates	死亡率
conditions	疾病
mental health	心理健康，和身体健康相对
areas of concern	受关注、令人担忧的领域

测验

请听报道并回答下列问题。

1. What kind of gap is highlighted in the report?
2. What conditions among children in the UK are particularly areas of concern, according to the report?
3. True or false? *The report shows the level of well-being of the UK's children is higher than that of other wealthy countries.*
4. Which word in the text means 'to emphasise or stress'?

答案

1. What kind of gap is highlighted in the report?

The report highlights the gap between the health of children from rich families and the health of those from more deprived backgrounds in the UK.

2. What conditions among children in the UK are particularly areas of concern, according to the report?

Diabetes, obesity and mental health are particularly areas of concern, according to the report.

3. True or false? *The report shows the level of well-being of the UK's children is higher than that of other wealthy countries.*

False. Authors of the report argue although there has been progress in the health of children in the UK in recent years, the nation is falling behind other wealthy countries.

4. Which word in the text means 'to emphasise or stress'?

Highlight.