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Table 18.1. Water hardness and prevalence of eczema (reported during past year) among primary schoolchildren in Nottingham, UK.

Water hardness category	Number reporting eczema	Prevalence (%)	Odds ratio	Confidence interval (95%)
1	94	12.0	1.00	
2	103	14.1	1.19	0.88-1.62
3	163	14.6	1.32	1.00-1.76
4	261	17.3	1.54	1.19-1.99

Source: McNally et al. (1998, 529), with permission from Elsevier Science (*The Lancet*, 1998, vol 352, page 529).

Table 18.2. Local social environment and health outcomes in Glasgow, Scotland.

Area Indicator	West End (NW)	Garscadden (NW)	Mosspark (SW)	Pollok (SW)
<i>Access to services</i>				
<i>Pharmacy</i> [†]	97.9	96.0	87.2	92.0
<i>Post office</i> [†]	98.4	97.7	89.4	96.4
<i>Grocery store</i> [†]	99.5	99.4	97.9	98.5
<i>Reported problems</i>				
<i>Discarded needles</i> ^{††}	4.3	8.5	10.8	18.0
<i>Poor public transport</i> ^{††}	13.4	16.7	20.5	18.8
<i>Assaults and muggings</i> ^{††}	28.2	34.5	47.9	56.1
<i>Health outcomes</i>				
<i>Health for age</i> ^{†††}	35.1	22.6	29.8	13.2
<i>HADS anxiety</i> ^{††††}	16.5	17.7	29.8	25.6

[†] percentages of respondents reporting amenities within half a mile

^{††} percentage of respondents reporting selected problems

^{†††} percentage of respondents reporting health as excellent

^{††††} percentage of respondents reporting anxiety

Source: Sooman and Macintyre (1995), with permission from Elsevier Science
(*Health and Place*, vol. 1, 1995, pages 15-26).