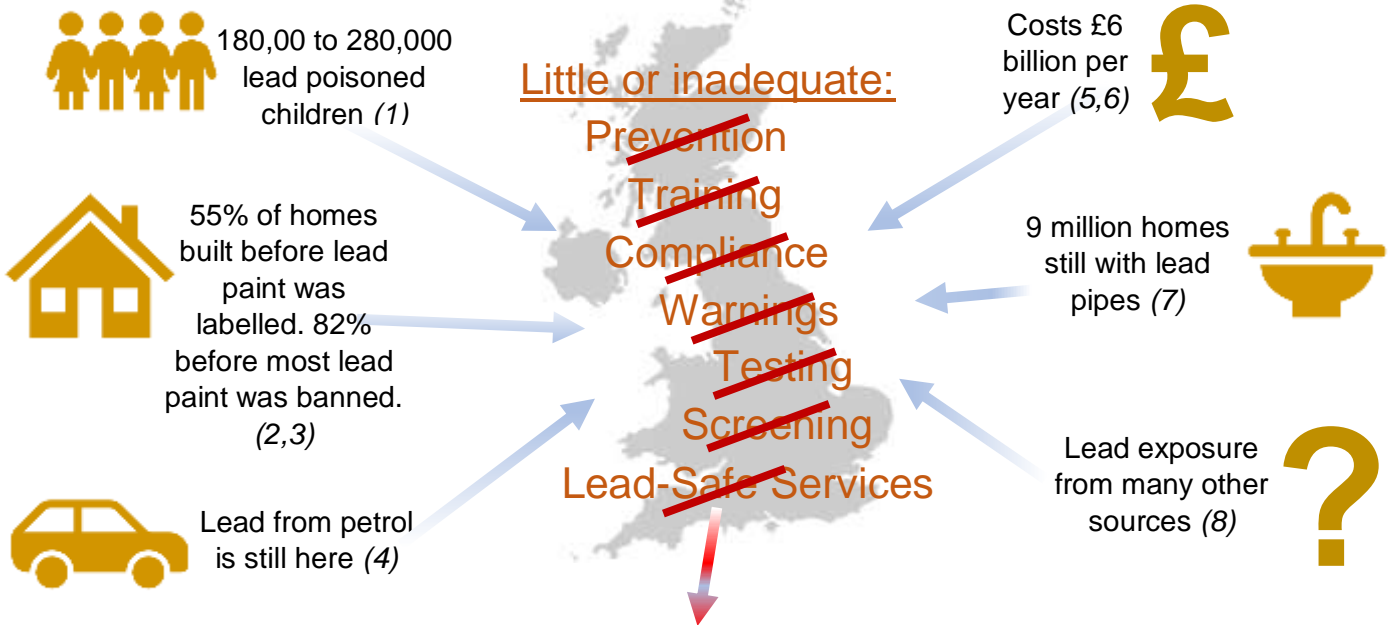







Lead in the UK Still Here, Still Harming



Why is action on lead still needed?



Associated Health Impacts (9)

-  **Reproductive** – miscarriage, pre-term birth, low birth weight, delayed puberty
-  **Neurological** - IQ loss, lower academic achievement, decreased hearing, essential tremor
-  **Psychological** - problem behaviour, ADHD, depression, anxiety, panic
-  **Cardiovascular** – heart attack, stroke, increased blood pressure
-  **Renal** – reduced kidney function

The good news:

Lead poisoning is **100% preventable.** (10)

Three cheap and simple initiatives that would be a good start:

- Home surveys to include lead exposure risk assessments before sale or rent
- Place leaflets in professional and DIY outlets that sell paints and abrasives
- GPs to be educated on conditions related to lead exposure and encouraged to provide blood tests

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