

### 5.1.8 Access to Services

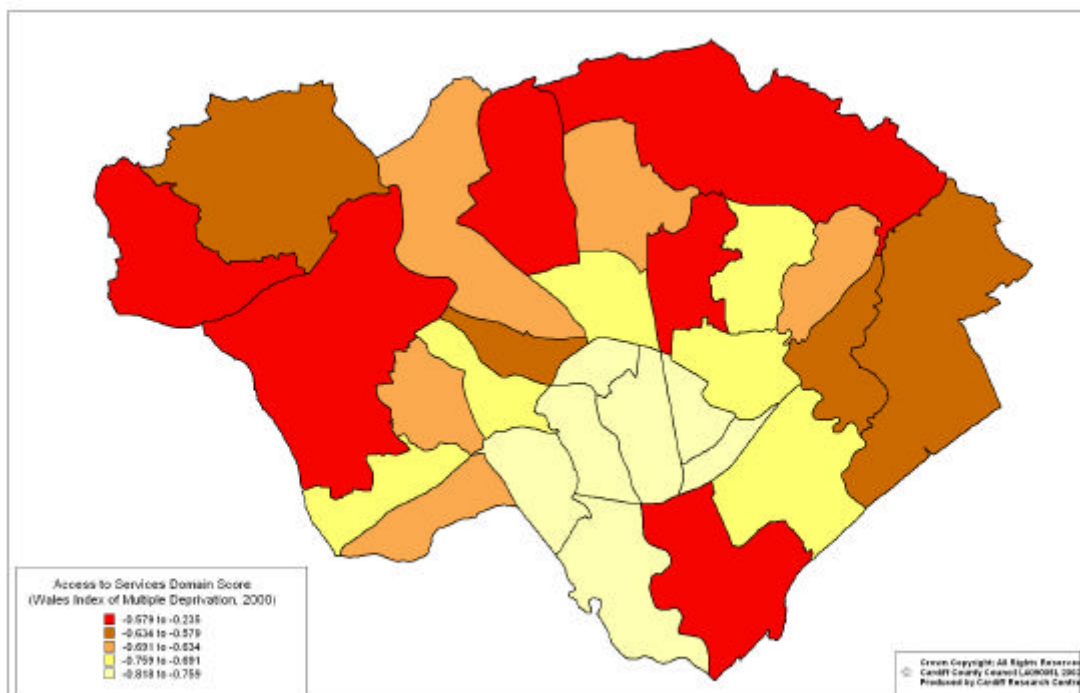
The degree or ease of a populations' access to essential services, healthcare and non-healthcare related, is an important factor... *'..in peoples' daily lives, particularly in rural area or poorly serviced urban neighbourhoods...Anyone deprived of access to services and amenities cannot participate fully in society.'*<sup>1</sup>

The Wales Index of Multiple Deprivation recognised the need for an accurate relative measure of access to services at Electoral Division level. A domain of deprivation was developed containing the following indicators:

- ❖ Access to a Post Office (GPO Post Office Counters) – April 1998
- ❖ Access to large food shops (Data Consultancy) for 1998
- ❖ Access to a GP (NHS, BMA) for October 1997
- ❖ Access to accident and emergency hospital facilities (Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust) for 1999/2000.

Access to Services 'scores' were calculated for each EDiv, and the Cardiff scores have been mapped in the Figure below highlighting that some northern relatively suburban parts of Cardiff as well as Butetown had the poorest access scores. However it should be remembered that on an all Wales basis all of Cardiff's communities have relatively good access to services.

#### Access To Services Domain Scores for Cardiff EDivs (WIMD 2000)



<sup>1</sup> Deprivation in Cardiff; Cardiff Research Centre, Cardiff Council: January 2002

