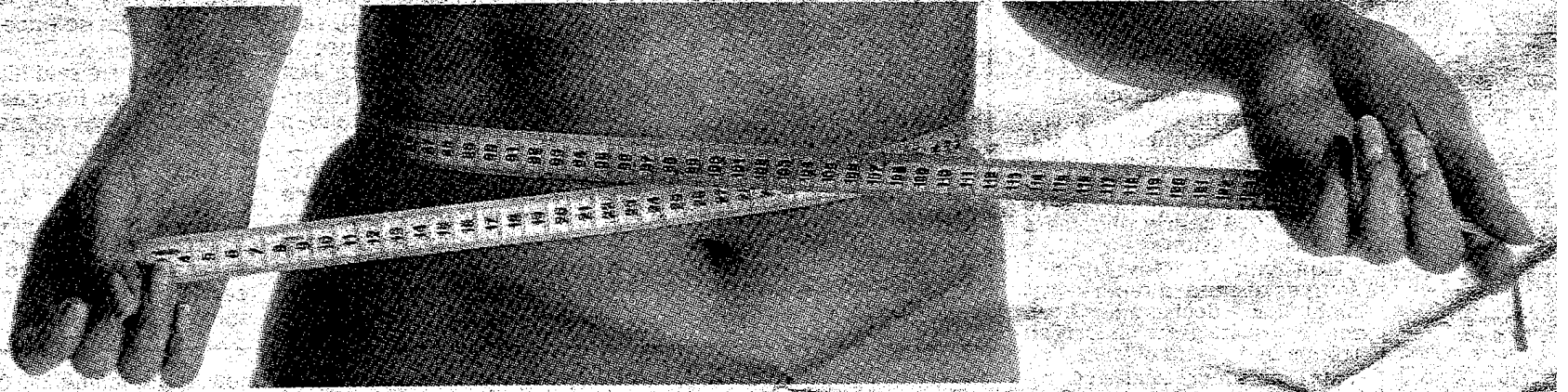


THE OBESITY TIMEBOMB



British women are now officially the most
overweight in Europe and men aren't far behind

VITAL STATISTICS

Percentage of
obese men:

1. Malta	25.1%
2. UK*	22.3%
3. Hungary	19.7%
4. Germany	18.8%
5. Lithuania	16.3%
6. Ireland	15.1%
7. Finland	14.7%
8. Czech Rep	13.5%
9. Slovakia	13.5%
10. Portugal	13.4%

Percentage of
obese women:

1. UK*	23.0%
2. Germany	21.7%
3. Malta	21.2%
4. Latvia	19.0%
5. Hungary	18.1%
6. Estonia	16.7%
7. Lithuania	15.8%
8. Portugal	15.9%
9. Czech Rep	15.3%
10. Slovakia	15.0%

* Figures for England only



Obesity is the new smoking



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‘Society at fault for obesity’

- A new report commissioned by the UK government has found that by 2050, up to 60% of adult men and 50% of adult women and about 25% of children under 16 could be obese. The financial impact to society could total an additional £45.5 billion per year by 2050 with a seven fold increase in NHS costs alone.



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