

Demographics

- **333,900** people (all age) living in the borough (2015 MYE)
- **94,340 (28.3%)** under 25s (2015 MYE):
 - 18,720 (6%) under 5's
 - 22,270 (7%) 5-10 year olds
 - 17,580 (5%) 11-15 year olds
 - 15,630 (5%) 16-19 year olds
 - 20,140 (6%) 20-24 year olds
- **1 in 3** children live in areas considered to be amongst the 20% most deprived in England
- **14.9%** of under 16's live in low income families, lower than in England. However in some areas it is in excess of 40%; and in one area of Winsford it is 52.4%
- **2.9%** of 16-18 year olds were NEET (320 young people); lower than the England average
- **94%** of children are White British
- **9,000** lone parent households with dependent children age 0 to 18 (23% of all households)
- **11%** workless households with dependent children (4,330 households)
- Under 25s by locality (2014):
 - 29.5%** of Ellesmere Port locality
 - 25%** of Rural locality
 - 30.5%** of Chester locality
 - 28.9%** of Northwich and Winsford
- Number of children aged 0-14 forecast to increase by **8% from 54,300 to 58,700**. Mostly ages 5-11 and greatest in Northwich and Winsford

Health

- Life expectancy for babies born in more deprived areas is significantly lower than the rest of the population
- **68.9%** mothers initiating breastfeeding. Breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks **35.1%**. Significantly worse than England (2015/16)
- **20.5%** of 4-5 year olds have excess weight; significantly better than the England average (2016)
- **33.5%** of 10-11 year olds have excess weight ; slightly better than the England average (2016)
- Levels of obesity doubles between the reception and final year of junior school
- **3.1%** of 11-15 year olds are smokers (630 young people); the same as the national average
- **112** conceptions to females aged 15-17, rate of **19.9 per 1,000**. **54%** resulted in an abortion(2014)
- **707** hospital admissions (2015/16) for an injury in children aged under 15; rate **131.8 per 10,000** worse than the England average. The majority of injuries were for children aged under five
- The rate of hospital admissions in 0-17 year olds for mental health conditions is **92.2 per 10,000** 0-17 years olds, approximately 61 young people. This is higher than the England average and is an increase from previous years

Education

- **11%** of primary school pupils and **9%** of secondary school pupils are eligible for free school meals (2016)
- **1 in 7** pupils have a special educational need (7,317). **1 in 33** (1,611) have a high level of need and have a EHC plan or SEN statement (2016)
- **70.9%** of five year olds achieved a good level of development, better than the England average 69.3% (2016)
- **50%** of children receiving free school meals achieved a good level of development, **21 percentage points lower** than the average of all pupils and lower than the England average
- At key stage two **53%** of pupils achieved the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths, the same as the England average (2016)
- The average attainment 8 score per pupil at key stage four was **51.3**, higher than the England average of 48.5 (2016)
- The average progress 8 score at key stage four in 2016 was **0.04**; positive progress
- Children facing disadvantage perform significantly worse than their peers including looked after children, children in need, those on free school meals and those with a SEND

Vulnerable children

- **2,181** children in need (March 2016), rate of **329.3 per 10,000** children. Lower than the England average. Most common reason for being in need was abuse or neglect
- **48.5 per 10,000** children are on a child protection plan (321 plans) (March 2016)
- **213** child protection plans for emotional abuse, **126** for neglect and **38** for physical or **10** sexual abuse
- **465** children were living in care, a rate of **71 per 10,000** under 18's (March 2016)
- Over **1,000** young people are living in households that are at risk of domestic abuse. Half of these will be visible to services.
- There were 60 first time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-17 (2015), a rate of 205.9 per 100,000 10-17 year olds, lower than the England average
- **142** children were assessed as being at risk of child sexual exploitation (March 2015-16)
- April 2015-March 2016, there were **650** missing incidents relating to **255** young people
- An estimated **2,080** 12 to 24 year olds (4.2%) deliberately injured themselves on 6,550 separate occasions in 2015