

## Demographics

- 338,000 residents (all age) living in the borough (2017)<sup>1</sup>
- 94,700 under 25s, 28% of all residents (2017)<sup>1</sup>:
  - 18,800 under 5's
  - 19,400 5-9 year olds
  - 18,500 10-14 year olds
  - 18,400 15-19 year olds
  - 19,600 20-24 year olds
- Proportion of locality under 25<sup>1</sup>:
  - 27.4% of Ellesmere Port locality
  - 23.8% of Rural locality
  - 29.5% of Chester locality
  - 26.8% of Northwich and Winsford
- 94% of children are White British<sup>2</sup>
- Number of children aged 0-15 forecast to increase by 8% from 58,600 to 63,200. Biggest increase in those aged 11-15<sup>3</sup>
- Approximately 12.7% of under 16's live in low income families. This is lower than in England. In some areas child poverty is in excess of 30% (2016)<sup>4</sup>
- An estimated 6,630 young people aged under 25 have a disability<sup>5</sup>
- 9,000 lone parent households with dependent children age 0 to 18 (23% of all households)<sup>2</sup>
- 7.5% of under 16's live in a workless household, around 4,400 children (2017)<sup>6</sup>
- 5.7% of 16-18 year olds were NEET or not known; lower than the 17% England average (three month average July-Sept 2018)<sup>7</sup>

## Health

- Infant mortality rate in Cheshire West and Chester is 3.3 per 1000 live births (2015-17), better than England's 3.9 per 1000<sup>8</sup>
- 40.1% of babies were breastfed at their 6 to 8 week check, significantly lower than the England average of 42.7% (2017/18)<sup>9</sup>
- 12.3% of women were smokers at time of delivery(2017/18)<sup>10</sup>
- 19.8% of 4-5 year olds and 31.9% of 10-11 year olds have excess weight; both better than the England average (17/2018)<sup>11</sup>
- Around 1 in 15 young people aged 15 smoke (6.8%) (2014/15)<sup>12</sup>
- 100 conceptions to females aged 15-17 a rate of 18.7 per 1,000 (2016). 57% led to an abortion<sup>13</sup>
- 729 hospital admissions for an injury in children aged under 15. Rate of 131.1 per 10,000, worse than the England average (2016/17)<sup>14</sup>
- 2.01% of school pupils have social, emotional and mental health needs, approx. 1,073 children (2018)<sup>15</sup>
- The rate of hospital admissions in 0-17 year olds for mental health conditions is 109.7 per 10,000, approximately 73 young people. This is significantly higher than the England average (2016/17)<sup>16</sup>
- 283 young people were admitted to hospital due to self-harm (aged 10-24) a rate of 497.1 per 100,000, significantly higher than England<sup>17</sup>

## Education

- 72% of five year olds achieved a good level of development (2018)<sup>18</sup>
- 53% of children receiving free school meals achieved a good level of development, 19 percentage points lower than the average of all pupils<sup>19</sup>
- 11.8% of primary school pupils and 10% of secondary school pupils are eligible for free school meals (2018)<sup>20, 21</sup>
- 7% of 0-25 year olds have a special educational need (6,785) 1.7% (1,664) have a high level of need and have a EHC plan (2018)<sup>22</sup>
- At key stage two 63% of pupils achieved the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths, similar to the England average (2018)<sup>23</sup>
- The average attainment 8 score per pupil at key stage four was 46.3 higher than the England average of 44.3 (2018)<sup>24</sup>
- The average progress 8 score at key stage four in 2018 was -0.10 – not as good progress as expected (2018)<sup>25</sup>
- Children facing disadvantage perform significantly worse than their peers including looked after children, children in need and those on free school meals<sup>26</sup>
- 97.7% of young people who transitioned from year 11 in 2018 moved into education, employment or training<sup>27</sup>

## Vulnerable children

- In 2018, there were 2,887 referrals to children's social services, a rate of 429.1 per 10,000, lower than England<sup>28</sup>
- 2,295 children in need (March 2018), rate of 341.1 per 10,000 0-18 year olds children. Most common reason for being in need was abuse or neglect<sup>29</sup>
- 215 children were on a child protection plan; 32 per 10,000 0-18 year olds (March 2018)<sup>30</sup>
- 496 children looked after, a rate of 74 per 10,000 under 18's (March 2018)<sup>31</sup>
- In 2017/18, there were 1,431 reported incidents of domestic abuse received by the local authority's front door services, affecting 2,816 children (0-17)<sup>32</sup>
- There were 71 first time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-17 (2017), a rate of 246.2 per 100,000 10-17 year olds, similar to the England average<sup>33</sup>
- In 2017/18, 82 children had an open child sexual exploitation episode<sup>34</sup>
- In 2017/18, 922 missing incidents were recorded for 332 children. Of this, 70 were looked after children.<sup>35</sup>
- Between 2014/15-16/17, there were 100 hospital admissions for substance misuse in 15-24 year olds; 84.8 per 100,000<sup>36</sup>

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