

# North Wales primary care cluster statistical profiles 2023

## Arfon

### Population characteristics

#### Population, age and gender 2021 (Census 2021)

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%	%	%	%
Population 2011	62,700	Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Population 2021</b>	61,700	-1.6%	-0.1%	1.4%	6.3%
Males	30,100	48.8%	48.9%	48.9%	49.0%
Females	31,600	51.2%	51.1%	51.1%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	10,650	17.2%	17.3%	17.6%	18.5%
Aged 16-29	13,800	22.4%	14.8%	16.6%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	10,450	17.0%	16.8%	18.0%	19.9%
Aged 45-65	15,850	25.7%	28.9%	27.7%	26.9%
Aged 66-84	9,400	15.2%	19.3%	17.5%	15.1%
Aged 85+	1,550	2.5%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
Population density 2021 (persons/ha)		1.63	1.12	1.50	3.95

#### Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	43,006	69.7%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	4,502	7.3%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	55,979	90.7%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	2,150	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	880	1.4%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	2,679	4.3%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	26,629	43.2%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	1,974	3.2%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	28,662	46.5%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	38,629	64.5%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	14,961	25.0%	61.3%	74.8%	-

### Health

#### Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	11,652	18.9%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	4,971	8.1%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

#### Patients with chronic illness, by GP cluster (General Medical Services QAIF, September 2022)

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	9,200	13.8%	16.9%	15.8%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	5,100	9.3%	9.5%	10.1%
Asthma	4,450	6.7%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	3,500	6.4%	7.8%	6.1%
Coronary heart disease	1,750	2.6%	3.8%	3.6%
Cancer	2,250	3.4%	3.7%	3.1%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	1,650	2.5%	2.7%	2.4%
Stroke	1,100	1.6%	2.2%	2.1%
Heart failure	500	0.8%	1.1%	1.1%
Mental health	650	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Dementia	400	0.6%	0.8%	0.7%
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	500	0.9%	1.0%	0.8%

\* lung diseases including chronic bronchitis and emphysema

Based on clusters of GP surgeries as identified by local health boards. The health boards have formally developed arrangements for small groups of GP practices to work collaboratively to develop services in the community, serving populations of between 30 and 50 thousand patients. Clusters are best fit to the sub areas and do not exactly match the same boundaries.

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<b>Housing and living arrangements</b>							
<b>Households (Census 2021)</b>							
	<b>Arfon</b>		<b>North Wales</b>	<b>Wales</b>	<b>E &amp; W</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>					
<b>Total households</b>	<b>25,560</b>		<b>301,374</b>	<b>1,347,114</b>	<b>24,783,199</b>		
<b>Household composition</b>							
All one person households	8,388	32.8%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%		
- one person; aged 66+	3,624	14.2%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%		
All households with dependent children	6,772	26.5%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%		
- lone parents with dependents	1,905	7.5%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%		
All households of only pensioners	5,806	22.7%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%		
Population in private households	58,803	95.3%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%		
Average household size		2.30	2.24	2.27	2.36		
<b>Household facilities</b>							
No central heating	612	2.4%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%		
Overcrowded	896	3.5%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%		
No car	4,988	19.5%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%		
<b>Tenure</b>							
Owner occupied	16,107	63.0%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%		
Rented from social landlord	4,883	19.1%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%		
Other rented	4,521	17.7%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%		
<b>Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2022)</b>							
	<b>Arfon</b>		<b>North Wales</b>	<b>Wales</b>			
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>					
Total dwellings	28,460	100%	332,210	1,462,660			
Band A	3,820	13.4%	9.7%	14.5%			
Band B	7,790	27.4%	18.2%	20.8%			
Band C	7,140	25.1%	26.3%	21.8%			
Band D	4,800	16.9%	18.4%	16.2%			
Band E	3,030	10.6%	14.3%	13.5%			
Band F	1,410	5.0%	8.5%	8.2%			
Band G	430	1.5%	3.6%	3.7%			
Band H	30	0.1%	0.7%	0.9%			
Band I	10	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%			
<b>House prices (Land Registry, 2022; CACI PayCheck, 2022)</b>							
	<b>Arfon</b>		<b>North Wales</b>	<b>Wales</b>	<b>E &amp; W</b>		
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Median (All house types)	£ 175,000		£ 190,000	£ 190,000	£ 272,500		
Lower quartile (All house types)	£ 130,000		£ 143,000	£ 136,000	£ 175,000		
Ratio income:houseprice (median)		5.7	6.0	6.1	7.4		
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)		7.4	7.9	7.6	8.5		
<b>Housing related benefits (DWP, February 2023)</b>							
	<b>Arfon</b>		<b>North Wales</b>	<b>Wales</b>	<b>GB</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>					
Total claimants	5,185	100%	57,605	277,905	5,642,300		
- housing benefit	2,450	47.2%	45.7%	46.2%	43.2%		
- Universal Credit housing element	2,735	52.8%	54.3%	53.8%	56.8%		
- social rented	3,925	75.8%	64.7%	67.1%	63.3%		
- private rented	1,265	24.4%	34.5%	32.1%	35.4%		
- households with children	1,850	35.6%	38.3%	38.1%	39.9%		
- single person aged 16-65	1,960	37.8%	34.1%	36.5%	36.6%		
- single person aged 66+	990	19.1%	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%		

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### Community safety

#### Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2021/22	6,013	97.47	79.97	86.64	89.46
Violence against the person	2,779	45.05	38.04	37.39	35.26
Theft & handling	728	11.80	14.02	17.74	25.14
Criminal damage & arson	671	10.88	9.20	10.09	8.91

\*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

### Economy and employment

#### Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
<b>All in employment (aged 16 and over)</b>	<b>27,342</b>		<b>313,304</b>	<b>1,368,454</b>	<b>27,773,661</b>
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	423	1.5%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	654	2.4%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	1,279	4.7%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	2,246	8.2%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	3,614	13.2%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	827	3.0%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	1,813	6.6%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	1,491	5.5%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	949	3.5%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	972	3.6%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	2,776	10.2%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	3,687	13.5%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	5,257	19.2%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	1,354	5.0%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	6,100	22.3%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	7,417	14.5%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	18,918	37.1%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

#### Social class (Census 2021)

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
<b>All aged 16 and over</b>	<b>51,050</b>		<b>568,242</b>	<b>2,559,416</b>	<b>48,566,373</b>
Managerial & professional	15,164	29.7%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	12,889	25.2%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	11,818	23.1%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	11,179	21.9%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

#### Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2023)

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
July 2023	1,270	3.0%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
April 2023 (previous quarter)	1,325	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
July 2022 (previous year)	1,240	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
July 2018 (5 years ago)	845	2.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Apr-23)*	255	20.1%	18.6%	19.8%	17.2%
Claimants aged 50+ (Apr-23)*	290	22.8%	24.3%	21.9%	23.2%

Rounded to nearest 5. \* % is of all claimants.

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### Income and benefits

#### Household income (CACI PayCheck, 2022)

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	£	%			
Median income (annual)	30,500		31,450	31,350	36,700
Lower quartile	17,650		18,050	17,900	20,350
Households below 60% GB median (=< £22,021)		34.2%	33.1%	33.4%	27.8%

#### Benefits (DWP, Nov 2022)

There is a discontinuity in the benefits data, as Universal Credit is rolled out and starts to replace older awards systems. % is of all in that age group.

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
<b>Children (aged 0-15)</b>					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	510	4.8%	5.9%	5.7%	5.1%
<b>Working age (aged 16-65)</b>					
Universal Credit	5,185	12.9%	14.0%	14.5%	13.6%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	105	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	1,825	4.5%	4.9%	5.8%	3.9%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	60	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	2,685	6.7%	8.5%	9.5%	6.4%
Carer's Allowance	880	2.2%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
<b>Pensioners (aged 66+)</b>					
State Pension	10,560				
Pension Credit	1,650	15.1%	12.6%	13.1%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	1,905	17.5%	16.1%	16.5%	13.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	675	6.2%	5.5%	7.1%	4.3%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	565	5.2%	5.0%	6.5%	4.3%
Carer's Allowance	435	4.0%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

### Poverty and deprivation

#### Children in low income families - relative income poverty (DWP, 2021/22)

	Arfon		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	2,455	23.1%	21.9%	21.7%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	505	4.7%	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>27.0%</b>	<b>27.2%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>

As % all children aged 0-15. 'In work' is working 16 hrs a week or more. Relative income poverty = below 60% of UK median.

#### Welsh index of multiple deprivation (Welsh Government, 2019)

	Arfon		North Wales	
	10%	25%	10%	25%
Total LSOAs in area	36		423	
<b>No. LSOAs in most deprived:</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>25%</b>
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	2	4	23	65
Income	3	4	25	71
Employment	2	3	20	59
Health	1	3	25	64
Education	1	3	26	79
Access to services	3	15	53	134
Housing	6	10	44	101
Community safety	1	2	3	15
Physical environment	6	16	39	107

Deprivation data shows how many lower super output areas (LSOAs) in the area are in the 10% and 25% most deprived LSOAs in Wales.

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## Key messages for primary care clusters from the Population Needs Assessment

- **Children and young people:** Numbers projected to decline but need for support may increase with, for example, the impact of Covid-19 on mental health or an increase in children with complex needs surviving early childhood due to improvements in health care. Priorities include early years, children receiving care and support, disabled children, young carers and young refugees and asylum seekers.
- **Older people:** The increasing number and proportion of older people in population over the next 10 years will likely lead to an increase in the number of people with dementia and changes to the amount and type of care needed to support increasingly complex needs, including nursing needs. Priorities include working together to support people to remain at home, supporting people to live well with dementia, falls prevention, supporting people to be more active (such as more inclusive leisure services) and, housing and accommodation (new and adapted homes suitable for changing needs).
- **Disabled people (physical and sensory impairment):** Priorities include accessibility of public services, spaces and information and a commitment to working with disabled people to remove barriers to health and care services.
- **People with learning disabilities:** The population is expected to increase, particularly in the 65 and over age group due to increased life expectancy. Priorities include inclusive communities, accommodation, assistive technology, and employment opportunities. Also need to reduce health inequalities through reasonable adjustments to services and annual health checks by GPs.
- **Autistic people:** The population is expected to increase as assessment is more widely available. Priorities include implementing the code of practice for autism services, raising awareness, mental health and well-being, education, and employment.
- **Mental health:** Priorities include early intervention before people reach crisis point and addressing wider determinants which influence mental health.
- **Unpaid carers:** Issues within wider social care workforce recruitment and retention are leading to additional demands on unpaid carers. Priorities include early identification and awareness raising, opportunities for breaks from caring (respite) and improving unpaid carer assessments.
- **Veterans:** Priorities include the Armed Forces Covenant, see [health care toolkit](#).
- **Refugees and asylum seekers:** Priorities are mental health support and partnership working between health, various council departments, voluntary and community organisations and other public services.

**Cross-cutting themes** affecting all population groups: recruitment and retention of the workforce, socio-economic disadvantage (including an increase in poverty leading to increase in demand for services), digital inclusion, Welsh language 'Active Offer', equality and human rights, housing, loneliness and isolation, social value, co-production and citizen voice, prevention and early intervention, safeguarding, reduction of health inequalities, violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence and Covid-19.

### More information

- [North Wales Population Needs Assessment](#): information about the care and support needs of people in North Wales and the support needs of carers.
- Prevention and early intervention includes tackling the wider determinants of health including poverty, housing and environment as well as timely access to health and social care. For more information see the [early intervention and prevention evidence map](#) and [Public Services Board Well-being Assessments](#).
- [Regional Partnership Board](#): more information about work underway to address these needs.
- Local Development Plans. Where any new large-scale housing developments or future population growth would cause capacity problems, planning policy teams may be able to help access funding from housing developers towards medical centres.

## Local feedback

### Gwynedd

Challenges include lack of nursing placements and the cost of placements.

### Conwy

Challenges include:

- Need for services to support teenagers
- Supporting older people upon discharge from hospital to recover at home. Often people are being placed in care homes because of the lack of support available by the local authority, family, or local providers.
- Availability of hospital beds and ambulance and A&E waiting times.

Priorities include supporting disabled people into employment and to maintain employment.

### Denbighshire

Local priorities include deepening poverty and deprivation giving potential increase in demand for services while local authority income is reduced.

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