

North Wales primary care cluster statistical profiles 2023

North West Flintshire

Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2021 (Census 2021)

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%	%	%	%
Population 2011	35,400	Change	Change	Change	Change
Population 2021	36,100	2.1%	-0.1%	1.4%	6.3%
Males	17,700	49.1%	48.9%	48.9%	49.0%
Females	18,400	50.9%	51.1%	51.1%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	6,550	18.1%	17.3%	17.6%	18.5%
Aged 16-29	5,600	15.4%	14.8%	16.6%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	6,400	17.7%	16.8%	18.0%	19.9%
Aged 45-65	10,550	29.1%	28.9%	27.7%	26.9%
Aged 66-84	6,200	17.2%	19.3%	17.5%	15.1%
Aged 85+	850	2.3%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
Population density 2021 (persons/ha)		2.70	1.12	1.50	3.95

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	22,335	61.8%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	2,215	6.1%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	33,774	93.5%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	1,627	4.5%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	323	0.9%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	415	1.1%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	18,936	52.4%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	360	1.0%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	14,360	39.7%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	4,589	13.1%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	27,672	79.0%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	7,638	21.1%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	3,830	10.6%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	7,100	17.5%	16.9%	15.8%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	4,150	12.4%	9.5%	10.1%
Asthma	2,900	7.1%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	2,700	8.1%	7.8%	6.1%
Coronary heart disease	1,400	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%
Cancer	1,350	3.3%	3.7%	3.1%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	1,050	2.5%	2.7%	2.4%
Stroke	750	1.9%	2.2%	2.1%
Heart failure	450	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Mental health	350	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Dementia	300	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	300	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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Housing and living arrangements						
Households (Census 2021)						
	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W	
	Number	%				
Total households	15,411		301,374	1,347,114	24,783,199	
Household composition						
All one person households	4,608	29.9%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%	
- one person; aged 66+	2,211	14.3%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%	
All households with dependent children	4,240	27.5%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%	
- lone parents with dependents	1,190	7.7%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%	
All households of only pensioners	3,722	24.2%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%	
Population in private households	35,762	99.0%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%	
Average household size		2.32	2.24	2.27	2.36	
Household facilities						
No central heating	127	0.8%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%	
Overcrowded	514	3.3%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%	
No car	2,712	17.6%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%	
Tenure						
Owner occupied	10,349	67.2%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%	
Rented from social landlord	2,981	19.3%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%	
Other rented	2,063	13.4%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%	
Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2022)						
	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales		
	Number	%				
Total dwellings	16,350	100%	332,210	1,462,660		
Band A	1,540	9.4%	9.7%	14.5%		
Band B	3,910	23.9%	18.2%	20.8%		
Band C	4,650	28.4%	26.3%	21.8%		
Band D	2,160	13.2%	18.4%	16.2%		
Band E	1,830	11.2%	14.3%	13.5%		
Band F	1,530	9.4%	8.5%	8.2%		
Band G	580	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%		
Band H	110	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%		
Band I	40	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%		
House prices (Land Registry, 2022; CACI PayCheck, 2022)						
	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W	
	£		£	£	£	£
Median (All house types)	163,000		190,000	190,000	272,500	
Lower quartile (All house types)	130,000		143,000	136,000	175,000	
Ratio income:houseprice (median)		5.4	6.0	6.1	7.4	
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)		7.6	7.9	7.6	8.5	
Housing related benefits (DWP, February 2023)						
	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB	
	Number	%				
Total claimants	3,435	100%	57,605	277,905	5,642,300	
- housing benefit	1,485	43.2%	45.7%	46.2%	43.2%	
- Universal Credit housing element	1,955	56.8%	54.3%	53.8%	56.8%	
- social rented	2,310	66.1%	64.7%	67.1%	63.3%	
- private rented	1,125	32.2%	34.5%	32.1%	35.4%	
- households with children	1,400	40.7%	38.3%	38.1%	39.9%	
- single person aged 16-65	1,080	31.5%	34.1%	36.5%	36.6%	
- single person aged 66+	680	19.8%	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%	

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2021/22	3,789	104.89	79.97	86.64	89.46
Violence against the person	1,856	51.38	38.04	37.39	35.26
Theft & handling	445	12.32	14.02	17.74	25.14
Criminal damage & arson	456	12.62	9.20	10.09	8.91

*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	16,818		313,304	1,368,454	27,773,661
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	267	1.6%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	372	2.2%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	2,932	17.4%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	1,481	8.8%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	2,600	15.5%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	808	4.8%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	731	4.3%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	802	4.8%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	706	4.2%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	788	4.7%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	1,070	6.4%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	1,385	8.2%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	2,225	13.2%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	651	3.9%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	3,109	18.5%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	6,414	21.7%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	7,498	25.3%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	29,590		568,242	2,559,416	48,566,373
Managerial & professional	7,633	25.8%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	8,470	28.6%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	9,540	32.2%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	3,947	13.3%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2023)

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
July 2023	760	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
April 2023 (previous quarter)	870	3.9%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
July 2022 (previous year)	795	3.6%	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
July 2018 (5 years ago)	630	2.9%	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Apr-23)*	155	20.4%	18.6%	19.8%	17.2%
Claimants aged 50+ (Apr-23)*	185	24.3%	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)	30,050		31,450	31,350	36,700
Lower quartile	17,100		18,050	17,900	20,350
Households below 60% GB median (=< £22,021)		35.4%	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.

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	440	6.7%	5.9%	5.7%	5.1%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	3,710	16.5%	14.0%	14.5%	13.6%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	60	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	1,165	5.2%	4.9%	5.8%	3.9%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	65	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	2,270	10.1%	8.5%	9.5%	6.4%
Carer's Allowance	820	3.6%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	6,935				
Pension Credit	990	14.0%	12.6%	13.1%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	1,150	16.3%	16.1%	16.5%	13.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	490	6.9%	5.5%	7.1%	4.3%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	455	6.4%	5.0%	6.5%	4.3%
Carer's Allowance	265	3.8%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	1,325	20.2%	21.9%	21.7%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	350	5.4%	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
Total	1,675	25.5%	27.0%	27.2%	24.7%

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)

	North West Flintshire		North Wales	
Total LSOAs in area	20		423	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	10%	25%	10%	25%
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	1	6	23	65
Income	1	7	25	71
Employment	1	4	20	59
Health	2	5	25	64
Education	3	7	26	79
Access to services	2	6	53	134
Housing	4	4	44	101
Community safety	0	0	3	15
Physical environment	1	3	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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