

# North Wales primary care cluster statistical profiles 2023

## South Flintshire

### Population characteristics

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

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%	%	%	%
Population 2011	55,550	Change	Change	Change	Change
<b>Population 2021</b>	56,550	1.8%	-0.1%	1.4%	6.3%
Males	27,500	48.6%	48.9%	48.9%	49.0%
Females	29,050	51.4%	51.1%	51.1%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	9,600	17.0%	17.3%	17.6%	18.5%
Aged 16-29	7,800	13.8%	14.8%	16.6%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	9,550	16.9%	16.8%	18.0%	19.9%
Aged 45-65	16,800	29.7%	28.9%	27.7%	26.9%
Aged 66-84	11,200	19.8%	19.3%	17.5%	15.1%
Aged 85+	1,550	2.7%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
Population density 2021 (persons/ha)		3.19	1.12	1.50	3.95

#### Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	28,859	51.0%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	2,150	3.8%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	54,373	96.1%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	1,125	2.0%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	467	0.8%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	590	1.0%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	29,442	52.1%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	631	1.1%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	22,901	40.5%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	7,431	13.5%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	43,048	78.1%	61.3%	74.8%	-

### Health

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

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	10,342	18.3%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	5,411	9.6%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	8,600	16.5%	16.9%	15.8%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	4,900	11.3%	9.5%	10.1%
Asthma	3,850	7.4%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	3,200	7.5%	7.8%	6.1%
Coronary heart disease	1,850	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%
Cancer	2,100	4.1%	3.7%	3.1%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	1,100	2.1%	2.7%	2.4%
Stroke	1,150	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%
Heart failure	550	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%
Mental health	400	0.8%	1.0%	1.0%
Dementia	350	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	400	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>South Flintshire</b>		<b>North Wales</b>	<b>Wales</b>	<b>E &amp; W</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>24,718</b>		<b>301,374</b>	<b>1,347,114</b>	<b>24,783,199</b>	
<b>Household composition</b>						
All one person households	7,148	28.9%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%	
- one person; aged 66+	3,709	15.0%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%	
All households with dependent children	6,576	26.6%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%	
- lone parents with dependents	1,529	6.2%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%	
All households of only pensioners	6,911	28.0%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%	
Population in private households	56,193	99.4%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%	
Average household size		2.27	2.24	2.27	2.36	
<b>Household facilities</b>						
No central heating	178	0.7%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%	
Overcrowded	640	2.6%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%	
No car	2,928	11.8%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%	
<b>Tenure</b>						
Owner occupied	19,093	77.2%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%	
Rented from social landlord	2,738	11.1%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%	
Other rented	2,886	11.7%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%	
<b>Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2022)</b>						
	<b>South Flintshire</b>		<b>North Wales</b>	<b>Wales</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>				
Total dwellings	26,030	100%	332,210	1,462,660		
Band A	960	3.7%	9.7%	14.5%		
Band B	1,950	7.5%	18.2%	20.8%		
Band C	6,570	25.3%	26.3%	21.8%		
Band D	5,690	21.9%	18.4%	16.2%		
Band E	5,030	19.4%	14.3%	13.5%		
Band F	3,780	14.6%	8.5%	8.2%		
Band G	1,620	6.2%	3.6%	3.7%		
Band H	310	1.2%	0.7%	0.9%		
Band I	120	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%		
<b>House prices (Land Registry, 2022; CACI PayCheck, 2022)</b>						
	<b>South Flintshire</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)	210,000		190,000	190,000	272,500	
Lower quartile (All house types)	165,000		143,000	136,000	175,000	
Ratio income:houseprice (median)		5.8	6.0	6.1	7.4	
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)		7.9	7.9	7.6	8.5	
<b>Housing related benefits (DWP, February 2023)</b>						
	<b>South Flintshire</b>		<b>North Wales</b>	<b>Wales</b>	<b>GB</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>				
Total claimants	3,085	100%	57,605	277,905	5,642,300	
- housing benefit	1,275	41.3%	45.7%	46.2%	43.2%	
- Universal Credit housing element	1,810	58.7%	54.3%	53.8%	56.8%	
- social rented	2,000	64.4%	64.7%	67.1%	63.3%	
- private rented	1,090	35.1%	34.5%	32.1%	35.4%	
- households with children	1,210	39.3%	38.3%	38.1%	39.9%	
- single person aged 16-65	980	31.7%	34.1%	36.5%	36.6%	
- single person aged 66+	600	19.4%	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%	

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### Community safety

#### Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2021/22	3,750	66.32	79.97	86.64	89.46
Violence against the person	1,851	32.73	38.04	37.39	35.26
Theft & handling	344	6.08	14.02	17.74	25.14
Criminal damage & arson	436	7.71	9.20	10.09	8.91

\*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

### Economy and employment

#### Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
<b>All in employment (aged 16 and over)</b>	<b>26,782</b>		<b>313,304</b>	<b>1,368,454</b>	<b>27,773,661</b>
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	326	1.2%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	499	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	3,576	13.4%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	2,334	8.7%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	3,852	14.4%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	984	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	1,010	3.8%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	1,958	7.3%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	1,339	5.0%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	1,198	4.5%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	2,089	7.8%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	2,719	10.2%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	3,821	14.3%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	1,077	4.0%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	6,872	25.7%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	6,979	14.9%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	15,851	33.8%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

#### Social class (Census 2021)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
<b>All aged 16 and over</b>	<b>46,918</b>		<b>568,242</b>	<b>2,559,416</b>	<b>48,566,373</b>
Managerial & professional	16,826	35.9%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	13,961	29.8%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	10,977	23.4%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	5,154	11.0%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

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

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
July 2023	835	2.5%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
April 2023 (previous quarter)	825	2.5%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
July 2022 (previous year)	805	2.4%	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
July 2018 (5 years ago)	620	1.9%	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Apr-23)*	160	19.2%	18.6%	19.8%	17.2%
Claimants aged 50+ (Apr-23)*	210	25.1%	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)	36,500		31,450	31,350	36,700
Lower quartile	20,900		18,050	17,900	20,350
Households below 60% GB median (=< £22,021)		26.9%	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.

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
<b>Children (aged 0-15)</b>					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	420	4.3%	5.9%	5.7%	5.1%
<b>Working age (aged 16-65)</b>					
Universal Credit	3,625	10.6%	14.0%	14.5%	13.6%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	40	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	1,070	3.1%	4.9%	5.8%	3.9%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	20	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	2,230	6.5%	8.5%	9.5%	6.4%
Carer's Allowance	715	2.1%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
<b>Pensioners (aged 66+)</b>					
State Pension	12,725				
Pension Credit	1,095	8.6%	12.6%	13.1%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	1,630	12.8%	16.1%	16.5%	13.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	555	4.3%	5.5%	7.1%	4.3%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	435	3.4%	5.0%	6.5%	4.3%
Carer's Allowance	350	2.8%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

### Poverty and deprivation

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

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	2,055	21.4%	21.9%	21.7%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	575	6.0%	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,630</b>	<b>27.4%</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)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	
Total LSOAs in area	35		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	0	2	23	65
Income	0	2	25	71
Employment	0	2	20	59
Health	0	2	25	64
Education	2	2	26	79
Access to services	0	6	53	134
Housing	1	3	44	101
Community safety	0	0	3	15
Physical environment	0	1	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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