

North Wales primary care cluster statistical profiles 2023

South Wrexham

Population characteristics					
Population, age and gender 2021 (Census 2021)					
	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%	%	%	%
Population 2011	49,550	Change	Change	Change	Change
Population 2021	48,650	-1.9%	-0.1%	1.4%	6.3%
Males	23,750	48.8%	48.9%	48.9%	49.0%
Females	24,900	51.2%	51.1%	51.1%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	8,750	18.0%	17.3%	17.6%	18.5%
Aged 16-29	7,000	14.4%	14.8%	16.6%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	8,250	17.0%	16.8%	18.0%	19.9%
Aged 45-65	14,500	29.8%	28.9%	27.7%	26.9%
Aged 66-84	8,800	18.1%	19.3%	17.5%	15.1%
Aged 85+	1,350	2.7%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
Population density 2021 (persons/ha)		1.13	1.12	1.50	3.95
Population characteristics (Census 2021)					
	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	33,328	68.5%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	2,062	4.2%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	46,321	95.2%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	1,252	2.6%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	398	0.8%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	684	1.4%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	23,559	48.4%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	694	1.4%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	21,217	43.6%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	6,790	14.4%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	36,155	76.5%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health					
Health and provision of care (Census 2021)					
	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	10,119	20.8%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	4,932	10.1%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%
Patients with chronic illness, by GP cluster (General Medical Services QAIF, September 2022)					
	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	
	Number	%			
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	9,300	17.6%	16.9%	15.8%	
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	5,650	12.9%	9.5%	10.1%	
Asthma	4,050	7.6%	7.6%	7.1%	
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	3,250	7.5%	7.8%	6.1%	
Coronary heart disease	1,900	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%	
Cancer	2,050	3.8%	3.7%	3.1%	
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	1,300	2.5%	2.7%	2.4%	
Stroke	1,150	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	
Heart failure	600	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	
Mental health	500	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	
Dementia	400	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	400	1.0%	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)								
	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W			
	Number	%						
Total households	21,201		301,374	1,347,114	24,783,199			
Household composition								
All one person households	6,447	30.4%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%			
- one person; aged 66+	3,194	15.1%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%			
All households with dependent children	5,813	27.4%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%			
- lone parents with dependents	1,755	8.3%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%			
All households of only pensioners	5,438	25.6%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%			
Population in private households	48,227	99.1%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%			
Average household size		2.27	2.24	2.27	2.36			
Household facilities								
No central heating	219	1.0%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%			
Overcrowded	688	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%			
No car	3,586	16.9%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%			
Tenure								
Owner occupied	13,587	64.1%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%			
Rented from social landlord	4,442	21.0%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%			
Other rented	3,119	14.7%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%			
Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2022)								
	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales				
	Number	%						
Total dwellings	22,700	100%	332,210	1,462,660				
Band A	1,850	8.2%	9.7%	14.5%				
Band B	5,050	22.4%	18.2%	20.8%				
Band C	6,020	26.7%	26.3%	21.8%				
Band D	3,550	15.7%	18.4%	16.2%				
Band E	2,660	11.8%	14.3%	13.5%				
Band F	1,960	8.7%	8.5%	8.2%				
Band G	1,120	5.0%	3.6%	3.7%				
Band H	330	1.5%	0.7%	0.9%				
Band I	160	0.7%	0.3%	0.4%				
House prices (Land Registry, 2022; CACI PayCheck, 2022)								
	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W			
Median (All house types)	£	185,000	£	190,000	£	190,000	£	272,500
Lower quartile (All house types)	£	140,000	£	143,000	£	136,000	£	175,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)		6.1		6.0		6.1		7.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)		8.1		7.9		7.6		8.5
Housing related benefits (DWP, February 2023)								
	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB			
Total claimants	4,500	100%	57,605	277,905	5,642,300			
- housing benefit	1,995	44.4%	45.7%	46.2%	43.2%			
- Universal Credit housing element	2,500	55.6%	54.3%	53.8%	56.8%			
- social rented	3,395	75.4%	64.7%	67.1%	63.3%			
- private rented	1,100	24.4%	34.5%	32.1%	35.4%			
- households with children	1,805	40.1%	38.3%	38.1%	39.9%			
- single person aged 16-65	1,235	27.4%	34.1%	36.5%	36.6%			
- single person aged 66+	970	21.6%	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%			

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

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(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2021/22	4,522	92.99	79.97	86.64	89.46
Violence against the person	2,186	44.95	38.04	37.39	35.26
Theft & handling	478	9.83	14.02	17.74	25.14
Criminal damage & arson	551	11.33	9.20	10.09	8.91

*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	22,193		313,304	1,368,454	27,773,661
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	621	2.8%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	430	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	3,101	14.0%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	1,957	8.8%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	3,040	13.7%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	908	4.1%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	1,009	4.5%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	1,059	4.8%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	890	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	1,149	5.2%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	1,464	6.6%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	1,977	8.9%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	3,646	16.4%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	942	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	4,406	19.9%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	8,332	20.9%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	11,496	28.8%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	39,900		568,242	2,559,416	48,566,373
Managerial & professional	11,002	27.6%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	11,871	29.8%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	11,469	28.7%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	5,558	13.9%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2023)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
July 2023	805	2.7%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
April 2023 (previous quarter)	830	2.8%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
July 2022 (previous year)	865	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
July 2018 (5 years ago)	725	2.4%	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Apr-23)*	155	19.3%	18.6%	19.8%	17.2%
Claimants aged 50+ (Apr-23)*	175	21.7%	24.3%	21.9%	23.2%

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

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Household income (CACI PayCheck, 2022)

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	£	%			
Median income (annual)	30,200		31,450	31,350	36,700
Lower quartile	17,300		18,050	17,900	20,350
Households below 60% GB median (=< £22,021)		35.0%	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 Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	530	6.1%	5.9%	5.7%	5.1%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	4,460	15.0%	14.0%	14.5%	13.6%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	20	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	1,505	5.1%	4.9%	5.8%	3.9%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	60	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	2,700	9.1%	8.5%	9.5%	6.4%
Carer's Allowance	1,050	3.5%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	10,055				
Pension Credit	1,395	13.7%	12.6%	13.1%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	1,635	16.1%	16.1%	16.5%	13.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	680	6.7%	5.5%	7.1%	4.3%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	595	5.9%	5.0%	6.5%	4.3%
Carer's Allowance	435	4.3%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	2,285	26.1%	21.9%	21.7%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	680	7.8%	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
Total	2,965	33.9%	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)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	
Total LSOAs in area	31		423	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	10%	25%	10%	25%
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	1	4	23	65
Income	1	4	25	71
Employment	1	3	20	59
Health	1	5	25	64
Education	3	7	26	79
Access to services	6	15	53	134
Housing	0	7	44	101
Community safety	0	0	3	15
Physical environment	1	6	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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