

A summary of the adult social care sector and workforce in Solihull 2022/23



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The information within this summary has been produced by Skills for Care using the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS). We use the data collected by the ASC-WDS to create workforce models that, in turn, allow for estimates of the whole adult social care workforce and its characteristics to be produced. The * notation indicates the figure has been suppressed.

Size and structure of the workforce

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In 2022/23 the adult social care sector in England had an estimated 18,000 organisations with 39,000 care-providing locations and a workforce of around 1.79 million posts.

The total number of posts in Solihull was around 7,700 in 2022/23. This was comprised of 6,800 filled posts and 900 vacancies. Since the previous year, the total number of posts has increased by 600 (9%), the number of filled posts has increased by 400 (6%) and the number of vacancies has increased by 200 (30%).

There were an estimated 6,800 filled posts in adult social care, split between local authorities (7%), independent sector providers (79%), posts working for direct payment recipients (8%) and other sectors (6%). As at March 2023, Solihull contained 123 CQC-regulated services; of these, 67 were residential and 56 were non-residential services.

If the workforce grows proportionally to the projected number of people aged 65 and over then the total number of adult social care posts in the West Midlands region will increase by 22% (from 189,000 to 231,000 post) between 2022/23 and 2035.

¹ <https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/monthlytracking>

Across England, the vacancy rate has decreased compared to last year and the number of filled posts has increased. During this period international recruitment increased substantially which has impacted these trends.

Workers in Solihull had on average 9.1 years of experience in the sector and 73% of the workforce had been working in the sector for at least three years.

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Qualifications, training and skills

We believe that everyone working in adult social care should be able to take part in learning and development so that they can carry out their roles effectively. Learning and development helps everyone to develop the right skills and knowledge to enable them to provide high-quality care and support.

Skills for Care estimates show that 49% of the direct care providing workforce in Solihull hold a *relevant* adult social care qualification (48% in West Midlands and 46% in England).

Raw data from the ASC-WDS showed, of those workers without a relevant adult social care qualification recorded, 48% had five or more years of experience in d.86 574.1nBT/F1 12 Tf1 0 0 1 126.86 615.58 Tm0 g0 G[)JTÆTQq0.0000082