



Spotlight report: sexual and reproductive health



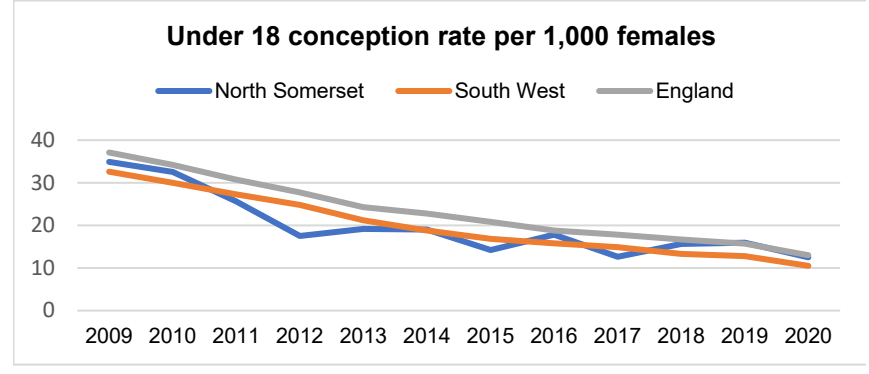
Fertility

The general fertility rate in North Somerset as of 2021 was 57.6 births per 1,000. This compares to 51.8 in the South West and 54.3 in England.

The fertility rate has been decreasing over the last decade locally (from 68.4), regionally (from 61.6) and nationally (from 64.1). In real terms this means around 400 less live births in North Somerset in 2021 compared to 2010.

Under 18 conceptions

The under 18 conception rate in North Somerset has been decreasing over the last decade with a rate as of 2020 of 12.5 per 1,000, equivalent to 43 conceptions. This is similar to national averages.



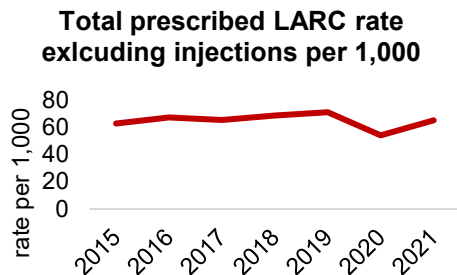
Abortions

The percentage of abortions taking place under 10 weeks has increased year on year since 2015 in North Somerset. As well as regionally and nationally.

As of 2021, 86.1% of abortions took place before 10 weeks, this compares to 87.7% regionally and 88.6% nationally.

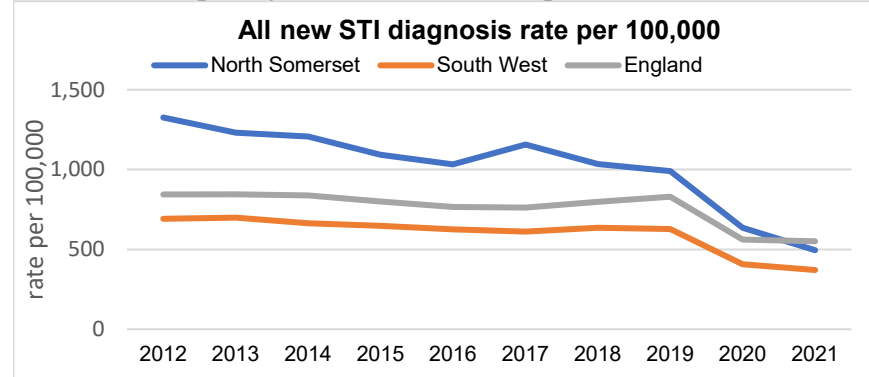
Contraception

North Somerset has a rate of 65.2 per 1,000 of prescribed long-acting reversible contraception (LARC). This compares to 58.1 per 1,000 in the South West and 41.8 per 1,000 nationally. This percentage decreased in 2020 but this may be pandemic-related.



Sexually transmitted infections

North Somerset has had a new STI diagnosis rate above regional and national averages based on those people accessing sexual health services. However, this rate has fallen in recent years, whilst some of this decrease can be attributed to challenges accessing services during the pandemic, there is a general downward trend.



Sexual offences

Over the last decade the rate per 1,000 of violent crime – sexual offences have risen in North Somerset as well as regionally and nationally. Since 2015/16 the rate has been between 1.5 and 1.9 per 1,000. as of 2021/22 these values have risen in North Somerset (2.6), regionally (2.8) and nationally (3).

