



Spotlight report: support and safeguarding

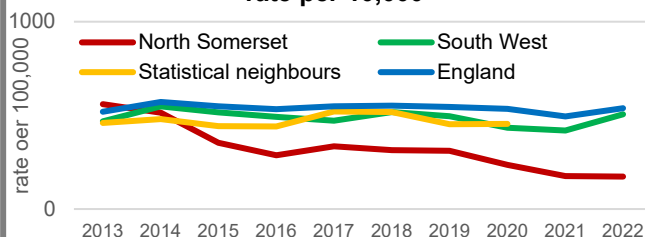


Referrals

The rate of referrals to children's social services has fallen in North Somerset over recent years. The North Somerset rate is now below regional and national averages.

25.3% of referrals in North Somerset are re-referrals within 12 months, slightly higher than regional (21%) and national (22.6%) averages.

Referrals to children's social services, rate per 10,000

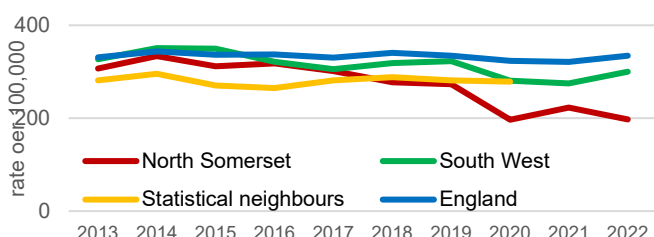


Children in Need

The rate of [Children in Need](#) has fallen in North Somerset over recent years. The North Somerset rate is now below regional and national averages.

39% of school aged Children in Need have an [Education and Health Care Plan](#), above regional (24.2%) and national averages (26.7%).

Children in Need, rate per 10,000

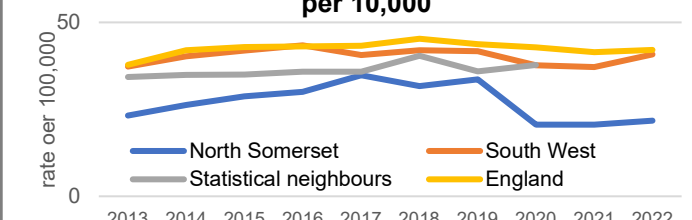


Child protection

The rate of children on a [Child Protection Plan](#) has fallen in North Somerset over recent years. The North Somerset rate is now below regional and national averages.

24.6% of children are on a plan for a second or subsequent time, this is similar to the regional average (24.4%) but slightly above the national (21.9%).

Children on a Child Protection Plan, rate per 10,000



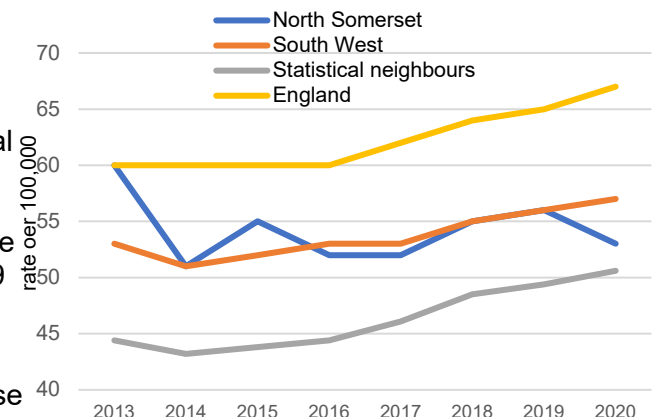
Children in Care

The rate of [children in care](#) has remained fairly steady in North Somerset over recent years and has been similar to regional averages. It is below national averages.

Placement stability for children in care in North Somerset is slightly worse than regional and national averages with a higher percentage of children having more than 3 placements (15% in 2020 compared to 11% nationally) and a lower percentage being in placement for at least 2 years (61% in 2019 compared to 69% nationally).

Children in Care have worse educational outcomes than their peers across all key stages, this is the case regionally and nationally.

Children in Care, rate per 10,000



Care leavers

A high percentage of care leavers in North Somerset are in suitable accommodation (equal to or better than national averages).

Less than 50% of care leavers in North Somerset are in education, employment or training, this is slightly below regional and national averages.

Youth offending

The rate of first-time entrants to the youth justice system (aged 0-17) has fallen locally, regionally and nationally over recent years from a rate of 829 per 100,000 in North Somerset in 2012 to 147.3 in 2019. The reoffending rate has also fallen in North Somerset.