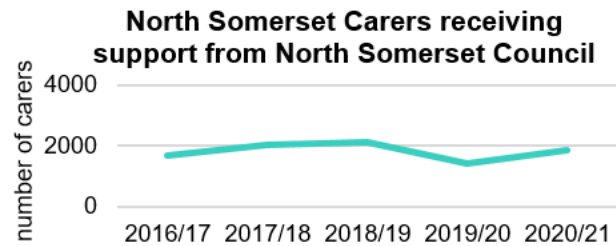


Spotlight report: carers

A carer is anyone who looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, mental health problem or addiction and cannot cope without their support. The care they give is unpaid.

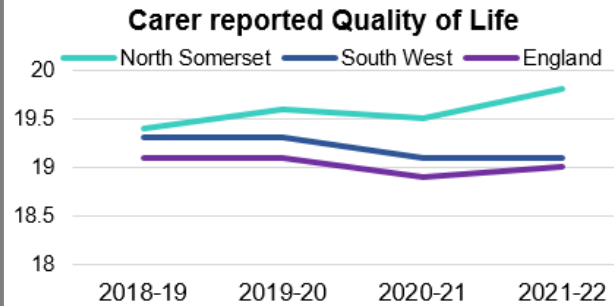
Carers in North Somerset

The 2021 census recorded 2.6% of the population carers in North Somerset who provides 50 or more hours of unpaid care a week, compared to 2.7% in South West average and an England average of 2.6%. The number of carers for adults receiving support from North Somerset Council including advice, guidance or respite, has varied over the years.



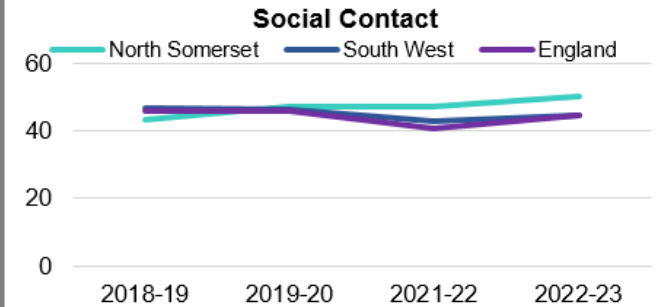
Quality of Life

Carer reported quality of life is a national ASCOF measure taken from a number of responses to the Survey of Adult Cares in England which runs nationally every other year. This score has been reducing at all levels, however, it slightly increased in North Somerset in the year 2021-22.



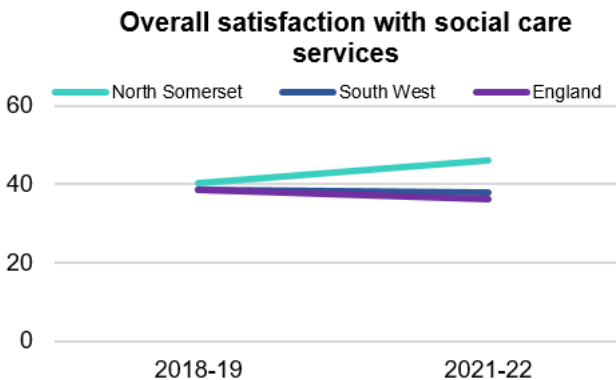
Social Contact

Carer reported levels of social contact is also a national ASCOF measure taken from the Survey of Adult Cares in England. The proportion of carers who reported that they had as much social contact as they would like has increased at all levels from 2021-22.



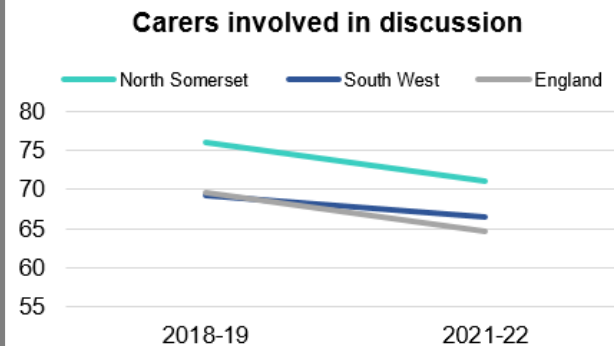
Satisfaction

The overall satisfaction of carers with Social Services has increased over recent years for carers in North Somerset and has decreased at regional and national levels.



Inclusion in discussions

The proportion of carers who reported that they have been included or consulted in discussions about the person they care for has decreased in North Somerset, in South West and in England.



Ease of information

The proportion of carers who reported that they find it easy to find information about services has decreased over the years in North Somerset, South West and in England.

