

## Spotlight report: learning disabilities

*'A learning disability affects the way a person learns new things throughout their life. A learning disability is different for everyone. No two people are the same. A person with a learning disability might have some difficulty understanding complicated information, learning some skills and/or looking after themselves or living alone'* - [Learning disabilities - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk).

### Learning disabilities: prevalence

The total number of patients with learning disabilities, as recorded on their practice disease register in North Somerset was around 1,074 people as of 2019/20. This is around 0.5% of the population.

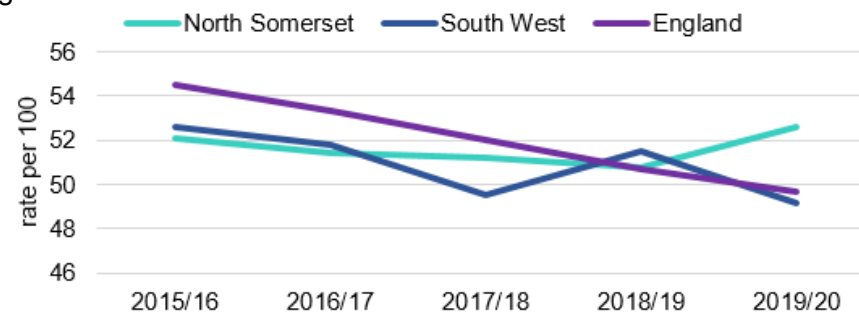
There has been little change year on year for this percentage and it is similar to regional and national averages.

### Learning disabilities: local authority support

The rate per 100 adults (18 plus years) on the GP learning disability register who were receiving long term support from North Somerset Council was 52.6 per 100 as of 2019/20. This is similar to previous years but slightly above regional and national averages.

Considered at the whole population level, 565 adults with learning disabilities were receiving long term support in 2019/20 in North Somerset. This is a rate of 3.3 per 1,000 and is similar to regional and national averages.

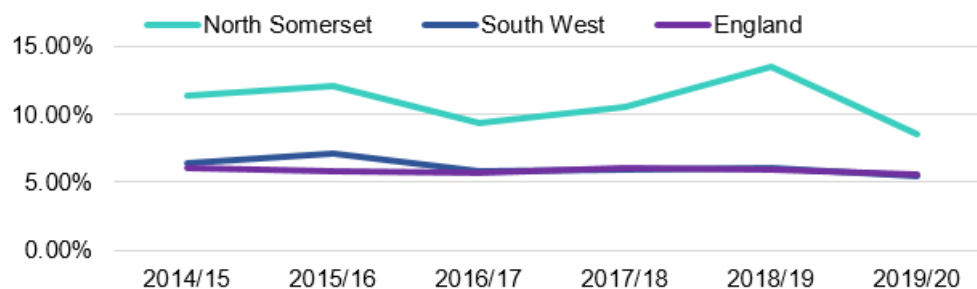
**Adults (18+ yrs) with learning disability receiving long-term support from local authorities (rate per 1,000 population)**



### Employment outcomes

8.5% of supported working age adults with a learning disability were in paid employment as of 2019/20 in North Somerset. This compares to 5.4% regionally and 5.6% nationally.

**Proportion of supported working age adults with learning disability in paid employment (%)**



### Housing outcomes

68.1% of supported working age adults with a learning disability were living in settled accommodation as of 2019/20 in North Somerset. This compares to 76.4% regionally and 77.3% nationally.

**Proportion of supported working age adults in settled accommodation (%)**

