



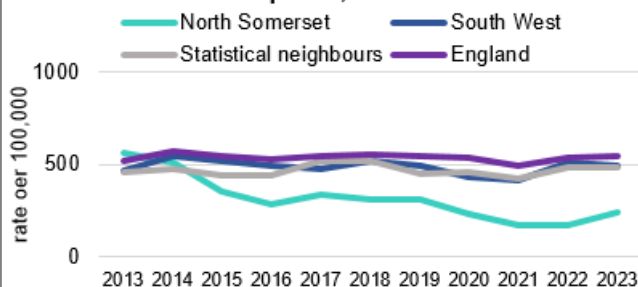
Spotlight report: support and safeguarding



Referrals

The rate of referrals to children's social services has fallen in North Somerset over recent years, however, slightly increased in 2023. The North Somerset rate is below regional and national averages. 14.8% of referrals in North Somerset are re-referrals within 12 months, lower than regional (23%) and national (22.4%) averages.

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

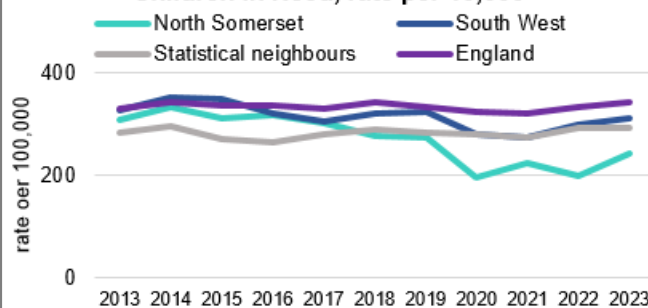


Children in Need

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.

59.2% of school aged Children in Need have an [Education and Health Care Plan](#), above regional (25.3%) and national averages (26.9%).

Children in Need, rate per 10,000

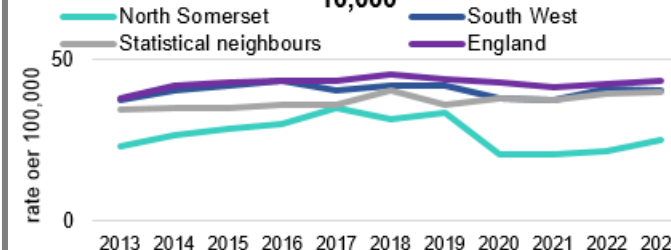


Child protection

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.

36.1% of children are on a plan for a second or subsequent time, this is higher than the regional (24.3%) and national averages (23.9%).

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



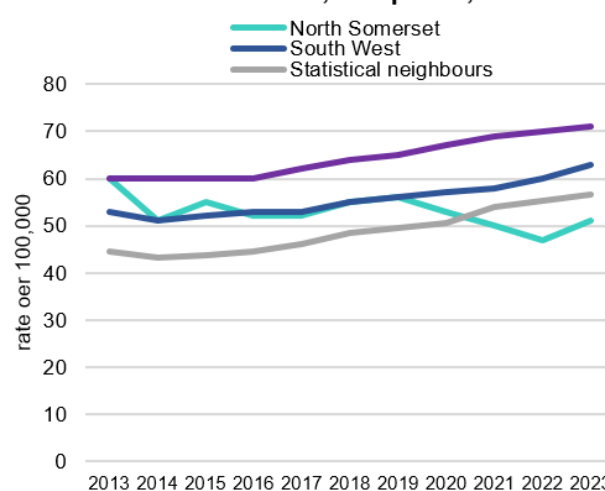
Children in Care

The rate of [children in care](#) has remained fairly steady in North Somerset over recent years and has been below regional and national averages. The rate for North Somerset started to slightly increase in 2023.

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 2023 compared to 10% nationally) and a lower percentage being in placement for at least 2 years (68% in 2023 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 (better than national averages).

53% of care leavers in North Somerset are in education, employment or training, this is slightly below regional and national averages.

Youth offending (rate per 10,000)

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 572 per 10,000 in North Somerset in 2014 to 78 in 2022. The reoffending rate has increased in North Somerset in 2021.