



Somerset: Our County

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016
Vulnerable children and young people

Public Summary

Did you know?

Where Somerset does **better** than the England average



Children in poverty

Homeless families

Rates of bullying amongst 15-year-olds are less in Somerset than nationally

Children killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions

MMR Vaccinations (one dose)

Low birth weight babies

Breastfeeding initiation

Women breastfeeding at six to eight weeks

Where Somerset does **worse** than the England average



Smoking in pregnancy right up to giving birth - but things are improving rapidly

Accident and Emergency attendance for children aged up to 4-years-old

Hospital admissions for injuries (ages 0-14 years)

Children and young people's self-esteem (self-reported)

Hospital admissions due to substance misuse (ages 15-24 years)



There are 540,000 people in Somerset - of these 110,000 are children under the age of 18, and...



Around 32 children a week start smoking, but this is the lowest figure Somerset has recorded.

One third of 12-year-olds are embarrassed to smile or laugh due to the condition of their teeth.



Young carers have the lowest level of self-esteem compared to other groups.

Male pupils are twice as likely as female pupils to have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND).



6,300 children are estimated to be at risk of domestic abuse (all risk levels).

One in 19 Somerset school pupils have a first language other than English





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Somerset's Health and Wellbeing Board has produced its third Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). This is a 'bite-sized' paper copy of the wealth of information contained in a full summary online concerning vulnerable children and young people.

The JSNA is a statutory responsibility, in other words a 'must do', for all Health and Wellbeing Boards. It also brings together information about the place, the people and their social and health status to give us a well-rounded picture of what it is like to live in Somerset. This information will be used to inform the development of services according to need and to give a longer-term view of what Somerset could be like in the future, so we can shape the way we want our county to develop.

You can find the full summary of our JSNA here:

www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/jsna

We always welcome feedback on our JSNA, so please contact us if you have comments or if you would like a paper copy of the full JSNA summary.

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