

A summary of the adult social care sector and workforce in Sefton 2023/24



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The information within this summary has been produced by Skills for Care using the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS). We use the data collected by the ASC-WDS to create workforce models that, in turn, allow for estimates of the whole adult social care workforce and its characteristics to be produced. The * notation indicates the figure has been suppressed.

Size and structure of the workforce

In 2023/24 the adult social care sector in England had an estimated 18,500 organisations with 40,000 care-providing locations and a workforce of around 1.84 million posts.

The total number of posts in Sefton was around 12,500 in 2023/24. This was comprised of 11,500 filled posts and

Across England, the vacancy rate has decreased compared to last year and the number of filled posts has increased. During this period international recruitment increased which has impacted these trends.

Workers in Sefton had on average 9.2 years of experience in the sector and 70% of the

Qualifications, training and skills

We believe that everyone working in adult social care should be able to take part in