

# Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (0-25) JSNA

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Socio-economic factors which influence the mental and physical health of children and young people with SEND in Shropshire:

- Rurality
- Travel and transport
- Deprivation
- Child Poverty
- Housing
- Access to Services (service mapping)

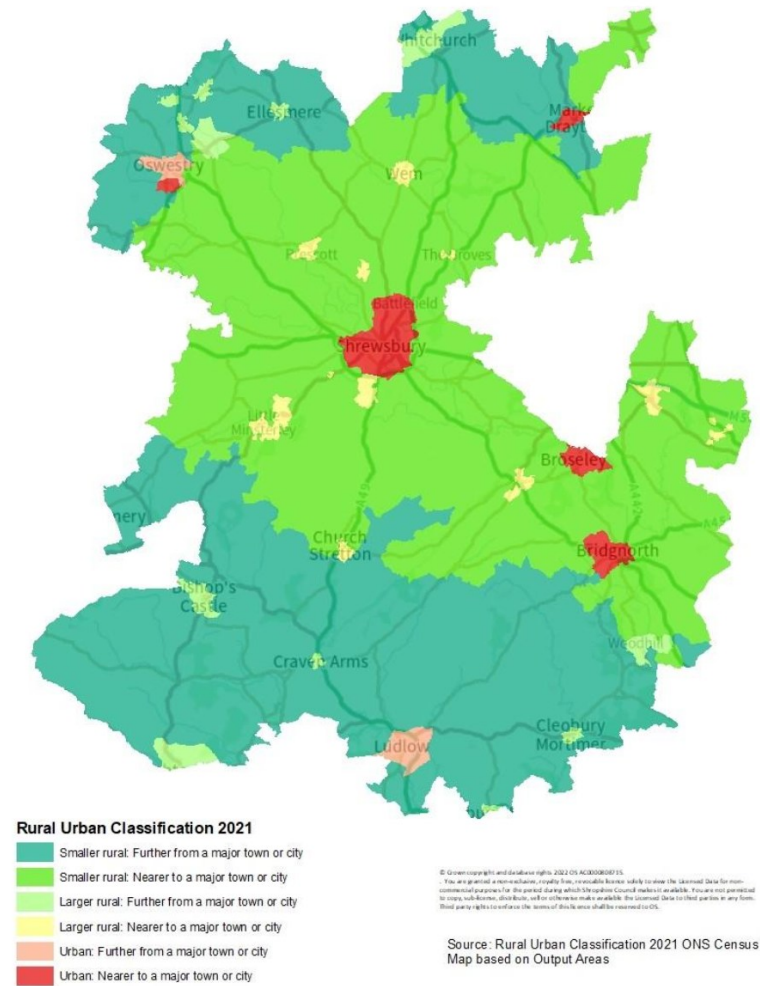
## Rurality

- 97% of Shropshire's land mass is classified as rural
- 57% of the population live in rural areas, of which 26% are aged 0-25
- 9,134 people aged 0-25 live in the most rural parts of Shropshire (more than 30 minutes by road to major town)

## Travel times

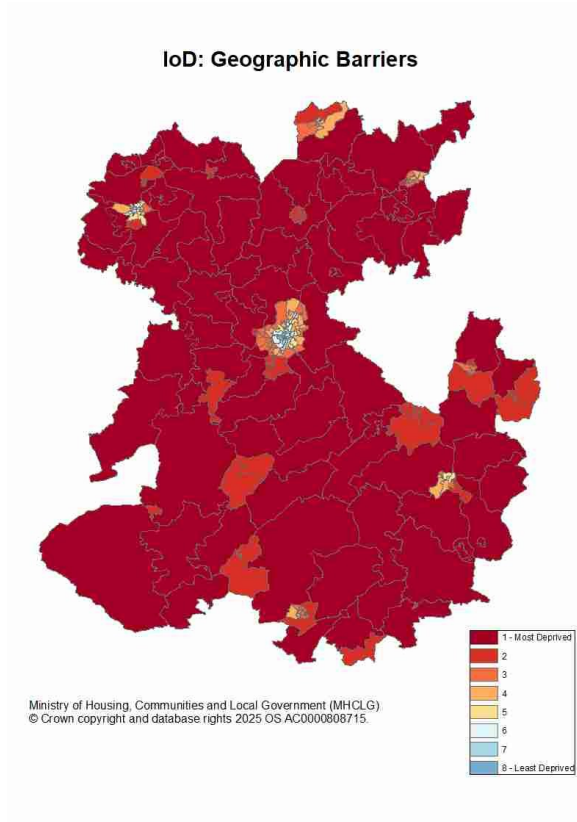
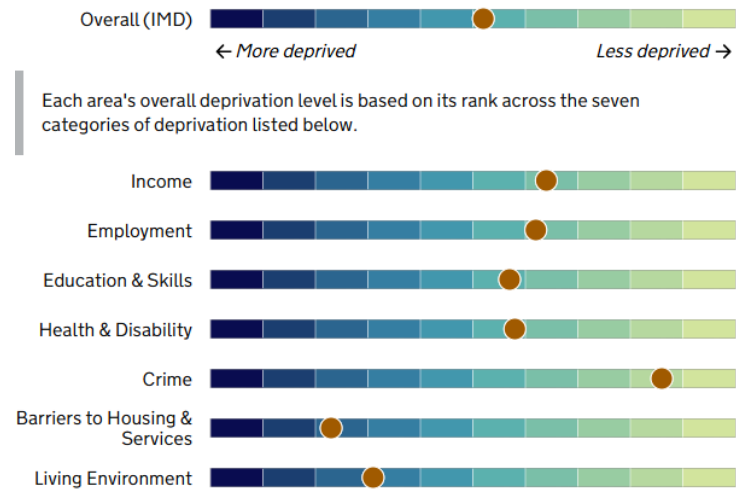
- Travel times to school are longer in Shropshire compared to national averages, especially for those that walk or rely on public transport
- Average journey times using public transport – 13 minutes to primary school (9 minutes nationally) and 28 minutes to a secondary school (18 minutes nationally)

Shropshire Rural Urban Classification (2021)



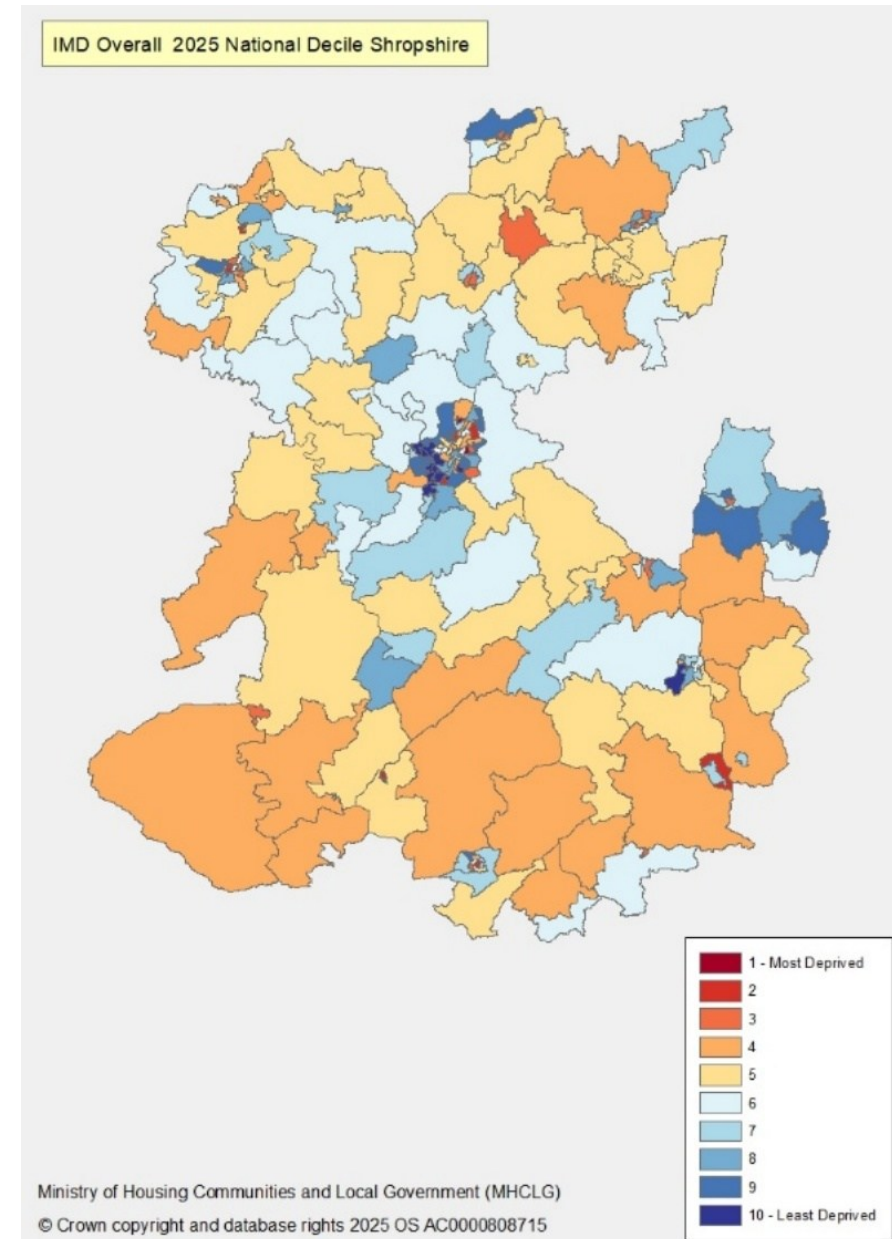
## Deprivation

- Shropshire became slightly more deprived between 2015 and 2025 but is still less deprived than 52% of local authorities in England
- Average deprivation score rose to 17.6 (17.2 in 2019 and 16.7 in 2015)
- 154<sup>th</sup> most deprived LA (out of 296)
- Shropshire’s rural population particularly deprived according to the Barriers to Services domain- meaning that Shropshire has greater levels of challenges in accessing key services
- Also above average levels of deprivation according to the Living Environment domain.



## Deprivation (IMD 2025)

- Darker shaded areas of the map represent the most deprived areas within Shropshire
- 11 Shropshire LSOAs in 20% most deprived areas of England
- 5.5% of all Shropshire's residents live in these areas
- 15% live in the least deprived 20% of the country

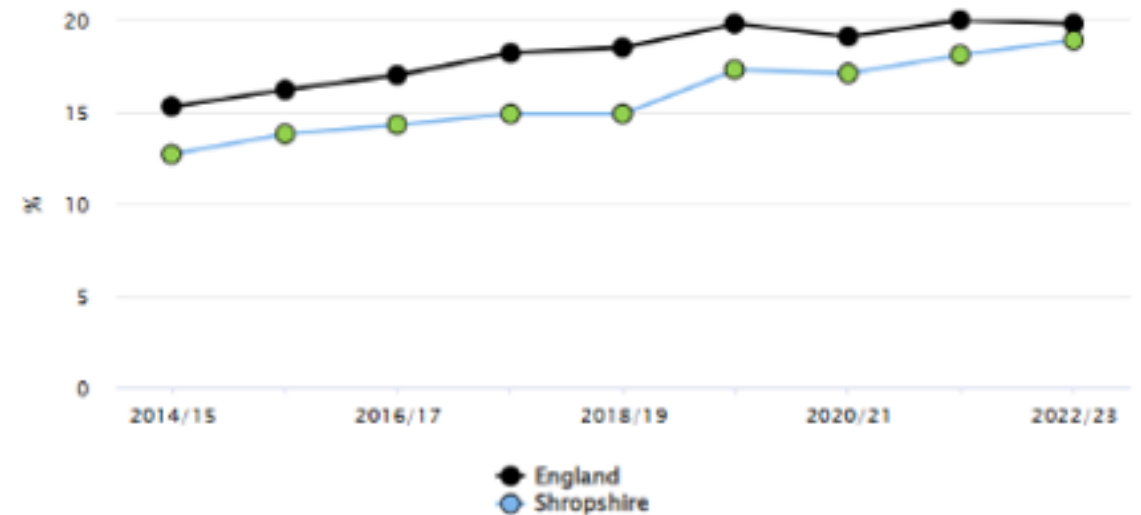


## Child Poverty

- Although rates are lower than the national average, it is increasing over time
- 9,786 children living in relative low-income families in 2022/23

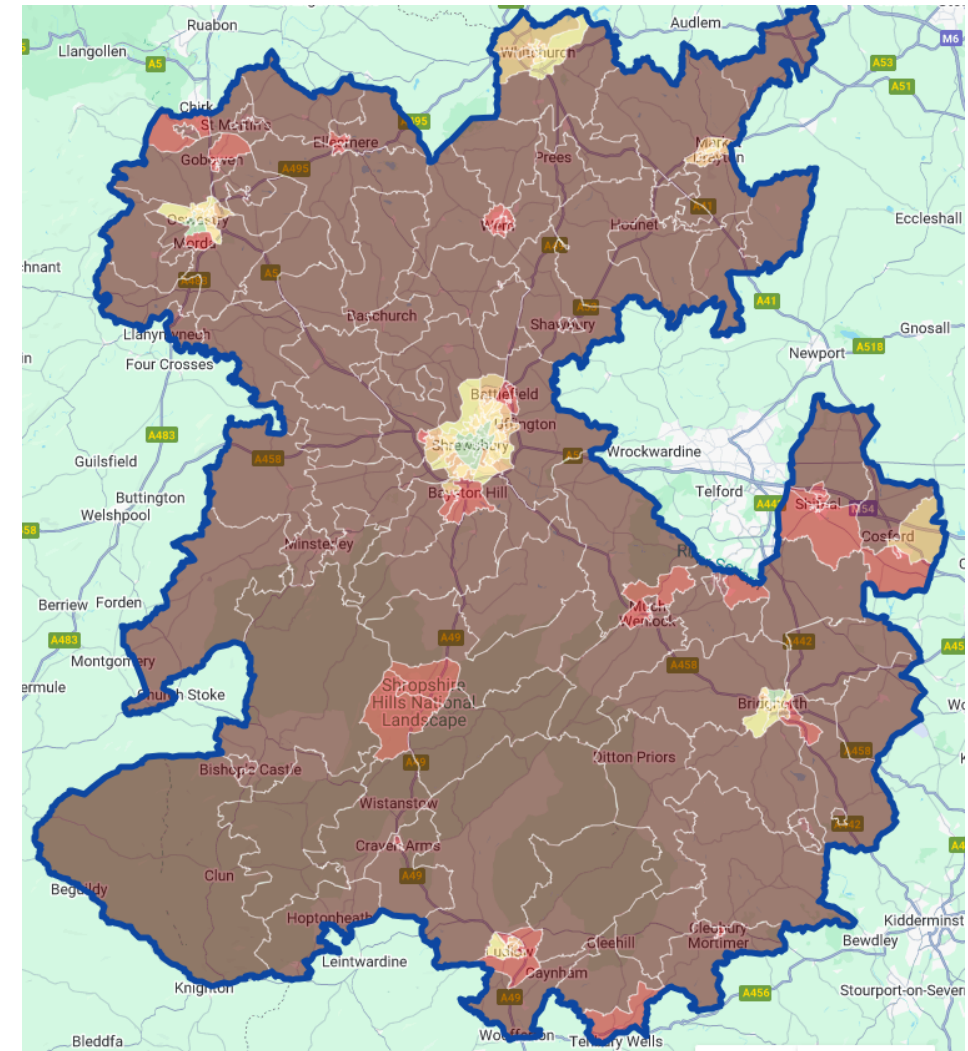
### Children in relative low income families (under 16s)

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## Housing

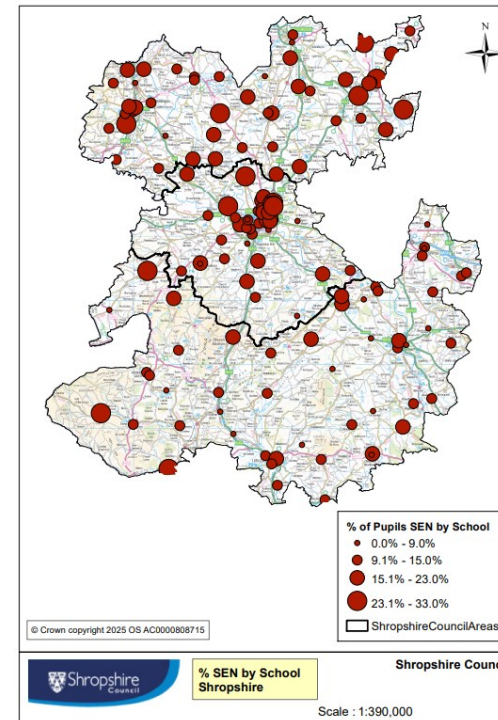
- Barriers to housing and services pronounced in rural areas – almost all rural LSOAs in Shropshire are in the 20% most deprived areas nationally
- 1,515 households owed homelessness prevention or relief duties (i.e. at risk of homelessness), of which 10% have SEND-related support needs
- Significant housing need for people with learning disabilities and/or autism
- Percentage of people with learning disabilities living in supported accommodation expected to increase



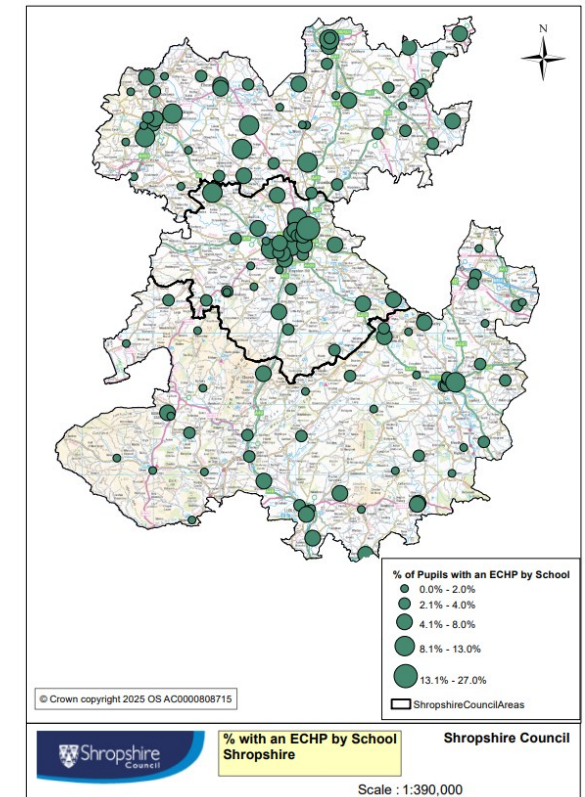
## Service Mapping

- 151 Local Authority maintained schools and Academy schools in Shropshire
- 14% of all pupils in Shropshire schools receive SEN Support and 5% had an EHCP
- Schools with higher proportions of their pupils receiving SEN support (23%+) or with EHCPs (13%+) are in northern parts of the county and in north-east Shrewsbury
- Some large % in south west where access to schools is challenging.

### % SEN support by school



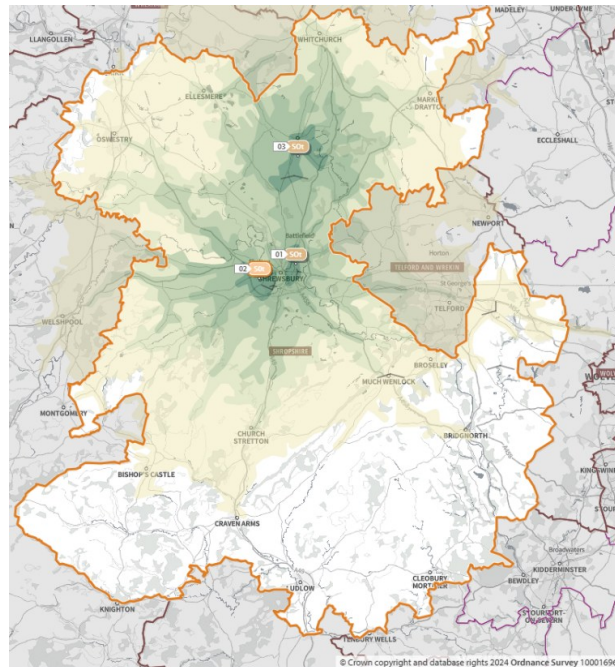
### % EHCPs by school



## Service Mapping

- 3 specialist schools and 13 mainstream schools that have a Resourced Provision
- clear inequal distribution of schools, with majority of special schools and schools with resource provision mostly located in Shrewsbury and in the northern parts of the county, with no specialist schools and only five of the mainstream schools with RP located in the south
- 50% of Shropshire residents (164,000) cannot access one of the three specialist schools in Shropshire within 20 minutes by car

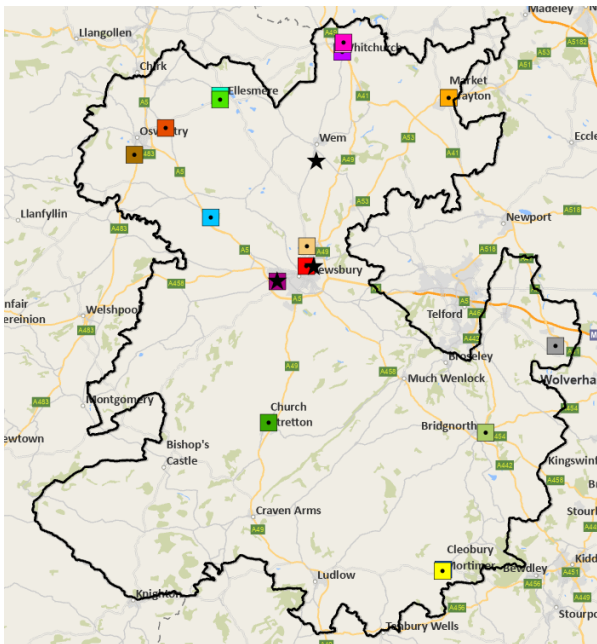
Specialist schools and travel times



5 10 15 20 30 minutes

1 = Severdale Academy	2 = The Keystone Academy	3 = Woodlands School
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RP provision in mainstream schools

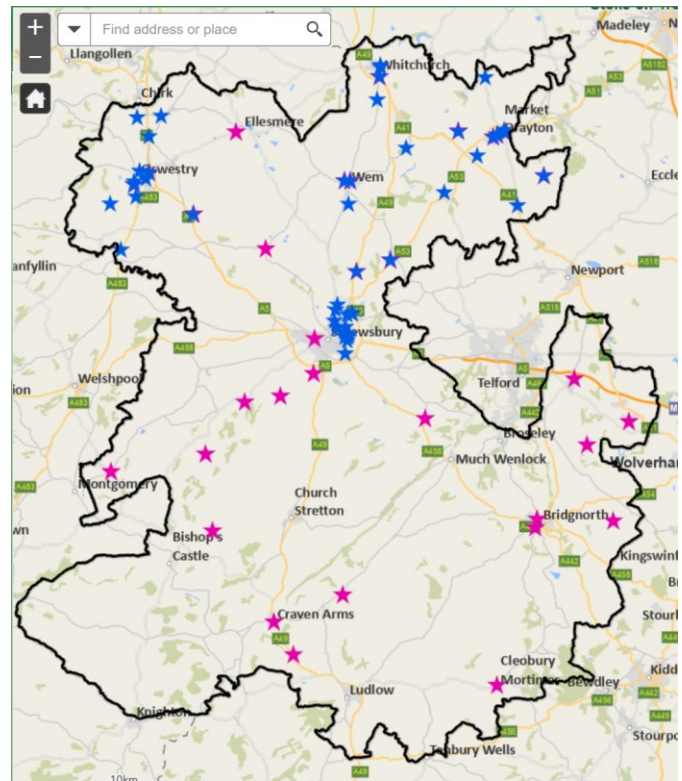


- ✓ Special schools
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- ✓ Schools with SEND Hubs
- Bowbrook Primary School
- Cleobury Mortimer Primary School
- Ellesmere Primary School
- Kettlemere at Lakelands Academy
- Kinnerley CE Primary School
- Lacon Childe School
- Morda CE Primary School
- Nesscliffe Nurture
- Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School
- Sir John Talbot's School
- St Lawrence CE Primary School, Church Stretton
- St Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School, Bridgnorth
- Whitchurch CE Infant School
- Whittington CE Primary School

## Service Mapping

- Mental Health support in schools was concentrated in the Shrewsbury area and north parts of the county in the 2024 pilot project.
- Mental Health Leads were more prevalent in the south.
- Gaps in NDP and PINS provision were in schools in the south west and north west of the county, where evidence shows there are schools with high proportions of their pupils requiring SEN support or on an EHCP.

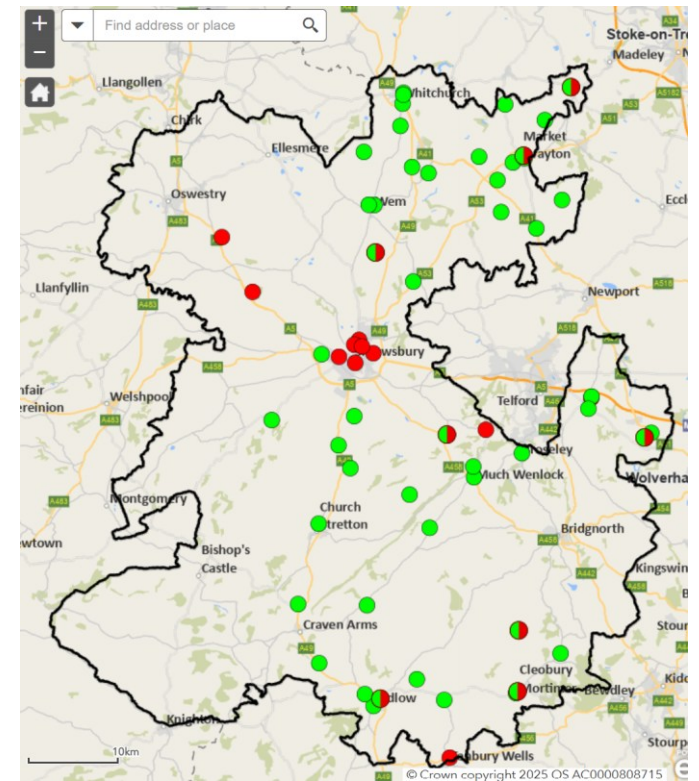
Mental health support



**Key:**

Mental Health Support – blue stars  
 Mental Health Lead – pink stars

2024 Neurodiversity Practitioners (NDPs) and Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity Schools (PINS)



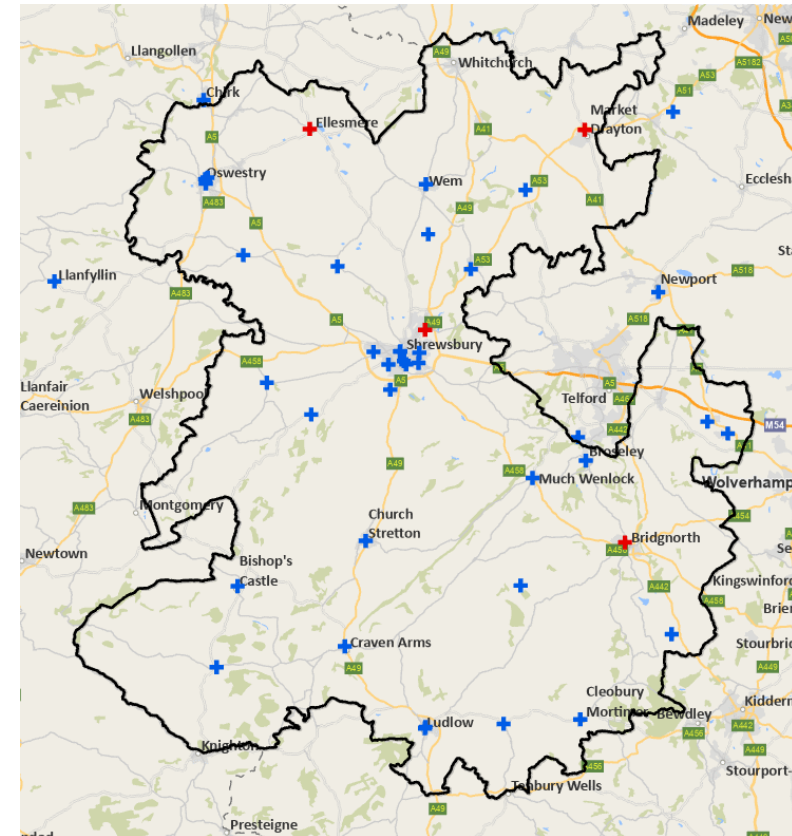
**Key:**

NDPs and PINS – half green and red circle  
 NDP Team Involvement (Yes) – green circle  
 PINS School – red circle

## Service Mapping

- Referrals for assessment are mostly made by schools, however, due to GDPR this dataset could not be accessed.
- Highest numbers of children on **autism referral waiting lists** registered with GPs in in Ellesmere, Market Drayton, Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury where rural deprivation for health scores are high

Map showing GP practices with children and young people waiting for an Autism referral



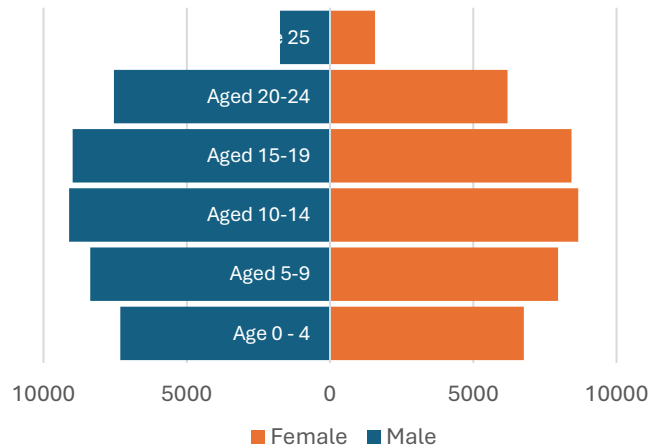
### Map Key:

- Blue crosses - GP surgeries that have 0 - 40 children and young people awaiting assessment
- Red crosses - GP surgeries that have 41 - 72 children and young people awaiting assessment. The red crosses are the areas that are termed a “hot spot”.

## Population- current and future

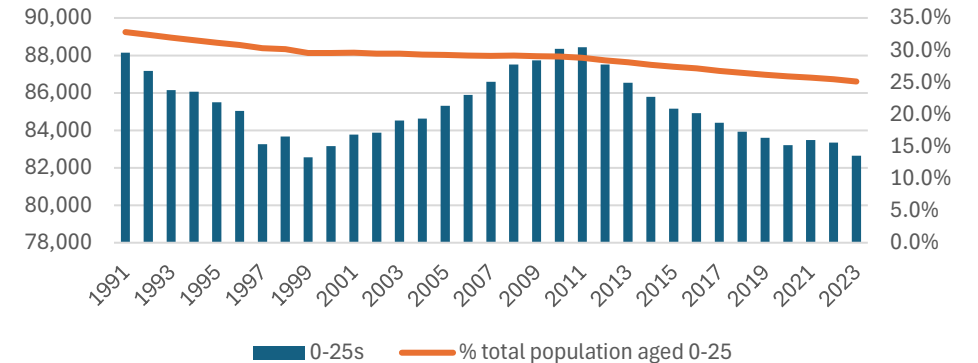
- **25% of Shropshire’s total population are aged 0-25** (82,700 children and young people). 52% are male and 48% female. (2023 MYE)
- The % of the population aged 0-25 has been **falling over the last 10 years**, with a 4.5% fall since 2013.
- ONS population projections shows that the number of residents aged 0 to 24 in Shropshire is **expected to decrease by 8% in next 25 years** (2022 and 2047). Nationally also seeing a fall of 5%. In Shropshire, largest fall will be among 20-24s (down 11.8%).

Chart showing number of 0 to 25 year olds living in Shropshire by sex at birth. Source: NOMIS, Census 2023



Age Group	% projected change 2022 to 2047
0-4	-3.00%
5-9	-9.10%
10-14	-10.70%
15-19	-6.90%
20-24	-11.80%
<b>Total (0-24)</b>	<b>-8.40%</b>

Historic: Population estimates 0-25s over time, Shropshire



Population Projections Shropshire: 0-24 Age Band

