

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (0-25) JSNA

Social Care Highlights

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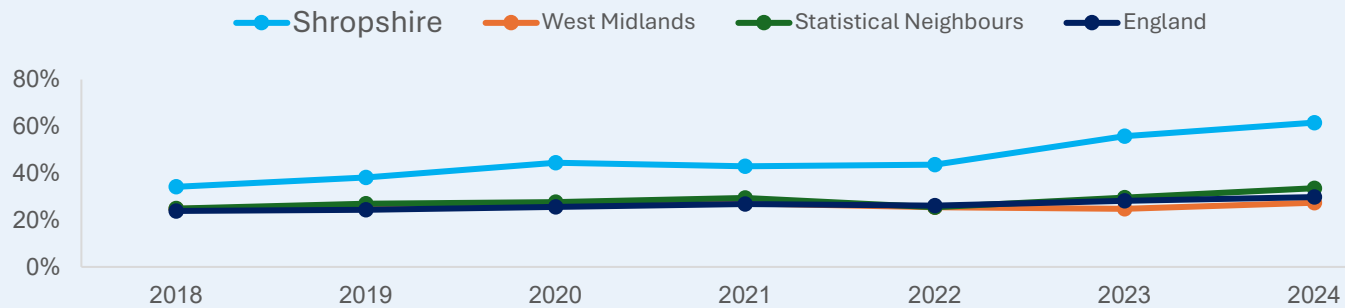
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SEN Children In Need

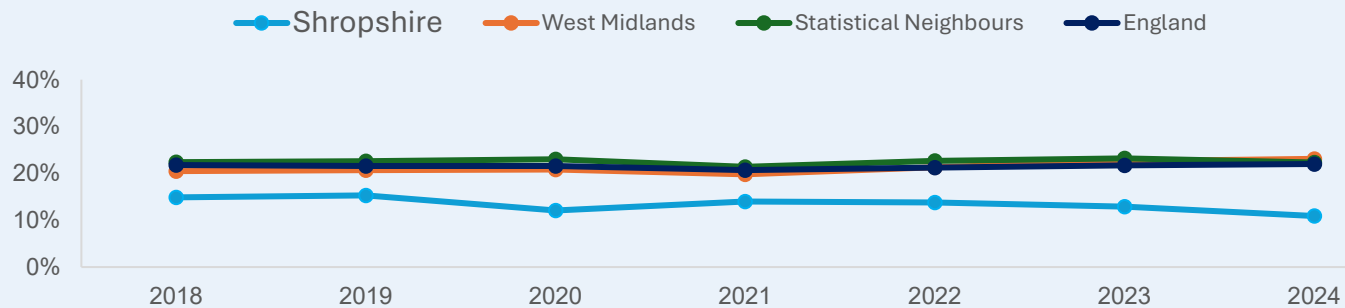
73% of Children In Need (excl CLA and CPP) in Shropshire have Special Educational Needs – much higher than regionally (50%) and nationally (52%). Driven by children in need with EHCPs.

Children in Need with an EHCP



Shropshire's Rate of Children in Need with EHCPs is double the national, regional and statistical neighbour rate at 62% and rising.

Children in Need with SEN support

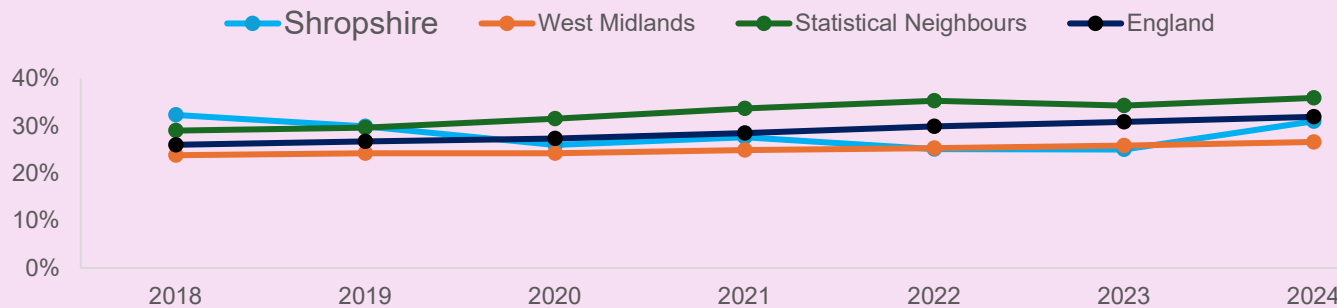


Children In Need with SEN Support has been below comparators since 2017 and falling.

SEN Children Looked After

53% of Children Looked After in Shropshire have Special Educational Needs – similar to regionally (56%) and lower than nationally (60%). Driven by EHCPs.

Children Looked After with an EHCP



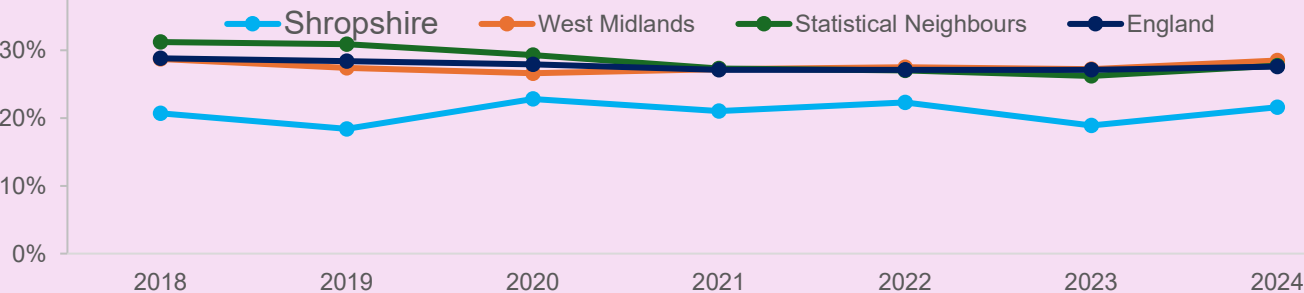
EHCP rates in Shropshire (31%) are notably higher than SEN Support (22%) - regionally, rates are nearly equal

Shropshire's overall SEN rate has remained steady, with a recent uptick in the latest year.

Nationally, the gap between EHCP and SEN Support rates is present but smaller.

Regionally, EHCP and SEN Support rates are almost the same.

Children Looked After with SEN support

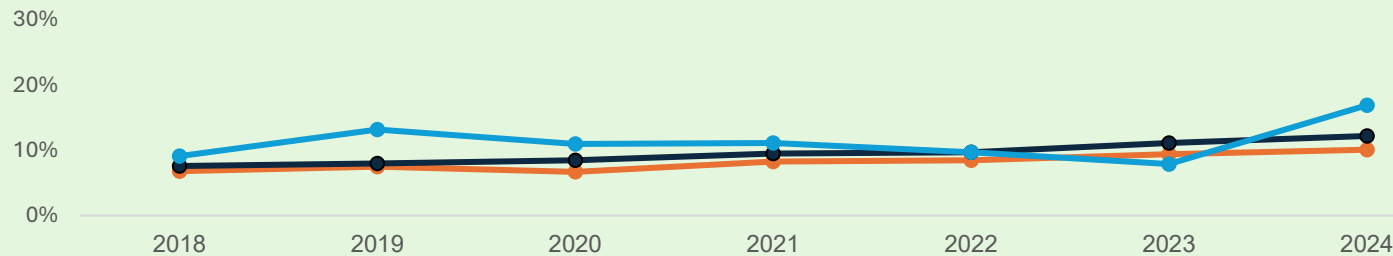


SEN Children with Child Protection Plans

49% of children with a Child Protection Plan in Shropshire have Special Educational Needs – higher than regionally (40%) and nationally (42%)

Child Protection Plans with an EHCP

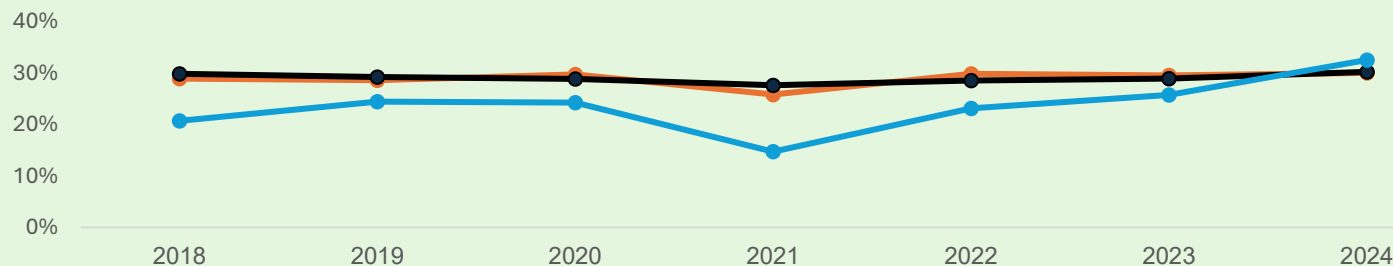
West Midlands England Shropshire



Shropshire's rate has been variable over time, with a notable rising trend since 2020/2021. This is driven by both EHCPs and SEN Support equally, whereas rates regionally and nationally are stable

Child Protection Plans with SEN support

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How does this compare to the general school age population?

Children in need rate is **17 times higher**

Children Looked After is **10 times higher**

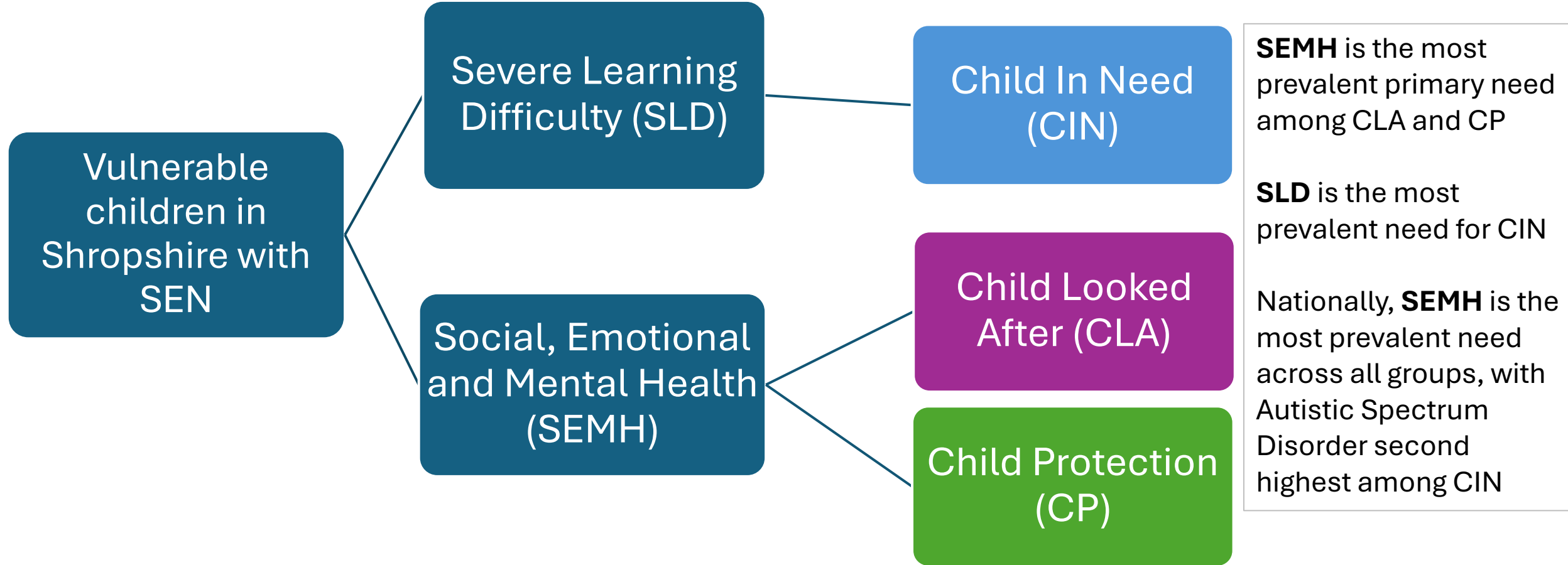
Children with a Child Protection plan rate is approximately **5 times higher**

3.6% of the general school age population in Shropshire (excl CIN, CLA, CPP children) have an EHCP.

Children who are considered vulnerable are significantly **more likely** to have an Education, Health and Care Plan than children in the general school age population.

These groups face **greater or more complex needs** that require formal support

Primary needs of vulnerable children with SEND



Care Leavers

Care leavers identified with special educational needs (SEN) in Shropshire has **doubled** since 2019

1 in 5 care leavers identified as having SEN in 2025

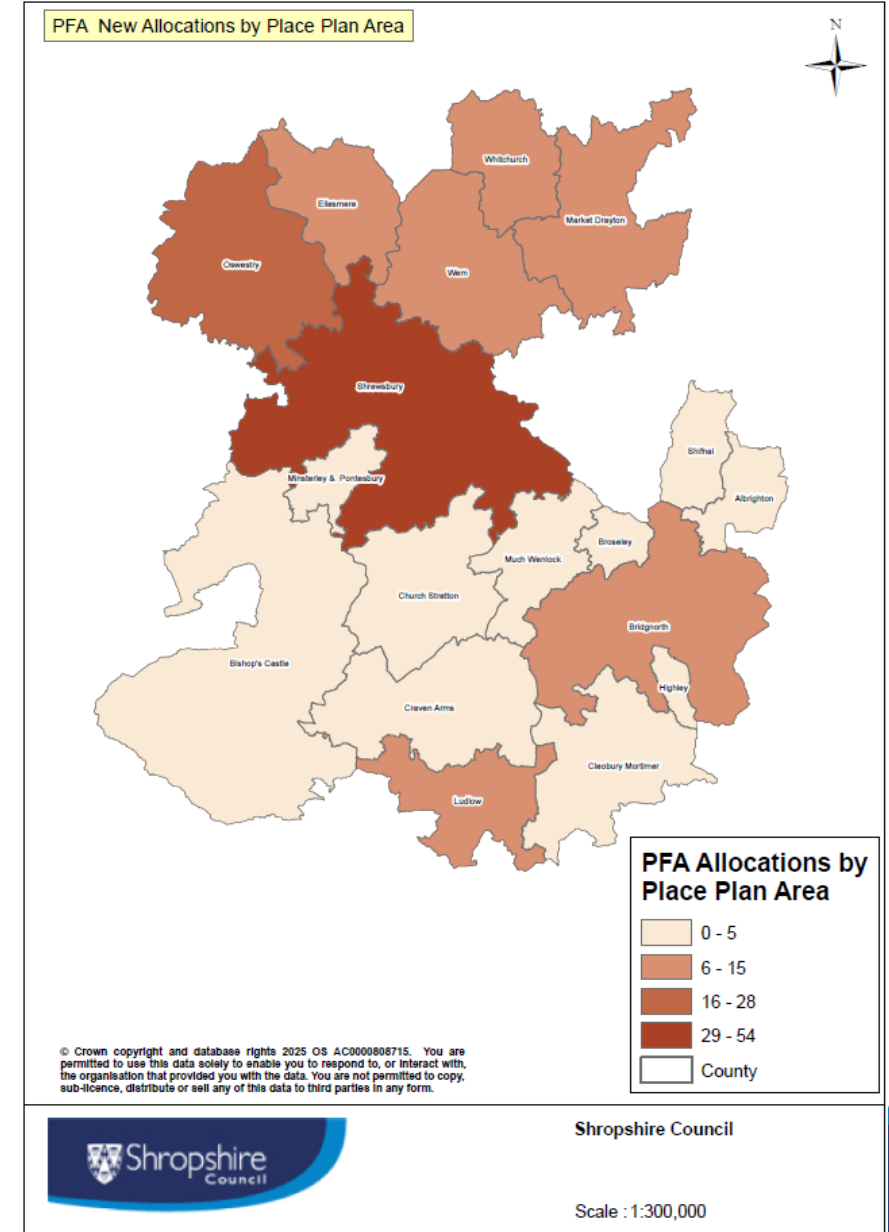
Majority of care leavers have an **EHCP** rather than SEN support

The proportion of care leavers **without any identified SEN** is gradually **declining**, meaning **more** care leavers are being **identified** and **supported**

Preparing for adulthood

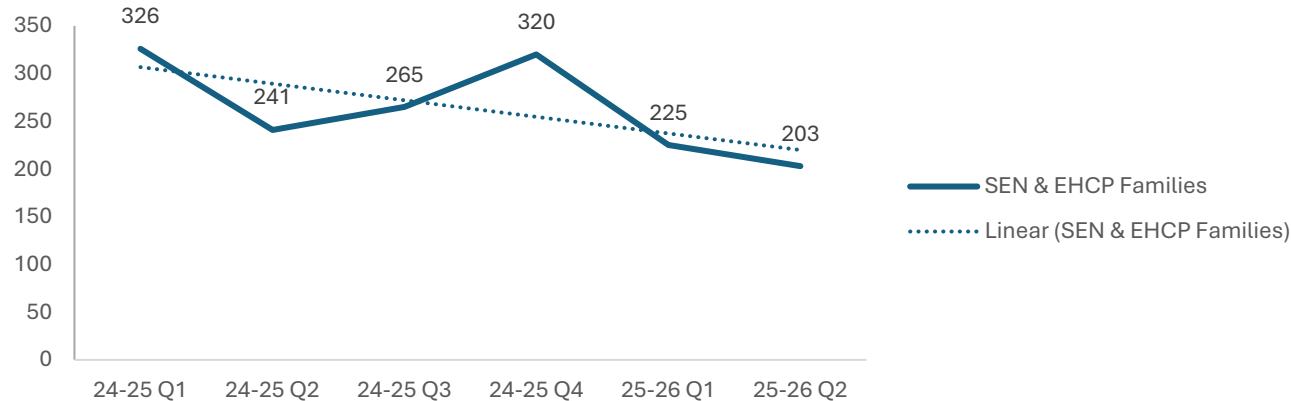
Preparing for Adulthood is a term used to support the transition from childhood to adulthood for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The Preparing for Adulthood Team begins accepting referrals from age 16, and in certain circumstances may engage earlier. Young people with highly complex needs are identified and allocated at a suitable time.

- Rising number of monthly allocations open to the Preparing for Adulthood team
- 304 PfA open allocations in Aug 2025, an 18% rise compared to August the previous year
- Young people living primarily around Shrewsbury area, Secondary cluster in parts of north Shropshire and lower numbers in several southern and rural areas

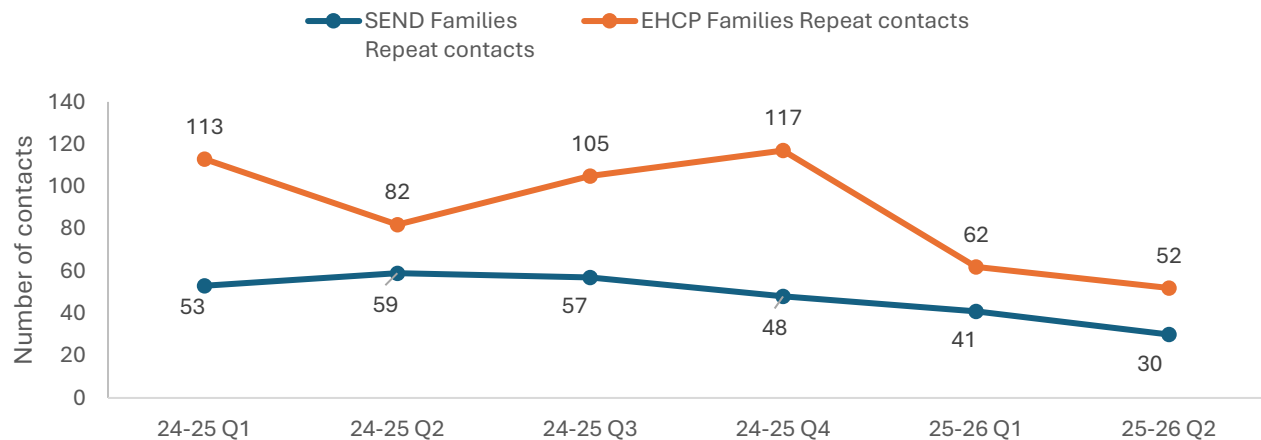


Early Help

SEND families accessing Early Help through the front door, or via a social care referral, Shropshire



Repeat contacts into Early Help- Shropshire last 18 months



Over the last 18 months, a declining number of families with SEND accessed Early help. Despite this, there is a fall in repeat contacts suggesting of those who do access the service, early intervention is effective and fewer families are returning for support.

Decline in the number of Early Help contacts for both families with SEN support and EHCPs, approx. one third lower compared to 18 months ago.

Decline in repeat contacts for both SEND and EHCP families, with a sharper decline seen in EHCP families, reduced by half.

SEND "All In Registration" between
01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025
by LLSOA

All in Short Breaks

1,125 children and young people held All In Short Breaks memberships in Shropshire 2024/2025

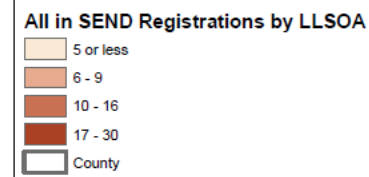
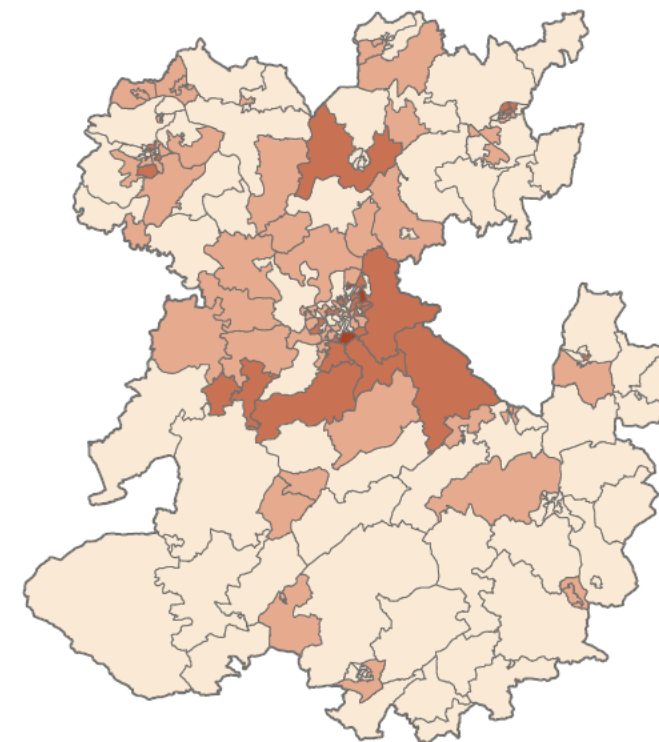
Autism or Asperger's Syndrome most prevalent disability recorded (42%), followed by (21%) learning disabilities, and (13%) ADHD

Less than one third (27%) of members accessed the offer during the year

Engagement is highest among ages 8 and 15, indicating a gap in participation for the 4-5 year old and 15+ age groups

Active All In registrations 2024/2025

- Highest concentration of registrations in Central Shropshire, Shrewsbury
- Additional clusters are found in the north and south-east parts of Shropshire
- South-west has noticeably fewer registrations
- There are also some registrations recorded in counties bordering Shropshire



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Community and Family Hubs

offer an opportunity for families of children (0-25 yrs) with SEND to get support e.g. SEND meet and chat drop-in sessions. Access is unequally distributed across the county.



59% of Shropshire's population (all ages) and 60% of 0 - 25 year olds live within a 15 minute drive of a community or family hub centre



Car access is best for residents in the **Central South** and **North West** of the county



10% of all ages (and the same proportion of 0 – 25 year olds) live within a 15 minute walk of a hub centre



Walking access is more convenient for those in the **South West** and **North West** hub areas