

North West Analysis of the Survey
of Adult Carers in England

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Introduction and Data Quality Statement

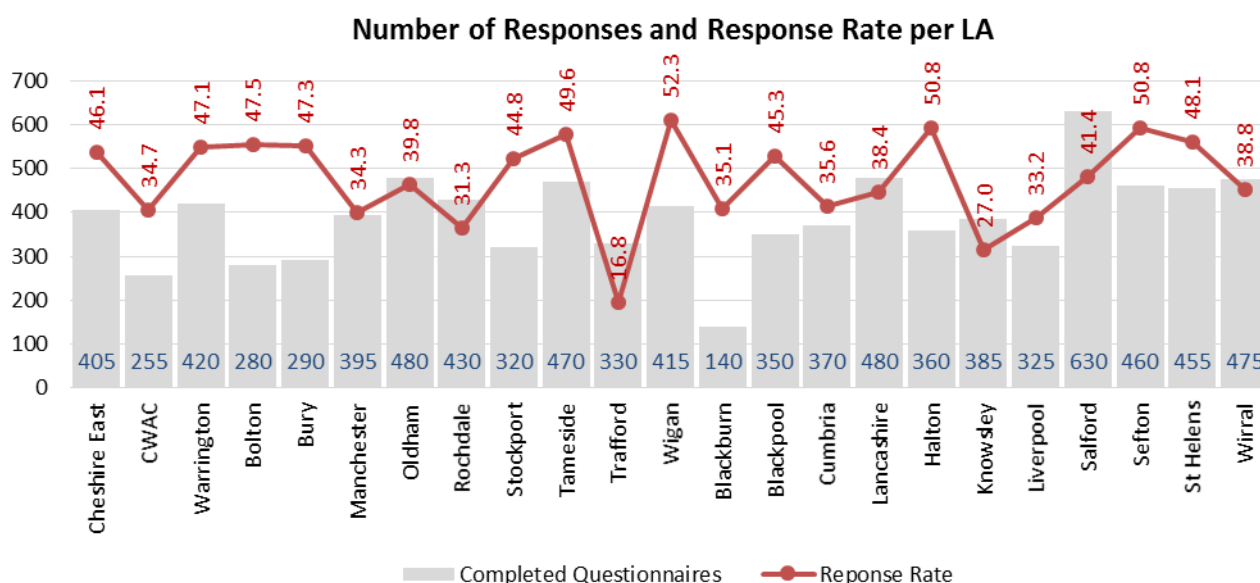
This report contains findings from selected questions from the Survey of Adult Carers in England, 2016-17 (SACE) in the North West. This national survey takes place every other year and is conducted by Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibilities (CASSRs).

The survey seeks the opinions of carers aged 18 or over, caring for a person aged 18 or over, on a number of topics that are considered to be indicative of a balanced life alongside their unpaid caring role.

The report analyses the North West Local Authorities against the national average, and compares the 2016/17 results with those from the previous two surveys, which took place in 2014/15 and 2012/13.

In terms of data quality, please note that as this is based on a survey, sent to a sample of carers who are known to the Local Authority only and the figures may not fully represent the total carers population in the region.

Also, when analysing the data as the regional level, there were almost 9,000 completed surveys, which is a high number. Therefore, any anomalies will be less prominent when analysing the region data. However, the chart below shows that some LA's have a very small number of responses on which to base the results on – therefore percentage changes and anomalies effect individual LA's results much more prominently.



Key Points

Some of the high level **REGIONAL** key points within this report are:

- Carers satisfaction in the North West appears to be **declining** when compared to previous surveys. Nearly 78% of respondents gave positive feedback in 2012/13, but this has dropped to 71% in 2016/17. However, this is replicated nationally, so the North West is far from an outlier in this regard;
- It appears that carers are now caring for slightly younger people than they previously have been. The person care for aged group of 85+ is seeing continual decreases, whereas 18-64 is seeing increases;
- Carers having as much social contact with people they like is declining in the North West, and this appears to be a particular issue across Liverpool City Region and Greater Manchester;
- Approximately 40% of carers feel they are always consulted and involved in the decisions that relate to the support of their cared for person; this is almost identical to the National Average;
- Nearly 60% of carers in the North West are retired. Of those who do work, less and less people feel that they have support from their employer, but despite this decline, we are still better than the National Average;
- Over 20% of carers in the North West have been caring for more than 20 years, with 40% caring for more than 10 years. Also, the majority of them care for 100+ hours per week, and the percentage that fall into the 100+ hours per week is increasing with every survey.

Sub Regional Key Points

CESHIRE

- All three Cheshire Local Authorities of Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, and Warrington are all above the national average for carers satisfaction. However, Warrington and Cheshire West and Chester did see a noticeable reduction for those who gave a positive response to the satisfaction question.
- In terms of information being 'very easy to find', performance does range a lot within a small sub region. Warrington was the second best performing Local Authority in the region at 28%, but Cheshire East was one of the lowest at just 13%.
- However, on the flip side, Warrington performed poorly in terms of carers being involved in any discussions about the services their cared for person receives, but Cheshire East were above the England average and were the highest in Cheshire.

GREATER MANCHESTER

- Carers having as much social contact with people they like appears to be an issue in Greater Manchester. Seven of the ten Local Authorities are performing at a lower level than the National Average, and nine out the ten had worse performance than the 2014/15 survey;

- Also, in terms of carers being involved in any discussions regarding their cared for person's services, six out of the ten were below the National Average, with the bottom three Local Authorities in the region all being GM;
- In terms of the carer having as much control of their daily life as they would like, eight of the ten Greater Manchester Local Authorities were performing at a very similar level, at an average of 24%. However, neighbouring Local Authorities of Bury and Bolton were outliers, where Bolton were one of the best in the region at over 29%, and Bury were the worst at just 14%.

LANCASHIRE AND CUMBRIA

- Generally, carers satisfaction was higher in Lancashire and Cumbria than anywhere else in the North West Region, with Blackburn being the highest Local Authority;
- In other areas of analysis, the Lancashire and Cumbria sub region also performed well (in the North West Region context). This is illustrated when looking at all Local Authorities performance for: carers satisfaction, having control of their daily life, being able to look after themselves, having as much social contact as they like, being able to find information and advice, and the usefulness of that information and advice; only twice out twenty four possibilities did a Lancashire and Cumbria LA fall into the bottom quartile.

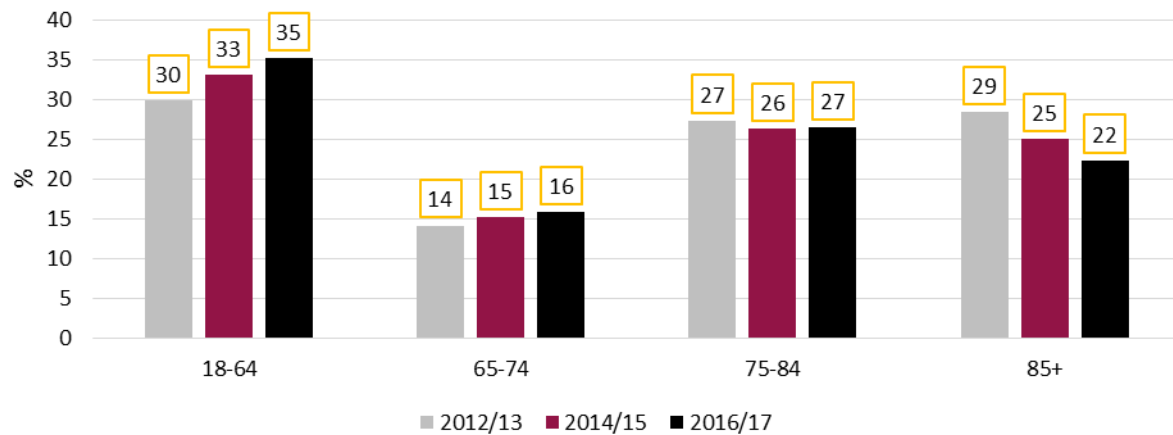
LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

- As with GM, carers having as much social contact with people they like appears to be an issue in the Liverpool City Region. Five out of the six Local Authorities are performing at a lower level than the National Average, and four had worse performance than the 2014/15 survey;
- Carers being able to look after themselves also appears to be an issue in the City Region. Of the six Local Authorities that make up the bottom quartile, four of them are LCR Local Authorities;
- In most cases, Halton does appear to be the outlier within the Liverpool City Region, as it has much better figures than the other five Local Authorities.

Where we have excellent performance in the national context:

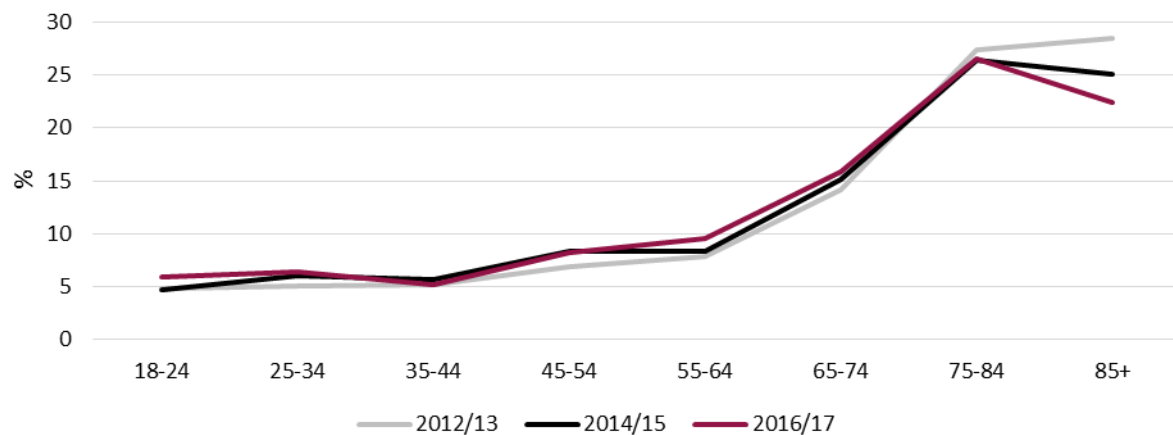
- BLACKBURN and HALTON are noticeably higher than the other Local Authorities for carers satisfaction – these two Local Authorities are second and fourth best **nationally**;
- CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER, ROCHDALE AND BLACKBURN are all in the top 10 nationally for carers having as much social contact as they want, with the people they like;
- In terms of information and advice being very easy to find, ST HELENS was ranked fourth nationally. However, half of the top 10 Local Authorities for this were from the North West. The other four included: WARRINGTON, BOLTON, HALTON and SALFORD;
- In terms of how useful information and advice is, again ST HELENS was ranked fourth nationally, with HALTON also being in the top 10.

Question 1 - How old is the person you care for?

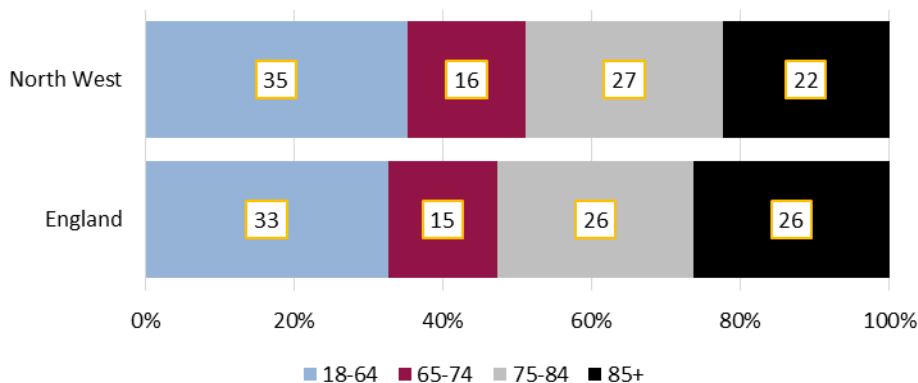


The chart above shows that based on the data from the survey, it appears that carers are caring for slightly younger individuals than in previous years, although despite this, when the 65-74, 75-84 and 85+ age groups are aggregated into 65+, then these far outweigh the 18-64 age group.

The most noticeable decline is in the 85+ age group, where 29% of people who responded in 2012/13 cared for someone aged 85+, but this has now dropped to 22%.



When splitting all of the age groups, it does show that there hasn't been too much variance from year to year, with the exception of the 85+ age group. Back in 2012/13, 85+ was the most commonly selected age group within the survey, but for the past two surveys it has been 75-84 years old.



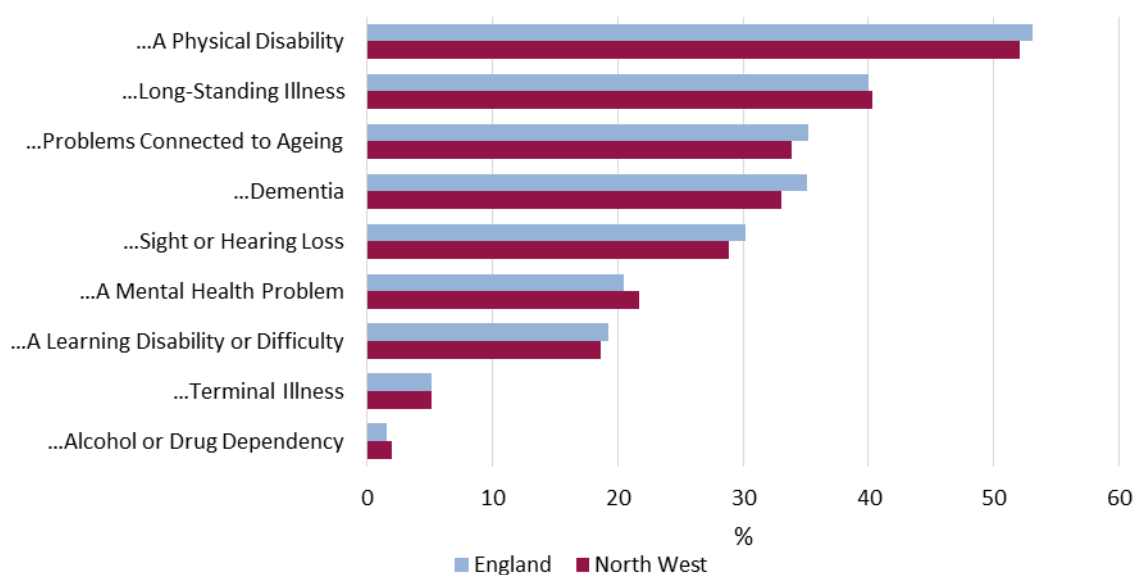
The chart (left) compares the North West to the national average in **2016/17 only**.

It can be seen that the North West has a slightly higher percentage of people caring for 18-64 Service Users, and slightly less 85+.

Question 2 – Does the person you care for have...?

	2012/13	2014/15	2016/17
...Dementia	31.5	31.5	33.1
...A Physical Disability	53.0	53.5	52.1
...Sight or Hearing Loss	32.9	31.2	28.9
...A Mental Health Problem	19.3	22.0	21.7
...Problems Connected to Ageing	40.8	37.0	33.9
...A Learning Disability or Difficulty	16.2	17.9	18.7
...Long-Standing Illness	39.7	41.4	40.3
...Terminal Illness	4.8	4.8	5.2
...Alcohol or Drug Dependency	1.6	2.1	2.0

The table above shows that there has been a noticeable drop in carers caring for people for **problems connected to ageing**. Whilst the percentage is still relatively high at over one third, it is still a large drop from almost 41% in 2012/13. There has also been a slight drop for those relating to sight or hearing loss, but a similar sized increase for those with dementia.



Generally, the North West data mirrors the national data closely. In most areas, the North West has a lower percentage than the National Average (multiple answers can be selected in this question), although the North West is slightly higher for those with a Mental Health problem and Alcohol or Drug Dependency.

In terms of Problems Connected to Ageing, the national data shows a reduction in this too, but not as big a reduction as the North West. The national data has a reduction of 5.9%, whereas the North West reduced by 6.9%.

Question 4 - Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the support or services you and the person you care for have received from Social Services in the last 12 months?

Please note that the table below excludes those who responded, “We haven't received any support or services from Social Services in the last 12 months”. THE DATA FROM THIS QUESTION IS THE BASIS OF AN ASCOF INDICATOR

	2012/13	2014/15	2016/17
I am extremely satisfied (%)	17.2	17.5	17.6
I am very satisfied (%)	27.8	25.4	22.4
I am quite satisfied (%)	32.6	32.1	31.2
I am neither satisfied not dissatisfied (%)	12.6	14.2	15.5
I am quite dissatisfied (%)	5.6	6.1	7.1
I am very dissatisfied (%)	2	2	2.6
I am extremely dissatisfied (%)	2.2	2.7	3.7

	2012/13	2014/15	2016/17
Positive Response (%)	77.6	75	71.2
Neutral Response (%)	12.6	14.2	15.5
Negative Response (%)	9.8	10.8	13.4

* Please note for the purpose of the second table, a positive response is I am extremely, very or quite satisfied, and a negative is I am extremely, very or quite dissatisfied.

The tables above show that generally, people responded positively to the satisfaction question, although this positivity is on the decline, with neutral and negative responses up slightly, however, as the chart below shows, this is a trend that is replicated nationally.



Two Local Authorities in the region scored particularly highly with regards to a positive response, and these were **Blackburn** and **Halton** (further breakdown is on the following page). These both had a positive response from more than 80% of carers surveyed, much higher than the North West and national average.

The table below shows the percentage of responses that resulted in a positive comment, per Local Authority in each sub region.

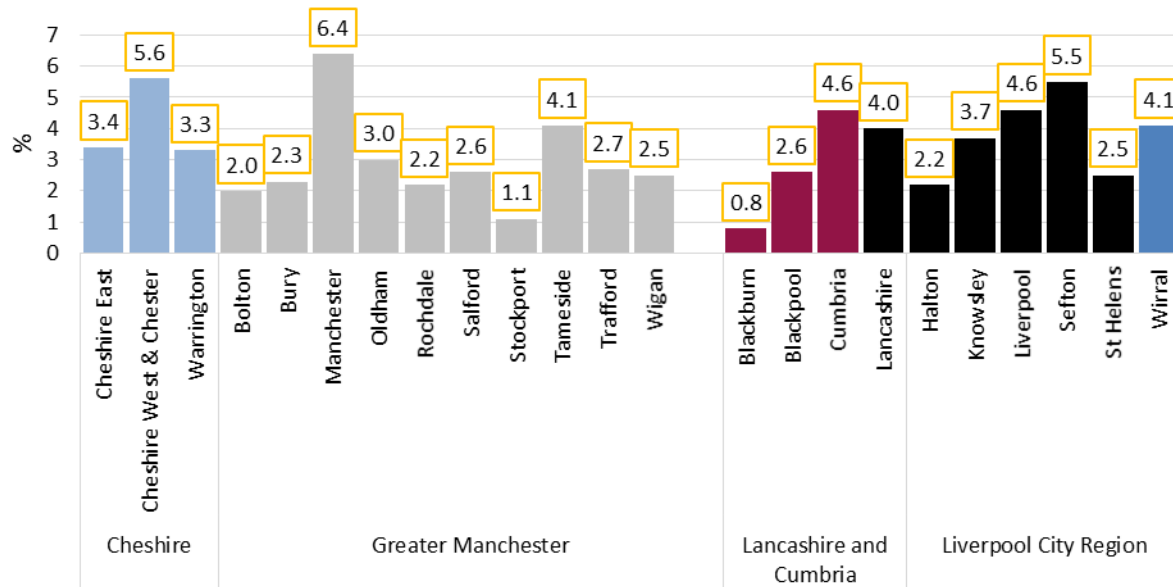
Local Authority	2012/13 (%)	2014/15 (%)	2016/17 (%)	Trend (vs 2014/15)	Better than England Average
Cheshire					
Cheshire East	77.2	70.6	72.5	Minor Improvement	Yes
Cheshire West & Chester	76.1	78.7	72.7	Noticeable Decline	Yes
Warrington	80.5	80.3	71.5	Noticeable Decline	Yes
Greater Manchester					
Bolton	78.7	79.7	76.1	Noticeable Decline	Yes
Bury	80.9	76.9	73.8	Noticeable Decline	Yes
Manchester	72.4	74.8	62.5	Noticeable Decline	No
Oldham	68.8	64.5	68.9	Noticeable Improvement	No
Rochdale	77.6	78.0	78.4	Minor Improvement	Yes
Salford	78.5	77.2	77.5	Minor Improvement	Yes
Stockport	85.5	78.7	75.5	Noticeable Decline	Yes
Tameside	78.7	72.0	68.9	Noticeable Decline	No
Trafford	73.0	76.5	61.5	Noticeable Decline	No
Wigan	78.1	75.3	70.7	Noticeable Decline	No
Lancashire and Cumbria					
Blackburn	77.6	80.5	82.8	Minor Improvement	Yes
Blackpool	78.4	74.8	76.4	Minor Improvement	Yes
Cumbria	81.5	72.7	70.4	Minor Decline	No
Lancashire	82.4	76.4	70.3	Noticeable Decline	No
Liverpool City Region					
Halton	82.2	84.2	82.0	Minor Decline	Yes
Knowsley	80.1	77.4	72.0	Noticeable Decline	Yes
Liverpool	67.8	67.3	65.7	Minor Decline	No
Sefton	77.7	77.5	61.6	Noticeable Decline	No
St Helens	76.7	84.7	75.2	Noticeable Decline	Yes
Wirral	73.3	66.7	69.5	Minor Improvement	No

The data shows that in Greater Manchester, seven of the ten Local Authorities saw a noticeable decline (for the purpose of the table, this is a reduction of 3% or more compared to 2014/15), with the largest decline regionally being in Sefton, Trafford and Manchester.

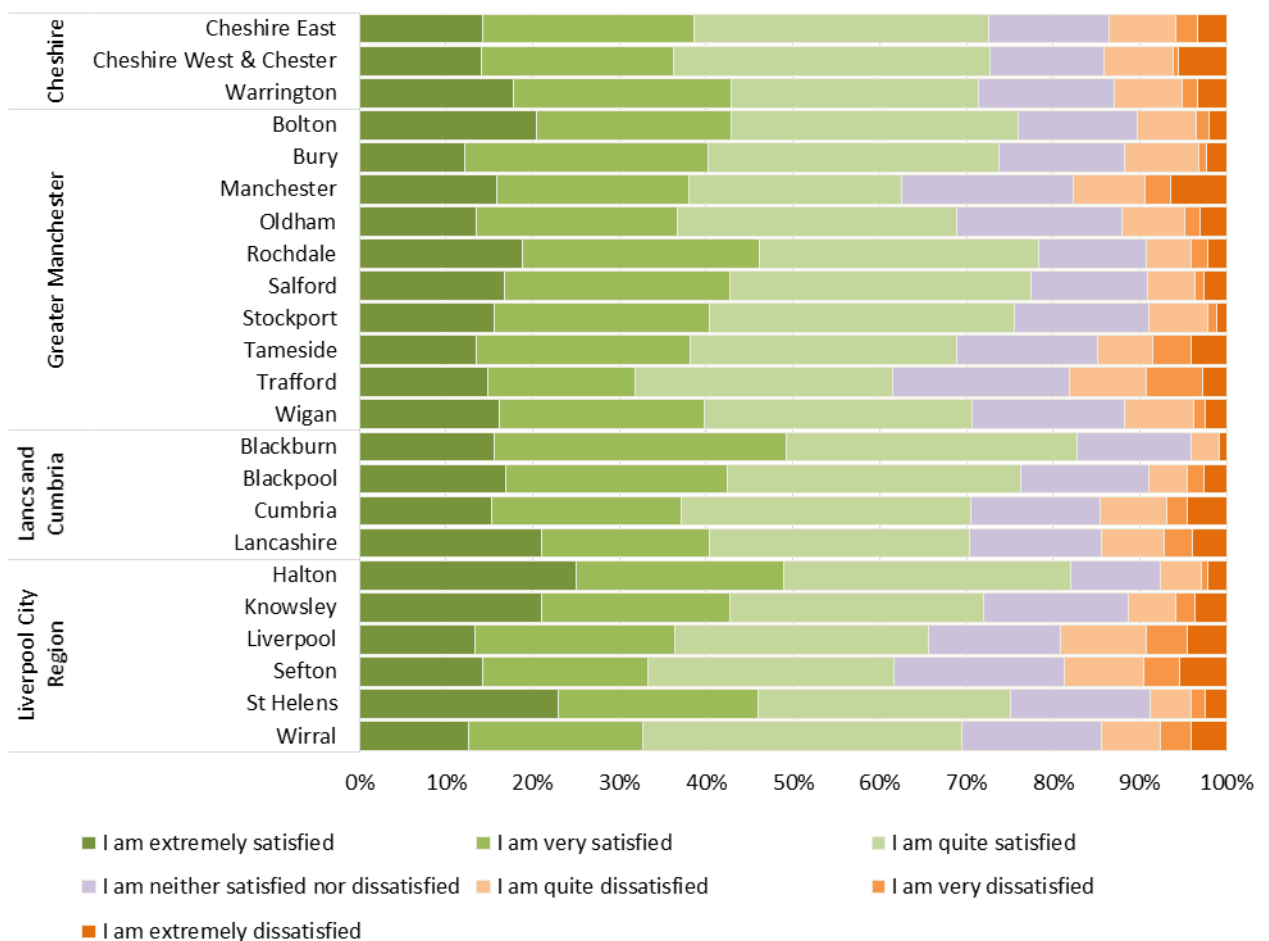
Despite Cheshire West & Chester and Warrington seeing noticeable drops, the Cheshire sub region is the only one where all Local Authorities were outperforming the national average.

The chart below is an overview of what percentage of respondents said they were **extremely dissatisfied** with the support/services they had received.

The greatest was in Manchester with 6.4% of respondents, but despite Cheshire West and Chester being mentioned previously for being above national average for positivity, they are second highest in the region for extremely dissatisfied carers.



The final chart relating to Q4 summarises all of the responses per Local Authority in 2016/17.



Question 5 – Has the person you care for used any of the support or services listed, in the last 12 months?

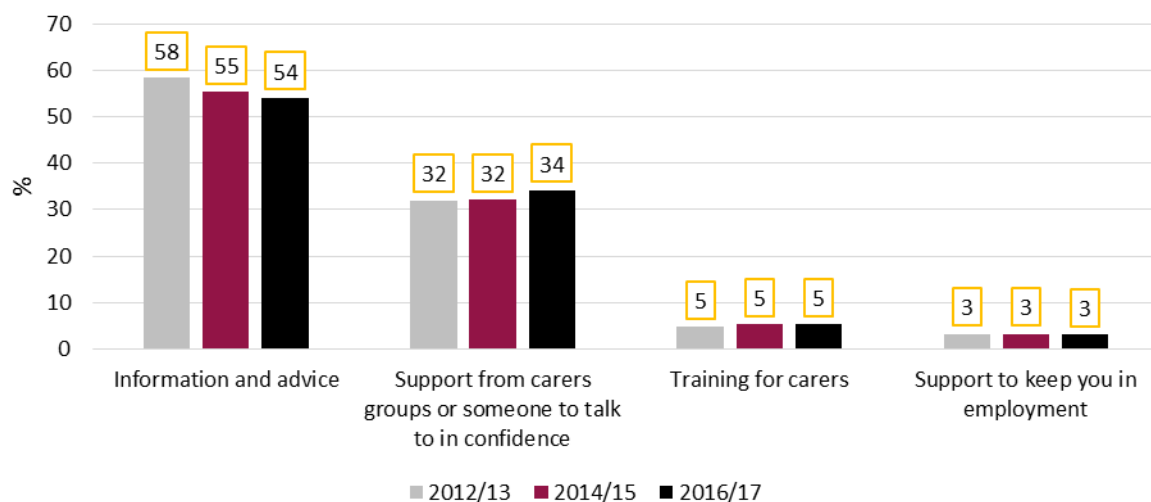
	2012/13	2014/15	2016/17	Change (14/15 to 16/17)
Support or services allowing you to take a break from caring at short notice or in an emergency	16.2	14.9	14.8	0.1% Reduction
Support or services to allow you to have a rest from caring for between 1 and 24 hours	21.0	19.4	19.4	No Change
Support or services allowing you to take a break from caring for more than 24 hours	25.0	21.5	20.7	0.8% Reduction
Personal assistant	14.0	13.7	13.5	0.2% Reduction
Home Care/Home Help	39.9	35.3	30.7	4.6% Reduction
Day Centres or Day Activities	29.2	26.6	25.3	1.3% Reduction
Lunch Club	3.8	3.1	3.2	0.1% Increase
Meals Services	6.5	3.9	3.4	0.5% Reduction
Equipment or adaptation to their home (such as a wheelchair or handrails)	60.4	57.5	54.6	2.9% Reduction
Lifeline Alarm	36.0	33.8	31.6	2.2% Reduction
They are permanently resident in a care home	10.7	8.4	10.0	1.6% Increase

The table above shows the services used by the cared for person, and the most noticeable reduction was in Home Care/Home Help. There was an almost 5% reduction here, but this was a trend that was replicated nationally too.

Carers breaks have only seen slight reductions, with approximately one fifth of carers using them to allow them to have a break for more than 24 hours. There was a large variance across the region for this though, where 40% of Blackpool's and Bolton's carers using breaks of more than 24 hours, but just 10% of Oldham's.

In terms of the bottom option, 'they are permanently resident in a care home', 10% was almost identical to the national average, but like the carers breaks above, there was a large variance across the region. For example, in Cheshire West and Chester over 21% of respondents said that their cared for person was in a permanent care home placement, whereas in Blackpool it was less than 2%.

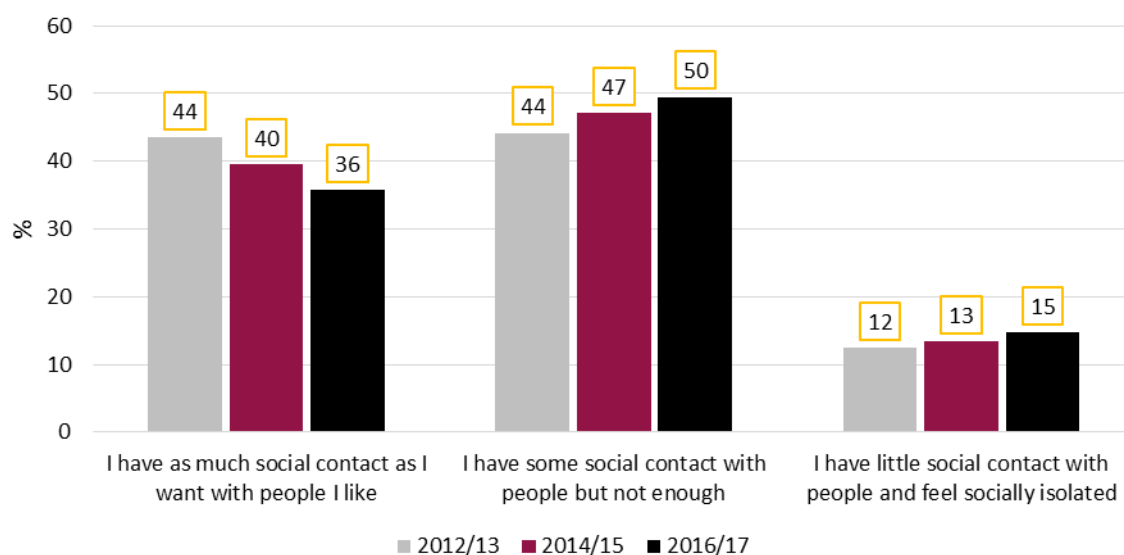
Question 6 – Have you used any of the support or services listed, to help you as a carer over the last 12 months?



In terms of services used by the carers, Information and Advice was the most common in all three years, although this is on a slight decline. However, support from carers groups is slightly up to 34%, which is better than the national average at 31%.

Question 11 – Thinking about how much social contact you've had with people you like, which of the following statements best describes your social situation?

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From the data above it appears that social isolation may be an issue with carers in the North West, however, that said, the percentage who have little social contact and feel isolated has been **lower** in the North West than the national average in all of the last three surveys.

In terms of those who responded 'I have as much social contacts as I want with people I like', Local Authorities such as Cheshire West and Chester, Blackburn and Rochdale scored particularly highly here. However, three bordering Local Authorities of Liverpool, Knowsley and Sefton were noticeably lower than the regional and national averages.

% of respondents who said they have as much social contact as they want with the people they like

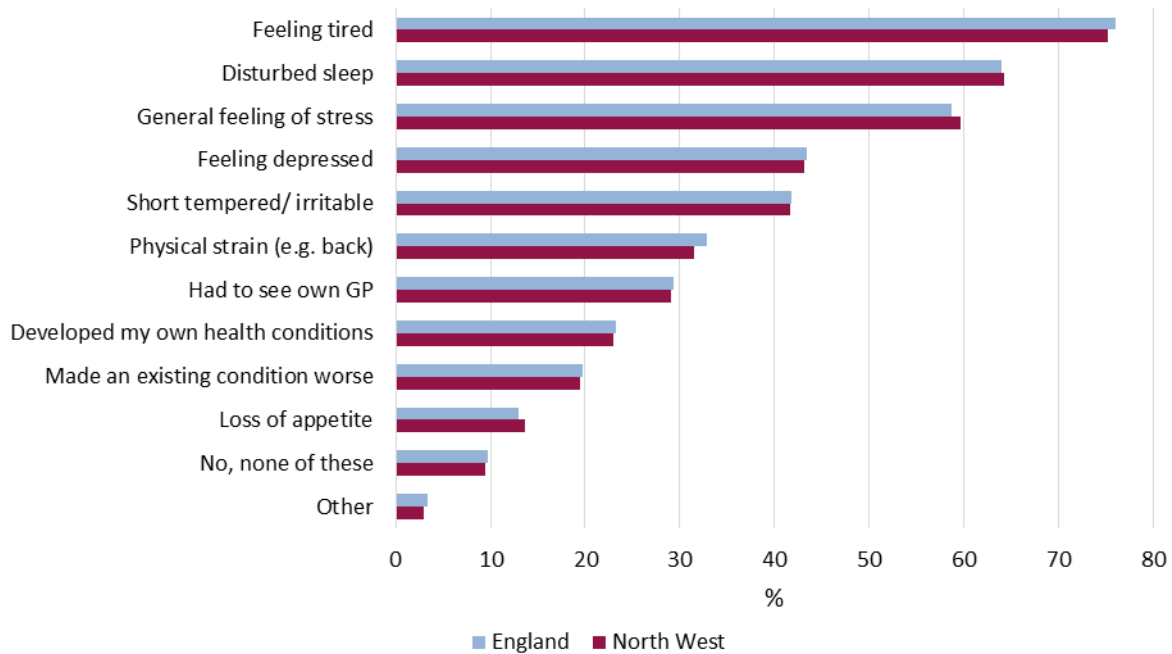
Local Authority	2012/13 (%)	2014/15 (%)	2016/17 (%)	Trend (vs 2014/15)	Better than England Average
Cheshire					
Cheshire East	49.9	42.4	33.4	Noticeable Decline	No
Cheshire West & Chester	46.7	44.5	47.6	Noticeable Improvement	Yes
Warrington	45.9	42.0	41.6	Minor Decline	Yes
Greater Manchester					
Bolton	45.0	43.9	31.4	Noticeable Decline	No
Bury	46.5	33.5	26.2	Noticeable Decline	No
Manchester	42.9	40.6	33.0	Noticeable Decline	No
Oldham	36.7	32.9	31.9	Minor Decline	No
Rochdale	47.9	45.0	45.8	Minor Improvement	Yes
Salford	40.0	37.6	37.4	Minor Decline	Yes
Stockport	46.7	46.7	36.3	Noticeable Decline	Yes
Tameside	44.3	43.9	33.3	Noticeable Decline	No
Trafford	41.6	38.2	31.9	Noticeable Decline	No
Wigan	38.8	34.2	28.2	Noticeable Decline	No
Lancashire and Cumbria					
Blackburn	45.9	41.1	45.7	Noticeable Improvement	Yes
Blackpool	37.7	31.6	35.7	Noticeable Improvement	Yes
Cumbria	39.6	43.2	40.0	Minor Decline	Yes
Lancashire	38.3	38.5	35.3	Minor Decline	No
Liverpool City Region					
Halton	42.7	39.2	42.0	Minor Improvement	Yes
Knowsley	43.5	39.1	24.3	Noticeable Decline	No
Liverpool	27.4	18.2	23.7	Noticeable Improvement	No
Sefton	40.1	36.2	22.9	Noticeable Decline	No
St Helens	51.1	45.6	28.5	Noticeable Decline	No
Wirral	45.9	43.8	31.6	Noticeable Decline	No

Sub-regional picture...

	% Better than National Average	Compared to 2014/15			
		Noticeable Imp	Minor Imp	Noticeable Dec	Minor Dec
Cheshire	67%	33%	0%	33%	33%
Greater Manchester	30%	0%	10%	70%	20%
Lancashire and Cumbria	75%	50%	0%	0%	50%
Liverpool City Region	17%	17%	17%	67%	0%

Question 14 – In the last 12 months, has your health been affected by your caring role in any of the ways listed below?

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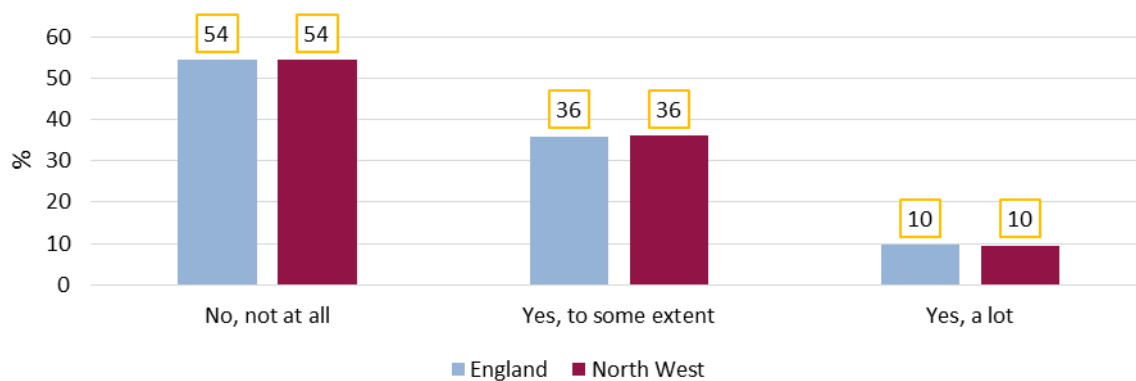


It is clear from the chart above that the North West follows a very similar trend to the rest of the country, but it is also clear that for those who responded, being a carer had a negative impact on most people’s health in one way or another. Just 10% said that none of the list had impacted them, meaning 9 out of 10 people were affected.

Caring for a Service User appeared to have an impact on the carers sleep in three quarters of cases, and almost a third of respondents had to visit their GP.

Question 15 – In the last 12 months, has caring caused you any financial difficulties?

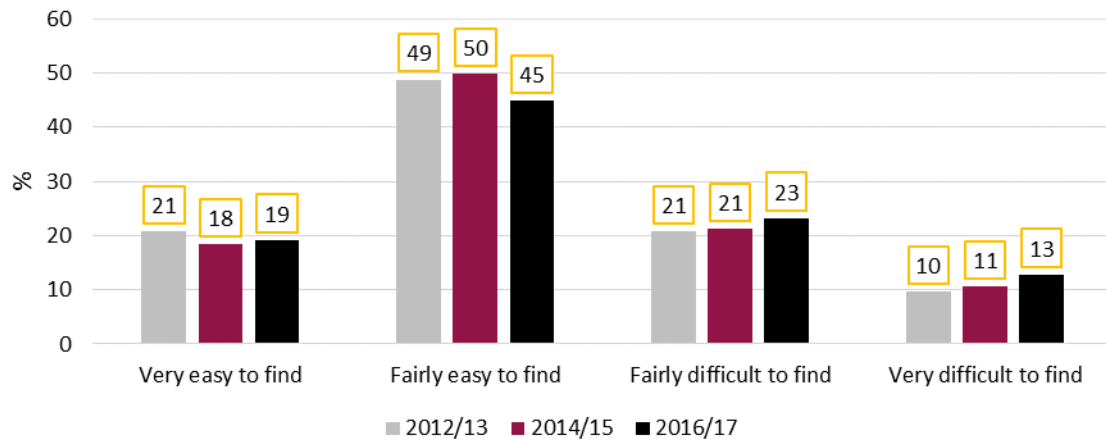
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It can be seen that the North West follows the national average identically. Whilst more than half don’t suffer financially, 10% do state that they do a lot. Although the data cannot specifically be linked, this may also be a cause of some of the medical issues in Q14 above.

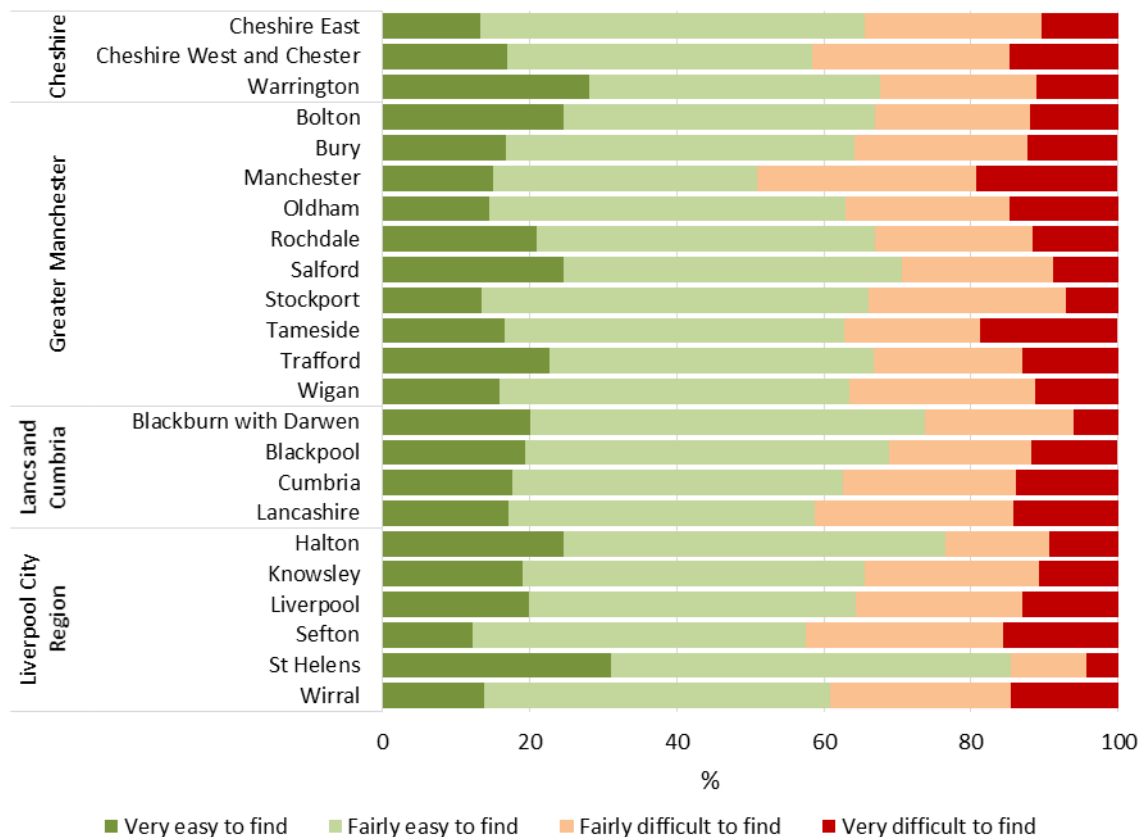
Question 16 – In the last 12 months, have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits?

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Although not depicted on the chart above, it must be known that the North West has consistently been better than the National Average for those who said it was very easy to find the information and advice about support. However, the chart does show that those who feel it has become very difficult to find is increasing slightly.

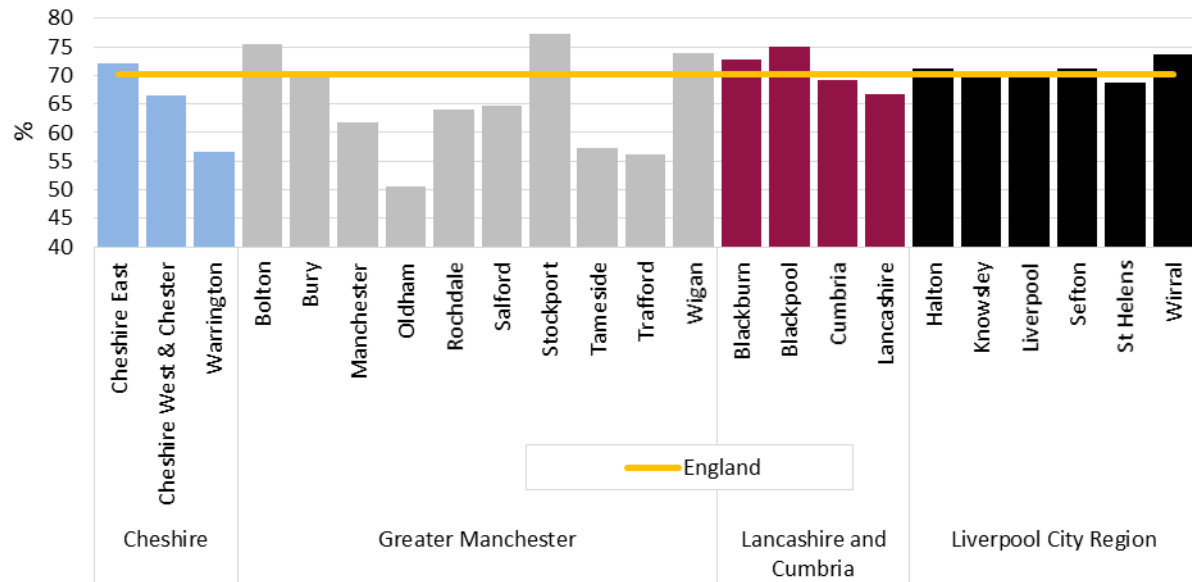
The Local Authority data for 2016/17 is broken down below:



Question 18 – In the last 12 months, do you feel you have been involved or consulted as much as you wanted to be, in discussions about the support or services provided to the person you care for?

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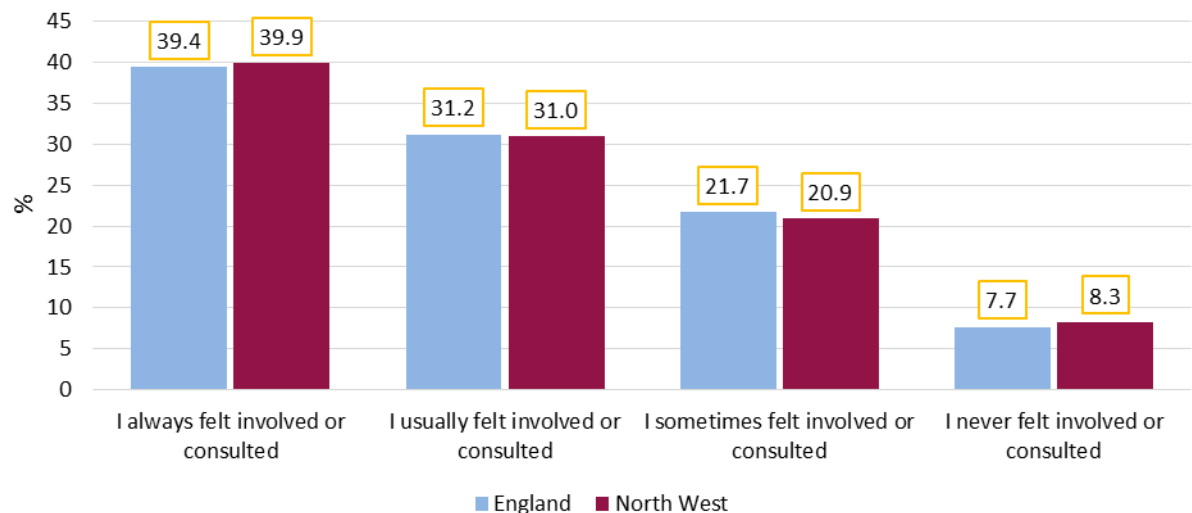
% who were involved in discussions:



Before analysing the carer’s level of involvement in the discussions/consultation, the chart above highlights what percentage where discussions took place (higher is better). Nationally, 70% of carers felt that they had at least been involved in discussions, where this was only 66% in the North West.

However, the chart shows that the majority of Lancashire & Cumbria and Liverpool City Region Local Authorities were above the national figure, many of the Cheshire and Greater Manchester Local Authorities weren’t.

Level of involvement/consultation:



When only including those who were involved in discussions, the chart shows that the North West closely matches the national trends. The North West data is positive in that we have a slightly higher percentage where the carer always felt they were involved, but conversely we have a slightly higher percentage who felt they were never involved.

This data does vary markedly from Local Authority to Local Authority however, as shown in the table below.

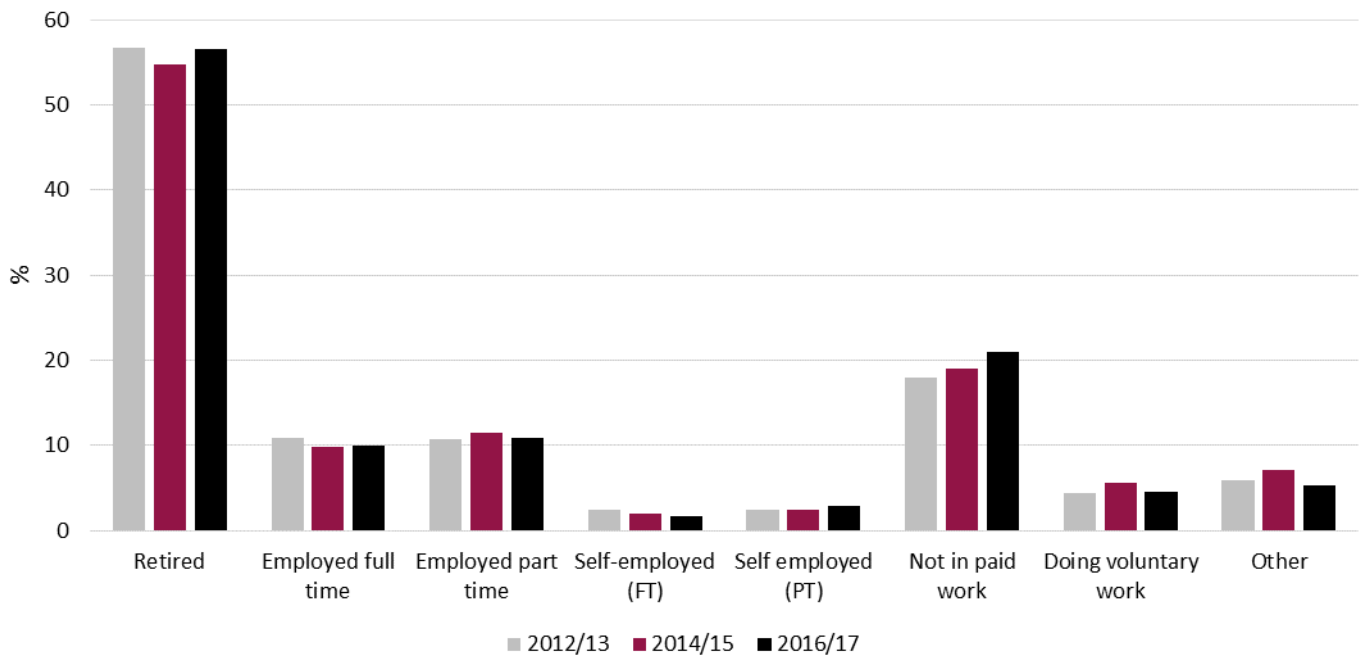
Local Authority	Involved in Discussions or Consulted (%)	...of those who were involved in discussions			
		I always felt involved or consulted (%)	I usually felt involved or consulted (%)	I sometimes felt involved or consulted (%)	I never felt involved or consulted (%)
<i>Cheshire</i>					
Cheshire East	72.1	40.9	30.5	21.9	6.8
Cheshire West & Chester	66.5	37.6	29.9	22.3	10.2
Warrington	56.6	43.8	32.6	16.7	6.9
<i>Greater Manchester</i>					
Bolton	75.4	40.1	29.7	25.7	4.5
Bury	70.5	44.3	27.8	20.1	7.7
Manchester	61.7	37.4	26.8	22.1	13.6
Oldham	50.5	36.6	29.8	25.5	8.1
Rochdale	64.0	48.1	27.6	18.7	5.6
Salford	64.6	49.1	30.5	14.6	5.8
Stockport	77.2	44.2	28.3	22.1	5.4
Tameside	57.3	35.9	31.3	23.7	9.2
Trafford	56.3	30.2	32.4	26.8	10.6
Wigan	74.0	35.2	31.4	24.6	8.9
<i>Lancashire and Cumbria</i>					
Blackburn	72.8	47.5	30.3	20.2	2.0
Blackpool	75.1	45.2	31.7	19.3	3.9
Cumbria	69.3	39.8	35.3	16.6	8.3
Lancashire	66.7	35.6	31.4	23.3	9.7
<i>Liverpool City Region</i>					
Halton	71.3	43.4	33.2	15.6	7.8
Knowsley	70.4	39.8	28.0	24.2	8.0
Liverpool	70.8	35.1	35.1	19.6	10.2
Sefton	71.3	36.4	29.7	21.7	12.1
St Helens	68.7	48.9	27.2	19.3	4.6
Wirral	73.7	34.7	32.9	25.1	7.3

The Local Authorities that may have issues here are: Cheshire West and Chester, Manchester, Oldham, Tameside, Trafford and Lancashire.

These six Local Authorities have a worse than national average of people involved in discussions, and for those who actually were involved, they also have a lower percentage who felt they were always involved.

Conversely, there were seven Local Authorities who appear to perform particularly well in this regard. Bolton, Bury, Stockport, Blackburn, Blackpool, Halton and Knowsley all consulted a greater percentage than the national average, and when they did, they had a high percentage of carers who felt they were always consulted in decisions.

Question 19 – In addition to your caring role, please tell us which of the following also applies to you?



More than half of the carers surveyed in the last three surveys have been retired, and the percentage has stayed relatively consistent.

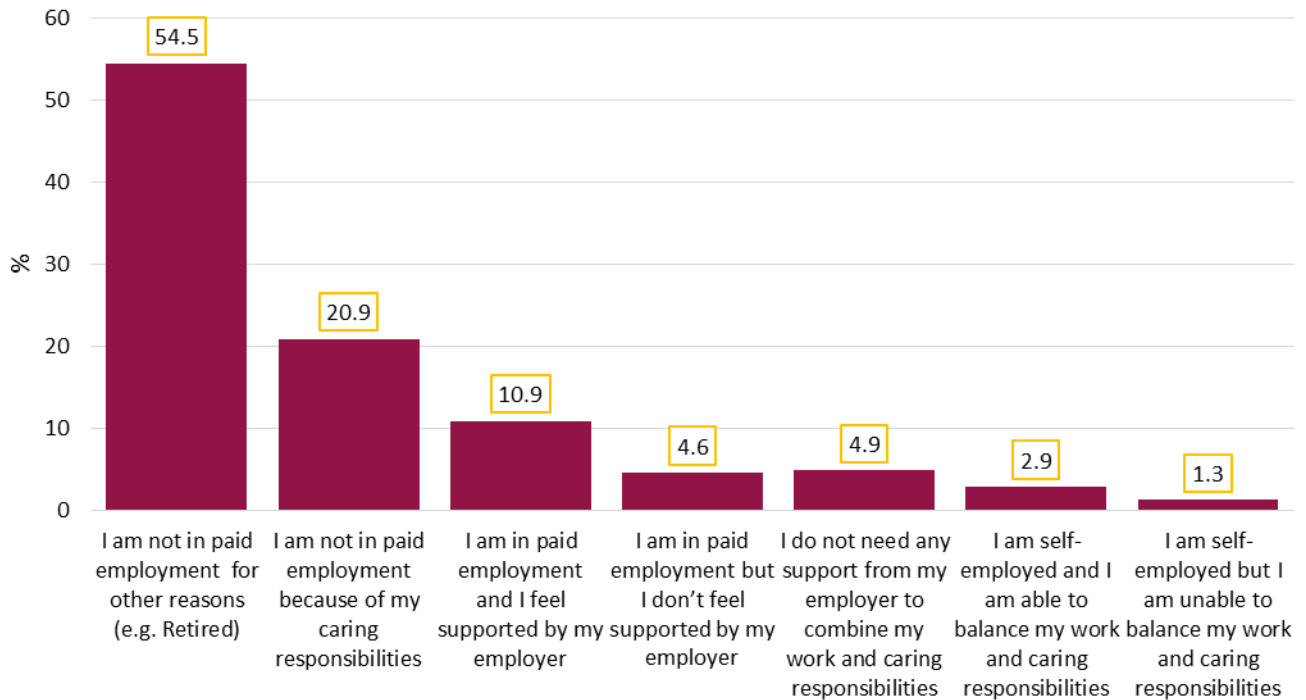


The North West breakdown for 2016/17 is very similar to that of the national picture. The minor differences are that the North West has a slightly lower percentage of carers who are retired, but a slightly higher percentage in either full-time or part-time employment.

Based on the responses provided, roughly 26% of carers in the North West are either employed or self-employed on a full or part time basis.

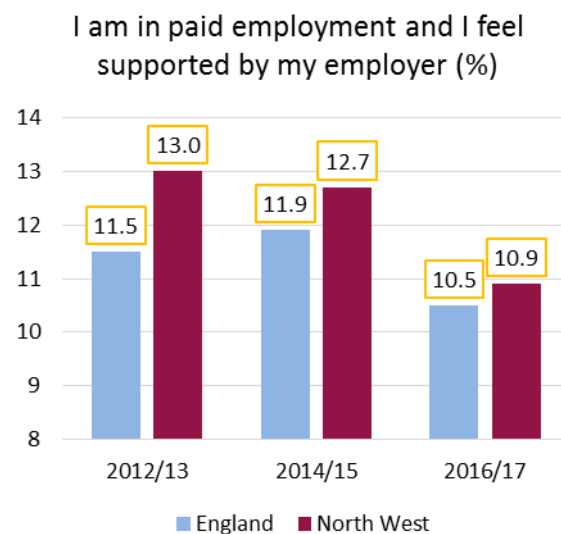
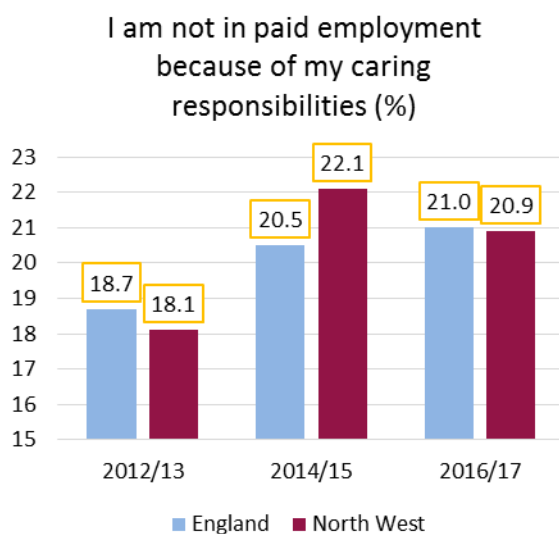
Question 20 – Thinking about combining paid work and caring, which of the following statements best describes your current situation?

The chart below focuses on 2016/17 data only, as the question had slightly different options in earlier years, so is not directly comparable. However, it does show that based on the responses, approximately one fifth of carers in the North West are not in employment specifically because of their caring responsibilities.



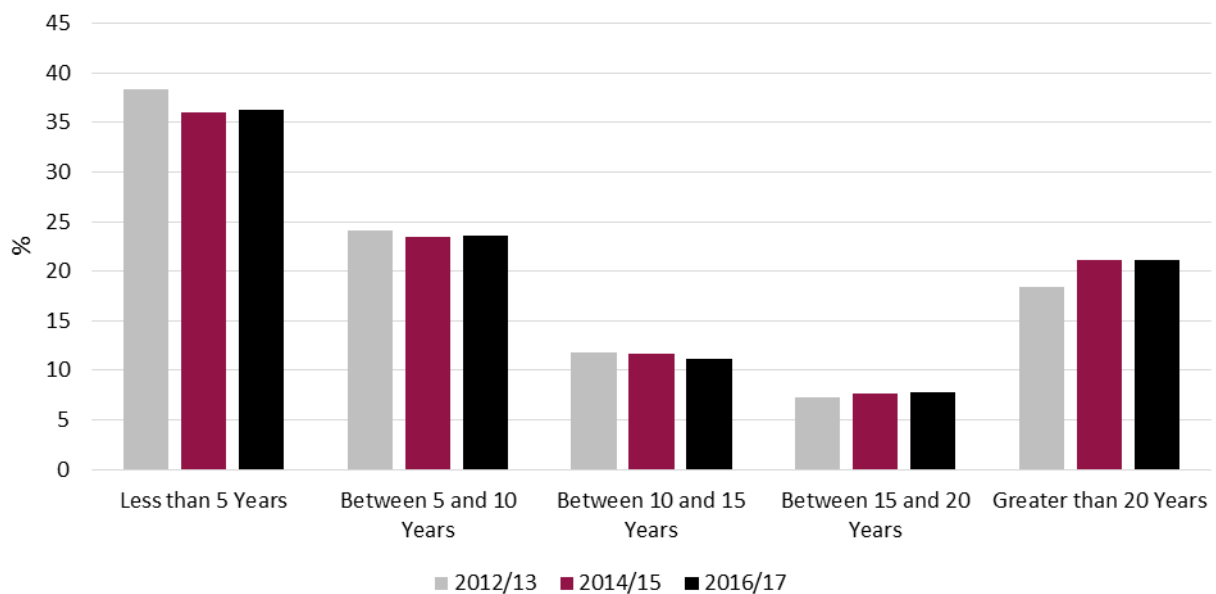
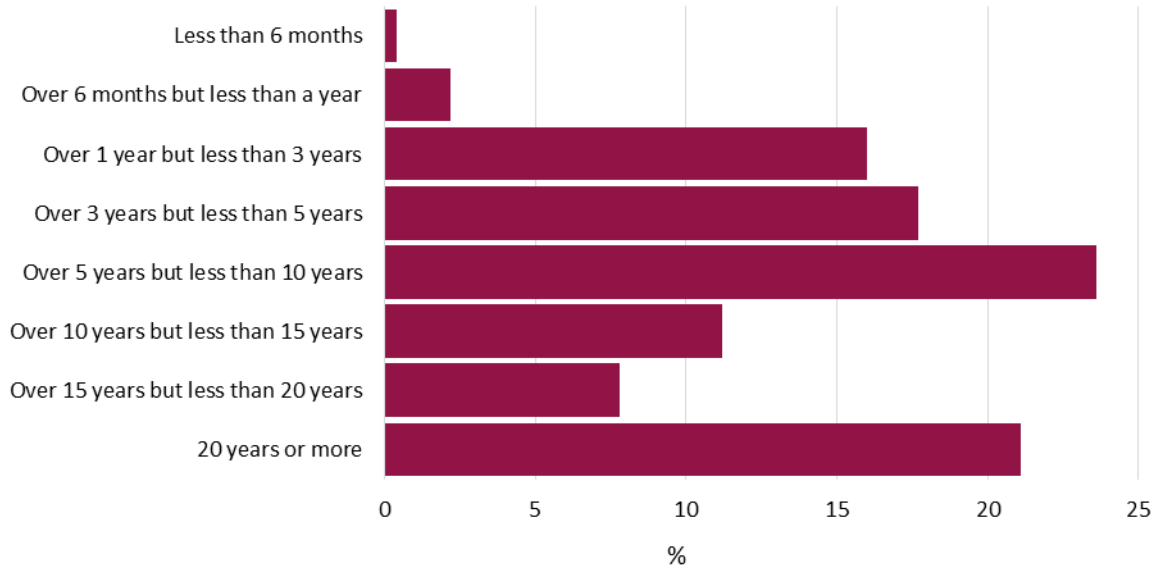
Two of the comparable options are below, and compares the North West to the national average for the last three surveys. Generally, in terms of not being in paid employment due to caring responsibilities, the North West is the same as the national average.

However, in terms of support from employers, the right hand chart shows a positive and negative picture. Positive in that the North West has consistently outperformed the national average, but the only negative is that the percentage is in decline (from 13% in 2012/13 to 10.9% in 2016/17).



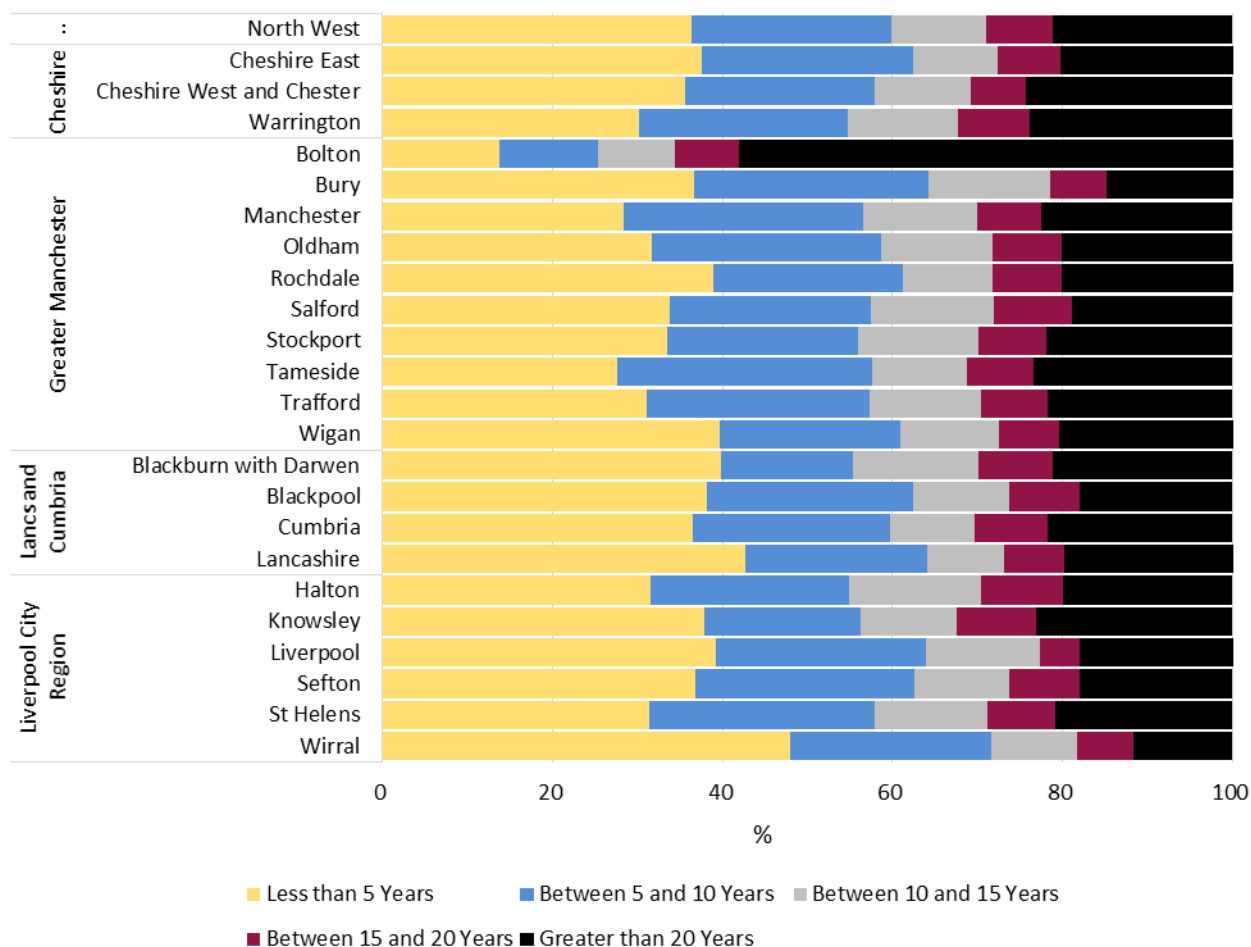
Question 21 – About how long have you been looking after or helping the person you care for?

The two charts below (looking at North West data only) examine how long the carer has cared for the person they care for. The top chart focuses on 2016/17 data only, with the bottom being more general groupings, comparing the data from the last three surveys.



When placing the groups into more general bandings, it can be seen that less than 5 years is the most common for each of the last three surveys. However what the two charts show is the wide spread of years that people have been carers – there is no one year/band that is particularly greater than others, with more than a fifth being a carer for more than 20 years.

The data indicates that being a carer is a long term commitment, as less than 4% of respondents had been a carer for less than a year, and **40% being a carer for more than 10 years.**



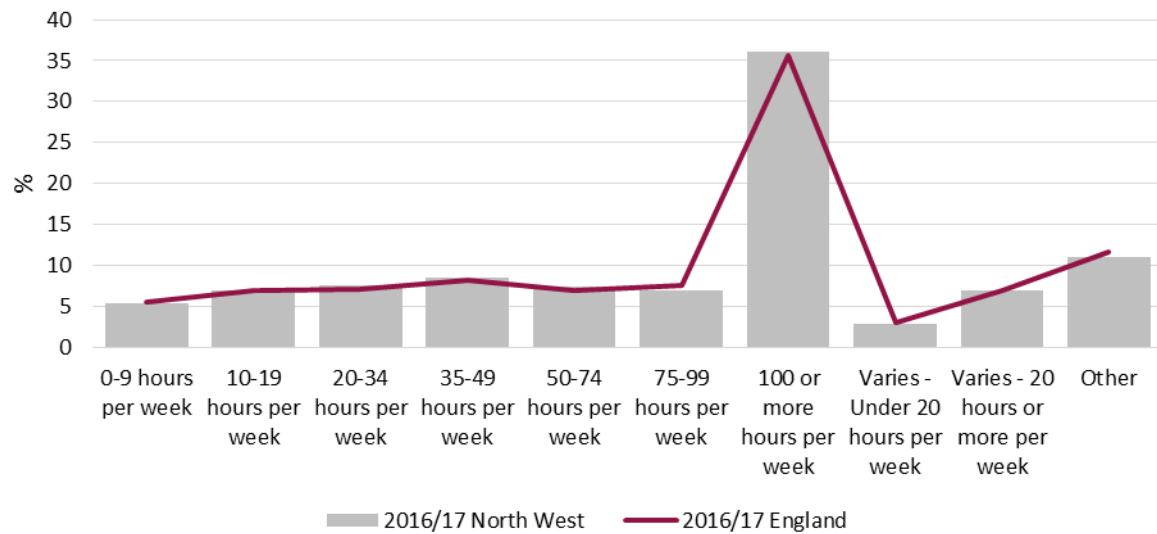
The chart above breaks down the 2016/17 data into sub regions and Local Authorities. The two obvious anomalies in the data are **Bolton** and **Wirral**.

Regionally, 36% of carers having been caring for less than 5 years, and most Local Authorities are within +/- 3% of this, whereas Bolton have just 13.8%; significantly lower than anywhere else. Conversely, for those caring for more than 20 years, Bolton is at almost three times the regional average. 58% of respondents said they care for more than 20 years, but only 21% regionally did.

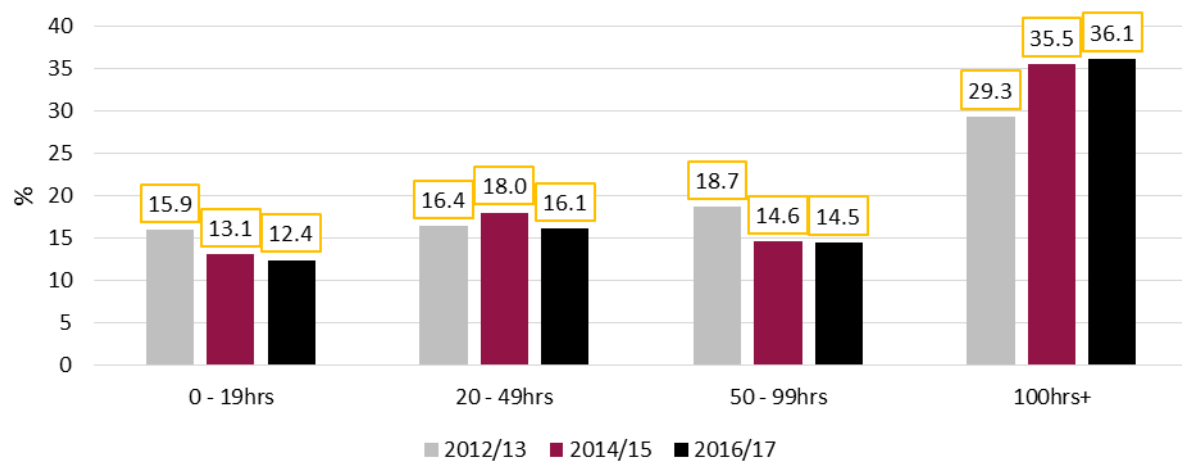
Please note however, that Bolton’s figures may be a data issue, so a degree of caution is taken with using the Bolton figures above. In the 2014/15 survey, Bolton followed the North West trend closely, so for such a big change from one survey to the next, this may be an anomaly and may not represent the whole borough.

With the Wirral, it is the opposite story, although the Wirral is not as big an outlier as Bolton. That chart shows that the Wirral has a much higher than average number of carers who have been caring for 5 years or less (nearly half), and much less for those caring for 20 years or more (only 11.6%, which is roughly half the North West average).

Question 22 – About how long do you spend each week looking after or helping the person you care for?



It is clear from the chart above that both regionally and nationally, carers give up a lot of their time in their caring role, with over a third caring for more than 100 hours every week.



* Please note that the chart above does not include 'Other' or 'Varies (+/- 20hrs per week)'. These typically account for 20% of responses.

The chart shows that when comparing the 2014/15 and 2016/17 surveys to the 2012/13 one, there has been a noticeable increase in those providing 100hrs+ per week, although this has remained fairly static over the last two surveys.

This coincides with less people now providing 0 – 19hrs, which would indicate that people in the North West are dedicating more time to their caring role now than they were in 2012/13.

Appendices – Local Authority Data

The following section provides a summary of selected data at a Local Authority level. The data (in sub regional, alphabetical order) provides a one page summary for some of the key questions for all 23 Local Authorities. **Please note that all figures quoted in the following pages are percentages.**

Cheshire East	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	25.7	28.1	Minor Increase	-4.5
% Caring for 65-84	40.8	46.7	Noticeable Increase	+5.6
% Caring for 85+	33.5	25.1	Noticeable Reduction	-1.1
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	33.2	42.9	Noticeable Increase	+7.8
A Physical Disability	55.4	49.9	Noticeable Reduction	-3.2
A mental health problem	15.1	17.7	Minor Increase	-2.8
Problems connected to ageing	42.9	31.9	Noticeable Reduction	-3.3
A learning disability or difficulty	18.8	15.7	Noticeable Reduction	-3.6
Long-standing illness	39.7	36.4	Noticeable Reduction	-3.6
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	70.6	72.5	Minor Increase	+1.5
Neutral Response	17.9	13.9	Noticeable Reduction	-1.7
Negative Response	11.4	13.6	Minor Increase	+0.3
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	15.0	16.0	Minor Increase	+1.5
For more than 24 hours	24.6	25.0	Minor Increase	+4.1
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	20.5	19.1	Minor Reduction	-4.2
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	28.1	24.0	Noticeable Reduction	-1.0
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	60.4	62.1	Minor Increase	+1
I have no control over my daily life	11.4	13.9	Minor Increase	0.0
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	62.3	56.6	Noticeable Reduction	+1.7
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	24.8	24.7	Minor Reduction	-4.6
I feel I am neglecting myself	12.9	18.6	Noticeable Increase	+2.8
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	42.4	33.4	Noticeable Reduction	-2.1
Some social contact with people but not enough	42.7	49.4	Noticeable Increase	+1.1
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	14.9	17.2	Minor Increase	+1
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	14.1	13.3	Minor Reduction	-3.7
Fairly easy to find	47.9	52.2	Noticeable Increase	+5
Fairly difficult to find	26.3	24.1	Minor Reduction	+0.4
Very difficult to find	11.7	10.4	Minor Reduction	-1.7
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	35.5	29.5	Noticeable Reduction	-1.9
Quite helpful	53.3	61.3	Noticeable Increase	+5.6
Quite unhelpful	8.5	6.6	Minor Reduction	-2.3
Very unhelpful	2.7	2.6	Minor Reduction	-1.4
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	63.1	66.9	Noticeable Increase	+9
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	8.9	7.2	Minor Reduction	-1.5
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	44.5	44.6	Minor Increase	+8.9
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	43.5	N/A	-2.1

Cheshire West and Chester	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	22.3	31.7	Noticeable Increase	-0.9
% Caring for 65-84	40.6	38.2	Minor Reduction	-2.9
% Caring for 85+	37.1	30.1	Noticeable Reduction	+3.9
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	37.3	33.7	Noticeable Reduction	-1.4
A Physical Disability	48.2	49.8	Minor Increase	-3.3
A mental health problem	12.7	12.0	Minor Reduction	-8.5
Problems connected to ageing	42.7	32.1	Noticeable Reduction	-3.1
A learning disability or difficulty	13.7	23.7	Noticeable Increase	+4.4
Long-standing illness	33.9	35.7	Minor Increase	-4.3
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	78.7	72.7	Noticeable Reduction	+1.7
Neutral Response	10.4	13.1	Minor Increase	-2.5
Negative Response	11.0	14.2	Noticeable Increase	+0.9
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	19.0	14.2	Noticeable Reduction	-0.3
For more than 24 hours	21.3	24.4	Noticeable Increase	+3.5
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	23.0	16.2	Noticeable Reduction	-7.1
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	29.2	31.5	Minor Increase	+6.5
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	58.0	54.0	Noticeable Reduction	-7.1
I have no control over my daily life	12.8	14.5	Minor Increase	+0.6
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	61.6	62.0	Minor Increase	+7.1
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	23.1	22.4	Minor Reduction	-6.9
I feel I am neglecting myself	15.3	15.5	Minor Increase	-0.3
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	44.5	47.6	Noticeable Increase	+12.1
Some social contact with people but not enough	43.8	38.7	Noticeable Reduction	-9.6
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	11.7	13.7	Minor Increase	-2.5
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	22.5	17.0	Noticeable Reduction	0.0
Fairly easy to find	50.4	41.5	Noticeable Reduction	-5.7
Fairly difficult to find	18.3	26.7	Noticeable Increase	+3
Very difficult to find	8.8	14.8	Noticeable Increase	+2.7
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	43.9	31.4	Noticeable Reduction	0.0
Quite helpful	49.5	50.7	Minor Increase	-5.0
Quite unhelpful	4.9	11.4	Noticeable Increase	+2.5
Very unhelpful	1.7	6.4	Noticeable Increase	+2.4
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	60.7	69.9	Noticeable Increase	+12
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	12.3	8.4	Noticeable Reduction	-0.3
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	42.6	30.6	Noticeable Reduction	-5.1
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	37.7	N/A	-7.9

Warrington	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	38.6	42.9	Noticeable Increase	+10.3
% Caring for 65-84	41.6	38.9	Minor Reduction	-2.2
% Caring for 85+	19.9	18.2	Minor Reduction	-8.0
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	27.4	18.5	Noticeable Reduction	-16.6
A Physical Disability	52.8	55.7	Minor Increase	+2.6
A mental health problem	31.8	29.7	Minor Reduction	+9.2
Problems connected to ageing	30.5	29.4	Minor Reduction	-5.8
A learning disability or difficulty	12.3	16.8	Noticeable Increase	-2.5
Long-standing illness	37.4	44.0	Noticeable Increase	+4
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	80.3	71.5	Noticeable Reduction	+0.5
Neutral Response	11.4	15.6	Noticeable Increase	0.0
Negative Response	8.3	13.0	Noticeable Increase	-0.3
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	10.4	11.1	Minor Increase	-3.4
For more than 24 hours	17.0	15.3	Minor Reduction	-5.6
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	12.3	12.6	Minor Increase	-10.7
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	32.2	32.0	Minor Reduction	+7
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	59.8	58.3	Minor Reduction	-2.8
I have no control over my daily life	8.0	9.7	Minor Increase	-4.2
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	63.9	60.8	Noticeable Reduction	+5.9
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	23.9	26.0	Minor Increase	-3.3
I feel I am neglecting myself	12.2	13.2	Minor Increase	-2.6
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	42.0	41.6	Minor Reduction	+6.1
Some social contact with people but not enough	47.0	45.5	Minor Reduction	-2.8
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	11.0	13.0	Minor Increase	-3.2
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	20.1	28.2	Noticeable Increase	+11.2
Fairly easy to find	56.1	39.4	Noticeable Reduction	-7.8
Fairly difficult to find	15.9	21.3	Noticeable Increase	-2.4
Very difficult to find	8.0	11.2	Noticeable Increase	-0.9
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	33.0	34.0	Minor Increase	+2.6
Quite helpful	58.3	51.7	Noticeable Reduction	-4.0
Quite unhelpful	6.2	10.8	Noticeable Increase	+1.9
Very unhelpful	2.5	3.5	Minor Increase	-0.5
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	54.5	56.5	Minor Increase	-1.4
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	7.8	11.8	Noticeable Increase	+3.1
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	27.4	35.1	Noticeable Increase	-0.6
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	44.2	N/A	-1.4

Bolton	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	20.9	67.6	Noticeable Increase	+35
% Caring for 65-84	43.5	23.6	Noticeable Reduction	-17.5
% Caring for 85+	35.6	8.9	Noticeable Reduction	-17.3
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	38.2	21.7	Noticeable Reduction	-13.4
A Physical Disability	54.1	44.6	Noticeable Reduction	-8.5
A mental health problem	14.9	31.2	Noticeable Increase	+10.7
Problems connected to ageing	49.0	17.8	Noticeable Reduction	-17.4
A learning disability or difficulty	13.5	50.7	Noticeable Increase	+31.4
Long-standing illness	41.7	30.8	Noticeable Reduction	-9.2
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	79.7	76.1	Noticeable Reduction	+5.1
Neutral Response	14.0	13.7	Minor Reduction	-1.9
Negative Response	6.4	10.3	Noticeable Increase	-3.0
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	14.7	22.6	Noticeable Increase	+8.1
For more than 24 hours	20.8	40.4	Noticeable Increase	+19.5
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	21.0	23.0	Minor Increase	-0.3
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	29.0	29.4	Minor Increase	+4.4
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	62.6	57.4	Noticeable Reduction	-3.7
I have no control over my daily life	8.4	13.2	Noticeable Increase	-0.7
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	60.1	52.6	Noticeable Reduction	-2.3
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	27.9	30.6	Minor Increase	+1.3
I feel I am neglecting myself	12.0	16.8	Noticeable Increase	+1
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	43.9	31.4	Noticeable Reduction	-4.1
Some social contact with people but not enough	47.2	56.6	Noticeable Increase	+8.3
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	8.9	12.0	Noticeable Increase	-4.2
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	19.4	24.6	Noticeable Increase	+7.6
Fairly easy to find	48.8	42.3	Noticeable Reduction	-4.9
Fairly difficult to find	23.1	21.1	Minor Reduction	-2.6
Very difficult to find	8.7	12.0	Noticeable Increase	-0.1
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	33.1	31.3	Minor Reduction	-0.1
Quite helpful	57.9	55.3	Minor Reduction	-0.4
Quite unhelpful	7.7	10.1	Minor Increase	+1.2
Very unhelpful	1.3	3.4	Minor Increase	-0.6
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	55.8	56.7	Minor Increase	-1.2
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	13.2	6.2	Noticeable Reduction	-2.5
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	32.6	50.8	Noticeable Increase	+15.1
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	41.7	N/A	-3.9

Bury	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	43.4	26.7	Noticeable Reduction	-5.9
% Caring for 65-84	34.3	49.8	Noticeable Increase	+8.7
% Caring for 85+	22.2	23.5	Minor Increase	-2.7
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	27.8	39.7	Noticeable Increase	+4.6
A Physical Disability	54.5	60.3	Noticeable Increase	+7.2
A mental health problem	16.7	18.8	Minor Increase	-1.7
Problems connected to ageing	31.3	33.0	Minor Increase	-2.2
A learning disability or difficulty	31.3	12.8	Noticeable Reduction	-6.5
Long-standing illness	33.3	40.4	Noticeable Increase	+0.4
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	76.9	73.8	Noticeable Reduction	+2.8
Neutral Response	10.6	14.5	Noticeable Increase	-1.1
Negative Response	12.5	11.8	Minor Reduction	-1.5
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	15.3	21.4	Noticeable Increase	+6.9
For more than 24 hours	25.0	27.0	Minor Increase	+6.1
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	27.7	36.6	Noticeable Increase	+13.3
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	16.0	14.0	Minor Reduction	-11.0
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	68.5	73.0	Noticeable Increase	+11.9
I have no control over my daily life	15.5	12.9	Minor Reduction	-1.0
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	49.5	49.3	Minor Reduction	-5.6
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	34.3	34.2	Minor Reduction	+4.9
I feel I am neglecting myself	16.2	16.5	Minor Increase	+0.7
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	33.5	26.2	Noticeable Reduction	-9.3
Some social contact with people but not enough	50.8	54.6	Noticeable Increase	+6.3
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	15.7	19.1	Noticeable Increase	+2.9
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	14.5	16.8	Minor Increase	-0.2
Fairly easy to find	48.3	47.4	Minor Reduction	+0.2
Fairly difficult to find	27.6	23.5	Noticeable Reduction	-0.2
Very difficult to find	9.7	12.2	Minor Increase	+0.1
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	34.3	36.3	Minor Increase	+4.9
Quite helpful	53.7	53.2	Minor Reduction	-2.5
Quite unhelpful	9.0	6.3	Minor Reduction	-2.6
Very unhelpful	3.0	4.2	Minor Increase	+0.2
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	60.2	61.9	Minor Increase	+4
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	5.6	9.6	Noticeable Increase	+0.9
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	35.6	42.1	Noticeable Increase	+6.4
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	52.0	N/A	+6.4

Manchester	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	41.5	54.4	Noticeable Increase	+21.8
% Caring for 65-84	41.0	31.4	Noticeable Reduction	-9.7
% Caring for 85+	17.5	14.4	Noticeable Reduction	-11.8
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	18.9	22.4	Noticeable Increase	-12.7
A Physical Disability	55.1	42.5	Noticeable Reduction	-10.6
A mental health problem	28.9	37.9	Noticeable Increase	+17.4
Problems connected to ageing	31.9	24.7	Noticeable Reduction	-10.5
A learning disability or difficulty	15.1	21.1	Noticeable Increase	+1.8
Long-standing illness	51.6	42.2	Noticeable Reduction	+2.2
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	74.8	62.5	Noticeable Reduction	-8.5
Neutral Response	13.6	19.7	Noticeable Increase	+4.1
Negative Response	11.6	17.7	Noticeable Increase	+4.4
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	11.3	9.8	Minor Reduction	-4.7
For more than 24 hours	15.3	14.2	Minor Reduction	-6.7
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	9.5	10.4	Minor Increase	-12.9
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	28.3	25.5	Minor Reduction	+0.5
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	62.8	57.6	Noticeable Reduction	-3.5
I have no control over my daily life	9.0	16.9	Noticeable Increase	+3
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	59.1	51.7	Noticeable Reduction	-3.2
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	25.9	29.4	Noticeable Increase	+0.1
I feel I am neglecting myself	15.0	19.0	Noticeable Increase	+3.2
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	40.6	33.0	Noticeable Reduction	-2.5
Some social contact with people but not enough	45.5	48.5	Minor Increase	+0.2
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	13.9	18.6	Noticeable Increase	+2.4
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	19.3	15.1	Noticeable Reduction	-1.9
Fairly easy to find	54.1	35.8	Noticeable Reduction	-11.4
Fairly difficult to find	17.0	29.8	Noticeable Increase	+6.1
Very difficult to find	9.6	19.2	Noticeable Increase	+7.1
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	40.0	33.5	Noticeable Reduction	+2.1
Quite helpful	46.7	49.6	Minor Increase	-6.1
Quite unhelpful	10.2	10.3	Minor Increase	+1.4
Very unhelpful	3.1	6.7	Noticeable Increase	+2.7
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	42.1	39.8	Minor Reduction	-18.1
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	11.7	12.6	Minor Increase	+3.9
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	32.2	30.8	Minor Reduction	-4.9
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	58.7	N/A	+13.1

Oldham	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	35.7	40.8	Noticeable Increase	+8.2
% Caring for 65-84	36.3	44.4	Noticeable Increase	+3.3
% Caring for 85+	28.0	14.9	Noticeable Reduction	-11.3
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	24.4	31.8	Noticeable Increase	-3.3
A Physical Disability	44.0	51.6	Noticeable Increase	-1.5
A mental health problem	22.6	23.4	Minor Increase	+2.9
Problems connected to ageing	21.7	28.8	Noticeable Increase	-6.4
A learning disability or difficulty	28.3	22.3	Noticeable Reduction	+3
Long-standing illness	38.7	43.2	Noticeable Increase	+3.2
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	64.5	68.9	Noticeable Increase	-2.1
Neutral Response	16.7	19.1	Minor Increase	+3.5
Negative Response	18.8	12.0	Noticeable Reduction	-1.3
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	10.0	5.9	Noticeable Reduction	-8.6
For more than 24 hours	14.1	9.5	Noticeable Reduction	-11.4
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	10.9	14.7	Noticeable Increase	-8.6
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	23.7	23.1	Minor Reduction	-1.9
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	64.5	62.7	Minor Reduction	+1.6
I have no control over my daily life	11.8	14.2	Minor Increase	+0.3
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	52.7	49.0	Noticeable Reduction	-5.9
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	29.3	32.8	Noticeable Increase	+3.5
I feel I am neglecting myself	18.0	18.1	Minor Increase	+2.3
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	32.9	31.9	Minor Reduction	-3.6
Some social contact with people but not enough	51.0	51.4	Minor Increase	+3.1
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	16.0	16.7	Minor Increase	+0.5
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	16.8	14.5	Minor Reduction	-2.5
Fairly easy to find	43.9	48.4	Noticeable Increase	+1.2
Fairly difficult to find	23.4	22.3	Minor Reduction	-1.4
Very difficult to find	16.0	14.8	Minor Reduction	+2.7
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	33.0	31.0	Minor Reduction	-0.4
Quite helpful	52.6	56.5	Noticeable Increase	+0.8
Quite unhelpful	8.3	8.4	Minor Increase	-0.5
Very unhelpful	6.1	4.2	Minor Reduction	+0.2
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	46.2	50.4	Noticeable Increase	-7.5
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	8.0	8.5	Minor Increase	-0.2
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	41.9	32.3	Noticeable Reduction	-3.4
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	47.2	N/A	+1.6

Rochdale	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	30.4	30.8	Minor Increase	-1.8
% Caring for 65-84	44.4	46.6	Minor Increase	+5.5
% Caring for 85+	25.1	22.5	Minor Reduction	-3.7
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	30.3	34.1	Noticeable Increase	-1.0
A Physical Disability	58.1	51.4	Noticeable Reduction	-1.7
A mental health problem	20.1	17.8	Minor Reduction	-2.7
Problems connected to ageing	44.5	34.4	Noticeable Reduction	-0.8
A learning disability or difficulty	20.1	18.7	Minor Reduction	-0.6
Long-standing illness	47.0	40.5	Noticeable Reduction	+0.5
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	78.0	78.4	Minor Increase	+7.4
Neutral Response	12.5	12.4	Minor Reduction	-3.2
Negative Response	9.5	9.2	Minor Reduction	-4.1
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	16.6	13.2	Noticeable Reduction	-1.3
For more than 24 hours	20.7	15.4	Noticeable Reduction	-5.5
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	20.8	16.4	Noticeable Reduction	-6.9
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	25.4	27.6	Minor Increase	+2.6
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	63.8	61.2	Minor Reduction	+0.1
I have no control over my daily life	10.8	11.2	Minor Increase	-2.7
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	60.4	55.1	Noticeable Reduction	+0.2
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	28.3	31.4	Noticeable Increase	+2.1
I feel I am neglecting myself	11.3	13.5	Minor Increase	-2.3
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	45.0	45.8	Minor Increase	+10.3
Some social contact with people but not enough	45.3	41.6	Noticeable Reduction	-6.7
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	9.7	12.6	Minor Increase	-3.6
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	18.5	21.0	Minor Increase	+4
Fairly easy to find	48.1	46.0	Minor Reduction	-1.2
Fairly difficult to find	21.5	21.4	Minor Reduction	-2.3
Very difficult to find	11.9	11.6	Minor Reduction	-0.5
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	38.2	32.4	Noticeable Reduction	+1
Quite helpful	52.6	57.3	Noticeable Increase	+1.6
Quite unhelpful	6.4	8.3	Minor Increase	-0.6
Very unhelpful	2.8	2.0	Minor Reduction	-2.0
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	55.5	53.3	Minor Reduction	-4.6
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	10.1	7.9	Minor Reduction	-0.8
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	32.2	40.8	Noticeable Increase	+5.1
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	49.5	N/A	+3.9

Salford	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	29.4	32.2	Minor Increase	-0.4
% Caring for 65-84	41.2	37.7	Noticeable Reduction	-3.4
% Caring for 85+	29.4	30.1	Minor Increase	+3.9
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	34.1	32.6	Minor Reduction	-2.5
A Physical Disability	54.6	52.9	Minor Reduction	-0.2
A mental health problem	17.8	16.8	Minor Reduction	-3.7
Problems connected to ageing	38.4	35.6	Minor Reduction	+0.4
A learning disability or difficulty	15.0	18.4	Noticeable Increase	-0.9
Long-standing illness	38.8	39.9	Minor Increase	-0.1
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	77.2	77.5	Minor Increase	+6.5
Neutral Response	12.9	13.4	Minor Increase	-2.2
Negative Response	9.9	9.1	Minor Reduction	-4.2
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	15.2	14.0	Minor Reduction	-0.5
For more than 24 hours	24.8	21.2	Noticeable Reduction	+0.3
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	14.0	16.0	Minor Increase	-7.3
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	26.4	23.6	Minor Reduction	-1.4
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	62.6	65.3	Minor Increase	+4.2
I have no control over my daily life	11.0	11.1	Minor Increase	-2.8
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	58.7	59.9	Minor Increase	+5
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	27.3	25.6	Minor Reduction	-3.7
I feel I am neglecting myself	14.0	14.5	Minor Increase	-1.3
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	37.6	37.4	Minor Reduction	+1.9
Some social contact with people but not enough	48.1	48.0	Minor Reduction	-0.3
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	14.3	14.6	Minor Increase	-1.6
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	25.5	24.6	Minor Reduction	+7.6
Fairly easy to find	45.2	46.0	Minor Increase	-1.2
Fairly difficult to find	20.6	20.6	Minor Reduction	-3.1
Very difficult to find	8.7	8.8	Minor Increase	-3.3
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	40.7	35.2	Noticeable Reduction	+3.8
Quite helpful	49.1	55.7	Noticeable Increase	0.0
Quite unhelpful	6.5	7.2	Minor Increase	-1.7
Very unhelpful	3.7	1.9	Minor Reduction	-2.1
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	53.1	52.6	Minor Reduction	-5.3
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	11.2	10.2	Minor Reduction	+1.5
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	30.9	34.2	Noticeable Increase	-1.5
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	41.7	N/A	-3.9

Stockport	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	18.7	28.4	Noticeable Increase	-4.2
% Caring for 65-84	37.4	40.4	Minor Increase	-0.7
% Caring for 85+	44.0	31.2	Noticeable Reduction	+5
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	45.1	39.8	Noticeable Reduction	+4.7
A Physical Disability	54.7	53.9	Minor Reduction	+0.8
A mental health problem	13.1	19.1	Noticeable Increase	-1.4
Problems connected to ageing	50.0	44.5	Noticeable Reduction	+9.3
A learning disability or difficulty	9.4	23.8	Noticeable Increase	+4.5
Long-standing illness	33.3	33.9	Minor Increase	-6.1
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	78.7	75.5	Noticeable Reduction	+4.5
Neutral Response	14.2	15.5	Minor Increase	-0.1
Negative Response	7.0	9.0	Minor Increase	-4.3
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	16.3	22.3	Noticeable Increase	+7.8
For more than 24 hours	24.1	25.6	Minor Increase	+4.7
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	22.3	29.7	Noticeable Increase	+6.4
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	29.9	22.9	Noticeable Reduction	-2.1
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	60.7	64.3	Noticeable Increase	+3.2
I have no control over my daily life	9.4	12.7	Noticeable Increase	-1.2
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	59.5	52.7	Noticeable Reduction	-2.2
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	26.2	28.1	Minor Increase	-1.2
I feel I am neglecting myself	14.3	19.2	Noticeable Increase	+3.4
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	46.7	36.3	Noticeable Reduction	+0.8
Some social contact with people but not enough	42.7	49.0	Noticeable Increase	+0.7
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	10.6	14.6	Noticeable Increase	-1.6
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	20.2	13.5	Noticeable Reduction	-3.5
Fairly easy to find	54.3	52.5	Minor Reduction	+5.3
Fairly difficult to find	21.1	26.9	Noticeable Increase	+3.2
Very difficult to find	4.4	7.2	Minor Increase	-4.9
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	33.7	25.0	Noticeable Reduction	-6.4
Quite helpful	59.2	60.9	Minor Increase	+5.2
Quite unhelpful	5.6	11.8	Noticeable Increase	+2.9
Very unhelpful	1.5	2.3	Minor Increase	-1.7
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	59.0	54.0	Noticeable Reduction	-3.9
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	11.5	16.5	Noticeable Increase	+7.8
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	27.0	30.5	Noticeable Increase	-5.2
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	47.8	N/A	+2.2

Tameside	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	31.3	41.9	Noticeable Increase	+9.3
% Caring for 65-84	47.7	43.2	Noticeable Reduction	+2.1
% Caring for 85+	21.0	15.0	Noticeable Reduction	-11.2
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	36.3	26.8	Noticeable Reduction	-8.3
A Physical Disability	59.0	57.4	Minor Reduction	+4.3
A mental health problem	21.9	18.0	Noticeable Reduction	-2.5
Problems connected to ageing	41.8	28.4	Noticeable Reduction	-6.8
A learning disability or difficulty	13.4	21.4	Noticeable Increase	+2.1
Long-standing illness	46.0	48.3	Minor Increase	+8.3
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	72.0	68.9	Noticeable Reduction	-2.1
Neutral Response	12.7	16.2	Noticeable Increase	+0.6
Negative Response	15.2	14.9	Minor Reduction	+1.6
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	11.1	10.6	Minor Reduction	-3.9
For more than 24 hours	17.1	18.4	Minor Increase	-2.5
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	12.3	14.4	Minor Increase	-8.9
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	36.1	25.3	Noticeable Reduction	+0.3
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	53.7	61.6	Noticeable Increase	+0.5
I have no control over my daily life	10.2	13.1	Minor Increase	-0.8
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	64.0	56.2	Noticeable Reduction	+1.3
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	23.7	27.5	Noticeable Increase	-1.8
I feel I am neglecting myself	12.3	16.3	Noticeable Increase	+0.5
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	43.9	33.3	Noticeable Reduction	-2.2
Some social contact with people but not enough	43.9	54.9	Noticeable Increase	+6.6
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	12.2	11.9	Minor Reduction	-4.3
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	19.4	16.7	Minor Reduction	-0.3
Fairly easy to find	48.4	46.0	Minor Reduction	-1.2
Fairly difficult to find	20.5	18.6	Minor Reduction	-5.1
Very difficult to find	11.7	18.6	Noticeable Increase	+6.5
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	37.1	31.3	Noticeable Reduction	-0.1
Quite helpful	50.9	54.8	Noticeable Increase	-0.9
Quite unhelpful	8.2	8.7	Minor Increase	-0.2
Very unhelpful	3.7	5.2	Minor Increase	+1.2
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	54.3	52.3	Minor Reduction	-5.6
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	10.1	8.5	Minor Reduction	-0.2
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	37.0	40.2	Noticeable Increase	+4.5
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	52.1	N/A	+6.5

Trafford

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Age of the Person you Care for

% Caring for 18-64	32.5	42.8	Noticeable Increase	+10.2
% Caring for 65-84	50.0	40.3	Noticeable Reduction	-0.8
% Caring for 85+	17.4	16.9	Minor Reduction	-9.3

Does the Person you Care for have...

Dementia	33.4	28.3	Noticeable Reduction	-6.8
A Physical Disability	51.7	46.6	Noticeable Reduction	-6.5
A mental health problem	25.3	28.3	Minor Increase	+7.8
Problems connected to ageing	36.6	27.0	Noticeable Reduction	-8.2
A learning disability or difficulty	15.7	18.6	Minor Increase	-0.7
Long-standing illness	40.5	34.8	Noticeable Reduction	-5.2

Carers Satisfaction

Positive Response	76.5	61.5	Noticeable Reduction	-9.5
Neutral Response	14.3	20.3	Noticeable Increase	+4.7
Negative Response	9.2	18.1	Noticeable Increase	+4.8

Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring

At short notice or in an emergency	11.6	9.3	Minor Reduction	-5.2
For more than 24 hours	15.1	13.1	Minor Reduction	-7.8
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	14.2	14.7	Minor Increase	-8.6

How much control you have over your daily life?

I have as much control over my daily life as I want	26.1	23.5	Minor Reduction	-1.5
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	64.6	63.9	Minor Reduction	+2.8
I have no control over my daily life	9.2	12.5	Noticeable Increase	-1.4

Which statement best describes your current situation?

I look after myself	53.4	52.4	Minor Reduction	-2.5
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	31.1	31.3	Minor Increase	+2
I feel I am neglecting myself	15.5	16.3	Minor Increase	+0.5

Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...

As much social contact as I want with people I like	38.2	31.9	Noticeable Reduction	-3.6
Some social contact with people but not enough	49.3	54.1	Noticeable Increase	+5.8
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	12.5	14.0	Minor Increase	-2.2

Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits

Very easy to find	18.5	22.7	Noticeable Increase	+5.7
Fairly easy to find	51.3	44.0	Noticeable Reduction	-3.2
Fairly difficult to find	19.6	20.3	Minor Increase	-3.4
Very difficult to find	10.7	13.0	Minor Increase	+0.9

How helpful has the information and advice you have received been

Very helpful	35.5	35.1	Minor Reduction	+3.7
Quite helpful	55.7	53.1	Minor Reduction	-2.6
Quite unhelpful	6.4	8.1	Minor Increase	-0.8
Very unhelpful	2.5	3.8	Minor Increase	-0.2

Miscellaneous

% of Carers who are Retired	58.0	51.5	Noticeable Reduction	-6.4
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	8.1	8.7	Minor Increase	0.0
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	27.1	28.5	Minor Increase	-7.2
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	51.6	N/A	+6

Wigan	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	31.8	37.1	Noticeable Increase	+4.5
% Caring for 65-84	50.1	45.3	Noticeable Reduction	+4.2
% Caring for 85+	18.0	17.7	Minor Reduction	-8.5
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	35.5	33.6	Minor Reduction	-1.5
A Physical Disability	53.3	54.8	Minor Increase	+1.7
A mental health problem	23.4	28.4	Noticeable Increase	+7.9
Problems connected to ageing	36.3	32.6	Noticeable Reduction	-2.6
A learning disability or difficulty	13.6	18.3	Noticeable Increase	-1.0
Long-standing illness	42.4	44.9	Minor Increase	+4.9
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	75.3	70.7	Noticeable Reduction	-0.3
Neutral Response	14.0	17.5	Noticeable Increase	+1.9
Negative Response	10.7	11.8	Minor Increase	-1.5
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	12.0	11.2	Minor Reduction	-3.3
For more than 24 hours	16.7	18.7	Minor Increase	-2.2
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	25.6	21.5	Noticeable Reduction	-1.8
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	22.6	20.2	Minor Reduction	-4.8
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	65.6	62.7	Minor Reduction	+1.6
I have no control over my daily life	11.9	17.0	Noticeable Increase	+3.1
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	53.4	48.0	Noticeable Reduction	-6.9
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	28.8	32.1	Noticeable Increase	+2.8
I feel I am neglecting myself	17.7	19.9	Minor Increase	+4.1
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	34.2	28.2	Noticeable Reduction	-7.3
Some social contact with people but not enough	53.0	55.7	Minor Increase	+7.4
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	12.8	16.1	Noticeable Increase	-0.1
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	18.4	16.0	Minor Reduction	-1.0
Fairly easy to find	47.2	47.5	Minor Increase	+0.3
Fairly difficult to find	22.0	25.2	Noticeable Increase	+1.5
Very difficult to find	12.5	11.3	Minor Reduction	-0.8
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	33.1	26.2	Noticeable Reduction	-5.2
Quite helpful	54.3	61.4	Noticeable Increase	+5.7
Quite unhelpful	9.1	9.0	Minor Reduction	+0.1
Very unhelpful	3.4	3.4	Minor Reduction	-0.6
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	54.8	59.1	Noticeable Increase	+1.2
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	10.1	5.2	Noticeable Reduction	-3.5
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	44.6	43.6	Minor Reduction	+7.9
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	49.0	N/A	+3.4

Blackburn with Darwen	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	24.0	29.9	Noticeable Increase	-2.7
% Caring for 65-84	45.9	49.2	Noticeable Increase	+8.1
% Caring for 85+	30.1	20.9	Noticeable Reduction	-5.3
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	38.9	39.1	Minor Increase	+4
A Physical Disability	59.5	62.3	Minor Increase	+9.2
A mental health problem	16.2	15.2	Minor Reduction	-5.3
Problems connected to ageing	45.4	39.1	Noticeable Reduction	+3.9
A learning disability or difficulty	15.1	15.9	Minor Increase	-3.4
Long-standing illness	42.7	42.8	Minor Increase	+2.8
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	80.5	82.8	Minor Increase	+11.8
Neutral Response	12.2	13.1	Minor Increase	-2.5
Negative Response	7.3	4.1	Noticeable Reduction	-9.2
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	17.9	25.4	Noticeable Increase	+10.9
For more than 24 hours	24.0	22.5	Minor Reduction	+1.6
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	27.1	33.3	Noticeable Increase	+10
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	31.5	22.5	Noticeable Reduction	-2.5
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	63.6	73.2	Noticeable Increase	+12.1
I have no control over my daily life	4.9	4.3	Minor Reduction	-9.6
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	63.4	51.4	Noticeable Reduction	-3.5
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	27.9	47.8	Noticeable Increase	+18.5
I feel I am neglecting myself	8.7	0.7	Noticeable Reduction	-15.1
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	41.1	45.7	Noticeable Increase	+10.2
Some social contact with people but not enough	51.9	52.9	Minor Increase	+4.6
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	7.0	1.4	Noticeable Reduction	-14.8
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	23.3	20.2	Noticeable Reduction	+3.2
Fairly easy to find	55.0	53.5	Minor Reduction	+6.3
Fairly difficult to find	16.3	20.2	Noticeable Increase	-3.5
Very difficult to find	5.4	6.1	Minor Increase	-6.0
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	28.7	30.9	Minor Increase	-0.5
Quite helpful	65.1	64.9	Minor Reduction	+9.2
Quite unhelpful	5.4	3.1	Minor Reduction	-5.8
Very unhelpful	0.8	1.0	Minor Increase	-3.0
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	61.4	55.1	Noticeable Reduction	-2.8
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	7.6	9.4	Minor Increase	+0.7
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	54.9	47.1	Noticeable Reduction	+11.4
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	37.9	N/A	-7.7

Blackpool	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	22.3	26.6	Noticeable Increase	-6.0
% Caring for 65-84	44.5	44.3	Minor Reduction	+3.2
% Caring for 85+	33.2	29.1	Noticeable Reduction	+2.9
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	46.1	42.2	Noticeable Reduction	+7.1
A Physical Disability	50.4	51.7	Minor Increase	-1.4
A mental health problem	17.1	20.7	Noticeable Increase	+0.2
Problems connected to ageing	43.4	38.5	Noticeable Reduction	+3.3
A learning disability or difficulty	17.1	16.4	Minor Reduction	-2.9
Long-standing illness	35.1	39.4	Noticeable Increase	-0.6
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	74.8	76.4	Minor Increase	+5.4
Neutral Response	16.3	14.7	Minor Reduction	-0.9
Negative Response	8.8	9.0	Minor Increase	-4.3
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	31.6	25.5	Noticeable Reduction	+11
For more than 24 hours	44.7	39.9	Noticeable Reduction	+19
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	25.6	26.3	Minor Increase	+3
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	18.1	19.1	Minor Increase	-5.9
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	64.6	65.7	Minor Increase	+4.6
I have no control over my daily life	17.3	15.2	Minor Reduction	+1.3
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	56.7	57.7	Minor Increase	+2.8
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	22.8	24.3	Minor Increase	-5.0
I feel I am neglecting myself	20.5	18.0	Minor Reduction	+2.2
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	31.6	35.7	Noticeable Increase	+0.2
Some social contact with people but not enough	47.6	51.6	Noticeable Increase	+3.3
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	20.9	12.7	Noticeable Reduction	-3.5
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	16.0	19.4	Noticeable Increase	+2.4
Fairly easy to find	56.6	49.4	Noticeable Reduction	+2.2
Fairly difficult to find	14.9	19.4	Noticeable Increase	-4.3
Very difficult to find	12.6	11.7	Minor Reduction	-0.4
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	35.7	35.3	Minor Reduction	+3.9
Quite helpful	53.0	54.2	Minor Increase	-1.5
Quite unhelpful	8.9	6.4	Minor Reduction	-2.5
Very unhelpful	2.4	4.0	Minor Increase	0.0
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	65.0	58.4	Noticeable Reduction	+0.5
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	7.1	5.5	Minor Reduction	-3.2
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	40.0	44.0	Noticeable Increase	+8.3
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	39.9	N/A	-5.7

Cumbria	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	27.5	31.1	Noticeable Increase	-1.5
% Caring for 65-84	48.7	45.1	Noticeable Reduction	+4
% Caring for 85+	23.7	23.7	Minor Reduction	-2.5
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	31.6	32.6	Minor Increase	-2.5
A Physical Disability	54.8	53.4	Minor Reduction	+0.3
A mental health problem	18.3	15.6	Minor Reduction	-4.9
Problems connected to ageing	39.3	38.4	Minor Reduction	+3.2
A learning disability or difficulty	13.6	17.5	Noticeable Increase	-1.8
Long-standing illness	42.2	35.9	Noticeable Reduction	-4.1
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	72.7	70.4	Minor Reduction	-0.6
Neutral Response	16.8	14.9	Minor Reduction	-0.7
Negative Response	10.6	14.6	Noticeable Increase	+1.3
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	11.6	11.9	Minor Increase	-2.6
For more than 24 hours	14.9	16.8	Minor Increase	-4.1
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	13.9	17.7	Noticeable Increase	-5.6
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	28.3	30.5	Minor Increase	+5.5
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	59.7	57.1	Minor Reduction	-4.0
I have no control over my daily life	11.9	12.4	Minor Increase	-1.5
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	61.4	65.3	Noticeable Increase	+10.4
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	25.5	22.4	Noticeable Reduction	-6.9
I feel I am neglecting myself	13.1	12.3	Minor Reduction	-3.5
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	43.2	40.0	Noticeable Reduction	+4.5
Some social contact with people but not enough	44.0	45.1	Minor Increase	-3.2
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	12.8	14.9	Minor Increase	-1.3
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	20.8	17.6	Noticeable Reduction	+0.6
Fairly easy to find	47.1	45.0	Minor Reduction	-2.2
Fairly difficult to find	20.8	23.5	Minor Increase	-0.2
Very difficult to find	11.2	13.9	Minor Increase	+1.8
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	34.5	37.1	Minor Increase	+5.7
Quite helpful	52.7	51.8	Minor Reduction	-3.9
Quite unhelpful	8.9	7.1	Minor Reduction	-1.8
Very unhelpful	3.9	4.0	Minor Increase	0.0
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	62.4	62.2	Minor Reduction	+4.3
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	5.1	11.0	Noticeable Increase	+2.3
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	35.9	29.2	Noticeable Reduction	-6.5
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	35.0	N/A	-10.6

Lancashire	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	31.7	33.0	Minor Increase	+0.4
% Caring for 65-84	36.9	42.8	Noticeable Increase	+1.7
% Caring for 85+	31.4	24.1	Noticeable Reduction	-2.1
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	40.5	37.6	Minor Reduction	+2.5
A Physical Disability	55.4	53.0	Minor Reduction	-0.1
A mental health problem	17.7	20.3	Minor Increase	-0.2
Problems connected to ageing	42.2	36.3	Noticeable Reduction	+1.1
A learning disability or difficulty	23.7	18.6	Noticeable Reduction	-0.7
Long-standing illness	38.4	40.4	Minor Increase	+0.4
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	76.4	70.3	Noticeable Reduction	-0.7
Neutral Response	15.3	15.3	Minor Reduction	-0.3
Negative Response	8.2	14.4	Noticeable Increase	+1.1
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	24.5	20.0	Noticeable Reduction	+5.5
For more than 24 hours	37.3	25.9	Noticeable Reduction	+5
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	35.1	25.0	Noticeable Reduction	+1.7
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	26.0	24.6	Minor Reduction	-0.4
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	61.1	62.0	Minor Increase	+0.9
I have no control over my daily life	12.9	13.5	Minor Increase	-0.4
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	61.9	55.2	Noticeable Reduction	+0.3
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	26.8	31.1	Noticeable Increase	+1.8
I feel I am neglecting myself	11.3	13.7	Minor Increase	-2.1
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	38.5	35.3	Noticeable Reduction	-0.2
Some social contact with people but not enough	46.7	51.2	Noticeable Increase	+2.9
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	14.9	13.5	Minor Reduction	-2.7
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	14.8	17.2	Minor Increase	+0.2
Fairly easy to find	49.8	41.6	Noticeable Reduction	-5.6
Fairly difficult to find	24.3	26.9	Minor Increase	+3.2
Very difficult to find	11.0	14.4	Noticeable Increase	+2.3
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	29.8	31.0	Minor Increase	-0.4
Quite helpful	58.9	54.2	Noticeable Reduction	-1.5
Quite unhelpful	7.4	10.5	Noticeable Increase	+1.6
Very unhelpful	3.9	4.3	Minor Increase	+0.3
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	57.9	59.8	Minor Increase	+1.9
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	11.0	10.6	Minor Reduction	+1.9
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	41.1	41.5	Minor Increase	+5.8
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	45.9	N/A	+0.3

Halton	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	47.1	45.3	Minor Reduction	+12.7
% Caring for 65-84	38.4	39.5	Minor Increase	-1.6
% Caring for 85+	14.7	15.1	Minor Increase	-11.1
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	22.3	24.3	Minor Increase	-10.8
A Physical Disability	46.6	50.3	Noticeable Increase	-2.8
A mental health problem	34.7	31.3	Noticeable Reduction	+10.8
Problems connected to ageing	27.3	26.3	Minor Reduction	-8.9
A learning disability or difficulty	18.4	15.9	Minor Reduction	-3.4
Long-standing illness	42.4	42.2	Minor Reduction	+2.2
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	84.2	82.0	Minor Reduction	+11
Neutral Response	12.1	10.3	Minor Reduction	-5.3
Negative Response	3.7	7.7	Noticeable Increase	-5.6
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	20.4	14.7	Noticeable Reduction	+0.2
For more than 24 hours	27.8	25.9	Minor Reduction	+5
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	22.3	18.3	Noticeable Reduction	-5.0
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	30.3	25.9	Noticeable Reduction	+0.9
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	59.1	63.2	Noticeable Increase	+2.1
I have no control over my daily life	10.7	10.8	Minor Increase	-3.1
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	56.5	58.9	Minor Increase	+4
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	28.2	26.4	Minor Reduction	-2.9
I feel I am neglecting myself	15.3	14.7	Minor Reduction	-1.1
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	39.2	42.0	Minor Increase	+6.5
Some social contact with people but not enough	47.8	42.6	Noticeable Reduction	-5.7
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	13.1	15.3	Minor Increase	-0.9
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	23.8	24.6	Minor Increase	+7.6
Fairly easy to find	57.7	52.0	Noticeable Reduction	+4.8
Fairly difficult to find	13.3	14.1	Minor Increase	-9.6
Very difficult to find	5.2	9.3	Noticeable Increase	-2.8
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	36.5	40.1	Noticeable Increase	+8.7
Quite helpful	55.6	53.9	Minor Reduction	-1.8
Quite unhelpful	6.0	4.1	Minor Reduction	-4.8
Very unhelpful	2.0	1.9	Minor Reduction	-2.1
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	44.5	49.4	Noticeable Increase	-8.5
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	17.3	10.1	Noticeable Reduction	+1.4
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	37.0	29.7	Noticeable Reduction	-6.0
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	46.6	N/A	+1

Knowsley	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	25.1	33.2	Noticeable Increase	+0.6
% Caring for 65-84	47.5	39.8	Noticeable Reduction	-1.3
% Caring for 85+	27.4	26.9	Minor Reduction	+0.7
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	35.8	36.8	Minor Increase	+1.7
A Physical Disability	51.1	48.6	Minor Reduction	-4.5
A mental health problem	13.7	17.8	Noticeable Increase	-2.7
Problems connected to ageing	42.7	33.9	Noticeable Reduction	-1.3
A learning disability or difficulty	14.3	20.6	Noticeable Increase	+1.3
Long-standing illness	42.3	44.4	Minor Increase	+4.4
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	77.4	72.0	Noticeable Reduction	+1
Neutral Response	14.5	16.6	Minor Increase	+1
Negative Response	8.2	11.4	Noticeable Increase	-1.9
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	14.7	13.1	Minor Reduction	-1.4
For more than 24 hours	14.4	19.3	Noticeable Increase	-1.6
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	20.9	20.7	Minor Reduction	-2.6
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	25.4	19.1	Noticeable Reduction	-5.9
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	59.7	63.4	Noticeable Increase	+2.3
I have no control over my daily life	14.9	17.5	Minor Increase	+3.6
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	55.2	44.9	Noticeable Reduction	-10.0
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	27.4	31.9	Noticeable Increase	+2.6
I feel I am neglecting myself	17.4	23.2	Noticeable Increase	+7.4
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	39.1	24.3	Noticeable Reduction	-11.2
Some social contact with people but not enough	44.1	57.9	Noticeable Increase	+9.6
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	16.8	17.9	Minor Increase	+1.7
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	20.0	19.0	Minor Reduction	+2
Fairly easy to find	50.7	46.6	Noticeable Reduction	-0.6
Fairly difficult to find	19.5	23.7	Noticeable Increase	0.0
Very difficult to find	9.8	10.8	Minor Increase	-1.3
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	41.7	36.3	Noticeable Reduction	+4.9
Quite helpful	47.7	54.2	Noticeable Increase	-1.5
Quite unhelpful	8.5	6.6	Minor Reduction	-2.3
Very unhelpful	2.0	2.9	Minor Increase	-1.1
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	52.5	50.1	Minor Reduction	-7.8
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	10.6	7.7	Minor Reduction	-1.0
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	34.2	41.5	Noticeable Increase	+5.8
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	48.8	N/A	+3.2

Liverpool	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	36.0	33.9	Minor Reduction	+1.3
% Caring for 65-84	42.5	42.8	Minor Increase	+1.7
% Caring for 85+	21.5	23.3	Minor Increase	-2.9
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	36.5	44.4	Noticeable Increase	+9.3
A Physical Disability	48.4	51.2	Minor Increase	-1.9
A mental health problem	25.6	25.9	Minor Increase	+5.4
Problems connected to ageing	27.9	32.7	Noticeable Increase	-2.5
A learning disability or difficulty	17.4	17.3	Minor Reduction	-2.0
Long-standing illness	40.2	39.8	Minor Reduction	-0.2
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	67.3	65.7	Minor Reduction	-5.3
Neutral Response	16.1	15.1	Minor Reduction	-0.5
Negative Response	16.7	19.2	Minor Increase	+5.9
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	14.5	13.3	Minor Reduction	-1.2
For more than 24 hours	23.5	15.9	Noticeable Reduction	-5.0
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	32.3	32.7	Minor Increase	+9.4
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	13.1	18.4	Noticeable Increase	-6.6
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	70.1	64.4	Noticeable Reduction	+3.3
I have no control over my daily life	16.8	17.2	Minor Increase	+3.3
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	42.9	49.1	Noticeable Increase	-5.8
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	29.7	28.2	Minor Reduction	-1.1
I feel I am neglecting myself	27.4	22.8	Noticeable Reduction	+7
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	18.2	23.7	Noticeable Increase	-11.8
Some social contact with people but not enough	62.6	54.3	Noticeable Reduction	+6
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	19.2	22.1	Minor Increase	+5.9
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	14.6	20.0	Noticeable Increase	+3
Fairly easy to find	40.2	44.3	Noticeable Increase	-2.9
Fairly difficult to find	30.5	22.6	Noticeable Reduction	-1.1
Very difficult to find	14.6	13.2	Minor Reduction	+1.1
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	30.6	35.7	Noticeable Increase	+4.3
Quite helpful	55.0	46.2	Noticeable Reduction	-9.5
Quite unhelpful	11.9	13.1	Minor Increase	+4.2
Very unhelpful	2.5	5.0	Minor Increase	+1
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	53.2	46.5	Noticeable Reduction	-11.4
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	6.9	10.4	Noticeable Increase	+1.7
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	38.4	44.0	Noticeable Increase	+8.3
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	51.3	N/A	+5.7

Sefton	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	22.9	28.6	Noticeable Increase	-4.0
% Caring for 65-84	44.7	47.0	Minor Increase	+5.9
% Caring for 85+	32.4	24.3	Noticeable Reduction	-1.9
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	43.7	37.1	Noticeable Reduction	+2
A Physical Disability	54.2	53.7	Minor Reduction	+0.6
A mental health problem	18.7	25.8	Noticeable Increase	+5.3
Problems connected to ageing	43.3	36.9	Noticeable Reduction	+1.7
A learning disability or difficulty	13.0	15.9	Minor Increase	-3.4
Long-standing illness	37.0	46.1	Noticeable Increase	+6.1
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	77.5	61.6	Noticeable Reduction	-9.4
Neutral Response	15.9	19.7	Noticeable Increase	+4.1
Negative Response	6.6	18.7	Noticeable Increase	+5.4
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	22.0	12.4	Noticeable Reduction	-2.1
For more than 24 hours	24.1	21.4	Minor Reduction	+0.5
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	25.3	16.7	Noticeable Reduction	-6.6
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	23.3	15.0	Noticeable Reduction	-10.0
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	62.7	63.1	Minor Increase	+2
I have no control over my daily life	14.0	21.9	Noticeable Increase	+8
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	59.1	45.6	Noticeable Reduction	-9.3
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	26.9	31.7	Noticeable Increase	+2.4
I feel I am neglecting myself	14.0	22.7	Noticeable Increase	+6.9
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	36.2	22.9	Noticeable Reduction	-12.6
Some social contact with people but not enough	51.4	57.6	Noticeable Increase	+9.3
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	12.3	19.6	Noticeable Increase	+3.4
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	16.2	12.3	Noticeable Reduction	-4.7
Fairly easy to find	54.3	45.2	Noticeable Reduction	-2.0
Fairly difficult to find	23.3	26.8	Noticeable Increase	+3.1
Very difficult to find	6.2	15.8	Noticeable Increase	+3.7
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	36.1	29.1	Noticeable Reduction	-2.3
Quite helpful	55.6	55.3	Minor Reduction	-0.4
Quite unhelpful	6.0	11.0	Noticeable Increase	+2.1
Very unhelpful	2.3	4.6	Minor Increase	+0.6
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	54.4	60.4	Noticeable Increase	+2.5
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	14.2	7.8	Noticeable Reduction	-0.9
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	28.2	36.2	Noticeable Increase	+0.5
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	48.7	N/A	+3.1

St Helens	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	23.1	39.8	Noticeable Increase	+7.2
% Caring for 65-84	39.5	42.7	Noticeable Increase	+1.6
% Caring for 85+	37.5	17.5	Noticeable Reduction	-8.7
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	35.4	28.7	Noticeable Reduction	-6.4
A Physical Disability	57.9	56.7	Minor Reduction	+3.6
A mental health problem	18.5	27.8	Noticeable Increase	+7.3
Problems connected to ageing	46.5	31.5	Noticeable Reduction	-3.7
A learning disability or difficulty	15.8	18.4	Minor Increase	-0.9
Long-standing illness	42.1	48.6	Noticeable Increase	+8.6
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	84.7	75.2	Noticeable Reduction	+4.2
Neutral Response	8.2	16.1	Noticeable Increase	+0.5
Negative Response	7.0	8.8	Minor Increase	-4.5
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	20.1	15.7	Noticeable Reduction	+1.2
For more than 24 hours	29.5	26.3	Noticeable Reduction	+5.4
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	21.7	18.5	Noticeable Reduction	-4.8
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	27.7	18.7	Noticeable Reduction	-6.3
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	63.0	67.3	Noticeable Increase	+6.2
I have no control over my daily life	9.2	14.0	Noticeable Increase	+0.1
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	62.6	48.7	Noticeable Reduction	-6.2
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	20.1	31.3	Noticeable Increase	+2
I feel I am neglecting myself	17.3	20.0	Minor Increase	+4.2
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	45.6	28.5	Noticeable Reduction	-7.0
Some social contact with people but not enough	40.8	57.0	Noticeable Increase	+8.7
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	13.6	14.5	Minor Increase	-1.7
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	23.8	31.1	Noticeable Increase	+14.1
Fairly easy to find	55.1	54.3	Minor Reduction	+7.1
Fairly difficult to find	13.6	10.3	Noticeable Reduction	-13.4
Very difficult to find	7.5	4.3	Noticeable Reduction	-7.8
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	34.4	42.1	Noticeable Increase	+10.7
Quite helpful	57.5	52.1	Noticeable Reduction	-3.6
Quite unhelpful	5.9	4.4	Minor Reduction	-4.5
Very unhelpful	2.3	1.4	Minor Reduction	-2.6
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	51.2	50.7	Minor Reduction	-7.2
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	12.5	8.8	Noticeable Reduction	+0.1
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	30.7	29.0	Minor Reduction	-6.7
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	48.3	N/A	+2.7

Wirral	2014/15	2016/17	Trend Since Last Survey	Difference to Nat Ave
Age of the Person you Care for				
% Caring for 18-64	59.2	19.0	Noticeable Reduction	-13.6
% Caring for 65-84	25.8	43.4	Noticeable Increase	+2.3
% Caring for 85+	15.0	37.7	Noticeable Increase	+11.5
Does the Person you Care for have...				
Dementia	13.6	41.4	Noticeable Increase	+6.3
A Physical Disability	55.5	50.1	Noticeable Reduction	-3.0
A mental health problem	28.5	14.6	Noticeable Reduction	-5.9
Problems connected to ageing	24.2	43.6	Noticeable Increase	+8.4
A learning disability or difficulty	36.7	10.8	Noticeable Reduction	-8.5
Long-standing illness	40.4	40.4	Minor Reduction	+0.4
Carers Satisfaction				
Positive Response	66.7	69.5	Minor Increase	-1.5
Neutral Response	15.9	16.2	Minor Increase	+0.6
Negative Response	17.4	14.4	Minor Reduction	+1.1
Support or services utilised allowing you to take a break from caring				
At short notice or in an emergency	13.3	14.6	Minor Increase	+0.1
For more than 24 hours	25.7	18.8	Noticeable Reduction	-2.1
For between 1 and 24 hours (e.g. sitting service)	22.3	17.2	Noticeable Reduction	-6.1
How much control you have over your daily life?				
I have as much control over my daily life as I want	31.1	22.2	Noticeable Reduction	-2.8
I have some control over my daily life but not enough	56.6	65.0	Noticeable Increase	+3.9
I have no control over my daily life	12.3	12.8	Minor Increase	-1.1
Which statement best describes your current situation?				
I look after myself	55.7	54.8	Minor Reduction	-0.1
Sometimes I can't look after myself well enough	30.6	28.6	Minor Reduction	-0.7
I feel I am neglecting myself	13.7	16.7	Minor Increase	+0.9
Which of the following statements best describes your social situation? I have...				
As much social contact as I want with people I like	43.8	31.6	Noticeable Reduction	-3.9
Some social contact with people but not enough	44.3	55.8	Noticeable Increase	+7.5
Little social contact with people & feel socially isolated	11.9	12.5	Minor Increase	-3.7
Have you found it easy or difficult to find information and advice about support, services or benefits				
Very easy to find	11.9	13.8	Minor Increase	-3.2
Fairly easy to find	44.6	47.0	Minor Increase	-0.2
Fairly difficult to find	27.1	24.6	Minor Reduction	+0.9
Very difficult to find	16.4	14.7	Minor Reduction	+2.6
How helpful has the information and advice you have received been				
Very helpful	24.7	29.8	Noticeable Increase	-1.6
Quite helpful	57.2	59.0	Minor Increase	+3.3
Quite unhelpful	11.9	7.5	Noticeable Reduction	-1.4
Very unhelpful	6.2	3.6	Minor Reduction	-0.4
Miscellaneous				
% of Carers who are Retired	61.6	61.7	Minor Increase	+3.8
% of Carers who are in Full Time Employment	6.7	9.1	Minor Increase	+0.4
% Caring more than 100 hours per Week	42.1	30.8	Noticeable Reduction	-4.9
% where Caring has Caused some Financial Difficulties	N/A	46.5	N/A	+0.9

Local Authority Overview at Sub Regional Level

		Satisfaction			Control of Daily Life			Current Situation			Social Contact			Finding Info & Advice				Info & Advice Usefulness			
		Positive (%)	Neutral (%)	Negative (%)	As much as I want (%)	Some, but not enough (%)	No control (%)	I look after myself (%)	Sometimes can't (%)	I feel I am neglecting myself	As much as I want (%)	Some, but not enough (%)	Little and feeling isolated (%)	Very easy to find (%)	Fairly easy to find (%)	Fairly difficult to find (%)	Very difficult to find (%)	Very helpful (%)	Quite helpful (%)	Quite unhelpful (%)	Very unhelpful (%)
Cheshire	Cheshire East	72.5	13.9	13.6	24.0	62.1	13.9	56.6	24.7	18.6	33.4	49.4	17.2	13.3	52.2	24.1	10.4	29.5	61.3	6.6	2.6
	Cheshire West & Chester	72.7	13.1	14.2	31.5	54.0	14.5	62.0	22.4	15.5	47.6	38.7	13.7	17.0	41.5	26.7	14.8	31.4	50.7	11.4	6.4
	Warrington	71.5	15.6	13.0	32.0	58.3	9.7	60.8	26.0	13.2	41.6	45.5	13.0	28.2	39.4	21.3	11.2	34.0	51.7	10.8	3.5
Greater Manchester	Bolton	76.1	13.7	10.3	29.4	57.4	13.2	52.6	30.6	16.8	31.4	56.6	12.0	24.6	42.3	21.1	12.0	31.3	55.3	10.1	3.4
	Bury	73.8	14.5	11.8	14.0	73.0	12.9	49.3	34.2	16.5	26.2	54.6	19.1	16.8	47.4	23.5	12.2	36.3	53.2	6.3	4.2
	Manchester	62.5	19.7	17.7	25.5	57.6	16.9	51.7	29.4	19.0	33.0	48.5	18.6	15.1	35.8	29.8	19.2	33.5	49.6	10.3	6.7
	Oldham	68.9	19.1	12.0	23.1	62.7	14.2	49.0	32.8	18.1	31.9	51.4	16.7	14.5	48.4	22.3	14.8	31.0	56.5	8.4	4.2
	Rochdale	78.4	12.4	9.2	27.6	61.2	11.2	55.1	31.4	13.5	45.8	41.6	12.6	21.0	46.0	21.4	11.6	32.4	57.3	8.3	2.0
	Salford	77.5	13.4	9.1	23.6	65.3	11.1	59.9	25.6	14.5	37.4	48.0	14.6	24.6	46.0	20.6	8.8	35.2	55.7	7.2	1.9
	Stockport	75.5	15.5	9.0	22.9	64.3	12.7	52.7	28.1	19.2	36.3	49.0	14.6	13.5	52.5	26.9	7.2	25.0	60.9	11.8	2.3
	Tameside	68.9	16.2	14.9	25.3	61.6	13.1	56.2	27.5	16.3	33.3	54.9	11.9	16.7	46.0	18.6	18.6	31.3	54.8	8.7	5.2
	Trafford	61.5	20.3	18.1	23.5	63.9	12.5	52.4	31.3	16.3	31.9	54.1	14.0	22.7	44.0	20.3	13.0	35.1	53.1	8.1	3.8
Wigan	70.7	17.5	11.8	20.2	62.7	17.0	48.0	32.1	19.9	28.2	55.7	16.1	16.0	47.5	25.2	11.3	26.2	61.4	9.0	3.4	
Lancs and Cumbria	Blackburn with Darwen	82.8	13.1	4.1	22.5	73.2	4.3	51.4	47.8	0.7	45.7	52.9	1.4	20.2	53.5	20.2	6.1	30.9	64.9	3.1	1.0
	Blackpool	76.4	14.7	9.0	19.1	65.7	15.2	57.7	24.3	18.0	35.7	51.6	12.7	19.4	49.4	19.4	11.7	35.3	54.2	6.4	4.0
	Cumbria	70.4	14.9	14.6	30.5	57.1	12.4	65.3	22.4	12.3	40.0	45.1	14.9	17.6	45.0	23.5	13.9	37.1	51.8	7.1	4.0
	Lancashire	70.3	15.3	14.4	24.6	62.0	13.5	55.2	31.1	13.7	35.3	51.2	13.5	17.2	41.6	26.9	14.4	31.0	54.2	10.5	4.3
Liverpool City Region	Halton	82.0	10.3	7.7	25.9	63.2	10.8	58.9	26.4	14.7	42.0	42.6	15.3	24.6	52.0	14.1	9.3	40.1	53.9	4.1	1.9
	Knowsley	72.0	16.6	11.4	19.1	63.4	17.5	44.9	31.9	23.2	24.3	57.9	17.9	19.0	46.6	23.7	10.8	36.3	54.2	6.6	2.9
	Liverpool	65.7	15.1	19.2	18.4	64.4	17.2	49.1	28.2	22.8	23.7	54.3	22.1	20.0	44.3	22.6	13.2	35.7	46.2	13.1	5.0
	Sefton	61.6	19.7	18.7	15.0	63.1	21.9	45.6	31.7	22.7	22.9	57.6	19.6	12.3	45.2	26.8	15.8	29.1	55.3	11.0	4.6
	St Helens	75.2	16.1	8.8	18.7	67.3	14.0	48.7	31.3	20.0	28.5	57.0	14.5	31.1	54.3	10.3	4.3	42.1	52.1	4.4	1.4
	Wirral	69.5	16.2	14.4	22.2	65.0	12.8	54.8	28.6	16.7	31.6	55.8	12.5	13.8	47.0	24.6	14.7	29.8	59.0	7.5	3.6