JSNA 2016
This short report accompanies the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) pages concerned with children and young people on the Leicester City Council website www.leicester.gov.uk/JSNA.

What’s available and why?
The JSNA 2016 is a series of briefings, available at the above web address, which give an overview of topics related to the health and wellbeing of people in Leicester. These briefings are intended as starting points for discussion and consideration which can lead to action. Each briefing provides information on the topic it covers and links to further information, strategies and statistics as appropriate. These links include the more detailed and narrowly focused need assessments (JSpNAs) on specific topics, services, communities or conditions. Beside their relevance to health, social care and public health organisations, it is intended that the briefings will be helpful to those in the voluntary and community sector (and more widely) and supportive of combined efforts to improve health and wellbeing.

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Briefings on children and young people will be available on the web pages covering

- Demography
- Pre-birth and pregnancy
- Early years (0-4 years)
- School years (5-19 years)
- Adulthood (20-24 years)
- Looked After Children
- Mental Health
- Gypsies and travellers
- Youth Offending Service
- Child sexual exploitation
- Female Genital Mutilation

The Adults JSNA 2016 includes the following:

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Tobacco
- Obesity
- Sexual health
- Oral health
- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- Cancer
- Respiratory disease
- Dementia
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Learning disabilities
- End of life care
- Adult social care
- New arrivals

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Leicester has a younger age profile than England. Over 1 in 4 are 19 or under.

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<td>All ages</td>
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The 19 and under population has a higher proportion of people from a BME background than the city overall.

The Leicester school census (5-15) shows the diversity of over 50,000 children and young people attending city schools.

70% of pupils are from a BME background

- Unknown (2%)
- Other (2%)
- Mixed Ethnicity (7%)
- White Other (9%)
- Black British (10%)
- White British (29%)
- British Asian (42%)

70% of pupils identify with a religion

- Unknown (9%)
- Other Religion (3%)
- Sikh (4%)
- Hindu (14%)
- No Religion (20%)
- Christian (21%)
- Muslim (29%)

164 different 'home' languages are spoken by Leicester pupils

- Other (19%)
- Urdu (3%)
- Polish (3%)
- Somali (4%)
- Panjabi (4%)
- Gujarati (18%)
- English (49%)
Many younger people live in deprivation.

One in seven 5 to 15 year olds receive Special Educational Needs (SEND) support.

Free school meal eligibility is significantly higher in Special and PRU settings.

3 out of 4 residents live in the 40% most deprived areas nationally.

It is estimated that 26,500 children are living below the poverty line.

7,602 5 to 15 year olds are receiving SEND support

- Leicester: 16.9% (7,602)
- Primary: 16.1% (3,821)
- Secondary: 12.5% (1,924)
- Academy: 23.7% (1,173)
- Special: 99.5% (651)
- PRU: 74.2% (23)

Most common types of special educational need:
- Moderate learning difficulty (35%)
- Speech, Language and Communication Needs (22%)
- Social, Emotional & Mental Health (16%)

These account for 3 out of every 4 SEND support

The proportion of 5-15 year olds receiving SEND support differs by school setting.
Key issues

An assessment of Public Health Outcome indicators identified the following priority areas for Leicester:

- Children and Young People
- Healthy lifestyles
- Long term conditions
- Mental wellbeing
- Wider determinants
- Health protection

Children and young people. Addressing the health and wellbeing issues faced by children and young people which have a significant impact on all areas of their development and life chances.

The life course approach identifies key issues from pre-birth to adulthood

Identified below are the main issues affecting each age group and where data is available. Some issues may cross age bands.

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Leicester has a higher proportion of women aged 15 to 44 and a higher general fertility rate than its peers and England.

### Pre-Birth

### Lifestyle
- A national ambition of 11% was set for smoking at time of delivery, the Leicester rate is 11.4%.

### Achievement
- 76.9% of new mothers in Leicester breastfeed compared to 74.3% in England.
- Pregnancy under age 20 years is higher compared to peers. Teenage pregnancy can impact achievement because children of teenage mothers are more likely to experience poorer outcomes.

### Access to services
- Early access to maternity services is lower compared to England and some peer areas.

### Domestic Violence
- Approximately 7% of women seeking help from the SAFE project in Leicester are pregnant.

### Local services include
- Universal services include midwifery, antenatal screening and immunisations in pregnancy, Breastfeeding promotion and support, antenatal parenting education classes, health visiting, and Children, Young People and Family Centres (formerly Children Centres).
- Other population-specific services include those around substance misuse, mental health, maternal obesity, maternal diabetes, teenage pregnancy, new arrivals and safeguarding.

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Early access to midwifery services is associated with better outcomes including:

- Fewer complications in pregnancy
- Fewer maternal and perinatal deaths.

In Leicester access is significantly lower than England.

The perinatal mortality rate (PMR) in Leicester is significantly higher than England.
Leicester has a higher proportion of 0 to 4 year olds compared to peers and England. This age group is increasing at a faster rate than it is in England.

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<th>0 – 4 year olds</th>
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<td><strong>Lifestyle</strong></td>
<td>• A third of all three years olds have experienced dental decay.</td>
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| **Achievement** | • A 23% increase (between 2013 and 2015) in 5 year olds with a ‘good level of development’.  
• Leicester has poorest performance compared to all peers and England. |
| **Access to services** | • The 95% threshold for child immunisations was achieved except for MMR and the Hib/MenC booster (at age 5). |
| **Child protection** | • 223 Child Protection Plans were started in 2015/16. Neglect was documented for half of these. |

Local services include:
- Universal services include general practice, dentistry, health visiting, Children, Young People and Family Centres (formerly Children’s Centres), childcare and funded early education entitlement (FEEE) and Voluntary Sector provision such as pre-schools and parent and toddler groups.
- Early years issue and population-specific services include Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), continence provision, Early Help (EH), the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP), Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) and safeguarding.

Child development is determined by assessing the following:
- Communication & language
- Physical development
- Personal, social & emotional development
- Literacy and mathematics

50.7% of children achieve a ‘good level of development’ by age 5.

An improvement, but significantly lower than England.

Funded early years education (FEE) aims to help the development of children.

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<th>% of children accessing FEE</th>
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FEE can be accessed through a PVI (Private voluntary and independent nursery), childminder or school.
Leicester has a higher proportion of 5 to 9 year olds compared to England.

**5 – 9 year olds**

**Lifestyle**
- Higher rate of emergency hospital admissions 51.3 per 1000 compared to 44 in England.
- A fifth of reception children are overweight or obese.
- Underweight prevalence is higher amongst Asian children.

**Achievement**
- Leicester performed worse than England for achieving level 2+ for reading, writing and mathematics (Key Stage 1).

**Access to services**
- 980 receiving Disability Living Allowance.
- 3,500 children in this age group receive SEND Support.

### Underweight prevalence in Reception year

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**Local services include**
- Universal services include general practice, hospitals, dentistry, health visiting, Children, Young People and Family Centres (formerly Children’s Centres), educational provision, school nurses and Voluntary Sector provision such as swimming clubs, sports groups and general leisure groups.
- School years issue and population-specific services include CAMHS, continence provision, weight management services, oral health promotion, SALT, safeguarding services and new arrivals services.

1 in 2 children have experienced dental decay.

High burden of dental disease when compared against peers and national rate.

42,000 children in Leicester aged 6 to 12 years have had fluoride varnish treatment.

Fluoride varnish (FV) is a treatment to help prevent tooth decay.

### % of 5 year olds with tooth decay

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<td>Southampton</td>
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<td>38%</td>
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<td>Slough</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>Leicester</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<td>Blackburn with Darwen</td>
<td>56%</td>
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Leicester has a higher proportion of 10 to 14 year olds compared to England.

10 – 14 year olds

**Lifestyle**
- High levels of obesity and excess weight (37%) for 10/11 year olds.
- Highest burden of dental disease at age 12 when compared to peers.

**Achievement**
- 75% of KS2 pupils achieve level 4+ in reading, writing and mathematics, compared to 79% in England.
- Proportion has been increasing over last 4 years.

**Access to services**
- Approximately 3200 children in this age group receive Special Educational Need Support (2015).

% of 12 year olds with tooth decay

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<th>City</th>
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England 33.4%

50 hospital admissions for extraction of teeth for 10 to 14 year olds in one year.

**Local services include**
- Universal services include general practice, hospitals, dentistry, school nurses, educational provision, library services, sexual health services, health shops, adventure playgrounds and Voluntary Sector provision such as youth and community groups, scouts and girl-guiding, and sports groups.
- The early adolescence issue specific service detailed in the section is CAMHS.

23% of year 6 children in Leicester are obese

2 in every 5 year six children are overweight or obese.

This is significantly higher than the national rate.

White children are significantly more likely to be obese compared to the national average for white children.

Asian children are significantly less likely to be obese compared to the national average for Asian children.
Leicester has a higher proportion of 15 to 19 year olds compared to England.

**15 – 19 year olds**

**Lifestyle**
- Conception rates for under 18’s are higher in the west and south of Leicester.
- Smoking for 16/17 year olds are lower (10%) than national estimates (15%).

**Achievement**
- 51.9% achieve 5+ A*-C grades at GCSE.
- Low levels of attainment linked with high Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility.
- 6% of 16-19 year olds are not in employment, education or training (NEET).

**Access to services**
- 750 children (17%) identified with Special Educational Needs.

**Mental health**
- It is estimated that between 3,220 and 6,210 young people aged 15-19 years in Leicester have a mental health problem.

**Local services include**
- Universal services include general practice, hospitals, dentistry, school nurses, educational provision, library services, sexual health services, health shops, and Voluntary Sector provision including groups tackling issues on sexuality and LGBT issues, youth mental health groups, and training and employability services.
- Late adolescence issue and population-specific services include CAMHS and Youth Offending Service (YOS)

**Young people start making important decisions about their education, employment, relationships, health behaviour and lifestyle which will impact on their adult lives.**

Leicester has a significantly lower percentage of children achieving 5 or more A-C grades at GCSE than the England average.

The proportion of NEETS is falling but remains significantly higher than England.
Leicester has a higher proportion of 20 to 24 year olds compared to England.

Early adulthood is a time of both great opportunity and challenge. For public services, it represents the ‘last’ opportunity to help young people secure a stable foundation.

### 20 – 24 year olds

#### Lifestyle

- Younger people are at the greatest risk of alcohol-related crime, and are most likely to commit alcohol related offences.
- Those most likely to be misusing drugs and alcohol are male, white and 16-24 year olds.

#### Achievement

- By the age of 24 years the majority of young people have entered the employment market.

#### Access to services

- An estimated 23% of 20 to 24 years olds are living with parents.
- Those most likely not to achieve independent living between 20-24 years-old are young men.

#### Health and wellbeing

- The transition to adulthood is very significant for many young people’s health and well-being.

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### Issues in Leicester...

- People experiencing severe and multiple disadvantage*

*Severe and multiple disadvantage includes homelessness, substance misuse and involvement in the criminal justice system.

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### Local services include

- Universal services include general practice, hospitals, and library services, sexual health services, health shops, and Voluntary Sector provision.
- The young adulthood issue specific service detailed in the section is around substance misuse.

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### Specific sections have also been created for the following population groups

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### Conditions

- Lifestyle
- Achievement
Leicester’s looked after children (LAC) population is about 600

**Looked After Children (LAC)**

| Lifestyle | • Leicester has a higher proportion (11.8%) of LAC children involved in the criminal justice system than peers and England.  
• LAC girls are 2.5 times more likely to become pregnant than other teenagers. |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Achievement | • Children who have been looked after continuously for at least 12 months have low educational attainment.  
• Lower proportion achieving expected level at both KS1 and KS2 compared to England and peers.  
• Higher proportion of completed annual health checks compared to the East Midlands and same as England.  
• Proportion of LAC receiving dental checks is lower than England and most peer comparators. |
| Access to services | • Leicester City Council (LCC) Looked After Children Services (LAC) encompass the following: residential care homes, education while in care, contact services, the Children and Family Support Team, Placement commissioning, the Fostering and Adoption Service, the 16+ Team and leaving care services.  
• Health services encompass the following: the LPT Specialist Looked After Children Health Team, CAMHS, school nurses and health visitors, substance misuse services and other universal health services such as general practice, dentists and sexual health services. |

**Local services include**

The term ‘looked after’ applies to children or young people up to the age of 18 for whom the local authority provides care and accommodation, or for whom the local authority has either sole or shared parental responsibility by virtue of a court order.

Leicester has a higher rate of LAC compared to England and East Midlands.

The majority (70%) of children entered care due to ‘abuse and neglect’, especially true for under 9’s.

62% of Leicester’s children with an SDQ* score (2015) were of ‘concern’ on the SDQ score bands. This is higher than England and most peer comparators.

**% of children with a submitted SDQ**

*SDQ – strengths and difficulties questionnaire score is a measure of psychological wellbeing and resilience for 2 to 17 year olds.
About 1 in 5 of our 5-24 population experience a mental health issue, such as anxiety, depression, conduct disorder or ADHD.

### Children experiencing poor mental health

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<th>Lifestyle</th>
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<td>• Alcohol and substance misuse increases the risk of mental illness and mental ill health increases the risk of increased intake of alcohol and substances.</td>
<td>In Leicester 3 in every 1,000 residents under the age of 20</td>
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<th>Achievement</th>
<th>Most deprived 5 in every 1,000 residents under the age of 20</th>
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<td>• Childhood mental illness can lead to significant distress and poor outcomes in educational attainment and employment prospects.</td>
<td>There is higher registration for mental health services in the most deprived areas.</td>
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<td>• Better use of universal services, escalating to the more specialist CAMHS tiers when appropriate, may contribute to more effective prevention of mental health problems and better treatment.</td>
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**Local services include**

Mental health services include Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Future in Mind and other youth mental health groups. Other services such as school nursing, health visitors will also have a role in identifying and referring people to relevant mental health services.

**Children with a parent with mental health problems are more likely to experience poor mental health as an adult.**

10% of children between 5 and 15 have a mental disorder. These include:

- **Conduct disorders**: 5%
- **Emotional disorders**: 4%
- **Hyperactive**: 1%

1 in 4 children have a parent at risk of common mental health problems.

1 in 4 adults in mental health care is likely to be a parent.
Clinicians at the Gypsies and Travellers Health Service estimate there are about 100 young people aged 0 to 24 years known in Leicester.

**Gypsies, Roma and Travellers**

**Lifestyle**
- Dental care in the very young is poor.
- Higher rates of teenage pregnancy.
- Higher rates of drug taking amongst young males.

**Achievement**
- In 2011 12% of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils achieved four or more C+ GCSEs, compared with 58.2% of all pupils.
- Primary school education is common, but education beyond age 11 is rare.
- Levels of literacy are low.

**Access to services**
- Less likely to access services.
- Lower rates of take-up of immunisations

**Location and issues in Leicester...**
- 3 sites across the city for gypsies and travellers.
- Most Roma people live in houses.

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**Sources**


School population: Leicester School Census, Summer 2016, Leicester City Council.


NEETS: Leicester Education data. GCSE’s, 2015. DfE, Number not in education, employment or training (NEETs), 2014.


Mental health: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Leicestershire Partnership Trust (LPT), 2015.


Gypsy & Traveller: Gypsy and Traveller Health Service, LPT, 2015.

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