

# Wirral Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: Key Issues:



## Children and young people

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- Almost one in four Wirral children live in poverty.



- Wirral has nearly twice as many children in care as the average for the whole country.



- There are more young people in Wirral who are not in college, a job or on a training scheme than the average for England.



- There are high levels of smoking in pregnancy in the poorer areas. Younger mums are also more likely to smoke.



- There are now less teenagers becoming pregnant than in previous years, but it is still more common in Wirral than the rest of the country.



- Alcohol is a serious problem with children and young people in Wirral. It causes many problems including injuries, accidents, bad behaviour, and long term health problems



- Wirral has a higher number of people going into hospital as an emergency because of accidents than the average for England.



- The number of children who are very overweight is higher than the average for the rest of the country.



- Breastfeeding should be encouraged across all communities, but it is particularly low amongst young mothers and mothers from poorer areas.



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