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This digest aims to provide information on key groups of people within Stockport with specific, and usually complex, needs and who are likely to be vulnerable. There is no definitive source of information about the number of people in the borough with a disability and the following analysis is based on the best available data.

Brief description of population change

The total population of Stockport (281,000) is expected to remain stable until 2011, however there are anticipated to be significant changes to the structure of this population. Stockport is an **aging borough** with the numbers and proportions of people aged over 65 and in particular those aged over 85 growing rapidly over the next 5 years. It is anticipated that there will be an extra 2,500 people aged 65+ (an increase of 5.6%) and an extra 700 people aged 85+ (an increase of 12.1%) by 2011.

Conversely it is anticipated that the younger population will continue to decrease, by 2011 it is projected that there are likely to be 4,000 fewer children and young adults aged under 20 years in the area, a fall of 5.9%. Evidence is emerging however that birth rates in the borough are increasing, and if this trend is sustained projections of children with disability in the population may need to be revised.

Total numbers with disabilities

The 2001 Census of population identified more than 48,400 people in private homes Stockport who had a **limiting long-term illness**, an overall crude rate of 17.1%. Unsurprisingly rates increase with age, and for those aged 65+ almost half of all people reported having a long-term condition. If populations change as expected and the patterns of limiting long-term illness remain the same we can expect in total around 51,100 people to have such a condition by 2011, an **increase of 1,200** from 2006 estimates; this increase is almost exclusively for the older age group.

The Stockport **Children's Disability** database currently has a register of 1,200 children aged under 18 years with a range of problems and needs while the educational team at Stockport MBC are aware of 3,000 children in schools (aged 4-16 years) who have **special educational needs**. Current population projections suggest that these figures may decline over the next 5 years, by 75 and 200 respectively – however as noted above if birth rates rise above projected levels these anticipated decreases in demand may not occur.

There are currently 11,975 claimants of working age for **incapacity benefit or severe disablement allowance** in Stockport (these benefits are available to those who become incapable of work due to illness or disability). Almost a half (44%) of these claims are due to mental health problems and 15% are due to problems with the musculoskeletal system; rates of claim are highest in the over 50's where more than 10% of people are in receipt of these benefits. By 2011 population changes predict that there may be as many as **265** additional claimants aged over 60 but that there could be 150 fewer in the younger age groups, leading to an overall increase of 115.

There are also 12,630 claimants of **disability living allowance** in Stockport (this benefit is available to those who need help with personal care or walking as a result of physical or mental disability). Rates of claim are highest for those in their 60's, where again 10% of the population are in receipt of this benefit. By 2011 population changes predict that there may

be as many as **460** additional claimants aged over 60 but that there could be 140 fewer in the younger age groups, leading to an overall increase of 320.

Numbers with physical disabilities

The Stockport **Children’s Disability** database currently has a register of 210 children aged under 18 years with a physical disability as their primary condition while the educational team at Stockport MBC are aware of 110 children in schools (aged 4-16 years) who have a **special educational need** due to a physical disability. Current population projections suggest that these figures may decline slightly over the next 5 years, by a maximum of less than 15 people – however as noted above if birth rates rise above projected levels these anticipated decreases in demand may not occur.

Stockport provides **social services** to 4,100 adults as a result of physical disability, frailty or temporary illness; over four-fifths of these clients being aged over 65 years. By 2011 population changes predict that there may be as many as **200** additional clients; 190 of whom would be aged 65 and over, this equates to an increase of more than 5%.

Numbers with sensory disabilities

18 children living in Stockport aged 0-17 years are registered on the children’s disability database as having a **visual impairment** as their primary condition, a number similar to that given by the NHS Information Centre who state that 10 children aged under 18 years were registered as blind and 5 as partially sighted in Stockport in 2006. The educational team at Stockport MBC are aware of 23 children in schools (aged 4-16 years) who have a special educational need relating to vision problems. Numbers are not projected to change significantly.

There are 550 adults in Stockport who are registered as blind and 870 who are registered as partially sighted; the vast majority of both groups are aged over 65 years. Despite the official statistics showing that over **1,320 adults are visually impaired only 110 are in receipt of social services as a direct result. This represents significant potential unmet need / demand** . If populations change as expected there could be an additional **25 people** registered as blind and **40 additional** registered as partially sighted in the next 5 years.

18 children living in Stockport aged 0-17 years are registered on the children’s disability database as having a **hearing impairment** as their primary condition, while the educational team at Stockport MBC are aware of 52 children in schools (aged 4-16 years) who have a special educational need relating to hearing problems. National evidence, when extrapolated to Stockport, however estimates that 100 children in Stockport will be deaf. Numbers are not projected to change significantly.

There is no local source of information regarding the number of deaf people in Stockport but national evidence extrapolated to Stockport gives estimates of 41,800 adults in the area, of these **3,200** are expected to be severely or profoundly deaf and 32,000 are expected to be aged 60 and over.

Only 150 adults are in receipt of social services as a result of their hearing impairment. **This represents significant potential unmet need.** If the population changes as expected there could be an additional **650 people** with hearing impairments in Stockport by 2011 an increase of 1.6%.

Numbers with learning disabilities

More than 700 people of all ages at Stockport GP practices have been identified as having **learning disabilities** and 650 adults are in receipt of social services as a result of these conditions, the vast majority of whom are aged under 65 years. Information from the Stockport Children's Disability database suggests that 85 children aged under 18 years have a severe learning disability as their primary condition and 420 have a moderate learning disability as their primary condition. The educational team at Stockport MBC are aware of 1,550 children in schools (aged 4-16 years) who have a special educational need relating to learning difficulties – 60 of whom have profound difficulties, 150 severe difficulties, 970 moderate difficulties and 370 specific difficulties. Again numbers are not projected to change significantly, as there are currently very few adults with learning disabilities age over 65 years (50) where the population growth is anticipated to be most rapid.

Children with communication or behavioural disabilities

Information from the Stockport Children's Disability database suggests that 80 children aged under 18 years have **communication difficulties** as their primary condition, 70 have a **confidence and social skills problems** as their primary condition and 235 have problems relating to **development delay** as their primary condition. The educational team at Stockport MBC are aware of 665 children in schools (aged 4-16 years) who have a special educational need relating to **behaviour, emotional or social difficulties**, 360 with problems due to **speech, language or communication needs** and 150 with **autistic spectrum disorders**.

Again numbers are projected to decrease slightly as the child population contracts; however evidence of increasing births may cause these projections to change.

Summary

- There is no comprehensive information about the number of people in Stockport with disabilities although we know that at least 50,000 people are likely to have a limiting long-term illness.
- Population estimates suggest that there is unmet need in adults with hearing and visual impairment coming forward for social care.

INDICATOR	DATE	NUMBER	%	2009	2011	Change
Number with limiting long-term illness (private homes) 0-15	2001	2,363	4.1%	2,107	2,068	-121
Number with limiting long-term illness (private homes) 16-34	2001	4,122	6.3%	3,944	4,001	87
Number with limiting long-term illness (private homes) 35-64	2001	20,011	17.5%	20,662	20,434	-83
Number with limiting long-term illness (private homes) 65+	2001	21,892	48.4%	23,986	24,635	1,299
Registered on Children's Disability Database – <18	Sep. 2007	1,204	2.0%	1,157	1,130	-74
School census - special educational need (SEN) 4-16	Jan. 2007	3,013	6.7%	2,876	2,815	-198
Incapacity benefit / severe disablement allowance *						
	Aug. 2006	11,975	6.7%	12,061	12,035	60
- Mental Disorders	Aug. 2006	5,280	3.0%	5,318	5,306	26
- Diseases of the Nervous System	Aug. 2006	850	0.5%	856	854	4
- Diseases of the Respiratory or Circulatory System	Aug. 2006	1,065	0.6%	1,073	1,070	5
- Musculoskeletal Diseases	Aug. 2006	1,855	1.0%	1,868	1,864	9
- Injury or Poisoning	Aug. 2006	630	0.4%	635	633	3
- Other	Aug. 2006	2,295	1.3%	2,312	2,306	11
- 16-24	Aug. 2006	705	2.4%	728	715	10
- 25-49	Aug. 2006	5,570	5.8%	5,499	5,475	-95
- 50-59	Aug. 2006	4,145	11.2%	4,023	4,088	-57
- 60-64 and over	Aug. 2006	1,555	10.1%	1,820	1,820	265
Disability Living Allowance ^						
	Aug. 2006	12,630	4.5%	12,658	12,658	28
- <16	Aug. 2006	1,540	2.9%	1,482	1,455	-85
- 16-24	Aug. 2006	760	2.5%	785	771	11
- 25-49	Aug. 2006	3,270	3.4%	3,228	3,214	-56
- 50-59	Aug. 2006	2,450	6.6%	2,378	2,416	-34
- 60-69	Aug. 2006	3,005	10.4%	3,306	3,385	380
- 70+	Aug. 2006	1,605	4.6%	1,655	1,682	77

* Incapacity Benefit is available to adults under state pension age who become incapable of work because of illness or disability.

^ Disability living allowance is a benefit for children and adults aged under 65 years who need help with personal care or have walking difficulties because they are physically or mentally disabled.

INDICATOR	DATE	NUMBER	%		2009	2011		Change
Registered on Children’s Disability Database with a primary problem of physical disability – <18	Sep. 2007	212	0.3%		204	199		-13
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to a physical disability – 4-16	Jan. 2007	110	0.2%		105	103		-7
In receipt of social services - physical disability, frailty and / or temporary illness 18-64	May 2007	687	0.4%		694	694		7
In receipt of social services - physical disability, frailty and / or temporary illness 65+	May 2007	3,415	7.1%		3,510	3,605		190
Registered blind <18	2006	10	0.0%		10	9		-1
Registered blind 18-64	2006	100	0.1%		101	101		1
Registered blind 65+	2006	450	0.9%		463	475		25
Registered partially sighted <18	2006	5	0.0%		5	5		0
Registered partially sighted 18-64	2006	115	0.1%		116	116		1
Registered partially sighted 65+	2006	755	1.6%		776	797		42
Registered on Children’s Disability Database with a primary problem of visual impairment – <18	Sep. 2007	18	0.0%		17	17		-1
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to a visual impairment – 4-16	Jan. 2007	23	0.1%		22	21		-2
In receipt of social services - visual impairment 18-64	May 2007	12	0.0%		12	12		0
In receipt of social services - visual impairment 65+	May 2007	97	0.2%		100	102		5
Registered on Children’s Disability Database with a primary problem of hearing impairment – <18	Sep. 2007	18	0.0%		17	17		-1
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to a hearing impairment – 4-16	Jan. 2007	52	0.1%		50	49		-3
In receipt of social services - hearing impairment 18-64	May 2007	32	0.0%		32	32		0
In receipt of social services - hearing impairment 65+	May 2007	115	0.2%		118	121		6
In receipt of social services - dual sensory impairment 18-64	May 2007	4	0.0%		4	4		0
In receipt of social services - dual sensory impairment 65+	May 2007	28	0.1%		29	30		2

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QoF Learning Disability	Mar. 2007	715	0.3%		717	717		2
Registered on Children’s Disability Database with a primary problem of severe learning disability – <18	Sep. 2007	85	0.1%		82	80		-5
Registered on Children’s Disability Database with a primary problem of moderate learning disability – <18	Sep. 2007	416	0.7%		400	391		-25
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to a profound & multiple learning difficulty – 4-16	Jan. 2007	60	0.1%		57	56		-4
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to a severe learning difficulty – 4-16	Jan. 2007	147	0.3%		140	137		-10
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to a moderate learning difficulty – 4-16	Jan. 2007	972	2.2%		928	908		-64
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to a specific learning difficulty – 4-16	Jan. 2007	368	0.8%		351	344		-24
In receipt of social services - learning disability 18-64	May 2007	593	0.3%		599	599		6
In receipt of social services - learning disability 65+	May 2007	53	0.1%		54	56		3
Registered on Children’s Disability Database with a primary problem of communication difficulties – <18	Sep. 2007	78	0.1%		75	73		-5
Registered on Children’s Disability Database with a primary problem of confidence and social skills – <18	Sep. 2007	68	0.1%		65	64		-4
Registered on Children’s Disability Database with a primary problem of development delay – <18	Sep. 2007	235	0.4%		226	221		-14
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to a behaviour, emotional or social difficulty– 4-16	Jan. 2007	665	1.5%		635	621		-44
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to speech, language or communication needs– 4-16	Jan. 2007	357	0.8%		341	334		-23
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to autistic spectrum disorder – 4-16	Jan. 2007	151	0.3%		144	141		-10
School census has a special educational need (SEN) due to other disabilities or difficulties – 4-16	Jan. 2007	106	0.2%		101	99		-7