

# A summary of the adult social care workforce in Stockport 2023/24

Skills for Care is the strategic workforce body for England. We work with employers, people, skills, and support required for the future. Our role is to respond and advise using data and evidence to drive forward

The information within this summary is based on the Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) workforce models that, in turn, allow various characteristics to be produced. The

## Size and structure of the workforce

In 2023/24 the adult social care sector in England had an estimated 18,500 organisations with 40,000 care-providing locations and a workforce of around 1.84 million posts.

The total number of posts in Stockport was around 7,900 in 2023/24. This comprised of 7,300 filled posts and 600 vacancies across all sectors.

Since the previous year, the total number of posts has decreased by 500 (6%), the number of filled posts has increased by 175 (2.4%) and the number of vacancies has decreased by 700 (54%).

The estimated 7,300 filled posts were split between local authorities (7%), independent sector providers (70%), posts working through direct payment recipients (13%) and other sectors (9%).

In 2023/24, the CQC register showed there were 97 regulated services in Stockport.

Across England, the vacancy rate has decreased compared to last year and the number of filled posts has increased. During this period international recruitment increased which has impacted these trends.

Workers in Stockton on Tees had on average 9.6 years of experience in the sector and 73% of the workforce had been working in the sector for at least three years.

We have many resources and tools available to help. Please visit our [values-based recruitment](#) page for more information. Skills for Care have also collaborated with the adult social care sector and people who draw on care and support to develop a [Workforce Strategy](#), which includes [attraction recommendations and commitments](#).

## **Employment information**

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We estimate Stockton on Tees had 5,700 adult social care filled posts in the local authority and independent sectors. These included 375 managerial roles, 275 regulated profession roles, 4,300 direct care (including 3,600 care workers), and 750 other-non-care proving roles.

The average number of sickness days taken in the last year in Stockton on Tees was 6, (5.7 in North East and 5.3 across England). With an estimated directly employed workforce of 5,500, this means employers in Stockton on Tees

## **Qualifications, training and skills**

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We believe that everyone working in adult social care should be able to take part in learning and development so that they can carry out their roles effectively. Learning and development helps everyone to develop the right skills and knowledge to enable them to provide high-quality care and support.

Skills for Care estimates show that 48%