

# A summary of the adult social care sector and workforce in Barnet 2023/24



Skills for Care is the strategic workforce development and planning body for adult social care in England. We work with employers, Government, and partners to ensure social care has the right people, skills, and support required to deliver the highest quality care and support, now and in the future. Our role is to respond and adapt to the emerging trends and needs within social care, using data and evidence to drive forward widescale change.

The information within this summary has been produced by Skills for Care using the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS). We use the data collected by the ASC-WDS to create workforce models that, in turn, allow for estimates of the whole adult social care workforce and its characteristics to be produced. The \* notation indicates the figure has been suppressed.

## 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 Barnet was around 13,000 in 2023/24. This was comprised of 12,500 filled posts and 650 vacant posts across all sectors.



Since the previous year, the total number of posts were similar, the number of filled posts has increased by 600 (5%) and the number of vacancies has decreased by 275 (29%).

The estimated 12,500 filled posts were split between local authorities (3%), independent sector providers (80%), posts working for direct payment recipients (8%) and other sectors (8%).

In 2023/24, the CQC register showed there were 187 regulated services in Barnet; 80 were residential and 107 were non-residential services.

If the workforce grows proportionally to the projected number of people aged 65 and over then the total number of adult social care posts in the London region will increase by 33% (from 255,000 to 340,000 posts) between 2023/24 and 2040.

**From here on, the figures in this report refer to the 10,500 filled posts** in the independent sector and local authority only. Filled posts in other sectors are not included.

The independent sector information in this report was collected between April 2023 and March 2024, and local authority information dates from September 2023.

For information about changes in the workforce since March 2024, using monthly monitoring of the ASC-WDS, please see our [Workforce Intelligence website](#).

## Recruitment and retention

Skills for Care estimates that the staff turnover rate in Barnet was 17.5%, which was similar to the region average of 19.0% and lower than England at 24.8%. Not all turnover results in workers leaving the sector, around two thirds (66%) of starters were recruited from within the adult social care sector, therefore although employers need to recruit to these posts, the sector retains their skills and experience.



We estimate that the vacancy rate in Barnet was 6.4%, which was lower than the regional average of 10.6% and similar to England at 8.1%.

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 Barnet had on average 9.1 years of experience in the sector and 75% of the

## **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 58% of the direct care providing workforce in Barnet