

A summary of the adult social care sector and workforce in Rochdale 2022/23



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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 2022/23 the adult social care sector in England had an estimated 18,000 organisations with 39,000 care-providing locations and a workforce of around 1.79 million posts.

The total number of posts in Rochdale was around 6,700 in 2022/23. This was comprised of 6,300 filled posts and 375 vacancies. Since the previous year, the total number of posts has increased by 125 (2%), the number of filled posts has increased by 175 (3%) and the number of vacancies has decreased by 25 (-9%).

There were an estimated 6,300 filled posts in adult social care, split between local authorities (6%), independent sector providers (77%), posts working for direct payment recipients (11%) and other sectors (6%). As at March 2023, Rochdale contained 107 CQC-regulated services; of these, 60 were residential and 47 were non-residential services.

¹ <https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/monthlytracking>

Across England,

Qualifications, training and skills

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.