

# What and where are the mental and physical health conditions for children and young people in Manchester?

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## About

The Together Trust are a charity based in Cheadle Stockport who provide:

- Educational Services
- Fostering Services
- Community and Personalisation Services
- Residential Services

for children and young people with complex mental and physical health conditions.

They are currently planning on expanding as a result of the Government outsourcing services in an attempt to reduce expenditure.

## What I Did

I analysed three data sets:

- the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA),
- the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- 2011 census data.

This enabled me to understand the levels of different mental and physical health conditions for children and young people in Manchester and the North West and the areas within Manchester that are deprived and have high levels of households with one person with a long term health problem.

I found that Manchester has some of the highest levels of children with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD), Behaviour, Emotional and Social Difficulties (BESD) and Speech, Language and Communications Needs (SLCN). As Figures 1 and 2 demonstrate.

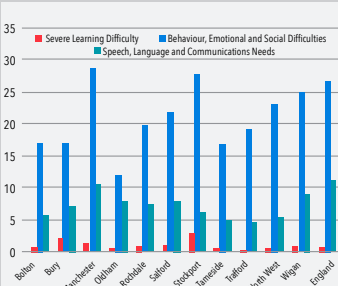


Figure 1 Primary school children at School Action Plus or with a statement of Special Educational Need

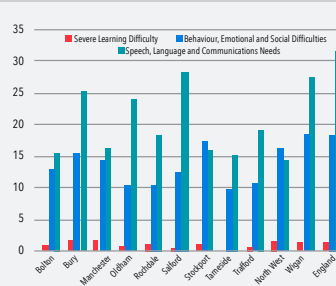
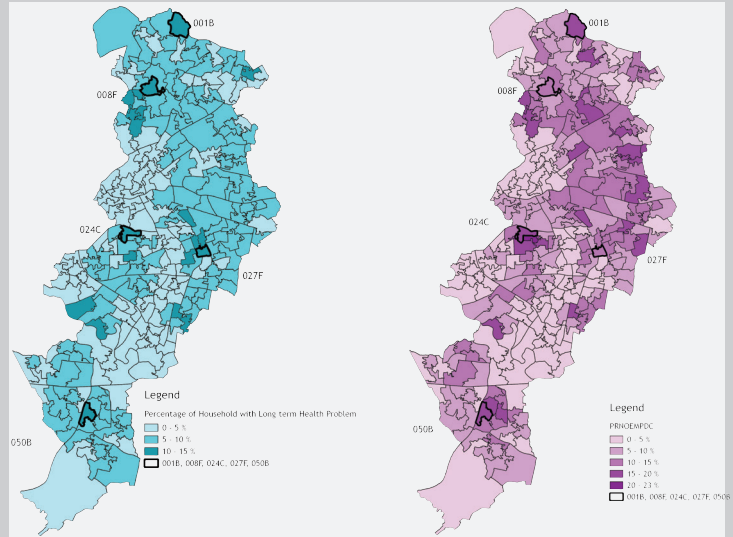


Figure 2 Secondary school children at School Action Plus or with a statement of Special Educational Need

As for the levels of households with a person with a long term health problem within Manchester, I found that the areas of Higher Blackley, Crumpsall, Moss Side, Longsight, and Sharston have the highest percentage of households with one person with a long term health problem (Map 1). And that areas Higher Blackley, Moss Side, and Sharston are more economically and socially deprived than Longsight and Crumpsall (Map 2).



Map 1 Percentage of households with one person with a Long-term Disability.

Map 2 Percentage of households with no adult in employment with dependent children.

This therefore lead me to the conclusion that if the Together Trust were to use the data I found in guiding expansion they could expand in these services and areas:

## Educational Services

In Higher Blackley, Moss Side and Sharston the Together Trust could build/purchase a school secondary and/or primary school children with Severe Learning Difficulties or secondary school children with BESD.

In Higher Blackley, Moss Side and Sharston the Together Trust could provide education in pre-existing locations such as North Ridge High School, The Co-operative Academy, Claremont Primary School, Haveley Hey Community School or Manchester Enterprise Academy for secondary and/or primary school children with Severe Learning Difficulties or secondary school children with BESD.

## Residential Services

In Higher Blackley the Together Trust could look to provide short or long term breaks for carers and children with mental and physical health problems.

In Moss Side the Together Trust could look to provide short or long term breaks for parents and children with mental and physical health problems.

In Sharston the Together Trust could look to provide short or long term breaks for carers and children with mental and physical health problems.

## Community & Personalisation Services

The Together Trust could look to provide SLCN therapy services in Higher Blackley, Moss Side and/or Sharston for secondary school children.

The Together Trust could look to provide Transitional Help for young people with BESD in Higher Blackley, Moss Side and/or Sharston.

The Together Trust could set up a Community Cafe in Crumpsall and or Longsight.