

A summary of the adult social care sector and workforce in Manchester 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.

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 Manchester had on average 9.7 years of experience in the sector and 74% of the workforce had been working in the sector for at least three years.

We have many resources and tools available to help. Please contact us on 0161 275 4462 or visit www.gov.uk/government/organisations/employment-development-and-training for more information.

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.

Skills for Care estimates show that 49% of the direct care providing workforce in Manchester hold a *relevant* adult social care qualification (49% in North West and 47% in England). Raw data from the ASC-WDS showed, of those workers without a relevant adult social care qualification recorded, 35% had five WDS showed, o