A summary of the adult social care sector and workforce in Bracknell Forest 2023/24



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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 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 Bracknell Forest was around 2,700 in 2023/24. This was comprised of 2,400 filled posts and 350 vacant posts across all sectors.

Since the previous year, the total number of posts has increased by 125 (5%), the number of filled posts has increased by 150 (7%) and the number of vacancies were similar.

The estimated 2,400 filled posts were split between local authorities (13%), independent sector providers (79%), posts working for direct payment recipients (4%) and other sectors (4%).

In 2023/24, the CQC register showed there were 39 regulated services in Bracknell Forest; 15 were residential and 24 were non-residential services.