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# A profile of disabled people in the Wakefield District

This profile provides key statistics, information  
And links about, and for, disabled people that live  
in the Wakefield District



## Key Fact and Figures

- Within the Wakefield District 11.1% of the population (35,076 individuals) provide unpaid care to look after, or support family members, friends, neighbours or others because of long-term physical or mental ill-health, disability relating to old age (Census 2001)



- Among those aged 16-74 who have a limiting long term illness, 20% describe themselves as “employed”. This compares with 58.8% of this age group as a whole (Census 2001)
- Disabled people are more likely to have no qualifications or a lower level of qualification from that of the wider population. 25% had no qualification compared to a District average of 19% (British Household Survey 2001)
- Disabled people of working age do not participate in education and training to the same extent as others of working age. Only 22% of disabled people in the District in 2001 had participated in education and training in the last 12 months compared to a District average of 40%. This is considerably lower than West Yorkshire as a whole, which has a participation rate of 31% (British Household Survey 2001)



## Disabled children and young people

What disabled children and young people feel about various issues:

- To be listened to when decisions are made about their lives
- To have friends of the same age or who share similar experience
- To be safe from harassment and bullying
- To have control of spending money and have enough money to enjoy life
- To live in a society where they don't face prejudice

### useful contacts

**The Mill (under 18's Young Person's Service)**

Wakefield T: 01924 211121

**Wakefield & District Young Carers**

Wakefield T: 01924 304110/304111/304112



## Long term illness & disability statistics

Percentages of people within the Wakefield District with long term illnesses, health problems or disabilities are shown below. These figures are shown in comparison with other areas, by ward, and finally by age:

AREA	% of population with long-term illness, health problems or disability
Wakefield	22.4%
Bradford	18.5%
Calderdale	18.4%
Kirklees	18.0%
Leeds	18.0%
West Yorkshire	18.8%
Yorkshire and Humberside	19.5%
England	17.9%

The table shows the % of the population with long term illnesses, health problems or disabilities

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WARD	% of population with long-term illness, health problems or disability
Castleford Ferry Fryston	26.3
Castleford Glasshoughton	24.2
Castleford Whitwood	27.5
Crofton and Ackworth	21.0
Featherstone	25.9
Hemsworth	28.7
Horbury	18.4
Knottingley	24.5
Normaton and Sharlston	21.8
Ossett	17.4
Pontefract North	23.0
Pontefract South	22.1
South Elmsall	27.3
South Kirkby	28.8
Stanley and Altofts	18.3
Stanley and Wrenthorpe	18.7
Wakefield Central	22.2
Wakefield East	24.0
Wakefield North	20.8
Wakefield Rural	16.8
Wakefield South	18.7

The table shows the % of the population with long term illnesses, health problems or disabilities in each of the wards in the Wakefield district

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AGE	% of population with long-term illness, health problems or disability
<b>Wakefield (overall)</b>	<b>22.4</b>
0-15	4.9
16-17	5.3
18-24	6.9
25-34	8.9
35-44	14.0
45-54	23.8
55-64	42.4
65-74	52.4
75+	67.7

This table shows the % of the population (and their age) with long term illnesses, health problems or disabilities



## Breakdown of disability types

The following section gives a breakdown of the type of disabilities experienced within the Wakefield District



### Blind and partially sighted

- In March 2003, there were 156,675 (0.32%) people registered blind, and 155,230 (0.32%) registered partially sighted in England. These figures are higher within the Wakefield District, as shown in the table opposite
- In the year ending 31st March 2003, a total of 45 people in the Wakefield District were registered blind for the first time. A total of 100 people were registered partially sighted for the first time
- A total of 30 people who are registered blind have additional disabilities in the District. A total of 45 people who are registered as partially sighted have additional disabilities.

(Source: Dept of Health website – obtained from SSDA 902)

	Aged 0-17	Aged 18-64	Aged 65+	total
Blind	20	240	830	1,095 0.35%
Partially sighted	50	265	1,325	771 0.24%

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing

– In March 2001, there were 50,282 (0.10%) people registered deaf, and 144,558 (0.29%) registered hard of hearing in England. These figures are slightly lower in the Wakefield District, as the table opposite shows

(Source: Dept of Health website – obtained from H triennial return SSDA 910)



	Aged 0-17	Aged 18-64	Aged 65+	total
Deaf	18	84	167	269 0.09%
Hard of hearing	19	114	638	771 0.24%

Physical Disabilities, Learning Difficulties and Disabilities and Mental Health Disabilities

An information breakdown is currently under construction

**useful contacts**

**Wakefield & District Deaf Society**  
Wakefield Tel: 01924 375 958

**West Riding Blind Association**  
Wakefield Tel: 01924 215555

**Deaf Society, The Deaf Centre**  
Wakefield Tel: 01924 239828  
Email: [deafinfoequip@aol.com](mailto:deafinfoequip@aol.com)

**Wakefield Society for the Blind**  
Ossett Tel: 01924 262643

**Sense North – National and Rubella Association**  
Wakefield Tel: 01924 2059500  
Email: [enquiries@sensenorth.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sensenorth.org.uk)



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## Benefit claims for the disabled

	Aged 0-17	Aged 18-64	Aged 65+	total
Physically disability, frailty or sensory impairment	N/A	1033	6830	7863
Mental Health	N/A	741	363	1104
Learning difficulty	N/A	967	66	1033
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>2741</b>	<b>7259</b>	<b>10,190</b>

The number of disabled residents receiving a service From Social Services between April 2003 and March 2004 are shown in the table (Wakefield MDC, Housing and Social Care,2004)

	Local Authority	Independent	Total
Households	1,000	1,200	2,150*

The table shows how many households receive Homecare: (Source DoH, from HH1 Form 2003)  
 \*Some households receive homecare from both sources

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The table below shows the number of disabled people claiming benefits:  
(Source IAD Information Centre, DWP, 2003)

Benefit	Number of claimants	Explanation of who is eligible
Incapacity benefit	18,810	Paid to people who have been assessed as being incapable for work who meet the appropriate contribution conditions
Severe disablement	2,335	Paid to people who are incapable of work and do not satisfy the contribution conditions for Incapacity Benefit
Disability living allowance	21,385	Paid to people who become disabled before the age of 65 and need help with personal care and/or getting around
Attendance allowance	7,845	Paid to people over the age of 65 who are so disabled that they need a great deal of help with personal care or supervision



## Residential care

Various issues surrounding residential care and adaptations to properties are explored below:

A total of 1,940 people have places in residential care due to disability. This includes Local Authority, voluntary, private, small homes and dual registered residential placed. Information is not currently available for children and young people under the age of 18 (DoH, RA Form A, 2001)

The 1,940 is broken down into the following categories:

Older People (aged 65 or over)	Younger physically disabled adults	People with mental health problems (including elderly mentally infirm)	People with learning disabilities	Total
<b>1,519</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>1,940</b>

## Adaption & disability unit

- The number of major adaptations (for example stair lifts, showers, heating conversions, ground floor extensions) completed in the year 2003/2004 was 70 in the public sector
- The number of minor adaptations (anything under £1,000) was 2,105
- The average number of referrals received per month by the Unit is 466
- Referrals are for people across all life stages, not just older people



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## Useful contacts

The following list provides contacts for local organisations that support people with long term illness, health problems or disabilities in the Wakefield District:

The three centres below provide support on issues relating to drugs misuse, alcohol misuse and HIV:

### useful contacts

**Wakefield Centre**  
Tel no: 01924 211113

**Castleford Centre**  
Tel no: 01977 517422

**Hemsworth Centre –  
Pontefract**  
Tel no: 01977 617045

## useful contacts

**Wakefield Support Group for Autism – Horbury**  
Tel no: 01924 270144

**Wakefield Talking Newspaper – Wakefield**  
Tel no: 01924 201000

**West Yorkshire ADHD Support Group – Wakefield**  
Tel no: 01924 863212

**Yorkshire Haemophilia Group – West Ardsley, Wakefield**  
Tel no: 0113 2521766

**Wakefield North Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT) – Wakefield**  
Tel no: 01924 327114

**Wakefield South CMHT – Horbury**  
Tel no: 01924 327720

**Victim Support – Wakefield**  
Tel no: 01924 369107

**Wakefield and District Sports Association for the Disabled (WADSAD) – Wakefield**  
Tel no: 01924 637800

**Wakefield and District Young Carers – Wakefield**  
Tel no: 01924 304110/304111/304112

**Wakefield Asian Welfare Association (WAWA) – Wakefield**  
Tel no: 01924 215563

**Pontefract CMHT**  
Tel no: 01977 465486

**South Kirkby CMHT**  
Tel no: 01977 465355

**Airedale CMHT**  
Tel no: 01977 465702

**DIAL (for disabled people) – Wakefield, Castleford**  
Tel no: 01977 723933 and 01977 723934  
Email: [dialwakefield@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dialwakefield@tiscali.co.uk)

**Move Ahead (for people with brain injuries) – Castleford**  
Tel no: 0171 3691388  
Website: [www.moveahead.org.uk](http://www.moveahead.org.uk)

**Pinderfields Respiratory Support Group – Wakefield**  
Tel no: 01924 365115