Technical Appendix

This appendix provides selected data underpinning the MSR together with links to key sources and background documents.
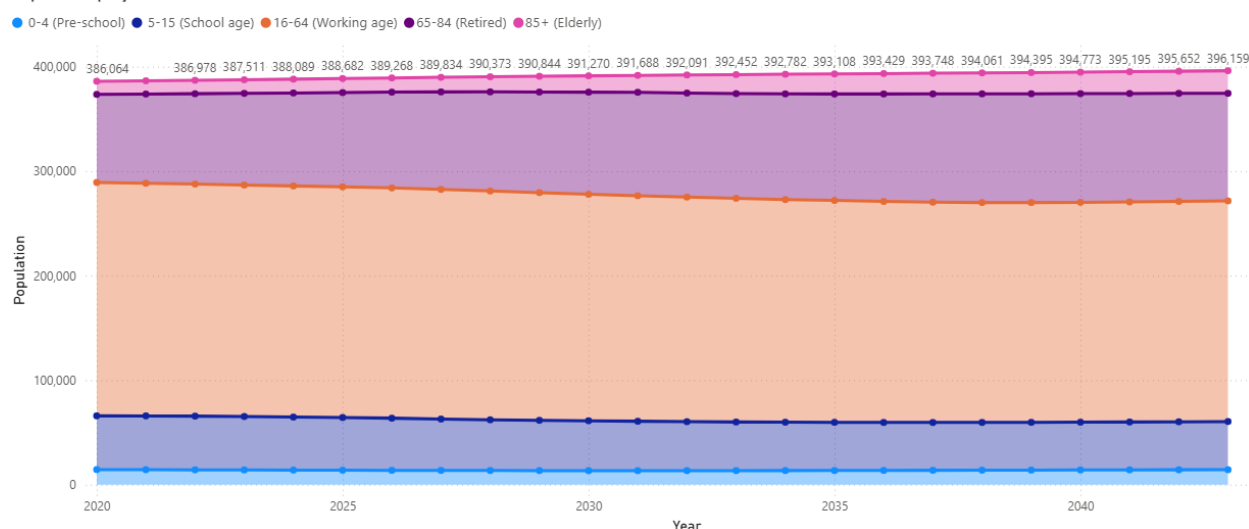
The appendix is structured under four broad headings:

- Cross-cutting
- Older People
- Working Age Adults; and
- Children and Young People

1 Cross-cutting

1.1 Demographic Data

Population projections

Source: Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043

Population estimates mid-year 2025

Local authority	0-4 (Pre-school)	5-15 (School age)	16-64 (Working age)	65-84 (Retired)	85+ (Elderly)	Total
Carmarthenshire	7,305	25,877	109,639	42,377	5,737	**190,935**
Ceredigion	2,187	8,379	40,443	16,867	2,799	**70,674**
Pembrokeshire	4,366	16,190	70,631	30,941	4,946	**127,073**
West Wales	**13,858**	**50,445**	**220,712**	**90,185**	**13,482**	**388,682**

Source: Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043

Population estimates mid-year 2035

Local authority	0-4 (Pre-school)	5-15 (School age)	16-64 (Working age)	65-84 (Retired)	85+ (Elderly)	Total
Carmarthenshire	7,245	24,143	106,630	48,298	8,088	**194,404**
Ceredigion	2,052	7,358	38,337	18,248	3,897	**69,892**
Pembrokeshire	4,308	14,570	67,349	35,350	7,234	**128,811**
West Wales	**13,605**	**46,071**	**212,315**	**101,896**	**19,220**	**393,108**

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)

Population change estimates 2025 - 2035

Local authority	0-4 (Pre-school)	5-15 (School age)	16-64 (Working age)	65-84 (Retired)	85+ (Elderly)	All ages
Carmarthenshire	-60	-1,734	-3,009	+5,921	+2,351	+3,469
Ceredigion	-135	-1,021	-2,106	+1,381	+1,099	-782
Pembrokeshire	-58	-1,620	-3,282	+4,409	+2,288	+1,738
West Wales	**-253**	**-4,374**	**-8,397**	**+11,711**	**+5,738**	**+4,425**

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)

Population change estimates 2025 - 2035

Local authority	0-4 (Pre-school)	5-15 (School age)	16-64 (Working age)	65-84 (Retired)	85+ (Elderly)	All ages
Carmarthenshire	-0.8%	-6.7%	-2.7%	+14.0%	+41.0%	+1.8%
Ceredigion	-6.2%	-12.2%	-5.2%	+8.2%	+39.3%	-1.1%
Pembrokeshire	-1.3%	-10.0%	-4.6%	+14.3%	+46.3%	+1.4%
West Wales	**-1.8%**	**-8.7%**	**-3.8%**	**+13.0%**	**+42.6%**	**+1.1%**

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)

1.2 Guidance

[Code of Practice and Guidance](#) on the exercise of social services functions and partnership arrangements in relation to market stability reports.

1.3 Key Data Sources

[Stats Wales](#) (includes demographic, health and social care and finance data)
[National Social Care Data Portal For Wales](#) (includes a wide range of data and thematic reports for each local authority and region on three priority areas: care and support at home, dementia and children who are looked after)
[Social Care Wales Population Projections Platform](#) (includes projections about a wide range of needs and conditions at local authority, regional and national levels, including: informal care, autism, activities of daily living, common mental disorders, hearing impairment, visual impairment and dementia)

1.4 Regional Documents

[Population Needs Assessment 2017](#)
Population Needs Assessment 2022 (link when published)
Draft [Well-being Assessments](#) (one for each county)
West Wales [Area Plan](#)
West Wales [Carers Strategy 2020-25](#)
Regional [framework](#) for service development and commissioning of Violence against women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services in Mid and West Wales

1.5 Further Reading & Background

[Rebalancing Care and Support](#) Welsh Government White Paper

Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru [Rebalancing Social Care: A report on Adult Services](#)
Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru [Rebalancing Social Care: A report on Children's Services](#)
[Challenges and Priorities for Health and Social Care in Wales](#), Wales Centre for Public Policy, December 2021
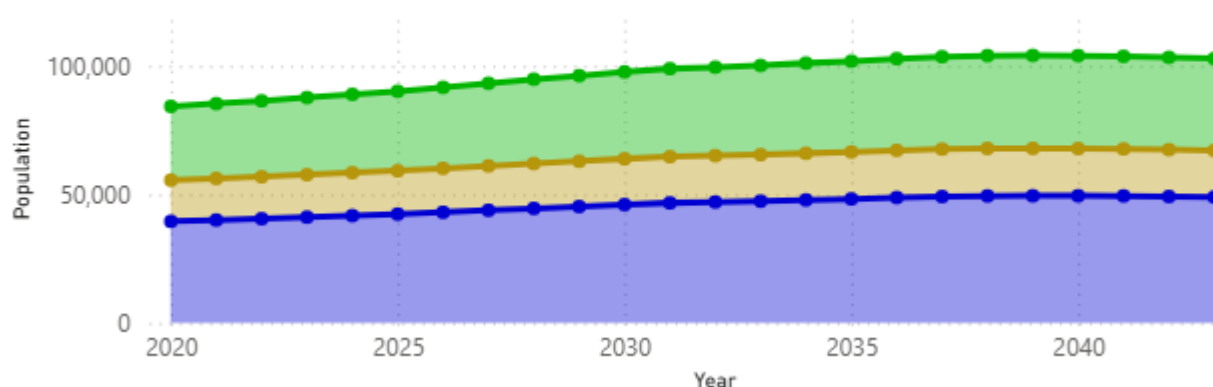Bevan Commission, [Bevan Exemplars](#), innovation projects in health and care

2   Older People

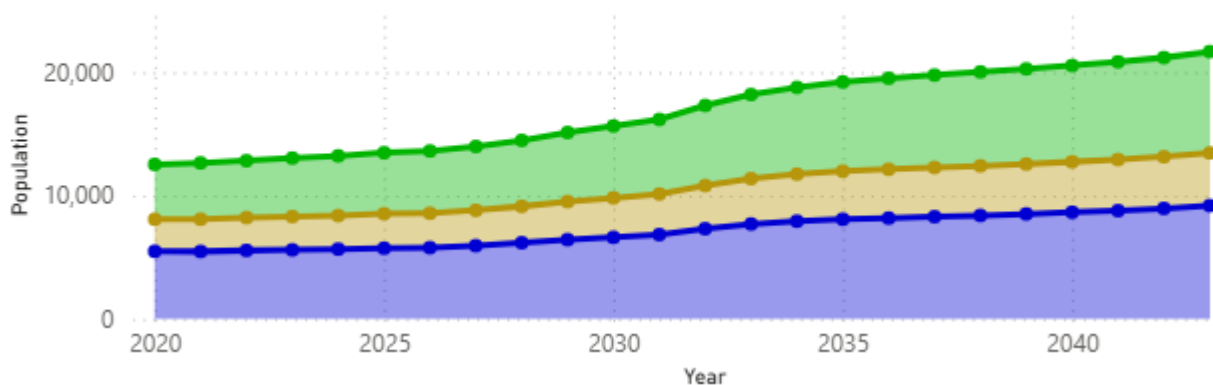## 2.1   Demographic Data

Population projections Retired (65-84)

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)

Population projections Elderly (85+)

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)

Population estimates mid-year 2025

Local authority ▲	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over	Total
Carmarthenshire	24,762	17,615	5,737	48,115
Ceredigion	9,725	7,142	2,799	19,666
Pembrokeshire	17,679	13,262	4,946	35,887
West Wales	**52,167**	**38,019**	**13,482**	**103,667**

Source: Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043

Population estimates mid-year 2035

Local authority ▲	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over	Total
Carmarthenshire	29,242	19,057	8,088	56,387
Ceredigion	10,858	7,391	3,897	22,145
Pembrokeshire	21,020	14,330	7,234	42,584
West Wales	**61,119**	**40,778**	**19,220**	**121,116**

Source: Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043

Population change estimates 2025 - 2035

Local authority ▲	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over	All ages
Carmarthenshire	+4,479	+1,442	+2,351	+8,272
Ceredigion	+1,132	+248	+1,099	+2,479
Pembrokeshire	+3,341	+1,069	+2,288	+6,697
West Wales	**+8,952**	**+2,759**	**+5,738**	**+17,449**

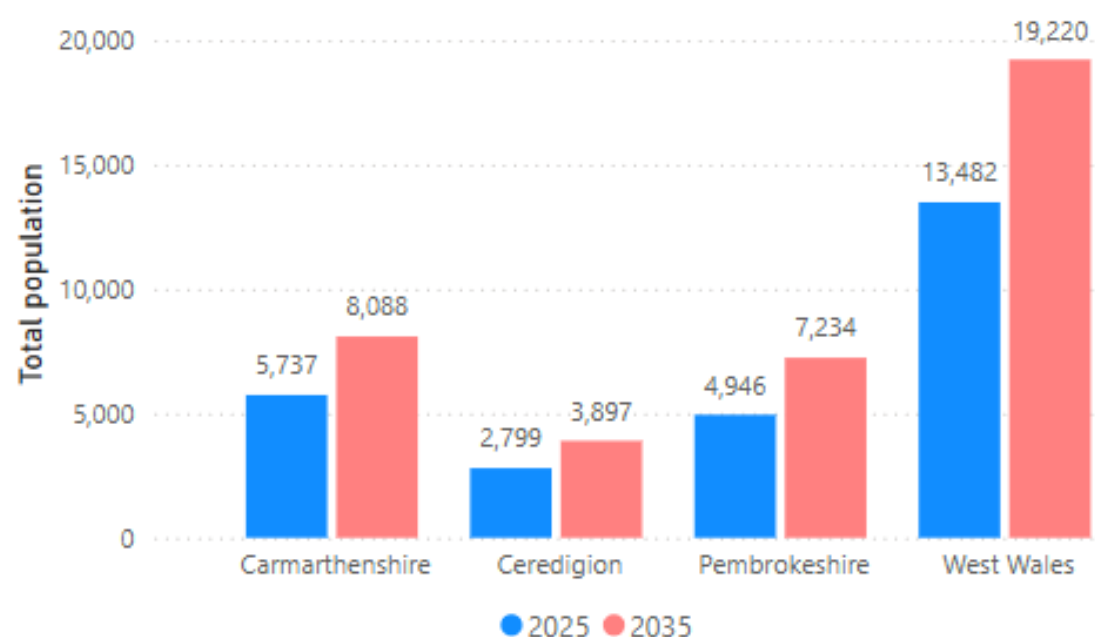Source: Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043

Population change estimates 2025 - 2035

Local authority ▲	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over	All ages
Carmarthenshire	+18.1%	+8.2%	+41.0%	+17.2%
Ceredigion	+11.6%	+3.5%	+39.3%	+12.6%
Pembrokeshire	+18.9%	+8.1%	+46.3%	+18.7%
West Wales	**+17.2%**	**+7.3%**	**+42.6%**	**+16.8%**

Source: Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043

Projected change in the number of people aged 85+ 2025-2035

Source: Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043

Estimates of people aged 65+ with severe dementia 2025-2035

Local Authority ▲	2025	2035	Change	% change
Carmarthenshire	2,306	3,152	+846	+36.7%
Ceredigion	942	1,238	+296	+31.4%
Pembrokeshire	1,720	2,380	+660	+38.4%
West Wales	4,968	6,770	+1,802	+36.3%

Source: Social Care Data Wales, Dementia predictions

Dementia sufferers aged 65+ estimates 2025

Local Authority ▲	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Total
Carmarthenshire	485	858	2,306	3,649
Ceredigion	198	351	942	1,491
Pembrokeshire	362	640	1,720	2,722
West Wales	1,045	1,849	4,968	7,862

Source: Social Care Data Wales, Dementia predictions
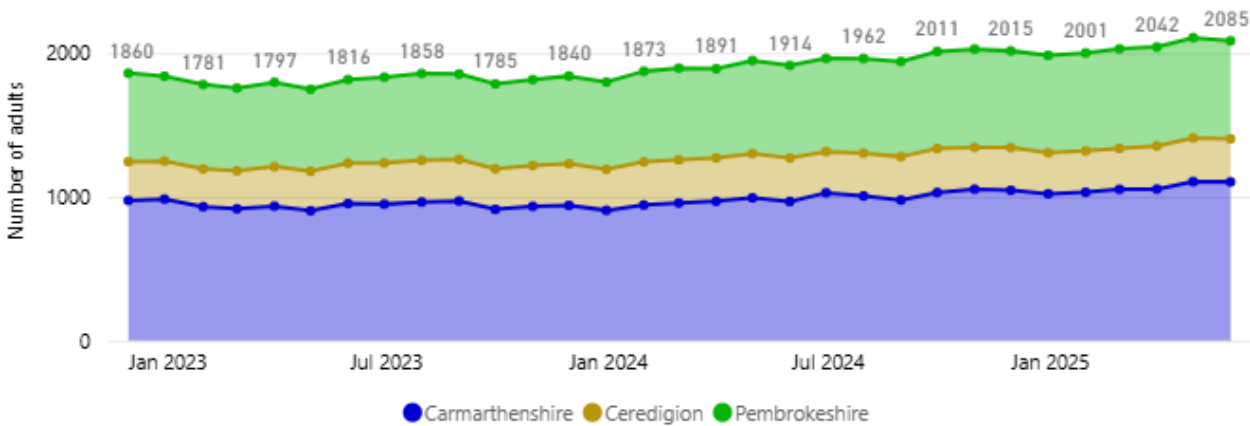
Dementia sufferers aged 65+ 2025

Local Authority ▲	2025	Total population 65+	% Total population 65+
Carmarthenshire	2,306	48,115	4.79%
Ceredigion	942	19,666	4.79%
Pembrokeshire	1,720	35,887	4.79%
West Wales	4,968	103,667	4.79%

Source: Social Care Data Wales, Dementia predictions

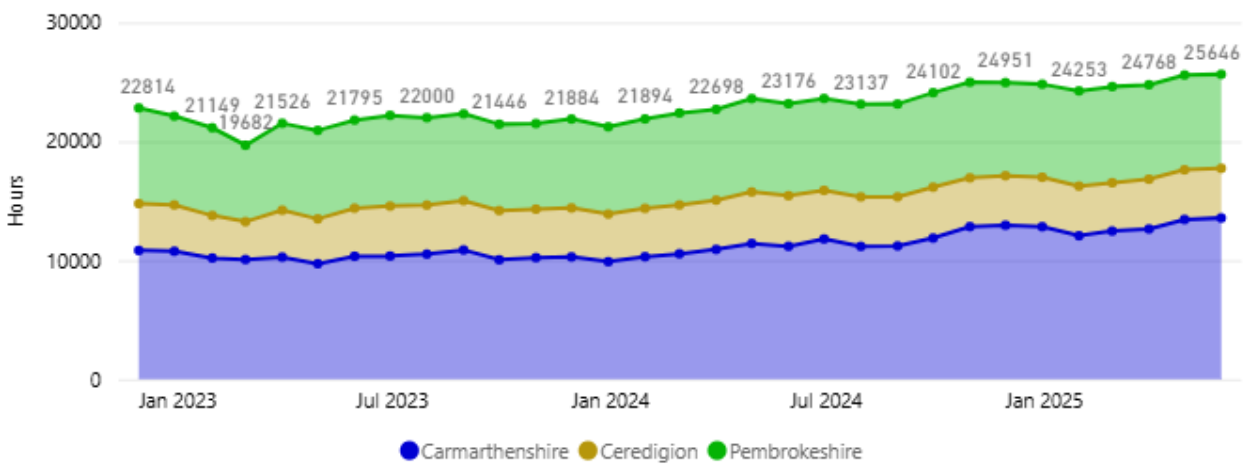## 2.2   Trends in activity, capacity and spend

2.2.1   Domiciliary Care

Number of adults receiving domiciliary care by local authority

Source: Welsh Government Checkpoint data

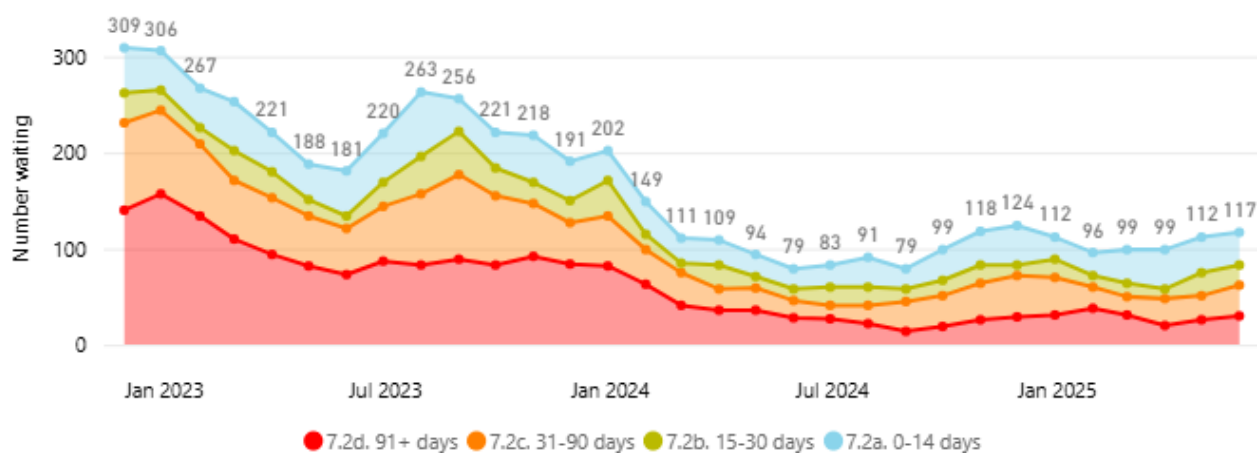*Weekly hours of domiciliary care provided for adults by local authority*

Source: Welsh Government Checkpoint data

Hours of general domiciliary care

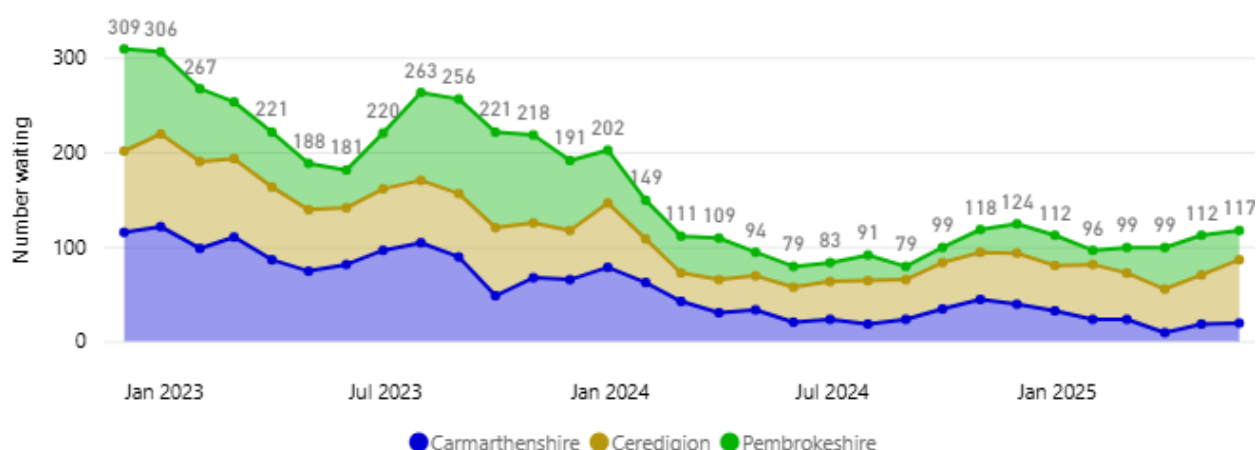| Date	Adults receiving domiciliary care	Weekly hours of domiciliary care provided	Average weekly hours per person
May 2025	2,085	25,646.4	12.3
Apr 2025	2,107	25,586.2	12.1
Mar 2025	2,042	24,768.4	12.1
Feb 2025	2,029	24,614.4	12.1
Jan 2025	2,001	24,252.6	12.1
Dec 2024	1,984	24,813.1	12.5
Nov 2024	2,015	24,951.4	12.4
Oct 2024	2,028	24,979.4	12.3
Sep 2024	2,011	24,102.1	12.0
Aug 2024	1,941	23,150.4	11.9
Jul 2024	1,962	23,137.2	11.8
Jun 2024	1,963	23,613.4	12.0
May 2024	1,914	23,176.4	12.1
Apr 2024	1,948	23,602.1	12.1
Mar 2024	1,891	22,697.8	12.0
Feb 2024	1,895	22,393.3	11.8
Jan 2024	1,873	21,893.7	11.7
Dec 2023	1,798	21,233.2	11.8
Nov 2023	1,840	21,884.4	11.9
Oct 2023	1,815	21,506.3	11.8
Sep 2023	1,785	21,445.5	12.0
Aug 2023	1,854	22,323.5	12.0
Jul 2023	1,858	21,999.8	11.8
Jun 2023	1,832	22,195.0	12.1
May 2023	1,816	21,795.3	12.0
Apr 2023	1,748	20,930.2	12.0
Mar 2023	1,797	21,525.8	12.0
Feb 2023	1,756	19,681.8	11.2
Jan 2023	1,781	21,149.1	11.9
Dec 2022	1,839	22,126.9	12.0
Nov 2022	1,860	22,813.9	12.3

Source: Welsh Government Checkpoint data

Number of adults waiting for domiciliary care by wait time

Source: Welsh Government Checkpoint data

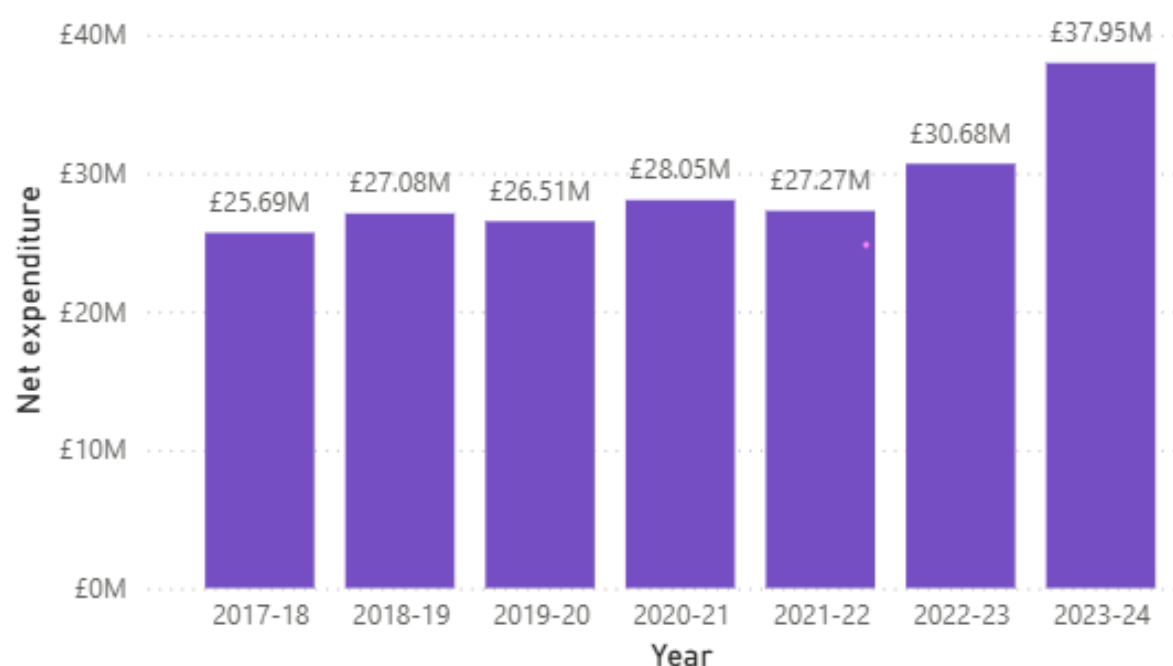## Number of adults waiting for domiciliary care by local authority

Source: Welsh Government Checkpoint data

Expenditure on older people's domiciliary care

Financial Year	Own provision (including joint arrangements)	Provision by others (including joint arrangements)	Gross expenditure	Net expenditure	Own provision as % Gross	Change in net spend
2017	£4,862,231	£24,442,969	£31,066,184	£25,689,966	15.65%	
2018	£5,739,678	£24,667,016	£32,370,612	£27,082,994	17.73%	5.42%
2019	£8,240,572	£22,456,699	£32,688,443	£26,514,253	25.21%	-2.10%
2020	£14,476,337	£18,279,484	£35,108,949	£28,053,682	41.23%	5.81%
2021	£11,307,323	£20,572,777	£34,197,490	£27,274,190	33.06%	-2.78%
2022	£12,541,760	£22,460,673	£37,163,869	£30,675,868	33.75%	12.47%
2023	£13,985,072	£28,075,435	£44,794,809	£37,953,573	31.22%	23.72%

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

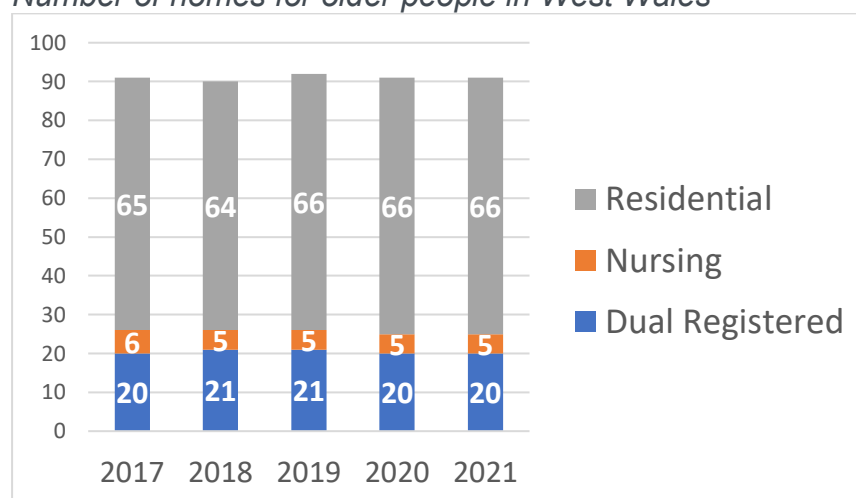## Net expenditure on domiciliary care for older people

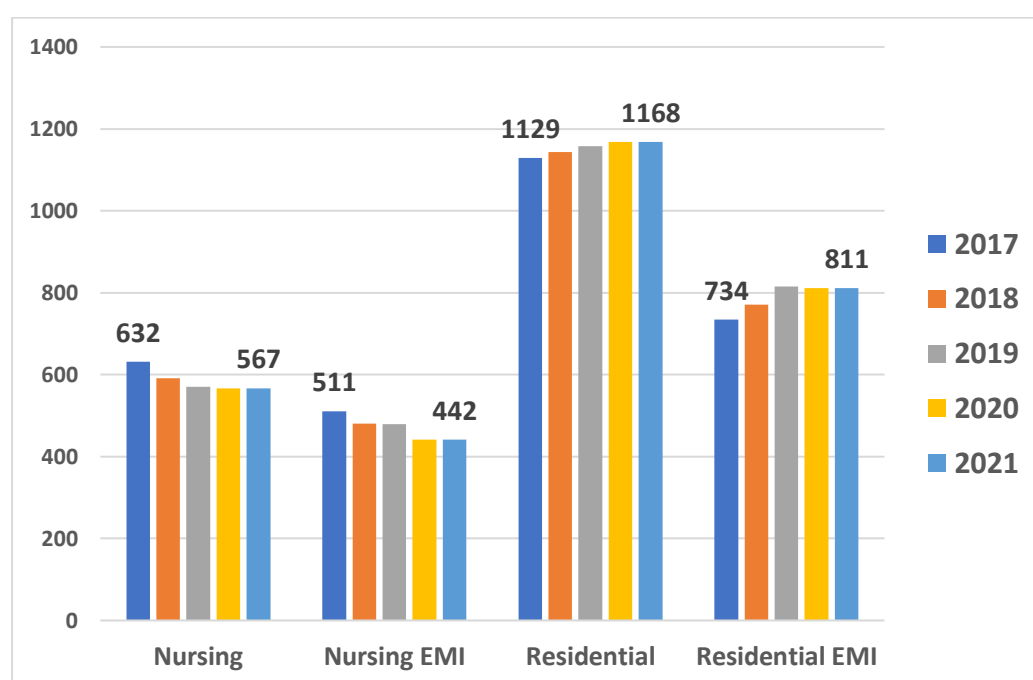Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

2.2.2 Care homes for Older People

Number of homes for older people in West Wales

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

Trends in bed numbers for older people

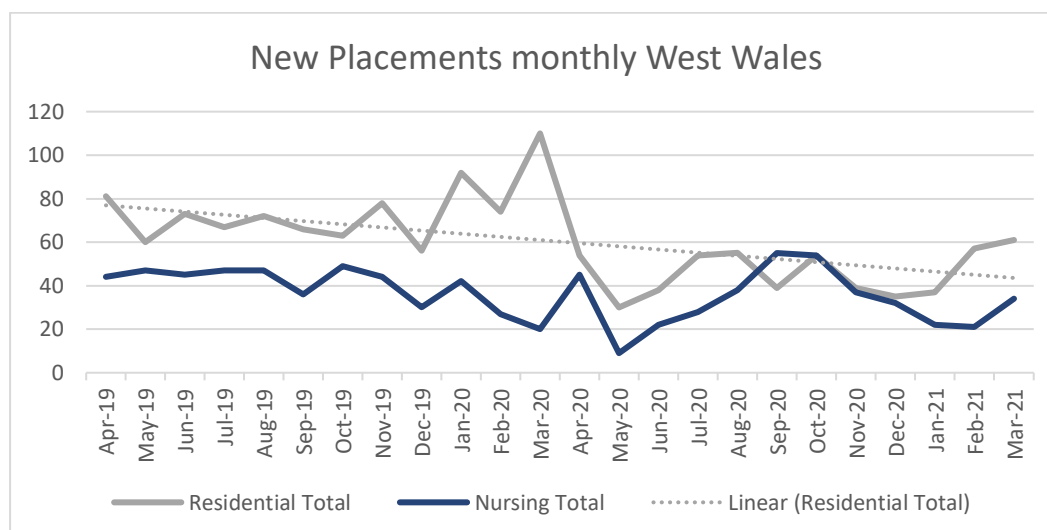

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

Trends in placements commissioned by the local authorities or Health Board

Total as at 31 March	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Carmarthenshire	897	860	945	1006	842
Ceredigion	339	356	331	349	329
Pembrokeshire	407	446	450	525	465
Hywel Dda*	325	328	308	297	275

| Grand Total | 1,968 | 1,990 | 2,034 | 2,177 | 1,911 |

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

*Hywel Dda placement numbers are for Continuing Health Care (CHC) and Section 117 only. Funded Nursing Care (FNC) placements are included in the local authority numbers to avoid double counting.

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

Trends in Occupancy

Average occupancy rate			
	2019 (April-Dec)	**2020 (Whole year)**	**2021 (Jan- May**
Nursing	**93.6%**	**91.2%**	**80.7%**
Carmarthenshire	93.6%	89.2%	74.5%
Ceredigion	94.9%	95.5%	88.5%
Pembrokeshire	92.4%	88.9%	79.1%
Nursing EMI	**95.9%**	**93.7%**	**86.8%**
Carmarthenshire	95.3%	95.5%	86.5%
Ceredigion	100.0%	100.0%	91.4%
Pembrokeshire	92.6%	85.8%	82.5%
Residential	**95.5%**	**92.7%**	**83.5%**
Carmarthenshire	92.4%	91.9%	75.6%
Ceredigion	97.0%	95.3%	90.5%
Pembrokeshire	97.2%	90.8%	84.4%
Residential EMI	**94.5%**	**91.6%**	**83.0%**
Carmarthenshire	92.4%	93.8%	83.0%
Ceredigion	94.3%	90.4%	80.4%
Pembrokeshire	96.8%	90.6%	85.4%

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

Care home beds occupancy rates

Month	Total beds	Known occupied	Known vacant and available	Known vacant but unavailable	% known occupancy	Unknown occupancy state	% beds with status unknown
May 25	3,691	2,055	185	57	89.5%	1,394	38%
Apr 25	3,604	2,066	180	51	89.9%	1,307	36%
Mar 25	3,604	2,064	179	54	89.9%	1,307	36%
Feb 25	3,562	2,075	165	57	90.3%	1,265	36%
Jan 25	3,562	2,071	175	51	90.2%	1,265	36%
Dec 24	3,565	2,034	146	58	90.9%	1,327	37%
Nov 24	3,506	2,042	138	58	91.2%	1,268	36%
Oct 24	3,506	2,038	143	57	91.1%	1,268	36%
Sep 24	3,506	2,048	137	54	91.5%	1,267	36%
Aug 24	3,450	1,997	150	53	90.8%	1,250	36%
Jul 24	3,450	2,000	147	53	90.9%	1,250	36%
Jun 24	3,450	1,963	141	55	90.9%	1,291	37%
May 24	3,450	1,931	140	56	90.8%	1,323	38%
Apr 24	3,428	1,865	145	56	90.3%	1,362	40%
Mar 24	3,427	1,809	126	57	90.8%	1,435	42%
Feb 24	3,427	1,805	120	58	91.0%	1,444	42%
Jan 24	3,427	1,805	124	54	91.0%	1,444	42%
Dec 23	3,427	1,804	122	57	91.0%	1,444	42%
Nov 23	3,427	1,801	125	57	90.8%	1,444	42%
Oct 23	3,427	1,727	128	56	90.4%	1,516	44%
Sep 23	3,424	1,739	116	55	91.0%	1,514	44%

Source: Carehomes.wales

Expenditure on older people's residential care

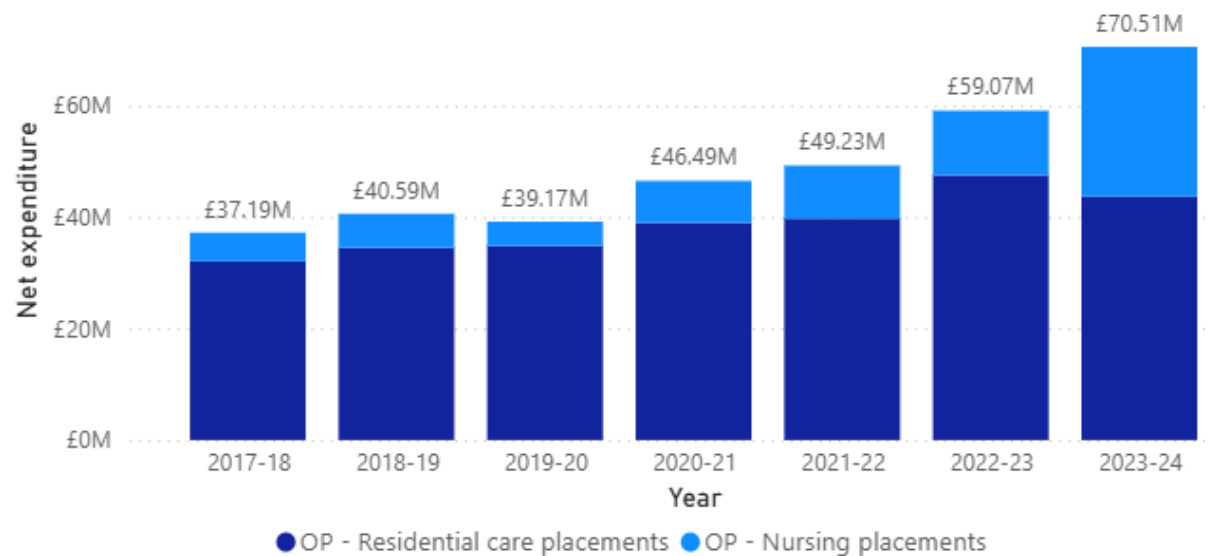| Financial Year	Own provision (including joint arrangements)	Provision by others (including joint arrangements)	Gross expenditure	Net expenditure	Own provision as % Gross	Change in net spend
2017	£12,733,403	£35,938,235	£51,967,542	£32,061,975	24.50%	
2018	£13,436,425	£37,439,911	£54,988,831	£34,476,154	24.43%	7.53%
2019	£14,595,477	£39,402,785	£57,621,516	£34,833,819	25.33%	1.04%
2020	£12,020,675	£47,972,723	£62,714,263	£38,957,842	19.17%	11.84%
2021	£15,524,281	£46,355,793	£65,167,681	£39,748,664	23.82%	2.03%
2022	£19,614,263	£52,880,810	£74,878,768	£47,489,662	26.19%	19.47%
2023	£24,390,583	£39,580,066	£68,106,833	£43,702,203	35.81%	-7.98%

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Expenditure on older people's nursing care

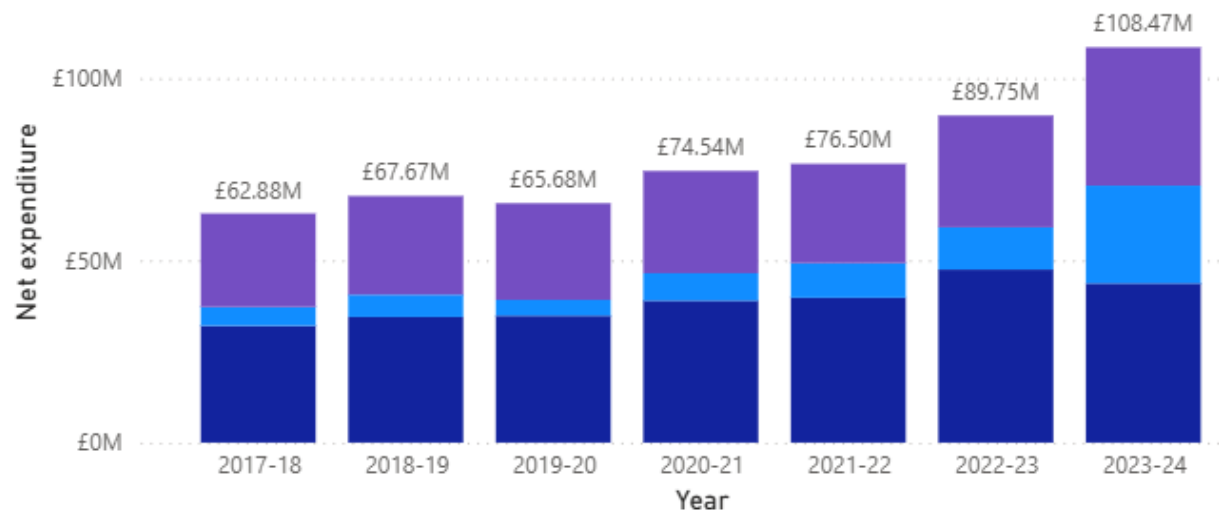| Financial Year ▲	Own provision (including joint arrangements)	Provision by others (including joint arrangements)	Gross expenditure	Net expenditure	Own provision as % Gross	Change in net spend
2017	£0	£11,987,320	£12,462,867	£5,132,961	0.00%	
2018	£0	£13,819,432	£14,266,123	£6,113,636	0.00%	19.11%
2019	£0	£14,591,892	£15,661,686	£4,334,880	0.00%	-29.09%
2020	£0	£16,420,064	£18,051,701	£7,528,241	0.00%	73.67%
2021	£0	£17,521,952	£19,251,047	£9,479,725	0.00%	25.92%
2022	£0	£19,270,374	£21,491,931	£11,584,660	0.00%	22.20%
2023	£0	£44,970,196	£47,301,633	£26,809,877	0.00%	131.43%

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Net expenditure on placements for older people

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Total net expenditure on domiciliary and residential placements for older people

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Rates paid for residential care for older people
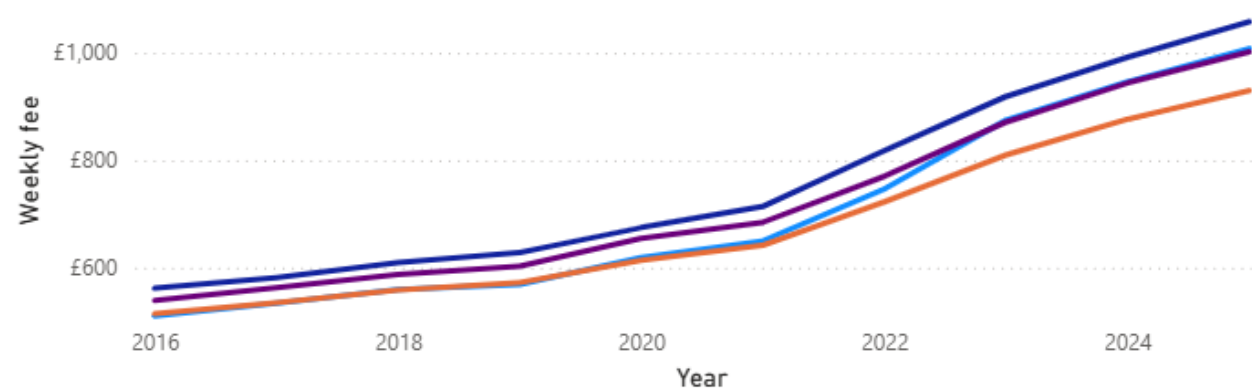
Average weekly rates 2025/26

Local Authority	Nursing	Nursing EMI	Residential	Residential EMI
Carmarthenshire	£956.34	£1,020.67	£913.66	£976.36
Ceredigion	£1,111.00	£1,111.00	£957.00	£1,023.00
Pembrokeshire	£958.00	£1,041.79	£919.23	£1,007.13
West Wales	**£1,008.45**	**£1,057.82**	**£929.96**	**£1,002.16**

Source: Local authority standard weekly care home rate averages (including mid-year uplift if applicable)

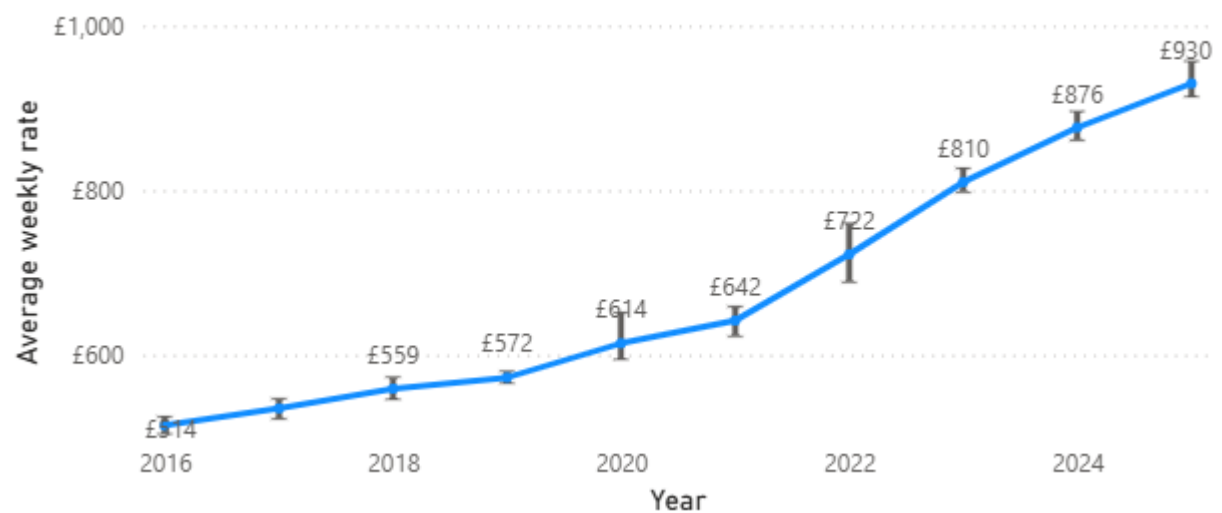*Changes to care home standard weekly rates over the last 10 years*

Care home average standard weekly rates by category of care

Source: Local authority standard weekly care home rate averages (including mid-year uplift if applicable)

Residential average standard weekly rate

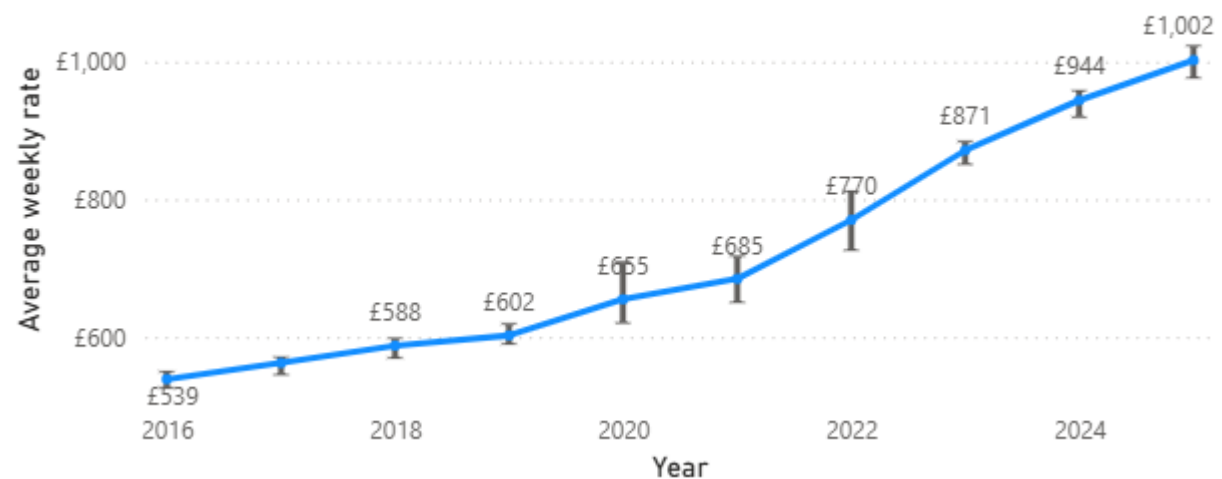Source: Local authority standard weekly care home rate averages (including mid-year uplift if applicable)

Residential EMI average standard weekly rate

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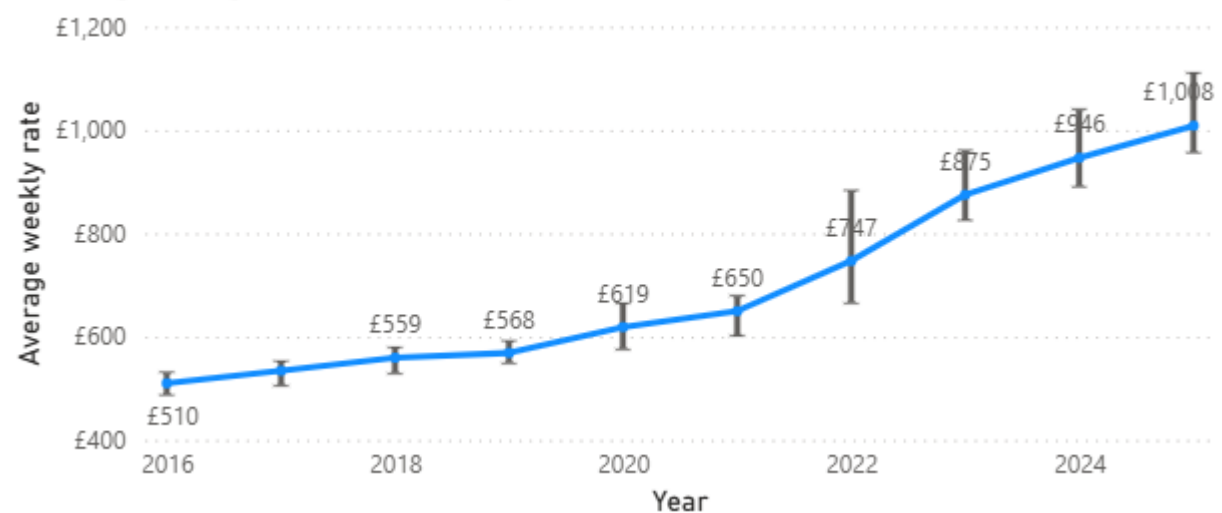
Nursing average standard weekly rate

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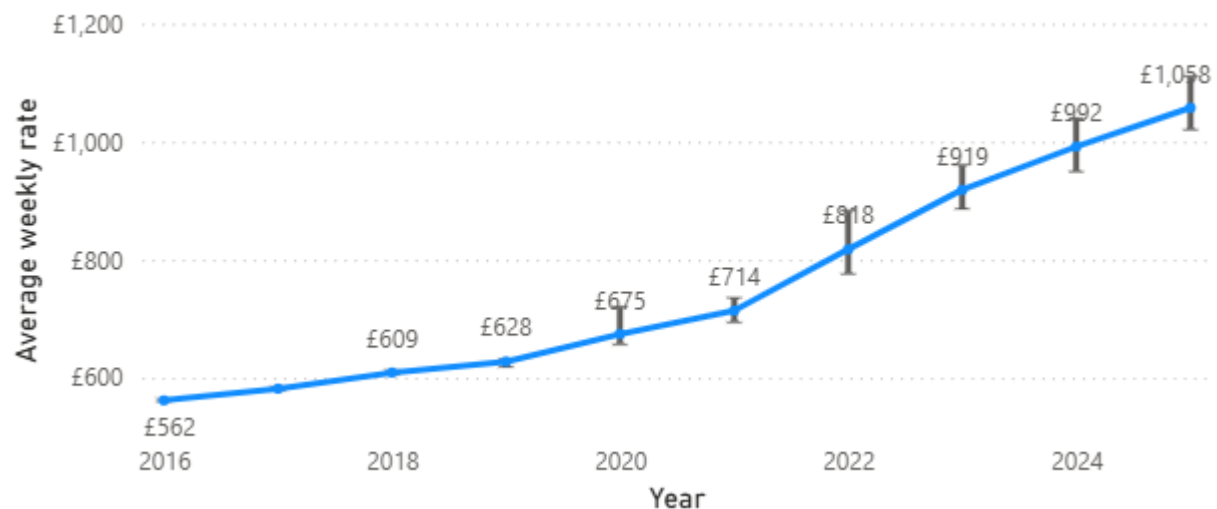
Nursing EMI average standard weekly rate

Source: Local authority standard weekly care home rate averages (including mid-year uplift if applicable)

2.3 Social Care Wales Priority Area Reports

Care and Support at Home (you may select either an individual county or the region)
People with Dementia (likewise, you may select either an individual county or the region)

2.4 Further Reading & Background

Fiscal Wales The Future of Care in Wales, Resourcing Social Care for Older Adults
Care Homes for the Elderly: Where are we now? Grant Thornton 2018
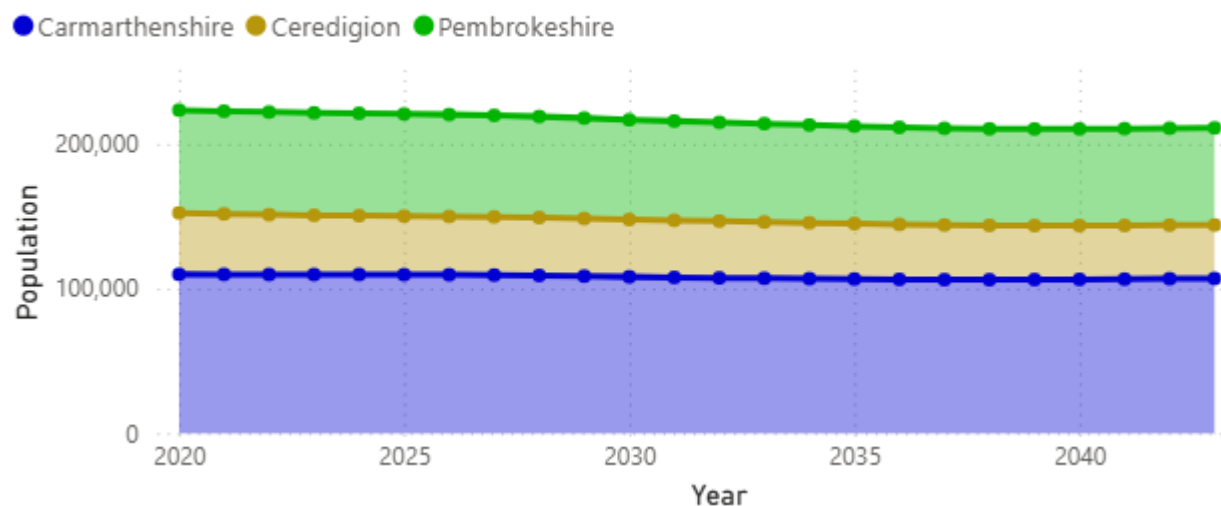Developing a capacity and demand model for out-of-hospital care John Bolton, LGA 2021
Alternative Models for Domiciliary Care, Welsh Centre for Public Policy, 2020

3   Working Age Adults

3.1   Demographic Data

Population projections Working age (16-64)

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)

Population estimates of people aged 16-64 2025-2035

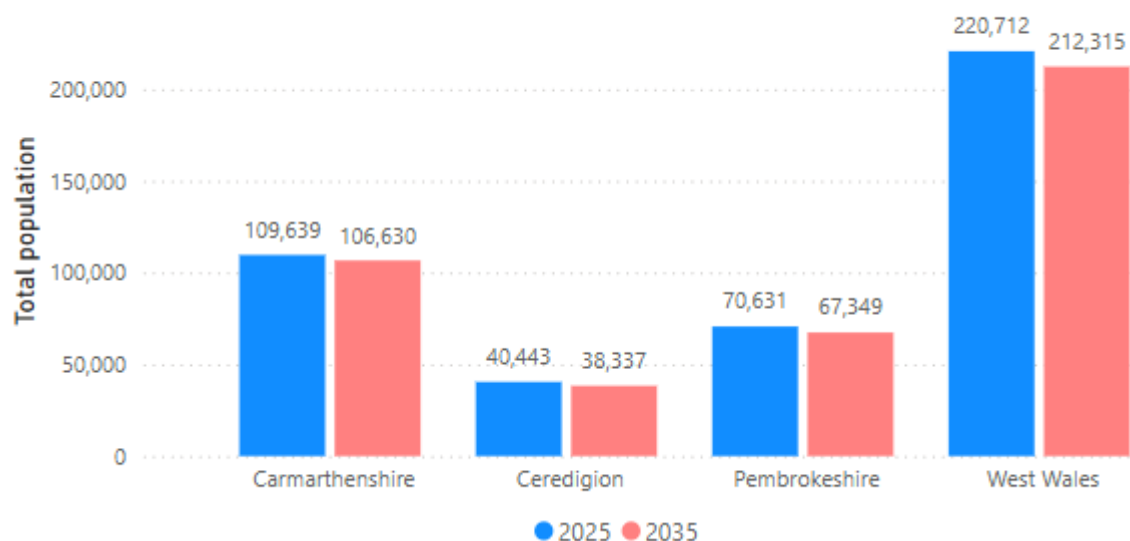| Local authority ▲	Aged 16 to 64	% of whole population	2035 estimate	Change	% change
Carmarthenshire	109,639	57.4%	106,630	-3,009	-2.7%
Ceredigion	40,443	57.2%	38,337	-2,106	-5.2%
Pembrokeshire	70,631	55.6%	67,349	-3,282	-4.6%
West Wales	**220,712**	**56.8%**	**212,315**	**-8,397**	**-3.8%**

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)

Projected change in the number of people aged 16-64 2025-2035

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)
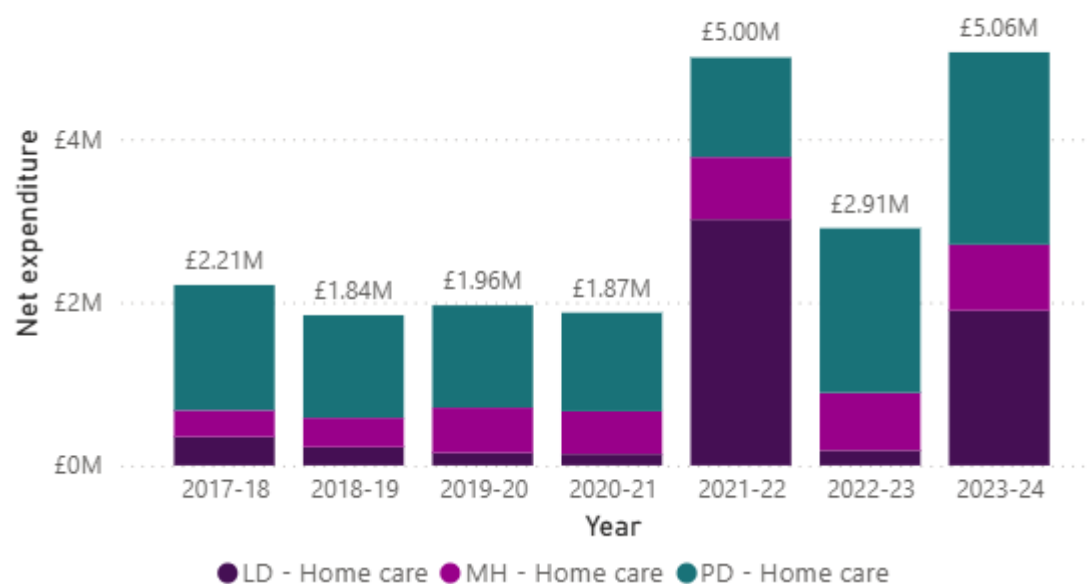
3.2   Trends in activity, capacity and spend

Expenditure on working age adults home care

Financial Year ▲	Own provision (including joint arrangements)	Provision by others (including joint arrangements)	Gross expenditure	Net expenditure	Own provision as % Gross	Change in net spend
2017	£589,605	£2,080,700	£2,877,595	£2,210,894	20.49%	
2018	£307,272	£2,051,408	£2,542,765	£1,841,035	12.08%	-16.73%
2019	£443,906	£1,972,443	£2,598,154	£1,962,115	17.09%	6.58%
2020	£560,764	£1,881,283	£2,630,626	£1,872,265	21.32%	-4.58%
2021	£602,125	£5,342,536	£6,304,983	£4,998,575	9.55%	166.98%
2022	£555,283	£2,887,435	£3,592,273	£2,906,681	15.46%	-41.85%
2023	£590,869	£5,102,598	£5,965,117	£5,062,846	9.91%	74.18%

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Net expenditure on home care for working age adults

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Adults aged under 65 placed in residential care homes

By need category, as at 31 March (total both in county and out of county)					
	Physical disability or sensory impairment	Learning disabilities	Mental health needs	Other Needs	Total
2018	22	223	123	20	400
2019	27	232	129	15	418
2020	22	240	129	23	430
2021	20	237	131	19	429

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

Adults aged under 65 placed in nursing homes

By need category, as at 31 March (total both in county and out of county)				
	Physical disability or sensory impairment	Learning disabilities	Mental health needs	Other Needs	Total
2018	2	2	4	4	12
2019	1	0	4	10	15
2020	2	1	3	10	16
2021	3	1	3	15	22

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

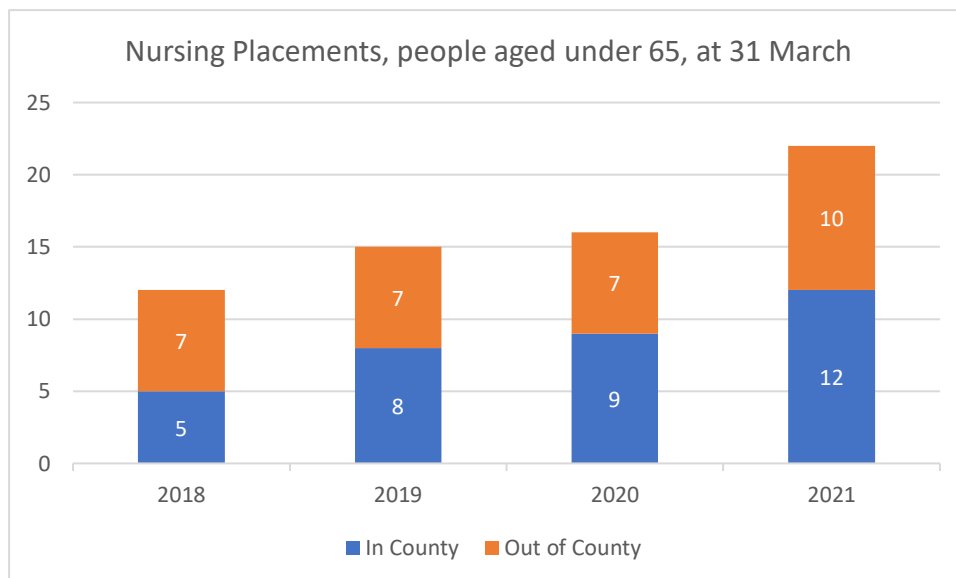*Adults aged under 65 placed in residential care homes out of county*

By need category, as at 31 March (out of county only)				
	Physical disability or sensory impairment	Learning disabilities	Mental health needs	Other Needs	Total
2018	9	84	63	6	162
2019	10	89	72	5	176
2020	8	83	71	5	167
2021	6	78	71	6	161

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

Adults aged under 65 placed in nursing homes out of county

By need category, as at 31 March (out of county only)				
	Physical disability or sensory impairment	Learning disabilities	Mental health needs	Other Needs	Total
2018	0	1	4	2	7
2019	0	0	4	3	7
2020	1	0	3	3	7
2021	1	0	3	6	10

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

Nursing Placements, people aged under 65, at 31 March

Year	In County	Out of County
2018	5	7
2019	8	7
2020	9	7
2021	12	10

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

Number of registered care homes and places for adults aged 18-64, 2018

	Homes		Places	
	Without Nursing	With Nursing	Without Nursing	With Nursing
Ceredigion	7	0	51	0
Pembrokeshire	27	1	207	24
Carmarthenshire	45	1	435	62
West Wales	79	2	693	86

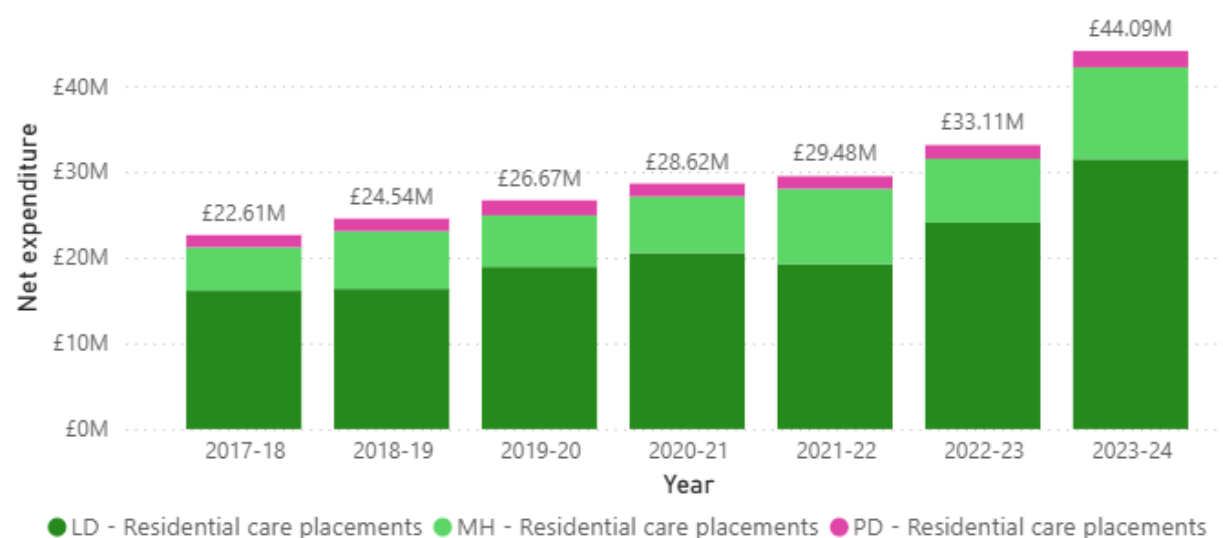Source: National Social Care Data Portal For Wales archived data

This data has not been published in this form since 2018. Data collected by IPC for the MSR suggests little change in this picture so these figures remain a useful guide.

Expenditure on working age adults residential care

Financial Year	Own provision (including joint arrangements)	Provision by others (including joint arrangements)	Gross expenditure	Net expenditure	Own provision as % Gross	Change in net spend
2017	£486,000	£33,254,443	£35,538,991	£22,612,041	1.37%	
2018	£1,394,878	£30,596,511	£34,239,395	£24,539,766	4.07%	8.53%
2019	£1,575,504	£32,426,085	£36,350,246	£26,666,770	4.33%	8.67%
2020	£1,519,936	£35,435,895	£38,427,705	£28,615,322	3.96%	7.31%
2021	£1,512,282	£37,284,276	£40,119,415	£29,481,034	3.77%	3.03%
2022	£1,820,367	£43,101,783	£45,486,204	£33,105,818	4.00%	12.30%
2023	£1,983,686	£47,932,289	£51,362,296	£44,086,100	3.86%	33.17%

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

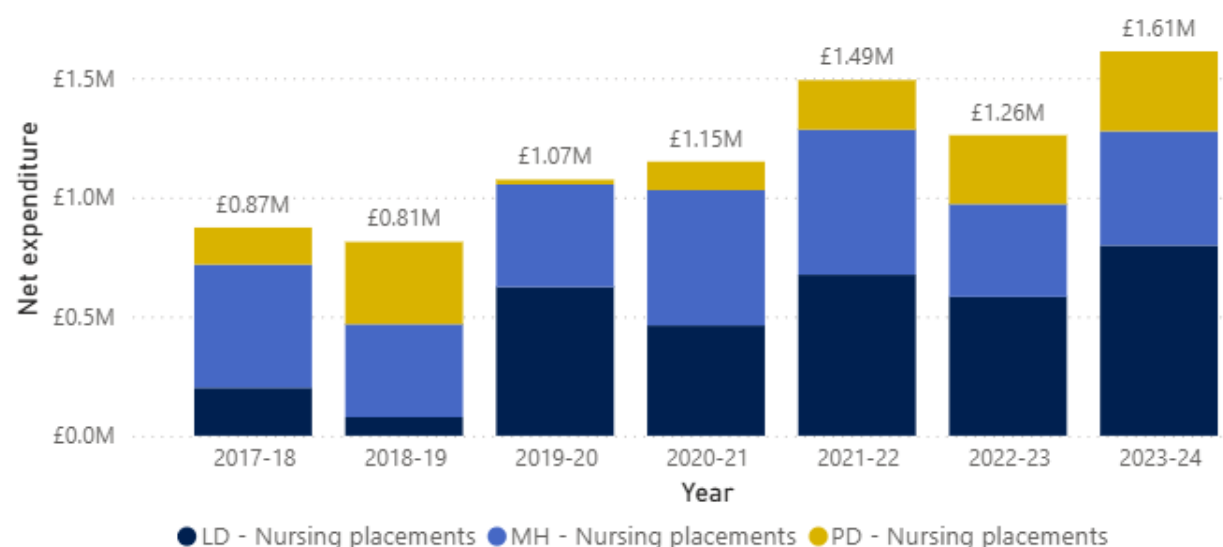## Net expenditure on residential care for working age adults

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Expenditure on working age adults nursing care

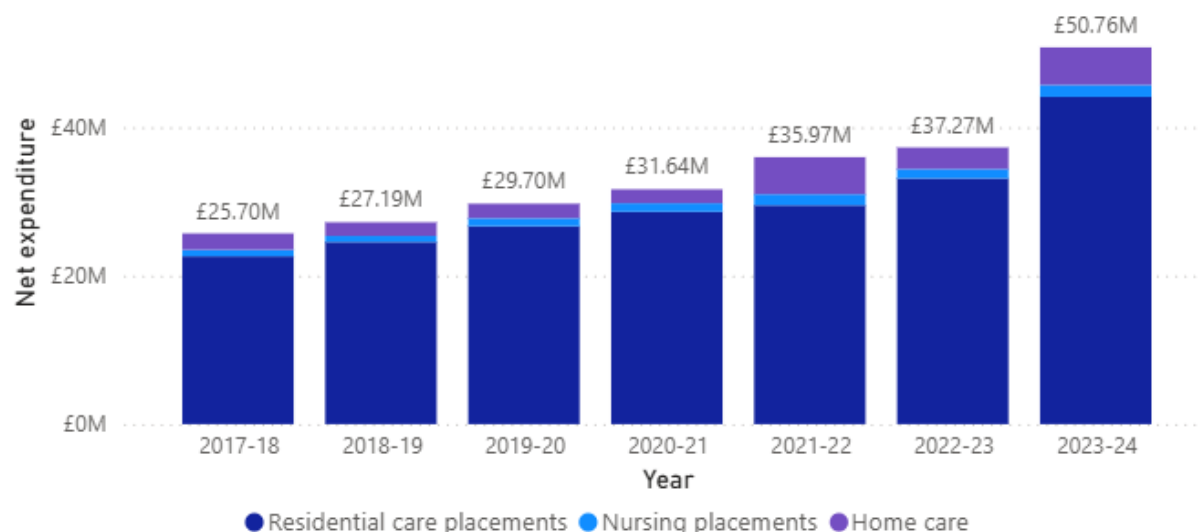| Financial Year ▲	Own provision (including joint arrangements)	Provision by others (including joint arrangements)	Gross expenditure	Net expenditure	Own provision as % Gross	Change in net spend
2017	£0	£1,141,699	£1,196,208	£872,848	0.00%	
2018	£0	£5,713,933	£5,811,391	£812,813	0.00%	-6.88%
2019	£0	£5,058,295	£5,338,271	£1,073,778	0.00%	32.11%
2020	£0	£5,652,403	£6,720,299	£1,149,381	0.00%	7.04%
2021	£0	£5,462,735	£6,680,504	£1,491,202	0.00%	29.74%
2022	£0	£5,664,448	£7,274,519	£1,259,993	0.00%	-15.50%
2023	£0	£6,276,085	£8,106,407	£1,611,724	0.00%	27.92%

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Net expenditure on nursing care for working age adults

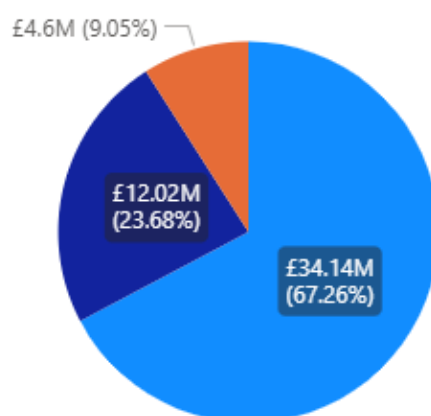

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Total net expenditure on home care and residential placements for working age adults

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

2023/24 Total net expenditure on home care and residential placements for working age adults by need group

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

3.3   Regional Documents

West Wales Charter for people with learning disabilities
Housing and accommodation needs assessment for people with learning disabilities in West Wales to 2037, Housing LIN 2019
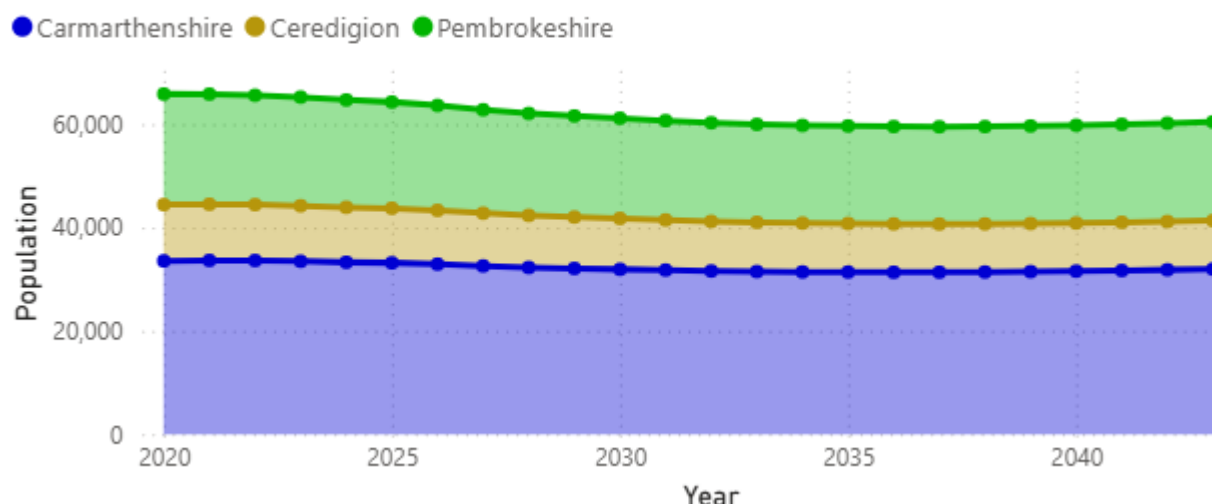
3.4   Further Reading & Background

Learning Disability: Improving Lives Programme
Code of Practice on the Delivery of Autism Services
Disability Wales, The Social Model of Disability

4   Children and Young People

4.1   Demographic Data

Population projections Children (0-15)

● Carmarthenshire ● Ceredigion ● Pembrokeshire

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)

Population estimates mid-year 2025

Local authority	0 to 4	05 to 11	12 to 15	Total
Carmarthenshire	9,254	14,535	9,394	**33,182**
Ceredigion	2,788	4,674	3,104	**10,566**
Pembrokeshire	5,528	8,995	6,032	**20,556**
West Wales	**17,570**	**28,204**	**18,529**	**64,303**

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)

Population estimates of people aged 0-15 2025-2035

Local authority	Aged 0 to 15	% of whole population	2035 estimate	Change	% change
Carmarthenshire	33,182	17.4%	31,388	-1,794	-5.4%
Ceredigion	10,566	14.9%	9,410	-1,156	-10.9%
Pembrokeshire	20,556	16.2%	18,878	-1,678	-8.2%
West Wales	**64,303**	**16.5%**	**59,676**	**-4,627**	**-7.2%**

Source: [Stats Wales 2018-based local authority population projections, 2018 to 2043](#)
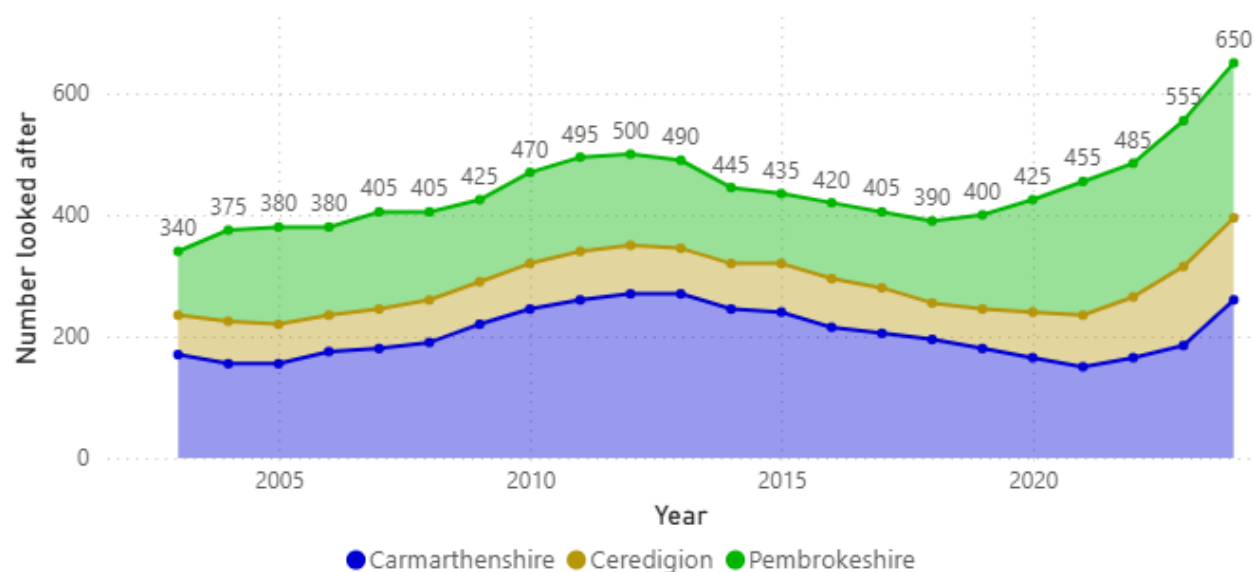
4.2   Trends in activity, capacity and spend

Total looked after children by local authority (at 31 March)

Year	Carmarthenshire	Ceredigion	Pembrokeshire	Total
2024	260	135	255	650
2023	185	130	240	555
2022	165	100	220	485
2021	150	85	220	455
2020	165	75	185	425
2019	180	65	155	400
2018	195	60	135	390
2017	205	75	125	405
2016	215	80	125	420
2015	240	80	115	435
2014	245	75	125	445
2013	270	75	145	490
2012	270	80	150	500
2011	260	80	155	495
2010	245	75	150	470
2009	220	70	135	425
2008	190	70	145	405
2007	180	65	160	405
2006	175	60	145	380
2005	155	65	160	380
2004	155	70	150	375
2003	170	65	105	340

Source: Stats Wales Children looked after at 31 March

Trend in numbers of looked after children by local authority

Source: Stats Wales Children looked after at 31 March

Proportion placed in foster care (as at 31 March 2024)

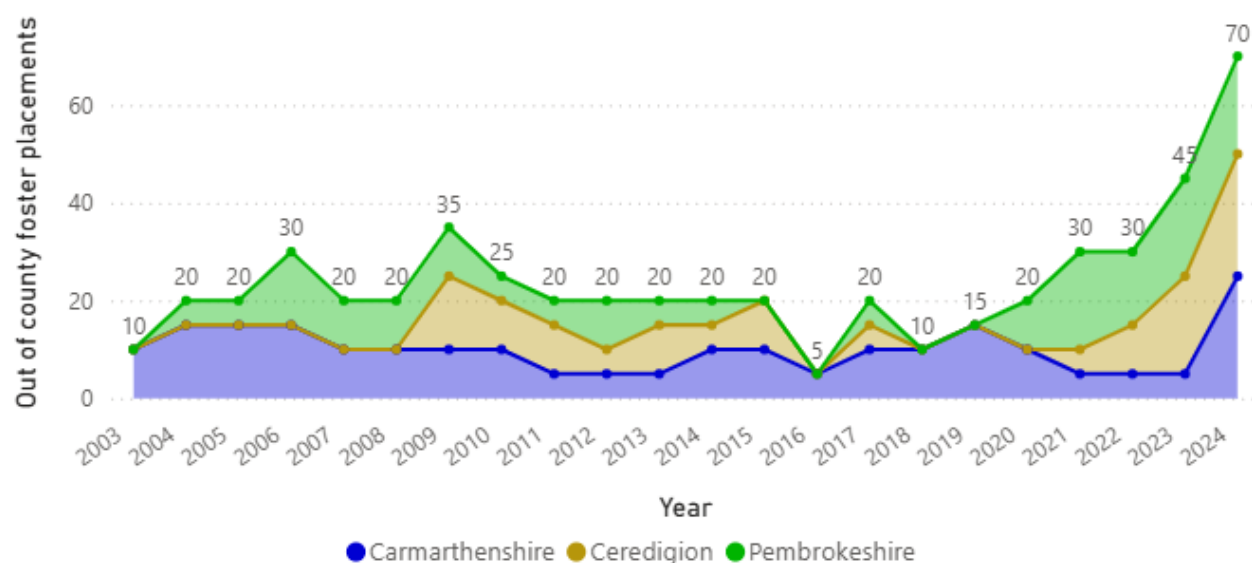| Local Authority ▲	Foster placements	Total looked after	% foster placements
Carmarthenshire	210	260	80.8%
Ceredigion	90	135	66.7%
Pembrokeshire	185	255	72.5%
West Wales	**485**	**650**	**74.6%**

Source: [Stats Wales Children looked after at 31 March](#)

Total foster placements out of county (at 31 March)

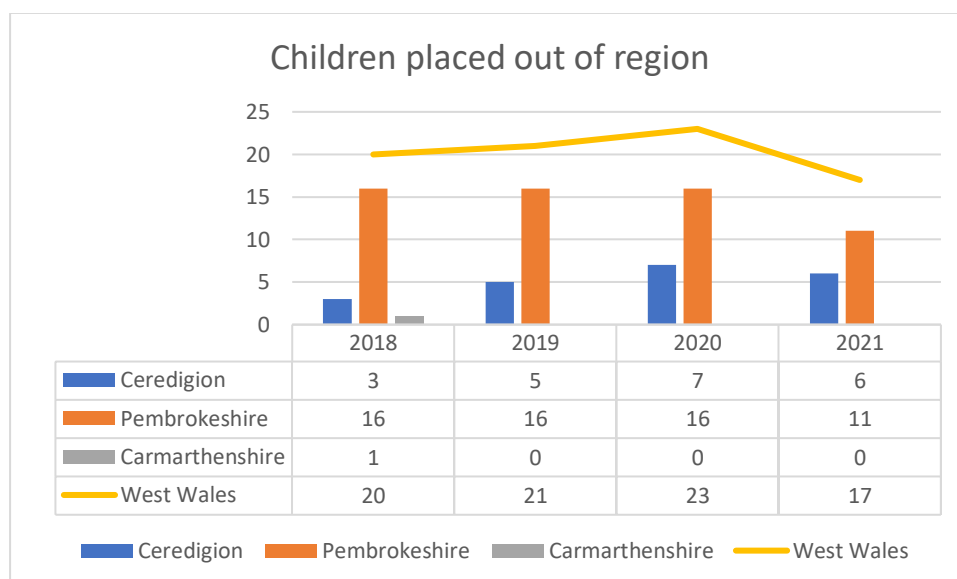| Year ▼	Carmarthenshire	Ceredigion	Pembrokeshire	Total
2024	25	25	20	70
2023	5	20	20	45
2022	5	10	15	30
2021	5	5	20	30
2020	10	0	10	20
2019	15	0	0	15
2018	10	0	0	10
2017	10	5	5	20
2016	5	0	0	5
2015	10	10	0	20
2014	10	5	5	20
2013	5	10	5	20
2012	5	5	10	20
2011	5	10	5	20
2010	10	10	5	25
2009	10	15	10	35
2008	10	0	10	20
2007	10	0	10	20
2006	15	0	15	30
2005	15	0	5	20
2004	15	0	5	20
2003	10	0	0	10

Source: [Stats Wales Children foster placements at 31 March](#)

Trend in number of out of county foster placements by local authority

Source: Stats Wales Children foster placements at 31 March

Trend in out of region placements

Children placed out of region

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ceredigion	3	5	7	6
Pembrokeshire	16	16	16	11
Carmarthenshire	1	0	0	0
West Wales	20	21	23	17

Source: data collected by IPC for MSR

In-house capacity as at January 2022

	Maximum Places	Occupied Places	Vacant Places	Unavailable Places
Carmarthenshire	**199**	**199**	**0**	**0**
Fostering	191	191	0	0
Residential	8	8		
Ceredigion	**79**	**77**	**2**	
Fostering	79	77	2	

	Maximum Places	Occupied Places	Vacant Places	Unavailable Places
Pembrokeshire	**121**	**111**	**10**	**0**
Fostering	115	105	10	0
Residential	6	6		
Grand Total	**399**	**387**	**12**	**0**

Source: Children's Commissioning support Resource data analysed by IPC

Charitable and third sector capacity as at January 2022

	Maximum Places*
Carmarthenshire	6
Ceredigion	2
Pembrokeshire	4
Total	12

Source: Children's Commissioning support Resource data analysed by IPC
*All fostering, there are no third sector children's residential beds in West Wales

Independent sector capacity as at January 2022

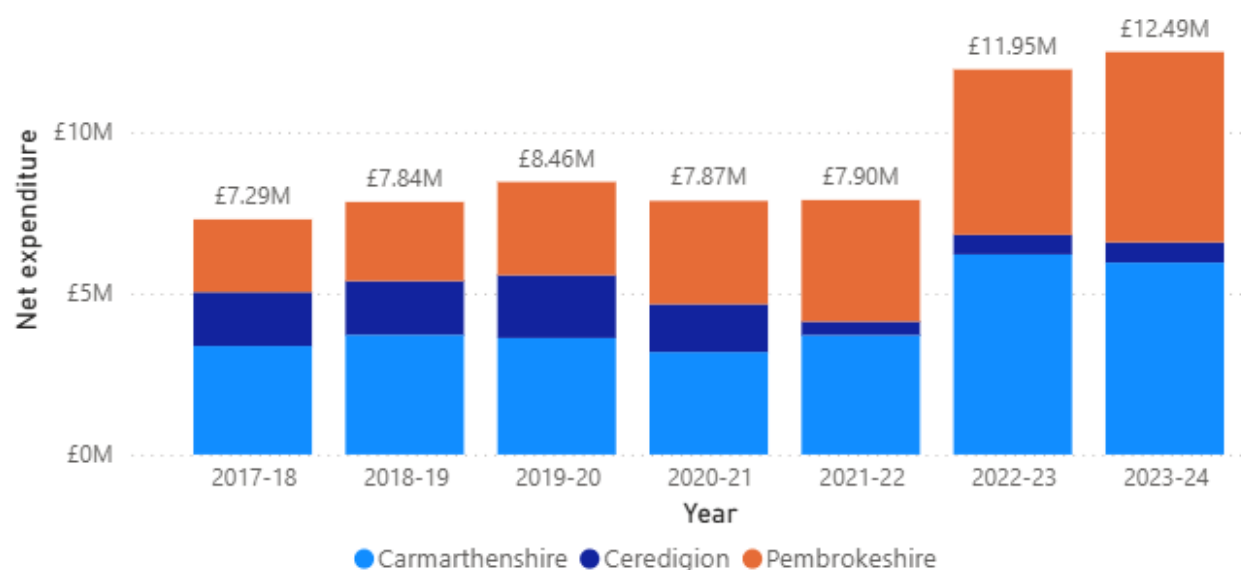|	Maximum Places	Occupied Places	Vacant Places	Unavailable Places
Carmarthenshire	**208**	**135**	**18**	**55**
Fostering	172	109	12	51
Residential	36	26	6	4
Ceredigion	**59**	**37**	**4**	**18**
Fostering	59	37	4	18
Pembrokeshire	**113**	**83**	**15**	**15**
Fostering	70	47	8	15
Residential	43	36	7	0
Grand Total	**380**	**255**	**37**	**88**

Source: Children's Commissioning support Resource data analysed by IPC

Expenditure on children's fostering placements

Financial Year	Own provision (including joint arrangements)	Provision by others (including joint arrangements)	Gross expenditure	Net expenditure	Own provision as % Gross	Change in net spend
2017	£6,176,800	£1,001,746	£7,598,229	£7,294,068	81.29%	
2018	£6,622,690	£897,354	£8,018,373	£7,835,772	82.59%	7.43%
2019	£6,934,181	£993,988	£8,484,959	£8,455,186	81.72%	7.90%
2020	£6,432,778	£976,360	£7,917,445	£7,868,218	81.25%	-6.94%
2021	£7,090,715	£536,338	£7,973,270	£7,895,129	88.93%	0.34%
2022	£8,457,305	£3,132,597	£11,957,607	£11,945,341	70.73%	51.30%
2023	£10,387,333	£1,913,457	£12,618,128	£12,487,583	82.32%	4.54%

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Total net expenditure on children's fostering placements
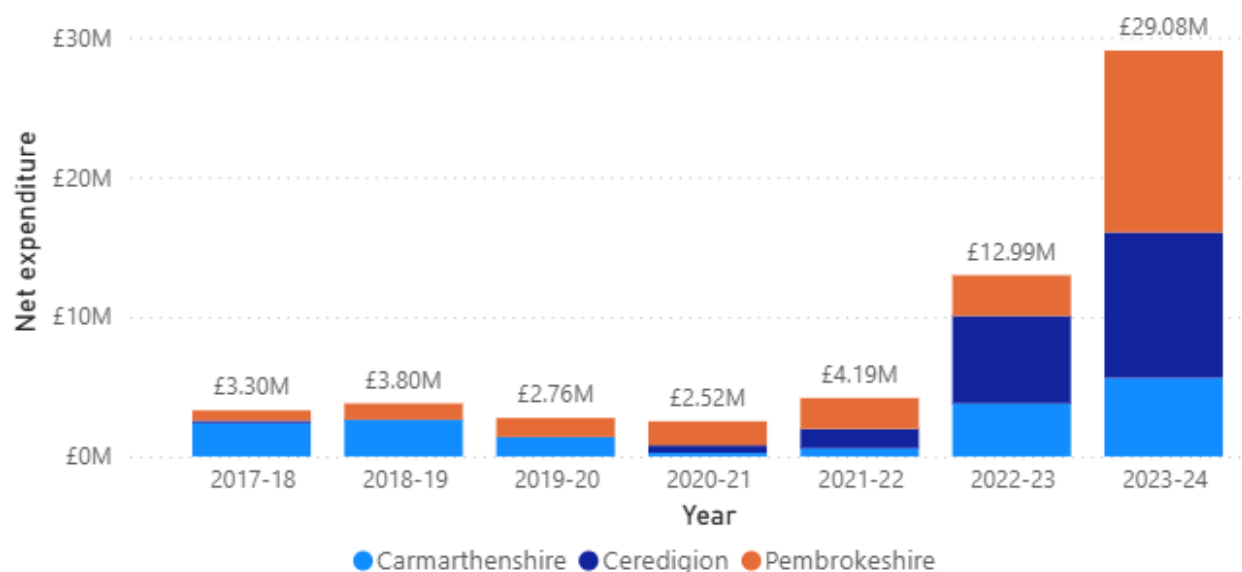

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Expenditure on children's residential care

Financial Year ▲	Own provision (including joint arrangements)	Provision by others (including joint arrangements)	Gross expenditure	Net expenditure	Own provision as % Gross	Change in net spend
2017	£1,638,301	£1,826,927	£3,584,760	£3,302,461	45.70%	
2018	£1,697,941	£2,232,825	£4,135,411	£3,802,872	41.06%	15.15%
2019	£718,082	£2,079,160	£2,891,428	£2,759,673	24.83%	-27.43%
2020	£476,136	£2,278,000	£2,838,841	£2,521,093	16.77%	-8.65%
2021	£683,560	£3,280,521	£4,243,091	£4,188,666	16.11%	66.14%
2022	£4,155,403	£9,546,710	£13,432,005	£12,988,071	30.94%	210.08%
2023	£3,065,112	£25,251,338	£28,862,933	£29,081,548	10.62%	123.91%

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

Total net expenditure on children's residential placements

Source: Stats Wales Revenue Outturn returns for local authorities

4.3   Regional Documents

Children and Young People's Residential Care and fostering, Mid and West Wales Market Position Statement, April 2021 to April 2023 (link when published)

4.4   Social Care Wales Priority Area Reports

Children who are looked after (you may select either an individual county or the region)

4.5   Further Reading & Background

Children Looked After in Wales: Trends Welsh Centre for Public Policy 2021
Children Looked After in Wales, Welsh Centre for Public Policy Evidence Briefing Paper 2021
Children's Commissioning Consortium Cymru (4C's) response to 'Competition Market Authority (CMA) Children's social care market study, Invitation to Comment
Competition and Markets Authority Children's Social Care Markets Study Interim Report
Social Care Wales, Improving Outcomes for children already living in care