

## North Lincolnshire Council assessment

How we assess local authorities

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Assessing how local authorities meet their duties under Part 1 of the <u>Care Act (2014)</u> is a new responsibility for CQC. We have been piloting our approach to these new assessments in 5 local authorities that volunteered to participate. Our assessment of North Lincolnshire Council was part of the pilots. We will be incorporating any learning from the pilots and evaluation into our formal assessment approach.

## **About North Lincolnshire Council**

## Demographics

The population of North Lincolnshire is 169,940. This is predicted to grow by 2% over the next 20 years. There are more older people living in North Lincolnshire compared with other areas, and numbers are predicted to grow rapidly between now and 2043. The number of people aged over 65 is expected to grow by 27% and the number of people aged over 85 is expected to grow by 76%.

The county is a mix of urban, rural, and coastal communities, and 57% of the population live in urban areas. The Index of Multiple Deprivation is 5 (10 is the most deprived).

There are 19 electoral wards, which have been aggregated into 5 localities that group together wards sharing similar demographic characteristics. Looking at ethnicity, 94.32% of the population is White, with the largest population of people from ethnic minority groups in the North Scunthorpe locality. The current political make-up of the local authority is 27 Conservative seats and 16 Labour.

## Financial facts

The local authority estimated that in 2022/23, its total budget would be £265,148,000. Its actual spend for that year was £284,105,000, which was £18,957,000 more than estimated.

The local authority estimated that it would spend £53,625,000 of its total budget on adult social care in 2022/23. Its actual spend was £55,639,000, which is £2,014,000 more than estimated.

In 2022/2023, 20% of the budget was spent on adult social care.

The local authority has raised the full adult social care precept for 2022/23 but did not for 2023/24. Please note that the amount raised through adult social care precept varies from local authority to local authority.

Approximately 2,285 people were accessing long-term adult social care support, and approximately 1,225 people were accessing short-term adult social care support in 2022/23. Local authorities spend money on a range of adult social care services, including supporting individuals. No two care packages are the same and vary significantly in their intensity, duration, and cost.

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