



Bath & Wells Multi-Academy Trusts

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**The
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Society**

140 years.....





Our work across England



We worked with
11,513
young people and
3,049
parents/carers



We reached
23,941
young people through
preventative activity
and systems
change work

We reached
14,514
professionals

81

services

6

national
programmes

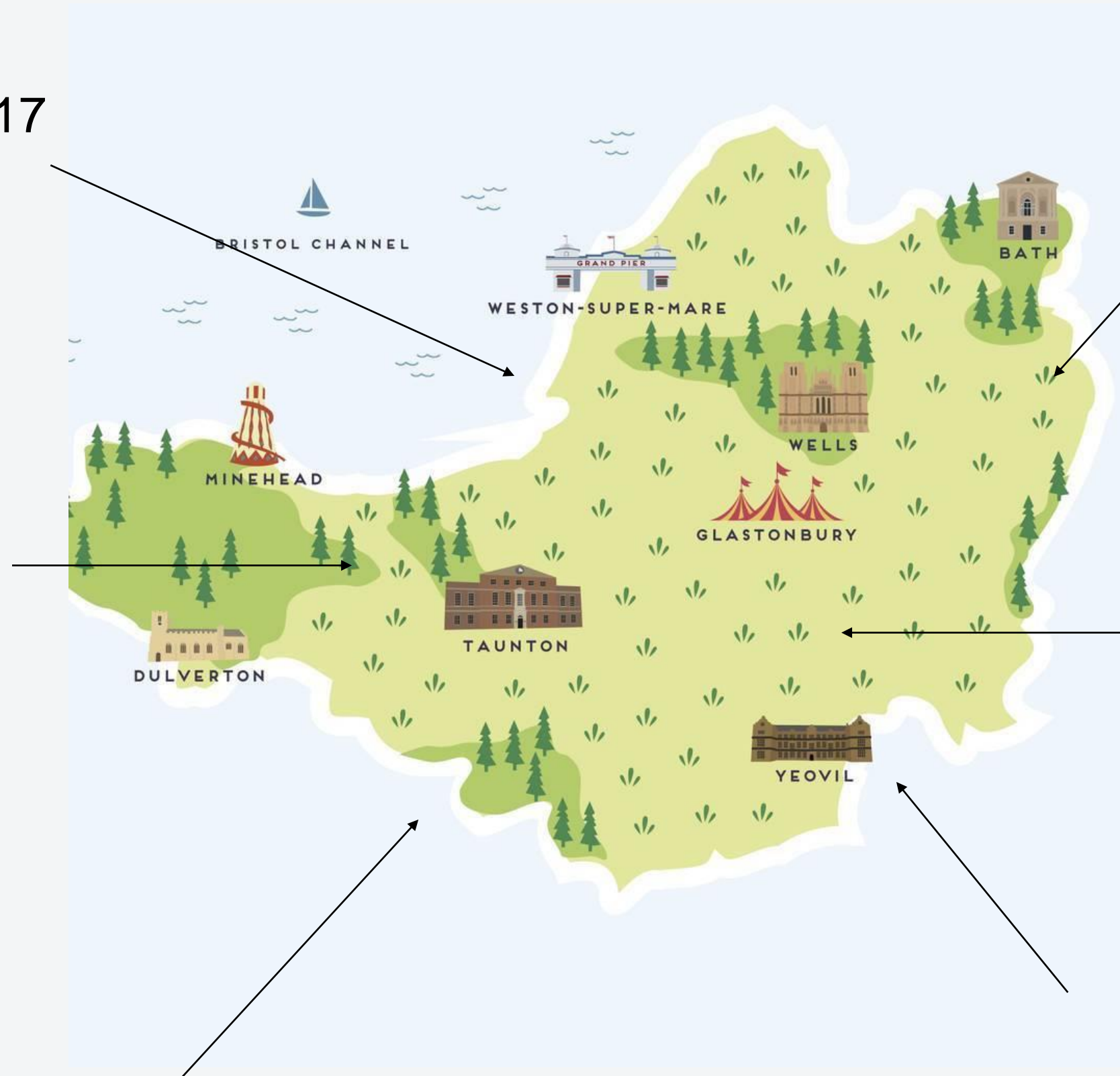
Children's Lives in Somerset

111,190 children aged 0-17 in Somerset

24% living in poverty in Somerset

11,956 children aged 5-19 struggling with mental ill health in Somerset. Average waiting time of 48 days to access support.

534 children looked after by Somerset Council



2,608 children in need identified by Somerset Council.

362 care leavers living in Somerset



Avon and Somerset Police
@ASPolice

Victims of child exploitation are often most visible in public spaces like:

- ✓ Public transport
- ✓ Fast food outlets & shopping centres
- ✓ Hotels
- ✓ Roadside Services
- ✓ Taxis and rideshares

#LookCloser & spot the signs to help protect young people: ow.ly/Saad50Gq8wL



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If something
doesn't feel right,
don't wait,
report it.

- What are your continuing educational provision for those children who could be eligible for exclusion?
- How do your resource/fund this? And for how long?
- Do you offer additional support/sign post via e.g. CAMHS/Children's services/Voluntary sector counselling services?
- Children who present additional sensory needs i.e. ADHD/Autism. What provision do you provide for these children?
- How is the academy funded, and does it support all those children in mainstream education, and those who living in vulnerable circumstances?

<https://edexec.co.uk/academies-should-be-made-to-take-in-excluded-children/>

6 in every 10,000 pupils were excluded in 2020/21

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-in-england>

Campaigns



33,626 actions to support our campaigns last year!

4.4 million positive impacts for young people through our policy and campaigning work

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-campaigns>

The Good Childhood Report 2021

[https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/
good-childhood](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/good-childhood)

- An estimated 306,000 10-15 year olds in the UK are unhappy with their lives
- Roughly ¼ million children did not cope well with changes during the pandemic
- Young people are particularly unhappy about school and appearance

‘At school you are under pressure to look pretty, wear make-up, have the right figure’

‘Teach them that everyone is beautiful in their own way and any differences are a good thing’

Support for schools

Digital Resources

<https://www.flipsnack.com/CA7CFEBBDC9/church-resources/full-view.html>

Young Carers in Schools

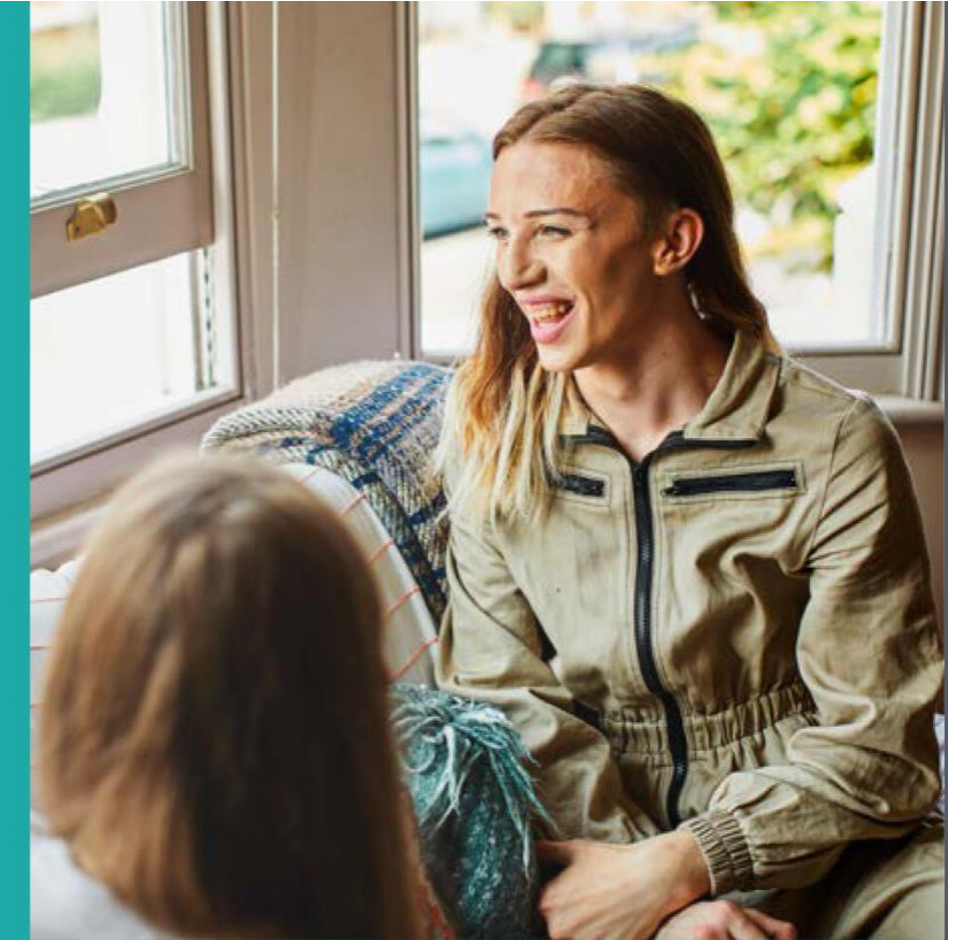
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**Let's think
about friendships:**

Notes for teachers

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Exploring Mental Health and Well-being

Seven sessions for
church youth groups

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How you can support our work

- Consider partnering with us
- Book a speaker
- Support our campaigns
- Become a Diocesan Ambassador
- Host a Christingle

In support of

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Christingle



To find out more visit
www.christingle.org

or contact us on
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***“Sometimes hope takes a battering.
Sometimes it’s hidden beneath a veneer
of doubt, aggression or mistrust.
Sometimes hope just hangs by a thread.
But we know it’s there. It’s in every child’s
heart. This organisation will do everything
it can to restore it, protect it and
strengthen it”***

CEO Canon Mark Russell

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