

**Client Group: People with a
Physical or Sensory Disability
Needs Analysis
(Refreshed December 2008)**

'Supporting you to build an independent life'



Introduction

This client group includes people with mobility difficulties, sensory impairments and debilitating or long-term illnesses¹.

When service planning for people with disabilities it is important to know the features necessary to improve the health and quality of life of a disabled person, and to obtain a better understanding of the disabled population. This requires an assessment of the prevalence and type of disability in a given locality, the cognitive ability of the disabled person and the amount of social and psychological stress the person faces. There may also be crisis points in a disabled person's lifetime where additional services may be required, such as in the transition from childhood to adulthood, and moving from community to residential care².

¹Office for Deputy Prime Minister. Client Group Definitions

²Department of Health (2002) Annex 2: Physical & Complex Disabilities Client Group R&D Priorities: Priority B2: Assessments of disability and handicap.

SUPPLY

Current Supporting People Position

Current Supporting People Spend (2008/09) **£106,995**
1.05% of total SP pot

Summary of services funded by Supported People:

Accommodation Based: **2 unit**
 Floating Support: **20 units**
 Community or Social Alarm **10 units**

Total number of people supported **32**

Table 1; Supporting People Provision, Breakdown by District/Borough:

| District/Borough | Community or Social Alarm | | | Accommodation based | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| | % of max. client group spend | No. of units | % of units | % of max. client group spend | No. of units | % of units |
| North Warwickshire BC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nuneaton & Bedworth BC | 2.16% | 10 | 31.25% | 22.53% | 2 | 6.25% |
| Rugby BC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stratford-on-Avon DC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Warwick DC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| District/Borough | Floating Support | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| | % of max. client group spend | No. of units | % of units |
| North Warwickshire BC | 15.06% | 4 | 12.50% |
| Nuneaton & Bedworth BC | 15.06% | 4 | 12.50% |
| Rugby BC | 15.06% | 4 | 12.50% |
| Stratford-on-Avon DC | 15.06% | 4 | 12.50% |
| Warwick DC | 15.06% | 4 | 12.50% |

Average utilisation of services in 2007/08:

Accommodation based: **66.67%**

The new floating support service commenced its work in June 2008 and therefore utilisation figures are currently unavailable.

There was no contractual requirement for Community or Social Alarms to complete performance indicators in 2007/08

Information from Sectorial Overview

- SP currently funds only one accommodation-based service for this group and two community alarm services. In addition a new countywide floating support service run by the Birmingham Institute for the Deaf has recently commenced operations
- The number of claimants of Disability Living Allowance continues to rise. The percentage of the population claiming this benefit is highest in North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth districts. Further evidence is required to establish whether there is likely to be higher levels of need for housing related support.

Waiting List

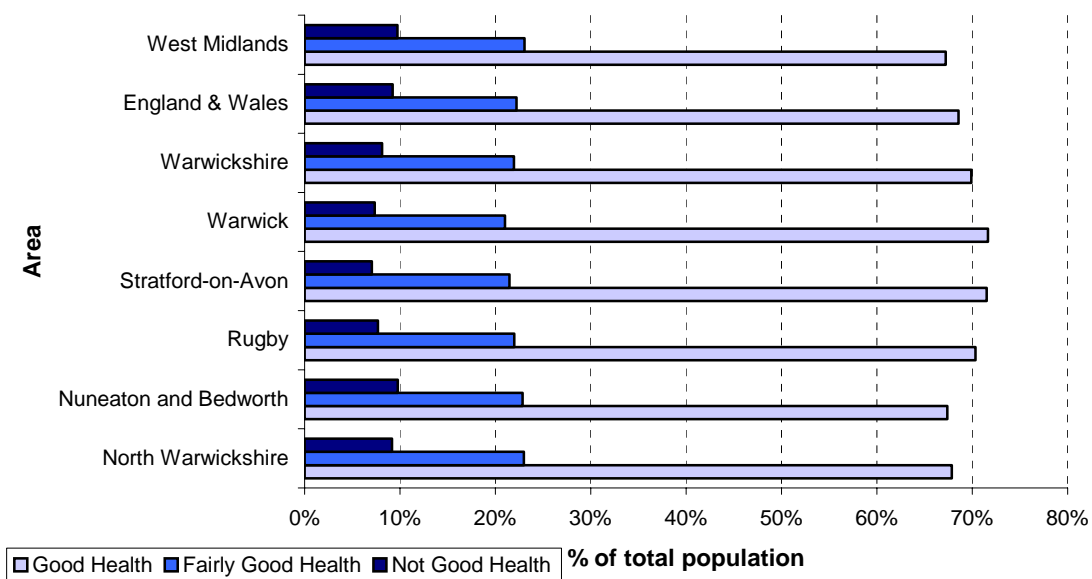
The only accommodation based service catering for People with a Physical or Sensory Disability is a long term service with a capacity of only two. Therefore there is no waiting list.

As stated previously, the floating support service only commenced operations in June 2008 and therefore no waiting list details are currently available.

CURRENT POSITION WITHIN WARWICKSHIRE

General Health

Figure 1; General Health in Warwickshire, 2001



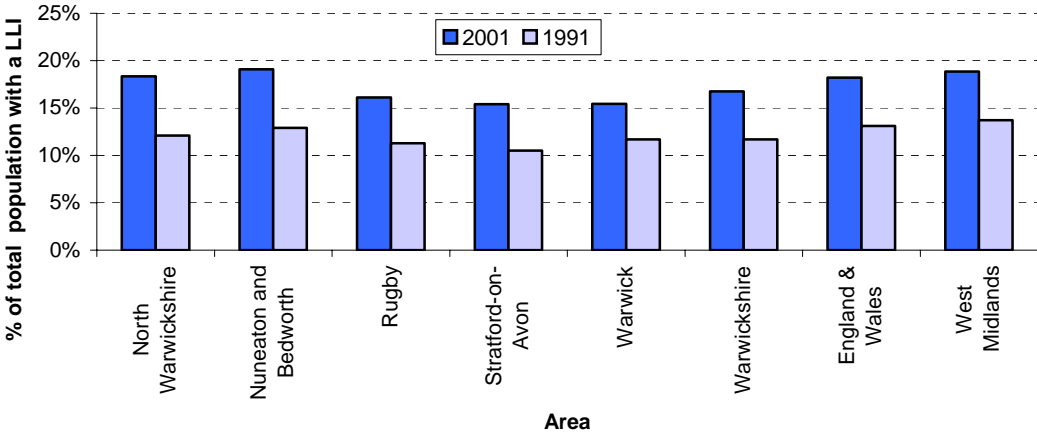
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The 2001 Census was the first Census to include a question on general health. Respondents answered the questions based upon a self-assessment of their general health in the twelve months prior to the Census. As indicated in Figure 1, the South of the County had a higher proportion of the population than the North rating their health as good. Stratford and Warwick districts were the healthiest districts in the West Midlands, and despite the older age structure in Stratford, 71% of the population regarded their health as good.

Limiting Long Term Illness (LLTI)

As in the 1991 Census, the 2001 Census asked if respondents had any Long Term Limiting Illness (LLTI) – a disability or health problem which limited their daily activities including problems related to old age. The 2001 Census indicated the north of Warwickshire to contain a greater proportion of people with a limiting long term illness than the south. Overall there were large increases in the numbers of people with a long term limiting illness since 1991. This may be reflecting the increase in the elderly population of the County. Nuneaton & Bedworth together with North Warwickshire experienced the largest increases in the numbers of people with long term limiting illness since 1991.

Figure 2; Population with Limiting Long Term Illness, 2001 & 1991

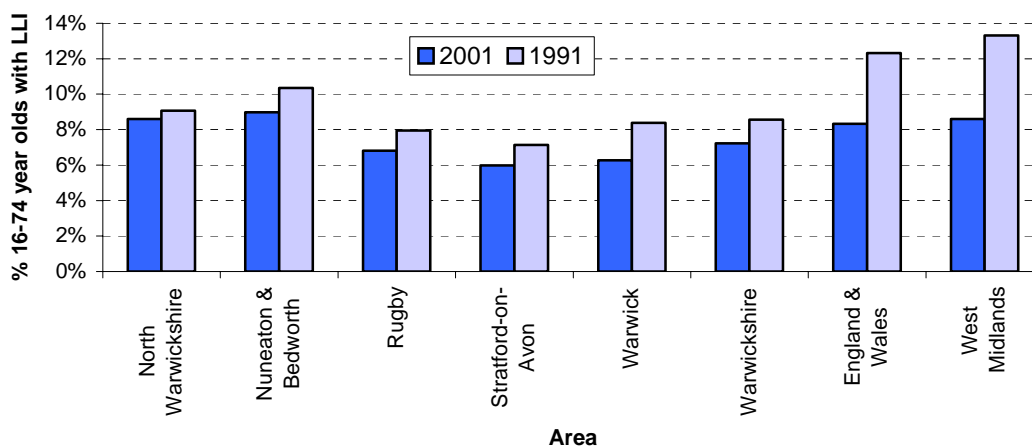


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Limiting Long Term Illness – the Working Age Population

As illustrated in Figure 3, the north of the County had the highest proportion of people of working age with a long term limiting illness, some 9% and 8.6% of the working age population in Nuneaton & Bedworth and North Warwickshire respectively. This is above the County average of 7.2% and poor when compared to the national and regional averages. In contrast, Stratford-on-Avon District recorded only 6% of 16-74 years olds reporting having a long term limiting illness.

Figure 3; People of working age (16-74 years) with LLTI, 2001 & 1991



Source: 2001 Census Key Statistics: Crown Copyright

People Providing Unpaid Care

The 2001 Census was the first to include a question relating to people providing unpaid care to friends, relatives and neighbours due to mental or physical ill health, including problems relating to old age. Respondents were also asked to indicate the amount of time spent per week providing that care. The results are shown in Table 2.

Table 2; Number of People Providing Unpaid Care (2001)

| | Number people providing unpaid care | % of population proving unpaid care | Number of carers providing care 50+ hrs per week | Percentage of carers providing care 50+ hrs per week |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| North Warwickshire | 7,070 | 11.4% | 1,441 | 20.3% |
| Nuneaton & Bedworth | 13,212 | 11.0% | 2,906 | 22.0% |
| Rugby | 9,059 | 10.3% | 1,534 | 16.9% |
| Stratford-on-Avon | 11,532 | 10.3% | 1,716 | 14.8% |
| Warwick | 12,348 | 9.8% | 1,847 | 14.9% |
| Warwickshire | 53,221 | 10.2% | 9,444 | 17.7% |
| West Midlands | 558,421 | 10.6% | 119,277 | 21.3% |
| England and Wales | 5,217,805 | 10.0% | 1,088,336 | 20.1% |

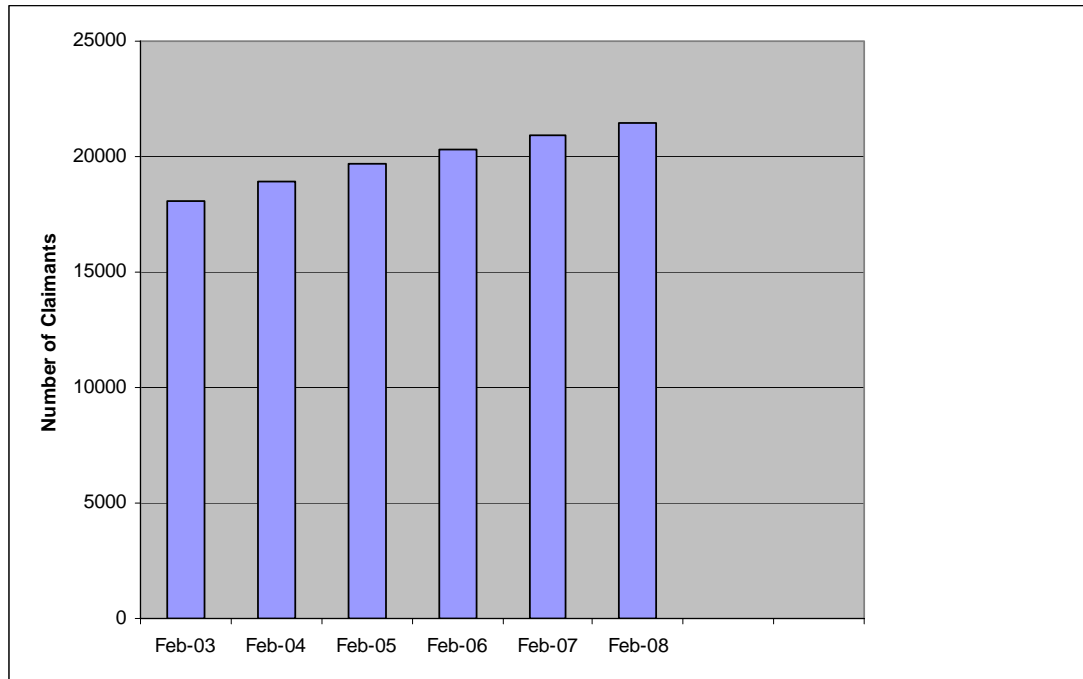
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The 2001 Census recorded 53,221 (10.2%) people in Warwickshire providing unpaid care for a relative, friend or neighbour. This reflects the national average of 10%. Also, some 9,444 people (1.9%) in Warwickshire, or almost 18% of carers, provided care for 50 hours or more per week. This is below the national and regional averages. The north of the County has a greater proportion of the population providing some form of care, and more carers providing more than fifty hours of care per week.

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

DLA is a benefit for children and adults who need help with personal care or have walking difficulties, either because they are physically or mentally disabled, or both. Claimants must be under 65 when they start claiming and are eligible for DLA whether or not they work.

Figure 4 ; DLA claimant count for Warwickshire, Feb 03 to Feb 08



Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study

The number of DLA claimants has been steadily rising over the time period for which data was obtained and shown in Figure 4. This trend is also evident at District and Borough level.

At the end of February 2008 the largest number and highest percentage of claimants per head of population lived in the Nuneaton and Bedworth district. North Warwickshire had the lowest number of claimants but the second highest percentage per head of population.

The above applies to all claimants and working age claimants in isolation.

Table 3 ; Total DLA and working age claimants at the end of February 2008

| Area | Total claimants | % of total population* | Working age claimants | % of working age population* |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| North Warwickshire | 3,150 | 5.06% | 1,630 | 4.23% |
| Nuneaton & Bedworth | 7,230 | 5.96% | 3,900 | 5.24% |
| Rugby | 3,360 | 3.69% | 1,820 | 3.34% |
| Stratford on Avon | 3,590 | 3.04% | 2,020 | 2.93% |
| Warwick | 4,080 | 3.03% | 2,320 | 2.7% |
| Warwickshire | 21,430 | 4.06% | 11,690 | 3.63% |

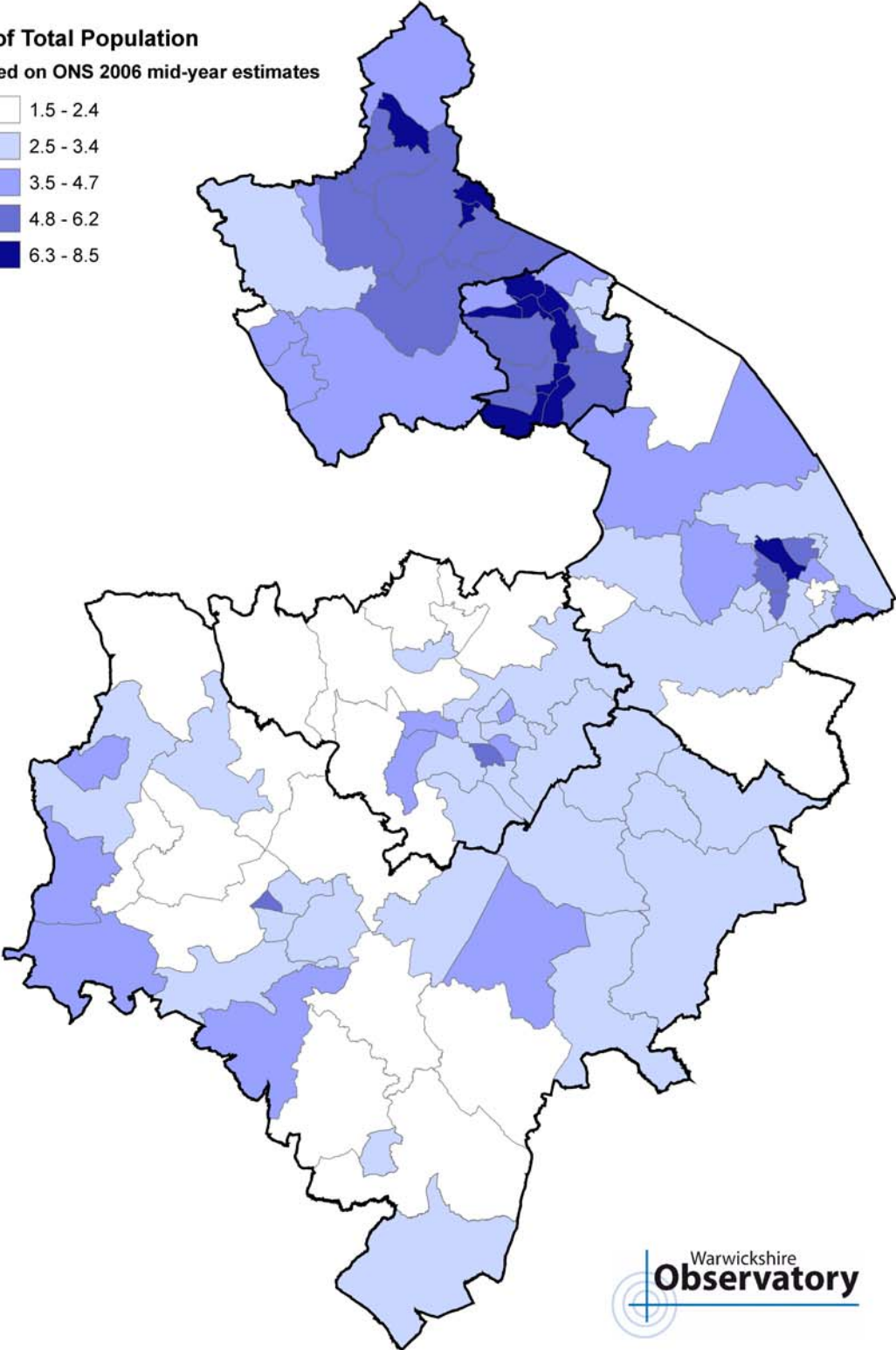
Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study
 *as a proportion of 2007 mid year population estimates,

Figure 5:
Disability Living allowance Claimants, by Ward, February 2008

% of Total Population

based on ONS 2006 mid-year estimates

- 1.5 - 2.4
- 2.5 - 3.4
- 3.5 - 4.7
- 4.8 - 6.2
- 6.3 - 8.5



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Figure 5 highlights the Wards in Warwickshire with the highest proportion of the population claiming DLA at the end of November 2006:

- The top four claimant rates are in the Nuneaton & Bedworth wards of Wem Brook, Bede, Camp Hill and Abbey, with 8.3%, 7.5%, 7.5% and 7.4% of the total population in these Wards receiving DLA, respectively.
- Thirteen of the top 25% of wards with the highest proportion of the population claiming DLA were in Nuneaton & Bedworth, nine in North Warwickshire, three in Rugby, and one in Stratford-on-Avon.

Table 4; Working age DLA claimants whose main disabling condition was physical, deafness or blindness, November 2006

| | N. Warks | N & B | Rugby | SoA | Warwick | Warwickshire |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------------|
| Total working age claimants | 1,670 | 3,870 | 1,790 | 1,970 | 2,330 | 11,630 |
| Condition*: | | | | | | |
| Deafness | ~ | 59 | 54 | 58 | ~ | 115 |
| Blindness | 60 | 117 | 54 | 58 | 108 | 345 |
| Physical | 1,253 | 2,932 | 1,193 | 1,391 | 1,409 | 8,348 |
| Total | 1,313 | 3,108 | 1,301 | 1,507 | 1,517 | 8,808 |
| Condition as % of claimants:* | | | | | | |
| Deafness | ~ | 1.5% | 3.0% | 2.9% | ~ | 1.0% |
| Blindness | 3.6% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 2.9% | 4.7% | 3.0% |
| Physical | 75.0% | 75.8% | 66.7% | 70.6% | 60.5% | 71.8% |

Source: Department of Work and Pensions, 100% Work and Pension Longitudinal Study and 5% sample (WPLS) (from NOMIS 22/05/07)

~ nil or negligible

* based on counts subject to high sampling variation

Table 4 provides a breakdown of those DLA claimants whose main disabling condition was described as physical, deafness or blindness. Some 72% of working age claimants in Warwickshire are described as having a physical condition as their main disabling condition, and this proportion increases to three quarters in North Warwickshire and Nuneaton & Bedworth. Approximately three times as many claimants in Warwickshire had blindness, as opposed to deafness, recorded as their main disabling condition, although, the difference between the two conditions varied by District with Warwick and North Warwickshire having greater proportions of claimants with blindness as their main disabling condition than those with deafness as their main condition.

Visually Impaired – Feedback from Warwickshire Association for the Blind

The Warwickshire Association for the Blind (WAB) acts as an agent for the Local Authority in respect of registration, social work support, rehabilitation and provision of equipment for daily living. The association also provides weekly Drop-in Centres in Nuneaton, Rugby and Stratford, 16 clubs based in towns throughout Warwickshire, a talking book service, and Volunteer Visitor Services in Alcester, Rugby, Kenilworth, Warwick, Leamington and Stratford.

By the end of June 2008 some 2871 people (includes registered and non registered people) had used WAB services at some point. Table 5 shows these clients broken down by area of residence with a higher number of clients resident in Nuneaton & Bedworth than in the other four Districts. Table 6 indicates that at the end of March 2008, 70% of visually impaired persons were over 75 years of age.

Table 5; Breakdown of WAB clients by area, June 2008

| District | Number of Clients | % of total |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| North Warwickshire | 323 | 11.2% |
| Nuneaton & Bedworth | 839 | 29.2% |
| Rugby | 554 | 19.3% |
| Stratford-on-Avon | 487 | 17.1% |
| Warwick | 668 | 23.2% |
| Total | 2871 | 100% |

Source: Warwickshire Association for the Blind

Table 6; Breakdown of WAB clients by sex and age, June 2008

| Age | Male | Female | Total | % of total |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0-4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.0% |
| 5-16 | 19 | 14 | 33 | 1.1% |
| 17-19 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 0.4% |
| 20-39 | 75 | 61 | 136 | 4.7% |
| 40-64 | 207 | 184 | 391 | 13.6% |
| 65-75 | 132 | 147 | 279 | 9.7% |
| 75+ | 600 | 1419 | 2019 | 70.3% |
| Total | 1043 | 1828 | 2871 | 100% |

Source: Warwickshire Association for the Blind

Tables 7 to 9 show blind/severely sight impaired persons and partial sight/sight impaired persons registered with WAB at the end of June 2008, and those persons with an additional disability.

Table 7: Blind/severely sight impaired persons and partial sight /sight impaired persons – Numbers on the register and new registration in Warwickshire

| Age | Blind/severely sight impaired persons registered at 30 June 2008 | New registrations of blind/severely sight impaired persons in the year to 30 June 2008 - Age on registration | Partial sight/sight impaired persons registered at 30 June 2008 | New registrations of partial sight/sight impaired persons in the year to 30 June 2008 - Age on registration. |
|--------------|--|--|---|--|
| 0 - 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 5 - 17 | 16 | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| 18 - 49 | 146 | 1 | 141 | 2 |
| 50 - 64 | 122 | 1 | 134 | 2 |
| 65 - 74 | 110 | 2 | 141 | 15 |
| 75 and over | 912 | 89 | 1123 | 90 |
| Total | 1307 | 93 | 1564 | 109 |

Source: Warwickshire Association for the Blind

Table 8; Blind/severely sight impaired persons registered at 30 June 2008 who have an additional disability, by age

| Additional Disability | Under 5 | 5-17 | 18-64 | 65+ | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| People with mental health problems | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| People with learning disabilities | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| People with physical disabilities | 1 | 4 | 64 | 379 | 448 |
| People who are deaf with speech | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| People who are deaf without speech | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| People who are hard of hearing | 0 | 1 | 2 | 27 | 30 |
| Total | 1 | 6 | 71 | 409 | 487 |

Source: Warwickshire Association for the Blind

Table 9; Partial sight/sight impaired persons registered at 30 June 2008 who have an additional disability, by age

| Additional Disability | Under 5 | 5-17 | 18-64 | 65+ | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| People with mental health problems | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| People with learning disabilities | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| People with physical disabilities | 2 | 1 | 54 | 447 | 504 |
| People who are deaf with speech | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| People who are deaf without speech | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| People who are hard of hearing | 2 | 1 | 1 | 64 | 68 |
| Total | 5 | 4 | 65 | 517 | 591 |

Source: Warwickshire Association for the Blind

There were 487 blind/severely sight impaired persons with an additional disability registered with WAB, 91% of whom had a physical disability. Similarly, of the 591 partial sight/sight impaired persons with an additional disability registered at the end of June 2008, 85% had a physical disability.

Additional Comments from WAB in 2007

- Whilst it is hard to quantify the number of clients who are being supported by people who may be struggling, discussions with Rehab Workers in 2007 would suggest that based on contact within the previous 12 months, this may have included 45+ people in Nuneaton & Bedworth, 35+ in Rugby and Mid Warwickshire, 25+ in Stratford-on-Avon and around 10+ in North Warwickshire.
- The Association would describe the level of unmet need in Nuneaton & Bedworth as 'Significant', and 'Moderate' in the other four districts. It also mentioned that the level of unmet need in Stratford District was rated 'moderate' primarily because of the isolation issues exacerbating the situation for some people.
- The majority of people they deal with are elderly with additional physical and/or sensory impairments.
- They have particular problems supporting younger visually impaired people of employment age. With these clients there is a much greater demand for support in engaging with leisure and social activities.

- From their experience, support needs of people in Warwickshire comes in the form of demands for befriending, reading, advocacy, escorting, basic home maintenance and other means of increasing independence and choice.
- The association has considered telephone support for people who are vulnerable.
- The association finds it difficult to recruit volunteers who are prepared to undertake the responsibility of Home Visiting. However, if they had staff to recruit and manage volunteers as well as provide the home support, there would be added value to any money provided.

Deafness

Deafness is the second most prevalent disability in the UK (1988 Survey), affecting 17% of the adult population and 0.3% of children³. In Warwickshire this could amount to approximately 71,500 adults and 340 children experiencing some degree of deafness⁴. The UK Deaf Council suggests that for every 10,000 of the population:

- 10 will be born profoundly deaf (approx. 530 people in Warwickshire)
- 20 will have become profoundly deaf (approx. 1060 in Warwickshire)
- 100 will be partially deaf (approx. 5300 in Warwickshire)
- 600 will be hard of hearing (approx. 31,800 in Warwickshire)
- 800 will be mildly hard of hearing (approx. 42,400 in Warwickshire)

Nearly all welfare and special care legislation applies to people who are deaf and/or hard of hearing, and the Social Services Department has a statutory obligation to meet their needs in the form of a range of services.

The client group is very diverse with the largest group being older people with acquired hearing loss (hard of hearing). The core service group however, is the significant number of profoundly deaf people whose first language is British Sign Language (BSL), who are part of the deaf community and who generally consider themselves to be part of a linguistic and cultural minority rather than disabled.

In addition, there are smaller numbers of people who are deaf, who may have lost their hearing through illness or injury and are left with little or no useful hearing, relying on lip-reading to communicate.

Deafness may also be a feature in other areas within Social Services, e.g. mental health, learning disabilities, as well as physical and sensory disabilities including deaf-blindness. The number of deaf-blind people in the UK is estimated at 40 per 100,000 population, which could equate to approximately 200 people with deaf-blindness in Warwickshire⁵.

The Services to Deaf People (STDP) team aim's to support and provide for the needs of deaf people in the community. This can involve:

- Supporting and enabling vulnerable deaf people to live safely in their own homes or if unable to, arrange appropriate care.

³ WCC Social Services Department (2007) *Countywide Services to Deaf People Team: Unit Plan July 2007 to June 2008*

⁴ 0 to 17 years olds and adults aged 18 and over, based on ONS mid 2005 population estimates

⁵ Deafblind UK 1996 cit. by [3]

- Supporting those who care for friends and relatives.
- Improving life chances for children and young people who are deaf or hard of hearing by attending schools and activities that are suited to their needs, developing positive relationships, having high self esteem, engaging in decision-making within their own lives, and successfully dealing with significant life changes and challenges.
- Assisting young people who are deaf and hard of hearing to engage in further education, employment or training on leaving school, and to face independence with confidence.

Between April 2006 and June 2007 the Service was responsible for:

- Monitoring and reviewing the care plans of 17 deaf adults in residential care.
- Ongoing care management and assessments of 43 deaf adults. In October 2006, 18 deaf adults received community based support to improve their independence, and, could therefore benefit from some form of housing related support. Of these 18 adults, approximately five also had a visual loss or impairment.
- Assessing, identifying need and providing for the specialist equipment needs of 278 deaf/hard of hearing (HOH) adults.
- Assessing, identifying need and providing for the specialist equipment needs of 10 deaf/hOh children.
- Registering and providing support packages for 19 deafblind Adults.
- Registering 509 deaf and 1225 hard of hearing people of all ages.

Other Service Providers

The Rowan Organisation

The Rowan Organisation provides disabled people with support, advice and information to enable them to increase their opportunity for independence and to make informed decisions about their future.

One of the organisation's specific functions is to provide advice and guidance to people who qualify for social services care and need to know how to claim. By the end of May 2007, 373 people in Warwickshire had used the services provided by Rowan. Table 10 provides a breakdown of these service users by their area of residence.

Table 10; Rowan clients by area of residence, May 2007

| Area | Number of clients | % of Total |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| North Warwickshire | 52 | 13.9% |
| Nuneaton & Bedworth | 93 | 24.9% |
| Rugby | 77 | 20.7% |
| Stratford-on-Avon | 81 | 21.7% |
| Warwick | 70 | 18.8% |
| Total | 373 | 100% |

Source: Rowan

**ON “General Queries”
Feedback from Stratford Citizens Advice Bureau**

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Stratford provides’ a support service for people with a physical, sight, hearing disability or a combination of disabilities. Their nature of support for this client group mainly consists of visiting people in their homes for helping people claim benefits they may be entitled to, and providing additional advice on other issues such as housing and debt. Their outreach work covers Stratford on Avon District only and when consulted in 2007 they had approximately 100 service users.

In their professional opinion, the Bureau would describe the level of unmet need in Stratford District as ‘Moderate’. They mention that they visit around six to eight people per week with physical/sensory impairments who are not getting the support they need and who are being supported by people, usually partners or children, who are struggling to provide this support. The service highlights that Stratford is a large rural district with some pockets of deprivation, poor public transport and significant rural distress. There is a considerable unmet need for floating support, and they frequently see people living in the more rural areas without support who are at a substantial disadvantage.

Supporting People Client Database Information

The client record data analyses people who enter a Supporting People funded service during a set period. The figures below show those people who had started using a service between April 2007 and March 2008. Details of anyone already in a scheme prior to April 2007 will not be included in this breakdown.

Table 11; New ‘Supporting People’ service users in 2007/08 with a physical/sensory disability assessed as their Primary Need (Total of 10 Clients)

| Client Age | | | Service Type | | Client Gender | | Client Ethnicity | | Provider | |
|------------|-------|-------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 40-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | Direct Access | Floating Support | Female | Male | White British | Asian and Asian British | Bromford Carinthia | Salvation Army |
| 8 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Source: Supporting People Client Database

There were ten new service users in this client group during 2007/08, of which five and five accommodation based support. The client ages ranged between 40 and 69 years, one was female and nine male, and half were White and half Asian and Asian British.

Table 12 illustrates how new service users who had a physical/sensory disability recorded as their secondary need, ranged widely in their primary needs.

Table 12; Primary client group for those persons with a physical/sensory disability assessed as their secondary need, 2007-2008

| | |
|---|----|
| Alcohol problems | 11 |
| Learning Disabilities | 2 |
| Mental health problems | 4 |
| Older People with Support Needs | 1 |
| Single homeless with support needs | 3 |
| Women at Risk of Domestic Abuse | 1 |

Source: Supporting People Client Database

P1E Homeless Returns 2006/07

P1E data contains detailed information on those households presenting themselves as homeless to a Local Authority. This dataset is updated quarterly. The following analysis uses data from April 2006 to March 2007.

Table 13; Households eligible for assistance and unintentionally homeless 2006/07 and considered vulnerable as a result of Physical Disability

| Priority Need Category | North Warwickshire | Nuneaton & Bedworth | Rugby | Stratford on Avon | Warwick | Total |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Applicant or member of household is vulnerable as result of Physical Disability: <i>Primary need</i> | 1 | 3 | 1* | 4 | 0 | 9 |
| Applicant or member of household is vulnerable as result of Physical Disability: <i>Secondary need</i> | 0 | 0 | 0* | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: P1E Data *Figures for Rugby are for three quarters of the year only

Assumptions of Need

- There are very high levels of Disability Living Allowance claimants in North Warwickshire and Nuneaton & Bedworth – does this reflect higher levels of physical disability and is there likely to be higher levels of need for housing related support? Numbers of DLA claimants have been steadily climbing, will there be a corresponding rise in demand for SP services?
- Warwickshire Association for the Blind have had 3831 people access their services, but there are no specific housing related support services in place.
- Only ten new clients accessing SP services in 2007/8 were classed as having a primary need of physical / sensory disability – does this reflect a low level of need for these types of services or is this because appropriate services are not in place?
- In October 2006, the STDP team had ongoing care programmes for 41 deaf adult clients, 18 of who received community based support to enable or improve their independence, and could benefit from some form of housing related support.

QUALITATIVE INFORMATION

Specific Omissions in Provision

- No service provision in the county for deaf people.
- No service provision in the County for blind people.
- No accommodation based services for people with sensory disabilities in the County.
- Community or Social Alarm service not available countywide for sensory disabilities.
- No accommodation based provision for people with physical disabilities in North Warwickshire, Rugby, Stratford-upon-Avon or Warwick.
- No Community or Social Alarm Provision for people with physical disabilities in North Warwickshire, Rugby, Stratford-upon-Avon or Warwick.

Feedback from Supporting People Big Event and the Partnership Day

- At the Supporting People Big Event, 4% of the total money allocated to client groups using the 'post box' exercise was received by 'People with a Physical or Sensory Disability' client group. Those people who attended in a professional capacity allocated 4% of their total funds to this client group whilst those people who attended in a non professional capacity allocated 3.5%.
- At the Partnership Day, using the same 'post box' exercise, 'People with a Physical or Sensory Disability' received 2% of the total money allocated to the client groups.