



Key facts about key groups in Herefordshire

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Background

- Increasing requirement by government to know about the different sections of our population; to ensure we are meeting their needs.
- Diverse population \Rightarrow diverse service users
- Different groups key to different services



Aim:

To give an overview of what information
is available for some key groups
and where to find it

Key groups considered today

- Black & Minority Ethnic groups (BME)
- Migrant & seasonal workers
- Gypsies & Travellers
- Disabled people
- Sexual orientation

Black & Minority Ethnic groups

- HAVE total figures for county by BME group (ONS)
- HAVE figures on BME groups in local authority schools (annual school census)
- HAVE BME by age, gender, employment, qualifications, geography etc. (2001 Census)
- DO NOT HAVE ethnicity information of service users in the PCT and Council in one place

Key facts: BME groups

- 4% of our population = BME; 7,200 people (2006)
- Low by national and regional standards (16% BME)
- +64% since 2001 (just +1.7% for total pop.)
- +26% since 2001 in England (+3.3% for total pop.)

- Our largest BME group = 'White-Other' (35%; 2,500 people)
- BME group with largest increase since 2001 was the 'Asian or Asian British' group (1,200 people)

- 5% of pupils in local authority schools = BME (2008)

Migrant & seasonal workers

- Definition of an **international migrant**:
Someone who moves from their usual country of residence for:
 - between 3 & 12 months (short-term)
 - 12 months or more (long-term)
- No robust estimate of the number in the county at any one time
- Most recent data counts numbers IN only
- Hence, jigsaw puzzle of different sources!

Key facts: numbers

- 100 **more** people moved TO Herefordshire from overseas than LEFT to live abroad (for a year or more) between mid-2006 to mid-2007.
- 3,200 new NI registrations for overseas nationals in 2007-08 (upward trend continues)
- 5,600 people registered for work on a short-term basis in 2007 (similar to last 2 years)
- 6,500 individual seasonal workers expected by farmers in 2008 (8,000-9,000 in 2007) .

NINo
3,200

SAWS
3,100

WRS
2,500

Seasonal workers
expected by farmers
8,000 – 9,000

Key facts: nationalities

Cumulative NINo registrations Jan 2002 – Apr 2008,
Dept Works & Pensions

Nationality	New NINo 2002 to 2008
Poland	4,400
Lithuania	980
Slovakia	720
Bulgaria	680
Latvia	400
Portugal	330

Gypsies & Travellers

- NO official statistics of numbers in traveller communities in Herefordshire
- Recent estimates suggest there are between 800 and 900 individuals (2008)

*"Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment:
Shropshire, Herefordshire, Telford & Wrekin",
University of Birmingham, 2008*

Disabled people

- HAVE 2001 Census data for '*long term illness or disability*' by age, gender, geography, employment etc.
- HAVE estimates of type of disability for 2005 e.g. sight, mobility, hearing.
- HAVE recent needs analyses for **older people; adults with learning disabilities; with physical disabilities; with mental health problems**
- DO NOT HAVE robust information on disabled service users

Key facts: 2001 Census

- 18% in Herefordshire reported a long-term condition that limits daily activity or work; 31,435 people (2001 Census)
- Similar in the region and England & Wales
- Half this group were aged 65 and over.
- Wide variation within the county, from 12.8% in Frome to 22.7% in Aylestone

Key facts: 2005 estimates

- National estimates of disability type (age and gender specific) applied to our population figures \Rightarrow 2005 estimates of disability
- 27,900 people with one disability or more
 - About $\frac{3}{4}$ had mobility limitations
 - 8,400 had one or more serious disabilities
- Types include: locomotor, sight, personal care, hearing, communication

Sexual orientation

- 2001 Census: 176 same sex couples (0.1% of people aged 16+ living in households)
- 51 civil partnerships carried out in the county (Dec 2005 – Dec 2007)
- **Herefordshire general residents survey (2007):**
 - Under 0.5% gay or lesbian
 - 1% bisexual
 - 8% preferred not to say

Where to find stuff

Herefordshire Council Research Team pages

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/research

In summary

- Small but rapidly increasing BME population
- Large influx of migrant & seasonal workers from EU countries since 2004, mostly Polish
- 800 to 900 Gypsies & Travellers estimated
- 27,900 people with 1+ type of disability, $\frac{3}{4}$ related to mobility
- 176 same sex couples in 2001