

## Appendix 3 – Profile of respondents

To check we are aware of particular issues and needs of different groups in the community, and to understand how representative the views we have collected are, we asked people to give us some information about themselves in the surveys (if they felt comfortable to).

This included: location, gender, if their gender is the same to which they were assigned at birth, age, sexual orientation, if they have a religion/belief, how they would describe their ethnic group, and if they have a disability or health condition.

### Location

We asked survey respondents which area of B&NES they lived in. All localities were represented, with the majority of responses coming from Bath. Other responses included those living in neighbouring areas as well as from other places in the UK and the world.

#### Consultation on restricting access to fertility treatment:

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
▼ Bath		62.10%	313
▼ Keynsham		3.77%	19
▼ Midsomer Norton		5.16%	26
▼ Somer Valley		1.19%	6
▼ Radstock		6.75%	34
▼ Chew Valley		4.56%	23
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses	16.47%	83
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>504</b>

#### Consultation on stopping funding vasectomies and sterilisations:

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
▼ Bath		63.97%	261
▼ Keynsham		3.68%	15
▼ Midsomer Norton		6.62%	27
▼ Somer Valley		2.45%	10
▼ Radstock		6.37%	26
▼ Chew Valley		2.94%	12
▼ Other (please specify):	Responses	13.97%	57
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>408</b>

We also ran street consultations in Keynsham, Midsomer Norton and central Bath, met with members of the public at Twerton Park football stadium, and ran focus groups in Foxhill, Combe Down and Twerton.

## **Gender**

In B&NES, gender makes up the following of the population:

Male	49.3%
Female	50.7%

For both proposals, the majority of survey respondents were female:

- **79%** of respondents to the survey on restricting access to fertility treatment: were female (407 of 514 respondents).
- **69%** of respondents to the survey on stopping funding vasectomies and sterilisations: 69% (286 out of 412)

To redress the balance, we made efforts to engage with a range of male groups face-to-face throughout the consultation, including holding pre-match discussions with members of the public at Twerton Park football stadium, holding short discussions with men during street consultations in Bath, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton, and meeting with a group of sixth form students at Ralph Allen School.

**46%** (63 of 138) of those we engaged with face-to-face were men.

The CCG will make continued efforts to engage with and increase response rates from men in future engagement activities.

## **Transgender**

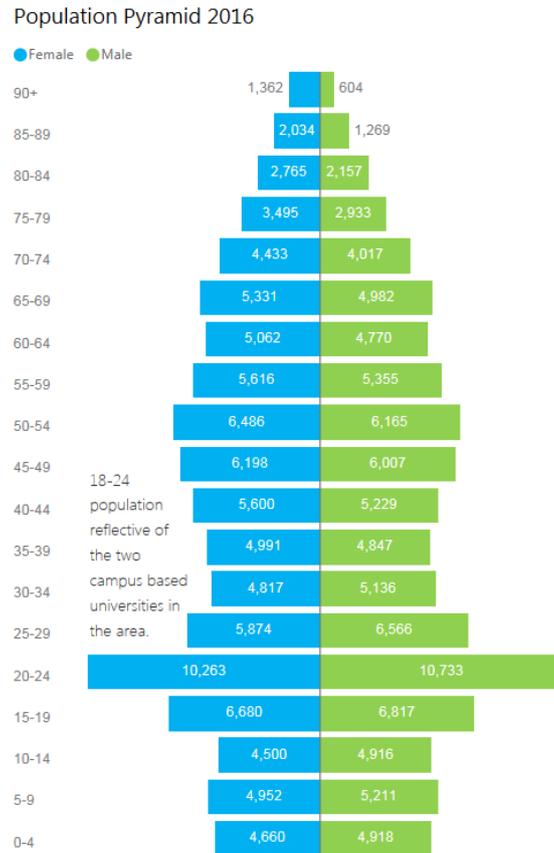
The Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIREs) estimates the number of transgender people in the UK at 1% of the population – being on a “gender variant spectrum”. This would give a population of approximately 1,760 people who are transgender living in B&NES.

Respondents to the surveys were asked if their gender is different to the gender they were assigned at birth.

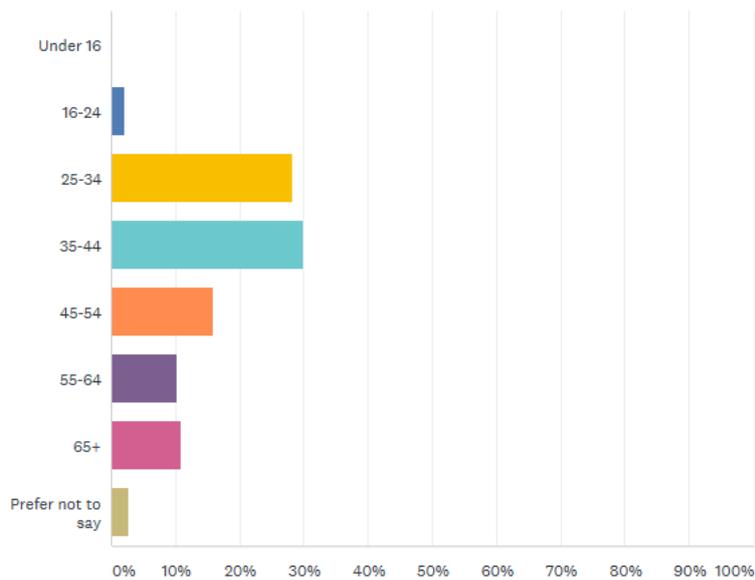
- **4%** (21 of 513) of respondents to the survey on restricting access to fertility treatment said that this was the case.
- **5%** (20 of 405) of respondents to the survey on stopping funding vasectomies and sterilisations said that this was the case.

## Age

In B&NES, the age breakdown of the population is:

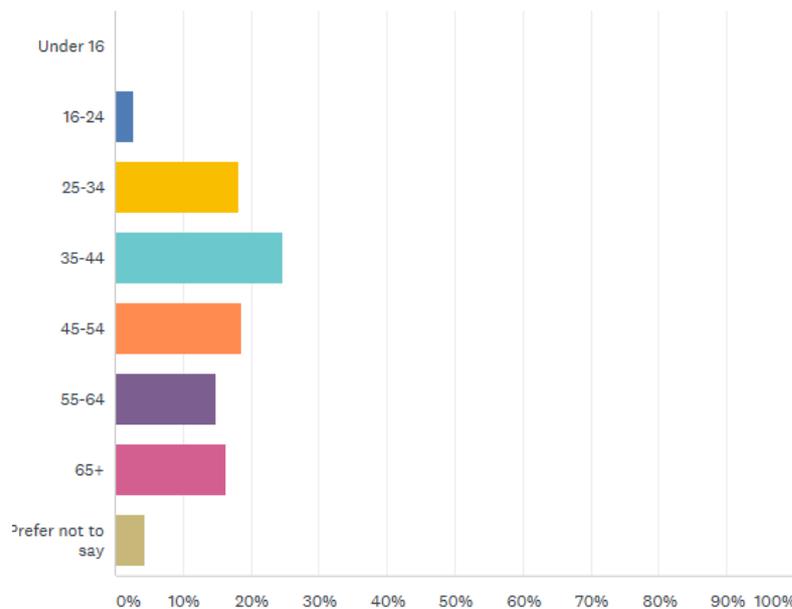


Here is the age breakdown of respondents to the survey on restricting access to fertility treatment:



Many of the survey responses came from those within the age group that would be affected by the changes to age criteria. The CCG also engaged face-to-face with young people who could be affected by the proposal in the future and men aged 55+ who would no longer be eligible if the age criteria for men was introduced.

**Here is the age breakdown of respondents to the survey on stopping funding vasectomies and sterilisations:**



Survey responses came from a broad age range, but the largest group of respondents were from those of an age where people tend to access sterilisation services (35-54).

## **Religion/Belief**

In B&NES, the breakdown of religion according to the 2011 Census is as follows:

	B&NES	B&NES %
Christian	99,468	56.5
Buddhist	941	0.5
Hindu	535	0.3
Jewish	254	0.1
Muslim	1,179	0.7
Sikh	140	0.1
Other religion	935	0.5
No religion	57,626	32.7
Religion not stated	14,938	8.5

### **Consultation on restricting access to fertility treatment:**

- 51% (263 of 514) of survey respondents stated that they had 'no religion'.
- 34% (177 of 514) stated that they were Christian.
- 10% (51 of 514) preferred not to say.
- 5% stated their religion or belief was Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Buddhism or Other.

### **Consultation on stopping funding vasectomies and sterilisations:**

- 52% (215 of 410) of survey respondents stated that they had 'no religion'.
- 30% (125 of 410) stated that they were Christian.
- 12% (48 of 410) preferred not to say
- 6% stated their religion or belief was Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Buddhism or Other.

## **Ethnicity**

The 2011 Census showed the population of Bath & North East Somerset to be 90% White British and 10% other ethnicities. There are approximately 17,500 residents of B&NES who are not White British.

Of the non-White-British ethnicities in B&NES, the next largest single group is 'Other White', with 6,600 residents selecting this ethnicity. It is likely that a large proportion of the group will be from the EU Accession states.

There are also approximately 4,500 people of Asian or Asian British descent living in B&NES,

### **Consultation on restricting access to fertility treatment:**

77% (394 of 513) of survey respondents identified as White English.

Please see here for a full breakdown of ethnic groups:

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
▼ Asian - Indian		0.97%	5
▼ Asian - Pakistani		0.39%	2
▼ Asian - Bangladeshi		0.00%	0
▼ Asian - Chinese		0.19%	1
▼ Black Caribbean		0.00%	0
▼ Black African		0.19%	1
▼ White and Black Caribbean		0.39%	2
▼ White and Black African		0.39%	2
▼ White and Asian		0.39%	2
▼ White English		76.80%	394
▼ White Welsh		3.31%	17
▼ White Scottish		2.34%	12
▼ White Northern Irish		0.39%	2
▼ White Irish		1.17%	6
▼ Gypsy or Irish Traveller		0.00%	0
▼ Arab		0.00%	0
▼ Prefer not to say		5.26%	27
▼ Any other ethnic group (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a>	7.80%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>513</b>

## Consultation on stopping funding vasectomies and sterilisations:

76% (394 of 513) of survey respondents identified as White English. Please see here for a full breakdown of ethnic groups:

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
▼ Asian - Indian		0.73%	3
▼ Asian - Pakistani		0.00%	0
▼ Asian - Bangladeshi		0.00%	0
▼ Asian - Chinese		0.00%	0
▼ Black Caribbean		0.00%	0
▼ Black African		0.24%	1
▼ White and Black Caribbean		0.00%	0
▼ White and Black African		0.24%	1
▼ White and Asian		0.73%	3
▼ White English		75.91%	312
▼ White Welsh		1.95%	8
▼ White Scottish		2.43%	10
▼ White Northern Irish		0.73%	3
▼ White Irish		1.95%	8
▼ Gypsy or Irish Traveller		0.24%	1
▼ Arab		0.00%	0
▼ Prefer not to say		8.76%	36
▼ Any other ethnic group (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a>	6.08%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>411</b>

## **Sexual Orientation**

According to the B&NES Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), there are likely to be 'approximately 3,900 adult residents who are lesbian, gay or bisexual'. This is around 2% of the B&NES population.

### **Consultation on restricting access to fertility treatment:**

- 86% (441 of 512) of survey respondents stated they were Heterosexual/Straight.
- 5% (26 of 512) of survey respondents stated they were bisexual.
- 6% (32) preferred not to say.
- 3% (13 of 512) of survey respondents stated that they used their own term, or stated they were gay or lesbian.

### **Consultation on stopping funding vasectomies and sterilisations:**

- 83% (339 of 409) of survey respondents stated they were Heterosexual/straight.
- 11% (45 of 409) of survey respondents preferred not to say.
- 4% (16 of 409) of survey respondents stated they were bisexual.
- The remaining survey respondents used their own term or stated they were gay or lesbian.

## **Disability**

In B&NES, estimates from 2015 suggest that there are 8,456 people (7.6% of population) aged 18-64 have a moderate physical disability and 2,482 (2.2%) who have a severe physical disability. 2014 estimates suggest there are likely to be 3433 people in B&NES with a learning disability, approximately 2% of the population.

### **Consultation on restricting access to fertility treatment:**

213 (of 521) survey respondents answered the question on whether they considered themselves to have a disability or health condition.

Please see a full breakdown of responses here:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Physical or mobility impairment	11.74% 25
Sensory impairment	3.29% 7
Mental health condition	10.80% 23
Learning disability	1.88% 4
Long-term condition (such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy)	23.00% 49
Prefer not to say	26.76% 57
Other (please specify): <a href="#">Responses</a>	35.68% 76
<b>Total Respondents: 213</b>	

Responses from 'Other' included those who stated they did not have a disability, individuals who stated they were infertile, had endometriosis, osteoporosis, Co-Occurring Disorder (COD), Asperger syndrome, epilepsy, hypertension, asthma or thyroid conditions.

### Consultation on stopping funding vasectomies and sterilisations:

191 (of 421) survey respondents answered the question on whether they considered themselves to have a disability or health condition.

Please see a full breakdown of responses here:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Physical or mobility impairment	11.52% 22
Sensory impairment	5.24% 10
Mental health condition	14.14% 27
Learning disability	2.62% 5
Long-term condition (such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy)	25.13% 48
Prefer not to say	26.18% 50
Other (please specify): <a href="#">Responses</a>	28.80% 55
<b>Total Respondents: 191</b>	

Responses from 'other' included those who stated they did not have a disability, individuals who stated they were infertile, had endometriosis or thyroid conditions.

The CCG facilitated a focus group on both proposals with five people who have learning disabilities and their support workers.

## Role/perspective

In the survey, we also asked people to share if they were a member of the public, health or social care worker, from the voluntary sector, or 'Other':

### Consultation on restricting access to fertility treatment:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I am a member of the public in Bath or North East Somerset	81.70% 424
I am a health or social care worker	14.26% 74
I am from the voluntary sector	2.89% 15
Other (please specify) <a href="#">Responses</a>	8.48% 44
Total Respondents: 519	

'Other' respondents included people who live in neighbouring areas and are concerned for themselves or colleagues/friends who live in B&NES.

### Consultation on stopping funding vasectomies and sterilisations:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I am a member of the public in Bath or North East Somerset	84.89% 354
I am a health or social care worker	18.71% 78
I am from the voluntary sector	3.12% 13
Other (please specify) <a href="#">Responses</a>	5.04% 21
Total Respondents: 417	

- 'Other' respondents included people who live in neighbouring areas and are concerned for themselves or colleagues/friends who live in B&NES.
- Some responses came from charitable organisations and associations, service users and their family, as well as some respondents from abroad.