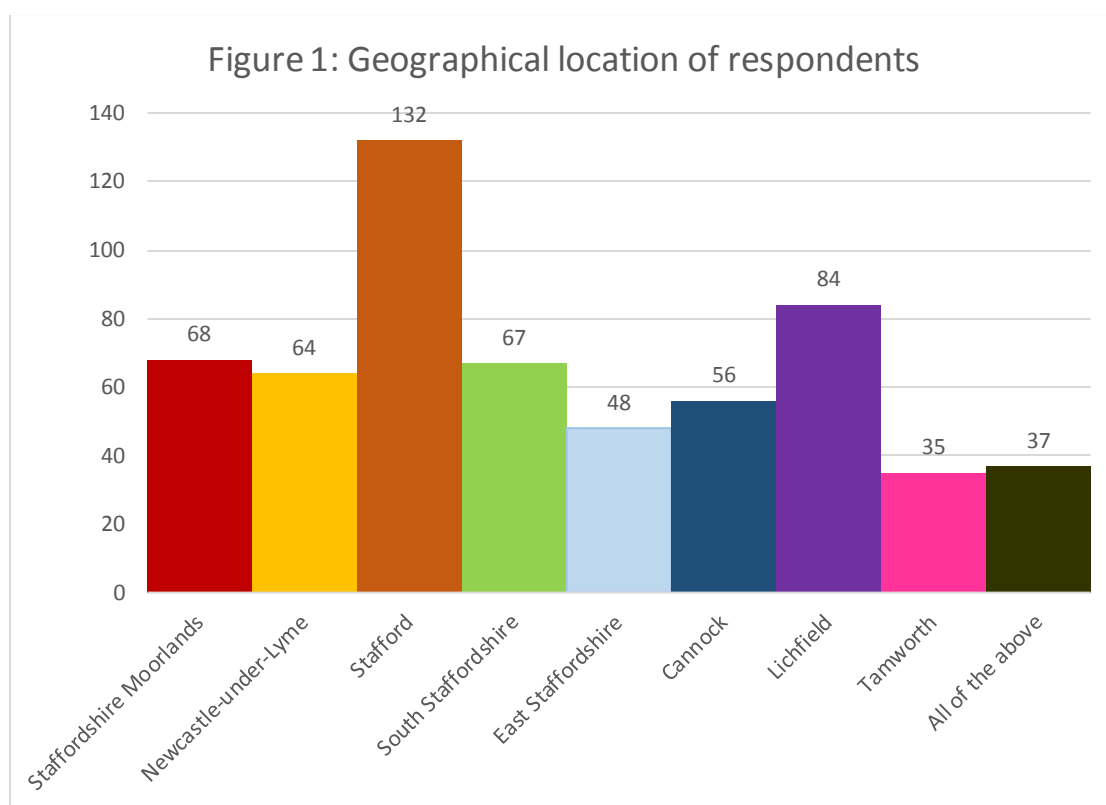


Appendix 1. Whole Life Disability and Neurodiversity Strategy survey (January 2023) for children and adults - Details of survey respondents

1.0 Geographical location of survey respondents

1.1 Whilst the survey was promoted throughout Staffordshire, the area with the largest representation of responses was Stafford.

1.2 Professionals and organisations were the only group responding to the survey who were able to select more than one district or all districts in their responses.



2.0 Descriptions of survey responders

2.1 Of total responses received, 265 responses (more than half) directly represented the views of individuals with lived experience of disabilities or neurodivergences.

Table 1: Breakdown of responses by survey responder description

Description	Number of responses
Responses made directly by disabled or autistic individuals or individuals with another neurodivergence	168
Responses from advocates, carers, or family members of a disabled or neurodivergent individuals representing the views of an individual with lived experience	97
Responses from advocates, carers, or family members of a disabled or neurodivergent individuals representing their own views	146
Responses from professionals or individuals who are members of an organisation	97

3.0 Further details of disabled and neurodivergent individuals who have shared their views in the survey

3.1 In this group of responders, whilst all age groups, including the 13's and under were represented, the greatest number of responses came from adults aged 18-64. Whilst the largest number of responses came from individuals with a physical disability, a good representation across different disabilities and neurodivergences can be seen in the responses.

Table 2: Profiles of the disabled and neurodivergent survey population

Details gathered	Numbers (% of total sample)
Age	
13 and under	37 (14%)
14-17	22 (8%)
18-24	31 (12%)
25-64	152 (57%)
65 or over	23 (9%)
Children total	59 (22%)
Adults total	183 (69%)
Older people total	23 (9%)
All Ages	265
Disabilities and neurodivergences reported by respondents (all age groups)	
Physical Disability	107 (40%)
Hearing or visual impairment	47 (18%)
Learning Disability	85 (32%)
Autism	95 (36%)
Asperger's Syndrome	26 (10%)
Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD)	26 (10%)
Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	3 (1%)
Tourette syndrome	2 (1%)
Dyspraxia	5 (2%)
Dyslexia	7 (3%)
Functional neurological disorder (physical and neurological impact) 'Stroke survivor' / 'neurological condition'	5 (2%)
Acquired brain injury	2 (1%)
Chronic fatigue syndrome	2 (1%)
Epilepsy	4 (2%)
'Invisible disability'	1 (<1%)
Vestibular disorder	1 (< 1%)
Semantic pragmatic disorder / speech disorder	2 (1%)
Dementia	1 (<1%)
Atrial fibrillation	1 (<10%)
One condition	105 (40%)
2 conditions	49 (18%)
3 or more conditions	101 (38%)

4.0 Carers

4.1 For carers who completed the survey giving their own perspectives, the ages of the individuals they were caring for was predominantly for individuals aged under 65.

Table 3: Age profile of individuals carers were caring for in the survey

Detail gathered	Numbers (% of total sample)
Age	
13 and under	65 (44%)
14-17	37 (25%)
18-24	19 (13%)
25-64	23 (16%)
65 or over	2 (1%)
Children total	103 (69%)
Adults total	42 (29%)
Older people total	2 (1%)
All Ages	147

4.2 Due to an issue with the survey, we were unfortunately unable to evaluate the disabilities / neurodivergences of the individuals carers completing the survey were caring for. This means that the disability and neurodivergence data in Table 2 provides a conservative estimate for all individuals represented in this survey. Other profile data was obtained for this group of individuals as demonstrated in the next section.

5.0 Additional profile data of individuals represented in the survey

5.1 Voluntary questions were asked about gender identity, ethnicity, and sexual orientation to disabled and neurodivergent individuals and carers. Only disabled and neurodivergent individuals aged 13 and under were not asked these questions. Some individuals chose to completely ignore these questions, and some responded that they would rather not answer them. The information below summarises information that those individuals who answered these questions were willing to share with us.

Table 4: Additional profile data of the disabled and neurodivergent survey population and of the individuals that carers were caring for

	Responses from individuals with lived experience	Responses from carers giving their own perspectives
Gender identity most identified with		
Female	131 (49%)	61 (42%)
Male	98 (37%)	83 (57%)
Transgender Female	2 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
Transgender Male	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
Gender variant / non-conforming	4 (1%)	2 (1%)
Other	2 (<1%)	1 (<1%)

	Responses from individuals with lived experience	Responses from carers giving their own perspectives
Ethnicity		
White / White British	232 (88%)	140 (96%)
Asian / Asian British	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
Black / Black British	0	1 (<1%)
Mixed / multiple ethnicity	2 (<1%)	6 (4%)
Other	0	0
Sexual orientation		
Heterosexual or straight	187 (71%)	99 (68%)
Gay or lesbian	7 (3%)	4 (3%)
Bisexual or pansexual	12 (5%)	3 (2%)
Other	6 (2%)	7 (5%)

5.2 The 'other' category for gender identity included individuals identifying as non-binary or struggling with their gender identity. In terms of sexual orientation, the 'other' category included individuals identifying as asexual, struggling with their identity and some carers noted it was too early to know.

6.0 Professionals and Organisations

6.1 Of the professional responses received, responses were received from all organisational sectors, but the lowest number of responses was received from independent sector organisations:

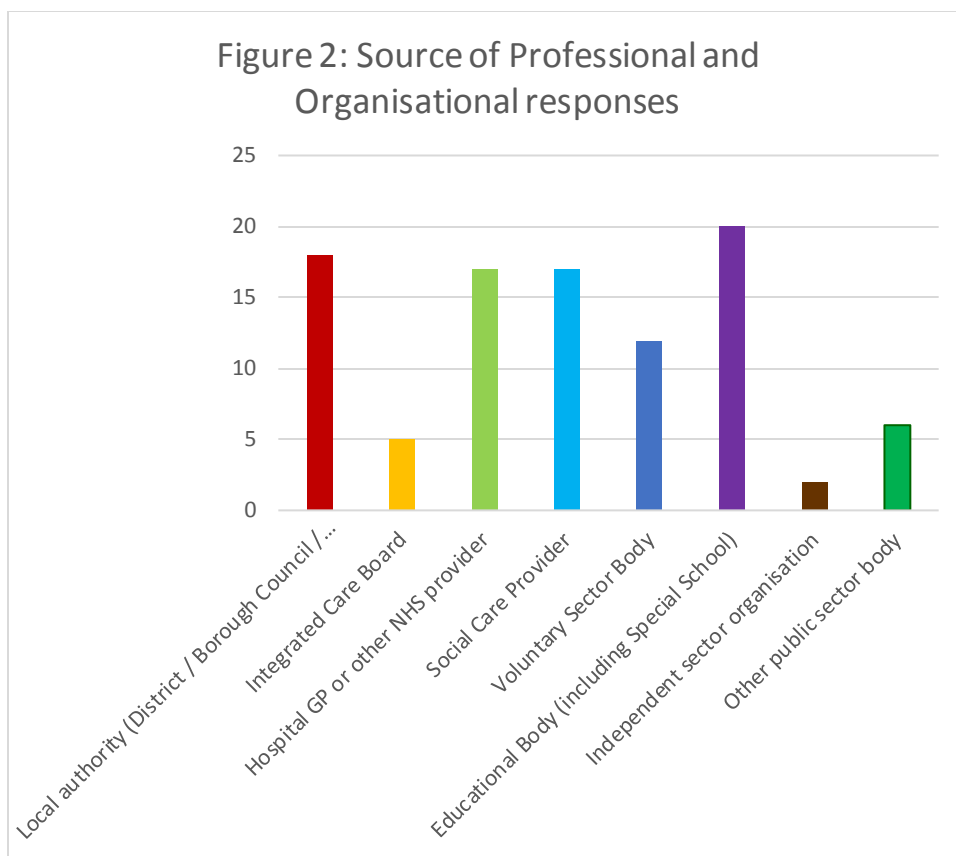


Table 6: Profiles of disabled and neurodivergent individuals professionals and organisations were familiar with within their roles

Details gathered	
Disabilities and neurodivergences	Numbers
Physical Disability	30 (31%)
Hearing or visual impairment	31 (32%)
Learning Disability	49 (51%)
Autism	43 (44%)
Asperger's syndrome	26 (27%)
All of the above	54 (56%)
Other	12 (12%)

6.2 The 'other' category in this group included epilepsy, ADHD, Dyslexia, Fragile X and Multiple Sclerosis