

Outcome Indicators dashboard - Best Start in Life

Outcome Indicator (s)	Data Source	Herefordshire Baseline	Herefordshire Baseline- year	Region Baseline	England Baseline	Herefordshire- March 2025
Children in absolute low-income families (under 16s) number and %	Fingertips	4230 (14.2%)	2021-2022	21.4	15.3	4512 (15%)
School readiness. % with good level of development at the end of Reception	Fingertips	70.4%	2022-2023	66	67.2	71%
% Breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks	Fingertips	54.9%	2022-2023	NA	49.2	64.5%
4.4a % New Birth Visits completed within 14 days	Fingertips	80.8%	2022-2023	80.7	79.9	85.7%

Green Indicators- Significantly better than England

Learners who've started understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your child parenting course (Solihull approach) : **2732 (Total to date)**

Amber indicators- No significant differences

Outcome Indicator (s)	Data Source	Herefordshire Baseline	Herefordshire Baseline- year	Region Baseline	England Baseline	Herefordshire- March 2025
Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (aged 0 to 4 years) crude rate per 10,000	Fingertips	83.7	2021-2022	100.0	103.6	115.4
% Low birth weight of term babies	Fingertips	1.7%	2021	3.0	2.8	2.3%
Infant mortality rate crude rate per 1,000	Fingertips	4.2	2020-2022	5.8	4.0	3.5
Children in relative low-income families (under 16s) number and %	Fingertips	5554 (18.6%)	2021-2022	27	19.9	5838
% overweight (including obesity) at 4-5 years	Fingertips	19.4%	2022-2023	22.2	21.3	22.3%
% overweight (including obesity) at 10-11 years	Fingertips	35.4%	2022-2023	39.3	36.6	35.3%
School readiness. % with good level of development at the end of Reception - those on free school meals and all children	Fingertips	55.1%	2022-2023	53.4	51.6	48.2%
Number and % of Children achieving a good level of development at 2 to 2 and a half years	Fingertips	1134 (79.6%)	2022-2023	76.3	79.2	82.3%
% Smoking status at time of delivery	Fingertips	9.0%	2022-2023	9.1	8.8	8.3% (2023/2024)

Red Indicators- Significantly worse than England

Outcome Indicator (s)	Data Source	Herefordshire Baseline	Herefordshire Baseline- year	Region	England	Herefordshire-18 months since the start of the strategy
% 5-year-olds with dental decay	Fingertips	38.7 %	2021-2022	23.8	23.7	Next release in May 2025
Children and young people with special educational needs, number and %	Fingertips	4,903 (19.4%)	2022-2023	17.7	17.3	20.5%
Premature births (less than 37 weeks gestation) crude rate per 1,000	Fingertips	93.2	2019-2021	85.9	77.9	Next release TBC

Vaccination Indicators- Not significantly worse than England. However, below 95% WHO targets

Outcome Indicator (s)	Data Source	Herefordshire Baseline	Herefordshire Baseline- year	Region	England	Herefordshire-18 months since the start of the strategy
% Vaccination coverage: MMR for two doses (5 years old)	Fingertips	88.1%	2022-2023	83.7	84.5	89.6% (2023/2024)
% Vaccination coverage: DTaP and IPV booster (5 years)	Fingertips	86.7%	2022-2023	82.8	83.3	88.5% (2023/2024)
% Children in care immunisations	Fingertips	80.0%	2022	83.0	85.0	87%