

# KEY FINDINGS:

## PARENT AND CARER'S SURVEY

Health Outcomes for young People through Education

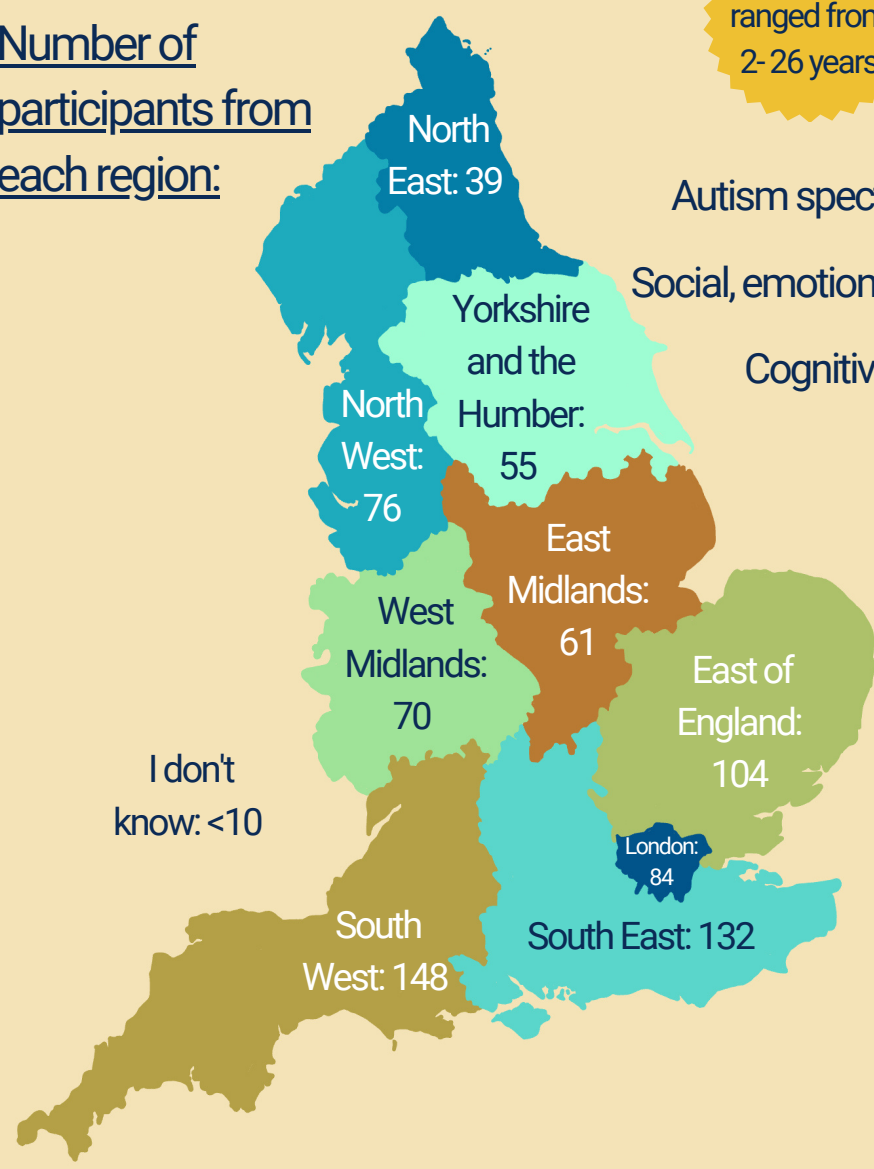


In July - October 2022, the HOPE Study launched three national surveys aimed at children and young people, parents and carers, and stakeholders to document how Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) identification and provision varies by Local Authority.

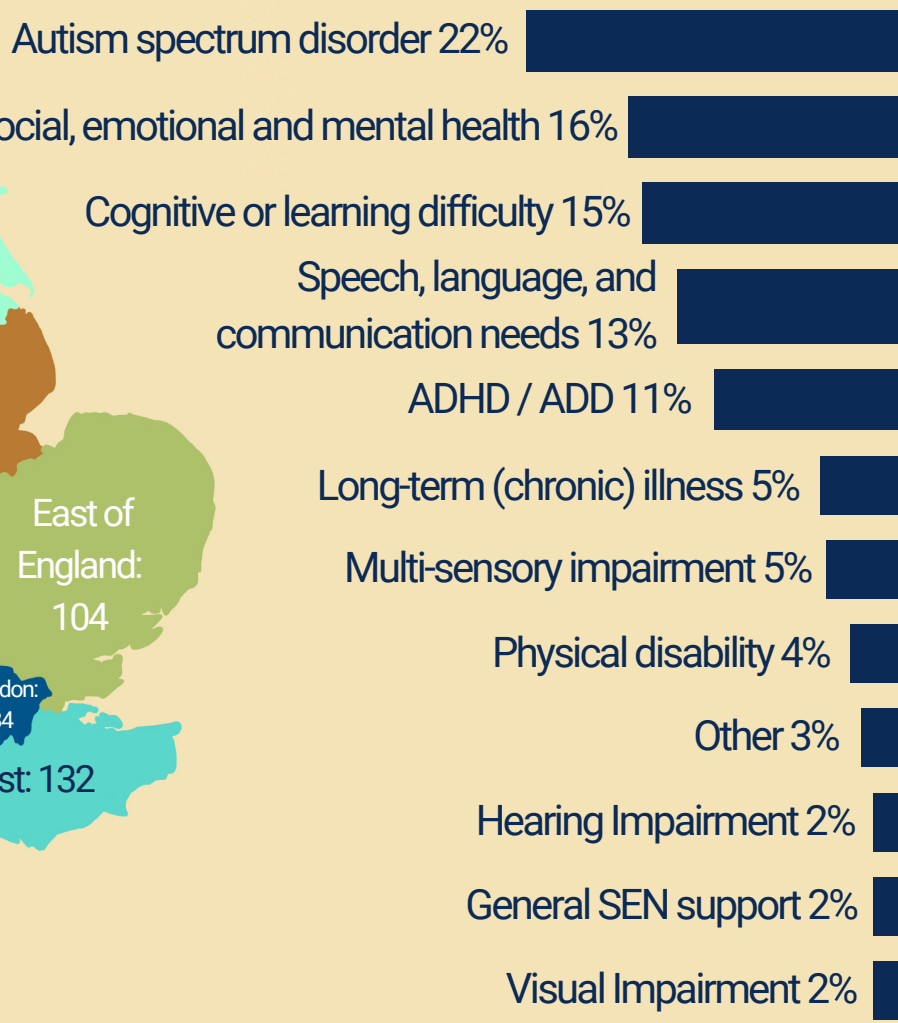
This flyer summarises the key findings from the 772 Parents and Carers which were based on their experiences with their youngest child with SEND:

- The most commonly selected age was 11
- The average age of their youngest child with SEND was 17
- The ages ranged from 2-26 years

### Number of participants from each region:



### What type(s) of SEND does your youngest child with SEND have?



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What are the main barriers that you have experienced when seeking a diagnosis of SEND for your youngest child with SEND?

1. Long waiting lists for assessments
2. Education settings lack of understanding of SEND
3. Lack of specialist SEND professionals in your Local Authority
4. Problems accessing health services
5. Could not afford private SEND assessments



56% of parents and carers named either **themselves** or **their partner/ spouse** as the first person who noticed the need for extra support in their youngest child with SEND

Only 7% of Parents and Carers either strongly agreed or agreed that there is **enough support services** in their community for parents and carers of children with SEND



Most parents and carers either **disagreed** or **strongly disagreed** that teaching staff, health professionals and local authority staff:

1. Have **enough training** in SEND identification
2. **Provided enough information** relating to their youngest child's additional health or learning needs



Have you heard about the Local Offer for SEND? (n=769)

Yes:  
65.2%

No:  
34.5%

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**50%** of parents and carers either **disagreed** or **strongly disagreed** that the provision described in their youngest child's EHCP/ SEN statement matches what they actually receive

A further **16%** could neither agree nor disagree with this statement



**46.4%** of parents stated their child has had to move education settings due to their SEND



Overall, how would you describe your experience of SEND services at each of the following stages?

Noticing the need stage  
**53%** had **negative** or **very negative** overall experiences at this stage

Assessment stage  
**51%** had **negative** or **very negative** overall experiences at this stage

Provision stage  
**49%** had **negative** or **very negative** overall experiences at this stage

with a further **19%** describing their overall experience as **neither positive nor negative**

with a further **22%** describing their overall experience as **neither positive nor negative**

with a further **26%** describing their overall experience as **neither positive nor negative**

Overall, negative experiences were reported by the parents and carers who took part. To keep updated with the HOPE study and to access the key findings flyers for parents & carers and SEND professionals, please see the links below to our HOPE website and our Twitter page!