



JSNA Newsletter May 2026 Correction

Dear Subscriber,

We have identified an error relating to the information on deprivation featured in the newsletter sent on May 19th. Please accept our apologies and see a corrected version below.

This latest version of the newsletter features:

- Access to the latest information on deprivation for Central Bedfordshire on the dashboard
- New child poverty dashboard shows the number of children in poverty is increasing
- New report on SEND which shows the number of pupils with Specific and Moderate Learning Difficulties remains high
- The instructional video for the IMD Data Dashboard

The newsletter will keep you informed about the key additions and updates to the [JSNA website](#), as well providing hints on how to use its functions and tools.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and please share it with colleagues and contacts who may be interested. They can sign up for future editions [here](#).

The JSNA team is also available to provide short presentations to teams about the JSNA, highlight what is available on the JSNA website and how to use its key features. If you would like to us meet with your team, please contact us at: jsnafeedback@bedford.gov.uk

Access the latest information on deprivation for Central Bedfordshire in new dashboard



Interrogate the 2025 Indices of Deprivation (IoD) measures to understand deprivation in Central Bedfordshire relative to the rest of the country, compare it to neighbours, see how levels have changed from previous years, and identify differences across the local area.

- Overall Central Bedfordshire moved from the least deprived decile to the second-least deprived decile nationally.
- Central Bedfordshire's ranking improved in the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI), but declined in the Income Deprivation Affecting Older People Index (IDAOPI).
- Central Bedfordshire's ranking improved for Crime and Living Environment, but declined for Health, Education, Employment, Housing and Income.
- Four small geographical areas (LSOAs) fall within the second most deprived decile.

[Click here to access the IMD Data Dashboard](#)

Child poverty dashboard shows the number of children in poverty is increasing



Learn about the poverty levels affecting the children of Central Bedfordshire and how these have changed over time.

- Understand the different measures of poverty, how many children are affected by each measure in Central Bedfordshire.
- Discover differences by ward, family type, the number of children in a household, the working status of parents and ethnicity.
- Overall, in Central Bedfordshire: 7.5% of households on universal credit include children; 6.7% of children live in absolute low-income households; 7.8% of children live in relative low-income households; 13.7% of children are eligible for free school

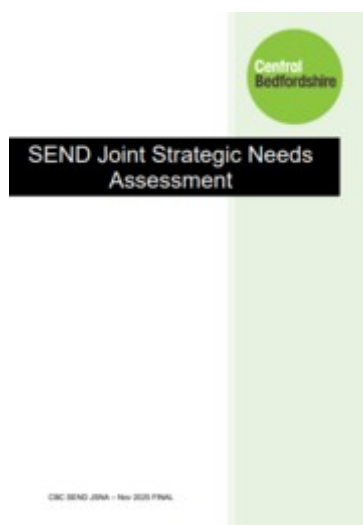
meals; and 18.6% of children live in relative low-income households after housing costs.

[Click here to access the Child Poverty Dashboard page](#)

Central Bedfordshire - SEND

Read the SEND Joint Strategic Needs Assessment document which was published in November 2025, which highlights:

- An increase of more than 2500 pupils receiving SEN in state funded schools.
- Primary needs increasing substantially, with Autistic Spectrum Conditions, Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs and Speech, Language and Communication needs each more than doubling in size during this period and continuing to increase.
- The number of pupils with Specific and Moderate Learning Difficulties remains high.
- Other primary needs including physical, sensory and profound disabilities remained relatively stable.



[Click here to read the CBC SEND document](#)

Watch this instructional video to get the most from the IMD Dashboard

This video has been designed to help users access the IMD Data Dashboard and apply its key functions.

Follow the step-by-step guide through the Dashboard to:

- Understand the different indexes of deprivation and what they mean.
- Switch between measures and locations.
- Understand changes over time.



- Focus on specific areas.

[Click here to access the IMD Dashboard video](#)

Coming soon: A new look and feel for the JSNA website

The JSNA website is being improved with an updated design and better navigation to ensure everyone can find what they are looking for quickly and easily.

Also available on the Central Bedfordshire JSNA website:

[Health Needs Assessments](#)

[Census 2021 highlights](#)

[Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments](#)

[Director of Public Health reports](#)

[Custom made maps](#)

[Bedford Borough JSNA website](#)

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