

# Relationships and healthy sexual behaviour

PWS 2024



**8 in 10** pupils said they had someone to turn to if they were worried - predominantly parents (71%).

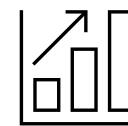
## Following groups less likely to turn to parents

- Pupils from minority ethnic groups
- LGBTQ+ pupils



## Friendships

Proportion of pupils reporting they find it easy to make and keep friends increased for the first time since 2012



Stabilised in females since 2022.



Increased in males after covid decrease



### Significantly lower:

- Pupils with a disability
- Pupils with SEN

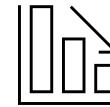


## Domestic abuse\*

\*Questions only asked to secondary and FE pupils

**1 in 4**

Pupils reported witnessing domestic abuse



Pupils reporting being victim domestic abuse has reduced

## Increased use of mental health services by victims



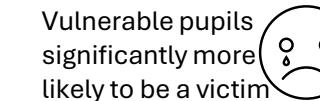
**1 in 6**

Pupils reported being a victim of domestic abuse



Females **2.5** times more likely to be a victim

Vulnerable pupils significantly more likely to be a victim



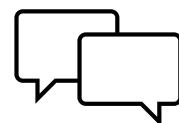
### More likely to:

- Have run away from home
- Have low mental wellbeing

## Things to work on...

**1 in 7**

of those who were a regular victim of domestic abuse reported they had tried to access support but **adults hadn't taken them seriously**



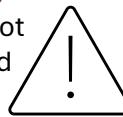
Almost

**1 in 2**

primary pupils said they had learnt *Quite a lot/a great deal* about puberty at school

**1 in 16**

Pupils did not understand consent



Pupils from black backgrounds and Gypsy/Roma pupils **less likely** to report understanding consent



Body positivity reduces during puberty especially for girls, as screen time increases pupils are less likely to be happy with their appearance



**1 in 8**

Pupils had engaged in sexual activity – this has been reducing steadily since 2016

**8 in 10**

said the RSE education they received was useful. **LGBTQ+ pupils** were significantly less likely to report they found RSE education helpful.



LGB and Trans/non-binary pupils more likely to engage in sexual activity than heterosexual or cis pupils

**1 in 4**

females had received a message or picture of a sexual nature

**4 in 5**

reported experiencing sexual harassment



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