

The Voluntary Community Faith Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector in Suffolk

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The Challenge:

Current data for people living in Suffolk

- School readiness - 1/3 children not reaching expected level by age 5
- 1/3 children aged under 5 live in households where there isn't enough access to healthy and nutritious food
- Around 5% of 16-18 year olds are not in education, employment or training
- Increasing SEND - number of children with autism has more than doubled between 2016 and 2023



The Challenge: State of the Sector

- 2,935 registered charities
- 683 community interest companies
- 8,000 unregistered groups
- 72% charities in Suffolk have an income of less than £100k per annum

Main challenges:

- Lack of funding
- Increasing demand and complexity
- Decreasing volunteers



