

North Devon Conservatives

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More than half of children in Devon experience bullying

A CAMPAIGNER has spoken of his “shock and worry” after new figures showed more than half of the children in Devon have experienced bullying in the past year.

Philip Milton was responding to new Government figures published this week by OfSTED from surveys completed by five-to-10-year-olds.

The figures show 51.7 per cent of children in Devon who took part in the survey has experienced some level of bullying. That figure compares with 52.5 per cent in the South West region – the highest in the country - and 48 per cent across England.

In response Philip Milton, the Conservative Prospective MP for North Devon and father of four children said: “It is extremely worrying that such a high number of children have experienced bullying, and is unacceptable.

“This is yet another sad example of why measures must be taken to end the broken society, through strengthening families and tougher approaches to crime, among other means.”

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The proportion of children in each local authority reporting that they have been bullied in or out of school is below:

CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED BULLYING 2008-09 (FROM THE TELLUS3 SURVEY)

ENGLAND	48.0	
NORTH EAST		49.2
NORTH WEST		44.3
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER		50.9
EAST MIDLANDS	48.9	
WEST MIDLANDS	46.3	
EAST OF ENGLAND		50.1
LONDON	42.0	
SOUTH EAST		50.4
SOUTH WEST		52.5
Devon	51.7	

The table can be found at
<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STR/d000828/index.shtml>

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