

# NVQ 4 Performance in Torridge and Teignbridge

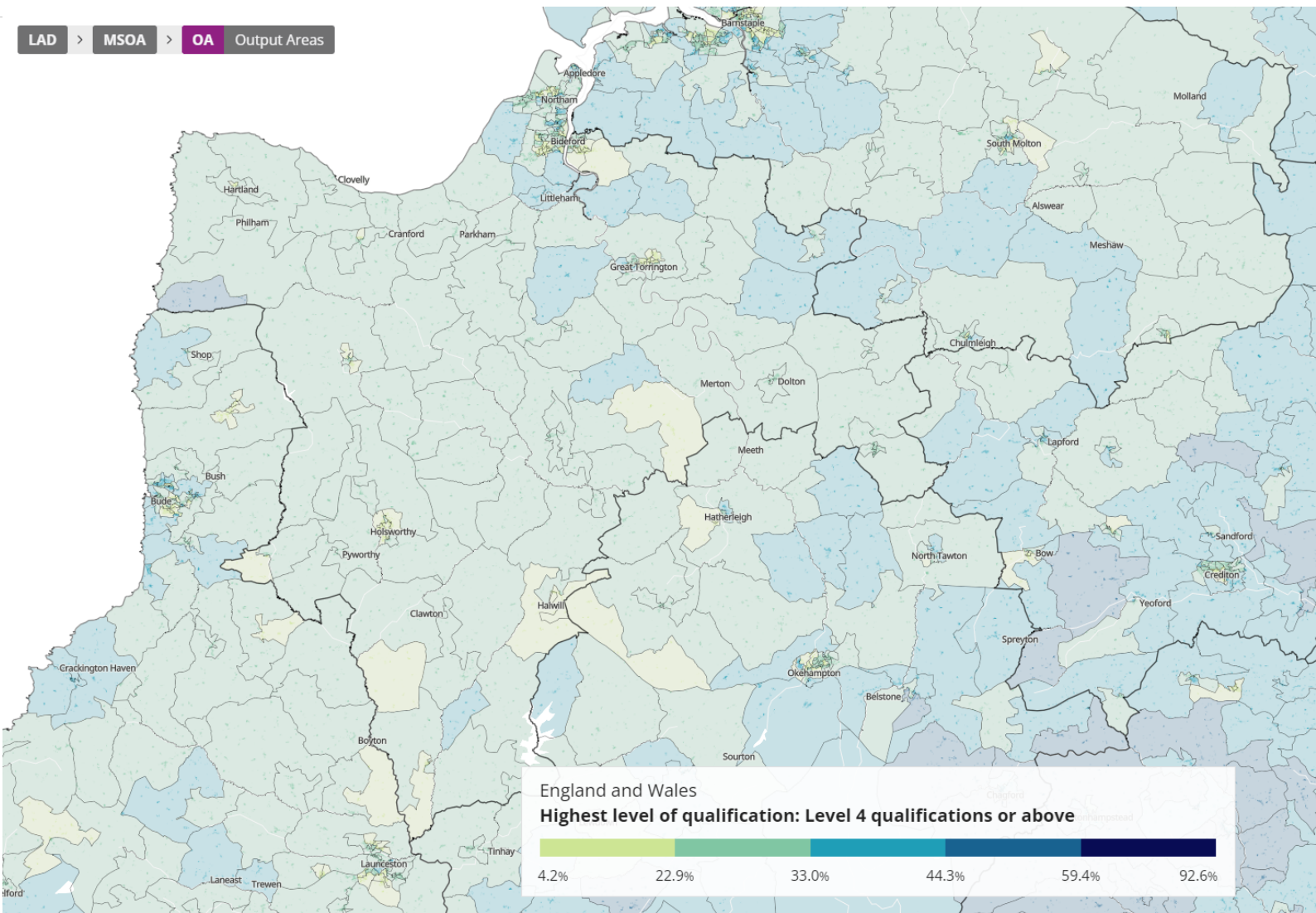
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# Current Position

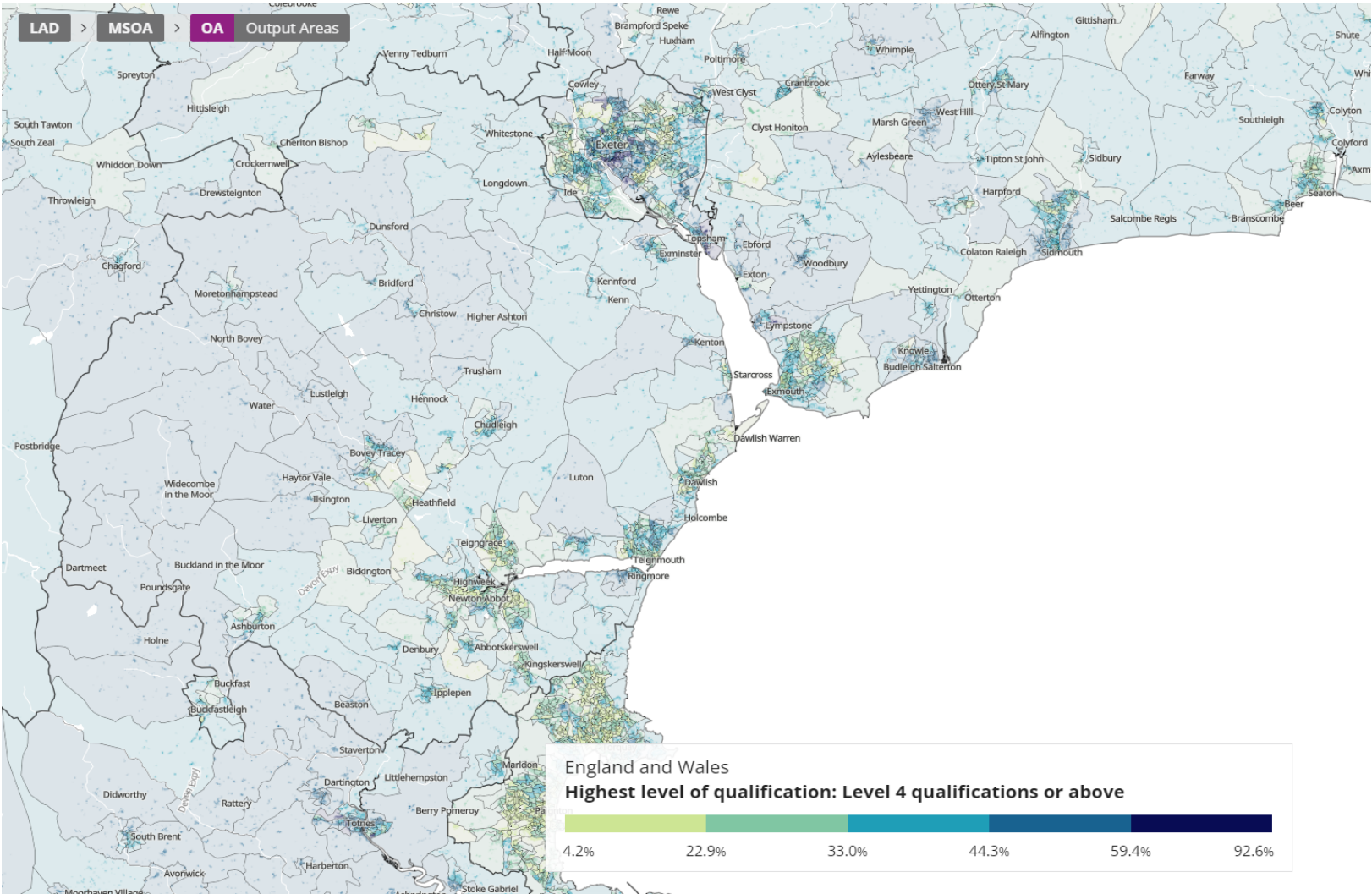
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- Data for 2020 and 2022 published over recent weeks around GVA performance and skills challenges respectively.
- Data does always trail the actual performance on the ground, but the picture at present remains difficult. Reinforces the issues we discussed in Autumn.
- GVA data for 2020 suggests that GVA per worker in Torridge fell by the second largest amount in the Country between 2018 and 2020 (8%). Teignbridge fared slightly better, with a fall of -2.45%, though still the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst performance in the South West.
- Skills performance also showed a marked decline in Torridge and Teignbridge during the year based on ONS data:
  - Within Torridge, the number of individuals holding a NVQ 4 Level falling to 22% in 2022 compared to 30% in 2021 (around 2,000 fewer individuals holding a degree). Level 3 also declined by 6%.
  - Within Teignbridge, the number holding a degree fell by 7% compared to 2021, and 8% at Level 3.
- Performance in the two districts was out of line with the rest of Devon, where the levels of both remains relatively stable at 39% and 62% of the population respectively.
- Emerging census data suggests that economic structure in both cases is likely to be a key ingredient of the challenges faced, with a focus on retail, agriculture, public services, health and lower value manufacturing.

# Skills Geography – Torrington



# Skills Geography – Teignbridge



## So what is happening locally?

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- **Torridge** – Identified through the Budget and Levelling Up Fund announcements as a national priority area, with both a £15m contribution towards the Appledore Marine Innovation Centre and an opportunity to bid for an element of the £400m Levelling Up Fund put forward by the Chancellor. Work also ongoing with local partners around Northern Devon Strategy, including PETROC, Schools and wider employers.
- **Teignbridge** – Work ongoing around local regeneration and wider programmes, including work with South Devon College around their presence in Newton Abbot and the potential for additional capacity / investment.
- Prioritisation of Torridge is welcome news, and reflects its critical issues around economic and skills performance. County Council working closely with District around next steps. Teignbridge however remains of concern as often seen as challenging but not challenging enough (often compared to Torbay).
- Work ongoing around both areas, with them seen as priorities around performance. Funding a crucial challenge at the moment around transformational projects, but Shared Prosperity Fund and other support may offer options.