

Making a Difference in the Lives of Young People: 2009

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES LOCALITY PROFILES

This supplement provides an analysis of sub county locality/main town data collected by Connexions Northumberland for the period November 2009 to January 2010. This is the period of time used by the Department for Children, Schools and Families to measure progress against agreed targets for the county. The targets for November 2009 to January 2010 were to achieve over this period:

- Reduction in the percentage of young people aged 16–18 who were Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET) to an average of 6%
- Maintenance of the percentage of young people aged 16–18 whose engagement status was unknown at or below 5%.
- To increase the % of young people undertaking learning opportunities in Northumberland.
- To contribute to the Narrowing the Gap agenda by supporting vulnerable groups of young people towards matching the same percentage outcomes as those achieved by their peers.

The analysis below is of the learning and engagement status of young people aged 16–18 and in some instances aged 19 by locality/main town for the period November 2009 to January 2010.

| Nov 09-Jan 10 Average | Northumberland | Alnwick | Amble | Berwick | Blyth | Cramlington | Seaton Valley | Morpeth | Hexham | Haydon Bridge | Prudhoe | Ponteland | Ashington | Bedlington |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 16-18 NEET | 7.3% (666) | 6.3% (35) | 10.8% (49) | 8.3% (51) | 12.4% (138) | 9.5% (87) | 8.9% (30) | 3.9% (25) | 1.5% (11) | 0.8% (4) | 3.2% (16) | 0.5% (2) | 9.9% (152) | 8.3% (65) |
| 16-18 Not Known | 3.1% (297) | 5.2% (30) | 3.5% (22) | 4.2% (27) | 3.2% (36) | 2.1% (20) | 4.0% (14) | 1.9% (13) | 0.1% (1) | 0.2% (1) | 0.8% (4) | 0.2% (1) | 5.2% (85) | 5.3% (44) |
| 16-18 In Learning | 80.2% (7627) | 76.4% (438) | 75.4% (352) | 75.6% (482) | 74.6% (844) | 78.4% (729) | 76.9% (267) | 90.5% (600) | 85.8% (606) | 86.2% (410) | 88.3% (447) | 94.0% (432) | 82.7% (1335) | 82.5% (685) |
| 16-19 Teenage Mothers EET | 20.9% (46) | 22.4% (4) | 14.6% (2) | 18.6% (3) | 18.5% (9) | 29.0% (6) | 8.3% (1) | 22.2% (2) | 0.0% (0) | 50.0% (1) | 71.4% (2) | 100.0% (1) | 17.0% (10) | 28.6% (6) |
| 16-19 LDD NEET | 16.6% (103) | 27.0% (8) | 19.0% (10) | 11.2% (6) | 27.3% (26) | 20.6% (11) | 18.2% (3) | 14.6% (6) | 5.1% (3) | 4.5% (1) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 22.3% (22) | 9.6% (5) |
| S140 Assessments | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Berwick

The percentage of young people aged 16-18 NEET (young people both with LDD and without LDD) is higher than the county average and the NEET target for 2009.

The percentage of young people "In Learning" is lower than the county average and reflects the nature of the local economy, with a higher proportion of young people entering employment without recognised training.

A particular issue for the partnership continues to be young people 17 years and 18 years who are NEET. Partners will need to continue to work together to share information to support young people at risk to remain "In Learning".

Alnwick

The percentage of young people NEET (young people both with LDD and without LDD) is lower than the county average but higher than the NEET target for 2009.

The percentage of young people "in learning", 76.4%, is lower than that of the county average of 80.2%.

The percentage of young people with LDD who are NEET stands at 27% the highest in the County – however this comprises only 8 individuals.

The percentage of YP whose destination is Not Know is 5.2% one of the highest in the County

A particular issue for the partnership is to secure a range of learning opportunities appropriate for and accessible to young people in Alnwick Town and the rural and coastal hinterlands.

Amble

The percentage of young people who are NEET (three monthly average November 2009 to January 2010) remains above the county average at 10.8% and higher than the corresponding figure for 2008. This is the second highest NEET figure in the County second only to Blyth.

The 'In Learning' percentage of 75.4.% is along with Blyth and Berwick one of the lowest in the county.

Issues for the partnership include continuing to work together to secure a range of learning provision to meet the needs of all young people in the partnership area.

Tynedale - Hexham / Prudhoe / Haydon Bridge / Ponteland

All key target indicators show a better position than the county average and an improvement on the same period in 2008-2009.

The NEET mainstream and LDD plus the "In Learning" and "Not Known Figures" are all amongst the most positive in the county and an improvement on 2008

The level of attainment of young people with the Tynedale Partnership areas in general can emphasise the under achievement of a minority of young people facing barriers to progression within small local communities.

A number of young people continue to access "In Learning Opportunities" outside of Northumberland including some young people with LDD.

The partnership will need to continue to develop and roll out current initiatives to secure the range of learning provision available to meet the needs of all young people in the partnership area.

Blyth

Although an improvement on 2008 the percentage of young people NEET is significantly higher than the county average.

The percentage In Learning is also below the county average and is reflected in the high NEET figure.

The percentage of young people with LDD who are NEET is much higher than the county average.

Issues for the Partnership are to find ways of continuing to develop and broaden opportunities for young people, engaging those young people in that provision and sustaining successful progressions.

Cramlington

The percentage NEET is above the county average whilst the percentage of Not Known is below.

The percentage In Learning is less than the county figure. This would be higher if those In Learning outside Northumberland were included.

The percentage of young people with LDD who are NEET is higher than the county average.

A particular issue is for opportunities to be offered that NEET young people with LDD will take up.

Seaton Valley

The percentage NEET is above the county average.

The percentage of young people with LDD who are NEET is also higher.

The percentage In Learning is lower than the county average but would be increased as there are those In Learning but doing so outside Northumberland.

Seaton Valley numbers are relatively small so just a few young people moving into NEET can alter the figures significantly so partners will have to keep a close eye on possible shifts and react. Transport for young people in Seaton Valley can be a potential barrier especially for those lacking motivation.

Ashington Partnership

The Ashington NEET figure is significantly above the county average and is the same as the figure in 2008-09.

The figure for those in learning is actually higher than the county average, fairing well in comparison with some areas with a much lower overall NEET percentage.

The percentage NEET figure for those young people with LDD is than that of the county. It is the case however that a high proportion of the NEET group as a whole will have been identified as having some level of LDD during compulsory education.

Bedlington Partnership

The NEET percentage for Bedlington is the same as last year, and remains above the county figure.

The percentage figure for those in learning is higher than that of the county.

The percentage NEET figure for those young people with LDD is significantly less than that of the county. It is also the case that a high proportion of the NEET group as a whole will have been identified as having some level of LDD during compulsory education.

Morpeth Partnership

At 3.9% the Morpeth NEET figure is much lower than that of the county as a whole and represents an improvement on last year's figure.

The Morpeth figure for those in learning is significantly higher than that of the county and is the second highest in the County.

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