

NEET News & Updates

December 2021

Welcome to our December NEET News!

I am sure like me you will be looking forward to the Christmas break and getting some time away from Microsoft teams and the computer. I thought I would just send you out an update on how things are progressing with our targeted work with you all on reducing our young people who are not in education and training, or employment with training.

In this newsletter, I have included the latest data set showing how we compare to the West Midlands and England; we have some improvements but still have much to do in engaging with our young people and maintaining them in their destinations.

Schools will be receiving their activity surveys this month along with the Borough position so they can see how they compare to the Borough average and I have included the Borough charts in this newsletter. The activity survey shows the position as at the snapshot date of 1st November 2021, and shows the destinations of those young people who left year 11 and the end of July 202. Any young people shown as NEET in this data set will have had continued tracking and follow up support from the FutureFocus team to help them progress into education and training.

Organising events have been difficult with COVID still very much out there in our communities but the FutureFocus team will have reintroducing our Provider events at Southwater with the next one on 14th December 2020. These events offer space for providers to come along to meet our NEET young people and share their offers, Our NEET young people and their parents will be written to inviting them to come along and see what opportunities are open to them Thank you to all those providers who will be joining us.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Many Thanks
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The Data

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to track young people up to the end of Year 13 and support them to engage in education, training or employment with training. This is published each month. The latest published data is October 21.

Summary	October 2021					
	Not known		In learning		16-17 year olds NEET	
	% 16-17s NK NK including currency expired	% change over last 12 months	% 16-17s in learning	% change over last 12 months	% 16-17s NEET	% change over last 12 months
ENGLAND	12.5%	8.2%	84.1%	-1.2%	2.0%	-10.3%
WEST MIDLANDS	10.8%	6.6%	86.5%	-0.7%	1.7%	-10.4%
Birmingham	9.4%	-32.7%	88.4%	5.3%	1.9%	5.3%
Coventry	3.7%	-5.2%	93.4%	0.3%	2.1%	-1.6%
Dudley	39.5%	197.2%	58.4%	-30.0%	1.3%	-40.3%
Herefordshire, County of	14.4%	90.0%	82.1%	-5.6%	1.6%	-26.6%
Sandwell	5.6%	-13.4%	92.1%	0.8%	1.6%	26.5%
Shropshire	42.3%	58.4%	55.5%	-23.3%	1.2%	42.5%
Solihull	7.7%	-14.7%	89.7%	1.6%	2.2%	-3.2%
Staffordshire	8.7%	-13.9%	88.4%	1.5%	1.1%	-31.6%
Stoke-on-Trent	11.7%	22.0%	83.4%	-2.1%	2.8%	-25.5%
Telford and Wrekin	2.7%	-32.5%	89.9%	1.3%	4.0%	-20.5%
Walsall	4.6%	-29.6%	93.4%	1.8%	1.3%	54.8%
Warwickshire	5.7%	-8.6%	92.3%	1.2%	1.4%	-18.6%
Wolverhampton	5.0%	-9.4%	93.1%	1.1%	1.5%	-27.6%
Worcestershire	7.4%	-11.0%	89.6%	1.1%	1.9%	-13.4%

Below is the RAG rating for the NEET young people we know at 6th December showing how near they are to engagement with education, training or employment with training.

RED – 85 young people, which is 56% of this week's NEET cohort

AMBER – 28 young people, which is 18% of this week's cohort

GREEN – 12 young people, which is 8% of this week's cohort

Not rated – there are 26 young people (18%) who are NEET who we do not yet know enough about to enable us to rate them.

	Sept closed	Oct closed	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Joiners 20/21	118	42	14	5	14	21	28	15	19	14	8	13
Leavers 20/21	18	17	24	13	16	7	12	17	21	11	13	7
Joiners 21/22	74	32	12	0								
Leavers 21/22	26	12	35	8								

Help us to prevent new NEET joiners by getting in touch with FutureFocus before young people leave if they are wobbling.

What are our NEET young people interested in?

Vocational Interest for NEET Seeking	
Status New Description	employment -
Year	(All)
Row Labels	Count
	33
General Construction Trades	4
Retail Assistant	2
Retail Assistant Animals work with	1
Army Mechanical Engineering	1
Care/Children Retail Assistant	1
General Construction Trades Hairdresser	1
Army Unknown	1
Unknown	1
Beauty Therap/Beautician Factory Process Worker	1
Customer Services	1
Care/Children	1
Garden/Horticult worker	1
Hairdresser Beauty Therap/Beautician	1
Grand Total	50

(33 NEETs who we have not had enough contact with to assess interest)

Where did our year 11 leavers go 2021?

Destination data for our young people who left year 11 in July 2021 showing their destination as at 1st November 21. Schools have been sent a copy showing their own students.

Telford and Wrekin Activity Survey 01 November 2021 for year 11's leaving school in July 2021

This data is based on the FutureFocus Annual Activity Survey for 2021 and interim data until 2022

Includes only those Young People included in the fixed Activity Survey of 01/11/2021

DESTINATION	BOROUGH LEVEL DATA			
	05/11/2021		01/11/2020	
	No	%	No	%
Full Time Education (inc Custody* and Study Programme)	2,073	90.4%	1,953	90.5%
Part Time Education	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Apprenticeships	49	2.1%	53	2.5%
Employment with Training/Self employment with training (Formal Training eg NVQ)	18	0.8%	18	0.8%
Employment without Training/Self employment without training (Non Formal and No Training, includes part time)	15	0.7%	5	0.2%
Full Time Training	4	0.2%	3	0.1%
Reengagement	9	0.4%	4	0.2%
Settled Outcomes	2160	94.0%	2098	94.4%
NEET Actively Seeking (Learning/Personal Dev't Opportunity/working not for reward)	32	1.4%	46	2.1%
NEET Not Active (Parent/Care/Injury/Pregnancy/Custody/Asylum Seekers without Citizenship/Other)	24	1.0%	19	0.9%
Not Settled Outcomes	56	2.4%	66	3.0%
Moved out of contact (Cannot be contacted/Moved address)	6	0.3%	7	0.3%
Current situation not known/ refused**	62	2.7%	49	2.3%
Other Outcomes	60	3.0%	66	3.0%
Total	2,292	100%	2,167	100%

Actions from plan for this month

3. Develop NEET specific team

Sally Robinson has been appointed as senior FutureFocus NEETS advisor. Sally will be mentoring members of the team who have NEETs young people on their caseload and calling other professions to meet to help find solutions to address barriers to those stuck as NEET

21. New engagement provision with one-to-one work to be introduced by Enable through new ESF bid, which can be used for age 15 – 24.

If you have young people that may be suited to this provision, please get in touch with Enable

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Unsure of your next step?

We offer a person-centred programme for 15-24yr olds across Telford and Shropshire that provides one to one support within community settings towards employment, work experience, apprenticeships, education and training. We offer each individual an ongoing personalised development plan alongside professional information, advice and guidance to identify, explore and progress into a wide range of local opportunities.

- ✓ One to one individualised support
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Training



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MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING 2-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME

Aim

To develop the confidence and skills of staff to use MI with young people

Objectives

- To understand the spirit and key principles of Motivational Interviewing and their application in working with children, young people and families
- To gain a practical understanding of the cycle of change, and how it can inspire confidence
- To develop skills in having conversations that are supportive, challenging and productive, enabling practitioners and families to help improve outcomes for children
- To be able to use Motivational Interviewing techniques where there is discord/ambivalence to change
- To have opportunities for skills practice in a safe learning environment

We have secured a two day motivational techniques training programme for delivery in the new year

This programme has been delivered to social work staff and has been considered an excellent programme to support conversations with young people.

We are able to open this out to our providers at a cost of £250 per person. We do have limited places so if you are interested in securing a place on this training or would like to find out more detail please contact Tara Foran tara.foran@telford.gov.uk or Sally Robinson sally.robinson@telford.gov.uk

December updates

Prevent

Please follow the link below to find the latest information you need to know regarding Prevent

[Prevent duty self-assessment tool: further education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-duty-self-assessment-tool-further-education)

SEND Post 16 Review

We are reviewing Post 16 education provision for students with an EHCP in Telford & Wrekin.

Please can we request that all Post 16 Providers, Secondary Schools and Special Schools complete our short questionnaire by **Friday 17 December 2021**. The survey covers topics such as curriculum, transition and communication with parents, schools and the local authority.

[Post 16 Settings Communication & Transition Feedback Form \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

Learners who may not return after Christmas?

Please let us know if you have any learners that you are concerned about not returning after the Christmas break. We know this can be one of the times in the year when you may lose learners. We are here to help avoid them becoming NEET if we possible can so get in touch with FutureFocus