

NEET News & Updates

January 2022

Welcome to our January NEET News!

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope you all had a great break over the Christmas period and enjoyed some time with your family and friends this year.

I want to thank all our providers that attended our Provider event at Southwater on the 14th December. Feedback was that it was useful and the young people attended were engaged. I was also told you all enjoyed catching up and networking with each other. The team will be in touch with a date for the next one!

Included in this month's newsletter is our latest position on NEET's. December, January and February form the basis of the 3 month average that DFE use to publish Local Authority performance, so this is a critical time for us. As you will see from the data, numbers of both NEET and Not Known young people are continuing to fall and I want to thank all of you for playing your part and supporting us with this. We know prevention is better than cure, so please continue to hold on to those young people that may be wobbling or looking to drop out of your provision, get in touch with FutureFocus and let us help get them a managed move to a new provider - this will benefit us all.

In November's newsletter I issued a proforma to capture some new ideas and provision that we could fund for those that we cannot engage in the current offer or who are some way from wanting to talk about education, training or employment. We have received 4 projects that we will be funding and are currently in the process of agreeing the grant agreement, so I will share the full details in the next newsletter. These projects are not about replicating existing provision but will be seen as engagement activities as a stepping-stone into our current offer, so may be a referral route for your provision. We are intending to hold an event at the end of January inviting these providers in to start the promotion of these offers. We have never had funding for these type of wider activities, so it is great we are able to test this out.

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 November 21.

	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	5.1%	-11.7%	90.8%	0.4%	2.3%	-7.4%
WEST MIDLANDS	5.1%	-11.6%	91.5%	0.5%	2.1%	-4.2%
Birmingham	5.7%	-36.8%	91.8%	3.7%	2.1%	2.0%
Coventry	3.0%	-5.9%	93.7%	0.1%	2.3%	-2.9%
Dudley	14.1%	211.6%	83.0%	-9.1%	1.8%	-30.7%
Herefordshire, County of	4.8%	14.0%	88.7%	-0.2%	3.0%	-7.4%
Sandwell	1.7%	-17.2%	94.7%	-0.6%	2.3%	34.6%
Shropshire	14.3%	-18.3%	83.2%	2.4%	1.1%	5.1%
Solihull	3.0%	-17.1%	93.9%	0.7%	2.6%	-5.7%
Staffordshire	3.2%	-33.6%	92.9%	1.1%	1.6%	-9.9%
Stoke-on-Trent	9.9%	127.4%	84.5%	-5.9%	3.2%	-23.6%
Telford and Wrekin	2.1%	-45.5%	90.3%	1.3%	3.6%	-25.2%
Walsall	2.6%	-38.1%	94.8%	1.0%	1.6%	60.8%
Warwickshire	3.8%	21.1%	93.3%	-0.5%	1.8%	-10.1%
Wolverhampton	1.9%	-37.4%	95.4%	1.2%	1.9%	0.2%
Worcestershire	4.4%	-22.3%	91.8%	0.8%	2.3%	1.9%

The **current position** from the live data set Monday 17th January is as follows:

November LA FIGURES	NEET	Not Know	Combined
National	2.3%	5.1%	7.4%
Regional	2.1%	5.1%	7.2%
T&W	3.6%	2.1%	5.7%
T&W Current % @ 17/01/2022 10:15	3.0%	1.9%	4.9%

RAG rating of current NEETS 17/01/22 in nearness to the labour market

GREEN – 8 young people (7% of the NEET group)

AMBER – 20 young people (15% of the NEET group)

RED – 85 (65% of the NEET group)

There are 17 young people who we know are NEET but we have no further information about (13% of the NEET group)

Here is the NEET data by types of NEET as at 17/01/22

NEET by Year Group (Hard Code Categories)						
NEET Categories	Y12	%	Y13	%	Total	%
NEET - Not yet ready (610)	4	10%	12	13%	16	12%
NEET - Start Date agreed - RPA Compliant (616)	6	15%	1	1%	7	5%
NEET Seeking employment - educ or trng only (619)	12	29%	31	35%	43	33%
NEET - Young carers (620)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
NEET - Teenage parents (630)	1	2%	10	11%	11	8%
NEET - Illness (640)	11	27%	15	17%	26	20%
NEET - Pregnancy (650)	0	0%	4	4%	4	3%
NEET - Religious grounds (660)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
NEET - Unlikely to be econ active (670)	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%
NEET - Other reason (680)	7	17%	13	15%	20	15%
NEET - Working not for reward (540)	0	0%	2	2%	2	2%
NEET - Start Date Agreed - Not RPA (615)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	41		89		130	

Here is the data on the Not Knowns as at 17/01/22

Not Known by Year Group (Hard Code Categories)						
Not Known Categories	Y12	%	Y13	%	Total	%
Post Comp Ed-Current situation not known (810)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
28 Days Expired Post Comp Ed-Not known (810)	2	6%	2	6%	4	6%
Cannot Be Contacted (820)	19	61%	24	71%	43	66%
Unknown - Withdrawn (810)	1	3%	1	3%	2	3%
Current situation not known (810)	1	3%	0	0%	1	2%
Unknown - Transfer Request (810)	2	6%	1	3%	3	5%
Refused to disclose activity (830)	6	19%	6	18%	12	18%
Total	31		34		65	
Currency Expired	5		11		16	
Combined NK and Currency Expired	36		45		81	

Actions from plan for this month

3. Review Children in Care and Care planning processes for earlier engagement in education, employment and training.

As a council, we are committed to supporting young care leavers between the ages of 16-25 to help them transition into independence. It is not an easy transition and we want to make sure we provide the skills and security they need, it is so important to us. To help young people leaving care and to provide support we are looking for businesses, organisations and charities that can offer their time and support in different ways from training opportunities, job preparation or discounted offers and goods to name a few. If you know any that might be able to help, please share the following information with them. We are holding a launch event on 11 February for organisations to come and find out how they can support. Find out more here: [Telford and Wrekin Care Leavers Covenant Business Event 2022 \(office.com\)](#)

Action – please share the above information with businesses and organisations you are working with and join us in supporting our care leavers at the event by clicking on the link above.

Do you have learners who did 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 possibly can, so get in touch with the FutureFocus team.

Training

Do not forget our Motivational Interviewing 2 day training. This is now booked for 29th and 30th of March and 31st, 1st April at AFC in Telford. We have limited external places.

We have secured a two day motivational techniques training programme for delivery in March.

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

Shropshire Youth Support Trust are asking for help with a survey on knowledge of AR/Coding and offer an opportunity for some training for staff.

Its aim is to get an understanding of the knowledge that youth workers and organisations that work with youth (or adults working with youth) have of coding/Artificial intelligence/Robotics. At this stage I anticipate some answers to be not applicable, particularly if they have no knowledge of coding/Artificial intelligence/Robotics.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczKqJX1Y_F7rMX8X9JgqiPMU1HIV0RQnOIVrM9g1_H6SCrwA/viewform?pli=1

The project CAIR 4 YOUTH aims to support youth organisations from Europe & UK in developing skills to help young people explore Technology such as Coding, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics in society, but through fun and interactive 'Learn Play' methodologies. There will be a focus on upskilling Youth team members in fun and game-inspired, non-formal educational methods. The project will present innovative methods of utilising methodologies to help increase access to affordable and high-quality youth service in the digital age.

What this means for your Organisation;

- Your Organisation will be able to participate in the Erasmus+ program for Youth Organisations
- Your Organisation will participate in a 4-Country project across Europe and enjoy free knowledge sharing and workshops within Europe with other Organisations and Universities,.
- Your staff will be able to go on trips to Europe fully funded by the British Council.
- Your Organisation will learn from other institutions' best practices.

The hope would be that we could then work together to provide activities to NEETs in Telford.

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January updates

National Apprenticeship Week 7th – 13th February 2022

Telford and Wrekin will be running a communication campaign as part of National Apprenticeship Week. Each day we will feature video links, resources, vacancies and stories across all our council and social media channels. All materials will be held on our Life Ready Work Ready and Job Box websites so they can be viewed and used at times to suit young people and adults. Our Job Junctions for that week will be themed around apprenticeships. Each day will focus on a sector

Monday – Hospitality

Tuesday – ICT and Admin

Wednesday – Healthcare

Thursday – Construction

Friday – Engineering

Look out for our campaign starting end of January and share our posts!

The Marches Skills Provider Network will be running a face to face event during the week at Shrewsbury football ground.

**TUES
8 FEB
2022**

**ALL
ABOUT
apprenticeships**

- SHROPSHIRE -

2pm - 7pm

**Shrewsbury
Town Football
Club**

#ShropApprentice

 

To book and for more info visit
shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk

Are you interested in Apprenticeships?

Whether you are looking for the latest Apprenticeship vacancies available in your area or simply want to learn more about how Apprenticeships work, this event will provide you with the advice and guidance you need.

- Speak to employers to find out what Apprenticeships are available locally
- Receive advice on applying for Apprenticeships
- Explore the range of occupations and levels available through Apprenticeships

This event is free to attend.
To book your ticket please visit
shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk.
(Unless exempt, you will be required to wear a face covering.)

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