

Bath and North East Somerset

LPW Connexions Academic year report 2012-13 (August 12 to July 13)

THEME 1 – TARGETED SERVICE

The tables below summarise the numbers of young people who are at risk of becoming NEET, or who are NEET, who have been supported by the LPW team through the Connexions targeted service (includes young people in target groups and vulnerable groups, including LDD)

Young people in education

Numbers of students supported through Connexions targeted services August 2012 to July 2013							
Year group	9	10	11	12	13	14	14+
Schools	36	96	348	27	2	0	0
Special schools	35	32	70	25	13	7	0
Colleges	0	0	7	64	30	11	1
Out county schools and college	10	9	10	10	6	7	10
Total	81	137	435	126	51	25	11
Total - all students	866						

Headline figures for 16-18 'in learning'

- In Learning 16-18 average for this period – 85.4%.
- In Learning 16-18 highest figure July 2013 - 89%
- PA's have worked closely with key school and college staff to identify students in target groups, who meet the referral criteria for the LA commissioned Connexions targeted service.
- This process is established in all institutions, but there is variation between different schools and colleges
- All students have been referred using the targeted services referral form.
- Half of our work has been with year 11 students approaching transition. We have supported **19%** of the B&NES schools year 11 cohort this academic year
- All young people's needs are assessed through the APIR framework
- PA's also contribute to SEN annual review meetings, PEP meetings and Team Around the Child meetings in schools and colleges

- We also have regular planning/review meetings with key school or college staff and there is an annual report on targeted Connexions work available for each school and college

Young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

Number of NEET young people 16-19 supported through Connexions Targeted service August 2012 to July 2013	
Age	Total
Aged 16	127
Aged 17	157
Aged 18	257
Aged 19	199
Total (16-19)	740

NEET headline figures

- 16-18 NEET percentage reduced – 4.7% August 12 to 4.0% July 13
- 16-18 NEET average for this period was 4.5%
- 16-18 NEET lowest figure was 4% in July 2013
- We have continued to improve access for NEET young people and now have nine centres across the area where we meet with NEET young people. We also do home visits and outreach work with young people who are difficult to engage – lower numbers of NEET young people in 2013 have enabled us to do more outreach work
- We have established access centres in our NEET 'hot spot' areas; Southside Hub Bath, Community@67 in Keynsham, and Radstock Youth Hub, where we run weekly open 'job club' sessions in partnership with the Youth Service
- The One Stop Shop in Bath is now established as our main access centre in the city
- All young people's needs are assessed through the APIR assessment framework
- We have recruited new Engagement Workers who have developed new and innovative ways of engaging young NEET young people, and supporting them progressing onto work or learning.
- From April this year we have also been delivering the Youth Contract for Prospect Training Services, which has enabled us to offer an enhanced services to young people eligible for Youth Contract
- In addition to overview data in monthly reports, we also undertake a bi-monthly detailed review of all NEET young people. These cover issues such as detailed needs, barriers and reasons for lack of engagement or non-participation.

Other post 16 programmes for NEET young people

- Over the past 12 months, a range of different programmes designed for NEET young people have been offered in the area through foundation learning, ESF or other funding
- We have played a key role in recruiting young people on to these programmes and have developed, and regularly updated, a grid guide to these programmes for young people and partner agencies
- We have also provided IAG and support for any young people who are 'at risk' of becoming NEET on these programmes – in the region of 100 young people (these young people will also appear in the NEET figures above)

THEME 2 – VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE

All young people in the following vulnerable groups have been supported through our targeted service (see above)

- Young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities
- Children in Care and Care Leavers
- Young parents
- Young offenders

Young people with LDD

- We have completed the following number of LDA assessments for young people in their final year of education in school

Year 11 (duty)	Year 11 (power)	Years 12-14	Total
39	9	17	65

- We also attend all year 9 and 11 annual reviews, and provide intensive IAG and transition support for young people with LDD (and their parents) before, during and after transition
- We support the 62 B&NES students at out county specialist schools and colleges
- We undertook LDA reviews for all young people with an LDA who started a college course in the autumn
- We provide monthly updates for the B&NES SEN team/LPW team shared 'tracker' for students with LDD.
- We have a 'complex LDD leavers' panel with LA colleagues, which meets quarterly to plan provision for leavers with complex needs, for whom there is no appropriate provision in place. We have worked with our SEN colleagues in developing individual post 16 programmes for students with very complex needs

Children in Care and Care Leavers

- We have review meetings with B&NES CIC/Care leavers colleagues to ensure joined up support for young people who are NEET
- PAs work in partnership with Social Workers in supporting Children in Care and Care Leavers

Young parents

- There are designated EWs working with young parents in Bath and NES, who have strong networks with health, Children's Centres and other agencies working with young parents
- Young parents are initially referred to Connexions via a referral form completed by their midwife
- We have been working closely with Family Nurses, ensuring we refer eligible pregnant young women to the Family Nurses, and agree when it is more appropriate for Family Nurses to take a lead role with a young person
- We attend young parents one stop shops in Bath, Radstock and Keynsham
- EWs and PAs contribute to Team Around the Child meetings and Child Protection planning meetings for young parents
- Our average percentage of young parents in EET (Education, Employment or Training) for this period is 32%

Young offenders

- There is a 0.4 FTE equivalent PA post allocated to the YOT. This PA provides intensive support to young people referred by the YOT
- Any other young people working with YOT, who are NEET or at risk of becoming NEET, are supported by other EWs or PAs
- EWs and PAs work in partnership with YOT workers to support young people

THEME 3 – SAFEGUARDING

- All delivery staff have enhanced CRB clearance
- All delivery staff have up to date safeguarding training
- All delivery staff have up to date CAF training and prioritise TAC meetings and CAF action plans
- All young people aged 16-19 are followed up at least once a year

THEME 4 - FOLLOW UP/TRACKING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE - REPORTING PARTICIPATION AND DESTINATIONS DATA

- All young people aged 16-19 are followed up/tracked to check current situation, progress and further support needs
- Average monthly percentage of 16-18 young people with 'Not Known' status i.e unable to contact for the period is 2.6%.
- Average monthly percentage of 16-19 young people with 'Not Known' status i.e unable to contact for the period is 4.9% .
- Annual activity (destinations) survey for all education leavers was completed in Autumn 2012
- September Guarantee completed for year 11 and year 12 in 2012 and well underway for 2013 (details in September Guarantee report)
- Monthly, quarterly and ad hoc reports have been provided for LA Commissioning Managers, other LA managers and the 'Into EET' Panel