

WIRRAL CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD – 16th July 2013

ACHIEVING ECONOMIC WELLBEING STRATEGY GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The Economic Well Being outcome area within Wirral's Children and Young People's plan aims to increase the number of young people achieving social and economic well being through the following priority areas:

- Ensure that all young people aged 16-18 particularly those in vulnerable groups are effectively supported to access the education, employment and training opportunities available.
- Minimise the impact of poverty on children.
- Support vulnerable young people and children with additional housing needs to access suitable housing options.
- Ensure that our young people have excellent skills and opportunities in to employment, including through Wirral's Apprenticeship programme.

The Economic Well Being Strategy Group, from September 2011, has been chaired by Vivian Stafford, Strategic Service Manager. In November 2011 the group went through a thorough review of its role and responsibilities, whilst also subsuming relevant activity from the disbanded 14-19 Partnership. Current membership is drawn from multi-agency representation relating to these priority areas and key representatives who can make a difference in this outcome area from across the Children's Trust. Meetings are held every 6 weeks and an annual programme of work for each meeting has been agreed. The Strategy Group is closely aligned with the 14-19 team.

One of the main functions of the Economic Well Being group is to monitor and report on the progress in this element of the Children and Young People's plan relating particularly to the National Indicators, 14-19 Raising of the Participation Age Plan (RPA) and any other areas of focus agreed by the Partnership. Other functions of the group include:

- The co-ordination of activities relating to the priority areas to ensure synergy.
- To respond to requests for information or action such as the Equality Impact Assessment.
- To provide information to other groups across the Trust including the Children and Young People's Dept.
- To seek effective arrangements to consult with children and young people, to act on the results and to provide feedback.

Impact of activity on performance indicators 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013

PI No.	Title	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	Direction of Travel
NI 79	Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19	77.7%	81.9%	85.9%	↑
NI 80	Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19	50.5%	53.4%	55.8%	↑
NI 81	Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19	36%	36%	34%	↑

NI 82	Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19 by FSM Group	60%	67%	71%	↑
NI 91	Participation of 17 year-olds in education or training	85% (2009)	92% (2010)		↑
NI 117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	8.6%	8.9%	7.5%	↑
NI 148	Care leavers in education, employment or training	54.2%	39.0%	48.0%	↑

<p>Key recent achievements</p>	<p>Targeted NEET reduction activity</p> <p>Commissioning of Targeted Information, Advice and Guidance Service</p> <p>The Education Act 2011 changes the duties on delivering information, advice and guidance (IAG) to young people. Primary responsibility now rests with schools and academies to provide provision of careers education, information, advice and guidance to their young people in years 9 to 11. Wirral Council retains its statutory duty to encourage, enable or assist young people's participation in education or training.</p> <p>The Council commissioned Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership to deliver a targeted IAG service to support the engagement of vulnerable young people aged 16-19 NEET, at risk of disengagement and those young people with a learning difficulties or disabilities (up to the age of 25 if subject to a learning difficulty disability assessment).</p> <p>The service has aligned to the Council Services Access Strategy. Access for young people to the service has therefore be more localised. Connexions personal advisors have provided services from selected Council 'One Stop Shops', Libraries, Youth Hubs and Area Team Offices as well as providing a peripatetic service out in the community.</p> <p>An interactive web portal was also launched (www.merseyinteractive.com) on 1st April 2012, which acts as a free online resource detailing all learning, employment and training options available to young people across Wirral. The system is accessed by young people, parents / carers and teaching professionals. The portal brings high quality information and tools to support career based decision making for young people in an easy to use interactive way.</p> <p>The system is currently being overhauled for September 2013 and will have such new features as; a focus on selected City Region Transformational Sectors (for Wirral this will be high value manufacturing) and their job opportunities, a news feed section, social media site, 360 degree multimedia employer tours etc...</p> <p>Mersey Interactive is also pivotal to the delivery of the 14-19 Information, Advice and Guidance traded service to Wirral secondary schools. To date 25 schools have requested access to and been training in the use of Mersey Interactive and U-Explore. In addition, 3622 young people in</p>
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Wirral schools are actively using U-Explore to inform careers decisions and this number is increasing daily.

Youth Contract

Nationally, in 2012 the Government announced it was administering a number of new initiatives under the DWP 'Youth Contract' programme. In response to the challenge of youth unemployment the Government announced a £1billion Youth Contract to help young unemployed people get a job. The Youth Contract, which launched in April 2012, providing nearly half-a-million new opportunities for 16-24 years olds, including apprenticeships and work experience placements. As part of the Youth Contract the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) is currently offering small to medium sized employer's financial incentives to take on young people either directly or from the work programme.

Roll out of key Youth Contract initiatives locally has been slow. The 14-19 Team has been working with Groundwork UK (contractor) and Groundwork Cheshire (service provider) to establish the mentoring support programme for young people. This is an additional service to that of targeted careers information, advice and guidance commissioned by the Local Authority (LA) and delivered by Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership.

Eligible young people are those aged 16 and 17 with up to one GCSE at grades A*-C. New groups of young now eligible for the provision include Looked After Children and Young Offenders aged 16 and 17.

The roll out of the programme has been extremely slow locally and across the Liverpool City Region (LCR). As of the 31st June 2013 48 16 to 17 year old young people have been engaged by the service.

European Social Funded Provision

New Futures is a flexible, engaging and supportive programme for Wirral young people who are not in education, employment and training (NEET) – or at risk of becoming NEET who reside within the borough. The programme has been delivered through a consortium of voluntary, community and faith organisations across the borough.

The programme combines high levels of individual support with engaging and inspiring practical activities and incentives to achieve key milestones and progression. New Futures is essentially a pre Foundation Learning type programme. The focus is on supporting the young people to take control of their own lives, develop positive attitudes towards ambition, achievement, learning and work, and to work on building their confidence and self-esteem.

As of the 31st June 2013 393 16 to 18 year old young people have been engaged and started on the provision.

Get Involved Programme

This programme is Council funded aimed at young people aged 16 and 17, currently not in employment, education or training, who have an interest in progressing on to an Apprenticeship or further learning in September 2012. Between June 2012 and March 2013 the programme engaged 49 young people. Analysis of the first two cohorts illustrated a 73% sustained positive progression rate (19 YP) in to Employment, Education and / or Training.

The programme has assisted those young people who have engaged the opportunity to develop their employability skills and attributes. These skills have been gained through the opportunity to gain real work experience with a quality voluntary, community and / faith organisation.

As at the 1st June 2013 there were 42 opportunities available for young people aged 16 and 17 NEET to start on this provision.

DWP New Horizons Programme

Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership (GMCP) has started the recruitment of around 4,000 young people to take part in the Triodos New Horizons programme. The scheme is helping young people in Merseyside, many of whom are young offenders, have learning disabilities, or are in or leaving care.

Programme headlines are as follows:

- Equipping vulnerable young people to make and sustain successful key transitions
- Delivered within GMCP's established service footprint of Greater Merseyside
- Targeting those groups of young people who are NEET or most likely to become of be NEET with the following vulnerabilities:
 - Those in care or leaving care
 - Young offenders
 - LLDD
- Developing individual 'stickability' or resilience using *Mental Toughness*
- A family/carer centric approach
- Raising of aspirations
- Exposure to the world of work
- 'End to end' programme including employment opportunities

Beneficiaries of the New Horizons programme will have the aim of achieving one or more of the following -

- Improved attendance at school
- Improved behaviour at school
- Achieve 1st NQF Level 1
- Successful entry into 1st employment -13 weeks
- Successful entry to employment -26 weeks

Year to date 134 key stage 4 Wirral young people have been engaged on the programme from across 10 schools / academies. The first NQF level 1 conversion is 11% or 15 young people out the 134 participants. Ten young people have now achieved the 13 weeks in employment against a target of 15.

Looked After Children Participation Model (14-19 LAC Employability Team)

The 14-19 Team LAC employability service has two dimensions. The first dimension is to aid progression for LAC who were in full time education (year 9 to 13) in schools / academies. The second dimension is a programme aimed at supporting care leavers aged 16 – 19 years who have left education and are Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET). The aim of the programme is to raise achievement and attainment rates by aiding progression into employment, education and / or training (EET) through direct intervention and opportunities promotion.

Support Programme for LAC in Full-Time Education

In 2012, a total of 69 LAC received support from the programme. A majority of schools in Wirral have engaged well with the programme. Out of the 14 mainstream secondary schools that were targeted in Wirral, 13 schools have successfully engaged with the programme. Learners have also been supported at the two FE colleges.

The initial results of the programme show that 91.7% of year 11 LAC progressed onto a positive post 16 destination, 41 learners received academic mentoring in order to raise attainment, numerous visits were arranged for LAC to experience post 16 providers across Merseyside and 3 Care Leavers progressed into Higher Education.

Post-16 Care Leaver Support Programme

The Care Leaver Support Programme has two key dimensions:-

1. Ongoing 1:1 support from a personal coach, motivational programmes, provision of Information, Advice and Guidance and bespoke college courses.
2. NEET Participation Model which includes:-
 - An 8 week programme. This included confidence building, raising aspirations and self-esteem, team work, leadership skills etc.
 - A short in house preparation for work programme, application forms, interview techniques, local labour market info etc.
 - An 8 week paid internship with the Council or private employer.

In 2012 70% of participants who made it to the internship progressed in to EET. The 2013 programme is currently still being evaluated.

The LAC Employability have been working toward a LAC EET at 19 target of 63% for the 2012/13 and have therefore been focused on engaging those who are turning 19 after April 2012.

As at April 2012 the Team had successfully progresses 48% LAC at their 19th birthday in to EET. Un-validated data for April 2013 indicates that some 58% of LAC at age 19 (NI 148) were in some form of EET at the time of their 19th birthday.

Recent developments include the availability of Youth Contract (YC) support for NEET Care Leavers aged 16 and 17 through the Youth Contract programme. This has been available since May 2013 and the 14-19 Team have worked closely with the YC providers to map services to ensure no duplication and maximum impact.

2012 Summer Transition Programme

The 2012 programme received 47 referrals from schools and was designed with the following intended outcomes:-

- Learners with a clear destination plan
- Personal up-to-date CV
- Enhanced employability skills
- Positive move-on
- Reduced Post 16 NEET (October/November)

Participants were offered personalised taster sessions with Wirral Learning Provider Network affiliated providers, work towards accredited qualifications and the opportunity to attend a residential at the Oaklands Outdoor Education Centre.

Of the 47 referrals 66% (31 young people) attended one or more taster days at a training provider. A full evaluation was completed and individual young people were tracked during the Autumn term. Overall 74% (23 young people) of the 2012 transition programme participants progressed in to some form of employment, education and or training. Eight young people had been picked up by Connexions as NEET.

Learners with learning difficulties and disabilities

The numbers of high tariff young people SEN / LDD entering local further education opportunities has increased from 20 in 2009/10 to 62 in 2011/12 and 71 in 2012/13. For 2013/14 the local FE Colleges are forecasting 101 HNS. This is in part due to the excellent relationships that have developed between the local authority, local schools and the FE Colleges. Also, investments made by both colleges have significantly improved the quality of the available provision for LLDD learners.

Due to the improvement in the quality of local FE provision learners with learning difficulties are more likely to remain in the borough. Consequently, this has resulted in a reduction of out of area numbers from ten in 2009/10 to four in 2011/12. Five learners are accessing Independent Specialist Provider (ISP) in 2012/13. Currently, we have approved one application for a place in 2013/14.

For the fifth year the Council ran the '**Your Future Your Choice**' conference for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities. The event brings together the young people, their families and their teachers with a range of providers, both voluntary and statutory; in order that the young people could be fully informed of the options available to them post 16 and, therefore, make informed choices for their future.

In 2009, 350 people attended the event but in 2012, nearly 800 people attended. Further evaluation by the deliverer has also indicated the value of the event with learners, parents and carers gaining valuable information about transition to adulthood.

The Local Authority has a key challenge this year as from April 2013 government funding reforms means that each LA has become responsible for managing new arrangements for funding educational provision for pupils and students with high needs SEN.

The government has defined high needs pupils and students as those who

need educational provision that costs more than £10,000 in total. The £10,000 includes the cost of basic provision given to all pupils and students added to up to £6,000 that settings may provide from their notional SEN budget for a pupil. The £10,000 threshold is set nationally as the level that the Government expect to be met through mainstream funding and is equivalent to the cost of a place in specialist SEN provision.

Pupils and students with high needs include those :

- aged 0-19 with high level special educational needs (SEN)
- aged 16-25 with high level learning or disabilities (LDD) including those aged 19-25 who are subject to a learning difficulty assessment (LDA).

Minority Ethnic Achievement Service

The Service has supported schools and settings by offering advice and support for on meeting the needs of EAL/BME pupils, and training and supporting school staff for example in Collaborative learning and speaking and listening for EAL. Training has been offered in schools, centrally and through EAL Primary and Secondary support networks by the MEAS team with partners from EAL HUB schools who share good practice. Training has extended to include important current areas like race and cultural awareness and Equalities training. Feedback on MEAS training and support is very positive. 99% of people attending MEAS training sessions thought they were Good or Better. The team has also promoted celebrating diversity in schools across Wirral through activities like Tales in Tents events and collaboration with partners to run cultural events to engage different communities and training and support for bilingual volunteers. 100% of school staff supported by MEAS agreed that this support had a positive impact on their work with EAL pupils.

Lifelong and Family Learning Service

In 2012-13 the service has concentrated on developing adult and family learning opportunities around the priorities identified by the Wirral Adult and Community Learning Partnership. This included identifying and supporting vulnerable groups and people affected by changes in benefits, widening participation, supporting families and parents to help them support children and young people's needs and encouraging volunteers in adult learning. Through very strong partnership working the service has reached new vulnerable learners, whilst maintaining support for those adults and families who are keen to develop their opportunities through learning. Family Learning continues to work in partnership with schools (primary, secondary and special), children's centres, libraries and community groups. In Lifelong Learning good links have supported parents to engage in learning to move them towards employment. There are increases in mental health needs and poverty related stress. Literacy and numeracy, ESOL and IT Skills for Work, support people with low skills, unemployed and in low paid employment and are run in learning centres, libraries, schools and community venues. 1:1 literacy for adults with volunteer buddies has supported working age people with very basic skills to develop their skills eg

referred from JCP and A4E, including people on probation. The service supports local people to help one another and to move out of poverty. Mentoring, volunteering and confidence building have given people the skills to support other local families experiencing problems.

Skills and Economic Development Activity

Wirral Apprentice Programme

In 2009 the Council recognised that the impact of the then economic downturn was starting to have on the availability of apprenticeship places in the borough. Whilst demand for places from young people continued to be high, it was found that employers were finding it increasingly difficult to support the business case for employing apprentices and have access to a growing available 'job ready' labour supply.

Based on this evidence, the Council developed The Wirral Apprentice which was initially funded by £1.7m of Working Neighbourhoods Funds for the creation of 100 apprenticeship places. The early programme offered an 18 month wage subsidy from an expected minimum of a 2 year employment contract. The Wirral Apprenticeship Programme (WAP) has since April 2009 supported 427 Apprenticeship opportunities for Wirral young people and adults.

The evaluation of the first two rounds illustrated that a significant number of Wirral SMEs have benefited from the WAP. This is demonstrated through the fact that 54 employers (40% of all employer engaged) have been able to recruit an appropriate Apprentice and sustain the new job roles created beyond the Council wage subsidy period.

Year to date evidence is suggesting that the benefits to Wirral young people aged 16 to 24 have also been good with a significant number of Apprentices achieving a full framework outcome and some progressing on to a higher level Apprenticeship.

The vast majority of Apprenticeships offered by employers during rounds one and two were level 2 (intermediate) Apprenticeships. The approach taken with the fourth round of the WAP has been positive in terms of focusing on a balance of level 2 and level 3 opportunities.

The 14-19 Team are currently working on a revised specification for the fifth round of the Wirral Apprenticeship Programme due to significantly reduced employer grant. This programme will go live in July 2013 offering subsidies to employers to support up to a further 58 NEET young people or unemployed adults access to an Apprenticeship.

Improving Post 16 Education Standards

Post 16 attainment

16-18 success rates have improved. The 2011/12 Wirral 16-18 FE success rate performance illustrates a performance improvement over the last three academic years.

IN previous years significant quality improvement work has been undertaken to improve post 16 with a focus on level 3 attainment:

- Additional funding made available, through the Council school improvement budget, to assist those schools with declining 2011 key stage 5 outcomes.
- Practical support via the heads of 6th Form network has been provided, for example, – observation of teaching and learning materials, teaching standards materials etc...
- Additional activity with School Improvement Partners to work with schools to plan strategies to drive up standards.
- Post 16 Provider Dialogue process

Funding was made available during 2012/13 to support in narrowing the level 3 attainment gap by age 19 for those young people previously free school meals eligible in their final year of level 3 programmes. The funding was strategically targeted towards six secondary schools and the two Further Education College's. This approach was taken for a number of reasons:-

- proportions of Free School Meal (FSM) young people
- historical attainment gaps
- scale and numbers of young people recruited
- access to level 3 learners
- significant proportions of young people attending FE provision from economically deprived wards

Approaches taken to address individual learner barriers by institutions, supported by the 14-19 Team, included:-

1. Travel assistance
2. Learning mentor support
3. Equipment / uniforms
4. Laptop for young person with caring responsibilities
5. Support for HE application
6. Motivation / confidence building workshops

A total of 110 named young people have been supported by the programme during 2012/13.

To date the Colleges and Schools have provided some very positive feedback including high retention rates (+90%) and early achievements / positive progressions.

NI 81 Inequality gap in Level 3 qualification attainment by the age of 19 has reduced for the first time in three years by 2% to 34%.

Housing and Accommodation for LAC

A gateway protocol was launched in August 2012 in response to the House of Lords judgement of May 2009 in the case of G v LB Southwark and the subsequent statutory guidance issued by the department for Children, Schools and Families, and Communities and Local Government department in April 2010.

The protocol sets out Wirral Council's responsibilities in the identification, assessment and management of the needs of young people ages 16 to 17 who present as homeless. The aim of the protocol is to enable joint working to ensure the best outcome for the homeless young person and to ensure that homeless young people are identified and provided with appropriate support.

192 young people have come through the Response gateway since

	<p>August 2012 to March 2013. Of those 192 young people presenting to Response 53 have required an initial assessment by social care to determine duties under the Children Act 1989. The remainder have either been supported to remain at home, given advice and guidance or have been accommodated as part of a planned move.</p> <p>For the same period last year August 2011 – March 2012 Response saw 139 young people who presented to the housing service showing a 38% increase for the same period last year. The proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation at age 19 continues to improve. In 2012 94% of care leavers at age 19 were deemed to be in suitable accommodation; an improvement of 4.4% since to 2010.</p> <p>The Pathway Team continue to work closely in Partnership with Response to deliver against the protocol.</p> <p>In respect of individual tenancies for Care Leavers, The Greenbank Partnership with Regenda continue to offer individual tenancies for three care leavers. The young people are provided with "floating support" by the Pathway Team.</p>
	<p>To continue to develop provision for LLDD learners by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring we have a LA transition protocol to clarify role and responsibilities for parents/families/partners etc. • Identifying and resourcing appropriate routes and reducing the numbers of young people in residential provision. <p>Continue the momentum and improvement in attainment at L2 and L3 for those aged 19 and in particular those with disadvantage.</p> <p>Ensure the Council secures sufficient suitable education and training provision for all young people aged 16-18 (inclusive) in their area (under sections 15ZA and 18A of the Education Act 1996 (as inserted by the ASCL Act 2009)) and make available to young people age 19 and below support that will encourage, enable or assist them to participate in education or training (Section 68, Education and Skills Act 2008).</p> <p>Deliver the 14-19 RPA action to ensure the Council is best placed to deliver RPA in 2013 and 2015.</p> <p>In response to Wirral's Housing Strategy review ensure that current housing related actions within CYPP are refreshed and further strengthen future joint working.</p> <p>Deliver the transport project, funded by the Department for Transport, aimed at getting young people and adults into employment or training that directly leads to employment. The project is also limited to residents of East Wirral, or to assisting people to access employment opportunities in East Wirral. The project is aimed at people over the age of 16, with the exception of Travel Training which is 14+</p>
<p>Key challenges ahead</p>	<p>Deliver Raising of the Participation Age for 16 and 17 year olds from September 2013.</p> <p>Commission a new targeted careers education, information and advice service for delivery from 1st April 2014 – see appendix 1.</p>

	<p>The proposed transfer of the post 16 LLDD budget from the EFA to the Council in 2012/13 and how we manage this.</p> <p>Narrow the level 3 attainment gap for those young people previously free school meal eligible at age 19.</p> <p>Responding to the Governments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision to eradicate Child Poverty by 2020. • Raise the Participation Age in 2013 for those young people aged 17 and by 2015 for those aged 18. • Responding to green paper on SEN. • Education reform, including the development of local University Technical College's, academies and free schools. <p>To increase the pace of NEET reduction particularly for identified vulnerable groups - care leavers, LLDD, teenage parents and offenders.</p> <p>Deliver and embed new curriculum for young people aged 16 to 19, including 16-19 Study Programmes and Traineeships from 1st August 2013.</p>
<p>Risks to outcome delivery and proposed actions</p>	<p>Our response to the continued and emerging financial constraints will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek opportunities to bid for grants where funding may be available • Work closely with a wider cross section of partners • Further develop the 14-19 Education Quality traded service – for example support for Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (Mersey Interactive (www.merseyinteractive.com)) • Look at what opportunities exist for shared service delivery with other local Council's. (See appendix 1.)
<p>Areas requiring further partnership involvement</p>	<p>Delivery of Raising of the Participation Age for young people age 16 and 17 from September 2013. Education delivery partners to ensure the LA is notified, on a monthly basis, of any young people aged 16 to 18 starting or leaving education provision.</p> <p>Work with wider partners to keep promoting local provision for learners with learning difficulties and / or disabilities above ISP.</p> <p>Engagement to secure better value for money in a landscape with ever reducing funding.</p>
<p>Equalities impact assessment areas for development and progress made</p>	<p>Areas for Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access arrangements for disabled young people and effective arrangements for young parents across all learning providers. • Further develop the skills resources and information for young people accessible via Mersey Interactive. • Raise awareness of Mersey Interactive; specifically targeting parents and carers. • Insufficient social accommodation for the under 25 demographic. <p>Progress Made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support in the redesigning the local learning offer for those with LDD has delivered increased capacity in local provision • Greater Merseyside SESS Service established. • Housing panel operational and meets monthly.

Areas for promotion /publicity / communication / engagement	Case Studies available from Looked after Children and Wirral Apprenticeship Programme if partners are interested.
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FOCUS ON YOUNG PEOPLE NEET – ‘The current picture’

NEET Reduction:

The NEET figure in Wirral at April 2013 is 7.00% (or 817 young people (adjusted)), compared to 9.02% April 2012. 2012/13 performance against NI 117 has been the best ever for Wirral at 7.5%; a reduction of 1.4% against 2011/12.

Focus on Vulnerable Groups

Outcomes for young people with LDD have improved, with Wirral showing a 20.1% increase in EET year on year. The current EET figure is 80.7% compared to 60.6% in April 2012.

Outcomes for Care Leavers have also improved significantly, with Wirral showing a 7.3% increase in care leavers moving in to employment, education and / or training. The current EET figure (April 2013) is 66.1% (or 146 young people) compared to 58.8% in April 2012.

Outcomes for Teenage Mothers have improved overall, with Wirral showing a 16.4% increase in EET April 2013 against that of April 2012. The April 2013 EET figure is 38.5% (or 100 young people) compared to 22.1% in April 2012.

Outcomes for young people who are Supervised by YOS have slightly improved, with Wirral showing a 7.0% increase, April 2013. The April 2013 EET figure is 52.9% compared to 45.9% in April 2012.

As at April 2013 the age group with the highest proportion of NEET young people is 18 at 10.4% or 398 young people. The cohorts of young people aged 16 and 17 have smaller proportions NEET at 3.8% and 6.9% respectively.

16-18 Learning Rates

16-18 Learning rates have increased in Wirral by 2.9%. In learning for 16 year olds increased slightly by 3.6% and significantly by 4.1% for 17 year olds. The current 16-18 Learning rate is 84.3% compared to 81.4% in April 2012.

Summary

Across the Economic Well being area positive progress is being made in delivering outcomes for our young people and meeting relevant National indicators. However, many challenges still remain if we are to improve outcomes for our most vulnerable.

Recommendations:

That Wirral Children’s Trust note the report

Appendices:

Appendix 1: 2014/15 Targeted INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE SERVICE for

young people not in employment, education and / or training aged 16 to 19
(and up to 25 if subject to a learning difficulty assessment)

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