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CYP Priority 5 – Raising the proportion of young people in education or work

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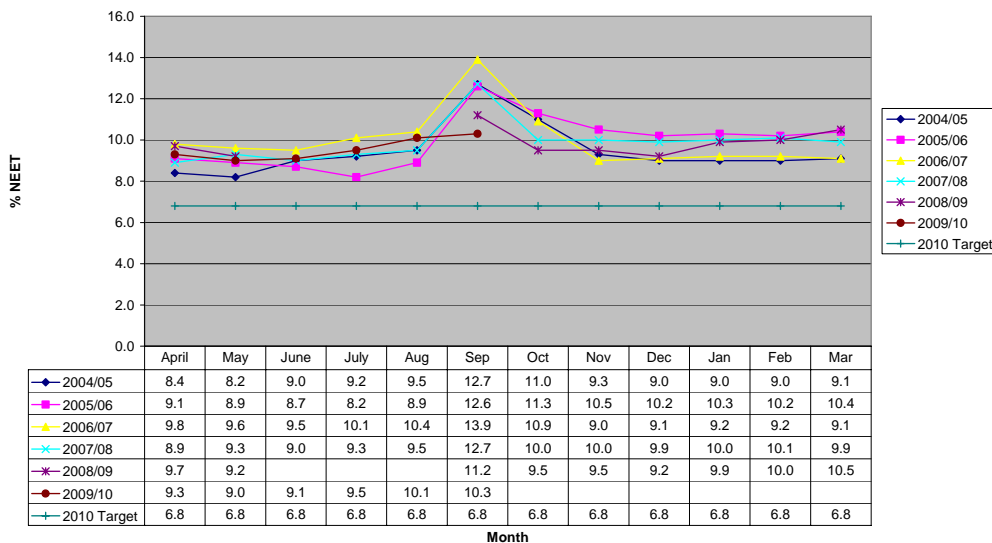


Why is this a priority

The number of young people who are NEET in Leeds remains high despite changes and actions implemented since the localisation of Connexions in April 2008. The January 2011 target of 6.8% presents a significant challenge for the Local Authority and its partners. The September NEET level is 10.3% and the Not Knowns level is a concern at 36.6%. October data is expected to show a significant improvement for the level of Not Knowns.

Leeds adjusted NEET (monthly %) 2004-05 - 2009-10

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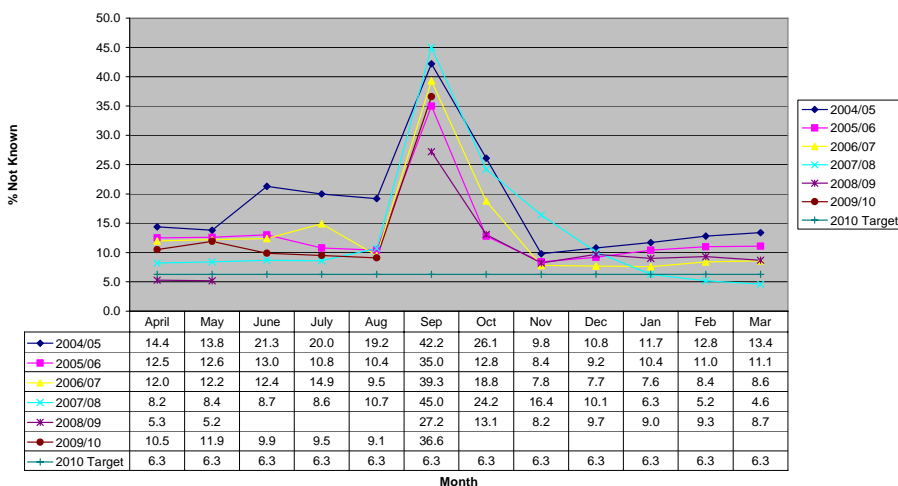


Overall progress to date and outcomes achieved

Overall summary
 At 10.3% the adjusted NEET figure for September 2009 was the lowest for any September since 2004. The general trend, though, is that monthly results are broadly similar to the Leeds figures recorded for previous years and this means that the required reductions, to meet the 2010 target, are not happening. The economic downturn is causing increased unemployment and other hurdles which impact on NEET nationally. A significant number of statistical and regional neighbours are experiencing increases in NEET and this means that the static Leeds position places the authority in the mid range of comparison tables whereas previously Leeds has been one of the lowest performing.

Leeds not known (monthly %) 2004-05 - 2009-10

Leeds Not Known Trend (monthly %)



NB Please note the gaps in data are due to transition between Connexions databases in 2008

This provides some evidence that recent measures in Leeds are having a positive effect despite the overall continuation of difficulty in reaching the 2010 target. Mobilisation of contracts from the second phase of commissioning is an important next step in early 2010. The accuracy of data continues to present challenges in terms of delivering improvements against this priority. The number of young people in the Not Known category remains unacceptable, as evidenced by the September figure of 9,596 (36.6%). Urgent plans to redress this position include additional tracking, increased pressure on providers, and increased ability and requirement for Personal Advisers to enter the results of work carried out.

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The overall rating is red because, as indicated above, performance is not improving in line with the targets which have been set. However levels of NEET are currently remaining steady hence the static direction of travel.

Achievements since the last report

- Prospects have restructured their management and delivery teams to ensure an effective delivery of their services across the city.
- The NEET action plan has been reformatted around a series of task and finish groups to deliver key outcomes (see action plan)
- Commissioning for city centre and college contracts have been completed
- Work has taken place to develop new intensive support services which will be in place from January
- Good outcome to the Ofsted inspection of programmes including the targeted NEET activity fund which identified positive outcomes
- Member of staff based in 14 – 19 team to ensure that school and other learning providers meet national IAG standards
- 91.9% of Year 11 offered a place under the guarantee (7924 young people)
- 83.3% of Year 12 offered a place under the guarantee (7674 young people)
- Transition plan has been implemented for longer term work for younger people in jobs without training

Challenges/Risks

- Unacceptable levels of ‘not knowns’ continue
- Potential further rounds of ESF funding from LSC not yet secured
- Data collection – quality of information on Insight remains an issue and work is rapidly required to ensure accurate information is being reported
- Long term options of carrying forward the work currently funded through the Activity Agreement with specific categories of NEET young people need to be considered
- Future of City Centre Connexions Centre still to be agreed

Council / Partnership Groups

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Key actions for the next 6 months				
	Action (Desired Achievements)	Contributory Officer / Partner	Milestone / Actions	Timescale
1	Establish a strategic priority outcome group for NEET	John Paxton	Draft Terms of Reference and membership to be determined by December	January 2010
2	Firm up what will be the Connexions city centre delivery point from January 2010	John Paxton		January 10
3	Mobilise phase 2 of the contract to deliver wedge based services	Gerry Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise and mobilise contract for phase 2 Set up mobilisation group 	End Nov End Nov
4	Establish a series of task and finish groups:	John Paxton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions and negotiations between Prospects and igen. Decision by November. Implementation of decision. December/January Task and finish groups to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible start provision in colleges Clear progression routes from personal development opportunities Improved tracking to reduce Not known Analysis of provision for young mothers to reengage in learning Monthly analysis of NEET data Development of Leeds Pathways to capture opportunities for young people NEET Analysis of retention and progression from L1 and L2 courses Review of us of CAF for young people NEET 	October November Dec/Jan Jan 2010 April 2010 April 2010 June 2010 Jan 2010 Jan 2010 April 2010 Nov 2010
5	IT – To reach a clear position at the MI Project Board on the future hosting arrangements for Insight/Outreach so that performance of the system improves and this results in improved performance by providers	Gerry Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to next MI Board by Information Team then Recommendation to LT/CSLT. 	Nov 09 Dec 09

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Performance Indicators										
Performance indicators aligned to the Improvement Priority										
Reference	Title	Owner	Frequency & Measure	Rise or Fall	Baseline	2008/09 Result	2009/10 Target	2009/10 Quarter 2	Current Predicted Full Year Result	Data Quality
NI 117	16 - 18 year olds who are not in education training or employment (NEET)	Children and Younger People	Annually %	Fall	9.1% (An average of Nov, Dec 2006 and Jan 2007)	9.5%	7.8%	Annual PI	Annual PI	No concerns
NI 148	Care leavers in education, employment or training	Children and Younger People	Annually %	Rise	70.8% (2006/07)	68.9%	81.7%	Annual PI	Annual PI	No concerns
NI 45	Young offender engagement in suitable education, employment or training	Youth Offending Service	Quarterly %	Rise	68.2% (1209 young people)	76.24%	77.0%	77.0%	77.0%	No concerns