Appendix 2
Preliminary investigation into the length of time young people are not in employment, education or training (NEET).

Traditionally, NEET figures are reported as a "snapshot" indicator, i.e. as a measure of how many young people are recorded as NEET at any one point in time. Whilst useful, these figures do not provide any indication of the length of time young people are remaining within this category.

Preliminary work has been undertaken and is presented below, but further resources need to be devoted to this exercise in order to be able to compare results for different areas of the city and for priority groups.

For this exercise we have used the cohort of young people who were resident in Leeds and had their 19th birthday between 01/09/2010 and 31/08/2011, these were young people who completed Year 11 in 2008. The data reflects what happened to young people in this academic year group over the 3 years after they completed statutory education.

Using this cohort we identified the total number of days which each young person was identified as NEET. The table below summarises the findings.

Table1: NEET history of young people age 16-18

	Percentage
Total never NEET	70.9
Total who have been NEET	29.1
Total NEET for less than 6 months	9.2
Total NEET for 6-12 months	8.7
Total NEET for more than 12 months	11.2

The figures generated from this analysis are preliminary findings.
- The figures come from the Connexions database, so will be as accurate as other figures on 16-18 NEET that are reported from this database.
- The figures, therefore, do not reflect information held by other services but whose record has not been updated on the Connexions database.
- The DfE reporting requirement is for Connexions to record a client's activity when they find out about it, which can lead to small anomalies in the data recorded. Further analysis of the casefiles would be required to determine where this has happened.
- This is only a preliminary investigation and the methodology and processes used for this exercise need to be quality assured and verified.