



Staffordshire Children & Young People's Strategic Action Plan (CYPP) 2011-12 Performance Monitoring Template

The purpose of this update is to provide a succinct overview on the progress towards achieving the Children & Young People's Strategic Action Plan Key Strategic Priority Outcomes for 2011-12 Education (Including those Not in Education, Employment or Training) and relates to the Staffordshire 16-19 Commissioning Priorities for 2011/12.

Key progress towards the achievement of the aims and objectives set out within the strategy:

Meeting Learners Needs:

There has been a reduction in the percentage of young people aged 16-18 not in education, employment and training in March 2011 4.6% were NEET compared to 5.2% in March 2010. There has been a drop in the proportion of young people in jobs without training from 4.3% in 2010 to 4% in 2011. This is in line with regional averages and is below the 4.4% nationally.

Post 16 providers have now been advised by the Young People's Learning Agency of the 16-19 Bursary Fund guidance and funding allocations. The Bursary has been introduced to become effective from September 2011 following the removal of the Education Maintenance Allowance. The Bursary Fund consists of two elements, the first ensures that young people in care, care leavers, young people in receipt of income support and disabled young people in receipt of Disability Living Allowance will be eligible to receive a bursary of £1,200 a year. The second element allows providers to use their discretion to make awards to young people in ways that best fit the needs and circumstances of their students. Bursary awards should be targeted towards young people facing financial barriers to participation, such as the costs of transport, meals, books and equipment.

Local providers have responded to the commissioning priorities with regard to developing local provision to meet the needs of young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. A number of providers and partners are working collaboratively to identify the curriculum and support needs of young people and sharing knowledge and good practice to change and improve the offer made to young people locally.

Meeting the needs of employers, the economy and the community:

An Enterprise and Skills sub group of the Local Enterprise Partnership has been established to ensure that local provision meets the needs of businesses and the economy.

Two Real Apprentice Events have been held for local learners in Tamworth and Stoke-on-Trent enabling young people to have access to the range Apprenticeship Providers to find out about apprenticeships on offer in the area.

In response to commissioning priorities some local providers have introduced enterprise across their curriculum.

Ensuring efficiency, effectiveness and value for money

A provider event was well attended that was held to share how the full range of providers are responding to the reform agenda.

Areas of challenge/concern are:

Providers have had very short timeframes to develop and implement a policy with regard to the 16-19 Bursary. There is concern that there may not be consistency of support for learners.

The increasing pace in change of policy and escalating financial challenges

How can the Staffordshire Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership assist in helping you overcome these areas of challenge/concern?

Partners to focus support for the most vulnerable particularly children in care and learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in transition to adulthood.

Report completed by:

Name: Alison Matthews

Job title: Skills and Further Learning Manager

Email: Alison.matthews@staffordshire.gov.uk

Tel number: 01785 278901

A copy of this update and the Staffordshire Children & Young People's Strategic Action Plan (CYPP) 2011-12 can be found here: <http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/cypp/>

**Staffordshire Children & Young People's Strategic Action Plan (CYPP) 2011-12
Strategies & Leads**

<u>Delivery Lead</u>	<u>Supporting Colleague</u>	<u>Strategy</u>
Dawn Williams	Denise Tolson	Mental Health Strategy
Pat Merrick	Alison Perry	Alcohol & Drugs Strategy & Young People's Substance Misuse Needs Assessment and Treatment Plan
Supt Bloor	TBC	Violence Reduction Action Plan
Jackie Small	Natalie Kelly	Healthy Weight Strategy
Jackie Small	Natalie Kelly	Teenage Pregnancy Strategy
Anna Halliday Mike Osborne-Town	Sue Bardwell & Alison Matthews	Improvement Through Intervention – The Staffordshire School Improvement Strategy 2010 & Staffordshire 16-19 Commissioning Priorities for 2011/12