

Latest updates on Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training

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**Welcome to the April 2025 NEET News which gives you latest updates about supporting our young people who are not in education, employment or training.**

### **Spring 2025 Update**

Hello!

I hope this newsletter finds you well - it is hard to believe we are almost in May!

In this update you will find our NEET and not known figures, along with how this compares to the West Midlands and England. As you will see, we are still in a good position in Quintile 3, with a great reduction in our not known young people compared to the same time last year. Thanks as always for providing us with your data which supports the ongoing tracking work.

As ever, the work continues to support our NEET young people, many of whom have significant barriers to learning & work. We are in an interim period in terms of NEET re-engagement provision, pending due process around the extension and changes to UKSPF funding. As we all know, so many of our young people find the move into education/training or employment to be daunting, with re-engagement provision often being the first small step into this.

At this time of year, we are working hard to ensure that all Year 11's have an 'intended destination', ie, a plan for their post 16 progression. Where we identify gaps, we are working hard to ensure they are exploring their options, and carrying out post 16 provider visits, home visits, etc, to support their engagement.

Looking ahead, we will soon be asking all our post 16 providers for their offer data. We know these offers can be conditional on exam results, but it is critical we record them to allow us to identify any gaps and target those as effectively as possible. Thank you in advance for providing this to us when our Data Support Team get in touch!

Finally, I hope you are enjoying the current glorious weather and are able to look forward to a long Bank Holiday weekend!

Best wishes

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I hope you are happy to continue receiving this update. We are keen to hear your preferences around frequency, so please let us know. If you wish to be removed from the distribution list or want any of your teams adding please drop me a line at [tara.foran@telford.gov.uk](mailto:tara.foran@telford.gov.uk)

## NEET DATA

Table 2c: 16 -17 year olds by academic age NEET and not known by quintiles  
Feb-25

	Academic age 16-17						
	NEET	NEET %	Not known	% not known	NEET and NK	% NEET and NK	Quintile
NEET / (cohort - 710)	NEET / (cohort - 710)	NK / (cohort - 710)	NEET and NK / (cohort - 710)	(NEET + NK) / (cohort - 710)			
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>46,686</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>68,386</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	
<b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>	<b>5,064</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>3,585</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>8,649</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	
Birmingham	1,161	3.4%	916	2.6%	2,077	6.0%	4
Coventry	324	3.5%	43	0.5%	367	4.0%	3
Dudley	198	2.6%	1,326	17.2%	1,524	19.7%	5
Herefordshire, County of	215	5.4%	234	5.9%	449	11.2%	5
Sandwell	142	1.4%	54	0.5%	196	1.9%	1
Shropshire	177	2.7%	16	0.2%	193	3.0%	1
Solihull	245	4.3%	12	0.2%	257	4.5%	3
Staffordshire	833	4.4%	272	1.4%	1,105	5.8%	4
Stoke-on-Trent	253	3.6%	133	1.9%	386	5.5%	4
<b>Telford and Wrekin</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>3</b>
Walsall	265	3.2%	134	1.6%	399	4.9%	3
Warwickshire	280	2.1%	79	0.6%	359	2.7%	1
Wolverhampton	196	2.6%	48	0.6%	244	3.3%	2
Worcestershire	584	4.3%	294	2.1%	878	6.4%	4

As you are aware, Local Authorities have a statutory duty to track young people up to the end of Year 13 and support them to engage in education, training or employment with training.

The performance for this tracking is collated for all LA's by DfE and is published each month.

The **published** data above is for March 2025

The table shows Telford and Wrekin with a reduction in NEET numbers from 218 last time down to 191. There are many more young people we deal with over the three months but as they join us we try and ensure they have a placement as soon as possible with one of our local training providers.

Our NEET work is still busy at this point of the year, with the summer term on the horizon and our year 11's about to leave school. Providers are coming to the final stages of their Study Programmes for the current academic year and the UKSPF contract has come to an end for the most recent round of funding and so our current offer in Telford is limited. However we have a range of training providers helping us every day to show young people their provision and many, many visits are taking place now for all our young people.

As the graph below shows, we have very few young people in Telford that we don't know about and so we feel confident we are able to maintain a relationship and robustly follow up those that need our help.

This is our current position:

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<b>LA Tables March 2025 - available April 2025</b>			
<b>February 2024 LA FIGURES</b>	<b>NEET</b>	<b>Not Known</b>	<b>Combined</b>
National	3.5%	1.6%	5.1%
Regional	3.3%	2.4%	5.7%
T&W	3.8%	0.5%	4.3%
<b>T&amp;W Current % @ 24/03/2025</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
	<b>0.02%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.02%</b>

### School Information

Advisers in traded schools have now received the majority of the 'where next forms' back from tutor groups in school. The information gathered supports Advisers in school to identify and prioritise Year 11 students that are still struggling to make an informed choice regarding their post 16 options. Advisers are continuing to support students with provider visits, making applications and quite often supporting students to attend interviews where transport is an issue.

Intended destination data has been captured from students identifying their preferred post provision for Sept 2025 and work continues for any gaps identified.

Information continues to be gathered regarding 'offers of learning', captured either from students themselves or from our key provider links. All data collected can be easily accessed via your school tracking sheet if you buy in the FutureFocus service. If you have any issues accessing this via SharePoint, please do not hesitate to inform your school FutureFocus Adviser and we can easily give you access.

The final update for school activity surveys has also been processed and has been shared with Heads of school. This information is taken as at 1 March 2025, and shows statistical information regarding the post 16 destinations for those students who left school in Summer 2024.

### SEN

#### SEN Transition Event

On the 7th of April we held our Spring SEN Information and Transition event at The Wellington Methodist Church in partnership with SENDIASS.

Different providers and services were present so that young people and families could gain information regarding their provision, programmes and support they offer to enable young people to make informed choices and decisions regarding their post 16 choices and options. These included local further education colleges, training providers, local universities, along with support services and organisations including SEND IASS, POD's, PfA SEND team and social care professionals.

We run these twice a year at key times, April and October, so young people and families are able to gain current information regarding post 16 options and provisions. We invite all young people from year 9, 10 and 11 and then also young people up to the age of 25 who have EHC plans in Telford and Wrekin to support their exploration and support engagement.

If you would like to be involved in future events and attend please contact Karen Carter to discuss this further.

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#### **Support for young people with EHC plans year 9+**

As part of our work in supporting young people with Education, Health and Care plans, Advisers aim to complete 1:1 sessions with year 9, 10 and 11 pupils prior to their review, gathering information for their careers and transition action plans and then follow this up by attending their EHC review as this really supports the guidance and support which they can provide to the young person and families. To enable this to happen, please liaise closely with your allocated FutureFocus Adviser and inform them of review dates, along with any further professionals meetings which would support their work.

#### **Assisted Transport**

If young people wish to or are assessing Assisted Transport to travel to their post 16 education setting they will need to submit an application each academic year and this can be completed once they have had their placement confirmed by SEND and must be submitted by 30th June for it to be in place for September start. Families can complete this via [travelassistance.telford.gov.uk](http://travelassistance.telford.gov.uk)



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