

Local Priority:

Support opportunities to access services, training and learning for young people at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)

Strategic Fit

Education and Skills Strategy – ‘ready for school, ready for work, ready for life’

Education Leadership Board

Partnership Engagement Group

What is the scale of the issue in the Coalfield area and how does it compare to other areas/City/Region?

Area	Number	% of total cohort
Tyne & Wear		8.3%
Sunderland		8.2%
Copt Hill	42	9.7%
Hetton	41	11.6%
Houghton	30	7.9%
Shiney Row	26	5.6%

The Sunderland ward with the lowest % of NEET young people is Fulwell, with 2.2%, the highest is Hendon with 15%. Only Southwick and Hendon have a higher % NEET than Hetton.

What is currently available to support young people (16-19) who are, or are at risk of becoming, NEET?

Careers advice in schools

Education/business programmes

National Careers Service

Connexions Service (locally in Newbottle Street, Houghton le Spring)

Directory of local opportunities and training provision in Sunderland

Work based learning directory provides information on non-employed pre-apprenticeship training in Tyne & Wear

Work discovery week and activity throughout the year

LA7 NEET project

Youth Contract

What are the main issues for young people living in our neighbourhoods?

Limited access to training providers

Access to real jobs and on the job training (work experience)

Lack of financial support

Lack of family support

Health issues (mental health in particular)

Basic employability skills

Basic money management and life skills

Where are the gaps? and what ideas or suggestions can we explore further?

Relationship with schools

Employer engagement

Whole family approach e.g. Strengthening Families/Family Wise

Mentoring support, both for young people entering work and employers

Preparing young people for working life

Next Steps - To be agreed by the People Board