

Young People's Education and Skills Operational Sub-Group

AGENDA

Chair:	John Galligan	Job title:	School Improvement Lead (Secondary/14-19), London Borough of Brent
Date:	15 July 2014	Time:	2pm – 4pm
Venue:	London Councils, meeting room 1		
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Item 1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies	JG
Item 2.	Notes of the last meeting and matters arising <i>(for agreement)</i>	JG
Item 3.	2014/15 Workplan	
	3a Future of YPES <i>(verbal report - for information)</i>	MVM
	3b YPES 2013/14 Review <i>(report - for information)</i>	JS
	3c 2014/15 Proposed Work Plan <i>(paper - for information)</i>	YB
Item 4.	YEI Progress <i>(report - for information)</i>	POB
Item 5.	Policy Update - standing item <i>(paper - for information)</i>	NS
Item 6.	Raising the Participation Age – standing item <i>(paper – for information)</i>	YB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Participation report</i> • <i>Joint working with Ofsted</i> 	
Item 7.	IOE Report: What is happening with 17+ participation, attainment and progression in London? Executive summary	YB
Item 8.	Any Other Business	All

Date of next meeting: 3 October 2014, 10-12, meeting room 1, London Councils

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Notes

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Operational Sub-Group

Date	04 April 2014	Venue	London Councils
Meeting Chair	John Galligan		
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Present

Debi Christie (DC)	LB Bromley (Chair LLDD)
Trevor Cook (TC)	LB Havering (North East Cluster)
Lorraine Downes (LD)	City of Westminster (Central Cluster)
John Galligan (JG)	LB Brent (West Central Cluster/Vice-Chair OSG)
Ruth Griffiths (RG)	LB Lewisham (South Cluster)
Andy Johnson (AJ)	LB Enfield (North Cluster)
Negat Lodhi (NL)	National Apprenticeship Service
Ann Mason (AM)	RB Kingston Upon Thames and RB Richmond (Chair EFG)
Helen Richardson (HR)	LB Barking and Dagenham (Chair ICYP)
David Scott (DS)	LB of Hounslow (South West Cluster)
Judith Smyth (JS)	Association of College – London region
Rachel Whittington (RW)	Education Funding Agency

Officers

Yolande Burgess (YB)	London Councils YPES
Peter O'Brien (POB)	London Councils YPES
Neeraj Sharma (NS)	London Councils YPES

Apologies

Vic Farlie	London Work Based Learning Alliance
Eamonn Gilbert	RB Kingston upon Thames (South West Cluster)
Mary Vine-Morris	London Councils YPES
Sheila Weeden	LB Newham (Chair DAG)

1 Welcome, introductions and apologies

1.1 JG welcomed attendees to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2 Notes of the last meeting and matters arising

2.1 Notes of the last meeting were approved with a request to change the reference to Westminster at paragraph 4.6 to Tri-borough. The following comments were made under matters arising:

2.1.1 Action point 170 – RW confirmed meetings had now taken place and was awaiting an update from EFA colleagues. Feedback was expected at the next meeting on 6 June 2014.

2.1.2 Action point 171 – National Apprenticeship Service was still awaiting further information of programmes announced during the budget to support take up of Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

2.1.3 Action point 175 – London Work Based Learning Alliance survey findings were not available at the time of the meeting.

3 Policy Update

3.1 Neeraj highlighted the following from the paper circulated in advance of the meeting:

3.1.1 The Education Funding Agency (EFA) has confirmed no institution will lose more than 2% of its programme funding in the 2014/15 academic year because of the reduction in funding for full-time 18 year-old students. In discussion, it was reported that some London colleges' exposure could be around £750k. The meeting also noted that 2014/15 would see the end of a number of transitional protection arrangements. The OSG was concerned at the cumulative effect of these pressures on college funding and the continued availability of a full offer throughout the 16-19 age-range, especially for vulnerable young people.

3.1.2 London Councils was proposing to submit a technical response to Ofsted's consultation on the introduction of separate graded judgements on early school years and the sixth form. A draft will be circulated to OSG prior to submission.

3.1.3 The government was pressing ahead with publishing headline information about schools and colleges in a common template.

3.1.4 YB announced that final approval had now been received to publish "[Young People in London: An evidence base](#)" and "[Participation, Achievement and Progression: The priorities for young people's education and skills in London 2014/15](#)" and circulated hard copies of the evidence base to attendees.

4 Feedback from YPES Board 27.02.14

4.1 NS reported that the main agenda item at the last board meeting was Apprenticeship Reform. Board members had expressed strong concerns about the move towards a co-investment apprenticeship model. There was a dual risk to London that reforms were likely to act as a disincentive for new providers to offer apprenticeships and existing providers may opt to walk away from the programme as it would require a greater financial contribution.

4.2 Approximately 70 per cent of apprenticeships in London were delivered by small and medium sized employers. Government reforms put at risk the Mayor's target of 250,000 new apprenticeships created between 2012 and 2016. The GLA is due to report back their position on the reforms.

4.3 Additionally, the Board examined the Evidence Base and Annual Statement of Priorities. It was unanimously agreed that an Apprenticeship success target should be included and existing targets reviewed to reflect impact of current 14-19 policy drivers. The Chair subsequently approved revised targets.

4.4 The Board is also keen for emerging and good practice to be shared by London boroughs that were reducing both young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) and activity not known.

5 Workplan monitoring

- 5.1 **Data Advisory Group (DAG)** - YB updated OSG officers on the successful bid to the Breakthrough Fund (in partnership with MIME Consulting) to develop Skills Match, the next phase of Intelligent London – scheduled to go live towards the latter part of 2014. The project intends to bring together skills data and labour market data to inform future policy work.
- 5.2 Information will include infrastructure projects that are known about and the skills needed to successfully deliver these.
- 5.3 Borough officers were concerned that apprenticeship quarterly updates were no longer available through the provider gateway – particularly given local interest in performance of apprenticeships. NL explained that NAS were intending to implement a new approach to quarterly updates and therefore, the current system had stopped.
- 5.4 The Skills Funding Agency had introduced a new hub that brought together a number of business systems currently existing independently from one another. Further Education providers were required to register for the new system to submit ILR returns.
- 5.5 **Improving Choices for Young People** – a Task and Finish group had been set up to explore the potential of an employability outcomes framework and employability passport – supported by the work of the tri-borough and Lewisham. A survey will be sent out to boroughs, to gauge interest for a pan-London framework as well as identify other employability support deployed across boroughs.
- 5.6 **External Funding Group** – There had been changes to the group membership as Patrick O'Dwyer (LB Harrow) had replaced Bobby Chauhan (LB Hillingdon) as representative of the West Cluster and Farquhar McKay (LB Lambeth) had left.
- 5.7 Prospects were continuing to closely manage the delivery of the Youth Contact. Some authorities were engaging with schools to identify young people at risk of achieving 1 or less GCSE and possible programmes of support available.
- 5.8 **SEND** – The Children and Families Bill received Royal Assent on 14 March and is now the Children and Families Act 2014. A late amendment to the Bill, now enshrined in legislation, was a change to the definition of special educational needs.
- 5.9 The Council for Disabled Children (CDC), an umbrella body for the disabled children's sector in England, is due to publish guidance on the crossovers between the Children and Families Act and Social Care Act to support implementation and transition.
- 5.10 Through the Association of London Director of Children's Services, all boroughs had agreed to contribute to the SEND London accelerated learning projects, and delivery of this work had begun. At a recent pathfinder conference there were initial discussions about the merit of a pan-London mediation process. It was also raised whether there would be appetite for a pan-London Education and Health Care Plan – given the high levels of pupil mobility across the capital.
- 5.11 OSG members indicated this would be a good idea and suggested whether a pan-London approach could be taken to the local offer. Local colleges were being requested to provide similar information in different formats to various stakeholders.
- 5.12 Additionally, the draft code of practice outlined that colleges were no longer responsible for annual reviews, responsibility was to rest with local authorities.
- 5.13 **Apprenticeship sub-group** – The group recently met to discuss the London Professional Apprenticeship and sought to identify and share promising practice of local authorities that had worked effectively with training providers.
- 5.14 A subsequent special meeting was held to formulate London Councils' response to the Technical consultation on the future of Apprenticeship funding.

AP178: YPES to re-circulate NAS update on changes to the reporting of apprenticeship data via the provider gateway.

AP179: YPES to write to NAS outlining the case for interim apprenticeship statistics until a new reporting system goes live.

6 Youth Employment Initiative (YEI)

- 6.1 POB talked to the paper and explained the London Enterprise Panel had lead responsibility for agreeing the strategy for the use of European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF) for 2014-2020, the strategy was awaiting final approval from government.
- 6.2 The main priority for young people was Skills and Employment and successive meetings with borough officers provided an indication of emerging youth programmes that would be helpful in London. London's allocation of funding included an additional element for the YEI to address high youth unemployment in London.
- 6.3 For each strand of activity, the group had agreed a lead partner would be responsible for completing a programme template to inform the specifications to be used in procurement. Lead partners would be arranging 'task and finish groups' to lead on the development of templates to enable procurement to commence in late 2014. YPES was the lead partner on the following programmes: preventative NEET, NEET re-engagement, careers advice and recognition of employability skills and potential.
- 6.4 OSG officers welcomed that YPES were a recognised lead partner and would help influence programmes delivered to support young people in London. There was consensus that there was crossover between the programmes and in fact, task and finish groups for each area may not be needed – particularly as there were areas where emerging delivery models were in use such as Youth Contract and employability passport frameworks available through the tri-borough and Lewisham.
- 6.5 It was recommended membership of task and finish groups should be developed in a similar fashion to the External Funding Group, which had worked well. There should be representatives from each cluster in London and responsibility they seek views of boroughs in their clusters.
- 6.6 OSG officers expressed disappointment that that the European Union opted for programmes to be available for young people aged 15 and over. There was great value for young people at age 14 in accessing programmes to improve their long term outcomes.

7 RPA

- 7.1 YB talked to the paper. London's position on NEETs remained strong and below the national average. The number of young people whose activity was 'not known' was declining but it was an area of further improvement for London.
- 7.2 It was noted that activity 'not known' figures were being negatively impacted by UCAS not sharing data with local authorities. It was also noted that where young people were taking time out from education due to long term illness or pregnancy for instance are recorded as a 'temporary break' from the duty to participate on the National Client Caseload Information System (NCCIS) but are still reported as NEET on national statistics.
- 7.3 September Guarantee figures showed the proportion of young people that received an offer of education or training had improved in 15 local authorities compared to last year.
- 7.4 Usage of the pan-London leavers notification system varied across London. London Councils was exploring the possibility of sending monthly email reminders to providers about the submission date for the leaver return. Borough officers agreed to continue to work with those providers that were not yet using the process.

AP180: Future RPA reports to include volume on young people classified as taking a temporary break from their duty to participate in education/training.

8 Apprenticeship Reform – Technical Consultation

8.1 POB talked through the second government consultation on apprenticeship funding reforms and draft response that had been developed with the support of the apprenticeship subgroup. Responses to the initial consultation published by government had shown limited support for a co-investment model and therefore, many of the points in London Councils' initial response remained pertinent. This had underpinned the draft response to the technical consultation.

8.2 OSG members suggested there may be merit in London Councils conducting on-going lobbying work with organisations such as Chambers of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses and GLA to highlight the challenges in London. Consideration needed to be given to the impact of apprenticeship reforms on traineeships and study programmes. Additionally, reforms would create challenges for local authority place planning and the September guarantee.

AP181: YPES to submit a response to the Apprenticeship Technical consultation.

9 LA Forum – focus and topic for meeting 2 May

9.1 A joint 'Leadership of Learning' event with the South East region was scheduled for the 13th June to showcase emerging practice and to facilitate shared learning and discussion. OSG members agreed it would be helpful to have Tower Hamlets' present their report on improved GCSE performance. It was also suggested talking about recent performance improvements at Coulsdon College.

9.2 There was consensus that given the proposed agenda in June, the LA Forum offered an opportunity to discuss ESIF programmes as well as showcase emerging practice from authorities in London that had both low NEET and activity not known numbers.

AP182: YPES to consult with Croydon Council about presenting on leadership role of local authorities supporting colleges for the June event.

AP183: YPES to identify up to three boroughs to share good practice of reducing NEET and activity not known at the LA Forum.

10 AOB

10.1 AOC confirmed they would provide an update to boroughs on their work with Ofsted and Excellence Challenge programme.

10.2 The Education Services Grant (ESG) consultation had been published and response deadline was 1 June. Also, the DfE were inviting comments on their research priorities for coming years including areas such as UTCs, academies and school capital funding.

AP184: AOC to present at the next OSG meeting on their work with Ofsted and the Excellence Challenge.

AP185: YPES to circulate links to both the ESG consultation and DfE research priorities.

Next meeting: 6 June, 10-12, London Councils, Meeting Room 1 *(subsequently deferred to 15 July 2-4pm)*

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Action Points from Operational Sub-group 2014-15

Action Point No.	Meeting Date	Action Point Description	Owner(s) - lead in bold	Review Date	Actions Taken	Open / Closed
170	31.1.14	Provide feedback from recent ministerial roundtable discussions about Traineeships with providers	RW	15.7.14	B/fwd, RW to feedback 15.7.14	
171	31.1.14	Update members on the government's £10 million a year programme to increase Traineeship and Apprenticeship take up amongst 16 & 17 year olds	NL	15.7.14	B/fwd, NAS awaiting further information, NL to report back 15.7.14	
175	31.1.14	LWBLA to include a question on the pan-London leaver notification process in their survey to providers and feedback to members at future meeting	VF	15.7.14	Survey findings not available at 4.4.14, VF to ask YPES to circulate on availability	
178	4.4.14	YPES to re-circulate NAS update on changes to the reporting of apprenticeship data via the provider gateway.	YPES	15.7.14	Circulated in post meeting note 14.4.14	Closed
179	4.4.14	YPES to write to NAS outlining the case for interim apprenticeship statistics until a new reporting system goes live.	YPES	15.7.14	Update on reporting arrangement received from NAS	Closed
180	4.4.14	Future RPA reports to include volume on young people classified as taking a temporary break from their duty to participate in education/training.	YPES	15.7.14	To be included in Participation report for 15.7.14	Closed
181	4.4.14	YPES to submit a response to the Apprenticeship Funding Reform Technical consultation.	YPES	15.7.14	Submitted 28 April 2014	Closed
182	4.4.14	YPES to consult with Croydon Council about presenting on leadership role of local authorities supporting colleges for the June event.	YPES	15.7.14	Actioned 9.4.14	Closed
183	4.4.14	YPES to identify up to three boroughs to share good practice of reducing NEET and activity not known at the LA Forum.	YPES	15.7.14	Barnet, Harrow and Ealing contributed at LA Forum meeting of 2 May	Closed
184	4.4.14	AOC to present at the next OSG meeting on their work with Ofsted and the Excellence Challenge.	JS	15.7.14	To be carried over to 3.10.14	
185	4.4.14	YPES to circulate links to both the ESG consultation and DfE research priorities.	YPES	15.7.14	Circulated in post meeting note 14.4.14	Closed

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Feedback from the Young People's Education and Skills (YPES) Review 2014

Item No: 3(b)

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Summary This paper provides a summary of the YPES surveys conducted in May 2014 which reviewed the 2013/14 operational year.

Recommendations OSG members are asked to note and comment on the findings from the surveys and take these into account when agreeing the 2014/15 work plan.

1 Background

- 1.1 The YPES team surveyed our local authority representatives through April/May 2014 as part of our annual review process. They were asked to comment on the YPES work generally as well as in more detail on various elements of our work.
- 1.2 Stakeholders were also surveyed at the same time using a similar (though fewer) set of questions. The headline findings of the stakeholder survey are summarised at paragraph 11.

2 Local Authority Review 2014 - responses

- 2.1 There were 23 local authority responses of which 20 of the 33 boroughs were represented.

3 Headline Findings

- 3.1 100 per cent of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the work of YPES (previous year 100 per cent).
- 3.2 Top three positive outcomes (by mention) were:
 - Collaborative working
 - 14-19 Leads meetings
 - Policy and lobbying

4 Communications

4.1 100 per cent of respondents were very satisfied (77 per cent) or satisfied (23 per cent) with YPES communications and 100 per cent found them very useful (73 per cent) or useful (27 per cent).

- *'Always well received and timely.'*
- *'You use links very effectively and so information referred to is easy to find.'*
- *'Always relevant and current.'*

5 Website

5.1 There was a 100 per cent awareness of YPES pages on the London Councils website with 95 per cent of respondents either very satisfied (59 per cent) or satisfied (36 per cent) with the content. The 14 to 19 update page was the most visited, followed by meeting pages. This matches last year's responses.

6 Annual Statement of Priorities

6.1 91 per cent of respondents have read the document with 100 per cent of respondents finding it either very informative (50 per cent) or informative (50 per cent).

7 Intelligent London data dashboard

7.1 91 per cent of respondents were aware of the Intelligent London data dashboard.

- *'It is simple and clear, it is really useful.'*
- *'Many people in the Council have used this for a variety of reasons and it has been very positively received.'*

8 Conferences/Forums

8.1 Questions focused on the twice yearly local authority Leads conferences and the local authority forums.

8.2 74 per cent had attended a 14 to 19 Leads conference and 100 per cent of those were either very satisfied (72 per cent) or satisfied (28 per cent). The most valuable elements of these were:

- Input from external agencies and stakeholder bodies.
- The opportunity to network with colleagues from boroughs.
- Strategic updates from YPES team.
- Discussion groups on specific topics.

8.3 78 per cent had attended a local authority forum and 100 per cent of those were either very satisfied (74 per cent) or satisfied (26 per cent). The most valuable elements of these were:

- *'The opportunity to network and share information about local developments, and to inform London Councils' policy developments.'*
- *'Very clear agenda, well-focussed discussion and good understanding of issues and confidence they will be picked up and addressed.'*
- *'The opportunity to pick up on best practice in other areas.'*

9 Representation

9.1 100 per cent of respondents were either very satisfied (48 per cent) or satisfied (52 per cent) with the current representational arrangements, with the following comments reflecting the general opinion:

- *'The influence that London Councils has is very important and where there are areas that require responses to resolve issues, there is a very useful conduit for discussion with these bodies.'*
- *'The work-load would be impossible to manage without your interface and representation.'*

10 Work programme

10.1 We asked local authorities to highlight where we should continue to focus our work and efforts over the coming year. Four strands came out ahead for 'do more work':

- Learners with special educational needs and disabilities.
- Addressing youth unemployment.
- Producing an evidence base on young people's education and skills in London.
- Collecting, analysing and disseminating data and regional intelligence.

10.2 When asked what the 2014/15 priorities should focus on, the following were the most common suggestions:

- Shaping the London response to national education policy.
- Producing an evidence base on young people's education and skills in London.
- Lobbying for London (on policy and for resources).

11 Stakeholder Review 2014 – Headline findings

11.1 There were 20 responses to the stakeholder survey, of which 95% were either very satisfied (55 per cent) or satisfied (40 per cent) with the work of YPES. 100% of respondents who had received communications from YPES found them either very satisfactory (63%) or satisfactory (37%).

11.2 Some free text testimonials from respondents included:

- *'Through the meetings I attend and the publications I see, I'm always impressed by your knowledge and expertise, and the value of the pan-London perspective you provide, which otherwise would simply not exist.'*
- *'I would like to thank YPES especially for the work they have done in the area of apprenticeships and coordinating responses and development of work by all the London boroughs.'*
- *'YPES makes an important contribution to London policy implementation to benefit students by providing linkages without which there would be greater disparity and division between areas. There is still much to do.'*

11.3 We asked stakeholders to highlight where we should continue to focus our work and efforts over the coming year. Four strands came out ahead for 'do more work':

- Lobbying for London (on policy and for resources)
- Increasing apprenticeships/youth employment opportunities
- Improving careers information, advice and guidance for young people
- Shaping the London response to national education policy

11.4 When asked what the 2014/15 research projects could focus on, the following are a sample of suggestions:

- Developing the London Careers Offer and its adoption and implementation within schools.
- What is the quality and breadth of level 2 provision in London at Post-16? Is it relevant to employment demand?
- The changing demographics of London and implications for 14-19 delivery.

12 Recommendations

12.1 OSG members are asked to note and comment on the findings of the surveys and take these into account in agreeing the 2014/15 work plan.

Item 3(c) - 2014/15 Proposed Work Plan

YPES Work Plan 2014-15

Policy or Service Area	Activity	Output	Lead Officer	Risk Rating	Performance Indicators / Key Milestone
Young People's Education and Skills	To provide pan-London leadership for 14-19 education and training provision in relation to current and future needs of learners and employers; support local authorities in undertaking their statutory functions and assist other stakeholders in planning, policy and provision.				
Leadership, Influence and Policy	High Level Outcome: to maintain the YPES Board as the principal partnership through which strategic partners and stakeholders will work together to deliver the vision for 16-19 education and skills in London				
Lobby for London (policy and resources)	Ensuring sound knowledge and intelligence on forthcoming policy and funding decisions and seek to influence through evidence and arguing the case for London.	During the period 1 April 2014 - 31 March 2015, YPES will provide evidence and persuasive argument, where appropriate with other colleagues in London Councils, to lobby on issues impacting on 14-19 education and training in London or to respond to relevant government / mayoral consultations.	Mary Vine-Morris	Amber	Report to the YPES Board three times a year and quarterly to the OSG on the policies on which commentary has been provided, consultations to which responses have been submitted and the areas in which lobbying has been active and the results of such lobbying.
Shaping the London response to national education policy	Responding to national and city-wide consultations affecting 14-19 education and skills.		Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
Member dialogue	Producing briefings on key policy areas on 14-19 education and skills	During the period 1 April 2014 - 31 March 2015, YPES (working with the Policy And Public Affairs [PAPA] Directorate) will produce at least 4 member briefings	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
	Maintaining close working relationships with the YPES Board Chair and the political representatives on the Board.		Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
Communication and relationship management	Maintaining relationships and working effectively with key strategic partners and other stakeholders to have a positive combined effect on London	At the end of the reporting year 1st April 2014 - 31 March 2015, YPES will seek feedback from stakeholders and at least 80% will report that they are very satisfied with: • the manner of communications with YPES • the strategic relationship between YPES and their organisation • the services provided by YPES.	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
	Providing briefings specific to the different audiences of YPES • Operational Sub-Group (OSG,) eight weekly • Sub-Groups, quarterly • Directors of Children's Services and Officers, termly [the 14-19 update]		Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
	Maintaining a sub-group structure in line with terms of reference set out by the YPES Board, which maintains a high level of professional and technical input to support London's local authorities and leads to the provision of consistently high standards of service to young people.		Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
	Continue to develop the 'learner voice' contribution in the YPES structure.		During the period 1 April 2014 - 31 March 2015, Learner Voice London will reach a further 300 followers on Twitter taking our total followers to around 800.	Mary Vine-Morris	Amber
Secure Future of the Service	Prepare and present persuasive argument to secure future funding	On the basis of an agreed and costed service enter into dialogue with strategic partners to negotiate funding commitments	Mary Vine-Morris	Red	Report to YPES Board in October 2014, Leaders (Budget Report) December 2014
YPES Vision to 2015: Strategy Implementation	High Level Outcome: To support the strategies through which strategic partners and stakeholders work together to implement the vision for 16-19 education and skills in London				
Young People in London: An Evidence Base	Sourcing data and research on education, skills and employment and analysing the implications for London's young people and employers.	To produce by March 2015 in conjunction with relevant partners, a shared evidence base analysing education and skills for young people in London. Contribute to projections of future skills needs and demographics in order to identify gaps in education and training provision. Assist local authorities and learning institutions in the planning of appropriate education opportunities for young people in London.	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	• Intelligent London reviewed in September 2014 • 2014 Evidence Base and Annual Statement of Priorities published by April 2014 • Evidence Base available by March 2015 for local authorities to produce their Strategic Analyses
Annual Statement of Priorities	Analysing the evidence base, policy and strategy that drives the local authority role in delivering the vision for 14-19 education and skills in London.	The 2014-15 Annual Statement of Priorities was issued in April 2014.	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	

Academic Partner Work Programme (Institute of Education)	Investigating the issues identified in the Vision document and developing a shared knowledge base with strategic partners and other stakeholders.	To produce by 31 October 2014 a report on 17+ participation, attainment and progression in London (schools and college-based)	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
Co-ordination of 14-19 Leads	Holding at least two 14-19 conferences and two LA Forums during the year. Organising practitioner workshops when needed to deliver the work plans of sub-groups and to make progress on the vision for education and skills.	To provide effective support to local authorities at member, DCS, 14-19 Lead Officer levels. When needed facilitate cross borough and regional working and sharing of good practice, measured by: • at least 70% of London's boroughs represented at YPES events • at least 50% of those attending events completing an evaluation survey of the event • at least 80% of the responses to events' evaluation surveys are at least satisfied with the content and output of the event.	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
Delivery of Strategic Services	High Level Outcome: To lead strategic services and activities which increase participation, raise achievement and ensure the progression of young people in London				
Data and Regional Intelligence	Analysing data and research on education, skills and employment to draw out the priorities for young Londoners	Deliver the work plan objectives of the Data Advisory Group: • Increase local authority 14 to 19 officers' confidence in analysis and their ability to access and interpret appropriate data, management information and research to enable robust decision-making • Provide access to appropriate and accurate data to support participation • Deliver Skills Match with data partner MIME Consulting	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	Working groups work plan priorities agreed in May 2014. Reports to be given each quarter to OSG.
External Funding	Securing additional resources for London and work with partners to maximise the impact of investment.	Inform the design and delivery of programmes in the 2014-2020 European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF) / Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) funding round.	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
Improving Choices for Young People (ICYP)	Coordinating and providing regional guidance to promote the participation and progression of young people in London.	Delivering the work plan objectives of the ICYP Group: • working with partners, devise a London careers guidance framework • monitor participation, NEET, not known and September Guarantee with a view to implementing regional solutions to improve tracking • contribute to phase 3 of the Destination Measures through the DfE national steering group	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)	Supporting local authorities to implement SEND reform agenda.	Implement the SEND work plan through the London Accelerated Learning Projects: • Commissioning for outcomes • Curriculum development • Joint commissioning • Workforce development Provide strategic oversight of SEND funding and policy reform.	Mary Vine-Morris	Amber	
Raising the Participation Age (RPA)	Identifying, reporting and sharing effective practice in boroughs, learning institutions and other stakeholders to achieve full participation to 18 in 2015.	Provide London's boroughs with appropriate support in implementing the increase in participation age to 18. Share effective practice in reducing the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) up to March 2015.	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	In consultation with 14-19 Leads, hold themed discussions on RPA at Leads Conferences and / or LA Forum meetings in 2014/15 as appropriate
Youth Unemployment and Apprenticeships	Identifying, reporting and sharing effective practice in boroughs, learning institutions and other stakeholders in addressing youth unemployment. Managing the relationship between the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) and London boroughs to increase the number of quality Apprenticeship opportunities for young people in London.	In conjunction with London Council's PAPA Directorate, work with boroughs to tackle long-term unemployment for 16-24 year-olds and, in particular, to increase the overall number of Apprenticeship places for young people during 2014-15.	Mary Vine-Morris	Amber	Report on Apprenticeships to each quarterly OSG meeting
Regional Commissioning (Capel Manor College)	Managing relationships between Capel Manor College and London's Boroughs / EFA to ensure the continued supply of unique Land-based and related Green skills provision in London.	To continue to deliver places through Capel Manor College for 2014/15 on behalf of London.	Mary Vine-Morris	Green	Relationships will be managed in line with the Statutory Guidance

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European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF) and Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) Item no: 4

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Summary This paper provides the OSG with an update on the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the next steps in the development of programmes.

Recommendations OSG members are asked to note this paper and continue individually to contribute to the development of YEI.

1. Background

- 1.1 As previously reported¹, the YEI is being taken forward by the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) through a Planning Group of partner organisations (London Councils, GLA, DWP and SFA).
- 1.2 In a major departure from the development of previous programmes, this round has seen the early engagement of local authorities, providers and employers through Task and Finish Groups (TFGs).

2. Programme Development Update

- 2.1 The latest position on each of the programmes is as follows:
 - 2.1.1 Preventative NEET: Latest advice suggests that this programme may not attract funding from YEI, but it can still form part of the wider ESIF. The TFG has benefited from considerable input from colleagues and a programme template is nearly finalised.
 - 2.1.2 NEET Re-engagement (Outreach): It is intended that this programme should offer a comprehensive independent and impartial outreach serving all programmes, though there is at present a lack of consensus within the YEI Planning Group that this is an appropriate way forward. This programme would build on the experience of Youth Contract 16/17 programme which is due to cease in March 2015..

¹ See YPES' [ESF webpage](#) for background papers on the YEI in London.

- 2.1.3 Targeted NEET Provision: The GLA has prepared a first draft programme template with a reply date of 8th July. The programme will link to a similar support programme for adults and would be based on sub-regional prime providers collaborating regionally where appropriate.
 - 2.1.4 Building the capacity of organisations to offer careers guidance / education-business links: The GLA has hosted the first meeting of the TFG to discuss the programme. The programme template is under development and is likely to require providers to work with 'self-nominating' clusters of schools and colleges.
 - 2.1.5 Recognition of employability skills: Consideration is being given to subsume elements of this programme into other programmes; specifically 2.1.4.
 - 2.1.6 Face-to-face careers guidance: The TFG has met twice and an initial draft programme template has been circulated to its membership for further consideration.
 - 2.1.7 Promoting apprenticeships and encouraging businesses to employ young people: The TFG has met twice and the GLA is drafting a programme template for circulation.
 - 2.1.8 Encouraging entrepreneurship: There has been an initial meeting of the TFG and its membership have been engaged in further dialogue to enable a draft programme template to be produced.
 - 2.1.9 Employment Support: it has been proposed that this activity should be combined within other programmes.
- 2.2 In addition, a specialist programme is being devised by the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) to prevent gang membership of young people at Pupil Referral Units or on alternative provision.

3. Timescales

- 3.1 The government is in negotiation with the European Commission on the Partnership Agreement for ESIF – this is scheduled for agreement in September 2014 and should then lead to the Operational Programme, with overall targets, being finalised in October 2014. Provided that these milestones are achieved, it is hoped that the new programmes could be announced officially before Christmas and procurement for the Youth Programme start in January 2015 (there is an imperative to spend YEI funds by 2017). The YEI Planning Group aims to finalise programme templates by the end of July 2014 and to seek agreement from the LEP in September.
- 3.2 Adult programmes are working to a slightly later timescale and 14-19 Lead Officers would be advised to liaise with appropriate officers in their authority with lead responsibility for employment and regeneration / planning to ensure a close fit between local initiatives.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 There will be a further, limited opportunity to contribute to the development of programme templates. Discussion then moves to the YEI Planning Group, so that over the summer budgets, volumes and outcomes for each programme can be proposed and to ensure that the linkages between programmes are best managed. The SFA will also be engaged so that procurement proceeds smoothly and produces ESF compliant programmes which can then be agreed by the LEP.

4.2 In the meantime, as the overall shape of the programme will have been agreed, there is an opportunity for (potential) providers to start developing the partnerships to deliver programmes.

5. Recommendation

5.1 OSG members are asked to note this paper and continue to contribute individually to the development of YEI.

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Latest participation, NEET and activity 'not known' statistics Item no: 6

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1 16 to 18 Academic Age Summary (May 2014 – latest available from [NCCIS](#)¹)

The latest not in education, employment or training (NEET) percentage for London is 4.1 per cent, a marginal increase on the previous month (0.1 per cent) and below the national average of 5.4 per cent. The current percentage of young people whose participation status is 'not known' is 6.6 per cent, which continues the downward trend this calendar year from 9.4 per cent in January. London is now below the national average figure of 7.4 per cent (see 1.1).

The percentage of 16 to 18 year olds who are NEET and participation 'not known' varies significantly by borough ranging from 1.8 per cent to 7.5 per cent for NEET and 1.3 per cent to 14.8 per cent for participation status 'not known' (excluding the City of London) (see 1.4 and 1.6).

The three month average comparison between 2013/14 and 2012/13 shows a lower percentage for both NEET and participation status 'not known' than last year (see 1.2 and 1.3).

The volume of young people recorded as NEET but not available² in May is 1,573, or 16.4% of the (unadjusted) total NEET cohort.

1.1 Volume and percentage of 16-18 year olds who are participating in education, employment or training (EET), not in education, employment or training (NEET) and 'not known'

Region	Adjusted EET	Adjusted NEET	% NEET	16-18s not known	% 16-18s not known
England	1,585,535	90,173	5.4%	129,538	7.4%
London	231,376	9,852	4.1%	16,927	6.6%

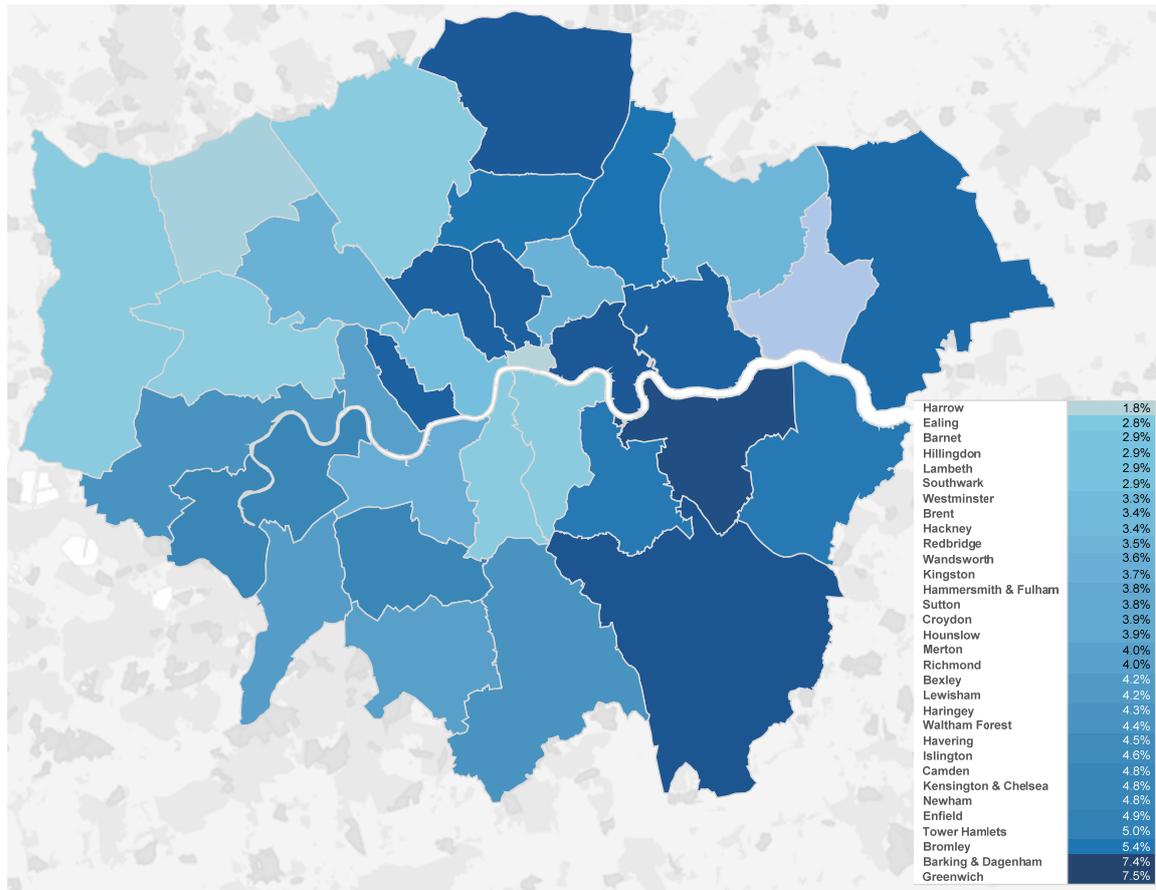
1.2 Percentage of 16-18 year olds who are NEET for the past three months for 2013/14 and 2012/13

Region	2013-14				2012-13			
	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Ave	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Ave
England	5.3%	5.3%	5.4%	5.3%	5.6%	5.9%	5.9%	5.8%
London	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%	4.5%	4.8%	4.8%	4.7%

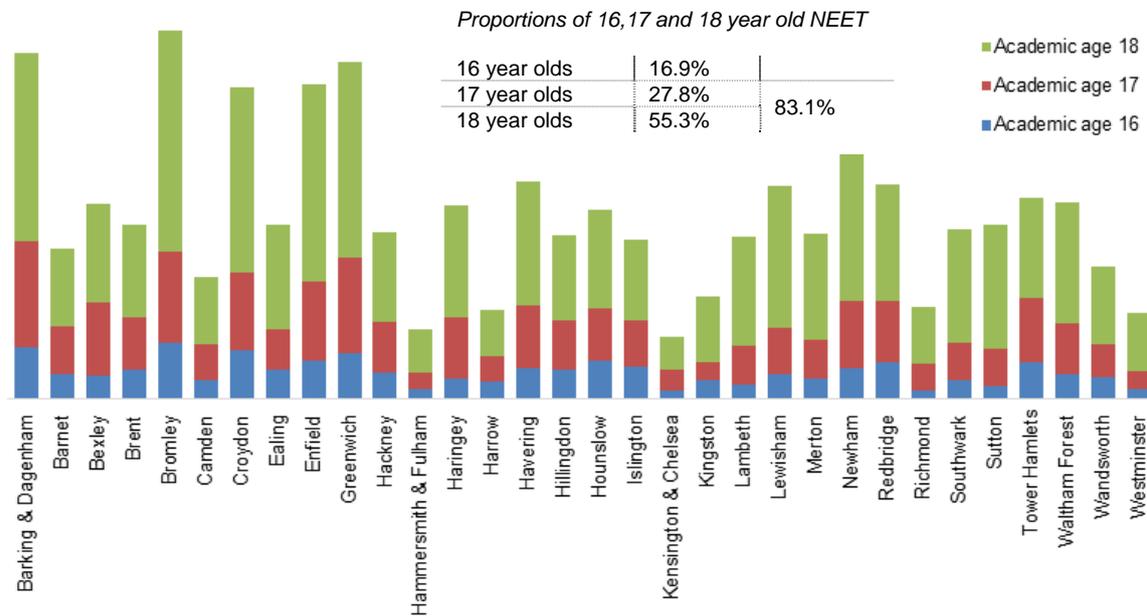
1.3 Percentage of 16-18 year olds whose participation status is 'not known' for the past three months for 2012/13 and 2011/12

Region	2013-14				2012-13			
	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Ave	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Ave
England	6.9%	7.2%	7.4%	7.2%	7.9%	7.1%	7.2%	7.4%
London	7.9%	6.9%	6.6%	7.1%	9.2%	7.5%	7.6%	8.1%

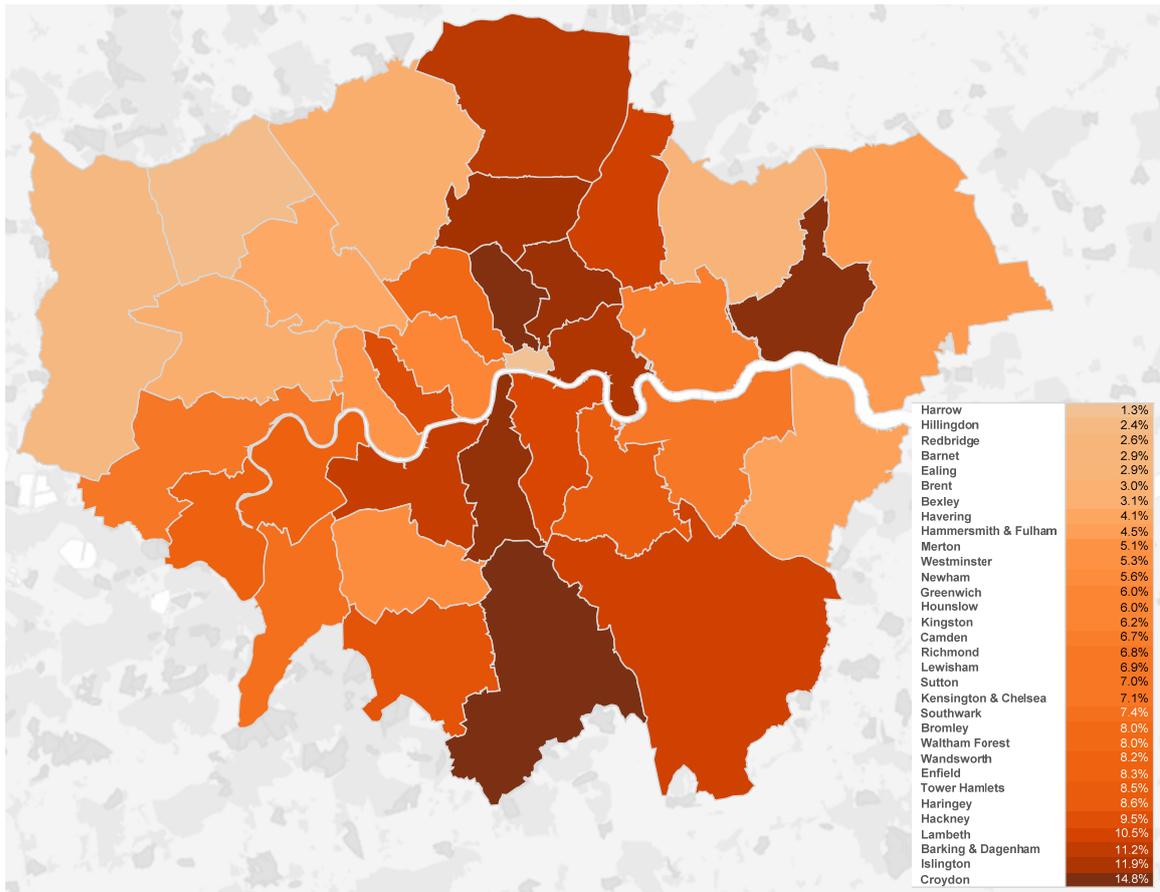
1.4 16-18 year olds NEET by London borough



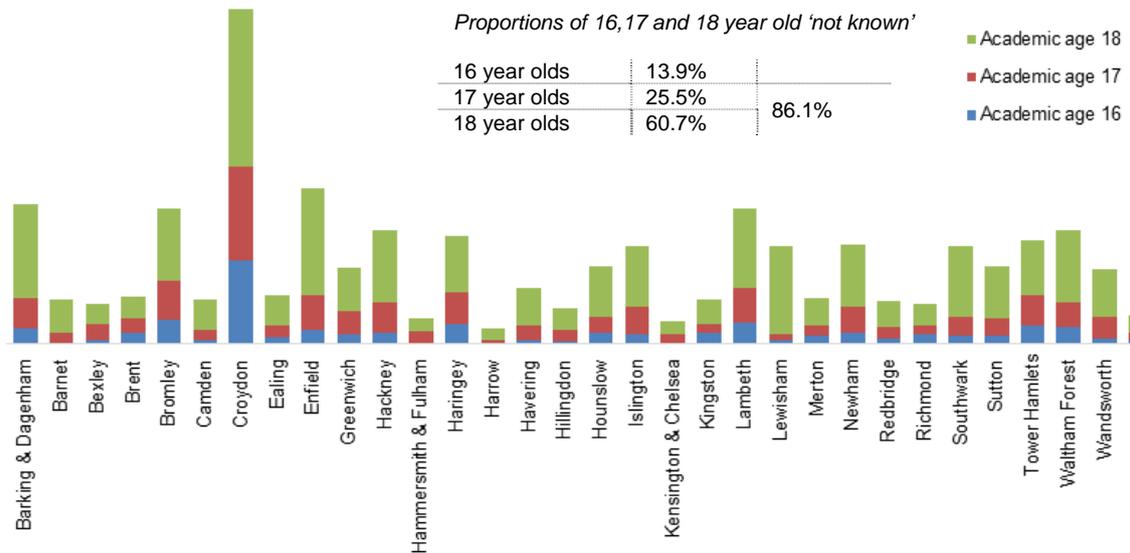
1.5 16-18 year olds NEET by age and London borough



1.6 16-18 year olds participation status 'not known' by London borough



1.7 16-18 year olds participation status 'not known' by age and London borough



2 16 and 17 Year Old Participation in Education and Training (March 2014 - latest available from the [Department for Education](#)³)

On 4 July 2014 the Department for Education (DfE) published 16 and 17 year old participation data that highlights where participation is rising, static or falling. The data also provides a breakdown of participation by type of establishment, age, gender and ethnic group.

London's participation in March 2014 was 92.3 per cent, an improvement of 1.3 percentage points from the previous March and a 2.2 percentage point increase from the December 2013 position. London's participation is 2 percentage points above the national figure (see 2.1). The majority of 16 and 17 year olds in London (88.7 per cent) were participating in full time education and training which is 5.5 percentage points higher than the national figure, although a lesser proportion were participating in Apprenticeships and employment with training than nationally (see 2.2). The percentage participating at age 16 (the age group currently covered under 'the duty') in London was higher than those participating at 17 by 4.9 percentage points.

2.1 Participation percentage over time - proportion of 16-17 year olds in education and training

Region	Mar 2013	Jun 2013	Dec 2013	Mar 2014	Percentage point change in the last 12 months	
England	88.9%	88.4%	89.8%	90.3%	1.4%	↻
London	91.0%	91.3%	90.1%	92.3%	1.3%	↻

2.2 Participation percentage by type of activity

Region	Proportion of 16 and 17 year olds recorded as participating in:					
	Full time education and training	Apprenticeship	Work based learning	Part time education	Employment combined with training	Other
England	83.2%	4.2%	1.5%	0.3%	0.8%	0.3%
London	88.7%	2.1%	0.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%

2.3 Participation percentage by age and gender

Region	Percentage 16 year olds recorded as participating in education or training			Percentage 17 year olds recorded as participating in education or training		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
England	94.5%	93.3%	93.9%	88.0%	85.3%	86.6%
London	95.4%	94.2%	94.8%	91.5%	88.5%	89.9%

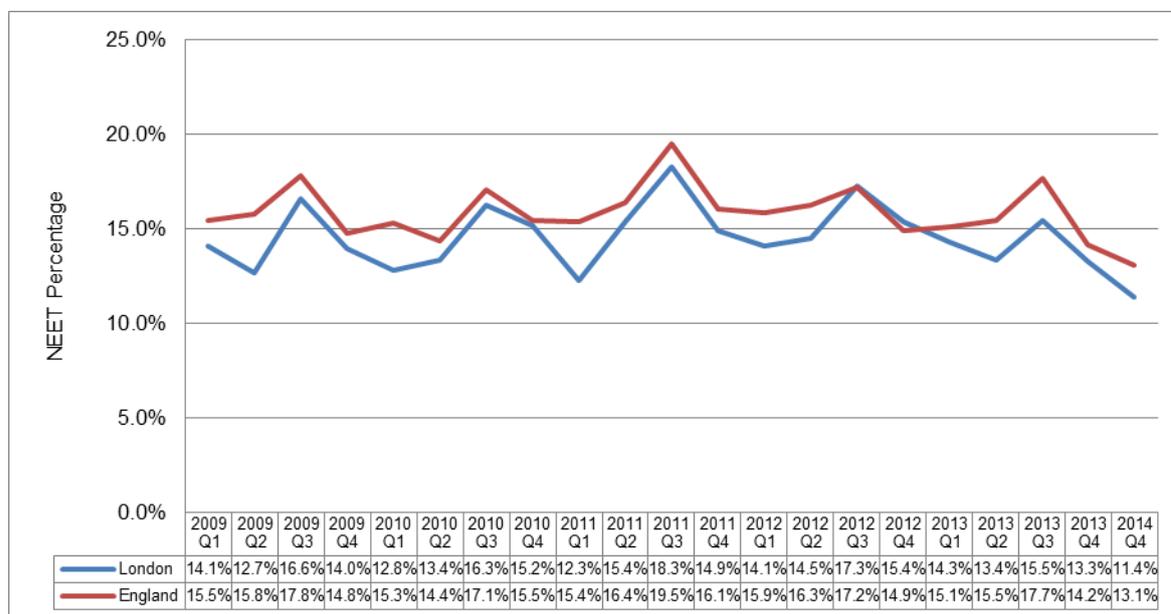
3 16-24 NEET Statistics Quarterly Brief (May 2014, Quarter 1 [January - March 2014] - latest available from [Gov.uk](#))⁴

Both the volume and percentage of 16 to 24 year olds who were NEET in Quarter 1 of 2014 in London have decreased since Quarter 4 and are substantially lower than the same quarter last year (see 3.1 table). The London NEET percentage remains below the national figure by almost 2 percentage points (see 3.1 line graph).

The percentage of 18 to 24 year olds and 19 to 24 year olds who were NEET in Quarter 1 of 2014 in London have also decreased since Quarter 4 and are significantly lower than the same quarter last year. The London NEET rates for 18 to 24 year olds and 19 to 24 year olds remain below the national averages (see 3.2 and 3.3).

3.1 Number of 16-24 year olds NEET

Region	Quarter 1							
	2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
England	927,000	15.4%	960,000	15.9%	909,000	15.1%	774,000	13.1%
London	104,000	12.3%	121,000	14.1%	123,000	14.3%	97,000	11.4%



3.2 Number of 18-24 year olds NEET

Region	Quarter 1							
	2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
England	844,000	17.7%	865,000	18.1%	843,000	17.6%	728,000	15.4%
London	92,000	13.5%	112,000	16.1%	114,000	16.4%	92,000	13.4%

3.3 Number of 19-24 year olds NEET

Region	Quarter							
	2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
England	766,000	18.6%	780,000	18.8%	757,000	18.2%	652,000	15.9%
London	83,000	13.6%	99,000	16.0%	102,000	16.4%	83,000	13.3%

¹ The [National Client Caseload Information System](#) (NCCIS) is a gateway for local authorities to access and submit performance data and information to the Department for Education regarding the participation of 16-18 year olds in education, employment and training

² Includes young carers, teenage parents and mothers-to-be, and young people with a serious or on-going health problem

³ The Department for Education uses information from the Client Caseload Information System to estimate the number and proportion of young people participating in different types of education and training in each local authority area. The figures are intended to support local authorities to track their participation performance and their progression to achieving their Raising the Participation Age (RPA) goals

⁴ The 16-24 NEET Statistics Quarterly Brief combines the Participation Statistical First Release, the Quarterly [Labour Force Survey](#) and 16-18 NEET statistics from NCCIS to create a profile of the NEET 16-24 age group

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