

Meeting of:	Date	Ward(s)
Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	18 October 2016	All

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**SUBJECT: Post 16 Education, Employment and Training:
Responses to questions raised by the Committee at September
2016 meeting**

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This paper provides responses to questions that were raised by members of the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 22 September 2016. Where data can not be provided, this is referenced.
- 1.2 Data provided refers to young people aged 16 to 18 who live in Islington unless otherwise stated.

2. Responses to questions raised

- 2.1 It is not possible to accurately report the proportions of young people NEET who move back into learning as this will vary between individuals and some will access employment or education later in life, beyond the age when detailed tracking takes place.
- 2.2 A snapshot analysis of the learning activities in August 2016 of the 99 young people aged 16 to 18 reported to scrutiny as NEET in December 2015, indicates that 18 of them were EET. Despite the rudimentary nature of this data, it does provide a snapshot of the level of challenge that spending any time NEET presents for young people.
- 2.3 This data does not account for any of the 99 who moved into EET and then back out again between November and August.
- 2.4 It is not possible to report data relating to the ethnic make up of the NEET group due to small numbers of young people in some groups. However, of the 99 young people previously reported as NEET in November 2015, 59 were from white backgrounds, including British, Irish, European and other white backgrounds.
- 2.5 Of the 99 young people reported as NEET in November 2015, 6 had been in receipt of a statement of special educational needs whilst they were at school.
- 2.6 Of the 99 young people reported as NEET in November 2015, 8 were recorded in the 'NEET illness' category, however it is not possible to provide data on which were experiencing mental ill health.

- 2.7 It is not possible to provide accurate data on the numbers of Islington's young people aged 19 to 24 who are unemployed. The council provides support for those who are seeking to access apprenticeships or opportunities in the construction industry and who present themselves for this support. The number of young people who are being supported by the council in this cohort is currently 35. A further 38 are being offered in-work support to help sustain apprenticeships.
- 2.8 It is not possible to provide data relating to the numbers of young people NEET who would have been eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). This is because the EMA was withdrawn by central government in 2011, hence none of the current NEET group would ever have been in receipt of it.

Appendices: None

Background papers: None

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