

Services for Young People in Epsom & Ewell Commission Performance Summary 2012/13



1 Performance narrative

1.1 Countywide overview

2012/13 has been a year of transition in Services for Young People, during which we have established a range of new commissions and services that prepare and help young people to participate in education, training and employment when they leave school. At the end of March 2013, this new system of services had reduced the number of young people who are NEET (not in education, employment or training) by 12% when compared to the same time last year - a real success for young people in the county.

1.2 Local performance story in Epsom & Ewell

Looking at the county as a whole, Services for Young People has had a successful year, but the reason for this report is to tell the local story of how the different commissions managed by the Commissioning and Development Team have been making a difference to young people in Epsom & Ewell. This means highlighting areas of strength, as well as where we want to develop during 2013/14.

Key achievements for the year

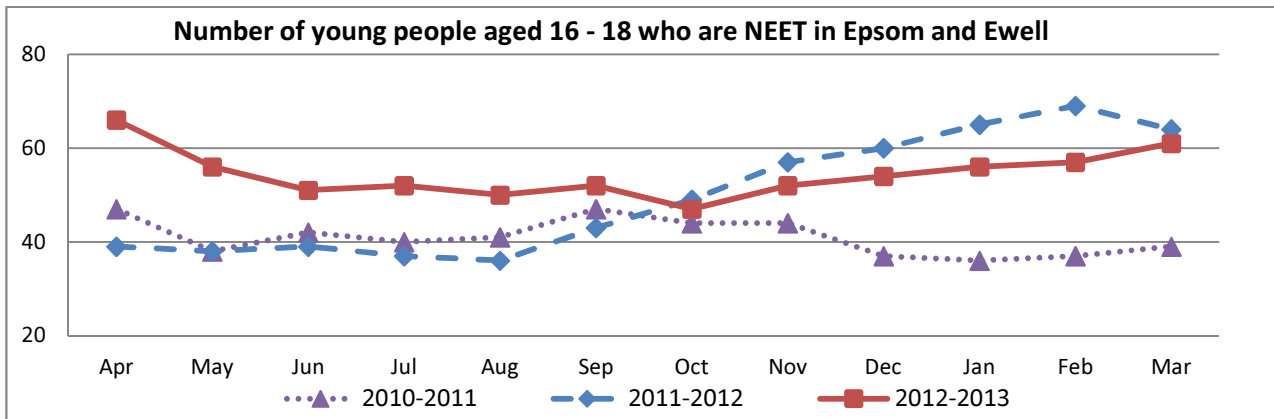
- In Epsom & Ewell, we have the best understanding of what young people are doing in Years 12 to 14 of all Surrey's districts and boroughs. We have confirmed whether or not 96.5% of young people in the borough are participating in education, training or employment, compared to countywide average of 93.6%. Where we do not know the current activity of young people, they are often referred to as 'unknowns'. Having a lower number of 'unknowns' means we can be more confident that we are providing support to improve outcomes for all those young people in Epsom & Ewell who are not in education, employment or training (NEET).
- Lintons Youth Centre delivered 537 hours of youth work during 2012/13 compared to 467 in the previous year, whilst the Edge Youth Centre has engaged with 44 young people who were identified as at risk of becoming NEET or had previously received Youth Restorative Interventions (YRIs).
- 3,239 young people in Epsom & Ewell schools and post-16 providers accessed online Information, Advice and Guidance as part of the Youth Engagement Contract. This equates to more than 11% of registrations in Surrey, whilst only 7% of young people aged 10-19 live in Epsom & Ewell.
- In February 2013 we opened a Skills Centre at Lintons Youth Centre, delivered by Nescot College, to provide formal training to young people who would otherwise be NEET. Already six young people have completed a course, focused on developing functional skills, personal and social development, employment skills, as well as vocational tasters. These young people will now be supported to access a long term employment or further education. We expect a total of twelve young people to have accessed this local provision before September 2013, in line with the planned yearly target.

Key areas for development

- Lintons Youth Centre had achieved Level 1 of the Surrey National Youth Agency (NYA) Quality Mark within the 2012/13 financial year. The Edge Youth centre is working to achieve this standard.
- Having achieved a significant reduction in unknowns during 2012/13, challenge is to build on this success and reduce the number of young people who are NEET in 2013/14.

2 Participation for young people in Epsom & Ewell

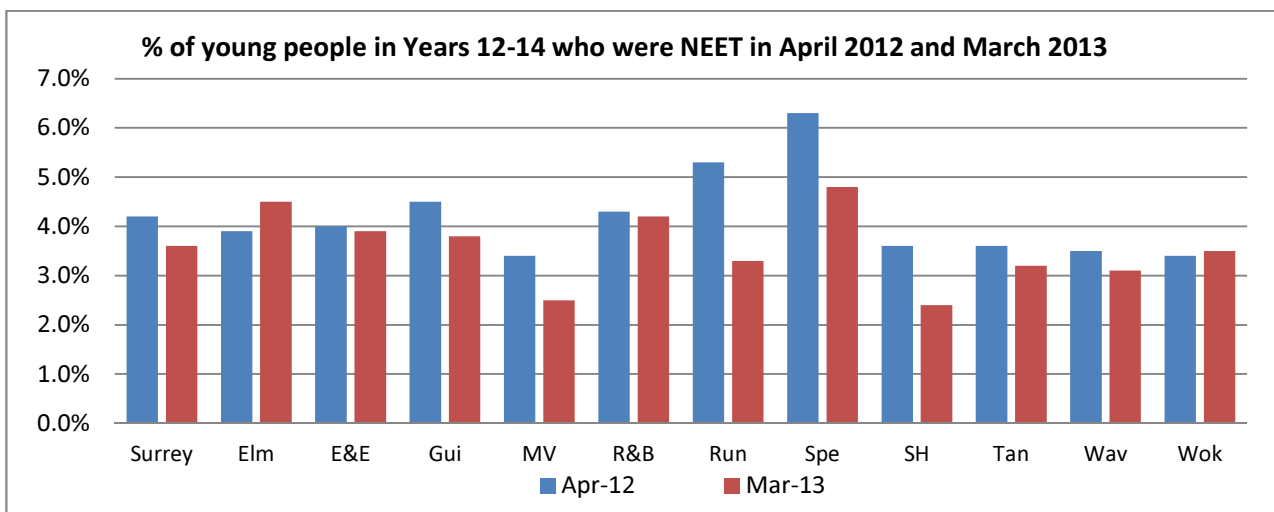
At only 3.5%, Epsom & Ewell has the lowest proportion of young people in Years 12-14 whose current activity is unknown ever achieved in Surrey. This is a key step in preparing for the planned raising of the compulsory participation age to 17 from September. Looking at the number of young people who are known to be NEET, there were marginally more in March 2013 than in March 2012 (72 compared to 70). When set alongside the reduction of 82 in unknowns in the same period, this is a significant achievement.



At the end of March 2013 the proportion of young people who were known to be NEET in Epsom & Ewell was 3.9%, compared to 4.0% in April 2012.

During the year, at least 54 young people moved from being NEET to participating in education, training and employment in the borough.

At the end of April, eight young people who were identified as at risk of becoming NEET in year 11 were NEET in Year 12, but this means 51 were participating in education, training and employment.



The number of young people in years 12-14 whose current activity was unknown has reduced by 55% from 150 in March 2012 to 68 in March 2013.

The average number of days that young people had been NEET was significantly below the countywide average (199 days compared to 222 days) at the end of March, suggesting that young people are out of work or education in Epsom and Ewell for less time than many other parts of the county.

Five young people who were identified as at risk of becoming NEET offended between April and December 2012.

3 How have our commissions performed during 2012/13?

Centre Based Youth Work (Total contract value 2012/13 £41,754 plus 7.86 Full-Time Equivalents)

Centre	Hours delivered	Young people engaged	Average attendances per young person	Level 1 of NYA Quality mark achieved?	Young people involved in governance	RONI and YRI young people engaged
Lintons	538	154	10.7	Yes	24	8
The Edge	221	117	9.6	No	0	44
Yoyo (Satellite)	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-

Local prevention framework

Provider	Contract Value 2012/13 (£)	Young people engaged	Average sessions per young person
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	84,000	109	2.15

Year 11/12 Transition

Provider	Contract Value 2012/13 (£)	Young people engaged	Young people PETE in January 2013
Working Links	33,000	53	41

Youth Engagement Contract

Provider	Contract Value 2012/13 (£) (pro-rated against 10-19 population)	Young people accessing U-Explore in Epsom & Ewell Schools and post-16 learning providers	Young people accessing other online youth engagement services
Working Links	34,800	3,239	

Youth Small Grants

The £14,000 allocated to Epsom & Ewell Local Committee for Youth Small Grants was allocated across 10 projects to support work with young people across the Borough. A full update on progress so far is provided in the other appendix to this report.

Skills Centres

The Epsom & Ewell Skills Centre has now opened. Its aim is to provide formal training and support to young people who would otherwise be NEET. Six young people have already successfully completed a programme at the centre, meaning it is on target to have provided training to 12 young people by the end of the 2012/13 academic year.

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