

Services for Young People in Guildford

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 Guildford

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 Guildford. This means highlighting areas of strength, as well as where we want to develop during 2013/14.

Key achievements for the year

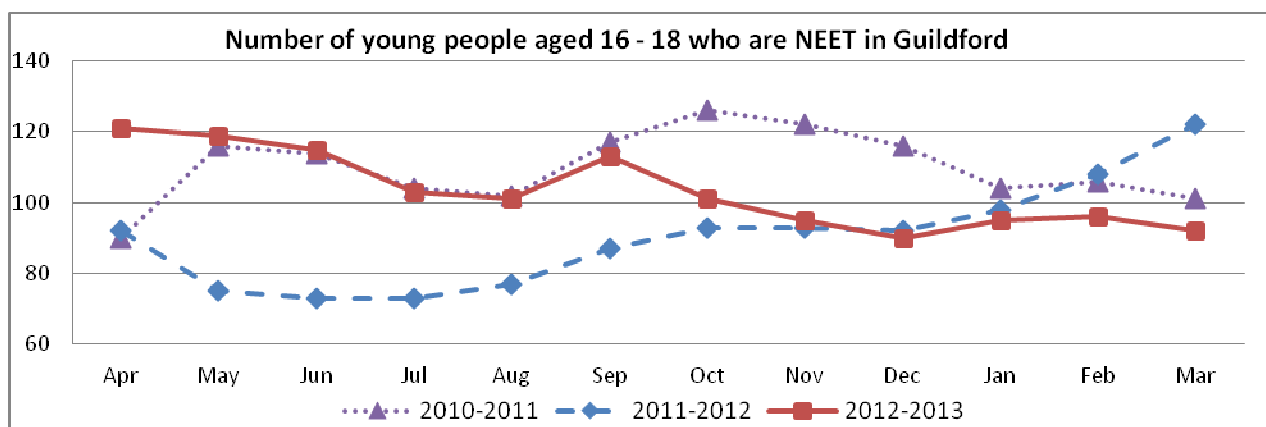
- Between December 2012 and March 2013, the number of young people aged 16-18 that were NEET was at its lowest for comparable periods over the last four years. This is the result of real progress during 2012/13. Alongside this, the number of young people whose current activity is unknown had reduced by more than 100 (23%) during 2012-13.
- The Local Prevention Framework in Guildford, delivered by The Youth Consortium, has engaged with 278 young people who were identified as at risk of becoming NEET in an average of 4.2 sessions of preventative activity.
- Out of a total of 394 young people engaged in youth work at the two main SCC Youth Centres in Guildford 193 attended six or more sessions of activity during 2012/13. This compares to only 132 during 2011/12, an increase of 46%.
- 4,207 young people in Guildford schools and post-16 learning providers accessed online Information, Advice and Guidance as part of the Youth Engagement Contract, the second highest number in Surrey.
- Both Ash and Discovery Youth Centres have achieved Level 1 of the Surrey National Youth Agency (NYA) quality Mark.

Key areas for development

- Excellent progress has been made to reduce the number of young people who are NEET in Guildford during 2012/13. For those young people who remain NEET, however, the length of time they have spent out of employment or education has increased, from 223 in March 2012 to 281 in March 2013. Addressing this is an important issue in 2013/14.
- A joint Waverley and Guildford Skills Centre (based at Ash Youth Centre) opened during the year. Six young people attended the first course and we expect higher numbers to attend the remaining programmes this academic year.

2 Participation for young people in Guildford

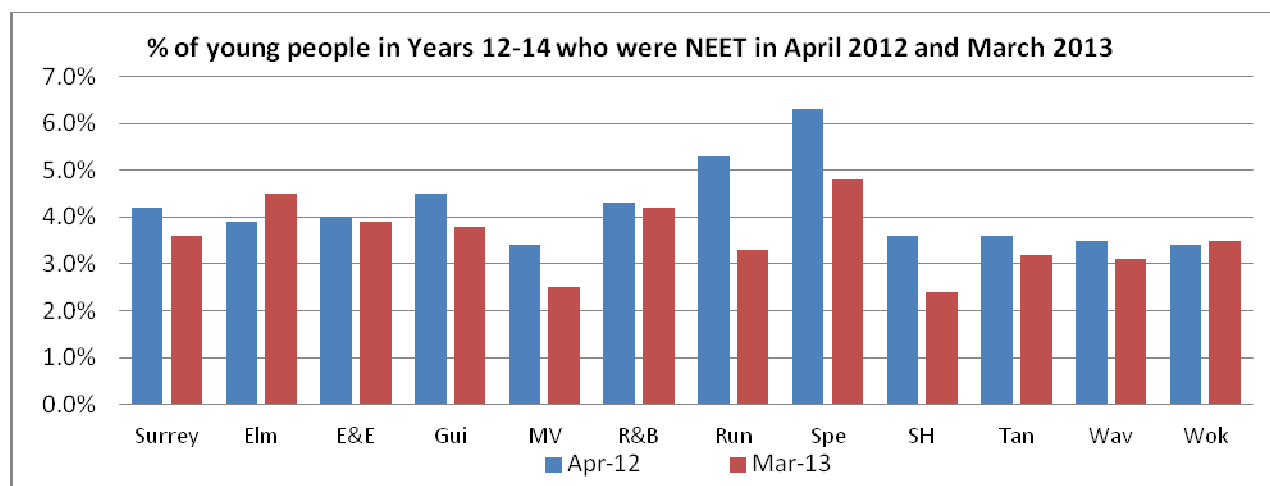
Since December 2012, the number of young people aged 16-18 that were NEET has been at its lowest for comparable periods over the last four years. This is alongside a reduction of more than 100 in the number of young people whose current activity was unknown during the year. When ‘unknowns’ are reduced and we better understand our cohort, it is often the case that NEET numbers increase, with more young people identified as not participating. This has not, however, happened in Guildford, suggesting that our in-house and commissioned services are making real progress to improve outcomes for young people.



At the end of the year, the proportion of young people who were known to be NEET in Guildford was 3.8%, compare to 4.5% in April 2012.

During the year, at least 113 young people moved from being NEET to participating in education, training and employment in the borough.

At the end of March 2013, 10.9% of young people who were identified as at risk of becoming NEET in Year 11 were participating now that they are in Year 12, at 8.9% (12 young people were NEET).



The number of young people in years 12-14 whose current activity was unknown reduced from 433 in March 2012 to 332 in March 2013 – 23% lower.

In Guildford 20% of young people who were NEET at the end of March had experienced at least one other period when they were previously NEET. This is below the countywide average of 26%, suggesting that young people who move out of NEET are more likely to remain in participation.

Seven 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)

C 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
Ash	349	164	10.6	Yes	164	57
Discovery	631	230	9.4	Yes	230	18
Bellfields (Satellite)	98	26	17.2	N/A	N/A	5
Stoughton (Satellite)	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-

Local prevention framework

Provider	Contract Value 2012/13 (£)	Young people engaged	Average sessions per young person
The Youth Consortium	151,000	278	4.2

Year 11/12 Transition

Provider	Contract Value 2012/13 (£)	Young people engaged	Young people PETE in January 2013
Working Links	57,000	97	80

Youth Engagement Contract

Provider	Contract Value 2012/13 (£) (pro-rated against 10-19 population)	Young people accessing U-Explore in Guildford Schools and post-16 learning providers	Young people accessing other online youth engagement services
Working Links	60,700	4,207	

Youth Small Grants

The £27,000 allocated to Guildford Local Committee for Youth Small Grants was distributed across 12 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

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