

The **CLL Scrutiny Panel** have asked to monitor progress on the following issues. This briefing contains the latest position as at August 2021.

## Subject : NEETs (academic years 12 & 13)

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### NEETS (LATEST AVAILABLE VERIFIED FIGURES)

	Total cohort
August 2021	<b>3575</b>
August 2020	<b>3446</b>

North East Lincolnshire	August 2021	August 2020
NEET	6.3%	7.5%
Not Known	0.7%	1%

The number of young people who are NEET has reduced compared to the same period last year, this trend also continues for those who are 'not known'. This is a positive move given that it is also a larger cohort compared to August 2020 and that staff have been unable to outreach until recently due to government restrictions.

### NEETS annual comparison (broken down by their availability to the labour market)

Available	August 2021	August 2020
Working (not for reward)	1	2
Not yet ready for work/learning	24	24
Start date agreed	11	6
Seeking employment, education, or training	128	163
Not actively seeking	20	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>210</b>

Not Available	August 2021	August 2020
Pregnancy	0	2
Teenage Parent	26	33
Illness	11	13
Unlikely to be economically active	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>49</b>

Overall, less young people are NEET with almost double the number waiting to start provision than at this point last year. As is always the case, the vast majority are seeking employment in terms of 'employment, education or training' with an increase in young people who are 'able' to work but not 'actively' seeking. There is a reduction in the number of teen parents and pregnancy compared to the same period last year.

### NEETS BY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Neighbourhood	August 2021	August 2020
Central	97	92
Fiveways	79	120
Immingham	12	10
Wolds	14	12
Meridian	22	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>259</b>

Fiveways and Central neighbourhood continue to be the largest contributor to the NEET register although worth noting that Fiveways have seen a large reduction.

Leavers to the NEET register	August 2021	August 2020
Traineeship	2	6
Employment	10	2
P/T employment	2	2
P/T education	1	0
Re-engagement activity	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>

Of the 10 young people leaving the NEET register in August 2020, 6 were from Central, 2 Fiveways, 1 Immingham and 1 Meridian. In August 2021, 14 were from Fiveways, 3 Central, 1 Immingham, 1 Wolds and 1 Meridian.

### HUMBER COMPARISON

Area	Aug 2021 (NEET)	Aug 2020 (NEET)
<b>North East Lincolnshire</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
North Lincolnshire	3.0%	2.6%
Kingston upon Hull	5.5%	6.2%
East Riding of Yorkshire	2.6%	3.0%

Area	Aug 2021 (Not Known)	Aug 2020 (Not Known)
<b>North East Lincolnshire</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
North Lincolnshire	3.8%	3.0%
Kingston upon Hull	0.8%	0.5%
East Riding of Yorkshire	1.1%	1.9%

The number of young people who are NEET in NEL is the highest compared to our Yorkshire & Humber neighbours, however, of note, is our lower not known figure (young people's whose situation is not known). Robust tracking and support, means we are in touch with our full cohort, therefore there are no hidden NEETs sitting within a 'not known' category.

### ANY SPECIFIC GROUPS OF CONCERN

#### **Child Criminal Exploitation**

Young people who are involved in CCE (mainly county lines). 42 young people were involved with the GRAFT

project in August 2021, of which **15** were NEET, broken down as follows:

#### **NEET AVAILABLE**

Seeking employment only	2
Seeking sub level 2 training provision	4
Start date agreed	2
Not yet ready for work or learning	5
Not actively seeking	1

**Total 14**

#### **NOT AVAILABLE**

Teenage parent	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

#### **Children Looked After/Care Leavers**

There were 55 children looked after and 56 care leavers across years 12 and 13 in August 2021, of which **30** were NEET, broken down as follows:

#### **NEET AVAILABLE**

Seeking employment only	4
Requiring sub level 2 training	7
Requiring level 2 training	2
Not ready for work/learning	6
Moved out of area (NEET)	2
Not actively seeking	2

**Total 23**

#### **NOT AVAILABLE**

Teenage parent	4
Illness	3

**Total 7**

Both cohorts of children who are currently/previously looked after and those involved in child criminal exploitation can be a difficult cohort to engage, often with multi-faceted issues that prevent them from participating positively. A particular issue is where young people are being exploited for financial gain their earnings are likely to be significantly higher than they would receive through any training provision.

#### **UNDERLYING REASON FOR BECOMING NEET**

Multiple barriers, confidence, housing, mental health issues, substance use and difficult family circumstances are just some of the increasingly predominant issues that young people face meaning these issues often need addressing first.

Grimsby Institute is the largest contributor of joiners to the NEET cohort which is to be expected given its size and number of students. Common reasons for withdrawals are the size of the campus and the course not being as expected.