

14-24 Skills Strategy
Bold Steps Priority 4: Baseline Information
(Updated October 2012)

1) There will be full participation in education and work based training for all 16-18 year olds following year on year reductions in NEET figures

1.1 16-18 year old NEET figures as at November:

November 2009	November 2010	November 2011	November 2012
2,292	2,372	3,108	DNA
5%	5%	6.5%	DNA

Source: CCIS – Connexions (2012 Data Not Available at present)

2) The employability skills of 19 year olds will have improved, so that level 2 attainment at age 19 is above the national average.

2.1 Level 2 attainment at age 19, National vs Kent:

	08/09 academic year	09/10 academic year	10/11 academic year*	11/12 academic year
National		76.5%	79.2%	DNA
Kent	76.2%	78.3%	79.4%	DNA

Source: EPAS Prior qualifications summary (11/12 Data Not Available at present)

3) Fewer young people will achieve no improvement in qualifications between the ages of 16 and 19, so that this number is less than 5%

3.1 Learners achieving no further qualifications by age 19, National vs Kent:

	09/10 academic year	10/11 academic year*	11/12 academic year
National	15.9%	12.9%	DNA
Kent	15.8%	13.6%	DNA

Source: EPAS Prior qualifications summary (11/12 Data Not Available at present)

4) The achievement gap will reduce by 10%

4.1 Gap in achievement of level 3 by age 19 (Free School meals) National vs Kent

	08/09 academic year	09/10 academic year	10/11 academic year*	11/12 academic year
National		24%	25%	DNA
Kent	31%	33%	32%	DNA

Source: EPAS Prior qualifications summary *Subject to validation of cohort size by MIU (11/12 Data Not Available at present)

5) The number of level 2, 3 and 4 apprenticeships offered in Kent key sectors will increase by 10%

5.1 Top 10 Apprenticeship Framework starts in Kent (All levels) 2010/11

Framework	Starts
Construction	246
Business Admin	211
Hairdressing	204
Active Leisure and Learning	177
Child Care	112
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	111
Customer Service	106
Engineering	104
IT	100
Hospitality and catering	94

6) The uptake of apprenticeships and level 2 and 3 vocational training in skills shortage areas will increase by 10%

6.1 Apprenticeship starts at intermediate, advanced and higher levels in Kent 2010/2011:

	16-18	19-24	25+
L2	1,773	1,957	2,056
L3	564	1,003	1,353
L4	2	16	0

Source: YPLA Provider Gateway; 4th quarter apprenticeship analysis (complete data due in November for 11/12)

6.2 Early indications from the National Apprenticeship Service show's an increase in performance in Kent across level 2,3 & 4:

	16-18	19-24	25+
No. of apprenticeships across Kent	Up 16%	Up 13%	Up 39%

7) The Kent Success scheme will continue with at least 88 apprentices taken on each year, totalling 350 successful apprentices delivered by KKC by 2015.

7.1 As at January 2012, **86** apprentices have supernumery posts and **9** have appointed posts.

8) There will be a significant impact on unemployment among 18-24 year olds so that current levels reduce by 4,000 to below 2008 levels.

8.1 18-24 year old unemployment in Kent measured by claimant count.

November 2008	November 2009	November 2010	November 2011	August 2012
4.5%	7.5%	6.0%	7.4%	6.9%
5,350	8,735	7,155	8,990	8,315

Source: KCC MI Unit; monthly unemployment data digest via kent.gov.uk website

9) Assisted employment opportunities for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities will increase by 10% - TBA

10) All LLDD learners aged 16-19 will be able to participate in education and training, with year on year increases in vulnerable learners supported into work based learning

10.1 As at August 2012, offers made to Year 11 pupils with statements (632). Subject to full verification of actual participation by Connexions.

Pupils staying at school:	295
Pupils offered place at other provider:	283
Employment:	2
Currently unknown:	8
Known to be NEET:	17
Other:	27

Source: 14-19 innovation Unit 139a analysis - JE

10.2 As at January 2012, there are **62** young people were employed on the vulnerable learners apprenticeship project

11) All looked after children and care leavers will be in education and training, with assisted employment opportunities for those that need them.

- 11.1 The percentage of former care leavers aged 19 who were looked after on 1 April in their 17th year, who were in education, employment or training.

	08/09 academic year	09/10 academic year
Kent	62.4%	69.7%
National	63%	62.1%
Statistical Neighbours	57.4%	60.8%

Source: Kent Trust Web N.I. 148

- 12) Through Skills Plus the number of adults with basic employability skills will have improved year on year and participation in basic skills will have increased by 20%.**

- 12.1 Percentage of resident population 18-64 with no qualifications, in Kent (calendar year)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Kent	12.6% (109,900)	11.7% (102,400)	11.7% (102,400)	10.5% (92,300)
South East	9.7%	9.2%	8.5%	7.9%
National	13.5%	12.3%	11.3%	10.6%

Source: NOMIS Qualifications as a proportion of resident population

- 13) Participation in higher education and higher level apprenticeships will mean that the % of 19+ engaged in continuing education and training will increase to above 60%.**

- 13.1 Percentage of resident population aged 18-64 with an NVQ level 4 or equivalent or higher in Kent (calendar year)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Kent	25.1% (218,400)	28.6% (250,100)	30% (263,600)	31.6% (279,100)
South East	31.0%	32.6%	33.9%	36.2%
National	28.6%	29.9%	31.3%	32.9%

Source: NOMIS Qualifications as a proportion of resident population

- 14) At least 50% of schools will have provided one or more apprenticeships which have been taken up successfully by the young people**

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