

14-24 Learning, Employment and Skills Strategy: Revised Targets and Performance Measures

1. Key Stage 4 attainment will be amongst the best for our statistical neighbours and improve to at least 70% of pupils attaining 5 good GCSEs including English and mathematics.
2. There will be a significant impact on unemployment among 18-24 year olds so that current levels reduce by 4000 to below 2008 levels.
3. The number of assisted employment opportunities for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities will increase by 10%.
4. Each district in Kent will have effective partnership working for 14-19 year olds, involving KCC, schools, colleges, work based learning providers, employers and other agencies.
5. Attainment in English and mathematics will improve so that at least 50% of 16 year olds that do not attain Level 2 will achieve the qualification by age 17.
6. The number of young people, especially those from low income backgrounds, aged 16 with skills below level 2, to achieve a level 2 qualification and progress to level 3 by age 18 will increase by 20%.
7. The number of 16-19 year olds who follow courses and do not raise their level of qualification will decrease to below 5%.
8. Advanced Level performance in Kent will be above the national average on all measures.
9. There will be improved participation, provision and outcomes for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities and all young people with learning difficulties and disabilities aged 16-19 in Special Schools will have access to appropriate provision.
10. All young people aged 16-19 will be tracked by the LA working in partnership with schools and colleges so that their participation can be monitored, as required by statutory duty.
11. Youth Employment and Learning Zones in Thanet, Swale, Shepway, Gravesham, and Dover will reduce unemployment for 16 to 24 to below the national average.
12. There will be full participation in education and work based training for all 16-18 year olds following year on year reductions in the NEET figures to no more than 1%.
13. The employability skills of 19 year olds will have improved, especially in English and mathematics, so that level 2 attainment at age 19 is well above the national average.
14. The outcomes for 19 year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds will be above the national average and the achievement gap between this group and other students will have reduced by 10% from the 2012 baseline.

15. We will have established a successful pre-apprenticeship and level 1 programme for 17 year olds who are unable to achieve a level 2 apprenticeship.
16. The uptake of Level 2 and 3 vocational training in skills shortage areas will increase by 10%.
17. The KCC Apprenticeship scheme will continue with at least 88 apprentices taken on each year, totalling 400 successful apprenticeships delivered by KCC by 2016.
18. At least 50% of schools will have provided one or more apprenticeships which have been taken up successfully by young people.