

Supporting Care Experienced Young People into Education, Employment and Training

Corporate Parenting Panel

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Transition from School

DurhamWorks Programme for Schools

- Individual careers guidance.
- Access to groupwork focusing on preparation for leaving school.
- Attendance at PEP reviews.
- Intensive mentoring to support progression into post 16 education, employment and training.
- Support to ensure progression is maintained.
- 157 Children Looked After supported since September 2020.
- New Workplaces Project to commence during 2022-23 academic year.

DurhamWorks Programmes

- DurhamWorks, DurhamWorks 3 and DurhamWorks Futures.
- Focus on vulnerable young people – including Care Experienced young people.
- 1:1 support from an Adviser/Employment Coach.
- Opportunity to undertake activities to motivate and prepare for employment.
- English and maths qualifications.
- A DurhamWorks Grant is available for small/medium employers offering employment opportunities to young people (DurhamWorks 3).
- 104 Care Experienced young people supported by DurhamWorks, DurhamWorks 3 and DurhamWorks Futures.

Sessional Employment Programme

- Opportunity of paid work experience for Care Experienced young people with Durham County Council.
- A Sessional Employment Co-ordinator (0.5 FTE) is delivering the programme.
- Work placements are paid at the rate of the Durham Living Wage.
- Since October 2021:
 - 10 Care Experienced young people have accessed placements.
 - 4 Care Experienced young people are engaged and awaiting a placement.
 - 16 Care Experienced young people were registered with the Sessional Employment Programme and started the process but have subsequently withdrawn before starting a placement.

Pupil Premium Plus Pilot Scheme

- Pupil Premium Plus Pilot Scheme to support Care Experienced young people attending a Further Education college.
- To support sustained participation in learning by providing Pupil Premium Plus funding.
- Provide a 'Keep In College' weekly cash incentive of £20 per week to Care Experienced young people who have over 80% authorised attendance.
- The initial scheme ended in May 2022 and supported 52 Care Experienced young people, attending 14 different Further Education colleges.
- Positive feedback from Care Experienced young people and carers.
- Further Pupil Premium Plus funding for the 2022-23 academic year, with an initial cohort of 76 Care Experienced young people attending 14 different Further Education colleges.

Performance Data: 17-18 & 19-21 Year Olds

	County Durham		North East		England	
	CE 17-18	CE 19-21	CE 17-18	CE 19-21	CE 17-18	CE 19-21
Total Cohort	84	218	590	1,480	12,350	33,590
Participating in EET	67% (56)	61% (134)	67% (400)	52% (780)	66% (8,210)	55% (18,610)
NEET	26% (22)	29% (64)	27% (160)	41% (600)	28% (3,400)	38% (12,650)
Information Not Known	7% (6)	9% (20)	6% (40)	7% (100)	6% (740)	7% (2,320)

Department for Education: Children Looked After in England (including Adoption), year ending 31st March 2022.