Supporting Care Leavers into Education, Employment or Training

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DurhamWorks Programmes

Progression Support from School

DurhamWorks Programme for Schools

- Careers guidance, groupwork focused on transition support & work-related learning, mentoring support, PEP reviews.
- 217 CLA supported, of which 134 progressed into EET.

➤Workplaces Project

- Opportunities for Year 10 & 12 CLA to gain an insight into the world of work through visits to employer premises.
- 441 young people engaged since June 2023, including 12 CLA.

Re-engagement Support

DurhamWorks, DurhamWorks3 & DurhamWorks Futures

- 1:1 progression support, English and maths qualifications, activities to motivate and prepare for employment, employer grant (DurhamWorks3), ILMs (DurhamWorks Futures).
- 115 CL supported, of which 59 progressed into EET.

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Progression Support & Re-engagement Support

➢Jan 2024 - March 2025 main sources of funding to support young people will be DCC core budget / UKSPF.

CLA/CL will access DurhamWorks Programme for Schools, DurhamWorks re-engagement programme, DurhamWorks Futures, DurhamWorks UKSPF delivery.

Sessional Employment Programme

Sessional Employment Programme offers CL paid work experience placements within DCC.

Since October 2021, 26 CL have accessed placements.

Apprenticeships

➤Activity undertaken included identifying more ringfenced apprenticeship posts & preparing CL to apply for vacancies through tailored support from DurhamWorks.

➤7 CL are undertaking an apprenticeship with DCC.

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Pupil Premium Plus Post-16 Programme

DCC has used funding from the scheme to appoint a dedicated adviser to support CLs enrolled in FE, plus introduced a 'Keep In College' weekly incentive of £20 for CLs with over 80% authorised attendance.

➢ 81 CLs supported during 2022-23 academic year & 149 CLs supported during 2023-24 academic year.

Higher Education

➤ 32 CLs studying at universities across the UK.

Regular meetings with CLs at their university, help to apply for student finance, find accommodation, staying put arrangements during holidays etc.

Positive links with NERAP (North-East Raising Aspirations Partnership).

Performance Data: 16-17 Year Olds

	2022/23		2021/22		2019/20	
	16-17 All	16-17 CL	16-17 All	16-17 CL	16-17 All	16-17 CL
Average Cohort Size	11,239	170	11,172	138	10,245	152
Total EET	94.7%	83.1%	94.4%	75.2%	95.2%	82.9%
NEET	4.8%	16.9%	4.9%	24.6%	4.0%	16.7%
Not Known	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.9%	0.4%
Combined NEET and Not Known	5.3%	16.9%	5.6%	24.8%	4.9%	17.1%

Department for Education: Local Authority CCIS (December to February average). This data is collected and reported to the Department for Education by the Progression and Learning Service.

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

	County Durham		North-East		England	
	CL	CL	CL	CL	CL	CL
	17-18	19-21	17-18	19-21	17-18	19-21
Total Cohort	104	228	680	1,540	13,400	34,650
Participating in EET	65%	56%	63%	52%	66%	56%
	(68)	(21)	(430)	(810)	(8,790)	(19,380)
NEET	24%	29%	32%	40%	28%	38%
	(25)	(66)	(220)	(620)	(3,800)	(13,060)
Information Not	11%	15%	5%	8%	6%	6%
Known	(11)	(35)	(30)	(120)	(66)	(2,210)

Department for Education: Children Looked After in England (including Adoption), year ending 31st March 2023. This data is collected and reported to the Department for Education by the Children's Social Care Service.