

Education and Young People's Services

Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

Monthly Report - October 2016

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The figures are based on the monthly submission made to DfE via NCCIS for Kent County Council . Academic age is the age of the young person on 31st August (i.e.: prior to the start of the academic year). The figures include Y12 & Y13 (academic age 16 & 17) with a Kent County Council area postcode as their primary address.



Headlines

NEETs as a percentage of the Year 12 & Year 13 (16-17 academic age group)

The NEET percentage includes an adjustment factor which assumes that 8% of currency expired not knowns are assumed to be NEET.

	Total	Y12	Y13		Total	Y12	Y13
Aug-15				Aug-16			
Sep-15				Sep-16	5.51%	2.01%	8.36%
Oct-15				Oct-16	2.45%	1.10%	3.81%

Not Knowns as a percentage of the Year 12 & Year 13 (16-17 academic age group)

	Total	Y12	Y13		Total	Y12	Y13
Aug-15				Aug-16			
Sep-15				Sep-16	53.85%	56.28%	51.54%
Oct-15				Oct-16	11.97%	9.97%	13.88%

Participation as a percentage of the Year 12 & Year 13 (16-17 academic age group)

	Total	Y12	Y13		Total	Y12	Y13
Aug-15				Aug-16			
Sep-15				Sep-16	42.94%	42.64%	43.25%
Oct-15				Oct-16	84.31%	88.60%	80.10%

NB: the reportable cohort changed 1/9/2016 therefore comparable data is not available prior to this date.

Headlines

In October the expectation is that the recorded levels of participation in Education, Employment & Training amongst 16 & 17 year olds in Years 12 & 13 will be at their highest given:

(i) it is the second month of the academic year and young people have just started on training programmes and College courses

(ii) the data is accurate as to participants as the details of those on courses at both Schools and Colleges have been entered on to the monitoring system

The data highlights that the participation levels, where the status of the young person is known:

(i) average for the aggregated Years 12 & 13 populations just below 85.0%

(ii) the known NEETs are recorded as 2.5%, one and a half percentage points above the 1.0% target

The percentage of young people with a "not known" status (11.97%) has, as anticipated, reduced significantly since September (53.85%) due to the receipt and entry of the data from both the Schools and Colleges in the county.

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Table 1						Not knowns									
	Total Cohort Y12 & Y13	No. NEET Y12 & Y13	% NEET Y12 & Y13	NEET Target Y12 & Y13 Jan 2017	Diff from target	No. NEET Y12	% NEET Y12	No. NEET Y13	% NEET Y13	No. Y12	% Y12	No. Y13	% Y13	Total	% of cohort
Kent	33,919	732	2.45%	1.00%	-1.45%	164	1.10%	568	3.81%	1653	9.97%	2407	13.88%	4060	11.97%
Ashford	3,054	63	2.40%	0.84%	-1.56%	19	1.44%	44	3.37%	148	10.05%	213	13.47%	361	11.82%
Canterbury	3,085	72	2.62%	0.82%	-1.80%	13	0.97%	59	4.21%	114	7.80%	198	12.20%	312	10.11%
Dartford	2,328	40	2.07%	1.02%	-1.05%	6	0.63%	34	3.44%	195	16.96%	189	16.04%	384	16.49%
Dover	2,473	46	2.06%	1.12%	-0.94%	9	0.81%	37	3.31%	110	9.04%	164	13.06%	274	11.08%
Gravesham	2,523	62	2.76%	1.01%	-1.75%	13	1.15%	49	4.40%	107	8.59%	149	11.67%	256	10.15%
Maidstone	3,624	86	2.70%	1.00%	-1.70%	15	0.90%	71	4.70%	130	7.19%	298	16.41%	428	11.81%
Sevenoaks	2,331	22	1.08%	0.66%	-0.42%	8	0.84%	14	1.29%	137	12.62%	186	14.94%	323	13.86%
Shepway	2,441	46	2.15%	1.21%	-0.94%	16	1.57%	30	2.68%	171	14.36%	124	9.92%	295	12.09%
Swale	3,413	101	3.35%	1.22%	-2.13%	29	1.87%	72	4.89%	151	8.87%	230	13.44%	381	11.16%
Thanet	3,314	91	3.13%	1.40%	-1.73%	17	1.14%	74	5.22%	169	10.19%	247	14.92%	416	12.55%
Tonbridge & Malling	2,826	50	2.00%	0.67%	-1.33%	6	0.47%	44	3.55%	113	8.20%	227	15.68%	340	12.03%
Tunbridge Wells	2,507	51	2.32%	0.66%	-1.66%	13	1.18%	38	3.43%	108	8.92%	182	14.04%	290	11.57%

This Table shows that the District Participation meetings, the multi-agency groupings responsible for the co-ordination and delivery of the NEET Strategy, should be in a position, in the majority of the Districts, to work with providers of EET to offer the number of known NEETs an opportunity to engage in opportunities relevant to their interests and skills. The Table does indicate that in numerical terms the greatest challenges are faced by the Swale, Thanet, Maidstone and Canterbury Districts.

Table 2													
Y12 & Y13 NEET % Trends	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17
Kent	5.51	2.45											
Ashford	4.30	2.40											
Canterbury	4.72	2.62											
Dartford	4.52	2.07											
Dover	5.03	2.06											
Gravesham	8.12	2.76											
Maidstone	5.32	2.70											
Sevenoaks	3.01	1.08											
Shepway	5.85	2.15											
Swale	8.57	3.35											
Thanet	7.46	3.13											
Tonbridge & Malling	4.93	2.00											
Tunbridge Wells	4.08	2.32											

This Table shows that across each of the Districts the levels of participation amongst young people in Years 12 & 13 is known to be much higher than was recorded in September.

The challenge for both those services supporting the young people and those providing the EET opportunities is to effectively co-ordinate their approaches so enabling the current high level of participation to be sustained.

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	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17
Kent	53.85	11.97											
Ashford	47.84	11.82											
Canterbury	40.50	10.11											
Dartford	55.82	16.49											
Dover	54.31	11.08											
Gravesham	62.00	10.15											
Maidstone	5.32	2.70											
Sevenoaks	58.43	13.86											
Shepway	59.09	12.09											
Swale	54.66	11.16											
Thanet	61.07	12.55											
Tonbridge & Malling	59.32	12.03											
Tunbridge Wells	53.61	11.57											

This Table shows the reduction in the percentage of young people in each of the Districts whose status is not known. The majority of the Districts are close to the 12% mean for the county.

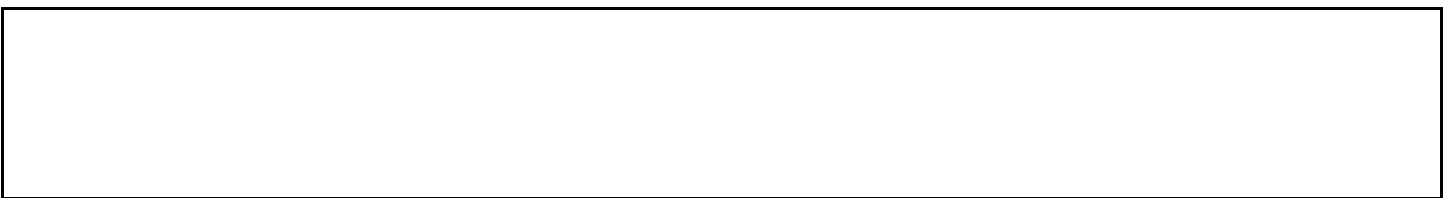
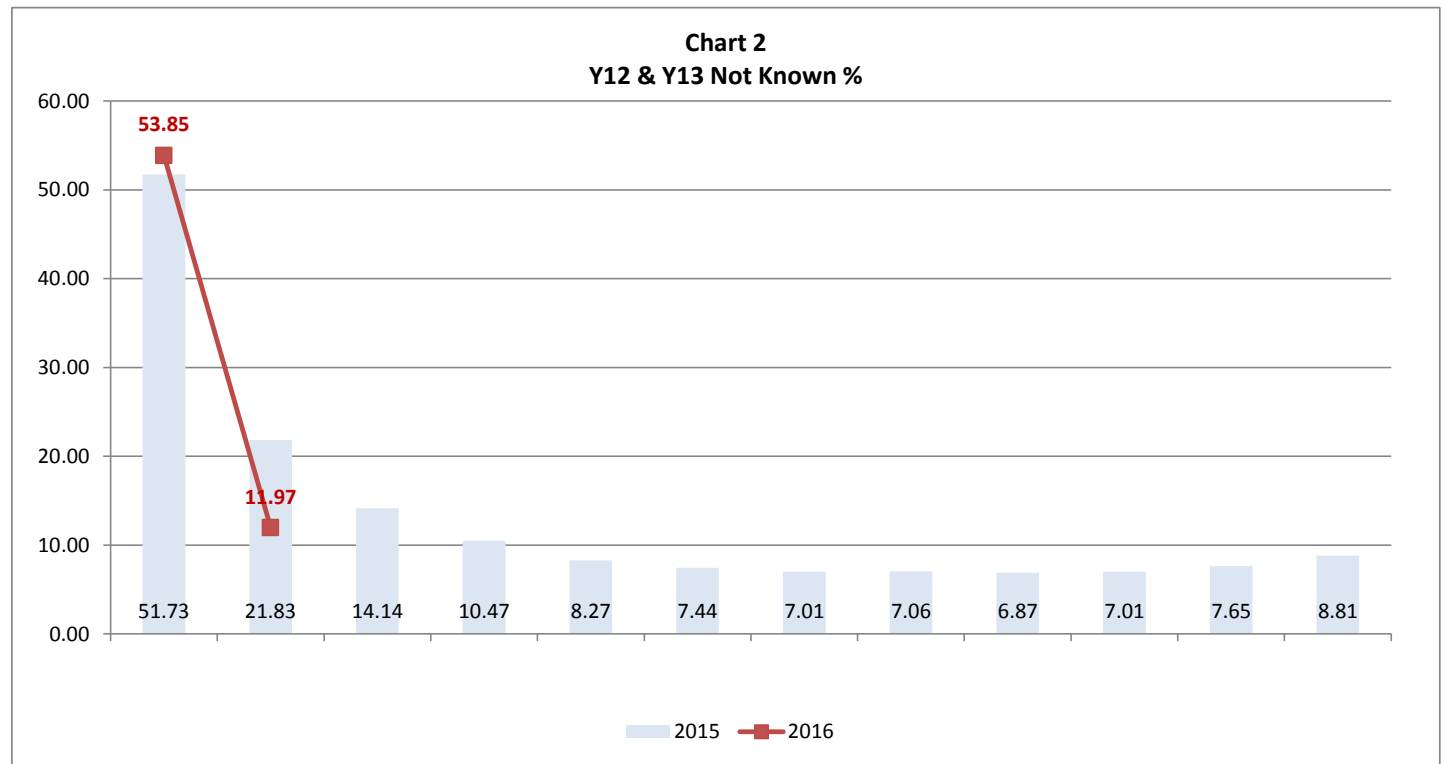
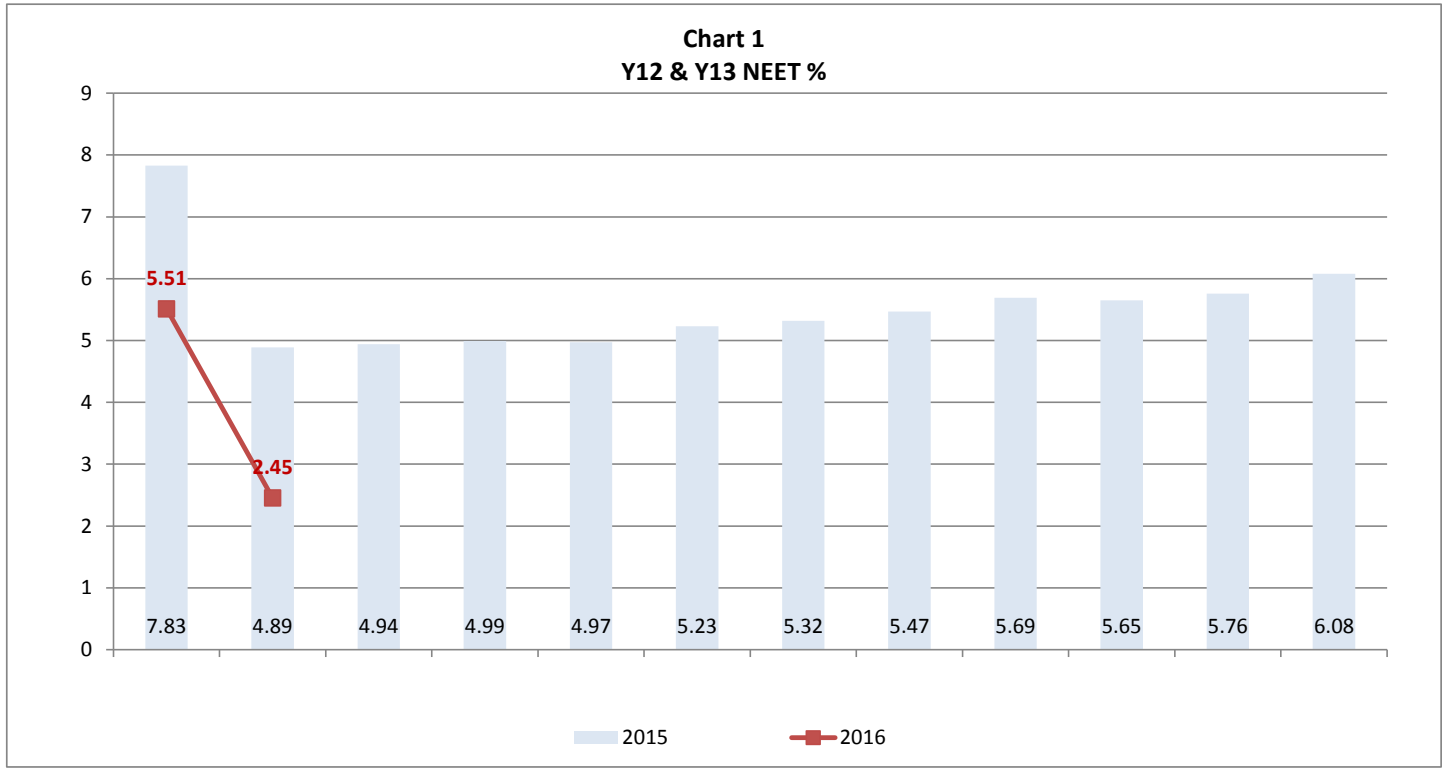
However the performance in Maidstone (2.7%) is significantly stronger than in any of the other 11 Districts. Research will be undertaken to identify the reasons for this outcome being achieved so that the learning can be shared with the rest of the county.

	NEETs based on length of time in NEET (Y12-Y13)					Equivalent - October 2015 (16-18)					Progress RPA - Participating	
	0-6 weeks	7-13 weeks	14-26 weeks	27-52 weeks	52+ weeks	0-6 weeks	7-13 weeks	14-26 weeks	27-52 weeks	52+ weeks	% Age 16	% Age 17
Kent	50	114	249	139	160	115	198	604	414	662	88.60%	80.10%
Ashford	7	12	23	10	10	13	14	41	31	32	88.30%	79.10%
Canterbury	2	7	25	14	22	4	14	71	43	76	91.20%	82.10%
Dartford	3	7	15	5	9	10	7	40	22	36	82.10%	78.40%
Dover	1	5	18	13	7	9	10	27	29	55	89.50%	82.10%
Gravesham	2	6	24	14	15	15	37	62	29	59	90.00%	81.80%
Maidstone	7	16	28	13	21	13	14	67	38	61	91.20%	76.20%
Sevenoaks	1	6	5	3	5	5	18	31	23	35	86.50%	81.50%
Shepway	2	6	19	9	9	10	29	22	37	46	83.90%	85.10%
Swale	7	15	33	21	24	17	23	85	42	76	88.90%	79.50%
Thanet	11	23	25	17	13	6	12	52	57	82	88.30%	78.56%
Tonbridge & Malling	3	8	17	6	14	7	8	49	26	62	91.10%	78.70%
Tunbridge Wells	4	3	17	14	11	6	12	57	37	42	89.50%	81.10%

This Table shows that in nearly all of the Districts the greatest number of young people who are NEET have been so for between 14 – 26 weeks.

This finding emphasises the importance of early engagement when a young person is thought to be at risk of becoming NEET or actually becomes NEET to prevent their drift into longer term disengagement.

The new NEET Support Service will be engaging young people who have been NEET for 12 weeks plus. Their analysis of the barriers to the participation in EET by those in this population will inform the planning of provision by each of the District Participation meetings to ensure there is an opportunity available for them to return to.



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Table 5													
Y12 & Y13 cohort by Vulnerable Group	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16
Children in Care (CIC)	712	1128	1150	991	1048	1073	1064	1067	1078	1062	1050	1022	777
subset CIC resp. not known	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
subset CIC KCC responsibility	440	858	881	782	840	865	860	866	860	844	832	648	409
subset CIC OOC responsibility	268	265	264	209	208	208	203	201	199	198	198	198	75
Caring for own child	188	214	239	260	276	287	300	314	336	346	358	169	78
Asylum seeker	47	433	452	456	492	523	526	536	551	552	547	562	326
Carer not own child	66	70	73	74	77	78	80	83	87	90	92	56	21
Substance Misuse	59	62	61	61	62	63	64	63	63	63	66	40	17
Care Leaver (CL)	17	18	18	185	187	190	192	207	208	216	228	342	19
subset CL resp. not known	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
subset CL KCC responsibility	10	11	11	173	175	178	180	194	194	193	193	193	3
subset CL OOC responsibility	6	6	6	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	1
Supervised by YOT	239	108	130	132	176	180	178	180	183	138	119	163	129
Pregnancy	141	139	148	153	167	177	190	199	208	209	217	124	53
Parent not caring for own child	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	1
SEND (16-18 year olds)	2232	2224	2224	2220	2209	2208	2231	2230	2230	2228	2242	2224	2221
SEND (19+ year olds)	595	541	512	467	413	375	341	323	245	203	157	924	929
Total 16-18 cohort with at least one vulnerable group	3275	3608	3675	3737	3846	3900	3941	3982	4020	3998	4021	3785	3801

Tables 5,6 and 7

A young person may be included in more than one vulnerable group.

These Tables show that for young people in Years 12 & 13 the focus, due to their numbers, needs to be on those who are:

- (i) (Kent) Children in Care (35)
- (ii) being supervised within the youth justice system(39)
- (iii) either pregnant (38) or are already young parents (51)
- (iv) the subject of an Education Health Care Plan and have Special Education Needs (144)

The services responsible for these groups of young people are members of the District Participation meetings and so there will be clear strategies for reducing the numbers known to be NEET.

The numbers (Table 7 & Charts 3, 4 & 5) in these vulnerable groups with a "not known" status are, in each case, significantly lower than they were in October 2015.

Table 6													
Y12 & Y13 NEET by Vulnerable Group	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16
Children in Care (CIC)	113	117	131	102	104	112	103	105	107	107	111	75	47
subset CIC resp. not known	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
subset CIC KCC responsibility	92	98	106	84	84	91	83	86	84	75	75	52	35
subset CIC OOC responsibility	18	16	22	18	20	21	20	19	19	19	19	19	4
Caring for own child	131	154	180	196	211	220	230	243	256	265	275	130	51
Asylum seeker	7	3	4	2	4	6	4	3	4	5	4	4	0
Carer not own child	14	19	22	25	29	31	31	34	36	39	42	22	8
Substance Misuse	12	15	14	11	13	14	17	15	16	16	20	10	9
Care Leaver (CL)	8	9	8	43	46	48	59	65	65	71	73	63	1
subset CL resp. not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
subset CL KCC responsibility	5	6	5	39	41	43	50	60	60	59	59	59	0
subset CL OOC responsibility	3	3	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1
Supervised by YOT	82	38	47	50	65	73	72	70	69	55	51	54	39
Pregnancy	91	94	107	114	122	132	142	147	156	159	164	99	38
Parent not caring for own child	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	0
SEND (16-18 year olds)	163	186	206	244	261	265	264	272	282	288	296	162	144
SEND (19+ year olds)	84	79	74	65	49	43	37	27	20	14	5	124	118
Total 16-18 NEET with at least one vulnerable group	519	550	617	682	745	783	800	827	853	870	904	522	494
see above													

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Table 7													
Y12 & Y13 Not Knowns by Vulnerable Group	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16
Children in Care (CIC)	299	209	171	33	22	21	16	25	32	38	50	481	94
subset CIC KCC responsibility	176	121	97	18	11	10	8	13	19	11	5	5	3
subset CIC OOC responsibility	123	88	74	15	11	11	8	12	5	11	11	11	2
Caring for own child	36	28	23	20	22	21	20	21	21	22	25	22	6
Asylum seeker	7	19	9	7	6	8	8	12	8	11	30	92	24
Carer not own child	19	16	13	11	8	8	8	9	11	10	11	18	2
Substance Misuse	18	15	12	10	7	7	7	7	6	8	10	20	4
Care Leaver (CL)	4	5	5	42	31	31	21	24	26	32	47	113	6
subset CL resp. not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
subset CL KCC responsibility	3	3	3	37	27	27	17	19	19	19	19	19	0
subset CL OOC responsibility	1	2	2	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	0
Supervised by YOT	90	34	30	11	11	12	10	12	16	16	13	53	17
Pregnancy	33	27	21	17	18	17	19	19	17	16	17	17	9
Parent not caring for own child	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	0
SEND (16-18 year olds)	642	429	337	167	118	116	126	129	134	187	222	1397	447
SEND (19+ year olds)	349	292	262	236	197	172	160	123	67	41	14	699	436
Total 16-18 not known with at least one vulnerable group	976	657	522	283	221	217	211	225	236	299	361	1931	730

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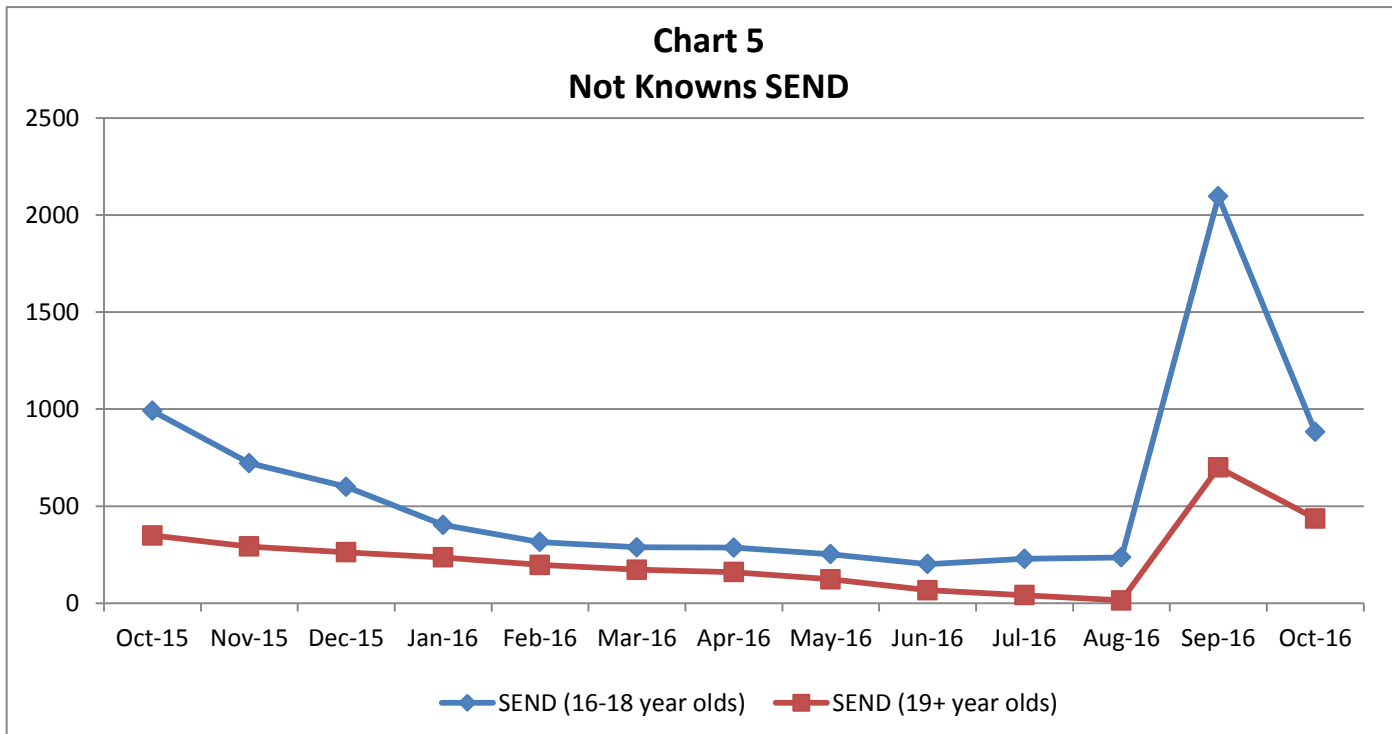
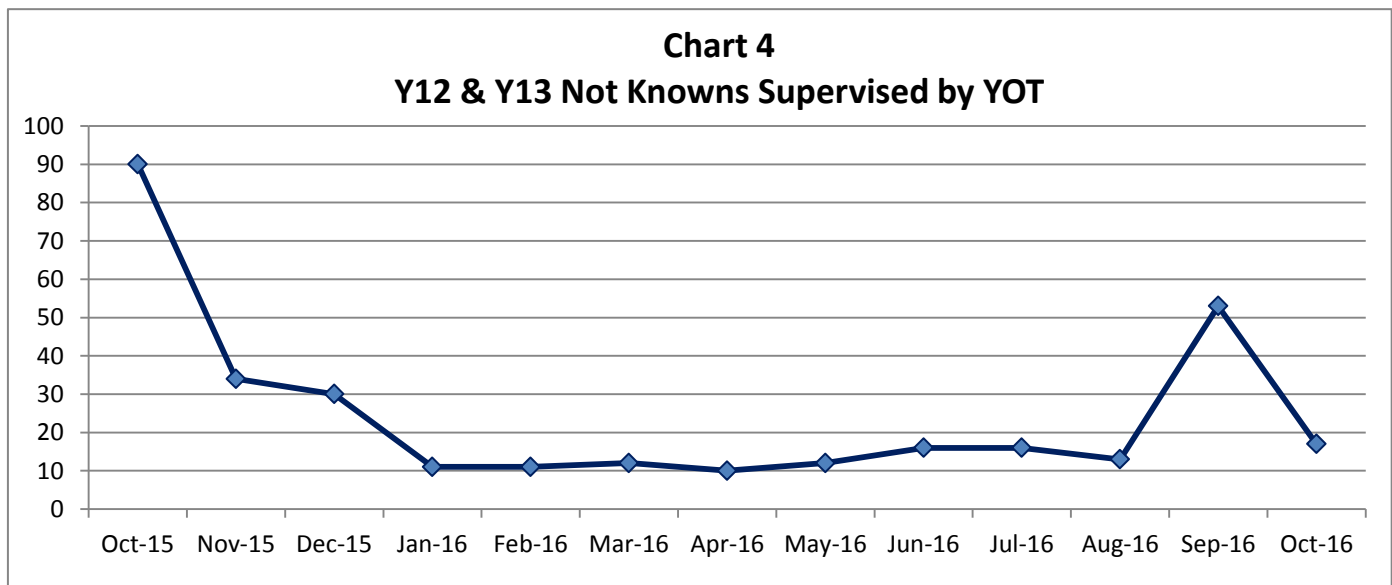
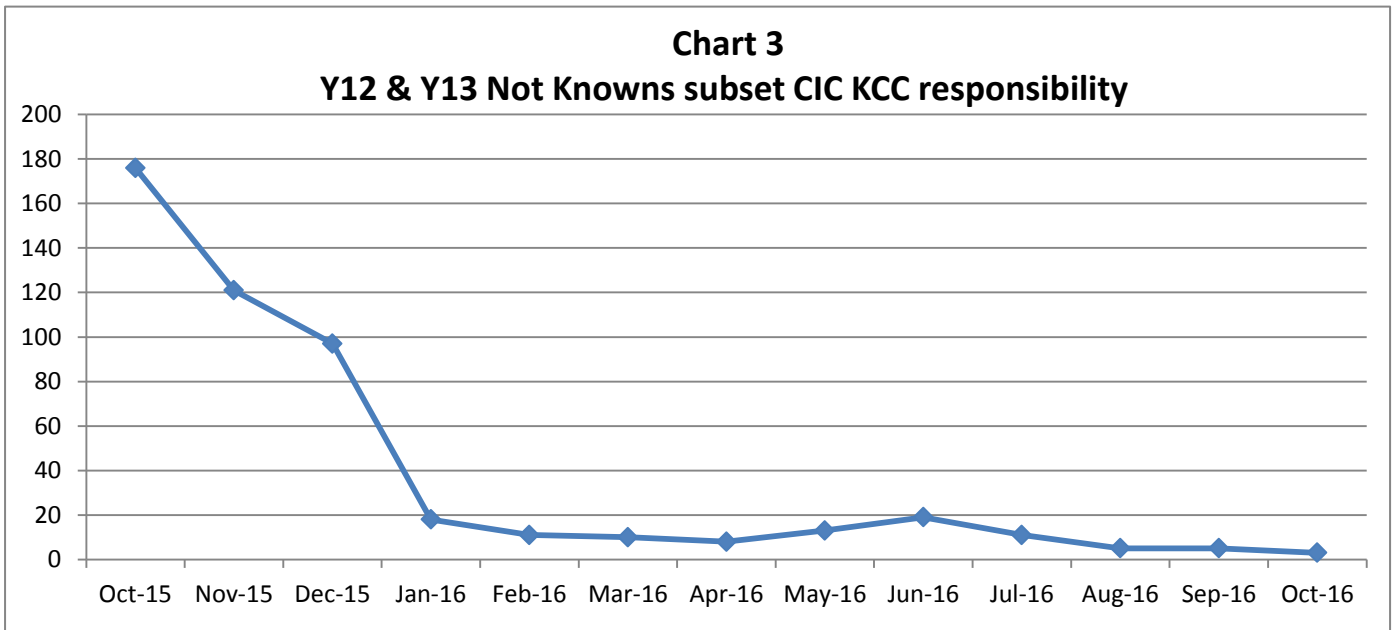
Table 8	2016		
	Y12	Y13	Y12 & 13 Total
Y12 & Y13 NEET Leavers & Joiners			
Leaving NEET Total	51	208	259
Education	35	136	171
Employment	3	46	49
Government supported training	13	19	32
Re-engagement Provision	0	1	1
Transfer to another LA	0	4	4
Age reached where no active record required	0	0	0
Left England so no longer active record	0	1	1
Found to be a duplicate record	0	0	0
Deceased	0	0	0
Custodial Sentence	0	0	0
Cannot Be Contacted	0	1	1
Refused to disclose activity	0	0	0
Unknown Activity	0	0	0
Other Reason	0	0	0
Joining NEET Total	70	71	141
Education	3	3	6
Employment	1	12	13
Training	3	6	9
Re-engagement Provision	0	0	0
From other area	0	0	0
Other (inc custodial sentence)	63	50	113
Difference (minus = Joiners>Leavers)	-19	137	118

	2015		
	Y12	Y13	Y12 & 13 Total
	39	151	190
	21	95	116
	4	33	37
	12	17	29
	0	1	1
	2	2	4
	0	0	0
	0	2	2
	0	0	0
	0	1	1
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	83	76	159
	6	4	10
	2	9	11
	3	1	4
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	72	62	134
	-44	75	31

Table 8 suggests significant improvement in the performance, with respect to the engagement of young people in EET, when compared to the findings for twelve months ago.

259 young people moved from EET to NEET this October whereas in October the total was 190 and this improvement was recorded for those in both Year 12 & Year 13, but most significantly in the latter Year.

The most marked shifts involved young people moving into Education but also in the case of those in Year 13 into employment.



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AS AT September 2016

	NEET		Not known		In learning	
	% Academic Age16-17s NEET	% change over last 12 months	% Academic Age16-17s NK	% change over last 12 months	% Academic Age16-17s in learning	% change over last 12 months
ENGLAND	2.0%	0.3%	29.1%	-8.3%	67.9%	4.1%

Table 9

Name	NEET Ranked Position	Academic Age16-17 (Y12-Y13) NEET %	Y12 NEET%	Y13 NEET%	N/K Ranked Position	Academic Age 16 - 17 (Y12-Y13) NK %	Y12 NK%	Y13 NK%	Academic Age 16 - 17 (Y12-13) In Learning %	Y12 In Learning %	Y13 In Learning %
Kent	9	2.4%	0.9%	3.9%	10	53.9%	56.3%	51.5%	41.6%	42.6%	40.7%
East Sussex	11	2.9%	1.8%	3.9%	2	5.1%	3.0%	7.1%	90.3%	94.6%	86.2%
Essex	10	2.8%	1.5%	3.9%	5	14.0%	9.4%	18.0%	81.1%	88.6%	74.5%
Lancashire	5	2.1%	0.7%	3.5%	7	20.5%	20.2%	20.7%	76.5%	78.9%	74.3%
Northamptonshire	7	2.2%	0.8%	3.6%	11	60.3%	55.9%	64.4%	36.5%	43.1%	30.2%
Nottinghamshire	2	1.2%	0.7%	1.6%	3	7.2%	7.2%	7.3%	91.3%	91.8%	90.9%
Staffordshire	6	2.1%	1.2%	3.0%	4	11.4%	11.6%	11.1%	84.8%	86.3%	83.4%
Swindon	8	2.2%	0.9%	3.4%	1	5.0%	3.8%	6.1%	91.7%	94.9%	88.6%
Warwickshire	3	1.3%	0.6%	2.0%	6	19.0%	6.6%	30.8%	79.1%	92.4%	66.4%
West Sussex	1	0.7%	0.2%	1.2%	9	48.6%	47.7%	49.3%	50.6%	52.1%	49.2%
Worcestershire	4	1.5%	0.8%	2.2%	8	32.1%	41.6%	22.6%	65.3%	57.4%	73.3%
Mean Indicator for Statistical neighbours		1.9%	0.9%	2.8%		22.3%	20.7%	23.7%	74.7%	78.0%	71.7%

Table 9 & Chart 6

This Table shows that the percentage of young people (Years 12 & 13) in the county who were NEET (2.4%) in September was 0.4% of a percentage point above the average for England and was poorer in performance terms than 8 of the county's 10 statistical neighbours. The performance with those in Year 12 is very comparable with the majority of our statistical neighbours. As is the case for other Local Authorities the challenge is for the county to improve the participation rate amongst those young people in Year 13.

Table 9 & Chart 7

The Chart indicates, with respect to the percentage of young people in September with a not known status, that our performance was weaker than both the England average and those of 9 of the county's statistical neighbours. The expectation is that the comparisons for October, when published in November, will be more favourable given the knowledge that the numbers of young people recorded as being without a known status are much lower this year than was the case in 2015.

Chart 6 Statistical Neighbours NEETs August 2016

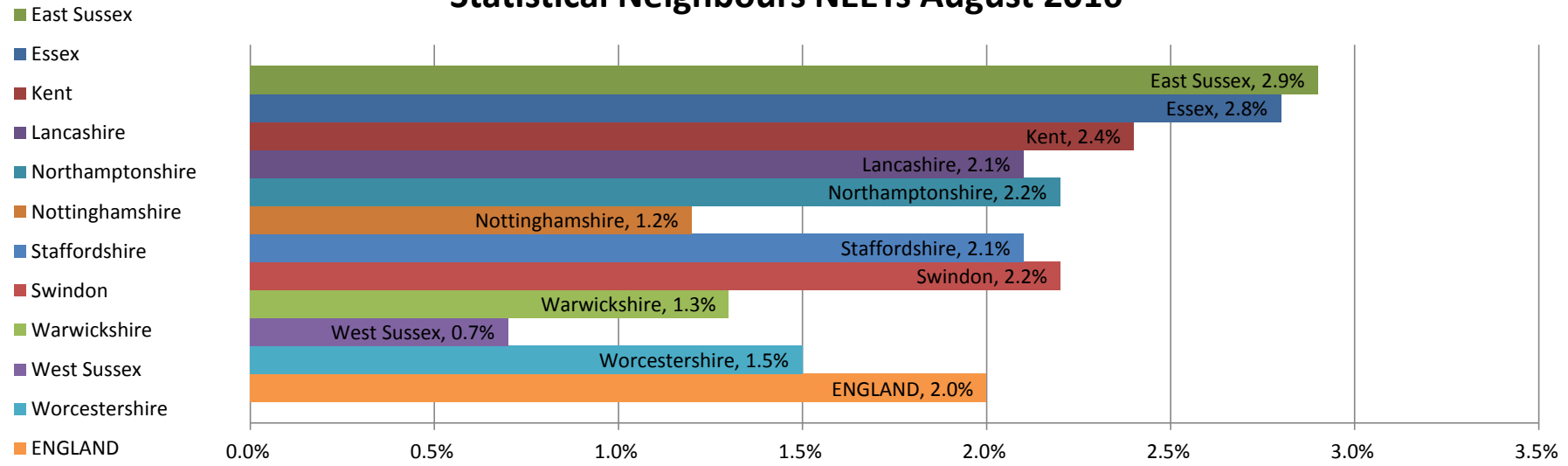


Chart 7 Statistical Neighbours Not Knowns August 2016

