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## April Update

**Welcome to April NEETS News which gives you latest information about supporting our young people who are not in education, employment or training.**

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I hope you all had a great Easter break and managed to get some time away from work.

A big thank you as our NEET numbers continue to fall and this is due to the great work from our schools, providers and our FutureFocus team.

Our engagement activities are continuing to be popular - helping us maintain interest and get our young people out of their homes and working with us. We will be sharing some case in the next few weeks.

**My theme for this month's newsletter is TRANSITION.**

Now is the time we are thinking about our NEET cohort going forward at the end of the academic year.

For those who are currently NEET in year 13 - there are 65 of these young people currently, they will drop out of our statutory duty for reporting but they will not be forgotten by us as the support for these young people will move over to our Job Box mentors and the Youth Hub where they will continue to be offered support and guidance.

For our current year 12 NEET - we have 17 of these which we will continue to work hard to support as they move to year 13 but we are in a good position with this being the lowest number we have had moving over to year 13.

We know many have complex needs but we continue to keep contact so we can help with their progression.

We are working hard with our schools to support young people in getting their applications in for post 16 places.

It is so helpful when our providers let us know who has applied and been accepted so we are able to concentrate our time on those yet to apply.

We know that if young people have applied there is a better chance of them turning up in September.

I have an ask please for all providers who have year 12 young people on a one year course.

Please can you work with these young people to help them firm up their plans for year 13.

They are expected to be in education, training or employment with training in year 13 and we do not want to see them leave after year 12.

The drop out after one year is high so we want to do all we can with your support to keep young people engaged.

If you have any year 12 young people with out a positive destination please let our FutureFocus team know to see if we can help. Contact FutureFocus on 01952 388988

Don't forget to check out Telford and Wrekin Prospectus for local courses. The details are included below along with some other local opportunities to help with young people's transition and progression.

Best wishes

**Sue Marston**

**Skills Service Delivery Manager**

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## Latest Data

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to track young people up to the end of Year 13 and support them to engage in education, training or employment with training.

This is published each month. The latest **published** data is February 22.

We are continuing to show some decreases in our 'NEET' young people compared with the same point last year although we have a small rise in the numbers of not knowns.

Summary		February 2022					
Feb-22							
	Not known		In learning		16-17 year olds NEET		
	% 16-17s NK NK including currency expired	% change over last 12 months	% 16-17s in learning	% change over last 12 months	% 16-17s NEET	% change over last 12 months	
ENGLAND	1.7%	-18.3%	93.1%	-0.1%	2.6%	-9.9%	
WEST MIDLANDS	2.1%	-15.9%	93.5%	0.1%	2.3%	-12.6%	
Birmingham	3.6%	-30.5%	93.0%	1.6%	2.8%	-1.9%	
Coventry	1.4%	-25.4%	94.5%	-0.4%	2.2%	-1.7%	
Dudley	2.1%	10.4%	93.9%	1.7%	1.8%	-43.9%	
Herefordshire, County of	0.6%	-51.1%	90.6%	0.7%	3.4%	-11.3%	
Sandwell	0.7%	-22.3%	95.6%	-0.5%	1.2%	-33.2%	
Shropshire	2.8%	-44.1%	92.4%	1.8%	1.9%	-24.8%	
Solihull	0.4%	-28.4%	95.0%	-0.3%	3.6%	-2.8%	
Staffordshire	1.2%	8.2%	94.0%	-0.9%	1.8%	-3.9%	
Stoke-on-Trent	6.2%	110.7%	85.7%	-5.2%	3.8%	-17.2%	
Telford and Wrekin	1.6%	24.1%	91.1%	-0.1%	2.5%	-48.4%	
Walsall	1.3%	-20.5%	95.7%	0.2%	1.3%	-13.6%	
Warwickshire	1.5%	-15.3%	95.1%	0.4%	1.6%	-17.0%	
Wolverhampton	1.0%	-5.6%	96.5%	0.4%	1.6%	-14.8%	
Worcestershire	1.6%	-0.9%	92.2%	-1.2%	3.3%	3.6%	

#### Summary with reference date: 11 April 2022 (period 01/04/2022 - 30/04/2022)

NEET by Year Group (Hard Code Categories)							
NEET Categories	Y12	%	Y13	%	Total	%	Diff
NEET - Not yet ready (610)	4	22%	8	12%	12	14%	-1
NEET - Start Date agreed - RPA Compliant (616)	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0
NEET Seeking employment - educ or trng only (619)	6	33%	11	16%	17	20%	0
NEET - Young carers (620)	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0
NEET - Teenage parents (630)	1	6%	12	17%	13	15%	0
NEET - Illness (640)	4	22%	20	29%	24	28%	0
NEET - Pregnancy (650)	0	0%	4	6%	4	5%	1
NEET - Religious grounds (660)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
NEET - Unlikely to be econ active (670)	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0
NEET - Other reason (680)	3	17%	10	14%	13	15%	-2
NEET - Working not for reward (540)	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0
NEET - Start Date Agreed - Not RPA (615)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>69</b>		<b>87</b>		<b>-2</b>

## The Telford and Wrekin 16-19 Prospectus

Telford College alongside our local schools who have post 16 provision have maintained this prospectus showing the range of qualifications that can be studied locally post 16.

Please share with your students and help them search our local offer.

[Access the 16-19 webpage here](#)

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## The Marches Skills Provider Network (MSPN)

The Marches Skills provider Network has developed a database featuring careers information and opportunities including apprenticeships that is available through its members.

Please follow the link below to the website to find out more.

<https://www.mspn.co.uk/courseFinder>











## Step Up Programme for 15 - 24 Year Olds

### What We do

We provide one to one support for anyone ages 15 - 24 that are not currently engaging in Education, Training or Employment. We provide a personal Key Worker to support Young People into their choice of education, training or employment using a person centred approach.

### Meet the Team

**The Team**

Emma	Richard	Shelley	Anveet	Julie
				
Carl	Alice	Alison		
				

**A**t your first meeting your Key Worker will introduce themselves and tell you about Enable and what we do. They will then arrange another meeting with you, this may be a face to face meeting, telephone meeting or a virtual meeting over Microsoft Teams / Skype / Zoom if you are able to access and operate technology. They will then work with you to support you on your journey with employment, education or training.

**D**uring your time with the Step Up programme we will support you with interviews, CVs, application forms and even call companies to create a role to suit you. We can also support with funding towards CSCS cards, Driving Licences, Birth Certificates or any other expenses you might need in order to support your journey.



If you find employment on our programme, if you need it, we will provide the support of a Job Coach. A job coach can travel train you if needed, to get to work and home again, and also work alongside you at work to help you settle in and feel comfortable. They can also help answer any questions you might have about work and even point you in the right direction of the canteen!



### How do I find you?

We will come to you. Just tell us where you are comfortable. Our programme is all about you, so we don't have an office, we work in the community. If you are familiar with your local café, we can meet there, if you like going for a walk we can meet and go for a walk, it is all about you! We will meet and greet you at a venue of your choice and we will even book the rooms, so we have a quiet space to talk together. As your journey continues we will support you finding new places, and provide support to these venues.



#### Useful Contacts

Enable Wolverhampton remote phone number 01743 276900

Step Up Email [step-up@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:step-up@shropshire.gov.uk)

Enable website: [www.enablestudies.co.uk](http://www.enablestudies.co.uk)

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter

### What other support we offer?

When you have achieved your goal, we will remain there to listen to you, support you, or just pop you a message from time to time to make sure you are getting on ok. Your Key Worker or anyone in the team will be there in the background for as long as you need or anyone of the team can help to support.



Sign Posting support is on offer and we will make sure we contact someone before hand to let them know who you are and what support you might need. Your Key Worker will liaise with sign posting organisations for you, other key workers, carers and other support networks if you want them to so everyone knows how well you are doing.





## Nova Training Apprenticeship Opportunities

Nova Training has a wide range of pre apprenticeship opportunities in the following sectors:

- Business Administration and Customer Service
- Customer Service and Retail
- Motor Vehicle
- Warehousing and Trade Counter

**Click the link here more information about each of these:**

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/download/5974/pre-apprenticeship\\_programme](https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/download/5974/pre-apprenticeship_programme)

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## Childcare Careers & Training Event

Telford & Wrekin Council's Early Years and Childcare team is hosting a Childcare and Careers Training Event at Southwater One, Telford on **Saturday 14 May (10.30am-2.30pm)**

Employers will be on hand to promote live jobs and apprenticeships in the sector and offer information and advice on careers in childcare.

Please encourage anyone interested in attending to drop in on the day.

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## Telford Jobs and Apprenticeship Fairs

The Job Box team is hosting monthly events to help people of all ages find out about job vacancies and apprenticeships and match them with employers.

Jobseekers and those moving on from education and training will be able to find out more about employment opportunities on their doorstep at the Telford jobs and apprenticeship fair.

People who are currently unemployed or actively seeking new roles can attend the session organised by Telford Jobcentre Plus and hosted by Telford & Wrekin Council's Youth Hub, part of the council's wider Job Box service.

A range of employers and training providers attend the events which take place on the first Wednesday of every month at the Youth Hub based at Southwater One in Telford town centre.

Attendees can find out more about a variety of roles and vacancies including production work, catering, cleaning, business administration and care as well as a wide range of apprenticeships.

Visit the Job Box Facebook page for more information.



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