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TYNE AND WEAR

FINAL YEAR 11 ACTIVITY SURVEY 2006

TYNE AND WEAR LEVEL

EDUCATION

The number staying in education continues to rise with a 2.5% increase on last year and a 5.5 % increase in the past 2 years. There has also been an increase over last year in the proportion studying advanced level courses (A levels, NVQ3 and GNVQ Advanced). The gender split shows that whilst there are just over 600 more girls than boys continuing their education this gap has narrowed since last year.

TRAINING

There has been little change in the proportion entering training. Fewer than 1000 of the 2006 school leavers were in training at the time of the survey with boys outnumbering girls by almost two to one.

EMPLOYMENT

The number entering employment dropped by over 100 for the second year running representing a fall of 0.8%. However over 90% have entered jobs with training and the number going into unskilled work has dropped to an all time low representing less than 0.8% of the cohort. During the period from January to December there was a 10% drop in vacancies notified to the partnership compared to the corresponding period last year.

NEET

The percentage of school leavers who are NEET has fallen by almost a percentage point and is now below 10%. The number who are unemployed and actively seeking has fallen by almost 140 compared to last year although there has been a slight increase in those who are unavailable for work.

NOT KNOWN

This dropped below 2% for the first time.

INTO LEARNING

This has increased by 1.4%.

ACTIVITY SURVEY 2006

LEA LEVEL

EDUCATION

All LEA's saw an increase in the proportion continuing their education with the biggest increases in South Tyneside (7%). Increases of between 2.3% and 2.5% were seen in Gateshead, Newcastle and North Tyneside whilst Sunderland had an increase of 0.5% (Sunderland saw a jump of 6.7% in the previous two years). South Tyneside have seen the greatest change in the lifetime of the partnership. Where once they had the lowest proportion of school leavers remaining in education they are now third with 72.3% behind Newcastle (75.5%) and North Tyneside (75.0)

TRAINING

The largest drop occurred in South Tyneside (5.4%) although North Tyneside dropped by 1.1%. There were increases in the proportion entering training in Newcastle (0.8%), Gateshead (0.5%) and Sunderland (1.5%)

EMPLOYMENT

This decreased in most LEA's with a 1.7% drop in Sunderland and 1.2% in South Tyneside. Newcastle and North Tyneside decreased by smaller amounts (0.4 and 0.7) whilst Gateshead bucked the trend with an increase of 0.4% (although the actual number entering work dropped by 6). Gateshead and South Tyneside have the highest proportion of young people entering work with Newcastle the lowest.

NEET

This decreased in South Tyneside (2.3%), Gateshead (1.9%) and Newcastle (1.9%) Sunderland was unchanged whilst North Tyneside increased by 0.3%. Last year Newcastle and Gateshead were the only two LEA's with more than 11% NEET whilst South Tyneside (8.6%) has the lowest. All LEA's are now below 11% with Sunderland having the highest (10.6) and South Tyneside (7.3) the lowest.

NOT KNOWN

This varied from 4.05% in Newcastle to 0.38% in Sunderland. Three LEA's now have fewer than 2% of their cohort that they were unable to contact.

INTO LEARNING

All LEA's saw increases with South Tyneside being the first LEA to achieve 90% and only Newcastle is below 85%.