



To
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

17th March, 2010

Subject
Outreach work by Connexions Coventry and Warwickshire

1 Purpose of the Note

1.1 To provide the Committee with information relating to the outreach work carried out by Connexions.

2 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee are requested to note the information shown in section 3 below and to decide whether to invite the Connexions Manager (Coventry) to a future meeting.

3 Background

3.1 At its meeting on 17th February, 2010, the Committee was concerned that some young people might not be getting the help they needed to access education, training or employment. It therefore asked officers to contact Connexions to request information on the outreach work carried out by them, to try to ensure that the number of young people receiving help was maximised. The Committee did, however, acknowledge that this was a very difficult area, particularly as some young people choose to make their own arrangements.

3.2 The Connexions Manager (Coventry) has now provided this information, which is set out in section 4 below, and has said that if the Committee wants to discuss this further, he is willing to come to a future meeting.

4 Information Provided by Connexions

4.1 Connexions has units in each secondary school and FE College in Coventry and also operates with the Integrated Youth Support Services in 3 one-stop shops (in the city centre, Broad Street and Jardine Crescent).

4.2 Personal Advisers are assigned to work with the Youth Offending Service, teenage parents and looked after children/care leavers. In addition, a personal adviser works with young people at Chace Extended Learning.

4.3 Information, advice and guidance is provided to all young people in statutory education, including non-attenders and those receiving home tuition.

- 4.4 In addition, on-line services are offered through the local Integrated Youth Support Services website and Connexions Direct, which are available out of hours.
- 4.5 All young people aged 16 to 19 are tracked to ensure that they maintain a place in education, employment or training. This includes visiting at home those who have not responded to letters, phone calls, texts, and e-mails. Connexions also contacts its partner agencies to try to obtain information about what young people are doing.
- 4.6 Those young people who are identified as not in education, employment or training (NEET) are followed up regularly with details of available opportunities suitable to their needs. However, inevitably, contact is lost with some young people who move address, leave the area etc. This number is 2.8% of the cohort, which compares to 3.9% for the West Midlands region and 4% for England.
- 4.7 The NEET figure has reduced year on year until this year, when it has been confirmed as 6.9% (up from 6.7% last year).
- 4.8 Connexions has been working very closely with the Learning and Skills Council and education and training providers to ensure that there is as much suitable provision as possible.
- 4.9 The new national January Guarantee* has ensured that all NEET young people aged 16 or 17 have been contacted since the New Year to offer them a place of training. This will continue until the end of March.

(*This is a new national initiative, under which all young people who left statutory education in 2008 or 2009 and who were NEET at the end of December 2009 or who became NEET during January 2010 have to be contacted and offered a place of educational training by the end of March 2010. Some new training places have been contracted for this purpose by the Learning and Skills Council.)

- 4.10 Connexions offers a universal service to all young people and also targets resources on those known to be at a disadvantage in the work and learning market, whom it is proactive in contacting.
- 4.11 The following statistical information is attached to this briefing note:-
 - a) Activity (the total numbers in each age group shown who are registered as Connexions clients)
 - b) Connexions interactions for January to December 2009:-
 - i) care leavers
 - ii) young people with learning difficulties/disabilities
 - iii) teenage mothers
 - iv) looked after children
 - v) all interactions
 - c) statistical summary February 2010

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Total Number of Connexions Clients - By Age and Current Situation

	Aged 13	Aged 14	Aged 15	Aged 16	Aged 17	Aged 18	Aged 19	Total
Total	3,905	3,935	3,868	4,030	3,974	4,139	4,172	28,023
NEET	0	0	0	91	253	364	426	1,134
Stat Ed	3,905	3,935	3,868	2,109	1	0	0	13,818
Sixth Form	0	0	0	1,011	1,853	1,020	153	4,037
WBL	0	0	0	84	162	98	56	400
Others	0	0	0	735	1,705	2,657	3,537	8,634

	Aged 20	Aged 21	Aged 22	Aged 23	Aged 24	Aged 25	Total
Total	509	144	94	51	58	21	877
NEET	100	35	36	20	31	7	229
Sixth Form	5	3	0	0	0	0	8
WBL	7	2	0	1	0	1	11
Others	397	104	58	30	27	13	629

Looked After

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total		233	210	247	179	224	287	233	148	366	326	281	147	2881
Coventry	Total	233	210	247	179	224	287	233	148	366	326	281	147	2881
	Annual/Transitional Review	4	3	10	2	4	4	2	1	1	5	3	3	42
	Appointment	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	3	16
	Case Con/Cmn Assess Framework	4	1	9	6	6	6	1	0	2	22	9	3	69
	Client Update	40	36	55	33	51	72	49	19	79	70	59	25	588
	Email/Letter/Text	9	4	9	4	10	11	13	11	17	10	3	6	107
	Group Session	9	13	4	3	14	11	5	9	19	12	16	10	125
	Information Received	57	49	41	51	33	40	24	25	70	29	44	20	483
	Information Sent/Given	34	27	21	11	18	13	19	5	19	64	40	18	289
	Interview (ELA/non PA/Trainer)	4	0	0	1	2	2	6	3	2	1	2	1	24
	PA Interview	27	21	30	16	26	42	25	13	27	27	35	18	307
	Record Review	22	16	15	8	12	18	15	9	29	21	17	17	199
	Telephone Call	17	36	47	44	47	68	73	51	95	63	49	18	608
Work Experience Placement	5	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	2	5	24	

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Statistical Summary Coventry & Warwickshire Sub-Region February 2010

Teenage Conception

Under 18 conception rate (15-17) Rates per 1,000	2000 actual (published 2002)	2001 actual (published 2003)	2002 actual (published 2004)	2003 actual (published 2005)	2004 actual (published 2006)	2005 actual (published 2007)	2006 actual (published 2008)	2007 actual (published 2009)	2010 target
Coventry	65	57.8	64.5	61	53.6	54.7	55.6	59.5	27.4
Warwickshire	41	39.4	35	40	37.5	37.4	36.3	36.9	20.5
West Midlands	49	47.2	47	47.4	45.2	45.5	46.5	47.4	
England	44	42.5	42.7	42.2	41.6	41.3	40.6	41.7	

Substance Misuse

Feb 10 Actual	Sub-region	Coventry	Warwickshire
Number of young people known to Connexions to have a substance misuse problem	66	28	38

School Attendance

Absence in maintained secondary schools 2008/9	Overall absence	Persistent absence
Coventry	6.0%	3.2%
Warwickshire	5.0%	1.9%
England	5.5%	2.2%

GCSE Attainment

The % of pupils obtaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* - C (or equivalent)	2003/4	2004/5	2005/6	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9
Coventry	45.5%	46.3%	47.9%	52.6%	60.7%	70.0%
Warwickshire	54.3%	57.2%	58.5%	58.3%	64.6%	69.1%
England	53.7%	56.3%	59.2%	62.0%	65.3%	70.0%

NEET 16-18 year olds

	Nov 06-Jan 07 LAA Definition	Nov 07-Jan 08 LAA Definition	Nov 08-Jan 09 LAA Definition	Nov 09-Jan 10 LAA Definition	Targets for 2010-11 agreed between GOWM and LAs
Adjusted rate Coventry	8.7%	6.8%	6.7%	6.9%	5.6%
Adjusted rate Warks	6.7%	5.8%	5.8%	5.6%	4.4%
Adjusted rate West Midlands	8.9%	7.1%	7.0%	6.6%	
Adjusted rate England	7.7	6.7	6.7	6.2	

Situation Not Known

16-18 year olds recorded as 'Situation Not Known'	Nov 06-Jan 07 LAA Definition	Nov 07-Jan 08 LAA Definition	Nov 08-Jan 09 LAA Definition	Nov 09-Jan 10 LAA Definition
Adjusted rate Coventry	4.5%	3.9%	3.2%	2.8%
Adjusted rate Warwickshire	5.0%	4.5%	2.5%	2.6%
Adjusted rate West Midlands	4.5%	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%
Adjusted rate England	5.0%	4.5%	4.6%	4.0%

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Increasing Participation in Learning

Coventry	Dec-05	Dec-06	Dec-07	Dec-08	Dec-09
16–18 year olds in cohort	11007	10950	11174	11093	10744
16–18 year olds not known	674	506	376	336	301
16–18 year olds in learning	8413	8445	8892	9006	9052
% of 16–18 year olds in learning	76.4%	77.1%	79.6%	81.2%	84.3%

Warwickshire	Dec-05	Dec-06	Dec-07	Dec-08	Dec-09
16–18 year olds in cohort	16751	17229	17567	17394	16747
16–18 year olds not known	888	867	817	394	453
16–18 year olds in learning	13087	13475	13861	14104	14076
% of 16–18 year olds in learning	78.1%	78.2%	78.9%	81.1%	84.1%

Local Targets

Coventry City Council

Positive Outcomes for all young people and for Looked After/Care Leavers

Year	Actual Outcomes All Year 11 City	Target Outcomes All Year 11 City	Actual Outcomes LA/Care Leavers City	Target Outcomes LA/Care Leavers City
2003	91.9%			
2004	92.7%	92.4%	73.2%	
2005	93.0%	92.9%	69.0%	75.0%
2006	94.2%	93.4%	77.8%	78.0%
2007	95.3%	93.9%	85.7%	80.0%
2008	96.1%	94.4%	80.8%	82.0%
2009	97.4%	94.9%	90.9%	84.0%
2010		95.4%		86.0%

Warwickshire County Council

Positive Outcomes for all young people

Year	Actual Outcomes All Year 11 County	Target Outcomes All Year 11 County	LPSA2 Target (Flare Project)
2003	92.8%		
2004	93.3%	93.0%	
2005	93.6%	93.5%	
2006	93.5%	94.0%	
2007	94.9%	94.5%	
2008	95.8%	95.0%	
2009	97.0%	95.5%	96.5%
2010		96.0%	

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Looked After/Care Leavers

Proportion of 19 year old care leavers in employment, education and training

Coventry	Care Leavers Dec 2005	Care Leavers Dec 2006	Care Leavers Dec 2007	Care Leavers Dec 2008	Care Leavers Dec 2009
19 year old care leavers in EET	16	18	12	22	20
19 year old care leavers in area	25	36	34	43	46
% of 19 year old care leavers in EET	64.0%	50.0%	35.3%	51.2%	43.5%

Warwickshire	Care Leavers Dec 2005	Care Leavers Dec 2006	Care Leavers Dec 2007	Care Leavers Dec 2008	Care Leavers Dec 2009
19 year old care leavers in EET	15	16	9	16	16
19 year old care leavers in area	33	37	24	30	33
% of 19 year old care leavers in EET	45.5%	43.2%	37.5%	53.3%	48.5%

Looked After/Care Leavers on Aspire February 2009

	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18	Age 19
Coventry	13	34	26	38	48	51	35	43
Warwickshire	8	27	33	35	43	50	47	35

Young Mothers

Teenage mothers under 20

Coventry	December 2006	December 2007	December 2008	December 2009	Dept of Health estimate	2010 target
All mothers under 20 in area	268	246	271	284	437	
16-19 year old mothers in area	268	239	269	280		
16-19 year old mothers in EET	93	82	108	96		
% of 16-19 year old mothers in EET	34.7%	34.3%	40.1%	34.3%		60%
16-19 year old mothers Unknown Sit.	43	45	55	57		
% of 16-19 year old mothers Unknown Sit.	16.0%	18.8%	20.4%	20.4%		

Warwickshire	December 2006	December 2007	December 2008	December 2009	Dept of Health estimate	2010 target
All mothers under 20 in area	292	296	320	262	425	
16-19 year old mothers in area	292	290	315	260		
16-19 year old mothers in EET	71	83	95	63		
% of 16-19 year old mothers in EET	24.3%	28.6%	30.2%	24.2%		60%
16-19 year old mothers Unknown Sit.	55	104	86	61		
% of 16-19 year old mothers Unknown Sit.	18.8%	35.9%	27.3%	23.5%		

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Equal Opportunities Monitoring

Year 11 Activity Survey 2009 by Ethnicity

Coventry	White	Mixed Heritage	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese	Other	No Info	Coventry Total
Continuing in Education	85.9%	86.3%	92.8%	95.6%	100.0%	93.7%	100.0%	87.8%
Training (non-employed)	4.8%	7.9%	3.0%	1.6%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	4.3%
Employed	5.5%	4.3%	2.4%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.6%
Vol & P/t	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.7%
Positive Outcomes	97.0%	98.6%	98.2%	98.9%	100.0%	98.7%	100.0%	97.4%
NEET	2.7%	0.7%	1.8%	0.7%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	2.3%
NALA	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Negative Outcomes	3.0%	1.4%	1.8%	1.1%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	2.6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Cohort Size	2999	139	166	568	15	79	1	3967

Warwickshire	White	Mixed Heritage	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese	Other	No Info	Warks Total
Continuing in Education	87.8%	86.7%	76.3%	96.3%	100.0%	88.4%	100.0%	88.1%
Training (non-employed)	2.3%	4.7%	10.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%
Employed	6.1%	1.6%	5.3%	2.4%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	5.8%
Vol & P/t	0.8%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.8%
Positive Outcomes	97.0%	96.1%	92.1%	99.2%	100.0%	93.0%	100.0%	97.0%
NEET	2.7%	3.9%	7.9%	0.4%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	2.7%
NALA	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	4.7%	0.0%	0.3%
Negative Outcomes	3.0%	3.9%	7.9%	0.8%	0.0%	7.0%	0.0%	3.0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Cohort Size	5973	128	38	245	26	43	4	6457

Ethnic Composition of Connexions Coventry & Warwickshire 16-19 Client Group

Dec-09	Ethnic groups - % 16+						
	White	Mixed Heritage	Black or Black British	Asian or Asian British	Chinese	Other	No Ethnic Information
Coventry number	11432	477	622	1976	43	354	20
Coventry percentage	76.6%	3.2%	4.2%	13.2%	0.3%	2.4%	0.1%
Warks number	21498	420	147	906	101	191	18
Warks percentage	92.3%	1.8%	0.6%	3.9%	0.4%	0.8%	0.1%

Special Needs

Special Schools Year 11 Activity Survey 2009

Nov-09	Coventry Special	Warks. Special	Sub-regional Special	Coventry Overall	Warks. Overall	Sub-regional Overall
Continuing in Education	82.3%	85.7%	84.3%	87.8%	88.1%	88.0%
Training (non-employed)	8.3%	7.1%	7.6%	4.3%	2.3%	3.1%
Employment	1.0%	2.1%	1.7%	4.6%	5.8%	5.3%
Voluntary and Part-time Activities	2.1%	1.4%	1.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%
Positive Outcomes	93.8%	96.4%	95.3%	97.4%	97.0%	97.2%
NEET	6.3%	2.9%	4.2%	2.3%	2.7%	2.5%
Not Available Left Area	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Negative Outcomes	6.3%	3.6%	4.7%	2.6%	3.0%	2.8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

LDD

	Coventry Dec-07	Warks Dec-07	Coventry Dec-08	Warks Dec-08	Coventry Dec-09	Warks Dec-09
16-19 year olds with LDD	1628	2430	1597	2114	1277	1767
% of 16-19 year olds with LDD in EET	76.5%	77.5%	78.0%	81.7%	72.2%	81.7%
% of all 16-19 year olds in EET	85.7%	87.5%	87.2%	90.5%	85.6%	89.3%

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Information on Young People with a learning difficulty	Coventry	Warks
a) Number of young people with a learning difficulty in their last year of compulsory education in school year to which return applies		
i) with a statement of SEN	175	313
ii) without a statement of SEN	316	188
b) Number of young people at (a) who are believed likely to leave school to continue with post-16 education or training or higher education.		
i) with a statement of SEN	107	185
ii) without a statement of SEN	219	134
c) Number of young people at (b) above who have received an assessment for the purpose of Section 139		
i) with a statement of SEN	106	176
ii) without a statement of SEN	12	2
d) Number of young people at (b) above who have NOT received an assessment for the purpose of Section 139		
i) with a statement of SEN	1	9
ii) without a statement of SEN	207	132
e) Number of young people at (d) above with a statement of SEN showing main reason why an assessment has not been completed. Count only in one category		
i) Young person refused assessment		1
ii) the parents and/or carers of the young person refused an assessment on their behalf		
iii) unable to contact the young person		
iv) other reason	1	8
f) Number of young people included in (a) but not included in (b) above who have received an assessment		
i) with a statement of SEN	19	34
ii) without a statement of SEN	6	2
Number of Assessments made for Young people aged 16-24		
This section relates to young people who are no longer in compulsory education and are still Connexions clients. For some young people with learning difficulty this may be up to their 25 th birthday		
The number of assessments meeting the requirements of Section 139 undertaken for all young people with learning difficulties who are no longer in compulsory education and who are receiving or are likely to move into post-16 education or training or higher education.	45	47

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Support Level Analysis December 2009

Coventry

Support Level	Activities Statutory Education		Activities 16+	
	No.	%	No.	%
Intensive Support	763	4.9%	1919	12.6%
Supported	624	4.0%	4229	27.7%
Minimum	14333	91.2%	9138	59.8%
Total	15720	100%	15286	100%

Warwickshire

Support Level	Activities Statutory Education		Activities 16+	
	No.	%	No.	%
Intensive Support	1136	4.4%	3123	13.2%
Supported	1450	5.6%	5077	21.5%
Minimum	23400	90.0%	15437	65.3%
Total	25986	100%	23637	100%

Population

Population estimates, relating to Connexions clients, December 2009

	Coventry	Warwickshire	Sub-region
Year 8	3936	6488	10424
Year 9	3910	6352	10262
Year 10	3852	6553	10405
Year 11	4022	6593	10615
Age 16	2649	4045	6694
Age 17	3992	6335	10327
Age 18	4103	6367	10470
Age 19	4180	6534	10714
Age 20+	362	356	718
Total	15286	23637	38923