Supporting Successful Transitions to Post-16 Education or Training

In Sept 2015 Suffolk County Council launched a new approach to supporting young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) or who are at risk of becoming NEET.

The reduction of young people who are NEET and the successful transition of young people into a positive learning experience is a collective responsibility. The new approach will be led by Locality Early Help teams (EHT) in collaboration with Schools, Learning Providers, MyGo, Job Centre Plus and other partners.

The key principles that underpin this work are:

- Schools and learning providers are responsible for supporting young people to progress and reporting on this to SCC.
- EHT transition work pre-16 adds value to the core role of others, e.g. learning providers. In itself it is not a core service.
- EHT transition work, pre- and post-16 will complement the role of other professionals, taking a lead role where appropriate and providing a consultancy service where there is an existing lead professional working with the young person.
- Data collection should be as centralised and automated as possible.

The pre-16 offer

The Early Help Team will enhance and complement the work of the learning provider in ensuring all young people make a successful and sustained transition to post-16 education or training. It is not their role to take on work that the learning provider is responsible for.

Transition Workers will provide consultancy support to other professionals as well as holding a caseload of high need young people they will work with directly in Y10 and Y11 through 1:1 and group work. These young people will be identified by the school and the link Specialist Youth Support Worker.

The post-16 offer

EHT Transition Workers will provide transition support to young people aged 16/17 who are at risk of becoming NEET. These individuals will be identified by the post 16 provider and the link Specialist Youth Support Worker.

All young people aged 16/17 who are NEET will be screened to assess the level of transition support they need and where appropriate be allocated to a Transition Worker either in the EHT or a partner organisation, e.g. MyGo.

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