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Youth Contract provision: 16- and 17-year-olds

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Overview

1.

The Youth Contract programme for 16 and 17 year olds, managed through the Education Funding Agency, ended as planned on 31 March 2016.

The purpose of the programme was to engage young people who are hardest to reach and support them into education, training or a job with training. Delivery of the programme across England began in September 2012.

The programme supported 16- and 17-year-olds who were not participating in education, employment or training (NEET) and who had:

- no GCSEs at A*-C
- 1 GCSE at A* - C
- young offenders released from custody/serving a community sentence (with 1 or more GCSEs at A*-C)
- young people in care or who were in care (with 1 or more GCSEs A*-C)

2.

Delivery data for the Youth Contract

In November 2015, we published data for the [delivery of the Youth Contract programme for 16- and 17-year-olds to the end of September 2015](#).

We will next publish delivery data for the Youth Contract programme for 16- and 17-year-olds in late 2016. This publication will provide the final delivery volumes for the programme.

Evaluation of Youth Contract for 16- to 17-year-

3.

olds

We commissioned the Institute for Employment Studies (IES), in partnership with Professor Sue Maguire, Centre for Education and Industry at the University of Warwick, and the Policy Research Institute at Leeds Metropolitan University, to undertake an independent evaluation of the Youth Contract element targeted at 16- to 17-year-olds who are not in education, employment or training.

The [independent evaluation on the Youth Contract for 16- and 17-year-olds](#) is available on GOV.UK.

4.

Offender learning

The Education Funding Agency no longer holds the contracts for the delivery of education and training in under-18 public sector Young Offender Institutions.

Further information about provision in the secure youth estate can be found on the [Youth Justice Board](#) pages on GOV.UK.

5.

European Social Fund (ESF) provision for young people aged 14 to 19

The 2007 to 2013 ESF programme (extended to 2015) has now closed.

[Further information](#) relating to the 2014 to 2020 programme is available on GOV.UK.

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