

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 2 March 2010	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Sub- Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Overview of provision of education, training and apprenticeships for 14-19 year olds	
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<b>From:</b>		Assistant Director, 11-19 Services and Youth	

### **Background**

- 1 At the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010, the Sub-Committee requested a brief overview of projects for 14-19 year olds, and the following question was raised:

**How is the provision of education, training and apprenticeships for 14 - 19 year olds coordinated, and specifically is there a menu setting out the offer? Is there a specific body with responsibility for this?**

- 2 This report provides information in response to this question.
- 3 The Department for Children Families and Schools is leading on a reform programme designed to fundamentally change the way in which young people learn. Central to these reforms is the concept of a curriculum entitlement for all young people. The entitlement includes access to:
  - All of the Diploma lines of learning
  - Functional skills in English, maths and ICT to at least level 2
  - The work related curriculum
  - Apprenticeships
- 4 The provision of education, training and apprenticeships for 14 to 19 year olds is coordinated by the Southwark 14-19 Partnership. The partnership is made up of the local authority, all secondary schools, academies, Southwark College and work based learning providers. It is a sub group of the Children's Trust and progress is regularly reported to the full Trust.
- 5 The 14-19 Partnership has agreed a strategic approach to achieving the entitlement and this has been captured in the new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). Progress towards meeting the requirements of the 14-19 reform programme is measured annually through the Government Office for London review. The recent review graded Southwark Green or Green Amber on all of the key indicators.
- 6 The CYPP will form the basis of our commissioning strategy to meet the needs of all young people aged 16-19 who are resident or learn in the borough. This will be articulated through an annual commissioning statement.

- 7 The post 16 offer available to young people can be accessed via the Choice web site. [www.mychoicelondon.co.uk](http://www.mychoicelondon.co.uk) This is the pan London post 16 prospectus. The 14-19 Partnership is at present working with providers to ensure that the offer for September 2010 is fully up to date. This process will be complete by the end of March.
- 8 Choice also contains information on local Connexions centres, plus careers-related information and tools including a career-matching analysis, a CV builder and an individual action planner.
- 9 The full range of 14-16 provision can be accessed via the Southwark Guarantee website, [www.southwarkguarantee.com](http://www.southwarkguarantee.com)
- 10 Universal information advice and guidance for young people is provided by the Connexions Service. This starts when the young people are in year nine and continues until they are 19.
- 11 All year 9 students in central London schools receive a booklet setting out the 16+ offer and options, plus the sources of support.
- 12 All year 11 students in central London schools are offered a range of 11 factsheets on topics such as apprenticeships and training opportunities, job interviews for young job seekers, student finance in FE colleges, Connexions, FE qualifications, volunteering, etc.
- 13 All year 12 students in central London schools receive a booklet setting out the 16+ offer and options, plus the sources of support.
- 14 In February 2010 the parents of all young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) in Central London received a personal invitation to meet a Connexions Personal Adviser to access their January Offer of a training place.
- 15 Those young people who are NEET are assigned a personal advisor. The advisor will actively contact the young person to establish a personal development programme to engage the young person with education, employment or training.
- 16 In March 2010 all parents of year 9 students will receive a personal mailing setting out the 14-19 offer and sources of help.
- 17 In addition all schools, colleges and specialist agencies, plus many community centres, have resident Connexions Personal Advisers who advise young people on their options.

**AUDIT TRAIL**

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