

Statutory Requirements

Youth Offer-

Two specific elements: a local authority is required to ensure *'sufficient educational leisure time activities which are for the improvement of young people's well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities'*; and, *'sufficient recreational leisure time activities which are for the improvement of their well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities'*

Youth Offending – 4 Key Areas for Statutory Delivery

Prevention of Offending – reductions in the numbers of first time entrants (FTE) to the criminal justice System.

Reduce Reoffending – Reductions in reoffending rates

Ensure the safe and effective use of Custody – Reductions in the numbers and duration of young people in the secure estate

Risk of Harm & Public Protection

Raising the Participation Age and Participation:

Secure sufficient suitable education and training provision for all young people aged 16-19 and for those aged 20-24 with a Learning Difficulty Assessment in their area.

All young people are under a duty to participate in education or training until their 18th birthday. A local authority in England must ensure that its functions are (so far as they are capable of being so) exercised so as to promote the effective participation in education or training.

A local authority in England must make arrangements to enable it to establish (so far as it is possible to do so) the identities of persons belonging to its area who are failing to fulfil the duty to participate in education or training.

In order to discharge this duty local authorities must collect information to identify young people who are not participating, or who are at risk of not doing so, to target their resources on those who need them most. The information collected must be in the format specified in the Client Caseload Information System (CCIS) Management Information Requirement. Young people's current activity information should be made available at regular intervals.

Local authorities are expected to work with schools to identify those who are in need of targeted support or who are at risk of not participating post-16. Tools such as Risk of NEET indicators (RONI) may support this.

- Local authorities are expected to lead the September Guarantee process which underpins the delivery of this duty.

- Information is required on the number and proportion of young people in each area who:
 - ✓ receive an offer under the September Guarantee,
 - ✓ are participating in education or training,
 - ✓ who are NEET, or
 - ✓ whose current activity is not known.

- Local authorities are expected to pay particular attention to young people who are not in any form of education, employment or training.