**LA POST-16 FORUM: Agenda**

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| **Attendees:** **Jenny C Laura S Preeti Leanne Luliia Stuart Patrica Sonal Londa Georgia Caroline Georgie Nicola Angela Vira Nav** |  |  |  |
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| **Apologies: Dettie Q, Debbie S,** |  |  |  |
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| **Services Represented – SEND, Virtual Schools, EHE, Placements, SENDIASS, Supported Internships, Youth Justice, Ukraine Support Team, NEET casework, Alternative provision****Represented** |
| Introductions |
| * Presentation/updates from Post 16 Partnerships Co-ordinator (Mike)
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| * Items from the group:
1. Referrals to NEET team and starters/leavers reporting – GWP
2. NEET data
3. Complex NEET panels
4. UKSPF update (SS/MP)
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| Minutes/notesMike presents key updates – slides attachedQuestions from updates;**Mentoring SPARK** sign up – will young people be put forward to it? *There will be chances of young people not willing to engage, where he hope there will be some support/encouragement. Young people can be replaced on the scheme if they have completed less than 3 sessions.***14-16 carousel** Taster sessions sound great – can anyone sign up to – *at the moment it’s a schools partnership- so they need to be on roll at a mainstream school*1 LAC interested in mechanics do I got through the school – *yes***Agenda items****NEET data/September guarantee and referrals**GWP thanked Preeti and their team for their work. Currently we have 130 young people who are NEET, we are doing okay at the minute. This may increase when we understand the applications.Current NEET cohort we need to know. Some of the vocational options are no longer available. No CSC cards available, reduction in BTEC vocational – T-Levels. Not enough staff to fill the positions in 6th forms to create vocational. How do we support young people to understand the skills they need in the workplace?Caroline – the government want colleges to go down the T-Level route? Do the skills needed, and do they have them at secondary and primary? The skills are not there for primary and secondary education? They are not catching up? Tracking we are on track – we need to report on figures from December to February. Since September they have placed 96 young people in provision – helping with CV’s, putting in applications. September Guarantee is the highest we have had in 9 years – 97.56% PD – We will find that a lot of young people are not engaging - finding courses in between is helpful.GB – HRUC saying its too late during the term. There are courses that start in January (A-Levels and GCSE). Princes Trust ProgrammesCR – Pathways into adulthood – further develop options into Post 16. West Thames College/HRUC are offering January starts.GWP- how do services refer into us? Hidden in LEAP. We are going to consider.**UKSPF update**UKSPF – used to be the European fund. All the money that comes to us go through the Mayor and dolls out to regions. Should have started last April and it hasn’t been received. They are looking for ideas on how it is being spent. The main focus is around employment. Preparing for adulthood and moving into work, they want 100,00o people with disabilities to get them into work.West London went to mayor, went to central government, very target focussed, not much softness – not much wriggle room. What is happening with UKSPF – WLA have decided to use the first lump of money with Shaw Trust and across West London from the new year targeting young people with SEND – Year 10’s and above, go into schools and deal with careers leads and how they can prepare young people for employment and any exposure – taster visits. Shaw Trust have a big portfolio of businesses – a real plus. Shaw Trust want to have presence in 6th forms and FE. On top of this, we have been approach about a spec about what we may need – gone out to tender for an organisation that can deliver pre-employability/internship skills, aimed at young people who have dropped out of education/EHCP, economically disadvantaged – internships and rev them up for job searching. Shaw Trust – get them into a job and support them. An IPS model – 6 months to a year support. If they need longer support we can set that up using the access to work scheme. Those that have hit 25 and missed the EHCP area – support them who are not engaged. Funding ends in March 2025.GWP – How do we go about getting more info about UKSPF. Its all a bit up in the air?**Complex NEET panel.**The group were explained about the importance of bringing cases to the Complex NEET panel to help unpick situations, but also share good models of practice.  |
| A.O.B | * Mike to update the group with UKSPF info at the next forum
* Nicola to inform the group of the next Complex NEET panel
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**No agreed actions from this meeting.**

**Next Meeting – TBC**

***Please note*** *– There will be an increase in the need for information as projects progress.*