

Appendix 1: Sussex Connexions Partnership Objectives and Principles

The Sussex Connexions Partnership and Local Management Committee have agreed the following aim, objectives, priorities and targets.

AIM

To work with young people to build a Youth Support Service that will ensure that each young person receives the help and support they need to enable them to manage their future and achieve their potential.

OBJECTIVES

1. To raise the aspirations, participation and achievement levels of all young people (including those outside learning or at risk of under achievement) by providing impartial information, advice, guidance, opportunities for personal development and other support according to their needs.
2. To provide all young people outside learning, or otherwise at risk of underachieving, with the support they need to fulfil their potential.
3. To provide an integrated support service for young people and their carers to assist young people to engage effectively in learning and employment.
4. To influence and improve learning opportunities and other services for young people.
5. To develop the capacity of the partnership to deliver the objectives above.

PRIORITIES

The pan Sussex Connexions partnership will be a universal service and all young people will have access to a Connexions Personal Adviser.

- Education underachievement
- Young people with special needs
- Young offenders
- Young people leaving care
- Teenage pregnancy
- Young people in housing crisis
- Young people with substance misuse issues
- Young people with mental health problems
- Young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties
- Young carers
- Ethnic minority issues
- Refugees/Asylum seekers
- Travellers

These priorities are reflected through more specific targets:

- Decrease in the proportion of 16-19 year olds leaving post compulsory education and training to become NEET (not in Education Employment or Training)
- Increase in the proportion of 16-19 year old mothers in employment, education and training
- Increase in the proportion of 19 year old care leavers in employment, education and training
- Increase the proportion of 13-18 year old offenders, supervised by YOT's moving into employment education and training
- Increase the proportion of 13-18 year olds, identified as having a substance misuse problem, who are referred to an appropriate specialist service.

The 8 key principles of Connexions

- Raising aspirations
- Meeting individuals' needs
- Taking account of the views of young people
- Inclusion
- Partnerships
- Community involvement
- Extending opportunity
- Evidence based practice

