

STRAND 1: RAISING ATTAINMENT NOW

ITEM	NATIONAL	EAST OF ENGLAND	OTHER
Increased Flexibility Programme	<p>DfES 2006 Evaluation of Increased Flexibility for 14 to 16 Year Olds Programme: Outcomes for the Second Cohort. Research Report RR786 http://www.dfes.gov.uk/research/data/uploadfiles/RR786.pdf</p>		
KS 4 practical learning opportunities	<p>The relevant guidance document: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/documents/14-16fundingDSGguidance07-08summary.doc</p> <p>Website linking to guidance on the use of DSG for practical learning: http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/docbank/index.cfm?id=9412</p>		
KS4 Schools Engagement Programme	<p>Introduction + links to guidance documents: http://www.qca.org.uk/14-19/11-16-schools/110_2474.htm</p> <p>http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/14to19/ks4/engagementprogramme/</p> <p>KS4 Engagement Programme: http://www.qca.org.uk/14-19/11-16-schools/downloads/qca-07-3091_ks4_engage.pdf</p> <p>14-16 Re-engagement Programme: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=40&pid=326&lid=292&ctype=Text&ptype=Single</p> <p>QCA: Ways to accredit generic learning (2007) http://www.qca.org.uk/14-19/11-16-schools/downloads/14-16-ways-to-accredit-generic-learning-2007.pdf</p>	<p>KS4 Engagement Programme in Norfolk: http://www.norfolkesinet.org.uk/pages/viewpage.asp?uniqid=4268</p> <p>LSC Norfolk: Evaluation of the Key Stage Engagement Programme in Norfolk August 2007 [file with tvs]</p>	

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Work-related learning including the WRL Review	<p>The final report of the WRL Review: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/documents/14-19workrelatedlearning_web.pdf</p> <p>QIA offers a Vocational Learning Support Programme: http://www.vocationallearning.org.uk/</p> <p>LSC National Office web pages on work based learning: http://www.lsc.gov.uk/providers/funding-policy/Workbasedlearning/</p> <p>World Class Skills: Implementing the Leitch Review of Skills in England (July 2007) http://www.dfes.gov.uk/skillsstrategy/uploads/documents/World%20Class%20Skills%20FINAL.pdf</p> <p>The Trident scheme website: http://www.trident-edexcel.co.uk/</p>	<p>Herts has case studies available via http://www.vlsp.org.uk/regions/networks/details.aspx?outputID=1301</p> <p>Suffolk 'GOALS' is mentioned as good practice in http://www.schoolsnetwork.org.uk/uploads/documents/Specialist%20schools%20and%20FE%20colleges_124819.pdf</p>	<p>QIA WRL Implementation, e.g. Vocational Learning Support Programme http://www.vocationallearning.org.uk/1419/</p> <p>Vocational Learning – a resources website organised by Region http://www.vlsp.org.uk/regions/networks/default.aspx</p> <p>Social Market Foundation “Practice Makes Perfect” 2007: http://www.smf.co.uk/assets/files/publications/Practical_Learning.pdf</p> <p>An interesting pamphlet: <i>Academic- Vocational Apartheid</i> : http://www.nationaleducationtrust.net/documents/AcademicVocational.pdf</p>
Enterprise and Education Business Links (EBL) and employer engagement	<p>DCSF link to KS4 statutory requirement for WRL http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=3&pid=271&ctype=TEXT&ptype=Single</p> <p>DCSF link to 14-19 reform and employers http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/dsp_stakeholders.cfm?page_id=2</p> <p>QCA link to framework for WRL http://www.qca.org.uk/14-19/11-16-</p>	<p>A review of EBL in Norfolk (April 2007): http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/EastofEngland/Review_report_Norfolk.pdf</p> <p>Trident is piloting an online employer engagement service in Essex: http://www.trident-edexcel.co.uk/tsec1.asp</p>	<p>WorldSkills UK provides over 70 quality assured skills competitions. Run annually these competitions aim to encourage young people and adults across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and</p>

	<p>schools/110_136.htm LSC guidance for EBL funding https://newintranet.lsc.gov.uk/doccentre/National/Resources/Procurement/EBLReg%20Funding%20Requirements%200708.doc</p> <p>The Train to Gain website: http://www.traintogain.gov.uk/</p> <p>Brokers: http://www.traintogain.gov.uk/What+Is+Train+To+Gain/Skills+Brokers/</p> <p>The Sector Skills Development Agency website: http://www.ssda.org.uk/</p> <p>Sector Skills Agreements (SSA) – latest: http://www.ssda.org.uk/ssda/default.aspx?page=2139</p> <p>SSA Guidance: http://www.ssda.org.uk/ssda/default.aspx?page=2505</p> <p>The Skills Pledge: http://www.traintogain.gov.uk/skillspledge/ The Employer Leaflet: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/publications/pledgeforemployers/docs/PledgeForEmployers.pdf Case studies: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/skillspledge/casestudies.pdf</p>	<p>Sector Skills Councils in the Regions: http://www.ssda.org.uk/ssda/default.aspx?page=532</p>	<p>Wales to excel in their vocational skill area. http://www.worldskillsuk.org/about/</p>
<p>Progression Pathways</p>	<p>LSC's web pages on Validated Progression Pathways: http://qfr.lsc.gov.uk/fit/vpp/</p> <p>The LSC's Prospectus for Progression Pathways: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/nat-prospectusprogressionpathways-dec07.pdf</p>		

Apprenticeship on Line	The Apprenticeships Online website: https://www.apprenticeshipsonline.org/	Cambridgeshire: https://www.apprenticeshipsonline.org/Cambridgeshire/Home.htm	
Level 4 in sixth forms	Using HE Units in the sixth form: http://www.qca.org.uk/14-19/6th-form-schools/68_2465.htm QCA HE Experience Research Project (2006) linked from this page: http://www.qca.org.uk/14-19/6th-form-schools/68_2464.htm		
Progression to HE/Aimhigher	The HEFCE web page introducing AimHigher: http://www.hefce.ac.uk/widen/aimhigh/ The Action on Access web site explains more and has a link to AimHigher 2008-2011 : http://www.actiononaccess.org/ LSC Report (5-3-08) FE and the Delivery of Higher-level Qualifications: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/nat-286348understandingcontributionoffe-mar08.pdf AimHigher Guidance for 2008-11: http://www.aimhigher.ac.uk/sites/practitioner/resources/Aimhigher%20guidance%20(web%20version).doc	The Aim Higher East of England web site: http://www.aimhighereastofengland.org.uk/ Cambridge University has introduced its own entry exam, the Cambridge Pre-U: http://www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/academic/uppersec/preu/subjects HE providers in the East of England: http://www.hero.ac.uk/uk/universities_colleges/eastern.cfm	The consultation on extending regional and local HE provision – ‘The New University Challenge’ (2008): http://www.dius.gov.uk/policy/documents/university-challenge.pdf
Connexions/IAG Standards	IAG page on the Every Child Matters’ website: http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/youthmatters/iag/ Resources for IAG practitioners and services: http://www.iagworkforce.co.uk/site/iag/home www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/iag/ Quality Standards Young People’s IAG standards were		Guardian article from October 2007: http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2007/oct/11/counciltax.localgovernment

	<p>published in 2007: http://www.iagworkforce.co.uk/files/IAGXXX0001/SecuringQuality/page6a/quality_standards_young_people.pdf</p> <p>Dedicated website to support the IAG workforce: http://www.iagworkforce.co.uk/site/iag/home</p> <p>Quality Standards user guide: http://www.iagworkforce.co.uk/files/IAGXXX0001/HOME%20Page/4743-1%20Young%20People%20IAG%20User%20Guide.pdf</p>		
Integrated Youth Support System (IYSS)	<p>“Youth Matters: Next Steps” (2006) set out the requirements for IYSS by 2008: http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/publications/youth/pdf/OP-YoungPeople160x240.pdf</p>		<p>About the Children and Youth Board Project: http://www.ncb.org.uk/dot/pdf/open_access_2/cyb_about_youth_board.pdf</p>
Targeted Youth Support	<p>Guidance documents from the ECM website: http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/resources-and-practice/IG00206/</p>		
Area 14-19 Prospectus	<p>Young people can find the online prospectus in their area via: http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=41&pid=331&ctype=None&ptype=Contents</p> <p>Interim national portal and DCSF guidance: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=41</p> <p>The DCSF web pages: http://www.children.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=27&pid=259&ctype=TEXT&ptype=Single</p>	<p>Local area prospectuses:</p> <p>Beds: http://www.bedfordshireprospectus.co.uk/</p> <p>Cambs: http://www.cambscoursefinder.com/</p> <p>Essex, Southend, Thurrock: http://www.stepon.org/</p> <p>Herts: http://www.hertschoices.org.uk/</p>	<p>An IT solution developed by LSC with partners: http://www.ap4l.org/Portals/0/AP4L%2014-19%20brochure.PDF</p>

		<p>Luton: http://www.campuslutonprospectus.org.uk/</p> <p>Norfolk: http://www.helpyouchoose.org/</p> <p>Peterborough: http://www.peterboroughcoursefinder.com/</p> <p>Suffolk: http://www.future4me.org.uk/</p>	
Individual Learning Plans	<p>Good introduction with useful links to practical advice: http://www.iagworkforce.co.uk/content/default.asp?PageId=105</p> <p>Case studies using ILPs: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/dsp_1419_goodpractice.cfm?sid=9&pid=199&lid=215&l4id=46&ptype=Multiple&ctype=None&pcount=2&page_id=42</p> <p>http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/dsp_1419_goodpractice.cfm?sid=9&pid=199&lid=215&l4id=46&ptype=Multiple&ctype=None&pcount=2&page_id=43</p>	<p>LSC East of England has a target for ILPs to be in place by December 2008. http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/EastofEngland/Aboutus/LSCStrategy/Learning+and+Skills+Council+East+of+England+Regional+Commissioning+Plan+2007-08.htm</p>	<p>An example of an online ILP developed by Wolverhampton Learning Partnership and Nord Anglia Learning: https://ilp.my-iplan.com/default.aspx</p>
National NEET Strategy and Action Plan	<p>The latest national strategy: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/documents/NEET%20%20Strategy.pdf</p> <p>The NEET Statistics Quarterly Brief: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/RES/r000751/index.shtml</p> <p>LSC Position Paper as at October 2006: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/45_-_2006_NEET.pdf</p>	<p>The problem is set out in the Regional Strategic Analysis 2007, and addressed in the Regional Commissioning Plan 2007-08.</p> <p>The LSC ESF tender for young people 2007-2013 (all NEET related): http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/EastofEngland/esf/</p> <p>All LSC Areas have analysed the problem in their 'Local Needs Assessments', and addressed it in their 'Annual Plans'.</p>	<p>The Nuffield Foundation has a current project relevant to this topic: http://www.nuffield14-19review.org.uk/files/new_s52-1.pdf</p> <p>Wider issues having an impact on NEET are covered in the government's 10 year</p>

	<p>The 2007 Children's Plan summarises NEET issues: http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/publications/childrensplan/</p>	<p>Access to details of localactivities: http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/EastofEngland/esf/localinformation/</p>	<p>youth strategy published in July 2007: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/publications/tenyearyouthstrategy/docs/cyp_tenyearstrategy_260707.pdf</p> <p>Interesting perspective from Scotland and beyond: http://www.holyrood.com/content/view/1734/10051/</p> <p>An interesting BBC Blog by Nick Robinson: http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/nickrobinson/2007/11/a_neet_problem.html</p> <p>Financial support for 16-19: http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/youthmatters/financial/</p>
NEET Toolkit	<p>Version 2 of the toolkit 2007: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/localauthorities/index.cfm?action=content&contentID=8363</p>		
September Guarantee	<p>The DCSF webpage describes the September Guarantee: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=42&pid=347&ctype=TEXT&ptype=Single</p> <p>Departmental guidance: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/documents/2008%20September%20Guarantee%20Guidance%20for%20local%20authorities%20and%20delivery%20partners.doc</p>		
Entry to	<p>From the Connexions website:</p>		

Employment (E2E)	<p>http://www.connexions-direct.com/index.cfm?pid=79&catalogueContentID=158</p> <p>The LSC Fact Sheet: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/e2e-factsheet.pdf</p> <p>DCSF web page on financial support for 16-19: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=42&pid=357&ctype=TEXT&ptype=Single</p>		
Young Parents and Care to Learn (C2L)	<p>The LSC homepage: http://caretolearn.lsc.gov.uk/</p> <p>Evaluations of the scheme: http://caretolearn.lsc.gov.uk/evaluation/</p> <p>The DirectGov website: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/Caretolearn/DG_066556</p> <p>Curriculum issues: http://www.niace.org.uk/research/YALP/Documents/Raising-Aspirations.pdf</p> <p>DCSF/DOH policy: http://www.gos.gov.uk/497666/docs/434065/174092/459387/572369</p>	<p>Management Information, including monthly take-up data for each region, is available on the Management Information section of the LSC Intranet [link??]</p> <p>News of local initiatives (LSC 22-1-08): http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/EastofEngland/EOE-PR-Herts-137-YPTB_General_FINAL.pdf</p>	
Activity and Learning Agreement Pilots	<p>Learning Agreement Pilots – background research from 2006: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/research/data/uploadfiles/RR736.pdf</p> <p>Evaluation report 2008: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/research/data/uploadfiles/DCF-RW027.pdf</p>	<p>One of the Learning Agreement Pilots (LAP) is in Essex.</p> <p>The Essex Thurrock and Southend Brief: http://www.thurrocklearningpartnership.org.uk/documents/Partnership%20Brief.pdf</p>	

<p>ESF Support</p>	<p>The European Social Fund in England: http://www.esf.gov.uk/</p>	<p>The LSC EE ESF webpage: http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/EastofEngland/esf/</p> <p>The 2007-2013 Youth Specification Programme for the East of England: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/EastofEngland/EE_Specification_Youth.pdf</p> <p>E.g. Joint 14-19 Strategy for Vulnerable Young People in Luton 2007-2010</p>	
<p>Financial help/EMA</p>	<p>Details from the DirectGov website: www.direct.gov.uk/ema</p> <p>EMA: LSC National Office Guidance 2007-08: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/2007-08guidance-for-e2e-pla-providers.pdf</p> <p>EMA: National evaluation Nov 2007: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/nat-emaevaluationreportnov07-jan2008.pdf</p> <p>The Connexions web pages for EMA and other forms of support: http://www.connexions-direct.com/parentcarer/year10/financialHelp/</p> <p>The LSC Booklet for learners: http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod_consum_dg/idcplg?ldcService=GET_FILE&dID=97213&Rendition=Web</p> <p>Direct Gov web pages: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/DG_4020069</p> <p>Discretionary fund: LSC National Office Guidance 2007-08:</p>	<p>Management Information, including monthly take-up data for each region, is available on the Management Information section of the LSC Intranet https://newintranet.lsc.gov.uk/CORPORATE/RESOURCES/GROUPSTRUCTURE/IM/Pages/index.aspx</p>	<p>LSDA research from 2004: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/nat-extrahelp-learnersupportworks.pdf</p>

	<p>http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/nat-discretionary-lsc-guidance-0708.pdf</p> <p>LSC site that includes information on hardship funds: http://www.lsc.gov.uk/providers/moneytolearn/</p> <p>Introduction to discretionary Learner Support Funds: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/FinancialHelpForAdultLearners/DG_10033131</p> <p>LSC Learner Support Fund documents including guidance and evaluations: http://lsf.lsc.gov.uk/publications/</p>		
Additional Learning Support (ALS)	<p>LSC ALS Policy 2004 – is there a later version? http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/pre2005/funding/streams/additional-learning-support-policy-statement.pdf</p> <p>Extract from <i>16-18 Adult Learner and Employer-Responsive Funding Models</i> document: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/nat-16-18-adult-learner-and-employer-responsive-funding-models.pdf</p>		<p>ALS : best practice for colleges: http://www.techdis.ac.uk/resources/files/AoC%20Booklet4.pdf</p> <p>ALS Report for LSC 2006: http://www.techdis.ac.uk/resources/files/ALS%20funding%20research%20project%20final%20report.doc</p> <p>ALS – see Annex J in the FE Funding Guidance 07-08: http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/FEFundingGuidance0708.pdf</p>