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1. INTRODUCTION

The September Guarantee is an offer, by the end of September, of a "suitable" place in learning to young people completing compulsory secondary education. The Guarantee was implemented nationally in 2007 for 16-year-olds and extended to 17-year-olds in 2008. The offer should be appropriate to the young person's needs and includes:

- full time education in school sixth-forms or colleges
- an apprenticeship
- employment combined with part-time education or training

The "offer" aims to prevent young people from dropping out of learning by ensuring that every 16 and 17-year-old has an appropriate offer of learning by the end of September that motivates them and allows them to progress. All young people who reached the statutory school leaving age in 2023 or 2024 were entitled to an offer in 2024 with local authorities required to fulfill their statutory responsibilities to ensure that the offer of a place is met. The ultimate outcome the government is seeking from the offer of a place is increased numbers of young people participating in learning and reduced numbers who are not in employment, education or training (NEET).

2. DETAILS OF HULL'S SEPTEMBER GUARANTEE

2.1 Year 11 September Guarantee

The year 11 cohort is measured by the locality of the school the young person attended in year 11 **not** their residency status and so contains some young people who are not Hull residents.

	2024		2023	
Year 11 Cohort total	3,386		3,224	
Offer made	3327	98.3%	3,180	98.6%
Offer not appropriate at this time	27	0.8%	25	0.8%
No offer made	21	0.6%	14	0.4%
Unable to contact	11	0.3%	5	0.2%

Figure 1: Outcomes of the Year 11 September Guarantee for Hull based Institutions (2023 and 2024) using Hull City Council data.

Offer made: 3,327 young people (98.3%) of the 2024 year 11 leavers were offered a suitable place in education or training by the end of September 2024. Of these: **3,148** young people were offered a place in further education or training; **174** were offered an apprenticeship or employment combined with accredited training; and **5** were offered a place on re-engagement activities.

Offer not appropriate at this time: 27 young people (0.8%) were classed as being in the category where an offer was not appropriate at this time. Of these, 23 were young people whose personal circumstances prevented them from progressing into a further learning opportunity at this time because of issues such as illness, pregnancy, caring responsibilities etc. However, these young people continue to be followed up by the Connexions service to encourage them back into learning once their personal circumstance allows. A further 4 young people had firm offers of employment without accredited training which they intended to take up after leaving school and indicated that they did not wish to return to learning.

No offer made: 21 young people (0.6%) were in the 'no offer' category - 13 of whom were considering their options and had not yet applied for learning and 8 of whom had applied for a place in learning, but the result was not yet known.

Unable to contact: 11 young people (0.3%) fell into the 'unable to contact' category – **10** young people didn't respond to any phone calls, letters or home visits and **1** left the area and their current address was not known.

2.2 Year 12 September Guarantee

These are young people who **live** in the local authority area and left compulsory education in 2023 and are entitled to a further offer of a place in learning (different criteria to the year 11 guarantee). Under the September Guarantee this cohort can expect a guaranteed offer of learning following the completion of their first year in post-16 education.

	2024		2023	
Year 12 Cohort total	3,333		3,216	
Offer made	3,102	93.1%	3,008	93.5%
Offer not appropriate at this time	157	4.7%	170	5.3%
No offer made	39	1.2%	26	0.8%
Unable to contact	35	1.0%	12	0.4%

Figure 2: Outcomes of the Year 12 September Guarantee for Hull resident students (2023 and 2024) using Hull City Council data.

Offer made: 3,102 young people (93.1%) of the leavers in year 12 were offered a place in learning by the end of September 2024. Of the 'offer made' cohort: 2,316 young people were continuing with the second year of their course in further education; 361 were continuing an apprenticeship or employment combined with accredited training; 367 had a new offer of a place in education or training; and 58 were offered a place on re-engagement activities.

Offer not appropriate at this time: 157 young people (4.7%) were classed as being in the category where an offer was not appropriate at this time. Of these, there were 62 young people whose personal circumstances prevented them from progressing into a further learning opportunity at this time because of issues such as illness, pregnancy, caring responsibilities etc. However, these young people continue to be followed up by the Connexions service to encourage them back into learning once their personal circumstance allow. There were also 95 young people who were continuing in employment without accredited training or had a firm offer of employment which they intended to take up.

No offer made: 39 young people (1.2%) were in the 'no offer' category. There were **26** young people who were still undecided about what they wanted to do and had not yet applied for a learning place and **13** young people who had applied for a place in learning, but the result was not yet known.

No contact: 35 young people (1.0%) fell into this category. Of these: **28** young people didn't respond to any phone calls, letters, home visits etc. so were classed as unable to contact, **5** young people couldn't be contacted as had moved house and not left a forwarding address and **2** young people left the cohort during the year and were classed as not yet recorded.

The following section considers the differences between the 2023 and the 2024 data.

2.3 Combined Year 11 & Year 12 September Guarantee – National, Regional & 2023/24 Comparison

2.3.1 Year 11

In 2024, **98.3%** of year 11 young people had an offer of a place in learning at the end of their compulsory education in Hull. This is **0.3%** lower than 2023 when it was **98.6%**.

This was higher though than the Yorkshire and Humber regional average of **97.0%** and the England average of **96.4%**. It should be noted that the 0.3% drop seen in Hull was also observed across Y&H and England.

2024	Hull	Yorkshire & Humber	England
Year 11 Cohort total	3,386	66,836	663,834
Offers	98.3%	97.0%	96.4%
No offer	0.6%	1.3%	1.0%
Offer not appropriate	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%
No contact	0.3%	0.9%	2.1%
2023	Hull	Yorkshire & Humber	England
Year 11 Cohort total	3,224	63,699	634,719
Offers	98.6%	97.3%	96.7%
No offer	0.8%	1.0%	0.7%
Offer not appropriate	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%
No contact	0.2%	0.9%	2.1%

Figure 3: Outcomes of the Year 11 September Guarantee for Hull based institutions compared to regional and national figures for 2023 and 2024.

2.3.2 Year 12

In 2024, **93.1%** of year 12 young people had a further offer of a place in learning if they left school in 2023 and were resident in Hull. This was **0.4%** lower than last year's figure of **93.5%**. It was higher though than the Yorkshire and Humber regional average of **91.8%** and the England average of **92.8%**.

2024	Hull	Yorkshire & Humber	England
Year 12 Cohort total	3,333	64,718	648,819
Offers	93.1%	91.8%	92.8%
No offer	1.2%	1.9%	1.3%
Offer not appropriate	4.7%	2.7%	1.9%
No contact	1.0%	3.6%	4.0%
2023	Hull	Yorkshire & Humber	England
Year 12 Cohort total	3,216	63,197	624,684
Offers	93.5%	92.3%	92.6%
No offer	5.3%	1.6%	1.2%
Offer not appropriate	0.8%	2.7%	2.1%
No contact	0.4%	3.4%	4.1%

Figure 4: Outcomes of the Year 12 September Guarantee for Hull resident students compared to regional and national figures for 2023 and 2024.

2.3.3 Year 11 & 12 Combined

In 2024, **95.7%** of year 11 and year 12 young people had an offer of a place in learning at the end of compulsory education in a school/academy in Hull or a further offer of a place in learning if they left school the previous year and were resident in Hull. This was **0.4%** lower than last year when it was **96.1%**.

2024	Hull	Yorkshire & Humber	England
Year 11 & 12 Cohort total	6,719	13,1554	1,312,653
Offers	95.7%	94.5%	94.6%
No offer	0.9%	1.6%	1.1%
Offer not appropriate	2.7%	1.7%	1.2%
No contact	0.7%	2.2%	3.0%
2023	Hull	Yorkshire & Humber	England
Year 11 & 12 Cohort total	6,440	126,896	1,259,403
Offers	96.1%	94.8%	94.6%
No offer	0.6%	1.3%	1.0%
Offer not appropriate	3.0%	1.8%	1.3%

Figure 5: Outcomes of the 2023 and 2024 combined Year 11 & 12 September Guarantee for Hull based institutions and resident students compared regional and national figures rounded to the nearest 10 using DFE final validated data.

Although our "no contact" figure of **0.7%** (which includes unable to contact, and guarantee status not yet recorded) has increased from 0.3% last year, it remains notably lower than both regional and national figures of **2.2%** and **3.0%** respectively. Any young people who fall into this category have had many opportunities to engage with the Connexions service via an extensive tracking procedure, which includes attempts to contact via phone calls, texts, letters, emails, social media, outreach visits and partnership work with other agencies/schools

Hull's final combined figure of **95.7%** was higher than the Yorkshire and Humber regional average of **94.5%** and the England average of **94.6%**. This was achieved by working collaboratively with schools, academies, colleges and training providers and targeted follow ups over the summer period through to September by the local authority's Connexions service.

3. SUMMARY

- In 2024, **98.3%** of year 11 young people and **93.1%** of year 12 young people were given an offer of a place in learning.
- This gives a combined year 11 and year 12 average of **95.7%** which is used by the Department for Education as the headline reporting statistic. This is **0.4%** lower than last year's figure of **96.1%** but remains higher than both the Yorkshire & Humber regional average of **94.5%** and the England average of **94.6%**.
- The Year 11 September Guarantee figure of 98.3% is 0.3% lower than 2023 when it was 98.6%. The 0.3% drop seen in Hull was also observed across Y&H and England.
- The Year 12 September Guarantee figure of 93.1% is 0.4% lower than last year's figure of 93.5%.

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