

Appendix 4: National Youth Agency Audit Report 2007/08 for Herefordshire

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Individual Report – HEREFORDSHIRE

Dear Colleague

Thank you for returning data for inclusion in The National Youth Agency's Local Authority Youth Service Audit for 2007-08. Your authority was one of 121 to provide data, a response rate of 81%.

This letter introduces the individual report for your local authority. The report is split into three sections that correspond to the information provided on the data collection form: expenditure, workforce and outcomes.

The data should be read in conjunction with the accompanying *Audit Analysis Notes*, which are available on The NYA website www.nya.org.uk/audit. Here in January 2009 you will also find the national report of audit findings indicating key figures and trends and a spreadsheet of core data for all responding authorities, which includes performance against benchmarks as in the previous year. For your further analysis, for example about statistical or regional neighbours, please refer to this core data on the website or contact those authorities directly.

We can confirm that 2007-08 is the last year of the Audit in its current form. We are planning, with partners and funders, the format and timing of a national report card covering information and analysis on the condition of young people in England.

Thank you again for your contribution to the Audit.

Yours sincerely,



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Expenditure

National headlines:

Mainstream spending¹ on local authority youth services² reported to The NYA by the 121 responding authorities amounted to £316 million. Expenditure for individual services ranged from £489k³ to £8.4million with a median average of just over £2.2 million per authority.

For your authority:

- Mainstream spending on the youth service for your authority was £1,102,043 compared with £1,317,254 for the previous year.
- Gross total expenditure⁴ by the youth service for your authority was £1,360,946.
- The 13-19 youth population for your local authority area in 2007 was 15,835.

	Expenditure			
	2007-08	Rank	Median average	2006-07
Expenditure per 13-19 population (youth service)	£69.60	88 of 118	£84.32	£83.41
Expenditure per 13-19 contact (youth service)	£00.00	65 of 116	£305.03	£336.81
% funding from other sources	19%	98 of 115	27%	16%
Expenditure per 13-19 population (gross)	£85.95	102 of 118	£119.05	£98.71
Expenditure per contact (gross)	£364.38	74 of 116	£435.30	£398.59
Expenditure on youth service as % education expenditure ⁵	0.97%	71 of 110	1.04%	0.74%
Grant aid to VCS % of youth service expenditure	NA	NA	4.71%	NA

Note: Where the initials NA appear in one of the tables, or the headlines, it means that the data has not been provided by your authority.

¹ We use figures provided to us on mainstream net youth service expenditure. We provide guidance on what should (e.g. employees, premises and transport) and should not (e.g. some third party payments and capital financing) be included but we are aware that some authorities count expenditure differently from others.

² Figures for those employed in the voluntary sector are not collected as part of this audit. Authorities were asked to include staff paid from mainstream budgets only.

³ Excludes City of London at £266k.

⁴ In addition to the mainstream local authority youth service expenditure this includes other funding received by the youth service from local authority and other area-based sources, from national government and from other national and international bodies. It excludes income such as lettings, membership fees and coffee bar income.

⁵ Refers to the net current expenditure for education. The line reference is 105 (m) of the Section 52 Outturn Statements 2007-08.

Workforce

National headlines:

- There were 8,273 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff employed in the responding services in 2007-08, an average of 46.5 per authority (compared with 51.0 in 2006-07)
- There were 6,206 FTE delivery staff (professionally qualified youth workers, other qualified youth workers⁶ and youth support workers) in 2007-08, an average of 32.1 per authority (compared with 41.1 in 2006-07).
- There were 2,873 FTE professionally qualified youth workers in 2007-08, an average of 15.7 per authority (compared with 16.0 in 2006-07).
- There were 699 FTE management posts in 2007-08, an average of 5.0 per authority, the same as 2006-07.
- There were 1,368 FTE administration posts in 2007-08, an average of 8.2 per authority (compared with 7.3 in 2006-07).
- Despite the slightly lower response rate (88 authorities compared with 93 in 2006-07), the total number of volunteers increased by eight per cent to 5,447 from 5,026. The total number of FTE volunteers more than doubled (118%) to 1,073 in 2007-08, from 493 in 2006-07.

For your authority:

- The total number of FTE staff employed by your authority in 2007-08 was 26.5.
- The total number of FTE delivery staff employed by your authority in 2007-08 was 18.9, compared with 22.0 in 2006-07.

	Workforce			
	2007-08	Rank	Median average	2006-07
Professionally qualified youth workers (FTE) to 13-19 population ratio	1 :1,365	56 of 118	1 :1,409	1:1,274
Delivery staff (FTE) to 13-19 population ratio	1 :838	92 of 118	1 :646	1:705
Professionally qualified youth workers (FTE) to total staff ⁷ ratio	44%	23 of 119	34%	41%
Total CPD expenditure as % total youth service expenditure	1.0%	72 of 112	1.4%	0.5%

⁶ Youth workers with professional qualifications other than youth work (e.g. teaching, social work).

⁷ The total staff category comprises all workforce categories (management, professional youth workers, other qualified youth workers, youth support workers and administrators) except volunteers.

Outcomes

National headlines:

- Seventy-five authorities (63 per cent of 119 respondents) met or exceeded the 25 per cent contact benchmark. Ninety-three services (78%) achieved 90% or more against the benchmark, compared with 75% in 2006-07.
- Eighty-five services (71%) met or exceeded this benchmark, compared with 62% of 138 respondents in 2006-07. Ninety four services (81%) achieved 90% or more against the benchmark (compared with 73% in 2006-07).
- Sixty-four respondents (53%) met or exceeded the 60% benchmark for participants gaining a recorded outcome, compared with 46% of 138 respondents in 2006-07. Seventy-four services (62%) achieved 90% or more of the benchmark, compared with 54 per cent in 2006-07.
- Thirty-five respondents (39%) met or exceeded the 30 per cent benchmark for participants gaining an accredited outcome, compared with 28% of 138 respondents in 2006-07. Forty-seven services (39%) achieved 90% or more of the benchmark, compared with 35 per cent in 2006-07.

For your authority:

- The benchmark for the number of 13-19 year olds to have contact with your authority's youth service in 2007-08 was 3,959, 25% of the 13-19 youth population.
- The benchmark for the number of 13-19 year olds to participate in youth service provision in 2007-08 was 2,375, 15% of the 13-19 youth population.
- The benchmark for recorded outcomes was 1,425, equivalent to 60% of the participation benchmark.
- The benchmark for accredited outcomes was 713, equivalent to 30% of the participation benchmark.
- The proportion of participants achieving one or more recorded outcomes was 59%.
- The proportion of participants achieving one or more accredited outcomes was 38%.
- The proportion of the authority's work with 13-19 year olds was 94%, against a benchmark of 80% and a national average of 84%. This compares with 87% for 2006-07.

	Outcomes				
	Actual number 2007-08	% against benchmark 2007-08 ⁸	Rank	Median average	% against benchmark 2006-07
13-19 contacts	3,735	94%	88 of 119	111%	99%
13-19 participants	2,687	113%	63 of 119	116%	114%
Recorded outcomes	1,576	111%	51 of 120	103%	111%
Accredited outcomes	1,026	144%	15 of 121	77%	127%

⁸ Meeting the benchmark is represented by reaching 100%.
